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Chapter 1041: What a Great Person!

In the corner of Jingyu Courtyard, on a bench, Li Qiuyun sat curiously looking into the distance.

Luxury cars kept arriving one after another.

Each car dropped off a person who then looked around as if searching for something.

Li Qiuyun was very curious.

Next to Li Qiuyun, Chu Yue couldn't help but let out low exclamations.

"Zhongjing's Mou Yutian from the Mou Family!"

"Zhongjing's Zhang Xuan from the Zhang Family!"

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"Zhongjing's Yin Haoran from the Yin Family!"

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The girl's voice trembled with shock.

"These names, they all sound so familiar," muttered Li Qiuyun.

Bai Minghang, who was focused and carefully massaging his wife's ankles in front of the bench, suddenly laughed, "How could they not be familiar? We always see them in the news. These people are the famous big-shots of our Zhongjing!"

"Really!" Li Qiuyun exclaimed in surprise.

Then, she looked down at Bai Minghang, "Minghang, come take a look too. It's rare to see these big-shots in person!"

Bai Minghang looked up with a smile, continued massaging Li Qiuyun's swollen ankle with the right amount of pressure, and said calmly, "Big-shots, what do they have to do with us? The important thing right now is your foot! All of them combined are not as important to me as you are!"

Those were heartfelt words.

Li Qiuyun's face turned red, and she shyly glared at her husband.

The children were all there.

Unsuspectingly subjected to this display of affection, Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but touch his nose.

Lin Weiwei looked enviously at Li Qiuyun and Bai Minghang.

"Auntie and Uncle really have a great relationship!"

Li Qiuyun adjusted her breathing to avoid embarrassment and started teasing her son.

"Yeah, what's so interesting about big-shots? 'Wouldn't it be better to be a nobody?' Sheng, you should also become a big-shot someday and make your mom proud!"

Bai Xiaosheng smiled immediately.

Why wait for "someday"?

Lin Weiwei suddenly nudged Bai Xiaosheng and whispered, "Xiaosheng, you're standing in a bad spot. The angle is too off; they can't see you!"

Upon her remark, Bai Xiaosheng was also taken aback.

He looked around and realized it was true.

He could see them clearly, but he was in the shadows, making him invisible to them.

No wonder those people kept looking back and forth.

Bai Xiaosheng stepped forward.

Sure enough, everyone's attention immediately converged on him.

Then, led by Mou Yutian, they headed straight here!

"My goodness, those big-shots, they seem to be coming this way!" Chu Yue exclaimed in horror.

She was so shocked that she stammered.

Li Qiuyun also looked up in surprise.

Bai Minghang also turned to look.

Led by the big-shots, followed by their entourage and Jingyu Courtyard's staff, they were all marching toward them.

The leading faces were often seen on TV!

At this moment, they were all smiling broadly!

Were they coming for them?

Bai Minghang, Li Qiuyun, and Chu Yue were utterly dumbfounded.

Bai Xiaosheng remained calm, a smile also appearing on his face.

"Brother Bai, what are you doing here! The air outside must be nice," joked Mou Yutian.

This Brother Bai made Bai Minghang rise bewilderedly.

The way Mou Yutian addressed him felt somewhat forced.

Bai Minghang naturally didn't expect that he was calling out to his son.

Chu Yue watched Bai Minghang, stunned.

So this unassuming uncle was actually a big-shot?!

Li Qiuyun also looked at her husband in surprise.

"You must have mistaken the person."

Just as Bai Minghang was about to explain, he saw his son stepping forward.

"The ambiance here is indeed nice, and the air quality is genuinely good. Brother Mou, you've arrived quite punctually!" Bai Xiaosheng said casually, smiling.

Bai Minghang was surprised, watching his son.

"We are still a bit late. We should have come earlier. We wouldn't have left Mr. Bai to appreciate the scenery alone!" Zhang Xuan laughed from behind Mou Yutian.

Considering himself an old acquaintance of Bai Xiaosheng, Yin Haoran hurriedly stepped forward, "Mr. Bai, the person in charge of this project here really is blunderous, making you stay outside, truly outrageous!"

This remark instantly sparked indignation.

"Indeed, to neglect Mr. Bai like this, it's like slapping all of us from Zhongjing in the face, unforgivable!"

"Exactly, in Zhongjing, daring to disrespect Mr. Bai like this, we can't let this matter slide!"

"Who is in charge here, step forward and let us have a look!"

The angry bosses all scolded, meanwhile glancing back at Shen Yu.

Shen Yu turned pale.

His face was white as a sheet!

He too was utterly shocked as he watched the young man chatting comfortably with Mou Yutian, Zhang Xuan, and the others, who was addressed as Mr. Bai.

Even the big bosses spoke to him with respect!

Who was this person?!

"Cheng Dawei, oh, Cheng Dawei, you dog, what trouble have you brought upon me!"

In his heart, Shen Yu wished he could obliterate the marketing vice president he had once so supported.

Among the crowd, Cheng Dawei, hearing the scolding from big bosses, got so scared his face turned pale and promptly lowered his head to hide.

Shen Yu glanced at the woman sitting on the bench, one foot bare and her ankle swollen, his eyes suddenly flashing as he turned and walked away.

By Bai Xiaosheng's side.

Bai Minghang and his wife, Li Qiuyun, looked at their son with stunned expressions.

Is this still their son?

When had he become close enough with the big shots on television to address each other as brothers!

It was simply unbelievable!

"Minghang, is this real?" murmured Li Qiuyun, unable to contain herself.

"We must be dreaming!" Even the composed Bai Minghang dared not believe.

The shock their son had brought them at this moment was just too immense!

Not only Bai Minghang and his wife, but Chu Yue was also dumbstruck.

What was happening!

Unbelievable!

Who would have thought that the real big shot would be this young man!

Chu Yue swallowed hard, looking at Bai Xiaosheng, who appeared calm and composed, and suddenly felt somewhat defeated.

In the crowd, the young receptionist Yuanyuan muttered to herself, "So these really are big clients! Yueyue is going to make it big this time!"

"Brother Bai, if you encounter any displeasure here, feel free to speak up. We certainly won't let you be unhappy at your own doorstep!" Mou Yutian said earnestly.

Then, he looked at Bai Minghang and his wife with a smile, "These two?"

"They're my parents. This time, I came to show them some houses." Bai Xiaosheng laughed.

"Oh!" Mou Yutian's eyes lit up.

Now, here was an opportunity!

An opportunity to develop a closer relationship with Bai Xiaosheng!

Naturally, Mou Yutian would not let it pass.

However, looking at Bai Minghang, Mou Yutian suddenly felt a bit troubled.

To appear close to Bai Xiaosheng, he had condescended to call him "Brother Bai."

What should he call Bai Minghang now?

Addressing each other as brothers was certainly not appropriate!

Should he lower his status by a generation?

At his age, lowering his generational status, was that dignified...

Mou Yutian suddenly felt incredibly stifled.

However, Zhang Xuan and others rushed to greet Bai Minghang, "Mr. Bai, it's a pleasure to meet you!"

This address gave Mou Yutian a way out.

"Mr. Bai! It's a pleasure to meet you for the first time!" Mou Yutian, leveraging his positional advantage, stepped forward to shake hands with Bai Minghang first.

Unexpectedly, Bai Minghang dodged.

Mou Yutian was stunned and a bit embarrassed.

Seeing Mou Yutian might misunderstand, Bai Minghang quickly showed his hand, laughing, "I apologize, Mr. Mou. Just now, my wife twisted her ankle, and I was applying medicine to her, so I really can't shake hands. Please understand!"

"Oh, I see!" Mou Yutian chuckled.

Seeing that each one of these prominent figures in Zhongjing now continually greeted him.

Bai Minghang suddenly became the center of attention, his heart also filled with excitement and shock.

"Quickly, bring the items over!" Suddenly, someone called out from outside the crowd.

Then, Shen Yu came in, sweating profusely, and had someone push a wheelchair inside.

This project had these items prepared for the elderly.

Unexpectedly, they now came in handy.

"Ma'am, please sit in this, your foot is inconvenient! Let's talk inside, inside!"

Shen Yu apologized with a smile to Li Qiuyun and nodded at Bai Minghang with a smile, his gaze towards Bai Xiaosheng full of reverence.

This young man, whose background he did not know, definitely could not be offended and needed careful attending to repair the previous misunderstanding.

Li Qiuyun glanced at her son.

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"Weiwei" Bai Xiaosheng smiled, "This?"

"I am the chairman of Beiyu Group, the developer of this project, my name is Shen Yu!" Shen Yu hurriedly said.

Under the watchful eyes of Mou Yutian and others, Shen Yu's demeanor was very humble.

"You're too kind, Mr. Shen." Bai Xiaosheng looked at Li Qiuyun, "Mom, with your leg inconvenient, please sit in this."

Li Qiuyun nodded.

Bai Xiaosheng and Bai Minghang helped Li Qiuyun onto the wheelchair, with Lin Weiwei pushing from behind.

Chu Yue wanted to help but couldn't.

Surrounded by business magnates, she, a young girl, also felt at a loss.

Bai Xiaosheng saw Chu Yue, immediately smiled, and turned to Shen Yu, "Mr. Shen."

"Say it, please!" Shen Yu quickly came forward.

Even though he was a chairman, displaying such behavior, Shen Yu did not feel the slightest bit ashamed, instead feeling somewhat honored.

These were all significant figures, and they all showed great respect to this young man; thus, there was nothing humiliating about his own behavior.

Bai Xiaosheng pointed to Chu Yue.

"Miss Chu has provided us with excellent service. This time, if we buy a house, I hope she will be the one to introduce us!"

"No problem, no problem!" Shen Yu quickly nodded, coughing once, "Miss Chu has outstanding performance in our company, and I was going to promote her soon anyway. Now promoting her a bit earlier is good too. Deputy General Manager Chu Yue, then please introduce our esteemed guests!"

"Deputy General Manager?"

Chu Yue pointed at herself, her face full of disbelief.

This promotion was too fast, too outrageous.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled and made a gesture of invitation, "Please, Deputy Manager Chu!"

"Oh, sure, sure!" Chu Yue responded repeatedly, still a bit dazed.

Then, Bai Xiaosheng smiled at Shen Yu again, "And also, Mr. Cheng Dawei here."

In the crowd, Cheng Dawei unexpectedly heard his name and his legs went weak.

Then, Cheng Dawei heard Bai Xiaosheng laughingly say to Shen Yu, "This Mr. Cheng said that, if Deputy Manager Chu can sell us a house, he's willing to bark like a dog in public."

"I do admire his courage very much!"

"Since he is willing, then please, Mr. Shen, oversee it!"

Bai Xiaosheng's gaze turned cold.

He definitely would not let an insult to his family pass by!

Chapter 1042: Pain, Yet Rejoicing

Jingyu Courtyard Marketing Center.

VIP Lounge.

In front of the sand table, a crowd gathered around Bai Xiaosheng's family, listening to Chu Yue explain.

Apart from Mou Yutian and other Zhongjing business magnates, only Bai Xiaosheng's family of three was present, along with Lin Weiwei, Shen Yu, and two project managers following orders.

Everyone else was kept at a distance.

After learning that Bai Xiaosheng did not wish to be disturbed, Shen Yu had specifically ordered his staff not to take photos or post on social media.

Of course, these measures were given in front of Bai Xiaosheng, with much emphasis on making a good impression.

In less than fifteen minutes, Chu Yue had briefly introduced the project overview.

Afterward, Chu Yue led everyone to see the model house.

On the way there, Bai Minghang and his wife were surrounded and cared for by the magnates, and as they watched their son engaged in lively conversation with these important figures, their hearts swelled with pride, excitement, and elation, their smiles shining brilliantly.

What parent doesn't hope to see their child succeed and build a name for themselves?

Li Qiuyun had even joked about wanting her son to become such an important figure.

And now, those very figures were actively seeking her son's goodwill!

The pride in Li Qiuyun's eyes was truly beyond words.

The model house of Jingyu Courtyard was actually a fully decorated quadrangle, claimed to be in the best location of the project.

High walls, spacious courtyards, cleanliness, tidiness, with green plants enhancing the beauty.

To say that every step revealed a picturesque scene without any exaggeration would be an understatement.

Bai Xiaosheng was also extremely satisfied as he walked and observed.

Compared to the Li Family of Tianqing, this Chinese-style courtyard combined ancient charm with a modern, simple, and grand atmosphere.

The overall tone was lifted to a higher level!

"Not bad!" Bai Xiaosheng liked it very much.

Even giants like Mou Yutian expressed admiration as they walked through it.

"This Chinese-style courtyard is really good! Every detail and small piece is well-considered!"

"Yes, the architectural design, the landscape design, they all have a grand style!"

"Indeed, I never expected it to be this impressive! Had I known it was this good, I would have come to see it sooner!"

"You have to commend Mr. Bai for having the vision to choose this place!"

"Well, I'm not leaving without one; I'm getting a set for myself too!"

"Let's do it together, I'll get a set as well!"

Hearing these praises, Shen Yu couldn't help but feel pleased.

They had put in real effort into this project; it wasn't just slogans. They had done significant work.

The designers for the architecture and landscape were nationally recognized figures in the design industry, rumored to be disciples of Master Song Kai!

Everything in the project, including building materials and plants, were chosen to be natural and of the highest quality.

Only like this could it withstand the critical assessment of high-profile figures in the business world!

While touring, Shen Yu personally introduced the project to the prominent figures around him.

As he talked, Shen Yu suddenly felt a gentle tap on his shoulder.

Turning around, he saw a face with white hair and a beard, smiling kindly.

Yin Haoran!

Shen Yu recognized him.

The Yin Family had had friction with Zhongjing Media, which had impacted their business significantly.

But under the leadership of Yin Haoran, the Yin Family had rebounded by collaborating closely with the city government, rising rapidly.

In less than two years, they had not only restored their former glory but climbed even higher!

Shen Yu, even while in another province, had heard of these matters!

"Mr. Yin, can I help you?" Shen Yu asked warmly.

Yin Haoran's enterprise was also renowned in the real estate sector, a peer to his own.

Otherwise, Shen Yu would not have known about the Yin Family's business even across provinces.

Moreover, the Yin Family enterprise was much stronger than his Beiyu Group by more than a narrow margin!

Shen Yu naturally became much more polite.

"No big issue, I just wanted to have a word with Director Shen," Yin Haoran said cheerfully, pulling Shen Yu aside.

"Mr. Yin, please speak!"

Shen Yu was curious about Yin Haoran's approach, but he maintained a smile on his face.

What did Yin Haoran want to discuss with him?

"I know you bought three plots in Zhongjing, developing this project on one, another for ordinary residential housing scheduled to start in two months, and the third is still in planning," Yin Haoran said with a smile. "Frankly, I think your Beiyu Group's finances aren't that robust!"

Shen Yu's eyes narrowed slightly, but he smiled, "Mr. Yin seems very concerned about us."

"After all, we are both in real estate; if you come to eat on my turf, wouldn't I pay attention?" Yin Haoran smiled. "Originally, I was planning to target your project in March next year! According to my estimates, your financial chain would almost have broken by then! At that point, for a small price, your project would end unfinished! However, this project has a good foundation, so we plan to redevelop it."

Yin Haoran's words seemed casual, but Shen Yu's expression profoundly changed.

Shocked, stunned.

Shen Yu's face turned waxen in an instant, his breathing becoming rapid.

Their financial assessment: by next April or May, funds will be tight!

How could the Yin Family know!

Did they conduct in-depth research?!

At that time, if the Yin Family intends to take a shot...

Shen Yu was horrified.

Their Beiyu Group would be doomed!

"Mr. Yin..." Shen Yu's voice trembled.

"Don't be agitated, Mr. Shen, don't be!" Yin Haoran chuckled, "Now, I've changed my mind. I plan to cooperate with your Beiyu Group on this project and invest. Is five hundred million enough?"

Shen Yu was stunned.

Yin Haoran made no secret of wanting to target them.

Why suddenly talk about investing?

What kind of tactic is this!

Shen Yu felt a fear in his heart, his eyes warily watching Yin Haoran.

"I only have a small request, and I hope Mr. Shen will agree!" said Yin Haoran, quietly pointing at Bai Xiaosheng, "See that? If Mr. Bai wants to buy a house, give me a big discount! And ensure—quick handover and good quality!"

Shen Yu had thought Yin Haoran would propose some harsh conditions.

It turned out to be—

An absurd request!

Absurd, isn't it!

The Yin Family throwing in five hundred million to co-develop with him just to...

Give someone with the last name Bai a discount on buying a house?

What kind of logic is that!

Shen Yu felt somewhat disordered.

"I know it's hard for you to understand, and I understand. Besides also being keen on this project, Mr. Bai does not like being given a house for free; otherwise, I wouldn't go to such lengths," said Yin Haoran, patting Shen Yu's shoulder with a sigh, "Let's be understanding towards each other."

I... can't understand!

Shen Yu opened his mouth speechlessly, watching in a daze as Yin Haoran left.

What in the world is this all about.

"Director Shen!"

Someone else patted Shen Yu's shoulder, and he turned around.

Zhang Xuan stood there with a smile, asking, "What did Yin Haoran talk to you about?"

Shen Yu opened his mouth dryly, trying to organize his words.

"Of course, I'm not really interested," Zhang Xuan said with an amused smile. "Your company coming from elsewhere to develop in Zhongjing is like a dragon crossing the river, haha. But I—a local snake—am not pleased with it!"

"Now, let's have a word..."

Zhang Xuan's smile was warm, yet carried a hint of sternness.

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After speaking with Zhang Xuan, Shen Yu felt completely dazed.

Even a little doubtful about life...

Another person who wanted to screw him over!

What on earth had he done coming here and taking three plots of land all at once, offending how many locals!

But then, Zhang Xuan also suggested they could collaborate, the condition being—discounts for the Bai Family Members!

These people are all fucking insane!

That was the only thing Shen Yu could think.

His very life and death were actually in the hands of someone who came to view houses.

Shen Yu looked at the Bai Family Members, especially at the back of Bai Xiaosheng, with one thought in his heart—what on earth is this guy's background!

This complex and tangled state of mind didn't last long for Shen Yu, as one by one, people came to him to "chat."

Intimidation, persuasion!

These people had different methods, but their goal was the same!

Discounts for the Bai Family Members!

In the end, even Mou Yutian talked to him about this topic.

Discount, discount, if he doesn't give this discount, those people are likely to break his, Shen Yu's, bones!

However, many people, including Yin Haoran, also said hello to him.

They too had reserved a house for themselves, no discount on that!

Inside Shen Yu's heart rollercoasted through nerves and excitement, mingled together.

But thankfully, the excitement outweighed the nerves.

This reminded Shen Yu of a saying—pain, yet rejoicing.

Chapter 1043 The price can't go any higher!

An hour passed, and the tour finally came to an end.

In the main courtyard of the quadrangle, rows of redwood tables and chairs were set up where a group of people rested.

They drank tea and ate fruit.

During that time, many individuals, including Mou Yutian, gathered around Bai Xiaosheng, laughing and whispering to him.

Bai Xiaosheng responded with a smile and quietly conversed.

Later, these big shots stayed for a while longer before leaving one after another.

Before leaving, they enthusiastically greeted Mr. and Mrs. Bai Minghang.

Bai Minghang and Li Qiuyun smiled and said their goodbyes.

However, Li Qiuyun's legs and feet were not functioning well, so she couldn't see them off.

Bai Xiaosheng only symbolically walked a few steps with them.

Shen Yu had to escort each guest to the main entrance, overwhelmed with smiles.

This kept repeating, leaving Boss Shen gasping for air, sweating profusely.

Fewer and fewer people remained.

In the end, only Bai Xiaosheng's family was left.

Taking advantage of Shen Yu sending off the last distinguished guest and Lin Weiwei and Chu Yue going to get more tea, Bai Xiaosheng smiled and asked his parents, "Dad, Mom, are you satisfied with this place? I'm thinking of getting a set for us to live here with grandma, and hiring some people to manage it. Wouldn't that be great?"

"Indeed, it's nice, but how much does it cost!" Li Qiuyun worriedly asked.

"This place, I heard it costs forty to fifty million! In our small county, that's an exorbitant price, we don't have that kind of money!" Bai Minghang also expressed his concern.

Their son was filial, and they were comforted.

But the thought of such a large sum of money was frightening.

Originally, Bai Shuanglei, the worthless fellow, brought distress to the grandmother over just a few hundred thousand by forcing her to sell the house.

Forty to fifty million!

Unimaginable!

"You don't need to worry about the money. I've made some in the stock market and investments, and I hold an executive position in an international company with equities. Otherwise, why do you think those big shots were so courteous to me?" Bai Xiaosheng laughed.

He described the source of the money for the house in a way his parents could understand and believe.

After all, explaining that he inherited it and still had five hundred million in the bank would be too complicated!

Bai Xiaosheng was not someone who liked complexity and troubles.

"Son, we're happy you're successful, but remember—always be upright, avoid greed, and never use power for personal gain!" Bai Minghang seriously advised.

He feared his son might stray from the right path.

Bai Xiaosheng laughed.

His father had always been upright and had taught him by words and deeds since he was young.

He owed his success to his father's teachings!

"Dad, rest assured, the money I have is clean! My conscience is clear! I'm not afraid of any inspection!" Bai Xiaosheng calmly stated, "I have never forgotten your teachings!"

While Bai Xiaosheng said this, Bai Minghang stared into his son's eyes.

Seeing that Bai Xiaosheng's gaze was frank and open, Bai Minghang couldn't help but nod.

"That's good!"

"You silly old Bai, doubting my son!" Li Qiuyun scolded playfully.

"I was wrong, my mistake," Bai Minghang chuckled.

"Don't worry anymore. Also, before those friends left, they said they had spoken to Boss Shen and secured an internal discount price for us," Bai Xiaosheng laughed, "It's not as exaggerated as tens of millions."

Well, that's what Mou Yutian and the others said.

In fact, Bai Xiaosheng was curious about how they had negotiated with Shen Yu.

How much could the discount possibly be?

Still, with a discount available, Bai Xiaosheng naturally wouldn't refuse.

After all, who would hate money?

"Forty to fifty million in total, wonder how much the discount could be. Otherwise, we could sell our old house..." Bai Minghang murmured.

But then he thought it over.

In their small county town, where real estate prices had soared from eight thousand to fifteen thousand per square meter due to Zhongjing's development over the past two years, their eighty-plus square

meter home was worth only around one to two million—a mere drop in the ocean compared to the total cost of several tens of millions.

"Alright, Dad, you don't need to worry about it," Bai Xiaosheng smiled.

Shen Yu had returned to the courtyard, smiling broadly as he walked towards the Bai family.

Upon seeing him, Bai Xiaosheng moved forward to meet him.

"Boss Shen, could I have a moment to speak with you?" Bai Xiaosheng smiled.

"Of course!" Shen Yu eagerly nodded.

Apparently, it was time to discuss purchasing the property.

Shen Yu had already thought it through.

The two men moved to a corner of the courtyard.

Bai Xiaosheng was about to speak when Shen Yu preemptively started the conversation.

Being proactive and sincere was key!

Since they were planning to give a discount, earning some extra good impression points was also beneficial!

This Mr. Bai, I didn't know what kind of figure he was, but he must be someone important!

"Mr. Bai, this is the standard yard of our project, totaling 1,200 square meters, with an attached vegetable garden."

"We say this is the best spot, but it's actually not the best, we have reserved an even better spot! I plan to build a new courtyard house there for you!"

"Construction will take eight months, and the materials used will definitely be the best and most environmentally friendly!"

"Custom-made furniture—you can pick the style and material, and if you're not satisfied at the time, we'll be responsible for replacing it until you are satisfied!"

"All the green plants are mature transplants, you can tell us your preferences, as long as these plants can survive here, we'll find them for you!"

"The property management is handled by us, you will be exempt from all property fees for life, since you are our first customer!"

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Shen Yu had been talking nonstop for a full quarter of an hour.

The terms he mentioned would shock anyone who heard them.

A fully customized service, that must be extremely costly!

Bai Xiaosheng nodded.

He found the services flawless.

"What's the price?" Bai Xiaosheng asked.

"Let me be honest with you, the land cost for this project is high, and the construction costs range from eight to ten million because many of our materials are specially transported from other places, so—" Shen Yu said cautiously, "What do you think, 15 million as the total price?"

That price was at a loss, not a profit!

Bai Xiaosheng was stunned.

A courtyard house originally worth 45 million, in the best location, now only wanted 15 million?

That seemed... too low!

Mou Yutian and his group had told Shen Yu to give a discount.

This seemed like a bone-crushing discount!

"This price..." Bai Xiaosheng began, it's too low.

So low that he felt somewhat embarrassed.

"How about 10 million then, what do you think?" Shen Yu hastily said.

He thought Bai Xiaosheng found it expensive...

"No, no, I mean it's too low!" Bai Xiaosheng quickly said, he saw that Shen Yu had really misunderstood.

Shen Yu, hearing this, instantly breathed a sigh of relief.

He thought he had quoted too high.

"10 million, if you're satisfied with this price, let's settle it! It can't go any higher! After all, you're our first customer here, and you enjoy the highest level of discount. Besides, you know once you came, those famous people from Zhongjing booked houses, and they didn't ask for discounts. Our project sold like crazy! Just the fame alone has made me a fortune!" Shen Yu hurriedly said.

Truth be told, just tens of millions made this project famous.

With the follow-up second and third phases of the development, they would definitely make a fortune.

Bai Xiaosheng was about to speak.

"Really, it can't be any more!" Shen Yu sounded almost pleading.

Bai Xiaosheng watched him and was speechless.

Was there ever a seller who begged not to raise the price?

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"Well, alright." Bai Xiaosheng nodded.

After all, by coming here, he had brought many customers to Shen Yu, consider it like a commission for himself.

Shen Yu was overjoyed, nodding repeatedly.

After discussing the house, Shen Yu's expression became a bit strange, as if he had something difficult to say.

Bai Xiaosheng saw it and immediately smiled, "Director Shen, if there's anything else you want to say, feel free!"

He could tell that Boss Shen had something to ask but was struggling to voice it.

"Actually, it's nothing big. I just wanted to ask, who... exactly are you?" Shen Yu spoke somewhat hesitantly, very carefully.

If Bai Xiaosheng didn't want to answer, he wouldn't probe further.

It turns out it was that question; it seemed Boss Shen had been really holding it back.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled.

Actually, even if he didn't say, Shen Yu would definitely inquire.

In Zhongjing, about a dozen big shots almost certainly knew his real identity, and it wouldn't be difficult for Shen Yu to find out.

"Director Shen, have you heard of the Zhenbei Group? I am from the Greater China Region affairs department of Zhenbei Group, the Senior Affairs Officer," Bai Xiaosheng smiled as he said.

Ordinary people might have only heard of the regional leaders of Zhenbei Group's Greater China Region.

After all, individuals like Chen Jiutian had often appeared in the media and were well-known!

I remember when Chen Jiutian was arrested, even mainstream media followed and reported on it.

However, the position of Senior Affairs Officer, being more of an internal role, had to be much more low-key.

Bai Xiaosheng was ready—

Shen Yu would look up in admiration, his eyes filled with a veiled perplexity, and with a beaming face, he would say, "I've long admired you!"

However, when he heard Bai Xiaosheng reveal his identity, Shen Yu's eyes instantly widened, and his pupils contracted sharply.

In Shen Yu's eyes, Bai Xiaosheng suddenly saw something that shouldn't be there—

Fear!

Chapter 1044: Why is He Afraid of Me?

"Mr. Shen Yu, do you have anything to say to me?" Bai Xiaosheng smiled at Shen Yu, his tone seemingly casual as he asked.

Mentions of his identity, Zhenbei Group, Greater China Region, Affairs Department, Senior Affairs Officer.

At that moment, fear flashed through Shen Yu's eyes!

Although it was only a fleeting expression,

but there was no mistake!

Convinced of what he saw, Bai Xiaosheng's curiosity was piqued.

Why was Shen Yu afraid?

Was it his identity that frightened him?

Bai Xiaosheng had learned from Mou Yutian and others that Shen Yu's Beiyu Group was a private company, having no monetary relation with Zhenbei Group.

Beiyu Group, established three years ago.

A company only three years old had managed to make a name for itself in such a short time in the real estate sector!

It had to be said, Shen Yu was quite impressive!

Before revealing his identity, Bai Xiaosheng had been eager to talk with him and learn about his legendary success.

It would be good to absorb some experience in success.

But now it seemed that Shen Yu had some other interesting aspects.

Bai Xiaosheng looked at Shen Yu, his eyes amused yet discerning.

"Senior Affairs Officer Xiaosheng, please wait here while I prepare the contract. We have a template, so you won't need to wait long!"

Shen Yu had already switched to a smiling demeanor, answering somewhat irrelevantly before hastily leaving.

"Senior Affairs Officer Xiaosheng"?

This designation was very much in line with the internal naming conventions of the group, or it was by someone extremely familiar with the Affairs Department.

Bai Xiaosheng watched Shen Yu's retreating figure with a meaningful gaze.

This Shen Yu had a really good psychological quality, swiftly changing his expression, his emotions quickly returned to normal.

Truly not a common person!

If it were someone else, a simple laugh from Shen Yu would have made the other person think they had seen incorrectly and not taken it further.

But Bai Xiaosheng was different.

Over this past year, Bai Xiaosheng had encountered numerous adversaries.

The cunning, the deceitful, those who appeared honest.

These people were adept at changing emotions and disguising, Bai Xiaosheng had dealt with them long-term, honing his abilities with system assistance.

His discernment was beyond ordinary people.

It was not an exaggeration to say that in terms of observational skills, even among the Senior Affairs Officers, he, being the youngest, could be ranked among the top!

And moreover, Bai Xiaosheng trusted his judgment!

This Shen Yu had used the contract as an excuse to escape.

When he returned, his emotions and mindset would probably be adjusted, and he wouldn't easily show any flaws.

"What is he afraid of?"

Bai Xiaosheng murmured with interest.

At that moment, Lin Weiwei and Chu Yue had come back, bringing tea and fruit for Bai Minghang and Li Qiuyun, the couple, as they chatted.

Bai Xiaosheng walked over.

The two women brought fresh tea and fruit.

Bai Xiaosheng, with a smile, took the items and set them aside.

Seeing Chu Yue gave Bai Xiaosheng a thought.

"Miss Chu, I want to ask, what did your Mr. Shen do before?" Bai Xiaosheng asked casually.

"Mr. Shen, before?" Chu Yue looked puzzled as she glanced at Bai Xiaosheng.

"Before he founded Beiyu Group," Bai Xiaosheng added.

"Before that..." Chu Yue considered.

Meanwhile, Lin Weiwei curiously watched Bai Xiaosheng.

Xiaosheng wasn't someone who took an interest in gossip, yet he suddenly seemed quite interested in that Boss Shen.

As Chu Yue thought, Bai Xiaosheng picked up his red tea, savoring it carefully.

The tea was indeed good.

The hot tea soothed his throat pleasantly.

Bai Xiaosheng suddenly wondered if he was overcomplicating things.

Maybe Shen Yu's fear was of the Group.

Perhaps his company had battled in business wars with a subsidiary of Zhenbei Group and had been frightened.

Bai Xiaosheng thought that if Chu Yue didn't know "before," then perhaps she knew "after."

However, if he guessed wrong again,

Bai Xiaosheng decided not to probe further.

He was merely curious and didn't truly expect to uncover any secrets.

After all, now Shen Yu was operating independently and had no financial ties with his group.

If no information was extracted, then so be it.

Bai Xiaosheng was not prepared to pursue endlessly over just an expression.

"I think I heard an old employee mention!" Chu Yue spoke up, "Before establishing the company, our boss apparently spent many years at Zhenbei Group. Supposedly, at the Greater China Region

Headquarters no less, holding a significant, somewhat unusual position dealing with 'Affairs something.'"

Bai Xiaosheng paused in his tea drinking, surprised, and looked at Chu Yue.

Beside him, Lin Weiwei was also somewhat surprised.

Shen Yu had originally been with the group!

"Is that true, Affairs Officer?" Bai Xiaosheng asked in a deep voice.

Chu Yue was momentarily taken aback, thought about it, and nodded.

"Seems like... yes! Huh, Mr. Bai, how did you know?"

"Coincidentally, we are, in a way, colleagues!" Bai Xiaosheng's eyes twinkled with a smile as he continued to drink his tea.

"Really, what a coincidence!" Chu Yue was also surprised.

Lin Weiwei, gentle and virtuous, sensed something was amiss from Bai Xiaosheng's reaction but did not ask, as there were outsiders present.

Bai Xiaosheng calmly sipped his tea, yet in his mind, he said to Red Lotus, "Red Lotus, can you log into the group's system and search for information?"

Interest piqued again, Bai Xiaosheng wanted to see why this Affairs Officer Shen Yu had left.

Perhaps, that was the real reason he feared himself—a Senior Affairs Officer!

"Senior Affairs Officer-grade expansion assistant, features an optional function: direct login into the network, view text and image information, and execute direct operations. This function is called 'virtual login'. Do you wish to activate it?" Red Lotus inquired.

'Virtual login' feature?

Bai Xiaosheng was taken aback.

Was this the evolved version of his initial system assistant—"search engine"?

Direct login into the network, view text and image information?

Direct? View?

Wait.

Is this something like an AR existence?

AR, Augmented Reality, enhances reality by overlaying real and virtual objects in real-time in the same image or space.

"Indeed, it's an application of the AR system," Red Lotus confirmed Bai Xiaosheng's thought.

"Activate!" Bai Xiaosheng was immediately intrigued; he certainly wanted to experience it.

"Are you sure?" Red Lotus asked.

"Sure," Bai Xiaosheng mentally responded.

However, after confirming, Bai Xiaosheng suddenly felt something was amiss.

Usually, when activating system assistance, he never heard Red Lotus so meticulous; it was always directly activated.

Why this time did it include a query?

Could it be...

Bai Xiaosheng had a foreboding feeling.

"Virtual login' function activated, requires two points!"

"Host in Zhongjing stopped inappropriate relocation actions of subsidiary companies, ensuring group's interests, two points added!"

"Confirm assistance activation, points deducted!"

Red Lotus's voice was clear and unhindered.

In Bai Xiaosheng's stunned view, a virtual interface appeared that looked quite sci-fi.

Only, this was quite a rip-off!

It actually cost him two points?!

Bai Xiaosheng suddenly felt a sense of frustration and heartache.

Why, after upgrading, did system assistance begin charging?!

No one had ever told him about it!

This was random charging!

"Currently, the host is at zero points at the Senior Affairs Officer level; one hundred points away from the Greater Region President level!"

Red Lotus's last reminder was like a stabbing afterthought.

The points were deducted, regrets, and fears; it might be too late.

Bai Xiaosheng sighed, raised his hands in the air, and operated in the void.

However, this AR system was quite novel and easy to control; experiencing it was indeed fun.

"Xiaosheng, what are you doing?" Lin Weiwei asked curiously.

Chu Yue also looked curious.

Even his father and mother were watching him strangely.

Calmly, Bai Xiaosheng waved his hands in the air and completed his operation.

"Self-created Tai Chi, to prevent shoulder periarthritis, cervical spondylosis, and Alzheimer's," Bai Xiaosheng spouted nonsense.

However, his gaze quickly scrolled through the information displayed after logging into the group system at the level of a Senior Affairs Officer.

That information made his eyes narrow.

After seeing that, Bai Xiaosheng mentally said, "Take it back, Red Lotus, I'm done."

The image suddenly disappeared.

Bai Xiaosheng, however, now had a plan in mind.

It turns out this Shen Yu was really not simple!

Just after the inquiry, Bai Xiaosheng saw from a distance.

Shen Yu, with a smile on his face and holding a contract, approached with big strides.

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"Mr. Bai, here is the contract we prepared. Please take a look," Shen Yu quickly walked up to Bai Xiaosheng, smiling while handing over the contract.

Behind him followed two people carrying black briefcases, dressed in neat suits, with a respectful demeanor.

"This is our company's legal officer Zhang and financial officer Liu. They will help you address any questions you might have," Shen Yu continued, introducing the two men to Bai Xiaosheng.

The two employees bowed respectfully to Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled at them and nodded his head.

After taking the contract, Bai Xiaosheng quickly looked it over, then took the pen and swiftly signed his name.

After doing all this, Bai Xiaosheng smiled and handed the two copies of the contract back to Shen Yu, "I've looked it over. There are no issues."

Shen Yu was startled, not expecting Bai Xiaosheng to read and sign so quickly.

He then smiled and said, "Then, thank you for your trust, Mr. Bai!"

Shen Yu thought that Bai Xiaosheng had merely skimmed the document as a formality, showing trust in the project.

Little did he know, this was just Bai Xiaosheng's style.

With the assistance of Red Lotus, Bai Xiaosheng could scan the document once, and all information would be imprinted in his mind.

With Red Lotus's help, he could also find any traps or loopholes in the contract within minutes.

In this case, the contract indeed had no issues.

It seemed that Shen Yu was very wary of the Senior Affairs Officer!

He didn't want to make any underhanded moves and invite trouble.

Meanwhile, Bai Minghang and his wife watched their son handle a multimillion contract so casually, which inevitably worried them a bit.

Lin Weiwei noticed their reaction, quietly walked over, and bent down to explain a few things to the elderly couple.

Over the past year, Bai Xiaosheng had reviewed contracts hundreds of times, if not more.

His speed at spotting issues might even surpass that of professional lawyers.

Lin Weiwei was very confident about that.

After her explanation, Bai Minghang and his wife's expression returned to normal.

On the other hand, Chu Yue felt that Bai Xiaosheng's status was extraordinary; his friends were major business magnates.

Boss Shen Yu was all submissive along the way.

There shouldn't be any foul play in the contract.

And she was right in her thinking.

"Weiwei, please go handle the procedures and transfer the funds," Bai Xiaosheng looked at Lin Weiwei, smiling and specifically instructed, "Use the second card!"

Lin Weiwei immediately understood and went to proceed with the two officials.

The second card referred to by Bai Xiaosheng was another bank card, distinct from his Zhenbei Group bank card.

That card was a similarly world-class gold card, specially applied for by Zhengdong Province via the Lu Family's special channels.

Zhengdong Province's Shengsheng International had allotted Bai Xiaosheng a substantial share of stock, generating a considerable amount of dividend each year, with most being invested in Zunbai Zhisheng, and a small portion going into this card.

Later, the profits from Zunbai Zhisheng, as well as Xue Lian Wan He, after deducting company expenses and expansion, a small portion of the funds would be transferred to this card for Bai Xiaosheng, the boss, to use.

At the moment, although only a small fraction of the funds was flowing in.

It was about a hundred million!

This card had more than enough to handle over ten million in property payment.

While Lin Weiwei was processing with Beiyu Group's legal and financial officers, Bai Xiaosheng and Shen Yu chatted leisurely.

Both sides tacitly avoided discussing Zhenbei Group.

When Lin Weiwei returned with the necessary documents, Bai Xiaosheng pushed his teacup aside, stood up, and said his farewells.

Shen Yu made a symbolic attempt to detain him but then arranged for a car to send the Bai family members off.

In passing, he also gave a wheelchair to Li Qiuyun.

Compared to a multimillion-dollar business deal, this "small gift" was really nothing.

Bai Minghang and his wife didn't make much of a fuss about it.

Watching the car carrying the Bai family members drive away, Shen Yu stood at the entrance of the marketing center, his eyes flickering uncertainly.

Shortly afterward, he hurriedly returned to the project, as if eager to attend to something.

On the way, Bai Minghang and his wife asked about the house's selling price.

There was no need to hide it, and Bai Xiaosheng straightforwardly disclosed it.

Thanks to the business magnates of Zhongjing who helped in bargaining and their bookings at Jingyu Courtyard, Shen Yu had offered an internal supreme discount, a cost price of ten million.

A house that claims to be worth forty to fifty million was bought for only ten million.

This discount was indeed astounding.

Bai Minghang and his wife were also taken aback.

Of course, he was genuinely happy.

As they approached the entrance of the neighborhood, the Bai Family members got out of the car and walked home.

On the way, Lin Weiwei suddenly asked, "Xiaosheng, that Shen Yu, he was actually once an Affairs Officer!"

"Mm, I even sent a message to have someone check into him," Bai Xiaosheng said.

Due to the sensitive nature of the information about Red Lotus, Bai Xiaosheng switched his phrasing.

Before Lin Weiwei could speak, Bai Minghang laughed, "You young folks are discussing work, us old folks might as well not listen, we'll go ahead."

Involving work meant it could possibly be business secrets.

According to Bai Minghang's character, he chose to remove himself.

Bai Xiaosheng just smiled at that, "Alright then, dad, you go ahead."

Bai Minghang walked ahead with Li Qiuyun.

Bai Xiaosheng and Lin Weiwei walked slowly behind.

"Shen Yu, three years ago, was an Affairs Officer. Unfortunately, at that time, due to financial issues, he was targeted by another Affairs Officer," Bai Xiaosheng said.

"And then, Shen Yu was removed from his position?" Lin Weiwei asked.

"It wasn't that simple!" Bai Xiaosheng laughed before continuing.

"An Affairs Officer is equivalent to a provincial industrial leader; it's no small position!"

"Significant events we've encountered, like Elder Chen's brothers, were directly overseen by Elder Xia, expedited without following the usual protocol."

"As a New-type Affairs Officer, I'm also a creation by Elder Xia to revitalise the Affairs Department, so our past investigations also had a bit of expedited handling, with processes moving very quickly."

Bai Xiaosheng said, "But actually, when an Affairs Officer faces issues, there needs to be evidence gathering, questioning, review, and so on, a whole series of processes."

"Shen Yu, to say the least, was impressive, withstanding accountability at the same level for a whole year, and it wasn't until three years ago that he wasn't brought down by that Affairs Officer."

"Then, another Affairs Officer took action, drove him into a corner within a month, forcing him to admit to the issues, and leading to his dismissal!"

Bai Xiaosheng seemed contemplative.

Lin Weiwei couldn't help but nod.

So that was it; Shen Yu was actually a disgraced figure expelled by the corporation.

"Speaking of what came after, that Affairs Officer who took down Shen Yu in a month, you must be familiar with him," Bai Xiaosheng continued.

Lin Weiwei's gaze sharpened.

"It is Officer Lin Yu— the benchmark of Affairs Officers!" Bai Xiaosheng spoke gravely, "It was a well-known incident at the time!"

"And from that moment on, Lin Yu's career took off like a bamboo shoot after the rain!"

"If there had been anyone to rival him before, no one could match his performance after that. Lin Yu truly secured his position as the benchmark!"

"Heh, this Shen Yu actually ended up making Officer Lin Yu who he is!" Lin Weiwei laughed.

Bai Xiaosheng nodded, still thoughtful.

"Xiaosheng, what are you thinking about?" Lin Weiwei asked, noticing his demeanor.

Bai Xiaosheng shrugged, "Nothing much..."

"I'm just curious how, after leaving the corporation, Shen Yu rapidly established a real estate company and achieved such success in three years."

Lin Weiwei's gaze grew intense.

Bai Xiaosheng then laughed, "Just curious. He's already left the corporation, it has nothing to do with us, it's not our place to investigate him."

Could Shen Yu's fear of the Senior Affairs Officer stem from being handled by Lin Yu?

That answer seemed reasonable, yet somewhat wanting.

Bai Xiaosheng shook his head.

Since they had no crossing paths, it wasn't worth overthinking.

"Let him be, if he crosses the line, the law will handle him," Lin Weiwei said with a laugh.

Just as Bai Xiaosheng nodded, his phone rang.

"Elder Xia?!" Bai Xiaosheng looked at the name, taken aback.

The elder had been quite busy lately, contacting only via WeChat if nothing urgent came up, he would never call otherwise.

Bai Xiaosheng answered the phone.

From the other end, Xiahou Qi's voice came through.

His tone carried a bit of seriousness.

"Xiaosheng, are you busy? I have a matter that requires you to make a trip!"

Bai Xiaosheng was taken aback.

What urgent matter?

Indeed, it necessitated dispatching a Senior Affairs Officer.

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"Elder Xia, tell me, what's going on exactly?" Bai Xiaosheng asked.

He was quite interested.

Elder Xia had personally made the call to assign the task, and had even requested him, a Senior Affairs Officer, to take action.

It must be a matter of great importance!

Xiahou Qi got straight to the point on the phone, "Xiaosheng, have you ever heard of a person named Chen Yucheng?"

"Chen Yucheng?" Bai Xiaosheng muttered the name.

He really had heard of it!

But that was all, merely heard, and he had even forgotten who had mentioned it.

"I've only heard the name, nothing more," Bai Xiaosheng truthfully replied.

"Chen Yucheng is an Affairs Officer, who is currently facing multiple accusations," Xiahou Qi didn't beat around the bush, saying directly, "I want you to conduct the final verification of those allegations against him!"

Xiahou Qi's words took Bai Xiaosheng by surprise.

Just... for this?

Just now, he had told Lin Weiwei that dealing with an Affairs Officer's issue involved a series of procedures and was not simple.

But to mobilize a Senior Affairs Officer for an Affairs Officer's case, was that not making a mountain out of a molehill?

"I can guess your confusion," Xiahou Qi spoke on the phone, "Ordinary Affairs Officers wouldn't require such measures. But Chen Yucheng is different!"

"Let me put it this way, if you hadn't come along, as a New-type Affairs Officer, I might have let him handle it!"

"A couple of years ago, everyone was discussing whether Chen Yucheng or Lin Yu would become the next Candidate Great Affairs Officer!"

"With that said, you should have some idea about him now!"

There was one!

This was a strong contender!

Another question rose in Bai Xiaosheng's mind, "So this time..."

"This time, when you and Lin Yu were competing for Candidate Great Affairs Officer, why didn't he show up? Is that what you wanted to ask?" Xiahou Qi said.

"Exactly."

"That's because—he gave it up."

"Not because he admitted defeat or was afraid, for the Chen Yucheng of the past was a fearless and daring individual!"

"And this time, he was involved in an investigation against two regional industry heads and couldn't extricate himself!"

"So, he gave it up!"

Bai Xiaosheng was stunned. Such people existed?

To forego promotion for the sake of one's work?

Even a workaholic wouldn't go that far!

That was a little too selfless.

"Incredible, isn't it? He's just like that, astonishing!" Xiahou Qi also sighed with emotion, "That's why I said, he's a special case!"

"Those whom he has firmly bitten have a hard time getting away, so Chen Yucheng has an unflattering nickname—'Hyena.'"

Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but smile.

He was called a devil himself.

"Um, now that you mention it, I am quite eager to meet this person," Bai Xiaosheng spoke frankly.

"Now, an opportunity has come!" Xiahou Qi's voice was grave on the phone.

"This time, one of the regional industry heads under investigation claims that Chen Yucheng demanded bribes! When he didn't comply, Chen Yucheng wanted to bite him to death! He also requested headquarters to get involved in the investigation!"

"As the controversy escalated, those on duty who had been troubled by Chen Yucheng also came out, accusing him of overreaching, entrapment, and bribery!"

"What's more absurd is that some who had been investigated and left the headquarters, upon hearing the news, also denounced him through various channels."

"In short, these days Chen Yucheng has become the target of public criticism, facing more than a dozen internal and external accusations!"

Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but interject while Xiahou Qi paused, "This sounds a bit like a collective conspiracy."

There was a light sigh from the other end of the phone.

"If it were merely a simple entrapment, that would be one thing."

"The key point is, they have produced very strong evidence, which I cannot help but believe!"

Bai Xiaosheng's eyes narrowed.

This was what he feared the most!

If someone just wanted to slander Chen Yucheng deliberately, the problem would be relatively simple.

But they had even come up with evidence...

This was no mere smear campaign organized on the fly.

There was premeditation, and a conspiracy.

The instigators must have thought things through thoroughly, not acting on a whim!

Moreover, what's fatal is that Chen Yucheng holds a special status as an Affairs Officer.

Under "irrefutable evidence," there's even less room for delay.

One could imagine that Elder Xia was likely in quite a quandary!

On one hand, he trusted the once-reliable Chen Yucheng, yet faced with the evidence, he had no choice but to believe it.

"Regarding those pieces of evidence, I've had them turned into an electronic version and sent to your email. Check your inbox," Mr. Xiahou Qi's voice carried a hint of gravity, "It does feel somewhat like cast-iron proof."

Bai Xiaosheng asked calmly, "Do you believe it, then?"

On the other end of the phone, Mr. Xiahou Qi spoke solemnly, "Sheng, although I am the CEO of the Greater China Region and seem to have absolute authority and say."

"But in such matters, it's genuinely difficult to make conclusions based on personal judgment."

"Moreover, I cannot claim that Chen Yucheng has always remained unchanged, steadfast in his original intentions, suggesting that Chen Yucheng has no issues at all!"

"I hope not to wrong a good person, nor to let a bad person slip away!"

With that said, Mr. Xiahou Qi's voice became heavier.

"Furthermore, regardless of Chen Yucheng's issues, those rabble-rousers behind the scenes are also what I'm concerned about! I might ignore their forming cliques or their gathering together for warmth, but if their voices can influence the character of a high-level executive, even affecting their future with the company, that would be truly terrifying!"

"I hope you, can give me a satisfactory answer!"

Bai Xiaosheng listened quietly until Mr. Xiahou Qi had finished speaking before he said, "I'll handle this matter."

"Mm!" Mr. Xiahou Qi uttered a single sound, exuding immense trust.

Bai Xiaosheng was the most neutral and therefore the most suitable candidate.

Zheng Honghu and Li Haofeng, although equally trustworthy, would not entirely convince everyone if they took action, for it would seem biased.

After hanging up the phone.

Bai Xiaosheng pondered for a moment before asking Lin Weiwei beside him, "Where is Lei Ying meeting up with us?"

"Tomorrow, the original plan was in the capital of Shangyun Province," Lin Weiwei replied.

"Notify Lei Ying, let's change the location. Let's go to Tianqiu City, Yandong Province!" Bai Xiaosheng said gravely.

A serious expression crossed his face.

Perhaps this time, as the newly appointed Senior Affairs Officer, he would have to confront an unknown group and arm-wrestle with a bunch of people!

"It can't be ruled out that Chen Yucheng may indeed have problems. After all, human hearts are unfathomable!"

"However, listening to Elder Xia's words, it seems his trust in this Chen Yucheng prevails."

"If Chen Yucheng truly is someone devoted to the corporation, I will certainly help him through the crisis!"

Bai Xiaosheng set the basic tone in his mind.

"Xiaosheng, what on earth has happened that Elder Xia wants us to do, and why go to Yandong Province?" Lin Weiwei, having sent a message to Lei Ying, curiously asked.

"I'll explain it to you slowly."

Bai Xiaosheng took a stroll around the community with Lin Weiwei, sharing the tasks Elder Xia had entrusted to him.

"Usually, when there's a problem, wouldn't they handle it at headquarters? But this time they are sending someone from headquarters to deal with it, and it's you, the Senior Affairs Officer," Lin Weiwei said in surprise.

"This time it involves two provincial industry heads, responsible for adjacent regions."

"Their affairs are busy, and it wouldn't be appropriate to abruptly pull them both from their positions. Although there are backup candidates, headquarters isn't short on them, it takes time to get familiar with the work. So those two provincial industry heads are being investigated while in office. Chen Yucheng went there as a matter of convenience for them."

"Of course, before he left, he didn't report to headquarters. Otherwise, it would never happen that an Affairs Officer would investigate two provincial industry heads—it's too outrageous. After he went there, the lawsuit came to light."

"It's problematic for those two to leave their posts temporarily, and it's odd for Chen Yucheng to return to headquarters for the investigation."

Bai Xiaosheng sighed.

"That's why I, as the Senior Affairs Officer, must also accommodate them."

Lin Weiwei nodded, "Should I book the tickets now?"

Bai Xiaosheng nodded in agreement.

The two talked for a while before heading back home.

That night, Bai Xiaosheng said farewell to his parents.

The night passed without incident.

The next morning, Bai Xiaosheng and Lin Weiwei enjoyed a hearty breakfast before setting off for the Zhongjing high-speed rail station.

The train from Zhongjing to Tianqiu in Yandong was not direct.

However, coincidentally, the starting station for this train was Linshen.

Bai Xiaosheng and Lin Weiwei were in the business class section, arranged in rows of three.

Their seats in the row were not next to each other.

They were separated by one person.

At the sight of that person, Bai Xiaosheng's gaze sharpened.

His attention was captured by this individual in an instant!

Chapter 1047: We Really Helped

The person sitting between Bai Xiaosheng and Lin Weiwei was a man in his forties.

Well-groomed, sporting gold-framed glasses, and dressed in a business suit, he had an air that seemed incomparable.

He resembled the young CEO type from a romantic drama.

However, his eyes were straight and bloodshot, and his face was so clouded it looked almost like it could wring out water.

He was tightly clutching a black leather briefcase, seemingly afraid someone might snatch it away.

Honestly, anyone who encountered such a travel companion would feel quite uncomfortable.

Who knew if this person's emotional state might affect them.

However, what Bai Xiaosheng noticed was his expression.

Anxious, restless, irritable, tense...

How many emotions could manifest on one's face at once was a question perhaps only medical or scientific professionals would consider.

Bai Xiaosheng was neither, yet he paid the same attention.

Over the past year, Bai Xiaosheng had pondered a lot.

Only through this could he advance his perceptiveness.

To hone his skills, Bai Xiaosheng also made a habit of observing passersby.

Of course, as his perceptiveness advanced, worthy subjects became increasingly rare.

This man might be one of them.

Not only were his emotions stacked on his face, but they kept changing subtly.

Spur of the moment, Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but take a few more glances.

The man, clearly unsettled, was yet sharply vigilant.

Bai Xiaosheng merely looked a bit longer, and the man suddenly looked up, his gaze alert and glaring fiercely at Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng offered an apologetic smile.

It was indeed his own fault for staring a bit too long.

The man, already irate, didn't need someone staring at him.

Scowling at him was justified.

Bai Xiaosheng didn't think the man was in the wrong; he was just overly focused.

"Hello, would you mind switching seats with me? We're together," Lin Weiwei asked the brooding man with a smile.

Weiwei looked sweet and amicable, and she was polite.

Normally, even if someone was annoyed, a normal person wouldn't reject such a reasonable request from a beautiful woman.

"No!" The man almost didn't hesitate, his refusal cold and blunt, causing Lin Weiwei's smile to freeze.

Then he hugged his briefcase tighter and bowed his head in silence.

Lin Weiwei, fuming, looked at him but was at a loss.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled at Lin Weiwei and gestured for her to sit down, indicating there was no need to fuss over this.

After all, it was the man's own seat; whether to give it up or not was his right, and no one could force him.

Reluctantly, Lin Weiwei shrugged and sat on the other side.

She understood the reason and there was nothing to fuss over.

Bai Xiaosheng sat next to the brooding man by the window and took out his phone to log into the corporate intranet to check the information he wanted to know.

Information about Chen Yucheng.

While using his phone, Bai Xiaosheng felt a bit annoyed.

Why had he gotten curious yesterday and tried out the "virtual login" feature? Although AR was visually convenient, it cost money.

That was indeed painful!

Actually, using the phone was also quite handy.

Of course, since the points were already deducted, dwelling on it was useless. Bai Xiaosheng then focused on his screen.

He hadn't realized, but this Chen Yucheng was truly extraordinary!

Over the years, his performance had been remarkable, even nearly catching up to Lin Yu in some years.

"Elder Xia wasn't wrong. If it weren't for my arrival, he would definitely have been Lin Yu's biggest competitor," Bai Xiaosheng thought to himself.

But as he browsed the information, Bai Xiaosheng suddenly found something that made him frown.

Apart from the lawsuits against Chen Yucheng, there were also two Affairs Officers calling for an investigation into him, one of whom was unknown.

The other, however, made Bai Xiaosheng concentrate.

Lin Yu!

A few days ago, Lin Yu submitted a sizeable inquiry, directly targeting Chen Yucheng.

"Even he's taking action?" Bai Xiaosheng murmured with a slight furrow in his brow.

Bai Xiaosheng was quite "trustful" of Lin Yu.

Although sometimes Lin Yu might not dig deep enough when holding people accountable,

those he targeted usually had issues!

"Chen Yucheng, have you been framed, or have you genuinely fallen?" Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but mutter, "I really do want to meet you soon!"

In a moment of unguarded emotion, the words "Chen Yucheng" came out a bit louder than the rest.

Nevertheless, it was still a whisper.

The brooding man next to Bai Xiaosheng suddenly turned to look at him, his eyes filled with suspicion.

Bai Xiaosheng noticed the man's gaze and looked up.

The man shifted his eyes away.

A brief stare, less than a second, not even Bai Xiaosheng could clearly discern the other person's expression in such a flash.

Bai Xiaosheng thought the other party did it unintentionally and didn't think much of it, thus withdrawing his gaze.

After the earlier "conflict," it was better to avoid eye contact with his travel companion to prevent unnecessary friction.

The high-speed train continued on its course.

For three hours, Bai Xiaosheng's fellow passenger neither made a sound nor moved, and showed no intention of sleeping, just sat there clutching his bag.

Wondering about what.

When Bai Xiaosheng went to the restroom, moving past the other person, he noticed his fellow traveler seemed constantly on guard.

Guarding against him!

"How interesting, could he be carrying a large sum of money in his bag? However, it looks quite flat; how much could it hold?" Bai Xiaosheng didn't ponder further.

Out of courtesy, Bai Xiaosheng didn't scrutinize the other person's facial expression.

After all, the person had already made his distaste clear, and it would be tactless to keep staring.

Soon, the high-speed train entered Yandong and, half an hour later, arrived in Tianqiu City.

As the train came to a halt, Bai Xiaosheng was still seated while the gloomy man beside him suddenly sprang to his feet and rushed toward the door.

Was it really such a rush?

Or maybe he still didn't trust him, thinking he didn't look like a good person and was anxious to leave.

Being mistaken for a bad person by a woman might have been acceptable, but this was another man!

Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but smile wryly.

He clearly looked clean and well-mannered, not at all like a bad guy!

Yet why did they make him feel like a fierce bandit?

But, since the other person had left, it wasn't worth fussing over anymore.

However, when Lin Weiwei got up and came over, she couldn't help but mutter, "That man must be sick! It's good he left early to avoid causing us trouble if he got sick."

Lin Weiwei was still annoyed by that person's attitude towards her.

Being a girl, she couldn't bear being treated unfairly.

Bai Xiaosheng laughed cheerfully, offering consolation.

"Xiaosheng, Lei Ying is already waiting outside; let's go," Lin Weiwei said with a sudden smile, not a person to hold grudges.

"Lei Ying is here? That's quite a coincidence."

"What coincidence? He has been waiting outside for two hours."

Bai Xiaosheng was left speechless.

The two exited the station and met up with Lei Ying outside.

Lei Ying appeared refreshed and cheerful, clearly in good spirits after visiting his hometown.

"Alright, we are all here; let's go." Bai Xiaosheng smiled and gestured grandly.

By the time the three of them came out, it was nearly noon.

Bai Xiaosheng thought they should first find a place to eat and chat with Lei Ying about the purpose of the trip.

While they were looking for a restaurant, they suddenly saw two people sprinting past them, one chasing the other.

The person behind was frantically shouting, "Stop!"

Bai Xiaosheng and Lin Weiwei were both stunned.

Was that not the gloomy man from the train?

Had his bag been stolen?

"It got stolen at last," Lin Weiwei murmured.

Keeping it so closely guarded was bound to attract thieves!

"What got stolen, and why say 'at last'?" Lei Ying asked, surprised.

"Chase!" Bai Xiaosheng didn't have time to explain, and he dashed forward.

Frankly speaking, this fellow traveler wasn't friendly and could even be annoying.

Bai Xiaosheng wasn't someone to shout, "Stand up for justice" or intervene in every affair.

Yet witnessing this scene, he felt an inexplicable urge to help.

For no apparent reason.

As Bai Xiaosheng gave chase, Lei Ying, without a word, hurriedly followed.

Lin Weiwei, unable to stop them and unable to keep up, could only trail at a distance, hoping not to get lost.

Thus, the three of them ended up chasing into a dead-end alley.

A straight alley and they saw a figure standing there, looking lost and confused.

"Hey!" Bai Xiaosheng adjusted his breath as he shouted.

The gloomy man whirled around, eyes popping when he saw Bai Xiaosheng.

Not to mention Bai Xiaosheng; the powerfully built and naturally imposing Lei Ying following him was too fierce.

"I knew you were in on it, trying to steal my stuff. Damn it, give it back or I'm going to fight!"

The gloomy man roared in anger, picked up a brick from the road, and charged at them.

Bai Xiaosheng was stunned.

Lei Ying was stunned as well.

This was a misunderstanding!

They were genuinely just trying to help!

But how could they explain that to this frantic man? Would he believe it?

Chapter 1048: Ignorant of Favors

The man who originally had a gloomy expression now had bloodshot eyes and a murderous aura that reached several meters away.

He was holding half a brick in one hand and pointing at Bai Xiaosheng with the other.

"Give it back to me!" he shouted.

Bai Xiaosheng gave a bitter smile.

The item wasn't taken by him, so what could he return?

"Your item is missing, but it truly has nothing to do with me. We came over to see if you needed help," Bai Xiaosheng tried to explain.

"You're lying to me!" the man bellowed.

Bai Xiaosheng's eye twitched.

What's with this pitiful shriek?

He wouldn't say "I'm not listening, I'm not listening" next, would he?

Two grown men, should they really be having this kind of conversation?

"Calm down for a moment and think about it. If we had stolen your item, wouldn't we have just left instead of coming to find you!" Lei Ying reminded.

The man with the bloodshot eyes paused for a second, seeming to consider it.

Bai Xiaosheng breathed a sigh of relief.

"I'm not listening, I'm not listening!" Like a brick, the man charged over fiercely.

Bai Xiaosheng, "..."

"I knew you were no good when we were in the car, you, you're in cahoots with them!"

Amidst a roar of anger, the man swung the half brick directly towards Bai Xiaosheng.

Lei Ying's face darkened.

There used to be a time when he, with his quick temper, would have floored someone first and asked questions later.

With a look of helplessness, Bai Xiaosheng saw Lei Ying step forward and urgently advised, "Don't hit him too hard, this guy can't take it!"

"Don't worry—"

As he spoke, Lei Ying slapped the man's wrist with a palm, sending the brick flying, and his other hand aimed for the man's face.

"—I'm just trying to help him come to his senses!"

Lei Ying initially meant to push his palm towards the man's forehead but, on a whim, curled his middle finger and lightly tapped it with his thumb before flicking it out.

The classic orchid finger flick to the forehead.

Who was Lei Ying? His palm was as broad as a fan, and his fingers were almost as thick as thick steel bars.

"Pop!" There was a sound.

Even Bai Xiaosheng felt the pain, watching as the gloomy man's head jerked back as if he had been shot.

Then.

The man clutched his head with both hands and squatted down, seemingly fainting.

This move was probably more effective than pepper spray.

Bai Xiaosheng sighed.

Meanwhile, he saw a large bump forming on the guy's head.

Lei Ying stood in front of the man, bent down, and asked amiably, "Feeling more clear-headed?"

A shake of the head.

Seemed like he was even more dazed.

Lei Ying didn't care and continued to ask, "Are you going to keep causing trouble?"

A shake of the head.

Seemed like he dared not.

Lei Ying stood up, smiled at Bai Xiaosheng, and made a "please" gesture.

Bai Xiaosheng could only give a wry smile.

Lin Weiwei ran over, panting, stood nearby, and curiously watched the scene unfold.

Bai Xiaosheng squatted in front of the man, "So, shall we find a place to talk? It looks like your things are gone, and there's nowhere to chase after them, right?"

The man was silent.

He nodded his head.

Ten minutes later, the four of them were in a noodle shop.

Bai Xiaosheng and the others ate their noodles while the man just stared blankly at the noodles in front of him, not touching them.

"Eat up, things will always work out. You can talk to us about what happened," Bai Xiaosheng said with a smile.

The man looked somewhat miserable, he took off his glasses, wiped them with a tissue, and put them on again.

Truth be told, if he were a bit more rational, this was quite an attractive man.

Why insist on going mad with a brick, though?

"Earlier, I may have been rash. Please forgive me," the man said this much only, then picked up a cup of water next to him and drank it all in one gulp.

"Perhaps we can help you," Bai Xiaosheng kindly offered.

The man shook his head, "Some things, you can't help with! My bag didn't contain money, but it held someone's future and fate. I came to Tianqiu to save someone. Now, I've screwed it up!"

"My only hope is that those with ill intentions will not get off without retribution! May thunder strike them down!"

The man cursed, while also glancing at everyone present.

That look, full of insinuation...

You still suspect we have ulterior motives?!

Lin Weiwei was somewhat annoyed.

Does this have a hint of indirect criticism?

Who here doesn't have good intentions?

Lin Weiwei felt that this person was truly a bastard.

However, if she got angry because of this, wouldn't she be inviting insult?

Lin Weiwei silently composed herself.

Lei Ying's expression was also somewhat gloomy.

Bai Xiaosheng, on the other hand, remained calm and composed.

"If everyone is indeed intending to help me out of goodwill, and if there is any misunderstanding here, then I, Zhang Wenxin, would like to apologize first. Let's say I'm blind to kindness! I have other matters to attend to, so goodbye!"

After speaking, Zhang Wenxin stood up and, without looking back, walked away briskly.

"Hey!" Lin Weiwei frowned, seeming angry at the other's attitude.

Insulting without insulting, thankful without being thankful, what's with that!

"Forget it." Bai Xiaosheng chuckled, stopping Lin Weiwei and looked toward Zhang Wenxin's retreating figure, "Until now, he doesn't trust us, so let him be."

At this point, Bai Xiaosheng couldn't be bothered with that guy anymore.

"Let him be." Lei Ying took Zhang Wenxin's bowl of noodles and began eating heartily.

After eating, the three of them, Bai Xiaosheng, took a taxi to a hotel they had previously selected and checked in.

This location was convenient for their investigations.

Once in the hotel room, the three sat down together, and Bai Xiaosheng told Lei Ying the purpose of their trip.

"This is the first significant task we've received since our promotion. We need to do it beautifully!"

Lei Ying flexed his neck, feeling excited.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled and handed over a document to Lei Ying, "This is the evidence of Chen Yucheng's issues sent to me by Elder Xia, printed at the high-speed train station before we came. We've seen the electronic version; take a look at this."

Lei Ying nodded, took it, and began to peruse intently.

After looking at the first page, he smacked his lips.

"This bank account under Chen Yucheng's name has received tens of millions since three years ago, all large transactions, untouched. Recently, though, when there were inquiries, ATM footage showed Chen Yucheng himself. Tsk tsk, that should count as solid evidence! It seems there's no way he can clear himself of this," Lei Ying sighed.

"The accounts that transferred money into this card all belong to those criminals' private accounts. The next page has it!" Bai Xiaosheng said, "With such 'detailed' evidence, and there's a whole stack of it. Scary, isn't it!"

"Do we still need to investigate then?" Lei Ying couldn't help but ask.

This was already ironclad proof!

They could directly question this Chen Yucheng and then hand him over to the judiciary.

"Someone has paved the way for us to send Chen Yucheng all the way to jail!"

"I, however, don't want to follow their path!"

Bai Xiaosheng laughed, "If Chen Yucheng is being framed, I can't stand idly by!"

"If he really has serious issues, then I also need to find out the 'kind-hearted people' who 'helped' and take a good look at them!"

"Are those people really acting out of fairness and morality!"

Bai Xiaosheng's words made Lei Ying nod seriously, "I think you're making good sense!"

If this was truly for the benefit of the conglomerate, those people should have blown the whistle and exposed Chen Yucheng long ago.

But they didn't!

Probably, Chen Yucheng had hit their core interests!

"Let's investigate and drag those lurkers out of the shadows!" Lei Ying was still full of fighting spirit.

To him, the greater the difficulty, the more challenging it was.

Lin Weiwei also smiled; if Lei Ying had been this devoted from the start, he would probably be a complete workaholic.

Even now, he wasn't much different.

"Read the materials thoroughly; tomorrow, we officially start work!" Bai Xiaosheng stood up, pointed at those documents, and smiled at Lei Ying.

Right at this moment.

In the same hotel, on the floor three levels down from where Bai Xiaosheng and the others were staying.

In the same type of suite, in the living room.

A tea set was arranged on the coffee table, and a man in his forties was handling the tea set.

A complex preparation of Kung Fu Tea.

The man had a calm expression, neither arrogant nor restless.

A man in his forties with fair skin and a well-maintained physique, he almost looked like a man in his thirties at a glance.

At this moment, all his attention was focused on rinsing and brewing the tea, seemingly undisturbed by anything from the outside world.

In the other half of the living room.

The floor was densely covered with various documents, laid out page by page, like a tiled floor.

Someone knocked on the door outside.

The man remained unmoved, just raising his voice to call out, "Xiao Qiang."

"I'll get the door," a young man looking like an assistant replied, rushing to answer it.

The door opened.

There stood Zhang Wenxin, outside the door.

Chapter 1049: I'm Looking Forward to Bai Xiaosheng!

"Officer Zhang Wenxin, you, finally have arrived!"

Xiao Qiang, who opened the door, brightened the moment he saw Zhang Wenxin at the doorway, as if a flame of hope had ignited.

Zhang Wenxin was indeed an officer from the Greater China Region Affairs Department!

If Bai Xiaosheng and the others knew, they would be shocked.

They also wouldn't have expected to have a series of misunderstandings and frictions with an affairs officer.

It was like a flood washing out the Dragon King's temple.

This was not strange at all.

In fact, there were hundreds of affairs officers, and a significant portion of them were usually outside.

Let alone Bai Xiaosheng, even senior officers like Zheng Honghu and Li Haofeng might not recognize all the affairs officers.

When Bai Xiaosheng and Lin Yu competed for the Candidate Great Affairs Officer, Zhang Wenxin happened to be outside.

This time, Zhang Wenxin hurried back to headquarters, then rushed to Tianqiu.

His friend's problems had him extremely troubled.

He probably had no time to inquire about Bai Xiaosheng's "deeds."

Xiao Qiang's hopeful gaze fell on Zhang Wenxin, whose eyes grew even more indifferent and tired, his smile forced.

Seeing Zhang Wenxin's expression, Xiao Qiang seemed to sense something ominous, and his smile gradually froze.

"Are you there?" Zhang Wenxin's voice was somewhat hoarse.

"Here, here, please come in!" Xiao Qiang quickly ushered Zhang Wenxin in, pointing toward the room.

Zhang Wenxin nodded, hesitated a bit at his feet, but finally stepped into the suite's living room.

Actually, after parting with Bai Xiaosheng and the others, he frantically searched the place where the document bag was lost, like a madman.

Of course, to no avail.

This also considerably delayed him, making him even later than Bai Xiaosheng and the others.

Zhang Wenxin walked into the suite's living room and immediately saw the man sitting there drinking tea.

He was calm and composed, as steady as a mountain.

"Wenxin, you're here."

The man sitting at the coffee table, drinking Kung Fu Tea, smiled faintly when he saw Zhang Wenxin.

He gestured towards the seat opposite him, nudging his mouth.

He seemed to completely ignore the despondency on Zhang Wenxin's face.

Zhang Wenxin, feeling as if his legs were filled with lead, moved to sit opposite the man, heavily sitting down, and let out a long, dejected sigh.

"The items are gone!"

The man, still smiling, carefully poured a cup of Kung Fu Tea, nodded in satisfaction at the clear tea color, then pushed it towards Zhang Wenxin.

"Try this."

"Yucheng, I'm saying the items are gone! The evidence that proves your innocence has been stolen!" Zhang Wenxin couldn't help but raise his voice, seeing the other's leisurely attitude.

The man sitting opposite Zhang Wenxin was —

Chen Yucheng!

"Oh." Chen Yucheng responded, lifting a cup of tea, took a small sip, seemingly very satisfied with the tea's aftertaste.

Zhang Wenxin watched his friend's reaction, gave a bitter smile, then picked up the tea Chen Yucheng had offered him and drank it in one gulp, not minding whether it was hot or not.

After finishing the tea, Zhang Wenxin spoke—

"Sometimes I really don't understand you! What time is it now, and you can still be so laid-back; how big is your heart!"

"I've been frightened all the way here, bringing the documents, still being targeted, having the evidence stolen, and you're not worried at all!"

"I don't know if you just don't care about yourself or you've already given up!"

"Look, even Xiao Qiang is worried for you, and yet you give us this reaction?!"

Zhang Wenxin finally lost control and slammed the table and shouted.

Chen Yucheng finally put down his cup, his expression still calm.

"Wenxin, how do you think I should act now?" Chen Yucheng asked leisurely, "Anxious, irritable, unable to eat or sleep. Rushing back to headquarters, running to Mr. Xiahou Qi's office, holding a sign, crying out injustice?"

"Or angrily confronting the people across, pointing at their noses, crying out with blood-flecked words that shake the heaven, shouting 'You wronged me! I'm going to fight you!'"

Zhang Wenxin opened his mouth, but no sound came out.

He had no words to retort.

"Moreover, would those pieces of evidence clear me of all suspicion if they arrived?" Chen Yucheng asked.

"They could at least clear half..." Zhang Wenxin objected, looking at Chen Yucheng staring at him, then his voice trailed off, "They could lighten it a bit at least."

Chen Yucheng had him bring that part of the evidence.

Zhang Wenxin now only felt he had let down his friend, putting him in a disadvantageous position.

He felt incredibly distressed.

Chen Yucheng smiled.

"Those evidences weren't meant for clearing me. At least according to my plans, they weren't meant to be used that way."

Zhang Wenxin was taken aback and muttered, "Then what do you want to use them for?"

"I gave the originals to Elder Xia. What you brought were photocopies."

Chen Yucheng's words left Zhang Wenxin somewhat dazed.

He had found it strange at the time, wondering why he needed to bring evidence to Tianqiu instead of directly reporting it.

Turns out he had brought a photocopy.

But what was he doing in Tianqiu?

"It was me who disclosed your whereabouts," Chen Yucheng continued, "and it was inevitable that you would be robbed."

Zhang Wenxin was dumbfounded.

Over the years, he had never been able to figure out this close friend.

And now was no different!

"The very reason I asked you to bring it was for those people to see, to show them that their accusations had holes. When they rushed to cover one flaw, often, a bunch of others would be exposed," Chen Yucheng said with a smile.

This was "fishing"!

Facing a desperate situation, his own close friend actually wanted to "fish"!

Zhang Wenxin didn't know whether to admire him or to be dumbfounded.

"Moreover, it bought me some time. It also made them think I was busy clearing my name, so they wouldn't pursue me relentlessly."

Chen Yucheng's voice suddenly became stern, "And I, just have to keep a close watch on that target during this time!"

"In that case, even if I get taken down by them, don't you think I would still have gained something?" Chen Yucheng joked with a humorous smile.

Naturally, his words largely contained jest.

Chen Yucheng wasn't one to sit idly by and wait for ruin!

Zhang Wenxin silently stared at his friend.

Speechless for a long time.

Finally, he couldn't help but sigh, "You madman!"

But, he had to say, Chen Yucheng's attitude made people, especially those close to him, both resentful and helpless yet also quickly reassured.

At least, Zhang Wenxin felt less anxious than when he had arrived.

"Wenxin, since you came from headquarters, did you hear about any big news?" Chen Yucheng asked with a smile, "Like changes in personnel?"

"What news?" Zhang Wenxin asked blankly.

These days, he had been too busy running errands for his friend, even dispatching his administrative assistant.

Zhang Wenxin had long stopped keeping up with the headquarters' news.

"The Candidate Great Affairs Officer has been announced!" Chen Yucheng said cheerfully.

Zhang Wenxin jumped in surprise, asking, "Is it Lin Yu?"

"No, it's Bai Xiaosheng!"

"That person!" Zhang Wenxin exclaimed.

In the first half of the year, they had discussed this person.

Chen Yucheng smiled, "Surprising, right? Lin Yu, actually lost!"

"And to lose to Bai Xiaosheng!"

"Back when we talked about it, you didn't think highly of Officer Bai Xiaosheng. Bet you didn't expect, he would be the one to defeat Lin Yu!"

"What did I say back then? I bet on him, and I won!" Chen Yucheng seemed quite happy.

Zhang Wenxin seemed quite regretful, sighing, "Actually, it should have been you competing with Lin Yu! I believe, you had a chance to take that position."

Zhang Wenxin had great trust in Chen Yucheng.

"No, if it were me, I definitely wouldn't have had a chance!" Chen Yucheng was extremely certain, then laughed again, "Wenxin, you are really behind on the news. Just because I said Bai Xiaosheng was the candidate, you believed it?"

Zhang Wenxin was stupefied, "Are you kidding me, is Lin Yu still the candidate?"

Chen Yucheng laughed heartily.

"Bai Xiaosheng did win, but he's not the candidate anymore. Instead, he's the official Senior Affairs Officer now! Senior Affairs Officer Fang Beijun has been promoted into the Group!"

"Don't you even check the internal network updates!"

These words left Zhang Wenxin speechless.

These days, he hadn't had the mind to check the news.

To think that even the Senior Affairs Officer had changed!

"How could it be..." Zhang Wenxin muttered, "How could it happen so quickly!"

"Legendary, right? First defeat Lin Yu, then get promoted the next day! I have news that Senior Affairs Officer Bai Xiaosheng will come here to investigate my case."

Chen Yucheng looked quite expectant.

"Really looking forward to meeting this young man who could create such a miracle!"

"If he comes to investigate, I have high hopes!"

"If he can help me counterattack successfully in this incident, I would really like to befriend him!"

Chen Yucheng's smile was brimming.

At this very moment.

Tianqiu City's high-speed train station had a train stopping.

Many passengers disembarked from the train.

Among them, one person was surrounded by a crowd.

This person, even Bai Xiaosheng would be surprised to see.

Shen Yu!

The headquarters of the Beiyu Group is in Tianqiu!

Chapter 1050: The Theft Incident

Upon checking into the hotel that day, Bai Xiaosheng and his two companions stayed in their room to study the documents, examining the "solid evidence" that incriminated Chen Yucheng.

The evidence was detailed, accurate, and seemingly airtight.

Even more striking, some pieces of evidence subtly corroborated each other.

"Truly perfect!"

Even Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but marvel.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying were at a loss for a while.

Seeing the two a bit disheartened, Bai Xiaosheng comforted them with a smile, "Although we don't have an abundance of time, there is no need to find an entry point or breakthrough right away."

"We can study these materials over and over again, until we know them by heart."

"The more we read, the more we think, and the ideas will naturally emerge."

"Moreover, I want to find an opportunity to talk to these people tomorrow or the day after!"

A hint of anticipation shone through Bai Xiaosheng's smile.

"I have to meet those two provincial industrial leaders and that Chen Yucheng."

"Perhaps a chat with them could provide some unexpected insights!"

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying nodded one after another.

They naturally agreed with Bai Xiaosheng's thoughts.

There wasn't much happening that day.

As for the night, there was no conversation.

The next day, Bai Xiaosheng got up early.

Just after freshening up, someone knocked on the door.

He opened it to find Lin Weiwei standing at the entrance.

"Xiaosheng, sorry, I couldn't bring you breakfast," Lin Weiwei said with an apologetic face. "The hotel has a buffet on the first floor, free with a room card, but you can't take food out."

Bai Xiaosheng smiled, "No worries, I'll go down to eat. It'll be good to walk a bit more and get some exercise. Have you eaten yet? What about Lei Ying?"

"I've eaten. Lei Ying even earlier; when I went down, I saw him already out. He said he was going for a morning exercise," Lin Weiwei replied.

Even after entering the workforce, Lei Ying hadn't slacked off in his training.

A ten-kilometer run morning and evening, still weighted with lead-filled sandbags, was a staple of his routine.

Who knew what more extreme exercises he did behind closed doors.

For those who practice martial arts, the most important thing is to build strength and condition their bodies.

Bai Xiaosheng understood.

He let Lin Weiwei come in to rest a bit and look over the materials.

Then Bai Xiaosheng went downstairs to eat by himself.

They were staying on the fifteenth floor, and the elevator took a long time to arrive.

In the morning, it seemed that quite a few people were heading down for breakfast.

The elevator was packed with people, easily over twenty.

Men and women of various appearances.

Bai Xiaosheng glanced around.

Standing in an arc around the edge, he could just fit himself in.

At the front of the semi-circle, there were three people side by side.

On the far left was a hotel staff member, always smiling, who nodded politely when Bai Xiaosheng got on.

In the middle was a man in his forties, fair-skinned, with a gentle smile and distinguished demeanor.

And on the far right stood a man in a crisp suit, looking haughty, like some high-level white-collar worker.

After Bai Xiaosheng entered, the elevator descended smoothly.

During the wait, accompanied by a "ding", it reached the first floor.

Bai Xiaosheng stepped out of the elevator, and just a few steps away, he heard a scream from behind.

"My wallet is gone!"

The voice was incredibly sharp.

Even Bai Xiaosheng turned around in surprise.

The people coming down from the elevator also looked over curiously.

The man in the crisp suit, looking arrogant, was frantically patting his right pocket with an incredulous expression.

Then he turned, furious, toward the people around him, shouting, "Don't go, nobody leave!"

"When I got on the elevator, my wallet was still there. How could it be gone as soon as I got off!"

"One of you must have stolen my wallet!"

His angry shout made everyone exchange glances.

It's uncomfortable for anyone to be suddenly suspected as a thief.

"Are you crazy? I lose my wallet, and you're not letting us leave, get real," someone retorted, trying to leave.

"Whoever walks away is the thief!" the suited man declared forcefully.

The person who wanted to leave got angry when he noticed everyone staring at him, "Why the hell are you looking at me! Am I the thief? Fine, I won't leave! Let's find the thief then!"

With such a commotion, Bai Xiaosheng also couldn't leave and had to watch from the edge of the crowd.

Right beside Bai Xiaosheng was the man who had ridden the elevator with him, that calm and composed gentleman.

The man glanced at Bai Xiaosheng, who naturally also looked back at him.

Amidst the people's schadenfreude or impatience,

only these two remained calm and unfazed.

As if attracted by each other's composed demeanor, they exchanged a knowing smile.

Bai Xiaosheng didn't realize that the man beside him was Chen Yucheng!

And Chen Yucheng didn't know that he was standing next to Bai Xiaosheng!

Amid the argument, two security guards hurried over, one of them the chief of security.

"What's going on?!" the chief of security demanded urgently.

The man who had lost something immediately explained the situation.

Theft!

To have one's pockets picked, in this hotel, after so many years of such incidences being nonexistent.

The security chief was equally dumbfounded.

After a moment, the security chief said, "Sir, please don't panic. Can you remember when you last had your wallet and who were standing beside you?"

This seemed somewhat like an attempt to identify suspects.

"What do you mean, you suspect us?"

"Why should standing close be grounds for suspicion?"

Those who were about to be suspected, of course, did not take it well and started shouting.

The atmosphere became chaotic.

"Let's just call the police then! My wallet had important items in it as well as cash. It must be found!"

The man who had lost his wallet shouted loudly.

"Right, call the police!"

"Call the police, call the police!"

The onlookers started to clamor.

"What is this?!" Suddenly, someone exclaimed.

Everyone looked over.

The hotel employee in the elevator was deathly pale, holding a wallet in his trembling hands.

It seemed he had just taken it out of his pocket.

"This is my wallet!" The man who had lost his wallet snatched it away and quickly flipped through it.

"It was you!" He grabbed the other man by the collar and shouted to those nearby, "Everyone, look, this is their hotel staff, a thief."

All at once, there was a public uproar.

No one liked being falsely accused.

But seeing the thief caught, and it being a member of the hotel staff.

Suddenly, everyone's "blood" and "sense of justice" was aroused, and they began pointing fingers and denouncing the hotel employee.

"I can't believe it, a hotel employee turned out to be a thief!"

"The moment we talked about calling the police, it was found, obviously out of fear!"

"My God, this is a den of thieves!"

"In that case, the hotel has to give an explanation!"

Many people even raised their phones to record the scene.

"It wasn't me, I didn't take it, I don't know why it was in my pocket!" The employee looked terrified and kept explaining.

Unfortunately, no one listened to him.

Seeing is believing, the evidence was irrefutable!

Could there be any doubt?

The crowd became even more incensed, demanding to call the police and for the hotel to provide compensation.

It seemed to inspire the man who had lost his wallet, who immediately nodded, "Right, they should compensate us!"

All of a sudden, the crowd reached a consensus and grabbed the security chief.

The security chief was sweating profusely and at a loss for what to do.

After all, his side was in the wrong.

The evidence was conclusive!

Their anger was not to be trifled with!

"What's going on here!" The crowd parted as the hotel manager hurried over.

Upon his arrival, he was immediately besieged.

People were talking all at once, explaining the situation, making accusations, and cursing.

Upon learning the truth, the hotel manager broke out in a cold sweat!

This was not just an incident affecting one or two employees; it would have an impact on the entire hotel!

So many witnesses had turned it into an undeniable fact. Was there any point in asking further?

The situation had to be handled properly!

And quickly!

It was best to settle the matter quietly!

Just as hospitals feared medical disputes, hotels dreaded reputation damage.

"Sir, please come to my office so we can deal with this. I will definitely provide you with a reasonable explanation," the hotel manager pleaded with the man.

Now, settling privately was best!

Better than letting it get out!

The hotel employee, whose collar was being gripped by the victim, was now a mess of tears and snot, crying out desperately.

His voice was filled with despair.

"It was not me!"

"I truly didn't steal it!"

"Really, it wasn't me!"

Unfortunately, no one paid him any attention.

Even the hotel manager, supposedly one of his own, turned a blind eye to his cries.

Treating him as if he was of no consequence!

Chen Yucheng's gaze turned cold as he took a step forward, but he heard someone speak out before him, their voice clear and sharp—

"Wait a minute!"

"The thief is not him!"

Bai Xiaosheng stepped forward.