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The Pang family was completely destroyed in one night.

This was the family that had consolidated the most power out of the four supremely powerful families.

But it was gone in just one night.

Nobody even knew how they had vanished or why they did.

It seemed like just yesterday when the Young Master of the family, Pang Bo, had organized a major event that was well attended by all the powerful families.

But in the blink of an eye, the Pang family was no more.

The news went out first thing in the morning and completely shocked the north.

The tremendous change in the north had made many powerful families fearful and the death of the head of the Long family was like a huge hammer striking their hearts already.

They were feeling more and more wary and had to be more cautious than ever.

And this time, the Pang family had vanished overnight. All the powerful families were shuddering.

Those who had been secretly dabbling in a lot of evil deeds and had earned a lot of money

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unethically were even more terrified. Many of them went ahead to turn themselves in and were more willing to suffer a severe punishment for their crimes than to go to bed one night and never wake up again.

If a powerful family like the Pang family had perished overnight despite lying low and never offending anyone else, then they were definitely doomed.

The even more afraid when they saw that the remaining three supremely powerful families seemed to have joined forces.

What were they afraid of?

Did they decide to join hands because they were afraid that they would also end up like the Pang family?

That was really too frightening.

Nobody dared to do anything rash in the north for the time being. They seemed to have gone into a strange mode and were extremely careful in everything they did.

And the three supremely powerful families were also clear on what sort of behavior the north should have now.

At the Long house.

“Send the message out that the Long family will now focus on just surviving and we’re not after development, so shrink all our businesses.” Long

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Ling'er was now the head of the Long family and didn't tolerate any protests. "I will not allow any of the Long family businesses to be engaged in any sort of illegal activity. If I catch anyone doing such a thing, I will make sure that all involved will be punished severely!"

She turned to look at Long Fei and he nodded. "You can make the call. I'll support you."

"Also, with regard to Lin Group setting foot in the north." Long Ling'er took a deep breath. "The Long family will give them our full support!"

"Yes, Miss Long!" replied all the important members of the Long family in unison.

At the same time, the Xue family was making similar arrangements.

Xue Fangyang didn't hesitate at all. He didn't dare to. He called all the important members of his family together first thing in the morning.

"From today onwards, the Xue family and the Jiang family are allies," he declared loudly. "We will move together as one. So if the Jiang family does well, so will we. If they suffer, we will too. Understand?"

"Yes, Master Xue!"

"Also, regarding Lin Group - all major businesses under the Xue family will fully support them. Do not make any mistake!"

Xue Fangyang looked around at them and

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narrowed his eyes slightly.

After he had confirmed who Jiang Ning was and had witnessed Jiang Ning's prowess for himself, he was very sure that if someone had to be king over the north, that person had to be Jiang Ning!

But Jiang Ning wasn't interested in the north at all.

He gave up being in a position of absolute power even though he could have taken it easily. So what was the north to him?

Xue Fangyang knew that it would be difficult to become good friends with Jiang Ning because they were at vastly different levels and there was no basis for them to become friends.

But if he could maintain a good relationship with the Jiang family, that would guarantee that the Xue family would spend the next few decades without any need to worry.

Two supremely powerful families had made the most important decision as quickly as possible.

As for the Jiang family, there wasn't much left to say.

Jiang Daoran had a good night's rest and by the time he woke up, Xue Ning had already made breakfast for him.

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“Good morning, Mrs Jiang.”

He opened his eyes to find Xue Ning by his side.

“Good morning,” Xue Ning greeted him with a smile.

There was a bruise at her mouth but she didn't feel any pain at all. She only felt the bliss in her heart.

“Let's have breakfast together,” Jiang Daoran got up. He stretched a hand out to gently touch the bruise on Xue Ning's mouth. “Does it still hurt?”

“It doesn't hurt,” replied Xue Ning. “As long as you are around, it won't hurt.”

This was the first time the two of them were having breakfast together in fifteen years.

“What does Jiang Ning like to eat? I'll learn how to cook it for him,” asked Xue Ning.

Jiang Daoran shook his head. “He won't come to this house.”

“Who says?” Xue Ning had a cheeky smile. “He might not come, but what if his wife wants to come?”

Jiang Daoran was surprised as he looked at Xue Ning and had a bit of trouble accepting what she was trying to say.

“No matter what, I'm considered Lin Yuzhen's mother-in-law. And even if I'm not, I should give

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her something on behalf of Mengqing,” said Xue Ning. “Leave this to me, let’s eat.”

Jiang Daoran nodded and didn’t say anything.

But he was thinking if this was even possible.

Would Jiang Ning come to this house for a meal? Would the food he liked to eat still be the same as the dishes he remembered? Would he have a change in taste? What would he like to eat now?

He forgot what breakfast tasted like because his entire mind was filled with these thoughts.

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It was just one day, but Jiang Ning could clearly feel the changes in the north.

At least for the moment, the north had become fairly clean and stable, regardless of whether you were talking about the legal circle or the illegal circle.

Those people should know by now that they hadn’t been wiped out not because they didn’t have issues. They just got lucky and hadn’t become Jiang Ning’s target.

But if they dared to do such things again, Jiang Ning didn’t even have to do anything and the three supremely powerful families would make them regret it.

Back at the north branch office of Lin Group.

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Li Dong's head was starting to hurt.

Before 10AM, the number of people who came to strike a deal with Lin Group was long enough to fill the next two streets from the office.

The biggest problem was that Lin Group wasn't involved in most of the industries that these people came from. There were even industries that he had never even heard of. Yet these people were still willing to work with Lin Group even if Lin Group was only going to invest \$1 in it.

But of course, Li Dong also knew where Lin Group's future was headed. Jiang Ning had told him that Lin Group was going to have a hand in all sorts of industries to build a much larger and more powerful corporate empire than Linglong Group used to be.

"Brother Ning, how should we choose?"

He really couldn't figure it out, so he decided to ask Jiang Ning to make the decision instead.

But Jiang Ning just rolled his eyes. "If you have to ask me about something so small like this, won't you feel terribly guilty when you receive your salary?"

Li Dong had no choice but to walk away again.

Jiang Ning was preparing to return to Donghai. He had settled the problem in the north and he didn't want to stay here any longer. He was going back to feed his hungry little wife, and this time he was definitely feeding her.

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Lin Yuzhen was already preparing the celebratory dinner.

Jiang Ning didn't wait around any longer and went straight to the airport to take a flight back to Donghai. He couldn't even be bothered to leave any instructions behind and left everything to the office to handle.

They had to work as much as he paid them after all.

Meanwhile.

The blinds around the little tea pavilion in the outskirts of the city had been flung aside to reveal the old and broken tea table inside.

Pang Feiyan was kneeling on the ground. All his limbs had been broken cruelly and his entire body was covered with blood.

"Just kill me!" he panted heavily while smiling coldly. He didn't intend to admit defeat at all. "I've secretly kept one page for myself and that makes you very angry, doesn't it? HAHAHA!"

"The Jiang family has a third page and I kept that a secret too! But so what? I wanted to betray you and replace you! So what?!"

His Lordship was standing in front of him with a blank mask on his face. It was impossible to see his expression, but his eyes were clearly getting more and more cloudy.

He looked at the technique manual that he found

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on Pang Feiyan and calmly said, “You will soon know the price of betraying me.”



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