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Chapter 701 Acts of Sending a Person's Head

As one of the top-tier behemoths on the Five Continents, Tribe is involved in many more industries than just comics...

There's always a fair bit of competition between the different departments.

So, when Shadow and Tribe Comics had a fallout, the other departments were simply bystanders!

Let's not kid ourselves, we're all part of the same company.

What does the comics team's troubles have to do with the rest of us? Would Ling Kong hand out salaries and also include a late-night snack for us all?

But who would have thought!

There is indeed a connection!

Chu Kuang and Xian Yu actually left Tribe!

Let's not talk about Xian Yu.

Because Xian Yu didn't have much to do with Tribe Literature anyway.

Xian Yu leaving Tribe would be a headache for the other related departments and key leaders...

But Chu Kuang is different!

Chu Kuang's short stories have always been a secret weapon for Tribe Literature!

Have you forgotten?

How did Tribe Literature suppress Blog Literature?

Was it not Chu Kuang's classic short stories that pulverized Blog Literature until it was out of steam?

That's right.

Chu Kuang did help Blog once, and then Tribe Literature experienced the horrifying pressure Blog faced when dealing directly with Chu Kuang...

He's a freaking freak!

Whichever side he joins, he can just lie there and the rest will follow!

Although Chu Kuang hasn't made a move recently, his presence is something Tribe keeps a close eye on.

Beyond any doubt, Chu Kuang has a deeper bond with Tribe Literature than with Blog, which at most, occasionally tosses him a bone.

As a consequence of a daring move by Tribe Comics ——

Hitting the bull across the waters!

Appearing to target Shadow but actually aiming at Chu Kuang!

They pushed Chu Kuang away!

Tribe Literature has suddenly lost its "daddy"!

Chu Kuang will never collaborate with Tribe again in the future!

Blog must be laughing their asses off right now!

If they don't welcome Chu Kuang as a father with open arms, then their leaders' brains must be filled with sulfuric acid!

Will Blog Literature not stir up trouble in the future?

If Chu Kuang moves, how many in Tribe Literature would dare to fight?

The current head of the Literature Department, a man named Wei Long, was so furious he was cursing and smashing cups, wishing he could quarter Ling Kong!

Yes.

Wei Long was the editor in charge of Chu Kuang earlier.

After Han Jimei resigned, Wei Long, using the achievements brought by Chu Kuang and some personal maneuvering, became the head of the Literature Department.

Those who know Chu Kuang best are his former teammates in Tribe Literature.

As the editor once responsible for Chu Kuang, Wei Long had fought alongside him.

No one in the department understands Chu Kuang better than Wei Long!

Therefore, at this moment, the angriest person is Wei Long. He has been severely screwed over by the people at Tribe Comics!

Outside the office.

Wei Long heard wailing.

"We're screwed!"

"Chu Kuang left!"

"There's a traitor!"

"Where will Chu Kuang go?"

"He's definitely going to Blog!"

"Are we going to fight with Chu Kuang?"

"Who can handle him?"

"Shall we call upon the Buddha?"

"Buddha your sister! Isn't Buddha just those few heavyweights? How many times can they intervene?"

"Besides, would it be assured even if they do make a move?"

"..."

Wei Long's face turned black as coal, and he stormed out of the office.

We can't go on like this!

He has to report this to headquarters!

...

Tribal turmoil is kicking up!

After Xian Yu and Chu Kuang announced their departure from Tribe.

Their fans, surprisingly, displayed an unprecedented unity. Their cohesion was frighteningly strong, and countless discussions actually supported the decision!

"Fish Papa is the reason I'm playing Tribe, without Fish Papa I won't play."

"Wherever Fish Papa goes, I go. Blog seems like a good place too."

"Although the old rascal Chu Kuang rarely posts, I still find him darn entertaining here. For sure I'll follow him if he moves to another platform."

"I have always been a fan of the Three Bros, I will for sure follow them this time."

"For Shadow, the most I consider him is the third party, but since I like Xian Yu and Chu Kuang, I've to follow their lead."

"Just for the friendship of the Three Bros, I have to follow. This is brotherhood!"

"Chu Kuang and Xian Yu will probably delete their accounts soon, let's wait for them to settle down on another platform."

"Damn!"

"What a bombshell!"

"What happened now?"

"Hurry and check out the posts by the Yu Dynasty celebrities!"

"..."

Netizens were stunned before they quickly clicked on the Tribe site of the Yu Dynasty.

Sun Yaohuo: "No more playing Tribe."

Jiang Kui: "I don't want to play Tribe either."

Zhao Ying Ge: "Sorry, Tribe account will be closed."

One after another!

Though not as absolute as Xian Yu and Chu Kuang's announcements of permanently ending the collaboration, all singers from Yu Dynasty declared they were leaving Tribe!

Not just the Yu Dynasty!

Jian Yi, Yi Chenggong, and others also put out similar announcements!

The internet users are baffled.

They're playing a really big game!

The people of Yu Dynasty truly regard Xian Yu as their everything!

With Xian Yu gone, he's taken away the whole Yu Dynasty and a bunch of A-list singers!

Is Starlight just going to let these people create chaos?

Can they afford to play the game that Xian Yu and Chu Kuang are playing?

Just as everyone was having these thoughts, Starlight made a post:

"Our company respects the decisions of our artists."

One simple sentence, expressing their attitude clearly!

Internet users were shocked!

This is definitely the most capricious entertainment company they've ever seen!

Entertainment companies rely heavily on Tribe for promotion. Without Tribe as a promotional channel, Starlight is set to lose big time!

But then again.

Starlight only endorsed the artists' actions and did not announce a break from Tribe.

Perhaps they are leaving some wiggle room?

Still, this room seems pretty small...

"I give up, Fish Papa does whatever he wants at Starlight!"

"Crown Prince of Starlight, true face!"

"Starlight: Let Xian Yu create chaos, can't bear to discipline our own child, right?"

"Hahaha, Starlight strives to survive, not offending both sides."

"I suspect Fish Papa is forcing Starlight to break with Tribe, and Starlight dares to follow!"

"The whole Starlight company is shaped by Fish Papa!"

"..."

Perhaps they also got the idea from Starlight.

Not long after.

Silver Blue Books also posted a statement: "You know, we have never had power over Chu Kuang, the old rascal's decisions. But you should know, Chu Kuang, the old rascal is always our family at Silver Blue Books, and this will not change due to any circumstances!"

Well then.

Even the old rascal is involved!

You said Silver Blue is angry?

Their coverage is real good!

Calling him old rascal, they're clearly expressing a supportive attitude!

It's just that, like Starlight, they're not breaking away with the whole company, out of corporate considerations.

"Tribe has stirred up a hornet's nest!"

After all the chain reactions, the internet users are boiling with excitement!

Xian Yu and Chu Kuang are actually leading Shadow and even united Yu Dynasty to challenge Tribe, the top capital power!

The companies behind both sides are fully supportive!

Who said individuals can't confront capital!

Depends on who it is!

At the very least, the surprise attack of the Three Bros could definitely knock Tribe's teeth out!

They're so protective!

Some of Shadow's fans have been moved to tears!

With Chu Kuang and Xian Yu protecting him like this, would you still be lazy in the future, Shadow?

With their influence, would Tribe Comics dare bully you?

Stand tall for me!

What a b*stard!

You need to work harder in the future!

Someday, you need to make a big scene for me!

Otherwise, how can you live up to Chu Kuang and Xian Yu's dedicated friendship!

That's probably what Shadow's fans most want to see. But considering Shadow's low-key image, they know this might only be a beautiful fantasy...

Amidst the commotion outside.

Wei Long has already arrived at the headquarters.

His anger has filled his chest!

But when Wei Long saw the situation in the liaison office at the headquarters, he was completely dumbfounded.

People!

People everywhere!

There were familiar and unfamiliar people!

The office at the headquarters was in total chaos!

In the chaos.

Wei Long heard countless familiar curses:

"Ling Kong, I swear!"

"Ling Kong, screw you!"

"I'll report Ling Kong for maliciously damaging the company's interests!"

"Ling Kong is Tribe's mole!"

"Ling Kong must be a spy sent by the bloggers!"

"..."

In the hustle and bustle, Wei Long suddenly felt that the world wasn't so bad after all.

Oh.

The blogger must think, the air today, is extra sweet and nice.

How should I put it?

He was initially at a disadvantage.

But now, their opponents suddenly fed him a free kill.

Who wouldn't be happy?

Ms. Han, now is the time for revenge.

Chapter 702: Blessings to the Soul

Complaints filled the air!

The Tribe was in chaos!

While the Tribe was in complete chaos, the other platforms outside had gone crazy—

The Blog headquarters!

The executive meeting room!

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, we must invite Admirable Fish, Chu Kuang, and Shadow to join our blog at all costs before other platforms take action!"

"Give them the best treatment!"

"The traffic brought by any of these three people joining any platform will be terrifying. Our blog has always been oppressed by the Tribe. It goes without saying that Admirable Fish and Chu Kuang may be the keys to our breakthrough!"

"We can't ignore Shadow either!"

"These three will definitely stick together!"

"This is fair warning. If anyone dares to screw up this time, they can get out!"

"Even if we need to carry them on a palanquin, we have to get them here!"

"We must treat these gentlemen as if they were our own fathers!"

"What the hell's the purpose of this meeting!"

"Immediately invite those two gods over here, and bring Shadow too. Let them name their price!"

"..."

Amid the frenzied discussion, the conference room was boiling over!

The blog leaders, who were usually stern, were now totally covered with excitement, their faces flushed!

Everyone's eyes were bloodshot, excitement and tension intertwined—

It's happening!

The Tribe is starting to bring about its own downfall!

Their action of punishing Shadow has offended Admirable Fish and Chu Kuang, instantly revealing a massive flaw to the Bloggers!

As Wei Long predicted...

Unless the top brass of the Blog headquarters has collectively lost their minds, they will absolutely not miss this tremendous lure from Admirable Fish and Chu Kuang!

In fact...

Not just Blog!

At the same time...

All of the Tribe's major competitors have already taken action!

Countless emergency meetings were urgently convened in a similar atmosphere!

Poach talents!

hurry up and poach talents!

The keen sense of the smell of capital was fully demonstrated at this moment, as all major platforms swarmed in like sharks smelling blood in the ocean!

In an instant!

Jin Mu's phone was bombarded with calls!

All were cordial invitations from representatives of various major platforms.

Looking for Shadow to join them.

Looking for Chu Kuang to join them.

Starlight's phone was also bombarded with calls!

Compared to the hidden Shadow and Chu Kuang, Admirable Fish was obviously the most conspicuous target, simply the bullseye of all parties!

As a result, not only Starlight's phone was bombarded.

The doorstep of the company was also soon trampled over by teams sent by various major platforms!

Some big shots had even come in person.

Even Li Songhua, the chairman of Starlight, had to personally receive them.

Half an hour later.

Representatives of all major platforms gathered in the reception room.

"As long as Teacher Admirable Fish is willing to join our Panda platform in Chu Continent, any terms are negotiable!"

"Your Panda platform in Chu Continent doesn't have any f*cking traffic. You think I don't know that your user engagement is the worst among the five continents? Come to our Giant, our Giant has been working hard in Yan Continent for many years and can even fight against the Tribe!"

"What's so great about Giant? Our Facebook platform in Yan Continent has higher traffic. Let Teacher Admirable Fish come to us!"

"Haha, Chairman Li should know about our Special Push in Han Continent. Special Push sincerely invites you, Chairman Li. If Teacher Admirable Fish can persuade Shadow and Teacher Chu Kuang to come together, all future promotions of Starlight will get a Special Push on our platform!"

"I'm not targeting anyone. I'm saying, among all of you present, are there platforms hotter than our Blog besides the stupid Tribe?"

"That Blog which was beaten into a stray dog by the Tribe?"

"How dare you talk like that!"

"I can talk like that, what of it!"

"..."

Usually well-dressed big shots, today they're arguing face to face like market aunties, almost ready to fight at any instant.

"I need to use the bathroom!"

Li Songhua found an excuse, and finally managed to beat a hasty and uncomfortable retreat from the reception room amidst the crowd.

Standing at the door of the reception room.

Hearing the quarrelling behind him, Li Songhua rubbed his temples, his cheeks twitching uncontrollably.

What the hell is this all about?

This morning, Lin Yuan suddenly called and told him that he was going to sever ties with the Tribe.

Not for discussion.

But for notification.

Li Songhua was stunned at that moment.

By the time he understood the causes and effects of the incident, the declaration of Admirable Fish had already been sent out!

Along with Chu Kuang's declaration!

The die is cast!

Li Songhua could only brace himself and support them, and he didn't even dare to obstruct the actions of other followers such as the Yu Dynasty!

"Chairman, have some water."

Ol' Wang, a senior executive of Starlight, appeared and handed over a bottle of mineral water.

Li Songhua gulped down most of the bottle and then grumbled:

"The people inside really have no manners!"

Ol' Wang gave a bitter smile, "The influence of the troublesome darling in our company is obvious. If the Three Bros manage to persuade even one, it's almost the same as persuading the other two. I'm actually surprised they didn't fight over this."

Li Songhua rolled his eyes, "What do the other executives think?"

"What else could they think?"

Ol' Wang made a face, "Just look at the attitudes of the representatives of the largest online platforms on every continent. The tribe is powerful, but compared to its influence on us, Xian Yu's mood matters more. They're clear-headed. At most, they'll complain about how outrageous Admirable Fish is. Enough about that, things are heating up inside.

Do you have a preference for which platform to work with?"

"I'd like to choose all of them."

"You know that's impossible."

"So, it's unimportant how I choose. What's important is how Xian Yu chooses. Have someone prepare an analysis of each platform's situation, and we'll let him decide."

"Okay."

Hopeless, Ol' Wang said, "I have no idea what kind of shock Lin Yuan experienced. It's as though Shadow was wronged, yet he acts as if he himself was wronged. Chu Kuang is no different. Their

relationship is similar to that of brothers. The folks inside say that the tribe's action of blacklisting Shadow was foolish, but how could the tribe predict this?

They merely suppressed Shadow but never expected Chu Kuang or Xian Yu to have such a strong reaction. Not only the Tribe, but no one else could have predicted this result..."

"Wait!"

An inexplicable flash of insight appeared in Li Songhua's mind!

He had a nagging feeling, as though he was missing a vital clue.

"What did you just say?"

"No one could have..."

Li Songhua interrupted him immediately, "The previous sentence!"

Startled by his tone, Ol' Wang stuttered, "The tribe's action was foolish..."

"The sentence before that!"

Li Songhua's voice gave away his increasing urgency.

Almost there!

Just a bit more!

He could almost grasp the idea!

Li Songhua stared at Ol' Wang intensely, applying more pressure with his gaze.

Feeling a chill go down his spine, Ol' Wang nervously voiced, "Shadow was wronged, and Xian Yu acted as if he had been wronged..."

Crack.

It was an epiphany!

Li Songhua's pupils shrunk drastically!

The water bottle in his hand was instantly squeezed tightly!

The twisted bottle cap shot off, and a third of the remaining water splashed onto Ol' Wang!

"Mr. Chairman!"

Ol' Wang, scared out of his wits, took a step back, hastily wiping the water off his face.

What's happening?

Having worked with Li Songhua since Starlight's inception, this was the second time Ol' Wang had seen the chairman lose his composure!

The previous time...

The previous time was when Xian Yu cleaned out his tea stash?

"Hahahaha!" Continue your adventure with My Virtual Library Empire

Li Songhua's face turned red, then he suddenly burst into laughter, a laugh that was filled with smugness and wildness. He was laughing so hard he was almost in tears!

It all came together!

A terrifying secret came full circle, with dots connected by multiple clues to form a complete line. The final answer was almost unthinkable, shocking Li Songhua to his core!

"Mr. Chairman, don't scare me!"

Feeling terrified, Ol' Wang took another step back.

No way!

The Chairman must be driven mad by Xian Yu again!

Everyone knows the importance of that kid to the company. The Chairman can't bear to hit or scold him, keeping so many emotions bottled up inside.

He must have been repressed to the point of sickness!

"Right!"

Li Songhua ignored Ol' Wang's reaction. With a flash of insight, his voice trembled slightly:

"That's it..."

"Definitely..."

"It can only be this..."

"I should have figured it out earlier..."

The Chairman seemed to be babbling today.

Anyway, Ol' Wang didn't understand a single thing he said.

He stealthily took another step back, "Mr. Chairman, should we get you a psychiatrist?"

"I don't need a doctor."

Li Songhua's voice had a strange undertone: "Out of humanitarian concerns, I'm thinking about express delivering some Quick-acting heart-saving pills to the Tribe!"

As he finished, he forcefully pushed open the entrance to the boardroom. With a loud noise, he made an assertive and aggressive impression!

"Mr. Li!"

The commotion halted, and the people behind the door stared at Li Songhua. They couldn't shake the feeling that he suddenly seemed very impressive.

Li Songhua laughed.

His smile was slightly sinister:

"If you want Xian Yu, you might have to cooperate with us at Starlight and create a comic book website. However, deciding which platform to choose will not be up to me today but up to Xian Yu. Only he can make that decision, only... him!"

After all, they're all wise old foxes. What's with all these ghost stories?

Given the most crucial clue, if Li Songhua couldn't catch a break, he would not have deserved today's status!

If Xian Yu could be Chu Kuang.

Why couldn't he be...

Shadow!!!!

Chapter 703: Tribe and Alliance

Enlightenment!

Li Songhua has totally understood!

Why is it that every time Xian Yu's Shadow and Chu Kuang face trouble, they move in unison, and even choose to break off ties with Tribe Comics when it's stated?

As if, even if one of them becomes an enemy of the whole world, the other two would unwaveringly support that one.

Because Xian Yu is Chu Kuang!

And Chu Kuang, is Shadow!

Damn it!

Playing me with concluding from things of the same principle!?

The one Tribe Comics offended, is it Shadow?

The one Tribe Comics offended is Lin Yuan!

Chu Kuang, Xian Yu, Shadow—the three-in-one Lin Yuan!

So from the beginning to the end, they were all one—the same person—

The most insane genius that Blue Star has ever seen!

The most monstrously twisted perverted entity in the history of Blue Star!

Genius!

Monstrous!

Perverted!

That's Li Songhua's assessment of Lin Yuan!

And the qualifier he used for each of these assessments is "the most"!

It's not an exaggeration, Li Songhua doesn't find these adjectives exaggerated at all!

If it wasn't for him knowing beforehand that Xian Yu was Chu Kuang, he would never have guessed this connection, never even if he broke his head.

Even if someone thought of this, they wouldn't dare to continue along this line of thinking!

After all!

How could this be possible?

How could this kind of thing be possible?

But in Chu Kuang's detective novel "Sherlock Holmes", there's a famous quote:

Once you've eliminated the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth!

This is the truth, an incredible truth!

With Lin Yuan around, who on Starlight could match him in the future?

Zhong Continent?

Uh, put that aside for now.

In any case, this is the entirety of Li Songhua's psychological journey, and the source of his suddenly unignorable confidence when facing representatives from all the major platforms!

What's there to fear!

I'm not scared of Tribe Comics anymore!

What makes you think I'll be afraid of you?

If it comes down to it, Starlight can just change its surname to Lin!

With Lin Yuan around!

I am invincible in the world!

At this point, Ol' Li was so inflated he was bursting. After sending away the representatives from the major tribes, he took a deep breath.

"Huu."

Exhaling the breath, he dialed Lin Yuan's number.

"Chairman."

Lin Yuan's voice rang.

Li Songhua's voice was much gentler than how he speaks to his own daughter:

"Little Yuan, if you are unhappy, how about I take the company and split with the Tribe Comics?"

"No need, compared to this, I have to apologize, but..."

Lin Yuan knew his decision certainly made things difficult for Li Songhua: "I don't regret it. I will make up for the company's loss."

Li Songhua: "..."

I (will) don't (next) regret (time) it (dare)?

Alright.

It's not important.

Not at all important.

Let Tribe Comics go to hell!

"Actually, I did it for a reason, because I..."

"I'm Shadow!"

Li Songhua immediately interrupted with the answer!

Proud!

After saying that, Li Songhua realized something was not quite correct, and corrected himself: "You are Shadow!"

"..."

Silence on the other end of the phone.

Li Songhua's heart skipped a beat.

Damn it!

What?! I guessed incorrectly?

Please don't!

Li Songhua panicked!

A few seconds later, Lin Yuan said, "So you already knew, Chairman. You're indeed smart."

Li Songhua loudly proclaimed,

"From the moment you decided to split from the Tribe, I was one hundred percent certain, and I've never doubted it for a second!"

I won't let you flatter me for nothing!

Li 'Clever' Songhua wiped the cold sweat off his forehead.

Yet, deep inside, he couldn't help but feel a tremendous surge of emotions.

Suspecting was one thing, but having the other party admit it was another.

It seemed that only at this moment did these clues finally come together, like a meteorite crashing to the ground from the sky!

"Chairman, you're brilliant!"

Lin Yuan praised him again, making Li Songhua feel lighter than air.

God knows why a couple compliments from Lin Yuan made him overjoyed.

After all, he heard similar flattery daily at the company until his ears were calloused.

After a round of flattery.

Lin Yuan said, "After leaving the Tribe, to publish new comics, I need a platform..."

"We can create our own comic website!"

Li Songhua seemed to guess what Lin Yuan was about to propose: "For promoting a comic website, you just need to affiliate it with a platform. We can start the same way Tribe Comics did. Even if the comic website only serves you, that's enough!"

"Good."

Lin Yuan hadn't expected Li Songhua to think so comprehensively.

He even started worrying whether others would guess his three identities like Li Songhua had.

But on second thought, it seemed improbable.

The reason Li Songhua could guess his identity was because he knew the key clue: "Chu Kuang and Xian Yu are the same person."

This clue was crucial.

Li Songhua reminded Lin Yuan, "We need to choose the platform carefully."

"I choose the Blog."

Lin Yuan spoke: "The agents for all major platforms have contacted me. After comparison and analysis, I believe the Blog is our best choice. They promised to help me regain my previous comics. What do you think, Chairman?"

Us!

Li Songhua felt light as a feather: "Blog is good. Tribe is the first in terms of traffic, and Blog is the second. Although the gap between the two is quite big, it will gradually narrow!"

"Yeah."

Lin Yuan said, "I'll help Blog increase traffic. Oh, they also promised to give me one percent of their shares..."

"That's fate."

Li Songhua seemed to hint.

The Blog managed to land Lin Yuan without any lead.

Without the operation of the Tribe against Shadow, Blog probably wouldn't have had a chance to rise.

It's like God spoon-fed the Blog. If Blog can't swallow it, it might as well close down soon.

Of course.

God only gave the Blog a spoonful of rice. What he gave to Starlight, though, was a feast of delicacies.

Even if overstuffed, Li Songhua would eat every last bit!

He was increasingly reassured that his decision to grant equity to Xian Yu was full of wisdom and heroic foresight!

"Let's start the website then. What's its name going to be?"

"Alliance."

Lin Yuan answered.

Li Songhua was curious, "Why call it Alliance?"

"Because the opponent is the Tribe."

Li Songhua: ???

What is the reason for that?

Is there any logical connection between the two?

Forget it.

It doesn't matter.

As long as you're happy with it.

The decision was made joyfully.

That evening.

The Blog initiated a splash screen!

At the same time, they contacted all major media outlets in Qin, Qi, Chu, and Yan for a witness!

This shocking news was put front and center for everyone in Qin, Qi, Chu, and Yan:

"Xian Yu, Chu Kuang, and Shadow officially join the Blog!!!!!"

And there is a subtitle:

"Star artists Jiang Kui, Sun Yaohuo, Wei Haoyun, Zhao Ying Ge, Xia Fan, Chen Zhiyu, and Jian Yi leave the Tribe and move to Blog!"

After completely cutting ties with the Tribe.

Xian Yu, Chu Kuang, and Shadow, along with the Three Bros and the stars of the Yu Dynasty, joined the Blog with fanfare!

That night!

The Blog's traffic exploded!

For the first time in years, it surpassed the Tribe in daily traffic!

Countless internet users from Qin, Qi, Chu, and Yan flocked to it, with related topics sweeping the hot search rankings on Blog!

Chapter 704: Han Jimei Joins the Alliance

"Throwing confetti!"

"This is a great move by the Tribe!"

"Congratulations on a successful blog tower steal!"

"The blogger really won without doing much, he got a bunch of heads sent by the tribe without doing anything, including two super valuable big heads!"

"I'm also joining the blogger!"

"Following in Fish Papa's footsteps!"

"For Old Rascal Chu Kuang, I'm coming to the blog!"

"Shadow's fans are reporting in on the blog!"

"The entirety of the Fish Dynasty is here, so why am I still hanging around the Tribe? I've uninstalled the Tribe. After all, the blog and Tribe have essentially the same functionalities, and I even created an account before."

"..."

Almost all the fans of Xian Yu, Chu Kuang, Shadow, and others from the Fish Dynasty followed them. Although there was no sudden surge in blog account registration since many people already had blog accounts but rarely logged in. However, there was a significant increase in user registrations that night, proving the influence of A-list stars and top influencers!

The other platforms are helpless!

But they can't do anything!

No one knows exactly what terms the blog promised. After all, everyone laid out their conditions. They couldn't choose the Three Bros in the end, and it could only be said that there was no fate between them, given the extreme conditions they provided.

At this moment!

The Tribe is outraged!

After the Three Bros joined the blog, all the trending topics on the Tribe were related. They wanted to suppress it by violently taking down trending topics. But they are dignified users, their previous removal of Shadow's trend had already sparked widespread dissatisfaction, leading to most netizens standing with Shadow.

They certainly can't repeat the same actions, or they will really lose public sentiment. But netizens discussing the Three Bros joining the blog on their doorstep is like a resounding slap in the Tribe's face, making them swallow their own teeth!

"Ling Kong is such a fool!"

"Why did he mess with Shadow for no reason?"

"Don't you know the relationship between the Three Bros?"

"Do you know how much damage the departure of the Three Bros has caused to the traffic of our Tribe, and compared to some traffic loss, the loss of our users is the key. The quantity of these people's fans is enough to make our Tribe take it seriously!""

"I suggest that Ling Kong is suspended!"

"I have never seen such a prodigal!"

"Since the merger of Qin, Qi, Chu, Yan, and Han, our Tribe has been seizing all opportunities to grow and expand. The blog has been watching us jealously but they can't do anything about us. Only this time, we suffered a huge loss. This is a disgrace for the Tribe. Even the trending topics are talking about other people's business. How many people are ridiculing us right now?""

"..."

In the conference room at the Tribe's headquarters, the scolding comes like a storm. Ling Kong stands alone in the corner, his head buried deep, and no one can see his expression.

Finally.

The man at the top, with slightly graying hair, spoke up, "Ling Kong will be suspended for three days to reflect. All departments are informed to limit all topics about those who quit the Tribe on the Tribe. If you want to scold someone, you can call Ling Kong to your office to scold him or whip him. I have no objection. But the purpose of this meeting is not to seek accountability.

Did you smell that?""

Smell what?

The executives are all startled, then look at Ling Kong with complex expressions. No one spoke again. For one, Ling Kong has always been among the most competent of the younger generation leaders in the company. He had led his department to achieve the honor of top performance for two years.

Secondly...

The man at the top stood up and looked at Ling Kong, "Whether you want to cry or make a fuss these three days, after three days, I want to see the invincible Ling Kong appear in front of me again. Now, go back and reflect seriously."

"Understood."

Ling Kong bowed to everyone, for the first time revealing his face, filled with guilt and self-blame, "If all the uncles want to hit me, I have no objection and dare not have one, but I just want an opportunity to prove myself. Not to show how great I am, but to prove that I will take back what I have lost. Please uncles!"

"Deep love breeds severe blame."

On the right of the top man, a woman with glasses smiled, "You are a child we watched grow up. Everyone knows how outstanding you are. Occasionally tripping isn't a bad thing. Nobody is going to hit you, scolding you is to help you grow. But, after all, this is our Tribe's internal matter. The attitude we should have outside still needs to be maintained."

"Everyone."

The man at the top finally spoke again, he was not looking at Ling Kong or anyone else, only looking at the view outside the window, "I smell the scent of gunpowder. War is about to start."

"Received."

"Received."

"Received."

The executives responded one after another.

Ling Kong bowed again and left the conference room. The sunlight shined on his face, his expression appeared calm, but his fists were tightly clenched, and there seemed to be a faint light in the depths of his eyes.

Picking up the phone.

Ling Kong made a call, his voice devoid of any emotion, "I'm coming to find you. It's time to respond to our Teacher Shadow who is quite good at handling relationships."

"Hm, are you okay?"

"You should be worried about them."

With a cold laugh, Ling Kong ended the call.

Meanwhile, in the conference room behind him, the internal meeting continued, "Let's first see what the blog will do next. They have no way out by playing with comics. Ling Kong is not the kind to take a beating obediently. By the way, call over the person in charge of the Tribe's literature department."

"..."

The Tribe is taking action!

Starlight is also taking action!

Website construction can't be completed overnight, but if Starlight and the blog jointly promote it, many problems can be solved most efficiently.

And within the studio.

Including "The Kindaichi Case Files" and several other previous works completely banned by Tribe Comics, Lin Yuan officially brought out his new work, which was the comic he had planned.

Detective Conan!

In addition to this comic, he also prepared two new plots to be used later, since new sites certainly wouldn't have much traffic during their initial construction, and the personal appeal of Shadow alone couldn't support a whole site. It would be difficult to gain traffic quickly only with "Detective Conan".

Lin Yuan understood this common sense, and under such circumstances, he could only open a cheat code, even though this would greatly increase the workload of the studio.

Then a few days later.

Jin Mu suddenly brought Lin Yuan some good news, "Han Jimei contacted me today. She learned that we are building a new comic website and wants to join us. I think this suggestion is good, considering that she did very well in the Tribe before. The Tribe Comics were originally built up with her help. Most importantly, she also brought two cartoonists.

These two cartoonists also had some disputes with the Tribe, and their fame and ability not far behind yours. If these two join our new site, they could attract many readers. I think our new site has a lot of potential..."

"Good."

Lin Yuan showed a smile.

Chapter 705: I Keep Going Even When I Hit a Wall

This was good news for Lin Yuan!

Lin Yuan really appreciated Han Jimei's abilities.

This recognition came not only from Jin Mu's praise, but also from the previous exchanges between Han Jimei and Lin Yuan within the Tribe.

He has a good impression of her.

At least their collaborations have been pleasant, with no complications.

Unlike with Ling Kong.

As soon as the latter took the stage, their cooperation ran into problems.

What made Lin Yuan happiest was that Han Jimei brought two outstanding cartoonists!

Although Lin Yuan was prepared for his workload to triple, this would inevitably increase the studio's workload.

Excluding Jin Mu.

The current studio, including Lin Yuan and Luo Wei, has six people.

Six people simultaneously working on three comics would be doable with Lin Yuan there, but it would be tiring!

Not to mention...

Once the blog regains the comic rights, the studio would also have to continue serializing The Kindaichi Case Files!

With this in mind.

The studio's six people might have to juggle the updates of four comics, a schedule that is bound to lead to overworking to the point of baldness.

So.

Unless absolutely necessary, Lin Yuan still hopes that everyone would be able to work in a relaxed and happy atmosphere.

Of course.

Lin Yuan could also continue to hire assistants.

But compared to hiring more assistants, having other cartoonists would obviously be more convenient.

"These two cartoonists; one is Tianmen, the other is Yeshechen, you should know them. After all, they were once top cartoonists of the Tribe too."

Jin Mu introduced.

Lin Yuan nodded. He indeed knew these two cartoonists.

They both have remarkable achievements. If they join the Alliance, they would undoubtedly be of great help.

Now it is settled.

There's no need for him to stretch himself thin.

"If you have no objections, I'll get back in touch with Han Jimei."

He paused for a moment.

Then Jin Mu continued, "By the way, I also got another piece of news from Han Jimei."

"What news?"

"About Ling Kong's identity."

"Hmm?"

Lin Yuan was not overly curious, but he decided to give it a listen.

Jin Mu spoke seriously, "Let me tell you this, the Tribe's surname is Ling!"

Lin Yuan pretty much understood, "High-level connections?"

"It's probably at the very top. Ling Kong is being groomed by the Tribe as a future successor. He has a younger brother, but his brother is less proficient compared to him. So unless something unexpected happens, Ling Kong will be the decision maker within the Tribe."

At this point, Jin Mu's expression turned solemn.

This opponent was far more formidable than he had imagined!

Under normal circumstances, that high level of loss Ling Kong caused the Tribe would likely result in him being kicked out.

But he's the successor of the Tribe...

This changes things completely.

The punishment that would end up on Ling Kong is likely equivalent to a slap on the wrist.

After serving this punishment, Ling Kong can continue as before, and even continue to oppose them!

As for burying the hatchet?

Ever since Lin Yuan moved his three pen names to the blog, it's been hard for the two sides to reconcile.

Because the blog and the Tribe have always been arch-enemies.

Most importantly!

The blog had given up one percent of its shares to woo Lin Yuan!

Keep in mind, the scale of the blog is terrifying, one percent of shares is much more than what people initially think!

Now, Lin Yuan has been completely tagged to the blog!

In some ways, could the blog be considered as Lin Yuan's own enterprise?

He had become one of the directors!

So this was no longer a personal vendetta, but a struggle between two internet forces, there's no room for separating business from personal matters.

Chances are that Ling Kong will always pose as an adversary to Lin Yuan far into the future.

Lin Yuan nodded.

He did not perceive Ling Kong as a threat.

It wasn't that he looked down on Ling Kong, rather, he just felt that as long as he handled his own matters well, it would be fine.

Of Course.

Lin Yuan is not one to stir up trouble, but he's also not afraid of it, otherwise, he wouldn't have chosen to break with the Tribe.

...

The news of the new comic website being prepared couldn't be kept secret from the industry insiders, and Starlight and the blog did not plan to.

The new site lacked the most in publicity!

And now is the perfect time to raise awareness!

So.

A week later, Starlight and the blog jointly announced the news about the new comic website, "the Alliance"!

At the same time!

The names of two top-level cartoonists who were confirmed to join the "Alliance" were also publicly announced!

Suddenly!

The netizens were shocked!

Establishing a new comic website?

A netizen mumbled, "Why does it seem to me that Xian Yu and Chu Kuang built a comic website specifically for Shadow?"

It's not just similar!

It's blatant!

This is simply too harsh!

Look at whom Shadow is leaning on!

These two guys are totally holding their ground!

"With the backing of Starlight, this big move is Xian Yu's masterpiece!"

"I've always felt that Xian Yu and Chu Kuang were closer, but it seems all three of them have a strong bond! Xian Yu's involvement in setting up this manga website for Shadow speaks volumes about his financial strength!"

"No, no, no. It's Starlight going all out for Xian Yu!

"The name of the manga site is rather meaningful. Could the union referred to be between Xian Yu, Chu Kuang, and Shadow?"

The thing is, neither Xian Yu nor Chu Kuang knows how to draw manga!

Someone wondered, "Does it refer to the union of Shadow, Yeshenchen, and Teacher Tianmen?"

"That's a small alliance if it's just the three of them."

"But it's not bad, these three top-tier manga artists, former tribal heads, are sure to draw in some attention!"

"If Shadow were to fight solo, he would be in real trouble!"

"Although they still can't compete with Tribe Comics, having three top-tier manga artists join forces at least gives them a foothold!"

"That's right. Tianmen and Yeshenchen excel at King's Path Comics. Shadow doesn't do King's Path, but a site can't do without King's Path Comics. Otherwise, it would be too niche!"

"..."

If it's just Shadow, then the website, even when established, wouldn't mean much!

It's far from being a match for Tribe Comics!

But if there are two big King's Path Comics artists joining the 'Union', although the website might still not compete with Tribe Comics, at least it could attract some users.

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At least, it could make some waves.

What's uncertain is, what's Shadow's new manga?

Some guessed Shadow would go for a King's Path Manga like 'Death Note' once again.

After all, what Shadow needs most now is popularity!

And among all his works, 'Death Note' is the most popular!

Only a classic evil-pathway manga like 'Death Note' could compete with King's Path Manga in popularity!

"I already have a premonition. This move by Shadow is going to be explosive!"

Shadow has recently been loaded with lots of topics and attention, being caught up in numerous public opinions!

Under such tremendous pressure, Shadow is bound to counterattack!

Even if 'The Kindaichi Case Files' performed averagely, no one dared to underestimate Shadow's capabilities!

Not only fans and netizens thought so!

Even the manga artists from Tribe thought the same!

They are also discussing Shadow's new manga theme here.

They are in Tribe.

Shadow is in Union.

In the future, each working for their own party, how could they not pay attention to Shadow's affairs?

Bringing the topic back.

Even if they are not competitors, the people in the same industry are certainly keenly interested in Shadow!

Then someone guessed:

"Perhaps Shadow's next piece wouldn't necessarily be about the evil way theme. Wasn't 'Food Wars: Shokugeki no Soma' also considered a disguised King's Path theme?"

This is one possibility.

Amidst various conjectures, suddenly someone teased:

"It definitely won't be a detective genre."

Chuckles.

The other manga artists also laughed.

Let alone if Shadow is a stubborn person.

Even if Shadow is stubborn, with all the eyes on him lately, he can't ignore the downside of the niche genre!

He needs this new website to prove himself!

Otherwise, how could he live up to the support of Xian Yu and Chu Kuang?

But how can choosing the detective genre again prove Shadow's worth?

Shadow has already proved with 'The Kindaichi Case Files':

Even a manga artist as fierce as him can't popularize this genre.

He can't possibly stumble over the same rock twice, can he?

Speaking of which.

Tribe inadvertently did Shadow a big favor!

By banning 'The Kindaichi Case Files', they saved Shadow from taking the blame for unfinished story arcs.

Being blamed for leaving stories unfinished can seriously harm one's reputation!

But if it's banned, Shadow doesn't have to bear that burden.

The fans of Kindaichi wouldn't place the blame on Shadow.

This way.

Shadow can entirely justify starting a new project, choosing a genre that he's most confident in!

With this in mind.

Almost everyone is waiting for news about Shadow's new manga!

However.

Just as everyone was eagerly looking forward.

A post from Shadow left everyone in shock!

Netizens fell into a collective daze:

"The new manga is still a detective one."

Shadow is undoubtedly the most stubborn person on earth!

Such stubbornness...

Even after hitting a wall, he's refusing to turn back!

You're clearly at odds with the detective genre, aren't you!!!

Chapter 706 Detective Chu Yu

About what genre Shadow's new comic would choose, industry insiders and outsiders had all sorts of speculation, but no one expected Shadow to continue writing detective comics, which everyone thought was an implausible choice—

Are you kidding me?

Shadow just took a major hit in the detective genre!

Now with the launch of the new website imminent, the popularity of the next comic is critical for the website's traffic. Shadow, if he has any brains, wouldn't do this!

Who could have thought!

This guy really is a hardhead!

Is Shadow trying to pick himself up where he fell?

This isn't picking yourself up!

I mean, you fell and chose to lie down right where you fell!

"He's just pigheaded!"

"Is he too willful?"

"Although I am a fan of Shadow, I want to make an objective comment. Shadow is too arrogant. He does not accept his detective failure and wants to try again. Normally, this is fine, but at such a critical time, he continues to attempt detective stories, which is really inappropriate. He is risking the new site that Xian Yu and Chu Kuang built for him..."

"It's all over."

"Shadow can already predict that he's going to take a hit."

"It seems that the new site can only rely on Yeshenchen and Tianmen, the experts at mainstream comics."

"Three people working together might support it, but it's too forced with just two people. Do they really think two comic creators can support a whole site?"

"But three people are all struggling!"

"What if the new works of those two are also mediocre?"

"After all, no one can guarantee their new work will be a hit, even if they are highly skilled, just look at Shadow's 'The Kindaichi Case Files'."

"Shadow should have played it safe."

"I give up. He prefers risky ventures rather than playing safe."

"..."

And it's not just the netizens.

Even his fans are out of ideas.

We could say that Shadow is really pushing the boundaries with this move!

Meanwhile at Tribe Comics.

The comic creators had mixed reactions.

Some felt pity.

Some were disdainful.

Some were confused.

Some laughed.

"Shadow must be mad!"

"Still holding on to detective stories?"

"Maybe his pride was hurt. Seeing how successful Xian Yu and Chu Kuang are, especially Chu Kuang's detective novel 'Detective Holmes' which became globally popular, compared to his detective comics which were appreciated but not a hit. So he's upset and wants to prove his detective writing skills."

"He has his own strengths."

"Insisting on taking a path he has failed before, does he have psychological problems?"

"I heard rumors that the falling out with Tribe is due to the inferior performance of 'The Kindaichi Case Files', perhaps this is his internal struggle, so he wants to overcome and prove that Tribe is wrong."

"No matter what reason, he's clearly out of his mind."

"Actually, I can understand. I'll analyze his mentality for you guys. Shadow's friends are Xian Yu and Chu Kuang, these top-tier ones. Their common characteristic is that since their debut, everything has been smooth sailing, with basically every work being a big hit.

The failure this time is unusual for Shadow, you guys should know for a genius who has never experienced failure, how huge this failure is to him. Hence, he's pushing himself into a corner."

"..."

Netizens think Shadow is too wilful!

The industry insiders, however, believe that Shadow's mindset is the problem.

It might be due to the pressure from the Tribe, or being provoked by the influence of the two big brothers, or it could even be his first failure in life.

After all, the so-called genius usually has poorer stress resistance...

Yes.

Tribes Comics and the newly established alliance will surely become competitors.

But the authors of Tribe Comics don't really have any grudges against Shadow.

In the future, it's merely a matter of serving their respective masters.

If anyone dislikes Shadow...

Some comic authors from Chu Continent might not be so fond of Shadow.

Because once upon a time, Shadow, representing Qin Continent, dealt a severe blow to the comic circle of the Chu people.

Apart from those who dislike Shadow, many actually found it a pity.

"I don't know if Shadow can pull this off this time."

Someone voiced out.

If a creator's mentality has a problem, it could possibly take years or even a lifetime to get out of it.

...

No matter how outsiders discuss the genre of Shadow's new comics.

Time continues to roll forward without caring about human will.

The construction of the new website is running smoothly.

And several days later.

Inside the Shadow Studio.

Lin Yuan and his assistants were working hard.

Upon the completion of the content for a new episode, Lin Yuan suddenly said:

"Take a break."

"Phew!"

Everyone let out a sigh of relief.

The studio indeed faced a significant challenge this time!

For this, everyone was giving their all for creating the comics!

The days of continuous work left traces of fatigue on everyone's faces!

Of course.

The fruits of their labor were richly rewarded!

Now, "Detective Conan" has already completed over fifty episodes!

This speed is terrifying!

Probably no other comic studio in the industry could do this!

"I brought everyone milk tea, coffee, and some beverages, snacks are in the hall, you can help yourself. Thank you for your hard work," said Luo Wei with a smile.

Everyone cheered and went into the hall. They were drinking their beverages and chatting, thoroughly enjoying the rare break time they had squeezed out of the continuous working days.

Chapter 707: He is in a hurry

Under countless watchful eyes.

Many were notified the moment it occurred.

The controversy over Shadow's new work had yet to subside, sparking even more heated discussions—

"It's being released today?"

"It's really a mystery genre!"

"I previously thought this could be some kind of joke, merely a marketing gimmick to attract attention to the new site. But now it seems clear that Shadow's new work is indeed a mystery genre!"

"Publishing it on the blog first?"

"Is this to spark reader interest?"

"The problem is, I have zero interest in mystery per se! I tried reading 'The Kindaichi Case Files', even persevered through dozens of chapters, but it truly wasn't my cup of tea. It's far too niche!"

"Detective Chu Yu?"

"Is it a combination of Chu Kuang and Xian Yu?"

"The manga name is quite cheeky. 'Chu Yu' has to be the protagonist's name, right? I don't for a second buy the idea that this 'Chu Yu' and 'Chu Kuang Xian Yu' have no relation. Shadow is just skillfully riding their wave of popularity. However, I'm still not into the mystery genre. Why is Shadow so determined to go this route!"

"..."

Fellow comic artists could roughly guess Shadow's intention:

He wanted to use the blog to create some excitement for his as-yet-unreleased work.

This surprise move does have some benefits, too.

The main advantage is, people's attention could indeed be captured by the early release, so when the comics go live on the internet amidst ongoing intense debates, even the readers claiming to be uninterested in the mystery genre might give in to curiosity and have a look!

But the real problem is:

Readers genuinely aren't interested in the mystery genre!

Perhaps only some fans of 'The Kindaichi Case Files' would be interested?

Forcing everyone to read the new work might just have the opposite effect, increasing their dissatisfaction!

The plan may end up doing more harm than good.

As the recognized competitor, Tribe Comics also received news of Shadow's new manga releasing at 8 PM tonight.

Suddenly, the entire department was clueless.

Inside the Director's office.

Ling Kong remained expressionless.

Besides Ling Kong, there was another man of average appearance in the office.

The man giggled and began to speak, "The early release only shows he's desperate. He knows that letting public opinion ferment wouldn't do him any favors. However, if the quality of the manga isn't up to standard, this move might further disappoint readers, even affecting the traffic on their new site on its initial day..."

"It's now 7:40.",

Ling Kong sat in front of his computer with his hands clasped together: "You are one of the most senior editors in the manga industry. I want to see a detailed analysis report of his new work. Stay here and watch it."

"Fine."

The man responded.

As Ling Kong's expression grew serious, the man couldn't help but reassure: "You don't need to worry. From the beginning, Shadow has chosen the wrong path. It's not that his mystery manga isn't well-drawn, but the problems lie in the genre itself. He thinks if he draws even better, people will be more willing to buy it.

I do believe that he could indeed make it better, but the inherent weakness of this genre remains. I've been an editor for so many years, and the most popular mystery manga I've seen is 'The Kindaichi Case Files'. You should know very well how this manga compares to other popular manga!"

Ling Kong remained silent.

He believed in this veteran editor's judgment, but he believed more in the hard data!

He wouldn't slack off in the slightest before seeing Shadow's new manga.

After all, Shadow was the first person in many years to make him suffer a significant loss.

Although the main reason behind his loss was not solely due to Shadow but the forces behind Shadow...

The fact that Shadow could influence such great forces itself was enough to show that Shadow was not to be underestimated.

He would not underestimate such an opponent again.

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In the blogging world.

There was discussion within.

"Shadow's new manga is being released first on our blog, huh."

"I heard that Shadow's previous mystery manga flopped. Can this one succeed?"

"I highly doubt it."

"I have a friend who's into manga. He said that Shadow chose to do mystery because he wasn't satisfied with something. But whether he's satisfied or not is irrelevant. The problem is that not many people like the mystery genre. If it were a mystery novel, people might be interested. But it seems that's not the case with manga."

"Tribe Comics must be thrilled about this."

"Who cares? Tribe Comics has taken a big hit this time around, Xian Yu and Chu Kuang are now with our blog!"

"Yeah true."

"Shadow was just a bonus."

"All of this started because of Shadow, but he isn't the key. The key players for our blog are big names like Xian Yu and Chu Kuang."

"That's true."

"Even if Shadow's new manga flops again, it won't harm our blog. Of course, I sincerely hope that Shadow's new manga becomes a hit. That would greatly benefit our blog."

"..."

The blogging community viewed this as a casual occurrence, not taking it too seriously.

The reason is practical.

Because Shadow wasn't the main focus of the blog.

Even though they announced the arrival of the Three Bros with great fanfare, the core purpose was to give Xian Yu and Chu Kuang enough prestige.

Shadow just didn't make the cut.

Even the influential stars like the members of the Yu Dynasty couldn't compare to Xian Yu and Chu Kuang!

But since Shadow had a good rapport with these two big shots...

Why not cater to him?

It also served to appease the two big shots.

Having learned from past lessons, the blog would not repeat the errors of Tribe Comics.

Even if Shadow served as a mascot, for the sake of Xian Yu and Chu Kuang, the blog was willing to hold this mascot in high regard.

Suddenly.

Someone said, "It's eight o'clock."

Someone nearby immediately pitched in, "Has the manga been released?"

"Let's check it out!"

One of them got excited.

There were teasing voices around, "I thought you didn't like manga."

"Well, Shadow's competitor is Tribe Comics. If Shadow's manga is excellent, it'd be a slap in Tribe Comics' face. Their discomfort would make me happy!"

He spoke with conviction.

Everyone nodded, "Makes sense!"

Perhaps with the same sentiment, they all clicked on this manga named 'Detective Chu Yu'.

Whoa!

Quite the update!

He's released over twenty chapters all at once!

He's come thoroughly prepared!

Simultaneously.

Those elsewhere who were following Shadow's manga also started reading 'Detective Chu Yu'.

This includes Tribe Comics as well.

"I will finish reading it quickly."

The man of average appearance said to the handsome Ling Kong while surfing through it.

Ling Kong waved his hand: "No rush, take your time and be thorough; I need your most honest feedback..."

"Understood!"

The man of average appearance chuckled and began reading the first chapter.

After an undefined period.

The man of average appearance suddenly shifted uncomfortably in his seat, his face slightly tense.

Hmm?

Ling Kong noticed his fleeting change, causing his eyebrows to twitch a little.

Chapter 708: This Night Begins to Boil

The industry's judgment wasn't wrong.

Releasing a new manga during the peak of external controversy is indeed an excellent timing.

No matter if they are interested in detective stories or not.

The topic controversy of Shadow's new manga, combined with the terrifying upheaval of Three Bros breaking up with the Tribe, has indeed attracted countless readers.

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In some school dormitory.

The lights weren't turned off at eight o'clock.

Some students were watching "Detective Chu Yu" on their mobile phones.

Suddenly someone chuckled out loud.

"The name Chu Yu really is related to Chu Kuang!"

"The protagonist is actually a fan of 'The Great Detective Holmes'."

"And then 'The Seventh Chapter of Night' comes in."

"So that's how the name Chu Yu came about, it's pretty fun."

"The beginning is quite interesting."

"It attracts me more than 'The Kindaichi Case Files'."

...

On some subway.

Two young people were also reading this manga.

"The main character of Shadow's new manga is actually a primary school student!"

"The key is that inside this primary school student, there's the soul of a seventeen-year-old genius detective."

"That's kind of interesting, a primary school detective?"

"It leaves me a bit excited for the following plot."

"Chu Yu, that is, Conan, looked handsome before he became smaller, totally cute after he turned small."

"This doctor seems to be a mad scientist!"

"I like this setting!"

"I wonder what the plot will be like later, I'll keep reading."

...

Inside a certain company.

It should be close of business at eight o'clock.

But in reality, many people were still working at eight o'clock.

However, while they were working, some people were slacking off.

Like, taking advantage of having nothing to do with their hands, they were reading Shadow's new manga.

"Eh?"

"This new manga that Shadow released ahead of time seems to be quite interesting."

"Don't you dislike detective stories?"

"I indeed don't like 'The Kindaichi Case Files', it feels a bit scary, but this one feels a bit different."

"Where is it different?"

"Can't really tell, but at least I can keep reading this one."

"Then I'll give it a go."

"Yeah, you should like it. The protagonist is a primary school student, even wearing a full set of equipment, all the sci-fi gadgets were made by a doctor to help him."

"Spoiler dog won't get a house!"

...

In the internal blog.

There were no breaks either, otherwise, there wouldn't be a bunch of people chatting idly.

By this time everyone had been reading the manga for a long time.

There was little talking during the process.

Until after a certain plot sequence.

"This manga is kind of awesome!"

"It's so compelling!"

"Seeing the primary school student solving cases one after another feels so satisfying!"

"I've been reading over a dozen episodes in a row and I don't feel bored at all!"

"Same here, I usually get sleepy from watching detective stories or crime tv shows."

"I don't know whether to say Mori Kogoro is unlucky or lucky."

"Mori Kogoro is hilarious, always looking confused but turns out to be the ace detective!"

"I like the female lead Xiao Lan so much, my husband is actually by my side!"

"I'm almost done with the updates!"

"Damn!"

"Shadow, update more!"

"I want to see the plot about the organization in black, it feels like it's the main storyline of the manga!"

...

Tribe Comics.

Manager's office.

The nondescript man hadn't said a word, the action of flipping through the manga on his mobile phone was getting slower and slower.

Ling Kong was watching the man closely.

This veteran editor in the industry seemed to feel a bit hot, wiping the sweat from his forehead from time to time.

Was the seat under his butt a little too hot?

Ling Kong had seen him adjust and shift his butt to change his position seven or eight times consecutively.

This made Ling Kong feel a bit inexplicably anxious.

Weren't they saying that detective manga was a no-go?

Didn't they say that Shadow was just making desperate moves?

Why did he always have the feeling...

Something's wrong?

Finally.

The other party spoke: "Minister."

"Speak!"

There was a tension in Ling Kong's voice, a hint of dissatisfaction in his tension, a touch of anger in his dissatisfaction, and a sense of urgency in his anger.

"This manga, Shadow, is no ordinary manga!"

The man hesitated for a few seconds before finally speaking.

"How extraordinary?"

Ling Kong thought he would flare up in anger, but his voice surprisingly calmed down when he spoke. However, his calm voice was now tinged with an eerie tone.

The man swallowed, struggling to say: "It will blow up!"

"How so?"

"It'll be an inferno!"

After uttering those four words, the man seemed to have used up all his strength.

A sense of powerlessness washed over him.

Who would've thought detective comics could be played this way?

Adding sci-fi elements and novel settings, whilst simplifying the complexity of the cases, the once stagnant niche suddenly sprang to life!

This Shadow, he's terrifying!

Suddenly.

The man heard a strange laugh.

He looked at Ling Kong.

Was Ling Kong actually laughing?

"This is what makes it interesting."

Ling Kong seemed to be speaking to the man, but also to himself: "The game has just begun."

...

Shadow Studio.

Everyone else was still at work.

Lin Yuan was sitting on the sofa in the hall reading comics.

He was reading Tianmen and Yeshenchen's previous comics.

Given that these two intended to join their alliance, Lin Yuan wanted to better understand their abilities.

He was satisfied with what he found.

Both of them deserved the title of GOAT comic creators.

In the next room.

Luo Wei was nervously staring at her computer with her assistants.

"How are the responses?"

"They haven't come out yet."

"It should catch on, right?"

"I can't think of any reasons why our comic would fail!"

"Everyone says 'The Kindaichi Case Files' isn't welcoming to non-detective genre fans, but we definitely won't have that problem this time!"

"Detective Chu Yu even helps people find lost pets!"

"A primary school student trying to act mature, Mori Kogoro providing the laugh points, Xiao Lan being prettily attractive, the cool science fiction elements— every element of this comic is extremely appealing!"

"..."

Everyone indeed had confidence in the comic, but at this moment, they couldn't help but feel a bit nervous and unsettled.

After all, detective genres truly are niche.

That's one point they couldn't deny.

However, at the same time, they all felt that this comic encompassed all the various ways a detective genre could be played with!

If this diversified detective comic doesn't hit big, then it could only mean detective comics are beyond redemption.

Click.

As Luo Wei refreshed the comment section on her screen, her smile finally surfaced!

At the same time!

The other assistants widened their eyes in surprise, expressing their joy!

So many comments!

A quick glance and it looks like there are barely any negative reviews!

Luo Wei refreshed again.

Suddenly, several more pages of comments appeared!

"Try again!"

Luo Wei said, refreshing the page every few seconds.

And each time she refreshed, more comments would appear!

"Ms. Luo Wei, you're refreshing too fast, let us look at what the netizens are specifically saying!"

One of the assistants couldn't help speaking.

On the surface, the comic seemed to have received a great response!

But for more specifics, they needed to look at the comments.

"Alright!"

Luo Wei stopped refreshing.

The group of people huddled around the computer, going through the feedback comments for their comic one by one...

In the hall.

Lin Yuan put down the comic he was reading and stretched.

The moon had disappeared.

The night began to boil!

Chapter 709: We Were the First Ones in the Tribe

In the studio.

With Luo Wei no longer updating, countless reader comments about "Detective Chu Yu" appeared clearly in front of these shadow assistants on the blog.

The comment with the most likes is:

"All those bastards who doubted the theme of Shadow's new comic, apologize to Shadow now!"

The assistants burst into laughter.

And the comments that followed made everyone high-five and cheer on!

Because the following comments were all bloody apologies to Teacher Shadow!

"I was wrong!"

"I shouldn't have doubted Teacher Shadow!"

"This comic is so good!"

"My face's been slapped swollen by Shadow!"

"Never knew an unpopular detective comic could be so exciting!"

"This comic is way better than 'The Kindaichi Case Files'. After reading all the content so far, I can't get enough!"

"I don't usually like detective stories but for some strange reason, I really like this comic!"

"Alright, alright, I admit I was wrong. Shadow truly is a genius!"

"All our doubts are nothing compared to the Tribe Comics. Just after they banned Shadow, he came out with such an amazing new comic!"

"I wonder if the Tribe Comics has admitted defeat!"

"Rise where you fall. Shadow really did it, against public opinion and everyone's doubts!"

"After two tries, Shadow has completely conquered the detective genre!"

"..."

With more and more people finishing the comic, countless feedbacks finally burst out like bamboo shoots after a spring rain, and swept the entire comment section like a storm, causing its popularity to explode for the first time!

Everyone got slapped in the face!

But no one is upset about it!

If Shadow's new detective comic was met with a lukewarm response again, he would undoubtedly face severely harsh criticism. People only care about the result!

The reverse is also true!

If Shadow's new comic breaks all doubt, proves himself with a detective story, then public opinion will flip completely!

Now!

Public opinion has flipped!

Everyone is praising "Detective Chu Yu", and those who doubted and held a pessimistic view of it have disappeared without a trace amidst countless praises!

...

At the same time.

The industry insiders were dumbfounded.

Especially the comic authors who are part of the Tribe.

Of course, these people also read "Detective Chu Yu". It's not hard for professionals to see just how amazing this comic is, and that's exactly why they were so shocked:

"How is this possible!"

"He actually managed to pull it off!"

"This guy is truly a genius!"

"The same theme, yet he managed to make such a big breakthrough!"

"Even though they're all detective stories, he broke his usual way of thinking. The styles of the two comics are completely different!"

"I won't say this comic is better than 'The Kindaichi Case Files,' but at least in terms of achievements, this comic can definitely crush Shadow's previous one!"

"Not only the previous one!"

"It feels like even the popularity of 'Death Note' might be surpassed by this comic in the future!"

"Turns out a detective comic really can become popular!"

"Only after reading Shadow's new work did I realize, there's no such thing as unpopular themes in this world, only comic artists who are not skilled enough!"

...

Both inside and outside the industry are discussing!

And amidst the heated discussion, 'Detective Chu Yu' has updated a lot of content!

Without hesitation!

Everyone excitedly clicked to continue reading the comic!

"Wonderful!"

"The pull is still so great!"

"This update is too powerful, worthy of Shadow!"

"Did he release all his draft? Shadow is so awesome. Every time I read to the end, I look forward to Chu Yu shouting out that line, 'There's only one truth!'"

"There's only one truth, that's Chu Yu's catchphrase, it's so cool!"

"I've noticed something: wherever Chu Yu goes, a murder occurs!"

"Hell, that's not a detective that's a damn grim reaper!" Read new adventures at [My Virtual Library Empire](#)

"What's worse is that the guy is still in elementary school!"

"I henceforth dub Chu Yu: 'The Grim Reaper Elementary Student!'"

"Hahahaha, are you kidding me? The Grim Reaper Elementary Student, really?"

"I think 'The Grim Reaper Elementary Student' may work as an alternate title for the manga!"

...

As the updates proliferate, the popularity of the manga continues to soar!

Moreover, the iconic line from the manga, 'There's only one truth,' has become a serious craze!

Of course.

The 'Grim Reaper Elementary Student' joke, spawned from this manga, has been humorously parodied by countless fans as though it belongs to an erstwhile time!

In the comments section.

People barely even mention 'Detective Chu Yu' anymore, they just refer to it as 'Grim Reaper Elementary Student'!

Memes are just so much fun!

So just how popular is this manga?

Well, no one knows better than Bloggers!

As soon as the manga began its series, the number of image views explode within mere hours!

At this moment.

If anyone could view the traffic monitor on the blog's backend, they would be astounded to find out:

Starting from the moment this manga was published, the blog's traffic showed a steady upward trend!

Why is that?

The answer is as clear as day!

"Didn't we agree at the company meeting that Shadow was just a bonus accompanying Chu Kuang and Xian Yu's joining the blog?"

"This bonus is really something!"

"Initially, we all thought of Shadow as an extra, with the focus being on Xian Yu and Chu Kuang. Yet before those two even started, Shadow has already brought in so much traffic!"

"Seems like we owe Shadow an apology!"

"We shouldn't have said that Shadow was nothing more than an accessory to Chu Kuang and Xian Yu. What kind of accessory is this impressive..."

"You guys underestimated Shadow, but I certainly didn't!"

"'Xian Yu in the south, Chu Kuang in the north', people keep forgetting the rest, 'Shadow sits in the center'."

"Who would ever think that a person that forms the 'Three Bros' with Xian Yu and Chu Kuang lacks substance?"

"Although the influence from Shadow can't compete with Xian Yu or Chu Kuang, this wave of popularity is sufficient for our company to reassess Shadow's value!"

"That's correct!"

"We definitely need to reevaluate Shadow's significance to the company!"

...

The blog is abuzz with astonishment and excitement: "I'm really curious about Tribe Comics' reaction now!"

...

Of course, Tribe Comics has a reaction.

Compared to the netizens who don't know the behind-the-scenes story, Tribe Comics knew that Shadow was going to continue drawing mystery stories a while back.

More precisely:

The conflict between Tribe Comics and Shadow was instigated by Shadow wanting to juggle two projects, continuing with mystery stories!

At that time, Tribe Comics thought that Shadow continuing to draw mystery stories is merely a joke. Has Shadow not learned his lesson from 'The Kindaichi Case Files'?

But now.

The editors at Tribe Comics are silent.

The 'other mystery manga' that Shadow mentioned probably referred to 'Detective Chu Yu', right?

This manga should have belonged to the Tribe!

The Tribe came into the scene first!

Getting to know Shadow, initiating the collaboration, or even the first to join the new website, Tribe Comics.

Why did it end up like this in the end?

"What a waste!"

With a sigh, the editors at Tribe Comics unanimously turned their heads to glance towards the director's office right next door.

There can be only one truth.

Director Ling Kong, he single-handedly blundered what could have been a great opportunity for the Tribe...

Chapter 710: I will do it myself

Yes!

Everyone just got slapped in the face by Grim Reaper Elementary Student!

The echoing sound of slaps could be heard everywhere!

However, the most embarrassed weren't the ones who doubted the theme of Teacher Shadow's new manga.

Because the loudest slap firmly landed on the face of Tribe Comics!

"Tribe truly suffered!"

"The new website has hope now!"

"With Grim Reaper Elementary Student so popular, it's bound to bring enormous popularity to the new website called Alliance!"

"With Grim Reaper Elementary Student spearheading the new website, and the addition of new works by Yeshenchen and Tianmen, the Alliance is set to soar!"

"If the new website really does take off, the Tribe is going to be spitting blood!"

"Three comic artists alone cannot make the Alliance soar, but at least Teacher Shadow has ignited the momentum. Once the new website launches, it will definitely have an impact on the traffic of Tribe Comics."

"I am now very interested in the new website, Alliance!"

"Even if it's just for Grim Reaper Elementary Student, we should go to the new website and show some support."

"..."

The formerly less-anticipated new manga website, Alliance, has now gained quite a bit of recognition due to the popularity of Grim Reaper Elementary Student. Some people are even looking forward to the launch of this new website!

In the next few days.

Lin Yuan didn't indulge in any more bursts of creativity.

He continued to serialize "Detective Chu Yu" at a pace of one chapter per day, building up popularity for the opening of the new website.

Updating too slowly?

I update a lot more than others!

Because most serialized mangas only update once a week.

Releasing so much on the first day was purely because Lin Yuan had enough drafts and wanted to make Grim Reaper Elementary Student popular as quickly as possible.

The manga is indeed popular now.

He had almost used up all his drafts.

Lin Yuan needed to accumulate some drafts again.

On the opening day of the new website, he needed to release more updates to attract more popularity.

Meanwhile, when Lin Yuan was quietly preparing.

The launch of the Alliance was getting closer and closer.

In the Shadow Studio.

Jin Mu said, "The website will be officially established at noon tomorrow, are you ready?"

Lin Yuan nodded.

Jin Mu laughed, "The Grim Reaper, ahem, the popularity of 'Detective Chu Yu' has already risen. Now the ones we should worry about are not you, but whether the new works of Tianmen and Yeshenchen can bear the weight."

"Shouldn't be a problem."

Lin Yuan had read their mangas.

Both of them were GOAT level comic artists, with experience in creating more than one manga, the chance of failure is very low.

Of course.

If they did fail, Lin Yuan had a backup plan.

It's true that "Detective Chu Yu" is popular, and its sustained popularity will surely not be inferior to its former life.

But Lin Yuan also understood deeply.

Merely relying on one manga cannot support a website.

Even if it could, facing an opponent like Tribe, it would seem rather inadequate. Your adventure continues at My Virtual Library Empire

After all, in the entire manga circle, the middle and high-level comic artists were essentially people from Tribe Comics.

Even if they don't compete in quality but on quantity, it's still quite terrifying.

Not to mention, many of the mangas from Tribe comics are of very good quality.

"Hopefully, there won't be any hitches."

Jin Mu was very aware of potential dangers in times of peace.

He didn't think that just because Grim Reaper Elementary Student had slapped Tribe's face, the Alliance had already won.

Objectively speaking.

There's still a long way to go for the Alliance.

After all, Tribe Comics has been around for a longer time.

Under normal circumstances, there isn't a shortcut for the Alliance to surpass them.

"Fortunately, Shadow has strongly proven himself this time. At least the gap between him and Xian Yu, let alone Chu Kuang, isn't as big as it was before."

Jin Mu sighed.

Lin Yuan laughed.

Jin Mu's sighing was not wrong. In terms of status and influence, Shadow is still far from comparing with Chu Kuang, let alone Xian Yu.

Especially after Shadow took a break for nearly a year.

The gap between this pseudonym and the other two identities has widened even more.

The gap is even bigger than the gap between soon-to-be-launched Alliance and Tribe.

But since all three are him, Lin Yuan didn't particularly mind.

Well.

He does care, just a teeny little bit.

...

The following day.

The Alliance is about to be established!

Shadow posted a status, "When the new website launches, 'Detective Chu Yu' will give a small burst."

Shadow has been posting statuses frequently recently.

Upon learning this news, the enthusiasm of the netizens was stirred up!

At the same time.

The blog also helped with a countdown promotion, attracting even more attention.

"The launch is coming soon!"

"Sounds like war is about to break out!"

"Hahaha, it can also be interpreted that way!"

"The Alliance is aiming at Tribe Comics, the two websites are bound to fight!"

"Alliance can't win."

"Although they can't win, both Tianmen and Yeshenchen will also make their moves. Along with Shadow's Grim Reaper Elementary Student, I think they still have a fighting chance!"

"That's true."

"Not just for Grim Reaper Elementary Student, I am also looking forward to the new works of Tianmen and Yeshenchen!"

"..."

The netizens were very supportive, prepared to help prop up the atmosphere, especially Shadow's fans, who are rushing to become members.

Inside the studio.

Jin Mu chuckled, "The data migration is complete. The updated 'Detective Chu Yu' is all transferred to the new website. We just have to take it up from where we left off. We are just five minutes away from launching."

"Hmm."

Lin Yuan nodded.

His explosive material was ready to go.

Just then.

Jin Mu's phone rang.

It was Han Jimei.

She was now the manager of the Alliance website.

Jin Mu picked up, laughing, "Manager Han, what can I do for you?"

"Yeshenchen and Tianmen ran into problems!"

Over the phone, Han Jimei's first words plunged Jin Mu's heart into a sudden abyss!

His smile vanished as he took a deep breath:

"What happened?"

Han Jimei's breathing seemed erratic, fraught with anxiety:

"Last night, I met with the two of them on behalf of the website and planned an opening event. I asked them to do some interviews for the launch, but they've both disappeared! Their phones are unreachable, it's like they've evaporated into thin air!"

Jin Mu felt as if he was falling into an icy cavern!

Lin Yuan, standing nearby, had heard the gist of the phone call, his eyes narrowing slightly.

"I'm afraid they won't show up..."

Han Jimei continued, her voice full of despair.

Something like this happening right before the launch of the website, even a fool would sense something was amiss. Could it be that Yeshenchen and Tianmen both overslept today?

"It must be the Tribe playing tricks!"

Before Jin Mu could respond, Han Jimei spoke again.

Her voice, tinged with despair, was growing angry, "Ling Kong is so calculating, he quietly took away our two main forces..."

"No, they're not forces. They're fair-weather friends!"

Jin Mu finally retorted, gritting his teeth, as if squeezing the words from the gaps in his teeth.

Two treacherous bastards!

If this wasn't Ling Kong's doing, he'd eat his hat!

"Sorry, it's my fault..."

Han Jimei's voice finally fell, she seemed to have accepted her fate, "Our long planned website launch might get screwed up..."

"There's still hope!"

Jin Mu suddenly let out his breath.

He forced himself to stay calm, his voice dry and husky, "Maybe when we open the site, they'll publish their new works as outlined in the contract..."

"Hope?"

Han Jimei gave a bitter laugh.

The call ended.

Jin Mu turned to Lin Yuan, forcing a strained smile.

He repeated the sentence he'd just said, it sounded like he was trying to comfort Lin Yuan, but it seemed more like he was trying to comfort himself:

"There's still hope..."

Lin Yuan didn't say a word throughout the conversation.

No one knew what he was thinking at that moment.

Not long after.

The Alliance officially went online.

However, as large numbers of users poured in, all they saw was Detective Chu Yu and some lesser-known authors publishing their new works.

Where was Tianmen?

Where was Yeshenchen?

These were the two comic artists many were looking forward to, but after fumbling around the new site's search bar for a while, not even a trace of Tianmen and Yeshenchen could be found, let alone their works.

A little while later.

Jin Mu's phone rang again.

Looking over the two empty web pages, his spirits were crushed as he answered the call, seemingly already anticipating what would be said.

"There's no hope left."

That was Han Jimei's first sentence, "I finally got through to Yeshenchen and Tianmen, but they said they're planning to break off their contract with our website. I know Ling Kong, this is his doing..."

"Go fuck their ancestors!"

Jin Mu rarely swore, but this time he did, and his veins were visibly throbbing!

Han Jimei was no longer angry, she just sighed, "They were the most important parts of our plans. Our new website needed Teacher Shadow, Tianmen and Yeshenchen to hold up the sky together. Without the two of them, we've lost half of our territory. Now, the whole site has only Teacher Shadow's comic to carry the traffic, which is not, not enough..."

Jin Mu went pale.

The sudden betrayal of Tianmen and Yeshenchen had a devastating effect, and the two vacancies were impossible to fill!

Suddenly.

He gripped his cell phone tightly, his knuckles turning slightly white and his eyes turning red.

All of a sudden.

Lin Yuan reached for Jin Mu's phone.

Jin Mu instinctively tried to resist, but almost immediately gave up, standing there in silence.

The cellphone landed in Lin Yuan's hands.

For the first time, Lin Yuan spoke up. He said to Han Jimei on the other side of the phone, "If there's a big pit, just fill it."

He paused.

Lin Yuan continued, still very quietly, "If one part is not enough, then two. If two is not enough, then three. If three is not enough..."

"Boss! "

"Teacher Shadow!"

Both Jin Mu and Han Jimei on the phone interrupted Lin Yuan. They wanted to comfort him, but didn't know what to say.

"It's okay."

Lin Yuan said with a smile.

His voice was too calm, yet both Jin Mu standing next to him and Han Jimei on the phone could clearly hear the intense anger hidden beneath his calm exterior--

Lin Yuan was angry!

When they sensed the emotion underneath his calm words, both Jin Mu and Han Jimei felt a chill run down their spine, and they suddenly didn't dare to speak anymore.

"I'll do it myself."

Lin Yuan's smile disappeared.

If the Alliance is falling apart, I'll fill in the gaps. If half the territory collapses, so what?

I will hold up this sky!