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If not for His Lordship, Chang Zaiyuan's brother wouldn't have died.

So once he had killed Jiang Ning and his family, he was going to look for His Lordship and make him pay!

He didn't say anymore and left with his men.

The courtyard of the Long house was covered with blood. The stench of the blood made Long Xiang's eyes a little red. He didn't know if it was because he was excited or because of something else.

"Dad, that man..."

"We're all just making use of one another," replied Long Xiang quietly.

"It's a chance for us to rise up, and it's a chance that will guarantee our position in the north forever!"

Even if Long Xiang had to be involved with a dangerous party, he had to do it because if he didn't and the other families did, the Long family would be eliminated very quickly.

He turned and looked at Long Fei as he said ominously, "In this world, money and status count for nothing. Only what your own body is capable of is truly valuable, do you

understand?”

Back then, His Lordship had singlehandedly taken down four supremely powerful families, forcibly ensuring that only four remained. That was really an outrageous and audacious thing to do.

If he wasn't capable of doing something like that by sheer force, he wouldn't have been able to get it done.

And that was why the remaining four supremely families and all the higher ups of the powerful families understood that money and status was nothing in front of real physical power.

And that was also why all of them went all out to train and groom highly skilled fighters and tried to increase their own skills. The north finally balanced out after the entire region had become stronger by one level.

As long as a powerful family had a grandmaster level fighter, they could have a firm footing in the north already.

“I understand,” replied Long Fei with great respect.

In the past he would never have been so obedient, but after witnessing Chang Zaiyuan's

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true abilities earlier, especially those advanced grandmasters, he understood what Long Xiang was talking about.

In the north, there were just way too many people hiding their true abilities away and they hid them very well.

“You have to remember, if you want to survive, then someone else must die. And now, the ones who must die is the Jiang family!” said Long Xiang. “Chang Zaiyuan and those three advanced grandmasters are going to make the Jiang family suffer tremendous losses even if they don’t perish.”

His expression became graver than before.

The situation was clearly turned against the Jiang family. He knew that one of the people playing this chess game in the north was definitely His Lordship.

The game was headed towards the Jiang family, so everyone had to go along with it.

But Long Xiang still couldn’t tell who the other player was.

“The Xue family? The Xue family who arranged for a marriage of convenience to the Jiang family? Or the Pang family who hasn’t done anything yet?”

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Long Xiang still couldn't tell, but he knew that since so many people had died tonight and so many powerful families had been wiped out, the sudden increase in resources and assets would drive some people crazy.

The Long family was also a pawn in this chess game. But even though he was merely a pawn, Long Xiang hoped to be able to see the bigger picture.

On one hand he wanted to survive, but on the other hand, he was also hoping to find a chance for his family to rise in the midst of this crisis.

Long Xiang was careful enough, clever enough and patient enough. The extent to which he could analyze the situation made him several steps ahead of everyone else already.

But there was no way that he could have imagined that the other person playing chess with His Lordship was Jiang Ning, the man that Chang Zaiyuan was now on the way to kill!

"Dad, is Chang Zaiyuan really going to kill Jiang Ning?"

Long Fei wasn't sure if he could trust Chang Zaiyuan.

He still felt that Chang Zaiyuan was a

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dangerous character and was hiding a lot. Even though Chang Zaiyuan had agreed to work with the Long family now, he wasn't able to trust Chang Zaiyuan at all.

Since someone so powerful had managed to hide his true abilities to this extent, Long Fei felt that it was better to be prudent.

"You don't understand the relationship between the three brothers," scoffed Long Xiang. "He's definitely going to kill Jiang Ning!"



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Once Chang Zaiyuan confirmed that Jiang Ning was from the Jiang family, then Chang Zaiyuan was definitely going to kill Jiang Ning.

Chang Zaiyuan would have been unable to hold himself back from taking revenge regardless of whether it was about how his family didn't make it as a supremely powerful family or if it was about the person who killed his younger brother. Now these two actually came from the same family.

“But if the Jiang family makes a move...”

Long Fei was a little hesitant.

He was now sure that Jiang Ning was the boy that was thrown out of the Jiang house fifteen years ago. Since he was Jiang Daoran's own son, then surely Jiang Daoran wouldn't watch his own son get killed, right?

It wasn't going to be easy for Chang Zaiyuan to kill Jiang Ning given the Jiang family's current capabilities.

Even though the Chang family also had a lot of highly skilled fighters.

“I do wish the Jiang family would do something,” Long Xiang narrowed his eyes. His gaze was deep and he looked like he had something up his sleeve. “That way, this chess

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game would change.”

Nobody knew for sure how powerful the Jiang family really was now.

That was because out of the four supremely powerful families, the Jiang family was even more low profile than the Pang family and the Xue family.

Jiang Daoran looked like he didn't care for the family's advancement, but Long Xiang knew that Jiang Daoran was just hiding what he was truly capable of. Back then, he was forced to chase the woman he loved the most out of the house along with his own son. Would he forget this injustice?

That was impossible.

He had been lying low for so many years and he might have already gathered a tremendous amount of power by now.

In the past, nobody would have given it too much thought. No matter how powerful the Jiang family might have become, the four supremely families would continue to be at around equal standing and maintain a balance between the four parties.

But now things had changed. A terrifyingly powerful fighter like Jiang Ning had appeared

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and tipped the balance.

And if the rumours about Jiang Ning's identity was true, then they would have to be even more wary.

If that was true, then the Jiang family would rise above the other three families.

But of course, none of the families would agree to let that happen.

Also, the man standing at the top of Hidden Sect would definitely never allow one power to rise above the rest. He could just smite him with the flip of his hand...

"Long Fei!" Long Xiang turned to look at his son. "Tell Ling'er that someone wants to kill Jiang Ning!"

Long Fei was shocked by this instruction.

If he told Long Ling'er something like that, she might not be able to take it.

"Dad, Ling'er still can't forget Jiang Ning. Aren't you being too cruel by telling her this now?"

After all, Long Ling'er was his own sister, a member of the Long family.

Long Fei was a vicious character, but he still

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somewhat cared for his own sister.

“Humph, cruel?” Long Xiang scoffed coldly. “If the Long family perishes, wouldn’t that be even worse?”

“Got it.”

Long Fei didn’t dare to say anymore. He immediately got his men to clear up the bodies in the courtyard and headed towards Long Ling’er’s room.

It was very late but Long Ling’er was still awake.

She had tried to escape several times but it was simply impossible. All the men guarding the room were highly skilled and Long Fei had given orders to never let Long Ling’er out of the room. So they would block her way even if they had to die.

“Young Master Long!” The men outside the door greeted him politely.

Long Ling’er immediately rushed to the door and opened it. “Fei! Let me out!”

The men outside tried to close the door on her but Long Fei waved them away.

He walked in and sighed.

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“Ling’er, why do you do this to yourself?”

Long Ling’er’s eyes were bloodshot. She had cried so many times. “He must not die!”

“If he dies, then I will die too!”

Long Fei felt his heart nearly stop.

This younger sister of his was so aggressive when it came to doing business and so many men could only look up to her and grovel at her feet.

But the moment it came to Jiang Ning, she transformed into a weak and gentle woman. She became fragile and would shatter to pieces with just one knock.



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“I can help you to persuade Dad against attacking him, but someone else will still try to kill him,” explained Long Fei. “You have no idea how many people he’s offended.”

Long Ling’er shook her head vigorously.

“What did he do wrong? He didn’t do anything wrong at all!”

“The ones in the wrong are those greedy people! Did you think I didn’t know?”

Long Ling’er shouted in a loud voice, “Who is the one who wants to kill him? Tell me! Who wants to kill him? Fei, tell me!”

“The Chang family!” Long Fei told her everything, “Jiang Ning killed Chang Zaishan from the Chang family, so now the Chang family is going to use everything they have to kill Jiang Ning. I’ve already talked to Dad and Dad has also tried to persuade Mr Chang otherwise, but it’s no use.”

“You might not know this, but the three Chang brothers are extremely close knit. Now that Chang Zaiyuan knows that Jiang Ning killed Chang Zaishan, the Chang family won’t let him off for sure.”

Long Ling’er’s face paled terribly.

Of course she knew about the Chang family after so many years in the north.

Even though they were only a first tier family, the Chang family was not a weak family at all. In fact, they weren't too far off from a supremely powerful family.

Nobody dared to provoke the Chang family all these years.

Even the Long family had always been very cautious towards the Chang family.

The Chang family was the one behind the most recent assassination attempt on Long Ling'er. Since they even dared to try to kill a member of the Long family, there was nothing strange about them going after Jiang Ning.

Long Ling'er started to panic.

"The Chang family...why is it the Chang family?"

"The Long family can't go against the Chang family because of one Jiang Ning. I've done everything I could, so the rest is up to fate." Long Fei purposely sighed and said, "I hope someone could intervene and save Jiang Ning, otherwise I'm sure he's going to die."

Long Ling'er shuddered. She suddenly looked up with a start at Long Fei.

"The Jiang family! The Jiang family!" She started shouting loudly. "The Jiang family won't let Jiang Ning die, they will definitely save Jiang Ning! He's the Jiang family's only child!"

Long Fei's pupils narrowed. Long Ling'er finally admitted it.

He kept the same expression on and shook his head. "Jiang Ning was thrown out of the house a long time ago and has already been disowned by the family. The Jiang family won't care about him."

"I'll look for Uncle Jiang!" Long Ling'er looked like she had gone crazy and made a mad dash out of the room, disregarding Long Fei's pleas. The bodyguards immediately tried to stop her but Long Fei cast them a glance and they knew what to do.

They just pretended to block her, then let Long Ling'er run out.

Long Fei narrowed his eyes and there was a sinister look in them.

"The Jiang family and Jiang Ning are both really unsettling."

He never expected the Jiang family to be this terrifying. They had hidden their true capabilities away and Jiang Ning had actually grown to be so powerful. If Jiang Ning hadn't broken all ties with the Jiang family, then how incredibly powerful would the Jiang family become?

The other three supremely powerful families would definitely be below the Jiang family.

"But it's too bad, the north won't allow one ultimate power to rule the north. And it's not just us who

won't allow it. That man wouldn't allow it either."

Long Fei laughed coldly. He had done what he was supposed to.

If the Jiang family wasn't willing to intervene, then Jiang Ning was sure to die. But if the Jiang family was willing to, then the Jiang family could forget about making a comeback!

Meanwhile.

At Mingjun Teahouse.

Jiang Ning had bought over this teahouse for quite some time now.

He liked this place. The surroundings were quiet and pleasant.

Very suitable for killing some people.

There wasn't a single person near the teahouse. Perhaps it was because they could sense that the wind in this area had suddenly become very cold.

The night made the air even more oppressive than usual.

Jiang Ning sat cross legged in the hall of the teahouse. The fragrance of tea wafted from the table in front of him.

He continued to make his tea leisurely and wasn't bothered by the numerous dark shadows

surrounding the entire teahouse.

Brother Gou wasn't even by his side. He was the only person in the entire teahouse.

SWOOSH!

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Many figures surrounded Jiang Ning and made sure he didn't get the chance to escape at all.

There wasn't a single gap around the teahouse.



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DADADA!

The sound of footsteps slowly came nearer. There was a special rhythm to the footsteps and it made one's blood rush through his body.

Jiang Ning looked up and picked up another teacup from the tray. He poured hot water over it to heat it up, then placed it at the seat across from him.

"I'm not very highly educated, but there's a phrase that I remember clearly," he said quietly as he poured tea into the cup. "It went something like, if you have a friend who's come from afar..."

"...then you must kill him!"

Jiang Ning raised his head to meet with Chang Zaiyuan's eyes.

Both of them unleashed a terrifying presence at the same time. The temperature in the teahouse instantly dipped to freezing point.

"Jiang Ning." Chang Zaiyuan's eyes were cloudy as he stared straight at Jiang Ning. "Were you the one who killed Chang Zaishan?"

"That's me."

Jiang Ning never intended to deny this.

There was nobody he dared not admit to killing.

“You’re very bold, huh?” Chang Zaiyuan bellowed. “He’s a member of the Chang family! My younger brother!”

“Your younger brother?” Jiang Ning laughed. He picked up the teacup and gently sipped a little tea. He didn’t seem afraid that he was surrounded by a hundred men and continued to chat casually. “He came trying to kill me and you expect me not to defend myself?”

“What logic is that?!”

“Then? Stand there and let him kill me? What logic is THAT?” Jiang Ning looked at Chang Zaiyuan. “You’ve come to kill me now, so you think I ought to just sit here and let you kill me without putting up a fight?”

“Putting up a fight is useless!”

Chang Zaiyuan walked towards Jiang Ning. Each step he took was more murderous than the last.

He looked like he had come out from the depths of hell, as if he was the lord of hades himself.

DA! DA! DA!

Chang Zaiyuan was now only ten steps away from Jiang Ning. “I’m going to kill you today!”

“I’m not just going to kill you, I’m going to wipe out the Jiang family too!”

“I’m going to kill that bloody thief of a father of yours and kill everyone in the family!”

Jiang Ning’s eyes narrowed slightly.

What had any of this have to do with the Jiang family?

He was the one who killed Chang Zaishan. How did Chang Zaiyuan link this to the Jiang family?

Jiang Ning got a little angry now. He didn’t want to have anything to do with the Jiang family.

Chang Zaishan’s expression was threatening.

“It’s too bad that the Jiang family is no longer complete,” he shook his head and looked at Jiang Ning with great disdain and mocking. “Your mother, that despicable woman, actually died early. Otherwise...”

BOOM...

Jiang Ning made a move before Chang Zaiyuan could even finish speaking.

When Jiang Ning did finally choose to take action, it was often astounding.

The table in front of him instantly broke into a few pieces and turned into sharp arrows to shoot towards Chang Zaiyuan. The murderous air flowing out from Jiang Ning’s face was almost real.

Chang Zaiyuan could insult him, but Jiang Ning would not allow anyone to sully his mother's name!

BAM!

Jiang Ning's punch already unleashed a tremendous force before it reached Chang Zaiyuan. It had reached Chang Zaiyuan almost instantly and was as quick as lightning.

This ten step distance was almost nothing to a highly skilled fighter like Jiang Ning.

Chang Zaiyuan was already mentally prepared for Jiang Ning to suddenly get worked up.

He had mentioned that despicable woman to agitate Jiang Ning. He didn't expect it to be so effective.

"You are indeed a bastard of the Jiang family! The child of Jiang Daoran with that despicable woman! I'll kill you today, then find that woman's grave and dig it up!"

Chang Zaiyuan laughed maniacally and swung his fists towards Jiang Ning.

The two of them clashed head on the minute they saw each other and the sound was deafening.

Their fists collided violently like two pieces of steel clanging together. A fight immediately ensued.

“You are not to talk about my mother like that!”



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