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Chapter 541 – The consequences of angering Dong Xuebing!

Liu Xiang Hu Tong.

The Subdistrict Office staff were stunned. After a few days of interacting with Dong Xuebing, they only know he has a bad temper. But no one expects his temper is bad to this extent! He dares to fight without any warning. Everyone knows he had no choice as it's an emergency. Those store owners are holding metal rods and poles, and it might be fatal if they are hit. That's why no one will blame him for clashing with those residents!

"They retaliated!"

"The Subdistrict Office Director had hit someone!"

"How can he hit civilians?! Does he have any regard to the law?!"

The mob got furious as they saw the tailor store owner lying on the ground. No one had expected a Government Staff to hit them!

Dong Xuebing looks at them. "Civilians?! Do you all still consider yourselves as civilians?! What are you all thinking when you all hit others?! Do you think it's not a crime to hit others, and we are beating up civilians when we retaliate?! Are you all treating this as a joke?! The law is not so simple! I remember all those that had hit my people! No one can escape today! Get this into your mind! Not everyone can hit Government Staff! Do you understand?!"

"Beat him up!"

"How dare he hit us?!"

"Go!"

The breakfast store owner charged.

Zhou Yanru pushed the Officer to help her. "Hurry! Go and protect Director Dong!"

Deputy Director Meng Shengguo shouted. "Director! Come over here!"

Peng Gang and the other Officers want to help their Leader. They are not confident of stopping this angry mob even if they are armed, let alone Dong Xuebing is facing them by himself. If they allowed Director Dong to be surrounded, they might beat him to death! That's why they must not allow this to happen. Anyone from the Subdistrict Office can be injured except for him.

But before they can get closer, Dong Xuebing waved his hand casually. "Go back and wait for me in the car!"

Peng Gang panicked. "Director!"

"Old Peng! I am ordering you to protect the rest! Go back to the car!"

"But..."

"I am ordering you all to hide in the cars!"

Peng Gang and the rest could only help the injured to the vehicles. They are moving slowly as two of them had injured their legs.

The Subdistrict Office staff were looking at Dong Xuebing's back worryingly. An angry mob consisting of more than thirty people is charging him!

Unknown to them, Dong Xuebing thought nothing of those people. He had experienced situations more severe than this. But no one in the Subdistrict Office knows about him. They don't know his character, temperament, and fighting skills. If the mob had heard of Yan Tai County's God of Plague, they would think twice before charging at him, even if they have more than fifty people. This guy can win regardless of the number of his opponents!

It's time to let Nan Shan District's people know about this!

Damn! You all dare to provoke me!?

Dong Xuebing is going all out. Since he had retaliated, he might as well go all out and establish his authority with his fist. He doesn't want anyone to step all over him and treat him as a pushover. These people had already committed a crime, and Dong Xuebing doesn't need to hold back. You all dare to hit my men?! I shall teach you all an unforgettable lesson!

The breakfast store owner swung an aluminum wok at Dong Xuebing!

"You are one of those that attacked my Officers, right?!" Dong Xuebing dodged that attack easily and returned with a punch and kick!

"Arrgghh!" The breakfast store owner held his stomach as he kneeled down. "F*ck you!"

You still dare to scold me!? Dong Xuebing felt he had gone too light on him. Bam! He gave the breakfast store owner a back fist!

The breakfast store owner shouted in pain and fell to the ground with a bloodied face.

Two men down!

Dong Xuebing had knocked out two men within seconds!

"Brother Liu!"

"F*ck! Kill him!"

Three store owners rushed forward with their poles!

"Be careful, Director!!"

"Come back!"

The Subdistrict Office staff are shouting at Dong Xuebing for him to return to the vehicles. Some of them had gotten into the vehicles, but Dong Xuebing did not move towards them. Instead, he started to walk towards those store owners.

One of the three is in his forties, and the other two are in their thirties. They look fit, and they attacked Dong Xuebing from three different angles. It is hard to dodge such attacks, but he mumbled STOP in his heart, threw three punches, and deactivated. It was not even three seconds.

Everyone only sees Dong Xuebing made a sudden movement, and those three were sent flying backward while shouting in pain. It was too fast, and no one can see what happened!

“Arrgh!”

“My leg!”

The three store owners are groaning in pain on the ground.

Five men down!

Dong Xuebing continued to walk towards those store owners slowly.

The store owners are starting to panic. How can this person be so good at fighting?!

The Subdistrict Office staff were stunned. None of them had expected their new Director can knock out five men in such a short time.

Xue Gui shouted. “Everyone go! He is just one person!”

Xue Gui’s hooligan added. “We can keep our houses if we chase them out! Go!”

Dong Xuebing took a glance at Xue Gui. This guy had been opposing the Subdistrict Office time and again. Not only had he gotten his men to block the Subdistrict Office’s entrance, but he had also incited the crowd to go against them. He even got Peng Kun over to suppress Dong Xuebing and stop the Subdistrict Office’s operation! He can be considered the cause of all the troubles, and Dong Xuebing will not let him off. He swung his left arm, knocked out a hooligan on his left, and kicked the yellow hair hooligan who had hit his Staff earlier. After that, he stepped forward and faced Xue Gui!

You want to create trouble for me?!

I shall let you know the consequences!

STOP!

Dong Xuebing doesn’t dare to go too hard on Xue Gui as everyone is watching them. As a government staff, he cannot go overboard even if Xue Gui caused everything or it’s because of self-defense. So, he started slapping Xue Gui after he stopped the time. He slapped more than a dozen times before deactivating STOP and giving him one slap!

Slap!

Xue Gui’s face swells immediately from that slap and fell onto the floor. “You... you dare to hit me?!”

You are the one I wanted to hit the most!

Everyone can see Dong Xuebing had not gone overboard and retaliated because others tried to hit him. But no one knows he had slapped Xue Gui more than a dozen times!

“Brother Xue!”

“Brother Xue Gui!”

The group of hooligans rushed over. “He will not win against all of us! Let’s go! Kill him!”

Around seven to eight people charged towards Dong Xuebing!

Dong Xuebing looked at them and waited for them to come closer with their metal rods.

Dong Xuebing might die if so many people hit him!

“Arrrgh!”

“Pfft!”

“Arrrgh!”

14 men down!

Dong Xuebing had knock-out 14 men within two minutes!

Dong Xuebing had seldom fought so many people at once. Although he is not injured, his stamina could not catch up. He stood there panting. “I will say this once more! All illegal buildings here will be demolished today! I will not let whoever dares stop us or hit our Government Staff, off lightly! We don’t need to treat criminals like you all nicely!”

“He is exhausted!”

“Let’s go! He is getting tired!”

A few stubborn ones refused to listen. They are making a living from these illegal stores, and if the stores are demolished, they will lose their jobs. That’s why they rushed forward to stop the demolition, especially after hearing what Peng Kun said. They know that if they stopped the Subdistrict Office from tearing their shops down today, the District Government would penalize the Subdistrict Office, and the demolition will be postponed. They continued to charge forward, and a few of them ran to the vehicles. They started to smash the vehicles with their metal poles, scaring the female staff inside!

Don’t blame me as you all are asking for it!

Dong Xuebing ran over to the vehicles and sent the barbershop owner and his staff flying with two kicks! He can punch as many punches as he wants during STOP, but it was only a punch or a kick to others!

When Dong Xuebing was about to ask the staff in the vehicle if they are hurt, he heard a ‘Ding’ behind him.

“Director!”

“Knife!”

“Ah! Watch out!”

The staff in the vehicle shouted in shock.

Dong Xuebing turned, and a razor-sharp knife is about five centimeters from his chest. It’s the tailor store owner again!

Damn!

Are you trying to kill me?!

Dong Xuebing exploded. He dodged the knife and grabbed that person's head. Bam! He smashed that person's head against the vehicle's door! Bam! Bam! Bam! He saw this guy is still conscious after the first hit, and he continued with three more this! It doesn't matter if this dangerous guy dies. If Dong Xuebing had not used STOP, he would have been stabbed to death!

"I will fight it out with you!"

"Go!"

A few other store owners started charging towards Dong Xuebing with their weapons!

More and more people are groaning in pain on the floor! This is the consequence of angering the God of Plague!

Chapter 542 – Why are you so good at fighting?!

Morning.

Blood-curdling screams can be heard from Liu Xiang Hu Tong.

Some passersby were confused by the screams.

"What's going on? Who is shouting?"

"I don't know. It's been ongoing for a while. Oh, I heard the Subdistrict Office is going to demolish those illegal buildings today."

"Did they clash with those residents? Let's go and see!"

Those arrogant store owners are dropping onto the floor one after another in the Hu Tong alley.

One....

Two....

Three....

Four....

At first, the owners are charging towards Dong Xuebing. They are determined to bet their lives to save their stores, but they started to slow down, and lesser people are charging forward. Within minutes, twenty-six people are groaning in pain on the ground. Some had fainted, and the others are rolling in pain. Other than groanings, no one dares to say a word.

Dong Xuebing patted the dust off his pants. "Any more?"

"....."

The remaining seven to eight residents and store owners, who were trying to stop the eviction, were stunned. Twenty-six men were knock-out just like this. One of them dropped his weapon, making a loud, 'clank!', and the rest quickly followed. No one dares to go forward.

Damn!

Is this a fight or a movie?!

Everyone can see Dong Xuebing's fighting skill is on another level. No matter how many people charged at him, they will still lose!

Xue Gui is sitting on the floor with a swollen face. What type of Government staff is this?!

Who would expect a Subdistrict Director to be so good at fighting?!

Dong Xuebing looks around and saw no one dares to go near him. He took out a paper napkin to wipe his hands and walks over to a bin to throw it.

Why must you all do this? If you all had cooperated, this would not happen!

Zhou Yanru, Peng Gang, and the rest had come out from the vehicles and stared at Dong Xuebing with open mouths. The Staff Members and the Urban Management Enforcement Team's staff were also stunned. All the onlookers from other Hu Tongs were also looking at him in shock.

Dong Xuebing walks over. "Director Zhou, Chief Peng, Director Yu, are you all ok?"

"Huh? I'm fine." Zhou Yanru replied.

"You better go to the hospital for a checkup. Old Peng, can you arrange for someone to bring the injured to the hospital? Oh, get a few more ambulances to clean up the place." Dong Xuebing starts to give out orders.

Peng Gang looks at Dong Xuebing. "Director, are you formerly from the Public Security Bureau?"

Dong Xuebing nodded. "Yes. I was there for around a year. Why?"

Why?! Peng Gang and the rest had seen with their eyes what happened. Who would believe someone can knock out twenty-six men by himself? Knocking out one or two, or even four people is possible. Some top martial artists can win against eight to ten people. But one vs. twenty-six?! What's more amazing is you are not injured at all. They could not even touch your sleeves! Damn! Peng Gang and the few Police Officers were impressed. They had seen people who are good at fighting but have never seen anyone that is this good!

The Subdistrict Office's Staff looks at each other, not knowing what to say.

The question Yan Tai County staff always ask repeatedly appeared in Nan Shan District Staff's mind now!

Twenty-six men!

"Oh." Dong Xuebing looks around. "Where is Peng Kun?"

Zhou Yanru and the rest look around. "He was here earlier."

Yu Rongfeng replied angrily. "This Chief Peng is too irresponsible."

"He ran off?!" Dong Xuebing's face changed. Damn! Running away after creating a mess for us?! Are you expecting us to clear your mess?! Peng Kun! Just wait and see! This is not the end!

“Let’s ignore him for now and complete our task.” Dong Xuebing said to the Urban Management Enforcement Team. “You all can start to demolish those buildings. Sorry to trouble you all.”

The demolition started!

Those residents on the ground were carried aside, and only a bulldozer is at the entrance. The remaining standing store owners gathered at the end of the Hu Tong, and some of them are shouting.

“I dare you all to demolish it!”

“Stop!”

“My shop! I will fight it out with whoever that dares to touch my store!”

Dong Xuebing’s face changed when he saw those store owners acting up again. He walked past the bulldozer and entered the Hu Tong. He stood in the center and waved to the bulldozer to start demolishing the building.

Crash!

The breakfast store at the entrance of the Hu Tong alley was demolished first!

The remaining store owners agitated again, but none of them dared to go forward as Dong Xuebing stood in front. Everyone is scared of Dong Xuebing. If he can knock out twenty-six men without any injuries, he can beat thirty-six, or even forty-six men.

Crash!

The second store came crashing down!

Xue Gui felt his heart is bleeding as the bulldozer tears down the tailor store. He always thought he is aggressive and reckless. But he met someone crazier and more aggressive than him.

Some onlookers cheered.

“Good!”

“Well done!”

“These buildings should have been torn down a long time ago!”

Nearby residents started cheering and clapping! Everyone is praising the Subdistrict Office and Dong Xuebing! The fight earlier looks better than the movies!

Dong Xuebing knew he would attract criticism after beating up so many people, but he didn’t think he was wrong. He smiles faintly as he heard the people cheering and felt this is enough. One person can never please everyone, and he only wants to do something for the people. He is not afraid of getting into trouble.

The Subdistrict Office staff are relieved! Those illegal buildings are finally demolished!

No one had expected this operation to be so successful, and it was all Director Dong’s credit. Suppose Dong Xuebing had not stepped forward to face those angry residents. In that case, many of

them will be seriously injured, and those buildings will never be demolished. This time, everyone has a better understanding of their new Director.

Dong Xuebing's fighting skills are too scary!

It's not one, two, three, or four men!

It's more than twenty men!

Who can fight as well as him?!

Chapter 543 – Commission for Discipline Inspection!

Noon.

Guang Ming Subdistrict Office.

"Have you heard it? Our new Director had fought with others!"

"He got into a fight?! How is this possible?"

"Xiao Yu told me earlier that he saw it with his own eyes."

"I also heard about this. Director Dong fought against twenty-six men!"

"Bullshit! Who are you trying to bluff?"

"Why should I lie to you? Those store owners were holding metal rods and knives and had surrounded our men. Many of them are injured, and Director Dong got mad. He rolled up his sleeves and went over to knock them out! Hey, Xiao Yu is here. Xiao Yu, hurry and tell them what happened."

"What's there to say? All of us were stunned."

"Did it happen?!"

"I saw it with my own eyes."

"Damn! Didn't our Director worked at the Investment Promotion Agency before transferring here? How come he is so good at fighting?"

"I heard Director Dong had worked in the Public Security Bureau before. Oh, do you all remember our City's wildlife safari incident?"

"Yes. The TV station had even made a special episode about that. Ah! I remember it now!"

"It was Yan Tai County's Investment Promotion Agency Chief Dong who had fought the Siberian tiger to rescue the child. Our Director was from Yan Tai County Investment Promotion Agency!"

"That person is Director Dong?!"

“It must be him! If not, why can he fight so well? He can even fight against a Siberian tiger, let alone twenty men.”

“Damn! That’s too scary!”

“He is extraordinary. Our Director is a real fighter!”

Such conversations are happening everywhere within the Subdistrict Office. Everyone, including those that are not working, knows about this incident. Their new Director had beaten up twenty-six angry illegal store owners y himself. He is also the hero who fought off a Siberian Tiger to save a child last year. Everyone is talking about him, and it should spread to the neighborhoods and residents in a few days.

Side building.

Party Secretary Office.

Zhou Yanru knocked on the door and entered. “Director.”

Dong Xuebing looked at her and asked. “Didn’t I ask you to go back and rest? Have you gone to the hospital?”

“My back is only slightly swollen. It’s alright.”

“You should also get it treated.” Dong Xuebing continued. “What about Director Yu and the others?”

Zhou Yanru smiles. “Director, if it wasn’t for you stopping those people, all of us might be seriously injured. Director Yu had only twisted his ankle, and a Staff Member had some scratches on his arms and shoulder. He is getting a tetanus shot at the hospital now. A Police Officer suffered the most serious injuries. He got a deep cut on his leg and is being treated in the hospital. But his condition is stable.”

Dong Xuebing nodded. “I will visit him at the hospital later. How is the demolition?”

Zhou Yanru replied. “Old Meng is there overseeing the operation, and we are contacting the relevant departments to clear the debris. Those store owners and residents are still very agitated, and I heard from Old Meng that they are going to sue us at the District Government.”

“What do they want to sue?”

“They want to sue our Subdistrict Office for hitting people.”

Dong Xuebing laughed. “They are hitting us with metal poles and knives, and we are not allowed to defend ourselves? Let them sue us. I still have a score to settle with them. Do they think nothing will happen to them after injuring my men?!”

After Zhou Yanru left, Dong Xuebing called Police Chief Peng Gang.

“Old Peng, how are your injuries?”

“It’s nothing! Those few blows are nothing! Hahaha...”

Dong Xuebing laughed. "Good to hear that. Alright. Liu Xiang Hu Tong's incident is not over. We cannot let our comrades suffer for anything. Get your men to follow up with this incident. Xue Gui and his hooligans, including the tailor and breakfast store owners, and those who had hit our people must not be let off. Bring them back to the station, and charge them with assaults. Give them the heaviest fines and punishment."

Peng Gang is still angry with those people. "I will arrest them now."

Peng Gang did not pay lip service this time and is prepared to face the pressure from the District. These arrogant store owners must be punished.

Dong Xuebing continued to give out orders to settle this incident.

The Subdistrict Office is working together after what happened in the morning. Peng Gang, Guo Mingfeng, and Geng's faction start to follow Dong Xuebing's orders. Dong Xuebing had protected all of them earlier, and it is not right for them to continue going against his orders.

At the same time, the impact of the incident continues to spread.

More than a dozen of angry store owners blocked the entrance of the District Party Committee entrance. All of them have bruises on their faces, and they are shouting.

"We want to meet the District's Leaders!"

"How can they beat up civilians and arrest us?!"

"Guang Ming Subdistrict Office's Director tried to kill us! How can he be qualified to be a Government staff?!"

"We want to speak to the District's Leaders! We demand an explanation!"

"Suspend Dong Xuebing! Or else, we will complain to the City! If the City Government ignores us, we will complain to the Provincial Government! I don't believe they will not care about us!"

"That's right! Remove him from his position!"

"That criminal must be punished!"

Almost everyone in the District Party Committee Building can hear these cries and know Guang Ming Subdistrict Office had clashed with the residents when they evict them!

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Afternoon.

Dong Xuebing was visiting his injured staff at the District Second Hospital when his phone rang. It was an unknown number.

Dong Xuebing walked to the corridor and answered. "Hello, who is this?"

A deep voice replied. "I am Wu Liang, from the District Commission for Discipline Inspection."

Wu Liang? Nan Shan District's Commission for Discipline Inspection Secretary?!

Dong Xuebing quickly reply. "Good afternoon, Secretary Wu."

Wu Liang replied. "We have received complaints about you. Director Dong, I need you to come to our Commission for Discipline Inspection now."

Dong Xuebing's face changed. The Commission for Discipline Inspection is looking for me?! What does this mean? Are they going to investigate me?

Dong Xuebing put down the phone and told Zhou Yanru that he is leaving. After that, he drove off from the hospital.

The Commission for Discipline Inspection Office.

It is located on the second floor.

Wu Liang stared at Dong Xuebing behind his desk with a long face. "A group of civilians had blocked the entrance of our District Party Committee Building, and they are complaining about Guang Ming Subdistrict Office's staff injuring the residents during the eviction. Is this true?"

Dong Xuebing replied. "Yes, but it was...."

Wu Liang interrupted. "Do you all still have discipline? Beating up the civilians?! Is this how you order your men?! Do you know your actions will tarnish our District's reputation?! Do you know how severe it is to beat up civilians?!"

Dong Xuebing frowned and replied. "You might not know about the situation. We..."

Wu Liang interrupted again. "I don't need your explanations! I only know that you all had injured the residents, and more than a dozen of them had blocked our entrance! You all are a disgrace!"

Dong Xuebing is frustrated. "Secretary Wu, you are unfair to us. Have you got your men to find out what happened during the eviction?! That's right. I had hit those people, but what did we do wrong?! The District is only concern about those injured civilians, and ignoring our staff is also injured?! Have you ever seen civilians armed with metal rods and knives attacking our men?! Civilians?! Those are a group of criminals!"

Wu Liang got mad. "You still dare to get angry?!"

"Secretary Wu, I am not arguing with you. I am stating the facts! If those are really civilians, we will not retaliate! But they are not! They are operating their businesses illegally and renting out those illegal buildings! They surrounded our Subdistrict Office staff, armed with knives and poles! We want to avoid them, but they blocked our path and refused to let us leave! We still have three comrades in the District Second Hospital stitching their wounds! Have the District investigated this thoroughly?! How can you all determine it is our fault!? Are you expecting us to stand there and let them slash us?! Do you want us to take off our shirts to let them hit and still thank them?!"

Wu Liang banged his desk. "There are many ways to handle conflicts! Do you all have to clash with them?!"

Damn! You can say whatever you want when you are not involved!

Dong Xuebing got mad. "I might not explain the situation clearly, but there are many nearby residents there. My staff and those residents had seen everything, and the District can send someone to verify with them! Secretary Wu, I want to ask you this! If the civilians' lives are important, does that mean our Subdistrict Office's staff's lives are unimportant? I don't believe any of your staff can remain calm when more than thirty armed civilians had surrounded and going to chop him! We are the same! I had brought my men there, and it is my responsibility to protect them!"

Wu Liang let out an angry laugh. "You still think you have not done anything wrong?!"

"Secretary Wu." Dong Xuebing stared at him. "What is the District thinking?! Men with knives and poles had assaulted our people, and what's wrong with defending ourselves?! Why is the District not considering us and siding with those criminals?! Is this what our country's law is for?!"

Wu Liang is not an unreasonable person. From what Dong Xuebing said, he knew he might have overlooked something. "..... tell me what happened."

Chapter 544 – How can Yan Tai County recommend such staff to us?!

Afternoon.

Nan Shan District Commission for Discipline Inspection Office.

Dong Xuebing told Wu Liang what happened and why he beat up those people.

After Dong Xuebing finished, Wu Liang looks at him. "How many of them are using weapons?"

Dong Xuebing replied. "More than thirty of them had surrounded our staff, and all of them are holding weapons. More than a dozen are holding metal poles, and one of them is used as a knife. The rest are using some kitchen utensils. I will submit a detailed report to the District, and you can verify my account easily. There was a crowd of almost a hundred people there, and I am not lying."

Wu Liang nodded. He is looking calmer. "Even if you all are forced to protect yourselves, but you should know the consequences of clashing with the civilians. Why didn't you all speak to those people first? Why are you all evicting them without doing all the prep work?! That's the reason why those residents clashed with you! It is your Subdistrict Office's fault!"

Dong Xuebing's foul temper flared up when he heard this. "Secretary Wu, I have something to report."

"..... speak."

"We are not responsible for those people attacking us!"

"It's not your fault?!"

Dong Xuebing took a deep breath and continued. "We had spoken to them! Those store owners and some residents were frightened of us, and only a handful of them are still resisting! Our Police Officers can control the situation easily, and the clash will not happen! But at this moment, the District Organization Department's Deputy Chief, Peng Kun, drove over! He ordered us to wait and stop our operation! I wonder why is the Organization interrupting the demolition of illegal

buildings? However, I do know that the one who incited those people to attack us is a relative of Organization Department's Chief Xue!" He is not afraid of saying these.

Wu Liang frowned. "Peng Kun?"

Dong Xuebing continued. "I am the person in charge of this operation. After I ignored Peng Kun's orders, he started shouting. He said that if we clash with the residents during the eviction process, the District will not let us off, and we will be held responsible. His words let those residents know that we are afraid of clashing with them, and they got fearless. He was the one who triggered those people to attack us! What is he trying to do?!"

Wu Liang frowned. "Did Chief Peng really say that?"

"Yes. He was the one who incited those people!" Dong Xuebing continued. "When we are facing those people in front, cleaning up the mess he created, he dumped us and escaped by himself in his car! Secretary Wu, is this how a Government Leader should behave?!"

Wu Liang will verify Dong Xuebing's account and report to the District Party Committee. But he knows Dong Xuebing is not lying as it can be verified easily. What is this Peng Kun doing?! Why is the Organizing Department's Deputy Chief going there to interfere with their work and even stir up those people's emotions?! This is ridiculous!

But this matter involves the Organization Department, and Wu Liang knows Deputy Chief Peng Kun is going to the City's Party School for training next month. He is supposed to be transferred to Xi Ping District and will be promoted. That's why Wu Liang needs to handle this with care.

"Director Dong, you can leave now." Wu Liang said.

Dong Xuebing asked. "Secretary Wu, can you tell me how this incident is..."

Wu Liang gave him a stare. "The District will discuss this incident. You all just continue with your work."

"What about those people who attacked us?"

After knowing what happened, Wu Liang was also mad. "Arrest those that need to be arrested! We must not let these offenders off lightly! Such practices must not continue!" Although Dong Xuebing had a bad attitude when he entered the office, Wu Liang agreed with him. They can be scolded by civilians, but they must not let any criminals off. If these criminals are let off, how are the District's enforcement units working in the future? People will be running after them with weapons!

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Dong Xuebing met Zhou Yanru at the Subdistrict Office's lobby after he returned.

Zhou Yanru asked. "Director, the Commission for Discipline Inspection..."

Dong Xuebing calmly replied. "I had reported to Secretary Wu, and we should be fine."

Zhou Yanru is relieved. "Oh, I heard Chief Peng will be going to the City's Party School for training next month, and I think he is going to be promoted."

Dong Xuebing looks at her. "Are you sure?"

“... I think so.”

Dong Xuebing nodded and returned to his office. He lights a cigarette and thought about Peng Kun's upcoming training and promotion. This might be possible if he did not get involved in this incident. Now, even the District Leaders are aware of it, and it looks like it will be hard for him to get promoted. This idiot! Let's see if you still dare to interfere with our work!

Ring... ring... ring... Dong Xuebing's mobile phone rang.

Dong Xuebing looks at the number. It's Yan Tai County's Deputy Party Secretary Cao Xupeng.

Dong Xuebing smiles as he answered. “Good afternoon, Secretary Cao.”

“Haha...” Cao Xupeng laughed. “You ah... Did you cause trouble again?”

Dong Xuebing cleared his throat and denied. “No.”

“One versus more than twenty people, and you don't consider it as causing trouble?!” Cao Xupeng helplessly replied. “Try to control your foul temper and stop causing trouble wherever you go!”

Dong Xuebing is speechless. “Secretary Cao, how did you know about this?”

Cao Xupeng shook his head. “I was at the City Government for a meeting and met Nan Shan District Party Secretary Wang Anshi there. He immediately questioned me, ‘What sort of staff did your Yan Tai County recommended to us?!’ I immediately know you must have caused trouble again.”

“Sigh... I was also forced to do that.”

Dong Xuebing felt embarrassed by he had no choice. If he had a choice, he also wants to settle it without using his fists. But he did not regret beating up those illegal store owners and residents and destroying Peng Kun's hope of getting promoted. One must not be afraid of trouble if he wants to do something for the people.

Chapter 545 – Unable to take it anymore!

Next day.

Tuesday, morning.

Dong Xuebing had set his alarm at 6 am last night. He opened his eyes when his alarm went off and looked at the time before getting up to get dress. He lit a cigarette and called Peng Gang to ask him about his progress.

Peng Gang replied. “We had arrested ten men, and nine of them are detained.”

“Has the situation cool down? Are they still creating trouble at the District Party Committee Building?”

“After we arrested them, they dispersed, and they have not appeared today.”

“Good. Thanks for your hard work.”

“That’s my duty.”

Dong Xuebing is relieved to know this incident is settled. But things changed unexpectedly.

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District Party Committee Family Quarters.

Nan Shan District Organization Department Deputy Chief Peng Kun is very nervous. The District’s Commission for Discipline Inspection Secretary had questioned him about the clash between Liu Xiang Hu Tong and Guang Ming Subdistrict. He knows he had crossed the line and could not sleep at night. He is worried the District will penalize him and doesn’t want that to happen. The City’s Party School training is next month, and he will be transferred to Xi Ping District the following month. This is an important promotion for him, and nothing must happen.

Peng Kun thought through the night and took out his phone to make a phone call. “Hello, Editor Chen? I’m Peng Kun.”

Peng Kun has a smirk after hanging up the call.

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A while later, Dong Xuebing’s phone rang.

Dong Xuebing is in the kitchen preparing breakfast, and he answered. “Hello?”

“Are you Guang Ming Subdistrict Office’s Director Dong?” A young man asked. “I am Liu Gang, a reporter with Nan Qi Morning Post. I would like to interview you. Are you free this morning?”

Nan Qi Morning Post?

Dong Xuebing had heard about this newspaper agency, but it is a small agency with average influence.

Dong Xuebing frowned. “I am busy this morning. What do you want to know? We can speak over the phone.”

Liu Gang paused for a second and asked. “It was regarding the fight at Liu Xiang Hu Tong yesterday. I heard Guang Ming Subdistrict Office staff had beat up the residents there and injured over twenty people. Two of them are still undergoing treatment at the hospital.” Other than the people there, no one will believe one person can beat up twenty-six men. That’s why the rumors become it was the Subdistrict Office’s staff beat up more than twenty residents. “What do you have to say about this incident?”

Why is it regarding this incident again?

Dong Xuebing is irritated. “Someone had instigated the residents to attack us, and we are forced to retaliate.”

Liu Gang continued. “Have you considered the consequences of beating up those civilians?”

Hmph! Who are you to educate me?

Dong Xuebing coldly replied. "Reporter Liu? I find your tone disrespectful. You all can go to the scene to find out what happened."

Liu Gang replied emotionlessly. "We had gone to the scene and gotten some information."

"Since you all know what happened, you should not be calling me. You should be asking those illegal store owners why are they attack us? Why did they break the law?!"

"We had interviewed a few injured residents at the hospital, and all of them are furious. They had lost confidence in the Government. Director Dong, can I assume Guang Ming Subdistrict thinks this action is right?"

Are you having trouble with me?

What's wrong? We are trying to demolish those illegal buildings to ensure the safety of the rest of the residents. Those illegal store owners attacked us with weapons. Why are you targeting us?! You made it sound like those people have the right to operate their illegal stores. Are you saying they had done nothing wrong to build buildings illegally and are right to attack us? Whatever we do is wrong?!

Dong Xuebing understood what is happening. "I believe reporters have to abide by the journalism ethics and must report factually. If Nan Qi Morning Post did not even find out what happened, then I will not answer any more questions."

Liu Gang replied. "I only know your Subdistrict Office's staff injured more than twenty civilians. All of them are furious and...."

F*CK you!

Dong Xuebing can't be bothered to argue with this reporter and hangs up!

Dong Xuebing has nothing against reporters, but Nan Qi Morning Post's Liu Gang had disgusted him. This guy doesn't know anything and still dares to make accusations. He just wants a sensational headline to attract readers. But is that the truth?

Dong Xuebing watched the news for a while after breakfast.

Ten minutes....

Twenty minutes....

Thirty minutes....

Nan Shan District's news channel reported on the reorganization of the illegal buildings. Still, they did not mention anything about yesterday's incident.

8.30 am. Dong Xuebing arrived at the Subdistrict Office.

Party Secretary Office.

Dong Xuebing had just entered his office for a while when Party Office Department Director Zhou Yanru rushed in.

"Director! We are in trouble." Zhou Yanru is holding a copy of the newspaper.

“What’s wrong?” Dong Xuebing hates hearing the words, ‘we are in trouble.’

Zhou Yanru placed the newspaper on the desk and points to an article. “This is today’s copy of Nan Qi Morning Post. Look at this article. It is about our Subdistrict Office!”

Dong Xuebing’s face changed, and he grabbed the papers. He is furious after reading it. The article reported the forced eviction incident by Guang Ming Subdistrict Office yesterday. Still, it did not mention the cause or Peng Kun’s interference. It only states Guang Ming Subdistrict Office’s staff had injured over twenty residents during the process. It reported on the injuries suffered by the residents and their grievances. It also publishes a photograph of an injured resident at the hospital. The author of the article is Liu Gang!

The office’s door opened again!

The Subdistrict Office’s Secretary of the Disciplinary Work Committee, Qu Yiqiang, entered the newspaper with a copy. “Nan Qi Morning Post is ridiculous! Why didn’t they write anything about those people surrounding us with weapons or the surrounding residents cheering for us?! This report is biased! It is tarnishing our Subdistrict Office’s reputation! What will the residents think of us after reading this article?!”

Dong Xuebing replied. “Nan Qi Morning Post’s Liu Gang had called me this morning, and I felt something was off from his tone. He is purposely finding trouble with us!”

Zhou Yanru shouted. “They are twisting the facts!”

Deputy Director Yu Rongfeng, who oversees the Publicity Department, saw the article and rushed to Dong Xuebing’s office. Everyone from the Subdistrict Office is in trouble after this article is published. It affected the Subdistrict Office and their image!

Dong Xuebing banged on his desk. “Director Yu, contact the District Publicity Department and see if they can recall Nan Qi Morning Post’s papers!”

“Yes.” Yu Rongfeng knew it is impossible, but he will still try.

Zhou Yanru asked. “Director, what should we do now?”

Dong Xuebing looked at the newspaper and banged it on his desk again. “Has Nan Qi Morning Post always writing such misleading articles?”

Zhou Yanru paused for a few seconds. “Not really, but they are more daring when writing articles.”

“Oh.” Qu Yiqiang suddenly mentioned. “I saw the District Organization Department’s Chief Peng dining with two Nan Qi Morning Post’s Deputy Chief Editors at a restaurant last year.”

Peng Kun and Nan Qi Morning Post?!

Dong Xuebing immediately knew who is behind this.

“Peng Kun?!” Zhou Yanru is mad. “What is he thinking? How can he get the newspaper agency to accuse us?! Not only will this affect our Subdistrict Office’s reputation, but the District will also be affected! The Organization Department had

caused this incident. Without Peng Kun, those people will not attack us, and our men will not be injured. He had created this mess and still wants to get us into trouble?!”

Dong Xuebing is in a bad mood and waved them off. He needs to have a smoke alone.

Nan Qi Morning Post’s article will create resentment among the residents. Those who don’t know the truth will start scolding Guang Ming Subdistrict Office. This will affect their work in the future!

Dong Xuebing called the District at around ten to find out what happened. But the outcome made him mad. The District’s Commission for Discipline Inspection Secretary, who had said this case was closed yesterday, changed his mind. Some District Leaders want to punish Dong Xuebing!

Damn! This is too much!

Are they going along with Nan Qi Morning Post’s article?!

Dong Xuebing could not take it anymore. He knows that he doesn’t have any relationship with the District Leaders and doesn’t have any backings. That’s why no Leaders will speak up for him, but this is too much. What’s wrong with protecting my men?! What’s wrong with tearing those illegal buildings that are disrupting nearby residents?!

Now, I am going to be punished?! Why?!

Just because of a misleading article reported by Nan Qi Morning Post?!

F**k that!

Since you all want to make my life miserable, fine! I will drag you all down with me! Let’s see who dares to punish me!

Chapter 546 – Seeking help!

Morning.

Subdistrict Office, Party Secretary Office.

Zhou Yanru and Qu Yiqiang dropped by Dong Xuebing’s office to ask him for updates.

They heard the District is going to punish Director Dong. Although they know Dong Xuebing is innocent, and the punishment will not be severe, it is still frustrating even if it is an unrecorded verbal warning. If someone with malicious intent reveals Dong Xuebing is punished, it will confirm that Nan Qi Morning Post’s article is right. That means Guang Ming Subdistrict Office is wrong.

“Director, the District...” Zhou Yanru.

“I had reported to the higher-ups.” Qu Yiqiang said. “But the District did not give me an answer.”

Wang Yuling also entered the office angrily. “They injure our people, and they still want to punish us?! Director, I will go to the District now!”

Dong Xuebing is pleased with their concerns and waved his hand. “Don’t need. I will handle this. Go back to work.”

“But...” Wang Yuling wants to ask her uncle for help.

Dong Xuebing knew her intentions but didn’t allow her to call her uncle. He told them to return to work. Ask her uncle for help?! From Cao Xupeng’s tone, it seems Wang Anshi does not have a good impression of him. Maybe this incident is created by Wang Anshi and the Organization Department Chief Xue Qingrong. This is the disadvantage of not having a good relationship with the Leaders. If Dong Xuebing is close with the District Leaders, they will speak up for him and not allow anyone to blow up this incident. After the article is published, all the Leaders are going after him.

You all want to punish me?!

Come on!

Do you all think I am afraid of you all?!

Dong Xuebing suppressed his anger. Do you think you all can do anything you want with me just because you all are District Leaders?! I shall see who dares to punish me!

Dong Xuebing is different species in the Government Service. His first reaction is not to improve his relationship with the Leaders when they are picking on him. He would challenge the Leader instead and will not allow himself to be picked on by anyone! Submissive?! This word does not exist in his dictionary!

Dong Xuebing can see through Peng Kun now. The District Leaders should not be united. Even if those Leaders are from the same faction, they will have their thoughts. Peng Kun was questioned by the Commission for Discipline Inspection yesterday and might be punished. From his meeting with Secretary Wu Liang, he can tell Wu Liang does not like Peng Kun, and the Xue Qingrong could not help him. That’s why Peng Jun got Nan Qi Morning Post to publish this article to push the blame to Dong Xuebing. He might escape punishment if all the attention is on Guang Ming Subdistrict.

Dong Xuebing doesn’t know what happened or Peng Kun’s relationship with the Leaders. But his guess should be right.

Do you want to use the newspaper to attack me?!

Do you think you are the only one who knows people in the newspaper agency?!

Dong Xuebing took out his phone and called Su Jia. “Hello, Sis. Are you busy?”

“I had just finished writing an article and am free now.”

“Have you read today’s copy of Nan Qi Morning Post?”

“Nan Qi? No. That is a small agency, and we do not subscribe to them. I think they are more active in Nan Shan District.” Su Jia is currently the Leader of Fen Zhou City Daily’s editorial department. Her newspaper agency is the mouthpiece of the City Government. It is one of the biggest newspaper agencies in the city. Naturally, she will not notice a small agency like Nan Qi. The papers they subscribe are Provincial newspaper or People’s Daily. “What happens with Nan Qi Morning Post?”

Dong Xuebing relates the whole incident to Su Jia.

Su Jia frowned after Dong Xuebing finished. "These scums are tarnishing our media department's image!"

"Someone is behind them, and they are trying to make me the scapegoat!"

"What about the District?" Su Jia asked. "What did your District Leaders say?"

"They did not say anything, but they refused to recall Nan Qi Morning Post's papers. I heard they are also going to punish me and go along with the article."

Su Jia slapped her forehead. "Don't tell me that you still have not established any relationships with your Leaders?"

Dong Xuebing laughed. "You should know me well. I am good at my work and am not afraid of any problems. But I am not good at building relationships."

Su Jia knows Dong Xuebing well and knows why he doesn't want to have a good relationship with his Leaders. He must be unhappy with his Leaders because of some reason. He ignores all orders when he is mad, but this is also why she admires him. It is a miracle for someone who doesn't abide by the rules to be promoted to his current rank.

"Sis, can you help me?"

Su Jia replied without hesitation. "Leave it to me. There should have been enough time."

"Thank you."

"What's there to thank? They are bullying our family!"

Dong Xuebing had become more experienced after facing so many similar incidents. The former him would have gone to smash up Nan Qi Newspaper Agency now. But now, he learned to get help from others.

After hanging up, Dong Xuebing called the Office Department. "Hello, Director Zhou? It's me."

"Director, do you have any orders for me?" Zhou Yanru replied.

Dong Xuebing looks at his watch. "Does our Office subscribe to the City Daily?"

Zhou Yanru replied. "We subscribed to City Daily and City Morning Post. The Morning Post is here, and City Daily will arrive in the afternoon. Do you need it? I will bring over the Morning Post now."

"No need. Just send a copy of this afternoon's City Daily to me."

"Yes." Zhou Yanru is puzzled. What's wrong with City Daily?

One hour....

Three hours....

Five hours....

Rumors about the District is going to punish Dong Xuebing spreads. Rumors appear for a reason. For example, news about the transfer of Leaders starts from rumors, and it is a signal. Everyone in Guang Ming Subdistrict Office is furious, and all of them are scolding Nan Qi Morning Post.

But as everyone thought Dong Xuebing would become a scapegoat, the City Daily newspaper is out.

Chapter 547 – Slapping you!

Afternoon.

Guang Ming Subdistrict Office, Party Secretary Office.

Knock... knock... someone knocks on Dong Xuebing's office hurriedly.

"Come in, please." Dong Xuebing knows the Office should have received the newspaper.

Zhou Yanru walks over quickly with a copy of a newspaper. "Director, we just received the City Daily, and it states...."

"Let me see it." Dong Xuebing started reading it. An article on the second page caught his attention.

<Nan Shan District's crackdown on illegal buildings is progressing steadily>

The article has a normal header and looks like an article praising the local government.

Dong Xuebing started reading the article. The article started with Nan Shan District's crackdown on illegal buildings and the number of Subdistricts and staff participating in this operation. It states the number of buildings demolished and praised their achievements. After that, the article specifically mentioned about Guang Ming Subdistrict. Today, Nan Shan District had demolished thirty-eight illegal buildings, and Guang Ming Subdistrict Office demolishes almost half. Guang Ming District Office's Director Dong Xuebing and his staff had faced numerous difficulties. They managed to demolish 16 illegally built buildings. The locate residents are grateful and are celebrating their success.

Dong Xuebing is amused. "This is well-written. Seems like the City's newspaper is unbiased."

Unbiased? The article did not even mention the clash between the Subdistrict Office and the residents. It did not mention anything about the injured store owners.

Zhou Yanru understood why Dong Xuebing asked about City Daily this morning. This article is his retaliation!

The City Daily is the mouthpiece of the City Government's Leaders and guides the public's opinions. What about Nan Qi Morning Post? Both agencies cannot be compared as they are not on the same level. City Daily's circulation is ten times more than Nan Qi Morning Post! Nan Qi Morning Post had just reported that Guang Ming Subdistrict Office had beat up the residents during their force eviction, criticizing their actions. But the City Daily immediately publish this article to praise and acknowledged Guang Ming Subdistrict Office actions on their second page! This has another meaning to it!

It's slapping Nan Qi Morning Post!

Not only is City Daily slapping Nan Qi Morning Post, but it is also protecting Dong Xuebing! City Daily is the City Government's mouthpiece, and praising Dong Xuebing is equivalent to giving him a talisman!

The City Government had praised Guang Ming Subdistrict Office, and the District wants to punish them?!

What's the meaning of this? Is the District trying to go against the City Government?!

That's why Zhou Yanru knows Nan Shan District cannot punish Dong Xuebing after this article is published. It's not they can't punish him. It is because they are afraid of the City Government! Which District will dare to go against the City Government?! She finally smiles.

At the same time, the newspaper appeared on many people's desks.

Nan Qi Morning Post is put in a tight spot now!

Another person who is also in a tight spot is Peng Kun. He was stunned after seeing City Daily's article. What is the reporter doing?! Why did the article not mention anything about the clash? He did not expect this small incident to be reported by the City's newspaper. The article is on the second page. It seems to be targeted at Nan Shan District... Are these Dong Xuebing's connections?! Didn't they say he doesn't have any connections in the City?!

Damn!

When Peng Kun was still panicking, the District Commission for Disciplinary Inspection had approached him. He thought he could shift the focus to Dong Xuebing and get away with what he had done. Even if he cannot get away unpunished, he can drag Dong Xuebing down with him to be punished. This will take some pressure off him, and maybe he can get away with a verbal warning. Verbal warnings and internal warnings are very different. He got his connections at Nan Qi Morning Post to assist him, but it failed to implicate Dong Xuebing. Instead, they caught the City Daily's attention, and they gave Dong Xuebing a talisman. This article is ridiculous. It did not mention the clash and the residents' injuries and only focused on praising Guang Ming Subdistrict Office. They are protecting Dong Xuebing and not allowing him to be punished! If Dong Xuebing cannot be punished, who is going to be punished?! Me?!

Damn!

Dong Xuebing! You are setting me up!

Peng Kun had interfered at Liu Xiang Hu Tong and had said the wrong things. He heard more than one person had confirmed this with the Commission for Discipline Inspection. He is angry and scared now. Without Dong Xuebing sharing the pressure and punishment, he will have to take full responsibility.

Both newspaper articles are opposite. Readers will be confused if they read both newspapers. But those who knew what was going on can spot the underlying meaning. The City Daily had only mentioned Guang Ming Subdistrict Office's Dong Xuebing and not other Subdistrict Offices. This is to support him and proving his innocence!

The rumor that the District is going to punish Dong Xuebing stopped immediately. This article had stopped those rumors.

No one expected Dong Xuebing to do this, and the situation in the District Office becomes weird.

Guang Ming Subdistrict Office's staff are waiting for the District's next course of action. What is their decision?

Half an hour passed.

One hour passed.

At the end of the day, the District Government announced they had given Nan Shan District Organization Department Deputy Chief Peng Kun an internal warning. They did not state the reasons or made it public. As expected, Guang Ming Subdistrict and Dong Xuebing are not punished. They did not even get a verbal warning.

Dong Xuebing is in a good mood after hearing about this. You want to drag me down with you?! Serve you right!

Let's see if you dare to mess with me in the future!

Peng Kun is stunned when he heard about his punishment. Crash! He smashed his cup on the floor!

Internal warnings will be recorded in his files, and he will be barred from promotion for a year. Peng Kun is scheduled to undergo training at the City's Party School and be promoted and transferred after his training. But all these are gone after he received this warning! His career progression is interrupted!

This is a chance of a lifetime!

But it's over now!

Peng Kun slumped down on his chair as he knows this might be the end of his political career.

Chapter 548 – Another gas leak in the beautiful District Mayor's apartment!

Evening.

Dong Xuebing ate a Beijing meat bun from a roadside stall for dinner, and he took a cab to the underground carpark to retrieve his Cayenne. He drove it to a nearby vehicle repair and serving shop to change the engine oil and a car wash. While waiting, he crossed the road to a shopping mall and went to watch a movie.

The movie started.

Dong Xuebing laughed at the comedy and felt his mood got better.

The eviction and demolition of illegal building incident are over. Those illegal store owners were arrested, Peng Kun was taught a lesson, and Dong Xuebing had helped the residents. Although he might have offended some people in the process, he doesn't care. He had established his authority and showed everyone he was not a pushover. His staff was looking at him with respect as he left the Subdistrict Office. It's been a week since he came to Guang Ming Subdistrict Office, and he had

gained the respect of everyone there. He doesn't care if the higher-ups will be pressuring him in the future or the people he offended getting back at him. He will take it as he goes.

It's fun to be challenging others.

Dong Xuebing could finally understand this saying.

Dong Xuebing left the cinema after the movie. He went to get his car at the auto shop before driving back to Guang Ming Subdistrict Family Quarters. After this incident, his mindset had changed. Since he had offended so many people and could not stay low, he might as well do whatever he wanted. He will not care what others think about him driving his Porsche Cayenne. He had bought it with his money. What's wrong with driving it?!

It was almost 10.30 pm when he reached his apartment.

Dong Xuebing is not feeling sleepy and is enjoying the night scenery from his window.

Ten minutes....

Half an hour....

One hour....

It's already past 11 pm, and it's time for Dong Xuebing to sleep as he still got to work tomorrow.

Dong Xuebing stretched lazily and was about to step away from the windows with his ashtray when he saw a car entering the compound. He looks at the registration plate. It's Nan Shan District No. 2's car. The Audi A6 stopped at the foot of the building, and Geng Yuehua alighted. She walked towards the building, and her driver drove off.

So late?

Dong Xuebing looks away and shakes his head.

This woman is too much. You should thank your driver for waiting for you until now, but you just waved him off. Dong Xuebing felt Xie Huilan was a nicer person compared to her. At least she will smile at everyone and will thank her driver for driving her back. But Dong Xuebing does not hate Geng Yuehua as he knows this is her working style. The District will punish him this time should be the doings of District Party Secretary and the Organization Department Chief and have nothing to do with this pretty Mayor. This is only an excuse. He has low resistance towards pretty women.

Brush teeth.

Bath.

Dong Xuebing laid on his bed and smacked his arm to kill a mosquito. He switched on the air conditioner and went to sleep.

A while later, Dong Xuebing heard the sound of a door opening outside and a woman coughing.

Dong Xuebing opened his eyes and listened carefully. He realized the sounds were coming from Geng Yuehua's apartment. He got up and wore his pants before going to the door. He saw her door was opened and all the lights were on. She had also opened her windows. He was surprised and opened the door. The moment he opens the door, there is a strong smell of gas.

Damn! Why is there another gas leak?!

Didn't the gas company send someone to check the pipes yesterday?

Dong Xuebing broke into a cold sweat. If Mayor Geng died in her apartment because of the gas leak, he could submit his resignation the next day!

Why are gas leaks happening every day?!

Dong Xuebing rushed into the apartment. "Mayor Geng! Mayor Geng!"

Other than the gas smell, there was also the fragrance of shampoo and shower gel. The bathroom door is opened, and Geng Yuehua seems to be showering earlier. Dong Xuebing went to the kitchen and saw her wearing just a bathrobe, meddling with the main gas valve. Her hair is still wet and tied into a bun. There is still foam on it, and it seems she rushed out halfway during her bath.

"Are you ok?" Dong Xuebing asked.

Geng Yuehua coughed and waved her hand with a frown. "Gas leak."

"I can smell it." Dong Xuebing replied. "I had helped you change a new hose, and it shouldn't leak again."

Geng Yuehua replied with a stern expression. "What is the gas company doing?! They had sent their people to check yesterday, and a gas leak happened today! Cough..."

Dong Xuebing quickly replied. "Let's go out now. The gas is too strong here."

Before they left, Dong Xuebing glanced at the gas pipe and knew what happened. He said as they were leaving the apartment. "I know why your apartment keeps having gas leaks. Did you boil water earlier? The gas pipe is burned and not due to old aged." He saw Geng Yuehua frowning and explain. "Did you just change your gas stove recently? The stove is too low, and when you cook or boil water, the heat from the flames might have melted the hose. Luckily this is discovered early, or else accidents might happen. You should use something to stack up the stove or change to a metal pipe."

Geng Yuehua nodded.

"Let's go to my apartment first. There are lots of mosquitos here."

"Am I troubling you?"

"It's fine."

Dong Xuebing closed the door behind him as he didn't want to gas smell to enter his apartment. This time, the gas leak is more serious than the last time, and they need to air the apartment longer.

"Do you want tea?"

"No."

"Fruits? Do you want to eat anything?"

"No."

Geng Yuehua crossed her legs on the sofa and started reading the newspapers.

It's almost midnight, and it's weird for them to be alone in an apartment. Dong Xuebing finally got time to admire her beauty. Water droplets are still dripping from her long hair, and some bubbles from her shampoo dripped into her cleavage. He lowered his gaze and looked at her long legs. There are still some blueish shower gel stains.

This is killing me.

Geng Yuehua is reading the City Daily, and she suddenly said. "Guang Ming Subdistrict Office had done well on cracking down on those illegal buildings. But you must take note of your working style. Do you understand?"

Dong Xuebing replied helplessly. "Yes. Secretary Wu Liang had reprimanded me."

"Then I shall not talk about this anymore." Geng Yuehua puts down the newspaper and looks towards the bedroom. "It's late, and I shall not bother with your rest."

"Haha... It's alright. I am not tired. Let's wait until your apartment is aired."

Geng Yuehua nodded and used tissue paper to wipe the bubbles on her chest.

Dong Xuebing looks away and asks. "Do you want me to inform your brother downstairs?"

"Xinke had brought our parents back to their hometown and is not around today."

The shampoo bubbles continue to drip onto her body. She stood up. "Go and rest. I will go to Xinke's unit to wash my hair. My shampoo is dripping all over your place."

"It's alright."

"That's it." Geng Yuehua opens the door and steps out.

Dong Xuebing saw her was about to enter her unit and reminded. "There's still gas in the apartment. You are..."

"The keys are in my room." Geng Yuehua replied without turning.

Dong Xuebing nodded, and suddenly her apartment door slammed shut. She had opened the door of the opposite unit, and the air pressure caused her door to close.

Geng Yuehua's face changed, and she tried pushing her door. It's locked from inside.

Dong Xuebing saw her not moving and asked. "Your keys?"

"... inside."

"What about your spare keys?"

"It's with Xinke, and he will be back tomorrow morning."

Huh? How did this happen? Shouldn't you bring your keys along with you leave?

Dong Xuebing looked around and saw a small locksmith advertisement. He took out his phone and called the locksmith, but no one answered.

Both of them stood in front of the closed door in silence.

Dong Xuebing doesn't know what to do. Mayor Geng is only dressed in a bathrobe, and her hair is dripping. It is not convenient for others to see her in this state. She couldn't even call her driver to send her to the District Party Committee Family Quarters. He hesitated for a few seconds and suggested. "Mayor Geng, how about you wash your hair at my place first? It's easy to catch a cold like this."

Geng Yuehua thought for a while and wiped the shampoo bubbles off her face before entering Dong Xuebing's unit again.

Chapter 549 –The beautiful District Mayor sleepover!

Midnight. Dong Xuebing's unit.

It's very quiet in the apartment building, and there's only a faint humming sound of insects outside.

"Xiao Dong, can the water temperature of your shower be adjusted?"

"Can. Clockwise is hot water, and anti-clockwise is cold water."

"Ok. Do you have extra clothes?"

"Err.. I only have my clothes and nothing else. Are you fine with wearing my shirt?"

"... it's alright."

Dong Xuebing returned to his sofa and listened to Geng Yuehua showering in his bathroom. He lit a cigarette and watched TV stop his thoughts from running wild. However, he could not focus on the TV and kept thinking about her.

The water sounds started, and the beautiful District Mayor started showering.

Dong Xuebing kept crossing his legs and looking towards the bathroom frosted glass door.

One minute....

Two minutes....

Three minutes....

The water sound stopped suddenly before the TV advertisement ended.

"Xiao Dong, are you there?" Geng Yuehua asked.

"Yes." Dong Xuebing stood up. "Is the water too cold? I will adjust the temperature from the mains."

"No need. I am done."

"Ah?" Dong Xuebing was surprised. It was less than three minutes, and she had finish showering. Even if you showered halfway at home, you still have not finished washing your hair, and there are still shampoo bubbles. How can you wash that off in two minutes? Damn! That's too fast! He knows women like to take their time to bathe. For example, Aunt Xuan and Xie Huilan. They take at least thirty minutes to

sometimes up to an hour and a half to bath. He knows Geng Yuehua's character is not someone who doesn't like to drag her feet, but he did not expect her to be so fast. How did you strip and bath before an advertisement ended? Even Dong Xuebing will take fifteen minutes to bathe.

"Mayor Geng, you...." Dong Xuebing doesn't know what to say.

Dong Xuebing could hear the slippers from the bathroom. "Do you have any towels?"

Dong Xuebing replied. "Err... I don't have any new towels. I have two towels inside... I use the white color towel to wipe my face. Do you... I will go out to buy one. But... the supermarkets are all close at this hour."

There's a short pause. "Is it the white color towel?"

"Err... yes." Dong Xuebing thought to himself. Are you going to use it?

After a while, the bathroom door opens, and the fragrance of shampoo and steam gust out. The whole apartment smells nice, and Geng Yuehua steps out in her bathrobe. Dong Xuebing looks at her pretty face and curvy body, and his heart is racing. His eyes wandered to her bathrobe's opening at her chest.

Seductive....

Geng Yuehua looked at the clock on the wall and frowned. "It's so late."

Dong Xuebing looked away and suggested. "Since you don't have your keys... how about sleeping over in the guestroom, and I will go to a hotel."

Geng Yuehua shook her head. "It's too late."

"I am fine. This is an exceptional situation."

Geng Yuehua waved her hand. "Go back to bed. I don't mind. Is this the guestroom?"

Dong Xuebing doesn't mind Geng Yuehua spending the night at his place, but he still says. "I am afraid this will...."

"That's it." Geng Yuehua doesn't like to waste time and enters the guestroom.

Dong Xuebing is speechless. You sound as if this is your house.

Fine. You are the Leader.

Dong Xuebing remembers there is only a blanket in the guestroom, and there are no pillows. But the guestroom is quiet, and he switches off the TV before going to the bathroom.

Oh, my towel.

Dong Xuebing suddenly remembers something and looks at the towel he used to wipe his face. He touched it, and it was damp. He picked it up and took a sniff. The towel smelled wonderful, and he blushed. He knows Geng Yuehua had used this towel to wipe herself dry. He started wondering if she had used this towel to wipe her private parts.

What am I thinking?! Hurry up and go to bed!

Dong Xuebing slapped his forehead and hung the towel back. He is afraid Geng Yuehua will know he had touched the towel, and he folds it back nicely like before. As he was walking out of the bathroom, he realized he was feeling guilty conscience. What's wrong with touching my towel?

Dong Xuebing was about to return to his bedroom, and he stopped.

Dong Xuebing had hung his shirt and pants on the hooks behind the bathroom door, and he noticed a piece of dark red lacy fabric behind one of his shirts. He doesn't have any red color clothing except a red color belt.

Dong Xuebing walks over and lifts that shirt out of curiosity.

A pair of dark red lacy underwear appears in front of him. The design is different from the pair Dong Xuebing saw at Geng Yuehua's apartment. This is sexier. There are more openings, and it's hotter.

Geng Yuehua's underwear?!

Damn! Why is this hanging here?!

Mayor Geng should have put on her underwear in a rush after discovering the gas leak, and it should have been stained with shower gel. That's why she washed it earlier and hung it to dry behind Dong Xuebing's clothes, out of sight. She should be uncomfortable with Dong Xuebing picking up her underwear previously and want to hide her washed underwear from him.

But Dong Xuebing had seen it.

Dong Xuebing took a deep breath. Why is Mayor Geng's underwear so sexy?!

Chapter 550 –The beautiful District Mayor Changing!

Wednesday.

7 am. The sun is up and shining through the windows.

Dong Xuebing yawned and sat up on his bed. He scratched his leg and checked the time while scratching his head. Before stepping out of his room, he took a small bottle of medicated oil and applied it on the mosquito bites on his legs.

Dong Xuebing went to the bathroom and started brushing his teeth when he remembered something. The pair of lacy red underwear is still hanging behind the door.

That's right. District Mayor Geng Yuehua is still around!

How can I forget about her?!

Dong Xuebing quickly washes his face, and it dry with the same towel. He rushed back to his room and put on his clothes. That towel has not dried completely, and Geng Yuehua's smell lingers on his face. He looks at the guestroom and goes to the kitchen.

Dong Xuebing started preparing breakfast in the kitchen.

After a while, the guestroom's door opened.

Dong Xuebing was beating an egg. "Good morning, Mayor Geng."

Geng Yuehua tightened her bathrobe and nodded.

“Please wait for a while. Breakfast will be ready soon.” Dong Xuebing smiles. “Are you fine with omelet?”

Geng Yuehua looks at Dong Xuebing. “I am fine with anything. Thank you.” She saw herself from a small mirror in the living room. Her hair is in a mess because she had gone to bed before drying her hair. She frowned. “Is it fine for me to use your bathroom?”

“Go ahead. Should I wait for a while before I cook breakfast?”

“It will only take a few minutes.” Geng Yuehua enters the bathroom.

Dong Xuebing suspects Geng Yuehua is not wearing anything under her bathrobe, and he continues making breakfast.

Very soon, the sound of a shower started, and the beautiful Mayor started bathing again.

One minute....

Two minutes....

Three minutes....

Dong Xuebing had finish heating the milk in the microwave when the bathroom door opened. He looked over and saw Geng Yuehua coming out. Water is dripping from her hair, and she seems to have washed her hair again. She finished bathing in three minutes again!? He is speechless. He had seen how she does things and is used to her bathing so fast. He immediately fries three eggs and takes them out with two glasses of milk.

“Breakfast is ready.”

“Ok.” Geng Yuehua sat at the dining table.

Dong Xuebing passed her the chopsticks. “Have a taste and see if it is to your liking.”

Geng Yuehua ate a small piece. “.... Not bad.”

“Good.” Dong Xuebing smiled and sat down.

Geng Yuehua is a very stern woman. She doesn’t smile or joke and does things fast. She finished her eggs and milk when Dong Xuebing was halfway done with his milk. “... lend me your phone.”

“Ok.” Dong Xuebing passed her his iPhone 4S.

Geng Yuehua dialed a number. “Hello, Xinke? It’s me. Where are you now?”

Dong Xuebing quickly finished eating and started clearing the dishes. It is almost 8 am, and he quickly goes into the bathroom to shave.

Bzzz... bzzz... bzzz...

After shaving, Dong Xuebing took the towel to wipe his face. The towel is damper than this morning, and it still feels warm. Geng Yuehua should have used his towel again. He lifts his shirt, and the dark red underwear is no longer hanging there. She must have worn it again despite it is not

dry. It must be uncomfortable to put on damp underwear. Sigh... why am I keep thinking about her underwear?

"Xiao Dong." Geng Yuehua called from outside of the bathroom.

"Huh?" Dong Xuebing puts his shaver aside. "What is it?"

Geng Yuehua puts down the mobile phone and looks at Dong Xuebing. "My parents are coming over in ten minutes to pass me the spare keys."

Dong Xuebing nodded. "Then...."

Geng Yuehua looks down at her bathrobe. "Where are your clothes?"

"My clothes?" Dong Xuebing thought for a while. "It's in the bedroom's closet."

"Lend me a set of clothes." Geng Yuehua did not wait for his reply and walked towards the main bedroom. "Do you have suits or anything I can wear?"

Ah? Do you want to wear my clothes?

Dong Xuebing quickly reply. "Yes. Let me check."

"Anything will do." Geng Yuehua replied firmly. "I will wash it and return to you in a few days."

"It's only a few pieces of clothing. It doesn't matter..." Dong Xuebing felt it was weird to ask her to keep it and quickly say. "You can return it to me without washing. Let's see... how about this pair of pants and this shirt? Try it and see if it can fit."

"Can."

Dong Xuebing saw her nodding and took out the clothes for her. He closed the door behind him and understood why she wanted to wear his clothes now. Her parents are coming over, and she cannot let them know she had spent the night at his place in a bathrobe. She is a woman, after all, and people might gossip.

Geng Yuehua bath fast, and she also changes fast.

Within two minutes, Geng Yuehua walks out of the bedroom in Dong Xuebing's shirt and pants.

White shirt, black pants, and slippers.

Dong Xuebing and Geng Yuehua are around the same height, but his waist is wider than hers. But his butt is smaller than her, and it's the same for his chest. His clothes are not fitting on her, and the pants seem to be quite tight. The buttons on the shirt also seem to be popping. She had rushed out of her bathroom yesterday and did not wear her bra. He can see two reddish spots through the thin shirt fabric.

She is not wearing a bra under the shirt!

Dong Xuebing quickly looks away.

Geng Yuehua should have noticed Dong Xuebing's gaze and looks down. She turned and returned to the bedroom. About thirty seconds later, she walks out again with a jacket. The jacket is fitting and covers up her chest and butt. No one can tell that this is not her jacket.

Dong Xuebing said. "Haha... This jacket looks nicer on you."

Geng Yuehua replied emotionlessly. "I had wanted to return the clothes to you this evening after washing them. But I guess it will take a few days. This Italian suit which cost over a hundred thousand, cannot be washed in the washing machine."

Over a hundred thousand?

Dong Xuebing doesn't know how much this set of clothes costs, as Xie Huilan ordered it from overseas. "It's alright."

Geng Yuehua waved her hand and did not continue.

They heard footsteps outside of the apartment.

"Yuehua? Yuehua?" An old woman shouted.

"That's settled." Geng Yuehua walks over and opens the door. Her parents are outside, but she still has a poker face. "... You all are finally back."

The old man standing outside frowned. "Where are your keys? Did you lose it?"

"This apartment..." The old woman looks at Dong Xuebing's apartment.

Dong Xuebing walks over to the door with a smile. "Good morning, Uncle and Auntie. I am Guang Ming Subdistrict Office's Dong Xuebing. I am newly transferred to Nan Shan District and didn't have time to visit you all. I will visit you with gifts in a few days." He is polite to them because they are the District Mayor's parents.

Geng Yuehua's mother smiles. "Don't mention it."

Geng Yuehua's father kept looking at Dong Xuebing without saying anything.

Geng Yuehua's parents gave Dong Xuebing the feeling that they are highly educated and look wiser. But they might know Geng Xinke and him are not on good terms and looks wary of him. He can feel they do not have a good impression of him.

Geng Yuehua opens the door with the spare key.

Geng Yuehua's mother asked. "Why are the windows all opened, and the lights are still on?"

"There's a gas leak last night, and I opened the windows to air the place."

Geng Yuehua's father asked. "Why is there a gas leak again? Didn't the gas company check the pipes yesterday? Are you alright?"

"I am fine."

"Last night?" Geng Yuehua continued. "If you left your keys at home, where did you spend the night yesterday?"

Geng Yuehua took a glance at Dong Xuebing. "... I returned to my apartment at the District Party Committee Family Quarters and came over to wait for you all this morning. I had just taken breakfast at Xiao Dong's place."

Her mother nodded and looked at Dong Xuebing. "Thank you, Xiao Dong."

Dong Xuebing quickly reply. "It's just a breakfast."

Dong Xuebing knows Geng Yuehua is lying to prevent gossip, but he is still shocked by how she lies without batting an eyelid!