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Chapter 1021: What does Bai Xiaosheng amount to?

In the main conference room of Zhongjing Media, the only man sitting was in his forties, with a rugged face and piercing eyes.

This man had a commanding presence.

As he sat there, calm yet unapproachable, he exuded a sense of intimidation.

His gaze was penetrating, his smiles rare, and when he did smile, it carried a hint of coldness.

He was the newly appointed head of the industrial sector in Anjiang Province—Gao Siyu!

Within a year, he had drastically transformed the group's industry in Zhongjing.

Facing him, Gao Dazhi consistently responded with a smile.

Even when ridiculed or reprimanded,

Gao Dazhi would always meet it with a smile.

He was a very measured man who understood restraint.

Thus, Bai Xiaosheng initially thought he was complacent and ingratiating.

Now, Gao Dazhi had also become the vice president of Zhongjing Media!

Gao Siyu, without warning, brought up Bai Xiaosheng, with evident mockery.

Gao Dazhi's smile stiffened; the face that was always apologetic finally showed a clear displeasure.

To Gao Dazhi, one could say anything about him; Gao Siyu was his superior, and he accepted that.

But speaking ill of Bai Xiaosheng was something Gao Dazhi, from the bottom of his heart, could not accept!

To everyone at Zhongjing Media, Bai Xiaosheng was a legend.

It was Bai Xiaosheng who had led Zhongjing Media to achieve one miraculous performance after another.

Now, those glories were being erased by the man in front of him, by Gao Siyu!

Gao Dazhi clenched his fists, his smile frozen.

Frankly speaking, Gao Dazhi didn't have to put up with this; he didn't need to!

However, before Bai Xiaosheng left, he had entrusted Gao Dazhi with many responsibilities.

Ever since, Gao Dazhi had been doing his utmost to prevent Zhongjing Media from falling apart.

Unfortunately, facing Gao Siyu, his own clout was pitifully weak, as faint as the light of a firefly.

Gao Dazhi had thought about seeking help from Bai Xiaosheng.

After all, Bai Xiaosheng had been promoted and entered the Affairs Department.

But in the end, Gao Dazhi gave up and even ordered the veterans not to disturb Bai Xiaosheng.

Because this Gao Siyu was really no simple character!

He had a terrifying background!

Otherwise, Zhongjing Media would not have fallen into his hands.

Once, the former head of the industrial sector in Anjiang Province, Chen Jiuzheng, had tried every trick in the book to involve himself directly in Zhongjing Media, yet he repeatedly failed.

In the end, even Chen Jiuzheng dared not act recklessly.

But Gao Siyu had no such scruples, and he truly brought Zhongjing Media under his control!

But his influence was not comparable to that of his peers as heads of the industrial sectors in other provinces!

Just after his promotion, Gao Dazhi truly didn't want Bai Xiaosheng to get involved in serious trouble,

to the point of ruining his own future!

Upon understanding Gao Dazhi's intentions, everyone else tacitly switched to silent mode.

They didn't want Bai Xiaosheng to be dragged down!

Their understanding led to Bai Xiaosheng being unaware of this matter.

Of course, even if Bai Xiaosheng had known earlier, he wouldn't have been able to stop it forcefully.

Because Gao Siyu was indeed extraordinary!

At this moment,

Seeing Gao Dazhi's expression change, seemingly angry, Gao Siyu suddenly lifted an eyebrow, scoffing, "What, are you angry?"

Thinking of rebelling?

"No," Gao Dazhi replied.

His voice was notably stiff.

"No?" Gao Siyu sneered, "Your mouth disagrees, and your heart disagrees even more, doesn't it!"

"When I talk about that Bai Xiaosheng, about your former general manager, you get upset, don't you!"

"That Bai Xiaosheng really was a troublemaker, stirring up quite the waves in Zhongjing, and even dragged down the preceding head of the industrial sector in Anjiang Province, Chen Jiuzheng!"

"He's now a New-type Affairs Officer and has been making waves in the Affairs Department for a whole year. You don't know—every once in a while, he really stirs up a sensation."

"He's really a star among the Affairs Department Officers!"

Gao Siyu was discussing Bai Xiaosheng's news.

Listening, Gao Dazhi's eyes sparkled.

In their minds, Bai Xiaosheng had always been a miraculous presence.

And indeed, even after joining the Affairs Department, he continued to achieve astonishing results.

"So, he is the support you all rely on, isn't he?" Gao Siyu mocked, pointing at Gao Dazhi's nose.

"No, we don't have that thought. You're overthinking it," Gao Dazhi replied calmly.

"That's good then!" Gao Siyu stated seriously. "A talented Affairs Officer is quite powerful. He can even investigate and report industry heads of equal provinces and their colleagues!"

"But above an Affairs Officer, there is a Senior Affairs Officer. Before a Senior Affairs Officer, a mere Affairs Officer is nothing to laugh about!"

Gao Siyu sneered, "Does Bai Xiaosheng have the support of a Senior Affairs Officer? That Bai Xiaosheng, what does he really count for!"

Implicit in his words, Gao Siyu had the support of a Senior Affairs Officer!

Gao Dazhi's gaze became sharp.

He had indeed thought about it again. Since Bai Xiaosheng was doing so well at the moment, he must have been approved by senior management in the Affairs Department.

Perhaps it was possible to report the situation.

However, upon hearing Gao Siyu's words, Gao Dazhi felt like he had a bucket of ice water poured over him, his heart instantly turning cold.

The thought vanished completely.

Seeing Gao Dazhi's gaze dim, Gao Siyu's smile grew even wider.

He was currently the industry head for the province, but before, he had been an Affairs Officer!

Back then, he was protested against by over a dozen Affairs Officers due to his radical actions.

Yet, in the end, Gao Siyu was not demoted but became the industry head of the province through the protective support of people behind him!

He knew the secrets of the Affairs Department even better than ordinary industry heads.

When he left, Bai Xiaosheng, the New-type Affairs Officer, was on the rise.

In his view, Bai Xiaosheng's glory began with taking down the Chen Brothers.

But he knew that Bai Xiaosheng's success was due to sheer luck!

Xiahou Qi had originally planned to move against the Chen Brothers, even having Great Official Zheng Honghu as an inside helper.

In this high-level scheming, Bai Xiaosheng was just a lucky participant, serving as a useful pawn!

But a pawn is just a pawn, without a background, as insignificant as a floating weed!

Nothing to fear!

What made Gao Siyu jealous was that Bai, relying on this opportunity, had actually become a New-type Affairs Officer.

That position was personally established by Mr. Xiahou Qi!

One could easily guess, as long as Bai Xiaosheng didn't sabotage himself, nobody could touch him for at least his first year!

Otherwise, if a New-type Affairs Officer was removed within a year, wouldn't it be a big joke, a slap in the face of Mr. Xiahou Qi?

So, that Bai Xiaosheng dared to be wildly arrogant!

However, now more than a year had passed, and Bai Xiaosheng's popularity should have faded!

Creating any more trouble would be seeking death!

That's what Gao Siyu believed.

He was very jealous of Bai Xiaosheng; both were crazy, yet their fates were different. That New-type Affairs Officer position should have been his!

Gao Siyu did not know that at this moment, Bai Xiaosheng was no longer a New-type Affairs Officer, but a Senior Affairs Officer!

A week had gone by; Gao Siyu should have known.

But he simply didn't!

The announcement of Bai Xiaosheng's appointment had caused a sensation, with news popping up spontaneously on the internal network within the Greater China Region on the day itself.

However, Affairs Officers and Senior Affairs Officers often use the internal network. Regional heads and provincial industry heads are busy all day, rarely sitting in front of computers for long, and their phones aren't mandated to have the group's internal network app installed.

Of course, major information is still promptly known to regional heads, but not to provincial industry heads.

Especially in recent days, as Gao Siyu was busy meddling with Zhongjing corporate industries, he had even less time to pay attention!

And others had long assumed he knew.

Thus, Gao Siyu didn't know that the Bai Xiaosheng he disparaged had already become a Senior Affairs Officer!

If in the past, Bai Xiaosheng might have struggled to affect him.

But now, it was more than enough!

Chapter 1022: Mr. Ji's Visit

Facing Gao Siyu's mockery, Gao Dazhi's expression turned dismal, his eyes revealing exhaustion and defeat.

There seemed to be truly no hope left for Bai Xiaosheng.

Gao Dazhi's report to the group had been discovered by Gao Siyu, who showed complete indifference.

This gave Gao Dazhi a deep sense of powerlessness.

Speaking of which, the person who informed Gao Siyu about the incident hadn't told him that Bai Xiaosheng had already become a Senior Affairs Officer.

Because it was public and sensational news, the insiders at the Department of Affairs thought Gao Siyu must have already known.

Of course, even those insiders didn't know—

Bai Xiaosheng had come in person!

At this moment, standing before Gao Siyu, Gao Dazhi clung to the last thread of hope.

This hope wasn't placed on the delegates from the group, but on another entity—the City Government!

The commotion Gao Siyu caused in Zhongjing didn't just affect Zhongjing Media but targeted all of Zhenbei Group's businesses in the city.

It's just that Zhongjing Media was the hardest hit.

A large number of middle and lower-level managers were being reassigned or laid off, and the entire company was set to be split in two and relocated.

These matters were currently underway.

And the businesses of Zhenbei Group in Zhongjing were also claiming—they would all be moved out!

If it were any other provincial industry leader, it would be hard to believe, even unimaginable.

But Gao Siyu could do it, and he had the power and ability to do so!

Not to mention the audacity!

Gao Dazhi believed that by threatening to move businesses out, Gao Siyu was covertly blackmailing the Zhongjing City Government.

He pressed for more favorable treatment, more policies.

Under normal circumstances, this would be suicidal; the city government would never compromise.

However, as the city's development entered a critical phase, a move by these large enterprises could trigger a terrifying domino effect.

This was what truly frightened the city government!

This was exactly what Gao Siyu was banking on.

Such an act could only be done by a madman!

But would he care about the hardships that local businesses would face after a fallout with a local government?

He wouldn't!

Gao Dazhi couldn't help but feel that Gao Siyu—

Was purely focused on boosting performance at this stage!

The life or death of the subsidiaries meant nothing to him!

Madman!

This was the term Gao Dazhi coined for Gao Siyu, his own kin.

But after all, the city government was the city government. Would it succumb to such veiled threats?

Gao Dazhi was somewhat incredulous!

Especially Mayor Ji Mingyang, would he tolerate such threats?

Today, representatives from all three sides were gathered for the meeting.

Whether there would be a turnaround because of the city government, this was Gao Dazhi's only hope.

"If Zhongjing Media really falls apart, or even moves away, then what's the point of me sitting in this deputy director position," Gao Dazhi pondered the worst-case scenario in his heart, "That will be the time for my resignation!"

Gao Siyu, tired of watching Gao Dazhi's subservient demeanor, casually gestured outside, "The matter of your unauthorized report to the group, we'll settle that later! Now, go outside and wait for the visitors, don't be an eyesore in front of me!"

Gao Siyu drove Gao Dazhi like one would a dog, his words and tone dismissive and patronizing.

The big conference room was filled with trusted aides brought by Gao Siyu.

They too wore mocking, cold smiles as they looked at Gao Dazhi, as if staring at a dog that had lost its home.

Gao Dazhi left silently, without protest, his whole demeanor somewhat resigned.

This was a place he no longer wished to linger in!

Gao Siyu watched Gao Dazhi leave with cold eyes, a sneer curled at the corner of his mouth as the doors to the large conference room closed. He then turned his gaze towards another direction, deep and distant.

Gao Siyu tapped his fingers on the desktop, mumbling to himself words that only he could hear.

"Bai Xiaosheng, this lucky bastard, what makes him so impressive! Does he even deserve it?"

"The New-type Affairs Officer who acts with impunity should be mine, mine! Only I am suitable for that position, not some green boy!"

Gao Siyu's eyes reddened slightly, a hint of jealousy present.

This was also one of the reasons why he had been stirring up trouble with Zhongjing Media and in Zhongjing.

Moreover, there were other, more important reasons.

"The moves you made in Zhongjing have all been praised by our teacher, so I will make sure they completely crumble!"

"I will reshape the landscape here in Zhongjing, I will prove that I am the one with exceptional ability!"

"I want to score achievements here and then spread them to other cities. I want the Affairs Department to be shaken by my performance within a year."

"With these achievements as my support, the teacher will have a reason to speak for me, and he will be able to get me back into the Affairs Department, back to the position of Affairs Officer!"

"When that time comes, I will ask the teacher for help to also become a New-type Affairs Officer!"

A smile appeared on Gao Siyu's lips, with the corners twitching slightly.

This man, often called crazy, always did crazy things.

At this moment.

An Audi A6L was driving toward Zhongjing Media.

The driver was Zhang Meng, and the passenger was Mayor Ji Mingyang.

Mayor Ji Mingyang's face was visibly haggard, he continued to read documents in the car, and when tired, he would massage his temples to stay alert.

"Mr. Ji, you really don't need to take care of this matter personally!" Zhang Meng couldn't help but say.

The mayor had been working too hard these days, it was heartbreaking.

"As long as it can be resolved properly, my personal appearance is nothing," Mayor Ji Mingyang said with a forced smile as he put his hand down.

"This new provincial industry head that Zhenbei Group has sent over is going too far!" Zhang Meng couldn't help but express indignantly, "At such a critical time, he actually plans to relocate those key enterprises and has even split Zhongjing Media. It's a heavy blow to our city."

The timing of this development was too critical!

And it was clear that the other party was doing this intentionally!

So hateful!

If it weren't for this time period, then whatever that damn Gao Siyu did, even if he moved all the subsidiaries of the Zhenbei Group away, so what!

As if the Zhongjing City Government couldn't attract big companies!

Thinking of all this, Zhang Meng was both angry and resentful, yet helpless.

"What can we do, we can't interfere with the enterprise's decision to stay or leave," Mayor Ji Mingyang sighed slightly, "For Zhongjing, if I, the Mayor, can persuade them by making a few personal visits, it's worth it."

As he spoke, Mayor Ji Mingyang searched out his reading glasses and put them on to continue reviewing the documents.

Right now, as Zhongjing was at a crucial point in its development, he did not want to waste a single minute.

Zhang Meng looked in the rearview mirror and saw the mayor's cheeks becoming thinner and his hair graying more within just one year.

Zhang Meng felt a wave of sorrow and greater sadness within.

"If only Bai Xiaosheng were still here!" Zhang Meng suddenly said, "He always has a way!"

When Bai Xiaosheng was mentioned, Mayor Ji Mingyang looked up, his eyes twinkling behind his reading glasses.

"Yes, that kid always had a way," Mayor Ji Mingyang smiled.

This smile had become rare and precious these past days.

"I heard he got promoted. Do you think we should seek him out?" Zhang Meng couldn't help but suggest.

Mayor Ji Mingyang shook his head.

"Even if Xiaosheng has been promoted, he's at best on the same level as Gao Siyu. Gao Siyu is reckless, and he always acts so confident, as if he was sure of himself. He must be no simple character," said Mayor Ji Mingyang, "I'm afraid I would only cause trouble for Bai Xiaosheng and it wouldn't solve anything. Why bother!"

Zhang Meng couldn't help but say, "Mr. Ji, you have never thought about things this way before."

Mayor Ji Mingyang smiled faintly and bent down again to his documents, "There's always an exception to everything."

After this conversation, Zhang Meng didn't know what else to say and simply concentrated on driving.

The Audi drove past a coffee shop where Bai Xiaosheng happened to look up from his window seat and noticed the car, his gaze immediately curious.

"Isn't that Mayor Ji Mingyang's car? Is he also heading to Zhongjing Media?"

Chapter 1023: Coming with a Sword

Bai Xiaosheng sat at the window of the café, gazing at the distant Zhongjing Media Tower.

It had only been a year and a few months since he left, not such a long time.

Returning, he found everything in complete disarray.

With an expressionless face, Bai Xiaosheng picked up his coffee cup and took a small sip.

The taste was astringent. It slaughtered his taste buds.

Bai Xiaosheng glanced at his cup; he hadn't ordered black coffee, yet it was extremely hard to drink!

Indeed, mood determined flavor.

Putting down the cup, Bai Xiaosheng looked at the reflection of himself on the glass window, his complexion truly unsightly.

"Gao Siyu," Bai Xiaosheng murmured softly, his gaze flickering sharply.

This time, his return was preceded with a courtesy call to Xiahou Qi's side.

Just before his departure, Xiahou Qi had Wang Mubei send him a few words.

Bai Xiaosheng remembered clearly.

Wang Mubei had said, "President Xia says to tell you, 'Senior Affairs Officer'—these four words represent the highest authority of the Affairs Department, the prestige and power of the headquarters!"

"Severe punishment for those who act recklessly, disregarding the group's interests!"

"Severe punishment for those who are arrogantly uncontrolled, scorning the Senior Affairs Officer!"

"If they offend both points, even if they are an Affairs Officer, a provincial industry head, they can be dealt with on the spot!"

Bai Xiaosheng's gaze was bright one moment and dim the next.

"The old man, having Wang Mubei tell me these things in particular, is he saying..."

"There's no need for courtesy!"

At the same time.

In the President's Office of the Zhenbei Group Greater China Region.

Xiahou Qi put down the document in his hands, took off his reading glasses, and accepted a cup of tea that Wang Mubei passed him, about to drink when he suddenly stopped, "It's been a week since Bai Xiaosheng went to Zhongjing, right?"

Wang Mubei glanced at the date, replying, "It has."

Xiahou Qi nodded, sipping a little tea.

"So... Zhongjing Media, right? That company's upcoming colloquium, he should be attending that."

Before Bai Xiaosheng left, he had informed Xiahou Qi and shown him his temporary disposition opinion.

Xiahou Qi remembered, the colloquium was to be held in a week.

"He should have arrived," Wang Mubei nodded.

Logically, even if it involved just one directly managed subsidiary, even if it was the industry of a city group, it should be insignificant to the President of the Zhenbei Group Greater China Region.

Yet Xiahou Qi constantly remembered.

To this, Wang Mubei showed no surprise at all.

"Are you worried that Bai Xiaosheng, the Senior Affairs Officer, didn't understand your message?" Wang Mubei inquired.

Xiahou Qi smiled.

"That kid is quite astute."

"Moreover, this time, Gao Siyu might have touched a raw nerve of his!"

Xiahou Qi's gaze also flickered slightly.

"Last time, someone crossed the line, and I felt it necessary to give a moderate warning."

"Coincidentally, there's this opportunity, so let Bai Xiaosheng handle it!"

Xiahou Qi spoke with profound meaning.

The dance of swordsmanship; His thoughts lie with Duke of Pei!

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Bai Xiaosheng had only drunk half of his coffee when Lin Weiwei entered the café.

It was a quiet time of day, and Bai Xiaosheng was seated at a conspicuous spot.

Lin Weiwei swept her gaze around, spotted him, and walked over with a smile to sit down opposite him.

"Xiaosheng, did you come early, have you been waiting long?" Lin Weiwei said with a slightly apologetic smile.

She could have been earlier, but there had been some traffic on the way.

Bai Xiaosheng looked her over.

Returning from the province, Lin Weiwei was full of energy.

"Not at all, I just sat down a little while ago myself," Bai Xiaosheng said with a smile, "What would you like to drink?"

"No, let's go straight to the company," Lin Weiwei suggested.

She was eager to see her friends at Zhongjing Media.

"Sure, that's fine," Bai Xiaosheng nodded, standing up.

Just now, as he watched Mayor Ji Mingyang's car pass, Bai Xiaosheng also wanted to head over earlier.

And so, they left the café and walked towards Zhongjing Media Tower, a few hundred meters away.

On the way, Bai Xiaosheng saw Lin Weiwei's excited demeanor, hesitated briefly but still said, "Weiwei, I need to talk to you."

Lin Weiwei was startled, seeing Bai Xiaosheng's serious expression.

"Regarding the current situation at Zhongjing Media!" Bai Xiaosheng said.

Five minutes later.

Bai Xiaosheng and Lin Weiwei arrived downstairs at the Zhongjing Media Tower, and the excitement Lin Weiwei had been feeling was now replaced by solemnity.

Up until now, Bai Xiaosheng had been keeping it a secret.

It was only now that Lin Weiwei realized how grave the situation facing Zhongjing Media was!

In fact, it wasn't just Zhongjing Media, all the corporate enterprises in Zhongjing were in complete disarray.

Today, even Mayor Ji Mingyang had come in person.

"Sheng, we'll be able to resolve these troubles, right?" Lin Weiwei couldn't help but ask.

Currently, a strong hand was needed to make corrections.

Bai Xiaosheng raised his eyes to look at the building, his voice firmly affirmative.

"Yes!"

After that, they both entered the company and went straight upstairs.

Along the way, there were hardly any people to be seen, let alone familiar faces.

The once vibrant and energetic Zhongjing Media now seemed somewhat lifeless.

Just thinking about how it was being split up and thrown into two other cities made Lin Weiwei feel somewhat uncomfortable!

Bai Xiaosheng's mood was equally far from happy!

As the elevator ascended, neither of them spoke, their expressions serious.

Halfway up, the elevator dinged and unexpectedly stopped.

The elevator doors opened, and someone walked in.

This was meant to be an insignificant little diversion.

But as the person who came in looked up and saw Bai Xiaosheng and Lin Weiwei, he was taken aback.

Bai Xiaosheng and they were also surprised to see him.

"Mr. Bai, Assistant Lin!" The person's eyes were filled with disbelief as he spoke tremulously.

"Shi Yu!" Bai Xiaosheng smiled at him, "I hope you're well!"

Shi Yu from the New Media Department, an old-timer who had created glory with Bai Xiaosheng!

Seeing them after such a long time, the address was still as before.

Watching Bai Xiaosheng and Lin Weiwei, Shi Yu's expression seemed both like he wanted to cry and to laugh.

It was obvious that he was very excited.

"Mr. Bai, our company, it's over!" Shi Yu blurted out such a statement the next time he spoke.

"The company won't be over!" Bai Xiaosheng said with utter certainty.

At those words, the burly Shi Yu was nearly brought to tears.

Back then, and even now.

Bai Xiaosheng had always been the unshakeable figure in his heart, who constantly worked miracles!

Whatever Bai Xiaosheng said, Shi Yu believed without doubt!

"Mr. Bai, it's good that you're back. With you here, there's hope for the company!" Shi Yu said, his voice trembling.

Then, Shi Yu spoke urgently, "The old members of the New Media Department are about to resign collectively. I was going to find Mr. Gao, but now that you're here, could you please come with me to persuade them? They're about to leave!"

Shi Yu was very anxious.

Lin Weiwei couldn't help but glance at Bai Xiaosheng.

Objectively speaking.

Bai Xiaosheng should be going straight to the meeting instead to resolve the major trouble, rather than these small crises.

However, it was clear that Shi Yu was very excited, and it seemed like he wanted to speak more with Bai Xiaosheng.

"Alright," Bai Xiaosheng agreed to Shi Yu without much hesitation.

"Weiwei, you go to the meeting first. I'll be there shortly!" Bai Xiaosheng looked at Lin Weiwei.

"Yes!" Lin Weiwei didn't stress anything else but nodded in agreement.

They sent Lin Weiwei up in the elevator.

Then Bai Xiaosheng and Shi Yu took the elevator down to the current office area of the New Media Department.

Exiting the elevator, Lin Weiwei went alone to the meeting area.

One year on from today, the company had changed everywhere, even the reception desk from the past was gone!

Lin Weiwei sighed as she looked at the former location.

Just a few meters out, a group of people came hurrying towards her.

Leading them was Gao Dazhi.

"Assistant Lin!"

The moment he recognized Lin Weiwei, Gao Dazhi couldn't help but exclaim in surprise, equally astonished.

"Mr. Gao!" Lin Weiwei smiled, "It's me! Where are you off to?"

"I'm going to receive the... from the Affairs Department," Gao Dazhi began, but then he paused, his eyes wide with shock, "It couldn't be..."

"It's me!"

Chapter 1024: Hope Appears Frequently

Bai Xiaosheng had not expected that the headquarters would send someone, and it turned out to be Lin Weiwei.

Gao Dazhi was surprised and delighted.

Reuniting with an old friend, it was hard to change the way they addressed each other.

Recalling everything that had happened, Gao Dazhi sighed endlessly.

The people Gao Dazhi had brought along were all newcomers, curiously watching Lin Weiwei.

Such a young and beautiful woman, and she was a representative from the headquarters?!

It was said that she was even from Zhongjing Media!

Everyone was inevitably excited.

Gao Dazhi was even more thrilled.

The arrival of someone from headquarters always represented the higher-ups, and it would be best if it could make that madman Gao Siyu rein himself in.

And this representative being Lin Weiwei was really just perfect.

"Mr. Bai, how are things now?!" Gao Dazhi hurriedly asked, his words filled with concern.

"Xiaosheng, very well," Lin Weiwei smiled.

She had wanted to tell Gao Dazhi that Bai Xiaosheng was currently in the company, but he had gone to the new media department with Shi Yu.

However, Lin Weiwei thought it over and decided it would be better to leave Gao Dazhi with a surprise for later.

She stopped speaking.

"That's good, that's good!" Gao Dazhi nodded vigorously.

Then, Gao Dazhi realized that he was not alone, and he quickly smiled, "Lin... Affairs Assistant, this way please! Mr. Gao Siyu and the mayor are in the first conference room. Your arrival marks the start of the discussion!"

Lin Weiwei gave Gao Dazhi a smile and followed him straight to the first large conference room.

On the way, Gao Dazhi wanted to chat more, but due to the crowd, he had to restrain himself.

Instead, Lin Weiwei took the opportunity to pass a quiet word to Gao Dazhi.

"We are aware of the company's situation and will resolve it!"

These words warmed Gao Dazhi's heart.

Did this mean Bai Xiaosheng also knew about the situation here?

Perhaps, these were the words Bai Xiaosheng had asked Lin Weiwei to convey!

Hope immediately rose in Gao Dazhi's heart.

"Mr. Bai is always capable!" Gao Dazhi whispered excitedly.

Lin Weiwei smiled and nodded in response.

From receiving Lin Weiwei to reaching the first large conference room, they hadn't covered much distance, and could only exchange a few words.

When they arrived at the conference room door, two men in sharp suits stood outside.

"These are Gao Siyu's men!" Gao Dazhi spat out a few words through clenched teeth.

Lin Weiwei remained composed.

As they approached, they were stopped by the two men at the door.

"This representative is from headquarters, and she needs to go in now," Gao Dazhi said coldly, eyeing the two men.

Lin Weiwei showed them her credentials.

In Lin Weiwei's view, there was no need to create trouble over trivial matters.

The two men, seemingly following protocol, glanced at the credentials and pointed at Gao Dazhi and Lin Weiwei.

"You two can go in, the others wait outside."

Their voice was cold, with no trace of respect or even a polite term.

Such arrogance!

Even a Senior Affairs Officer didn't have such an entourage!

Lin Weiwei's gaze turned icy.

Gao Dazhi seemed accustomed to it and didn't mind, pushing open the conference room door and gesturing for Lin Weiwei to enter.

The two men just stared, unwilling to offer any help.

Their behavior reflected their master; it was clear what kind of person Gao Siyu was!

On the way here, Bai Xiaosheng had also shared some information about Gao Siyu.

This provincial industry head was no ordinary man!

The figure behind Gao Siyu had even taken Lin Weiwei by surprise.

Of course, Bai Xiaosheng hadn't had time to inform Lin Weiwei—

Nevertheless, he was determined to act against this man!

Lin Weiwei was still unaware, so at this moment she was cautious, not wanting to cause trouble or make enemies for Bai Xiaosheng.

"Everything will be settled once Xiaosheng arrives," Lin Weiwei ignored the men at the door and walked straight in.

Gao Dazhi followed closely behind.

Inside the large conference room, there were only a handful of people, barely a count on one hand.

Lin Weiwei walked in, her gaze sweeping over the room, and she grasped the situation at once.

Mayor Ji Mingyang and Chief Secretary Zhang Meng were there, whom she naturally recognized.

Gao Siyu was easily identifiable.

He was sitting with the mayor.

And he was even casually crossing his legs.

Two people were sitting behind him, respectfully recording his conversation.

Such an attitude was truly unmatched!

At first glance, Lin Weiwei knew what kind of person Gao Siyu was.

Arrogant, haughty, and recklessly bold!

Her impression of him worsened immediately.

It was hard to imagine that behind Gao Siyu, a man who seemed so rational could support him!

Unknown to Lin Weiwei,

Gao Siyu used to be an exceptionally smart and capable person, adept in handling affairs, even achieving results comparable to Lin Yu for several years.

However, being in the workplace, holding a high position, and being able to control the fate of others, combined with facing too many temptations.

Everyone changes!

Only,

Some become better.

Some become worse.

The workplace can hone a person's sharp edges, but if someone deliberately protects and cultivates them, the outcome is entirely different.

Watching Gao Siyu laughing and talking with Mayor Ji Mingyang, it seemed their conversation was quite pleasant.

Gao Dazhi couldn't help but feel his hopes rising once again.

The city government and Mr. Ji were already Gao Dazhi's greatest hopes.

Now, it seemed there was a chance!

Zhongjing's development couldn't do without corporations centered around Zhongjing Media. Mr. Ji discussing with Gao Siyu inevitably involved Zhongjing Media.

Perhaps, Zhongjing Media could be preserved!

Gao Dazhi's heart couldn't help but burn with fervor.

He had been somewhat disheartened earlier, but with the arrival of Lin Weiwei and Mayor Ji Mingyang enjoying Gao Siyu's company, Gao Dazhi's confidence returned.

When Lin Weiwei and Gao Dazhi came in, Mayor Ji Mingyang, Gao Siyu, and others looked over.

Seeing Weiwei, Mr. Ji was slightly surprised, and Zhang Meng's eyes brightened.

They naturally recognized Weiwei!

She was Mr. Bai Xiaosheng's female assistant, reportedly promoted alongside Bai Xiaosheng!

Now, she had arrived.

Did that mean Mr. Bai Xiaosheng was already aware of the situation here?

Gao Siyu looked Weiwei up and down, finding her quite beautiful and dignified.

"In the Affairs Department, is there such a person?" Gao Siyu wondered silently.

Lin Weiwei and Gao Dazhi walked over.

Mayor Ji Mingyang took the initiative to stand up, followed by Zhang Meng.

Gao Siyu hesitated for a moment, then also stood up.

"Mr. Ji, Secretary Zhang!" Lin Weiwei smiled and greeted Ji Mingyang and Zhang Meng first, then turned to Gao Siyu with a smile.

"You must be Mr. Gao Siyu, the new head of industrial affairs in Anjiang Province. I am Lin Weiwei, Mr. Bai Xiaosheng's assistant. This time, headquarters has sent me here to learn about the corporate changes in Zhongjing," Lin Weiwei introduced herself with a smile.

Initially, Gao Siyu was staring at Lin Weiwei with a smiling face.

Until he heard that Lin Weiwei was Bai Xiaosheng's assistant!

A sharp gleam flickered in Gao Siyu's eyes.

"Unexpectedly, it's you who came, Weiwei. How is Mr. Bai?" Mayor Ji Mingyang could not help but laugh.

"He's doing well. He also remembers you, sir, and said he wanted to have tea with you," Lin Weiwei smiled back.

"Ah, I have some fine tea!" Mayor Ji Mingyang laughed.

Zhang Meng also smiled.

Gao Dazhi also watched them with a smile.

These expressions, when noticed by Gao Siyu, led to a trace of displeasure deep in his eyes.

"Mr. Bai, it seems you really do get around well here!" Gao Siyu snorted coldly in his heart.

"But, he wisely didn't dare to come himself! Otherwise, I would definitely have shown him his place!"

Mayor Ji Mingyang, Zhang Meng, and Lin Weiwei exchanged pleasantries for a while.

Gao Siyu interrupted them with a half-smile.

"Now that everyone is here, I think we should start the meeting!"

Chapter 1025: No, Mayor Ji!

In Zhongjing Media's main conference room, around a large conference table, only five people were seated.

Mayor Ji Mingyang, Secretary Zhang Meng, Gao Siyu, Lin Weiwei, and Gao Dazhi.

The two aides accompanying Gao Siyu dutifully moved chairs to sit behind him, responsible for taking meeting minutes and being at the ready to run errands.

The main topic of this round-table discussion was the continued presence of Zhongjing Media and six other corporate groups in Zhongjing.

It had been reported by Gao Dazhi, as requested by the corporation.

However, aside from Lin Weiwei, nobody knew that this arrangement was actually orchestrated by Bai Xiaosheng, who had specifically invited the Zhongjing City Government to attend.

Despite Gao Siyu's erratic behavior, he still wouldn't dare to openly defy the decisions made by the Affairs Department.

At the very least, he still followed necessary protocols.

Once everyone was settled, Gao Siyu looked around, then turned to Mayor Ji Mingyang with a smile, "To have Mayor Ji attend this meeting out of your busy schedule truly honors me. In fact, I've always wanted to find an opportunity for a frank and sincere exchange with the Zhongjing City Government!"

An exchange?

It would be more accurate to call it a negotiation!

The others silently sneered to themselves.

"Mr. Gao, you overstate it, I too have been looking forward to a good talk with your companies!" Mayor Ji said.

"Currently, Zhongjing is in a period of rapid development, which I need not elaborate on."

"I can assure you with confidence, that in five years, Zhongjing will be on par with the top-tier cities."

"This is no idle boast!"

Mayor Ji Mingyang stared intently at Gao Siyu, "Even so, do you still intend to move these corporate enterprises out of Zhongjing?!"

Under the watchful eyes of Lin Weiwei and Gao Dazhi, Gao Siyu chuckled.

"Mayor Ji, you are the mayor, with a vision for the long term, while I am but a businessman, chasing immediate profit."

"I can't speak for others, but I usually don't discuss long-term aspirations or grand ideals."

Gao Siyu continued with a smile.

"The group trusts me to manage an entire province's industry, so I have to achieve something during my term!"

"If these companies in Zhongjing were to move to another city and gain more support, it would benefit the group as well as myself personally."

"Don't you think this is a win-win situation?"

Hearing Gao Siyu's words, Zhang Meng frowned slightly.

Gao Siyu was being quite direct!

Mayor Ji Mingyang remained silent and pensive.

Still smiling, Gao Siyu went on, "Personally, I am also optimistic about Zhongjing."

"The decision to move was not made lightly."

"After all, if Zhongjing can offer us greater support, who would want to leave?"

"Our enterprises have deep roots here and have made significant contributions to Zhongjing's development; aside from interests, we do have emotional attachments!"

In his last statement, Gao Siyu downplayed their sentimentality, emphasizing their role as the true value.

Hearing these words, Lin Weiwei's brows furrowed slightly.

Gao Siyu really dared to do what others would not.

But such blatant greed was particularly unseemly!

Taking advantage of the moment when others were not paying attention, Lin Weiwei's hand involuntarily reached out to touch the badge on her chest that represented her identity.

A very delicate badge.

As Lin Weiwei's slender, fair hand brushed over it, the badge seemed to undergo no change.

However, Bai Xiaosheng, who was with Shi Yu at the time, felt the vibration in his pocket and casually inserted a button-shaped Bluetooth earpiece into his ear.

Clearly, the badge also served as a communication device.

"What's wrong, Mr. Bai?" Shi Yu inquired, puzzled by Bai Xiaosheng's side.

"It's nothing," replied Bai Xiaosheng with a faint smile.

Back in the main conference room.

Gao Dazhi, seated next to Lin Weiwei, couldn't help but feel somewhat anxious as he looked at Mayor Ji Mingyang.

He was terrified that Mayor Ji, in a moment of anger, would just walk away.

That would mean there was truly no chance left!

Gao Dazhi was now somewhat restless, feeling the small glimmer of hope that had risen previously was now shattering.

"I wonder, Mr. Gao, what kind of additional support you are looking for!" Mayor Ji Mingyang finally spoke, his face expressionless.

The patience of Mayor Ji was not something ordinary people could compare with.

Gao Siyu laughed.

"Actually, we don't ask for much, just hoping for some additional policy support from the city government on top of what we currently have... just an extra thirty percent, though twenty percent is also negotiable," he said earnestly.

"Increase the support policy by thirty percent?"

Everyone looked at him in disbelief; he really had the gall to make such an audacious demand!

As it stood, the Group's enterprises already enjoyed unprecedented policies in Zhongjing, and now to increase them further—how would the other enterprises in the city view this?

This was breaking a sort of balance!

Even Mayor Ji Mingyang's face took on a frosty coldness.

The atmosphere suddenly became tense.

"Mr. Gao," Lin Weiwei suddenly spoke up.

Without Bai Xiaosheng's arrival, she couldn't allow the negotiations here to fall through.

Lin Weiwei said, "The headquarters believes that, concerning Mr. Bai Xiaosheng, the arrangements previously made in Zhongjing were very reasonable. If you wish to make changes, please carefully consider your actions since, after all..."

Gao Siyu made a silencing gesture, rudely interrupting Lin Weiwei's statement.

Then, Gao Siyu turned his face towards Lin Weiwei, his eyes not lacking in mockery.

"The headquarters believes? The headquarters—who believes? Is it Mr. Xiahou Qi, or which Senior Affairs Officer?"

Lin Weiwei wanted to speak.

Gao Siyu continued, "The headquarters sent you just to observe!"

"Once there are results, you report back, and the senior executives of the headquarters will contact me."

"Does Assistant Lin think, with your position, you are qualified to be involved in this conversation?"

Gao Siyu's gaze was icy cold, his voice sharp.

"You spoke out of turn, without asking for permission first!"

Gao Siyu was indeed a male chauvinist.

Respect for women was something he could muster only when he was in a good mood.

At the moment, he was carefully maneuvering, pressuring Mayor Ji Mingyang.

At a critical juncture, Lin Weiwei's sudden interjection disrupted the atmosphere, and Gao Siyu was displeased!

Especially since Lin Weiwei was Bai Xiaosheng's affairs assistant!

Gao Siyu's public change of face, scolding Lin Weiwei in front of everyone, surprised Gao Dazhi and Zhang Meng, and even Mayor Ji Mingyang was taken aback.

Bear in mind, Lin Weiwei was not just a woman; she was also a representative from their Group!

To scold her so mercilessly in front of "outsiders".

Gao Siyu was really brazen!

The color drained from Lin Weiwei's face, a hint of anger flickering in her eyes.

However, she soon let out a slight sigh, managing to regain her composure in a moment.

"Mr. Bai Xiaosheng's assistant, this young lady, has not been seen for a year, yet her composure has become so admirable!" Mayor Ji Mingyang noticed and couldn't help but be a bit surprised.

What Lin Weiwei showed was not the fear that a subordinate might have towards a superior, too frightened to speak.

That would have included servile agreement and eyes filled with panic.

But Lin Weiwei did not show that.

In fact, from the moment she sat down, Lin Weiwei had not been influenced by anyone, whether it be Gao Siyu or him as the mayor.

She had her own presence.

Mayor Ji Mingyang inwardly sighed and looked towards Gao Siyu.

Since he had consented to come, he had already prepared himself mentally.

Prepared to continue the negotiation.

"The city government can offer some additional preferential policies to your enterprise, but it's impossible to do it all at once; that wouldn't be fair to the other enterprises."

"Also, we can't increase the support by thirty percent, or even by twenty percent that much."

Mayor Ji Mingyang said, "We can offer an additional ten percent now, and then increase a bit more after two years, how's that?"

Gao Dazhi who had been nervously gripping his pen, his palms sweaty, was startled by these remarks and relieved.

The Mayor was agreeing to a concession!

These terms weren't too bad!

Gao Dazhi felt a surge of joy inside.

Gao Siyu laughed.

With Gao Dazhi's hopeful gaze upon him, he spoke up.

"That won't do, Mayor Ji!"

Chapter 1026: Negotiation Breakdown

Gao Siyu flatly refused Mayor Ji Mingyang's proposal, even though the concessions offered by Mayor Ji were exceedingly generous!

Lin Weiwei, Gao Dazhi, and even Zhang Meng couldn't help but widen their eyes in disbelief as they stared at Gao Siyu.

None of them had expected Gao Siyu to refuse so decisively!

"Two more years, plus additional favorable policies? That's a bit long!"

"Mr. Ji, you're a very busy man with countless affairs to handle, remembering or not remembering by then is another matter."

"Besides, by that time, I'm afraid I won't be managing affairs in Anjiang Province anymore."

"What's the point then?" Gao Siyu said with a chuckle.

Gao Siyu made no secret of his desires in this affair; he wanted performance!

"Mr. Gao, regarding all the 'contributions' you have made on this matter, I can report them to headquarters. Thus, you needn't worry too much about the current gains or losses," Lin Weiwei reminded him.

Gao Siyu's smiling face suddenly darkened, and he looked at Lin Weiwei lazily, his expression arrogant and haughty.

"Miss Lin, did you not hear what I just said! You're just a petty affairs assistant, it's your place to listen!"

"You don't get to speak here!"

"Or do you not understand which position is higher, an affairs assistant or a provincial industry head!"

Gao Siyu's attitude towards Lin Weiwei was utterly crude.

Even Gao Dazhi could hardly bear to listen, his eyes filled with resentment.

Lin Weiwei, however, remained expressionless.

Gao Siyu might be outrageously arrogant, but he was no fool!

He was provoking her!

Any slightest act of impoliteness from her would give him leverage!

Moreover, everything happening here should be audible to Bai Xiaosheng.

Although Lin Weiwei couldn't wear headphones to receive instructions from Bai Xiaosheng, she was still certain.

Bai Xiaosheng would take measures.

Once he arrived, everything would resolve!

Thus, Lin Weiwei simply treated Gao Siyu's words as a dog barking.

And beside her, Gao Dazhi, overwhelmed with anger, felt increasingly desperate.

The way Lin Weiwei, with her status, was still disrespected showed that what Gao Siyu had previously mentioned to him was true.

He truly had powerful backing and harbored no fear!

"Gao Siyu coming might still suffer humiliation," Gao Dazhi thought of Bai Xiaosheng and suddenly felt both desperate and uneasy.

Bai Xiaosheng might not be able to fight back against him.

And he, Gao Dazhi, truly did not want Bai Xiaosheng to offend this man, as it could affect his future prospects.

"Mr. Gao, what would you like then?" Mayor Ji Mingyang finally spoke.

The disagreement between the two parties was severe.

For the sake of Zhongjing's development, he, the mayor, had no choice but to hold back and negotiate.

Let's find a compromise.

A balance point that everyone could accept!

"In terms of support policies, I can agree to increase by 10%, as you suggested," Gao Siyu chuckled, "but shouldn't the city government show some sincerity from other areas, like... the commercial plots in the Development Zone, or perhaps the municipal projects in the Northern District!"

Mayor Ji Mingyang's eyes sharpened as he stared at Gao Siyu.

Was this man actually targeting those interests?

There was no way he, Mayor Ji Mingyang, would break the rules!

Zhang Meng also looked fiercely.

This Gao Siyu, truly audacious and reckless!

"Mayor Ji, don't look at me like that. We won't break any laws or rules, we'll provide sufficient funds, and ensure quality, what we need is just an opportunity," Gao Siyu said with a smile. "What do you say?"

"If you agree, aside from Zhongjing Media, not only will other companies remain unaffected, but I will also bring several enterprises from other cities to help with Zhongjing's development!"

Gao Siyu upped the ante.

"Mr. Gao, why not include Zhongjing Media?"

Gao Dazhi, unable to restrain himself, suddenly trembled and asked in alarm.

His continual anxiety stemmed from Zhongjing Media.

The reasons he had endured all the humiliations were still due to Zhongjing Media.

Here was not just about work, but also carried the ideals of Gao Dazhi!

But why did Gao Siyu specifically exclude Zhongjing Media!

Gao Dazhi felt an unease deep inside.

An ominous premonition.

"Because Zhongjing Media will no longer exist!" Gao Siyu looked coldly at Gao Dazhi, his lips even bearing a faint smile.

He did not disdain to respond just because Gao Dazhi held a low position, nor did he scold him.

Instead, it directly resulted in a complete, terrifying outcome!

Gao Dazhi felt like he had been struck by lightning, completely dumbfounded.

He had always hoped for this and that, all to save Zhongjing Media!

This was his greatest concern!

Gao Dazhi's dwindling career passion, reignited by Bai Xiaosheng, had led to his being entrusted with a significant role; he had dedicated himself wholeheartedly to his duties.

At an age when one should understand one's destiny, he had found the meaning of life—it was everything to him!

But now...

It was over.

Everything was over!

Gao Dazhi suddenly felt a chill in his heart.

Despising Lin Weiwei as a representative of the group, arrogantly negotiating terms with Mayor Ji Mingyang, Gao Siyu was determined to dismantle and erase Zhongjing Media.

Zhongjing Media would be completely gone!

By then, even if Bai Xiaosheng found the Senior Affairs Officer, found the President of the Greater China Region, and received support, what then?

Zhongjing Media... would be gone!

Gao Dazhi's face turned ashen in an instant.

He was totally bewildered.

"Mr. Gao? Mr. Gao!" Lin Weiwei, startled, repeatedly called out in a low voice, but it seemed unable to bring back Gao Dazhi's soul.

Gao Siyu glanced at Gao Dazhi with contempt.

He had allowed this minor Vice President to sit here just to witness this scene.

It was said that this little Vice President had a good relationship with Bai Xiaosheng.

"Mr. Gao, forgive me, but I cannot accept your proposal!"

Mayor Ji Mingyang finally looked grim, his eyes hardened, as if he had made up his mind.

"I know, once your enterprise leaves, the development here in Zhongjing will inevitably be hindered, even more severely than I had anticipated!"

"But I will not simply pursue development at the expense of abandoning principles!"

"There are some issues that cannot, and should not, be discussed!"

Mayor Ji Mingyang left no room for negotiation.

Gao Siyu looked regretful.

"Mr. Ji, don't be so quick to lay down the law. Our company's relocation will also take time."

"During this period, if you think there's still room for negotiation, we can come back!"

"And so long as you agree to help, we can bring more companies here, offering more support to Zhongjing!"

Gao Siyu was determined, ready to blackmail the city government.

Suddenly, Gao Dazhi stood up, his expression gloomy and desolate, staggering towards the exit.

"It's over, the company, it's over!" he muttered under his breath.

Zhongjing Media was gone, hope shattered.

Gao Dazhi, exhausted in body and spirit, only thought of leaving.

"Gao Dazhi, where do you think you're going!" Seeing Gao Dazhi ignoring him and about to leave, Gao Siyu immediately frowned and shouted harshly.

Another critical moment ruined!

Such a person must be fired from the company!

Gao Dazhi seemed not to hear, still staggering towards the door.

Lin Weiwei stood up and quickly followed him.

She was very worried about Gao Dazhi, pondering whether she should first tell him the news of Bai Xiaosheng being here.

"Both of you, how disgraceful! Keep walking, and don't bother coming back!" Gao Siyu shouted in a low voice.

"Mr. Gao, I must also take my leave!" Mayor Ji Mingyang said coldly, standing up.

Zhang Meng too had a cold expression.

Everyone was leaving?

"Then let me see you out," Gao Siyu said to Mr. Ji with some courtesy.

After all, as he imagined, Mayor Ji Mingyang would still seek his collaboration.

It wasn't time yet to completely sever ties.

"No need!"

The voice of Mayor Ji Mingyang was colder than ever before.

On the other side, Gao Dazhi had already reached the door.

The door opened.

Someone walked in, a warm smile on their face.

"So, just as I arrive, you all want to leave?"

Chapter 1027: I, Senior Affairs Officer!

It wasn't until the doors of the first large conference room opened that the people inside realized what was happening.

Outside, there was a noisy clamor, a cacophony of voices.

The conference rooms of Zhongjing Media had decent soundproofing.

But the best among them was the first large conference room.

It was no exaggeration to say that even if there was a commotion outside, it was hardly heard inside.

At this moment, many people were standing at the door, almost blocking the entrance.

The crowd was shouting, emotionally charged, all craning their necks to look inside.

The two burly doorkeepers brought by Gao Siyu were now in a dire state, surrounded by the crowd.

Faced with the impassioned throng, the two men looked terrified, like chicks frightened to their core.

Gone was their earlier domineering arrogance when they had stopped Lin Weiwei and Gao Dazhi.

The person who walked in was smiling at Gao Dazhi.

Gao Dazhi stared blankly, his eyes wide as he scrutinized him.

About a minute passed, and Gao Dazhi's lips began to tremble, his gaze coming alive, his expression growing more and more excited.

"Mr. Bai! You, you're Mr. Bai!"

Like Shi Yu, Gao Dazhi also used the title "Mr. Bai."

It seemed that no matter what his role, Bai Xiaosheng would always be their "General Manager Bai."

"It's me," Bai Xiaosheng said with a warm smile, patting Gao Dazhi on the shoulder.

"I'm back."

Simple and plain, a short sentence, just four words.

Yet it evoked in Gao Dazhi a surge of emotion that almost brought tears to his eyes.

I'm back.

No need for many words.

It was like a calming anchor, bringing peace to Gao Dazhi's tumultuous heart.

As if all the current troubles suddenly seemed insignificant.

Bai Xiaosheng, Mr. Bai, had returned!

Lin Weiwei stood by, her smile serene.

There was no need for her to say more.

"Mr. Bai is here, now everything will be fine, our company can be saved!"

At the doorway, Shi Yu exclaimed excitedly.

"Mr. Bai!"

"Mr. Bai!"

At the door, the old employees of the company repeated these two words over and over.

No one screamed it out, but these two words seemed incredibly profound!

And brought reassurance.

After his excitement, Gao Dazhi felt revitalized, eager to tell Bai Xiaosheng everything that had happened.

"I know all about it."

Bai Xiaosheng smiled, pointing to the inconspicuous Bluetooth device on his ear.

Gao Dazhi was taken aback, glanced at Lin Weiwei, who nodded at him.

Gao Dazhi's mind regained clarity, and understanding naturally, he smiled and nodded emphatically, stepping aside.

"Mayor Ji, long time no see!"

Bai Xiaosheng raised his head, smiling, and greeted the approaching Ji Mingyang.

"Sheng, you're back!"

Ji Mingyang's usually cold demeanor softened, like spring raining over winter.

Mayor Ji observed Bai Xiaosheng, realizing that after a year's absence, he seemed even more composed and self-assured, his aura calm yet assertive.

Ji Mingyang couldn't help but smile and nod.

His face beamed with joy.

"Secretary Zhang!" Bai Xiaosheng then smiled at Zhang Meng.

"Sheng!" Zhang Meng also cracked a broad smile.

In Zhang Meng's eyes, Bai Xiaosheng had also changed significantly.

This change at first glance was subtle, yet it constantly radiated from him.

It made Zhang Meng feel that Bai Xiaosheng's presence had some semblance to that of Mayor Ji Mingyang.

Just over a year, in only just a bit more than a year, this young man had grown so much!

I can only dream of catching up now!

Zhang Meng sighed.

Among everyone present, only Gao Siyu watched Bai Xiaosheng with a cold gaze.

This is Bai Xiaosheng?

The young man the teacher couldn't stop praising?

Who even said several times that he surpassed me?

Gao Siyu's eyes flashed with defiance, and he involuntarily clenched his fists.

From the moment Bai Xiaosheng entered, everyone seemed to be rejuvenated, looking at him with trust, warmth, and reassurance.

Why?

What virtues or abilities did he have?

Why did everyone, including the mayor, hold him in such high regard?

Why?

Even the teachers couldn't stop praising him, feeling he was on par with Lin Yu, and far exceeded me!

Why?

He served as an Affairs Officer and acted without restraint, yet when I did the same, I was demoted to a provincial industry head!

Why!!

Gao Siyu gave Bai Xiaosheng a cold, icy stare.

Bai Xiaosheng greeted everyone with warm smiles before finally turning to Gao Siyu.

Bai Xiaosheng's smile faded, his expression calm and indifferent.

"Provincial industry head of Anjiang Province, Gao Siyu!" Bai Xiaosheng pronounced each word clearly, "Your actions in Zhongjing are all nullified!"

"What!" Gao Siyu was shocked.

He had never expected that the first thing Bai Xiaosheng would say to him was to nullify his orders?

It seemed to Gao Siyu that he was only a provincial industry head, whereas Bai Xiaosheng was just an Affairs Officer.

How dare he give orders to someone of equal rank?

Such an arrogant kid, did he really think he was a Senior Affairs Officer?

"You!" Gao Siyu started to say angrily.

But Bai Xiaosheng no longer looked at him.

"Gao Dazhi!" Bai Xiaosheng called out loudly.

"Present!" Gao Dazhi responded immediately.

"How are you managing as vice president! With me gone, the company has turned into this mess?"

"You should have informed me immediately of any issues!"

Bai Xiaosheng commanded, "Go, bring back everyone who left, not a single one missed!"

"Pay them for the time they were gone, and give them their benefits!"

"If one person is missing, I will hold you accountable!"

Gao Dazhi was taken aback.

Bai Xiaosheng gave him a firm, reassuring look.

It seemed like he would resolve any issue!

"Yes, not a single one missing! If anyone is, I take the blame!"

Now an older man, Gao Dazhi abruptly stood at attention and vowed loudly with strong vigor.

At the doorway, the crowd was stirred with fervor.

"Weiwei!" Bai Xiaosheng continued.

"Present!" Lin Weiwei responded crisply.

"You, notify all enterprises in Zhongjing after a while to firmly carry out their assigned tasks, and if they affect Zhongjing's development, find ways to rectify them!"

"One month! I give them only one month to resolve these issues!"

"If they can't manage, their general managers should resign!"

"Yes!" Lin Weiwei replied without hesitation, loudly.

Bai Xiaosheng flashed a smile at Mayor Ji Mingyang and Secretary Zhang.

"Mayor Ji, Secretary Zhang, rest assured! Zhongjing's development won't be affected!"

Bai Xiaosheng's smile was like sunshine, instantly melting the ice in people's hearts.

Mayor Ji Mingyang involuntarily nodded.

Zhang Meng did the same.

Without any reasons, they immensely trusted Bai Xiaosheng.

Gao Siyu stood there, listening to Bai Xiaosheng issuing orders.

His eyes looked somewhat terrifying, and his expression was fierce.

Listening to someone of equal rank issuing orders!

And even nullifying his own orders!

"Bai Xiaosheng, what the hell do you think you're doing, coming here and making commands!"

Finally, Gao Siyu exploded, eyes red, pointing at Bai Xiaosheng and bellowing.

"You're overstepping!"

"You're breaking the rules!"

"Who do you think you are, a Senior Affairs Officer?"

The room fell silent.

Bai Xiaosheng looked coldly at Gao Siyu, waiting for him to finish his outburst.

"Since I arrived, I've always thought you were a hopeless fool," Bai Xiaosheng seriously said to Gao Siyu, "but your last accusation was correct."

"I, Bai Xiaosheng, am a Senior Affairs Officer!"

Chapter 1028: Huh, dare to trick me!

Although Gao Siyu held a special identity, he dared to harm Zhongjing Media and disturb Zhongjing, and Bai Xiaosheng was not going to be polite!

Bai Xiaosheng first revealed his identity.

Senior Affairs Officer!

This fact was indeed too shocking.

So much so that Gao Siyu's eyes widened, unable to believe as he looked at Bai Xiaosheng.

"You said... you are a Senior Affairs Officer?!"

"This is impossible!"

Gao Siyu did not hesitate, firmly denying it.

Such a revered position!

Within the Greater China Region, it was a position just below the president but above tens of thousands!

Responsible for provincial industries or affairs, one could "execute first and report later."

Each Senior Affairs Officer represented a pinnacle of power!

How could Bai Xiaosheng possibly be one of them!

And he had never heard of it!

"Bai Xiaosheng, do you know what you are saying?! Committing job fraud in front of peers by impersonating a Senior Affairs Officer rank could get you expelled from the group! You could even go to jail!" Gao Siyu snarled darkly.

Gao Siyu expected to see fear and unease on Bai Xiaosheng's face.

However, what he saw was only calm.

Bai Xiaosheng's face was stoic, like an ancient well without ripples, his indifferent gaze making him frightened.

"Mr. Gao Siyu, if you don't believe it, you can take a look at this!"

Lin Weiwei walked over and showed her phone to Gao Siyu.

It displayed the group's intranet, with an official announcement.

The announcement of Bai Xiaosheng becoming a Senior Affairs Officer!

Gao Siyu, stunned, took the phone, and his eyes widened even more at the message, almost burrowing into the announcement, reading it word by word.

After reading it once, Gao Siyu seemed not to believe it!

So, he read it a second time, a third time, a fourth time...

The more he read, the more spectacular the expression on Gao Siyu's face became.

Disbelief, shock, fear, incredulity.

His heart, too, was like a boiling pot.

This was... real!

Didn't one have to become a Candidate Great Affairs Officer first to be promoted to a Senior Affairs Officer?

The candidacy that occurs every five years, when did it start, and when did it end?!

Why didn't he know any of this!

Even if Bai Xiaosheng had been nominated as a Candidate Great Affairs Officer, when did he officially get promoted!

In just over a year...

Could that make someone leap from an officer to a Senior Affairs Officer!

That couldn't be right!

Gao Siyu's mind was in turmoil.

He had not paid attention to the group's intranet for a long time, and his mentor hadn't mentioned it either.

Did they assume he knew already?

Lin Weiwei merely showed Gao Siyu the announcement of Bai Xiaosheng becoming an official Senior Affairs Officer without further explanation.

Naturally, Gao Siyu was unaware of the full story.

His confusion was not surprising.

Lin Weiwei reached out and directly took the phone back from Gao Siyu.

Gao Siyu remained stunned.

His eyes, now bloodshot, stared without blinking.

"This is impossible! This must be fake! Bai Xiaosheng, you're impersonating a Senior Affairs Officer, you, do you realize your crime!" Gao Siyu still roared.

The group announcement, he seemed not to trust it, still desperately struggling.

Lin Weiwei shook her head and directly showed him the badge representing Bai Xiaosheng's identity.

The pure gold Great Affairs Officer Badge.

Gleaming with the brilliance of power.

Gao Siyu swallowed hard.

"Why don't you make a call to the headquarters to confirm?" Lin Weiwei suggested with a faint smile.

Gao Siyu fell silent.

In fact, after reading the announcement, he already believed it, yet it was extremely hard to accept.

"Do you believe it now?" Bai Xiaosheng asked calmly.

Gao Siyu did not respond.

"Starting from now, Gao Siyu, I suspend all your duties in Anjiang Province, and you are to return to the headquarters immediately to await reassignment!" Bai Xiaosheng commanded, with an imposing authority.

Lin Weiwei opened her phone, recording.

As long as Bai Xiaosheng glanced over it and sent back his response to the affairs department, Gao Siyu's dismissal would be successful.

This punishment might seem mild, but it was one of the harshest—equivalent to—

De facto suspension!

The position of Regional Industry Head has always been filled; it's impossible for there to be a vacancy.

Those queueing for the next available spot are numerous!

Once Gao Siyu is sent back, he can only start from the bottom.

Even the people backing him cannot defy this decision.

After all, the one giving orders, Bai Xiaosheng, is also a Senior Affairs Officer!

And the Regional Industry Head is also subject to assessment.

Sitting on the cold bench for too long inevitably leads to demotion.

Rising up again becomes difficult!

It may even require enduring hardships!

Moreover, given Gao Siyu's personality, having him sit on the cold bench as a substitute, competing with a group of green recruits, is simply more painful than killing him!

"No, no, you can't treat me like this!"

Gao Siyu was finally afraid.

His complexion changed dramatically, his voice filled with panic.

Mayor Ji Mingyang and Senior Secretary Zhang Meng, along with Gao Dazhi, were dumbfounded.

Arrogant, unrestrained.

Gao Siyu, a madman, was actually terrified to the point of changing color.

If they hadn't seen it with their own eyes, no one could imagine it.

"One object subdues another; that's the logic here," thought Mayor Ji Mingyang, "Sheng is his nemesis!"

"Unexpectedly, Sheng has already reached such a high position within Zhenbei Group, casually able to suspend a Regional Industry Head!" Zhang Meng couldn't help but swallow hard.

You should know that this Gao Siyu is much more fierce than Chen Jiuzheng "Chen Banbi" was back in the day and yet he gets dispatched with a single sentence!

"Senior Affairs Officer... Mr. Bai, he's a Senior Affairs Officer!" Gao Dazhi exclaimed, excited.

He might be the one among the onlookers who most understands the significance of that position.

Gao Dazhi couldn't help but look at Bai Xiaosheng with awe and admiration.

Having not seen him for over a year, Bai Xiaosheng had become a towering peak, making all of them look up in worship!

Even a strong figure like Gao Siyu probably couldn't hope to reach his stature!

Terrifying indeed!

At the door, people from Zhongjing Media watched as this unfolded, their faces flush and breaths heavy.

Impressive!

So impressive!

Our former General Manager of Zhongjing Media goes into action, and even someone like Gao Siyu shrinks back like a dog!

Exhilarating!

"Now, leave this place!"

Bai Xiaosheng coldly looked at Gao Siyu and pointed towards the door.

"No, you can't treat me like this!"

Gao Siyu's face was pale as paper, his voice lowered, "Senior Affairs Officer Bai Xiaosheng, do you know who my teacher is?"

"It's Grand Affairs Officer Shen Peisheng! He's my Senior Affairs Officer Mentor!"

"I know, the elderly gentleman has met you a few times and has often praised you, holding you in high regard!"

"You should look at my teacher's face; you shouldn't treat me this way!"

Bai Xiaosheng's eyes narrowed slightly.

Gao Siyu dared to bring up Shen Peisheng in public!

Bai Xiaosheng naturally knew about Gao Siyu's relationship with Shen Peisheng, which is why he recognized Gao Siyu's special status!

And it was indeed out of respect for Shen Peisheng.

Plus, Gao Siyu had not yet caused an even worse consequence.

Bai Xiaosheng was thus "generously merciful," imposing only a light punishment!

Yet Gao Siyu was still not satisfied!

Truly a clueless bastard!

"I'll explain it myself to Sir Shen," said Bai Xiaosheng calmly.

"Better yet, talk to Sir Shen now!" Gao Siyu suddenly said.

He raised his hand, holding his own cell phone in his palm, with a number being dialed.

Gao Siyu, unbeknownst to anyone, had made a call.

To whom, it goes without saying—Shen Peisheng!

When he showed the phone to Bai Xiaosheng, the call was already connected.

"Teacher, save me!"

Gao Siyu's eyes, however, were fixed on Bai Xiaosheng as he hastily put the phone to his ear, speaking in a low voice.

His look towards Bai Xiaosheng was no longer fearful or panicked but calm and trusting.

He trusted that Shen Peisheng could rescue him from dire straits!

Bai Xiaosheng watched Gao Siyu, his gaze cold as ice.

Was this, in essence, making an unexpected move against him?

"Ha, daring to scheme against me!"

Chapter 1029: I Think Highly of You!

Bai Xiaosheng hated most in life being undermined or deceived. Whoever dared to do so would face an unimaginably dismal fate!

And this Gao Siyu had brazenly made a distress call to Shen Peishen without anyone noticing.

Moreover, he dared to look at Bai Xiaosheng with a provocative gaze.

At that moment, Bai Xiaosheng's expression turned frosty cold.

"Teacher..." Gao Siyu, keeping an eye on Bai Xiaosheng, stepped away from the crowd, turned his back, and hastened through the details of what had happened.

Whether there were any omissions or distortions, Bai Xiaosheng couldn't know.

Nor did he care; he just coldly watched.

Within just two to three minutes, Gao Siyu returned. His expression was not as distressed as before, seemingly relieved as if he had been appeased.

"Has Gao Siyu succeeded in seeking help?"

"Seeing that he's not so panicked, the person he sought must hold a position no less than Bai Xiaosheng!"

"If that's the case, will Sheng step back?"

"This seems to be troublesome now..."

Mayor Ji Mingyang and others watched from the side.

Their thoughts varied.

"Senior Affairs Officer Bai Xiaosheng, Sir Shen is on the line!"

Gao Siyu held out his phone to Bai Xiaosheng.

His face broke into a smile again, showing a superficial respect towards Bai Xiaosheng, with an underlying distaste that was off-putting.

Bai Xiaosheng glanced at him and took his phone.

"Hello, Sir Shen? This is Bai Xiaosheng!" Bai Xiaosheng greeted, a smile appearing on his face.

"Senior Affairs Officer Bai Xiaosheng, I didn't realize you had returned to your hometown. I've been wondering why I hadn't seen you at the headquarters these days," Shen Peishen chuckled over the phone.

The movements of a Senior Affairs Officer were kept confidential.

Except for informing Xiahou Qi, Bai Xiaosheng had not mentioned his departures to anyone else.

Shen Peishen naturally didn't know.

"Yes, Sir Shen, it's my first time as a Senior Affairs Officer, a minor accomplishment, so I returned to visit my hometown," Bai Xiaosheng replied with a laugh.

He respectfully addressed Shen as "Sir Shen" repeatedly.

Mayor Ji Mingyang and others listened intently, sensing that the person on the other end of the phone held even higher status than Bai Xiaosheng.

Meanwhile, Gao Siyu's smile began to widen.

In his view, with his teacher stepping in, Bai Xiaosheng completely caved!

Although his teacher expressed anger over the phone and mentioned "settling accounts later," he ultimately stood up for him.

His teacher would never abandon him!

And Bai Xiaosheng, even as a newly appointed Senior Affairs Officer, what of it?

Wouldn't he still show respect to his teacher?!

It was known that other Senior Affairs Officers revered his teacher as "Mentor"!

He was also a contemporary of Mr. Xiahou Qi!

One of the oldest qualified in the Greater China Region!

Let alone Bai Xiaosheng, who had just assumed his position, what about Zheng Honghu or Li Haofeng!

Even the second-ranking Senior Affairs Officer, Fang Beijun, what of it!

Who wouldn't show respect to their teacher!

Who would dare!

The more Gao Siyu thought about it, the more relieved he felt, with his earlier anxiety completely dispelled!

He even glanced at the others, unable to suppress a sneering smile.

He, Gao Siyu, would still preside over Anjiang, and although his arrangements had been temporarily halted to maintain respect for Bai Xiaosheng, they were still secretly underway!

Seeing the uneasy expressions on their faces, Gao Siyu felt pleased.

Bai Xiaosheng exchanged pleasantries with Shen Peishen over the phone, speaking very courteously.

Shen Peishen, on the other end, seemed quite pleased with Bai Xiaosheng's attitude.

"Senior Affairs Officer Sheng, I just heard from Siyu that there seems to be a misunderstanding between the two of you," Shen Peishen chuckled, "In light of this old man, could you please not take it too seriously with him? Later on, I will certainly talk to him! If it upsets you, I'll have him publicly apologize!"

Whether the term "misunderstanding" came from Gao Siyu or if Shen Peishen was deliberately playing Tai Chi, Bai Xiaosheng couldn't tell.

However, it seemed Shen Peishen wanted to minimize the issue.

"Look at what you're saying, what misunderstanding? It's just a small discrepancy in our work; it's nothing serious. Apologies aren't needed!" Bai Xiaosheng laughed, speaking on the phone to Shen Peishen.

At the same time, Bai Xiaosheng looked towards Gao Siyu with a beaming smile, nodding his head amiably.

Gao Siyu quickly blossomed into a smile as well.

But deep in his eyes, there was no lack of mockery.

You, Bai Xiaosheng, were quite overbearing just moments ago!

Boisterously commanding!

"Directly abolish my orders and stop my job?"

"How about that!"

"You got a call from the teacher, and suddenly you became a coward!"

"I really thought Bai Xiaosheng from the legends didn't know what respect was," sneered Gao Siyu inwardly.

Mayor Ji Mingyang, Zhang Meng, and Gao Dazhi couldn't help but exchange looks.

Seeing Bai Xiaosheng "giving in," they all sighed in relief, yet understood the situation.

After all, sometimes within a corporation, one must bow to the stronger ones.

"I just hope Sheng can mediate a bit to ensure their company doesn't go too extreme in Zhongjing. It benefits no one," Mayor Ji Mingyang mused silently.

Bai Xiaosheng continued smiling and speaking to Shen Peishen on the phone, "Yes, yes, these matters should be impersonal and focused on the issue at hand. How could I get angry? You must be joking."

"Oh, you mean the suspension issue? Yes, since you have ordered, I naturally must comply; the suspension of Gao Siyu's disciplinary action is revoked, revoked!"

Bai Xiaosheng smiled and gestured to Lin Weiwei to delete the records of the disciplinary results.

Lin Weiwei did so without any expression.

Bai Xiaosheng completely yielded.

Gao Siyu couldn't help but feel triumphant from deep within.

Even against Bai Xiaosheng, the Senior Affairs Officer, he wasn't afraid anymore!

He knew that this Senior Affairs Officer wouldn't dare to harm him!

"Alright, take a rest then. I'll visit you at the headquarters later when I return."

Bai Xiaosheng hung up smiling and then returned the phone to Gao Siyu.

"Senior Affairs Officer Sheng, you see, I don't need to be suspended anymore, do I?" Gao Siyu said with a beaming smile.

Arrogant and unbowed when he could mock, humble and pleading when he needed, he indeed knew how to adapt to circumstances.

"No need, of course not. Sir Shen has spoken," Bai Xiaosheng said with a laugh, "Not only that, but I will also keep you in mind for good things. Wouldn't you agree, Mr. Gao?"

"No need to call me Mr. Gao, just Siyu will do," Gao Siyu responded with a smile.

Pride and humility.

Such polar opposite reactions appearing in the same person gave a surreal impression.

Yet, it was very real.

Humans are inherently contradictory.

Unless one is truly insane, any sane person knows how to maneuver with the tides.

Moreover, the humility Gao Siyu showed now did not mean he would act the same way later.

Pretense and defiance are just another side of him.

Aside from Gao Siyu, everyone else looked at Bai Xiaosheng with complex expressions.

Just hoping that Zhongjing Media would not collapse...

Just hoping that those businesses wouldn't leave yet...

Just hoping that their former colleagues could return...

Everyone dared not hope for too much.

They only hoped that Bai Xiaosheng could persuade Gao Siyu not to be too ruthless!

The crowd fell silent, their eyes on Bai Xiaosheng filled with anticipation.

Bai Xiaosheng signaled Lin Weiwei to record the results and turned to Gao Siyu with a friendly smile, "Mr. Gao, there's actually a great opportunity I want to give you right now."

"Tell me!"

Though surprised, Gao Siyu still listened with a smile.

"Each Senior Affairs Officer has the quota to send regional industrial directors and affairs officers for further education."

"Each Senior Affairs Officer, only one every year!"

"Now, this quota is yours!"

Bai Xiaosheng's smile was warm, but his gaze was ice cold.

"Go on, go back to headquarters for further education!"

Gao Siyu's smile froze on his face.

He knew about that rule!

Further education?

Three years of mandatory learning, writing a thesis; if not approved, you don't graduate, handling no specific affairs during this period!

After three years, based on 120% of the average annual performance before, fill the three-year performance gap to compete for the next Candidate Great Affairs Officer.

This was not a suspension.

This was a disguised sidelining!

If it were truly a good thing, Shen Peishen would have given it to Lin Yu or him earlier!

Still using Bai Xiaosheng to give out the quota?!

"The next Candidate Great Affairs Officer, I wish you success in your election."

"Oh, and Lin Yu is also running, I hope you can beat him!"

Bai Xiaosheng's smile bloomed as he patted Gao Siyu on the shoulder.

"I'm counting on you!"

Chapter 1030: Completely Resolved

Gao Siyu was completely dumbfounded. Bai Xiaosheng hadn't suspended him to wait for assignment; instead, with apparent concern and kindness, he had given him the only nomination for advanced training reserved for a Senior Affairs Officer.

Inside, Gao Siyu was...

Absolutely not wanting it!

If that nomination was of any use, he would have gone to Shen Peishen to get it long ago!

The so-called "Designated Advanced Training System" was something concocted by the previous president of the Greater China Region.

It was a downright "obsolete" system!

It couldn't keep up with the current situation!

The system still existed because, for the moment, the headquarters had an excess of reserve talents and too few positions.

There was simply no place to put them, so the surplus talents had to be stashed away!

Those who were stashed away were like those on the cold bench because of the stark factional labels; sometimes, they couldn't compare to the new staff, who, on the president's whim, were temporary transfers and could wield more substantial power.

For instance, there was this lucky newbie named Shang Wenshu, who went directly to the position of a provincial industrial head.

Those who were stashed away weren't so fortunate!

Gao Siyu felt a chill.

He hadn't expected that by pushing forward Sir Shen, he had dodged the cold bench, only to be unable to dodge Bai Xiaosheng's—"good intentions."

He was about to be stashed away!

Three years without a touch of real power!

Upon the final tally, those three years would only see a two-hundred percent annual growth compared to the average performance of past years.

Wasn't this a trap?

Nowadays, which provincial industrial head wouldn't desperately chase after performance to preserve their current position and strive to advance further?

There were plenty of provincial industrial heads whose performance doubled yearly!

The reason why Gao Siyu made such a big fuss in Zhongjing was also with the intention of reaping performance.

But he hadn't expected to run headlong into the iron wall of Bai Xiaosheng!

Gao Siyu felt a bitter pang in his heart.

The benefit of advanced training was a slight boost in the competition for the position of Candidate Great Affairs Officer three years later—based on a damn impression?

And he had to compete with Lin Yu too!

At that time, would the teacher help himself, or Lin Yu, who was always at his side and being carefully mentored?

Gao Siyu wasn't so deluded to believe he was more important than Lin Yu.

"Weiwei," Bai Xiaosheng said, without even glancing at Gao Siyu, to Lin Weiwei.

"I have already filled out the form for Mr. Gao," Lin Weiwei said with a sweet smile, handing over her phone to Bai Xiaosheng, "One of the conveniences of working for a big group, just click, and personal information is entered automatically."

Lin Weiwei then seriously said, "Senior Affairs Officer Sheng, please review!"

Bai Xiaosheng took the phone, glanced at it, and directly hit send.

"No!"

Only then did Gao Siyu react, yelling in an attempt to stop it.

Once it had been submitted, he would have to go even if he didn't want to!

Disobey the orders of a Senior Affairs Officer, disobey internal transfers, that would lead to...

An indefinite suspension!

Bai Xiaosheng completely ignored Gao Siyu's cry, handed the phone back to Lin Weiwei, then turned his face and said coldly to Gao Siyu.

"After you return to headquarters, give my regards to Sir Shen."

Gao Siyu's face instantly became one of despair.

But he didn't dare make any more rash moves against Bai Xiaosheng.

Through this, Gao Siyu had gained a deep understanding—

Bai Xiaosheng was not someone to be trifled with!

This guy was a master at feigning compliance, a grandmaster!

He tried to use Sir Shen to threaten him, yet with an effortless display of Tai Chi, he had been pushed right into the fire pit!

And it was heralded as a "benevolent act"!

This merciless bastard!

And shameless too!

"Senior Affairs Officer Sheng, I will take my leave!" Gao Siyu didn't want to stay any longer and was ready to leave at once.

What's done was done; he could only hurry back to headquarters and see if the teacher could find any leeway.

"Not escorting you out," Bai Xiaosheng said indifferently, and then added something that almost made Gao Siyu vomit blood—

"Study hard!"

Gao Siyu, suppressing the heart-wrenching pain, hurriedly left with his people.

Bai Xiaosheng glanced at him and then withdrew his gaze.

At the door, Zhongjing Media's people watched as the arrogant Gao Siyu fled like a stray dog, their eyes gleaming with excitement.

When Gao Siyu had walked a dozen meters away, the crowd couldn't help but start whistling and even burst into applause.

Gao Siyu stumbled and his entire face turned crimson as he walked away as if fleeing.

Bai Xiaosheng did not stop them.

After all, his own people had been tormented by Gao Siyu, so it might as well serve as a release.

"Weiwei, could you draft another proposal for me? The details are as follows..."

Bai Xiaosheng handed his phone to Lin Weiwei and then instructed her in a low voice.

"Got it!" Lin Weiwei's eyes lit up, and she nodded immediately.

After making sure everything was in order, Bai Xiaosheng turned to Ji Mingyang with a smile.

"Mr. Ji, it's been a while since we had tea together. This time, I really must have a good chat with you!"

"I don't want to waste your time, we can also talk about Zhongjing's development!" Bai Xiaosheng made a point of saying.

"Of course!" Mayor Ji Mingyang laughed loudly.

Ji Mingyang trusted Bai Xiaosheng; he knew this young man wouldn't let Zhongjing down.

After all, Zhongjing was his home!

Zhang Meng also wore a full smile and nodded.

Bai Xiaosheng looked towards the door and said to the crowd with a laugh, "Don't just stand around here; everyone, go and call back our colleagues who left!"

"Just tell them, the company invites them to create more glorious achievements!" Bai Xiaosheng's voice was spirited.

"Yes!"

At the door, Shi Yu led the group as they responded in unison and then quickly dispersed.

"Mr. Gao, we'll go to the General Manager's office later. You should bring out your stash of fine tea for us!" Bai Xiaosheng said to Gao Dazhi with a smile.

"Yes, yes, of course!" Gao Dazhi was somewhat excited.

He failed to notice the way Bai Xiaosheng addressed him.

Even if he had noticed, he would have thought it was just a form of address.

But Bai Xiaosheng had already decided to recommend him for the role of General Manager to the group!

A Senior Affairs Officer indeed had that qualification!

"Senior Affairs Officer Sheng, I have sent the information," Lin Weiwei said from the side, handing Bai Xiaosheng's phone back to him.

"Then, Weiwei, could you take care of something for me? Notify all our group companies in Zhongjing now. Ask them to resume their previous work routine!" Bai Xiaosheng instructed.

Lin Weiwei nodded firmly.

Mayor Ji Mingyang watched with a smile, feeling immensely relieved.

As long as this matter was properly settled, it wouldn't matter whether they drank tea or even alcohol!

"Mr. Ji, please follow me to the General Manager's office," Bai Xiaosheng invited with a smile.

A few minutes later, Bai Xiaosheng, Ji Mingyang, and Zhang Meng were seated on the spacious and comfortable sofas in the Zhongjing Media General Manager's office, chatting away.

Laughter burst forth from the trio from time to time.

A quarter of an hour later, Lin Weiwei returned to report.

The Zhenbei Group's businesses in Zhongjing all received the notification and expressed that they would comply with Senior Affairs Officer Sheng's orders to make up for the lost progress within a week!

This brought immense satisfaction to both Ji Mingyang and Zhang Meng.

Bai Xiaosheng truly was a man of action!

Even Lin Weiwei, that young lady, was swift and efficient!

"Sheng, you've handled this matter beautifully!" Mayor Ji Mingyang said, raising his teacup with a smile that also carried a hint of regret, "What a pity we don't have any alcohol! But I couldn't drink it anyway, doctor's orders! So, I'll substitute tea for wine and, on behalf of Zhongjing and the city government, thank you!"

Bai Xiaosheng held his teacup high, his smile earnest.

"For personal reasons, Zhongjing is my hometown! For business, integrity matters!"

"Mr. Ji, I can't accept your thanks. I am only doing my small part to protect the reputation of my group!"

These words elicited great admiration from Ji Mingyang.

Zhang Meng also gave a thumbs up.

Their cups gently clinked and then both men downed their tea in one go.

In that moment, tea was better than wine!

Half an hour later, Gao Dazhi reported back.

According to Gao Dazhi, the people who had left were willing to return when they heard Bai Xiaosheng's call!

Before long, Zhongjing Media was set to return to normal!

This was indeed a matter that delighted everyone.

After Gao Dazhi left the office, Bai Xiaosheng put down his teacup.

"Mr. Ji, I have some other matters to discuss with you!"