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Chapter 1421: Helping Chang Juan to get a transfer

Noon.

Outside the courtyard.

Dong Xuebing didn't let Chang Juan carry the luggage. After leaving the Investment Promotion Bureau, he took her to a decent roadside restaurant.

"Xuebing, you changed your car again."

"Yeah, I've had this one for over half a year."

"A Range Rover, and it's top of the line. You're well off."

"Got lucky, won the lottery once."

"Sis also heard from Xiao Tan. Heard that you were driving a Porsche last year, and now you're doing exceptionally well. Your official position is promoted every six months. You're still so young; you're already a Deputy County Mayor. At this rate, getting promoted to Mayor in the next half-year is a sure thing. Sigh, compared to you, Sis is far behind. When you first entered the system, I was a staff member who had worked for many years. You're a Deputy Division Chief, and I am still just a staff member."

"I still think being a Staff Member is quite easy and relaxed. I especially miss the days when we were all in the same office, hehe."

"You say that, but being a Staff Member is nothing compared to the glory of being a leader."

"You're still young. There will be plenty of opportunities in the future."

"I have no chance. This time, even being a civil servant is uncertain. What's the use of talking about promotions? I don't even want to think about it. I don't have that ability."

"Don't say that."

"I know myself well. I don't have any tricks up my sleeve."

"But indeed, I think your work ability is quite good."

"You're just comforting me. When it comes to work, who can compare to you?"

"Okay, Sister Chang, don't talk about me. Let's order some dishes. What do you feel like eating?"

"Anything is fine. Let me see well, there aren't many options here. Let's go with whatever you suggest."

"There aren't many dishes. After all, the conditions are limited. Hmm, let's just order some home-style dishes."

With Dong Xuebing's earlier words, Chang Juan probably felt at ease. She no longer had tears, and her emotions improved a lot. Cheerfully chatting with Dong Xuebing, she discussed past events while eating. Later, they talked about the situation of Dong Xuebing's former subordinates after he left. Tan Limei got promoted, and Sun Zhuang is doing well, too. Guo Panwei was pulled over to Yan Tai County by Dong Xuebing long ago and has also been promoted. Considering all these

people, Chang Juan's career is average among them. They are still the same as before. Talking about this, Sister Chang's tone was a bit sour, "I have to support a child now, and my family can't rely on that husband of mine. Now that I've caused such a big trouble, I"

Dong Xuebing comforted her, "Don't worry, you have me. Just don't be polite to me."

Chang Juan shook her head. "How can I not feel embarrassed?"

Dong Xuebing smiled, "It's fine. You don't need to be polite with me."

Chang Juan said, "Really, there's no need. I can still get by as long as I don't lose my civil servant position. Now I'm just worried that the Bureau will hold a grudge against me and insist on firing me."

Dong Xuebing thought for a moment. "It won't be that extreme."

"It's not certain. Those people are a group." Chang Juan gritted her teeth when mentioning them.

Dong Xuebing glanced at her beautiful feet in high heels under the table. The pointed heels looked sharp enough to be troublesome if kicked. "It's okay. I'll ask about it for you later."

"Yeah, you must be busy this afternoon, right?"

"After eating, I'll find a car to take you back. Let's go to our county guesthouse first. I'll make arrangements by calling them, and your luggage can be taken there."

"Sure, since I am here, I'll follow your arrangements. Whatever you ask me to do, I'll do." Chang Juan finished speaking and picked up a bite of food for him. "Eat."

"Cough, thank you."

"Why thank me? If you think highly of me, don't be so polite."

Chang Juan's words were ambiguous, and Dong Xuebing coughed when he heard them. Dong Xuebing didn't expect Chang Juan to come to seek refuge with him after encountering troubles. Dong Xuebing couldn't ignore her. Even though recruiting people for the Investment Promotion Bureau hasn't been finalized, he can find a way to arrange Chang Juan. Dong Xuebing might not be at the forefront among the members, but he still had some significant influence. Arranging a light job to support Chang Juan shouldn't be a problem. If the Investment Promotion is not suitable, there are other government units. She can still fit into a public institution if other departments are not suitable.

After the meal, Dong Xuebing made a phone call to make arrangements.

Staff Member Chen Yunsong volunteered to carry Chang Juan's luggage downstairs. "Big sister, here are your things."

Dong Xuebing looked at him. "Xiao Chen, can I borrow your car?"

"Uh, at this time, it might be difficult." Chen Yunsong said.

"There's no taxi around." Dong Xuebing looked around. This place is remote, and the taxis don't come here. "In that case, you drive my car and take Big Sister to the county guesthouse. I've already arranged it."

Chen Yunsong immediately said, "No problem, rest assured."

Dong Xuebing gave him the car key, and after taking it, Chen Yunsong looked at the Range Rover logo on it, showing a somewhat nervous and excited expression. Not to mention a car worth four million. He hadn't even driven a car worth four hundred thousand.

"Big Sister," Dong Xuebing said, "if there's anything, call me. I'll let you know if there's any news."

Chang Juan looked at him reluctantly. "Okay, I will wait for your news."

Dong Xuebing said, "Do you know how to drive? When you arrive, let Xiao Chen give you the car key. You can take my car first. It will be convenient for you to go out and do something."

Chang Juan glanced at the Range Rover on the side of the road, swallowed her saliva, and looked a bit eager to try. She said, "Okay, Big Sister won't be polite to you."

The Range Rover disappeared, and Sister Chang left.

Watching them go, Dong Xuebing walked towards the County Party Committee compound. He picked up his phone and found the number of Zhen Anguo, the County Public Security Bureau Chief, and called.

Dial, dial, dial.

The call went through.

"Hello, who is it?" Zhen Anguo's voice came through.

Dong Xuebing smiled, "Chief Zhen, it's me, Dong Xuebing."

Zhen Anguo was slightly startled, "Oh, Mayor Dong, hehe, what's the matter?"

Dong Xuebing said, "It's nothing major. I just want to ask you for a favor. I need someone from you."

"Who do you need?" Zhen Anguo asked.

"Chang Juan from the General Affairs Office. I heard she was suspended. I'm working on investment promotion, and we are short of people here. What do you think?" Dong Xuebing said.

Zhen Anguo responded with an "Oh," probably understanding what was happening. After a pause, he said, "Okay, if the procedures come through, I'll release her."

"Thank you, Director Zhen."

"No need to be polite."

He was not only giving Dong Xuebing face but also avoiding this troublemaker who had caused a stir at the City Bureau last time by causing trouble in his department.

After hanging up, Dong Xuebing called Xie Guobang's secretary.

"Hello, Secretary Shen, it's me, Dong Xuebing. I want to ask the Public Security Bureau to transfer someone to help. Is that okay?"

"Can your side handle it?"

"We can handle it. I'll get it done as soon as possible."

"That's fine. No problem."

Secretary Shen agreed very readily.

Chapter 1422: Xiao Dong got into a war of words again

Afternoon.

Office, small conference room.

The second County Party Committee meeting of the month is about to convene.

In addition to the county committee office staff arranging the meeting room, Dong Xuebing is the first county leader to arrive. After entering the room, he sits at his designated seat, holding a thermos cup from his office. Dong Xuebing leisurely drinks tea, calming his thoughts and moistening his throat.

One sip

Two sips

Three sips

Why moisten the throat? There might be a battle later, and he must be prepared.

Dong Xuebing is currently the main "firepower" in the Jiang faction. Jiang Fangfang's personality doesn't need to be mentioned. It's hard to imagine her getting into a heated argument with someone, and it's unlikely to happen in this lifetime. As for Pu An and Jian Xiangrong, who manage their respective departments, many decisions and votes involve them, but they rarely have a say. They are not particularly talkative people. As for Chu Peng, the Political and Legal Committee secretary whose wife was recently saved by Dong Xuebing, Dong Xuebing doesn't know much about Old Chu's situation. It seems he has sided with Jiang Fangfang, but after all the twists and turns, Dong Xuebing is not sure how much Chu Peng will contribute. So, despite the apparent rise of the Jiang faction with more senior leaders joining, almost all of the roles in the Party Committee's bombardment and debate are played by Dong Xuebing alone.

No choice.

Who asks Dong Xuebing to be so eloquent?

After waiting for a while, people gradually entered the meeting room.

"Oh, Mayor Dong, so early?" Pu An arrived first.

"Yeah, came a bit early." Dong Xuebing chuckled.

Pu An sniffed, "What tea are you drinking? It smells so good? Just the aroma of good tea."

"What good tea?" Organization Department Minister Liao Haiwei also entered the meeting room, looking very relaxed.

Pu An laughed and said to Dong Xuebing, "Old Liao is a tea enthusiast. You must protect your tea leaves when mentioning tea in front of him."

Dong Xuebing said, "Mao Jian, perhaps, I don't know, just drinking randomly."

Liao Haiwei moved his nose and made a deep "Hmm," "It should be West Lake Longjing, the finest kind. Good tea, good tea."

A susceptible nose.

He hasn't tasted it yet.

Pu An laughed, "I was just saying."

Dong Xuebing said casually, "Director Liao if you like it, I'll have my secretary get you half a catty later."

"Don't, half a catty is too much." Liao Haiwei was not polite either. "Just give me one or two taels. I'll also get you some good tea leaves later; I can't take advantage of you."

In the past few Party Committee meetings, Dong Xuebing and many leaders from the Meng faction were "scolded" into a mess, almost tearing their faces each time, except for Deputy Secretary Zhang Wanshui, who had a significant conflict with Dong Xuebing, and other Meng faction leaders could still exchange a few words privately with Dong Xuebing. They could get along on the surface, make jokes, and even have a meal together without significant problems. This was the norm in government offices. Because they belonged to different factions, they couldn't cut off all communication in private.

Later, Chu Peng also arrived. "Secretary Chu is here?" Dong Xuebing said.

Chu Peng looked at him, "Heard that your office has moved to the Investment Promotion Bureau? Are you working as a receptionist at the front desk? Is that true?"

Publicity Department Minister Cheng Fuguang added, "Hehe, I heard about it too, Mayor Dong. You're doing everything yourself, right?"

There haven't even been any interviews by the TV station. Doing political shows by yourself is meaningless. Cheng Fuguang is in the propaganda field, so he naturally thinks of these things first. There was also a slight hint of sarcasm in his words.

Dong Xuebing said, "There is such a thing, but there's no other way. Our Investment Publicity Bureau has few people. Only four of us are from the director to the office clerk. I have to go when there's a promotional event in the city. Director Cheng, we can't compare with you. I heard that your Publicity Department has many people. How about lending me a few temporarily?"

Cheng Fuguang quickly said, "No, we are short of people, too." In the government, connections can be borrowed, but people are not something that can be borrowed casually. There is no such process. Dong Xuebing's sentence made Cheng Fuguang go back to his seat. Cheng Fuguang knew he couldn't argue with this guy. Who knows what the following sentence would be if he accepted this sentence? If the following sentence continued to escalate and provoke him, Cheng Fuguang didn't know what offensive words Dong Xuebing was waiting to say. Cheng Fuguang stopped talking to Dong Xuebing and started chatting with Liao Haiwei. Everyone had long experienced Dong Xuebing's infamous big mouth.

One by one, people arrived.

The last to come in were naturally Meng Rui and Jiang Fangfang.

Meng Rui's first words upon entering were directed at Chu Peng. Walking past him, he asked, "Old Chu, how is your wife's health?"

Chu Peng replied, "She's about to have the stitches removed. She's recovering well."

Meng Rui nodded slightly, "That's good," and then sat at the top.

Dong Xuebing glanced at Secretary Meng Rui and continued to sip his tea.

Secretary Meng's secretary, Zhang Feng, was the last to close the door. He handed out a stack of documents individually, containing the agenda for today's meeting.

Secretary Meng cleared his throat, "Let's begin." Everyone immediately straightened up, and their spirits lifted.

Initially, the meeting covered routine matters, mainly assessing the execution of various plans and programs formulated by the county at the beginning of the year. There were also readings of documents and ideological instructions from the province and city, interpreting policies. There was little disagreement, and it was a dull meeting lasting more than an hour. Most of the time, Secretary Meng and County Mayor Jiang gave speeches, which was tedious. Dong Xuebing was nearly falling asleep, sipping tea with a dazed look; he didn't even have a chance to engage in verbal battles.

Around three pm, a topic related to Dong Xuebing finally emerged.

"Next, let's talk about investment promotion," Secretary Meng turned to the next page of the meeting documents. "The city's investment promotion conference is in four days. Mayor Dong, how is your side preparing?"

Dong Xuebing put down his teacup, "We are actively preparing."

Secretary Meng looked at him, "For this investment promotion conference, how confident are you in attracting investment?"

Dong Xuebing had previously assured Jiang Fangfang with complete confidence. However, when the Party secretary asked, he unexpectedly replied, "We have no confidence."

Secretary Meng frowned, "No confidence?"

Zhang Wanshui fired the first shot. Due to the incident where Dong Xuebing disrupted his son's wedding, he had a grudge against Dong Xuebing. "Investment promotion falls under your jurisdiction, and if you have no confidence, how can the people below work? This is not a matter of confidence; it's an issue of attitude and ideology."

Dong Xuebing was not polite to him either, staring at him and saying, "Secretary Zhang if I give your department only four people and allocate fifty thousand, do you have the confidence to show me something? That's not confidence; that's blindness! If there's a problem with my attitude and ideology, I wouldn't have moved my office to the Investment Promotion Bureau today. With only four people, we are so busy that we can't find our way around. No one answered the phone, and I even had to work as a receptionist at the front desk! I have done what I should do, and I have done what I can. I want to hear where the problem lies in my attitude and ideology."

Zhang Wanshui was about to curse. Damn, you always have something to say!

Dong Xuebing's eloquence was not just about using foul language and cursing; his strength lay in countering any accusation and even standing on the moral high ground, making it difficult for others to find faults and respond.

"No money, no people," Dong Xuebing shrugged, looking at Secretary Meng. "Secretary Meng, now I'm a skilled cook without rice."

Everyone could tell that Dong Xuebing was hinting at the need for policy support by complaining about being poor.

Cheng Fuguang said, "The Investment Promotion Department has never achieved outstanding results. The organization certainly needs streamlining, and four people are not few. You"

Dong Xuebing interrupted, "Are four people not few? Minister Cheng, is four people enough for you even without your Publicity Department, just your direct-owned TV station? A station director, a producer, a reporter, and an anchor. Can those four people produce a news program for me to learn from? Achievements? Even if the Investment Promotion Bureau has not attracted much investment in previous years, our advertising revenue, excluding operating costs, is comparable to your TV station, right?"

Cheng Fuguang said, "The nature of our work is fundamentally different. Our television station primarily serves political purposes, while you"

"How is it different?" Dong Xuebing looked at him and said, "Both serve the people. Why is your Publicity Department considered more noble than our Investment Promotion Bureau?"

Cheng Fuguang retorted, "I didn't say we are noble!"

"Why does any unit from your Publicity Department have so many more people than our Investment Promotion Bureau?" Dong Xuebing began to stir up trouble.

As the Publicity Department head, Cheng Fuguang had a good level of speech; without a prepared speech, he could speak for half an hour without repetition. He was good at talking. After all, it was his profession. However, facing someone like Dong Xuebing, who disregarded reason and confused concepts, Cheng Fuguang was also distressed. He couldn't clarify many principles, and in the end, Dong Xuebing even managed to entangle him, making it seem like Cheng Fuguang was in the wrong. The two argued for a long time, and Cheng Fuguang did not get a word. He was exhausted and angry every time he spoke to Dong Xuebing; each conversation made him feel like he had been twisted around Dong Xuebing's finger.

Having successfully argued with two people in a row, Dong Xuebing was dominant. He took the opportunity to address everyone, "Everyone, the situation at our Investment Promotion Bureau should be clear to all. Without an independent office building, funds, and personnel, not to mention competing with the Education Bureau or Health Bureau, we can't even compare with the Cultural Bureau. I also want confidence in attracting more investment at this city's investment promotion conference, but the objective conditions exist. I have no way."

Secretary Meng said, "The county is short of money, and every department lacks funds."

Dong Xuebing said, "Lack of money is a small matter. When funds are tight, we can split one penny into two halves to spend. But the main issue is the shortage of personnel."

Chapter 1423: Mayor Dong made promises

Afternoon.

Around 3 pm.

County Party Committee, inside a small meeting room.

Dong Xuebing complained about being financially tight for a long time, finally beginning to reach out for support.

Jiang Fangfang took a sip of water, looked up, and said, "The Investment Promotion Bureau has been neglected in recent years. Positions were not filled. I know that positions such as Deputy Bureau Chief and Office Director have been vacant for a long time. There's only one Bureau Chief and a few staff members handling the work. If we want to improve performance, internal matters must be addressed first. Only then can the investment promotion team have cohesion and combat effectiveness."

Pu An said, "I agree with Mayor Jiang's point of view."

Chu Peng paused and said, "I also agree. Four people are too few."

Jian Xiangrong also agreed, riding on the momentum. The opinions of those affiliated with the Jiang faction were all heard.

"I disagree." Deputy Mayor Ci Boyang said, "The achievements of the Investment Promotion Bureau are well known. The results in previous years were not outstanding. From what I know, there was a bit more investment last year, but it was only a bit less than ten million. Now, the county is short of people and money. We faced difficulties everywhere. Difficulties cannot always be attributed to reasons. We have to find ways to solve them ourselves. Adding one more person means additional expenses. A new staff means more expenditures. The county recently launched a family quarters construction project. Now, it's already tight for funds."

Dong Xuebing and Zhang Wanshui had conflicts in the open, which was normal. However, Ci Boyang, as the Deputy Mayor of the county government, had always opposed Dong Xuebing in tandem with Mayor Jiang. Dong Xuebing had a low opinion of him and retorted, "Mayor Ci, you haven't distinguished the primary from the secondary. I am in charge of finance. You are not clearer than me about the county's finances. It's precisely because the county is financially tight that we need to address the issues of the Investment Promotion Bureau. Only by solving the problems of the Investment Promotion Bureau can we unite combat effectiveness and fight well in the upcoming city investment promotion meeting this weekend, attract more investments, and support the county's development. Increasing the county's tax revenue. If you think adding one more person means more expenditure, then why not just dismiss all the staff in the health department at your disposal? We will save more money, and none of us will have a job. Let's just dismiss everyone in the departments below. Then there will be no spending."

Ci Boyang was annoyed, "What kind of logic is this?"

"Look at that. Why are you getting so anxious? This is not my logic, Mayor Ci. It's your logic. I haven't said anything. I just interpreted and translated it according to your wishes." Dong Xuebing and Ci Boyang started quarreling again. This guy would pick a fight with anyone.

You guys can talk without feeling any pain.

If it's not your department, you think it's okay.

But I'm about to attend the investment promotion meeting. Can I not be in a hurry?

Everyone knew that the Investment Promotion Bureau was a bit shabby. It had indeed been the largest county government department cut in recent years. After Dong Xuebing took over the post,

the only department he could actively operate was the Investment Promotion Bureau. If they weren't given some benefits, they couldn't work wholeheartedly. Where was there light for a horse to run if it couldn't eat grass? It seemed that Secretary Meng and Mayor Jiang intended to shift the focus of this year's work to the Investment Promotion Bureau. So, support would certainly be given. Now, the question was how much to give.

Jiang Fangfang made a statement.

Meng Rui had been silent.

For the next five minutes, Dong Xuebing and the officials from the Meng faction argued noisily. Dong Xuebing was the only one speaking.

One response after another.

Another retort.

Dong Xuebing once again demonstrated his outstanding eloquence. Not only did he confuse Zhang Wanshui and Cheng Fuguang, but Dong Xuebing's words were also irritating. The whole meeting room seemed a bit chaotic and filled with gunpowder. In theory, this wasn't a big deal. Giving a job position to the Investment Promotion Bureau wouldn't starve the county, and even if they succeeded in attracting investment, everyone in the county would benefit. It was a good thing, but Dong Xuebing, a member of the Jiang faction, proposed it. This involved factional struggles and was quite complex. It couldn't be resolved with a win-win situation.

Finally, Meng Rui couldn't bear it anymore. He slapped the table to interrupt their argument, "Stop arguing."

The scene gradually quieted down.

Everyone was waiting for Secretary Meng to speak.

Meng Rui glanced at Dong Xuebing, "Mayor Dong, if your Investment Promotion Bureau lacks personnel, the county can provide you with people. If you lack positions, the county can also provide them. However, you need to deliver results. Forget about the past; we won't bring it up now. But in the future, after providing you with policy support, what results can you achieve?"

Dong Xuebing looked at him and asked, "What kind of results do you want?"

Meng Rui said, "I've discussed it with Mayor Jiang. The county's finances cannot last through the year's second half. We must achieve some results in this investment promotion meeting. I just don't know if you have the confidence and capability."

Upon hearing this, Dong Xuebing's attitude changed. "If you give us positions and personnel, we have the confidence to succeed in this investment promotion meeting."

Meng Rui asked, "How much funding can you attract?"

Dong Xuebing replied, "What do you think is appropriate?"

"I want to hear your mission goals," Meng Rui said.

Instead of immediately stating how many tasks they could complete, Dong Xuebing boldly said, "I want a promotion quota for the Deputy Bureau Chief of the Investment Promotion Bureau, an office director, a head of the Business Department, and a driver and a clerk. Of course, the promotion

quota needs to be screened by the Organization Department. I'm just suggesting suitable candidates." Without waiting for the angry reactions of Meng's faction officials, Dong Xuebing dropped a bombshell, "With this investment promotion team, I am confident that we can attract at least fifty million in investment in this meeting no less."

Fifty million.

Are you out of your mind?

Everyone was shocked.

Jiang Fangfang glanced at Dong Xuebing.

Pu An and Chu Peng kept signaling to Dong Xuebing.

However, Dong Xuebing didn't feel anything wrong. He naturally had to promise something to sweeten the deal, and fifty million was Dong Xuebing's most conservative estimate.

Meng Rui also seemed stunned by his bold statement. He looked at Dong Xuebing and said, "What if you fail to meet the target?"

Dong Xuebing hesitantly replied, "Then you will see my resignation report next month. I will take full responsibility."

Meng Rui stared at him and said, "I'll pretend I didn't hear that. The achievements you've made since coming to Zhen Shui County are well-known. There's no talk of resigning or not resigning. However, the county can support the policies you mentioned. Fifty million, alright. I hope you can lead the Investment Promotion Bureau to complete this task."

Chapter 1424: Promotions

Standing Committee Meeting.

Dong Xuebing made a promise.

Mayor Jiang had already expressed his opinion, and Secretary Meng had also given his approval during the meeting. This matter was considered settled, and everyone's expressions varied.

Zhang Wanshui felt somewhat pleased with the misfortune.

Cheng Fuguang frowned and shook his head continuously.

Jian Xiangrong and Puan both looked worried and helpless.

Perhaps only Mayor Jiang Fangfang remained with an expression that was neither clear nor cold throughout the meeting.

The atmosphere paused, and Dong Xuebing wanted to implement things quickly. He said, "Secretary Meng, Mayor Jiang, should we finalize the personnel adjustments and promotions now?" Dong Xuebing came prepared, immediately handing them a few documents and files. He didn't expect things to progress so smoothly, so he wasn't fully prepared. He only had the information of a few people from the Investment Promotion Bureau. "After all, this Saturday is the city's investment fair. If we follow the usual procedures one by one, I'm afraid we won't receive any responses next week. The personnel won't be able to be transferred, and the promotion matters also need to be discussed by the Party Committee."

Involving positions like the Deputy Bureau Chief's office director belonged to county-managed leaders.

Meng Rui looked at him. "People have already been chosen."

"Probably." Dong Xuebing said modestly.

Jiang Fangfang said indifferently, "If you need a driver, just transfer one from the driver's team to your Investment Promotion Bureau. I'll handle it with a word."

Dong Xuebing immediately said, "Thank you, Mayor. As for a clerk, let's just transfer one from the county government office. I'll find someone."

Jiang Fangfang nodded slightly and said, "Alright. Once you've selected someone, just inform the personnel department. What about the others?"

Transferring these two personnel was easy. It wasn't a promotion, just a lateral transfer. Dong Xuebing could handle it with a word as long as the county provided policies. The main event was the promotion. Dong Xuebing wasn't the head of the Organization Department and didn't have such authority. Even if he were the head of the Organization Department, he couldn't simply promote anyone. Everything had to go through the Party Committee, and controversial cases needed a vote. So, Dong Xuebing wouldn't let go of the opportunity he had won with the military order. It was too rare. "Previously, the Investment Promotion Bureau had a Business Department, which was streamlined later. This time, I want to revive it. After all, the Business Department is a crucial unit directly dealing with investors, a very important department."

Meng Rui and Jiang Fangfang looked at the files Dong Xuebing gave them.

Dong Xuebing continued, "I recommend Chen Yunsong from the Investment Promotion Bureau as the head of the Business Department. Although he has only been here for a year or two, he has been responsible for business. Last year, he also achieved good results. He's smart, motivated, and has a drive to succeed. I think he can be developed."

Chen Yunsong, Deputy Director of the Finance Bureau and Chen Xiaomei's younger brother.

Almost everyone present was a veteran of Zhen Shui County, and they were familiar with each other's backgrounds. There were few secrets in government offices. Chen Xiaomei belonged to Dong Xuebing's faction, but even though everyone knew that Dong Xuebing was promoting his people, those from the Meng faction couldn't object. After all, Chen Yunsong was originally a staff member of the Investment Promotion Bureau, and Dong Xuebing was the head. His opinion at this time was even more critical than the personnel department's opinion. It was the top priority in assessing cadres.

Meng Rui nodded, "I think it's okay, Mayor."

Jiang Fangfang looked at Chen Yunsong's file and said, "His abilities are good. Let him be."

Chen Yunsong was decided. Even if Chen Yunsong became the head of the Business Department, it wouldn't be considered a promotion. It wasn't a position at the Deputy Section Chief level. It was just the treatment of a Deputy Section Chief.

Dong Xuebing continued, "The position in the office is also significant. The current structure of the Investment Promotion Bureau is somewhat chaotic. Tasks are assigned to whoever is available,

which is too disordered. An unhealthy structure also directly affects work arrangements. Internal harmony is a prerequisite for external success. Therefore, I recommend" Dong Xuebing hesitated momentarily, maybe even hesitating about Chang Juan, but then he said, "I recommend Cheng Yujie from the Investment Promotion Bureau. Sister Cheng is an old comrade, experienced, and older. She can handle people, and being a female comrade, I think she can handle office work. She is the best candidate."

Meng Rui looked at Liao Haiwei, "Old Liao, what's the opinion of your Organization Department?"

Liao Haiwei smiled bitterly, "Just reported, and we didn't have time for a pre-inspection."

Jiang Fangfang slowly said, "This is urgent, and we don't have time for a pre-inspection. The same goes for post-inspections. I think Cheng Yujie is good."

Deputy Secretary Zhang Wanshui said, "I haven't dealt with Xiao Cheng from the Investment Promotion Bureau, but from the files, her work ability seems average."

Dong Xuebing looked at him and said, "You are referring to the investment promotion performance. Indeed, Comrade Cheng Yujie's performance in this aspect is average. But what I value is her logistical ability. She has expertise in her field. When it comes to office work, business ability is secondary. Experience and leadership ability are the most important."

Zhang Wanshui frowned, "But she"

Dong Xuebing interrupted directly, "Then recommend someone from the Investment Promotion Bureau for me."

Zhang Wanshui opened his mouth in frustration, but in the end, he didn't suggest anyone.

Nonsense.

Only two people were in the Investment Promotion Bureau except for the Deputy Bureau Chief and the office clerk.

The head of the Business Department was settled, leaving only Cheng Yujie.

The Director of the Publicity Department, Cheng Fuguang, added some confusion, "I think we can transfer someone from another department."

Dong Xuebing retorted, "How can we take care of the emotions of the comrades below? Cheng Yujie has dedicated her youth to the Investment Promotion Bureau. Now, if we appoint someone else as the office director, it's inevitable that there will be resentment. I want this investment promotion team to be a fighting force. We need everyone's combat effectiveness and cohesion, not a bunch of loose sand."

Cheng Fuguang said, "Building team cohesion is your responsibility as a leader."

Dong Xuebing responded, "I'm not incapable of doing that, but I don't have the time right now. There are still three or four days, and I need everyone to quickly get into their positions."

The meeting erupted in arguments as soon as it involved sensitive personnel adjustments.

In the end, Meng Rui lightly tapped his water cup on the table. "Let's respect the opinions of the responsible leaders. Let it be Cheng Yujie. Old Liao, inspect after the meeting as soon as possible."

Liao Haiwei responded, "Okay, I understand."

After that, Zhang Wanshui and Cheng Fuguang didn't say much. They didn't care about such small positions, and even if they valued the promotion quota, they didn't see the Investment Promotion Bureau as a significant place. They didn't believe Dong Xuebing could attract 50 million investments to Zhen Shui County. It was too unrealistic. If, by any chance, the investments didn't materialize, the officials who took office would be held responsible along with Dong Xuebing, possibly facing dismissal. They were meticulous because Dong Xuebing was speaking, not because of the matter itself.

Meng Rui said, "There's still one position left among the ones you requested, right? A deputy bureau chief."

"Yes." Dong Xuebing put down the files in his hand and thought for a while without speaking. Finally, he said, "I'm more inclined to recommend an old colleague. I don't have her file with me right now, but after the meeting, I can have someone provide it to Director Liao. She's a female comrade."

Liao Haiwei glanced at him. "Your old colleague?"

Dong Xuebing grunted, "I don't need to hide it. I've known this comrade for a long time. Her personnel file is currently in a branch of the Beijing State Security. When I spoke with Mayor Jiang, I heard the county would focus on investment promotion work. So, I brought her over, hoping she could help me. I want to clarify: I value this comrade's work ability."

Liao Haiwei asked, "From the State Security?"

Dong Xuebing said, "Yes."

Liao Haiwei asked, "Isn't it a bit far?"

Dong Xuebing shook his head. "Not far. I've also contacted some friends and talked to her supervisor. After a long discussion, they agreed to let her go as long as we accepted her. Her file will be here soon. I want to emphasize once again that this comrade has strong work capabilities. Without her, I have little confidence in attracting 50 million investments within a month. So, I strongly recommend her for this position." Constantly boasting about Chang Juan's work capabilities, Dong Xuebing would help her gain some benefits. Even though most of her work capabilities were exaggerated.

Meng Rui asked, "Does she have experience in investment promotion? What specific aspect of her abilities are you referring to?"

Dong Xuebing said, "She hasn't worked on investment promotion projects, but her ability to deal with people is outstanding. Everyone should know that our county's investment promotion results are not improving due to objective factors that can't be reversed in a day or two. Therefore, our focus is still on building relationships with investors. The closer the relationship, the better the communication, and the greater the chances of investment opportunities. This is the most critical aspect, in my opinion."

Cheng Fuguang said, "Didn't you say that transferring people from other places would affect the comrades' emotions?"

"Introducing new blood is also important. This is not contradictory to what I said earlier." Dong Xuebing argued convincingly.

One moment, you're talking about this; another moment, you're talking about that. Anyway, you always sound reasonable.

Cheng Fuguang had clashed with Dong Xuebing today and had to confront him again. After all, it wasn't just him; many officials from the Meng faction thought Dong Xuebing was climbing too smoothly. The first two recommendations were acceptable since they were old veterans or backbone members of the Investment Promotion Bureau. However, this last person seemed a bit unreliable.

However, before they could speak, Secretary Meng spoke up. "Let's go with this person. After the meeting, organize her personnel files for the Organization Department, contact her to come to Zhen Shui County for duty, simplify the inspection, and even if it's not time for a promotion, get her to come first. Arrange the transfer." After finishing, he looked at Jiang Fangfang.

Jiang Fangfang calmly said, "I have no objections."

Dong Xuebing was pleased and said, "Alright, I'll take care of it."

Surprisingly, Secretary Meng supported all three candidates proposed by Dong Xuebing.

Zhang Wanshui looked at Meng Rui, perhaps understanding something, and the words at the corner of his mouth were also swallowed back.

Chapter 1425: Double Edge sword

Afternoon.

The meeting dispersed.

The Party Committee meeting ended.

This was a Party Committee where the opinions of the first and second in command were completely aligned. While such situations were not uncommon, they were still quite unusual in the current context of deteriorating relations between the Meng and Jiang factions. Of course, this was only from the perspective of ordinary people. Those with more mature political experience could discern the nuances. While the leaders seemed to have a unified stance on the surface, there were likely significant differences in their underlying thoughts.

As soon as the meeting room door opened, Pu An, the big brother of the faction, grabbed Dong Xuebing.

After finding a secluded spot, Pu An said, "Xuebing, you've been quite bold in your words. Where are you going to get 50 million for investment attraction?"

Dong Xuebing smiled, "Do my best."

Pu An said, "What if you fail? You even mentioned resigning."

Dong Xuebing replied, "I need some personnel, and I need to provide some assurance."

Pu An said, "Resignation is unnecessary. Even though Secretary Meng said he didn't hear it clearly, you've put it out there. What if you can't fulfill the investment attraction task? You've cornered yourself. Do you think these promotion quotas and personnel adjustments are easy to handle?"

What was the concept of 50 million RMB?

Ten times the average investment attraction amount from previous years.

Not only did people from the Meng faction not believe that Dong Xuebing could accomplish this task, but also those from the Jiang faction.

"Secretary Pu, you are worried about me, but I'm fine. You know me. Since I've said it, I can do it." Dong Xuebing was still confident.

After a few words, Pu An left.

Dong Xuebing thought about it and went to Jiang Fangfang's office.

Originally, he wanted to bring up the matter of personnel and promotions, but he didn't want to boast about attracting investments. Naturally, he didn't inform Mayor Jiang in advance. However, with the unpredictable situation during the meeting, Dong Xuebing took the opportunity to mention it. It seemed to have stirred up quite a controversy, and Dong Xuebing would have to inform Mayor Jiang about it later.

Mayor's office.

The secretary was not there, so Dong Xuebing went straight in.

Inside, Jiang Fangfang had just returned and was organizing meeting documents to put them in the drawer. Seeing Dong Xuebing, she said while tidying up, "50 million? You scared me."

Dong Xuebing apologized, "I didn't mention it to you in advance. I only brought it up during the meeting."

"I know," Jiang Fangfang finished packing up, sat down, and looked at him. "I've said it before. Go all out in investment attraction, and I have confidence in you."

Dong Xuebing's eyes flickered, "Thank you for your trust."

Jiang Fangfang said, "However, don't talk about resigning anymore. This isn't the first time, right? You bring it up so easily. It's unnecessary."

Dong Xuebing smiled, "I've already said it, and I can't take it back. I'll be more careful next time."

Jiang Fangfang nodded, "Secretary Meng's opinion is also unified. This time, the county will fully support your investment attraction work. Everything is given the green light."

Dong Xuebing said, "I understand. I won't let you down."

Jiang Fangfang corrected, "It's not about letting me down; it's about not disappointing the common people. Our county's future will rely on this investment to turn things around. But don't put too much pressure on yourself. If you can't complete the 50 million task, you still have me to share the responsibility."

The door to the inner office was not closed.

Li Xiaona happened to open the door and entered the outer office, hearing Jiang Fangfang's last sentence. Her eyes blinked, thinking that Mayor Jiang's attitude towards Mayor Dong was extraordinary.

After finishing official business, the secretary returned.

Dong Xuebing didn't stay long, bid farewell to Jiang Fangfang, greeted Li Xiaona with a smile as he walked out, and then returned to his office.

A moment later, Yao Cui knocked on the door and entered.

She would always come after each Party Committee meeting, as customary.

Dong Xuebing said, "Cui'er, you probably heard about the matters discussed at the meeting. Help me select a reliable and clever clerk from the county government office."

Yao Cui asked, "Who do you think is suitable?"

Dong Xuebing smiled, "You decide. I'm not familiar with them."

After thinking for a moment, Yao Cui said, "Alright, I'll check and get back to you."

Dong Xuebing said, "Sure. Once you decide, have them start working tomorrow. Handle the transfer procedures. We're short of staff."

While discussing this, Dong Xuebing's phone rang.

After exchanging a few words, Yao Cui closed the door and left.

Dong Xuebing checked the number; it was Secretary Xie Guobang's secretary. Immediately answering, he said, "Hello, Brother Shen, I was just about to call you."

Secretary Shen chuckled, "I've already sorted out the matter you mentioned. For the rest, just communicate directly with the Bureau leader. Oh, by the way, I noticed she was suspended recently, which might affect her promotion. When I inquired, it hadn't been documented yet. I made a few arrangements, withdrew the suspension, and didn't record it."

Dong Xuebing said, "Oh, thank you on behalf of my friend."

Secretary Shen replied, "You're welcome. It's just a small matter." Nǐ de Bēn: Your Escape into Infinite Tales.

"Alright, I'll treat you to a meal another day. Thanks a lot."

Secretary Shen had now resolved what was initially uncertain about the promotion of Chang Juan.

After hanging up, Dong Xuebing quickly contacted Chang Juan's current unit and then went to the Organization Department to discuss the matter with Liao Haiwei.

In the office, the two sat facing each other.

"Minister Liao, I brought you some tea leaves." Dong Xuebing smiled, putting down a large package.

"Hey, why so much?" Liao Haiwei looked at it with envy. "Why don't you take some back? I don't have extra gifts to give in return for so much."

Dong Xuebing said, "It's not worth much. Take it and enjoy. If it's not enough, I'll have more sent over."

"No, that's not right. I feel embarrassed. How about this? Tomorrow, I'll bring some tea leaves from home for you."

After finishing this, the two began discussing official business.

After flipping through Chang Juan's information, Liao Haiwei didn't say much. He looked at the clock. "It's almost time to get off work. Let's handle the matters of inspection and transfer tomorrow; it's too late now."

"Okay."

"You communicate with these people tomorrow."

"Sure, I'll inform them in advance."

"Good. After you've spoken, I'll have the inspection team from the Organization Department go over."

The visit from the inspection team was just a formality. The Party Committee had already set the tone, and there wouldn't be any changes.

Dong Xuebing's declaration this time was, in essence, a double-edged sword. The advantage lay in Dong Xuebing quickly consolidating the Investment Promotion Bureau, promoting his people, and quickly rallying combat strength. However, the downside was the enormous 50 million investment target he had promised, which was too massive compared to the previous investment achievements of Zhen Shui County. It was almost impossible to accomplish. Dong Xuebing had already brought up resignation as a way out. In the end, if the performance couldn't be achieved, he would lose face and couldn't stay in this position. This was also the result that many people from the Meng faction were willing to see. By removing Dong Xuebing, the strength of the Jiang faction would be greatly reduced. Even if Dong Xuebing completed the task, people from the Meng faction would also benefit. This was probably why Meng Rui supported Dong Xuebing's promotion request at the Party Committee meeting.

Chapter 1426: One-to-one talks

Morning.

Next day.

Wednesday.

8 am.

Under the clear and azure sky, Dong Xuebing strolled towards the Investment Promotion Bureau. He had given the car to Chang Juan yesterday, and he also wanted to exercise and walk.

On the way, his phone rang, and it was Yao Cui calling.

"Hello, Xuebing."

"Cui'er, what's up?"

"I just want to tell you I've found the person for you."

"Is that person reliable, and what about their capabilities?"

"Reliable. You should know her. She's Xiao Hong, my former colleague at the County government."

"The one with a good relationship with you is fine if she's reliable."

"Exactly because I trust her. I didn't look for anyone else. As for her abilities, I can't say for sure."

"I've arrived at the office. Okay, I think I see her. If there's anything, contact me later. I'm not on the county government side. If you can't decide, call me or go directly to Mayor Jiang. I'll probably be working at the Investment Promotion Bureau office for the next month. If it's not urgent, handle it yourself."

"Alright, I understand."

"Okay, take care of yourself."

"Hehe, that should be my line."

"I still haven't secured the 50 million RMB, so I can't rest for now."

After hanging up the phone, Dong Xuebing had already entered the joint office courtyard of these three departments. He saw a female clerk he met in the county government office.

"Mayor Dong." Xiao Hong had seen him early and didn't go upstairs.

"Are you Xiao Hong?" Dong Xuebing smiled and said, "Welcome to the Investment Promotion Bureau."

Xiao Hong hurriedly wiped her hands on her clothes and shook hands with him. "Thank you, Mayor Dong. I will work hard to live up to the leadership's expectations."

Her statement was a bit weak and not very assertive.

Dong Xuebing noticed that Xiao Hong's spirit wasn't that high. It wasn't surprising. Even if the county government office was excellent in terms of departmental functions or working environment, it was much better than the Investment Promotion Bureau. Xiao Hong was assigned here directly by Yao Cui. She was probably unwilling, but Dong Xuebing couldn't say anything. He could only slowly create a working atmosphere and lead everyone step by step.

Suddenly, a domestically produced car drove in.

A middle-aged driver got out, looking somewhat honest. He looked at Dong Xuebing as soon as he got out of the car. "You must be Mayor Dong."

Dong Xuebing looked at him. "Yes, who are you?"

The man immediately said, "I'm Old Wei, the driver. I came to report to you."

"Oh, it's Brother Wei." Dong Xuebing shook hands with him with a smile. "I'll trouble you in the future."

Old Wei smiled, "No problem. If the Investment Promotion Bureau needs a car, just call me, and I'll be there within five minutes. The carpool is not far from here."

Dong Xuebing said, "Okay when the new car arrives, I'll have someone contact you."

"New car?" Old Wei blinked, "What car?"

"A Passat." Dong Xuebing said.

"Oh." Old Wei rubbed his hands excitedly, "That's great."

"So, we will need the car a lot in the near future. You don't need to report to the driver's team when the time comes. You can work at the Investment Promotion Bureau during working hours. As for

other times, you can take the car and go wherever you want. I won't bother about it." Dong Xuebing was known for protecting his subordinates. He wouldn't interfere much if they did their job well. He delegated authority liberally.

Old Wei grinned but didn't say anything.

Dong Xuebing looked at Old Wei and Xiao Hong. "Xiao Hong, let's go upstairs. Old Wei, don't rush to leave. Let's all get to know each other first."

Upstairs.

The office area of the Investment Promotion Bureau.

When Dong Xuebing and the others came up, most of the people in the Investment Promotion Bureau had already arrived. Gong Na was typing furiously at the front desk, Cheng Yujie was on the phone, and Chen Yunsong was talking to Director Zheng Dayou. Seeing Dong Xuebing coming with two people, they all looked over. Zheng Dayou probably already knew about it, but the other clerks seemed slightly surprised.

"Mayor Dong."

"Mayor Dong."

"Good morning, everyone."

Everyone greeted each other.

Dong Xuebing nodded to them and introduced, "This is Driver Old Wei. In the future, if you need a car, just find Brother Wei. Xiao Chen, when the Passat arrives, you can contact Old Wei. He will drive one, and the other will stay in our bureau. Whoever has something to do can drive it."

Chen Yunsong immediately agreed, "Okay."

Old Wei wasn't much talker; he just smiled and nodded.

Dong Xuebing continued, "This lady is Xiao Hong. She will be working with us at the Investment Promotion Bureau starting today. Xiao Hong is very capable. She used to work at the county government office and was mainly responsible for reception tasks, which aligns well with our needs. Well, you all can communicate more in the future. That's all."

Xiao Hong wasn't attractive, but her voice was pleasant. "Hello, everyone."

Cheng Yujie, Chen Yunsong, Gong Na, and others also greeted and welcomed their new colleague.

On the other side, Dong Xuebing approached Zheng Dayou. "Old Zheng, did you receive the letter?"

Zheng Dayou smiled and said, "I know a little, but not very clearly. I didn't dare to say anything to everyone." He couldn't say anything. Dong Xuebing arranged the promotion, and if he had informed the subordinates in advance, he would have stolen Dong Xuebing's thunder and favors. It was a taboo.

Dong Xuebing understood, "Then let's go to your office."

"Okay." Zheng Dayou led the way and opened the door.

In the past, most of the subordinates would receive advance notice when promoting officials or making personnel changes. Even the parties involved should have some awareness. However, this time, there was no wind at all. After all, it was directly discussed in the Party Committee. Even the Organization Department did not conduct an advance review and inspection. It was an exception, and the Party Committee meeting ended near the end of the working hours. With this suppression, not many people knew.

Before going in, Dong Xuebing looked toward the front desk, and his expression became more serious. "Xiao Gong put aside what you're working on and come here."

Gong Na was taken aback and nervously said, "Mayor Dong, I"

Seeing that she was scared, Dong Xuebing felt a bit helpless. "I asked you to come, so come."

"Uh, okay." Gong Na was worried. The leader's serious expression might mean something was wrong. She was just an office clerk and was still in her probationary period. So when she saw a new colleague transferred from another department, Gong Na was worried about her job.

Personnel matters were always serious.

However, maybe it was too serious. The people in the office also glanced at Dong Xuebing and Zheng Dayou with some apprehension, then looked at Gong Na.

Inside.

The door closed.

Dong Xuebing sat behind the desk, and Zheng Dayou originally wanted to sit on the sofa by the door, but Dong Xuebing pulled him over, and the two sat side by side.

It looked like interrogating a suspect.

Dong Xuebing pressed his hand down. "Sit down, Xiao Gong."

Gong Na looked at this situation and trembled, "Leaders, I"

Zheng Dayou was both angry and amused. "If Mayor Dong asks you to sit, then sit. Sit down and talk."

"Uh, oh." Gong Na nervously sat in the chair before the desk, twiddling her feet.

Dong Xuebing said, "Xiao Gong, Director Zheng, and I are here today on behalf of the organization to talk to you. Don't feel pressured; it's good news."

"Good news?" Gong Na was stunned.

Dong Xuebing asked, "How long have you been working?"

Gong Na considered, "It should be It should be less than a year."

Dong Xuebing nodded, "That's quite some time. What's your educational background?"

Gong Na lowered her head, "I have a college degree."

Dong Xuebing said, "According to the procedures, an office clerk with a bachelor's degree can only be promoted to a department clerk after one year, and for those with a college degree, it might take more than three years. However, after discussing with Director Zheng, considering your outstanding

performance at the Investment Promotion Bureau, working diligently, this time can be significantly shortened." The Party Committee needed to discuss the promotion of other people, but the transformation from an office clerk to a department clerk was just a matter of Dong Xuebing's word. It could be done with a single phone call.

Gong Na exclaimed, "I, I"

Dong Xuebing smiled, "I and Director Zheng have informed the Personnel Department. Today, someone from the Personnel Department should come and talk to you. Be prepared."

Zheng Dayou didn't do much, but Dong Xuebing's words were appropriate.

Gong Na immediately became excited. Being promoted to a department clerk! Under normal circumstances, it would take at least three years for her, but unexpectedly, it was happening now. The salary was different, and she hurriedly stood up. She subconsciously said to Zheng Dayou, who had been with her the longest, "Thank you, Director Zheng, thank you, Director Zheng."

Zheng Dayou laughed, "Don't thank me. I didn't do anything. It was all Mayor Dong who fought for you."

Gong Na quickly said to Dong Xuebing, "Thank you, Mayor Dong."

Dong Xuebing encouraged, "Work well in the future. Director Zheng and I are looking forward to your performance."

"I will, I will." She repeatedly expressed her gratitude, and when she saw Dong Xuebing and Zheng Dayou waving, Gong Na left with joy, wearing a happy expression on her face.

Outside, a few people saw Gong Na's happy expression and blinked their eyes in confusion, not knowing what good thing had happened to her.

So happy

What happened?

At this time, Dong Xuebing's voice came from inside, "Xiao Chen, Sister Cheng, come here."

Chen Yunsong was surprised. He didn't expect to be called. Cheng Yujie also had a mixture of anxiety and expectation, not understanding what was happening.

Xiao Hong worked at the county government office and had a good relationship with Yao Cui. She might have heard something, but it didn't concern her. She found her desk and started getting familiar with her work. With an administrative background, she was not unfamiliar with these tasks.

"Xiao Gong, what's going on?" Cheng Yujie hurriedly asked Gong Na.

Gong Na turned her head and looked at the still-open door, not daring to say too much. "It should be good news."

They couldn't afford to delay. In their minds, they were wondering what good news it could be. Could it be a salary increase or additional bonuses for successful investments? Whether they could secure investments was uncertain, and they hadn't even figured out how much the bonus would be in a year. It was still unknown how it compared to the year-end bonus of any county government department.

Chapter 1427: Everyone is promoted

Morning.

In the office.

Cheng Yujie and Chen Yunsong entered. Seeing Dong Xuebing and Zheng Dayou sitting in such positions, they both felt slightly uneasy. Being called by the leaders for a conversation couldn't be entirely a good thing, especially for them working in the Investment Promotion Bureau, which is considered a straightforward government office.

"Leaders."

"Mayor Dong."

"Director Zheng."

"Please sit, both of you."

Zheng Dayou gestured, and the two sat down.

Seeing them like this, Dong Xuebing smiled, looking at Zheng Dayou, "Old Zheng, you go ahead."

"You go ahead; I'm not very clear about it either." Zheng Dayou was polite to Dong Xuebing.

Seeing the two leaders smiling, Chen Yunsong and Cheng Yujie finally breathed a sigh of relief.

"Alright." Dong Xuebing looked at both of them and finally focused on Chen Yunsong's face. Slowly, he asked, "Xiao Chen, how long have you been working?"

Chen Yunsong hurriedly said, "A little over a year, not even two years."

Dong Xuebing nodded slightly, flipping through the files in his hand. "I looked at your work performance since you came to the Investment Promotion Bureau. Most of last year's million-dollar investment came from your efforts, right?"

Chen Yunsong immediately said, "It was all done with Director Zheng's guidance and the help of colleagues. It's not solely my credit."

Zheng Dayou smiled, "Still being modest."

However, Dong Xuebing was very satisfied with his answer. "Xiao Chen, you don't need to be humble. Your work achievements are evident to everyone. Yesterday, at the County Party Committee meeting, I fought for you. Starting today, the Investment Promotion Bureau will reestablish the Business Department, and I propose that you take the position of the head of this Business Department. This position is not easy; it directly affects the work performance of the Investment Promotion Bureau. What do you think?"

Business Department.

Head of the Business Department.

Chen Yunsong was stunned. He never expected such a good thing to fall on his head. He had only been working for a little over a year. Although this position was not a promotion, it still enjoyed the treatment of a Deputy Section Chief. His salary would jump up significantly. It was a huge opportunity. The nearby Cheng Yujie also seemed visibly stunned.

Chen Yunsong said, "I"

Dong Xuebing asked, "What's your opinion?"

Chen Yunsong stammered, "I promise to complete the tasks."

Dong Xuebing said, "Good. If you have this confidence, that's enough. Go back for now. The Organization Department may want to talk to you today. Prepare yourself; don't let down the expectations of me and Director Zheng."

Chen Yunsong stood up and said, "Yes, thank you, Mayor Dong, thank you, Director Zheng."

Opening the door, Chen Yunsong walked out with excitement. He gently closed the door behind him.

Hearing the arrangement for Chen Yunsong, Cheng Yujie couldn't sit still. Her heart was full of anticipation. If Chen Yunsong could take the position of the head of the Business Department, she should also be eligible. Even though her work performance was not as outstanding as Chen Yunsong's, she also worked hard. With young comrades being promoted, the leaders should not forget her. Cheng Yujie immediately looked at Dong Xuebing with expectation. She understood that these things were arranged by Mayor Dong, and Mayor Dong also determined the appointment of positions. Director Zheng did not have such power.

Sure enough, Dong Xuebing looked at Cheng Yujie the next second and smiled, "Sister Cheng, you have seniority in our Investment Promotion Bureau. I heard from Director Zheng and also reviewed your file. Although we may not know each other very well, I have a general understanding of you. I just mentioned Xiao Chen's outstanding performance, but as far as I know, many investors were entertained by you and Xiao Chen together. You also arranged both the plans and logistics. Achieving a million in investments last year also reflects your ability."

Cheng Yujie apologized, "You're too kind. It's nothing. I just did what I should."

Dong Xuebing said, "That's why I proposed reconstructing the Investment Promotion Bureau's office at the Party Committee meeting yesterday. Secretary Meng and Mayor Jiang both nodded. For the position of the office director, both Old Zheng and I think you, Sister Cheng, are the most suitable."

Office

Office Director.

Cheng Yujie was stunned, reflexively taking a deep breath.

She thought she was about the same as Xiao Chen, satisfied with a Deputy Section Chief position. Comparing herself, she knew clearly in her heart. However, the position mentioned by Mayor Dong was completely different from Xiao Chen's Business Department Head. Xiao Chen only enjoyed the treatment of a Deputy Section Chief, while her position was a genuine Deputy Section Chief level. She, Cheng Yujie, could be considered for a promotion.

Promotion.

She had rarely thought about it.

Finally, is there a chance for me?

Cheng Yujie was extremely excited, but given her age, her face was more mature than Gong Na and Chen Yunsong. She showed joy and gratitude without being incoherent, saying, "Thank you for Mayor Dong and Director Zheng's trust. I will work harder to do well in logistical work."

Dong Xuebing said, "Well, we also have confidence in you."

"Thank you, leaders."

Dong Xuebing smiled self-deprecatingly, "But our Investment Promotion Bureau has a limited number of people. Maybe we're not much different now, even if we're not a one-man show. But I believe that with everyone's efforts, it will be better in the future. Well, you can go back. The Organization Department will want to talk to you today."

Cheng Yujie expressed her gratitude appropriately and with excitement before leaving.

The three people in the Investment Promotion Bureau have all been promoted now. They wouldn't be happy for no reason. Talking about what they promised yesterday was just empty talk. None of them had the enthusiasm to get promoted. Now, they all seemed much more energetic than yesterday.

The atmosphere in the office area also exuded vitality and joy.

In the director's office.

Dong Xuebing exchanged some thoughts with Zheng Dayou. "Old Zheng, the Investment Promotion Bureau is under your supervision, and the personnel allocation mainly depends on your decision." Although they were both working for the benefit of the Investment Promotion Bureau, Dong Xuebing's proposal at the meeting yesterday was his decision without consulting Zheng Dayou. Even though Dong Xuebing was Zheng Dayou's leader, the Investment Promotion Bureau was still under the leadership of Old Zheng. Dong Xuebing certainly had to respect his opinion.

Zheng Dayou asked, "What are your plans?"

Dong Xuebing smiled, "You decide. I respect your opinion, and you've been in contact with everyone for a long time, knowing more than I do."

After thinking briefly, Zheng Dayou said, "Alright, let me say something. Xiao Gong is good at logistics. Even if we talk about the office establishment, the newcomer Xiao Xiao used to work in the government office, and she should be good at handling relationships. Let her be assigned to the Business Department. We can also internally give Xiao Xiao the authority of a deputy section chief. Of course, it's just the name, and the salary will remain the same, with no difference."

Dong Xuebing nodded and said, "Okay, let's do that."

Chapter 1428: Chang Juan was promoted

Morning.

9.30 am.

County Investment Promotion Bureau.

After Dong Xuebing had a conversation with his subordinates, the personnel from the County Organization Department arrived. They entered this not-too-big office area.

Men and women.

About three or four people came.

The one leading them was a woman around forty years old, a Deputy Minister named Wang Xia from the Organization Department. She had seniority, permed hair, short hair, and a very gentle appearance. After entering, she greeted Dong Xuebing with a smile. Although they weren't familiar, they had met a few times in the County Party Committee compound before, even though they hadn't had in-depth conversations. However, they were not strangers to each other.

" Mayor Dong," Wang Xia smiled.

"Minister Wang." Dong Xuebing shook hands with her.

Wang Xia looked around. "I hope we're not disturbing your work."

"It's okay, please come in," Dong Xuebing said.

"We need to borrow an office. What do you think?" Wang Xia said.

Dong Xuebing pointed, "Go to the inner room; we only have one single room here."

"Hehe, then we'll use it for a while." Wang Xia then instructed her subordinates.

"You're welcome," Dong Xuebing said, looking at Zheng Dayou. "Old Zheng, I'll go out for a moment and be back soon. You handle the rest."

Zheng Dayou nodded, "Alright, the morning work may be delayed for a few hours."

Dong Xuebing nodded, "You take care of it; the work won't be finished quickly."

After that, Wang Xia and the Organization Department staff went to the Bureau Director's office under Zheng Dayou's arrangement. Soon after, an Organization Department comrade came out and called someone. A new round of discussions began, but the decisions had already been made in the County Party Committee. Secretary Meng and Mayor Jiang had already agreed. The Organization Department's inspection was just a formality. Dong Xuebing had also talked and exchanged ideas with his subordinates before. The matters that had been decided were set in stone.

"Mayor Dong, are you going out?" Gong Na from the front desk hurriedly said, "Shall I call Brother Wei? Let him pick you up."

Dong Xuebing smiled, "Old Wei just left; no need to bother him."

Chen Yunsong, behind him, immediately said, "I should be able to pick up the car today. The money has also been paid. I'll quickly pick up the car and come back. It will be more convenient to use the car that way."

Dong Xuebing turned around, "Focus on your work. The Organization Department need to conduct an inspection."

The people were very enthusiastic towards Dong Xuebing. In their tone and attitude, one could feel the difference from before. This promotion was almost across the board; everyone under the Investment Promotion Bureau received a promotion and a salary increase. Even someone who had just arrived, Xiao Hong, got the nominal position of Deputy Section Chief, which was a joyous and beneficial job adjustment for everyone. Dong Xuebing had fought for this at the Party Committee meeting yesterday through heated discussions. Everyone knew in their hearts, and they naturally

remembered Dong Xuebing's favor. Their attitude towards him was different, with more heartfelt gratitude.

Outside.

Dong Xuebing went downstairs, and his phone rang as soon as he left the small courtyard.

It was Deputy Director Chen Xiaomei from the Finance Bureau. "Hello, Mayor Dong. It's me, Xiao Chen."

Dong Xuebing chuckled and said while walking, "What's the matter, Sister Chen?"

Chen Xiaomei smiled and said, "I heard that Yun Song has been promoted to the head of the Business Division, and you helped him fight for it. I just called to thank you."

Dong Xuebing said, "That's the result of Xiao Chen's own efforts, and everyone can see his achievements. It's only natural for him to be promoted."

"He's been in the system for less than two years. If it weren't for you helping him fight for it, he wouldn't have had a chance, no matter how well he worked. Thank you, Mayor Dong."

"It's nothing."

"Tonight, I'll take my younger brother to treat you to a meal."

"These days are busy. Another day will do."

"That's fine. Anyway, I owe you a meal, and you must remember that."

"Hehe, okay, I won't forget. I'll have a meal with you, Sister Chen, someday."

"Oh, then I need to prepare. Otherwise, I won't be able to withstand your appetite."

This sounded a bit ambiguous, and Dong Xuebing coughed after hearing it.

Continuing, Chen Xiaomei added jokingly, "I'm not wealthy. If you want to eat at a hotel, I can't afford it. But my cooking skills are much better than those of hotel chefs."

"Alright, let's go to your place another day."

"Okay, whenever you're free after this busy period. It's just a phone call, mainly depending on your time."

"Sure."

"I won't disturb your work then."

Dong Xuebing, had recommended her brother because of her. Naturally, Chen Xiaomei wanted to express her gratitude with a phone call. In reality, Dong Xuebing claiming to value Chen Yunsong's abilities was nonsense. If it weren't for Chen Xiaomei's connection, Dong Xuebing wouldn't have recommended a young man with only a little over a year in the system. Although Dong Xuebing himself had worked in the government for only two or three years, there was no comparison. Chen Xiaomei was surely aware of this.

On the road.

After hanging up with Chen Xiaomei, Dong Xuebing didn't put away his phone. Instead, he called Chang Juan. After several rings, the call connected.

"Hello, Xuebing."

"Sis Juan, why is it so chaotic over there?"

"Oh, I'm outside, and the signal isn't very good."

"Did you go out to play today?"

"No, sis is looking for a house. I'll be staying here for a while. I can't always stay in the guesthouse, and I can't keep relying on your connections."

"Hehe, it's okay."

"I'll keep looking. I am afraid you'll kick sis out. This time, I caused you trouble. I know that, but I had no choice but to come to you shamelessly. Xuebing, you won't ignore me, will you?" As she spoke, her voice took on a slightly tearful tone. It wasn't clear if it was genuine or an act, considering Dong Xuebing hadn't called her all day yesterday.

Dong Xuebing sighed, "Sis Juan, am I that kind of person to you? Don't overthink it. By the way, I have something to discuss with you; let's meet."

"Where are you?"

"I'm with the Investment Promotion Bureau."

"Okay, I'll come find you."

"Good, let's meet at the restaurant outside on the north side of the road."

"Alright, you wait for me. I will be there in twenty minutes."

More than ten minutes later, a Land Rover stopped on the side of the road.

Chang Juan got off from the Land Rover, attracting several onlookers. After all, it was a four million car, and anyone who recognized it in this impoverished county couldn't help but take a few more glances. Perhaps influenced by the car, Chang Juan had a strong presence. She swiftly got out of the car, slamming the door with gusto.

Inside the restaurant.

Dong Xuebing waved from the glass windows.

Chang Juan, seeing him, quickly came in. "Xuebing."

Tea was prepared on the table, and Dong Xuebing pushed a cup toward her. "Have some water first."

"Okay." Chang Juan picked up the cup and took a sip, looking tired.

Today, she wore a brown pleated skirt and a shirt on top. Her makeup was not light, with mascara and foundation applied. Dong Xuebing didn't understand Chang Juan's mindset. If you say she's not in a hurry, she is. But with this heavy makeup every day, it seems she isn't.

"Although cheap, the market isn't large, and finding a place is hard."

"True, most of the people here are locals, and very few outsiders rent here."

"Even if the rent isn't expensive, my spouse and I have never saved much. Now, after the medical expenses and almost no money left, my salary has been suspended, and there's still a child to support," Chang Juan sighed.

Dong Xuebing looked at her and said, "I've said it before: if you're short of money, you can temporarily take some from me. It's just a matter of tens or a few hundred thousand with a word from you."

Chang Juan shook her head, "No, I can't take your money."

Chang Juan would surely think the person had impure motives if someone else said this. Who would lend so much money for free to a colleague with whom they had neither a good nor a bad relationship? There must be an ulterior motive. However, since it was Dong Xuebing saying this, Chang Juan probably knew that Dong Xuebing had no other intentions; he just genuinely wanted to help. Since Dong Xuebing entered the system and worked in State Security, everyone knew he was very protective of his subordinates and treated them well. Initially, Dong Xuebing dared to argue and glare at the leaders for the sake of a subordinate. Everyone was clear about Dong Xuebing's character. Perhaps because she knew Dong Xuebing's character, when Chang Juan had nowhere to turn, she was the first to think of seeking refuge with him.

"Xuebing, what do you want to talk to sis about?" Chang Juan asked him, "Is it about transferring to work at the Investment Promotion Bureau?"

Dong Xuebing paused, "Sis Juan, let me ask you again: our work here is hard, and the environment is not good. Are you sure you can endure this hardship?"

Chang Juan affirmed, "I can."

Dong Xuebing said, "Okay, you can start working today."

Chang Juan's eyes lit up, "Has my personnel file been transferred as well?"

"I contacted Director Zhen, helped you pull some strings, and your file will be here in a few days. You can handle it when it arrives, and I've already made the arrangements," Dong Xuebing said.

Chang Juan was very happy, "Then what am I doing at your Investment Promotion Bureau? I can pour tea and do other chores if there's nothing to do. As long as I can come and work here."

Dong Xuebing smiled, "You came all the way to find me. This is trust in me and our old friendship for so many years. How can I let you pour tea and do chores? I'll arrange a good position for you."

Chang Juan was stunned, "What position?"

Dong Xuebing chuckled, "Deputy Director of Zhen Shui County Investment Promotion Bureau. I proposed it at the Party Committee meeting yesterday, and the county has already approved it. Later, you can meet with the comrades from the Organization Department."

Chang Juan exclaimed, "Deputy Director? But I'm still suspended!"

"I had someone erase the record of your suspension, and it's not in the archives. So, you have no issues in Beijing now. If you want to go back, you can go back now. If you want to stay and work here, you can start preparing for the promotion," Dong Xuebing explained.

Chapter 1429: The Investment Promotion Bureau's people were scared

10 am.

Inside a restaurant.

"Xuebing, about this"

"What's the matter, Sister Chang? It's your decision."

"I will stay. I am staying."

"Good, hehe, then it's settled."

"Sure! Settled. Oh, promotion, this must be troublesome for you."

"It's not troublesome. We do need a Deputy Bureau Chief on our side."

Chang Juan didn't know what to say. She thought transferring from Beijing and keeping her civil servant status would be good enough. Little did she expect that after joining Dong Xuebing, she would retain her civil servant status and be promoted to one level, becoming a leader.

Deputy Bureau Chief.

A leader at the Deputy Section Chief level.

Chang Juan suddenly felt elated.

Dong Xuebing smiled faintly. His old colleague was satisfied, he felt comfortable too. "So, you don't need to find a place to live. We have dormitory arrangements for leaders here in the county. I'll arrange a nice place for you in the family housing area. You can move in if there's space in the County Committee Family Quarters. I'll check later. I'm in charge of the Family Quarter rebuilding, so this should be no problem."

"Alright, alright. I will follow your lead."

"That's settled. Let's go back to the Investment Promotion Bureau now."

"Am I going to work today? But my file hasn't arrived yet."

"We'll handle it specially. The personnel from the Organization Department are also here. Talk to them first. When your file arrives, we can proceed with the promotion."

"Okay, let's go."

"Boss! The bill, please."

"I'll handle it."

"Don't be polite with me. Let me take care of it."

10 am.

Dong Xuebing and Chang Juan returned to the Investment Promotion Bureau.

In the office area, Wang Xia and Zheng Dayou were outside. The comrades from the Organization Department should have finished talking to the soon-to-be promoted leaders.

Seeing Dong Xuebing return, Wang Xia smiled, "Mayor Dong, we are finished here." Pausing momentarily, she flipped through the documents in her hand, "But Comrade Chang Juan"

Dong Xuebing introduced, "This is her."

Chang Juan also stepped forward, "Hello. I am Chang Juan."

Wang Xia shook hands with her, "Hello. Let's discuss inside."

Completely different from yesterday's tearful appearance, now that she knew she would be promoted to Deputy Bureau Chief, the second in command of the Investment Promotion Bureau, Chang Juan's demeanor had changed entirely. She followed Wang Xia and the others into the director's office with a reserved attitude.

After a while.

Chang Juan and Wang Xia, and others came out.

The comrades from the Organization Department bid farewell to Dong Xuebing, completed the procedure, and left.

Dong Xuebing looked at Gong Na, "Xiao Gong, close the door. I have something to say."

"Okay." Gong Na hurriedly walked to the office area door and closed the large door.

Dong Xuebing pointed at Chang Juan, "Let me introduce everyone. This is Comrade Chang Juan. She will be transferred to work in the Investment Promotion Bureau starting today."

Chang Juan greeted, "Hello, everyone."

From the attitude of the leaders in the Organization Department, everyone could tell that Dong Mayor's old colleague coming over was likely to take over the position of Deputy Bureau Chief. Therefore, everyone politely exchanged greetings with Chang Juan. If Dong Xuebing simply promoted Chang Juan without considering others, the subordinates might have objected, and they would have gossiped behind his back. After all, they were all old hands at the Investment Promotion Bureau. It would be hard to accept if a new Deputy Bureau Chief was directly appointed without discussion. However, the current situation was that everyone was happy with their promotions, so no one would accuse Mayor Dong of favoritism. Moreover, Chang Juan's position as Deputy Bureau Chief was probably already set, and they knew she was Dong Mayor's absolute confidante. Naturally, everyone was polite, and from now on, not only Dong Mayor and Director Zheng but also Chang Juan was their leader.

Chang Juan briefly introduced herself.

Dong Xuebing, on the side, praised her a bit, using words like strong work ability and noble character.

Chang Juan didn't blush and accepted the praise gracefully.

With Dong Xuebing's introduction, everyone got to know each other.

Zheng Dayou knew her relationship with Mayor Dong was unusual, so he smiled politely at Chang Juan.

It was just a formality. With Dong Xuebing present, they couldn't talk much to each other. There would be plenty of opportunities for communication in the future. Dong Xuebing gathered everyone not only to introduce Chang Juan but also for other important matters. So, after they got acquainted, Dong Xuebing cleared his throat.

Silence followed.

Everyone looked at Mayor Dong.

Dong Xuebing also looked at them, carefully examining each person's face. "You've all finished your busy work, and now you have some time. There's something I need to inform everyone about."

Seeing Mayor Dong speaking so seriously, everyone became suspicious for a moment.

Dong Xuebing said something shocking, "For the Investment Promotion Fair on Saturday, I've committed to the County Party Committee. Within a month after the fair starts, our Zhen Shui County Investment Promotion Bureau must attract at least 50 million RMB in investment. Let me clarify: this isn't a plan. It's a strict task that must be completed within this month."

"Ah!"

"What?"

"Fifty million RMB!"

Everyone else was stunned except for Zheng Dayou, who had received the information earlier.

Oh, Chang Juan didn't react either. It seemed she didn't understand how big this figure meant in Zhen Shui County.

Seeing everyone in an uproar, Zheng Dayou coughed and said, "Quiet, please."

But it didn't have much effect. After all, this number was too shocking. Chang Juan, being new, didn't quite understand. She had been in places like Beijing, where a district would attract several billion or tens of billions in investment in a year. However, others in the Investment Promotion Bureau understood. For other counties, 50 million RMB was not a small amount. Even more so for Zhen Shui County, which attracted only a few million investments yearly. It was simply an astronomical figure. The staff of the Investment Promotion Bureau were all shocked.

How could this be accomplished?

Even if they worked themselves to death, there was no hope.

"Mayor Dong."

"This, this"

"Fifty million RMB is too much."

Dong Xuebing pressed down with his hand. "Yes, 50 million RMB is a significant number for us, but I have confidence in winning this battle. I have pledged with the leaders in the Party Committee. If the Investment Promotion Bureau fails to attract 50 million RMB in investment this month, I will submit my resignation next month."

This statement caused another significant shock.

Even Chang Juan looked at him with surprise.

Zheng Dayou showed a helpless expression, sighing. He also felt it was impossible.

However, Dong Xuebing didn't say anything more afterward. He just calmly looked at everyone.

The others in the Investment Promotion Bureau then understood that their promotions were not just handed to them for free; they came with a price. Mayor Dong had exchanged his guarantee for their performance.

Oh, this is troublesome.

Everyone exchanged surprised glances. If the task wasn't completed, they might lose the positions they had just been promoted to.

Without Dong Xuebing saying anything, everyone had already figured it out.

For a moment, everyone felt the pressure.

Chapter 1430: Delegating the tasks

Noon.

County Investment Promotion Bureau.

During the lunch break, Dong Xuebing, along with his subordinates, went out for a meal. It was a form of communication and a celebration for their upcoming promotions. However, upon hearing about the county's requirement for a tough target of 50 million RMB in investment, the expressions of Zheng Dayou, Gong Na, and others became a bit strained. Although everyone seemed casual, the unnatural expressions were evident. They ate very little. Even Chen Yujie, promoted to Deputy Section Chief, seemed listless. Only Chang Juan was carefree, smiling, eating and drinking, and in a good mood.

"Chang Jie," Dong Xuebing called her.

"Mayor Dong, what's up?" Just as she was about to call him Xuebing, Chang Juan quickly changed her address. While their relationship was good, with others present, Chang Juan was no longer Dong Xuebing's old colleague but had been transferred to the Investment Promotion Bureau, so the address form had to change.

Dong Xuebing raised his glass and said, "Let's drink. This meal is a welcome for you."

Chang Juan smiled, "Hehe, I'm not drinking alcohol. Okay then, I'll toast you with water."

Dong Xuebing and she clinked glasses, and he said, "This is not alcohol for me either. I don't drink during work hours. As long as the meaning is conveyed, that's enough. Come on, cheers."

"Director Chang, I also toast to you." Chen Yunsong also raised his glass.

Seeing this, Cheng Yujie and Gong Na also picked up their glasses and toasted Chang Juan.

Hearing the title "Director Chang," Chang Juan blushed joyfully, clinking glasses with everyone individually. In the end, she also proactively toasted Zheng Dayou.

At the dining table, Dong Xuebing and Chang Juan were all smiles, while others pretended to have things on their minds, unable to relax, with worried expressions.

After the meal.

Upstairs in the office area.

After entering, Dong Xuebing turned to look at his subordinates, feeling that everyone should have digested the task this time. He gathered them again, "Let me assign the tasks."

As soon as everyone sat down at their desks, they stood up again at his words.

Dong Xuebing immediately gestured to them, "Just sit down. No need for formalities."

The group glanced at each other, seeing Zheng Dayou sit down first, and then they gradually sat down at their respective positions.

Dong Xuebing looked at them and said, "I discussed with Old Zheng and have set the tasks. This Saturday is the City Investment Fair. The month after that is a time when we must be fully committed. It may involve overtime, use of your rest time, and even the temporary cancellation of your weekends. I want everyone to be prepared. If there's anyone who can't work overtime or has family matters"

No one spoke. Working overtime was not a big deal.

After all, they had all been promoted, and the sweet taste was already in their hands.

Dong Xuebing said, "Alright, let me discuss the work plan. In the Business Department, Xiao Chen, you must contact investors quickly. Don't limit yourselves to companies we have communicated with before. Expand your scope. Make phone calls to potential investors. We'll reimburse you for the plane tickets, and the city will manage the accommodation. If investors come to inspect our Zhen Shui County, we'll arrange the best accommodations. In short, we must try to attract as many investors as possible. Whether they invest or not is a task for after Saturday. First, we need to ensure that people come. If investors don't come, our efforts will be in vain. Only when people come can we figure out how to secure their investment."

Chen Yunsong immediately said, "Yes, we will contact them as soon as possible."

Xiao Hong, assigned to the Business Department, expressed her stance briefly.

Dong Xuebing asked, "How many investors have we confirmed contact with, and how many are sure to attend?"

Chen Yunsong's face showed a moment of embarrassment. "We have contacted more than twenty people, but none have confirmed their availability. The main issue is that the notification from the city came too late."

Dong Xuebing frowned. "Not a single one?"

Chen Yunsong said, "Uh, not yet."

Dong Xuebing said solemnly, "Then you all need to put in more effort. Although this is a city investment fair, many investors are contacted by the city, and there are plenty of resources and probably a good number of participants. However, these are not companies we have communicated with in Zhen Shui County. With so many counties and districts in the city, those brought in by others will surely prioritize inspecting the places they came from. Even if many investors may inspect our county, we are likely considered one of the later options in their minds. That puts us in a passive position. I don't like being passive or relying on luck. We must take the initiative. If we can bring in even one person, that's one person. Both you and Xiao Xiao must do your best. Don't let it happen that the investment fair is held and we have not brought in a single investor. It's not just embarrassing; failing the task is the real issue."

"We understand."

"Mayor Dong, we will do our best."

Both Chen Yunsong and Xiao Hong responded.

"Good, then I'll leave this to you. If there are any difficulties, report directly to Director Zheng and Director Chang," Dong Xuebing continued, looking at Cheng Yujie and Gong Na. "Now, the tasks are more diverse and numerous for the office. The main thing is to first compile a list of investment projects. I looked at it yesterday and selected some. You can use them as a reference and continue to pick out excellent projects."

Cheng Yujie momentarily said, "Mayor Dong, many of our high-quality projects have already been contracted. What's left may be somewhat average."

Dong Xuebing quickly said, "Then focus on the policies tax exemptions, support for small and medium-sized investments, list everything. The specific amount of exemptions can be negotiated later. First, show the attitude that our county will strongly support investment. Let the investors feel at ease. As for the project list, show it to me and Director Zheng after you compile it. Once approved, print a small booklet and make multiple copies, as we will distribute them at the investment fair."

Cheng Yujie said, "Okay, I'll take care of it this afternoon."

Dong Xuebing then looked at Gong Na. "Xiao Gong, your tasks are a bit more. Whether answering phones or handling logistics, you need to pay attention. If there's any spare time, I hope you can also take on some responsibilities for contacting investors. After all, the number of personnel in our Investment Promotion Bureau is limited, and I hope you can put in some extra effort."

Gong Na immediately responded, "No problem."

Dong Xuebing turned to Zheng Dayou and said, "Old Zheng, say a few words."

After contemplating, Zheng Dayou said, "Mayor Dong has made it very clear. I won't repeat it. Just one thing, Xiao Chen, if there are investors from the business side that you find challenging to attract but think might come to the investment fair, let me know, and I will personally contact them."

"Yes, Director Zheng," Chen Yunsong agreed.

Dong Xuebing clapped his hands twice. "Alright, that's it. Everyone, start taking action. I'll reiterate: the investment target is 50 million RMB, and we must not fall short."