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Luo Long simply frowned and stared at Jiang Ning silently.

He had not expected that there would come a day when he would hold a peaceful conversation with Jiang Ning instead of engaging in a fierce battle to the death with the man.

If he had not realized what was going on, Tianlian Sect might continue to be exploited. Like what Jiang Ning had said, the sect would continue to be used as a tool and might even be sacrificed for the gains of someone else without ever realizing the truth.

“Do you really think I’ll do whatever you tell me to?” Luo Long looked Jiang Ning in the eye.

“You’re a selfish man. You’re not going to do what I tell you to,” laughed Jiang Ning. “But you won’t stand by and watch as Tianlian Sect perishes and vanishes from the mountain forever, will you?”

Luo Long fell silent.

Mr Lang was a terrifying opponent. Luo Long wasn’t going to stand a chance against him on his own. In fact, Tianlian Sect might not be his match even if they were to join forces and attack him.

If they were his match, they would not have ended up being subjected to his machinations.

Now, standing before him was the one who had been the first person to sense Mr Lang’s presence. Luo Long had witnessed how strong Jiang Ning was. He was a powerful man.

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Should he join forces with Jiang Ning?

“You’re right. I’m a selfish man. I only serve the interests of Tianlian Sect.” Luo Long leveled an icy stare at Jiang Ning. “I’ll do anything as long as it serves the greater good of the sect and I’ll kill anyone who tries to bring harm to my sect. That includes you.”

His voice was laced with open murderous intent.

“I believe you’re the one who’s been causing me trouble all this while,” said Jiang Ning calmly.

Since he had appeared in this world within the mountain, Tianlian Sect had been trying to cause trouble for Qingshan Sect and trying to find their way into the world outside.

This was all because they had fallen for Mr Lang’s schemes. Otherwise, Tianlian Sect would not have tried to attack Qingshan Sect.

The expression on Luo Long’s face shifted minutely. He scoffed and pretended that he hadn’t heard what Jiang Ning had said. He wasn’t going to admit to any wrongdoing and would feign ignorance even if he had done anything wrong.

“Mr Lang isn’t going to be easy to deal with.”

Luo Long’s words indicated that he was prepared to cooperate with Jiang Ning.

He was well aware of the fact that on his own, he wasn’t going to be a match for Mr Lang. He was probably the only clearheaded person in Tianlian

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Sect. How was he supposed to fight Mr Lang without any help?

He knew nothing about his enemy. He didn't know where he had come from, who he was and how powerful he truly was. In fact, he couldn't even remember what he looked like.

"You won't be able to beat him on your own. In fact, you're not his match even if you have Tianlian Sect on your side," said Jiang Ning. "Do you know anything about him?"

"Do you?" Luo Long shot back.

"Why would I know anything when you don't?" Jiang Ning threw a glance at him. "Tianlian Sect was the one who suggested an alliance amongst the six great sects. I can't believe that you trusted him even though you knew nothing about him or where he came from."

Luo Long flushed.

They had been carrying out Luo Qi's orders. There was no way that he could've realized that Luo Qi had been under Mr Lang's control. In fact, he couldn't have known that Mr Lang had the ability to manipulate someone's mind simply by exchanging a look with him.

What a terrifying man!

"I have only one question for you. Do you know of any way to fight him?" Luo Long asked plainly.

"No," said Jiang Ning honestly.

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They had no idea whom they were dealing with, where he had come from and what abilities he possessed. In fact, they couldn't even remember his face. How did one fight such an enemy?

It was akin to fighting air.

Jiang Ning stared at Luo Long as if he were looking at an idiot. It was driving Luo Long a little crazy.

“What should we do now?”

“Our top priority is to make everyone realize that Mr Lang exists.” Jiang Ning hit the nail on the head. “Especially that idiotic chief of yours who thinks that he's fulfilling some grand and ambitious plan without realizing that he's simply been used like a mindless tool.”

Luo Long's lips parted as he got ready to yell at Jiang Ning for insulting his chief, but then he thought about what Jiang Ning had said. He seemed to be speaking the truth.

Wasn't Luo Qi just a tool serving the purposes of another person right now?



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The inability to detect Mr Lang's presence hindered their ability to get anything done. They couldn't expose him for his malicious intentions, nor could they try to fight him.

Luo Qi could use his position as the sect's chief to stop Luo Long from doing anything.

And if he were to be killed, Tianlian Sect would be doomed.

"What do you want me to do?" Luo Long took a deep breath and looked Jiang Ning in the eye. He could tell that this wasn't going to be easy. Their enemy was a terrifying opponent and a single mistake could cost them their lives.

Even someone like Ting Chan had not escaped death. Mr Lang was no weakling. It wouldn't take him too much trouble to kill Luo Long.

"I need the antidote," said Jiang Ning. "We have to save the sect leaders and elders. We'll have enough men on our side to fight Mr Lang then. We can't count on you fighting him alone."

Luo Long kept quiet. Jiang Ning had a way of infuriating people with his words. He left his most provocative statements to the very end and these words usually were infuriating to the point of inspiring violence.

He tried to rein in his anger. "I'll think of a way to get the antidote. What do we do after that?"

"We'll decide when the time comes." Jiang Ning didn't want to waste time talking to a fool. He

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used to think that Luo Long was a decisive man with an acceptable level of intelligence. But now this man was asking him stupid questions. “We don’t know anything. How are we supposed to plan anything? We’ll figure it out when the time comes.”

Having said that, Jiang Ning turned and left.

Luo Long took a deep breath, then told himself that this was only a temporary arrangement. When they were done with Mr Lang, he would find a way to kill Jiang Ning.

He wouldn’t be able to live with himself otherwise.

The elder tried to calm himself down as he watched Jiang Ning disappear into the distance. Tianlian Sect was stuck in a precarious situation right now. He had to save the sect in time, or else it would be destroyed.

His top priority was to find the antidote, then free the sect leaders and elders of the other sects so that the six sects could join forces and confront their common enemy.

Therein lay the problem. Luo Qi had the antidote. He had not entrusted the antidote to anyone, not even the butler, who had been his most trusted servant. He wasn’t going to entrust the antidote to Luo Long.

The elder frowned. This was going to be a challenge. He had to find a way to steal the antidote off Luo Qi’s person, and he had to do it as soon as possible.

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Luo Long returned to his residence and summoned his most trusted man.

“What’s the situation like at the other sects?”

“Elder, Longkongshan Sect is considering surrendering and accepting our sect’s conditions. There’s intense debate in the other sects but they’re not going to last very long before they do the same.”

After all, their chief and elders had been captured and they couldn’t remain leaderless for long. They had no other option right now but to submit to Tianlian Sect.

“Think of a way to send them a message,” said Luo Long. “Tell them that Tianlian Sect won’t release their chief and elders even if they were to agree to submit to our sect’s rule.”

“What?” His man froze momentarily. He had not expected such words to come out of Luo Long’s mouth. “Elder Luo Long, they’re not going to surrender then. They might decide to risk a fight to the death.”

“Do as I say,” said Luo Long as he nodded. “The more furious they become, the better. You’re the master when it comes to things like that.”

“Yes, Elder Luo Long!” the man replied immediately.

He would do anything that Luo Long ordered him to do.

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Luo Long sat there with a frown on his face. Time was of the essence.

How was he going to get the antidote from Luo Qi?

Meanwhile, Luo Qi was still cooped up in his study, reading the same book that he had been reading. Something strange seemed to have come over him.

His face was flushed, as if it had been scalded, but his body was freezing and as cold as a slab of ice.

Currents of air encircled and flowed around him. It was a bizarre sight to behold indeed.

His eyes looked the strangest of all. They seemed bright and clear one moment, then lost and confused the next. Then, in the next moment, they looked empty and lifeless, as if his soul had left his body completely...

“When you master the demonic technique, you will become the most powerful man in the mountain,” Mr Lang said with the voice of the devil as he stood next to Luo Qi.



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