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Chapter 109 Harming Others Without Benefiting Oneself

The policeman was stunned by Zhuang Rui's words. Ordinary people are usually intimidated by the police, but this man had assaulted someone at the police station and was acting all high and mighty, seemingly unconcerned. He didn't seem like an ordinary person.

"I'm not here to interrogate you. You just assaulted a police officer, and I need to take your statement now."

Since he couldn't figure out the situation, Officer Wu softened his tone a bit. Most importantly, he glanced at the dog lying at Zhuang Rui's feet. Although he didn't recognize it as a Tibetan Mastiff, the noble air about the white lion made Officer Wu realize that this dog was not something an ordinary person could afford to handle.

"Assaulting a police officer? Who's the police officer? Which eye of yours saw me hit a police officer? Is he the one? Show me his police ID. Wait, I need to take this call..."

Seeing that the policeman was biased, Zhuang Rui became more impolite in his speech, which angered Officer Wu so much that he was about to have Zhuang Rui arrested when Zhuang Rui's phone rang.

"Hey, Uncle Liu, why are you calling? Da Chuan told you. Oh, that kid's showing up again. I'm at the market police station. A few of the joint defense team members were about to beat me up, and now an officer has come out to interrogate me. Uncle Liu, you police are really something else."

Zhuang Rui initially thought it was Song Jun calling, but when he answered, it turned out to be Liu Chuan's father calling. He couldn't help but complain a few times. Actually, it wasn't entirely the officer's fault. Any policeman would have been rude to Zhuang Rui if he saw his man being beaten to the ground.

"You little brat, are you asking for trouble? Daring to talk bad about the police. You wait, I just finished a meeting, I'm not far from you, I'll be there soon."

Liu's father's voice was loud enough that even Officer Wu, who was standing nearby, heard it. His expression changed, and he pulled over one of the joint defense team members to ask him the reason.

Zhuang Rui and Liu Chuan had been in many fights since childhood, and Liu's father always stepped in to help. So, although the fight happened at the police station this time, Zhuang Rui wasn't too worried, just a little regretful. He wished he hadn't called Song Jun; he'd incurred Song Jun's favor for nothing. Just as he was considering calling Song Jun again to tell him, he saw a police car rushing in through the gate.

Three men got out of the Mitsubishi police car; the one in the lead was Liu Chuan's father.

Liu Chuan's father was very tall, and his police uniform was stretched taut over his body. Although he was almost sixty years old, he walked with a powerful stride. In the police system, he had a nickname: "Liu the Cannon".

"You little brat, you've really grown some guts, haven't you? You've gotten yourself into a fight and ended up at the police station. Tell me what happened in front of these two."

Liu Dapao strode over, patted Zhuang Rui on the back of the head, and then asked what had happened. As soon as the two policemen behind him walked over, several people nearby immediately called out to Chief Wang. Only then did Zhuang Rui realize that Liu's father had come with the police station.

Zhuang Rui was in the right today, so he wasn't afraid. He immediately recounted how the monkey had been taken away by the police station, how he had come to inquire about the case, and how he had been verbally abused and beaten by that unscrupulous auxiliary police officer, leaving him no choice but to fight back. The people next to him wanted to interject and refute him, but they couldn't find the words to say, as the facts were indeed true.

"Damn it, you're dressed like this so you can bully ordinary people? Good for you."

Upon hearing what had happened, Liu's father was furious. Seeing that the man who was half-lying on the chair had woken up and was calmly drinking water, he went up and kicked him, hitting the man's calf where he had been bitten. The man's eyes rolled back in pain, and he fainted again.

Zhuang Rui found Liu's father's actions very satisfying, but the station chief standing nearby couldn't stand it. They were all in the same system; even though he was the bureau chief, he wasn't in charge of this branch of the police station. To beat someone up in his station was going too far. He had also

overheard what had happened and realized his own people were in the wrong, but doing it in front of so many people was embarrassing.

"Director Liu, let's find out the truth before we speak. If our people are in the wrong, we will deal with it seriously. But it's inappropriate for you to hit someone..."

Director Wang has some sense of responsibility, but this is partly due to the fact that Liu's father can't control him. In addition, he has some connections in the bureau and doesn't really respect Liu's father, who is about to retire.

"It's not suitable. What do you mean by suitable? The auxiliary defense team you recruited is of this quality. It's a disgrace to our police system. I also think your work is problematic."

Mr. Liu didn't like hearing this, so he immediately glared at the director and lectured him as well.

"Director Liu, this is not your branch office. I need to interrogate this suspect now. Would you like to come in and have some tea first?"

Director Wang's words were clearly meant to disrespect Mr. Liu, which angered Mr. Liu so much that he was about to speak when Director Wang's cell phone rang.

"Hello, it's me. Yes, yes! Yes!!! I will definitely handle this seriously, please rest assured, leader."

Zhuang Rui noticed that before they had even exchanged a few words on the phone, Director Wang's expression turned grim, and despite the chilly March weather, sweat was already beading on his forehead.

"Director Liu, you see, I'm just trying to save face for my subordinates. Please forgive my rudeness and come in with this gentleman for a cup of tea. Once I understand the situation, I will definitely give him a satisfactory answer. What do you think?"

After hanging up the phone, the station chief's attitude immediately softened. He pleaded with Liu's father, saying that Liu Chuan and his father were of the same nature, and that they would respond

better to a gentle approach than a forceful one. Besides, they were from the same system, and he didn't want to embarrass the other party too much. Liu's father called out to Zhuang Rui, and the group went into the police station's meeting room.

Less than 20 minutes later, Director Wang came in. The matter had been investigated and clarified. In fact, it was quite simple, and Li Bing had indeed guessed correctly.

Liu Chuan's reputation in the Pengcheng Antique and Flower Market was well-deserved. He once chased Da Xiong and Monkey down the street with a wrench, which allowed this young man in his early twenties to gain a foothold in the market. Although the people in the market had complicated backgrounds and were older than Liu Chuan, no one dared to mess with this hothead.

However, Liu Chuan always believed in making money through harmony. The storefront he bought wasn't very good; it was located at the back, so there wasn't much foot traffic when he first opened. But Liu Chuan was generous, and he would often give away a lot of pet food when customers bought a pet. This kind of food would normally cost money, and over time, word of mouth spread, and his business gradually improved.

The market share is only so big. If your business is good, someone else's business will naturally be worse. However, Liu Chuan is a man of wide social connections and has many friends. He also has a good relationship with the group of men in the antique market. Over the years, he has never fallen out with his peers. However, some petty people will inevitably make veiled attacks, but Liu Chuan has never stooped to their level.

The new pet shop owner that Li Bing mentioned, surnamed Hao, had just turned thirty this year, but he had never had a proper job and just drifted around on the streets. His sister married a policeman and was transferred to the local police station in the antique market area as deputy director last year. Seeing that her brother-in-law was doing nothing all day, she helped him get a shop in the market so that he could do something worthwhile.

However, this Mr. Hao is really bad at business. He is too petty. Even when a customer asks for a bag of fish food, he will haggle with the customer for a long time. He has been open for half a year and has not only not made a penny, but has also lost seven or eight thousand yuan in rent.

When this potentially profitable business turned into a loss, Boss Hao started looking for the reasons. His service attitude was certainly not the problem. So where was the issue? After analyzing it over and

over, Boss Hao focused on Liu Chuan's shop. His reasoning was simple: if all the customers went to Liu Chuan's shop, how could his business be good?

So during the Chinese New Year, Boss Hao set up a few tables in front of his shop, saying it was for promotional purposes, which blocked the way for several shops behind him. However, he didn't expect Liu Chuan to be so fierce and overturn all the tables he had set up. He wanted to teach Liu Chuan a lesson, but when he looked at his own thin arms and legs and then at Liu Chuan's height of over 1.8 meters, he backed down.

However, Mr. Hao was a man with a narrow mind, and this matter had always been a worry for him. He didn't dare to tell his brother-in-law. Although Mr. Hao's business was not very successful, he was very good at eating, drinking and having fun. In the six months since he opened his shop, he had developed a good relationship with the security patrol team members of the local police station. A few days ago, when he mentioned this matter while drinking, someone gave him some advice.

These members of the community security patrol team are not regular police officers. They make a living by collecting security management fees. They are very obsequious to the deputy director's brother-in-law. However, they have been here for a long time and know Liu Chuan's background. No one dares to provoke him, but they are very good at coming up with bad ideas to annoy people.

The flower and bird market is only so big. Within two hours, everyone on the street knew that Monkey was working for Liu Chuan. Monkey was used to being a shill. In the morning, he went to the park and befriended a group of old men and women. When he passed by Boss Hao's shop, he naturally took away a few customers. This made Boss Hao furious, but at the same time, he found a way to annoy Liu Chuan.

Not long after the monkey left, Boss Hao called the police station to report it. The officer who answered the call was Officer Wu, whom Boss Hao knew. He didn't mention Liu Chuan's name at the time, but said that a petty thug in the market had stolen one of his fish, worth tens of thousands of yuan. Although Officer Wu didn't quite believe Boss Hao's claim of tens of thousands of yuan, he didn't take it seriously. Besides, he had to give the deputy director some face, so he immediately sent a few members of the joint defense team to bring the monkey back.

When Da Xiong went to the police station to inquire, he was also sent away by those few members of the joint defense team. Boss Hao deliberately made Liu Chuan go to the police station to bail him out, so that everyone in the flower and bird market would know that the people Liu Chuan used were dishonest. This is a typical case of harming others without benefiting oneself.