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Nan Chen blurted, "Actually, it isn't a big deal because Ouyang Duo was the alumnus of an internationally renowned school. In fact, a lot of elites were the alumni of the said school. They have formed an association for their batch of alumni in East Asia. The minister from Vietnam was the secretary of the association, while Ouyang Duo was the vice-secretary. Since they're affiliated with the same association, it isn't odd for them to keep in touch with one another, isn't it?"

"How did you figure out Wang Shoucai would talk about Ouyang Duo?"

"It's because we have been devising countermeasures since the occurrence of the incident. Throughout the process, we discovered the relationship between the said minister and Ouyang Duo. Meanwhile, Wang Shou has been a member of the board of directors for years. We're fully aware of his background, including his educational background because we have access to his profile. All in all, don't you think it's a piece of cake to link the missing puzzle pieces together?"

Although Nan Xing could barely grasp the idea behind the explanation his brother had presented, he nodded in return.

"Does that mean you're aware we're able to resolve the issue as long as we get in touch with Ouyang Duo? If that's the case, why didn't you get in touch with him?"

"I have been waiting for someone to bring it up all along."

Nan Xing was baffled by his brother's words again. He puckered his face, indicating his confusion.

"Nanshi Corporation is a large corporation. Therefore, if we're capable of resolving the issue on our own, we should never rely on others. Hence, our staff has been working hard lately in an attempt to resolve the issue through internal resources. However, we would have to rely on a third party's aid if we run out of options. Since we may need to procure the aid of a third party, it's natural to do our own due diligence before reaching out to others for their help."

"Procuring other's aid can be a challenge since we can't show up at their doorstep, requesting for their help out of the blue. Everything has to be executed in a timely and precise manner to achieve a synergistic effect. Since Wang Shoucai has presented the solution to you, we'll leverage his identity as the middleman and get him to put you to Ouyang Duo to get his aid. That would be the most ideal solution for now. Hence, I'll put you in charge of resolving the challenge."

Finally, Nan Xing could grasp the situation.

"Are you suspecting Wang Shoucai?"

"This is nothing personal against him because I told you someone affiliated with the corporation was behind this. Hence, he's merely one of the many suspects that's on the list," Nan Chen rephrased his sentences.

"Since you have been keeping an eye on him for some time, have you proven him guilty?"

"Nope. Perhaps he's sincerely offering his aid to resolve the issue. Alright. I'll put you in charge of the negotiation with Ouyang Duo. Can you head over and take over the role of a goalie now?" Nan Chen pointed at the goal and asked.

A week later, Nan Zhengde finally made his way back to the Commoner Residence.

Although Yunfeng Hill had a great environment, it wasn't as comfortable as things were back home.

As soon as Nan Zhengde reached home, he took a nap for a few hours because he was exhausted. By the time he roused from his sleep, it was already afternoon. Chai Hua told Nan Zhengde, "Nan Zhiyuan and Bai Hua dared not enter the residence because they didn't get your permission. They had been waiting outside of the residence since a few hours ago."

Nan Zhengde departed ahead of Nan Zhiyuan and Bai Hua as the duo had to deal with the required paperwork prior to their departure from the temple. Therefore, they reached the residence slightly later than Nan Zhengde.

He gave it a thought and nodded. "Show them the way in."

Bai Hua almost shed tears of joy once she figured out they had acquired Nan Zhengde's consent to enter the residence.

Finally, she managed to achieve the first goal she had in mind after she returned from abroad.

She would be wasting her time if she failed to get Nan Zhengde's consent to enter the residence.

Truth be told, her life in Flower City was no match for Japan in terms of quality.

In spite of the lavish lifestyle she had in Japan, she would have to return to the Nan family in order to achieve the goal she had in mind.

Nevertheless, acquiring Nan Zhengde's consent to return to Commoner Residence was merely the first step of her plan.

Soon, she would proceed to the next stage of acquiring the influence she once possessed as Mrs. Nan of the Nan family in Flower City.

She had everything sorted out as she had formed a coalition with several parties because it would take more than Nan Zhiyuan and her strength to achieve her ultimate goal.

One of the parties involved was the Ouyang family.

In the meantime, Nan Zhengde spent some time in his study room since he had been away from his beloved paintings for a week.

As soon as he spread the rice paper on the table, Nan Zhengde started writing, indulging himself in his favorite Chinese calligraphy. *Fate.*

Bai Hua showed up out of nowhere and started flattering her father-in-law. "Dad, your writing is on par with those of a professional calligrapher."

"I thought it would be the end of our relationship, but I'm sure fate must have had shown us the way back to each another. Since we're able to reunite once again, we should appreciate the time we get to spend together. This is for both of you. Hopefully, you won't try any silly anymore. Please don't let me down again," Nan Zhengde stated.

"Thanks, Dad," Bai Hua and Nan Zhiyuan expressed their gratitude.

"I want both of you to prove your words. Please refrain from trying anything silly from now onwards."

Nan Zhiyuan and Bai Hua exchanged glances and assured, "Don't worry, Dad! We'll definitely keep that in mind!"

The moment they wrapped up the conversation, the duo showed no signs of leaving at all.

Therefore, Nan Zhengde asked Nan Zhiyuan, "Do you have anything else to tell me?"

Nan Zhiyuan looked at Bai Hua and stated, "Why don't you tell Dad about it?"

After a series of discussions, Nan Zhiyuan had been given the task to bring it up in front of Nan Zhengde. However, he decided to hand over the task to his wife at the last minute because he felt diffident. Bai Hua had no intention to take the blame on Nan Zhiyuan's behalf either, yet she had no choice but to brace herself and tell her father-in-law about their plan since Nan Zhiyuan had brought it up in front of him.

Frowning, Nan Zhengde asked, "What's going on? What exactly are both of you up to again?"

"Dad, we're not the one who has come up with this suggestion. We're merely delivering the message on behalf of another party. We decided to consult you prior to making the call."

"What is it?" Nan Zhengde queried.

"Ouyang Duo's wife, Feng Jialing, has conveyed their family's intention to be the in-laws of the Nan family," Bai Hua said.

"Is that a proposal from the Ouyang family?"

"Yes, Dad. Their daughter, Ouyang Qing, has a thing for Nan Chen since a few years ago. Therefore, they wanted both of them to get married as soon as possible because they seem to be a match made in heaven. It's going to be beneficial for both families as well," Bai Hua added.

"Does this mean the Ouyangs are the ones who have proposed this engagement?" Nan Zhengde cast a skeptical gaze at Bai Hua.

"It wasn't an official proposal, but it was more of a discussion. Nowadays, nobody actually proposes through their parents anymore."

Once Bai Hua finished her sentence, she avoided Nan Zhengde's gaze as she had been lying; she was the mastermind behind the proposal.

As a matter of fact, Feng Jialing refused to accept the proposal because she wanted her daughter to make the call on her own. Feng Jialing would decide on the next best course of action if things worked out between them. Feng Jialing decided to play hard to get because Ouyang Qi was their beloved daughter.

The one who had been orchestrating the entire proposal was Ouyang Qing.

"D-Dad, it's merely an informal proposal of the Ouyang family. They didn't say they would want them to get married immediately. Since Ouyang Qing was their beloved daughter, they didn't want her to humiliate herself either," Bai Hua stuttered.

"Since those from the Ouyang family have proven their sincerity, we can't possibly play hard to get. Please get in touch with Mrs. Ouyang and indicate our willingness to become their in-laws," Nan Zhengde instructed.

"Does that mean it's a yes, Dad?" Bai Hua was taken aback by her father-in-law's reply.

"Since they had brought it up, we can't possibly turn them down, right? Otherwise, it would put the relationship of both families at stake. We should push the responsibilities to the youngsters either."