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Xue Ning then opened the door.

Jiang Hai bowed and Xue Ning nodded. She didn't say anymore and left.

After Xue Ning disappeared into the distance, Jiang Hai looked at Jiang Daoran.

"Master, after saying this, do you think..."

"I don't know," Jiang Daoran continued drinking his tea and didn't even look up. "In any case, I can't lie to her."

"I already owe her too much."

Jiang Hai didn't ask any further. He quietly closed the door behind him and guarded the room from outside.

Jiang Hai started thinking about the possibilities. If Xue Ning leaked this news out, the Jiang family would be in trouble. They wouldn't face trouble from only the Pang family and the Xue family, but everyone would believe that the Jiang family was a great threat and would attract even more terrifying enemies.

Those supremely powerful families that were wiped out back then were wiped out precisely because they were rising in power and posed a threat to some others, no?

The Jiang family was now one of the four supremely powerful families. If their next generation had someone as incredibly powerful as Jiang Ning...

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Nobody would want the Jiang family to remain alive.

But Jiang Daoran had made the decision not to lie to Xue Ning.

Jiang Hai had no idea what this decision of his would lead to. But in any case, since Jiang Daoran had made this decision, Jiang Hai would stick by it.

Xue Ning walked back to her bedroom after leaving Jiang Daoran's study. She saw that Xue Kai was still standing along the corridor and there was a sly look in his eyes.

"Auntie Ning."

"Why are you still here?" Xue Ning frowned in annoyance.

"Don't be angry, I just felt bad for you and couldn't hold it in. Don't be angry with me."

"I'm not angry," replied Xue Ning. "If there's nothing else, you may leave. I don't have time for you now."

"Auntie Ning, did you go and ask Uncle Daoran just now?" Xue Kai walked over and smiled and tried to gain her favor. "I know you dote on me and you also want me to become the next head of the Xue family, right?"

Xue Ning didn't say anything.

"Didn't you go and ask him whether that Jiang

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Ning is his son or not?”

Xue Kai had it all planned already.

In fact, he had purposely agitated Xue Ning so that she would end up kicking up a fuss in front of Jiang Daoran and question him about this.

But unexpectedly, the two of them hadn't quarreled. But judging from Xue Ning's expression, she must have gone to ask this question and got the answer.

“Yes,” Xue Ning didn't deny it. “I did go and ask him this question. Do you feel that I'm very easy to manipulate now? That after you purposely tried to agitate me, I actually did what you wanted me to do?”

Xue Kai shook his head. “What are you talking about, Auntie Ning? I wouldn't dare to do such a thing.”

“So how did he answer you?”

He stared at Xue Ning and refused to let her go.

Xue Kai knew Xue Ning well and knew that she would say something as long as he was persistent enough.

“I said that I don't have time for you now.”

Xue Ning didn't want to bother herself with him and walked away. Xue Kai immediately ran over to stop her and he bowed slightly as he apologized profusely.

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“Auntie Ning! My dearest Auntie Ning! It’s all my fault, don’t be angry, ok?”

“I didn’t think through it before speaking and went overboard with my words. I was disrespectful towards Uncle Daoran, that’s my fault!”

“Or why don’t I apologize to him right now?”

He turned as if he was headed for Jiang Daoran’s study and Xue Ning called after him.

“You are not to disturb him!”

Jiang Daoran didn’t know anything about this, so if Xue Kai apologized to him, he would find out and might become angry. Things would become even more complicated.

Xue Kai figured she would react this way.

“I knew you wouldn’t want to see Uncle Daoran scold me,” Xue Kai put on a pandering smile and said, “Auntie Ning, then tell me, how did Uncle Daoran reply you? I really want to know if he’s from the Jiang family or not. Otherwise, if I end up in a fight with him and injure him, wouldn’t I be hurting my own family?”



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Xue Kai saw that Xue Ning looked like she was in a tight spot and figured she was going to spill the beans soon.

“Auntie Ning, a lot of people have their eye on this Jiang Ning now. If he’s from the Jiang family, then I’ll think of a way to protect him. Otherwise he’s probably going to die if those people attack him!”

“If he’s not one of ours, then I won’t care so much about him.”

“Then you don’t have to bother, he’s not Daoran’s son,” Xue Ning replied directly. “He just has the same name and you don’t have to react so violently. Even if he’s been beaten to death by someone else, it will have nothing to do with us. You don’t have to waste your effort in protecting someone who doesn’t matter to you.”

“Really?”

Xue Kai was a little surprised. Was that really what Jiang Daoran said?

Or was Xue Ning lying to him?

But this aunt of his was a very simple and innocent character since she was a child. She had never gone through any hardships or seen much of the world till now, so she probably didn’t know how to lie either.

“Up to you whether you want to believe me or not,” Xue Ning couldn’t be bothered with him and walked away. She had lost all patience with Xue Kai already.

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Xue Kai narrowed his eyes as he watched Xue Ning walk away.

“Looks like he really isn’t his son,” he scoffed. “If he was really Jiang Daoran’s son, Auntie Ning would definitely get angry and jealous. She might even get me to kill that Jiang Ning. But she looks like she doesn’t care at all.”

“HA! Excellent! Since he’s not a member of the Jiang family, that makes things simpler.”

Xue Kai laughed coldly and there was a contemptuous and sinister look in his eyes as he immediately left the Jiang house.

He didn’t hesitate at all. He made a call to get some highly skilled fighters to head towards Lin Group’s north branch office immediately.

Meanwhile.

Jiang Ning was sitting in the office and Li Dong was updating him on the current situation.

He wasn’t going to be in the north for long. Once he had sorted out all the information pertaining to Linglong Group and those debts, Jiang Ning was headed elsewhere to get back all the other businesses that were scattered elsewhere.

Jiang Ning had to find out what this gigantic information network was looking for as quickly as possible.

The person behind it all, His Lordship, was extremely well hidden and hadn’t revealed his

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tracks at all. It was clear that he wasn't going to reveal himself so easily unless he found what he wanted.

Otherwise, his efforts would go down the drain.

And because everything was done in such secrecy, Jiang Ning knew that whatever Hidden Sect was secretly looking for had to be of incredible value.

He was going to find it faster than His Lordship. That way, His Lordship would be forced out of hiding.

"The market in the north is already stable, and Lin Group now stands at more than 50% of the market share. As for the money that we got out of Linglong Group, this..."

BAM!

Before Li Dong could finish his sentence, someone had rudely kicked the office door open from outside.

Jiang Ning didn't move and was still leaning against the sofa. He only looked up and didn't seem panicky at all. Even Li Dong only turned around and even looked a little angry.

"Who are you? How could you barge in like this? Aren't you being a little too rude?!"

Xue Kai ignored Li Dong. To him, Li Dong was just a dog who worked for Jiang Ning and wasn't worth anything.

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He didn't even think much of Jiang Ning, never mind Li Dong.

He walked over to Jiang Ning and smiled. But he didn't hide any of the contempt on his face either.

"My name is Xue Kai, and I'm from the Xue family. You're Jiang Ning, right?"

Jiang Ning didn't say anything.

"I'm here for a very simple reason. The Xue family wants those things from Linglong Group. You'd better be good and give it to me, otherwise we're all going to look bad if we get into a fight."

Regardless of whether Jiang Ning was from the Jiang family or not, Xue Kai wasn't going to be polite to him!

"You want to fight?" asked Jiang Ning calmly as he continued to sit on the sofa and look at Xue Kai.



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