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Chapter 521: Beauty Company is in Trouble

As a member of the "Dragon Guard," the Dragon Maiden certainly knew the notorious "Wrathful Beauties," the assassin group that gave headaches to countries around the world. Its notoriety spread far and wide with members all over the globe, infiltrating everywhere, making it impossible to guard against.

Many of the vicious incidents that had occurred in Huaxia over the years involved the "Wrathful Beauties." Therefore, they had been blacklisted by the Huaxia "Dragon Guard," who were determined to eliminate them.

What the Dragon Maiden hadn't expected was that Fang Bai would become a target for assassination by the "Wrathful Beauties," and from the tone of Fang Bai's voice, it seemed that the "Wrathful Beauties" had already lost quite a few assassins trying to kill him.

If what Fang Bai said was true, then "Wrathful Beauties" would certainly see him as a thorn in their side, constantly pursuing him relentlessly unless Fang Bai could completely erase "Wrathful Beauties" from this world.

"'Wrathful Beauties' is an assassin organization; they are after you because they must have been offered a commission by someone. But... who would hate you so much that they're willing to pay a high fee to hire 'Wrathful Beauties' killers to take you down?"

The Dragon Maiden asked, deep in thought.

"In this world, there's more than one or two people who want me dead. However..."

Fang Bai's gaze was sharp, his eyes gleaming with intensity, and his handsome face was as cold as frost as he said coldly, "Whoever it is had better hope I don't find out. Otherwise, I'll make sure they pay a price a hundred times over!"

The Dragon Maiden shivered at the sight of Fang Bai's icy expression and the chilling sound of his voice, silently mourning the person who wanted to kill him.

How powerful was Fang Bai? Even her most admired grandfather admitted to being less skilled than him by a margin. Who in this world could withstand his thunderous wrath?

What about the "Wrathful Beauties"? Provoking Fang Bai was inviting his fierce retaliation!

The Dragon Maiden knew someone like Fang Bai had no reason to lie; if he said the explosion was the work of a "Wrathful Beauties" assassin, then it was undoubtedly true.

"I'll return to Yanjing at once and ask Grandfather to mobilize the power of the 'Dragon Guard' to locate the headquarters of the 'Wrathful Beauties.' As soon as there's news, I will notify you immediately. Together, we'll eradicate this notorious assassin organization!"

The Dragon Maiden spoke solemnly and seriously to Fang Bai.

After seeing off the Dragon Maiden, Fang Bai took another loop around Zhongzhou City, hoping to find some traces of the "Wrathful Beauties" assassins, but returned disappointed.

After the sixth day of the new year, all the medical staff recruited by Fang's Traditional Chinese Medicine Clinic returned to work. With their help, Fang Gang, Yang Mei, and Ghost Hand had some relief.

Ghost Hand took three days off to take the three Heaven Level Martial Artist relics he had retrieved from Misty Rain Tower and two other sects to Myriad Medicine Valley. There, he either burned or buried the relics as a tribute to the spirits of the disciples who had perished in Myriad Medicine Valley.

On the morning of the tenth day of the first lunar month, Fang Bai suddenly received a phone call from Xia Chenyu.

"Fang Bai, something has come up. Can you come to my office? I can't leave here right now..."

The voice of Xia Chenyu on the phone sounded anxious, and the noisy sounds of people around her indicated that many were present. It was unclear what had happened,

"Okay! I'll be there right away!"

After hanging up the phone, Fang Bai dashed out of the house and drove as quickly as possible towards the headquarters of Beauty Company.

Fang Bai, being a member of the "Dragon Guard," possessed special credentials from the "Dragon Guard," so he wasn't afraid to break any traffic rules. He frequently changed lanes aggressively and ran countless red lights along the way.

He sped along desperately, covering what was normally a thirty-minute journey in just fifteen minutes.

Arriving in front of the headquarters building of the Beauty Company, Fang Bai got out of the car and immediately furrowed his brows at the scene before him.

In front of the Beauty Company headquarters, for some unknown reason, hundreds of people had gathered. Many held banners with alarming slogans such as "Unscrupulous Enterprise," "Immoral Company," "Restore My Beauty," and "Compensate My Loss."

Some people raised their voices, shouting hoarsely and cursing non-stop, their words tough on the ears.

In addition, numerous media reporters surrounded the crowd, interviewing some of the gatherers and providing live coverage.

On the Beauty Company's side, a dozen strong security guards formed a line, blocking the entrance to the building, vigilantly watching the gatherers opposite them, to prevent them from forcing their way in.

These security guards were recommended to Xia Chenyu by Su Yifei. Most were ex-special forces, each skilled and disciplined. In terms of loyalty, they were beyond reproach and would not abandon their post at the first sign of trouble.

Behind these guards stood some of Beauty Company's senior employees.

At this moment, Beauty Company's CEO Xia Chenyu was surrounded in the middle by these employees, her eyebrows slightly furrowed, her expression grave.

After Fang Bai arrived outside the gates of Beauty Company, although the entrance was blocked by a dense crowd and Xia Chenyu could not see him, intuitively, she immediately brightened up and squeezed out from among her employees, quickly walking toward the gate.

"President Xia, it's chaotic outside, you can't go out!"

Xia Chenyu's personal secretary Zhao Xiaomeng was startled and hurriedly followed to persuade her.

"President Xia, the mood of those people outside is very unstable, you could be in danger if you go out! Let's wait for the police to arrive!"

Beauty Company's sales manager Wu Xiuyun also advised.

Zhao Xiaomeng and Wu Xiuyun were veterans of the Beauty Company. When the company was on the brink of bankruptcy, they had always followed Xia Chenyu and never left, earning her deep trust.

The two of them did not know that Xia Chenyu was a martial artist. Although there were many people gathered outside, if Xia Chenyu wanted to leave, none of them could hurt her.

"Fang Bai is here! I'm going out to meet him!"

Xia Chenyu smiled at Zhao Xiaomeng and Wu Xiuyun.

Her heart had been somewhat troubled and anxious because of what happened today, but after sensing Fang Bai's presence, she immediately felt settled.

"Mr. Fang is here? That's wonderful!"

Zhao Xiaomeng and Wu Xiuyun cheered, their faces lighting up with joy.

As Xia Chenyu's confidantes, Zhao Xiaomeng and Wu Xiuyun both knew that the reason Beauty Company could miraculously rise from a small company on the verge of bankruptcy to one of the top three in sales in the industry in less than a year was all thanks to Fang Bai's help.

They also knew that Fang Bai was one of the major shareholders of the company, and they were clearly aware that even though Xia Chenyu was the owner of Beauty Company, if someday Fang Bai decided to take control of Beauty Company, Xia Chenyu would certainly hand over the company without hesitation.

Therefore, both Zhao Xiaomeng and Wu Xiuyun regarded Fang Bai as the true boss in every sense. Like Xia Chenyu, they had an almost blind reverence for Fang Bai, believing him to be an omnipotent figure.

Although today's incident was rather serious and could potentially cast a shadow on the future development of Beauty Company, Xia Chenyu, Zhao Xiaomeng, and Wu Xiuyun all believed that as soon as Fang Bai arrived, everything would calm down.

Chapter 522: Conspiracy

"I recognize that woman, she's the president of Beauty Company, Xia Chenyu! Everyone, stop her!"

"Yes! Let's demand an explanation from her!"

"Don't let her get away!"

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When Xia Chenyu passed through the company's security and stepped outside the gate, the crowd across the street became agitated. Several men and women came at her clawing and snarling like demons and evil spirits.

"Out of my way!"

As soon as Xia Chenyu sensed Fang Bai's arrival, her mood had just brightened a bit, but she was blocked by a few men and women. Her elegant eyebrows lifted and a cold gleam flashed in her beautiful eyes as she released her martial artist aura.

Even though Xia Chenyu was busy with company affairs and had little time for cultivation, her innate talent was extraordinary. Furthermore, after the year had passed, Fang Bai had also given her plenty of Essence Stones and other cultivation resources. Her cultivation level had already reached the high rank of Yellow Level.

As her aura radiated outward, an invisible pressure surged forth. The men and women in front of her were just ordinary people, how could they withstand it? Their faces turned pale, they sweated profusely, and involuntarily retreated several steps, falling onto the ground with a thump.

Xia Chenyu glanced at them disdainfully and strode toward Fang Bai, who was smiling and approaching her.

"Chenyu! I've finally seen you!"

Just then, a loud voice suddenly rang out from behind the gathered crowd. Accompanying the voice, a man in a suit with a big belly came hurrying over with a large bouquet of roses, standing in front of Xia Chenyu with a look of surprise on his face.

The man in the suit appeared to be in his mid-thirties, plump and fair with a ruddy complexion. He wore gold-rimmed glasses on his nose, clearly a typical successful man.

"President Li, you..."

"Chenyu, these are for you!"

When Xia Chenyu saw the man in the suit, her brow furrowed, and her eyes revealed a look of disgust. However, before she could finish her sentence, President Li forcibly stuffed the roses into her hands.

"President Li..."

Xia Chenyu was about to return the roses to President Li, but he quickly stepped back and distanced himself from her. Then, gazing at her tenderly, he said softly, "Chenyu, since the moment I saw you at the last banquet, I was astounded by your beauty. At that moment, I knew the soulmate I had been waiting for forty years had finally appeared..."

As he spoke, he suddenly stepped forward, reaching out his hands to hold Xia Chenyu's shoulders and continue his confession. However, Xia Chenyu stepped back, causing his hands to grasp at empty air.

"Ahem..."

The embarrassment on President Li's face flashed by, and he withdrew his hands, smiling as he continued, "Do you know, Chenyu, regardless of how wild the wind or how heavy the snow, I drive to your company's building every day and stay for a while. Even just gazing at your office from afar, I feel satisfied... For you, I have no desire to work; for you, I can't sleep at night; for you, I..."

President Li had put in a lot of effort to pursue Xia Chenyu, having memorized these nauseatingly sweet words over and over again until he knew them by heart. At this moment, he rattled them off in one breath without so much as a pause.

"President Li, I remember you already have a wife, right? Aren't you afraid your wife might hear you saying these things?"

As Xia Chenyu spoke, she glanced at Fang Bai, seeing him standing there with his arms crossed, smiling as he watched the scene unfold, looking like an amused spectator, which made her smile involuntarily.

That smile, filled with charm and allure, made many men at the scene, including President Li, breathe faster and feel their blood pressure rise.

President Li forcibly suppressed the thoughts that emerged in his mind of dominating this woman beneath him, cleared his throat, and sighed, "Let's not talk about that woman... She's harsh and has a fiery temper; we had nothing in common. We completed our divorce procedures last month. I'm single now."

Xia Chenyu also sighed, saying, "Actually, I have a bad temper too..."

President Li said, "No, no, no, the moment I saw you, Chenyu, I knew you must be a gentle and virtuous woman, a thousand times, no, ten thousand times better than my ex-wife! If we could be together, I think we would be very happy... Chenyu, marry me!"

The smile disappeared from Xia Chenyu's face, and her gaze turned cold as she said indifferently, "President Li, please leave, and don't force me to lose my temper! When I do, even I am afraid of myself!"

As President Li met Xia Chenyu's icy gaze, he couldn't help but shiver. However, when he turned his head and saw the two bodyguards he had brought standing behind him, he felt emboldened again and said with a smile, "Chenyu, I know you're a proud and confident woman, and it might be hard for you to accept my affection right away. But please give me a chance, we can get to know each other gradually over time..."

As he spoke, he looked at the hundreds of people gathered in front of the "Beauty Company" and said with a pat on his chest, "As long as you agree to my proposal, I can help you drive these people away!"

Xia Chenyu said, "These people are furious, each of them looking as if they want to tear down my company. Do you think you can drive them away?"

President Li confidently said, "As long as we appeal to their emotions and reason with them, I believe we can persuade them to leave."

"President Li didn't even ask why these people are blocking my company's entrance, and yet you're confident you can persuade them to leave?"

Xia Chenyu looked at President Li with a smile that wasn't quite a smile, her eyes carrying a hint of evil Qi.

From the start of today's incident, Xia Chenyu sensed a conspiracy at play; she knew it was not as simple as it seemed. The man before her, President Li, was the Vice President of Donghai's "Heavenly

Daughter" Group, and was rumored to have a good relationship with Shen Huanian from the Anxi Shen Family. Xia Chenyu had always been very cautious of him.

And "Heavenly Daughter" Group, being the largest family-owned enterprise in Donghai, ranked second in Huaxia's beauty industry. Their annual sales were slightly higher than that of "Beauty Company". Xia Chenyu had already devised a plan for her company to surpass "Heavenly Daughter" Group next year and take the second spot in Huaxia's beauty industry.

Given "Beauty Company's" current growth rate, Xia Chenyu was confident that in two years' time, she could also topple the Anxi Shen Family's "Belle Group" and become the undisputed leader of Huaxia's beauty industry.

But the market is like a battlefield. As the current top two of Huaxia's beauty industry, how could "Belle Group" and "Heavenly Daughter" Group sit idly by and let "Beauty Company" grow and snatch their market share?

Therefore, Xia Chenyu suspected that today's incident was not the work of the Anxi Shen Family; it was the Li Family from Donghai, or even a joint conspiracy by both families.

However, the suddenness of the event caught Xia Chenyu off guard, prompting her to immediately notify Fang Bai to come up with a solution together.

Xia Chenyu knew that if "Beauty Company" did not respond to the incident promptly and effectively, allowing the situation to escalate, it would deal a heavy blow to the company's reputation. The momentum of rapid development may come to an abrupt halt, or even rapidly decline.

Chapter 523: I Just Like You, Handsome Man!

President Li, who was pursuing Xia Chenyu, was the second son of Li Chongshan, the Family Head of Li Family in Donghai. His name was Li Dongyang.

Li Dongyang currently held the position of Vice President of "Heavenly Daughter" Group, while his elder brother, Li Donghai, steered the company.

The two brothers jointly controlled this major company, which was second in annual sales in the Huaxia beauty industry.

Not long ago, at a reception held by the Huaxia beauty industry, Li Dongyang met Xia Chenyu. He was mesmerized by her peerless grace and later, upon learning that Xia Chenyu was still single, he was ecstatic and began to pursue her.

Starting with a business dinner under the pretense of talking shop, Li Dongyang invited Xia Chenyu to eat. After meeting him once, Xia Chenyu recognized this guy's improper intentions toward her, and from then on, she never paid him any attention again. Unexpectedly, he would show up at a time like this.

Considering Li Dongyang's background and the rather peculiar circumstances of this incident, Xia Chenyu couldn't help but be a bit suspicious of him, her gaze towards him now laced with some Killing Qi.

Li Dongyang felt uneasy under Xia Chenyu's penetrating gaze, gave a few dry laughs, and said, "Chenyu, I just heard some about the ins and outs of this matter. Actually, it's not difficult to solve..."

"Oh? I wonder what President Li's esteemed advice is..."

Xia Chenyu narrowed her eyes at Li Dongyang.

Li Dongyang said earnestly, "I suggest you immediately hold a press conference, admit the problems with your own products, propose a tangible and feasible rectification plan, and offer compensation to the victims. This way, you might be able to keep the impact of the situation to a minimum."

Xia Chenyu chuckled and said, "Our products have no problems, why should we admit to any?"

Li Dongyang sighed and said, "Chenyu, the incident has already occurred, and blindly covering up the truth and resisting senselessly won't do any good. It will only lead to even worse consequences. You must think this through! Your 'Beauty Company' has just risen, and its development momentum is strong. If this is not handled well, it may end in utter failure, and you'll regret it too late..."

"Wouldn't that be exactly what some people wish for?"

Xia Chenyu sneered, "Some people just can't stand to see me do well, wanting to punish me to death... Haha, but I, Xia Chenyu, won't be so easily defeated!"

"Chenyu, you..."

Li Dongyang was about to say something more when suddenly his left shoulder was lightly tapped. He turned around to see a young man around twenty standing behind him with a smile.

"What are you doing?"

Li Dongyang glanced at the young man, certain he didn't recognize him.

"If you want to pursue President Xia, go home and take a good look in the mirror, look at your own face first!"

The young man said to Li Dongyang with a chuckle.

"What do you mean?"

Li Dongyang frowned and said somewhat angrily.

"You are both fat and ugly, President Xia won't fancy you! When you become as handsome as me, maybe then you'll have a chance to win President Xia's favor... I'm right, aren't I, President Xia?"

The young man said, turning his gaze to Xia Chenyu with an even brighter smile.

"Hmm. I do like a handsome man like you!"

Xia Chenyu hurried over in a couple of steps and threw herself into the arms of the young man like a swallow returning to the forest, tightly wrapping her arms around his waist and pressing her cheek against his chest, her eyes slightly closed, a look of utter intoxication on her face.

"Chenyu, am I not too late?"

At Xia Chenyu's affectionate act in full view of everyone, the young man was initially taken aback, then smiled, lightly patting her back and softly asked.

"Fang Bai, there's been a little incident. I'm feeling a bit panicky and didn't know how to resolve it, so I called you..."

"Don't worry, no matter what happens, as long as I am here, everything will be fine!"

"Yeah. My heart settled down the moment you arrived."

The young man was indeed Fang Bai. He had rushed to Beauty Company immediately after receiving Xia Chenyu's call and then witnessed the scene unfolding before him.

Fang Bai knew that Xia Chenyu's insistence on his coming must mean something very serious had occurred. Otherwise, given her character, she would not have bothered him.

Xia Chenyu always projected an image of strength and capability, but at this moment, in front of Fang Bai, she seemed as delicate as water. Hearing Fang Bai's comforting voice, her eyes involuntarily reddened.

Li Dongyang stood by, dumbfounded, watching Fang Bai and Xia Chenyu embracing tightly, his face alternating between red and white.

In his opinion, a company president like Xia Chenyu should be extremely conscious of her own image. Yet, here she was, in full view, initiating an embrace with a man, seemingly unafraid of exposure—a clear sign of the man's importance to her.

But aside from being taller than himself and having better looks, this man wore plain clothes and lacked any aura of wealth. How could he compare to himself, the Vice President of the prestigious Heavenly Daughter Group?

Could Xia Chenyu, this woman, actually be throwing herself into his arms? Was she blind?

"Chenyu, who is this gentleman... Could you introduce us?"

Li Dongyang forced a smile and asked looking at Fang Bai.

Xia Chenyu stepped out of Fang Bai's embrace, but still held his hand, happily saying, "He is my man!"

Those five words struck Li Dongyang's chest like a series of heavy hammers, making his blood boil with a rising jealousy.

"Chenyu, you're joking, right?"

Li Dongyang chuckled dryly, his gaze towards Fang Bai now filled with hostility.

"Fang Bai, let's go inside!"

Xia Chenyu did not pay any more attention to Li Dongyang, holding Fang Bai's hand, they walked side by side into the entrance of Beauty Company.

"This despicable woman, always acting like an untouchable saintess, scorning every man, yet she has sneaked around finding a man... heh heh, I want to see how you'll get through this situation! The day will come when you kneel before me and beg!"

Li Dongyang watched the backs of Xia Chenyu and Fang Bai, his gaze dark and icy.

He turned and gestured to the two bodyguards who had accompanied him. Understanding the signal, the bodyguards slipped into the crowd and whispered something in the ears of several of the most boisterous men and women, who then became even more raucous in their clamors.

"Mr. Fang!"

Seeing President Xia and Fang Bai walking hand in hand, Zhao Xiaomeng and Wu Xiuyun exchanged glances, stepped forward and respectfully greeted him.

"Sister Zhao, Sister Wu, hello! I haven't seen you in days, and you've both become even more beautiful!"

Fang Bai greeted Zhao Xiaomeng and Wu Xiuyun with a smile, then joked with them.

Xia Chenyu chuckled and said, "Xiao Meng and Xiuyun both have boyfriends now. With the nourishment of love, of course they're getting prettier!"

"President Xia, you're the most beautiful one!"

"We're far behind you!"

Zhao Xiaomeng and Wu Xiuyun both complimented her with a smile in return.

Chapter 524: Crisis

The senior employees of Beauty Company standing not far away were all surprised to see President Xia and Fang Bai holding hands and standing shoulder to shoulder in such closeness, secretly guessing who that handsome young man could be, to have won President Xia's favor.

"What exactly happened?"

Fang Bai glanced at the emotionally charged crowd gathered outside the gate and casually asked.

"This matter is very strange..."

After organizing her thoughts, Xia Chenyu began, "In recent days, our company has received complaints from more than a dozen consumers claiming that after using our beauty products, they experienced skin allergies, poisoning, and other side effects..."

"Side effects?"

Fang Bai frowned.

Beauty Company's beauty products, all developed by Fang Bai, were suitable for all skin types and should not cause any side effects unless someone was making counterfeit products to create trouble.

Xia Chenyu said, "No one in our company believes those complaints. Because our products are always tested by our staff before being released to the market, and we've never had any problems. However..."

Xia Chenyu spoke with a heavy expression, "After receiving the complaints, we sent people to the homes of those consumers for an investigation, and it turned out that the beauty products they used were indeed from our company... That's strange!"

"Could it be counterfeit products?"

Fang Bai asked.

Xia Chenyu replied, "That's what I thought initially, but after a careful examination, we confirmed that those products are real!"

She paused, then continued, "Yesterday morning, I asked Xiuyun to contact several consumers who had allergic reactions, asking them to bring the problematic products they bought to the Huaxia Quality Inspection Department for testing with our staff. The test results should be out this afternoon. I believe there won't be any issues with our products!"

Fang Bai shook his head, "That's futile. If someone deliberately sabotaged our products, they would have planned it meticulously. They could manipulate any stage from production, transportation, sales, even to inspections, making it impossible to guard against. Even if this batch is cleared today, tomorrow another batch might have issues..."

Xia Chenyu's face changed slightly, she bit her silver teeth and said resentfully, "From the beginning, I suspected that someone with ulterior motives was scheming behind the scenes, wanting to tarnish Beauty Company's reputation!"

"Who do you think is most likely behind this?"

Spirit flickering in his eyes, Fang Bai was ready to use some unconventional methods for a counterstrike if what Xia Chenyu said was true.

"Apart from the Shen Family from Anxi and the Li Family from Donghai, I can't think of anyone else!"

Mentioning the Shen Family from Anxi, Xia Chenyu unwittingly clenched her fists, her tone turning icy.

"The Shen Family and the Li Family have always been in good relations. I think it's very likely they're colluding! That Li Dongyang who was here just now, he's the second son of Li Chongshan, the Family Head of the Li Family, and also the Vice President of their business, the Heavenly Daughter Group. His presence here today already felt odd to me!"

Xia Chenyu turned her head to look outside the gate, seeing Li Dongyang's sedan had not left yet, she said coldly, "Both the Shen and Li families' beauty companies have long dominated the first and second market share in Huaxia's beauty industry. But our Beauty Company has rapidly developed this past year, grabbing a lot of their market share. I think they must be desperate now..."

Fang Bai nodded, finding Xia Chenyu's words reasonable.

Xia Chenyu had had her share of grievances with the Shen Family from Anxi, and Fang Bai was well aware of it all. But as the saying goes, "Even a tiger wouldn't eat its offspring." If Shen Dongyang, the current Family Head of the Shen Family and Xia Chenyu's biological father, would go as far as to harm his own daughter, that would indeed be chilling.

However, upon reflection, in those Prominent Clans, family interests often come before kinship, which can be extremely shallow. It wasn't impossible for Shen Dongyang to do so.

As for the Li Family from Donghai, Fang Bai wasn't very familiar with them. However, competitors often become enemies. The rise of Beauty Company inevitably shook the Li Family's interests, so it was very possible that they might use unscrupulous means to suppress Beauty Company.

If Xia Chenyu was right about the good relationship between the Shen and Li families, it wouldn't be surprising for them to join forces against Beauty Company. By bringing down Beauty Company, they could redistribute the market share to their joy. Why wouldn't they?

"The key issue now is that our products causing consumers to have skin allergies and poisoning has hit the headlines of all major media today... True or not, this has already had a significant impact on our company. According to feedback from the market, many consumers are starting to return products, some stores are preparing to remove them from shelves, and our company staff are too upset to work..."

As she said this, Xia Chenyu sighed, a trace of distress appearing on her pretty face.

In the last half-year, with Fang Bai's help and her own efforts, Beauty Company had risen rapidly. It seemed they were about to fulfill her late mother's wish to surpass the Shen Family from Anxi. If this incident caused Beauty Company to collapse, she didn't know if she could bear the blow.

"What are all those people outside doing?"

Fang Bai gestured towards the crowd gathered outside the gate.

Xia Chenyu gave a bitter smile, "A few of them are consumers who had issues after using our products, and most are probably their relatives! They've been gathering outside since early morning, demanding an apology and compensation from us. Those media outlets are likely called by them too."

Standing to the side, Zhao Xiaomeng angrily said, "They're demanding ten million per person, such an outrageous sum! Hmph, I bet those people have been sent purposely by those with ulterior motives to cause trouble!"

Wu Xiuyun sighed, "Those people are shouting outside, and the media is reporting on it, making the situation worse. If we can't come up with a timely response, the impact will only grow!"

Both of them, as veterans of Beauty Company, had deep feelings for the company and naturally didn't wish to see it fail.

"Come on, let's go out and see for ourselves!"

Fang Bai's gaze swept over the few men and women who were shouting the loudest outside the gate and he smirked coldly.

The four of them passed through the human wall made up of about a dozen security guards and stood in front of the hundreds of rioters.

Concerned about the emotionally charged rioters rushing forward to scratch and scuffle, Zhao Xiaomeng and Wu Xiuyun instinctively stood behind Fang Bai and Xia Chenyu.

Neither Fang Bai nor Xia Chenyu were afraid; they stood side by side, their gazes slowly sweeping over the hundreds of people in front of them.

Seeing the four of them come out, the crowd fell silent for a moment before becoming agitated once again. A few women with red spots or acne on their faces stood in front of Xia Chenyu, pointing at her and demanding, "You're the owner of this company, aren't you?"

"I am."

Xia Chenyu answered calmly.

Chapter 525: I Knew You Would Have a Way!

"That's better!"

Standing in front of Xia Chenyu, a woman in her thirties pointed at her own face with one hand and grabbed Xia Chenyu's clothes with the other, shouting loudly, "Just look at my face... It turned like this because I used your company's products! I demand an apology and compensation from you! If you don't agree, I'll keep causing a commotion!"

"Apologize!"

"Compensate!"

"If you don't meet our demands, don't even think about leaving!"

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Several other women also stepped forward, surrounding Xia Chenyu and the others, starting to vent their anger with accusatory shouts.

Seeing this, reporters from various media outlets became excited, aiming their cameras at Xia Chenyu and the others, while one reporter loudly asked a variety of sharp questions, waiting for Xia Chenyu's response.

"Sister, let's talk this out gently, no need to be so agitated!"

Fang Bai reached out and gently patted the arm of the woman who was clutching Xia Chenyu's clothes without letting go. The woman let out an "Aiyo" as if struck by electricity, released her hands, staggered back, and sat down on the ground with a thud.

"They're hitting people! Everyone, look! This company won't apologise or compensate, and they resort to violence under the broad daylight! Is there no justice left? Is there no law? Aiyo, I think I've broken a bone..."

The woman sat down on the ground, and after a moment of confusion, she suddenly raised her voice and began to make a scene.

"Did I hit her?"

Fang Bai shrugged towards those looking his way, wearing a face of innocence.

"You dare to hit my woman? Are you asking for death?"

At this moment, a burly man with a fierce look and crossed face muscles squeezed out from the crowd, stood in front of Fang Bai, and started yelling at him.

This man was one meter eighty-five tall, towering over Fang Bai. Looking down at Fang Bai with eyes that glared like brass bells and radiating an aura of Killing Qi, it seemed he was ready to throw a punch if the words weren't right.

Zhao Xiaomeng and Wu Xiuyun, standing behind Xia Chenyu, turned pale. In their eyes, if that burly man really hit Fang Bai, Fang Bai was sure to be badly beaten.

"I really detest people with foul mouths!"

Fang Bai muttered to himself, his left hand hanging down, slightly moved, and a flash of silver shot out from between his fingers, passing through the thick winter jacket of the burly man and deep into his muscles.

The moment before, the burly man was preparing to square off and glaring at Fang Bai, but the next instant, he just collapsed on the ground like a deflated ball, then started foaming at the mouth and convulsing all over.

"Blackie, what's wrong with you?"

The woman who had been making a scene on the ground saw the burly man fall and scrambled up in a panic to check on him, a look of urgency on her face.

The dozen or so relatives who had come along to make trouble gathered around as well, and seeing the burly man roll his eyes back, foam at the mouth, and convulse as if electrocuted, all seemed utterly panic-stricken, not knowing what was happening.

"This looks like epilepsy! You guys better call emergency services right away! If you're too late, he might die!"

At the side, Fang Bai said nonchalantly.

"It really does look like epilepsy..."

"How could Blackie have this disease?"

"I've never seen him have a fit before!"

"Stop dawdling, and call an ambulance right away!"

Upon hearing Fang Bai's words amidst the clamor, someone took out their mobile phone and dialed the hospital's emergency number.

As Xia Chenyu saw Fang Bai's expression, she knew he was up to something and couldn't help but let out a "tch" of a laugh.

A reporter caught Xia Chenyu breaking into a smile and immediately asked, "President Xia, why are you smiling? Aren't you at all worried about this situation?"

"As I understand, after your company's products had issues, there have been a large number of consumers returning them, and various malls and supermarkets are preparing to remove them from shelves... May I ask, President Xia, how do you plan to respond?"

"For the consumers who have been harmed by using your company's products, what kind of compensation do you plan to offer? Will you agree to their demands?"

"President Xia..."

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For a moment, the reporters' cameras and microphones were once again pointed at Xia Chenyu.

At this time, Fang Bai once again played the role of the hero saving the beauty.

He stepped in front of Xia Chenyu, casually brushed aside the microphones that were almost in her face, and said with a smile, "Ladies and gentlemen, President Xia has decided to hold a press conference about this incident tomorrow morning at ten o'clock at the Beauty Company's conference center. At that time, all questions of right and wrong will be clarified. We also welcome all friends from the media to attend!"

Having said that, he addressed the agitators, "If you want an apology and compensation, please come to tomorrow's press conference, and the Beauty Company will give you an explanation then!"

"Who are you?"

"Can you represent the Beauty Company?"

"Why should we believe you?"

"Let's hear it from this company's boss, otherwise we won't believe it!"

"Right! It only counts if this company's boss says it!"

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The troublemakers shouted loudly.

Fang Bai was too young and casually dressed, giving off the impression of a student rather than a leader of this company.

"What he said is exactly what I wanted to say!"

Xia Chenyu gave Fang Bai a meaningful glance and then crisply said to the crowd, as well as the journalists, "Tomorrow morning at ten, we welcome you all to come on time. No waiting for latecomers!"

"Let's go!"

After Xia Chenyu finished speaking, Fang Bai walked side by side with her back into the Beauty Company's premises, ignoring the outside commotion no matter how noisy it got.

"Everyone return to your posts and work with peace of mind! By tomorrow, everything will be fine! Our Beauty Company has come through many storms and has safely gotten through each one. This time will be no different! We won't be easily defeated!"

Back in the courtyard, facing the hopeful eyes of the company's executives, Xia Chenyu said with a smile.

From her face, you could see full confidence.

Her confidence came from Fang Bai.

Based on Xia Chenyu's understanding of Fang Bai, since he had said those words outside the gate just now, it meant he must have a way to handle this affair well.

The executives of the Beauty Company murmured among themselves and then gradually dispersed from the courtyard, returning to their workstations.

For these executives of the company, the Beauty Company offered high salaries, generous benefits, and a promising future for development; they sincerely hoped to work there peacefully until retirement, not wanting the company to face any troubles.

They also believed in President Xia's abilities, the woman who led them to create miracle after miracle in less than a year in China's beauty industry, would surely guide them out of this crisis.

About fifteen minutes later, Fang Bai, Xia Chenyu, Zhao Xiaomeng, and Wu Xiuyun, four people, arrived at Xia Chenyu's office on the top floor of the Beauty Company, and took their seats on the sofas.

"I know you must have a way to solve this issue... quick, tell me, what do you plan to do?"

The four had just sat down, not even having time to take a sip of tea, when Xia Chenyu eagerly asked.

Chapter 526: Undercurrents

Although Fang Bai was confident, Xia Chenyu still felt somewhat uneasy. After all, whether they could overcome the crisis was crucial to the future development and even the life and death of Beauty Company; there was no room for oversight.

Zhao Xiaomeng and Wu Xiuyun were also watching Fang Bai. They couldn't think of any way he could turn around the extremely unfavorable situation at hand.

Discussing solutions to the company crisis with Fang Bai was meant to be a very secretive affair. However, Xia Chenyu had not kept it from Zhao Xiaomeng and Wu Xiuyun but let them participate as observers, which showed immense trust in the two women.

Zhao Xiaomeng and Wu Xiuyun were both intelligent women who understood this very well and were deeply grateful for Xia Chenyu's trust.

"In extraordinary times, extraordinary measures are required! I plan to go see President Li Dongyang and those so-called 'victims' to understand the situation... Chenyu, arrange for someone to purchase a set of eavesdropping equipment I need... By tomorrow morning at the latest, I will bring you good news!"

Fang Bai said with a mysterious smile on his face.

Xia Chenyu knew Fang Bai had a wide array of connections and methods. Hearing his words, she understood what he was planning and replied with a smile, "The item you need will be delivered in a while. Tomorrow morning, Xiao Meng, Xiuyun, and I will be waiting here for your good news!"

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That afternoon, the results came back for the cosmetic products that Beauty Company and several victims had sent for testing together.

The results were obviously unfavorable for Beauty Company, as there were severe issues with lead and mercury levels in those products. Prolonged use could cause symptoms such as skin allergies and poisoning.

Once the test results were published, public opinion erupted, and the media was filled with denunciation. Beauty Company, once glorious, was suddenly thrust onto the cusp of a fierce public outcry, facing the threat of being attacked from all sides.

Reporters from all over Huaxia also acted on the news, bringing their equipment to camp out in front of Beauty Company's headquarters, hoping to get firsthand information.

Meanwhile, the doors of Beauty Company remained tightly closed, shrouded in silence, with no sign of any executives making an appearance.

At the same time, in Yanjing, Minister Lu, a man known for his integrity and impartiality, was also paying attention to the situation. After the test results from the Zhongzhou inspection department were released, he was preparing to make a statement on the matter and demand a thorough investigation into Beauty Company. However, after receiving a phone call from Fang Bai that day, he put the matter on hold.

As the parent official of Zhongzhou City, Lu Xinghe also did not make a timely statement on the matter but chose to remain silent, making his attitude all the more intriguing.

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At dusk, a black sedan slowly drove into a luxurious estate in Zhongzhou City and stopped in front of a golden and resplendent European-style villa.

When the car door opened, a middle-aged man in a suit and with a potbelly stepped out. It was Li Dongyang, the Vice President of the "Heavenly Daughter" group company.

"President Li, why have you only arrived now? President Shen has been waiting for you for a long time... My, my, it's been just a few days, President Li, but you've become more handsome and dashing, absolutely captivating!"

A beautiful young girl, in the bloom of youth, stepped out in high heels from the villa, her slender waist twisting, her steps light and graceful. Seeing Li Dongyang, her face spread into a fawning smile as she spoke in a coquettish voice.

"Haha, Secretary Wang, you're getting better and better at sweet-talking!"

Li Dongyang chuckled, leaning close to Secretary Wang's ear and whispering, "I went to France on a business trip a few days ago and bought a necklace by the way. I'll give it to you later!"

"Thank you, President Li! You're too kind! Tonight, if you have some time, I would like to invite you out to dinner to express my gratitude!"

Secretary Wang gave Li Dongyang a meaningful look, then said, "President Li, President Shen is waiting for you inside! Let's talk later."

"Sure, sure! Let's meet President Shen first! We'll chat... in private later... Hehe..."

Under Secretary Wang's guidance, Li Dongyang entered the villa's living room.

The villa's living room was expansive, studded with gold and silver, radiating endless opulence and luxury. Gushes of warm air occasionally swept through, lulling one towards slumber.

A handsome young man in his late twenties, dressed in casual home clothes, was lying lazily on the sofa, holding a cup of tea, savoring it slowly.

"President Shen, while I'm out there braving the snow and wind on business, you're actually basking in such luxury here! I'm envious!"

After entering the villa's living room, Li Dongyang casually took off his coat, tossed it to Secretary Wang, and then sat down opposite the handsome young man on another sofa.

"You've worked hard, President Li!"

The handsome young man sat up straight, smiling as he asked, "How did things go?"

"You can count on me when it comes to handling affairs," Li Dongyang tapped his chest, his face showing a trace of ruthlessness as he said, "Even if we don't bring down Beauty Company completely this time, we'll make sure it's severely weakened!"

"President Li, please have some tea!"

Secretary Wang smiled, presenting a freshly brewed cup of tea to Li Dongyang with both hands.

As Li Dongyang took the tea, he casually stroked Secretary Wang's hand, clicking his tongue, "So smooth!"

Seeing Li Dongyang openly flirting with his secretary right in front of him, the handsome young man wasn't annoyed. He simply smiled indifferently and asked again, "Any reaction from Xia Chenyu?"

"Nothing much! In cases like this, she'll have no choice but to apologize, offer compensation, and admit that there's a problem with her products..." Li Dongyang took a sip of tea, laughing as he continued, "I've heard that Beauty Company will hold a press conference tomorrow morning. We'll see how Xia Chenyu handles it then! Hehe, it's best for her to admit her mistakes honestly. Otherwise, the more she tries to explain, the worse the impact will be, and she'll end up ruining the brand she worked so hard to build!"

"We can't be careless! My half-sister is no simple character," the handsome young man sighed, "Years ago, her company was on the brink of bankruptcy, but then it soared to success, rising abruptly and taking us by surprise in the Shen Family. We've invested a lot of money and have been planning this for a long time. We must bring down Beauty Company, otherwise our market share will continue to be squeezed and eroded by them."

Chapter 527: They are doomed to be disappointed!

Li Dongyang chuckled, "President Shen, I just don't understand, Xia Chenyu is your sister after all, how can you bear to deal with her like this?"

The handsome young man said indifferently, "In the face of family interests, what does that bit of kinship count for? Besides, the Shen Family has already given her many opportunities; it's her own refusal to recognize her ancestors and return to the clan, to not consider herself part of the Shen Family. Whom can she blame? I hope she learns from this hardship and comes to her senses!"

As he spoke, he looked at Li Dongyang with a smile and asked, "I heard President Li is pursuing my sister?"

Li Dongyang chuckled dryly, "You can rest assured, I know what's important. It won't affect our affairs just because I'm pursuing her!"

The handsome young man replied, "A fair lady is a gentleman's good mate. My sister is a natural beauty, any man would be captivated by her! If President Li likes her, after this is over, I can help to bring you together..."

Li Dongyang was overjoyed and said, "That would be much appreciated, President Shen. If I can win the beautiful lady, I will be extremely grateful!"

"It's a trivial matter."

The handsome youth waved his hand dismissively, his expression grew serious as he said, "Whether we can bring down the 'Beauty Group' or not, the next few days will be critical. I ask that President Li pay close attention to everything, we must not make any mistakes!"

Li Dongyang said, "Don't worry, President Shen, there won't be any problems! I've bribed the relevant personnel for this incident, top to bottom, they will cooperate with us to perform this act!"

The handsome young man said, "The 'Beauty Company's' press conference tomorrow is crucial. Remember to have those affected 'consumers' attend, make them act with more zeal to further smear the 'Beauty Company'. And you shouldn't rest tonight, go and meet with those 'consumers' once more, and bestow another sum of money on each..."

Li Dongyang laughed, "President Shen, you're too cautious!"

"The interests of both our families are at stake, we must be cautious! President Li, I'll trouble you!"

The handsome young man said, stretching lazily and yawning, "Ah, I'm a bit sleepy, I'll head upstairs to rest... Secretary Wang, keep President Li company for a while. If he has any needs, make sure you satisfy them. Understand?"

Saying so, he left Li Dongyang with a meaningful smile and turned to head upstairs.

"Damn, what a demoness! Watch me exorcise and purge!"

Li Dongyang cursed under his breath and then followed upstairs.

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Ten minutes later, Li Dongyang left the villa with a contented look, accompanied by a similarly satisfied Secretary Wang.

"President Li, you were so valiant just now, my legs are still weak! I really don't want you to leave!"

The two walked side by side out of the villa, and Secretary Wang whispered a compliment into Li Dongyang's ear.

Li Dongyang, elated by Secretary Wang's praise, touched Secretary Wang's cheek and chuckled softly, "Little minx, you're quite something too! Just wait, I'll have the necklace sent over to you tomorrow!"

"Thank you, President Li!"

"I'm off!"

Li Dongyang waved his hand and ducked into his sedan.

As he watched Li Dongyang's car disappear into the night, the charm on Secretary Wang's face vanished instantly, replaced by scorn and mockery, thinking to themselves, "Two minutes and done, such a waste! Pfft!"

And at the very moment Li Dongyang left the estate, a shadow leaped from a corner of the second floor of the villa like a swallow taking flight, vanishing into the night.

The shadow was so fast that the supposedly tight security surveillance system inside and outside the estate did nothing—it might as well have been nonexistent.

Li Dongyang, escorted by several bodyguards, visited more than a dozen households in Zhongzhou City throughout the night.

These households were "victims" who had allergic and toxic reactions from using Beauty Company's products.

At each household, Li Dongyang left a sum of money and gave earnest instructions before departing.

What Li Dongyang did not know was that from the moment he entered the handsome young man's estate to the time he left the last "victim's" home, his every move, every word and action, had been secretly filmed and recorded by an omnipresent shadow.

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The next morning around eight o'clock, with two hours to go before the Beauty Company's product crisis press conference, hundreds of people had already gathered in the plaza in front of Beauty Company's corporate headquarters.

These people included the dozen or so "victims" who had used Beauty Company's products and their relatives, journalists from various Huaxia media outlets, heads of relevant departments, and leaders from dozens of big and small beauty companies from across Huaxia.

Most of them came in a schadenfreude mood, ready to see how Beauty Company would respond to the crisis.

Especially the heads of those beauty companies harbored malicious hope, wishing for Beauty Company to stumble and even to shut down.

In the past half-year, Beauty Company had risen miraculously, quickly taking up a large market share and imposing great survival pressure on other beauty businesses.

If Beauty Company fell, those under pressure would see a chance to reclaim some market share and gain some respite.

So, while the crisis at Beauty Company was not directly orchestrated by these other beauty businesses, it was nevertheless seen as good news for them.

As it neared ten in the morning, more and more people congregated in front of the Beauty Company headquarters, and the atmosphere grew increasingly tense.

At the top floor of Beauty Company's headquarters, in Xia Chenyu's office, Fang Bai and Xia Chenyu stood side by side at the window facing the street. Zhao Xiaomeng and Wu Xiuyun stood behind them as the four looked down at the throng of people on the plaza below, each with a different expression on their face.

Xia Chenyu's face was marked with jeering and a cold smile, Fang Bai's countenance was calm, while Zhao Xiaomeng and Wu Xiuyun were filled with excitement and agitation.

"Many of them are here to enjoy our misfortune!"

After a moment, Xia Chenyu hummed coldly and said.

"They're bound to be disappointed today!"

Zhao Xiaomeng said softly from behind Xia Chenyu.

"The news Mr. Fang brought back this morning really was a surprise!"

Wu Xiuyun glanced at Fang Bai, her eyes brimming with admiration.

"Indeed! Fang Bai, you've saved 'Beauty Company' once again! On behalf of the tens of thousands of employees of the company, I want to thank you!"

Xia Chenyu turned to face Fang Bai, her eyes now full of gratitude and tenderness.

Chapter 528: Wait and See

Early this morning, Fang Bai brought Xia Chenyu some things as promised, and after looking through them, Xia Chenyu was ecstatic. If Fang Bai hadn't silently recited the "Pure Heart Art" at the last minute to dispel the desires in his heart, he would have been overwhelmed and swept away by the excited and passionate Xia Chenyu.

In Xia Chenyu's view, the things Fang Bai brought back could not only easily resolve the crisis the company was currently facing but could also be used to hit back hard at the mastermind behind the scene.

If today's briefing goes well, Beauty Company could turn misfortune into a blessing and gain even greater fame from this crisis, which would be more effective than any advertising campaign.

"Do we still need to say 'thank you' between us?"

Fang Bai met Xia Chenyu's gaze and smiled, "Today's meeting is a great opportunity for a comeback. If we handle it well, Beauty Company might just overtake the Shen Family's Belle Group and the Li Family's Heavenly Daughter Group, soaring to become the number one in Huaxia's beauty industry!"

Xia Chenyu said, "Today we are all supporting roles, you are the protagonist! Fang Bai, the fate of Beauty Company is in your hands!"

Fang Bai nodded with a smile.

"Alas, you have helped me so much, in this lifetime I have no other way to repay you but to be at your service as an ox or horse."

Xia Chenyu's body tilted slightly, leaning slowly into Fang Bai's arms.

Fang Bai extended an arm to gently hold her delicate body, fingers combing through her smooth hair as he chuckled, "In the future, you are destined to become a great figure of a Female Immortal Empress; how could I dare to have you serve like an ox or horse? I would be inviting divine retribution!"

When Fang Bai had initially taught Xia Chenyu the Martial Dao cultivation techniques, he had said that one could become an immortal or an emperor by reaching the pinnacle in the path of Martial Dao. Xia Chenyu took it as a joke at the time, but hearing him mention it again, she couldn't help but let out a chuckle and said, "Then let's become immortals together and become a pair of immortal lovers in heaven, living forever. What do you say?"

"Hmm, there will be such a day. Then you and I, hand in hand, will roam the Carefree Immortal Realm..."

Fang Bai lifted his head, gazing into the endless sky, his expression resolute.

Although Xia Chenyu felt that it was a fantasy, she still harbored a longing and tilted her head snugly against Fang Bai's chest, feeling a warm sense of happiness slowly spreading in her heart.

Zhao Xiaomeng and Wu Xiuyun stood behind Fang Bai and Xia Chenyu, listening to their sweet nothings, filled with envy.

In their eyes, Fang Bai and Xia Chenyu were a perfect match. If the two of them could come together, they might not be immortal lovers, yet their union would be even more perfect than that of immortals.

"President Xia, it's almost ten o'clock..."

A moment later, Zhao Xiaomeng reminded in a low voice.

"So soon..."

Xia Chenyu reluctantly detached herself from Fang Bai's arms and stood up straight. Fixing her clothes, she instantly regained her powerful woman image and said with a serious tone, "Let's go, to the conference room!"

The multifunctional conference room on the third floor of Beauty Company's headquarters building could accommodate nearly a thousand people. Some of Beauty Company's more important general meetings were usually held here.

It wasn't even ten o'clock in the morning yet, and the vast multifunctional conference room was already full. Latecomers could only stand or sit in the aisles in the back and on both sides.

"I wonder if Beauty Company can survive this crisis."

"This incident has blown up too much, it looks doubtful to me!"

"My wife and daughter have always been using products from Beauty Company, and the effects have been very good, they don't believe there are any quality issues with Beauty Company's products."

"Perhaps they haven't used it long enough for side effects to show up?"

"They've been using it for over half a year, if there were side effects, they should have appeared by now, right? To tell you the truth, I also don't believe there are quality issues with Beauty Company's products, after all, such a large corporation would definitely take this seriously."

"Nowadays, how many truly conscientious companies are there? For the sake of making money, they all disregard the life and death of the people!"

"The spokesperson for Meike Company's advertisements is the 'National Sweetheart' Ye Wumei. This quality crisis of Beauty Company's products has also had quite an impact on Ye Wumei's image!"

"Do you see? The TV station's live broadcast van has arrived... I heard it was invited by the Beauty Group. Today's press conference might be broadcast live to the entire Huaxia."

"What's the purpose of Beauty Company doing this? Aren't they afraid of making the situation worse?"

"Let's wait and see!"

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With only a few minutes to go before the press conference, the atmosphere on the scene was already lively, with thousands of people whispering and buzzing with discussion.

Sitting in the front row of the conference room were a dozen or so "victims" of Beauty Company's products and their relatives, each with an angry face, resembling volcanoes ready to erupt at any moment.

Taking the opportunity before the meeting started, some reporters began to interview the victims seated in the front row.

However, to the reporters' frustration, the victims they were interviewing would start accusing Beauty Company of all sorts of "crimes" in front of the camera, tears streaming down their faces, as though, in their eyes, Beauty Company was an utterly unscrupulous, intolerable, heartless corporation that needed to be completely boycotted.

And through television, internet, and other media, these interviews were broadcast live to the entire nation of Huaxia, with tens of millions of citizens able to watch.

In response, many citizens left messages on the internet, supporting the "victims" and stating their firm intention to boycott Beauty Company's products.

Some citizens were long-time users of the beauty company's products, who were half convinced and undecided in their stance.

There were also a small number of staunch supporters of the beauty company who looked down on this and believed that those "victims" were shells hired by other beauty companies to deliberately slander and entrap Beauty Company.

However, those in support of the beauty company were only a small minority, and most citizens believed the inspection results issued by the relevant authorities yesterday, deciding they would not use Beauty Company's products again and would switch to other brands.

At the same time, some people with interests entangled with "Beauty Company" or those who knew of Fang Bai's close relationship with "Beauty Company" President Xia Chenyu, were also following the conference broadcast in real time, with mixed emotions.

"Xingping, are you saying that 'Beauty Company's' product formula was provided by my Brother Fang? You should know Brother Fang's medical skills, they're practically the art of immortals! If it was his formula, then it's definitely not problematic! Hmph, there must be someone causing mischief in this affair!"

At the Yanjing Lu Family, Old Master Lu, Lu Shengguo, sat in front of the TV, his eyes wide as he watched the "victims" being interviewed on the screen, his thick white eyebrows furrowed tightly together.

Over the past year, Old Master Lu insisted on practicing the "All-Thing Follow Heart Fist" taught by Fang Bai every morning and evening. He was in good spirits, his complexion ruddy and full of energy, free of illness, and not only did he not seem older, but he looked even younger.

Even the Prime Minister, upon visiting him, couldn't help but learn a few moves and planned to practice them after returning home.

Chapter 529: Reactions from All Parties

In the eyes of Old Master Lu, Fang Bai was a legendary figure akin to a terrestrial immortal, and he absolutely refused to believe that Fang Bai would distribute substandard goods to swindle the public.

Lu Xingping, aware of how highly his old man esteemed Fang Bai and had unwavering faith in him, offered a bitter smile and said, "Dad, Fang Bai has called me, right? He also said there's someone scheming behind the scenes, and he's gathering evidence... Let's just watch the live broadcast for now. I hope Fang Bai can present the evidence at today's meeting. Otherwise..."

"Otherwise what?"

Old Master Lu's eyes widened, his presence commanding without anger.

Lu Xingping sighed, "This matter has had a huge impact, and the public's reaction is intense. If Fang Bai can't produce evidence proving that Beauty Company has been framed, I'll only be able to proceed according to the national laws and regulations!"

Lu Shengguo snorted, his tone resolute, "If there really is someone sabotaging things, Brother Fang will surely find a way to uncover it! Let's just watch."

The father and son sat in front of the television, waiting for the live broadcast of the meeting to begin.

At the same time, in the Ye Family of Lingnan, Ye Xing, his wife Sun Lin, and his daughter Ye Wumei were also paying attention to this television broadcast.

"With such a big scandal hitting Beauty Company, our Wumei is their brand ambassador. She's caught up in this quite a bit!"

Sun Lin glanced at her daughter Ye Wumei with a worried face and said, "There are already many posts targeting you online, claiming you endorsed Beauty Company's products, which is like abetting tyranny, and you've harmed many of your fans and followers who adore you..."

"The clean need not fear slander, and the guilty will be mired in their own dirt. I believe Beauty Company's products wouldn't have any quality issues... Mom, haven't you been using Beauty Company's products too? Do you find any issue with them?"

Ye Wumei, like a languid little kitty, curled up on the couch, busily attending to her nails, appearing utterly unconcerned.

"I stopped using them yesterday."

Sun Lin let out a sigh and said, "Even if I think they're fine, will others believe it? The results released by the relevant departments yesterday show that Beauty Company's products have seriously high levels of lead and mercury. That's solid evidence! Sigh, what I'm most worried about now is how much this will affect you!"

Ye Wumei replied, "Someone is trying to frame Beauty Company! As long as the culprit behind the scenes is exposed, all my negative press will disappear!"

"How do you know someone's trying to frame them?"

Sun Lin frowned.

Ye Wumei blinked and said, "Because Fang Bai told me so! Of course, I believe him!"

"Fang Bai?"

Ye Xing, upon hearing this, perked up and looked at his daughter, asking, "What does Fang Bai have to do with Beauty Company?"

Ye Wumei spoke with an air of mystery, "Dad, I'm only telling you this, you can't tell anyone else! Fang Bai is now one of the top three shareholders of Beauty Company. Many of the secret recipes for the products they've recently launched were provided by Fang Bai. I agreed to be the brand ambassador for Beauty Company because of Fang Bai's involvement!"

Ye Xing and Sun Lin exchanged looks, only then realizing Fang Bai's background and understanding that Beauty Company's rapid rise over the past year was closely tied to Fang Bai.

Ye Xing's household knew all too well about Fang Bai's seemingly miraculous abilities. Since the secret formula for the products was provided by him, in theory, there shouldn't be any quality issue, could there really be a hidden hand manipulating this incident, aiming to suppress and slander Beauty Company?

This kind of secretive matter, Fang Bai actually told his daughter, it looks like he doesn't see her as an outsider!

Ye Xing and Sun Lin exchanged a glance, corners of their mouths revealing a smile laden with deep meaning.

"Fang Bai also said that during today's Beauty Company television broadcast meeting, everything would come to light, he would expose the hidden culprits behind the framing of Beauty Company, leaving them nowhere to hide! That's why I'm not worried at all! Just you watch, today's meeting, Fang Bai will take everyone by surprise!"

Ye Wumei sat up straight, her beautiful eyes sparkling with excitement.

Ye Xing nodded, no longer speaking, his eyes fixed on the television screen ahead, feeling a faint sense of anticipation.

He wanted to see what measures Fang Bai would use to save the day, rescuing Beauty Company from the mire of a product quality crisis.

As one of the three major shareholders of Beauty Company, the Zhongzhou Su Family naturally took the product quality incident very seriously.

In the early stages of the incident, Su Yifei had communicated several times with Xia Chenyu, and together they had taken some measures attempting to mitigate the negative impact the incident had on Beauty Company.

Neither Su Yifei nor Xia Chenyu expected that within a few short days, the incident would escalate rapidly, becoming known by everyone in the country, and the negative impact on Beauty Company far exceeded their initial expectations.

It was only when hundreds of people gathered in front of Beauty Company's doors creating a disturbance, and journalists competed to report the news, that Xia Chenyu started to panic and thus called Fang Bai, hoping he could think of a solution.

Fang Bai did not disappoint Xia Chenyu, as he obtained enough evidence overnight that could turn the tide for Beauty Group. Xia Chenyu, after seeing that evidence, was both shocked and delighted, and was completely reassured.

Before this morning's meeting, Xia Chenyu specially called Su Yifei to tell him to stay in front of the television, waiting to watch a great show unfold.

Su Yifei did not know that Fang Bai had gotten involved in the matter, but he could tell from the tone of Xia Chenyu during their conversation that her mood seemed quite good, indicating she already had a plan to deal with the incident.

So before ten o'clock in the morning, Su Yifei and his grandfather Su Hongyuan, along with his sister Su Linglong, began to tune into the television broadcast of Beauty Company.

Su Hongyuan was paying attention because the Su Family now had a profound cooperation with Beauty Group; the life and death of the Beauty Group was tied to the family interests of the Su Family.

Su Linglong was concerned because she knew that not only was Fang Bai one of the three major shareholders of Beauty Company, but he also had an ambiguous relationship with Xia Chenyu, the president of Beauty Company. With her company facing a life or death crisis, it was impossible for Fang Bai to stand idly by, given his character.

Would Fang Bai appear at today's press conference?

If he did, could he help Beauty Company overcome this hurdle?

Inside Zhongzhou's Fang's Traditional Chinese Medicine Clinic, Fang Gang and Yang Mei put aside all their work and sat down in front of the wall-mounted television in the east side of the hall to watch the broadcast about Beauty Company.

Xia Chenyu was their most favored "daughter-in-law" candidate, and now that the "daughter-in-law's" company had encountered problems, they naturally paid more attention than others.

"Fang Bai went to Chenyu's place yesterday and hasn't come back yet. He must be helping Chenyu think of a solution, right? Sigh, this incident has blown up too big, who knows if they can come up with a good solution to deal with it!"

Fang Gang sighed, although he wholeheartedly hoped the "daughter-in-law's" company could safely get through this crisis, the reactions from all sides made the situation seem anything but optimistic.

Chapter 530: Confident with a Well-thought-out Plan

"What's there to fear? If the company collapses, we could just rise from the ashes and start all over again! With our son around, there's always hope!"

Yang Mei was quite optimistic, and having witnessed her son's various miraculous abilities, she had more confidence than anyone.

"Maybe the situation isn't as bad as we think? Let's wait and see..."

Fang Gang murmured without ever taking his eyes off the television screen.

In a luxurious European-style villa within a grand estate in Zhongzhou City, Li Dongyang from the Donghai Li family and Shen Huanian of the Anxi Shen family lounged on the sofa in the living room, sipping on fine wine and enjoying massages from beautiful ladies, their faces lit with the joy of victory.

"This press conference called by Xia Chenyu must be to publicly apologize to those 'victims,' right?"

With a sip of wine, Li Dongyang casually caressed the hand of the beautiful lady massaging him and said with a smile.

Shen Huanian also laughed and said, "For Beauty Company, this kind of situation is desperate; any defense or resistance is futile! A public apology and compensation for the losses, that's the wisest choice for Xia Chenyu right now! If it were me, that's all I could do too!"

"After this incident, Beauty Company's product sales will definitely plummet; no one will even inquire about them. Then, we can take advantage of their vulnerability, acquire Beauty Company in one fell swoop, force Xia Chenyu to hand over the product formulas, rebrand, and then reintroduce them to the market..."

"And then, our Shen family and your Li family will firmly secure the first and second place in Huaxia's beauty industry, with no one able to pose a threat to us anymore!"

"Haha, President Shen, to our families' delightful cooperation, cheers!"

"Cheers!"

The pleased laughter of Li Dongyang and Shen Huanian echoed through the villa's living room.

At ten in the morning, the multi-functional conference room on the third floor of Beauty Company, the press conference regarding the quality incident of Beauty Company's products officially began.

Nearly a thousand people in the conference room were all visibly excited, eagerly anticipating the arrival of President Xia Chenyu and the company's senior management, with the television cameras focused on the main stage at the front of the room.

As a soothing melody played, ten beautifully dressed ladies in red jackets and red boots entered the conference room from both sides of the main stage, one by one, and stood behind the row of seats.

These ten beautiful ladies, each with fair skin and slender figures, smiling charmingly, were eye-catching; as soon as they stood there, they became a stunning scene, drawing all the attention in the room.

Some journalists were hugely excited, pushing closer to snap frenzied photos of those beautiful ladies.

Many others looked at each other in bewilderment, wondering what kind of show Beauty Company was putting on. Instead of coming out promptly to address the issue, they were parading all these beauties for what purpose?

"There she is! There! That's Xia Chenyu, President of Beauty Company!"

"So young!"

"Truly beautiful!"

"I heard that President Xia is still single!"

"Rich and beautiful, if I could marry her, I'd gladly die ten years earlier!"

"The man and two women behind President Xia, are they the high-ranking officials of Beauty Company?"

"The one with shoulder-length hair is President Xia's personal secretary, and the one with her hair up is the manager of the sales department at Beauty Company. That man... never seen him before!"

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Amid the stir and discussion at the scene, Xia Chenyu, Fang Bai, Zhao Xiaomeng, Wu Xiuyun, the four of them walked onto the main stage from the left entrance of the conference room and took their seats in succession.

After exchanging glances, Fang Bai and Xia Yu wore calm smiles on their faces, while Zhao Xiaomeng and Wu Xiuyun could hardly contain their excitement and exhilaration.

"Brother Fang is grinning like a sneaky fox, he must be brimming with confidence! I bet the mastermind behind the crisis at Beauty Company is about to have a stroke of bad luck!"

In Yanjing's Lu Family, Old Master Lu pointed at Fang Bai on TV with a smiley face and chuckled.

"It seems Wumei was right; Fang Bai indeed is one of the shareholders of Beauty Company. The four of them don't look like they're facing a company crisis at all! I wonder what Fang Bai has up his sleeve to help Beauty Company out of this predicament..."

In Lingnan's Ye Family, Ye Xing's gaze swept over the faces of Fang Bai and the others, with a sharp gleam in his eyes.

Ye Wumei held a fluffy teddy bear, biting her lower lip gently, and watching Xia Chenyu, who sat next to Fang Bai radiating charm. A complex expression flitted across her beautiful eyes.

Sun Lin glanced at her daughter intentionally or otherwise and frowned slightly.

"I just knew it, Fang Bai wouldn't sit back and ignore this! Fang Bai is smiling; this time, everything will definitely be alright!"

In Zhongzhou's Su Family, upon seeing Fang Bai appear on the TV screen, Su Linglong's beautiful eyes lit up with excitement.

Su Yifei laughed, "This morning, President Xia called mysteriously, telling me to watch a good show! I knew this drama wouldn't be complete without Fang Bai!"

"Linglong, how has your relationship with Fang been coming along?"

Old Master Su, Su Hongyuan, suddenly asked.

Su Linglong's cheeks turned a light red as she murmured, "What relationship..."

Su Hongyuan chuckled "hehe" and pointed at Xia Chenyu on the TV, saying, "I hear from Yifei that this Xia Chenyu seems to have a good relationship with Fang Bai? If you want to be with Fang Bai, she's a formidable opponent!"

"Sister Xia is a really good person... If Fang Bai chooses her, I will wish them happiness..."

Su Linglong said in a low voice, glancing at the TV; just then, she caught sight of Fang Bai and Xia Chenyu whispering to each other, looking very intimate, and couldn't help but feel a touch of melancholy.

Su Hongyuan slapped his thigh and exclaimed, "The Su Family's descendants do not have the words 'admit defeat' or 'give up' in our dictionary! Grandpa supports you, fight for Fang Bai!"

"Brother supports you too!"

Su Yifei quickly added.

Inside Fang's Traditional Chinese Medicine Clinic, Fang Gang and Yang Mei, watching their son and "daughter-in-law" appear on TV, were visibly energized.

Fang Gang chuckled "hehe," saying, "I just knew our son would definitely go help Chenyu out! Did you see the expression on our son's face? That's confidence! Beauty Company will surely get through this crisis!"

"The two of them sitting together are such a great match!"

Yang Mei smiled joyously watching her son and "daughter-in-law" on TV, feeling elated inside.

Yang Mei wasn't too concerned about the crisis at Beauty Company; she thought that even if the Beauty Company really went under, their own clinic would make money, her son could also earn money, and if Xia Chenyu married into their family, she certainly wouldn't have to suffer or toil.

"Fang Bai?"

"How did he pop up?"

Inside the opulent European-style villa in the grand estate of Zhongzhou City, originally relaxed and enjoying a massage from a beautiful woman, Li Dongyang and Shen Huanian both sat up abruptly after seeing Fang Bai on TV, their eyes brimming with intense hatred and jealousy.

Li Dongyang hated that Fang Bai had stolen the woman he liked, Xia Chenyu, and was jealous because Xia Chenyu only had eyes for Fang Bai.

Shen Huanian also hated that Fang Bai had stolen the woman he liked, Tang Wenrou, and was jealous because Tang Wenrou was only devoted to Fang Bai.

What angered Shen Huanian even more was that not only had Fang Bai possessed Tang Wenrou, but he also seemed to be two-timing, even seducing his half-sister from another father, Xia Chenyu, which was just unbearable for him.