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There were a lot of people gathered in the courtyard and Lin Yuzhen felt a little apologetic.

She had fallen asleep for so long and made so many people worried about her.

“That’s quite enough, don’t tire yourself out. You just woke up, so you need to rest more.”

Jiang Ning didn’t let Lin Yuzhen walk about for too long and got Su Mei to help her back upstairs.

Nothing was more important than her health, and it would take some time for her to recover completely. Moreover, she was pregnant.

He knew that Ye Shan and the rest had come over because they had many questions on their minds.

“There is a completely different world within the mountains. It’s very complicated in there and it’s not easy to settle.”

Jiang Ning went straight to the point. “I’ve returned this time just to deliver the antidote to Yuzhen. I have to go back now.”

Ye Shan and the rest were shocked.

Jiang Ning had just come back to Donghai and he had to go back into the mountains again?

“This concerns the safety of Mount Zhongnan as well as our entire civilization, so I have to go back,” explained Jiang Ning. “There are people in there who plan to open the mountain gate and take resources from this side of the mountain. I

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can't let something like that happen.”

The two sides of the mountain gate were completely different civilizations. One relied only on ancient weapons while the other relied on modern weapons.

Those highly skilled fighters were all incredible martial artists, so anyone with ill intentions among them would definitely create a lot of trouble if they were to come out.

This was something that Jiang Ning did not want to see.

Qingshan Sect existed precisely to guard the mountain gate and prevent this from ever happening.

At least for now, Qingshan Sect was following their ancestor's rules and kept in line with their reason for existence.

So Jiang Ning couldn't just sit here and do nothing.

“Are you going back alone?”

“I need to bring some people along with me,” said Jiang Ning. “I need some help.”

This was the first time Jiang Ning was saying something like this.

He looked at everyone in front of him. “I'll still need all the seniors here to guard outside the mountain gate as my final line of defense. I'll be

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on the inside of the mountain gate and I'll do my best to create a more powerful barrier. But if I fail..."

Jiang Ning never said such things in the past, because he didn't believe he would fail, and would never fail.

But he didn't dare to be overconfident now, especially in front of Ye Shan and the rest. They would only take this seriously when they felt that they were truly in danger.

"I've already told you about the spirit of boxing through the Extreme Fist Technique, so everyone has to try to comprehend it as quickly as possible. As for the map on the manual, I'll try to find a way to work it out," said Jiang Ning. "I'm leaving the world outside the mountain gate to all of you."

"We understand," Ye Shan nodded.

"So who are you bringing in with you this time?" asked Tan Xing.

He really wanted to go in with Jiang Ning. Even though he was getting on in age, he still wanted to accomplish more.

"I'll be bringing the wolves in," said Jiang Ning.

A real war was about to happen inside the mountain, so it was most suitable for the wolves.

After honing themselves for so long, they would only truly metamorphosize after going through a

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real battle.

The wolves would definitely be able to shine brightly inside the mountain!

Tan Xing nodded. "When are you going back in?"

Jiang Ning had just returned and now he was going to leave again.

"Tomorrow."

Even if Jiang Ning didn't want to go back so quickly, he had no choice and couldn't delay this any further. Tianlian Sect was definitely preparing to fight already, and Liu Chuandao had forcibly sent him out of the mountain clearly because he knew that Qingshan Sect might not survive this battle.

If Jiang Ning remained in there, he might die.

He didn't have a lot of time to spare.

Ye Shan and the rest didn't say anymore and left to make preparations.

Jiang Ning went back to the room to find that Lin Yuzhen wasn't sleeping and seemed to be waiting for him.

She was an intelligent woman, so there were things she didn't ask about, but it didn't mean she didn't know about them.

"Come here." Lin Yuzhen smiled and waved him over. "Touch my tummy."

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Jiang Ning placed a hand on her tummy and felt a slight movement inside. He was immediately beside himself with joy.

The baby was moving inside!

The little one seemed to know Jiang Ning was here and was getting excited.

“He’s kicking me?”



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Jiang Ning's expression instantly froze.

This was such a mysterious feeling!

Even though Jiang Ning was that God of War that never lost a fight and was one of the most powerful fighters of his generation, he had suddenly become an ordinary man now.

He was a man who was about to become a father.

"He's really kicking me!" Jiang Ning couldn't help but laugh. "See!"

He excitedly pointed at Lin Yuzhen's baby bump that bulged out slightly. It had moved a little earlier, and it was obvious that the little one inside was moving.

"That's right." Lin Yuzhen couldn't hold her laughter in.

This was the first time she had seen such a reaction from Jiang Ning.

So it was true that any man reacted the same way when they felt their little one move like this.

Jiang Ning carefully lay his face on top of Lin Yuzhen's baby bump, but there was no movement for a long time.

"Why isn't he kicking me anymore?" asked Jiang Ning a little anxiously.

"You're his Daddy, so he can't bear to keep kicking

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you.” Lin Yuzhen was going to burst out laughing soon. “Give me a minute, I’ll help you hear him.”

She pulled out a fetal heart monitor from inside the drawer and placed it on her bump. After adjusting it a little, the sound of a heartbeat was amplified.

BA-THUMP!

BA-THUMP!

BA-THUMP!

It was beating so quickly!

Jiang Ning’s face reddened in excitement. He felt like he could already see his own child as he heard this heartbeat.

This was his child’s heartbeat?

“Is it nice to listen to?” asked Lin Yuzhen smugly.

Jiang Ning nodded and his gaze became even gentler. He pulled Lin Yuzhen gently into his arms and placed his palm on her baby bump. The three of them spending time together were the best times of his life.

“You’re going to leave again, right?” asked Lin Yuzhen softly after she kissed him.

She knew her man only too well.

When she saw Ye Shan and the rest come earlier, she knew that something must have happened,

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and it was something big enough that required Jiang Ning to handle personally.

“That’s right.” Jiang Ning nodded.

He never hid anything from Lin Yuzhen.

Regardless of whether it was a good thing or a bad thing, he would tell her about it as long as she wanted to know.

“Even though I’d really love for you to remain by my side, I know that there are even more important things for you to attend to.” Lin Yuzhen smiled. “With great power comes great responsibility. I understand that.”

“I’m sorry,” said Jiang Ning apologetically.

He was sorry that he couldn’t accompany Lin Yuzhen properly.

There were times when he felt like casting everything aside and just remain by Lin Yuzhen’s side. He wanted to just pretend that it was none of his business even if the whole world was turned upside down.

But he couldn’t.

Lin Yuzhen didn’t seek to tie himself to her either. She knew that Jiang Ning’s sky was high and far, so what she needed to do was to make sure she could keep up with him and fly by his side, and not tie him down to the ground next to her.

That wasn’t love anymore. That was restraint.



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Love was freedom. It was to give each other enough space and time, and to believe that no matter what happened, they would always remain by each other's side.

"You don't have to be sorry." Lin Yuzhen laughed and hugged Jiang Ning as she lay in his embrace. "You've already done a wonderful job and I'm really very happy."

"Don't worry, there are so many people in the house to take care of me, so nothing will happen."

"Besides, Donghai is a forbidden territory, so what are you afraid of? There's also Uncle Ye and the other grandmasters around, so nobody can possibly bully me."

"I'm really very blessed to have so many people protecting me."

Lin Yuzhen seemed more like she was comforting Jiang Ning. "You are the one who needs to take care out there."

"No matter what you do, you've got to be careful. You aren't just living for yourself anymore, you hear me?"

Jiang Ning just nodded and didn't say anything.

Lin Yuzhen was speaking, so he just listened to her seriously.

"Also, if you meet any pretty girls out there, you've got to control yourself. I'll get jealous, ok?"

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“Of course,” replied Jiang Ning. “My heart only has space for you.”

“Even if it’s a succubus, I wouldn’t take a second look at her.”



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Lin Yuzhen put a hand over her mouth and started laughing merrily.

She knew that Jiang Ning was outstanding, so he was attractive to women everywhere he went. It was only normal for other women to fall for him.

“I believe you.”

Lin Yuzhen leaned in his arms and slowly closed her eyes.

“Hubby, I’m tired.”

“Go ahead and sleep.”

Jiang Ning gently held her and allowed her to just fall asleep in his arms. After she fell into a deep sleep, he set her down on the bed, tucked her in, then quietly walked out of the room and went downstairs.

Su Mei had made a lot of food and they were all Jiang Ning’s favorites.

After seeing to Lin Yuzhen’s needs, she was also going to take care of Jiang Ning.

“These are all your favorites,” said Su Mei. “Is there anything else you want to eat? Just let me know and I’ll cook it for you.”

She couldn’t imagine how much Jiang Ning must have suffered or how much danger he had faced out there in order to bring the antidote back.

She couldn’t help in any other way, so she could

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only cook his favorite dishes so that Jiang Ning could relax and have a good rest while he was home.

“Thanks Mum, all this is more than enough.” Jiang Ning smiled, then proceeded to wolf everything down without holding back.

He was really starving.

Not a single morsel was left behind after he was done eating.

After eating, Jiang Ning went to have a nice bath and was completely relaxed. After Lin Yuzhen woke up, they went for a nice stroll, then went back home to watch TV.

Everything seemed to have gone back to their normal way of living, and Jiang Ning loved living like this.

The two of them cuddled on the sofa as they watched TV. But their attention wasn't on the TV at all.

Lin Yuzhen played with Jiang Ning's fingers and gently touched every joint and skin of his hand. Their fingers were intertwined and she couldn't bear to let go of him.

“Are you leaving tomorrow?”

“Yup.

“When are you coming back?”

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“As soon as possible.”

“Baby and I will miss you.”

Jiang Ning didn't respond and just pulled Lin Yuzhen's waist closer to him and rested his chin on her head as he caressed her hair.

He was going to remember this faint fragrance in her hair. That's how he remembered his home and family.

Meanwhile.

Back inside the mountain.

Qingshan Sect was already in a tense state.

“Jiang Ning has made a run for it?”

“He's gone? He's abandoned us all and run off?”

“How could he just run off like that? What a bastard!”

Many people were furious when they learnt that Jiang Ning had disappeared.

They had united themselves and were determined to fight Tianlian Sect to the very end because of him. Tianlian Sect was almost upon them now, but Jiang Ning had disappeared.

How could he just abandon everyone and leave by himself?

“He's not such a person.” That was all the Senior

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Elder said.

He glanced at Liu Chuandao with a grim look on his face. “How are things?”

“I didn’t think this would happen.” Liu Chuandao was fully dressed in armor. “Tianlian Sect has joined hands with several other sects, and they intend to attack us together.”

This was something they hadn’t expected.

If only Tianlian Sect was coming their way, then Qingshan Sect would probably just suffer heavier losses, but they might not lose.

But he had just gotten news that six sects had joined forces!

This was definitely a battle to destroy Qingshan Sect.

Liu Chuandao didn’t know who initiated it, but this wasn’t important.

“It looks like this is going to be a battle to our deaths.” He looked at all the elders with a conflicted look on his face. “Everyone, whether Qingshan Sect lives or dies depends on everyone!”

All the elders looked determined to fight all the way even if they died.

Qingshan Sect was going to face the joint attack of six major sects. Could their sect possibly survive this?

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Besides the difference in skill level, the sheer difference in the number of people already put Qingshan Sect at a terrible disadvantage. How were they going to fight them off?

Winning this battle was practically impossible!



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But even if the road ahead led to death, Qingshan Sect was still going to go ahead and fight!

Even if they died in battle the next day, they couldn't retreat!

If they became scared and either retreated or ran away, then Qingshan Sect would be completely destroyed for sure. Besides losing the lives of their people, the reputation of Qingshan Sect's ancestors would also go down the drain.

It had been many years since Liu Chuandao had worn armor. This might be the last time he was wearing it.

He looked at all the elders and saw the determination on their faces, so he didn't say anything else.

If Qingshan Sect was destroyed, he would be the one to be held responsible.

He would become the greatest sinner of the sect!

"Father!"

"Father! We want to join the battle too!"

Liu Zong and Liu Heng had barged in from outside because they couldn't stand it anymore.

"We want to fight too!" Liu Zong's eyes were red. "If Qingshan Sect is going down, we'll go down with it!"

"That's right! Even if Qingshan Sect has to die, it



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has to die after I die!” Liu Heng chimed in.

Both of them were very agitated and their chests were heaving.

“Both of you are Sinners, so you are not qualified to be part of the battle.” Liu Chuandao frowned and turned them down immediately.

“Sinners ought to be frontline soldiers in order to atone for their sins!” yelled Liu Heng loudly. “I want to be part of the battle! I must join the fight!”

He steeled himself and took a dagger out from his sleeve to place it against his own neck. “Either I die immediately, or I die in battle!”

Liu Chuandao shook. He never thought that this son of his would be so extreme.

“Let them join the battle.” The Senior Elder nodded as a look of approval flashed in his eyes. “That’s what the future leader of Qingshan Sect should look like!”

“Join the fight!”

“Yes, Senior Elder!” replied Liu Zong and Liu Heng in unison. They quickly ran off to put on armor.

The atmosphere in Qingshan Sect became both tense and grim.

Nobody thought things would come to this.

Nobody cared about Jiang Ning’s whereabouts anymore. There was no point in grumbling now.

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They were faced with a great enemy ahead, so they had to put in their best efforts!

Everyone knew how cruel life was inside the mountain. If you didn't kill them, they wouldn't let you off because of that.

They were going to fight!

Fight!

Fight!

There was nothing else they could do besides fight.

Meanwhile.

At the foot of the mountain leading to Qingshan Sect.

The six major sects had already gathered.

The sect leader of Tianlian Sect, Luo Qi, was seated on a chair as he looked at the sect leaders of the five sects.

"Everyone, I don't think I need to say much. We'll take down Qingshan Sect and open the mountain gate. After that, how much one can get from the world outside will depend on your own ability."

"I have no idea what lies outside the mountain gate, but I'm sure there's plenty of resources."

"According to the legend, that treasure trove is outside the mountain gate. I can't wait."

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All the sect leaders were discussing these things among themselves.

They had waited for this day for a long time now.

Qingshan Sect had a special position among the sects, and they existed for a special reason within the mountain. Nobody dared to touch them because they didn't want to be blamed if anything went wrong.

But now, six major sects were joining hands, so who would dare to say anything now?

Their reason for attacking Qingshan Sect was legitimate too. Qingshan Sect had gone down a dark path and had actually dared to publicly execute an elder of Tianlian Sect!

This was clearly posing a challenge to the other sects!

“Apparently there's a book of records inside the Qingshan Sect ancestral hall that has records of some important things. I think the real treasure trove is recorded inside this book.” Luo Qi narrowed his eyes. “Qingshan Sect has been holding onto this all this while and keeping this secret. But did they think nobody else knows about it?”

His fingers rapped lightly against the surface of the table and his face was covered with a smug expression.

The six major sects had sent 500 disciples each, so they had 3,000 men on their side!

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Qingshan Sect's entire population only added up to around 1,000.



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Besides, the sect leaders of all six major sects were here, and they had brought several elders with them too. Qingshan Sect was at a disadvantage in terms of both numbers and battle prowess.

Their plan was to fight their way up to the top of the mountain and completely annihilate Qingshan Sect in one day!

“How do you think we should do this?” asked one of them.

Someone had gone around to gather the sects together into a coalition army. The conditions offered were impossible to turn down. Even though Luo Qi originally wanted to destroy Qingshan Sect on his own, he eventually still chose to join hands with the other sects.

After all, Qingshan Sect wasn't completely useless at this point. Tianlian Sect was confident of destroying Qingshan Sect, but they would suffer severe losses as well.

Wasn't it much better to split the risk and damages with others instead?

“Since the six major sects are joining hands, that means we should all work together.” Luo Qi got up and walked to the map. He held up a small red flag. “This is the back gate of Qingshan Sect, so I'm sure some of them will escape from here. Longkongshan Sect, guard this gate and don't let anybody get away!”

He had already made a decision and started

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giving orders instead of discussing.

Since the other sect leaders were asking him about the plan, Luo Qi wasn't going to hold back. After all, they got a chance to attack Qingshan Sect only because Tianlian Sect lost Elder Luo Feng in the process.

“Bajian Sect, you shall attack from here and cut off Qingshan Sect's path on the left. Qiankun Sect, you can block off their path on the right. Buddha Sect and Heifeng Sect shall surround them from these sides here. Tianlian Sect will attack from the front, and we'll all gather within Qingshan Sect's main hall!”

Luo Qi narrowed his eyes as he stuck the last flag onto the map, then looked at everyone else.

“Does anyone have any objections?”

All the sect leaders fell silent for a moment.

“How do we split the spoils after we destroy Qingshan Sect?” asked the sect leader of Heifeng Sect, Li Xuan.

This was the question on everyone's mind.

This was also the most important question.

“The most important thing to do now is to destroy Qingshan Sect. The little bit that Qingshan Sect has is not worth wasting our time on,” scoffed Luo Qi. “The world outside the mountain gate is huge. Isn't that enough?”

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He laughed and looked at Li Xuan. “Chief Li, I think what you’re most concerned about is the Whirlwind Kick Technique Manual that the Heifeng Sect has lost out there, right?”

Li Xuan narrowed his eyes.

Everyone already knew about how Heifeng Sect had lost this manual, so he couldn’t hide it either.

“Are you sure it’s outside the mountain?” He stared at Luo Qi as his heart shuddered.

“Not only is your Whirlwind Kick Technique Manual outside the mountain, as far as I know, but the beginnings of all your sects are also all outside the mountain. Why do you think we all want to go outside?”

Li Xuan didn’t say anything else, and neither did the other sect leaders.

They were all itching to go outside because that was where the origins of their sects lay. Once upon a time, the inside of the mountain had nothing, and these sects had managed to survive the past few centuries till today. They were all hoping to go outside to find their roots from the origins of their sect.

“Everyone, I believe I don’t need to tell you what the environment within the mountain has become, right?”

“We just keep moving backwards, but the border of that gray area keeps spreading and we can’t move back any longer!”

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“Besides going back outside the mountain, do we have any other choice?” said Luo Qi. “Who can hold up against that gray matter? Anyone who touches it will definitely die!”

Everyone’s faces changed upon hearing this. The area they could occupy within the mountain was getting smaller and smaller. The widening gray area was an area that none of them could touch.

A lot of other sects had already disappeared a long time ago within the gray mist, and it was impossible to even find their skeletons.

“Qingshan Sect is stubborn and refuses to let go of their old ways. That’s as good as driving all of us to our deaths!” roared Luo Qi angrily. “If we’re all dead, then they can have all the resources from outside the mountain to themselves! Did they think we’re stupid?”



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Anger filled the air.

Luo Qi looked around and saw the fury and indignation on everyone's faces. Of course, there was also greed!

This was also human nature. Everyone wanted to get more for themselves, or to even keep everything for themselves.

Nobody could hold up against this.

"I don't think I need to elaborate any further," declared Luo Qi loudly. "We'll destroy Qingshan Sect, then talk about the rest slowly once we've gathered in the main hall of Qingshan Sect!"

"Let's go!"

"Let's begin!"

"We're going to make Qingshan Sect disappear!"

All the sect leaders nodded and didn't raise any objections.

They were all seated around the same table now, so what other objections could they possibly have?

They had all come here precisely to destroy Qingshan Sect and to get what they wanted.

They were even fine with letting Luo Qi be in charge right now.

Nobody had issues with Luo Qi's arrangement, so

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they set off.

All six sects started moving.

They went according to Luo Qi's plan and started to launch simultaneous attacks on Qingshan Sect from different directions. They were going to cover the left, the right and even the cliff at the back so that nobody could escape from Qingshan Sect.

A battle instantly ensued.

All the mountain peaks where Qingshan Sect resided were instantly riled up.

Fires were lit and roars filled the sky.

"Kill! Kill! Kill!"

"Destroy Qingshan Sect! Avenge Elder Luo Feng!"

"Kill them! Make Qingshan Sect disappear!"

"Let's go!"

The ones who took the lead was Tianlian Sect. They attacked from the front of the gate and started a fierce attack on Qingshan Sect.

Luo Long led the men like he had gone mad.

He remembered very clearly the humiliation he had suffered in Qingshan Sect.

He would never forget how he was insulted by Jiang Ning!

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“Kill them all! Leave no one behind!” roared Luo Long. “Your elder was killed by the people of Qingshan Sect! He was executed in front of all of them!”

“They have humiliated Tianlian Sect and insulted them, so we’re going to fight them till the very end!” he shouted. “Do not let off any one of them!”

“Attack!”

The battle soon became very intense.

Liu Chuandao had arranged for many men to guard the main gate of Qingshan Sect. All the Outer Court disciples picked up their weapons to fight. This wasn’t just a matter of protecting Qingshan Sect, but to protect their own dignities.

“Stop them!”

Behind the Outer Court disciples were Inner Court disciples who were now on the same line as the Outer Court disciples.

There were other Portico disciples who acted as commanders. Each of them would lead some Inner Court disciples as well as a few dozen Outer Court disciples and fight their intruders in teams.

There was no more difference between Inner Court, Outer Court or Portico disciples. Everyone had the same aim in mind.

They were going to block these six sects from attacking and they were going to protect Qingshan Sect!

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The fight became especially intense.

The battle had just started and many men had already died. The lush mountainside was dyed red by blood in no time.

“Attack!!”

There were more insane shouts coming from afar.

“Third Elder, you guard the north side. Don't let them come up!”

“Second Elder, I'll leave the west side to you!”

“Fifth Elder, some of them are already coming up the southern side, so block them!”

Liu Chuandao quickly made arrangements.

But their opponents had way too many people and the attacks came in wave after wave. He had thought that Qingshan Sect wouldn't survive the first wave, but to his surprise, the unity between the members of Qingshan Sect was at such astonishing levels!

“Senior Elder...”

“I'll guard the main gate!” The Senior Elder's long beard flapped in the wind. His eyes were filled with great determination.

He looked at Liu Chuandao. “You're the sect leader, so even if you have to die, you have to be the last one to die, understand?”

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He then walked out with a long spear in hand.

“Luo Long, I’m going out to meet you now!”

The Senior Elder’s voice resounded like thunder and it made everyone’s ears hurt.

It was enough to make the members of Tianlian Sect hear it from afar and feel a shudder inside.



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“What a frightening level of ability!”

It had been several decades since the Senior Elder of Qingshan Sect had made a move. Everyone just saw him as a stubborn old man, but Luo Long knew that the Senior Elder was truly the most powerful fighter of Qingshan Sect!

He was even more highly skilled than Liu Chuandao!

“Humph! I thought you didn’t dare to make an appearance!” Luo Long was also holding a long spear in his hand. “Legend has it that your spear techniques are unrivalled within the mountain. I’m going to see it for myself today!”

He narrowed his eyes and flew right out.

“Attack!”

Both of them morphed into violent dragons and attacked at the same time.

The two long spears collided fiercely and sparks flew.

CLANG!

Both of their gazes were extremely cold as they stared at one another.

“Qingshan Sect shall meet its end today!” Luo Long purposely said provokingly. “If you surrender now, you might live. What do you think?”

“I’d rather die!”

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The Senior Elder didn't hesitate at all.

KABOOM!

The aura from within his body exploded and the tremendous rush of air hit Luo Long, causing him to move backwards.

"That's incredible!" Some blood dribbled out from Luo Long's lips. He was rather surprised that the Senior Elder had become this powerful.

"But so what if you're really powerful? Qingshan Sect is destined to be destroyed today!" he laughed loudly. "You can watch as all your disciples die before you and how Qingshan Sect is going to fall at our feet today!"

With that, he wielded his long spear and rushed at the Senior Elder again to fight.

A similar scene was happening across the battlefield and it was a cruel sight to behold.

Liu Chuandao sat in the hall with arms on the armrest and a grim look on his face.

"Father! We're setting off now!" Liu Zong and Liu Heng had both put on armor. "We will be off now!"

Both of them looked ready to die.

Liu Chuandao didn't say anything and just nodded.

He turned and saw that Liu Qing was also dressed in armor. Her hair was all tied up and her

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face looked murderous.

“What are you doing?” Liu Chuandao looked at her.

“I’m going to kill our enemies!” said Liu Qing. “I’m going to use my life in exchange for Jiang Ning’s!”

She was the one who begged Liu Chuandao to send Jiang Ning off. She didn’t care if Jiang Ning got cursed at because of this. She just wanted Jiang Ning to stay alive.

She didn’t care if she was labeled a selfish woman.

Liu Chuandao opened his mouth but didn’t know what to say.

After some time, he raised his hand. “Go ahead then.”

He didn’t know whether he was doing the right thing or not. Perhaps things would have been different if Jiang Ning were here.

But Jiang Ning had already left. Would he come back?

He probably wouldn’t. If he came back, he would definitely die. Living quietly as an unknown person was the best thing to do.

Liu Chuandao shut his eyes. He felt like he could see how the disciples of Qingshan Sect were slaughtered in battle and their blood flowed like a river...



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Two channels of tears flowed down from his eyes.

This was Qingshan Sect's greatest moment of crisis!

Liu Qing quickly made her way towards the north. If she didn't go there now, they were not going to hold up for long.

Behind her stood a few dozen guards. These were all the guards that Jiang Ning had specially trained!

"Third Miss, no matter what everyone else says, we will never believe that Brother Jiang would escape," said the captain of the guards. "We will still follow Brother Jiang's plans, we hope that you will allow it!"

"Go ahead." Liu Qing did not disapprove.

With that, all of them instantly disappeared into the forest like a group of shadows.

In no time, the situation began to change!

"Bajian Sect in the north has been secretly attacked! Nobody knows who it is, but the attackers are frighteningly powerful!"

"It's just a small team of men, but their warfare is very unique. Who are they? Qingshan Sect doesn't have such people!"

"Kill them off! The northern side is the weakest now, so let's attack from the north!"

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All the sects started heading for the north because they had already made a breakthrough there. They just needed to push through a little harder and they would be able to infiltrate Qingshan Sect!



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The battle strategy immediately changed.

The north suddenly became the focus of the six sects' attacks.

Besides Tianlian Sect who continued to attack from the front in order to destroy Qingshan Sect's defenses, the other five sects set out a group to head for the north.

Meanwhile.

At the north!

The battle was insane.

Liu Zong and Liu Heng had already rushed to the front lines. Some of the elders had come over to help too.

"Block them!" There was blood on Liu Zong's face, but he didn't know if it was his own or someone else's.

His eyes were filled with murder and such resolution. He didn't care even if he had to die here.

Liu Heng had the same sentiments too. Neither brother had time to think about anything else.

All they wanted to do now was to guard everything that Qingshan Sect had built over the past centuries, and they were going to do everything they could to make sure Qingshan Sect did not collapse.

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They watched as many fellow disciples of Qingshan Sect perished in battle. Their eyes were red and they tried their best to endure their grief.

This world was cruel like this. In this dog eat dog world, you had to be strong enough, otherwise others would trample all over you and take your life and everything else you had!

“Kill!”

“Kill!”

“Attack!!”

The plateau halfway up the northern face of the mountain quickly became the fiercest part of the battle. The disciples of the six sects kept coming up in waves. It was as if they simply couldn't finish killing them off.

If the northern face wasn't difficult to attack, the Qingshan Sect side wouldn't have managed to hold on for so long.

“They've retreated!” shouted Liu Heng after taking a look.

This was already the third time.

They had managed to fend themselves off three times, but they knew that the coalition army of the six sects would soon come at them again. They were just trying to tire the Qingshan Sect army out.

If this happened a few more times, they would

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really have trouble guarding the north side.

“Liu Qing!” Liu Heng turned to look at Liu Qing.  
“Where are those guards of yours now?”

After they found out that the special troop of soldiers lurking in the forest were actually the guards around Liu Qing’s quarters, both Liu Zong and Liu Heng were shocked.

The elders were equally shocked.

Nobody would have thought that the ones who could turn the tide would be these inconspicuous guards.

“They have their own way of operating,” said Liu Qing. “Just let them do things their own way.”

Jiang Ning was the one who had been teaching them all this while, so they knew better than she did. It was best to just leave them alone.

Liu Zong nodded and didn’t say anything.

He had despised such guards in the past, but now, he really hoped that these guards could keep it up and protect Qingshan Sect with the rest!

“Once we’re done protecting Qingshan Sect, I’m going to personally kneel and apologize to them!” declared Liu Zong loudly.

“Let’s quickly take this time to rest, then we’ve got to rebuild the barrier!” ordered Liu Heng.

He went to look for the elders to talk about what

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else they needed to do.

“We don’t have many people left. We’ve lost more than half of our Outer Court disciples, that’s a terrible loss for us.” Liu Heng’s face was covered with murder. “These assholes are really bent on destroying Qingshan Sect.

These six sects were definitely out of their minds. They had lost a lot too, but they didn’t seem to care about how their disciples were dying and they just wanted to attack Qingshan Sect.

“Senior Elder is still guarding the main gate, and everywhere else is pretty much on par now,” said the Third Elder. “Only the north area is a little weak, and the six sects have transferred people over to fight this side so that they can make a breakthrough!”

He started to feel a tremendous pressure. It wasn’t easy to deal with a group of fighters that were at the same level as elders.

Moreover, they lost out in terms of numbers. How was one sect supposed to fight six?

“No matter what, we’ve got to hang in there! Even if I die, you’ve got to use my corpse to block them!”



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“It’s very hard to hold our ground here. It’s impossible for the rest to send anymore help now,” said Liu Heng. “Besides, we have no idea how many more people the coalition army has in the north.”

“We can only hope that the guards can help to injure the coalition army sufficiently and cut off their escape routes. That way, we’ll be able to hang on for a longer time.”

Everyone had a tense look on their face.

This was a battle of life and death!

They might end up just dying.

Liu Qing didn’t say anything.

She looked out at the once familiar forests that had now become dark and frightening. Nobody knew when the enemy might suddenly burst out and start attacking them again.

As for the guards...

There were very few of them after all.

She suddenly missed Jiang Ning. If he was around, he would know what to do, right?

Meanwhile.

Several figures were hiding in the shrubs of the dense mountain forests. They looked like one with the environment and they weren’t easy to spot even if you looked carefully.

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The green and brown smears on the guards' faces as well as the grass like clothes they were wearing were designed by Jiang Ning. It was great for camouflaging themselves in these forests.

“Killing the best disciples from the six sects is our mission!”

The captain had already given orders to split the men into a few smaller groups. Their target was the best disciples of the six sects, and they were going to kill these men to make their enemies afraid and retreat!

Jiang Ning had already arranged this strategy for them before leaving.

Even though Jiang Ning wasn't around now, they carried it out anyway.

“The eighth one!” one of them clenched his teeth and scoffed coldly. “The next target has appeared!”

They used hand signals and their eyes to communicate with one another and they were very well coordinated now. They spotted their target and surrounded him on all sides.

“Now!”

Once that command was given!

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SWOOSH!



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SWOOSH!

Several figures flew out and murder filled the air.

“Who is it?!”

The target saw that someone had ambushed him, so he shouted fiercely, “Found them!”

He immediately pulled out a firework from his belt and it shot into the sky with a loud swoosh.

But the guards weren't going to retreat because of this.

They knew that these people were purposely trying to lure them out. But so what?

Every top disciple they killed from the enemy was a victory!

“Attack!” shouted the captain as he increased his speed suddenly. His three team mates immediately dashed forward and they surrounded their target.

They moved as quickly as possible.

BOOM!

The four of them attacked the target from all sides and increased the pressure on their target.

“Hurry up! I've found them! Hurry!” he yelled loudly. Someone from afar had heard the commotion and was hurrying over already.

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“Settle it fast!” The captain swung a fist out and released his energy.

His fist slammed into the target violently.

The captain took a step back while the other three caught up and didn't give their target the chance to even take a breather.

BOOM!

BOOM!

BOOM!

They just kept attacking him!

Someone was here!

“Hurry up and kill him!” The captain immediately dashed forward and the four of them continued to bash their target like crazy. Every punch landed hard on their target's chest, causing him to finally fly out and land motionless on the ground.

“Move back, I'll kill him!” shouted the captain. He tapped the ground lightly and flew out as he clenched his fists and swung them violently!

“The ninth one!” he shouted.

But all of a sudden, a powerful presence filled the air and locked itself onto the captain.

“How dare you kill one of mine!”

KABOOM!

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A fist suddenly came towards the captain violently and the captain paled. He had no choice but to raise his fist and meet with the oncoming fist.

CRAAACK!

The captain howled in pain as his wrist broke.

He gritted his teeth and his eyes were icy as the impact forced him back by more than ten steps. He had nearly managed to kill one more just now!

“Captain, retreat!”

“Trying to leave? Dream on!”



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Before the captain could escape, the figure who hurt him earlier had already caught up with him.

They had been willing to even sacrifice one of their best disciples to draw these special soldiers out, so there was no way he was going to let the captain escape now.

KABOOM!

The shadow of his punches left no gap in between and surrounded the captain on all sides. He wasn't giving the captain the chance to escape at all.

"Captain!"

Some of them wanted to dash over, but the captain turned and glared at them. "Hurry up and leave!"

He roared loudly and was about to reach his limit.

But the elder in front of him was way more powerful than him, and he was definitely no match for this elder. He was going to die here!

"GO!"

But he didn't want anyone to try and save him. They were all already mentally prepared that the few of them might not be able to change how this battle ended, and they might all die in the process.

The captain's eyes bulged as he bellowed, "This is an order! Go! Don't forget your mission!"

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After that, he turned back to look at the elder from Heifeng Sect and scoffed coldly.

“I never thought that a guard like me would actually have the chance to fight one on one with an elder from Heifeng Sect.”

He withdrew the sword from his waist even though he wasn't good at using it. But he didn't have a choice now. “Come at me!”

The sword gleamed coldly as he swung it towards the elder from Heifeng Sect.

BAM!

The sword came down fiercely, but the elder from Heifeng Sect, Li Guang, just smiled coldly as he dodged the attacks. He didn't have any regard for the captain at all.

He looked and saw that the rest were going to run for it, so he commanded, “Get them! Don't let a single one of them off!”

“I'll kill this one here!”

After that, Li Guang made a move. His eyes didn't seem to be bothered by the captain's sword at all. That disdain was also a weapon in itself as it attacked the captain's confidence.

KABOOM!

Li Guang's fists landed on the sword and caused it to vibrate so hard that the captain couldn't hold onto it. The sword immediately flew out and got

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stuck in a tree.

The skin between the captain's thumb and forefinger tore and started bleeding profusely.

"You barely know anything about martial arts and you're just a guard. You're not even fit to spar with me." Li Guang placed his hands behind his back and was very calm as he stared at the captain like he was merely a worm. "Alright now, I'm going to send you on your way. Killing off some of our best disciples will be the most glorious thing you've done in your life."

He then flew across like a shadow and stood in front of the captain in the blink of an eye. He raised his fist and it suddenly loomed before the captain.

It felt like a mountain crashing heavily on the captain!

The captain knew that he was definitely going to die, but he wasn't afraid because he didn't care anymore.

"Come at me!" he roared.

KABOOM!

The fist came down hard!

But it didn't land on the captain.

The captain was stunned for a while because he thought that his body was so broken that it couldn't feel pain anymore.

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But...

He suddenly looked up.

“Brother...Brother Jiang?!” His voice started trembling and his eyes immediately reddened.

It was Jiang Ning!

This back view belonged to Jiang Ning!

A man was now standing in front of the captain, and he was a mountain that could shield the captain from absolutely anything!

Li Guang was merely a small mountain in front of Jiang Ning!

“How dare you kill one of mine?”

What a familiar voice!

What a domineering response!

Even a stronghearted man like the captain couldn't help but feel excited at these words. Even his blood was beginning to surge through his body.

And it was all because Jiang Ning said these words!

**KABOOM!**

Jiang Ning suddenly made a move and threw a punch out. Li Guang's eyes immediately widened and he quickly thrust a punch out. The two fists

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collided violently.

PAK!

Li Guang grunted and staggered more than ten steps back. His face was all pale.



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Li Guang's arm was trembling and a sharp pain hit him.

It was broken.

His bones had been broken!

"Who are you?"

He looked warily at Jiang Ning. He had never heard of such a person within Qingshan Sect before.

They had a full list of all the best disciples among the younger generation in Qingshan Sect. There was definitely nobody good enough to fight him like this.

Jiang Ning ignored him and glanced at the captain. "You're not going to die, right?"

"I'll be just fine!" replied the captain excitedly. "I just knew you wouldn't leave! You'd definitely come back!"

Jiang Ning smiled and nodded.

"Of course. How could I let all of you fight by yourselves?"

The captain's eyes were red but he laughed brightly. "Alright! I'll leave him to you, Brother Jiang. I'll go and help the other brothers!"

Several men had gone after the other guards and he was rather worried.

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“No need, someone has gone to help them,” said Jiang Ning. “You just stand here and watch me kill him.”

What domineering words!

Li Guang laughed coldly. This youngster thought he could kill him?

What arrogance!

Very few people dared to claim that they could kill him with such arrogance.

“Young man, you have to pay the price for being overly arrogant, you know!” said Li Guang angrily.

Jiang Ning ignored his words. He just turned around and unleashed a thick and murderous layer of air from his body.

The air from his body continued to increase and intensified.

Jiang Ning took a step forward.

After he took the first step, Li Guang’s expression darkened.

After the second step, the ground shook slightly and Li Guang’s expression darkened further.

By the third step, Li Guang suddenly felt like his heartbeat was beating to a slightly different rhythm.

It was beating in tandem with Jiang Ning’s

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footsteps!

How...how could this be?

SWOOSH!

Just when he was distracted by this, Jiang Ning suddenly moved and appeared in front of Li Guang in a flash.

“Getting distracted?” Jiang Ning’s voice resounded loudly in his ears. “You’re fighting me and you dare to be distracted?”

“I see you’re looking down on me huh.”

Jiang Ning’s fist suddenly appeared out of nowhere and was as fast as lightning!

Li Guang noticed it, but just as he lifted his fist, Jiang Ning’s fist had already come down violently on his stomach.

BWAAHH...

Li Guang sprayed an entire mouthful of blood out and his face instantly reddened.

How...how did it suddenly change?

He had reacted correctly to the first attack!

What technique was this?

Jiang Ning used one hand to hold onto Li Guang’s shoulder, then used his other hand to swiftly pull back and punch again. This was a very basic and

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primitive punch with no techniques whatsoever, but it was an incredibly strong punch!

BAM!

Li Guang felt like he had instantly broken a few ribs.

This was terrifying!

This was purely the force from his body!

Li Guang tried to move his hands and push Jiang Ning away, but Jiang Ning had a firm grip on his shoulders. Jiang Ning exerted strength in his fingers and his shoulder bone cracked loudly as it broke.

“AHH!”

He couldn't help but scream in pain.

This sharp pain nearly caused him to faint.

“Who on earth are you?!”

Li Guang was convulsing all over, since he wasn't young anymore. Jiang Ning's two punches had sapped all his energy and his legs nearly gave way.

He narrowed his eyes and took a deep breath, but he couldn't stop his body from convulsing.

“Qingshan Sect...Qingshan Sect doesn't have anyone like you!”

“They didn't have someone like me in the past,”

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laughed Jiang Ning. “But now they do.”

He slowly relaxed his hand and Li Guang immediately took several steps back. One of his hands was broken, while his other shoulder had been crushed. He couldn't use either of his arms and was practically useless now.

“Protect the elder!”

Some disciples from Heifeng Sect immediately dashed over to protect Li Guang as they looked warily at Jiang Ning.

“Not enough.” Jiang Ning shook his head. “Get a few more in.”



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Jiang Ning looked at the five or six key disciples of Heifeng Sect and shook his head a little disappointedly.

“It’s not enough, it’s really not enough.”

Li Guang clenched his teeth. He could feel the blood coming up his throat and he could taste a saltiness in his mouth.

He pushed his fellow disciples aside. “All of you, move away!”

The few of them were no match for Jiang Ning at all.

He already had trouble fighting Jiang Ning, much less these disciples.

He looked warily at Jiang Ning. He was surprised that Qingshan Sect was hiding such a frightening and highly skilled fighter.

“Do you know what you’re doing now?” shouted Li Guang coldly. “Qingshan Sect is everyone’s enemy, and they are the enemy that the other six major sects have joined hands to destroy. If you continue helping Qingshan Sect, then you’re just asking to get killed!”

He was sure that Jiang Ning wasn’t from Qingshan Sect. If he could make Jiang Ning give up helping Qingshan Sect, then nobody could save them.

For some reason, Li Guang had a strange feeling that even though Jiang Ning was very young, he

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seemed like a huge mountain that could block anything that came his way!

He didn't know why he was feeling this way either.

“Who says I'm not from Qingshan Sect?” Jiang Ning glanced at Li Guang. “Don't you know who killed Luo Feng?”

Li Guang's face paled. “You killed him?”

“Looks like I've got to add one more person to the list.” Jiang Ning slowly raised his arms and clenched his fists. A terrifying pressure immediately rose when he did that.

Li Guang gritted his teeth. “Get him!”

He couldn't think too much now because Jiang Ning was going to kill him!

SWOOSH!

SWOOSH!

Jiang Ning made a move and so did Li Guang. His disciples also went all out because they knew that if they didn't take Jiang Ning down today, Li Guang was going to die here.

After all, Jiang Ning was saying that he wanted to add Li Guang to his list of elders killed by him!

KABOOM!

But after just the first attack, Li Guang was forced to retreat. Jiang Ning's boxing technique didn't

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seem fancy and it was so simple that he looked like a beginner.

There was nothing elegant about it either. It was just a simple punch.

BAM!

BAM!

Li Guang's fists were all numb and his expression was twisted.

His hands were his greatest weapons, but they had been incapacitated now.

"Stop him! Protect the elder!"

The other disciples charged at Jiang Ning.

But...

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BAM!

BAM!

A few blasts later, Jiang Ning was still standing, but his disciples were all dead on the ground!

Li Guang felt like he might stop breathing.

Impossible!

How was this possible?



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How could Jiang Ning be this powerful? Even the elders of Qingshan Sect weren't capable of this.

He looked at how his disciples' chests had caved in. Jiang Ning's punch had broken all their ribs!

"Die!" roared Li Guang angrily. But instead of attacking, he turned and ran off, and didn't look like an elder anymore.

Jiang Ning laughed coldly.

SWOOSH!

He took a few light steps to chase after Li Guang, then tapped the ground lightly to fly out while raising his fists.

The terrifying intense wind created by the punch made Li Guang feel a chill down his back. He had no choice but to spin himself around quickly and use his good shoulder to block the attack.

"You dare to kill me?!" he roared furiously.

Jiang Ning didn't say anything. He used his fists to answer the question.

His fists didn't land on Li Guang's shoulder. He raised them slightly and they landed on Li Guang's head instead.

BAM!

It exploded!

Blood and other mushy bits spurted all over the

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ground.

Li Guang didn't even get the chance to shout. He flew out and crashed on the ground. He was as dead as he could be.

“Even if I weren't from Qingshan Sect, I wouldn't allow you to leave the mountain.”

Jiang Ning's expression was cold and distant, just like the God of War of the East in the battlefield he was back then!

At that time, he was protecting his country. Now, he was protecting his home!



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The captain of the guards was still standing where he was. He felt like his breathing had quickened and his face was red with excitement as he just stood there in a daze.

Jiang Ning was too powerful!

He knew that Jiang Ning was domineering and aggressive, as well as extremely highly skilled. But he didn't expect Jiang Ning to be this powerful.

That was an elder of Heifeng Sect. He had been killed with just a few moves by Jiang Ning.

Jiang Ning had already reached the level of an elder?

No, he had already surpassed it!

"Captain!"

"Captain, are you alright?"

The captain was still in a daze when the other guards came running out of the forest. The shock on their faces were similar to his.

"I'm fine, how about all of you?" asked the captain.

"We're fine, there was a group of brothers..."

The guards gulped and couldn't even speak properly. When they saw that Jiang Ning was back, they were immediately overjoyed. "Brother Jiang! Are those...are those your men?"

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They had been surrounded earlier and were prepared to fight as hard as they could. Even if they had to die, they wanted to make sure they brought a few enemies down with them.

But to their surprise, more than ten men appeared out of nowhere. They got into a formation and coordinated as one team!

In no time, they killed off all those disciples from Heifeng Sect.

“All of you shall coordinate your movements with them. We’re going to turn the tables on all these people,” said Jiang Ning.

“Yes, Brother Jiang!” replied the men in unison.

During this time, the wolves had already infiltrated the forest.

The wolves were the advanced level version of the guards, so they were stronger and had more experience working together as well. Even though it was their first time in the mountains, they could still move around easily.

Jiang Ning wasn’t worried about them.

The wolves had already gone through battles that were a matter of life and death, so they were very different now.

Heifeng Sect in the north soon suffered several hard hits. Eight of their best disciples were killed one after another, and the sect leader of Heifeng Sect was furious!

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On top of that, the other sects that had come along to fight had fallen into a trap before they even got to the path leading to the north. They ended up getting killed without being able to fight back.

“Killing off a bunch of top disciples isn’t enough.” Jiang Ning looked towards where the main gate of Qingshan Sect was. “I still have a lot of vacancies on my name list.”

He sent an order to get the captain and the guards to coordinate with the wolves. They were going to start from the north side, then slowly move down both sides to counterattack.

When the situation started to change, Liu Zong, Liu Heng and the other elders couldn’t figure out what was happening at first.

They had no idea why there was screaming and howling out there. It was as if a group of wild beasts had rushed into the coalition army of the six sects and was eating all of them up.

“Is it Jiang Ning?” Liu Qing listened to the commotion and suddenly said, “It must be him!”

“It’s definitely him!”

Her intuition told her that Jiang Ning must have come back.

But why did he come back?

“Jiang Ning? How can that be?” said Liu Zong. “Didn’t he leave?”

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“He won’t leave.” Liu Qing’s eyes were red and she bit her lip. “It’s definitely him!”

This feeling got stronger and stronger and finally she shouted, “The six sects must have suffered severe losses, so why are we still waiting?”

Liu Zong and Liu Heng exchanged glances.

They didn’t care about whether it was Jiang Ning or not. They had a very good chance now that their enemy was no longer as powerful as before, so they should not pass on such a chance.

“Elders! Let’s go! Let’s chase them off our mountain!”

“Attack!”

“Attack!!”

The Qingshan Sect army roared angrily as their presence soared into the sky like the surging waters of a river.

They had been suffering from being on the losing end all this while. Now that they had the chance to counterattack, nobody was going to let go of this chance!

They were going to kill them all!

Killing one was the minimum, and killing two would be great!

“Anyone who dares to barge into Qingshan Sect shall be killed without mercy!” roared Liu Zong

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loudly. He was like a wild beast that was just awoken from its slumber. His eyes were red and his voice resounded like thunder as it echoed through the forest.



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SWOOSH!

A few columns of smoke shot into the sky.

That was the special signal created by Qingshan Sect.

Liu Zong looked up and knew immediately that the people within the forest were the guards from Qingshan Sect and he clenched his fists.

“Let’s go!” He withdrew his sword and his eyes were bulging fiercely. “Once we get back, I’m going to kowtow to these guards to apologize to them!”

He was going to apologize to these guards for being rude to them!

“Attack!!”

At the same time.

Over at the main gate of Qingshan Sect.

The Senior Elder held his spear and stood at the gate like a guardian. He wasn’t going to let anyone in.

Luo Long was panting away. The skin between his thumb and forefinger had split open and blood had dyed his wrist red.

His hair was a little messy and there was blood on his lips.

“I’m surprised that you’re this highly skilled.” Luo



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Long smiled coldly as he looked at the Senior Elder. “But so what? Can you stop us?”

The Senior Elder didn't say anything.

He had lost half his men!

Even his best Portico disciples were either dead or injured. Besides two more he was protecting, the rest were all unable to fight anymore.

He could only rely on himself to fend off everyone!

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Footsteps could be heard approaching them.

The Senior Elder's expression didn't change and just scoffed lightly as he saw the elders from the six sects come over.

“Who wants to fight?” He looked around and saw that elders from all six sects were here.

“Everyone.” Luo Long took a deep breath and tried to calm himself down. “There's no need to talk about ethics in fighting and all that. We might really not be a match for him if we fight him one on one.”

“Let's attack him together.”

He didn't want to waste any time, and he didn't want to give Qingshan Sect a chance to win.

The Senior Elder was very powerful, but if all six

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of them joined hands, then it wouldn't be difficult for them to kill the Senior Elder!

Once they got through this main gate, they could enter Qingshan Sect freely.

The elders looked at one another. That was exactly what they were thinking.

The various sects had decided to join forces and attack Qingshan Sect, but they hadn't sent out their Senior Elders. One mere Qingshan Sect wasn't worth that kind of effort.

"Everyone, let's fight him then."

"Let's do it!"

"Qingshan Sect's existence will end here today. Senior Elder, your job as the guardian of Qingshan Sect ends here."

"We want to kill you because we have different ideals in mind, but we still respect you."

The elders spoke up one after another.

"Enough of this nonsense!" roared the Senior Elder angrily. He clanged his spear against the ground and it shook slightly. "If you want to fight, then fight!"

The six of them wanted to surround and attack him and they were still trying to make it sound nice?

"Attack!" Luo Long snorted coldly and couldn't be

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bothered to even say anything.

He just wanted to kill the Senior Elder and destroy Qingshan Sect!

He gave an angry shout and charged forward. He lifted the spear in his hand high and aimed it at the Senior Elder's heart.

The Senior Elder's eyes bulged angrily as he swung his spear and started another intense battle with Luo Long.

The other five didn't hesitate anymore. They immediately rushed forward to attack the Senior Elder together.

The fight intensified in moments.

The six of them were attacking the Senior Elder at the same time, so even though he was powerful, he was getting on in age and didn't have that much energy left. A lot of it had been spent fighting with Luo Long earlier, and he was very tired already.

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The elder from Buddha Sect landed a palm on the Senior Elder's back, causing him to stumble and puke a mouthful of blood.

BOOM!

Another fist hit him.

The elder from Qiankun Sect struck the Senior

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Elder's chest and there was a cracking sound as his ribs broke.

The Senior Elder flew out and rolled several times on the ground. He looked terrible.

But he was still holding onto his long spear!



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“Senior Elder!”

All the other disciples had bloodshot eyes and they gnashed their teeth angrily.

They had never been this weak and helpless before.

They regretted how they hadn't worked hard enough and weren't gifted enough to become strong enough to protect the Senior Elder and Qingshan Sect. Instead, they had to rely on the elderly Senior Elder to protect them.

“Don't come over!” The Senior Elder held a hand out to stop the other disciples from sending themselves to their graves. “For as long as I'm not dead, none of you are to die!”

These men were the future of Qingshan Sect and he had the responsibility to protect them!

He was going to do it even if he had to die!

The Senior Elder stood up and wiped away the blood on his lips as his long hair blew in the wind.

His hand held his spear horizontally as his white robe flapped. There was a look of determination on his face.

He knew that he would definitely die from this combined attack of six elders. But so what?

He wasn't going to die for nothing!

“I'm going to bring at least three of you along with

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me.” The Senior Elder started laughing and his laughter was both creepy and maniacal. He looked at all six of them and glanced at their faces. “Who shall I bring with me?”

The faces of the six elders immediately paled.

They didn’t doubt that the Senior Elder was capable of this. If he fought hard enough, he would make sure that a few of them would go down with him. Nobody wanted to die with him and allow the other sects to benefit as a result.

“Everyone, he’s trying to drive a wedge between us, don’t fall for it!” Luo Long smiled coldly. “He’s about to die, so he’s just trying to make himself sound more threatening. Don’t be fooled by him!”

He lifted his spear. “I’ll go first!”

He knew that the Senior Elder was badly injured and was just trying to stall for time. But he didn’t think that anyone from Qingshan Sect would appear at this moment to save the Senior Elder, and he wasn’t going to allow any chance of that to happen.

“Go to hell!”

Luo Long thrust his spear at the Senior Elder, and the Senior Elder immediately blocked it with his spear. There was a loud clang as the Senior Elder shouted loudly. His wrists were hurt and blood spurted everywhere. The spear flew out of his hands and went into the ground where it continued to shake violently.

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He had indeed reached his limit.

Luo Long laughed loudly. “See? He was just putting on a front. There’s no need to show him mercy. Kill him now!”

“Kill him, and Qingshan Sect will collapse for sure! Everything here will be ours! Everything outside the mountain will also be ours!”

He held his spear with both hands and charged at the Senior Elder with the spear aimed at his heart.

The Senior Elder watched as the spear came closer and closer, but he really didn’t have the strength to stand.

He was going to die after all.

“I’m too old after all,” laughed the Senior Elder bitterly as he shut his eyes.

“Too old? Old enough to retire already?”

A voice suddenly spoke and the Senior Elder felt his heart shudder. He opened his eyes with a start and found that someone was standing in front of him!

This person was as steady as a mountain!

“Jiang Ning?”

Of course he recognized this voice. This son of a bitch almost drove him up the wall, so he would never forget this voice even till the day he died.

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KABOOM!

There was a loud blast and all the dust on the ground flew.

Luo Long yelped as his spear went flying and broke into two. He rolled several times on the ground and his hands were both broken.

He could even see the bone sticking out!

“It’s...it’s you!” shouted Luo Long in pain. His face was filled with terror.

He didn’t expect Jiang Ning’s punch to be this terrifying. Was this man still human?

“Who are you?!”

The other elders were also pale in the face.

They had seen how Jiang Ning’s fist had landed on Luo Long’s spear and broke it into half. That was one fierce punch.

He had already reached such a stage?!

How could that be? When did such a highly skilled fighter exist within Qingshan Sect?

“Jiang Ning!” shouted Luo Long loudly. “You actually didn’t escape? HAHAHA!”

Qingshan Sect was destined to be destroyed, so Jiang Ning’s reappearance wasn’t going to change anything.



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So what if Jiang Ning was powerful and stronger than them? How could he take on all six of them by himself?

He could dream on!

“The ones who should be escaping are all of you.” Jiang Ning glanced at Luo Long and narrowed his eyes. “I’ve got a lot of vacancies left on my name list.”



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Jiang Ning stood in front of the Senior Elder and everyone else behind him.

It was as if he was a large mountain that was protecting all of Qingshan Sect.

He seemed to be able to take on a thousand men by himself.

Luo Long's hand was still shaking and his broken bone was sticking out.

That punch from Jiang Ning was simply too terrifying and they could see what Jiang Ning was capable of. And they knew that this might not even be Jiang Ning's most powerful punch either.

There was some change on the faces of the elders.

They didn't know Jiang Ning and had never met him before, but from Luo Long's expression, they could guess that this young man was the aggressive man who killed Luo Feng!

This man was so young but actually dared to do such a thing. Wasn't he afraid of incurring Tianlian Sect's wrath at all?

"Young man, who are you to Qingshan Sect?" The elder from Heifeng Sect scoffed. "Don't put yourself in harm's way for nothing."

"And who are you?" Jiang Ning glanced at him.

"Li Gao from Heifeng Sect!"

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“Heifeng Sect?” Jiang Ning nodded thoughtfully. “I think the one I killed earlier was an elder of Heifeng Sect.”

Li Gao’s expression immediately darkened.

“What did you say?”

“Li Guang, was it?” Jiang Ning shook his head. “I can’t really remember. I don’t bother remembering the names of dead people.”

He looked at Li Gao and took a step forward with a relaxed expression on his face. It was as if he wasn’t nervous or worried even when faced with all these highly skilled elders.

“You killed Li Guang?” Li Gao’s voice became higher in pitch.

“Not only him,” said Jiang Ning. “You’ve also placed at least another ten odd key disciples at the northern side too, right?”

“Tsk, you should have sent more men over. Then I could finish off more of them.”

The air suddenly stood still.

Li Gao’s expression darkened as he clenched his fists tightly.

He suddenly roared, “You’re asking to get killed!”

He didn’t care if Jiang Ning was telling the truth or not. These words alone were a crime in themselves!

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He would not allow Jiang Ning to blaspheme the elders of Heifeng Sect!

Li Gao gave a low shout and charged at Jiang Ning. The other elders didn't bother moving.

If they had to join hands to fight the Senior Elder, it made sense. But they weren't going to join hands to fight Jiang Ning. Jiang Ning was not fit for them to do such a thing.

They didn't want to embarrass themselves either.

Luo Long started getting anxious when he saw that the other elders weren't budging.

"Don't underestimate him!" he yelled. "He's no weaker than the Senior Elder!"

That punch had left his entire arm numb until now, and he still couldn't even clench his fists tightly.

"You want us to join hands and attack him?" The elder from Buddha Sect shook his head. "He's not worthy."

They were all men of high standing and they didn't want to embarrass themselves like this.

BAM!

Li Gao suddenly screeched and came flying over to land exactly at the feet of the elder from Buddha Sect. he opened his mouth and vomited a mouthful of blood.

The elder from Buddha Sect was stunned for a

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moment and the other elders were equally shocked.

They just said that Jiang Ning was not worth the effort to be attacked by all of them at one shot. But now they felt like they had just received a slap in their face.

This Jiang Ning was the young man that they had just despised moments ago.

They had felt that there was no need to surround and kill this youngster together.

They were concerned about their reputation and standing. But now, Jiang Ning had slapped them in their faces.

“AHH!” Li Gao yelled in pain as his chest caved in. It was a terrifying sight to behold.

That was one scary punch.

“Kill him!” shouted Luo Long loudly as he felt his heart tremble.

He was even more fearful of Jiang Ning now.

He suddenly remembered how Jiang Ning had calmly ordered the beheading of Luo Feng that day. No ordinary man would have dared to do such a thing.

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“Kill him! Kill him now!” Luo Long was getting very anxious.

Why were these elders still so concerned about their reputation? Couldn't they see that Jiang Ning didn't care about any of this?

The Senior Elder standing behind Jiang Ning felt his heart shudder. He nearly lost his balance and quickly used his spear to steady himself.

“This young man...” He had watched how Jiang Ning delivered that punch. The punch even distorted the air. “He's actually this powerful.”

He knew that Jiang Ning was from no ordinary background, but he had never seen anybody reach this level at this age before.

He himself was already considered a rare genius in the history of Qingshan Sect and he had been dabbling in martial arts for several decades now, but he still hadn't reached the peak of martial arts yet. But Jiang Ning?

He wouldn't have been a match for Jiang Ning even at his best.

“Jiang Ning!” shouted the Senior Elder. “I'm tired, so you can guard the main gate!”

Jiang Ning turned to look at the Senior Elder. He nodded and gave orders, “Men! Get Senior Elder some tea!”

This was an insult to the other sects!

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They were at such an important juncture where anybody could die any moment, but Jiang Ning was calling for tea?

He was implying that the Senior Elder just needed to sip tea by the side and watch the show.

Jiang Ning was able to guard the main gate of Qingshan Sect all by himself!

KABOOM!

A terrifying aura suddenly exploded.

Jiang Ning stood there like a supernatural being. The domineering air around him made the faces of the other elders turn nasty.

Li Gao struggled to his feet as he clutched his chest in pain. Even trying to speak made him break out in cold sweat.

“He’s...he’s not easy to handle! Beware his fists!”

He clenched his teeth and really wanted to fight back. But he knew that Jiang Ning had already given him a chance. If Jiang Ning’s fist had landed just an inch higher, that punch would have caused his heart to explode!

This was simply too terrifying!

What technique was this?

He had never seen such a technique before. But when Jiang Ning’s fist hit him, Li Gao could feel the impact enter his body but purposely avoid his

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heart. It had caused him to suffer internal injuries, but it didn't kill him.

Li Gao felt very conflicted inside and wasn't sure if he should fight back. But he didn't have any strength to fight back, and he wasn't sure why Jiang Ning let him live either.

"Young man, you are asking to get killed." The elder from Buddha Sect put his palms together. "You have to pay for such wickedness."

BOOM!

Jiang Ning didn't bother to say too much. He tapped the ground and flew out. His eyes were fixed on the Buddha Sect elder and he drew his fists back.

The Buddha Sect elder frowned and took two steps back as he shouted, "You wicked man! You're asking for it!"

BAM!

When their fists collided, it sounded like two pieces of steel crashing into one another and the sound was ear deafening.

"What a hard fist!"

The Buddha Sect elder narrowed his eyes and they were filled with shock. His Vajra Fist technique was extremely powerful, and it was considered the most domineering boxing technique within the mountain. But Jiang Ning seemed to be purposely singling him out in order



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to spar with him.

“Kill him! Let’s fight him together!” Luo Long didn’t care about any of these things. He just knew that as long as Jiang Ning didn’t die, there was no way to destroy Qingshan Sect.

He ignored the injury on his hand and brandished his spear again. He charged at Jiang Ning once more and his icy eyes were filled with murder. “Attack!”

The other elders immediately rushed at Jiang Ning, besides the already weakened Li Gao.

Nobody dared to take this lightly or despise Jiang Ning anymore. If they didn’t join hands now, they would probably all die here!

In the blink of an eye, five elders had surrounded Jiang Ning.

Li Gao’s heart trembled at this sight.

The Senior Elder was even more anxious and worried. Even though he knew that Jiang Ning was powerful, this was a combined team of five elders after all. These men were the best from their sects!

“Jiang Ning, be careful!”

The Senior Elder sighed. He never thought that Qingshan Sect would reach a point where they needed someone from outside the clan like Jiang Ning to protect the sect without caring about anything else.

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KABOOM!

The sounds of fists colliding violently was ear deafening.

It sounded like two slabs of metal crashing against each other. The sound made one's scalp go numb.

The Buddha Sect elder was furious. This was the first time his Vajra Fist had not been able to help him gain the upper hand, and he actually felt some pain in his fist.

If he hadn't built up his knuckles and used medicinal wine to fortify his bones since he was a child so that his body could become strong, that punch would probably have broken all the bones in his hand!

What a terrifying fist!

Jiang Ning stood as straight as a spear as he looked at them.

He was facing five elders all by himself, but he didn't seem the slightest bit panicky. The calmness on his face made Li Gao feel a fear inside him.

"Who on earth is this fellow?" he couldn't help but think to himself. "He's so young but he's already so powerful. How much more powerful will he become in the future?"

Which sect in the mountain could possibly groom a disciple like this?

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He was sure that this man didn't come from Qingshan Sect. If Qingshan Sect had a disciple like that, then they wouldn't have declined so badly and wouldn't be attacked by the other six sects like this.

"If we don't get rid of this fellow, it will be hard to destroy Qingshan Sect!" yelled Luo Long. "And if we don't destroy Qingshan Sect, we'll be the ones who will be destroyed!"

He was afraid that the other elders might change their minds, and he didn't want to give Jiang Ning a chance to survive.

"Don't forget, once that gray matter spreads to us, then we're the ones who are going to die! Us!"

"The world outside the mountain is our only chance! Kill him! Destroy Qingshan Sect! Open the mountain gate!"

Luo Long seemed to have gone hysterical as he dashed across in a frenzy. His eyes were as red as a wild beast's.

BAM!

BAM!

BAM!

Blood started to dribble out from Luo Long's nose and mouth, as their fists and feet collided into one another, but he didn't retreat at all.

Jiang Ning's punches were incredibly terrifying.

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The elders never thought that they might ever meet such a terrifying person in their lives. If Jiang Ning was their age and had gone through as many years of experience as them, then they would have died a long time ago!

“Kill him!” shouted the Buddha Sect elder as his moves became more and more aggressive. “Long Arc! Cover the Sun! Stand and Hold! Break the Mountain!”

Every move was aggressive and extremely ferocious.

All the other elders also executed their most fatal moves.

The atmosphere of the fight instantly reached its peak!

The Senior Elder felt like his heart was in his mouth and struggled to stand so that he could help Jiang Ning. But after he stood up, he felt his head spin. He didn't have enough energy at all.

“Senior Elder!”

The other disciples helped to support him. “Brother Jiang...Brother Jiang is really amazing!”

Even though Jiang Ning was surrounded by a group, it was obvious that he wasn't losing to them at all. In fact, he looked so relaxed and he didn't seem to be distressed by this fight at all.

“He looks like...he's just playing with them,” said one of the disciples. The Senior Elder immediately

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narrowed his eyes and focused.

He could see that Jiang Ning hadn't used all his strength yet!

He was faced with a combined attack from five elders and he was still holding back?

It was true that Jiang Ning had not stretched himself to his limit yet because it wasn't necessary to use it on these elders.

He was just confirming his understanding of the Extreme Fist Technique.

It was such a rare chance to be able to spar with five highly skilled fighters at elder level after all.

Jiang Ning would never get such a chance outside the mountain. There was no way he could confirm his understanding under this sort of pressure.

As he delivered his punches, Jiang Ning felt like he could track the path of his punches and he could see the tiny little changes in his punches.

BAM!

His fists slammed into the Buddha Sect elder's fists again. But this time, Jiang Ning didn't let him go. His fist turned into a claw and he grabbed hold of the Buddha Sect elder's wrist.

The elder's expression changed but before he could do anything, Jiang Ning immediately exerted force.

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“What on earth...”

“Long Arc! Cover the Sun! Stand and Hold! Break the Mountain!” Jiang Ning suddenly let out these shouts before immediately displaying the exact same moves that the Buddha Sect elder displayed earlier!



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The Buddha Sect Elder was stunned and his face was covered with disbelief.

Before he could even do anything, Jiang Ning already had an iron grip on his arm and he couldn't move at all. He felt like a column of air suddenly crashed upon him and rendered him immobile.

This...this was the impact that only his Vajra Fist could produce!

Why...why did Jiang Ning know this technique?

KABOOM!

The Buddha Sect elder was sent flying by Jiang Ning's punch and slid more than ten meters across the ground. His face was all pale now.

The other elders were also looking in shock at Jiang Ning and at the Buddha Sect elder.

Jiang Ning actually knew the most difficult technique from Buddha Sect, the Vajra Fist!

"Why do you know the Vajra Fist?" asked the Buddha Sect elder.

The other elders wanted to know the answer too. For a moment they even suspected that Jiang Ning was connected to Buddha Sect.

But after the Buddha Sect elder asked this question, they knew that this wasn't the case.

Luo Long took a deep breath. He didn't expect

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Jiang Ning to know a Buddha Sect move. What on earth was going on?

Only Li Gao felt his heart shudder as he stood to one side. He realized what was going on almost immediately.

The punch that Jiang Ning gave him that resulted in him breaking his ribs...was the same technique he had used earlier!

He had only just realized this, so the look on his face was even more complex now. It was tinged with horror as well as disbelief.

“You just taught me,” said Jiang Ning calmly.

“Bullshit!” The Buddha Sect elder didn’t care that he had just cursed. When had he taught Jiang Ning? He wasn’t going to allow Jiang Ning to slander him this way. “How dare to malign me this way? Buddha Sect has nothing to do with you!”

Jiang Ning laughed.

“You were indeed the one who taught me just now.” He looked at the elder. “You just demonstrated it in front of me personally just now, didn’t you?”

Everything fell silent.

They all realized that Jiang Ning was talking about the move that the Buddha Sect elder used in an attempt to kill Jiang Ning just now.

Jiang Ning learnt it just like that?!



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From the execution, strength and agility of his moves, Jiang Ning looked nothing like someone who had just learnt it. Only someone who had been practicing it for several decades would reach this level of understanding.

Even the Buddha Sect elder didn't dare to claim that his moves were more authentic than Jiang Ning's.

He felt like he had just met some logic defying monstrosity!

"You just learnt it from there?" The Buddha Sect elder's expression was filled with disbelief. This was too hard to believe.

None of the other elders could believe it. Even the Senior Elder's eyes were wide because he had never seen anything like this before. The other elders just stood around Jiang Ning but they didn't do anything. They just stared at Jiang Ning like he was some freak.

He had a photographic memory?

Where did this insane genius come from?!

"If I didn't guess wrongly, you're a left-hander. So if you used your left hand to execute this Vajra Fist, you would probably have reached the pinnacle of this technique. But since you forcibly used your right hand instead of your dominant hand, your prowess naturally suffered."

The Buddha Sect elder felt like his head just exploded.

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Very few people in the sect knew that he was born a left-hander, but Jiang Ning could tell just like that?

And he could even tell that he had forcibly used his right hand to execute this move?

Ba-thump!

Ba-thump!

The Buddha Sect elder couldn't get a single word out of his mouth at all. He didn't want to believe that Jiang Ning had just picked up this technique from him earlier, but it was the truth.

On top of that, Jiang Ning had discovered his secret during this exchange of blows. If Jiang Ning wanted to kill him...

The elder suddenly recalled a few times where he had revealed a loophole. Jiang Ning could have taken that opportunity to kill him!

"Who on earth are you?" He looked warily at Jiang Ning and no longer looked at him the same way as before.

The other elders had the same reaction.

This man was simply unbelievable!

Jiang Ning didn't seem to be a normal human being at all. How could one be this terrifying?

"Me? I'm just an ordinary man."

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Ordinary man?

The elders were all stunned and started cursing in their hearts.

Did Jiang Ning just call himself an ordinary man?

If that was the case, then they weren't even considered humans anymore.

Jiang Ning didn't just have a photographic memory, but he could also learn their techniques so easily and to such an advanced level in just minutes. If Jiang Ning considered himself an ordinary man, then all these elders could go ahead and kill themselves.

"What does the existence of Qingshan Sect have to do with you?" asked the Buddha Sect elder.

He was wary of Jiang Ning's gifting, but at the same time, he was rather envious.

When Jiang Ning executed the Vajra Fist earlier, he was suddenly enlightened. So the Vajra Fist could be used in this way too!

That sort of majesty and overbearing authoritativeness was something that he had never experienced before.

"Qingshan Sect must not fall," replied Jiang Ning directly.

"As long as Qingshan Sect does not fall, all things will remain the same. I will not allow Qingshan Sect to be destroyed. All of you can give it up."

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He spoke very calmly, as if he was talking about something very simple.

Even if these six major sects joined hands to attack Qingshan Sect or even if all the other sects in the mountain tried to trample over Qingshan Sect, they would never succeed for as long as Jiang Ning was around.

What domineering words!

But what made the elders nearly stop breathing was how Jiang Ning spoke as if he was just playing with them.

“Humph! Don’t you think you’re being overly confident?” The Qiankun Sect elder laughed coldly. “Do you know how much manpower and resources we’ve put into this combined army of the six major sects? You think we’ll just give up because you say so?”

“If not?” said Jiang Ning. “Would you rather your entire sect dies at Qingshan Sect’s hands?”

“Why, you!” The Qiankun Sect elder was furious. Jiang Ning was way too arrogant!

How dare he say such things?

Qiankun Sect was much more powerful than Qingshan Sect. Even if his sect came by themselves without joining hands with the other five, Qingshan Sect would have trouble dealing with them.

“Did you hear that?” Luo Long stared at Jiang

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Ning. Even though he was wary of Jiang Ning's gifting and prowess, he knew that as long as Jiang Ning did not die, Qingshan Sect could never be destroyed.

It was difficult to increase Qingshan Sect's prowess in a short time, but their tenacity was a bigger headache to him.

"That's how far this fellow's arrogance and complacency has reached. You can tell what Qingshan Sect is planning," he scoffed. "If we don't destroy Qingshan Sect today, then we'll be in trouble once Qingshan Sect becomes bigger and stronger."

Qingshan Sect was the only way out of this mountain. Meanwhile, the gray matter from the inside of the mountain kept spreading and pushing the inhabitants closer and closer to the mountain gate.

They were sects that were stuck in the middle and were doomed to die if they did not do anything about it. They didn't have any other choice!

"Jiang Ning!" Luo Long pointed a finger at him and shouted fiercely, "I don't care how you're connected to Qingshan Sect, but if you persist in your ways and stop us from destroying Qingshan Sect, then we'll kill you along with everyone else!"

His eyes bulged angrily and he seemed a little hysterical now.

Things had already come to this, so there was no turning back.

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If they didn't destroy Qingshan Sect, then what were all their prior sacrifices for?

What about all the elders and disciples who had died in this battle?

Were they supposed to just drop everything and forget about it because Jiang Ning told them to? He could dream on!

Luo Long's eyes were bloodshot and there was blood on his lips as well. The crazed look on his face really sent chills down one's spine.

But Jiang Ning's expression didn't budge.

"Someone always dies in a war. If you continue fighting, you will only lose more lives."

He had gone through so much in life and had seen it all.

Nobody was in the wrong because they were all doing this for the sake of survival and to protect the people they loved. For Jiang Ning, his wife and friends were all people he wanted to protect, so he wasn't going to allow any harm to befall them.



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“Why, you...”

Luo Long started laughing because he was simply too angry. “Excellent! Just excellent!”

“Then I’m going to see if you’re more incredible, or if the six major sects are more powerful!”

“I’m confident that as long as all six of us join hands, we’ll be able to kill you!”

He grabbed his long spear and pointed it at Jiang Ning as he roared loudly, “Move aside!”

Jiang Ning didn’t move an inch.

If you don’t move aside, then don’t blame us for getting nasty!”

Jiang Ning remained unmoved.

He stared at Luo Long and the rest, then slowly raised his arm. Since being reasonable with them didn’t work, he was going to just use his fists then.

SWOOSH!

Jiang Ning made a move!

This was the first time he was making the first move!

He moved like a shadow that suddenly split into two, then turned into four more shadows that moved towards the five elders with Jiang Ning.

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He was so fast!

His fists came in a flurry and the wind they created howled. It was as if five wild beasts had opened their mouths filled with sharp teeth at the same time!

Luo Long's expression paled and the other elders also paled.

Meanwhile, Li Gao was still standing back weakly because he had no more energy to fight. He was feeling all relaxed and couldn't believe that he had actually breathed a sigh of relief that he wasn't involved in this.

BOOM!

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BOOM!

The impact of the fists was unleashed!

Jiang Ning delivered one punch and so did his four other shadows. It was as if five Jiang Nings were fighting at the same time and the impact was violent.

The terrifying impact surged wildly and seemed to be able to fill the mountains and rivers!

“Impossible!”

The Buddha Sect elder immediately started swinging his fists. But before he could deliver the most powerful move of the Vajra Fist, he could



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feel the impact of a hundred punches hitting him hard, and he was sent flying as a result.

BAM! BAM! BAM! BAM! BAM!

Five loud blasts resonated at the same time.

Luo Long and the other four elders flew out together. They yelped in pain and crashed heavily on the ground. Their mouths spewed fresh blood and their faces instantly turned pale.

Jiang Ning remained standing and a strong wind behind him tousled his hair. The four shadows disappeared and merged back into Jiang Ning's body.

The air felt like it had frozen over.

The Senior Elder stopped breathing. He had forgotten to breathe.

That move earlier...

He was completely stunned by that move and his scalp was numb.

The impact of that punch was as great as the mountains and the rivers.

Jiang Ning's fists were able to hold down mountains and rivers.

That was really terrifying.

The rest were also in deep shock. They tried slapping their own faces but couldn't snap out of

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their daze.

The five elders on the ground were also in shock and didn't even notice their own injuries. Their heads were all filled with the punch that Jiang Ning delivered earlier.

What was that?

"What technique was that?" Li Gao couldn't help but ask.

He looked at Jiang Ning and his voice trembled slightly.

They couldn't fathom Jiang Ning at all. Even if all six of them joined hands, they were still no match for Jiang Ning. They were way too far from his level.

And that mysterious punch earlier had completely surpassed their imagination and everything that they knew!

"That was the Extreme Fist technique," replied Jiang Ning.

"The extreme limits of boxing is to strip the complexities of boxing to its simplest form," said Jiang Ning. "This punch of mine is able to hold the world down!"

WOONG.

Everyone felt their heads spin.

Hold the world down!

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Jiang Ning was simply too domineering.

They had never heard anyone say something so audacious and so complacent before.

But since Jiang Ning was the one saying it, they felt that this was normal for him.

“Extreme Fist...” Li Gao mumbled to himself, then smiled bitterly, shook his head and took two steps back.

He was no match for Jiang Ning at all, so if he tried to fight, he would only be sending himself to the grave. Jiang Ning had allowed him to live, so if he tried to attack Jiang Ning, Jiang Ning wouldn't show him any mercy the second time.

“Elder Li?” Luo Long saw Li Gao take two steps back, so his eyes widened. “What do you mean by this?”

“I don't want to die,” replied Li Gao directly.

There was some frustration as well as a helplessness in his expression. After being an elder for so many years, he thought that he was considered pretty good in martial arts and he was one of the best fighters even among the other sects.

But today, all of his self-confidence and self-esteem had been smashed to smithereens by Jiang Ning!

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How was any of them going to fight Jiang Ning at this rate?

Jiang Ning had a photographic memory, so he could remember each person's best moves after just exchanging a few blows with them. And after that last punch, Li Gao was very sure that he was definitely no match for Jiang Ning.

Since he knew that fighting Jiang Ning would only lead to death, why should he do such a thing?

Li Gao didn't want to die. Nobody did!

"You useless piece of trash!" spat Luo Long without holding back. "Sure, you don't want to die. But did you think we want to?"

"Did you think that all our disciples and fellow sect members wanted to die?"

He continued to roar angrily, "If we don't kill him today, then we are the ones who are going to die!"

Since they were going to die either way, then they should give it their best shot when they had a chance of possibly surviving. He didn't see why he should give up.

Luo Long was very agitated because Tianlian Sect had paid a very high price to reach this stage. They weren't going to give up so easily.

But before he could continue speaking, the Buddha Sect elder took two steps back as well.

The Qiankun Sect elder also retreated.

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“You...all of you!” Luo Long’s eyes widened. He couldn’t believe that all of them had actually given up.

They were faced with only one Jiang Ning! Could it be that they couldn’t fight their way in just because one Jiang Ning was blocking their way? Impossible!

They still had men in the north, in the south...there was definitely a point where they could break through and annihilate everyone in Qingshan Sect!

“Luo Long, it’s not that we’re afraid to die.” The Buddha Sect elder looked deeply at Jiang Ning. “It’s just that it’s impossible for us to get in from here.

How many of their disciples were still standing right now?

They knew that Jiang Ning must have planted others at the other points of attack to cut down their strength by now.

“We have other points of entry!” roared Luo Long. “As long as we hold him down, we’ll make it! I’m very sure that Qingshan Sect doesn’t have anybody else as highly skilled as him!”

The Buddha Sect elder shook his head.

This was a man who could grasp Vajra Fist in minutes, and his prowess wasn’t any weaker than the elders who had spent decades perfecting their martial arts abilities. What did that mean?

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As long as Qingshan Sect was protected by such a person, they didn't stand a chance at all.

They weren't afraid to die. They had lived long ago and were prepared to go anytime. But they didn't want to lead the rest of their disciples to their deaths.

Since they knew that the road ahead led to death, continuing down this path was foolishness.

"Let's go back down the mountain first." Li Gao eyed Jiang Ning. "Let the sect leaders discuss what to do first.

"If they decide to make another attack, we'll come back again."

He looked at Jiang Ning and felt a deep sense of helplessness. This was the first time he felt this way in his entire life.

But this first experience made him feel completely defeated. He couldn't even bring himself to fight back.

Besides Luo Long, all the other elders decided to descend the mountain for the time being.

After all, if they continued fighting, it would only end with them dying, while Jiang Ning might not even get injured.

Jiang Ning was just standing there with no threatening aura around him at all, but his presence was still fear inducing.

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“You...” Luo Long gritted his teeth and his body was trembling.

He wanted to keep fighting even if he had to die in the process. But now that everyone else had decided to back out, there was no way he could fight Jiang Ning all by himself.

“Jiang Ning,” said the Buddha Sect elder. “All of us will go back down first. If our sect leaders decide that they still want to fight Qingshan Sect to the very end, we’ll come back and settle our feud once and for all.”

He had lost today.

He had to admit it.

“Qiankun Sect will do the same thing.”

“Me too.”

“Me too.”

All the elders were of the same opinion.

They had joined hands to fight Jiang Ning but they didn’t gain the upper hand at all. Instead, they faced the possibility of being killed by Jiang Ning!

This was an insult to them!

“If you want to fight, I’ll fight,” said Jiang Ning.


Qingshan Sect was the only barrier between the rest of the mountain and the mountain gate. Regardless of their motivations, as long as they


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wanted to get rid of this last barrier, Jiang Ning wasn't going to sit still and let them do that.

He knew that nobody was really in the wrong and everyone had their own point of view.

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Jiang Ning's point of view was that he wasn't going to compromise Qingshan Sect at all. Not the slightest bit.

The elders left with their men one after another. Only Luo Long was left standing there with indignation written all over his face.

"Elder Luo Long, do you want to continue?" Jiang Ning looked at him.

"Jiang Ning!" roared Luo Long. "How are you connected to Qingshan Sect? Why must you help them?"

"What is it that you want? Tianlian Sect can give it to you! Women? Resources? Martial arts manuals? Tianlian Sect can give you anything you want as long as you leave Qingshan Sect!"

Jiang Ning laughed.

His silence was his answer to Luo Long's question.

Luo Long was indignant, but the other elders had already left, so there was nothing he could do now.

He could only descend the mountain and wait for the sect leaders to discuss and rethink their strategy.

"Humph!" Luo Long didn't any more. No matter how indignant he was, there was nothing else he could do besides leaving with his men.

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In no time, everyone had left.

The Senior Elder watched as the six sects went down the mountain with their men and breathed a sigh of relief.

If the main gate had been compromised, then Qingshan Sect was finished.

If Jiang Ning hadn't come in time, the Senior Elder wouldn't have been able to hold on.

He took a deep breath, got up and walked towards Jiang Ning with a conflicted look in his eyes.

"I thought you had left and you weren't coming back."

He hadn't said anything or even got angry when Jiang Ning left, because he knew that whether Qingshan Sect survived or got wiped out had nothing to do with Jiang Ning in the first place. This was the responsibility of everyone in Qingshan Sect, not Jiang Ning's.

Jiang Ning's appearance had been a pleasant surprise and he had left just as suddenly, but the Senior Elder was able to accept this.

After all, Jiang Ning's presence in Qingshan Sect during this short time had already brought about a huge positive change in the sect, and that was more precious than anything else.

Jiang Ning turned to look at the Senior Elder and laughed. "I didn't leave."

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“It was Chief Liu who locked me up when I was distracted.”

He purposely added on, “I think that old geezer really thinks I’m his son-in-law now.”

“But I’ve got to come back and prove that I’m not.”

The Senior Elder was stunned by these words for a moment before he burst out laughing.

This irritating fellow was actually still in the mood to crack jokes.

But even the Senior Elder was completely floored by the ability that Jiang Ning displayed earlier.

It was already frightening enough that he was gifted with a photographic memory. But on top of that, Jiang Ning’s own Extreme Fist technique was domineering to the max.

That punch earlier made him shudder just thinking about it.

Inside the main hall of Qingshan Sect.

Liu Chuandao was sitting inside and the armor he was wearing had lost its shine.

He had a complicated expression on his face.

He looked at Jiang Ning standing before him and opened his mouth to speak, but he didn’t know what he should say.

“You’re back,” was all he managed to squeeze out

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after a long period of silence.

“If I don’t come back, would you be able to hold up?” said Jiang Ning.

Liu Chuandao didn’t say anything.

Of course he couldn’t hold up.

If Jiang Ning didn’t come back, Qingshan Sect was probably doomed.

“If you can’t hold up, then what’s going to happen to the world outside the mountain gate? Chief Liu, you’ve got to be more responsible, you know?”

Liu Chuandao still didn’t say anything. He was too embarrassed to.

Even if Jiang Ning grabbed him by the hair and scolded him, he wouldn’t argue back at all.

“What’s the situation now?” Jiang Ning looked at how crestfallen Liu Chuandao looked and decided to show him some respect since he was the sect leader after all.

“The men from all six sects have all descended the mountain. They’ve suffered rather severe losses, but...so have we,” replied Liu Chuandao immediately.

If Jiang Ning hadn’t returned, then Qingshan Sect wouldn’t have just suffered severe losses. They would have been completely wiped out!

Even he would have to die.


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“They might decide to just go all out and launch another attack, so we’ve got to prepare ourselves for that,” said Jiang Ning.


“Are we going to fight them to the very end?” The Senior Elder frowned.

If this fight went on, then even if Jiang Ning was around, Qingshan Sect would still lose many of their disciples. This wasn’t something he wanted to see.

“No, we can also choose to save them,” replied Jiang Ning with a straight face.

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Save them?

Everyone was stunned.

The Senior Elder's eyes widened. He thought he had heard wrongly.

The two sides had tried so hard to kill each other and had suffered such severe losses. And now Jiang Ning was saying that he wanted to save them?

It wasn't even a matter of how they were going to save them. Both sides had such a deep seated feud between them that was impossible to resolve. Even if Jiang Ning said he wanted to save them, the other party wouldn't believe it.

"Did you just say save them?" Liu Chuandao frowned. "What do you mean by that?"

He didn't get it, and neither did the people present in the hall.

"What's their ultimate reason for attacking Qingshan Sect?" asked Jiang Ning .

"They want to go out of the mountain." Liu Chuandao glanced at Jiang Ning. Didn't Jiang Ning already know this?

That was precisely why they had fought back so fiercely. They didn't want the other sects to be able to leave the mountain.

Qingshan Sect's responsibility was to guard the mountain gate.

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“That’s only the reason on the surface,” said Jiang Ning. “The various sects have lived for centuries within the mountain with no issues at all. The environment here is the most suitable for the advancement and development of these sects, as well as their pursuit of martial arts. Going outside the mountain is even worse for them.”

“But that’s not what they think,” said Liu Chuandao helplessly.

The environment outside the mountain gate had changed a long time ago. It didn’t look like what it did centuries ago, and it was no longer suitable for martial artists.

If these people left the mountain, they would only end up creating trouble. The ancestors of Qingshan Sect had already made this very clear, so the existence of Qingshan Sect was to guard the mountain gate so that these people would never go outside and upset the balance or stir up more trouble.

But now, things had come to a point where it was impossible to turn back.

“They’re just trying to survive,” said Jiang Ning.

Survive?

Liu Chuandao and the Senior Elder exchanged glances.

“Are you saying that the spread of the gray area is forcing them to leave the mountain?”

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They knew about this matter. But because Qingshan Sect was at the southernmost part of the mountain and the gray matter was spreading from the northernmost part, they would be the last to be affected.

Besides, the spread had slowed down over time, so it might even stop someday.

Jiang Ning looked at them and knew that these men had lived in the mountains for too long and were stuck in their way of thinking, so they wouldn't think about so much, and they didn't need to anyway.

Guarding Qingshan Sect and the mountain gate was their mission. They didn't need to think about anything else.

“Everyone wants to live on, and the closer they are to death, the more they will struggle and put up a fight,” said Jiang Ning. “They might have other motives in mind, but let's just talk about now. If we continue fighting, who will stand to lose the most?”

Liu Chuandao and the rest remained silent.

Without a doubt, the biggest loser would be Qingshan Sect. They might even be wiped out.

Even if Jiang Ning was around, he might be able to protect his own life and some others, but there was no way he could protect the entire sect. After all, even though the six sects weren't that huge in number, if they really decided to go all out and were bent on exterminating Qingshan Sect, then



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there was only one result awaiting them.

Qingshan Sect would be completely destroyed and cease to exist.

That was a result they didn't want. Nobody wanted to see Qingshan Sect completely vanish from the face of this earth.

"I know all of you feel terrible inside, and so do I. But there are no winners in a war."

Jiang Ning looked at all of them. "If we continue fighting, more people will die. And if the gray matter eventually reaches this place, then Qingshan Sect is still doomed."

Jiang Ning had been part of countless wars, and he knew well that there were no winners.

Even if one survived the war, one had to carry a great burden after that. Jiang Ning had experienced it first hand, so he while he seemed very calm about it, he was also very well aware of the implications.

Liu Chuandao didn't say anything and just pursed his lips like he was thinking about something.

The Senior Elder also sat with his head bowed as he thought in silence.



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“Jiang Ning!” Liu Qing came running in from outside and called out to him loudly when she saw him.

Her voice trembled slightly and her eyes turned red immediately as she ran over to him. She opened her mouth but hesitated and wasn't sure what to say.

“Why...why did you come back?”

Why was he back?

Liu Qing's emotions were very conflicted. She missed Jiang Ning and really wished he would come back, but she didn't want him to come back because she knew that this place was too dangerous for him.

He didn't belong here in the first place.

“I have to come back,” said Jiang Ning. “If I don't come back, what's going to happen to you?”

He laughed.

“These people can't protect you, you know?”

Liu Qing immediately burst into tears.

Jiang Ning had come back to protect her!

Liu Qing cried with her eyes all red. She wanted to say something but couldn't get any words out.

Jiang Ning reached out and gently patted her shoulder.

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He turned around and saw Liu Zong and Liu Heng return from the battlefield with murder emanating from their bodies. They looked at Jiang Ning with a conflicted look in their eyes.

They never thought the person who would rescue Qingshan Sect from this impending disaster would be the person that they had looked down upon and despised the most before this.

But if Jiang Ning hadn't appeared in time, they wouldn't have been able to hold up at all. Qingshan Sect would have been destroyed and razed to the ground by now.

"Thank you so much," said Liu Zong very simply.

He didn't know what else to say or how else to express himself in front of Jiang Ning.

"Thank you so much!" Liu Heng said the same words and didn't add anything else to it.

But these simple words encompassed all the gratitude that they felt.

They didn't blame Jiang Ning for making them Sinners. That was his way of honing them for what they had to go through today, and they realized it only now.

Jiang Ning nodded and didn't say anything either.

Some things didn't need to be said. Just an exchange of glances was enough for everyone to understand each other.

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“What’s the situation now?” asked Liu Chuandao.

“The men from the six sects have gone back down the mountain on the northern side, so there’s no issue there for the moment. They’ve also left the other areas, so they shouldn’t be coming up again for the time being,” said Liu Zong.

They watched them for a long time and finally breathed a sigh of relief after they had ensured that everyone had gone down the mountain.

They were really in great danger earlier. If Jiang Ning hadn’t appeared with his men in time, they didn’t know what would have become of them now.

“A group of men appeared rather mysteriously and helped us to fend off several attacks.” The Third Elder looked up at Jiang Ning. “Are those your men?”

He didn’t know Jiang Ning had backups.

Even though those men weren’t very powerful by themselves, they were completely different when they worked together and they were powerful beyond his imagination!

“Yes, they’re mine.” Jiang Ning didn’t keep the wolves a secret because there was no need to. The wolves were going to be very important in the future, so it didn’t matter if they knew about them now.

“They’re really impressive,” said the Third Elder. “I

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didn't think that such an attack formation was possible."

"Third Elder, you don't have to doubt their background or worry about it." Jiang Ning could tell what the Third Elder was thinking about. "Nothing is more important than protecting Qingshan Sect right now. We can talk about the rest after all this is over."

The Third Elder nodded.

He had some questions but it wasn't the time to ask now.

Jiang Ning's background was mysterious and he was shockingly powerful. And now he had suddenly brought along a group of men.

He looked at Liu Chuandao and the Senior Elder. He knew that these two definitely knew more about Jiang Ning but just didn't tell the rest.

"Qingshan Sect owes you one," he said very seriously.

Jiang Ning laughed.

"This is not the time to talk about all this. As I said earlier, we need to stop this war as soon as possible. So I'm going to look for the six sects and negotiate with them."

"Negotiate with them?"

Everyone's expressions changed.

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It wasn't that the people of Qingshan Sect had no faith in Jiang Ning. If not for Jiang Ning, Qingshan Sect would have been wiped out by now. But an attempt to negotiate with the six major sects was as good as walking into the lion's den!

The six sects wanted much more than what Jiang Ning imagined, so how could they possibly agree to stop the fight?

Besides, the six sects were way more powerful together compared to Qingshan Sect. So there was no reason to give up fighting at all. How could Jiang Ning negotiate with them?

"Do we have anything to offer them?" asked Liu Chuandao.

The most important thing in a negotiation was to have a bargaining chip. But they didn't have anything to offer now, so what would Jiang Ning use to negotiate with them?

"No, we don't have anything," replied Jiang Ning honestly. "We now have two choices. Either we fight to the very end, or we negotiate. It's better to stop fighting and try to solve the problem together instead."

The six sects were in the same situation.

Liu Chuandao frowned. This was a risky move.

He opened his mouth and wanted to say that this was impossible. He knew the people from the six sects and he knew how greedy and ambitious they were.

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They would never agree to this.

If Jiang Ning went to negotiate with them, they might even think that Qingshan Sect was no longer able to fight and would attack them even harder this time round.

“Let’s give it a shot then.” The Senior Elder expressed his view before Liu Chuandao could say anything. “I think it’s worth a try.”

Liu Chuandao was stunned. The other elders were also surprised by this response.

They didn’t expect the Senior Elder to agree so readily without even asking Jiang Ning more questions.

“The feud between both sides will only deepen with a war. But to put aside the feud and think about the future is a very difficult thing to do as well.”

The Senior Elder sighed. Of course he knew that putting aside hatred and anger to negotiate with the enemy was a very difficult thing to do in itself.

This required a lot of resilience, intelligence and foresight that surpassed everyone else.

He looked at Jiang Ning and was really impressed by Jiang Ning again. Jiang Ning was so young, but the way he looked at things and his foresight definitely surpassed that of the elders.

That was the scope of view Jiang Ning had!

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If they continued this war, Qingshan Sect might not lose, but they couldn't afford to suffer such severe damages.

Did he have to watch all his disciples die in battle and watch Qingshan Sect collapse?

"Senior Elder, what if the negotiation fails?" asked the Second Elder.

"If we fail, then we will fight," replied the Senior Elder very firmly. "If we succeed, then our disciples won't have to die and they can continue to live on. Is there anything more important than that?"

The disciples of Qingshan Sect were still his highest priority.

That was because these youngsters were the future of Qingshan Sect, as well as the future of martial arts!

The other elders kept quiet.

Since the Senior Elder had already made his stand, there was nothing else for them to say.

Even if they didn't agree with Jiang Ning's suggestion, they would go along with it since the Senior Elder had already given the go ahead.

Liu Chuandao felt the same way.

He felt that he ought to be the one who supported Jiang Ning the most.



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“What do the two of you think?”

The Senior Elder surprisingly turned to ask Liu Zong and Liu Heng for their opinion. In the past, he would never have cared about what these two youngsters had to say, because these two were not fit to even be part of a discussion about the future of Qingshan Sect.

But now, he had witnessed the maturing of these two boys.

“I agree,” said Liu Zong. “Keeping Qingshan Sect intact is the most important thing right now.”

“That’s right, I agree with Jiang Ning’s suggestion too,” said Liu Heng. “If the negotiation fails and the six sects want to fight, then we’ll fight to the very end with them!”

“There isn’t anyone in Qingshan Sect who is afraid to die!”



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The two brothers were very clear that they were going to place Qingshan Sect as their highest priority, which was the same as placing the members in first priority.

They could see clearly that the disciples were not afraid to die in battle at all. The way they fought the enemy bravely and their determination to protect Qingshan Sect touched them very deeply.

And now, Jiang Ning wanted to do something that would save the lives of many more members of the sect. There was no reason why they wouldn't agree to that.

Since nobody had any objections, the Senior Elder nodded and didn't say anything else. He turned to glance at Liu Chuandao, which meant that he could make the final decision since everyone had already expressed their opinion.

Liu Chuandao got up and said seriously, "Since nobody has any objections, we'll proceed with this."

"Jiang Ning." He looked at Jiang Ning. "Who do you want to go with for this negotiation?"

"I can go alone."

"No!" Liu Qing immediately cut in. "It's too dangerous for you to go by yourself!"

"It is indeed too dangerous. Don't forget, you're the person they're most wary of right now. If you go by yourself, I'm afraid that they might try to harm you." Liu Chuandao shook his head as well.

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Jiang Ning was definitely the person they wanted to kill most now.

If Jiang Ning died, then Qingshan Sect would instantly fall apart. The six sects wouldn't let go of a chance to kill him.

"Don't worry, they can't kill me." Jiang Ning smiled. "I'm confident of that."

Liu Qing opened her mouth to speak because she was anxious, but Jiang Ning gave her a look and she didn't say anything in the end.

She knew what sort of person Jiang Ning was. If he was decided on something, then he wouldn't change his mind unnecessarily. He had greater foresight than everyone else, so he would have thought of every possibility before anybody else did, and would make ample preparation for every situation.

It was too hard for most people to have such foresight.

But this seemed like a piece of cake to Jiang Ning.

"Both of us will go with you." Liu Zong and Liu Heng exchanged glances before continuing, "We can't let you carry Qingshan Sect through this crisis all by yourself all the time."

"Both of us will go with you. If they're going to ambush us, at least we could help to block an attack or two!"

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Blocking an attack possibly meant dying. The two of them knew that well.

But they owed Jiang Ning so much that sacrificing their lives wouldn't be enough to repay him.

Jiang Ning looked at them and nodded. "Sure, both of you can come with me."

He glanced at Liu Chuandao to hear if he had any opinions. But Liu Chuandao didn't say anything and just nodded. It was high time that these two sons of his went through some tough situations.

Even though this situation was really dangerous and they might die anytime, this was a process that every man had to go through. Jiang Ning was probably thinking along the same lines.

Things were decided just like that.

Jiang Ning immediately brought Liu Zong and Liu Heng to look for the six sects and negotiate with them.

Meanwhile.

At the foot of the mountain.

The six sects had set up their camp here.

All their disciples were resting and recuperating. Howls and groans of pain came from the tents every now and then.

There were no winners in a war.

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All six sect leaders sat within the tent right in the middle and all of them had nasty expressions on their faces.

Six major sects had joined hands to attack Qingshan Sect, but they had been defeated!

This was such an embarrassment to them!

Luo Qi's expression was livid. Tianlian Sect had suffered the most number of casualties, and even Luo Long was severely injured. But what made him the angriest was how all the elders of the six sects had chosen to come down the mountain.

"Just one Jiang Ning made all the elders come down the mountain?" He scoffed. "Is this a joke?"

Luo Qi slammed the table angrily and roared, "Are the people of our sects so useless? How are we going to face the world from now on?"

The other sect leaders frowned. They were clearly unhappy with what Luo Qi said.

Luo Qi was implying that the other sects were at fault.

Even though they were equally furious, they couldn't say anything since their own elders had also chosen to come down the mountain.

"I wonder if Chief Luo understands anything about this Jiang Ning?" asked Li Xuan of Heifeng Sect with a darkened expression on his face.