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This feeling of being trapped in between made Fang Wei very uneasy.

He turned to look at the other elders and he could see that their suspicions about him were only growing.

“I’m just in charge of bringing the news back. Whether your clans are willing to pay the ransom for you, I can’t guarantee that.” He clenched his teeth and continued, “I hope everyone can remain alert and not fall for this punk’s scheme to tear us apart!”

The elders just scoffed and didn’t say anything.

They were trapped and nothing they said now was of any use.

Jiang Ning was going to take them prisoner. If they retaliated, they would die. Nobody was going to give Jiang Ning a reason to kill them.

As for Fang Wei...

Of course nobody believed him anymore. After thinking about it carefully, all of this was definitely a plan between the Fang clan and Jiang Ning to drag all the other reclusive clans underfoot.

Nobody cared about Fang Wei, and Fang Wei knew that nothing he said would help now.

He glared coldly at Jiang Ning.

“You’re going to regret letting me go!” shouted Fang Wei threateningly.

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Jiang Ning ignored him.

He waved his hands and the men on both sides stood to one side to let Fang Wei out.

Fang Wei scoffed and didn't say anymore as he hurriedly made his way out. If he didn't leave now, he probably couldn't ever leave.

As he walked out from the Extreme Martial Arts Academy. Fang Wei looked at the incredible crowd of people on both sides of his path and couldn't help but feel fearful.

There were...at least a thousand people? Or maybe even more!

Donghai was a frightening place after all. It wasn't known as a forbidden territory for nothing.

If Jiang Ning didn't let him go, then there was no way he would make it out alive.

He knew now that if he wanted to deal with Jiang Ning, he must not do it within Donghai. He had to wait for Jiang Ning to leave Donghai so that Jiang Ning wouldn't have the support of all these people.

Fang Wei ran off in a pathetic manner. He had said those threatening words, but he ran like crazy.

The remaining seven elders inside the academy has nasty expressions on their faces.

"Jiang Ning, what do you want?" asked the

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Huangfu clan elder. He took a deep breath and felt the terrible pain in his chest.

“Nothing, really. All of you shall just quietly stay here and wait for your clans to come and claim you. These are the rules of Donghai, so we shall follow them,” said Jiang Ning. “You can try escaping, and since all of you are at advanced grandmaster level, I can guarantee that...none of you will walk out of Donghai alive!”

He suddenly smiled.

But the smile on his face made all the elders feel their hair stand on end.

Jiang Ning then turned and left without taking a second glance at these elders.

“Gentlemen.” Brother Gou came forward, looked at them, then said calmly, “This way please.”

Even though they were the elders of reclusive clans, Brother Gou wasn't afraid of them at all.

This was Donghai, his home ground!

He had so many brothers with him, so even if the gods came down, they had to kneel down in Donghai as well.

The elders exchanged glances but didn't say anything and followed Brother Gou out.

None of them tried to do anything because they knew that it wasn't a wise move to provoke Jiang Ning now.

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Inside the guestroom of the Extreme Martial Arts Academy.

“What are all of you trying to do?” The Huangfu clan elder clutched his chest and breathed out slowly. This guestroom was furnished simply but beautifully. This was considered imprisonment?

But their living conditions weren't poor at all.

“Donghai has our own rules. We don't make trouble, but we're not afraid of trouble either!” said Brother Gou flatly. “We also have our own rules when it comes to how to treat others. We'll be nice to those whom we should be nice to. But as for those we should be cruel to...”



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Brother Gou didn't finish his sentence, but all the elders understood what he meant.

If they needed to be cruel, Brother Gou and the wolves would be even crueler than anybody else!

They were rather surprised as well. This Brother Gou was only at grandmaster level, but he dared to say something like this.

Any one of them could defeat Brother Gou easily!

But behind Brother Gou stood countless Donghai citizens as well as Jiang Ning himself!

That was where his confidence came from.

Brother Gou didn't say more and just left them.

All the elders stood in the room and exchanged glances.

"What is going on now?" The Xin clan elder frowned. "What do you think Jiang Ning is up to?"

"If he wants to kill us, it'll be a piece of cake to him."

The Huangfu clan elder exchanged blows with Jiang Ning and knew what Jiang Ning was capable of.

Besides, Tan Xing and the other grandmasters were definitely no weaker than Ye Shan either.

Besides, there were so many juniors within the academy, as well as the incredible power of the

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illegal circle of Donghai as well. Even though they were all advanced grandmasters, none of them would survive this.

But Jiang Ning didn't seem to want to kill them either.

"He won't kill us," said the Sima clan elder in a low voice after remaining silent all this while.

His expression was grim, since Sima Heng had been maimed in front of everybody. That was as good as slapping the Sima clan in the face.

But he still didn't dare to say anything.

"This Jiang Ning is also looking for the Extreme Fist Technique Manual, and without the reclusive clans, he will never be able to decipher the secret behind the manual even if he gets all nine pages," he scoffed. "That's what the eight reclusive clans are able to do, and Jiang Ning knows this well. So, there's no way he would dare to kill us!"

Everyone else nodded in agreement.

That was indeed the case.

If Jiang Ning killed them, then he would offend all the reclusive clans. So even if he got all the pages, there was no way he could decipher the secret behind the manual.

So he didn't dare to kill them, and even needed to gain their favor, so he couldn't offend them!

After thinking about it this way, the elders realized

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that Jiang Ning had been so aggressive earlier because he wanted to protect the dignity, position and reputation of the academy.

“If I understand this correctly, we will become the nine reclusive clans from now on.” The Sima clan elder’s voice was low. “This Donghai is even more incredible than the eight reclusive clans!”

None of the elders said anything.

Jiang Ning was obviously very powerful, and this forbidden territory of Donghai had clearly become an enormous faction of power!

No matter who came to Donghai, they had to listen to everything that Jiang Ning said.

Even the eight reclusive clans were no different. Donghai had clearly become a ninth existence outside of the eight of them.

Nine pages, nine reclusive clans!

That way, everything would be fair. It was as if this should have been the way from the start.

“We will know what he wants to do in no time.” The Sima clan elder snorted and felt that his wound still hurt. He looked up at the room that he was allocated and just walked in without saying anymore.

The rest didn’t continue talking either.

Everyone had been around for a long time and had a lot of experience. They knew that they could

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not fight against a truly powerful force if it came their way.

Jiang Ning's capabilities...

Just thinking about it made them shudder. Even if they had the help of one more reclusive clan, they still wouldn't beat him.

Meanwhile.

Fang Qiu had attended to his wounds and his face was still a little pale.

Only his eyes were bright.

“Why did you let him go?”

He didn't quite understand.



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