

Two Trillion 1001

Chapter 1001: Riding the Wind and Breaking the Waves

Li Qiushan, Fan Sihui, Wu Tong—the six of them appeared somewhat dumbstruck at the moment.

Even though they knew that the Affairs Officers of Zhenbei Group were all incredibly capable, Bai Xiaosheng was on another level entirely.

An absolute powerhouse!

Setting up a new company.

No money?

Is one billion in capital enough?

No external support?

Are Zunbai Zhisheng and Tengyun enough?

What kind of resources are these!

What kind of connections are these!

It's so exaggerated it feels like a dream.

Bai Xiaosheng even promised them original shares!

Li Qiushan and the others were dumbfounded.

"Officer Bai Xiaosheng, you—you, you're not joking with us, are you?" Even the normally composed Li Qiushan stammered a bit.

"I also feel that it's so unreal," Fan Sihui murmured.

"It's a bit, a bit too much— I'm a bit stunned," Wu Tong added.

Yu Sansi and the other two had similar reactions.

Not just them, even Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying couldn't help but look at Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng never joked about such matters, and indeed, he had the ability and the resources!

Bai Xiaosheng looked at everyone, smiling.

"I am the legal representative of the new company. You can rest assured, all financial resources are completely legal, and should there be any issue in this regard, I will take responsibility!"

"As the legal representative, I will not be involved in management, nor will I meddle in your management decisions."

"After the company is established, Li Qiushan will be the general manager, while Wu Tong and Fan Sihui will be deputy managers. The rest of you will have to bear with it for a while and serve as senior executives."

Bai Xiaosheng laid out his plans for everyone, having made prior arrangements and having just observed them on the side before drawing his conclusions.

Kindness alone can only motivate people to work hard.

Only interest can bind everyone together to give their utmost effort.

Bai Xiaosheng then announced the distribution scheme for the original shares.

Shareholding was not set in stone, it would grow according to one's contribution.

Everyone listened with a rush of enthusiasm.

"The company is just starting and we're dealing with small money right now— the future is in your hands!"

The words of Bai Xiaosheng were incredibly motivating for those who were still passionately sincere about the business world and their careers.

Li Qiushan, in his excitement, grabbed a whole bottle of beer, and the others followed suit.

Bai Xiaosheng picked up a bottle as well.

"If you treat me with sincerity, I will never let you down!"

Li Qiushan roared with a gleaming sincerity in his eyes.

Approaching middle age, he never expected to still feel such a fiery passion to shout slogans.

"If you treat me with sincerity, I will never let you down!"

Fan Sihui, Wu Tong, Yu Sansi, and the others yelled in succession.

"I treat you with sincerity, trusting you, and you will not fail me!"

Bai Xiaosheng replied with a slight smile, adding the second half of the phrase.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying too were stirred with enthusiasm, grabbing a bottle of beer.

"Cheers!"

"Cheers!"

With the final shout, everyone yelled at once, raising their bottles to clink together in midair before taking a long drink.

The banquet sparked passion and excitement.

As for the company's direction, Bai Xiaosheng already had a clear idea in mind.

Real estate consultancy, cultural and creative industries, finance—the main businesses were all sectors that Li Qiushan and the others had experience with and could link up with Ron and Zhengdong Province.

Of course, for the future direction of the business, Bai Xiaosheng decided to let Li Qiushan and his team figure it out on their own.

"This afternoon, you all will go to register the company, and my assistants Weiwei and Lei Ying will accompany you to handle it. Also, transfer the funds over there,"

Bai Xiaosheng said with a smile as he set down his wine glass.

He made it sound so effortless.

But Li Qiushan and the others were utterly astonished. Moving a hundred million, just at the bank alone, required the processing of various procedures.

Could it be done in one day?

And the key point, today was a weekend. Registration?

Would the relevant departments even be working?

Li Qiushan initially wanted to remind Bai Xiaosheng, but seeing the clarity in Bai's eyes, he suddenly thought to himself, "My new boss must be aware of this. If he says it can be done, he probably has a way!"

Now, Li Qiushan felt that Bai Xiaosheng could bring about any miracle beyond his imagination.

"Furthermore, I've already made the necessary calls for external support, and they will get in touch with you, General Manager Li Qiushan," Bai Xiaosheng added.

"Great!" Li Qiushan nodded in approval.

"As for the other matters, you are the experts, so I, a layman, shouldn't need to say much," Bai Xiaosheng said with a smile.

"Boss, what should we name our new company?" Fan Sihui suddenly asked with a smile.

This was a question.

Bai Xiaosheng also couldn't think of a good name on the spot and laughed, "If there are no objections, let's call it 'Xue Lian Wan He'."

"Does that... have any particular meaning?" Fan Sihui asked curiously.

The others were also somewhat intrigued.

If it was the name of a company, it seemed a bit peculiar...

"I like snow lotus flowers," Bai Xiaosheng said with a smile. "Besides, our company will be a comprehensive one in the future. 'Wan He' sounds abundant, doesn't it?"

Such simplicity...

The crowd was at a loss for words but laughed anyway.

Compared to Bai Xiaosheng's boldness and dominance, when it came to naming things, he really was...

However, Bai Xiaosheng didn't mind.

Zunbai Zhisheng, to know the meaning, isn't that more boring than this?

"Good, then let's call it 'Xue Lian Wan He'! As long as you give us a name, we will make it grow and strengthen!" Li Qiushan said with a smile.

Bai Xiaosheng nodded in agreement.

"Oh, and Uncle Li, I have something else to discuss with you privately. Don't get me wrong, everyone, it's not about sneaking in extra shares for Uncle Li," Bai Xiaosheng joked with the group.

The crowd also chuckled.

Li Qiushan smiled and moved a bit closer, and Bai Xiaosheng whispered something to him.

Li Qiushan's expression was one of surprise as he glanced at Bai Xiaosheng.

"Actually, I didn't want to do this, but if, and I mean if, it comes to that, no one can blame me," Bai Xiaosheng muttered.

"You have gone above and beyond in fairness before drawing the sword! Boss, you've been more than generous!" Li Qiushan laughed heartily.

Curious, everyone watched the two men, eager to know what they were discussing.

However, when Bai Xiaosheng and Li Qiushan parted ways, they dropped the subject and didn't mention it again.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying were also curious; they didn't know either. However, if they asked, Bai Xiaosheng wouldn't hide it from them.

The feast had progressed to this point, where the new company had a name, and in reality, a business plan too.

Yet, after further discussion, Li Qiushan and the others came up with some suggestions for adjusting the business strategy.

After hearing them, Bai Xiaosheng agreed to them all.

In the end, everyone was too distracted to eat, eager to get started on their tasks.

Li Qiushan and the others, including Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying, promptly left to attend to the many details of the new company's registration and other affairs.

Bai Xiaosheng, meanwhile, declined the offer of being seen off and left on his own.

After visiting the bank and the relevant departments, Li Qiushan and the team experienced what it meant to have a smooth path ahead!

With the wind at their backs, the new company was swiftly established!

In fact, the task was quite simple. Bai Xiaosheng's bank card was an extraordinarily special privilege card, universally accepted, and the bank system granted him Zhenbei Group's super VIP privileges.

As for the relevant departments, Bai Xiaosheng had requested support from Zunbai Zhisheng and Tengyun, and with policy backing, of course, there were no issues.

Running about the place, Li Qiushan and the rest came to truly appreciate Bai Xiaosheng's capability.

Suddenly, they had boundless expectations and aspirations for their boss and the future prospects of the company!

All of them were filled with fighting spirit!

Yet, the real surprise awaited them still...

Chapter 1002 Terror So Great

The funds were in place, the company was registered.

Going through a series of processes, Li Qiushan and the others felt as if they were dreaming.

Everything seemed so unreal.

Was it really starting just like this?

Their brand-new lives!

Standing outside the Industrial and Commercial Bureau Building, Lin Weiwei went to take a phone call.

When she returned, she smiled at Li Qiushan and the others.

"Wait a moment, someone will take you to see the office locations..." she said.

"There's no rush to decide. If you're not satisfied, you can ask for a different location."

Choosing office locations?

This progress!

Li Qiushan and the others were shocked and excited.

"It feels like we could start working today," Wu Tong said dumbfoundedly to himself.

The others agreed wholeheartedly.

Lin Weiwei chuckled, "Today's efficiency might seem exaggerated, yes, it's a bit exaggerated, but it's not that fast. There's still so much to begin. Up next, you all will be busy."

Exaggerated... a bit?

Li Qiushan and the others were speechless.

It was a major exaggeration!

They went to the bank, where the deputy manager personally welcomed them with an extremely kind attitude.

Li Qiushan and his colleagues did not believe that a mere hundred million would make a deputy manager behave like this!

A hundred million was no small sum, but to a bank, it was just a drop in the ocean.

The attitude of the deputy manager then was simply ...

And the man kept apologizing for the absence of the manager...

Could it be that if the manager were here, he would personally handle such minor matters ...

Li Qiushan and the others couldn't understand.

At the relevant departments, someone was already holding materials, filling out forms for them. The person writing was a senior lawyer from Linshen Top-tier Law Firm!

"What are Company Establishment Registration Applications," "Representative Designation or Joint Entrustment Proxies Proof," company statutes, entity qualification certificates ...

Everything was complete!

The on-site staff, far from being disgruntled about working on the weekend, had incredibly good attitudes!

All Li Qiushan and his colleagues had to do was verify and sign.

Everything else, like photocopying IDs and taking photos, was handled by someone else.

Apart from the lawyers, a few more people came with them, led by someone who claimed to be from Zunbai Zhisheng.

They were using Zunbai Zhisheng's special support policy in Linshen—

The bureaucratic green channel for privileged processing of government affairs!

Bai Xiaosheng had said he had friends at Zunbai Zhisheng who could help.

That was understandable.

What Li Qiushan and the others found harder to comprehend was whether this support policy could also be borrowed.

They didn't know.

Zunbai Zhisheng, too, was Bai Xiaosheng's!

Two companies, essentially one...

The completeness and speed of those materials' preparation, which Li Qiushan and others found hard to understand, now made more sense. It was all copied from Zunbai Zhisheng; they only needed to make a few changes ...

Handled by a senior lawyer, the process was so easy it was almost like catching something handed off to you.

Of course, these things could only be known to Li Qiushan and the others if they truly won Bai Xiaosheng's trust.

The man on the site, humbly claiming to be just an employee of Zunbai Zhisheng, was actually a deputy general manager.

Originally, Ron had wanted to come in person, but Bai Xiaosheng didn't allow it ...

The assistance to follow wasn't just these things; there was more on the way.

Bai Xiaosheng had contacts, including Ron, Lu Qingfeng, and even Zhengdong Province ...

These people were not the kind to spare their efforts.

At this moment,

Lin Weiwei said to Li Qiushan and the others, "We're heading back to the company now. You all wait here for a bit; someone will come to pick you up."

Who and when that person would come, Li Qiushan didn't ask.

Given today's developments, they surely didn't need to worry themselves.

"Alright," said Li Qiushan with a smile.

Having seen the day's events unfold, they felt all the more that people like Lu Zhixin were incomparably inferior!

They couldn't hold a candle to the boss!

Not even on the same level!

The more they thought about it, the more their blood boiled with excitement.

Not long after Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying left, two Mercedes-Benz V-Class vans pulled up right in front of Li Qiushan and his group.

A chubby man got out of the car and immediately walked over to them with a smiling face.

Seven people, six men and one woman—

In the eyes of the chubby man, they fit the description perfectly.

"You must be Mr. Li Qiushan," said the chubby man enthusiastically.

"Yes, I am. And you are?" inquired Li Qiushan.

"This is my business card!"

The plump man cheerfully presented it with both hands.

Upon seeing him dressed in a suit and leather shoes, Li Qiushan thought he was some sort of manager level person, but when he took the business card, he was immediately startled.

"Shenhong Building's Deputy General Manager, Qi Longdong!" Li Qiushan exclaimed with a look of surprise.

That's one of the top-ranked office buildings in Linshen!

"Shenhong Building!"

"That's prime real estate worth its weight in gold!"

"Could it be, we're going to work there!"

Behind Li Qiushan, Fan Sihui, Wu Tong, and others also widened their eyes in silent astonishment.

Their newly-established company was going to such a high-end place; was it appropriate?

Even just the rent would be a staggering expense.

"Gentlemen, our cars have arrived, please hurry and come with us to take a look!" Qi Longdong urged enthusiastically, and Li Qiushan noticed that he seemed somewhat uneasy, glancing around.

This person is a bit panicky.

Could this business card be fake?

Li Qiushan suddenly became guarded, wanting to stall and verify with Bai Xiaosheng.

Just as he was thinking this, Li Qiushan saw a luxury MPV screech to a halt on the other side.

"There really are line-jumpers!"

Qi Longdong's face darkened as he quickly said to Li Qiushan, "Mr. Li, please come with us quickly!"

Li Qiushan ignored him.

Several people rushed out of the MPV, heading straight for them.

"General Manager Qi, you're quite fast, but unfortunately, I'm not slow either!"

The man leading the newcomers, with half-white hair, sneered at Qi Longdong from a distance before turning to Li Qiushan with a face full of smiles.

"Mr. Zhao, there should be some order of precedence!" Qi Longdong hastily said.

"Psh!" Mr. Zhao smirked and, smilingly, handed his business card to Li Qiushan.

"Linnan International, Deputy General Manager Zhao Huchen!" Li Qiushan muttered in surprise.

Another top-tier, grade A office building!

Before Fan Sihui and the others could express their amazement, Zhao Huchen had already started to vie with Qi Longdong.

It seemed as though they were competing for who would get them to move into their building...

Any doubts previously held about Qi Longdong's identity seemed unnecessary now, unless both men were impostors...

Shenhong Building and Linnan International, these were top-tier office buildings!

Just the thought of them made Li Qiushan and the others shrink back.

But that wasn't all!

More cars came running in succession.

Another two grade A office buildings had come with their executives, trying to lure them.

These four people, in front of Li Qiushan and the others, began to compete.

"We can lease you an entire floor!"

"We can provide stronger supporting services!"

"We have the best environment!"

"Our potential is greater!"

While they argued ceaselessly, Li Qiushan couldn't help but interject, "Gentlemen, our new company may not be able to afford the rent..."

As soon as he spoke up, it was as if they found a breakthrough and swarmed over.

Qi Longdong said, "For the rent, we can give you an 80% discount!"

"We'll do 60% off, and the payment method is negotiable!" Zhao Huchen said in haste.

"We will too!"

"We can also offer more discounts!"

Li Qiushan was dumbstruck.

No matter how you looked at it, these few people didn't seem like the high-profile executives of those renowned office buildings.

They resembled more the touts in front of a train station vying for customers...

In the end, Li Qiushan, unable to resist, followed them with Fan Sihui and others from one place to another, choosing...

What Li Qiushan and his team didn't know was that although these office buildings seemed to be conducting a losing business, Lu Qingfeng had actually spoken to their bosses.

If they could get Li Qiushan and the rest to move in, Tengyun would compensate them in other areas of cooperation!

With this in mind, of course these people went crazy!

While checking out the office spaces, Li Qiushan received numerous phone calls.

Linshen's largest ad agency wanted to give them a year of advertising for free...

A recruitment company wanted to hire new employees for them at no cost...

A training institute offered three years of service for free...

If it weren't for the scene before his eyes, Li Qiushan would have been certain they were scammers, but now, he couldn't be sure.

All these were arrangements by Zhengdong Province...

Lu Qingfeng helped them out casually, but the plump man was eagerly assisting them in all areas.

Li Qiushan and his team were overwhelmed with shock throughout the day.

In one day, it seemed as if the entire Linshen was coming together, rushing to build up their new company!

Such was the formidable power of the new boss!

Chapter 1003 Good or Bad? Too Naive

On Sunday morning, Li Qiushan got up early, full of energy and extremely excited.

He had just finished washing up when he received calls from Fan Sihui and others.

Everyone was thrilled.

Everything from yesterday felt like a dream.

Last night, they all had slept restlessly, fearful that upon waking, the dream would end and it would indeed be just a dream.

"Look at you all, no backbone! What kind of person is the boss? Would he make such a huge fuss just to toy with people like us?" Li scolded them in the role of a general manager, "All of you, get to the company now, I'll be there shortly. Anyone later than me is getting their pay docked!"

That last line was a joke.

Last night, Li Qiushan had directly called the owner of his small company.

No other reason but to fiercely criticize his foolishness and the numerous drawbacks of the company.

In the end, the boss was furious, "Don't bother coming to work tomorrow!"

Li Qiushan cheerfully responded, "Alright."

Seldom does life offer such carefree and untroubled moments, even the usually composed Li Qiushan went out of his way to show some lightheartedness to celebrate.

He believed that the others had handled it in the same way.

For the new company's office location, Li Qiushan eventually chose Shenhong Building.

It offered an ideal location, and Qi Longdong, the deputy general manager in charge of investment promotion at Shenhong Building, gave conditions second to none.

Two years free rent, high-end logistical support, and numerous employee benefits.

It was practically a giveaway.

Li Qiushan had inquired privately with Qi Longdong and had been told that partnering with Li Qiushan's team would allow Shenhong Building to reach other profitable agreements elsewhere; they wouldn't lose out.

Only then did Li Qiushan feel assured.

No merchant gets moving without profit.

As for the rest, Li Qiushan didn't ask, assuming without a doubt it was Bai Xiaosheng making things happen.

Knowing this was enough.

When Li Qiushan arrived at the new office location, he was again taken aback.

Brand new office supplies, equipment, even the company signs and plaques had all been arranged.

They weren't there yesterday.

The cleaning staff mentioned that they had been made overnight.

Then, Li Qiushan received a call that the first wave of new employees was about to arrive...

In Shenhong Building, either foreign enterprises or domestic top 500 companies occupied other floors.

Being neighbors with the powerful, serving the powerful.

This was all cause for excitement.

Li Qiushan felt his heart ignite with excitement, unable to sit still.

He simply ran to the entrance to act as a doorman, waiting for Fan Sihui and the group.

When Fan Sihui and the others came together and saw the situation, and learned that new employees were about to arrive, they too were overjoyed and full of anticipation.

Later, Li Qiushan received a call from Lin Weiwei, saying that the opening ceremony would be held that afternoon, right in the plaza downstairs.

Important city officials would also be attending the ribbon-cutting...

Li Qiushan and the others suddenly felt a mix of excitement and nervousness.

In just two days, the sweeping changes had completely turned their lives around.

"From now on, the company is under your management, and finances are at your disposal; don't disappoint the boss," Lin Weiwei joked over the phone, "Li, you guys have a stake in this, if the company does well, you all will be rich."

Li Qiushan relayed this message verbatim to Fan Sihui and the others, lighting up their eyes.

"Even for our own sake, we must grow and strengthen this company!"

"Whoever doesn't give their all, I, Wu Tong, will be the first to object!"

"Having a stake in the company, just thinking about it fills me with energy, like being back in my twenties or thirties!"

These people were like tanks filled with fuel.

On the other side, their boss, Bai Xiaosheng, who managed from afar, was leisurely drinking tea.

"Afternoon's ribbon-cutting?" Lin Weiwei specifically asked.

"I'm not going," Bai Xiaosheng said lazily. "As the legal person, it's better I just exist on paper. Keeping a low profile is the right way."

"Low profile?" Lin Weiwei laughed and told Bai Xiaosheng about what had happened yesterday.

Ron, Lu Qingfeng, Zhengdong Province, how they supported his new company, those actions even startled Bai Xiaosheng.

Not low profile at all.

"If I hadn't stopped them, they would have wanted to sign contracts directly with the company, practically throwing money at our doorstep," Lin Weiwei reflected.

"These guys, they've gone too far!" Bai Xiaosheng said with a laugh tinged with disbelief. "Tell them to stop right away. I want this new company to face competition, not to turn into a greenhouse flower."

"Okay!"

After finishing the discussion about the new company, Bai Xiaosheng fell silent for a moment before suddenly asking, "Weiwei, what do you think about Officer Lin Yu?"

"What do you mean?"

"Is he a good person?"

"What makes someone a good person?"

"Well, do you think I'm a bad person?"

"Not at all!" Lin Weiwei was certain.

"If I were to deceive Lin Yu..."

"Although I have a good impression of him," Lin Weiwei confidently said, "if you have to deal with him, then he definitely deserves it!"

Lin Weiwei answered without any hesitation.

Bai Xiaosheng was pleased yet slightly helpless with a smile.

"Forget it, I won't ask you anymore. Your bias is too obvious," Bai Xiaosheng turned to ask Lei Ying, who was playing with his phone, "Lei Ying, let me ask you something..."

"Don't bother asking; I think the same as Weiwei. Also, your question is redundant. There's no right or wrong in a standpoint as long as it doesn't break moral or legal standards. Nobody will blame you for any deceit," Lei Ying said without lifting his head. "And as for the distinction between good and bad people, that's pretty juvenile."

Bai Xiaosheng smiled.

"You make a lot of sense."

Meanwhile, at a certain cafe,

a man and a woman sat facing each other.

The man looked ordinary and polite.

The woman was none other than Zhao Beiqing's assistant—Yu Ying.

Yu Ying, slowly and elegantly, raised her pinky, pinched a silver spoon between her thumb and index finger, stirred her coffee, and listened to the man reporting to her.

"No need to investigate Li Qiushan and his people anymore," the man handed over his phone.

The homepage opened to news about a newly established company, a new general manager, with an opening ceremony to be held at the town square in the afternoon.

The news was plentiful!

"These guys, suddenly turned from nobody to hotshots?" Yu Ying sneered, and mumbled, "Seems like my plan to lure them with benefits and manipulate them with positions won't work anymore."

"That's it, you can go now," Yu Ying said to the man after a glance.

The man immediately nodded respectfully, stood up, and left.

His coffee remained untouched on the table.

Yu Ying dialed a number, her entire demeanor shifting to a respectful one, much like the man's had been.

"Yes, this afternoon, all the evidence will be sent to Officer Lin Yu, rest assured!"

"This time, I'll secure the evidence from their side, as long as we submit their evidence first—"

"Officer Lin Yu will prevail!"

While speaking, Yu Ying's other hand wasn't idle—she pulled out a pen and notebook from her small bag.

She began writing and drawing single-handedly on a paper.

The three characters she wrote were these — Bai Xiaosheng!

These characters, identical to what Bai Xiaosheng had personally written!

Chapter 1004 Take the Original

From the moment the new company was established, even if gods of all roads came to help because of the boss's face,

it was still themselves who ended up performing.

Relying solely on external forces, the company would not go far!

Li Qiushan understood this, Fan Sihui understood, Wu Tong understood. All seven of them knew.

Thus, they immediately got busy.

Each of these people had once headed a major enterprise, so they knew exactly what to do at each stage.

The new company, like a pile of loose sand, was solidifying at a terrifying speed.

While Li Qiushan, the general manager, was extremely busy, he received a phone call.

"Hello, is this Mr. Li Qiushan?" A woman's voice came through the phone, gentle and sweet.

"It is, who is this?" Li Qiushan asked in return.

"Mr. Bai Xiaosheng sent me to find you," the woman's voice said. "He needs the evidence you have."

The voice paused, then emphasized—

"The originals!"

Li Qiushan slightly furrowed his brows.

"Mr. Bai didn't tell me he needed them now!" Li Qiushan said suspiciously, "Didn't Mr. Bai Xiaosheng say that on Monday, when we go to the Zhenbei Group Greater China Region Headquarters to testify, we should bring the originals then?"

"The situation has changed, I hope Mr. Li understands!"

The voice in the phone spoke gently, "Also, Mr. Bai Xiaosheng is currently in an important meeting, and his phone is turned off, so please do not call him."

In fact, as the other party spoke these words, Li Qiushan was picking up the landline on his desk to call Bai Xiaosheng while he was on the phone.

The number left by Bai Xiaosheng was written on a piece of paper and placed in a corner of the office desk.

For confidentiality, it had only the number, no name.

Li Qiushan, without a hint, pressed the other ear against the landline receiver, listened for a while, then hung up.

Bai Xiaosheng's side was unreachable.

A prompt tone indicated that it was in power-off mode.

At this very moment, in the area where Bai Xiaosheng was located, a drone was hovering overhead.

Many people around noticed that their phones had lost signal.

In a corner of an open-air cafe,

a man wearing glasses was operating a laptop, the screen displaying the drone's interface.

His Bluetooth headset was blinking normally.

And he was conversing with someone.

"Yes, Sister Yu, I am currently jamming," he said.

"Reliable! I bought this set of equipment from Taobao, it's a specialized exam-grade signal jammer, and I've added directional enhancement myself, absolutely fail-safe, you can rest assured!"

"Apart from this phone call, there's no signal within a two-hundred-meter radius!"

Despite his confidence, the man still looked around somewhat nervously.

"However, let's hurry things up there; it won't be good if we are discovered after too long!"

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Li Qiushan tried calling Bai Xiaosheng two more times, with the same result.

"Mr. Li, are you listening?" the woman on the phone continued, "I'm right downstairs now. If possible, please bring down the original documents and give them to me!"

Indeed, Li Qiushan had brought those original documents to this company.

Tomorrow, it would be more convenient to go to the Zhenbei Group Greater China Region Headquarters from the company, and it was easier for everyone to gather and go together.

"How can you prove your identity!" Li Qiushan gave up calling Bai Xiaosheng.

"Mr. Bai Xiaosheng, the Affairs Officer, should have given you a temporary access card to enter our headquarters, with the Affairs Officer's handwritten signature on it, and I've brought a handwritten statement from Mr. Bai Xiaosheng to you, the signature on it should also be correct. If you are not reassured, you can bring someone to check," the voice on the phone said.

Li Qiushan hesitated.

"Mr. Li, your ability to make a comeback is also the result of Mr. Bai Xiaosheng, the Affairs Officer. Is it so difficult to help out with this? Don't you even trust him?"

The voice on the phone turned cold, seemingly quite displeased.

"If we are delayed, it will really interfere with Mr. Bai Xiaosheng, the Affairs Officer's important matters! When the time comes, do you want to hear him angry?"

With that said,

Li Qiushan had no choice but to say, "Alright, I'll come down right now."

"If there's no problem, I can hand over the item to you!"

Upon hearing Li Qiushan say so, the voice on the phone immediately softened, "I'm downstairs, waiting for you at the coffee shop on the corner. Please hurry, I need to deliver the evidence as soon as possible."

"Understood!" Li Qiushan replied.

The call then ended.

Li Qiushan glanced at his phone, his gaze flickering uncertainly.

He then carefully took out a key to unlock a drawer in his desk, in which there was a thick envelope.

The original evidence!

Li Qiushan held it in his hands, his expression slightly grave.

This item was crucial for them!

At the coffee shop on the corner,

A woman sat there. Her appearance was not low, dressed in standard office attire, with black, straight, long attributes that drew frequent attention from onlookers.

Beneath that jet-black long hair, there was a hidden earpiece.

"Yu, the progress here is smooth."

"Mm, Li Qiushan is suspicious, but he agreed to come."

"We should continue with the signal blocking over there until..."

"I get the item!"

After muttering to herself in a low voice, she looked up, her expression serene as she drank her coffee while keeping a close watch on the entrance of the café.

In less than ten minutes, a figure appeared at the entrance of the café.

Dressed in a crisp suit, commanding and imposing, it was Li Qiushan.

Li Qiushan used to be a big business owner and had fallen from grace, which naturally affected his appearance.

However, the establishment of the new company had revitalized his dormant heart.

A man regaining his self-confidence and coupled with his outfit completely revitalized his demeanor, making him appear drastically different.

The woman confirmed with two glances, stood up, and greeted him with a smile.

"Li Qiushan, Mr. Li?" The woman stood in front of Li Qiushan and smiled at him, "I'm the one who spoke with you on the phone, please come this way."

Li Qiushan sized her up with a glance, nodded, and followed her to the table, where he took a seat.

He ordered something casually and dismissed the approaching waiter.

Li Qiushan furrowed his brows slightly and stared at the woman, "I don't seem to have seen you before."

The woman shrugged and smiled, "There are many people at Officer Bai Xiaosheng's, you couldn't have possibly met everyone."

"By the way, here's something for you."

She handed Li Qiushan a folded piece of paper, small in size, about the size of a palm when folded.

Li Qiushan took the folded paper with a puzzled look and opened it.

There was only one sentence on it.

"Mr. Li Qiushan, you can trust this person—Bai Xiaosheng!"

Li Qiushan looked up at the woman.

Her demeanor was calm, unhurried, and she even gave him a sweet smile, showing no signs of a wrong reaction.

Li Qiushan reached into his pocket and pulled out a card that Lin Weiwei had given them as a temporary access card, which bore Bai Xiaosheng's personal signature.

Li Qiushan scrutinized it carefully, comparing the handwriting at an extremely slow pace, over and over again.

The woman did not show any displeasure or disgust but instead smiled.

The more Li Qiushan did so, the more it showed he was gradually trusting them!

If he had just handed it over carelessly at the beginning, that would have been abnormal.

After comparing for a long while, Li Qiushan finally put the ID back in his pocket along with the note.

He then handed the document to the woman.

As the woman was about to take a corner of it, she noticed Li Qiushan suddenly clench his hand.

"Are you really sent by Mr. Bai Xiaosheng!" Li Qiushan suddenly said, his eyes suddenly bright like two sharp blades thrusting towards her eyes.

"Yes!" the woman replied calmly.

Li Qiushan stared into her eyes as if observing.

But ultimately, he let go.

"I trust you. Take the item."

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The woman took the item from Li Qiushan's hand and, instead of hurrying away, withdrew some of it to have a look, then stuffed it back.

"All right, now it's time for me to leave. Mr. Li, I'm really sorry I can't invite you for coffee."

The woman extended her hand and shook hands with Li Qiushan.

"It doesn't matter, I'm also quite busy on my side," Li Qiushan said indifferently.

After that, he watched the woman depart.

"I hope that the evidence will wield the power it should,"

Li Qiushan murmured and then left by himself.

After leaving the café, the woman walked down a street, suddenly turned around, and glanced around with caution.

Nothing out of the ordinary.

Without a sign, she walked directly to the BMW parked by the roadside, pulled open the passenger door, and sat down.

"Did you get the stuff?"

The female driver, dressed seductively with pale, delicate shoulders exposed, and a pair of long legs encased in black stockings, asked.

As she spoke, she took off her sunglasses.

This woman was Yu Ying!

"Got it!" said the woman in the passenger seat, handing over the document bag.

Yu Ying took it, withdrew some of the contents, looked at them, and nodded with a smile.

She had always been Zhao Beiqing's assistant and knew about some things; looking at the original contents of the evidence, they should all be real!

"Thank you for this time, and also to the 'tech player,' here are your fees for both of you, I'll find you again if there's something else next time."

Yu Ying handed over a bag.

The woman opened it, took a glance, and her face beamed with joy.

"Not counting it?"

"You're a regular customer, Yu, naturally there's no need!"

With that said, the woman opened the door, got out of the car, waved to Yu Ying, and walked away.

Yu Ying watched her back with a smile, put on her glasses, and drove away.

"Next, I need to take these to Officer Lin Yu!" Yu Ying said to herself with a smile.

The BMW weaved through the city without any hindrance, driving for half an hour, and finally parked in the parking lot of a luxurious hotel.

Yu Ying, with the materials in hand, made her way to a luxurious suite, checked her surroundings, and then knocked on the door.

The door opened.

It was Liu Yan, one of Lin Yu's assistants.

Liu Yan brightened up when she saw Yu Ying.

"Is Officer Lin Yu in? I've come to deliver something!" Yu Ying said with a smile, holding up the document bag.

"Please come in!" Liu Yan eyed the paper bag seriously and let her in.

"Follow me!" Liu Yan led the way.

In the inner room, another assistant of Lin Yu—Gao Peng—was busy in front of a computer. Hearing the noise, he looked up to see Yu Ying, his eyes also lighting up as he closed his laptop and got to his feet.

Lin Yu was sitting on the sofa on the balcony, quietly drinking tea and reading a book.

Shrouded in sunlight, his whole being seemed to be painted with radiance, appearing so flawlessly bright.

Yu Ying couldn't help but smile at the sight of him.

There was admiration, there was exclamation, but deep in her eyes there was also a hint of derision that nobody else could detect.

Some people bathe in sunlight, insulated from the darkness, yet it is from them that the darkness originates.

Where there is light, there can't be an absence of shadow.

"Officer Lin!" Liu Yan called softly.

Lin Yu looked up, and upon seeing Yu Ying, his expression was neither pleased nor sad, as tranquil as ever.

Perhaps it was the angle of the light.

Yu Ying saw his face, half in brilliance, half in shadow.

"Yu Ying!" Officer Lin Yu looked at Yu Ying with a smile and stood up to walk over.

The standard-bearer for the Affairs Officer, every move she made exuded elegance.

"Officer Lin, I have brought the documents," Yu Ying said with a smile, handing over the document bag she was carrying.

"Thank you for your hard work," Officer Lin replied politely, reaching out to take it and briefly looked through the contents.

He then nodded his head.

"Thanks, and I appreciate you delivering it in person."

"It's my duty!" Yu Ying smiled, "If there's nothing else, I'll be going."

Officer Lin Yu nodded and glanced at his assistant, "Liu Yan, see her out."

From arrival to departure, Yu Ying hadn't stayed for more than five minutes or spoken more than ten sentences.

But such a brief handover was exactly what Yu Ying wanted.

Liu Yan escorted Yu Ying to the door with a polite smile and said goodbye.

After that, the door closed.

Yu Ying smiled faintly and turned to leave.

As she reached the downstairs, her phone rang.

It was an alert tone indicating that a sum of money had been deposited into her account.

Yu Ying smiled with satisfaction and drove away.

Upstairs in the hotel, Officer Lin Yu stood at the window watching Yu Ying leave.

"This woman," Officer Lin muttered without emotion.

Adjacent to him, Gao Peng was examining the evidence Yu Ying had brought. Seeing Officer Lin Yu turn around, he couldn't help but say with excitement, "We didn't have most of this evidence! With these added, we'll surely prevail!"

Officer Lin Yu smiled.

He then took out his phone and dialed directly, "I'll contact Great Official Zheng Honghu right now! Waiting until Monday would be foolish! I want to secure every advantage before Bai Xiaosheng does!"

Once he committed to the competition for the position, Lin Yu would not give his opponents any chance.

"Hello, is this Great Official Zheng Honghu? This is Lin Yu," he said cheerfully on the phone, "Regarding the investigation into Lu Zhixin and Zhao Beiqing, I have finished on my end. Yes! Can I deliver the tangible evidence to you now?"

They would make a copy of the evidence beforehand to familiarize themselves with the content!

Gao Peng and Liu Yan watched with eager anticipation.

But then, Lin Yu's smile immediately stiffened, "What, you're not in Linshen but out of town? Tomorrow, around ten o'clock at the office..."

Lin Yu pondered briefly and replied, "Oh, well, in that case, I'll come to your office at ten tomorrow!"

He had missed the mark.

Great Official Zheng Honghu was not in Linshen!

Gao Peng and Liu Yan exchanged a look.

It was a slight hiccup, but not a big deal.

After hanging up, Lin Yu pointed at Liu Yan, "Set a reminder for me: tomorrow at nine thirty, we need to go to Great Official Zheng Honghu's office."

"Even if it means waiting at the door, I want to be the first one there!"

"Yes!" Liu Yan responded immediately.

After speaking, Lin Yu seemed to recall some unpleasant matters, his teeth clenched.

"This time, no matter who comes, I must be the first to enter!"

As long as he was the first to hand over the original evidence to Great Official Zheng Honghu, even if Bai Xiaosheng brought witnesses later, without the original evidence, it would be all for naught but ridicule!

Officer Lin Yu was full of confidence.

This time, he had even cast aside some of his past principles.

He must secure the position of Candidate Great Affairs Officer!

Elsewhere, Yu Ying parked her car on the roadside and took out her phone to make a call.

"I have good news for you, I've successfully delivered the evidence to Officer Lin Yu, and I believe he will smoothly drive out Lu Zhixin and Zhao Beiqing and also secure the position of Candidate Great Affairs Officer," Yu Ying said gleefully, "My task for you is thus complete."

On the other end of the phone, a voice deep with appreciation responded, "You truly live up to your reputation as the information trafficker and neutral party of the department, Yu Ying. Well done!"

Yu Ying's smile bloomed beautifully.

"You flatter me, Great Affairs Officer Fang Beijun!"

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"I'm telling you, Xiao Yu, your business is getting smoother and smoother,"

"In the Affairs Department, several Senior Affairs Officers know you, know you profit from this, yet nobody touches you."

"Even I am a bit impressed by you!"

On the phone, Fang Beijun exclaimed, "You really are a talent!"

"Are you interested in joining my side?" Fang Beijun even verbally issued an invitation.

Who would have thought.

In the grand halls of the Affairs Department, there existed something akin to an Information Trafficker.

Not belonging to any side, providing information, and occasionally helping with some harmless tasks.

Even Senior Affairs Officers like Fang Beijun would sometimes employ their services!

Because they were so "clean".

If anything went wrong, it would never trace back to them.

Yu Ying existed in an incredible, even somewhat aberrant manner.

Her identity was actually very secret, only known to a very few Affairs Officers and Senior Affairs Officers.

Others could only contact her through online means.

In a BMW, Yu Ying put on a Bluetooth headset and took out a box of Yves Saint Laurent cigarettes for women.

Ordinary people would think that smoking tarnishes a woman's image.

But a very beautiful woman smoking can sometimes have a unique allure.

And Yu Ying was such a woman.

And the cigarettes she smoked were all Yves Saint Laurent level.

Cool to the taste, less smoky, low in tar, very suitable.

Yu Ying lit one up, elegantly blowing out a white smoke ring, then smiled and said, "Senior Affairs Officer Beijun, you flatter me."

"I'm just a gofer, keeping my mouth shut is my cardinal rule. I hold a low position, so if trouble arises, it wouldn't threaten anyone, nor could such a minor figure like me threaten anyone."

"So, you big shots deign to throw me a bone."

"If I were to take a side, that would mark the end of my worth."

Yu Ying was indeed very clear about her own position.

"Is that so? What a pity," sighed Fang Beijun, "The money will be transferred to your account immediately."

The ones who truly wanted Lu Zhixin to be finished weren't just those like Shen Peishen and Lin Yu who coveted his performance, or Bai Xiaosheng who wanted to remove a pest.

There was also Fang Beijun!

Lu Zhixin, that bastard, had become too ostentatious!

Moreover, with Lu Zhixin's cunning and vile nature, if Fang Beijun were to force him to lay low or even to take a temporary leave, Lu Zhixin would surely refuse.

If pushed into a corner, he might even bite back.

Therefore, Fang Beijun thought it best to let his rival take care of him—it couldn't get any better than that.

Himself "trying his best" to save Lu Zhixin, expressing anger after failing, and promising to reappoint him in the future.

That way, the Lu Zhixin bomb would turn into a dud.

As for Yu Ying taking on the commission and going around Zhao Beiqing, Fang Beijun quite admired that.

Lu Zhixin and Zhao Beiqing, birds of a feather, crickets on the same boat—strike one and you can catch the other.

And it would allow Yu Ying to act even more covertly.

At this moment, Yu Ying was leisurely smoking.

In fact, on this matter, the one hiring Yu Ying wasn't just one person.

Only that Fang Beijun was the first, and Shen Peishen's side was considered second.

Of course, it was Shen Peishen's people who made contact with Yu Ying.

This matter, both on the surface and in reality, showed no signs of Shen Peishen's involvement whatsoever.

"Then I must thank you, and if there's anything you need in the future, feel free to reach out to me," Yu Ying said with a laugh.

From a naive girl to a shrewd information trafficker and now to this moment's blend of three parts languor and seven parts tsundere queen, she truly was ever-changing.

"Looking forward to collaborating again in the future!" Senior Affairs Officer Fang Beijun said with a laugh before hanging up the phone.

Indeed, as Yu Ying said, she as an information trafficker was a small figure, so insignificant that she wouldn't trouble herself threatening anyone without cause, so small that even if pushed to the brink by a significant figure and retaliated, her complaints would be disbelieved and construed as slander.

And so, everyone felt quite safe regarding her.

Yu Ying took off her Bluetooth headset and set it aside, tidying her waterfall-like long hair.

After a moment, the ringtone of her phone sounded.

Glancing at it, another sum of money had been deposited into her account.

"All of you, one after another, rich and smart," Yu Ying exhaled a white smoke ring, watching it slowly drift apart, and murmured to herself with a smile, "Too bad the floating clouds obscure the view, you guys—"

"Smart people are often tripped up by their own cleverness!"

Li Qiushan was busy with the company's affairs, and when he finally got a moment to take a breath, the sky had darkened.

He didn't call Bai Xiaosheng again either.

He figured that if Bai Xiaosheng had anything to report, he would call him.

Bai Xiaosheng, from beginning to end, never noticed that brief signal disruption.

During that time, Bai Xiaosheng was surfing the net, while Lin Weiwei was playing with Kung Fu Tea.

As for Lei Ying, he went off to sleep soundly.

The person who had been maneuvering the drone, on edge and playing with signal jamming, probably never anticipated that the crucial individuals he was trying to block were completely unaware of his existence...

Later in the evening, Bai Xiaosheng, bringing Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying along for dinner, energetically brought up a topic that was quite mundane—

"Would I be able to boss around Officer Lin Ke if I became a Candidate Great Affairs Officer?"

"Lin Ke, well, she's been like a fly on the wall this past year. Everywhere I went, she'd force me to buy local specialties for her, even having investigated all the local produce thoroughly. This time, it's my chance to get even!"

Tomorrow was Monday, and what interested Bai Xiaosheng was surprisingly this...

Lei Ying looked helpless about it.

But Lin Weiwei thought it signified a display of confidence.

After all, with the evidence and witnesses that Li Qiushan and the others had, submission first thing tomorrow would ensure their victory.

Discussing the matters following the potential promotion to Candidate Great Affairs Officer wasn't so bad either.

However, Lin Weiwei wasn't optimistic about Bai Xiaosheng's ambitions.

"Candidate Great Affairs Officer, after all, still has 'candidate' in the title. The scope of authority is still that of an Affairs Officer. Even if you, Xiaosheng, are a New-type Affairs Officer, you would still only hold the permissions of a 'New-type Affairs Officer' Candidate Great Affairs Officer, which is on equal footing with Officer Lin Ke, equal level!" Lin Weiwei emphasized.

"Then I'll just direct her around after I become a full-fledged Great Affairs Officer," Bai Xiaosheng said with a smile, showing no sign of discouragement.

In any case, becoming a Candidate Great Affairs Officer meant completing the mission and settling the score with Lu Zhixin, and Zhao Beiqing, the points for which would surely be substantial. After all, one was a provincial industry leader and the other an Affairs Officer.

In the end, it might even lead to a direct promotion!

Bai Xiaosheng's teasing manner, though seemingly frivolous, was in fact a way to express his inner joy.

These feelings weren't to be shared with outsiders, so he might as well enjoy some self-congratulation instead of silently celebrating alone.

"Once you become a Candidate Great Affairs Officer, Xiaosheng, does that mean we'll officially become your assistants with establishment and benefits?" Lin Weiwei asked with a smile.

"Exactly, exactly!" Bai Xiaosheng laughed, clapping his hands in delight.

Once he became a Candidate Great Affairs Officer, he'd go straight to Xiahou Qi to make his demands!

At this thought, excitement shone in Bai Xiaosheng's eyes.

"Tomorrow, it'll be Monday!"

"Candidate Great Affairs Officer, here I come!"

Chapter 1007

Monday, nine fifteen in the morning, Zhenbei Group's Greater China Region Headquarters, Affairs Department.

In the corridor.

Officer Lin Yu strode forward, with Gao Peng and Liu Yan closely following behind.

Right now, they were heading straight for Great Official Zheng Honghu's office.

Zheng Honghu had said to arrive at ten, so Lin Yu had Liu Yan set a reminder for nine thirty.

But this morning, Lin Yu had made a last-minute decision—to arrive a quarter hour early.

Lin Yu was determined to not give that man surnamed Bai any chance whatsoever!

Lin Yu had already experienced Bai Xiaosheng a year ago.

The most striking impression was that the guy really didn't play by the rules!

To guard against him, one had to be foolproof, then raise the bar significantly higher to feel at ease!

Yesterday, Lin Yu had not only reviewed the evidence from Lu Zhixin and Zhao Beiqing,

But also revisited all the investigative reports that Bai Xiaosheng had done in the past year, thoroughly going through them one by one.

To know your enemy as well as yourself is to fight without disaster!

Lin Yu understood this principle!

Although those reports didn't specify how Bai Xiaosheng conducted his investigations, Lin Yu could still infer—Bai Xiaosheng had a myriad of tactics, acted deviously, and broke convention.

"Although he has lost the original paper evidence, the testimonial evidence still exists. Therefore, whoever submits new evidence first, that will be more advantageous to them!"

"Even determining the outcome!"

"If he's first, I will have to strenuously explain the origins of these paper evidences, and with one slip, I could fall into his verbal traps."

"If I'm first, then he will be the one on the defensive, with his testimonial evidence amounting to nothing but his word!"

All the way there, Lin Yu was contemplating these thoughts.

Arriving at the door of Great Official Zheng Honghu's office, Lin Yu personally knocked on the door.

This, too, was what he had instructed Gao Peng and Liu Yan to do.

Today, unless he instructed them to act, everything had to be done by him personally.

Because today was of extraordinary significance!

Before a second knock was needed, the door to Zheng Honghu's office opened.

A head popped out, with a baby face that still looked somewhat youthful, just like a fresh college graduate, with an air of a young novice monk.

Lin Yu wasn't surprised by such a youthful face.

The largest source of Affair Department's assistants came from the subsidiary company's general managers.

Moreover, the assistants used by Senior Affairs Officers should naturally have a distinguished air and extraordinary experience.

However, nothing is absolute in this world.

In reality, the sources of assistants are diverse.

So, in the Affairs Department, seeing young faces among the affairs officers and assistants wasn't unusual.

Yet, Zheng Honghu's assistant was indeed not some young man; he must have been just under forty, only possessing the rare feature of a youthful, babyish face.

His name was Yu Chang.

"Oh, it's Officer Lin Yu?" Upon seeing Lin Yu, Yu Chang's eyes slightly brightened, his voice respectful.

Lin Yu was an idol to many in the Affairs Department.

"Assistant Yu." Lin Yu spoke courteously, "I've come to see Great Official Zheng Honghu."

"Great Official Honghu hasn't arrived yet, he will likely be here at ten," Yu Chang reminded with a smile.

"It's okay, I can wait."

Lin Yu smiled.

He didn't mind waiting, as long as he was the first!

Yu Chang smiled apologetically, "Officer Lin Yu, ideally, I should invite you in to wait. But you know, today is not an ordinary day, we might have many visitors soon."

"And, as Great Official Honghu said, if the officers wish to wait, please do so outside the door."

"Today's review needs to be conducted inside our office, one at a time. It wouldn't be appropriate for everyone to be inside."

After saying this, Yu Chang cautiously suggested, "Why not return and wait? Once Great Official Honghu arrives, I can give you a call?"

Gao Peng and Liu Yan also looked towards their own affairs officer.

Lin Yu smiled, "So we are to queue outside the door? Fine, then I will wait outside."

To be honest, Lin Yu didn't mind waiting outside.

As long as it was a uniform arrangement with clear rules, it was acceptable.

Today's review was to be overseen by Great Official Zheng Honghu, his way of handling it, not even Mr. Xiahou Qi, the CEO, could forcefully command.

"Then, I'm afraid you'll have to be inconvenienced," Yu Chang said with a grin.

"It's alright."

Yu Chang offered a rueful smile and headed back to his office.

Lin Yu stood at the doorway, perfectly calm and collected.

"Otherwise, I'll go get you a seat," Gao Peng suggested.

"Or, we can stand in line here, and you can go back first," Liu Yan suggested.

"No need, I'll just stand here and wait," Lin Yu said. "I'm not that fragile."

Gao Peng and Liu Yan gave up.

Lin Yu was actually quite pleased with the situation.

As long as he was in this position, he would be the first one.

The very first one, clear for all to see and under everyone's scrutiny.

No one could fake it!

"Bai Xiaosheng can only be behind me!" Lin Yu's lips curled up in a smile. "I will not let him enter before me!"

"This time, Bai Xiaosheng will have to be second!"

Having learned his lesson from last time, Lin Yu could remember it for a lifetime, casting a shadow over his heart.

Lin Yu took his stand there, and with two assistants by his side, he was very conspicuous.

Bystanders greeting him also began to chatter amongst themselves.

When they found out that Officer Lin Yu was waiting for the Great Official Zheng Honghu for the final performance review, everyone immediately grew solemn.

The news spread rapidly.

Various stories circulated: how the Great Official Zheng Honghu set the rule that first come, first served, and there would be no waiting past noon.

That those reviewed first would get impression points, while the last few who dragged their feet would lose points.

Variations of the story spread like wildfire.

"Officer Lin Yu!"

"Officer Lin Yu, good morning!"

Within ten minutes, two other Officers ran over, smiling and saying hello, then voluntarily lined up behind Lin Yu.

"You two aren't late either!"

Lin Yu greeted them with a smile, a flicker of light dancing deep in his eyes.

"This time, Bai Xiaosheng will have to be fourth!"

Just two minutes went by before another Officer arrived, exchanging pleasantries with everyone before joining the end of the line.

"This time, Bai Xiaosheng will have to be fifth!"

By 9:50 a.m., the line outside the door of the Great Official Zheng Honghu had grown quite long.

There seemed to be more than twenty people.

Some even started counting.

But one person on the scene remembered the count very clearly, and that was Lin Yu.

"This time, Bai Xiaosheng will have to be twenty-fifth!" Lin Yu reveled in the thought, "Even if I let him cut in line, these twenty-three people wouldn't agree!"

"If you're at the end of the line, you might not pass the review even by noon," Lin Yu glanced back, his mood getting progressively better.

As ten o'clock approached, the number of people in line increased considerably.

Together with the accompanying affairs assistants, the place buzzed like a train station ticket office.

But Lin Yu had no interest in counting heads anymore.

He was certain that Bai Xiaosheng had absolutely no chance of going in first!

"Great Official Zheng Honghu is coming!"

Someone whispered.

The once noisy line instantly fell silent.

Lin Yu excitedly looked over, only to be taken aback.

At one end of the corridor, the Great Official Zheng Honghu was leisurely making his way to his office, chatting and laughing with someone.

Right beside Zheng Honghu was Bai Xiaosheng!

Lin Yu's eyes narrowed in shock, his face aghast.

Bai Xiaosheng hadn't queued up...

He'd gone directly to meet him!

Then who would be the first...

Chapter 1008: The Eve of the "Decisive Battle

"Bai Xiaosheng isn't here yet," "Bai Xiaosheng will have to line up at the very end," "Bai Xiaosheng is definitely going to be the last one!"

Officer Lin Yu had been standing there amidst this excitement for forty or fifty minutes, until his legs were sore.

Then, at the very last minute, he was dumbstruck.

That bastard Bai Xiaosheng had actually gone to meet the Great Official Zheng Honghu and came with him!

No playing by the rules, no following the usual protocol.

No matter how carefully you plan, he always foils your schemes!

Lin Yu was infuriated beyond words, filled with regret.

Why didn't I think of that!

Zheng Honghu was returning to Linshen this morning, so go meet him at the station, hand over the materials on the way, and you're the first one there!

Lin Yu wanted to slap himself.

He'd only called Great Official Zheng Honghu to ask his arrival time at the company, believing that among those present, many officers had made similar calls.

Otherwise, it wouldn't be possible for everyone to arrive so uniformly and queue up.

Relying solely on the word of mouth of the people from the past couldn't achieve such an effect.

But they were all wrong!

Bai Xiaosheng had inquired about Great Official Zheng Honghu's arrival in Linshen.

"So cunning!"

Lin Yu watched Bai Xiaosheng walking towards him, his chest tight with shortness of breath.

Zheng Honghu was chatting and laughing with Bai Xiaosheng as they walked towards the office.

Following behind them were Zheng Honghu's other assistant and Lin Weiwei, Lei Ying.

Behind them were six others!

Li Qiushan, Fan Sihui, Wu Tong, and the rest!

In fact, Lin Yu had only guessed half right.

Bai Xiaosheng had indeed inquired about the arrival time of Zheng Honghu in Linshen, but Zheng Honghu hadn't asked Bai Xiaosheng to meet him at the station. Instead, upon arriving near headquarters, he personally called Bai Xiaosheng to meet up before coming over.

For this, Zheng Honghu had even waited for a while at the original location.

Clearly, Zheng Honghu favored Bai Xiaosheng over others.

Of course, these were not matters for outsiders to discuss.

Nor would Lin Yu and the others think that Zheng Honghu, acting as a referee, would ever be "unfair."

"It seems everyone is very enthusiastic, which is good," Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but give a wry smile as he saw the long line forming.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying exchanged smiling glances.

Previously, they thought Bai Xiaosheng was too eager to meet Great Official Zheng Honghu, even a bit too much.

But now it seemed, if you wanted to get a head start, you had to be like this!

Over there, lining up first, was Officer Lin Yu.

But so what!

Even if you arrive earlier and line up closer to the front, you're still not as good as them!

"All right, stop with the sentiment, your tone, it feels like there's not much difference between you and the Senior Affairs Officer," Zheng Honghu said in a low voice.

Then, Zheng Honghu straightened up and composed his smile.

Joking with Bai Xiaosheng like this, under everyone's watchful eyes, seemed somewhat inappropriate.

It might make people question his impartiality...

As Zheng Honghu approached, all the other officers warmly greeted him.

"Great Official Zheng Honghu!"

"Great Official Zheng Honghu, good morning!"

Zheng Honghu smiled and nodded to everyone, replying, "Morning, good morning, everyone!"

After Lin Yu greeted Zheng Honghu, he looked at Bai Xiaosheng with a cryptic smile, "Affairs Officer Bai, you actually went to welcome the Great Official. Quite thoughtful of you!"

Bai Xiaosheng's face was full of smiles, "Officer Lin, waiting at the door this early and being the first in line, you've surely not spared any effort. You've waited quite a while, haven't you?"

Lin Yu's expression turned ugly.

With a chuckle, Bai Xiaosheng said, "Otherwise..."

Lin Yu's eyebrows raised, thinking Bai Xiaosheng was going to say, "Otherwise, would you like to go first?"

Yes, that's what he did last time.

As a result, Bai Xiaosheng gained the upper hand!

This time, if Bai Xiaosheng were to say that, Lin Yu wouldn't pretend to decline; he would definitely agree!

Lin Yu eagerly anticipated Bai Xiaosheng to continue.

"Otherwise, why don't you wait a little longer? I'll be quick over there," Bai Xiaosheng said with utmost sincerity.

Lin Yu, "..."

As Bai Xiaosheng was speaking, Officer Lin Yu couldn't help but look over at Li Qiushan and his group.

Although he had not met them face-to-face, Officer Lin Yu had seen their photographs.

Those people all had somber expressions on their faces, seemingly somewhat heavy-hearted.

"Is it because the original evidence was swindled away?" Officer Lin Yu thought to himself.

While Officer Lin Yu was watching Li Qiushan and the others, Bai Xiaosheng was observing him, the smile gradually fading from his face.

"Officer Lin Yu, do you know, yesterday someone impersonated me and tricked these people out of the original evidence!" Bai Xiaosheng's voice carried a hint of chill.

"Really! How careless!" Officer Lin Yu expressed in astonishment.

Bai Xiaosheng stared into his eyes, and Officer Lin Yu calmly returned his gaze.

"No matter who took that evidence, they must be planning to use it today!" Bai Xiaosheng slowly said, "However, I hope for a fair competition, I do not wish for it to be used!"

"Officer Lin Yu, what is your opinion?" After speaking, Bai Xiaosheng earnestly inquired.

"I sympathize," Officer Lin Yu stated flatly.

Once he submitted the physical evidence, Bai Xiaosheng would inevitably realize, it was his, Lin Yu's, people who had played tricks.

By then, it was likely the two sides would tear off their masks!

But from the struggle for the position of Candidate Great Affairs Office on, isn't it a matter of victory crowning the victor and defeat marking the loser?

Confrontations are fleeting!

Officer Lin Yu thought to himself.

For soon I will be the Candidate Great Affairs Officer, and given time, the official Senior Affairs Officer, while you, will be my subordinate!

Officer Lin Yu gazed at Bai Xiaosheng.

Once I become the Senior Affairs Officer.

I will prove that I am the one fit for this position!

I will display the grace expected of a Senior Affairs Officer and discard past grievances!

I will give you the chance to strive for this position, even if it's a small compensation for my actions today!

Bai Xiaosheng peered into Officer Lin Yu's eyes and suddenly smiled, "Thank you for your sympathy."

The exchange between the two men was brief and covert.

Great Official Zheng Honghu exchanged greetings with everyone, then promptly entered his office. Before entering, he amiably said to Bai Xiaosheng, "Affairs Officer Bai, you are the first to report to me today. Come in with me."

"And bring your people as well!"

With that, Great Official Zheng Honghu went into his office.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled at Officer Lin Yu and the others, then took Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying, signaling to Li Qiushan and his group to follow into Great Official Zheng Honghu's office.

Soon after, Yu Chang, Zheng Honghu's assistant, emerged from the office, smiled at the crowd at the door, and squeezed through the throng.

About ten minutes later, Yu Chang returned.

Behind him were Lu Zhixin and Zhao Beiqing.

Both persons wore rather unpleasant expressions on their faces.

With Bai Xiaosheng's commotion at the Zhang Family, they knew things were going downhill.

Summoned by the headquarters this time, their hearts were filled with immense anxiety.

The three of them hurried into Great Official Zheng Honghu's office.

This scene also sparked countless speculations, but very few were truly privy to the details, most were just wild conjecture.

After all, it concerned a provincial industry leader and an Affairs Officer, and the department was aiming for a low-profile approach, especially before undeniable evidence was revealed, maintaining as much confidentiality as possible.

Of course, some people were aware of the truth, but even so, they would not disclose it, preferring instead to spin tales and speak nonsense.

"Are the two sides going to confront each other?" Officer Lin Yu's heart tightened, but he also thought to himself, "Lu Zhixin and Zhao Beiqing, both of these people are wily, and they will surely demand to see the physical evidence. They won't simply accept their fate without it!"

"And the physical evidence is with me!"

Officer Lin Yu's confidence reignited.

Just as he was pondering, he suddenly heard someone shout—

"Sir Shen has arrived!"

The queueing crowd immediately began to buzz with agitation.

Officer Lin Yu looked over in surprise, indeed Sir Shen Peishen was approaching with a warm smile, accompanied by his assistant.

Why has the teacher come?

Officer Lin Yu was astonished.

Previously, hadn't the teacher said he would recuse himself?

"Elder Xia is here too!"

The crowd's boiling point suddenly exploded.

Officer Lin Yu turned around in shock.

From the other side, Xiahou Qi, had also arrived!

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Grand Affairs Officer Shen Peisheng and Xiahou Qi arrived, stunning the queue of Affairs Officers at the scene.

One was a "mentor" among the Senior Affairs Officers, and the other was the President of Zhenbei Group, Greater China Region!

To think they came in person!

Were they also here to see the results?

That would mean the rumors were indeed true, there was no need to wait until noon.

The Candidate Great Affairs Officer could be decided this morning!

"Elder Xia!" "President!"

"Sir Shen!" "Sir Shen!"

Everyone greeted Xiahou Qi and Shen Peisheng in turn, respectfully.

"President!" In front of everyone, Shen Peisheng also smiled and greeted Xiahou Qi.

"Peisheng!" Xiahou Qi smiled and then glanced around, "It's quite lively here. Look, there's even a line."

"Indeed." Shen Peisheng smiled.

He had come without avoiding suspicion, actually at the invitation of Xiahou Qi through a phone call.

The long queue forming here naturally didn't escape Xiahou Qi's eyes.

There was usually a meeting on Monday afternoon, so the morning was relatively free.

Thus, Xiahou Qi brought Shen Peisheng to see the results.

"There are seats over there, let's sit and wait." Xiahou Qi pointed to the side of the corridor.

There was a resting area by the window complete with sofas and coffee tables.

"Okay." Shen Peisheng smiled.

Just as the two were about to move, the door to Zheng Honghu's office opened, and Zheng Honghu himself came out to meet them.

"Elder Xia, Sir Shen!" Zheng Honghu smiled, "You've both arrived. Please, come sit in my office."

This invitation was declined by Xiahou Qi with a shake of his head.

"No need, Honghu. Today you're the 'examiner,' and we are just observers. Over there is enough. Oh, and bring us two cups of tea." Xiahou Qi walked towards the resting area with his hands behind his back.

"Let's do as Elder Xia says," Shen Peisheng said with a smile.

Afterwards, Shen Peisheng deliberately looked at Lin Yu beside him, "Officer Lin, I see that you seem quite confident."

"Yes, Sir Shen, I've found some new materials that have greatly benefited my current work and have been a big help! This time, I think, I can achieve some pretty good results!" Lin Yu was brimming with confidence.

"That's good, that's good. Don't let down Mr. Xia's expectations!" Shen Peisheng said with a smile, purposely patting Lin Yu's shoulder, before turning to head straight to the resting area to join Xiahou Qi.

Shen Peisheng's actions made the surrounding people's eyes suddenly narrow.

Although Grand Affairs Officer Shen Peisheng and Officer Lin Yu had a mentor-mentee relationship, it was rare to openly show support on such a significant occasion as today.

Grand Affairs Officer Shen Peisheng wasn't afraid of giving others something to talk about, and Officer Lin Yu was full of confidence.

This could only prove that both of them were very confident in Officer Lin Yu's successful promotion.

Many people suddenly felt discouraged.

Zheng Honghu saw everything, his eyes flickering uncertainly.

This scene was for others to see, but was it not also for himself to watch?

Perhaps Grand Affairs Officer Shen Peisheng was silently signaling to him!

Immediately, Zheng Honghu smiled at Lin Yu, his attitude even surpassing his towards Bai Xiaosheng, "Officer Lin, please wait a little longer. I will speed up the process, and it will soon be your turn."

"I'm not in a rush. Thank you for your hard work, Great Official Zheng Honghu." Lin Yu watched this unfold with a modest smile.

Neither arrogant nor proud, that's good.

Zheng Honghu smiled and turned back.

There, Xiahou Qi sat down and watched Shen Peisheng sit on the other side.

"Peisheng, it seems you think highly of Officer Lin Yu," Xiahou Qi commented, not seeming to mind the previous matter.

"After all, he's my student, so I may know a bit more about him. This child has always grown under your guidance, and the title of 'benchmark of the Affairs Department' was also personally bestowed by you, wasn't it?" Shen Peisheng said with a smile.

Today, Xiahou Qi had invited him here, and if he were to act overly precise, it would seem odd; it was better to show a bit of personal bias with just the right measure.

Even Xiahou Qi had nothing to say against it.

"Originally just a word of praise, but it increasingly fits the reality. Lin Yu truly deserves the title of 'benchmark of the Affairs Officers'!" Xiahou Qi stated.

After that, he looked around, "Huh, where is Officer Bai Xiaosheng? Did he perhaps go in first?"

Grand Affairs Officer Shen Peisheng also looked around, his expression unchanged, "Perhaps. I didn't expect him to come even earlier!"

"Elder Xia, Sir Shen. Officer Bai Xiaosheng is indeed in Great Official Zheng Honghu's office, the first one today, but not the earliest, he's at the front of the line."

Yu Chang, who came to serve tea, laughed upon hearing the conversation between the two.

"Great Official Zheng Honghu is back in Linshen, and Officer Bai Xiaosheng went to pick him up, which is why he was the first to submit his documents, the first to enter," Yu Chang revealed the truth.

"Oh?!"

Xiahou Qi and Shen Peisheng both were taken aback.

"Haha, what a sly one!" Xiahou Qi couldn't help laughing.

Shen Peisheng also laughed, but within his smile, there was a barely noticeable sigh.

What a kid, playing his cards unorthodoxly!

Inside the affairs department, Great Official Zheng Honghu started the review, scoring, selecting the Candidate Great Affairs Officer.

Outside the door, a line of competing affairs officers formed, and in the end, even Xiahou Qi and Shen Peisheng arrived.

This news spread, and the corridor on both sides was also crowded with onlookers.

As for these people, Xiahou Qi and Shen Peisheng did not drive them away or scold them, adopting an attitude of letting it be.

After all, the birth of the Candidate Great Affairs Officer was also quite an event.

There needed to be witnesses.

Such tacit approval led to more and more onlookers, some even moving closer, wanting to get a clearer view.

Behind the crowd, Yu Ying was also there.

Yu Ying, with her big eyes wide open, stood on tiptoe with excitement, seemingly no different from the group of women her age beside her.

However, in her eyes, there flickered a light of ambiguous meaning.

In this round, was the winner Lin Yu?

Then, was she to be the one to make contact next!

Officer Bai Xiaosheng and his group spent a full twenty minutes in Zheng Honghu's office.

And then the door opened, Bai Xiaosheng came out with Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying.

As for Li Qiushan and others, they did not follow.

Seeing so many people outside, they were also startled.

But Bai Xiaosheng, with his sharp eyes, saw Xiahou Qi and Shen Peisheng sitting there and decided to go meet the two.

Walking past Lin Yu, Bai Xiaosheng's expression seemed somewhat downcast, barely smiling at Lin Yu, "It's your turn, Officer Lin Yu!"

Lin Yu nodded, giving Bai Xiaosheng a deep look.

Bai Xiaosheng's reaction made him feel like laughing.

Surely it was because Li Qiushan and the others had no evidence, causing Lu Zhixin and Zhao Beiqing to deny everything.

Lin Yu nodded and entered Zheng Honghu's office.

Zheng Honghu's office was a large suite, and he was actually in the outer room, still frowning as if he had encountered a problem.

The inner room was silent.

"Bai Xiaosheng's situation is a bit tricky, so they are busy inside; I've come outside to work, to receive you first. No problem with that, right?" Zheng Honghu gave Lin Yu a forced smile.

A bottleneck in evidence, huh!

Lin Yu sneered inwardly.

Lin Yu remained calm on the surface, taking out his evidence and handing it over.

Zheng Honghu took the materials and only flipped through two pages when his eyes suddenly narrowed, he looked at Lin Yu in disbelief and then quickly continued reading.

"This!" Zheng Honghu exclaimed.

"These pieces of evidence, I happened to get them from a journalist friend..." Lin Yu explained.

"Officer Lin Yu, please wait outside for a moment, I will go verify them immediately—your timing couldn't be more perfect!" Zheng Honghu said.

Wait outside?

Lin Yu was a bit reluctant.

"Don't worry, if the credit is yours, it will surely be yours. Everything is recorded inside!" Zheng Honghu reassured.

Only then did Lin Yu go out, but not without seeing Zheng Honghu's impatient and excited demeanor.

Lin Yu was happy.

"Bai Xiaosheng, this time, I win!"

Chapter 1010: Results Revealed

Officer Lin Yu stepped out of Great Official Zheng Honghu's office.

The bustling crowd outside instantly fell silent.

He hadn't been in there for even five minutes, and Officer Lin Yu just...

Was it over?

Officer Bai Xiaosheng spent twenty minutes inside by comparison, which made this seem too quick.

People exchanged glances, even Xiahou Qi and Shen Peishen over there looked surprised.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled to himself, "Officer Lin Yu, quite fast, huh?"

He had just greeted Xiahou Qi and Shen Peishen when Lin came out, indeed very quick.

After emerging, Lin Yu faced the curious gazes from all sides with calm and a slight smile.

His face was brimming with confidence.

Many people felt relaxed by Lin Yu's demeanor, as if a weight was lifted off their chests.

That's right!

Who said that spending more time inside assured victory?

And who claimed that coming out quickly meant certain defeat?

"Officer Lin Yu came out quickly because he doesn't want to waste everyone's time, and it shows he has thoroughly completed his tasks."

"Yes, spending more time inside means the current tasks at hand aren't dealt with cleanly."

"Actually, the quicker one comes out, the higher the score might be!"

"I even doubted Officer Lin Yu just now, really..."

"Joking aside, Officer Lin Yu has been the standard-bearer among the officers for several years!"

The quiet crowd once again buzzed with chatter.

Frankly speaking, Bai Xiaosheng is indeed an anomaly among the officers.

This year, he has been stirring up waves frequently. So much so that he's often compared to Lin Yu.

But causing a sensation often doesn't equate to consistently outstanding achievements!

While Lin Yu produced continuous tremors, Bai Xiaosheng was still an unknown below.

Officer Lin Yu has been leading the group of officers for years.

Could Bai Xiaosheng, with just one year's performance, really crush the standard-bearer?

Preposterous!

More than seventy percent of the people didn't believe it!

They were more optimistic about Lin Yu.

Even Xiahou Qi felt that Lin Yu had better chances this time.

Lin Yu walked past the crowd and noticed Bai Xiaosheng approaching him.

One of them a long-standing "benchmark" among officers.

The other, a "prodigy" who rose within a year.

These two, under the watchful eyes of the public, stood two meters apart, smiling face to face.

"Officer Lin Yu truly shines," Bai Xiaosheng started with a smile. "In the hearts of people, you have a brilliant image!"

"Too kind," Lin Yu responded evenly.

Bai Xiaosheng sighed slightly, "For me, it's different. Sometimes I feel I'm a bit... bad."

Lin Yu remained silent.

Had Bai Xiaosheng placed himself here amidst the people just to speak such meaningless nonsense?

While Lin Yu pondered the meaning behind Bai Xiaosheng's actions, Bai Xiaosheng smiled, turned around, and left.

Lin Yu looked at Bai Xiaosheng, preparing to return to his mentor's side.

Just then, the door to Great Official Zheng Honghu's office opened.

Zheng Honghu, holding a list, walked out.

The whispering crowd, seeing this scene, quieted down a bit.

Zheng Honghu stood at the door, looked at the officers in line, glanced at the list, and then said, "Officers! I will now read a few names. Those I call may leave the line and report their work progress to me. Those not called need not wait any longer."

With these words, the officers in line were all momentarily stunned.

"But why, Great Official Zheng Honghu?"

"Yeah, we've been here since early morning. If only a few report, then the rest of us have waited in vain?"

"There has to be a reason."

Some of the queued officers couldn't help but speak up.

"This weekend, I had my assistant quantify the achievements you all reported, evaluated the tasks you registered, and ranked them by score. In the end, there are six of you qualified to vie for the position of Candidate Great Affairs Officer, including Officer Bai Xiaosheng and Officer Lin Yu."

"The others are too far behind!"

Zheng Honghu swept his gaze across the room, "Any objections?"

"Or perhaps you feel that your results were scored too low?"

"No problem, step forward, and I'll check it with you face to face!"

"Mr. Xia and Sir Shen are also here, and you can report to them as well."

With these words from Zheng Honghu, no one raised an objection.

In fact, when Xiahou Qi initially said that Bai Xiaosheng and Lin Yu's achievements were on par, it was also a conclusion after quantifying the values.

Although Lin Yu's performance had been outstanding for many years, he had never captured a person at the level of regional manager.

Moreover, Bai Xiaosheng, who had investigated the responsibilities of a provincial industry manager along with an Affairs Officer, had more findings than Lin Yu.

Only then were they considered equivalent.

"Tang Shuangyu—"

"Pei Dongke—"

"Han Hao—"

"Sun Dayu—"

Zheng Honghu read the four names in one breath.

Four people stepped out from the line.

Their eyes were bright, their faces tinged with excitement.

After all, having the qualifications to compete for the position of Candidate Great Affairs Officer was an honor in itself!

Standing on the same starting line as eminent figures like Bai Xiaosheng and Lin Yu was enough to give them bragging rights.

Of course, they were only "qualified" to compete.

With Lin Yu as a hurdle, it was doubtful any of them could overcome it.

The Affairs Officers quit lining up and joined the crowd of onlookers, all of whom watched them with envy.

Perhaps in the future, one among these four might emerge as a Candidate Great Affairs Officer.

"You, come in one by one and report the actual progress of your work."

After saying this, Zheng Honghu turned and went into the office.

The four walked over, knocked on the door, and entered in turn.

Each person only spent a short two or three minutes inside before exiting, shaking their heads in resignation.

Having the qualifications to compete was sometimes just a comforting phrase, an encouragement for the Affairs Officers not to be discouraged, not to be afraid to contend with the strong.

In truth, before they even entered, none believed they could surpass Lin Yu or Bai Xiaosheng.

In the end, the real contest would still be between Bai Xiaosheng and Lin Yu.

Everyone's gaze fell on these two.

"I'm betting on Officer Lin Yu!"

"I think it's Officer Lin Yu too!"

"But Officer Bai Xiaosheng could also be a possibility!"

"Still, Officer Lin Yu has the highest chance of winning!"

The crowd didn't even bother to hide their lively discussion.

Lin Yu smiled as he listened.

Bai Xiaosheng appeared calm, showing no emotions.

"The support for Lin is really high, maybe he will be the next Senior Affairs Officer!" Even Xiahou Qi said with a smile to Shen Peishen.

"Mr. Xia is exaggerating, it's just a candidacy, there's still a distance to the position of Senior Affairs Officer!" Shen Peishen replied to Xiahou Qi with a chuckle.

While everyone was bustling with discussion, the door to Zheng Honghu's office opened.

Zheng Honghu came out with a sheet of paper.

His expression was solemn.

Had the final result come out?

Instantly, everyone fell silent.

All eyes were fixed on Zheng Honghu.

"Based on the final quantified comparison, I announce the highest achiever, who is also the next Candidate Great Affairs Officer—"

"He is—"

Zheng Honghu's voice paused, and everyone grew anxious.

"Bai Xiaosheng!"

Zheng Honghu revealed the answer, and the room fell into silence.

Lin Yu's eyes widened.

Bai Xiaosheng?!

Why?!

Why isn't it him?!

