

Long Fei's feet were dangling in the air and he felt that Jiang Ning's fingers were ridiculously strong.

No matter how hard he tried, he couldn't break free at all.

His head lacked oxygen and was going blank while his ears were ringing. He was going to die in a few more seconds.

But Jiang Ning remained expressionless. It was as if his expression wouldn't change even if he broke Long Fei's neck right now.

"The Pang family...he's from the Pang family!"

Long Fei finally coughed violently and managed to say these words.

In that instant, air gushed into his lungs as he collapsed onto the floor and felt like he had just been given a new lease of life.

Jiang Ning had released his grip on Long Fei and looked down at him. "Someone from the Pang family?"

"Nobody knows who His Lordship is. Even...even my father didn't know, but..."

Long Fei was panting heavily and his face was still red. His eyes were filled with the terrible fear of dying. "But my guess is that he's from the Pang family!"

"What evidence do you have?"

Long Fei's chest was heaving as he looked up at Jiang Ning and clenched his teeth. "I don't have any evidence, it's just a guess, but I'm 70% sure!"



He looked at how expressionless Jiang Ning was and didn't know if Jiang Ning would kill him or not.

This frightening man really terrified Long Fei.

Jiang Ning was the first person to make him struggle at the brink of death.

He knew that his life was worth nothing else besides being able to answer Jiang Ning's question.

"Nobody in Hidden Sect know who each other is. But no matter how careful one is, they would still give something away..."

"Someone who can control Hidden Sect would be so careless?" Jiang Ning didn't believe him at all.

The members of Hidden Sect were so well hidden and they were in every circle possible. Even a martial artist who had supposedly died many years ago could suddenly come back to life and make Tan Xing so wary. So the person controlling Hidden Sect was definitely even harder to find.

"After so many storms in the north, the supremely powerful families have changed places so many times, but the Pang family has never fallen out of this category before," said Long Fei. "And this time, you've created such a huge stir in the north, but have you seen any reaction from the Pang family?"

"And today, the Long family has lost so much and we're on the verge of falling apart, but the Pang family hasn't reacted at all. Don't you think something is very fishy?"

He went through all his suspicions and guesses all at one shot.



These weren't just his own guesses, but also Long Xiang's guesses. Long Xiang said that His Lordship seemed familiar to him, so he must be someone he had seen often before.

And the ones that Long Xiang met most often were all the prominent members of the supremely powerful families.

Long Fei continued to wheeze and his face was still red. He leaned against the wall and had a look of despair on his face.

"I've told you everything I know. If you don't believe me, you can kill me!"

"I won't kill you," replied Jiang Ning. "It's meaningless to kill a useless person."

Jiang Ning then turned and left. Long Fei was so angry that he was about to run over and force Jiang Ning to kill him.

"You don't have to pretend to be mad anymore. Nobody would want to kill someone who's worthless anyway. Don't let Ling'er bear the burden all by herself," called out Jiang Ning as he walked away.

Long Fei suddenly shuddered.

He got up with a start and shouted, "Are you...are you him or not?!"

"I am myself, not him."

Jiang Ning then disappeared into the distance. Long Fei's breathing quickened and he had a strange look on his face. Eventually he started laughing bitterly.



He was now sure of who Jiang Ning really was.

But he was even surer now that the Long family had offended the wrong person from the very beginning.



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Long Fei took a deep breath and looked up at the large words above the door of his own house. The large words 'Long Family' were beautifully written by his great-grandfather.

And now, Long Ling'er was bearing the weight of this family all by herself.

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He slapped himself hard on the cheek and walked back into the house.

Meanwhile.

At the Jiang house.

Xue Kai had stayed the night here, but it wasn't because he hadn't seen his aunt, Xue Ning, in too long and wanted to chat more with her. It was because he wasn't leaving without getting what he wanted from Jiang Daoran.

Xue Kai had woken up very early in the morning. He was going to wait till Jiang Daoran woke up before asking him again.

Worst come to worst, he would just ask Jiang Daoran directly. After all, the Jiang family was what it was today only because of what the Xue family did for them, so he had the right to take anything he wanted from the Jiang family.

He had never had any regard for Jiang Daoran before.

"Young Master Xue, Madam invites you over for breakfast," said one of the servants politely. "She has made some food herself and has been waiting for you to wake up."



"Got it."

Xue Kai was a little annoyed at this aunt of his. He figured that she had gone a little mad because she didn't have any children of her own. He was only her nephew and not her son, so why was she clinging on so tightly to him?

He washed up and walked to the dining hall. There were several dishes on the table already.

"You're up?" Xue Ning came out with a freshly cooked bowl of dumplings. "You still love sleeping in just like when you were a child!"

"I've been really tired, and I'm only able to sleep in because I'm at your place. Don't tell my dad, ok?"

Xue Kai smiled and sat down. He immediately picked up his chopsticks and started eating.

After a mouthful, there was a look of surprise on his face.

"You made all these?"

In his memory, Xue Ning was the Young Mistress of the Xue family and never had to lift a finger to do any housework. She didn't even get to step into the kitchen, never mind actually make such lovely dishes.

Fifteen years later, Xue Ning was like a different person, and she was so virtuous now.

"Is it nice to eat?" Xue Ning still had a smile on her face. She had taken a lot of time and effort to learn how to make these for Jiang Daoran.

But unfortunately, Jiang Daoran never ate breakfast



with her.

So even though she made all this food, Jiang Daoran wouldn't eat any of it.

"Auntie Ning, it's been hard on you," Xue Kai didn't compliment her cooking and sighed instead. He put his chopsticks down and looked concernedly at Xue Ning, "Back when you married Uncle Daoran, my dad was opposed to it. You're from the Xue family! Why do you have to do such things?"

To him, these were things that only the servants did.

"It's not hard at all," Xue Ning replied calmly. But her eyes looked a little sad. "I made this choice, so I don't have any regrets."

"Auntie Ning!" Xue Kai frowned. "You don't mind, but what about Uncle Daoran? Does he understand anything about you? I don't think it's worth it!"

Xue Ning didn't respond.

"I'm sure he's still thinking about that woman even though she's probably dead," said Xue Kai in annoyance. "And now? That bastard child is back. Aren't you afraid that bastard would come back and fight for the Jiang family's assets?"

"Xue Kai, don't say such things. Your uncle will be unhappy to hear these words."

Xue Ning frowned slightly. She didn't like hearing others speak badly of Jiang Daoran. It didn't matter who it was.

In the past it was so, and it was still like this now.



"I have no idea how he's bewitched you all these years," Xue Kai shook his head and sighed. "Fine, never mind Uncle Daoran. What about that bastard? Are you going to just watch him come back and snatch the Jiang family away?"

"That Jiang Daoran has refused to have a child with you because he's just waiting for that bastard to grow up and come back!"

"Xue Kai!" Xue Ning's expression became stern. "Are you quite done?"



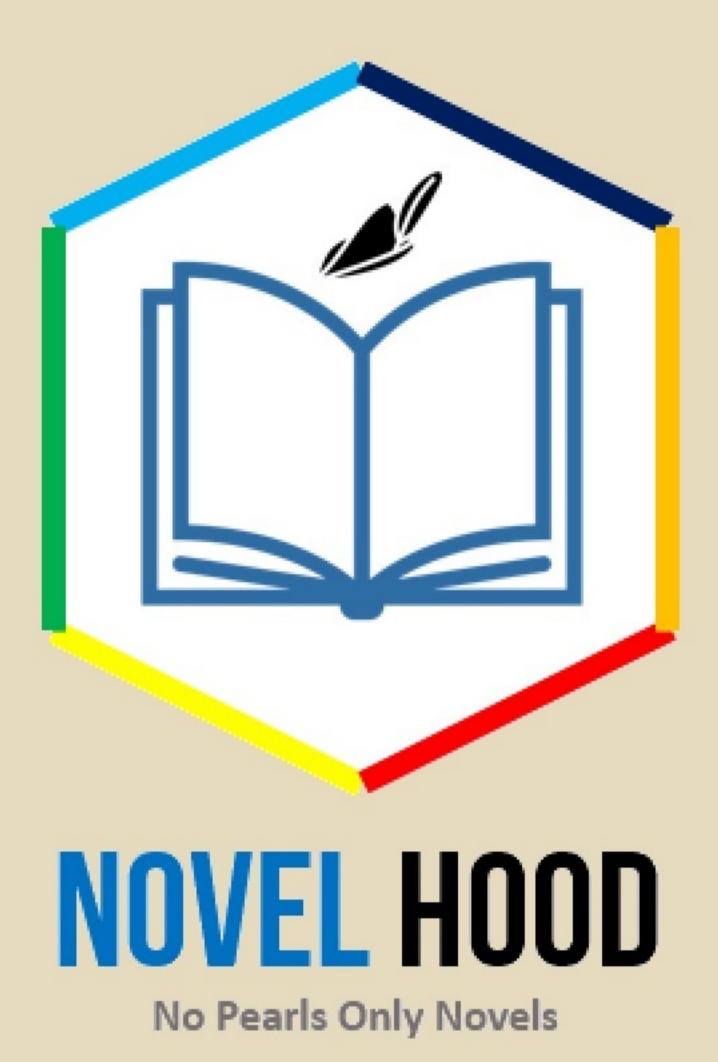
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