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Chapter 83: Defeat Them One by One

Hearing Situ Yunde's words, Xu Xinghai smiled faintly, with a hint of disdain flashing in his eyes, "The Situ family indeed has deep roots in Binhai and possesses extraordinary strength, but some things are not as simple as they appear on the surface."

After speaking, Xu Xinghai released a powerful aura, which immediately made Situ Xian and his son Situ Yunde shiver with apprehension.

Situ Yunde felt an intense pressure emanating from Xu Xinghai; he, a martial artist at the Inner Strength Early Stage, actually felt a suffocating oppression.

Situ Xian also felt a mild shock, but he quickly snorted.

This light snort, though not loud, was like a giant bell, deep and domineering, shattering the oppressive feeling coming from Xu Xinghai.

A spark of admiration flashed in Xu Xinghai's eyes as he looked at Situ Xian and said, "Senior Situ truly is unfathomable; I admire your skill."

Situ Xian snorted lightly, "At such a young age, to have achieved such a realm of cultivation, you are indeed worthy of being from the Xu Family."

His words had a probing meaning to them.

Xu Xinghai naturally heard the implication and acknowledged with a slight smile, "In my family, I am not the most outstanding. Moreover, your son has actually met another member of my family's generation."

Situ Yunde's face showed surprise, "Who?"

Situ Xian's mind stirred, recalling the mysterious young man who was with Qi Tai and Zhang Long, mentioned by his son Situ Yunxin a few days ago. His expression changed as he looked at Xu Xinghai, "Are you referring to that mysterious young man who suddenly appeared at the Dragon and Tiger Hall?"

Xu Xinghai clapped his hands and laughed, "As expected of the Family Head of the Situ family, nothing can be hidden from you. Yes, he's exactly the person I'm speaking of. His name is Xu Xingzhou, my cousin."

Situ Xian's pupils contracted slightly.

Situ Yunde frowned and said, "You mean to say, your cousin intends to aid that Yang Fei?"

Xu Xinghai nodded, "Isn't it obvious? If he didn't want to help Yang Fei, why would he have taken Qi Tai and Zhang Long to back Yang Fei up that day? I surmise that my cousin must have seen potential in this young man named Yang Fei, wishing to recruit him for his own use."

Situ Yunde, lacking understanding of the Xu Family, snorted coldly upon hearing this, "Then your cousin is seeking his own death. To daringly oppose the Situ family over a mere nobody with no background, foolishness!"

Xu Xinghai chuckled with a touch of scorn.

Situ Xian sharply scolded, "Yunde, shut your mouth."

Then, he looked at Xu Xinghai and asked, "Are you truly a member of the Xu Family? What proof do you have?"

Xu Xinghai responded with a faint smile and a flip of his hand.

Instantly, an unnerving malicious aura emanated, and as the father and son looked at his right hand, they saw it turn purple-black with a faint aura of death hanging over the palm.

Although Situ Xian maintained his composure, Situ Yunde's face was covered in horror and astonishment, exclaiming, "Infusing poison within the body, this is the Poison Palm, such a domineering skill!"

Xu Xinghai was pleased with Situ Yunde's reaction. After retracting his power, his hand returned to its normal color, and he said to Situ Xian, "Do you still have any doubts, Senior?"

Situ Xian shook his head and sighed, "It's a skill of the Xu Family, no mistake."

Xu Xinghai said, "My cousin is only twenty-seven this year, more than four years younger than me, but he has already reached the Mid Stage of Inner Strength, his talent surpassing mine. Coupled with the poison skills of the Xu Family, I'm afraid even you, Senior, would struggle to suppress him, wouldn't you?"

Situ Xian smiled faintly in response, "Without engaging in battle, victory or defeat is unknown, however, I am not so fearful of him."

Xu Xinghai nodded and added, "Senior, you're at the Late Stage Peak of Inner Strength, virtually a foot into the threshold of the Energy Transformation Realm, a great master indeed. Even if my cousin has the poison skills, as long as you take precautions, he should not be able to injure you. But apart from you, when we look at the entire Situ aristocratic family, I'm afraid there's no one else who could restrain my cousin, right?"

Situ Xian's expression turned serious, he nodded and did not argue.

Even he himself wouldn't dare to claim he could firmly suppress Xu Xingzhou.

After all, the Xu Family's poison skills were notoriously fierce fifty years ago.

Seeing his father's grave expression, Situ Yunde also realized the seriousness of the situation, and said, "I had not expected that the youngster would have the help of such a master; it seems my investigation was not thorough enough."

Xu Xinghai shook his head and said, "If it weren't for someone like me, a descendant of the Xu Family, outsiders would not know this, so the intelligence of the Situ family is not to blame. However, now you should know that dealing with that Yang Fei is not as easy as you thought."

Situ Xian looked at him and asked, "What do you mean by suggesting collaboration just now?"

Xu Xinghai did not shy away from the topic and said frankly, "To be honest, both this cousin and I are among the best of our family's younger generation, and we are both candidates for the next head of the Xu Family."

Situ Xian couldn't help but look at Xu Xinghai in a new light, not expecting this person to hold such a high position in the Xu Family.

At the same time, he understood the other party's intention and said, "You are competitors, and so you wish to leverage the power of my Situ family to suppress him, or even eliminate him?"

With a faint smile, Xu Xinghai replied, "It saves trouble when working with a smart person."

Situ Xian frowned and did not immediately agree to Xu Xinghai's request for cooperation.

Seeing his hesitation, Xu Xinghai smiled and said, "Does Senior Situ have any concerns?"

Situ Xian spoke candidly, "Exactly, cooperating with the Xu Family is not a wise move; the Xu Family is too sensitive."

Xu Xinghai burst out laughing, "That matter is over fifty years old, it has long become a matter of the past. The Martial Alliance did not eradicate the Xu Family back then not only because they feared our family's desperate counterattack, but also because our family did not breach righteousness. Therefore, they only punished that ancestor of my family and expelled the Xu Family from the Martial World. After so many years, who dares to say the Xu Family is guilty?"

Situ Xian remained silent.

A gleam flashed in Xu Xinghai's eyes as he spoke indifferently, "If you do not collaborate with me, you will only be able to watch helplessly as that Yang surnamed youngster gets recruited by my cousin. Once my cousin takes control of the Dragon and Tiger Hall, do you think the Situ family can still stay the number one in Binhai?"

Situ Xian's expression changed drastically.

Situ Yunde, too, grasped the gravity of the situation and said to Situ Xian, "Father, what he says is indeed cause for vigilance."

After pondering for a moment, Situ Xian looked at Xu Xinghai and said, "For this cooperation, we only want Yang Fei's life. As for the feud between you and your brother, that is none of our concern, and my Situ family will definitely not interfere in the internal struggle of your Xu Family."

Xu Xinghai's smile grew, "Of course. As I just said, we are only cooperating – each has their own enemies. It just so happens that our enemies are the same, so if we join forces to deal with them, we will have a better chance of success."

As for the idea of the Situ family getting away unscathed after the event, it was nothing but wishful thinking.

Since the Xu Family wanted to use Binhai as a breakthrough to reestablish their foothold in the Martial World, the Dragon and Tiger Hall was no different from the Situ family.

Once Xu Xingzhou failed, the Situ family would be forced onto the same boat as him. If they didn't want to be suppressed by the Xu Family masters from Xu Xingzhou's lineage, they would have to submit to him and seek his protection.

"It seems you've had plans in place for some time?" Situ Xian asked Xu Xinghai.

Xu Xinghai chuckled, "It's simple – divide and conquer. The rest of the Situ family can deal with that Yang Fei. At the same time, I would like you, Senior, to accompany me to the Dragon and Tiger Hall. As long as we stall my cousin and a few others from the Dragon and Tiger Hall, that Yang Fei will be at the Situ family's mercy, won't he?"

Situ Xian's eyebrows lifted, "Just the two of us can handle your cousin and the master-disciple duo of the Dragon and Tiger Hall?"

Xu Xinghai smiled mysteriously, "I have other arrangements, Senior can rest assured."

