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Fang Wei knew that it was hard to find the Extreme Fist Technique Manual and one had to rely on chance and fate, so he didn't think much of it when Heishan said he couldn't find it. But it was clear now that Heishan had been lying.

"Hongshan!" yelled Fang Wei.

"Yes, Master Fang!"

"I don't care what's going on behind this whole thing, you'd better find out exactly how all of this happened! No matter who it entails, dig them out!"

"An elder of the Fang family has died, so you must catch hold of the killer, you hear me?"

"Yes, Master Fang!" replied Fang Hongshan.

He knew that this was going to be Fang Wei's attitude towards this matter.

He didn't think it would involve Fang Qiu. Fang Qiu was one of Fang Wei's four children, and he wasn't even the most outstanding. But even so, if Fang Wei wanted to punish Fang Qiu severely, then that was something very frightening to even think about.

"Master Fang, Fang Qiu is here."

Fang Qiu was outside the door of the main hall and his face was pale.

He had already heard about Heishan's death.

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When he heard someone call his name inside the hall, he swallowed and he was overcome with fear.

Even though the man seated at the head was his own father, he was still terrified.

That was because he knew that nobody was more vicious and impartial than Fang Wei!

He nervously walked into the hall and called out respectfully, "Master Fang!"

He didn't even dare to call this man his father in this place.

"Humph!" Fang Wei slammed a palm against the armrest. "Fang Qiu, how dare you!"

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Fang Qiu immediately dropped to his knees.

"Master Fang, please spare me!"

"Spare you?" Fang Wei got up and looked down at Fang Qiu. "Did you think I'd spare you just because you're my son? If you go against the clan rules, then you shall be punished accordingly!"

"You left the mountain without permission, so you shall get 80 strokes of the paddle!"

Since the elder in charge of disciplinary matters was dead, Fang Wei would take over.

He didn't ask Fang Qiu anything about Heishan

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and just meted out punishment first. He didn't even hold back or hesitate and let his men drag Fang Qiu out.

In no time, there was howling and screaming coming from outside.

Nobody inside the hall dared to say anything.

Everyone knew that Fang Wei's temperament had always been like this. If anybody dared to plead for him, Fang Qiu would get it even worse.

The howls slowly died down and Fang Qiu was dragged back in. He was sprawled on the floor and covered with blood.

"Master Fang, the punishment has been given out."

Fang Hongshan looked at Fang Qiu with no sympathy in his eyes at all.

Out of Fang Wei's four children, Fang Qiu was the most inconspicuous one of all, and he was the least likely to become the next head of the family.

This immature young fellow was probably tempted and used by Heishan. Otherwise there was no way he would dare to ignore the clan rules and just leave the mountain secretly!

"Fang Qiu," called out Fang Wei.

Fang Qiu shuddered on the floor as he grit his teeth and his voice trembled, "Yes, Master Fang."

“Who let you go out?”

“And why did you go out? You’d better tell me everything that happened honestly, you hear me?”

Fang Wei’s voice had no emotion at all. It was cold and heartless.

Fang Qiu tried his best to look up at Fang Wei. There was no way he dared to hide anything now.

“It was...it was Yan Tang!” He struggled to point at Yan Tang’s dead body at the side. “He told me that the Extreme Fist Technique Manual had appeared, so I...I wanted to take it back and give it to you...”

Fang Qiu laughed bitterly, “I wanted...I wanted to contribute a little to the Fang family...”

“The Extreme Fist Technique Manual?”

Fang Wei didn’t care about anything else that Fang Qiu said. He only heard the words ‘Extreme Fist Technique Manual’ and his entire expression changed.

The manual had really appeared out there!

How much did this Heishan hide from him?



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“What about the Extreme Fist Technique Manual?” roared Fang Qiu. “Where is it? Explain yourself properly!”

“Jiang Ning!” Fang Qiu replied.

“A man named Jiang Ning has a few pages of the manual. He started the Extreme Martial Arts Academy in Donghai and has allowed anybody who joins the academy to view the pages!”

He grit his teeth and spilled all the information he knew.

The entire hall instantly fell silent. You could even hear a pin drop.

The pages were open to others to view?

Fang Wei didn't even know what to say.

Nobody knew better than these reclusive clans about how precious the manual was.

Even though the moves on the manual weren't much to speak of, the true meaning of this manual didn't lie in the moves on each page.

The map behind the full manual was the part that was valuable!

And this Jiang Ning actually allowed others to see the pages?

“Did you say he's allowed others to see the manual?” Fang Wei finally broke his silence after a long while. “Is this Jiang Ning...a nutcase?!”

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Fang Qiu nodded. "He...he is really a nutcase."

He wanted to tell Fang Wei about how Jiang Ning was very strong and was definitely the best even among advanced grandmasters. But the pain he was suffering made his eyes roll and he just fainted on the spot.

"Throw him into the underground jail to reflect on his actions for three months!"

Fang Wei's expression didn't look like he was going to make any concession. It was as if the person he just punished severely wasn't his own son.

"Hongshan!" Fang Wei yelled out. Fang Hongshan immediately stepped forward.

"Yes, Master Fang!"

"Find out exactly what's going on. If the pages are really out there, bring them back immediately!"

"Also," Fang Wei narrowed his eyes. "Killing an elder of the Fang family is punishable by death!"

"Yes, Master Fang!" replied Fang Hongshan immediately.

The Fang family had hidden themselves in Mount Zhongnan for a long time. The rule of the family was that nobody was allowed to go out until the manual surfaced, and this was agreed between all the reclusive clans here.

But now, the manual had appeared.

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At this rate, many other families like theirs were going to make a move on the manual soon. Everyone wanted to try and figure out the secret of the map behind the manual, and everyone wanted to know exactly where the map was pointing to.

Since they got the news first, they had to get the pages first!

Fang Wei remained standing where he was. Nobody in the hall dared to speak or even look directly at him.

“Heishan abused his position as an elder of the family. He was in charge of keeping discipline but he boldly went against the clan rules instead, so he deserved to die!” declared Fang Wei. “From today onwards, Heishan will be stripped of his position as elder in charge of discipline, and his body will not be buried with the rest of the clan!”

What a severe punishment.

Everyone couldn't help but freeze for a moment.

They all knew that Fang Wei's word was final. He had put Heishan in charge of gathering information about the whereabouts of the manual, but Heishan ended up collecting information for himself.

He had hidden all information away from the family.

Fang Wei would not allow this.

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“All of you better remember this well. The rules of the Fang family are not to be broken. Whoever breaks them will not be let off lightly!”

“Yes, Master Fang!”

Fang Wei scanned the hall and scoffed. His sinister gaze made everyone shudder in their hearts.

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Meanwhile.

In Donghai.

Jiang Ning didn't hold a grand funeral for He Daoren.

Once a teacher, always a father. He Daoren's death to Jiang Ning was something difficult for him to accept.

“Don't be too sad. Since He Daoren wasn't willing to tell you anything, it means that he doesn't want you to be sad about his matters.”

Lin Yuzhen held onto Jiang Ning's hand and didn't know how else to console him.



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