

## So Pure 1401

Chapter 1401: Made a Promise/ Old Buffon is Coming

Jing Xiaolu, Bao Sanli, Liu Luyou, and Xu Xiaobin's fingerprints were there on all the pages, as well as the fingerprints several staff members brought along by both parties. Only on one page, the fingerprints of Xu Xiaobin and several staff members were missing. What did this mean?

It meant that only one page had an issue; Xu Xiaobin had not touched this page before. In theory, Xu Xiaobin would not miss this page and read all the other pages of the contract directly.

"What's the content on this page?" Liu Huamei asked as she pointed to the problematic page number on the identification report, but then shook her head with a smile, "I know, it must be the most important page. It must be about the figures on investment and distribution of benefits, right?"

"That's right." Jing Xiaolu nodded, not surprised by Liu Huamei's words. After all, the fingerprint identification report would be useless if not for this page.

Liu Huamei did not doubt the authenticity of this fingerprint identification report, not to mention that it had the seal of an authoritative organization on it. The key question was, if it wasn't to perpetrate a fraud, had Jing Xiaolu and Bao Sanli lost their minds? How could they sign such an unfair contract?

The only possibility was that a page in the middle of the contract had been replaced by Liu Jifei's men. They could only guess about how they changed it and whether incense was used; there was no evidence. However, this fingerprint identification report could be regarded as favorable evidence.

Of course, based on the fingerprint's processing development in the report, there was no manipulation of the page in question, and it was impossible to wipe off Xu Xiaobin's fingerprints alone. However, perhaps Liu Jifei would strongly deny it and claim that this identification report was rigged.

Liu Huamei said with a slight sigh, "I can believe the authority of this report, but it is not favorable enough evidence that will allow me to face Liu Zhenan. After all, you know that the Ming Yang Security Company is a company under Song Jiang's police station. This report is also made by Song Jiang's judicial agency. Therefore, if Liu Zhenan were to grab on to this point... After all, the current counterfeiting methods are also very advanced."

There was a hidden meaning in Liu Huamei's words. Although it was not explicitly stated, her words were actually reminding Jing Xiaolu that this identification report might be counterfeited through Liu Zhenan's powerful connections if it was done by Jiangyan City.

"Hehe," Jing Xiaolu smiled without taking it to heart. She tapped her finger on the identification report, "Xu Xiaobin, President Xu's fingerprints are not on this page of our copy of the contract. It is the same on the copy of the contract in Liu Jifei's hands. Most importantly, not only does this contract not have President Xu's fingerprints, but President Bao's fingerprints are also not on it!"

Liu Huamei's eyebrows rose slightly and a hint of bafflement flashed across her beautiful eyes. I didn't even think of this! That's right, since Xu Xiaobin is currently on the Ming Yang Security Company's side, it means that he didn't know about the matter in advance. He is also a victim. So he certainly hasn't

touched the page in question in Liu Jifei's hands! Liu Huamei was not sure whether Bao Sanli had touched it.

Thinking of this, there was a hint of admiration in Liu Huamei's eyes, "Vice President Jing is very clever. I didn't think of that."

Through a short interaction, Liu Huamei had a rough grasp of the two people in front of her. Liu Huamei had previously inquired about Bao Sanli when the news of a cooperation with the Ming Yang Security Company was spread in the company. Bao Sanli started as a punk and his education level was quite low. He was indeed an unrefined person judging from today's interaction.

Jing Xiaolu was the person speaking all this time. It was apparent that she was the dominant one between her and Bao Sanli. Therefore, Jing Xiaolu must have thought about this fingerprint evidence, not Bao Sanli.

"I'm ashamed. Although I thought of it, I'm only wiser after the event happened." Jing Xiaolu blushed, "I have to trouble Director Liu this time."

Liu Huamei nodded. She would take care of this regardless of whether it was a company or personal matter. It was a joke to expect both parties to cooperate sincerely in this kind of contract relationship. For the future development of the company, this contract must be changed to a fair one that was beneficial to both parties.

As for personal matters, Liu Huamei also wanted to beat Liu Zhenan with this incident. Liu Huamei would not believe that Liu Zhenan was not behind this incident. It was impossible to say that Liu Zhenan didn't know that Liu Jifei had dared to do such a bold thing.

"I will raise this matter in the board of directors meeting tomorrow. President Bao, Vice President Jing, can you wait for my news?" Liu Huamei did not make any guarantees on the spot. Although she was quite sure she could involve Grandpa in this matter, Liu Huamei did not want to make any promises until it was done.

"Thank you, Director Liu." Jing Xiaolu also knew that Liu Huamei would do her best since she had taken the matter in her hands; it was not important whether she made any promises.

"Director Liu, we've bothered you!" Bao Sanli also stood up and said some pleasantries, "I will try my best to accommodate you when you visit Song Jiang as a guest in the future!"

Liu Huamei smiled a little. This Bao Sanli is really an unrefined man. It seems that Jing Xiaolu next to him is the think tank. I just don't know what the relationship is between Bao Sanli and Jing Xiaolu?

Looking at their speech and behavior, they don't seem to have a lover's relationship. Bao Sanli had quite some respect for Jing Xiaolu, which made Liu Huamei a bit confused. This doesn't seem to be the attitude a president would have towards a vice president.

It is possible to be kind if this vice president is quite talented, but this respect seems to reverse the superior-subordinate relationship.

However, this was other people's matters. Liu Huamei was just a little curious but did not ask much. After all, both sides were not very familiar with each other. She could understand without asking once they got familiar with one another.

After leaving the Jiangyan Building and getting in the car, Bao Sanli asked, "President Xu, will Director Liu do her best to help us?"

"I think so. She and Liu Zhenan have always been at odds with each other. Liu Zhenan was determined to exclude her from the core of the group's power. This matter has a clear relationship with Liu Zhenan. I don't think Liu Huamei will ignore it." Xu Xiaobin said after he thought for a moment.

"That's right," Jing Xiaolu agreed, "However, President Xu only said one of the reasons."

"There is another reason?" Bao Sanli and Xu Xiaobin asked curiously at the same time.

"For the second reason, I have seen it in the information list before. Liu Huamei is a person who is dedicated to the company. She has a high reputation among the group's middle-ranking leaders. This is no secret; it can be seen in the Jiangyan Group's forum." Jing Xiaolu said, "As you can see today, this rumor should be true!"

"Why are you so sure?" Xu Xiaobin was a little curious, "I'm someone from the company so I have also heard something about Director Liu. What she does is indeed good for the company, and she is not ashamed of anything. It is unlike her to struggle for power with Liu Zhenan."

"President Xu, if I tell you the truth, don't be angry..." Jing Xiaolu hesitated.

"I? Angry? How can that be? Vice President Jing, you can just say whatever you want to say." Xu Xiaobin was somewhat inexplicable and thought, What does commenting on Liu Huamei have to do with me?

"When the mobile phone recording was playing previously, although Liu Jifei used strategies... to insult Wang Lixia, Liu Huamei only had disgust in her eyes after she heard it; she was not very angry." Jing Xiaolu said, "This shows that Liu Huamei is just full of disdain towards Liu Jifei's actions; it is far from being angry. To put it plainly, this is because this matter has little to do with her! Liu Huamei has such an expression because it has nothing to do with the company's interests."

"That is true, but it doesn't explain anything?" Xu Xiaobin was also used to it. The knot in his heart had been untied now that he had accepted Wang Lixia; he would certainly not avoid it again.

"Of course this can explain it! If she wants to fight for power, she can use this incident to attack Liu Jifei. Liu Jifei is Liu Zhenan's man. So if she wants to use this to make an issue, she could damage Liu Zhenan." Jing Xiaolu said, "However, Liu Huamei didn't have that idea because she didn't have any kind of intention to strike Liu Zhenan!"

Chapter 1402: What a Grand Scene!/ A Startling Scene

"Breakfast... let's put it aside first," said Yang Ming. "Now, there's something important to announce. In a moment, the Buffon Family will come to visit our place. They have already arrived in Ello Town. I estimate that they will reach here in an hour."

“What!? The Buffon Family is coming!” Wang Songshan was shocked and stood up when he heard Yang Ming’s words. “Yang Ming, why didn’t you say this earlier? We did not prepare anything in advance for such an important matter. You know that they are the most honorable guests!”

Wang Songshan had no doubt about the authenticity of Yang Ming’s words. If someone else told Wang Songshan that the Buffon Family would visit the Butterfly Family, Wang Songshan would definitely not believe it! The reason was very simple; although the Butterfly Family also had a strong presence in European upper society, it was way worse than the Buffon Family.

Even if it was to pay a visit, we should be the ones visiting the Buffon Family. How could we let them show up personally? However, Wang Songshan was fully convinced because it was Yang Ming who had said it.

Yang Ming had found the Buffon Family to solve the family’s crisis this time. So how could it be impossible for the Buffon Family to visit the Butterfly Family if Yang Ming was able to prompt the Buffon Family?

“Uncle Wang, it’s not that I did not want to say it earlier. I just got a call from them early this morning...” Yang Ming smiled bitterly. “This old fellow didn’t even say a word when he left yesterday. He woke me and Yanyan up early this morning. Damn it!”

“Yang Ming! How can you be so impolite?” Wang Songshan was shocked after he heard Yang Ming’s words! How can he simply comment on the Buffon Family? It would be big trouble if someone heard it. “Although you are familiar with them and used some benefits to prompt them to resolve the crisis for us, you shouldn’t underestimate them. We can’t afford to offend them! We can’t afford the consequences if they turn their backs on us!”

“Them turning their backs on us?” Yang Ming smiled lightly. “He can turn his back on us any time as long as he has that thought. I don’t care.”

Everyone present couldn’t understand and could only stare at Yang Ming in amazement. How can such a modest person suddenly become so arrogant? Yang Ming was not so arrogant when he faced the Lancer Family, but spoke arrogant claptrap when he faced the Buffon Family, who was a few levels above them!

However, one person knew that Yang Ming was telling the truth! This person was Wang Xiaoyan. Yang Ming did not only dare to scold Old Buffon. Old Buffon would probably just smile apologetically even if he criticized Old Buffon face to face.

Fang Tian did not worry too much as he knew that Yang Ming had accepted someone from the Buffon Family as his disciple.

“Yeah, this person is truly annoying. He woke us up when we were sleeping soundly. I must scold him when I meet him later!” Wang Xiaoyan naturally said in cooperation with Yang Ming. Her coquettish expression made it seem like she did not care about the Buffon Family at all.

“Are these two children really awake yet?” Wang Ruoshui didn’t know whether to cry or laugh. She looked at Yang Ming and Wang Xiaoyan and didn’t understand why they spoke such words.

“Probably...” Wang Songshan heard Wang Ruoshui’s analysis and thought so too! This was the only reason that could explain everything that had just happened. He waved helplessly, “Let the two of them

be clear-headed here. Let's hurry up and prepare so we won't neglect others. Luckily, the house was completely decorated yesterday for Yanyan and Yang Ming. Otherwise, we would have been caught off guard."

Yang Ming and Wang Xiaoyan glanced at each other and smiled. Sometimes, the truth is not always believed. Both of them had told the truth, but neither Wang Songshang or Wang Ruoshui believed it.

"Why are they so proactive?" Yang Ming smiled bitterly. "I thought that Old Buffon wanted to come to learn?"

"But they don't know..." Wang Xiaoyan also smiled bitterly, "Forget it, let's eat. Don't care about them."

"Okay, let's eat." Yang Ming looked at the untouched breakfast on the table and felt that he should take advantage of it. It seemed that Wang Songshan and the others were waiting for him and Wang Xiaoyan to come down to have breakfast together. But apparently, the news he brought to them on arrival had made these old fellows unable to care about the meal anymore.

Fang Tian had no concept of the European upper society's big families. Moreover, Old Buffon's power in Europe had nothing to do with Fang Tian. However, how could Fang Tian not help when Wang Ruoshui was busy? So, Fang Tian followed Wang Ruoshui like an attendant and got busy over this and that.

With yesterday's preparation, it was not difficult to decorate the Butterfly Castle's interior as long as they replace those obvious festive items with welcoming ones.

Yang Ming and Wang Xiaoyan were already full when the others were done with their work. They did not think that Wang Songshan and the others would come back and continue to eat, so they picked the dishes that they liked to eat and left a pile of leftovers.

"Hoo-" Wang Songshan was tired after the strenuous work. He saw that Yang Ming and Wang Xiaoyan had just finished eating and were casually drinking when he returned to the dining room. He could not help but feel irritated and amused, "Are both of you really not worried?"

"Why should we be worried?" Yang Ming said disapprovingly. "It's not like we have not seen the Buffon Family before. Is it necessary to make it so grand?"

"Exactly, it wasn't even so grand when Yang Ming and I went to the Buffon Family. Why should we do so?" Wang Xiaoyan refuted as well.

"This-" Wang Songshan was surprised and did not expect that his daughter had been to the Buffon Family. No wonder she is so fearless. It seems like she and Yang Ming are very close to the Buffon Family and the person visiting is also their acquaintance. However, he still asked. "How can it be the same? How can the existence of the Buffon Family be equal to us? Although you may know someone who has some status in the Buffon Family, it is still impossible for him to make the entire family warmly welcome his personal friends, right?"

Wang Songshan thought that it was impossible for Yang Ming and Wang Xiaoyan to know the Buffon Family Patriarch or even the elders because the two of them were too young! In Wang Songshan's view, Yang Ming and Wang Xiaoyan most likely had contact with the Buffon Family's second or third heir, not the first heir. He would never expect that the person Yang Ming and Wang Xiaoyan knew was actually the Buffon Family's current patriarch, Old Buffon!

Old Buffon did not decorate his house or let the entire family warmly welcome Yang Ming and Wang Xiaoyan because he assumed that Yang Ming might not like this. According to the materials he had consulted, experts do not like noisy or grand environments. They were mostly low-key, so Old Buffon chose a low-key method to welcome Yang Ming and Wang Xiaoyan.

“Forget it, just let it be since it has already been arranged like this.” Yang Ming shrugged without providing any explanation. It did not really matter if he explains now or not. Old Buffon would be coming soon anyway and they would naturally understand everything.

A disciple rushed in just when Wang Songshan wanted to say something. Wang Songshan had instructed his disciples a while ago to come over and report immediately once the guests arrived.

“What’s the matter? Is the guest here?” Wang Songshan asked as he quickly turned to look at the disciple who rushed in.

“Family master, the disciples at the foot of the mountain sent a message saying that the guests from the Buffon Family are about to arrive at the Butterfly Castle!” The disciple who ran in answered quickly.

“Go, I’ll welcome them in person!” Wang Songshan nodded quickly and said to Yang Ming and Wang Xiaoyan, “Are both of you not going to come out with us?”

“Let’s go together...” Yang Ming shrugged with a wry smile. Old Buffon’s face is so big, I have to welcome him personally!

Wang Xiaoyan had likely guessed Yang Ming’s thoughts and could not help but smile. She stood up with Yang Ming and followed Wang Songshan out of the restaurant.

It seemed that Wang Ruoshui and Fang Tian had also heard the news from over there. Butler Mu and some of the Butterfly Family’s disciples also followed behind Wang Songshan. A group of people arrived at Butterfly Castle’s main entrance.

At this time, they saw an unknown branded luxury off-road vehicle travel slowly towards them.

Chapter 1403: Change of Identity/ Tit-For-Tat in the Board of Directors

Among the group of people, no one except Fang Tian could imagine that Old Buffon would abandon the Butterfly Family Master Wang Songshan and run quickly towards Yang Ming!

At this moment, the Buffon Family patriarch’s elegance was completely absent. His hurried appearance looked like a child who was in trouble and eager to admit his mistakes, or a child who was in a hurry to cause trouble.

If it wasn’t for that moment when Old Buffon’s image coincided with the impression in his mind, Wang Songshan would never think that this person was the Buffon Family patriarch at all.

Old Buffon’s actions and manners were extremely different from the legendary patriarch image of upper society’s top families. Everyone was especially surprised by Old Buffon’s words!

“Master, master’s wife,” Old Buffon said panting, “It’s our fault for letting both of you welcome us while we sat in the car. We didn’t know beforehand, so please don’t blame us! ”

Yang Ming was instantly speechless and Wang Xiaoyan beside him didn't know whether to cry or laugh! Apparently, this old fellow stopped the car halfway and ran up because both of us greeted them in person? We even had some inexplicable speculations about why he stopped the car. I even thought that his car broke down and never thought about this reason!

"Your car did not breakdown?" Wang Xiaoyan reached out her hand and supported her smooth forehead. She felt a sense of dizziness, "Isn't this just delaying time?"

"About that... Master's wife, how can we dare sit when both you and master are standing here!" Old Buffon explained hurriedly. The master's wife's expression doesn't seem to be very happy. Was it wrong to stop the car?

Master? Master's wife? Except for Fang Tian who knew everything, Wang Songshan, Wang Ruoshui and Butler Mu were completely dumbfounded! The dignified Buffon Family patriarch is actually Yang Ming's disciple? Moreover... He actually called Miss the master's wife and it seems like he also knows Miss... Isn't this world too crazy?

Since when did the Butterfly Family inexplicably have such a strong background? The current patriarch of such a big family is actually a disciple of the family's Miss and son-in-law!

Wang Songshan was emotionally moved. He had felt Yang Ming's great power before this. Wang Songshan knew that he would benefit from his daughter's marriage with Yang Ming, but he never thought that the benefits would be so great! In the future, the Butterfly Family's popularity might reach an unprecedented level!

The reason why Wang Songshan wanted to develop the Butterfly Family into the first ranked assassin family desperately was that the Butterfly Family's prestige in upper society was simply a result of their special characteristics. They were not well accepted by other families. They all maintained a sense of mystery and awe. They often just spoke a few words and kept a distance from them.

Therefore, the Butterfly Family was never able to truly integrate into upper society. Wang Songshan had no choice but to work hard on the assassin route as he wanted the family to develop better! Other families wouldn't even bother when they wanted a business cooperation because these families had a kind of respect towards them but did not want to deal with them!

However, the Butterfly Family would no longer be at a disadvantage in upper society with the support of the Old Buffon and the Buffon Family. They would improve by more than one level.

Wang Songshan was completely excited as he thought of it. He wanted to hold Old Buffon's hand immediately and greet him nicely, hoping that he could help the Butterfly Family more in the future for the sake of Yang Ming's respect. The Butterfly Family would reap the benefits endlessly!

It had to be clear that Old Buffon's family industries were very diverse. The Butterfly Family would earn an unimaginable amount of wealth earned if the Buffon Family gave them a share in any of the industries.

Even Fang Tian was shocked. He knew that Yang Ming had accepted someone from the Buffon Family as his disciple, but he didn't know that it was the current Buffon Family patriarch!

Fang Tian didn't really care about the Buffon Family because he was in China after all and did not have much contact with Europe. But he knew that Old Buffon was very important to the Butterfly Family when he saw his old friend's current expression!

No wonder the Buffon Family could easily solve the firearms problem which was previously regarded as the biggest issue by everyone. Naturally, such a family had to be very powerful.

Fang Tian was in a bad mood, especially when he saw the age of the other person that had actually called Yang Ming as master! Hmph, I am the senior here. Why is a kid like you trying to act like a senior?

Moreover, I am your master. Even if they are your disciples, they are also my grand disciples. They can't just leave me aside, right? Fang Tian coughed twice after having this thought.

Yang Ming was stunned for a moment and knew what this old fellow Fang Tian was thinking. Yang Ming had been with this wretched master for so long after all, and so he knew his mind very well.

"Old Buffon, let me introduce you. This is my master, your grandmaster!" Yang Ming pointed to Fang Tian and introduced him to Old Buffon.

"Ah!" Old Buffon was startled and immediately rejoiced! Yang Ming is already so powerful. Then wouldn't Yang Ming's master be even more powerful? Would he be a legendary hermit? Can he leap onto roofs and vault over walls?

"Grandmaster, please accept this grand disciple's respect!" Old Buffon looked at the inconspicuous Fang Tian but did not despise him. Generally, the ones who were more inconspicuous had more powerful skills. So Old Buffon did not hesitate and paid his respects immediately. Mrs. Buffon, who was also in fear and trepidation, also paid respect to Fang Tian alongside him.

Fang Tian was originally just slightly angry, thinking that Yang Ming did not even bring them to pay respect to him after accepting them as disciples. However, he did not expect that Old Buffon would pay respect immediately without any hesitation. Fang Tian was frightened and felt a little embarrassed, "Okay, please get up..."

"Thank you, grandmaster!" Old Buffon was pleased when he heard Fang Tian's words because it seemed that Fang Tian had accepted both of them as grand disciples. Before that, Old Buffon was afraid that Fang Tian would not accept them and didn't know what to do, but he didn't expect that his grandmaster was so easy to talk to!

"This is my master's wife..." Yang Ming pointed at Wang Ruoshui and continued introducing the others to Old Buffon.

"Disciples pay respect to grandmaster's wife!" Old Buffon was overjoyed. It seemed like he had come right on time today as master had recognized him by introducing everyone in the family! Maybe he would teach me even more refined martial arts!

Although Mrs. Buffon was not very proficient in Chinese culture, she watched and learned whatever Old Buffon did and she acted appropriately.

"This... This is your master's wife's father!" Yang Ming finally introduced Wang Songshan. Yang Ming didn't know how to introduce him even after thinking about it.



“Ah!” Old Buffon was shocked suddenly. It turns out that the Butterfly Family Master is actually the master’s wife’s father? En, it makes sense after thinking about it. Master’s wife’s name is Wang Xiaoyan and the Butterfly Family Master is called Wang Songshan. I neglected it just now! Cold sweat immediately poured down Old Buffon’s forehead! Old Buffon had ignored Wang Songshan and not taken him seriously when he came, because Old Buffon did not expect that he would have such a powerful identity!

Old Buffon did not dare to neglect anymore and quickly led his wife to continue to bow down. He said to Wang Songshan in fear and trepidation, “Disciples pay respect to... Pay respect to...”

Old Buffon was also dumbfounded. What should I call the master’s wife’s father? He did know what words to use to describe this rare relationship even though he was proficient in Chinese culture, so he got stuck right away!

“Why not... call him grandmaster too!?” Yang Ming hesitated and said, “Although Yanyan is your master’s wife, most of your wife’s martial arts comes from the Butterfly Family. So this grandmaster title is not inappropriate!”

“How can it be inappropriate!” Old Buffon said quickly after he heard it, “Disciple pays respect to grandmaster Wang!”

Wang Songshan was also dumbfounded. His identity had suddenly increased by a lot he had become a grandmaster. Isn’t this too exaggerated? I was still thinking about how to build a relationship with the Buffon Family. Now I don’t even need to think about it; it happened straight away!

Old Buffon was startled when he saw Wang Songshan’s cloudy expression was cloudy and he said nothing. Did I offend Wang Songshan when I neglected him before? Old Buffon was shocked and quickly apologized, “Grandmaster Wang, disciples offended you before as we did not know that you are the grandmaster. I hope that grandmaster will forgive us!”

#### **Chapter 1404: Outrage/ I Can Prove It**

So, Liu Zhenan thought that he had secured himself a good excuse. Still, he didn’t expect Xu Xiaobin to have reached out to Liu Huamei! The reason why he was so arrogant before was that he thought Xu Xiaobin couldn’t bypass him and find someone else!

There were only three people in the whole group who could solve this problem, namely himself, as the vice president; his father, as the president; and his grandfather, the chairman of the group!

Of course, Liu Zhenan did not think that Xu Xiaobin had the capability even to meet his grandfather who was the chairman and talk to him in person. It was simply impossible for it to happen. He was confident as it was difficult even for himself to meet with his grandfather. Besides the meeting between the board of directors, he would first have to first submit his suggestions and proposals to his father. Then it would reach his grandfather only through his father.

So, there was only one person left in the whole group who could talk to his grandfather directly and without obstacles. That person was his father, Liu Hua, the group’s president! Of course, there was another particular case, that was Liu Huamei!

*This cousin of mine!* Even her name got on Liu Zhenan's nerves for no other reason than the fact that she had a bright mind and could always win grandfather's heart! He just couldn't get the logic. Everyone was a direct descendant of the Liu Family, and Liu Huamei was a woman, so why she could speak to grandfather whenever she wanted? And why was it so difficult for him, the group's vice president, to even meet grandfather?

*Why, why is this even happening?* Liu Zhenan refused to accept this reality. So, he would do everything to create trouble for his cousin. *Since you're so bright and grandfather has sided you so much, I'll generate every difficulty in the whole world for you, so that even grandfather can't keep you in the end!*

After all, the power of the company's board of directors had now been decentralized, and it was no longer 'one man speaks for all'. As long as someone lit the lighter, even grandfather wouldn't be able to extinguish the fire without burning himself.

Besides, Liu Zhenan had never taken Xu Xiaobin seriously at all. In his opinion, Xu Xiaobin couldn't set off any storm. Even though Liu Zhenan would never have the chance to speak to his grandfather, his father Liu Hua would definitely be on his side. He was confident his father would cover him even if Xu Xiaobin contacted him.

His conflict with Liu Zheqiao for power and positions was just a mess within their own core family of the third son. Both of them were their father's sons, so it didn't matter to their father about which one of them climbed to the top. Therefore, Liu Hua had no reason to act against his sons' ways.

Therefore, Liu Zhenan could be audacious enough to put forward his recommendation during the board of directors' meeting. He even dared to misrepresent some low lives like Liu Jifei as a talent.

"Liu Jifei?" Liu Jiangyan silently mouthed the name again. He somehow could remember this son of the Liu Family. Liu Jifei was one of the nephews to his uncle's side. He established a Liu Family's Venture Fund when he gained his wealth. Each of the Liu Family's children would be entitled a venture capital when they became adults. Liu Jifei was one of them.

From what he could recall, Liu Jifei ran a relatively small trading company. He built his success on the foundation of the Jiangyan Group and did just some small business. Liu Jiangyan couldn't really believe that he was a talent.

It had to be known that even though Liu Jifei was a collateral relative and not in his direct family, Liu Jiangyan had paid the necessary attention to him after he had received the venture fund. In other words, the old man was still clear of Liu Jifei's every move.

After all, Liu Jiangyan also wanted to see if there were any talents among the Liu Family's ancillary families. If there were any, he didn't mind providing a stepping stone for them. However, he didn't have the excessive energy to help those with mediocre qualifications. He felt that he owed nothing to the Liu Family's descendants, as long as he provided them with the advantages of a venture capital and the Jiangyan Group's name so that they could start their small businesses.

Although he didn't show anything on the outside, Liu Jiangyan was a little disappointed in his grandson when he introduced Liu Jifei as a talent.

The Group belonged to the entire Liu Family! The quality of the Group and its executives would be critical to the success of the Group's future development. Liu Jiangyan could see why Liu Zhenan was trying to place his own men in the Group. In fact, a large business family was similar to those imperial families in the past.

The struggles and conflicts between the family members were no weaker than the imperial dramas. It was common for siblings to fight to the death for power and interests.

Liu Jiangyan was puzzled when he witnessed some of his old childhood friends fighting over the family business and power when he was young. At that time, he was naive to think that as long as he educated his children properly, he could prevent such things from happening in the future.

However, he suddenly realized that everything was far beyond his will and control when he became this old. His three sons fought over the power first; then, the fight was carried on by two of his grandsons and his granddaughter!

Because he had understood this, Liu Jiangyan kept quiet on Liu Zhenan placing his men in some important positions in the company. All he could do now was to maintain the apparent harmony between his children and grandchildren.

As long as they still cared to keep their harmonious faces and didn't go too far in front of him, Liu Jiangyan would turn a blind eye to their actions. However, he was still secretly hoping for his little granddaughter to survive until the very end!

The reason behind this was that although Liu Huamei was also participating in the fight, she did it with a pure intention! Every decision that Liu Huamei made was for the benefit of the company. Even if it was for her own sake, it would also be under the premise of the company's interests. She had never fought with others for her personal benefits!

Liu Jiangyan would be without worries and could guarantee the company's bright future only if he handed over the company to such a fair person. On the other hand, every decision that Liu Zhenan made was all for himself; perhaps he had no interest in the company's benefits at all.

It was clear that Liu Zhenan was selfish just by looking at his decision to recommend Liu Jifei as the deputy director of the company's finance department. Although it was a deputy position, it was still prestigious!

*Letting such a mediocre person hold such a position? Isn't this a joke? He doesn't even care about the company's profit at all?* Liu Jiangyan was clear about Liu Zhenan's ulterior motives for this recommendation. He wanted to do this because he was unsatisfied with the current situation where the finance department was always headed by his granddaughter, Liu Huamei. He wanted to take this opportunity to bury a bomb next to Liu Huamei.

"This contract was signed under the supervision of Liu Jifei?" Liu Jiangyan glanced at the copy of the contract in his hand, looked through it, and frowned slightly. He drummed his fingers on the table rhythmically, while raising his question slowly.

"Yes, our company has also had many similar cooperations, but this is undoubtedly the most successful and beneficial one for our company this time!" Liu Zhenan said proudly. "It can be seen that Liu Jifei is

definitely talented. Our company should entrust such talent with a relevant position so that we can maximize his potential!”

“The most successful and beneficial one?” Liu Jiangyan finished reading the contract in his hand and casually threw it on the table. His face was unreadable. “So, you are really sure that this Liu Jifei is talented?”

“Erm— I do humbly think so.” Liu Zhenan was a little ecstatic, but he also sensed a strange atmosphere. *Why do I feel that Grandfather is actually referring to something else with his question?*

“You really think so?” Liu Jiangyan slammed the table suddenly and he snorted coldly. “If Liu Jifei is a genius, then this Ming Yang Security Company would be a fool to have agreed to such a contract!”

“What?” Liu Zhenan was stunned on the spot and left puzzled with his grandfather’s words.

However, many of the Liu Family’s children and those who didn’t side with Liu Zhenan started to laugh secretly. Although they didn’t see the contents of the contract, they could infer that the old man Liu Jiangyan had found something wrong, and was consequently outraged!

*Looks like there will be good fun after this. This Liu Zhenan seems to have shot himself in the foot!*

#### **Chapter 1405: Quibble/ The Liu Family’s Fight for Power**

“The man in this recording is the so-called genius Liu Jifei,” Liu Huamei ridiculed Liu Jifei sarcastically.

“This is the so-called genius whom big brother has been talking about? He is indeed quite a genius. He not only used incense to miraculously make the Ming Yang Security Company sign the contract, but he also got a subordinate’s girlfriend into bed. This woman is the girlfriend of Xu Xiaobin who is our group’s Song Jiang office manager.”

“You— You— are speaking nonsense!” Liu Zhenan was so furious that his face turned green. He didn’t think that his meticulous plan to promote Liu Jifei would be ruined by his good sister! Liu Zhenan knew that he couldn’t be weak at this time. If he displayed vulnerability, it would be admitting that he had lied to his grandfather. This was something that his grandfather would never tolerate.

“Nonsense?” Liu Huamei raised her eyebrows critically. “This recording was sent to me by Xu Xiaobin personally.”

“So what? Even if the person in this recording is really Liu Jifei, it only indicates that his private life is complicated. What does this have to do with his personal ability? No one is perfect, and all capable people are a little tyrannical. This is normal!” Liu Jifei said. “Besides, It is obvious that the man and woman in this recording are flirting. Listen to how shameless that woman was. How can you trust Xu Xiaobin’s words? He was cuckolded, so of course, he would be upset. It’s reasonable for him to slander Liu Jifei.”

“Zhenan, is Liu Jifei really a capable person?” Liu Jiangyan sighed. Things were already clear, yet his grandson was still in denial. This incident was perpetrated by Liu Jifei, it had nothing to do with Liu Zhenan. Yet Liu Zhenan was still protecting him dearly and wanted to put him in an essential position in the group. He was so sure that Liu Jifei was a capable person.

“I’m not clear about his private life. I don’t even need to know about it. We’re a big group. What we value is an individual’s ability to work, not their private life after working hours. This is something that even the law protects. Do we need to understand it deeply?” Liu Zhenan said eloquently, “Grandfather, I only know that this contract was negotiated successfully by him and that it is also extremely beneficial to the company. This is why I think he is talented and I strongly recommend him to assume an even more important position. This is also for the company’s sake!”

“If that’s the case, then I might as well tell you that this contract was also negotiated through the same means.” Liu Huamei stared coldly at Liu Zhenan. *This kind of person actually mentioned his selfish desires so clearly. He obviously wants to plant a trusted aide, and now it’s for the company’s sake. This cousin...*

“Little sister, everything needs evidence. As I mentioned earlier, we can’t just listen to Xu Xiaobin’s words alone! His girlfriend cuckolded him so, of course, he would be hateful. It’s also reasonable for him to slander others.” Liu Zhenan wasn’t afraid of anything. Although this matter had been revealed, it was Xu Xiaobin’s side of the story at the end of the day. Where was the evidence? The evidence had long been swept clean. Liu Luyou had cleaned up all of the evidence at the scene where the contract was signed. This was something easy to do for a black-hearted lawyer.

This was why Liu Zhenan was so fearless. No matter what Liu Huamei says, he could render her words useless with just a ‘where’s the evidence?’

“Of course, I have evidence.” Liu Huamei smiled arrogantly as she looked at her pitiful cousin. He really wouldn’t give up. Since she dared to attack him at a board meeting, she’d naturally have a winning card. If it was really a matter of sheer fiction, then Liu Huamei wouldn’t be bothered even if she could use it to attack Liu Zhenan.

Liu Zhenan’s face changed a little, but he thought, *Even if she has evidence, Xu Xiaobin wouldn’t have come over so many times to request for changes in the contract. As long as I forcefully throw out the evidence, there’s no fear of having to give in.*

Therefore, Liu Zhenan felt that the so-called evidence would be similar to the recording; it would be untenable. The most it could do was raise suspicion and doubt within others.

“Do you? Then I shall have to listen to it attentively. It could be that I’ve really been blinded by Liu Jifei.” Liu Zhenan said ingeniously. He saved himself an escape route and shifted all of his responsibility.

If Liu Huamei really had the so-called critical evidence in her hands, then Liu Zhenan could say that he didn’t know anything about Liu Jifei’s actions. He was blinded by him!

Everyone in attendance scolded Liu Jifei in their hearts for his shamelessness and insensitivity after hearing his words. He had escaped his responsibilities so easily. Someone so irresponsible would never have been able to assume the vice-president position if he wasn’t the old man Liu Jiangyan’s grandson.

Many elites in attendance sighed. It’s true that no matter how much effort they put in, it still wouldn’t amount to much. It was still better to have a good grandfather.

Even Liu Huamei couldn’t help but grimace a little. *This Liu Zhen is unbelievably shameless.* As for Liu Jiangyan, he still seemed undisturbed. He couldn’t show how much anger he held in his heart. If he revealed it in public, it would mean that he wanted to abolish his grandson of the vice-president

position. It was impossible for him to not save his grandson some face. Exposing him would be equivalent to crushing his reputation completely.

He could scold him, but it wasn't essential. He definitely couldn't make him lose reputation in front of everyone. He sighed, *"Is this the future successor of my Jiangyan Group? Will he bring the entire Jiangyan Group to its end?"*

"This is an appraisal report from the authorities. I believe that everyone here is wise and intelligent. It won't be hard for you to see what this means." Liu Huamei said, "I have made a few copies of this appraisal report. I'll pass it to everyone. Do exchange with one another and have a look."

Liu Huamei raised her hand as she spoke. Her secretary, who was in charge of the meeting, came over. She helped Liu Huamei hand out the copies of the appraisal report. Liu Zhenan kept a poker face and pretended like he didn't care. He received a copy of the report and started reading.

The people present were all elites in the market aside from the brothers of the Liu Family. Otherwise, they wouldn't be eligible to attend this meeting. Although many non-members of the board had no right to speak, they had the right to sit in as observers. The Liu Family proposed this as a measure of fairness, and it had been recognized by the middle-class elites within the company. It made them feel extremely honored to be able to attend the meeting.

Liu Huamei had made this proposal. And as an incentive for employees, the family took out a small number of free shares as a bonus reward to these middle-class elites to encourage their enthusiasm.

However, Liu Hua and Liu Zhenan opposed had Liu Huamei's move at first. After all, the matters discussed by the board of directors were internal matters of their family, so why would they let outsiders listen? What if they let out something confidential by accident?

However, under Liu Jiangyan's insistence, this proposal was implemented quickly.

Liu Zhenan's face turned gloomier and gloomier as he read the content of the report! He would never have thought that the people from the Ming Yang Security Company would pull such an unusual stunt. They didn't play their standard cards and made a huge deal out of the fingerprints on the contract. Even the meticulous Liu Luyou might not be able to think of this. This was indeed, negligence!

The people in attendance were not naive. There was no reason for them to not understand that Liu Zhenan could. Plus, Liu Huamei had already described Liu Jifei's crimes in full detail before. It was not difficult to identify the problem which the appraisal report was pointing to.

"Could it be that there really is a hidden agenda in this matter?" Liu Zhenan interrupted just as the old man Liu Jiangyan was about to open his mouth. He needed to keep paving his way out. Otherwise, this matter might really cause him to fall into the hands of his little sister.

"Now that I've seen this report, I can conclude that Liu Jifei is highly suspicious. I'm a fair person, and I don't take sides. Although I truly see the potential in Liu Jifei, he still has to receive the fitting punishments since he has done something wrong!" Liu Zhenan said shamelessly. "However, there is also a great possibility that this whole thing was just a trap which Xu Xiaobin had set up to get revenge on Liu Jifei!" Although this report does seem authoritative, you guys are all aware to which extent counterfeiting technology has advanced to! Even the emperor's jade and imperial edicts from a few

hundred years ago can be forged. Who's to say that there isn't a problem with this problematic contract paper? You should know that although fingerprints seem hard to erase, I do know a method involving lasers that can remove certain traces of fingerprints under a microscope. This wouldn't be too hard to do, right?"

### **Chapter 1406: Change/ Take the Severed Head Personally**

"Wow!" Everyone went into an uproar! No one expected that the outcome of this matter would be like this. Earlier, everyone expected that Liu Zhenan would definitely be taught a lesson this time. They also expected that the old man Liu Jiangyan who supported Liu Huamei would definitely use this situation to let her advance.

However, the result was that Liu Zhenan's deputy director position was not affected at all. Instead, he had advanced and taken the position as the deputy director of the finance department! As for Liu Huamei, although she had taken the position as the CEO of the Song Jiang branch office, she was actually silently demoted. Although she was still the CEO of the finance department, she was not within the group and was stationed outside. With this, the whole operation of the finance department had fallen into Liu Zhenan's hands!

While Liu Zhenan was the deputy director, he would actually be taking on the responsibilities of a director. All he had to do was report to Liu Huamei regularly. However, wasn't reporting easy to do? With just a few words, it would be simply too easy to hide whatever he wanted to from Liu Huamei.

Liu Zhenan even thought that there was something wrong with his ears. He looked at his grandfather unbelievably. *Is this true? It this really true? Not only did I not receive punishment, but I was also promoted instead? As for my little sister who has always been supported by the old man, she actually got demoted secretly?*

*Could it be that grandfather has made up his mind to let me take over? That's why he ignored my actions? It is apparent to everyone that grandfather has been secretly condoning my actions since he only scolded a few words at the start. He questioned no further but promoted me instead?*

At first, Liu Zhenan wanted to assign Liu Jifei the deputy director position in the finance department so that the department would have his own person. Now that Liu Jifei had caused so many problems, it should be impossible for him to be assigned to an important position. but the position of deputy director also didn't fall into anyone else's hands!

A smug flashed across the corner of Liu Zhenan's mouth as he looked at Liu Huamei. *This lady, you just want to take me down, right? Well then, you put yourself in this situation. You're willing to be that good old person who wants to help in times of trouble. Since you're all about the company's benefit, you'll be handling the matter of negotiating with Song Jiang's Ming Yang company. Plus, you don't have to come back. Just stay there and be a branch office's CEO forever. What a high position that is, gaga!*

"Grandfather, I—" Liu Huamei also thought that something was wrong with her ears. *Why would grandfather make such a foolish decision? It doesn't seem like grandfather is old and muddled? So*

*what's his purpose in doing this? Not only did he not pursue any of Liu Zhenan's responsibility, he instead assigned me to handle Song Jiang's matters.*

As a matter of fact, Liu Huamei wasn't resistant toward handling Song Jiang's matters. On the contrary, she was extremely excited to handle this matter properly. After all, if this matter wasn't handled properly, it would have a huge impact on the Jiangyan Group's reputation. Liu Huamei would feel more confident if she could handle it herself.

However, her grandfather's single sentence relegated her to Song Jiang forever. Although she still held the position of a Financial Director, anyone could see that this title was empty. It was simply impossible to wish for Liu Zhenan to listen to her commands.

"Having stayed in the group for so long, it isn't necessarily a bad thing to go for training at the foundation level." Liu Jiangyan didn't give Liu Huamei a chance to justify and gave his final word.

Liu Huamei sighed in her heart, but she couldn't say anything more.

The board meeting ended just like that. Some people couldn't understand, some people were gloating. Liu Zhenan strode out of the conference room high-spiritedly. From this day onward, his power in this group would be unmatched!

Liu Hua was frowning; he couldn't understand the purpose of his father's actions! *Why did he suddenly start to suppress Liu Huamei, whom he has always supported, and entrust Liu Zhenan with a huge responsibility?*

*What does this mean? Could it be that the old man is ready to assign a successor?* No matter how Liu Hua looked at it, he didn't think that his son had the potential to be a successor. However, the truth was already in front of him. The only thing he could do was believe it! Liu Huamei, who had always been favored, suddenly fell out of favor. But his eldest son Liu Zhenan was still able to get promoted even after doing so many perverse actions.

*Is the old man really old and confused?* Liu Hua's mind trembled thinking of this possibility. *Could it be that there's something wrong with the old man's health and he doesn't have long to live? Is that why he's starting to plan for the aftermath?* Liu Hua suddenly felt that it was possible, incredibly possible. Otherwise, the old man's attitude wouldn't be so abnormal.

However, this was a good thing anyway. As long as his eldest son was the successor, it would definitely not bypass him. Plus, he was also sure that he would take over the position of the chairman successfully. It was just that a huge part of the shares might be allocated to his son. However, all of this didn't matter. The Jiangyan Group would be in the hands of the third family from now on.

In Liu Jiangyan's office, Liu Huamei looked at her grandfather stubbornly. She didn't speak, but the grievance in her eyes could be seen by anyone.

"What's wrong, my little princess? Are you angry with the grandfather?" At this moment, Liu Jiangyan had lost the aura he presented during board meetings. He emanated the feeling of being a completely kind old man.

"Grandfather, you also know what my elder brother is like. If the group is in his hands, I'm afraid that grandfather's years of hard work will be ruined." Although Liu Huamei didn't seem too angry, her heart



was furious. If it wasn't for the fact that she knew that her grandfather was extremely conscious, she would want to scold him for being muddled.

"Hehe, so you think that grandfather's move is old and muddled?" Liu Jiangyan smiled slightly. His eyes showed his deep love for Liu Huamei.

"No way!" Liu Huamei's cheeks blushed slightly as she was a little uncomfortable from being exposed. "Grandfather, I have the use of keeping an eye on big brother when I'm in the company. Now that I'll be going to Song Jiang, then..."

"Hehe, I just want to give your elder brother a chance." Liu Jiangyan did not hide his thoughts from Liu Huamei. "This is also his only chance, his final chance!"

"Grandfather, you mean..." Liu Huamei said softly. Her eyes lit up as she understood what her grandfather wanted to do.

"That's right." Liu Jiangyan nodded. "I am placing the huge power of the group in his hands without your supervision. If he is willing to change, there will be a place for him in the Jiangyan Group in the future. If not, he can hold on to his shares and become a prodigal young master. The dividends will be enough for him to spend for a lifetime..."

Liu Huamei gave a sigh of relief after she heard her grandfather's explanation. It seemed that grandfather had made up his mind on this matter. However, she no longer had to carry out her earlier decision of bringing up the loopholes in the accounting reports. This was because the financial department was now fully in Liu Zhenan's control. Whether she brought it up or not no longer mattered.

"Are you relieved now?" Liu Jiangyan sighed. "Huamei, I am most optimistic about you. However, the person I wish the least to be involved in this family dispute is also you! How I wish that you were still that little girl from a few years ago who only knew to act like a spoiled child in front of me. In the future, find a good man to marry and give grandfather a great-grandson..."

"Grandfather, I'm not going to marry. I will always be by your side." Liu Huamei's face flushed like a cooked shrimp.

"Girls will have to marry at the end of the day." Liu Jiangyan sighed and his heart was full of contradictions. "Don't blame your elder brother as well. In his opinion, you're a girl who will always belong to someone else's family. This is why he doesn't wish for the family business to become your dowry... However, your two brothers are really incompetent right now. If this enormous group were to fall into their hands, I'm afraid—"

Liu Jiangyan didn't go on, but his meaning was already obvious.

#### **Chapter 1407: People From Central/ Exterminate the Families**

Kevithan had just become the Lancer Family's patriarch, but there were no signs of excitement on his face! This was because the Lancer Family was dealing with the hardest blow in its history!

Kevithan's only hope was his cousin Jetson who had entered "Central". However, he was desperate after receiving no reply to the distress signal he had sent three days ago through the unique communications channel that Jetson had given him. *Did my cousin abandon me, or did he not receive my message at all?*

Slade was more anxious than Thomas and Lecroft. After all, Kevithan was his son. If Kevithan could not resolve the family affairs satisfactorily, he would become known as the patriarch who had to step down immediately after appointment.

"Is God going to destroy my Lancer Family?" Kevithan looked at the people in the family meeting. The once proud and arrogant members of the Lancer Family couldn't help but drop their eyes and shed tears. "Does anybody have other solutions?"

"Solution?" Lecroft snorted ambiguously, "Kevithan, my nephew, you are now the family patriarch. Everything is up to you, so why do you still ask us for other solutions?"

"You—" Kevithan was already filled with grief and indignation. He was so infuriated by Lecroft's words that smoke was puffing out of his seven orifices [1], "Uncle San, what do you mean by this? Are you not part of the Lancer Family. Are you willing to watch our family go to ruin?"

"In the beginning, it was you, my nephew, who vowed to protect Goode and keep the family safe from losses. So, we unanimously elected you to be the patriarch," Lecroft said slowly. "Later, you said to give up Goode. Well, you are the patriarch. We all listen to you. I also voted in favor of giving up Goode. There is the solution. What else do you want me to think of? Let's just hand over Goode to the Butterfly Family."

"You—" Why wouldn't Kevithan want to give up Goode? since Thomas had clearly disagreed, there was nothing he could do! Don't be fooled by Thomas who had stepped down from patriarch at this moment. His trusted aides still remained in the family. It was a fact that half of the people in the large Lancer Family answered only to Thomas. How was Kevithan supposed to do anything?

Kevithan felt his position as the patriarch was meaningless. He was elevated and just before he could enjoy the pleasure of being the patriarch, he was almost crushed by these matters.

When Kevithan saw that his family's business about to vanish, he went to visit families that had close business relationships with the Lancer Family in the past. However, the other families did not even give Kevithan a chance to meet with them, and gave him the cold shoulder!

No matter how Kevithan brought out their past mutual co-operations and friendships, the families were not moved at all. Who would dare help those who had offended the Buffon Family? Wouldn't this be harming themselves in the future? So, from the looks of things, the Lancer Family was like a cat on a hot tin roof. There had no hope and no one to rely on.

However, there was no word from his cousin Jetson who was the only one who could provide support through technology to the Lancer Family. This caused the people who had thought highly of Kevithan and supported him to be the patriarch to begin to stir up trouble!

Especially Lecroft, he thought that Kevithan was just drawing a big cake, but in fact, had no ability. *His cousin Jetson is just an excuse.* Now, Kevithan was promoted, but his cousin had not shown up. This made Lecroft even angrier and he firmly believed that he would be a better patriarch than Kevithan.

“Kevithan, since you can’t protect Goode and bring any benefits to the family, then I think it’s best that you step aside and let a better person take over?” Lecroft smiled coldly, staring at Kevithan like a viper, “I think even Second Brother Thomas will be a better patriarch than you are.”

Lecroft had missed the best opportunity to be promoted to the patriarch position. He revealed his ambitions too soon but failed because of the dark horse Kevithan. Now it was impossible for him to claim the position again.

*Even if Kevithan abdicates the position, Thomas will be the one next in line. There’s no hope for me. This made Lecroft hate his nephew Kevithan to his core! If not for him being such a busybody, I would be the one promoted to patriarch.*

So, Lecroft had made up his mind. Although he was out of contention for the post, he would not give Kevithan an easy time. The best way was to let Thomas take the position again so that no one could reap any benefits.

*Thomas was the patriarch initially, and you, Kevithan, just hijacked the position half-way. Step down and stay down.*

“Who said my cousin cannot protect Goode? Who said that he cannot bring benefits to the family?” A cold and ethereal voice rang through the Lancer Family’s conference room. The voice sounded like it came from a distant hell, yet felt like it was close at hand, sending shivers down their spines.

“Cousin Jetson! It is you!” Kevithan heard this voice but did not feel chilled like everyone else. He instead felt exalted and exclaimed, “Cousin Jetson, I know you will not leave me out in the cold!”

“Cousin Kevithan, as your cousin, I remember your kind deeds of taking care of me in my heart. I, Jetson, am responsible for anything that has to do with you!” A tall figure quietly drifted into the conference room, without anyone in the room knowing how they had come in! It was just like the legendary move of leaping onto roofs and vaulting over walls!

“Cousin Jetson, what kind of martial arts are you using! That’s awesome!” Kevithan exclaimed, looking at the person in front of him in disbelief! In truth, although the Lancer Family was in grave danger, their defense was also the tightest at this time. This was because the Lancer Family was continually defending the front entrance in case people from the Butterfly Family came to seek revenge. Hence, juniors were guarding both inside and outside the family’s premises.

Such a person who could appear silently in the meeting room without any alarm from the juniors made all the present members of the Lancer family turned pale with fright!

There was one possibility. Jetson did not arouse the attention of any of the guarding juniors when he entered the conference room. They did not even notice that someone had infiltrated the family premises!

If this person was not Jetson, but the enemy, the consequences would be disastrous! Fortunately, he was not! However, this caused absolute fear among Thomas and the other important family members! Since Jetson could come in, then the Butterfly Family’s skilled assassins could as well. They would find it easier than Jetson.

“After receiving your message, I flew over here non-stop. But, Central is a bit far from here. I didn’t come late, *eh?* Cousin Kevithan?” Jetson did not look directly at the other members of the Lancer family at all but sat in a chair opposite Kevithan.

*Fly over?* This fly over in Jetson’s discourse was obviously understood by everyone as air transport and had no other meaning.

“Of course it’s not too late!” Kevithan said quickly, “Cousin Jetson, I’m now the current Lancer Family Patriarch. Our Lancer family has encountered an unprecedented big problem as mentioned in the message to you. Can you help me solve it?”

“Trouble?” Jetson sneered, but his words were full of scorn and disdain, “You call this a problem?”

The whole scene was in an uproar at Jetson’s words. Lecroft and Thomas were secretly saying that Jetson was too arrogant. *Even if you are a member of Central, it is impossible to not know the strength of the Buffon Family. In your eyes, this is not a problem at all?*

“What? You don’t believe me?” Jetson glanced over Thomas and Lecroft. Then, he glanced at the others in the conference room, and finally fixed his sight on Kevithan.

“I naturally believe in you, cousin!” Kevithan said quickly, not knowing why. This time, his cousin’s homecoming was completely different from before. There was an indescribable chilling aura which made people feel like they fell into an icehouse.

Jetson nodded with satisfaction and looked at Thomas, Lecroft and the others, “How about you? Don’t you believe in the strength of Central?”

Chapter 1408: The Suddenly Strong Lancer Family/ Knocking on the Door

For the Lancer Family who was already in danger, Jetson’s arrival was like a shot of a cardiac stimulant that raised their slumping morale to an unprecedented level. The Lancer Family’s members instantly became high-spirited and Kevithan’s status as the family master became indestructible with Jetson’s extraordinary skills.

Prior to this, Lecroft had tried every means to pull Kevithan off the position, but now he was eager for Kevithan to continue being the Lancer Family’s family master! In the face of absolute strength, personal gains and losses had become less important. As long as the entire family flourished, then he could still bluster in front of outsiders even if he was only an elder in the family. It wouldn’t be worse than being the previous Lancer Family’s family master, it would only be stronger. This was the benefit of the family’s backer!

It was difficult for the Lancer Family to not rise as long as they had Jetson from “Central” as a backer. Hmph, it’s only an assassin family, so what? They actually dare to provoke “Central”. There is no need for many people, one Jetson can destroy your entire family!

At this moment, Thomas really gave up his status as the family master willingly. Before this, he even fantasized that he could substitute Kevithan after his screw-ups and restore his status as the family master! However, it was no longer needed now because the Lancer Family could only achieve unprecedented glory under Kevithan’s leadership!

Anyone else who became the family master would not have Kevithan's advantage! This was because Jetson only helped this time because of his personal relationship with Kevithan, not for the Lancer Family. Therefore, if they wanted to maintain a relationship with Jetson or even "Central", Kevithan must step in. The position as the family master belonged to Kevithan.

That night, Kevithan had made a high-profile statement, "The Butterfly Family and the Buffon Family are too much of a bully, but the Lancer Family is definitely not easily bullied! Don't think you are so powerful. In the eyes of the Lancer Family, you are actually nothing! You still want Goode's life? That's a big joke!

"Now I will give you a means of atonement. The daughter of Butterfly Family's Family Master Wang Songshan will still have to marry Goode. Wang Songshan will also personally organize a banquet in front of the celebrities of the European upper-class society and make amends to the Lancer Family. Then, I will spare him in this matter.

"Buffon Family, this is our enmity with the Butterfly Family. Why are you involved in it? Well, since you want to participate, you will also have to pay a price! As long as you restore the Lancer Family's qualifications as firearms sellers, increase the supply, and give fifty percent of the profits to us, we will not blame you; we will still be partners!"

Arrogance! This was simply lawless arrogance! The Lancer Family's tough stance caused all the big families in the upper-class society to have an inexplicable feeling. Is the Lancer Family crazy?

Is this still the good-for-nothing family that was without any aid a few days ago? How did they suddenly become so strong? They actually dare to oppose two big families at once, and one of them is even an assassin family known for their mystery and horror! The other family is the Buffon Family, the top family in upper-class society. How could they easily offend the Buffon Family? Do they want to launch a world war?

The Lancer Family's arrogance was even more unbridled. Previously, the former partners of the Lancer Family had drawn a clear line with them after the Lancer Family's incident. At this time, they were counted by the Lancer Family!

Teams of black-shirted men rushed out of the Lancer Family and rushed to the companies and shops of the "ungrateful" partners. Without saying a word, they started to beat and thrash them!

In fact, how were these families the Lancer Family's opponents? These black-shirted men were obviously the Lancer Family's hidden trump card. These private defenders that were secretly groomed through all these years were all extraordinary. Those who refused to cooperate with the Lancer Family cried and wept under pressure, but they had no other way!

The fist is the final word. They were previously under the coercion of the Buffon Family to cut their contact with the Lancer Family. They did not dare to help the Lancer Family when they asked for help, but they could not afford to offend the Lancer Family either!

The Lancer Family's madness made it unbearable for them. Now the Lancer Family is obviously demonstrating their power. Didn't you betray me? Then you will be punished fittingly!

Kevithan sat in the Lancer Family's conference room with great spirits, commanding the secret power of the family, and issuing a series of orders. He felt like a general on the battlefield, and it was very fulfilling!

This family's secret power had not been used at all since it was trained, as it was intended to only be used when the family encountered a major crisis. This was the family's only hidden trump card, their strongest hidden power. If it wasn't necessary, the Lancer Family would never reveal this power!

This was a force that Thomas, his uncles, and his father had not used. However, there was no longer any need to hide it because the Lancer Family had a strong backer now. This private defense team was not worth mentioning in front of the powerful Jetson, so Kevithan could send this secret force out. Also, there were no objections within the family. They all knew Jetson's power. So, why would they care about these trivial matters?

Kevithan felt very proud at the thought of being the first family master to use the secret force. Hmph, this is just a little lesson for those of you who turned your back on us, so that you can be more alert and recognize who you really can't afford to offend!

The sudden strength of the Lancer Family made everyone more and more puzzled. Not only were they strong, but they also taught these previously timid partners a lesson. Did the Lancer Family become crazy? Or do they know that they are not far from the end, so they decided to fight back?

Therefore, many people were watching the situation develop. They did not help and boost the Lancer Family's morale, nor did they help the Buffon Family and Butterfly Family to beat up the Lancer Family. They maintained a neutral attitude. However, most people were already certain that this Lancer Family was just having their last rampage. They would still be finished after this rampage.

But even if it was the last rampage, these people dared not provoke the Lancer Family. Would you stoop down to a crazy dog's level? This guy is clearly attacking whoever he sees. Who would want to stand out when the Lancer Family is being crazy at the moment?

However, there were also some people that began to intentionally or unintentionally side with the Lancer Family. Even if they had not publicly sided with the Lancer Family, they had begun to secretly give support! They thought that the Lancer Family was not stupid. It was possible to think that the previous Family Master Thomas had been blindly resisting until the end, but the newly appointed Family Master Kevithan had not been in office for a few days. He went against the Buffon Family and Butterfly Family, wasn't this strange?

Since the Lancer Family dared to do this, they must have some backing. Maybe they had found a stronger backer, just like how the Butterfly Family had relied on the Buffon Family! Otherwise, the Lancer Family would not perform such actions unless the entire family had lost their minds!

However, whether they believed it or not, almost everyone knew that something big was about to happen! Because no matter whether the Lancer Family had found a strong backer or not, a crisis would eventually strike this peaceful upper-class society!

This crisis couldn't be stopped. All the big families involved were above the local laws. Even the local small country where they were located had been established with their support. So, those few small countries might also participate if there really was a battle, and it would become chaotic warfare.

Naturally, The Butterfly Family had also received this news. Hearing the arrogant words from the Lancer Family, Wang Songshan was so angry that he slammed the coffee table, but this slam was much less powerful than Jetson's. The coffee table didn't smash, it just shook slightly.

"Has the Lancer Family lost their mind?" Wang Songshan said resentfully. He waved his hand after looking at the messenger in front of him, "You can go first."

"Yes, Family Master." How could the Butterfly Family's disciples dare to provoke Wang Songshan at this moment? He quickly retreated after passing on the message.

Chapter 1409: Wait and See/ Infiltrating the Lancer Family at Night

"Is there any response from the Butterfly Family?" Kevithan sat in the family master seat in the conference room and asked a disciple in charge of intelligence. This conference room had become the family's temporary headquarters; any orders that Kevithan gave were issued from here!

Slade, Thomas, Lecroft, and Jetson were also sitting in this conference room. The first three were sitting on the elder's seat, and Jetson was sitting side by side with Kevithan to highlight his importance.

"Reporting to the Family Master, the Butterfly Family has not had any special response. They still continue in their own way and have not made any response," reported the disciple.

"Oh?" Kevithan frowned slightly after listening. How could the Butterfly Family be this quiet? Didn't they hear my declaration? "Did they receive the news from us?"

"They should have received it. People in our intelligence department have deliberately spread the news in Ello Town. Unless the Butterfly Family's Intelligence Department is deaf or just for show, it is impossible for them to not receive any news," replied the disciple.

"That's right, they have no reason not to know. Could they be pretending to be stupid? Or do they not believe that we have this strength?" asked Kevithan coldly.

"This... I'm naturally unclear. Family Master has to make the decision!" How could the disciples dare to guess presumptuously? The current family master was the most powerful in the history of the Lancer Family.

"What about the Buffon Family? What's their reaction?" Kevithan snorted as he was a bit unhappy in his heart. He had already shown that he was so strong, but the other party acted as if nothing had happened. How could Kevithan not be angered?

"Replying to Family Master, there is also no movement in the Buffon Family." The disciple said carefully, "However, it is said that Buffon Family's patriarch is not at home, so..."

"Okay, I don't think they believe in my abilities. En, maybe they don't believe in Cousin Jetson's abilities. Should we teach them some lessons?" Kevithan said as he looked at Jetson. This was the only backbone of the Lancer Family. They would be alright as long as Jetson nodded and agreed to destroy the Butterfly Family and Buffon Family. Otherwise, no matter what he said, it would be useless if Jetson didn't support them.

"Kevithan, don't worry," Jetson said faintly, "There are rules at our Central; we can't just simply break the rules of the common world. I've already made an exception to come out to help you this time.

However, there must be preconditions. The condition is that there must be a situation in which someone is really trying to harm you. I cannot take the initiative to find trouble with someone else!"

Of course, there was one point that Jetson did not say, nor was it necessary to tell Kevithan and the others. It was simply impossible to tell these people about Dr. Benjamin's ambitions. It might cause some unnecessary troubles if their power was exposed too early.

However, if the Butterfly Family or the Buffon Family came to provoke them, he would kill them in one fell swoop, so that no one would be able to say anything. Otherwise, everyone would try to protect themselves and collectively resist the "Central" which wouldn't be a good thing. Although "Central" might not be afraid of these so-called big families, they could not simply ignore their influence.

Kevithan couldn't say anything after seeing Jetson's indifference. After all, his family's only hope was Jetson. If Jetson didn't take the initiative, then others couldn't force him either. With his strength, who dared to force him?

"I don't think the Butterfly Family will let it be," After Thomas saw Jetson's terrifying strength, he quickly adopted the proper mindset and adapted to his identity as the elder, "We were too weak before, which is the main reason why the Butterfly Family despised us and is unmoved! In their opinion, we might be a spent force who is just trying to have a last rampage. They could never think that we have a powerful support in Mr. Jetson. So I support Mr. Jetson's wish. Once the Butterfly Family sees that we're done messing around, and that we do not wish to honor the commitment of surrendering Goode to calm their anger, they will definitely attack us!"

"En, Second Brother Thomas speaks sense," Lecroft had now completely given up the fight for the family master status. It was beyond his ability to compete with Kevithan, who had such a powerful backer as Jetson. So there was no competitive relationship between him and Thomas anymore. Their attitudes had also changed from originally doing things their way to prioritizing family interests together. "However, Second Brother, are you really sure that the Butterfly Family will take the initiative to trouble us?"

Lecroft's words were not aimed at Thomas, but he was afraid that the Butterfly Family would give in in the future. If this happened, the chance to teach the Butterfly Family a lesson would be lost! If Jetson could attack, the Butterfly Family would not dare to provoke the Lancer Family in the future. The Buffon Family would also not act against them. Knowing that there was a powerful backer behind the Lancer Family, they would not dare to cause trouble to the Lancer Family. In this way, the Lancer Family's status in the upper-class society could reach a new level.

"Hehe, I don't think the Butterfly Family will let it be." Thomas smiled and said with certainty, "Previously, the Butterfly Family made a solemn vow when they said those words. If they don't fulfill their promises, they will definitely become a big joke. This will not happen unless the Butterfly Family wants to lose their reputation. Otherwise, they will not have the face to show up in the upper-class society and will be regarded as a laughing stock. Therefore, I think the Butterfly Family will definitely come to cause trouble."

"En, what Uncle Thomas said makes sense. Then, we'll wait and see!" agreed Kevithan. In fact, he was not quite sure whether the Butterfly Family would look to trouble them, but the key issue at present was that Jetson did not want to take the initiative. There was really no other way than to wait and see.



Since Thomas was being so reasonable, Kevithan would step aside with his excuse. Otherwise, his face as the family master would be lost.

"I think the Butterfly Family's target is likely to be Goode, so I suggest that Mr. Jetson rest next to Goode's room, so as not to..." Naturally, Thomas was the most worried about the safety of his grandson. Previously, he was able to give his status away to Kevithan because of his grandson. Therefore, he said these words so that Jetson would protect his grandson, Goode.

"Second Uncle, Cousin Jetson is our family's honorary guest. It's unjustifiable to let him protect a kid like Goode, right?" Kevithan frowned slightly after hearing Thomas' words. He had finally understood the reason behind Thomas's previous words. It turned out that Thomas wanted Jetson to be Goode's bodyguard. It was very strategic!

"It's alright. I'll stay in Goode's room!" Jetson waved his hand slightly, saying, "Since I'm here to protect the Lancer Family, then naturally I won't let any member of the family be injured. Since Goode is the opponent's first choice, I naturally want to focus on protecting him."

There was one more thing Jetson didn't say. If the other party really killed Goode under his watch, how would he have any face? Would Central have any face?

"Mr. Jetson, thank you so much!" Previously, Thomas didn't have high hopes. What was Jetson's identity? How could he be a bodyguard for a good-for-nothing kid? Therefore, Thomas simply suggested it just to try his luck. He did not expect that Jetson would agree immediately, which made him overjoyed! His speech became choked and excited.

Thomas thought, Jetson is indeed a noble person. He doesn't bicker so much. He is such a good guy!

Once Kevithan saw Cousin Jetson agree, he naturally would not say anything to oppose him. He took advantage of the situation and said, "Then, I have troubled Cousin Jetson. This nephew is really blessed. It seems that no one can hurt him even slightly this time around."

Jetson smiled very proudly in response to Kevithan and Thomas's praise and gratitude.

Alas, Thomas was right! The people of Butterfly Family came in the evening. Moreover, it was an important character!

#### Chapter 1410: An Expert Keeping Watch/ Life-saving Strike

Wang Songshan did not hesitate to kill the disciple after asking what he wanted. Although he knew that this disciple was mostly innocent, who made him reveal information to the wrong person and follow the Lancer family?

Sometimes, in many matters, it was not clear who was right and who was wrong. It was just like enemies on the battlefield. Many people knew that the other party was innocent, but they had to be enemies.

Wang Songshan was afraid that this disciple would leak news about him later on, so it was necessary to kill him. Of course, although Wang Songshan felt that this disciple didn't seem to be lying, he still couldn't believe it easily. Not long after, he found another member of the Lancer Family.

Wang Songshan repeated the same question to this subordinate. He was completely relieved on seeing that this subordinate responded exactly the same as the disciple from before. However, the subordinate

must not be left alive. The dagger in Wang Songshan's hand shook, and the subordinate fell silently to the ground.

Wang Songshan temporarily hid the corpse, then walked silently towards the room where Goode stayed.

These two Lancer family members, who were out of luck, had died in a wronged manner. What they said was true and they said so as per the family master's command. So they wouldn't make noise even if Wang Songshan left them alive. However, how could Wang Songshan know this?

Just as Jetson's imagination was running wild, he heard a tiny rustle sound from the window. The sound was very soft, but it couldn't escape his extremely keen hearing.

Somebody came! Jetson's closed eyes suddenly opened, then closed again instantly. Originally he had wanted to get up and check, but he had immediately given up because he had noticed that the intruder's goal was his room!

Then Jetson didn't need to rush out. He just needed to wait here.

Wang Songshan had also been a very good assassin in his early years. His dodging and hiding ability was not worse than Fang Tian. He quickly escaped the patrolling security in the Lancer Family courtyard, then took out an iron-clawed rope from his backpack and threw it towards the roof. He heard a "click" sound as the rope stuck to the eaves.

Wang Songshan pulled the rope tightly. After seeing that the iron claw was wedged securely, he climbed up the rockface with the rope. Then, he arrived at the window of Goode's room in an instant.

Wang Songshan carefully broke the hinge lock on the window and entered the room. However, just as he stepped in through the window, he felt that something was wrong!

In the room, there was another person besides Goode! Wang Songshan had not seen this person before and didn't know why this person was currently in Goode's room.

Wang Songshan frowned. He faintly felt that something was wrong in his heart and wanted to exit the room immediately, but he was unwilling because it wasn't easy to sneak into the inner wall of the Lancer Family and successfully enter Goode's room. If he didn't kill Goode, then this trip would be a big failure!

In addition, Wang Songshan had taken a closer look and observed that the two people in the room should be in a state of deep sleep. He knew a person's physical characteristics very well as an assassin, so whether they were asleep or not could be distinguished at a glance. Wang Songshan was very certain that these two men would not wake up for the time being.

Wang Songshan hesitated. Since I'm here and both of them are asleep, it is not too late to kill Goode then leave. Besides, Wang Songshan was a hundred percent sure that he could kill Goode while he was sleeping.

Thinking of this, Wang Songshan made up his mind, jumped down from the window and stood in the center of the room. However, in the next moment, Wang Songshan's nerves tensed up altogether!

This was because he had seen an incredible scene! Originally, the unfamiliar person who should be asleep in bed had opened his eyes without warning, sat up from the bed instantly, and was staring coldly at Wang Songshan.

“You actually came?” Jetson said blankly, speaking in English. He believed that Wang Songshan most likely understood English too.

“Who are you? How do you know that I will come? Do you know me?” Wang Songshan was startled, then he faintly realized that he seemed to have fallen into a trap that he had personally walked into.

Wang Songshan also seemed to have come round to this idea after thinking of how surprisingly cooperative the two disciples of the Lancer Family were. These disciples were likely informed to answer truthfully if anyone inquired about Goode’s room.

Thinking of this, Wang Songshan could not help but laugh at himself. I thought that my mission is flawless, but apparently, I fell into a trap! It seems that I really haven’t come out for too long! Since becoming the family master of the Butterfly Family, Wang Songshan had never participated in any mission. His original powerful existence in the assassin world had become that of a somewhat shaky beginner!

I believe that if I was at my peak, I would definitely not make such a mistake. However, now I am a little too confident and arrogant. I believe that everything is in my hands and I do not put others in my eyes. And this is the result.

It seems that I am really old! I didn’t take Yang Ming’s repeated instructions seriously before. Now, I guess that this person in front of is the master that was mentioned by the two disciples of the Lancer Family.

I just don’t know whether this person is a real master or a fake master. But judging from his sleep pretense and his reaction speed, this person is by no means simple. Wang Songshan dared not neglect in the slightest.

“You don’t need to know who I am.” Jetson said coldly, “As for why you came, of course I guessed it. I also don’t know who you are, but it seems that you came from the Butterfly Family, right?”

“Good guess.” Wang Songshan nodded his head without denying it. He stared at Jetson with a trace of light in his eyes. This man looks really inscrutable, but I have no impression whatsoever about such a Master. Who is this person? “Who are you? You can’t be an unknown person, right? May I ask, what is the relationship between you and the Lancer Family? It is best not to be involved in this messy matter!”

“Hmph! Messy matter? I don’t care about this. It’s not up to you to decide.” Jetson didn’t put Wang Songshan in his eyes at all, “As for who I am, you wouldn’t even know if I tell you. I can tell you that I am the cousin of the Lancer Family’s current family master, Kevithan!”

Wang Songshan was startled in his heart! This man doesn’t seem to be a helper that the Lancer family has spent heavily on. It is unlikely that he will ignore this. It turns out that there is such a master as the backer behind the Lancer family.

“That being the case. You should stay here. I’ll leave!” Wang Songshan had already slipped up before, so he did not dare to be reckless now. Who knew the depth of this mysterious person’s skills? If Wang Songshan acted rashly, what could he do if he wasn’t the mysterious person’s opponent?

Thinking of this, Wang Songshan had the intention to retreat. He wanted to leave here and make plans once he reached home. At least he must first investigate the identity of the person in front of him.

“You want to leave? I’m afraid it isn’t that easy.” Jetson looked at Wang Songshan with a mocking look, “Since you know I’m here, you think you can just leave as you please?”

“So what?” Wang Songshan was complaining in his heart. This man is really taking advantage of me. I have some fear toward him, but that doesn’t mean that I am really afraid of him! It’s just that I’m not confident and I don’t want to rush into it. This guy really thinks of himself as someone powerful.

“Since you are here, stay here!” Jetson said plainly as if he was talking about something very common.

“Hmph, I come as I please and I can go as I please, do I have to ask you for instructions?” Wang Songshan was strategizing on how to create a chance to leave this place.

Anything could happen at any time between them; it was definitely impossible for Wang Songshan to turn and leave, but it was also impossible for him to walk backward and jump out the window! This was the second floor! It’ll probably be okay if he jumped forward. However, if he jumped backward, he would likely end up dead.

Therefore, Wang Songshan didn’t really have a good idea at the moment. He had to spend time and pointlessly argue with Jetson, but he was secretly extremely anxious.

At this time, the conversation between the two had already awakened Goode. Goode stared in shock at the sudden addition of a person in his room, and immediately woke up. When he saw the face of the person who had come in, he exclaimed, “Wang Songshan! Why are you here? Uncle Jetson, he is the Butterfly Family’s family master. Catch him!”