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Xiaozhao sighed and whispered, "CEO Lin, this professor is seriously stubborn..."

"It's alright," Lin Yuzhen laughed. "I'll talk to him."

Xiaozhao nodded and looked at Jiang Ning standing next to Lin Yuzhen. "Brother Ning is here too, so I'm not worried."

After that, she happily knocked off.

"It's high time this girl got married," laughed Jiang Ning.

"Just nice, I've got a good buddy and I think they're very suitable for each other."

Lin Yuzhen rolled her eyes at him.

This wasn't the time to try to pair other people up. There was a stubborn old man sitting in the meeting room that was difficult to talk to right now.

She didn't say anything and just walked into the meeting room.

"CEO Lin! You're finally here!"

Lu Jing immediately stood to his feet. He didn't need to be so polite to a younger person given his status.

Even in the school where he taught, he was famous for having a foul temper.

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He didn't seem to understand how to interact, and didn't seem to care about building relationships with others.

"Professor Lu," Lin Yuzhen took a step forward. "You don't have to be so polite, please take a seat."

Lu Jing looked a little awkward.

Lin Yuzhen was only in her twenties and was not too much older than his own granddaughter. But he was here to ask Lin Yuzhen for money, so he had to behave more politely than usual.

Besides, he knew about Lin Group, and he respected both the company and the Lin family greatly.

"This is my husband," introduced Lin Yuzhen when she saw Lu Jing looking at him curiously. "He heard about your case and wanted to meet you."

"Hello, Professor Lu." Jiang Ning stuck a hand out and shook Lu Jing's hand. He immediately felt all the calluses on the old professor's hand. He wouldn't have such thick calluses unless he had done a lot of menial work before.

"Hello, hello," Lu Jing responded hurriedly. "I really don't have a choice, and I'm really sorry to have to disturb Lin Group again."

"I know that Lin Group has been a very charitable business all along and your company really

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wants to contribute to society. What I'm doing now may not seem to be valuable and meaningful at the moment, but I can promise you that I will definitely prove its meaning and value in the future!"

Lu Jing was a little agitated.

He had applied for financial help from Lin Group three times already, but he had been rejected each time.

He knew that Lin Group had their own rules on these. They were happy to be involved in charitable works, but money didn't fall from the sky. So every project they supported had to go through strict checks before approval.

If a large company like this didn't have its own rules, then how was it going to be able to expand?

"CEO Lin, please believe me, I'm not here to swindle you of your money, I..."

"Professor Lu, calm down." Jiang Ning smiled and got Lu Jing to sit down. "Yuzhen, his water has gone cold, get Professor Lu a glass of warm water."

Lin Yuzhen immediately went to get the water.

Lu Jing was stunned for a moment. Lin Yuzhen was the head of Lin Group and called all the shots, but she didn't have any of that authority in front of her own husband.

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“Professor Lu, tell me what’s the situation.” Jiang Ning sat down on a chair to be on the same level as Lu Jing. “Lin Group has its own rules and guidelines on approving projects, and I believe Professor Lu must have looked through them when you applied for financial help. We have to judge if your situation does meet our requirements first.”

“My...”

Lu Jing started to get more anxious when he heard these words.

He was most afraid of Jiang Ning talking to him about the rules, because according to these rules, his application definitely couldn’t pass.

“Don’t be anxious, I’m not done,” said Jiang Ning. “Rules are dead, but humans are alive. Lin Group’s rules are also always going through a perfecting process. If I think that your situation is suitable and meets our requirements, then it will help us in making amendments and changes to our current set of guidelines. Do you understand what I mean?”



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Lu Jing started to become a little excited upon hearing this.

He held onto Jiang Ning's hand as if Jiang Ning had already agreed.

No matter what, Jiang Ning's words had touched him greatly.

Finally, there was someone who was willing to give him a chance to explain himself.

In the school, the directors all shook their heads and said his project was meaningless. They said that it was a waste of money and might even bring harm to the school's reputation.

Lu Jing couldn't stand their attitude, so he tried to find a way to gather some funds and he had put in all his life savings, including mortgaging his own house. He had finally found some clues and had some results.

But in order to research further and discover more, he needed more money.

"Thank you! Thank you!" Lu Jing took a deep breath.

"The project I'm doing is about discovering ancient civilizations. It might not be an ancient civilization of our own country, but a special sort of civilization. Perhaps it existed before but has now completely disappeared!"

"Do you believe in aliens?" asked Lu Jing

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seriously as he looked at Jiang Ning.

“I’ll believe in them if I see them.”

“Exactly. Without seeing it, nobody will really believe in them. In the same way, nobody has seen those ancient civilizations, so nobody believes in it. But I’m very certain that these ancient civilizations exist!”

He was just using aliens as an example. Lin Yuzhen got a shock at first and thought that this professor really had crazy ideas.

“Actually, in ancient times, there were many civilizations that existed, but they completely disappeared because of certain reasons.” Lu Jing held a finger out. “For example, among the ones that have been proven are Jingjue Kingdom, Loulan Kingdom, Ancient Babylon...”

The moment he started talking about what he was best at, Professor Lu’s manner became different.

Jiang Ning didn’t become impatient and just listened to him seriously while nodding from time to time. He had heard about these things before. When he was sent on missions, he had to understand and know some of these things at the back of his hand.

He had to know astronomy, geography, physics, chemistry, biology, technology...Jiang Ning had to know so much. His martial arts prowess was just one part of it.

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“The ancient civilization I’m search for now doesn’t have a name at the moment, and until now, I’ve only been able to find some textual clues.”

His results were almost as good as none, and he was afraid that Jiang Ning would reject him on the spot, so he quickly added on, “But! But! These textual clues would definitely lead to discovering more information about this civilization!”

“Professor Lu, no hurry, take your time.” Jiang Ning laughed and passed the water that Lin Yuzhen got for the professor and put in front of Lu Jing. “Have a sip and moisten your throat. What is this textual clue you’re referring to? Is it a word?”

Lu Jing took one sip and then immediately put the glass aside.

He hurriedly pulled a piece of paper out from his old and tattered bag and unfolded it as he passed it to Jiang Ning. “It’s this.”

Jiang Ning took it from the professor and looked at it seriously. His eyes immediately narrowed.

The paper only had a simple symbol on it, and it didn’t really look anything like a word. But Lu Jing was very serious as he said, “This is a word! I’m very sure!”

Jiang Ning didn’t say anything. He studied the symbol very seriously. Or rather, he studied this

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word very seriously.

This symbol was no stranger to Jiang Ning at all. In fact, he was very familiar with it.

But it never crossed his mind that it could be a word, or even an ancient civilization.

“What’s this?” Lin Yuzhen huddled over and looked puzzledly at it. “It looks like a cloud. Are you sure it’s a word?”



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