

When Meng Wan heard what Meng Guanghe said, her face flushed with embarrassment. She looked down without a word as she carried the child.

"Then, we'll talk to the Tang Family?" Wang Yiling was attracted to the idea.

Meng Cuiping scoffed from the side, "Don't you guys know what Jiang Hui is like? Even if Meng Wan gives birth to a hundred children, all of them will become the Tang Family's descendants. Would she give the Meng Family even one?"

Upon hearing what she said, Meng Guanghe came to his senses immediately.

"Then what should we do?" Wang Yiling



was perturbed by the situation.

After a moment's silence, Meng Guanghe replied, "Since Jiang Hui has left, let's just get closer to the child for the time being. We'll let the child accept the fact that she's one of us so that she won't feel attached to the Tang Family in the future!"

Hearing this, Wang Yiling sighed softly and felt that this was the only solution for now.

When all eyes were focused on the Snow Mountain of the Nine Dragons, the people inside the mountain were changing bit by bit too.

At midnight, Tang Ai came out from the west dorm and turned to glance at the



man inside with disgust. If it weren't a matter of life and death, how would she even stoop so low as to come into this worker's room at midnight?

The next morning, Tang Ai opened her eyes and got dressed with the help of two maids.

The Duanmu Family was a reclusive family, so they had kept some of the traditions of a feudal society.

Here, the Duanmu Family was as supreme as a god and held every person's life in its hands. Hence, a word from the Duanmu Family could decide the fate of others.

Because of this, the two young maids were extremely cautious in their work



for these few days as they were afraid of angering Tang Ai and meeting with an unjust death.

But Tang Ai could not be bothered by the maids' thoughts. Her hand stroked her own belly continuously as she wondered whether she could become pregnant with a child.

Suddenly, hurried footsteps sounded outside the door.

A young maid walked in and bowed low. "Miss Tang, the master would like to see you!"

"The master wants to see me?" Tang Ai was startled and quickly nodded to agree. It had been four or five days since she had arrived to stay in the



Duanmu Family's manor. Everyone had ignored her all this while, so why did the master wanted to see her today so suddenly?

Has someone found out what happened between the worker and me?

Tang Ai's expression changed slightly. She quickly got dressed neatly and was led to the main hall of the Duanmu Residence by the two young maids.

In the main hall, many members of the Duanmu Family had gathered.

The Duanmu Family was not particularly large, so these people were made up of some distant relatives and even handymen and managers working in the residence. The only real members of the



family were Duanmu Yang, who was sitting at the top, and Duanmu You and his wife, who were sitting just beneath him.

The former was Duanmu Xiong's grandfather and the head of the Duanmu Family, while the latter two were Duanmu Xiong's parents.

Watching Tang Ai walking in gracefully, Duanmu Yang nodded lightly. At the very least, Tang Ai was well-trained in proper etiquette, so the Duanmu Family was pleased in this aspect.

After all, Tang Ai was from the Tang Family. Thus, her etiquette and manners were impeccable.

"Tang Ai, when those from the Qi Family



come later, you have to tell them in detail how brutal Tang Yin was in harming the disciples of the Duanmu Family!" said Duanmu Yang in a frosty voice.

"The Qi Family? Of course!" Tang Ai was stunned by the news, but she breathed a sigh of relief internally as she realized that the matter between her and the stroker had not been found out yet. However, this too made Tang Ai put up her guard. After all, she was now at the Duanmu Residence, and if anyone from the Duanmu Family found out about what she had done, she would definitely not get out alive.

"That's right. It's the Qi Family! Don't worry too much. The Qi Family is one of the Eight Great Hidden Families.



Although their real capabilities are above the Duanmu Family, we usually behave as equals, so there's no need to be too deferential before them."

Duanmu Yang waved a hand dismissively.

"Very well!" Tang Ai nodded.

Duanmu Yang nodded slightly. His gaze swept past Tang Ai's belly but did not notice anything.

After a moment, footsteps sounded from outside the door.

A man and a woman came in from outside.

The man was tall and handsome, while the woman looked confident and



badass. When the two of them entered together, they looked like a match made in heaven.

"Qi Tianbao from the Qi Family is here to meet the master of the Duanmu Family!"

"Li Xiu'e from the Li Family is here to meet the master of the Duanmu Family!"

Duanmu Yang nodded and sighed lightly before saying, "Have a seat!"

"Thank you, Master of the Duanmu Family!" Both of them nodded as well.

Duanmu Yang looked at them, his eyes rimmed with red. He sighed and said, "When I see you two, I feel as though



I've seen my dear Xiong... It's a pity that those whom God loves die young. My poor Xiong died in the hands of a savage!"

Qi Tianbao raised his eyebrows but did not say a word. Li Xiu'e curled her lips slightly as a hint of disdain flashed past her eyes as if she was mocking Duanmu Yang internally.

"Dear both, I heard that the two of you are leaving the mountain because of Lin Cangqiu that b*stard. However, I've asked you two to come over so that I can give you some advice! The world outside has changed. The Eight Great Hidden Families are no longer respected by others. You have to be careful when venturing out there!" Duanmu Yang spoke with another sigh.



"The world has changed?" Li Xiu'e sneered and said haughtily, "So what if the world has changed? The Eight Great Hidden Families are above such worldly matters. I'm sure you know that this is a fact that had never and will never change! If it weren't for Lin Cangqiu's escape, any one of us could turn the world upside down!"

Duanmu Yang glanced at her and lamented, "The young lady of the Li Family is surely ambitious!"

Li Xiu'e huffed as if she was indifferent to Duanmu Yang's praise.

"Since you two are venturing down the mountain, then I've asked you to come here to get a clear idea of how the current situation is like there. I would



also like you to be aware of how my grandson died!" Duanmu Yang signaled at Tang Ai with a wink.

Tang Ai quickly stood up and recounted everything softly with her head lowered. She spoke about the situation outside, the Four Great Families, and the Tang Family's great influence. Then, she highlighted how savage and arrogant Tang Yin was, how he looked down upon the Eight Great Hidden Families, how he interfered with others' love affairs and broke up couples in love, and how he kept saying that he wanted to destroy the Eight Great Hidden Families. Since she had thought about it in advance, she spoke with conviction and did not miss out on a thing.

Hearing all this, Li Xiu'e was red with



fury. Her fist landed on the table with a loud bang. "What the f*ck? He killed Duanmu Xiong and still wants to destroy the Eight Great Hidden Families? Who gave him the guts to do that?"

Qi Tianbao furrowed his brows but still did not speak.

Li Xiu'e raised her head and spread her hands open in front of Duanmu Yang. "Master of the Duanmu Family, don't worry. After we leave the mountain, I'll destroy the Tang Family before I look for Lin Canggiu!"

"You people have to be careful. Tang Yin has some tricks up his sleeve!" Duanmu Yang said hastily.



"So what if he has some tricks? I'm breaking through to the Fundamental Level stage very soon. However, even if he changes himself, he won't be able to escape from my palm!" Li Xiu'e said confidently.

Duanmu Yang nodded and replied, "Since you've put it this way, then I'll stop worrying!"

"Right, then we'll take our leave now!
Don't worry, Master of Duanmu Family.
In half a month, you will receive news
about the Tang Family's demise up here
in the mountains!" Li Xiu'e turned to
leave after speaking.







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