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Chapter 45: After the Catastrophe, The Heart of the Strong

"Hmph, Old Immortal Xun, stop with your weird equivocations. It's been many years since we last met, and even if I am no match for you anymore, I still know your weakness."

"If we really were to come to blows, do you think you could simply watch as all the living beings in this city die at my hands?"

"Why don't we let bygones be bygones? Both of us can take a step back. I'll take my people and leave this place."

Ximen Cailong displayed a sinister smile on his face as if he understood Xun Xiangzhou extremely well, confident that Xun Xiangzhou would not engage in battle with him over these city dwellers.

It was clear that Ximen Cailong and Xun Xiangzhou were old acquaintances. In Ximen Cailong's mind, Xun Xiangzhou was a man with a great sense of altruism. Desolate Sky City had a population of tens of thousands, and even more, seven out of ten were common folk.

Should he cast his Demonic Techniques, Xun Xiangzhou would surely intervene to save those people. By then, he would be too distracted to pay attention to Lin Chen and the others, leaving him at a disadvantage.

"How do you know I am still of the same state of mind as before?"

"After all these years, you still have that inexplicable confidence. If you dare to make a move, I can assure you that today you will certainly be cut down right here."

Xun Xiangzhou looked at Ximen Cailong with a serene expression on his face, showing no sign of weakening in his aura in response to Ximen Cailong's provocations.

Many years had passed, and Xun Xiangzhou's strength was no longer what it used to be.

Seeing Xun Xiangzhou so calm, Ximen Cailong felt shocked, and a sudden fear took hold of him internally.

Xun Xiangzhou himself was not weak, and coupled with his unpredictable mastery of Spiritual Formations, he might have really improved a great deal over the years, not at all seeming to be bluffing.

Although Ximen Cailong was very eager to kill Lin Chen on the spot, Xun Xiangzhou's words made him hesitate to act.

"Come over here. The people from Jade Cauldron Sect will likely arrive soon, and it will be troublesome then. We must leave quickly."

Ximen Cailong's whisper echoed in Li Dashan's ears, causing his heart to jump with alarm.

From Ximen Cailong's whisper, he could hear Ximen Cailong's wariness, and he hadn't expected the present Xun Xiangzhou to be so powerful that even Brother Ximen was afraid.

So, he quickly and stealthily got Li Chu to his side, preparing to retreat.

At this moment, Ximen Cailong was truly panicked. If Xun Xiangzhou attacked him, he could at most release his Demonic Techniques to affect Desolate Sky City, hold Xun Xiangzhou off for a while, and then flee.

But for Li Dashan and Li Chu and the others, he feared he wouldn't be able to take them with him, let alone his plans to kill Lin Chen.

Lin Chen's talent was indeed fearsome; if this child were to grow up, he would surely become a great enemy of their Black Cloud Sect.

But Ximen Cailong was not yet willing to gamble with his life to strike against Lin Chen.

Swoosh, swoosh—

Suddenly, Ximen Cailong made his move.

The people from the Lin Family felt enormous pressure, all scrambling to protect Lin Chen, while Lin Chen himself did not show weakness, circulating his Spiritual Power to the extreme, preparing to face the enemy.

However, Ximen Cailong wasn't attacking Lin Chen at all.

Instead, with a great wave of his hand, he grabbed Li Dashan and Li Chu, and immediately a black cloud rose beneath his feet, indicating his intent to leave.

"Brother Chu, take me with you. Don't leave me here alone."

Mu Qingxue saw that Li Chu and Li Dashan were about to flee the place and her heart instantly filled with panic.

Lin Chen hated her to the bone, and her actions towards Lin Chen in the Myriad Demon Cavern with Li Chu had already been exposed. There was no place for her in Desolate Sky City or at Jade Cauldron Sect, so at this moment, she urgently began to plead with Li Chu.

However, Li Chu ignored Mu Qingxue completely, as the formidable suppression from Xun Xiangzhou and Ning Shangfeng made him feel extremely oppressed. He had his own problems to worry about and couldn't spare any attention for Mu Qingxue.

Yet Mu Qingxue knew that if Li Chu abandoned her, she would have nowhere to go, so she immediately flew up and grabbed him.

Li Chu wanted to kick Mu Qingxue away, but Ximen Cailong used his spiritual power to lift her onto the black cloud, his eyes showing a bit of appreciation as he looked at her.

Li Chu was puzzled, could it be that this old man also hankered after women and took a fancy to Mu Qingxue?

Since Ximen Cailong had acted in such a way, Li Chu naturally didn't dare to say anything more.

Glancing at Mu Qingxue, Ximen Cailong's eyes brightened. This woman had the Ice Extreme Meridian, and she could abandon the man who had adored her for three years so easily; such a ruthless temperament meant she was well-suited to cultivate at their Black Cloud Sect.

Then, the four of them escaped the place on the black cloud.

Above the square, Li Huan and Mu Qingxuan had faces bleak as death, completely unable to foresee that things would develop to this point.

Li Dashan and Li Chu had actually colluded with the Demonic Path, something they had been completely unaware of.

Li Huan's heart was the most painful. His father had always preferred his older brother, and Li Huan had always thought of himself as just a foil, so he had been arrogant and domineering to attract his father's attention.

But no matter how arrogant and domineering Li Huan was, he never thought of becoming a person from the Heretic Demonic Path. Yet his father and brother had been keeping it a secret from him all along; at this moment, he deeply felt the sense of abandonment.

Meanwhile, Mu Qingxue, watching her sister leave, felt equally lost and confused.

Three years ago, she had greatly envied and even been jealous of her sister for having such a good man as Lin Chen, even though she had always liked Lin Chen herself.

However, her sister had recently become involved with Li Chu, casting Lin Chen aside, which both shocked and delighted Mu Qingxuan — now she saw her chance.

Yet, she had not expected her sister to join forces with Li Chu to frame Lin Chen, leaving her unsure of how to face Lin Chen now.

Her sister had now even left with someone from the Demonic Path. With such actions, did she ever consider the Mu Family and how the Mu Family would face the rumors and troubles from Desolate Sky City in the future?

"Huff... Finally gone, thank you, Elder, for intervening to save us."

Ning Shangfeng heaved a long sigh of relief, watching Ximen Cailong and the others depart before bowing deeply to Xun Xiangzhou.

This was Jade Cauldron Sect's territory, and if Xun Xiangzhou hadn't acted, the outcome for Desolate Sky City, Lin Chen, and even Ning Shangfeng himself could have been disastrous.

At the moment, Ning Shangfeng was immensely relieved, realizing how close he had come to admitting Li Chu into the Sect.

Clearly, Li Chu's entry into the Jade Cauldron Sect was a plot set by the Black Cloud Sect. If not for Lin Chen's coincidental exposure of the conspiracy, allowing Li Chu to infiltrate the Jade Cauldron's interior would have had unimaginable consequences.

At this moment, Lin Chen also let out a long breath. With Ximen Cailong and Li Dashan gone, the oppressive feeling on him finally lifted.

Even a warrior of the Heaven-reaching Realm felt this way; warriors above the Heaven-reaching Realm must be incredibly powerful.

Lin Chen clenched his fists tightly, a sharp light flashing in his eyes as he resolved to become a strong figure.

Before real powerhouses, they were as insignificant as ants.

Looking at Xun Xiangzhou, Lin Chen felt that this old man was not as simple as he appeared on the surface.