Meng Shi (willow-blossoms-weep)



Nickname(s)	
Setting	The Untamed, ancient gay magic china
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Meng Shi is Meng Yao's mother. She is a notoriously beautiful young woman who carries herself with precision and grace. She raises and educates her son well despite being trapped as a prostitute. Meng Shi dies of illness in the Yunping brothel years before The Untamed canon begins.

History (Original)

Meng Shi becomes widely known among prostitutes at a young age for both her beauty and her ability to read. This attracts the attention of Sect Leader Jin Guangshan, who visits the brothel specifically to woo her. He gives Meng Shi a pearl as a token of devotion, as he does for many of his conquests. When Meng Shi becomes pregnant with Jin Guangshan's child, she holds confidence that her love will return for her and their son; he will buy her freedom. He never does. She never loses hope in the pearl and his promises.

Meng Shi devotes herself to raising A-Yao properly, teaching him formal speech, poetry, calligraphy, manners and polite smiles. Though she knows nothing about cultivation herself, she buys books on meditation and sword forms to teach from. She is preparing her son for life as an esteemed cultivator of the Jin Sect.

She first becomes sick when Meng Yao is nine, a fever that recedes into mild illness which lingers and gradually worsens. Two years later, she consults a doctor, but cannot afford one skilled enough to identify her sickness. When Meng Yao is thirteen, a displeased brothel client beats and humiliates Meng Shi in public; she never fully recovers, physically. Meng Shi dies when her son is fourteen, still believing that Jin Guangshan meant to come back for them.

Instances

Light and Color

In **by your clear light and color,** Wei Ying accompanies Meng Yao to visit his mother's grave. When they are ambushed and the ground is disturbed by an explosion, Wei Ying stuffs a fragment of Yin Iron inside Meng Shi's withered corpse to hide it. This accidentally revives Meng Shi as a fierce corpse, who Wei Ying manages to calm and restore to consciousness. Being alive is shocking and requires some adjustment, particularly to her son being an adult and Jin Guangshan being a horrible person. [Wiki]

Let the Children Come

In **let the children come to me**, time traveling Lan Xichen rescues Meng Shi and Meng Yao from the brothel and drastically improves both of their futures. [Wiki]

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