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Chapter 1381: I don't need anything

At the same time, in Mei He City Government, after Dong Xuebing hung up the phone, Deputy City Mayor Hua Li, sitting in his office, slammed the table, suppressed his anger, and immediately called Cheng Gang County.

Ring, ring, ring

Li Zhixin's phone connected.

"Hello, Mayor Hua," Li Zhixin answered.

Hua Li's tone was soft as he spoke, "Are you still at the hospital, Old Li?"

"No, I left after making sure they were fine. I'm in the county now. Just had a brief meeting with the secretary. I left my secretary and a few others at the hospital," Li Zhixin replied.

Hua Li said, "I just talked to Mayor Xie's husband. This Deputy Mayor from Zhen Shui County is fussing about nothing. It's just an accident, but he's making a big deal out of it. The quality of Zhen Shui County leaders is quite something. If his wife weren't injured now, I would have considered having the Disciplinary Committee investigate how he was appointed. It's outrageous."

Li Zhixin sneered, "We've seen his work style before. Last time, he beat up twenty of our villagers, causing disfigurement and broken legs. Don't even mention it." Even though it was Li Zhixin's people who intercepted and tried to rob the Zhen Shui County vehicles last time, resorting to violence, Dong Xuebing was acting in self-defense. But now, with Li Zhixin's words, it seemed like Zhen Shui County was entirely at fault.

Hua Li might also be aware of that incident but chose not to dwell on it. He did not respond and continued, "Be cautious. I think this Dong Xuebing wants to escalate the matter."

"I understand, Mayor Hua."

"Make sure to control the impact. Do you understand?" Hua Li advised.

Li Zhixin nodded. Mayor Hua's words set the tone, reassuring them. They didn't want this incident to escalate in Cheng Gang County or Mei He City. Li Zhixin stated, "I understand. It was indeed an accident. Nobody touched Mayor Xie. She tripped when she turned around to run."

Hua Li made a sound of agreement. "Handle it on your end."

Whether it was a trip or a collision, the nature of the incident was entirely different. However, Hua Li didn't care whether Xie Huilan was pushed or fell on her own. He only knew they couldn't let this incident tarnish their image. Moreover, Hua Li believed that considering the chaotic situation at the time, some collision was inevitable. If Xie Huilan had suffered injuries or lost the child, it would be another matter. However, since the mother and child were safe, Hua Li naively thought the matter should end here. Therefore, seeing the emotional response of Xie Huilan's husband, Hua Li decided to make this call to remind Cheng Gang County.

Li Zhixin understood Hua Li's intentions.

On the other side, at the hospital.

Staircase.

Dong Xuebing returned the phone to the Fen Zhou Educational Bureau official. He knew it was Liao Yimin's phone. "Where is Director Liao?"

The person replied, "He's downstairs."

Dong Xuebing asked, "What are they doing downstairs?"

The response came, "Just met people from Cheng Gang County."

Dong Xuebing squinted, "Where is their County Mayor, Li Zhixin?"

"He might have already gone back. I didn't see him," the person replied indignantly.

Dong Xuebing vividly remembered the situation when Huilan and the child were being rescued. He could recall that everyone else was standing, but Li Zhixin remained seated, unapologetic for knocking down Huilan. After the surgery, he casually checked and left. He found this attitude disdainful and arrogant.

The Fen Zhou City official, who had just guessed the content of Dong Xuebing's conversation with the city leaders, was outraged and slightly puzzled.

Why was Cheng Gang County so arrogant?

Why did the city show such favoritism toward Cheng Gang County?

Even if it was a leader from another city, Mayor Xie was still a Deputy City Mayor. She was treated so poorly here, and no one stood up to speak.

He didn't understand.

But Dong Xuebing did.

Although Fen Zhou City, where Dong Xuebing worked, wasn't wealthy, it was relatively better off. Fen Zhou was close to the capital, and its economic development and residents' living standards were decent. Even in poorer counties like Yan Tai, they weren't purely at the grassroots level. On the contrary, places like Fen Zhou, Mei He City, and Cheng Gang County were the real grassroots. The robust local character and impoverished life naturally determined the different work styles of leaders. They were resolute, harsh, and quick to shift responsibility and cover things up at the first sign of trouble. This was a common phenomenon here.

Moreover, Dong Xuebing had conflicts with the city before, seizing back several million RMB for Zhen Shui County. Ultimately, he even took an additional one million from the city, which disgusted them. With Xie Huilan receiving such despicable treatment this time, nobody from the city spoke up. Even though Xie Huilan was a Deputy Mayor, the people's attitudes would certainly change a bit once they heard she was Dong Xuebing's wife. They were unaware of Huilan's background, perhaps thinking that an external Deputy City Mayor from a remote city wasn't as important as their people.

So, they chose not to address the issue.

They didn't even bother to understand the facts.

Their first reaction was to cover up the incident.

If it were someone else, dealing with such a situation might be challenging, especially on someone else's turf. But they encountered Dong Xuebing.

No injustice could escape Dong Xuebing's pursuit.

"Where are they?"

"Uh, who are you referring to?"

"The people who pushed Huilan aside at that time."

"Downstairs. Director Liao and his people are having a dispute with those guys."

"I heard from Huilan that there were seven people."

"Except for their Mayor, who isn't here, everyone else is downstairs. Oh, by the way, the President of the construction company is also gone, so there are just five people."

Dong Xuebing responded with a nod and headed straight downstairs.

Sensing Dong Xuebing's agitation, the Fen Zhou City official knew County Mayor Dong was about to lose his temper.

Downstairs.

Before reaching the scene, Dong Xuebing in the corridor could hear the heated arguments, including Liao Yimin's voice, which he recognized immediately.

Old Liao had been holding back his anger for too long today, from when Mayor Xie fell until now. Finally, he couldn't bear it any longer and clashed with the people from Cheng Gang County.

Others from Fen Zhou City were also involved.

"Say it again!"

"You pushed someone and still have the nerve!"

"Don't think we didn't see. Step forward and admit you had pushed Mayor Xie!"

"Don't expect to leave this matter unsettled today. You must give us an explanation!"

"What kind of people are you? Ignoring a pregnant woman and pushing her down to clear the way for yourself. Are you still human?"

A noisy confrontation ensued.

Several patients and doctors had gathered around.

A few nurses considered approaching to remind them they were in a hospital. Still, a head nurse held them back, probably recognizing that County officials were among them.

People from Cheng Gang County wore grim expressions.

The Mayor's secretary, a tall and robust figure Zhou Wei, stepped forward in front of the Fen Zhou City officials, saying, "Who pushed? I didn't see anything."

They were all part of the Project Command Center this time, including two from the Planning Bureau and two from Cheng Gang County's government office.

"I didn't see it either."

"Are you accusing us??"

"Mayor Xie tripped on her own. Why are you blaming us?"

"This was an unexpected accident. No one wanted to see such a thing happen. Don't falsely accuse others. I'm telling you."

The people from Cheng Gang County seemed to be easily agitated.

Liao Yimin and the Fen Zhou City officials were infuriated. They hadn't expected such an attitude. They had seen it then. Someone from inside had pushed or bumped into Mayor Xie. They believed that people from Cheng Gang County couldn't be unaware and must be fully aware of the truth. In their view, the other party should be feeling guilty and remorseful for what happened to Mayor Xie. However, they did not admit it and acted arrogantly, stubbornly insisting that Mayor Xie tripped. It was a complete distortion of reality.

Even Liao Yimin, an education official, couldn't help but want to resort to violence. He couldn't believe that these people standing before him were officials from Cheng Gang County.

Where would you find such officials?

Even the basic human decency seemed to be lacking.

A Fen Zhou City official couldn't help but curse out loud.

The people from Cheng Gang County, led by Secretary Zhou Wei, glared at them with an air of righteousness. However, their true thoughts remained known only to themselves.

Seeing this scene, Dong Xuebing said nothing. He looked at Zhou Wei and the other four for a moment. These were five of the people who had nearly caused Huilan's death due to the unsafe storage of construction materials at the new County Party Committee compound. Dong Xuebing's expression showed no anger but rather a calm demeanor. Since hanging up with Deputy Mayor Hua, Dong Xuebing has maintained this composed expression.

The Fen Zhou City people noticed Dong Xuebing's arrival.

"Mayor Dong."

"County Mayor Dong, come quickly."

"They won't admit it and are still staring at us."

Zhou Wei shouted, "Admit what? With the strong wind today, no one could have avoided it under those circumstances. Are you not done yet?" Even with Dong Xuebing's arrival, Zhou Wei didn't give him any face and continued yelling.

Mayor Xie had just escaped from a life-threatening situation, and according to expectations, even if they were from Cheng Gang County, they shouldn't have this kind of attitude. However, they were more arrogant than ever, as if they were angered by being wrongly accused. The more they acted this way, the more it exposed their guilt.

Dong Xuebing looked deeply at Zhou Wei. At this moment, he had already formulated a way to deal with them. When it came to being ruthless, he never hesitated.

Evidence was no longer needed.

You don't need to admit it anymore.

Regardless of who pushed Huilan, the outcome would be the same.

Chapter 1382: The time is ripe

Hospital.

In the lobby.

It was after 4 am.

Watching the officials of Fen Zhou City and Cheng Gang County arguing again, Dong Xuebing's expression remained indifferent and terrifyingly calm. Looking at him like this, the people from Fen Zhou City were somewhat stunned. Mayor Xie was still undergoing treatment, and these people from Cheng Gang County were speaking ill below, even taunting them. This was too much. Based on Fen Zhou City's understanding of Dong Xuebing, how could he endure such things? What was at stake was not just anyone's life. It was Dong Xuebing's wife and child. He would take action after hearing this, as this had always been the modus operandi of the jinx. However, why didn't he act?

What does it mean?

Why didn't he act?

Is this still the God of Plagues?

Could he be considering the consequences and doesn't want to act? But when has Mayor Dong ever cared about consequences? He always acted when it was time to act. This is strange. Today is bizarre.

After arguing with Secretary Zhou Wei for a few sentences, his face red and his neck thick, Liao Yimin turned to look at Dong Xuebing, noticing his unusual behavior.

Dong Xuebing finally spoke, "Secretary Zhou, right?"

Zhou Wei looked at him with the same provocative look, devoid of concern, and asked, "How is Mayor Xie?"

Ignoring Zhou Wei's words, Dong Xuebing said, "I want the people who were with Huilan then to come with me to the new County Party Committee building. I want to see the scene."

With a stern face, the burly Zhou Wei resisted again, "You also think it was someone from our county who knocked down Mayor Xie, right?"

Liao Yimin shouted, "What are you being arrogant about?"

An official from Fen Zhou City said angrily, "Who are you shouting at?"

Dong Xuebing is Mayor Xie's husband, and he is yelled at. It was equivalent to Mayor Xie being yelled at. The people from Fen Zhou City naturally wouldn't accept this.

But Zhou Wei was still defiant, "What's wrong with shouting at you guys? This is groundless accusations."

Several Cheng Gang County staff members who were not present at the scene also thought that the people from Fen Zhou City were too much. They naturally believed in their people. Moreover, Mayor Li was present at that time. How could it be possible that he didn't point out if they pushed

the pregnant woman away? So, when Secretary Zhou spoke, everyone united. They felt wronged and provoked, and Secretary Zhou's anger was justified. You can't wrong people even if you are Mayor Xie's husband or subordinate.

Both sides began to argue again.

The people from Cheng Gang County indeed had a bad temper, and their voices were loud.

Dong Xuebing was too lazy to waste time with them. "I'll repeat it. Let's go to the new Party Committee building."

One of the five Cheng Gang County officials said, "If you want to say that we knocked down Mayor Xie, you can. But if you do, bring out the evidence."

Dong Xuebing said indifferently, "We are going there to find evidence."

Zhou Wei seemed unafraid, "Fine, let's go together."

All five seemed to wear expressions of being wronged and followed along.

Liao Yimin and the others also wanted to follow Dong Xuebing, but Dong Xuebing stopped them. "Old Liao, you guys don't need to go. Please take care of Huilan."

"But"

"Listen to me."

"Well, alright."

Liao Yimin and the others stayed behind to take care of Mayor Xie.

The other staff members from Cheng Gang County gradually left the hospital.

Dong Xuebing drove his Range Rover and parked in the open-air parking lot. Once inside the car, he lit a cigarette and smoked slowly. He glanced at the Cheng Gang County officials who got into their cars in front. Including Zhou Wei, two from the Planning Bureau, and two from the County Government Office, all five were present. Others were staff members from relevant departments, totaling about ten people. The seven people mentioned by Huilan were missing only the County Deputy Mayor, Li Zhixin, and the head of the construction company.

The leading car in front started, guiding the way.

Dong Xuebing flicked the cigarette butt, stepped on the gas, and followed.

Because Huilan was sent to the hospital by Liao Yimin and the others, the new county committee building was not far away. It took only a few minutes to arrive.

A newly built school was not far on the west side.

On the east side was the location where Xie Huilan had the accident.

It was a large courtyard with unpaved ground, all dirt roads. A crane and two trucks were inside, surrounded by many construction materials. In the center stood a six-story office building, almost completed, without paint yet. Only some final work was needed. The top floor seemed unfinished, and the construction debris that fell earlier came from the materials piled on the rooftop.

The wind hadn't stopped but had weakened a bit.

A lot of dust was floating in the air, necessitating the protection of the eyes.

The car stopped, and the people from Cheng Gang County got out of the cars.

Dong Xuebing also opened the door and got out but didn't cover his mouth and eyes like the others. Instead, he stood at the courtyard gate, seemingly unaware, looking inside.

A cordon tape surrounded the area.

A police car was parked outside, with two police officers guarding.

Dong Xuebing lifted the cordon, entering without lowering his head.

"What are you doing? Come out!" The police officer was fierce. "Unauthorized personnel are not allowed inside!"

Zhou Wei and the people from Cheng Gang County walked over. "He is a family member of the injured and wants to see the scene."

"Oh, Secretary Zhou." The police officer's harsh expression immediately changed when facing Dong Xuebing, adopting a respectful demeanor. "But it's not safe inside. What if"

"It's okay." After Zhou Wei finished speaking, he also bent down and entered.

The remaining officials from Cheng Gang County followed and entered the courtyard.

At the time of the incident, the falling materials were entirely due to the strong wind, an accident. The construction company should have handled the issue by now, and there shouldn't be any danger. As expected, several people came out of the office building.

The one leading them was someone Dong Xuebing had seen at the hospital, the head of the construction company, and the eyewitness to the incident. Several workers wearing safety helmets followed him, obviously having just come down from the rooftop.

Zhou Wei asked, "Mr. Sun, have you found the cause of the accident?"

Sun nodded, "The rope binding the materials broke, and the wind blew down the materials. We've just fixed it, and everything is fine now."

Dong Xuebing looked at them, "This is to investigate the cause of the accident. Where is the professional investigation team?"

Sun Zong glanced at him, "We are professionals and have already investigated and confirmed that it was an accident."

Dong Xuebing chuckled, "When there's a problem at a construction site, sending people from your own construction company to investigate and directly enter the scene to rearrange the materials is like having a person accused of murder investigate whether he killed someone. It's ridiculous."

But surprisingly, Dong Xuebing didn't say anything and continued to walk inside.

The danger had been eliminated, and the people from Cheng Gang County followed without concern. The two police officers outside also joined them.

In the unfinished office building below.

Dong Xuebing looked up and lowered his head, "Where did my wife fall?"

"I don't know. I didn't have time to note that then, and we immediately sent her to the hospital," Zhou Wei said.

Dong Xuebing looked at the two police officers who had followed, "Where is it?" Zhou Wei didn't say, but the police must know.

The police officer frowned and pointed to the ground, "Right in front of you here."

Dong Xuebing lowered his head again, but there was no trace of blood. "Where is the blood?"

"With such a strong wind and sand, the soil has covered everything, and it's gone by now," the police officer replied.

Dong Xuebing crouched down, used his hands to scrape away the sand from the designated area, and then found some sandy soil with traces of blood underneath, still moist and not completely dry.

His wife's blood.

Touching it in his hands, Dong Xuebing felt a pang in his heart. He then looked around for the footprints. Footprints could reveal how Huilan was pushed away. However, he didn't see a single footprint after searching for a long time. "Where are the footprints?"

"What footprints?"

"What are you talking about?"

The police officer frowned unhappily, seemingly disgusted with Dong Xuebing's tone. "With such a strong wind, everything has been wiped out. How can there be any footprints?"

Dong Xuebing pointed to a nearby place, "Then tell me why there are still clear footprints over there, but there is not a trace here?"

"The sand has covered everything," the police officer said.

Dong Xuebing said, "I don't think the wind erased them. It's probably someone deliberately erasing them."

"What are you saying?" The other young police officer, annoyed, said, "Say it again."

Mr. Sun said, "Mayor Dong, don't make baseless accusations if you don't understand the situation. With so much construction material in the yard, a random gust of wind can sweep everything away. Hence, it's normal not to have footprints."

It's just a few square meters that are missing.

How could anyone be fooled?

Not to mention Dong Xuebing, even the Cheng Gang County staff members who were not at the scene at the time were taken aback, their eyes flickering.

Could it be that Mayor Li pushed Mayor Xie?

Otherwise, how could it be so coincidental that no footprints or bloodstains exist?

Their gazes kept shifting towards Zhou Wei and the other five. The few who had spoken up for Chief Li in the hospital now remained silent.

Zhou Wei noticed the strange expressions of the staff members, his face darkening, "What are you looking at? Go wait in the car."

The staff members were eager to comply, answering affirmatively, and quickly went to the entrance and left.

The head of the construction company also didn't want any unnecessary words to spread. He instructed his workers to leave as well.

Only the six people involved in the accident and the two police officers remained on the scene.

Dong Xuebing continued to search for evidence. He was waiting for an opportunity.

Evidence?

He didn't need it at all.

"Mayor Dong, have you seen enough? You've been to the scene. It's just an unexpected accident. If you want to find something we can't help you with, you can find it yourself," Zhou Wei said. "Let's go."

"Let's go, everyone," one person from the county government office said.

Suddenly, the wind rose, a gust of wind sweeping over.

The wind in their area was intermittent, sometimes intense, sometimes weak. So, the six people quickly covered their faces and turned their backs to the wind.

Dong Xuebing was waiting for this moment.

Leave? Today, none of you six will leave.

Dong Xuebing wanted to teach them a cruel lesson, making them pay tenfold for Huilan's suffering.

Chapter 1383: Revenge

Strong wind

The wind was getting stronger.

The sand and dust filled the sky under the new County Party Committee building. Just like the previous afternoon, the visibility was low. When Zhou Weisun, the county secretary, and eight others realized it was impossible to continue. They glanced at the other staff members who had already taken shelter in their cars and prepared to leave. They showed everything they needed and did what their county should do. Fen Zhou City could not find fault with them. They didn't want to waste time with Dong Xuebing here.

"Let's go."

"The wind is too strong."

"Let's get back to the car."

Led by Zhou Wei, even though he was just a secretary, his status was different as he was Secretary Li Zhixin's secretary. When Zhou Wei nodded and said, "Let's go," they turned around.

Dong Xuebing coldly closed his eyes.

STOP.

Time suddenly froze.

The swirling sand and wind stopped mid-air, and the howling wind abruptly ceased.

The vast courtyard fell silent, and all objects, people, and light froze.

Glancing at the eight people in front of him, who stood like statues with their backs turned, Dong Xuebing didn't know if he had enough time left. He didn't want to delay even a moment. Instead of taking the stairs in the corridor, he turned around and took large strides, grabbing a railing after a few meters and climbing up. The building wasn't entirely constructed yet, with many scaffoldings around. Dong Xuebing effortlessly climbed to the top of the sixth floor.

Twenty-five seconds

Twenty-six seconds

Twenty-seven seconds

STOP's time continues to move.

No one was on the rooftop, and the workers had also taken a break due to the strong wind today. Only some construction materials were piled in various corners, all securely tied with ropes, obviously fixed by the workers who had come to restore the scene just now. Dong Xuebing reached into his pocket and pulled out a pair of gloves, wearing them on his hands. When working in Yan Tai County, after the incident involving his fingerprints on Li Hongbao's body, Dong Xuebing always carried a pair of gloves for unforeseen situations. Today was one of those days. He didn't want to leave any fingerprints.

Oh, and his shoes, too.

Dong Xuebing took off his shoes and placed them on the table. Barefoot, he walked over to inspect a pile of construction materials. He went up and untied the fixed ropes, pulling out two boards. One was the same type of board that had fallen in the afternoon, and on top of it was a slightly smaller steel plate. Dong Xuebing pulled them out and set them aside. These boards naturally floated in mid-air due to the force of time. Dong Xuebing turned his head and walked towards several construction machines, leaning against the edge of the building. They were heavy, and the construction workers didn't think the wind could blow them down. Dong Xuebing picked a few and started to move them.

You all don't admit it. It's fine.

You all didn't hesitate to push my wife down when you were in danger. Then I'll let you have a taste of your own medicine.

I'll play with you all.

Let's see who can outplay whom.

Dong Xuebing liked this tit-for-tat method. To be precise, today, he planned to give them back tenfold. It's not that he was ruthless. It's just that the people of Cheng Gang County thoroughly angered him. If Li Zhixin and Zhou Wei admitted afterward that they accidentally knocked down Huilan due to panic, his reaction wouldn't have been so extreme. But they didn't. Not only did they not admit it, but they also shifted the blame to his wife, claiming that she fell on her own.

Ultimately, they even sent people to eliminate evidence such as footprints. They boldly argued with the family of the victim. Don't blame him for being heartless.

Everything is ready.

Dong Xuebing stepped on the rooftop's edge, put on his shoes, and picked up the prepared construction materials and some small construction machines. He threw them off the building. However, during STOP, all objects had no gravity. The absence of gravity didn't mean the absence of weight. Apart from Dong Xuebing, who was not affected by the time stop, all objects would experience a "tension force" from time. The smaller the object, the smaller the tension force; the larger the object, the greater the tension force. So, even without gravity, it was not realistic for Dong Xuebing to move some particularly large objects, such as this building. Not to mention, the building had a foundation. Even if there was no foundation, Dong Xuebing couldn't move it because of its large volume and the time's "Tension force."

However, the weight of these things was obviously within his range.

Dong Xuebing moved them quickly, throwing them one by one to let them float in mid-air. He felt the positions were incorrect, so he reached out to adjust their landing points.

Okay.

Everything is ready.

Three minutes have passed since STOP was activated.

Dong Xuebing started, retracing his steps down the same path he took on the scaffolding. He saw the footprints he was standing on earlier and stood on them, maintaining the same posture and expression as before the stop. Then he silently uttered the word "STOP," releasing the time freeze.

Exhale.

Time resumed.

The people from Cheng Gang County had just turned around and were about to leave.

The strong wind instantly scattered Dong Xuebing's hair, and a lot of sand hit his face, causing a stinging pain.

But Dong Xuebing didn't mind. Instead, he blocked his eyes and glanced at the top without changing his expression.

The visibility under the strong wind and dust was not high, but it wasn't completely obscured. The eight people below didn't notice, but several staff members from Cheng Gang County, who were in their cars not far away, suddenly exclaimed.

"Be careful!"

"Above, above!"

"Leaders, run quickly!"

"Something is falling!"

The car doors opened, and the people immediately got out, shouting in fear.

The eight people below finally reacted. They saw boards, construction materials, and machines falling toward them when they looked up. They were all shocked.

"Damn!"

"Run!"

"Run!"

Zhou Wei shouted, leading the way. The four people from the Planning Bureau and the County Government Office didn't care about the others. They hurriedly ran towards the outside of the courtyard. They were all stunned by the unexpected scene. No one expected the building materials Mr. Sun just fixed would be blown down by the wind and fall toward them.

Zhou Wei and the other four were the quickest to react.

Mr. Sun and two police officers behind them were a step behind, running half a second later.

At this moment, Dong Xuebing also started running outside. However, just as he took a step, the two police officers realized what was happening and ran out in a panic.

Thud!

The officer collided with Dong Xuebing's shoulder.

Dong Xuebin's footing was unstable, almost being thrown off.

The other police officer found Dong Xuebing blocking his way, pulled him out of his way, and continued running without even looking at him.

Dong Xuebing was furious. Among these eight people, only six were the culprits who pushed Huilan. He didn't plan to do anything to these two police officers. However, after being bumped and pulled, coupled with their involvement in destroying evidence, he had already passed judgment on them in his heart.

All eight of you are finished.

At this moment, the things from above had already fallen. They were only a few meters above them, and in such a short time, they couldn't run out of the danger zone.

While running, Zhou Wei looked up, watching the falling objects.

Dong Xuebing squinted his eyes and suddenly made a forward dash, pretending to flee for his life. The two police officers ran diagonally to avoid the falling board above. He wouldn't let them get away. He bumped into one officer's arm with his shoulders. The elder officer then knocked into the younger officer, and both stumbled out. In the end, the falling board abruptly smashed into their lower bodies.

Crack.

The sound of bones breaking could be heard almost clearly.

The two officers screamed in pain and fainted. It was estimated that even if they recovered, they would be unable to engage in vigorous physical activities for the rest of their lives.

Witnessing the two officers being hit, the two officials from the Planning Bureau ran even faster. A construction machine falling from above landed directly on the ear of one Planning Bureau official.

It continued to fall and made another cracking sound as it hit his shoulder. His ear was instantly severed, and his shoulder was crushed. The other official from the Planning Bureau was not any better. He felt a push from behind when he saw his colleague lose his ear. He does not know who collided with him. His footsteps faltered, and his head leaned out. A small board whooshed past, and the man only felt a coolness on his nose. Upon reaching for his face, he was horrified to discover that his nose and lips had been sliced off. He screamed in pain and fainted.

This scene terrified the onlookers outside, and their faces turned pale.

"Run!" Dong Xuebing shouted while running, pretending to be alarmed.

Zhou Wei also ran faster. He accidentally collided with two other people from the County Government Office while dodging a falling object. One official fell, causing the others behind, including Mr. Sun, to trip over him. They became entangled. Seizing the opportunity, Zhou Wei, feeling ruthless, grabbed a nearby official, intending to use him as leverage to escape. He did manage to dodge the falling object, which brushed past him, but unfortunately, it hit the official Zhou Wei grabbed on the back of his neck. Zhou Wei had used that official to shield himself from the disaster.

The neck contains the cervical spine.

The official grunted, fell to the ground, and went silent.

In the next moment, Dong Xuebing caught up, pretending to be unstable on his feet, and deliberately stepped on Mr. Sun's heel. Without making a sound, he flicked a stone from his hand, hitting Zhou Wei's knee. The three men immediately tumbled over, and just as they thought a steel plate falling from above wouldn't hit them, it did.

"No!"

"Stay away."

Zhou Wei, Mr. Sun, and the third person panicked.

But the steel plate wouldn't heed their calls. Instead, it strangely twisted in mid-air, changing its angle and looming over them menacingly.

This was, of course, the angle change manipulated by Dong Xuebing during STOP.

Dong Xuebing also pretended to fall, pinning down Zhou Wei, who was trying to get back on his feet.

"Get off me!" Zhou Wei shouted.

But the steel plate had already descended.

Swish!

"Ah!"

Zhou Wei's legs, the left foot of the county government official, and Mr. Sun's right hand were all sliced off by that steel plate as if cutting through a watermelon.

Chapter 1384: Everyone was disabled

The steel plates fell.

The air seemed to freeze for an instant, and everything fell silent.

Zhou Wei and Mr. Sun stared at the fallen steel plates, holding their breath in shock.

When their thighs and arms were cut off, they didn't even feel it. However, the moment they looked down, they all screamed in horror.

Screams echoed through the courtyard, a heart-wrenching sound.

The whistling sand and dust in the raging wind created a ghastly scene, with bloody limbs scattered all around, resembling a hellish nightmare.

"Ah!"

"My hand!"

"Help!"

"Save us!"

Outside the courtyard, the people from Cheng Gang County were dumbfounded. A female staff couldn't hold back and vomited. The loud noise and screams attracted many passersby. When they looked inside from the entrance and saw the bloody scene, several onlookers couldn't help but vomit as well.

Half of an arm.

An entire nose.

Two pieces of lips.

Two severed thighs.

The scene before them was horrifying.

"Save Secretary Zhou and the rest!"

"Oh no, oh no!"

"Quick, call an ambulance!"

People from Cheng Gang County shouted, and several urgently took out their phones to make calls, but none dared to approach and help.

There were still falling objects.

No one wanted to follow in their footsteps.

Another fragment of a board fell.

Dong Xuebing, lying on the ground, looked at the police officers on the side, then glanced at the situation of Zhou Wei and Mr. Sun. He felt pretty satisfied. He didn't want to kill them. That wouldn't achieve the desired effect. It was too simple. All eight of them were disabled, and his goal was achieved. You almost caused my wife and child to lose their lives. Deny it all you want. Well, I'll make sure you all remain disabled for life. Dong Xuebing thought it was fair. Otherwise, with the destruction of evidence, he had no way to deal with the people from Cheng Gang County. If they didn't receive the punishment they deserved, they wouldn't repent in the future but continue to be scoundrels in the ranks of officials.

Dong Xuebing had given them a chance.

If someone had come forward to point out who pushed Huilan, if they hadn't destroyed the evidence, if they hadn't boldly shouted against the people from Fen Zhou City after the incident, if they hadn't shown an attitude of sacrificing others for their survival, Dong Xuebing wouldn't have been so ruthless.

However

Zhou Wei used other officials as shields.

Two police officers pulled Dong Xuebing away to save their lives.

Dong Xuebing was utterly disappointed with these people and naturally wouldn't show mercy. Many falling objects weren't originally aimed at those people. Still, he stopped time, walked over, and added force to change the direction of the falling objects. This resulted in a catastrophic scene for all of them. Watching each of the eight people either faint or scream in pain, he felt satisfied.

At this moment, he was unharmed.

Dong Xuebing supported himself and stood up.

Surprisingly, Zhou Wei didn't faint. He was holding his lower body, which no longer had legs. The pain caused him to break out in a cold sweat. Seeing that Dong Xuebing was the only one able to move, Zhou Wei couldn't help but shout at him, "Save me, damn it!" At this point, Zhou Wei still had an unrepentant attitude. A junior secretary, after nearly causing Dong Xuebing's wife's death, dared to give orders and yell at Dong Xuebing.

"Pick up my legs quickly!" Zhou Wei wasn't stupid. Knowing that with the current medical technology, there was a good chance for recovery if the severed limbs were promptly stitched back on.

Still shouting, asking me to save you, with this attitude?

Dong Xuebing was annoyed once again by the people from Cheng Gang County. When Huilan was pushed to the ground by you, why didn't you help and only focus on escaping? In the end, it was the people from Fen Zhou City who rescued my wife and took her to the hospital. You not only almost killed my wife, but you also didn't even bother to help. Now, you want me to save you and shout at me aggressively? Are you kidding me?

Save you?

Fine.

I'll save you.

Dong Xuebing went up to rescue Zhou Wei. However, his expression seemed rushed, and his steps were precarious. He stumbled and staggered to Zhou Wei.

Zhou Wei shouted, "Hurry!"

"I'm coming, coming," Dong Xuebing said, lowering his head to help him.

But at that moment, Dong Xuebing tripped. In an unfortunate misstep, he accidentally stepped on the severed end of Zhou Wei's right leg. With a gasp, the flesh and bones on the severed end of the right leg were crushed by Dong Xuebing's foot and, yes, crushed. The leg was deformed, and the

flesh and blood vessels all merged. Although modern medicine is advanced, there are limits. A surgeon might be able to reconnect a cleanly severed thigh, but there's no way to reconnect a thigh that has been crushed. Dong Xuebing's unintentional step destroyed Zhou Wei's hope of recovery.

Zhou Wei saw it, and his eyes turned red, "Ah, what are you doing to my leg, my leg!"

"Sorry, I didn't stand firm," Dong Xuebing apologized, but his tone conveyed irritation. After helping him up, another falling object came down. Ironically, while Dong Xuebing held onto him, his foot slipped again. His shoe kicked Zhou Wei's left leg, and the left leg rolled out with a gurgling sound, landing precisely where the last falling object hit.

A loud splatter.

Blood splashed, and the left leg was smashed into a pulp.

"Ah!" Zhou Wei cursed at Dong Xuebing, "You damn bastard!"

Out of anger, loss of blood, and unbearable pain, Zhou Wei fainted.

People outside the courtyard saw it, too, but they thought Dong Xuebing didn't do it on purpose. In such a disastrous scene, with continuous falling danger, it was inevitable to stumble and fall. Survival was the key, even if both legs were lost. When they saw Zhou Wei not only asking Dong Xuebing to save him but also yelling and cursing at him, many people were disgusted by Zhou Wei. Even those unrelated officials from Cheng Gang County were reluctant to help him.

At this moment, the true nature of a person became more apparent.

Given Zhou Wei's character, even the county officials outside Cheng Gang didn't want to rescue him.

But Dong Xuebing did.

Dong Xuebing pulled Zhou Wei to the entrance of the courtyard.

People from Cheng Gang County looked at Dong Xuebing in surprise, thinking he was magnanimous. Zhou Wei's group almost killed his wife, and Zhou Wei shouted viciously for Dong Xuebing to save him. If it were someone else, they would have abandoned him long ago. Yet, Dong Xuebing still put aside grievances to save someone.

That's what a leader should be.

That's what a party member should be.

Everyone sighed. The falling objects were already cleared, and the danger wasn't significant. The officials from Cheng Gang County quickly went up to help.

"Hurry, give me a hand!"

"Who has cloth for stopping bleeding?"

"Why hasn't the ambulance arrived yet?"

"There are still people inside. Let's rescue them first."

Dong Xuebing took charge of the scene. His position made him the highest-ranking there.

However, they didn't know Dong Xuebing's character was far from noble. His penchant for revenge was well-known within the system. The reason he rescued Zhou Wei was not out of selflessness. It was because he feared Zhou Wei might die from excessive bleeding. If that happened, the act of breaking Zhou Wei's legs and crushing his thighs would lose its meaning. Dong Xuebing didn't want to kill him outright. It was too simple. He wanted Zhou Wei and the others to suffer for the rest of their lives, considering this to be the best and most significant punishment.

So, Dong Xuebing went back to save people.

The wind had subsided, and the sand and dust gradually settled.

Many people feared the danger and didn't dare to go deep inside. But Dong Xuebing dared. He rushed in alone while the wind and sand were still blowing. In the chaos, he deliberately damaged an ear and an arm, among other organs. Of course, he didn't leave shoeprints. Instead, he used a stone to crush them. He wouldn't give them a chance to reattach severed body parts. He completely shattered their hopes of recovery.

After a while, people were rescued one by one.

Dong Xuebing worked the hardest, rescuing five people on his own.

The remaining three were pulled out by Cheng Gang County officials and some brave locals who risked their lives. They were all tired, breathing heavily. Their exhaustion was not only physical but also psychological, as the appearance of these eight people was quite gruesome.

Bandaging wounds and providing basic first aid, all seven individuals from Cheng Gang County and the construction company's manager, Sun, managed to save their lives.

Sitting on the ground, several officials from Cheng Gang County looked at the group of leaders led by Zhou Wei. Two of them couldn't help but run aside and vomit a few times.

No legs, no feet, no hands all eight people were now disabled.

The Cheng Gang County officials understood that Zhou Wei, Mr. Sun, and the others were done for in this lifetime. Not only was keeping their jobs unlikely, but living a normal life would also be unrealistic, especially for Zhou Wei and others with severe injuries. Without one to take care of them, living independently would be impossible.

Only Dong Xuebing was unscathed.

Only Dong Xuebing emerged from this unharmed.

The common people were unaware of the details. Still, the Cheng Gang County officials knew some of the internal situation. Seeing this, they were terrified.

This incident was too coincidental.

Dong Xuebing's wife had just been injured due to falling objects.

Now, Zhou Wei and the others were similarly affected by falling objects.

Was this divine retribution?

Was it heaven's punishment for them?

Chapter 1385: Cheng Gang County's shock and anger

Afternoon.

Cheng Gang County.

The workday was not over when County Mayor Li Zhixin's office phone started ringing.

Li Zhixin was tapping his fingers on the table, lost in thought. With a cup of tea in his right hand, he was leisurely contemplating how to deal with the follow-up issues involving Xie Huilan and Dong Xuebing. These two individuals irritated him, especially the Deputy County Mayor, who was surnamed Dong. The feedback he received earlier indicated that this Dong person had even taken Zhou Wei and others to the new county committee courtyard to find evidence. Li Zhixin's face turned cold. It would have been better if they didn't continue probing, but now it seemed impossible. Well, he would have to be a bit more forceful. If needed, he would cause some trouble for both Xie and Dong, making them busy with their affairs. Xie Huilan's identity as Deputy City mayor was the only troublesome factor. Still, it didn't matter. She was just a deputy mayor from another city. No matter how long their hands were, they couldn't reach Cheng Gang County.

Li Zhixin believed he had them under control.

Being forceful was his usual approach.

After snapping out of his thoughts, Li Zhixin realized the phone had been ringing for quite some time. He looked at the number, raised his hand, and answered, Hello, I'm Li Zhixin.'

"Mayor Li, there's trouble."

"What trouble?"

"Secretary Zhou and Director Wang are in trouble."

"Take it slow. Tell me what happened," Li Zhixin frowned.

The person on the other end of the line hurriedly said, "Half an hour ago, Secretary Zhou, Director Wang, and Mayor Dong went to the new County Party Committee building courtyard. Not long after, there was an accident. Construction materials, including steel plates, fell even more than last time. Secretary Zhou, Director Wang, Director Li, and Mr. Sun from the construction company were all hit. Two on-duty police officers were also hit."

Li Zhixin was annoyed. Weren't the construction materials fixed in place?

"They were fixed." The person quickly explained. "Mr. Sun personally supervised the work upstairs and tied many ropes for reinforcement, but they still fell due to strong winds today."

"How are they?"

"They've been taken to the hospital."

"I'm asking what kind of injuries they sustained."

"The legs of the two police officers are crushed, a steel plate cut off Secretary Zhou's thighs, and I didn't look closely at the others. It's too tragic."

Li Zhixin was bewildered. "Tell me again."

"Maimed, all of them. It's a scene of severed limbs, very frightening."

"Did anyone escape unharmed? Did anyone die?"

"Thankfully, no one died. They are all alive. Fortunately, only one person, Dong Xuebing from Zhen Shui County, was not hit. He didn't suffer any injuries."

It was too coincidental.

All of this is too coincidental.

Li Zhixin keenly sensed that something was amiss inside. Like everyone else, he wondered why the scene they had experienced with Xie Huilan in the afternoon was replayed two hours later with the same characters, only this time. Dong Xuebing replaced Xie Huilan. Last time, it was Xie Huilan who was injured, and now it was the people of Cheng Gang County who were seriously injured. How could such conveniently timed events occur?

"Mayor Li, are you coming to take a look," the person asked.

"I'll be there right away," Li Zhixin angrily said, "Seal off the scene and set up a cordon. No one is allowed in or out. Something is not right about this."

"Well, it was an accident then, and Mayor Dong saved most of them."

"Saving people is useless. I told you to go and handle it. Go wherever you need to go and stop with the nonsense."

"I understand." The person knew that Mayor Li was upset and didn't say much.

Similar phone calls were happening simultaneously in the offices of other county leaders and departments. Such a significant incident couldn't be kept secret. Everyone heard about this tragedy.

Hospital.

The injured had all been brought in.

However, Dong Xuebing didn't go to the emergency room with them. He didn't need to. He turned around, went upstairs, and casually walked toward his wife's ward.

In the corridor.

Liao Yimin and officials from Fen Zhou City were waiting outside.

"Mayor Dong."

"Mayor Dong, you're back."

"What happened at the new County Party Committee building courtyard just now?"

They had just heard about the incident and were somewhat taken aback. However, while they were shocked, there was also an indescribable satisfaction in their hearts. Not for any other reason. It was just so relieving. Finally, there was retribution for the evildoers. They didn't know how this accident happened and didn't intend to find out. After all, Dong Xuebing had caused too many inexplicable incidents in Fen Zhou City. They were used to it. They only knew those who offended Dong Xuebing would have a wrong time. Some of the unfortunate methods couldn't even be explained. This was also why the God of Plagues was called the God of Plagues. Like this incident, it was a typical case of the God of Plagues retaliating consistently. The methods of the God of Plagues were always unmatched.

"Where's Huilan?"

"Inside, just woke up."

"Okay, I'll go in and take a look."

Opening the door, Dong Xuebing entered the ward, closing the door behind him.

Inside, only Xie Huilan was lying on the bed, looking towards the door. "You're back."

Dong Xuebing grunted and quickly sat down, gently touching her hand. "How do you feel? Better now? Any discomfort?"

Xie Huilan forced a smile. "My stomach is much better, not uncomfortable at all. Just tired and weak."

Dong Xuebing said, "It's okay. You should recover by tomorrow."

"What's happening outside? It seems chaotic."

Dong Xuebing said, "While you were asleep, construction materials fell from the new County Party Committee building courtyard again. I was there with the people who pushed you. As a result, several of them are now disabled. Zhou Wei lost both legs, the construction company owner, Mr. Sun, broke one leg, two planning officials lost an ear and a shoulder, and the other lost a nose and lips. Two government officials from the county office suffered a broken neck, resulting in lifelong paralysis for one and a broken hand for the other. Oh, and two police officers who went to the scene to destroy evidence also had their lower bodies crushed."

Xie Huilan glanced at him. "Are you behind this?"

Dong Xuebing smiled but didn't explicitly say, "They are reaping what they sowed. Even the heavens couldn't bear to watch."

Xie Huilan smiled faintly and held his hand. "Handling such matters is still my little husband's strong suit."

Dong Xuebing nodded. "Of the seven people at the time, six were disabled. We've settled this score, but it's certainly not over. Don't worry. I haven't forgotten the main one, Li Zhixin. Let him jump around for a few days. I haven't figured out how to deal with him, mainly because he returned to the old County Party Committee Building and wasn't at the scene."

Xie Huilan reminded him, "Be careful."

Dong Xuebing nodded. "I understand. Do you still doubt my ability to handle things? They won't find anything on me, and there's nothing to investigate in the first place."

Chapter 1386: Scold

Evening.

The sky darkened.

The raging wind finally subsided.

Outside Huilan's hospital room, Dong Xuebing and Liao Yimin, who had just come out after visiting, pushed the door open. Several people from the Education Bureau of Fen Zhou City were still waiting outside.

Dong Xuebing hurriedly said, "Haven't had dinner yet?"

"It's fine, Mayor Dong, we're not hungry," one of the officials replied.

"After a busy day, why aren't you hungry? I'm here. You all can go back." Dong Xuebing said.

Liao Yimin also added, "We can't help much here. Let's go, let's have dinner first."

Dong Xuebing said, "Thank you all for today. It's been tough for everyone." After a pause, he continued, "I just talked to Huilan. She needs to recuperate for a while. These days, we won't be able to conduct any research. Huilan suggests that you all go back first. Director Liao also knows about it. However, my suggestion is for Huilan to leave with you. You don't need to worry about the flight. I'll make a call to arrange it. There should be a flight tomorrow morning. Go back, get a good night's sleep, and then leave for Fen Zhou City in the morning."

Liao Yimin looked at him, "Are you leaving with us?"

"I still have some things to deal with here, so I won't leave for now. Please take care of Huilan on the way. Thank you." Dong Xuebing replied.

Li Zhixin hadn't been dealt with yet.

Dong Xuebing's revenge wasn't over. Of course, he wouldn't leave.

"It's our pleasure. You don't need to be so polite." Director Liao said.

"This dinner and accommodation tonight are on me," Dong Xuebing added. "You don't need to wait for Cheng Gang County to make arrangements. Find a hotel."

Not long after, Liao Yimin left with his people.

Dong Xuebing immediately made a phone call to book the flight. He also had his considerations. Firstly, he didn't want Huilan to recuperate here because the medical conditions were limited. Secondly, with so many people disabled, Dong Xuebing was afraid that the people from Cheng Gang County might cause trouble. In theory, such a thing should be impossible, but Cheng Gang County's conduct had thoroughly disappointed Dong Xuebing. The County Leaders were more disgusting than the others. What they were capable of doing wouldn't surprise Dong Xuebing. It was better to be safe, so he let the people from Fen Zhou City return as soon as possible.

Everything was settled.

A nurse happened to pass by the corridor.

Dong Xuebing stopped her, "How are the injured officials?"

It had been two or three hours since the incident, and Dong Xuebing hadn't inquired about the condition of those people.

The nurse sighed. She said, "It's very serious. Their lives were saved, but they will be severely disabled for the rest of their lives. Even the severed limbs couldn't be reattached."

"Is there a life-threatening situation?"

"They were brought in on time, so not at the moment."

Dong Xuebing acknowledged with an "oh" and let her go.

As soon as the nurse turned around, ring, ring, ring, Dong Xuebing's phone rang.

It was Jiang Fangfang's number.

"Hello, Mayor Jiang."

"I just heard about it. What happened?"

"Well, the wind blew construction materials down, injuring quite a few people."

"Did you get hurt?"

"I'm fine."

"That's good. How about your wife?"

"Nothing major. I'll go back once she's settled."

"No need to rush. Accompany your wife first, handle things there, and then come back."

"Alright, thanks, Mayor Jiang, for your concern. My wife also sends her regards to you." This was not something Huilan usually said, but it just came out naturally.

Putting down the phone, Dong Xuebing gently pushed open the door of the ward and took a glance. Seeing that Huilan was asleep, he didn't disturb her and closed the door carefully. Afterward, he headed upstairs in the direction of the intensive care unit. The County Leaders and officials from Cheng Gang County had already come to visit the patients. Most of them had left, and Dong Xuebing didn't go in. He glanced at the patients lying on the bed, contorted in various ways. Almost everyone had undergone surgery, and they were all in a coma. Perhaps it was due to general anesthesia. They all had their eyes closed. As for Zhou Wei and the other injured official, Dong Xuebing didn't see them. They were probably lying in other intensive care rooms.

Knowing this in advance, why bother at the beginning?

Dong Xuebing had no sympathy for them at all. Since they intended to harm others, they should be prepared to be harmed in return.

Outside, two officials from Cheng Gang County were standing guard.

Dong Xuebing hadn't seen them before, but they seemed to recognize him. They stared at him somewhat indifferently as soon as he arrived.

"How are the people?" Since they were here, Dong Xuebing naturally had to ask.

One of the officials answered indifferently, "They are stable now," and said nothing more.

Dong Xuebing frowned, looking at the two of them. What kind of attitude was this? After causing harm to my wife, your people showed me an unfriendly face. Even when your people are injured, you still show me an unfriendly face. You should know that in everyone's eyes, Dong Xuebing was the one who rescued the injured one by one. Unexpectedly, these people still had such an attitude. They were being aggressively aggressive with him. This guy, who wasn't even a leader, was still confrontational with me. Dong Xuebing had never received a good attitude since he came to Cheng Gang County. They seemed to dislike everyone they saw.

At this moment, hurried footsteps came from behind.

A middle-aged man arrived, seemingly also a leader from Cheng Gang County.

"Mayor Wang."

"Mayor Wang, you're here."

The two officials stood up politely.

Dong Xuebing looked at him. Mayor Wang was the Deputy Mayor in charge of the construction.

Mayor Wang had gone out for something in the afternoon and had just rushed back. "Where are Secretary Zhou and the others?"

One official sighed and pointed to the intensive care unit, "Old Li and Old Zhou are inside, and Secretary Zhou's group is in the ICU upstairs."

Mayor Wang hurriedly looked inside through the glass. Even though he had heard a rough outline of the situation here, when he saw several people lying there without limbs and unconscious, he couldn't help but darken his face. As the Deputy Mayor in charge of this area, many of these people were his subordinates. Many would be severely turned off for the rest of their lives. Even severed limbs hadn't been reattached.

"Is everyone alright?" Since he had come, Mayor Wang naturally asked.

One of the officials answered, "They are stable now, but the situation is not optimistic."

Deputy Mayor Wang's face darkened even more. He felt very distressed, whether emotionally or politically. He didn't want anything to happen to these people. Once these people were gone, if another group came, who knew who they would be? Secretary Zhou also felt the same way. To build a good relationship with Mayor Li, Deputy Mayor Wang spent a lot with Secretary Zhou.

This was bad now.

Such severe disabilities are equivalent to putting a period on their political lives.

"Mayor Wang." Since they had already confronted each other, Dong Xuebing glanced at him and gave a greeting.

In terms of rank, the two were similar. Still, Dong Xuebing's position as the Executive Deputy Mayor was higher than Deputy Mayor Wang's. However, Deputy Mayor Wang might still be holding a grudge against Dong Xuebing for the incident where Dong Xuebing scolded their villagers and criticized their law enforcement officers. After looking at Dong Xuebing, Deputy Mayor Wang glared and spoke up, "This afternoon, there was nearly an accident. Why did you go to the new County Party Committee Building compound? Don't you know it's dangerous there? You almost got people killed. Look at the trouble you caused."

Damn.

You are seeking death.

Dong Xuebing exploded upon hearing this, pointing at him and cursing, "You dare to blame me? Who the hell are you? You didn't take proper precautions or secure the construction materials properly. You almost killed my wife, and you almost killed your people. Yet, you're pushing all the blame onto me. You've pushed it clean. If you dare to shout at me again, try."

Deputy Mayor Wang angrily said, "What's wrong with me shouting at you? You're swearing at people."

"I'm swearing at you, damn it!" Dong Xuebing retorted, annoyed. "I tolerated you once, tolerated you twice, and yet, you people kept showing me an unfriendly face three or five times. I went to your new County Party Committee building compound, where you almost got my wife killed. Where were you at that time? Now you come out and shout at me. F**k your mother! My wife had such a big accident, and my child almost didn't make it. As her husband, don't I have the right to go to the scene and check? Damn, you mean if my wife died, she died. If you say it's an accident, it must be an accident. If you say no one pushed anyone, then no one pushed anyone. I don't even have the right to take a look. Damn it. With your level, you're still a Deputy Mayor. How did you get up there?"

Dong Xuebing pointed at his forehead and said, "Wang, if you continue to talk this way, I will continue to reason it out with you! Damn it."

The crowd grew larger.

Nurses, doctors, and patients all came out to watch.

Dong Xuebing had a sharp tongue and didn't give Wang a chance to speak. He said, "Everyone is listening. Wang, don't blame me for scolding you today. It's your fault. You can ask these people. Most of them were saved by me. At that time, no one else went up. I took the lead and pulled each one of them out. They could be promptly sent to the hospital for treatment and wound dressing. I came over here peacefully to visit and inquire about the situation. These two officials from your County come to me with a blackface. Then, you come up here and shout at me. Damn it."

Many patients started to whisper.

Several doctors and nurses also felt that Deputy Mayor Wang was a bit unreasonable. Not to mention that Dong Xuebing saved people, just talking about his identity as the Executive Deputy County Mayor. You shouldn't yell at him like this even if you were angry.

Seeing the gazes from those around him, Deputy Mayor Wang got even angrier.

Without waiting for him to speak, Dong Xuebing continued, "People's patience is limited. If you want to argue with me, I will argue with you. I, together with Mayor Jiang, was blocked by your villagers in your suburbs. You should know that situation in your heart. I don't owe you anything. If anyone were to show blackface, it should be me. I am telling you that this matter is not over. My wife was pushed this afternoon, and I haven't asked you for an explanation yet. Don't worry. I have plenty of time. I hope you are ready for this time." Dong Xuebing nodded and said, "Finally, let me advise you. If you don't treat yourself as a human being, others won't treat you as one either."

Deputy Mayor Wang's face turned red from being scolded.

Over there, hospital leaders were alarmed. They were all from Cheng Gang County, naturally leaning towards Deputy Mayor Wang. Seeing that Deputy Mayor Wang couldn't win against Mayor Dong, several people hurried over to mediate.

Chapter 1387: Nickname

Darkness descends.

The hospital was bustling despite the night.

Many people couldn't sleep, and those who were asleep were mostly awakened. A lot of individuals followed the commotion to see what was happening. Witnessing leaders exchanging heated arguments was quite rare.

"The patients need to rest."

"Leaders, calm down."

"Yes, both of you, calm down."

"Xiao Liu, quickly get some water for the two leaders."

The hospital leaders tried to mediate, and a nurse immediately fetched water.

After venting his anger, Dong Xuebing felt somewhat relieved. The officials from Cheng Gang County had no decency. If you didn't stand up to them, they thought you were easy to bully. Dong Xuebing had encountered numerous instances of being challenged today, and these Cheng Gang County people had misjudged their target. They should not have challenged Dong Xuebing, who nearly lost his wife and child because of them. Until now, they hadn't even offered an apology, persistently blaming Huilan for the incident. Despite all this, the Cheng Gang County officials confronted him as if they were righteous. The fate of Zhou Wei and others showed that these people hadn't learned their lesson. He gave them a lesson tomorrow that they would remember forever.

In the blink of an eye, Dong Xuebing had a plan to deal with them.

"Director, the water is here, the water is here." The nurse came with a cup.

"Why are you giving it to me?" The hospital director immediately said, "Give it to the two leaders."

Deputy County Mayor Wang waved his hand angrily, and Dong Xuebing didn't ask for it either. What was the point of drinking water? Dong Xuebing could scold these Cheng Gang County people for three days and nights without water.

The situation reached a standstill.

Dong Xuebing was enjoying himself while Deputy County Mayor Wang wanted to save face. Knowing he couldn't win an argument, he didn't get agitated.

Suddenly, a nurse hurriedly walked in from a distance. "Director and Secretary Zhou's blood pressure has dropped. Dr. Zhang asks for you to take a look."

The director furrowed his brows. "Alright."

The Deputy County Mayor, Wang, expressed concern. "I'll come with you."

It seemed like he cared about Secretary Zhou. Still, everyone knew that Deputy County Mayor Wang was finding an excuse to leave and avoid the confrontation with Mayor Dong. Everyone could see it. Deputy County Mayor Wang was forced to escape. Dong Xuebing's tongue was not only sharp but also on point. He spoke rapidly, leaving Deputy County Mayor Wang with no chance to respond. As soon as he said a few words, Dong Xuebing could immediately counter them. Anyone, not just Deputy County Mayor Wang, would find it challenging to argue with him.

Many patients and nurses looked at Dong Xuebing strangely. They had never seen a deputy county-level leader who could effectively scold people.

Dong Xuebing glanced at Deputy County Mayor Wang, who was walking away. He didn't linger here. He glanced at the two Cheng Gang County officials who had confronted him earlier. Seeing them avoiding his gaze, he swaggered under everyone's gaze and went downstairs.

Downstairs.

Inside the ward.

Dong Xuebing saw his wife awake as soon as the door opened, leaning against the bed. When she saw him coming in, Xie Huilan smiled at him.

"Woken up?"

"Yeah, just woke up."

"I've booked the plane tickets. You can go back with comrades from Fen Zhou City tomorrow morning."

"Haha you had arranged my itinerary. Alright, listen to my little husband this time."

"Hey, I think you are feeling better now. Your speech is much smoother. Did that nap just now help a bit?" Dong Xuebing sat on the bedside.

Xie Huilan nodded, "Much better."

"That's good. I was worried you might struggle with the flight." Dong Xuebing knew that Huilan was fine. He had already used REVERSE to heal her injuries. Now, she only needed rest for physical and mental recovery. By tomorrow, Huilan will probably be able to jog without any problems.

"You were scolding people just now," Xie Huilan smiled.

Dong Xuebing sweated, "How did you know?"

"You, with that loud voice of yours, even people on the first floor probably did. Hehe."

Dong Xuebing didn't care, saying, "They provoked me. I greeted Deputy County Mayor Wang, and he ended up yelling back at me. I can't lose to him. I've seen through the people of Cheng Gang County. This place breeds a bunch of scoundrels. After you leave, I'll make them suffer thoroughly and remember the lesson."

"Take it easy."

"Don't worry. I know what I'm doing."

"Alright, what about old Liao and the others?"

"I asked them all to go back and have dinner and rest. Director Liao and the others were busy enough today. Sigh, people can't be compared. Look at your people, then look at the folks from Cheng Gang County. They are not on the same level. The environment shapes the people. I guess I believe that now."

"It's not that serious. While conducting research at the school in the afternoon, I interacted with some people. The students and teachers here are still very simple."

"That's because the leaders at the top, like Li Zhixin, are not upright, and the leaders below won't improve."

"Hehe, they messed with you, and it's like they've inherited the bad luck of eight lifetimes. Your words hit them too hard. Cheng Gang County officials surely still have some integrity."

"Heh, I didn't see any."

"Let's not talk about that. I am hungry."

Dong Xuebing immediately exclaimed, slapping his forehead. "Look at my memory. You haven't had dinner yet. The hospital's food is still here. I'll keep it for you. Otherwise, I'll go and reheat it."

Xie Huilan smiled. "I want to eat braised pork belly."

Dong Xuebing hesitated. "Can you eat that? You're just recovering."

"I can eat." Xie Huilan stretched lazily, lying there, unsure if she was weak or just pretending.

"Order a portion for me."

Dong Xuebing naturally agreed. "Sure, you wait."

After going out, he asked for the phone numbers of several restaurants and called them. Still, no one was willing to deliver, claiming it wasn't part of their services. Dong Xuebing had no choice. He drove out, looking for the nearest restaurant. Seeing the facade, he thought it was too rustic, probably not tasty. He continued driving and arrived at a relatively decent restaurant after about ten minutes. He ordered braised pork belly, rice, and a few vegetables. When the food was ready, he feared the dishes might get cold. So, he quickly jogged back to the car and drove back at the fastest speed.

In the ward, Dong Xuebing pushed the door open, panting. "The food is here, the food is here."

Xie Huilan had just exited the bathroom and slowly walked towards the bed.

Seeing this, Dong Xuebing hurriedly put down the things and went to support her. "Look at you. You just recovered and are already getting out of bed. Be careful, I'll help you."

"Hehe, I'm fine now."

"How could you be fine? Take it slow, take it slow."

After helping his wife onto the bed, Dong Xuebing breathed a sigh of relief. He then gets the lunchbox and dishes, serving them individually before his wife. "Does it smell good?"

"Delicious."

"Then eat more."

"Why is it so slow?"

"They didn't deliver, and I had to go out to buy it."

Xie Huilan reached for the chopsticks to eat, but Dong Xuebing stopped her. He couldn't bear to let his wife even lift a finger. He sat tightly on the bed, put a piece of braised pork on a piece of rice, and handed it to her, blowing on it gently. "Hmm, eat."

Xie Huilan smiled slightly, elegantly opening her mouth and chewing the food carefully. After a while, she softly hummed, "The taste is good."

"Eat a bite of rice, too."

"Mmm, sure."

"Open your mouth, ahh."

The door suddenly opened, and a nurse changed Huilan's dressing. Seeing this, she was also startled and said, "How can you eat braised pork belly? It's too greasy. This won't do."

Dong Xuebing turned around and said, "It's fine."

Xie Huilan chuckled. "Just a few pieces. Not too much."

"Well" The nurse looked at Dong Xuebing but swallowed the words she was about to say. She didn't want to provoke him at this time, especially after hearing his loud scolding earlier. The little nurse didn't want to be scolded.

Having a meal.

Xie Huilan is full.

After glancing at her, Dong Xuebing finally started eating. He scraped the leftover meat and rice that Huilan had left into his mouth. It was cold, but it would do.

Xie Huilan was surprised. "You haven't eaten yet?"

"Where's the time to think about that?" Dong Xuebing ate heartily.

Ten minutes later, Dong Xuebing's stomach was also somewhat bloated and full. However, he didn't have a moment to spare. Seeing that Huilan's hair was still a bit messy, he went to the bathroom to get a warm wet towel and carefully wiped her hair, then wiped her face and arms. Very attentive.

"Want some fruit? I'll peel an apple for you."

Liao Yimin and the officials from Funan City bought the fruits.

Dong Xuebing picked up one, washed and peeled it, and then fed it to his wife piece by piece.

Xie Huilan had a smile on her lips and ate without reservation. She looked at Dong Xuebing with a very gentle gaze. "Xiao Bing."

"Yeah?"

"Sister Xie's leg is itchy. Scratch it for me."

"Hey, your hands can move, right?"

"Hehe, I'm too lazy to bend over. Just on the outside of the calf."

Dong Xuebing lowered his head and found the right spot, scratching with his nails. "Is it okay now?"

"A bit more to the left."

"Here?"

"A bit more to the left."

"Here?"

"Alright, feels comfortable now." Xie Huilan leaned back with satisfaction, lazy. "My husband knows how to take care of people. Come, kiss me."

Dong Xuebing looked at the door of the ward, then bent down and kissed her. "You, when you're not injured, you're like this. After being injured, it's still the same. Just like an empress, needs to be taken care of."

Xie Huilan smiled and touched his back, holding it in her hand. "So, my little husband is still the best. Quickly transfer back. I have decided. In the future, when we live together, I'll occasionally wash some dishes to help my little husband share the household chores. Hehe."

Dong Xuebing was speechless. "Just washing a few dishes, and you call it occasionally helping me share household chores?"

"Hehe, it's just a gesture."

Chapter 1388: Accusation

Next day.

Early in the morning.

Provincial capital, airport lobby.

Dong Xuebing drove to pick up the people from Fen Zhuo City. After parking in the parking lot, HR carefully assisted his wife through the boarding procedures. Even though Huilan could walk without any problem, he protected her, staying close to her every moment.

"Mayor Dong."

"Yeah, what's up?"

"Our plane tickets"

"Oh, all first-class."

"Uh, that's not good, is it?"

"It's fine. Everyone worked hard on this trip, so I ensured you all could return comfortably."

Dong Xuebing was not afraid to spend money. He had arranged first-class tickets for everyone, thanks to it being a less crowded airport in the remote western province. Fen Zhou City officials, including Liao Yimin, only found out after getting their boarding passes. Honestly, officials at Liao Yimin's level had never flown first-class before, let alone the subordinates. So they felt a bit embarrassed.

Liao Yimin politely said, "We'll reimburse you when we return. You don't need to spend on this."

Dong Xuebing waved, "Our city only reimburses for economy class. I know that. Don't worry about it. It's on me. It's not a big deal."

Liao Yimin smiled bitterly, "Thank you, Mayor Dong, for your generosity. You're spending again."

"It's originally about my wife. What's the fuss about the money?" Dong Xuebing supported Xie Huilan towards the security check, saying, "Take care on your journey."

"Got it." Liao Yimin said, "You should go back too. We'll take care of ourselves."

One female staff member went up to help Xie Huilan. "Mayor Xie, let me assist you."

Xie Huilan smiled, "I said I'm fine, no need. Let's go, Xiao Bin. You should go back now. We'll manage from here, and you won't get through security."

Dong Xuebing nodded reluctantly, "Take care on the road."

"Sure." Xie Huilan said, "I'll call you when I arrive."

The other officials from Fen Zhou City bid farewell to Dong Xuebing one by one.

Dong Xuebing nodded, refraining from showing too much affection for his wife in front of them. After exchanging a glance with his wife, he didn't say much. He watched Xie Huilan turn around and leave with the people from Fen Zhou City. Instead of leaving, Dong Xuebing stayed and watched them pass through security. Once they disappeared, he took a few glances and returned to the parking lot to drive back to Chenggang County. Originally, he thought he could spend a few more days with his wife this time, but things turned out differently. He only got to spend a day with Huilan, and he felt a bit depressed. All the blame rested on the people from Chenggang County. This account needed to be settled.

Morning.

Cheng Gang County.

Dong Xuebing didn't contact the officials from Cheng Gang County. He didn't stay at their county guesthouse either. Instead, he chose a hotel, used his ID to check in, and took a room on the top floor, a business suite.

After checking in, Dong Xuebing took a good shower and called to order food delivered to his room. After eating and drinking enough, he walked slowly to the window, opened the curtains, and looked at the opposite building, the almost completed new County Party Committee building compound. This hotel was on the same street as the new County Party Committee building compound, facing it at an angle, with a straight-line distance of only two hundred meters. Dong Xuebing leaned on the window sill, lit a cigarette, and smoked while watching. His eyes were contemplative, showing signs of indecision.

Should I do it or not?

Dong Xuebing hesitated slightly.

Having harmed them physically and verbally scolded their county leaders, Dong Xuebing's anger dissipated greatly. Now, only Li Zhixin remained to be dealt with. Well, also the Deputy Mayor Wang. If he did it this way, wouldn't it be too big of a move? But if he used a simpler method to punish them, wouldn't it be too easy on them? Dong Xuebing felt a bit uncomfortable. After all, they had indeed gone too far.

What to do?

Should he do it or not?

Dong Xuebing squinted and pondered.

Meanwhile.

County People's Hospital.

The second monitoring room was crowded inside and outside. Li Zhixin, Deputy Mayor Wang, and others were there. As it was getting chaotic, Li Zhixin asked some people to leave. They were there to visit because five out of eight people had already woken up in the morning and afternoon, including the County Mayor's Secretary, Zhou Wei, and the General Manager of the construction company, Mr. Sun. All of them were in the second monitoring room, and it seemed they had already passed the critical stage.

"Xiao Zhou," Li Zhixin's face was a bit gloomy. "How is it going?"

Zhou Wei looked resentfully at the space under the blanket where his legs used to be. He raised his head and looked at Li Zhixin, gritting his teeth, "Mayor Li, is there any hope for my legs?" This was the first thing Zhou Wei said to the doctor after waking up, but he didn't answer.

Li Zhixin pondered for a moment and still told him, "Your severed limbs have been found, but the incision site has been severely damaged. The doctor said it's impossible to reattach them."

Although Zhou Wei had anticipated this, his face still turned pale.

"Xiao Zhou," Li Zhixin encouraged, "You have to hold on. Losing your legs is nothing. We can get prosthetics, and you'll be able to stand again."

Zhou Wei remained silent.

On the other side, Deputy Mayor Wang also started talking to Mr. Sun from the construction company.

"Old Sun, is your hand still hurting?" Deputy Mayor Wang touched on a sensitive topic.

Sun Zong clenched his teeth, "Can my hand be reattached?" He had lost an entire arm, and his injuries were comparatively lighter among the eight.

Deputy Mayor Wang sighed and shook his head slightly.

Upon hearing this, Mr. Sun fell silent, obviously taking a significant blow.

The atmosphere in the monitoring room became somewhat tense, and everyone's mood was not great.

Finally, Li Zhixin broke the deadlock. He looked at Zhou Wei and said, "Xiao Zhou, I know you just woke up and need time to recover. But now I need to know the specific circumstances and details of the incident. Tell me anything that comes to your mind. We will investigate this matter thoroughly."

"Investigate?" Zhou Wei said.

"Yes," Li Zhixin said, "Do you think this was an accident?" This question implied that they were trying to shift the blame for the accident. Li Mayor's words made everyone in the room fall silent, looking at them with furrowed brows and stunned expressions.

"I don't know," Zhou Wei said.

Li Zhixin stared at him, saying, "Think about it carefully."

After a pause, Zhou Wei said, "When I was running, Dong Xuebing bumped into me."

Li Zhixin's eyes turned cold, "Are you sure? How did he bump into you, and when?"

"At the end," Zhou Wei said with difficulty, "If it weren't for him blocking the steel plate beside me, it wouldn't have hit me. He even stepped on my severed leg, crushing it."

Deputy Mayor Wang pretended to be surprised, "Are you suggesting that the accident was not accidental but a deliberate act by Dong Xuebing? He took you there for revenge?"

One of the officials present at the scene coughed, "Mayor Li, Deputy Mayor Wang, at that time"

"I didn't ask you," Li Zhixin ruthlessly interrupted him. "Xiao Zhou, tell me the specific situation."

Zhou Wei seemed to have caught the implied message from the county leaders and spoke firmly, "Dong Xuebing should have arranged it. Otherwise, it's too coincidental."

Deputy Mayor Wang looked at Mr. Sun, "Mr. Sun, did you notice anything unusual?"

There were also two police officers in the room, brought in by several leaders, listening and recording everything in their notebooks as written records and witnesses.

Li Zhixin and Deputy Mayor Wang were the overall commanders of this project. Still, Mr. Sun and others carried out the actual construction work. Faced with consecutive accidents, Mr. Sun naturally did not want to shoulder the responsibility. Otherwise, he would be charged with at least lax supervision. When he got excited talking about it, Mr. Sun accidentally touched his bed with his severed arm, causing him to wince in pain.

Deputy Mayor Wang, still bearing a grudge from yesterday's verbal abuse by Dong Xuebing, suggested, "Mayor Li, I suggest we take control of Dong Xuebing first."

Li Zhixin glanced at him. Since the beginning, he had never harbored any illusions about Deputy Mayor Wang's political acumen. He was just someone who had risen through luck. While influential in dealing with ordinary people, he was utterly clueless about political struggles. Controlling Dong Xuebing, the executive Deputy Mayor of a neighboring county and a man whose wife was a Deputy City Mayor, wasn't that simple. Even if Li Zhixin agreed, the County Party Secretary would not dare to approve.

This matter needed to be handled slowly, one step at a time.

Li Zhixin had a plan in mind. While the situation with Xie Huilan's incident was relatively better, as she hadn't suffered much harm, the second accident was far more serious. Eight people were disabled, and finding someone responsible for this was imperative.

Who should bear this responsibility?

Whom to use to divert attention?

Their people from Cheng Gang County were unsuitable, so Dong Xuebing became the only option.

After leaving the monitoring room, several police officers questioned the officials and staff at the scene during the incident, "What do you know about the situation?"

One official hesitated for a long time without saying a word.

A staff spoke up, "It might have been an accident. We saw things falling from upstairs, and Mayor Dong was downstairs. How could he tamper with them? Moreover, Mayor Dong pulled Secretary Zhou and Mr. Sun one by one out of danger at the end. Otherwise, there would have been a second injury, and Secretary Zhou and others wouldn't have made it. And Director Li, who was paralyzed

after being hit on the cervical spine, was because Secretary Zhou used him as a shield to protect himself."

But Li Zhixin and Deputy Mayor Wang were walking ahead, seemingly oblivious.

Seeing this, the police officers stopped writing, and this part was not recorded.

Chapter 1389: The culprit is found

Noon.

In the hospital corridor.

The young staff who was present during the incident thought that Secretary Zhou and Mr. Sun had misled Mayor Li and Deputy Mayor Wang. He hurriedly described the situation at that time again. His sharp eyes captured scenes such as Dong Xuebing being almost pushed to the ground by two police officers, the collision between the county officials, and Secretary Zhou using another official as a scapegoat to block falling objects. He truthfully recounted all these scenes to them.

"Did you see it?" The police officers asked him.

The young staff said, "Everyone saw it."

However, an old staff member also present during the incident quickly pulled him aside and gave him a secret signal, telling him not to speak recklessly.

Feeling frustrated, the young clerk said, "Brother Zhang"

Li Zhixin also turned his head, looking at an official, "Is what he said true?"

The official, who had gone to the new County Party Committee building with Zhou Wei, immediately shook his head without thinking, "I didn't see clearly. It shouldn't be true."

Deputy Mayor Wang added, "I know Secretary Zhou. He wouldn't do such a thing. Young man, the wind and sand were so strong. Maybe you saw it wrong."

The young staff member fell silent.

At this point, he couldn't see the situation anymore. He would be a fool if he still couldn't figure it out.

Watching Mayor Li and Deputy Mayor Wang walking ahead, the young staff suddenly felt his hands and feet turning cold. Sensing the intentions of the two leaders, he felt chilled in his heart. He hadn't expected that Mayor Li and Deputy Mayor Wang would disregard the facts and only listen to one-sided words to shift blame and divert attention. Even when he spoke the truth, no one listened. It's not that they didn't want to listen, but they only wanted to hear what they wanted. What kind of officials were these? What kind of party members were they? The young staff, who was stubborn, suddenly felt a little scared. With such lawless County Leaders in charge, what would Cheng Gang County become in the future? He dared not think about it.

They then went downstairs to visit the patients in the ward.

Under the conscious guidance of Li Zhixin and Deputy Mayor Wang, several injured officials also insisted that the incident was not accidental. Someone might have planned it. Two individuals even claimed that after the incident, Dong Xuebing had pushed them intentionally, causing their injuries. However, the young staff and those at the scene saw that Mayor Dong had been bumped into once,

and the other person had stumbled in their haste to push people, accidentally tripping over themselves. But they insisted that Dong Xuebing had pushed them for some unknown reason. This resulted in them being permanently disabled. They even accused Dong Xuebing of intentionally pushing them, claiming that it was to save his own life. However, if Mayor Dong had wanted to save his life, he would have escaped long ago. He had risked his life to rescue several people from the area covered by falling objects. The young staff felt extremely angry. This was simply utter nonsense. Mayor Dong did bump into someone, but not into them. They tripped over themselves while trying to push Dong Xuebing. Instead of acknowledging Mayor Dong's life-saving grace, they accused him and turned against him.

This was too ruthless.

Not to mention, the young staff had a strong sense of justice.

Even the nearby old staff member and an official frowned upon hearing this.

Wasn't this blatant falsehood and framing?

But Li Zhixin and Deputy Mayor Wang had already set the tone. None of them had revealed anything. Some officials at the scene at that time had not seen clearly due to the strong wind and sand. Most of the local people arrived later and were unaware. Therefore, these disabled officials also knew that since everyone around them at that time was their people, as long as they firmly accused Dong Xuebing, no one would testify against them. They had no way to return to their positions in the future. Naturally, they had to find a way out for themselves. If their actions during the incident were known to others, it would undoubtedly cause trouble and affect their future welfare benefits. At this moment, with a scapegoat emerging, they naturally seized the opportunity.

People who didn't know the situation thought these disabled officials were pitiable. However, those who knew the truth and witnessed the scene were somewhat disgusted.

What kind of world was this?

The young staff knew that this incident was too coincidental. Dong Xuebing's wife had just encountered an accident, and the same scene happened again two or three hours later. He wasn't entirely sure if there was anything fishy going on, but judging from the attitudes of Zhou Wei, Mr. Sun, and these disabled officials, the young staff even felt that even if Mayor Dong had premeditated this incident, Zhou Wei, Mr. Sun, and the others deserved their disabilities. You almost killed Dong Mayor's wife and child. If he wanted to harm you, he had every reason to do so. However, even in that situation, Mayor Dong still managed to rescue you. Instead of being grateful, you turned around and accused him.

You knocked down a pregnant woman.

You destroyed evidence.

Now, you're shifting all the blame to others.

You're fabricating groundless accusations against others.

What kind of officials are you? You can't even be considered human.

However, Li Zhixin nodded in agreement, his face stern, instructing the police to record everything.

After the police finished recording, they asked, "Mayor Li, things are almost clear. Should we extract Dong Xuebing's fingerprints and footprints?"

Li Zhixin said, "Yes, go ahead."

The police asked, "Do you have any other instructions?"

"Thoroughly search the evidence left in the new County Party Committee building courtyard again, extract fingerprints and footprints for comparison, and quickly investigate the matter," Li Zhixin said. He knew that things might not be as straightforward as they seemed, but with the testimonies in hand, it would be easier to handle. He didn't necessarily have to get Dong Xuebing out. He was also aware that this incident might be a genuine accident. Still, with the testimonies, the best result was to shift the focus away. As the overall commander of this project, Li Zhixin naturally didn't want to take responsibility for this incident.

The tone was set.

People dispersed.

Seeing this, the old staff member pulled the young staff to a place downstairs where no one was around. "You, why are you so straightforward? Listen more, observe more, and speak less."

The young staff complained, "Brother Zhang, but the situation is clear."

"Do you think you're the only smart one with good eyesight? Everyone knows what's going on. If you speak out, it will only cause trouble. Just listen to my advice."

The young staff took a deep breath. "I can't stand it anymore."

"Then you have to endure it. Look at me. I'm no different." Brother Zhang shook his head helplessly. Suddenly, he looked around to ensure there was no one nearby. Then he whispered to the young staff, "I'll tell you something. Do you know who pushed Mayor Xie to the ground? I was in the car and saw it from the right angle as the sandstorm passed. Mayor Li pushed her."

"What? Are you serious?"

"Otherwise, why do you think Zhou Secretary and the others insist that Mayor Xie slipped and fell? They dare not speak up."

Chapter 1390: Settling the old and new scores

Afternoon.

Yesterday's wind brought up too much dust, so today, the air isn't great, and the sky is shrouded in a gray haze, blocking the sunlight.

Hotel.

In the suite.

Ring, ring, ring, ring

Dong Xuebing was lying on the bed, lost in thought when the phone rang.

It was Liao Yimin calling. "Hello, Mayor Dong. We've arrived in Fen Zhou City."

"Good, everything okay on the way?" Dong Xuebing asked.

"No problem. Mayor Xie is doing well. We went straight to the hospital after arriving. Mayor Xie said she was not at ease about the child, so he went to the hospital for another check-up and X-ray." Liao Yimin said.

"Okay, thank you all."

"No problem. Oh, there's one more thing."

"Yeah, what is it?"

Liao Yimin hesitated momentarily and said, "I just received a call. It seems to be from a government official in Cheng Gang County. I don't know who exactly, he didn't say, but he secretly told me that Cheng Gang County wants to shift all the blame for the accident onto you. The testimony of the injured claims that you were pulling and dragging them at that time, which led to them not being able to escape and getting hit. They even suspect this incident was not an accident. They suspect you tampered with the construction materials and want a thorough investigation." Dong Xuebing didn't say a word after hearing this, so Liao Yimin continued, "Also, the person who called me just now told me that Mayor Xie was pushed by Li Zhixin yesterday. Some people from Cheng Gang County witnessed it."

Dong Xuebing said with a cold face, "Are you sure?"

"He said it with great certainty, but I'm unsure." Liao Yimin said, "Considering that Zhou Wei and the others insist that Mayor Xie slipped on his own, it's highly probable."

"Alright, I got it."

"Mayor Dong, be careful."

"Huh, they should be careful."

"Yeah. What about Mayor Xie?"

"Let her rest and recover first. Don't tell her about this matter for now."

"Got it, I understand."

After hanging up the phone, Dong Xuebing coldly threw it on the bed, his eyes filled with a hint of coldness. Li Zhixin was indeed a despicable person. He almost harmed Huilan. Dong Xuebing didn't know who had informed Liao Yimin or why they had told him about this matter. He wasn't sure if it was out of a sense of justice or for some political purpose or if it was someone who held a grudge against Li Zhixin. However, Dong Xuebing was certain that Li Zhixin was the most likely mastermind. Dong Xuebing had already identified Li Zhixin.

All eight accomplices were disabled.

Now, it was time to deal with the real mastermind.

With this thought, Dong Xuebing no longer hesitated. He exited the bed, walked to the window, and looked at the new County Party Committee building courtyard. A fierce look filled his eyes.

But it wasn't urgent right now.

The timing hadn't arrived yet.

Dong Xuebing took a deep breath, sat, and lit a cigarette. He also thought about what Liao Yimin had mentioned earlier. Cheng Gang County was trying to shift the blame onto him, making him a scapegoat and distracting the public and superiors to numb them.

Suddenly, there seemed to be some noises downstairs.

Dong Xuebing went to the window and looked down. Several police cars were parked outside the cordon of the new County Party Committee building courtyard, and many police officers got out. There was also a government car and a familiar figure walked out when the door opened. It was Mayor Li Zhixin. Li Zhixin started directing the public security bureau's staff when he got out of the car, and some people entered the courtyard to investigate and search. Soon, Li Zhixin made a call at the entrance.

Speak of the devil, and he appears.

Dong Xuebing couldn't read lips but could make out some simple words. Coupled with Li Zhixin's slightly serious expression, his first few words should be " Mayor Hua."

Hua Li.

The Deputy Mayor is in charge of education and investment.

When Huilan had an accident, the Deputy Mayor, Hua Li, didn't bother to inquire. He directly defined the matter, clearly stating that he understood but pretended to be ignorant. He favored Cheng Gang County, and Dong Xuebing had argued with him at that time. Watching Li Zhixin and Hua Li communicate on the phone with slightly conspiratorial expressions, he wasn't sure what they were discussing, but it was related to him. They had teamed up to deal with him. Dong Xuebing now added this Hua person to his blacklist, feeling extremely annoyed. If he had caused trouble first, he wouldn't say anything, and it would be reasonable for them to deal with him. But now, Cheng Gang County's people had almost harmed his wife and child. Instead of feeling remorseful, they repeatedly confronted Dong Xuebing and Huilan. They were too arrogant.

Knock, knock, knock

The heavy knocking on the door echoed.

Dong Xuebing frowned. "Who's knocking, and who are you?"

"Police," a stern voice from outside said, "Open the door."

Dong Xuebing ignored them, walked back to the sofa, and sat comfortably with his legs crossed.

The knocking continued for a while. Finally, there was a sound of keys outside, a click, and the hotel staff opened the door. Their hotel's facilities didn't include critical cards.

Three police officers rushed in.

Dong Xuebing looked at them. "Did I let you in?"

"You can't stop us anyway," one police officer said sternly. "We are investigating a case, and we need your cooperation."

Dong Xuebing chuckled. "What case? Tell me."

The police officer said, "You don't need to know that. Just cooperate."

After speaking, the three police officers showed their badges, and then one took Dong Xuebing's shoes to collect shoeprints. Another went upstairs to grab Dong Xuebing's arms.

Dong Xuebing laughed. "What's the meaning of this?"

"We need to collect your fingerprints," the police officer said arrogantly.

"Do you have the proper legal procedures, an arrest warrant, or a search warrant?" Dong Xuebing looked at them. "If not, get lost."

"Watch your mouth!" the police officer snapped.

The other police officer went up to grab Dong Xuebing's arms to take his fingerprints forcibly.

Dong Xuebing felt that the working style in Chenggang County was quite amusing. Everything seemed to be done forcefully, and they didn't get along with anyone. Seeing this, Dong Xuebing, of course, wouldn't be polite to them. He raised his hand, twisted it, and grabbed the other person's arm quickly and forcefully. With a fierce press and twist, the police officer's arm creaked.

"Ah!" The police officer screamed as his arm dislocated.

The other two were stunned, not expecting Dong Xuebing to take action. One of them reached for his gun but was stopped by another police officer. Both remained silent, probably having heard about Dong Xuebing's combat abilities. In a previous incident in the suburbs of Cheng Gang County, Dong Xuebing, despite having multiple fractures, single-handedly defeated a group of about twenty villagers who were attacking him. Now that his injuries had healed, his combat capabilities were beyond their estimation. The police officers knew they were no match for him.

"You're assaulting a police officer!"

"What are you trying to do?" The police officer angrily questioned Dong Xuebing.

Dong Xuebing coldly said, "You can't just take my fingerprints without authorization. Do you have approval from your superiors? If not, get lost."

"Our superiors have already approved."

"Which superiors? In Cheng Gang County?" Dong Xuebin chuckled. "You guys are amusing. Your police chief is on par with me, and I'm not even from Cheng Gang County. Not to mention, your Mayor Li Zhixin doesn't have that authority either."

The police officer responded, "You are now suspected of a crime and injuring people in our county. We have the right to collect your fingerprints for the investigation."

"Where's the evidence?" Dong Xuebing asked.

"We need to extract fingerprints for comparison."

"Without evidence, stop wasting my time," Dong Xuebing retorted.

"We have eyewitnesses. More than one person has pointed out that when the construction materials fell, you took the opportunity to retaliate against Secretary Zhou and our officers," the police officer argued.

Dong Xuebing suddenly understood why these police officers were so furious. It turned out that someone they knew was disabled in the incident. He squinted, "Your officers say so? But didn't they

say the opposite at that time? I was running ahead of them. How did they suddenly run ahead of me? I'll tell you, those two officers of yours almost dragged me down from behind."

The police officer shouted, "You pulled them."

Dong Xuebing said, "Is there any evidence?"

"Secretary Zhou also said he saw it."

Dong Xuebing couldn't help but burst into laughter out of anger. "I did collide with them, but it was chaotic during the escape, and everyone could not avoid it. However, they didn't accidentally bump into me due to the chaos. They directly reached out and pulled me. Now, let me ask you, how would you handle this situation?"

The police officer looked at him. "Who witnessed it?"

"I did," Dong Xuebing replied.

"That's not useful. Only you witnessed it, and your testimony alone isn't substantial," the police officer said. "No one else saw someone pulling you and colliding with you."

Dong Xuebing sighed, "So, you imply that I have no way to reason with you. You mean that whatever I say is useless, and your people's words are the final say, right?" Before the two police officers could respond, Dong Xuebing exploded. He stood up abruptly and exclaimed, "Get the hell out!"

The two police officers hastily retreated a step, on guard.

Dong Xuebing took a step forward, and they took a step back.

The injured police officer, still holding his arm, also retreated to their side.

"Leave on your own, or shall I escort you?" Dong Xuebing stared at them.

The three police officers gritted their teeth but dared not confront Dong Xuebing directly. They certainly wouldn't escalate the situation by using their guns, considering he was a Deputy County Mayor. Therefore, they had no choice but to leave first to seek their superiors' opinions.

As the people left, Dong Xuebing slammed the door shut.

The attitude of Cheng Gang County had pushed Dong Xuebing's anger to its limit. When my wife was injured, I asked your county officials to investigate. Still, they didn't agree, saying it was an accident to protect themselves. They even sent people to destroy evidence. But the same thing happened again, and their attitude completely changed. Not only are they conducting a thorough investigation, but they also want to file a case and blatantly lie, accusing me and shifting all the blame onto me.

Go to hell.

Today, we settle both new and old scores.