

King Hall 371

Chapter 371: Do You Know the Child Isn't Yours?

As the noise arose, everyone turned their gaze toward the few individuals.

They soon recognized the identities of these people.

They were the young masters from the major families who had jointly established the "Listening to the Rain on Bamboo" club.

The one at the forefront was the eldest son of the Lv Family, Lu Hongyuan.

Following closely behind him was the son of the Ma Family, Ma Zhengping.

Next came the son of the Ning Family, Ning Yingcai, and the husband of Gu Youlan, Su Xuezhen.

The person who had just spoken was none other than the eldest son of the Lv Family, Lu Hongyuan.

They had just received a report from their subordinates and had hurried over here.

Lu Hongyuan, draped in a mink coat and styled with a slicked-back hairstyle, puffed on a cigar, his arm wrapped around a strikingly beautiful woman, looked at Mu Jinyu with a rebellious sneer.

"Tell me, what consequences will there be?"

Lu Hongyuan snorted with derision and once again provoked Mu Jinyu.

Mu Jinyu stood with his hands behind his back, his gaze indifferent as he looked at him, remaining silent.

The members of Dragon King Hall standing by immediately changed expression, stepped forward, and shouted, "Disrespect to the Dragon King, kneel down!"

As soon as the words were spoken, one of them reached out to slap down on Lu Hongyuan's shoulder!

The bodyguards, who were vigilantly surrounding Lu Hongyuan, hadn't even had time to react when they saw that Lu Hongyuan had been struck on the shoulder by the member of Dragon King Hall. After a crisp crack sound, Lu Hongyuan let out a pale-faced scream and then involuntarily buckled at the knees.

"Ah!!"

The bodyguards' faces instantly changed color, and they immediately wanted to throw punches at him.

"Swoosh!"

The member of Dragon King Hall coldly pulled out a gun from his pocket and aimed the dark muzzle right at Lu Hongyuan's forehead.

Seeing this, the bodyguards' faces instantly went pale, they stopped their attacks at once, not daring to be reckless, fearing that their employer would be shot down with a single bullet.

Lu Hongyuan's forehead was covered in cold sweat, as he could smell the gunpowder emanating from the barrel.

He shivered uncontrollably, not daring to move an inch.

Upon seeing the stance of the Dragon King Hall member, Su Xuezheng and the others' complexions also changed slightly.

They then remembered the red flag sedan parked at the entrance of the club.

Previously, their subordinates had informed them that a significant personage had come to the club.

They had just thought, after dealing with the trouble at the auction event, they would go and pay their respects to this significant individual.

But unexpectedly...

This significant individual turned out to be the one causing trouble at their auction event.

Indeed, if this person didn't have significant clout, how could he dare to run wild on their turf?

"Do you see what the consequences are now?"

Mu Jinyu still stood with his hands behind his back, his tone indifferent as he spoke.

From beginning to end, he had not shown a hint of compromise due to the intrusion of these individuals.

"Husband, you must stand up for me, this man... he's disfigured my face... waaah..."

At this moment, Gu Youlan, who had been lying motionless on the ground for quite a while, seemed to regain her strength, or perhaps bolstered by the arrival of Su Xuezhen and the others, she stopped feigning death, began to rise from the ground, and cried out for Su Xuezhen to seek justice for her.

Upon hearing the cries of his wife, Su Xuezhen quickly glanced at her, and in seeing her not knowing the situation, he was startled and exclaimed in surprise and uncertainty, "You... are you Little Lan?!"

He had just been informed that his wife had been humiliated at the auction event, which is why he had come over in fury, but the person who informed him had not mentioned that Gu Youlan was beaten to this extent.

It seems you dare not speak, do you?

Su Xuezhen watched Gu Youlan's behavior, his heart filled with both distress and discomfort, yet because a Dragon King Hall member was holding a gun to Lu Hongyuan's forehead at that moment, he dared not make a rash move, and he shouted to Mu Jinyu, "Friend, how did my wife offend you that you would harm a defenseless woman like this?"

Mu Jinyu couldn't be bothered to explain, and simply said indifferently, "Just look at the screen."

Su Xuezhen, Ma Zhengping, and Ning Yingcai, seeing Mu Jinyu's attitude, even though they knew he was an influential figure, also felt that his demeanor made them quite uncomfortable.

Afterward, they turned their heads to look at the screen on the auction stage and saw the displayed information showing that Gu Youlan was the consignor of the Zichen Demon-Slaying Sword.

As well as a series of photos from Mei Yinxue's eighteenth birthday.

The photos displayed that the Zichen Demon-Slaying Sword had once been given to her as a birthday gift.

And there stood Gu Youlan, with a smile on her face, celebrating Mei Yinxue's birthday beside her.

Seeing this, they began to sense that something was wrong.

Then, Mu Jinyu kicked the auction house official next to him, without a word.

But the official trembled all over and hurriedly stepped forward, informing Su Xuezhen of everything that had just happened at the auction.

Not daring to conceal anything.

After listening, Su Xuezhen's face also turned very ugly.

He knew that the sword had been taken from home by Gu Youlan to be auctioned.

However, he did not realize the sword was not actually Gu Youlan's, and that she had used it to scheme against someone.

And the target of her scheme had such a significant background!

At that moment, Su Xuezhen himself almost wanted to slap Gu Youlan.

However, even if he wanted to discipline Gu Youlan, it would have to wait until after this matter was settled. For now, he needed to quickly defuse the situation.

Su Xuezhen glanced at the gun pointed at Lu Hongyuan's forehead, withdrew his gaze, and looked towards Mu Jinyu, speaking gently, "This doesn't prove that the sword my wife took was stolen from someone else, right? She may not have had fifty billion and was indeed shouting randomly out of confusion during the auction, but there was no need for you to be so vicious, was there?"

Mu Jinyu, seeing Su Xuezhen defending Gu Youlan like this, almost wanted to laugh and then asked inexplicably, "Do you have a child with her?"

Su Xuezhen, not knowing why Mu Jinyu would ask such a question, was taken aback and replied, "Yes, we have one, what about it?"

He really didn't understand what his having a child had to do with the current situation.

Upon hearing this, Mu Jinyu's gaze at Su Xuezhen suddenly turned to one filled with both sorrow and pity.

Su Xuezhen felt somewhat uneasy under his look.

Mu Jinyu said, "Do you know about your own low sperm vitality?"

Facing such a public disclosure, Su Xuezhen's face also struggled to maintain composure, about to become furious with embarrassment and say, "What's it to you?"

Mu Jinyu continued, "By the looks of it, you seem to be aware; but do you know that your child is not yours?"

As the words fell.

Not only did Su Xuezhen's face drastically change, but so did the expressions of everyone present.

After all, this was the Young Master of the Su Family. With his status, who would dare to trick him into raising someone else's child?

Even if some people thought his child didn't resemble Su Xuezhen, aside from his parents and grandparents, who would dare to openly point it out?

But now, here was Mu Jinyu telling him with a tone of pity that his child was not his at all.

This was akin to stirring up a hornet's nest!

"How is that possible? How could Xiao Lan possibly be anyone's child but mine and my husband's? Don't spout nonsense, okay?!"

Su Xuezhen's face changed dramatically, and before he could say a word, Gu Youlan, upon hearing Mu Jinyu's words, suddenly jumped up high in anger and scolded.

Chapter 372: Beatdown!

Mu Jinyu, seeing Gu Youlan's reaction, though somewhat suspicious in his heart, still chose to trust his wife, or rather, to believe that his wife would not dare to betray him.

He glowered and shouted angrily, "Yes, don't you talk nonsense, okay? My child had already been verified at birth, and it truly is my child!"

"Are you sure that the birth verification wasn't fake?"

If it were usual circumstances, Mu Jinyu wouldn't bother about whether Su Xuezhen was being deceived by Gu Youlan, but seeing him so pitiful now, she also didn't want him to live in blindsided ignorance.

"Do you think, your Su Family in Jinling, that you are an untouchable family, and no one dares to scheme against you?"

Mu Jinyu said coldly, sneering, and glanced at Lu Hongyuan, who was kneeling on the ground, trembling.

At Mu Jinyu's words, Lu Hongyuan's face instantly became drenched with cold sweat.

Su Xuezhen also instantly thought that, normally, people indeed would not dare to scheme against his Su Family, but these members from the Lu, Ma, and Ning families around him... it was hard to say.

Seeing Lu Hongyuan's reaction, Su Xuezhen also began to doubt whether the paternity report of his child might have truly been tampered with by them!

"Husband, don't listen to her nonsense; how could I ever betray you?"

Hearing Mu Jinyu's words, Gu Youlan was also shocked, angry, and afraid, and hurriedly put on a very aggrieved expression as she spoke to Su Xuezhen.

But with her face swollen like a pig's head at the moment, that so-called aggrieved expression only made her look more nauseating, and at this time...

The silver screen on the stage had the photos removed, replaced with a new video.

It was actually a video of Gu Youlan and Lu Hongyuan, singing late into the night...

And then, videos of Gu Youlan dancing and enjoying herself with Ning Yingcai and Ma Zhengping were shown...

Lastly, numerous short videos of Gu Youlan with influential figures from Jinling were displayed...

Su Xuezhen watched one after another of these incredibly explosive videos, his face turning iron blue, and it seemed as if steam might start spouting from his head at any moment.

He had never expected that his beloved wife would be involved with so many people!

He had even less expected that his best friends, Ma Zhengping, Lu Hongyuan, and Ning Yingcai, would also be having such a great time with his wife!

Ma Zhengping, Lu Hongyuan, Ning Yingcai, and Gu Youlan, all their faces changed drastically upon watching this video!

The three men involved with Gu Youlan had not expected that during their fun times with Gu Youlan, they had been secretly filmed!

And Gu Youlan had not expected that her videos, securely locked away in her computer, would be exposed!

Mu Jinyu, upon this, only gave a light smile, feeling deeply saddened for Su Xuezhen's former resilience.

These videos had naturally been discovered by the Dragon King Hall members who hacked into Gu Youlan's computer.

Though he had long sensed something improper about Gu Youlan, fluctuating undefined energies about her, he had not expected her to dare to engage in such chaos.

Therefore, when the members of the Dragon King Hall reported it to him, he initially wondered whether to release them, but seeing how much Su Xuezhen trusted Gu Youlan.

In the end, he still sent a message to release the videos.

At this moment, Mu Jinyu could only hope that Su Xuezheng, Young Master Su, would be strong enough!

"Ahhh!!!"

Watching those videos, Su Xuezheng's face turned iron blue, and he trembled all over. After being incredulously stunned for a moment, he let out a hysterical roar of agony and then fiercely moved to snatch the gun from a member of Dragon King Hall to kill Gu Youlan and his three close friends!

But how skilled were the members of Dragon King Hall, and was a pampered Young Master Su really capable of wresting a gun away?

Especially after seeing that Su Xuezheng's reaction was off, they were more prepared and wouldn't let him take it.

Su Xuezheng failed to seize the firearms and didn't run around wildly; instead, he turned around and ferociously punched Ma Zhengping, who was panicking, right in the face!

"Bang!"

Su Xuezheng's punch was both fierce and swift. Ma Zhengping, caught off guard, couldn't react in time and his nose bone was directly broken by Su Xuezheng.

After that, Su Xuezen then punched and kicked the doubled-over, pain-wracked Ma Zhengping.

Ning Yingcai, standing nearby, instinctively tried to reach out to stop him, but he quickly realized that Su Xuezen was emotionally out of control and extremely dangerous, and would not listen to reason. He immediately turned to flee the auction hall!

"Bang!"

When Su Xuezen saw Ning Yingcai attempting to run, he snatched the baton from around a bodyguard's waist and slammed it onto the back of Ning Yingcai's head!

Instantly, Ning Yingcai's head was cracked open and blood flowed profusely!

Then with a thud, he fell to the ground, struggling to get up. But after moving his arms a few times, they fell limply by his side.

"Young Master Su, calm down!"

At that moment, their four bodyguards also caught on. They couldn't let Su Xuezen continue unchecked, fearing that he might kill Ning Yingcai, which would spell disaster for them as well.

The bodyguards hurriedly stepped forward to intervene, and some quickly carried Ning Yingcai away from the auction hall to the hospital for treatment, lest he truly die there.

Su Xuezheng, emotionally uncontrollable, would not let his so-called "good brothers" off the hook easily. Seeing the bodyguards trying to stop him, he snatched another baton from a bodyguard and began swinging it at them.

The bodyguards dared not dodge, fearing that if they did, Su Xuezheng would injure Ning Yingcai and Ma Zhengping, whom they were shielding. They could only raise their hands trying to protect their vital parts while letting Su Xuezheng vent out on them.

Soon, under the protection of other bodyguards, Ma Zhengping, Ning Yingcai, and Lu Hongyuan were all safely evacuated from "Listening to the Rain on Bamboo" and taken to the hospital for treatment.

As for Gu Youlan...

Sorry for her!

She wasn't from a major family; she was simply a girl Mu Jinyu fancied, a mere Cinderella who had transformed into a phoenix. And now with this incident...

And since it was her own doing, she naturally had to stay behind to bear Su Xuezheng's wrath!

Since her being beaten to death by Su Xuezhen wouldn't cause any turbulence in Jinling, she was the most suitable target.

Mu Jinyu stood aside, watching Su Xuezhen wildly lash out at those around him.

His heart was filled with mixed emotions.

It could be said that Su Xuezhen truly loved Gu Youlan deeply and trusted her immensely, otherwise he wouldn't have just now realized Gu Youlan's betrayal.

Nor would he have, upon discovering Gu Youlan's betrayal, chosen not to confront her first, but rather to attack his close friends...

Unfortunately, Gu Youlan, that lascivious woman, was utterly unworthy of Su Xuezhen's devoted love.

Mu Jinyu truly felt that Su Xuezhen deserved better!

"Ahh!!!"

At that moment, upon realizing that Lu Hongyuan and the others had been escorted away by the bodyguards, Su Xuezhen threw the baton out of his hand and then, clutching his head, let out an agonizing roar!

Chapter 373: Are You a Man or Not?

Gu Youlan looked at Su Xuezhen's expression and was extremely frightened.

She hated Mu Jinyu even more for exposing her video. How did he do it!

While she tried to escape from the auction several times, she couldn't get away because of the stern-faced bodyguards blocking her exit.

Stomping her feet in anger, she finally looked at Su Xuezhen with pitiful eyes and cooed, "Husband~ That video is fake, it's been photoshopped, it's not me, you must believe in my innocence..."

"Slap!!"

Hearing Gu Youlan's coquettish words in her swine-like face, Su Xuezhen couldn't hold back any longer. He released his head and swung his hand hard, slapping Gu Youlan's face directly!

"Get lost! You bitch!"

Su Xuezhen's slap on Gu Youlan's face was met with cheers from the audience, regardless of their age or gender.

They had long been disgusted by such a woman.

If it were their experience, they feared the first person to be killed wouldn't be a brother by their side, but this woman.

So much for their trust!

However, up to now, Su Xuezhen had only slapped Gu Youlan once, which showed how deeply he loved her.

But this woman was arrogant and spoiled by his affection, betraying Su Xuezhen's trust and messing around with others.

However, she seemed to forget that she had no real standing in Jinling and was all bluffing, relying on her status as Madam Su.

It's hard to know what she was thinking, to not cling tightly to Su Xuezhen's coattails, instead messing around and even deliberately recording these videos.

Could it be that she was preparing to use these clips to threaten these young masters and then, one day, kick Su Xuezhen to the curb and become the top figure in Jinling with their help?

The crowd felt there was such a suspicion.

But with the premature exposure of this video, Gu Youlan's plan was utterly ruined.

Gu Youlan was sent flying to the ground by Su Xuezhen's slap, her eyes filled with disbelief.

This was the first time she had been hit by Su Xuezhen since their marriage!

Before, Su Xuezhen had treated her so tenderly, afraid she would melt in his hands, unwilling to hurt even a single hair on her head.

And now, he had actually slapped her hard!

"You... you actually hit me!! Are you even a man?!" Gu Youlan couldn't help but furiously scold!

Originally unsure how to handle the situation, Su Xuezheng, upon hearing Gu Youlan's questioning, couldn't help but scoff, "Hahaha... Whether I am a man is not for you to judge! You wretch, want to know how much of a man I am, right? Well, today, I'll let you see for yourself!"

With that, he grabbed a baton from the waist of a bodyguard and rushed towards Gu Youlan, beating her wildly!

The bodyguards could have stopped Su Xuezheng from taking the baton, but because they were innocently punished by Su Xuezheng due to Gu Youlan's actions, they allowed Su Xuezheng to take the baton out of revenge.

"Am I man enough? Huh! Is this man enough for you!!" Su Xuezheng kept swinging at Gu Youlan while shouting angrily.

As everyone watched the scene, nobody felt any pity for Gu Youlan; they just thought she deserved it.

At the same time, he was happy that Su Xuezheng had finally come to his senses and showed some backbone.

Although Gu Youlan's martial arts were not good, she knew some, and at first, Su Xuezheng almost couldn't defend against her. However, since he was holding a weapon and Gu Youlan had just been badly beaten by Mu Jinyu, her reaction was not as sharp anymore.

Soon, Su Xuezheng managed to crack her skull, and eventually...

...he left her gasping for breath, lying on the ground in a pool of blood.

Seeing this, Su Xuezheng dropped the baton in his hand and let out a sorrowful laugh, "Hahaha, I was just too less of a man, which allowed you to be presumptuous over and over again, which turned the Su Family into a laughing stock today, and which made me raise someone else's bastard child for five years..."

Gu Youlan lay in the pool of blood, gasping for breath, her pupils dilated, and deep in her eyes, there was powerlessness and unwillingness...

Mu Jinyu sighed softly and said, "Why should you grieve for such a woman when the world is full of fairer grass? If she had been a woman faithful to you, I could understand your reaction, but with someone like her, why bother to be heartbroken?"

Su Xuezhen shook his head and said, "You don't understand, it's because she had a child for me and after I checked, it was indeed my own seed, that's why I endured tremendous pressure to make her my wife... But now... Haha..."

As he spoke, Su Xuezhen let out another series of mournful laughter.

Mu Jinyu said, "If that's all, then you needn't be so desperate. The problem with your disease is just low sperm vitality; it doesn't mean it's incurable."

Hearing Mu Jinyu's words, Su Xuezhen suddenly looked up at him, his eyes lighting up with hope as he exclaimed, "Is there really a cure? But I've consulted countless famous doctors to no avail!"

Mu Jinyu said indifferently, "That's because you haven't consulted me, the Divine Doctor."

After a pause, he continued, "Don't doubt my medical skills. The Beauty Pill was developed by me."

With just that statement, Su Xuezhen's doubtful eyes grew more trusting by the second.

"My friend, if you can really solve this ailment that has troubled me for years, I..."

Su Xuezhen spoke, unsure of how to express his gratitude to Mu Jinyu.

Given the power and influence Mu Jinyu had demonstrated, as well as his creation of the Beauty Pill, it was clear he didn't lack for wealth or status. What could Su Xuezhen possibly offer him?

Mu Jinyu responded with a faint smile, "You don't need to give me anything. I just couldn't overlook this matter."

Then, Mu Jinyu took out the Silver Needle that he always carried in his pocket, sterilized it with his inner strength, and asked Su Xuezheng to get up and come closer to him.

The bodyguards were somewhat afraid that Mu Jinyu would harm Su Xuezheng, but they reasoned that if Mu Jinyu had wanted to harm Su Xuezheng, he could have simply had the Dragon King Hall members shoot him dead earlier—why would he need to do it himself?

So, they didn't take any action.

Mu Jinyu told Su Xuezheng to lift up his shirt, then he held the Silver Needle and pierced it into Su Xuezheng's slightly flabby white belly.

At first, Su Xuezheng didn't feel much, but as Mu Jinyu inserted a few needles, he suddenly felt a warm current flowing into his lower abdomen, which was very comforting.

Before he could savor this comfortable sensation, Mu Jinyu pulled out the needles and said, "It's done."

"That's it?"

Su Xuezheng opened his eyes, looking at Mu Jinyu in disbelief.

However, he could feel that even after Mu Jinyu had removed the needles, there was still a warm and cozy heat flow in his lower abdomen, continuously circulating and making him feel increasingly comfortable.

"Yes, you can go to the hospital to get a check-up now," Mu Jinyu said as he disinfected the Silver Needle again and then put it back into his pocket.

"Alright."

Su Xuezheng was eager to get to the hospital for a check-up. Just as he was about to leave, he saw the Zichen Demon-Slaying Sword lying aside. He picked it up, presented it respectfully to Mu Jinyu, and said, "Brother, please take your sister-in-law's sword back. I will return to thank and apologize to you after I come back..."

Chapter 374 A Bit Troublesome

After Su Xuezheng finished speaking, anxious about his medical condition, he didn't bother to say anything more to Mu Jinyu and hurriedly left the auction with his bodyguards in tow.

As for Gu Youlan, who he had beaten until bloody and bruised, lying on the ground, he outright ignored her.

He didn't kill this vile woman on the spot, purely out of consideration for the affection they once shared as husband and wife.

With Su Xuezheng gone, the auction hall remained deathly quiet.

Holding the Blood-Drinking Sword in his hand, Mu Jinyu watched Su Xuezheng leave, then glanced at Gu Youlan on the ground and turned to Mei Yinxue, "What should be done with her?"

"Let it be, let the Su Family deal with it themselves," Mei Yinxue hesitated and then shook her head.

Initially, upon realizing that the Blood-Drinking Sword was stolen by Gu Youlan and used as a ploy to lure her, Mei Yinxue was extremely angry.

But now, seeing Gu Youlan in such a state, the resentment in her heart had somewhat dissipated, and she couldn't be bothered to quibble with this pitiful creature anymore.

"Alright, then let's go."

Mu Jinyu nodded lightly and then passed the sheathed Blood-Drinking Sword to Mei Yinxue.

Mei Yinxue took it, her heart filled with a multitude of emotions.

This sword, to her, was still very meaningful.

Because when they were young, she and Gu Youlan were not truly considered adopted daughters by their foster father, but rather, more aptly, his tools for killing.

Then, on her eighteenth birthday, their foster father gave her this sword, officially adopted them, and gave each of them a name, transforming them from mere tools into genuine human beings...

Thus, Mei Yinxue had been desperately trying to retrieve the Blood-Drinking Sword ever since it was lost.

Now that she had regained what was lost, her heart was naturally filled with profound relief and joy.

Mei Yinxue, holding the Blood-Drinking Sword, reminisced about the past and the once-close sisterhood they shared, yet now they were at odds with each other, and her heart grew melancholic.

Gripping the scabbard tightly, Mei Yinxue exhaled softly, no longer looking at Gu Youlan, who lay on the ground with eyes full of resentment, and said to Mu Jinyu, "Alright, let's go."

After that, Mu Jinyu led Mei Yinxue and Su Zijin out of the ghostly silent auction hall.

As for the matter of repaying the auction house, Mu Jinyu naturally wouldn't do such a thing.

Not to mention that the Blood-Drinking Sword was originally Mei Yinxue's possession; further considering the treatment fees he had just charged Su Xuezhen were more than enough to cover any auction house fees for a failed sale of the Blood-Drinking Sword.

Following the departure of Mu Jinyu and company...

The crowd, who had been seated and hardly daring to breathe, suddenly felt like they could breathe again.

Gasping for air in a rushed manner, they began to whisper,

"Phew, that was terrifying. The young masters of the four great families came together, I thought they were certainly doomed, but in the end, they all knelt before that young man!"

"They say a strong dragon can't suppress a local snake, but that's because the dragon isn't strong enough. Like the grandeur of that young master just now, which local snake could suppress him?"

"I wonder how long he's going to stay in Jinling?"

"From their conversation just now, it seemed that they were initially here to retrieve their lost item. I guess they won't be in Jinling for too long, right?"

"Maybe, right? Anyway, better be careful. I just sneakily took a few photos of them. I need to send them to relatives and friends, to make them wary and not to court death by provoking them, and not get me involved."

"Right, right, right... Send us a copy of the photos too. I need to send them to my kids as a warning so they won't do anything foolish these days!"

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The thoughts of the people remaining within the auction house were unknown to Mu Jinyu and his party, who had already departed from 'Listening to the Rain on Bamboo'.

After Mu Jinyu exited the clubhouse, he intended to head straight back to River City.

After all, the Blood-Drinking Sword had been returned to its rightful owner, and they had already explored all the scenic spots in Jinling that were of little interest anymore.

But no sooner had he stepped out of the clubhouse than Gu Xiyan's call came through.

Mu Jinyu stood at the entrance, took out his mobile phone to see the caller ID, and then answered the call.

"Hello, Jinyu, are you and mom in Jinling right now?"

As soon as the call connected, Gu Xiyan didn't beat around the bush and directly asked.

"Yeah, what's up, is there something wrong?" Mu Jinyu asked.

"It's like this, we've been setting up branch offices recently in Jinling, Lu City, and the Capital City, right?"

I'm in Lu City dealing with some stuff with Wen Rou, and Lin Qiaoxia was in charge of setting up the branch office in Jinling.

But it seems there's a problem there; Qiaoxia seems unable to handle it, Wen Rou and I can't leave to come over, and Sister Qingya needs to stay in River City...

Then I thought of you and mom being in Jinling handling affairs, so if you're done with your stuff, could you go over and lend a hand?"

Gu Xiyan briefly explained the situation.

After listening, Mu Jinyu nodded slightly and said, "Oh, that's just perfect, I've just finished my business here and was about to head back to River City. Your call is quite timely. I'll go handle it now, send me the address of our branch office."

"Great, let's leave it at that for now, I've got a lot on my plate here. I'll text you the details later, hanging up now."

Gu Xiyan said before hanging up the call, not even having time to ridicule Mu Jinyu for not knowing the address of his own branch office.

"Ding."

About thirty seconds after Gu Xiyan hung up, a text message came through with the address written on it.

"Let's not go back to River City yet, just take me here first."

After a glance at the screen, Mu Jinyu handed his phone to a Dragon King Hall member standing behind him and instructed.

"Yes, Dragon King."

The Dragon King Hall member responded respectfully.

"What happened? What's going on?" Su Zijin, listening to Mu Jinyu's recent conversation with Gu Xiyan, didn't quite understand and asked curiously.

In her mind, if it couldn't be resolved, she would contact the Old Dragon King's students in Jinling.

It surely wasn't a big deal and would be easy to handle.

Mu Jinyu shook his head and said, "Not sure what happened, Xiyan didn't go into details. It feels like Qiaoxia might have been wronged in some way while handling things here? Not clear, let's go and see."

"Hmm? Then we should go check it out."

Upon hearing this, Su Zijin narrowed her eyes, a fierce light flashing within them.

Although Lin Qiaoxia, Yu Linglong, and Xu Qingya didn't seem to have a closer relationship with Mu Jinyu at the moment, in her heart, they were already potential daughters-in-law.

If a potential daughter-in-law was wronged outside, as a potential mother-in-law, she naturally had to stand up for her.

This way, it could be possible for Lin Qiaoxia to become official sooner, and she could hold her grandchild faster.

Talking with Su Zijin, Mu Jinyu was already beside the Hongqi sedan. The Dragon King Hall official opened the door, and they got into the car.

The Dragon King Hall member who had seen the address Mu Jinyu provided then took the driver's seat, speeding towards the Jinyu Group's branch office location in Jinling.

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Inside the Jinyu Group's branch office.

Lin Qiaoxia sat on the office chair, exhausted in body and mind, holding a document and staring blankly at it.

Chapter 375: Director Wang

The document in Lin Qiaoxia's hands was a construction project application report, along with a response from above, denying approval.

"Still no luck? Weren't all the procedures properly handled, and everything compliant? Why won't they approve it?"

Lin Qiaoxia was somewhat perplexed.

Seeing this, her secretary hesitated and then spoke up to remind her, "President Lin, perhaps it's because we didn't offer a 'respect fee'?"

"Respect fee?" Lin Qiaoxia didn't initially understand the meaning of respect fee, but she was not foolish and quickly realized that it meant giving some benefits to the official in charge of the related department. She frowned and said, "Why should we pay a bribe? Our procedures are all in order, and the quality is compliant, so why won't they approve it without a bribe?"

The secretary fell silent, then spoke softly, "There's no helping it; that's the rule now. If we don't offer a little something, they just follow the normal process and might even pick at small issues, which really slows things down. When others grease the wheels, they naturally get the green light and extra attention, and their process is much faster than ours... Time is money, after all. It's normal to give a little something to maintain relationships..."

After hearing this, Lin Qiaoxia pursed her lips, reluctant to compromise.

"But Young Master Mu has said that we don't need to worry about these things, just follow the normal process..."

As Lin Qiaoxia spoke, she again felt uneasy. If they followed the normal process, it might drag on for a month or two. By then, would they think she was inefficient and useless?

Pursing her lips, Lin Qiaoxia's eyes flickered a few times before she finally sighed deeply and said, "Alright, let's go there once more."

"Okay." Seeing that Lin Qiaoxia had finally relented, the secretary nodded lightly and then went out to prepare.

Lin Qiaoxia sighed softly and took a bank card out of her bag. It was her personal card; she had decided not to take money directly from the company account, but rather to use her own salary to facilitate the relationship.

However, her salary wasn't much, and she had only recently been promoted from executive assistant to the general manager of the branch. Naturally, there wasn't much money in her account, just a little over fifty thousand.

"Taking out fifty thousand to facilitate this relationship should be enough, right?!"

Lin Qiaoxia held the bank card, muttering softly to herself.

Soon, the secretary finished preparing and told Lin Qiaoxia that they could leave now.

Then, the two women left the office, and the driver took Lin Qiaoxia to a nearby bank to withdraw the money before they set off again toward the department they needed to visit.

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Mu Jinyu led Su Zijin and the others to Wuhu Plaza, instructing the Dragon King Hall Member to park the car, and then led them towards Jinyu Tower.

When they took the elevator to the eighteenth floor, Mu Jinyu went to the general manager's office but found no one there. Turning to ask an assistant, she learned that Lin Qiaoxia, along with her secretary and a few others, had left some time ago.

"Where did she go?" Mu Jinyu asked the assistant, slightly puzzled.

The assistant shook their head, "I... I'm not quite sure..."

"Alright, no problem, you can get back to your work," Mu Jinyu waved her hand, signaling the assistant could leave, and then took out her cellphone to call Lin Qiaoxia.

"Dialing... Hello?"

The call connected, and the voice of Lin Qiaoxia sounded both surprised and somewhat anxious.

Mu Jinyu asked directly, "Where are you now? I came to visit you at the Jinling Branch, but you're not here?"

"I... I'm processing some paperwork now, I'm currently at..." Lin Qiaoxia hesitated for a moment, then still stuttered out her current location to Mu Jinyu.

Since it would take a while for Mu Jinyu to arrive anyway, and by the time Mu Jinyu reached the location, she would have already smoothed things over with the relevant officials and completed the necessary paperwork without letting Mu Jinyu see anything.

This might also let him see her capability and not feel that leaving her in charge of the branch was a disaster.

Lin Qiaoxia still harbored some insecurities, constantly feeling inadequate and unable to assist Mu Jinyu significantly. However, she truly wanted to help him and had been striving to learn and improve herself recently.

Having finally gained the chance to lead independently, she naturally wanted to accomplish something significant to earn Mu Jinyu's praise.

"Oh, alright. Then don't go wandering off later. Even if you need to leave, let me know first. I'm on my way now."

Mu Jinyu responded, also somewhat uneasy about leaving Lin Qiaoxia alone, thus he gave such instructions.

After all, from what Gu Xiyang had said earlier, there seemed to be some difficulties here. Lin Qiaoxia was likely out handling trouble, and he of course needed to follow and check on that.

After hanging up the phone, Mu Jinyu turned to Mei Yinxue and Su Zijin and said, "Mom, Old Mei, please sit here for a while. I'll go check things out first."

Su Zijin quickly asked, "What's happening over there? Do you need my help?"

"It's okay, I can handle it. You guys rest here for now."

Mu Jinyu slightly shook his head and did not divulge the specific situation.

It wasn't that he didn't want to worry Su Zijin and the others by hiding things; rather, he himself was unclear about the details.

Then, he asked his assistant to come in and serve tea to them. Mu Jinyu went downstairs and then instructed a member of the Dragon King Hall to rush to the office building where Lin Qiaoxia had gone.

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On Lin Qiaoxia's side:

Upon reaching the relevant department's office, she waited for a short while.

"Please come in."

A rich male voice sounded from inside.

Hearing this, Lin Qiaoxia stood up from the bench outside, took a deep breath to encourage herself, then walked to the door, turned the handle, and stepped in.

The office was small, with a greasy, corpulent middle-aged man sitting behind the desk.

Upon hearing the movement, he did not look up to check Lin Qiaoxia, still busy writing documents.

Lin Qiaoxia dared not disturb him by speaking.

For a moment, the only sounds in the office were their breathing and the rustling of the pen on paper.

About five minutes later,

the man, seeing that Lin Qiaoxia had been left waiting long enough, finally put down his pen, looked up at Lin Qiaoxia, and his eyes imperceptibly revealed a hint of astonishment.

Today, Lin Qiaoxia was dressed in a professional OL suit dress, her figure finely curved, with slender legs wrapped in black stockings adding to her allure.

Her glasses also differed from the usual large black ones, now replaced by delicate gold wire spectacles, enhancing her high nose bridge and deep eyes.

A complete image of a professional businesswoman was presented.

"It's President Lin, huh? What brings you here again today?"

The middle-aged man pushed his glasses up the bridge of his nose, smiled faintly, and discreetly withdrew his gaze that had been appraising Lin Qiaoxia, asking softly.

Lin Qiaoxia quietly said, "Director Wang, I am here to handle the factory establishment procedures."

"Oh..." Director Wang responded, feigning realization, "That matter, didn't I reply to you already? It's not possible now, you'll have to wait a bit longer."

Seeing this, Lin Qiaoxia sighed softly, then handed over the application form along with an envelope to Director Wang's desk, saying, "Director Wang, please have another look at this."

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Director Wang's gaze flicked to the envelope under the application report, knowing that Lin Qiaoxia had finally come to her senses.

A small smile formed at the corner of his mouth, and Director Wang reached out to take the envelope, weighing it in his hand several times before his expression suddenly stiffened.

With his experience, he instantly calculated that the money in the envelope didn't exceed fifty thousand, at most sixty thousand...

Director Wang's face turned quite ugly.

What did this woman Lin Qiaoxia mean?

She asked him to expedite the matter, and she just gave him a paltry fifty thousand yuan as a "hard-working fee"? What? Did she look down on him?!

Director Wang cursed inwardly, and his face darkened. He didn't even pretend to read the application report but directly threw both the report and the envelope back onto the desk and scolded loudly, "What do you mean by this, trying to bribe me? Am I that kind of person? Huh!"

Lin Qiaoxia watched as Director Wang's face turned dark in an instant, feeling somewhat baffled.

Ah? What happened to Director Wang, why did he get so angry?

Didn't Sister Chen say to give them a little gratuity, a way to smooth things over? Why did he get furious without even seeing how much money it was? Could it be that Sister Chen misunderstood him?

Director Wang had always withheld approval from her; was it actually because the paperwork was insufficient? Did it require time for review? Was he a very upright and honest person?

Lin Qiaoxia was thoroughly confused and at a loss, with no idea what to do.

After all, it was her first time trying to network, not knowing that the other party was insatiable with greed.

"Get out! Let me tell you, now you and Jinyu Group just wait and see, I will conduct a strict examination of you all!"

Director Wang scolded with an air of righteousness.

He knew that Lin Qiaoxia represented Jinyu Group, as well as the highly popular Beauty Pill.

Jinyu Group's plan to open a branch office in Jinling was received very favorably, and many preferential policies were offered by the Jinling Temples and Halls. Ordinary people were mostly afraid to offend them, for fear of being blacklisted and later unable to purchase Beauty Pill or the better medicine they claim to have in the future...

However, Director Wang, being a solitary man without a wife or daughter, naturally didn't fear being blacklisted by Jinyu Group and not being able to buy their medicine in the future.

Also, he wasn't intentionally holding up Jinyu Group's procedures; indeed, he was processing them at the normal pace.

Although it's true that for a big company like them, with all paperwork in order and inspections passed, immediate approval was typical...

However, larger groups than Jinyu Group, when their representatives came to him for procedures, were also very respectful in offering him numerous gifts. Since Jinyu Group acted so high and mighty, wasn't it alright for him to handle their case at the regular pace?

Therefore, even if he were investigated, he wouldn't have any problems.

Hearing Director Wang's righteous scolding, Lin Qiaoxia grew anxious and blurted out, "Director Wang, I really don't have any money left. How about I make it up to you next month after I get my salary?"

She started to realize, could it be that the money was too little? Was Director Wang uncomfortable, signaling her for more?!

When Director Wang heard how loud Lin Qiaoxia was speaking, his face turned even darker.

Ni Ma's, why are you shouting so loudly?

Trying to scare me, to threaten me?

"Don't play these games with me, it's not about the money. I won't take your money, your attitude has many problems. Now get out at once!"

Lin Qiaoxia was shouting so loudly, it wouldn't matter if she said she would make it up after her salary. Even if she produced one million yuan now, Director Wang wouldn't dare to accept it, to avoid giving rise to any talk.

Director Wang sternly reprimanded Lin Qiaoxia and, seeing she still refused to leave, hurriedly grabbed the phone nearby and called the security at the entrance, "Hello, come in and take this unreasonable President Lin away."

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Mu Jinyu sat in the rear seat of the car, en route to the Jinling Temples and Halls. With nothing to do during the journey, he occasionally received messages from Xiang Mantang with decisions they were unsure about, asking him, as the Dragon King, to make the final call. He would then ponder briefly before making a decision and replying to Xiang Mantang.

"Ding."

At that moment, Su Xuezheng sent a message, asking where he was now. His test results from the hospital had come out, confirming his health had recovered, and his sperm vitality was normal again.

Mu Jinyu wasn't surprised at how Su Xuezheng got his mobile number; with his status, it would be easy to obtain his number.

He guessed Su Xuezheng knew his current location, as well as the route and destination he was headed to, but out of respect, he did not rashly go there and instead decided to ask him first.

Mu Jinyu replied, telling him there was no need to come over as he had other matters to attend to.

If it were an ordinary person, they wouldn't have the confidence to continue the conversation and would obediently agree not to come, but Su Xuezheng was no ordinary person, and he sincerely wanted to express his gratitude to Mu Jinyu.

Therefore, he replied, saying that he personally needed to thank Mu Jinyu for the great favor and begged him not to refuse.

Seeing his persistence, Mu Jinyu couldn't refuse any longer, and directly sent the address of the temple he was headed to Su Xuezheng.

Su Xuezheng replied that he would be right over.

Mu Jinyu didn't reply further and simply put his phone away.

Soon, the Dragon King Hall Member drove up in front of the Jinling Temples and Halls building.

Mu Jinyu got out of the car and then walked into the building.

The security guards waiting at the entrance saw Mu Jinyu stepping out of the red flag sedan, surrounded by a group of men with an extraordinary bearing and calm faces, walking towards them with an imposing air, and they didn't dare to breathe loudly, let alone step forward to question him.

"Ah!"

Just then.

Lin Qiaoxia and her secretary, Sister Chen, were being pushed out by the security guards called over by Director Wang.

Lin Qiaoxia was pushed so hard by the guard that she stumbled and nearly fell.

Mu Jinyu, seeing this, quickly stepped forward and reached out to steady her.

Lin Qiaoxia, realizing someone had caught her, reflexively tried to push them away while apologetically saying, "I'm sorry, I'm so sorry..."

"Sister Qiaoxia, are you alright?" Mu Jinyu saw she was unharmed and let go of her while asking with concern.

"I'm fine... Ah?" Lin Qiaoxia replied, but then recognizing the familiar voice, she immediately turned her head in shock.

When she saw that it was Mu Jinyu who had just supported her, her eyes instantly reddened with a mix of grievance and embarrassment.

The grievance was due to the treatment she had just received, and the embarrassment was due to Mu Jinyu witnessing her ineffectiveness at handling the situation.

"Hurry up and scram, don't come back causing trouble!"

At that moment, the several security guards who had pushed Lin Qiaoxia and her secretary out scowled coldly at Mu Jinyu and the Dragon King Hall Officials behind him, and spoke harshly.

"Hmm?!" Mu Jinyu turned his head to look at the fellow who had pushed Lin Qiaoxia to the brink of falling and, with a fierce glint in his eye, said, "What is this attitude? Is this how a public servant should behave?"

Chapter 377: Coming to the Door!

"What now? Is my attitude not good enough?"

The security guard glanced at Mu Jinyu and sneered, "If it were Brother Tian on duty today, he'd probably have broken your legs by now!"

Although Mu Jinyu and his people seemed extraordinary and unlike ordinary folks, the security guards were not afraid; after all, they worked as security at Jinling Temples and Halls—who would dare to lay hands on them?

"Oh? Is that so?"

Upon hearing this, Mu Jinyu nodded lightly, his hands clasped behind his back as he shouted to a Dragon King Hall Member behind him, "Little Zheng, go ahead and break their legs for them."

"Yes."

Little Zheng responded respectfully.

Afterward, he walked towards the few security guards with an expressionless face.

Seeing this, the security guards's hearts skipped a beat and they cursed, "What? You want to hit us? You're rebelling, rebelling..."

In the midst of their speaking,

Little Zheng was already upon them, and with a wave of his hand, he struck at the knee of the leading one.

"Crack!"

That security guard couldn't react in time and had his leg cleanly broken by Little Zheng.

"Ah!!!"

He let out a piercing scream, falling to the ground, clutching his crippled leg, and kept shouting hoarsely, "My leg is broken, my leg is broken!"

The other security guards, with a twitching of the eyelids, saw Little Zheng approaching them with an expressionless face and, refusing to be sitting ducks, pulled out their batons and swung them down on Little Zheng's head.

If that had hit, blood would surely have flowed.

However, Little Zheng just clenched his fist, threw a simple and unadorned punch at the swinging baton.

"Clang!"

With a sonorous sound, the baton was bent by Little Zheng's punch, then flew backward, striking the knee of the security guard who had thrown it.

"Ow!"

That security guard cried out in pain, then Little Zheng stepped forward quickly, a hand-chop slashing down on his knee, also breaking his leg.

In a few moments,

these security guards, who were arrogant and act as if they were above all, had their legs broken by Little Zheng.

After that, Little Zheng returned to Mu Jinyu's side without any expression or a word.

The security guards at the gate, who had not dared to help, now saw their fiercest team members quickly taken down by Mu Jinyu's subordinate like cutting melons and chopping vegetables, which made them swallow their saliva hard in disbelief.

They dared not approach any longer.

Mu Jinyu glanced back at them, didn't say anything, turned to look at Lin Qiaoxia, who was showing fear, and said, "What happened?!"

Upon hearing this, Lin Qiaoxia stammered, informing Mu Jinyu of the events that had just occurred.

After speaking, Lin Qiaoxia added, "Perhaps I misunderstood. Indeed, the procedures were not qualified, and we couldn't cut in line; let's just go back."

Mu Jinyu frowned slightly and said, "You just mentioned, this branch company wanted to set up a pharmaceutical factory in the suburbs, and it was rejected due to environmental pollution concerns, requiring further testing for a while, correct?"

"Yes," Lin Qiaoxia nodded, hesitating to speak further.

Mu Jinyu's eyes flickered and he said coldly, "Ridiculous. We are not some chemical plant; how could we pollute the environment? And there are others who applied later than us, have already been approved? Even those highly polluting chemical factories?"

The more Mu Jinyu spoke, the more furious he became. He was not someone who desired special privileges. If Director Wang truly had insisted on following the proper procedures and rules, even though he would have been upset at seeing Lin Qiaoxia being chased away, he would not have done anything.

But listening to Lin Qiaoxia's words, was Director Wang really someone who abided by the rules and followed proper procedures? Clearly, he was expecting a bribe; otherwise, he would continue to stall them.

"How much money did you give him for the gift just now?" Mu Jinyu asked.

With her face flushed, Lin Qiaoxia was somewhat embarrassed as she said, "Fifty thousand, that's all the money I had..."

"Fifty thousand is not a small amount, yet you still think it's too little..."

"Hm?" Mu Jinyu said, and suddenly realizing something, raised his eyebrows in surprise and asked, "Are you planning to pay out of your own pocket?"

"No, not exactly..." Lin Qiaoxia said timidly, "I didn't handle things well, but should I really use public funds to grease the wheels?"

"Haven't you also worked in the Public Relations Department? How can you still be so naive?" Mu Jinyu was speechless for a moment and continued, "This sort of thing is invariably done with public funds. Never mind, let's go find Director Wang."

Mu Jinyu didn't want to blame Lin Qiaoxia too harshly; she wasn't wrong, just a bit foolish.

"Oh." Lin Qiaoxia nodded her head in response, then quickly followed Mu Jinyu.

Mu Jinyu walked ahead a few steps, then stopped suddenly, turned back to Lin Qiaoxia, and said, "You lead the way."

After a few steps, he realized he didn't know where Director Wang's office was, so he decided it would be better to let Lin Qiaoxia lead the way.

"Sure." Lin Qiaoxia responded and then walked over to Mu Jinyu's side to lead him to Director Wang's office.

"Knock knock."

Arriving at the door, Lin Qiaoxia even knocked a few times, intending to wait for Director Wang to invite her in before entering.

Seeing this, Mu Jinyu pulled her aside without a word and kicked the door open with one foot.

"Plea..."

Inside the office, Director Wang had just begun to say "Come in," but when he saw his office door being kicked open, he was stunned into silence, swallowing back the rest of his words.

"Who are you?! Who let you in? Where's security?!"

After a moment of shock, Director Wang quickly became a mixture of shocked and angry, berating Mu Jinyu.

Mu Jinyu didn't speak; Lin Qiaoxia timidly followed him inside.

Seeing Lin Qiaoxia, Director Wang's expression cleared in realization, and then he cursed with even more conviction, "So it's you, huh? What's the matter? Unable to bribe me, you decide to cause a ruckus instead? I'm not falling for that!"

"Security, security!!"

Director Wang began loudly calling for security.

After all, several members of the Dragon King Hall who had come in with Mu Jinyu were expressionless and imposing, exerting an enormous pressure.

"Stop shouting; they wanted to break one of my legs but ended up with their legs broken by me. They won't be able to come save you anytime soon," Mu Jinyu said calmly, with an even tone as he strolled past the desk to stand in front of Director Wang. He then stretched out his hand, grabbed Wang's collar, and delivered a slap across his chubby face!

"Smack!"

The sound of the slap was crisp and pleasing.

Mu Jinyu hadn't used much force, otherwise, Director Wang's whole pig-like head might have been smashed.

But even though he hadn't exerted much strength, Director Wang was still stunned by Mu Jinyu's slap.

Ten seconds later.

"You dare hit me, you're rebelling!"

Director Wang snapped out of his daze, breaking into a frantic yell and started to struggle.

"Smack! Smack!"

Mu Jinyu, with a cold expression, delivered several more slaps.

This time he used more force, causing Director Wang's head to buzz and his cheeks to burn with pain. And since security hadn't come to his rescue, he finally quieted down.

When the situation is stronger than the person, of course, one has to bow their head.

"What... what do you want to do?"

Director Wang asked pitifully, looking up at Mu Jinyu who was holding his collar, his tone weak.

Mu Jinyu didn't speak, turned around to take the cellphone that a Dragon King Hall member was holding out to him, then directly placed it in front of Director Wang's eyes and asked, "Didn't you say everything should follow rules and procedures? Then what's this all about, huh?!"

Chapter 378: You guys go back first!

Director Wang listened to Mu Jinyu's arrogant tone, his heart also pounding, and then squinted his eyes toward the bright phone screen that was close in front of him.

There was no choice, the screen was too bright, and with it so close to his eyes, he was nearly blinded and had to squint in order to see the content clearly.

After squinting at the screen a few times, Director Wang's heart skipped a beat, and he thought to himself, how does this guy have such information?

It turned out that the material Mu Jinyu showed Director Wang was evidence of him accepting bribes to approve a chemical plant that should not have been approved.

There was even a video showing them speaking in veiled terms after he had taken the bribe.

'How is it possible?! The room I was in that day had no surveillance cameras at all? How could there be this video? Could it be...'

Director Wang's mind exploded with chaos as he began to wildly speculate about what was going on.

How on earth did Mu Jinyu get his hands on this video?

"Smack! Smack!"

Two more crisp slaps sounded.

It was Mu Jinyu seeing Director Wang was a bit dumbfounded, putting away his phone, and helping him to sober up.

After slapping Director Wang several times and seeing that he had finally regained some sense, Mu Jinyu then loosened his grip and nodded to a Dragon King Hall member nearby. The member immediately stepped forward, took hold of Director Wang, subdued him, and pressed him against the office desk.

At this moment, Mu Jinyu sat leisurely in Director Wang's office chair, reclining against the soft back of the chair. Mu Jinyu crossed his legs and placed them on the office desk, with the tip of his shoe right next to Director Wang's nose.

Although Mu Jinyu did not have smelly feet, Director Wang still showed a look of disgust.

"Thud!"

Seeing this, Mu Jinyu lifted his leg and lightly kicked Director Wang's nose, instantly turning it from a garlic nose into a bulbous one.

"Uh..."

Director Wang grunted in pain, but now that he understood the situation, he didn't dare say anything to Mu Jinyu.

He could only swallow all the grievances and resentment that filled him.

Seeing his reaction, Mu Jinyu coldly said, "Why are you not talking now? Huh?! Have you finished looking at the material? Is this what you call following the rules and procedures?"

Director Wang didn't make a sound, trying to act tough, but he was very panicked inside.

After all, if the material and video in Mu Jinyu's hands were exposed, his position would definitely be gone, and he might even have his property confiscated!

And at his home, he really had stashed a large sum of cash!

What was he to do now?

Director Wang was very flustered inside, but he forcibly calmed himself down. Even if he had to open backdoors for Mu Jinyu, submit to him, and prevent him from spreading the material, he could not show too much fear, lest he be completely controlled by Mu Jinyu and truly become his lackey!

"What's all this noise about?"

At this moment, a man in his thirties, a middle-aged man, walked over from the corridor, peeking inside and asking with an unhappy tone.

"Chief Li, help!"

Director Wang saw the middle-aged man and immediately shouted loudly.

Sensing this, Mu Jinyu frowned and said, "Not the mute now, are we?"

He didn't even bother to look towards the doorway.

After speaking, he violently kicked Director Wang in the mouth.

"Ah!"

Immediately, several of Director Wang's teeth were knocked out, and his mouth was cut open, blood flowing freely, making for a very pitiful sight.

"What are you doing?! Ah!"

When Chief Li saw Mu Jinyu and his group daring to subdue Director Wang at his office desk, occupying his chair, and not even giving him a glance upon his arrival, let alone daring to assault Director Wang, he was furious and cried out in anger.

"What's going on? Trying to clear out the parasites?"

Mu Jinyu still couldn't be bothered to look at Chief Li and said languidly.

"Stop hitting... I'll process it... I'll approve it for you..."

This time, Director Wang was genuinely scared by Mu Jinyu and spoke through his pain in surrender.

"What? Are you trying to beat a confession out of someone?!"

Chief Li, listening to Director Wang's faint words and thinking he was refusing to do their business—that was why they had resorted to physical intimidation—felt a towering anger within him!

Then, he walked straight into the office, striding to the desk and attempting to push away the Dragon King Hall Members who were subduing Director Wang.

Of course, he couldn't move them.

The Dragon King Hall Members, without any instruction from Mu Jinyu, did not lay hands on Chief Li.

Seeing that he couldn't push them away, Chief Li took out his cell phone and dialed the security team leader.

But, the call didn't go through.

"What's going on?" Chief Li hung up and couldn't help but look at Mu Jinyu with anger in his eyes.

Mu Jinyu watched Chief Li looking so righteous and couldn't help but laugh inwardly, wondering if this guy was in cahoots with Director Wang, or if he was being kept in the dark.

He simply chuckled, "Don't bother calling. Those security guards have their legs broken by me. They should be on their way to the hospital now."

"You... you..." Chief Li pointed at Mu Jinyu, with eyes that radiated fear and anger, and said, "You're a law unto yourself! You're looking for death, you..."

With that, he was about to call the police.

Mu Jinyu didn't stop Chief Li. He tossed the cell phone that he had just shown Director Wang onto the desk in front of him, saying, "First, take a look at what this is."

Seeing this, Chief Li did not stop his call to the police, but he cautiously picked up the cell phone from the desk, his gaze alert as he looked at the screen.

After a few glances, his eyes widened, and he asked Mu Jinyu in a deep voice, "Is this... is this real or fake?"

"Hello..."

At that moment, an authoritative male voice came from his phone.

Chief Li quickly said, "Sorry, wrong number."

After saying that, he hung up the phone first.

Then, as Chief Li pocketed his cell phone, he thought about Mu Jinyu's confident demeanor from start to finish and the document in his hand, realizing that his identity was probably no ordinary one. The situation was not as simple as he had thought—this wasn't a thug committing violence.

Mu Jinyu saw him hang up and then said, "Of course, it's real. Let me introduce myself. I am the Chairman of Jinyu Group, Mu Jinyu."

As he spoke, he called out to Lin Qiaoxia standing by, "Qiaoxia, show Chief Li the document."

"Mhm," Lin Qiaoxia obediently replied and then passed the document she held to Chief Li.

"Jinyu Group?" Chief Li muttered to himself, then took the document from Lin Qiaoxia and his face inevitably turned dark.

Without a word from Mu Jinyu, he understood why Mu Jinyu had laid hands on Director Wang.

This bastard was digging his own grave!

He had withheld properly submitted application reports, but approved the unqualified ones. What was he trying to do?!

Under his own watch, he dared to play such deceitful games.

Director Wang, restrained by the Dragon King Hall Members and unable to move or speak, realized that his fate was sealed this time.

After reading the document, Chief Li handed it back to Lin Qiaoxia, then coldly glanced over at Director Wang and turned to Mu Jinyu, saying sternly, "I am aware of the situation. We truly wronged you, but you... shouldn't have been so harsh on Little Wang, right?"

"Given these extenuating circumstances, I'll let this slide. Please go back, and I will handle it!"

Chapter 379 Fear!

"Hm?!"

As Mu Jinyu heard Chief Li's words, his eyes narrowed slightly, a glint of coldness sparkling within.

He had originally thought that Chief Li was a man of integrity, one who would not tolerate even the tiniest bit of sand in his eye, but now, after going through the information provided, he didn't offer an

explanation; instead, he directly blamed them for acting rashly and told them to go back and wait for further notice!

And judging by his attitude, although he might not be intending to cover up for Director Wang, it was clear he didn't plan on providing an immediate explanation in line with the mentality that family scandals should not be publicized. Even if he would punish Director Wang, he preferred to settle the matter slowly afterward.

"What now, you're not planning on explaining yourself here and now?"

Mu Jinyu casually crossed his legs, resting one shoe on Director Wang's forehead, his tone calm but exuding a dangerous aura.

Initially, he had only introduced himself as the chairman of Jinyu Group, fearing that Chief Li wasn't high-ranking enough to be aware of the reputation of Dragon King Hall.

But now, if Chief Li still didn't understand the situation, Mu Jinyu wouldn't mind dealing with him too, and then he could call Mu Hongchen directly to thoroughly reform Jinling!

Chief Li, hearing Mu Jinyu's interrogative tone, felt greatly dissatisfied as well.

After all, he had already admitted his department's wrongdoing and had promised to provide explanation later.

But who would've thought that Mu Jinyu would not accept his goodwill and instead was aggressively demanding immediate punishment and a response? What did he take him for? Was he trying to crush the dignity of all the relevant departments underfoot?!

"Mr. Mu, are you trying to teach me how to do my job? Haven't I made it clear to you? I told you to go back first, and I will handle this matter. I will provide you with a satisfactory solution..."

Chief Li hadn't finished speaking when Mu Jinyu interrupted him.

"But I am not satisfied now!"

Mu Jinyu sat up straight, his demeanor serious and his voice carrying a sharp edge.

Lin Qiaoxia stood to the side, watching their exchange quickly escalate and feeling anxious. She cursed herself for being useless, only holding Mu Jinyu back.

If she hadn't mishandled the situation, Mu Jinyu wouldn't have had to come here to deal with it, starting a confrontational standoff with the leaders of the relevant departments.

"Hm?!"

Chief Li, seeing Mu Jinyu's aggressive stance, also grew cold and was about to say something.

At that moment, someone hurriedly ran into the room.

"Huff, huff..."

The person had run over in haste, gasping for breath.

Upon arriving in the office and finding that the situation had not yet escalated too far, he let out a slight sigh of relief, then bent over with hands on his knees, catching his breath rapidly.

"Hm?" Chief Li, hearing the commotion behind him, had his train of thought disrupted and turned with a frown to look back.

After taking a closer look at the newcomer, he quickly recognized who it was, his eyelids twitching at the unexpected appearance.

The newcomer was none other than Su Xuezen, the Young Master of the Su Family.

"Young Master Su, what brings you here?"

Upon seeing Su Xuezheng, Chief Li's face quickly lost its anger and shadow, suppressing it with a trace of respect in his voice.

However, Su Xuezheng paid no mind to Chief Li. After catching his breath, he looked up to ensure that there wasn't any major conflict between Mu Jinyu and the others, and then humbly addressed Mu Jinyu, "Young Master Mu, are you all right?"

'Young Master Mu?!'

Chief Li saw that Su Xuezheng didn't bother to pay attention to him, but he didn't get very angry. However, after seeing Su Xuezheng's attitude towards Mu Jinyu, a sense of fear immediately gripped his heart.

What the hell?

Even Su Xuezheng treated Mu Jinyu with such an attitude, could this young man possibly be more than just the chairman of the Jinyu Group but also have some terrifying background?!

No wonder... Could it be that after witnessing injustice, he actually dared to throw punches at Director Wang! It turns out that he really has a big background!

Chief Li silently cursed himself for his mistake, wondering why he had allowed anger to make him adopt such an attitude towards Mu Jinyu!

Mu Jinyu had no clue about the thoughts churning in Chief Li's mind. When he saw Su Xuezheng approaching, he spoke indifferently, "I'm not in trouble, but someone else is about to be."

Upon hearing Mu Jinyu's words, Su Xuezheng felt a sudden twinge in his heart and sensed that something was amiss—apparently, he had arrived too late.

After the major incident at the auction, and having been healed by Mu Jinyu, his father, the head of the Su Family, immediately rushed to the hospital upon learning of the events.

While awaiting the results of the examination, they investigated Mu Jinyu's identity.

From the Red Flag sedan driven by Mu Jinyu, along with its terrifying license plate number, his father discovered during the investigation that Mu Jinyu's background was tied to an immensely colossal organization within the Divine Huaxia Land.

Dragon King Hall!

To be riding in such a car with numerous experts following him...

Even if Mu Jinyu wasn't one of the Seven Great Hall Masters of Dragon King Hall, at the very least, he would be one of the Star Lord of the Twenty-Eight Constellations.

This background was terrifying, and the wealthy families of Jinling simply could not compete with it.

Luckily, when Su Xuezheng was rushing to the auction to save Gu Youlan, he discovered the frightening background and did not anger the other party. Furthermore, moved by his tragic plight, Mu Jinyu had taken pity on him and offered help.

Therefore, his father had told Su Xuezheng to rush over and to curry favor with Mu Jinyu at all costs!

As for settling scores with the Ma Family, Ning Family, and Lv Family, that could wait.

Thus, Su Xuezheng, without waiting for the medical reports, hastened to inquire about news from Mu Jinyu and then rushed over here.

While on his way, he also received notice from his father that his sperm vitality had indeed returned to normal.

From now on, he could look forward to having many children and blessings!

This made Su Xuezheng immensely grateful to Mu Jinyu and further strengthened his resolve to cling to the latter's coattails.

Even if Mu Jinyu wasn't a high-ranking official in Dragon King Hall, just this mysterious and unfathomable medical skill alone was enough to make him show goodwill.

But now, Mu Jinyu had actually been bullied here, even getting into a fight. Su Xuezheng felt that this was a dereliction of his duty.

"Young Master Mu, please calm your anger. What happened here? I will help you seek justice," Su Xuezheng said to Mu Jinyu with a mixture of anxiety and fear.

Mu Jinyu nudged his lips toward Chief Li, who was sweating cold beads on his forehead, and said with a sneer, "I'm trying to open a branch office here and build a new pharmaceutical plant, but Director Wang has been putting obstacles in my way..."

After briefly explaining the situation to Su Xuezheng, Mu Jinyu turned his gaze to Chief Li, "Chief Li, do you still want me to go back and wait for the results? Do you want to slowly clean up this mess yourself?!"

Mu Jinyu didn't need to ride on Su Xuezheng's coattails, as he could easily resolve the matter himself. However, that would require going through more trouble to make Chief Li understand what he should do.

Now, with the arrival of Su Xuezheng, Mu Jinyu could skip that step and let Chief Li figure out for himself what to do.

If Su Xuezheng hadn't realized the extent of Mu Jinyu's background, he might have thought Mu Jinyu was just putting on airs, but now, he wouldn't think so.

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"Chief Li, who allowed you to act so recklessly, hmm?!"

After listening to Mu Jinyu's summary, Su Xuezhen's forehead broke out in a cold sweat. He then turned his head to look at the similarly stunned Chief Li and angrily rebuked him.

"Young Master Su, I... it's not... I didn't mean that, I wasn't trying to cover up, I was really planning to deal with Director Wang... I..."

Chief Li was so scared that his heart was about to leap out of his throat, and he began to stutter.

Although Su Xuezhen was not much on his own, the Su Family backing him was terrifying, and his father was an even more important figure in the Jinling temples and halls.

If his actions today were exposed, it would mean he had picked the wrong side and would probably have to move seats.

He was naturally extremely nervous.

What made Chief Li even more afraid to imagine was the identity of Mu Jinyu.

If the Su Family behind Su Xuezhen made him frightened and fearful, then how terrifying must Mu Jinyu be, given that Su Xuezhen was so eager to please him?!

Thus, Chief Li didn't even dare to look at Mu Jinyu anymore.

Mu Jinyu saw the look on Su Xuezhen's face, seemingly ready to let the Su Family behind him clean up Chief Li. Mu Jinyu frowned slightly and said, "Alright, hurry up and get my paperwork done and deal with Director Wang, then we can forget about this whole incident!"

Although he had just had a minor conflict with Chief Li, Chief Li wasn't inherently bad by nature. He was simply following his routine habit, trying to press down the issue and deal with it slowly.

Therefore, Mu Jinyu didn't want to hold too much against him.

The real troublemaker was still Director Wang!

Not only did he tamper with their application reports to hold them up, even after Lin Qiaoxia gave benefits and tried to smooth things over with him, he was still insatiable with greed, wanting to drive Lin Qiaoxia away...

If this man was not dealt with, Mu Jinyu would not let the matter rest!

"Of course... of course..."

Seeing that Mu Jinyu wasn't planning to make things difficult for him, Chief Li, whose heart had nearly jumped out of his throat, instantly felt it drop back to its place and he quickly agreed.

Then, under the scrutinizing gaze of Su Xuezheng, he asked Mu Jinyu for the application report, promising to check it immediately and approve it if it met the standards...

Su Xuezheng furrowed his brows and said directly, "Does this still need to be checked? Even if it isn't up to standard, you damn well have to deal with it immediately..."

Mu Jinyu waved his hand at him and said, "There's no need for that. I act uprightly and sit securely, and all the procedures I go through are up to standard. As long as no one deliberately blocks me, I'm not afraid it won't get approved. If Chief Li really does as you say, approving it without regard to whether the procedures are adequate, then I have to consider if this fellow is fit for his position!"

Mu Jinyu spoke calmly and naturally. Had he said this earlier, Chief Li and Director Wang would surely have thought him arrogant and presumptuous. Who did he think he was, to so easily make Chief Li leave his position?

But now, seeing Su Xuezheng's submissive attitude towards him, although they were still unclear about his background, they knew for sure that he was someone who could make it happen.

Hearing Mu Jinyu's words, Chief Li's back once again broke out in a cold sweat. He secretly thought it was too close for comfort, feeling fortunate that he had initially withstood the pressure to act by the book. Otherwise, if he had simply expedited the process for Mu Jinyu, he feared not only would he have failed to gain any advantage, but he might have also risked losing his position!

Lucky indeed...

Seeing that Mu Jinyu had put it that way, although Su Xuezheng still felt it unnecessary, he didn't dare to say anything more.

Soon after, Chief Li, having checked Lin Qiaoxia's application report and various inspection reports and knowing for sure there was no issue – they had indeed been deliberately stalled by Director Wang – despised Director Wang in his heart. He quickly stamped and signed the documents for them.

"All done, all done."

After finishing the signing and stamping, Chief Li hurriedly and respectfully returned the documents to Lin Qiaoxia.

Mu Jinyu glanced at Director Wang, who was still being pinned down on the office desk, unable to move, by a Dragon King Hall member, and said indifferently, "Alright, let's go. Let me know once you've dealt with this guy."

Director Wang had been praying in his heart, hoping that Mu Jinyu would let him go just like Chief Li, but when he heard Mu Jinyu's words, his face instantly turned ash gray!

It's over, it's all over...

He murmured in his heart, his eyes filled with despair!

If he had known Jinyu Group had such a powerful background, he would never have dared to purposely withhold their paperwork!

But now, it was too late for regrets.

Soon, Mu Jinyu left the relevant department leisurely with Lin Qiaoxia and a few others.

Chief Li stood at the door, respectfully watching as Mu Jinyu and his group got into the extremely intimidating Hongqi sedan, and left. Only then did he exhale a sigh of relief, wiping the cold sweat from his brow, realizing his whole body was drenched!

"My goodness, to think they ride in such a car, no wonder Young Master Su treated him with such respect, I was scared to death..."

Chief Li murmured to himself in a low voice.

After that, he thought of Mu Jinyu's company, Jinyu Group, and that wildly popular Beauty Pill...

Thinking about it, it made sense that if this company didn't have such a strong backing, it would have been devoured by other capital long ago, leaving not even bones behind, let alone become more and more powerful and open branches everywhere?

The more Chief Li thought, the more he felt Director Wang was really a pigheaded fool. He had wanted to take advantage of them, and even though they were honorable enough to have given fifty thousand yuan, he was still unsatisfied. Look at him now, huh? This idiot didn't gain any benefits and had to step down first, almost dragging Chief Li down with him.

Thinking thus, Chief Li turned around and headed back to the office building to deal with Director Wang's situation and report it.

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Mu Jinyu sat in the car, opened the refrigerator, popped a bottle of Romanican Emperor red wine, and poured a glass for Lin Qiaoxia and her secretary. He smiled and said, "Have a drink to calm the nerves."

He took a sip himself, smacked his lips a few times, and felt that it didn't taste much different from a bottle worth ten yuan.

Not quite accustomed to the taste, he re-sealed the wine bottle with the cork and placed it back in the refrigerator. Mu Jinyu then turned to look at Su Xuezheng, who was sitting nervously beside him, and asked, "How is it? No problems with the inspection, right?"

"Yes." As soon as Su Xuezheng heard Mu Jinyu's question, she thought about her own chronic condition and immediately became excited, saying repeatedly, "It's all good now; I'm really normal. Thank you so much, Young Master Mu..."

Mu Jinyu waved his hand and said, "It's nothing. Just help me look after my branch offices around here from now on."

Although Dragon King Hall was strong enough not to fear any schemes, having the support of local snakes obviously made the situation better.

So Mu Jinyu made sure to mention it to Su Xuezheng.

As they chatted, the Hongqi sedan soon arrived in front of Jinyu Tower at Wuhu Plaza.

After sending off Su Xuezheng, Mu Jinyu took the obedient-looking Lin Qiaoxia on an elevator ride up to the eighteenth floor.

"Young Master Mu, I'm sorry..."

The secretary had gone to escort Su Xuezheng, leaving only Mu Jinyu and Lin Qiaoxia together in the elevator.

After hesitating for a moment, Lin Qiaoxia spoke up in a low voice to apologize to Mu Jinyu.

"Why are you apologizing to me?" Mu Jinyu turned his head to look at Lin Qiaoxia upon hearing her voice, and said, "It's not your fault!"