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Chapter 1181 - So What If You Are Bai Xiaosheng!_3

"And besides, in a race for speed, how could he possibly be faster than so many of us!"

"If he, Bai Xiaosheng, were really that godly, I might as well take his surname!"

Lin Yu's remarks were bold.

But this time, Shen Peishen did not object for once.

Because in his view, it was indeed so!

"Bai Xiaosheng, I've blocked your chariot, cannon, and pawns, I've banned your small soldiers, what do you have to compete with me in this game of chess!" Shen Peishen thought to himself.

"Even if you are Bai Xiaosheng, so what!"

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Lin Ke slumped down, muttering, "Then we'll just focus on analyzing the articles posted and disseminated by Wu Media Group, as many as we can get through in one night. We do our best and leave the rest to fate..."

Lin Ke's voice was filled with weakness and dejection.

The volume of articles circulated by Wu Media Group must be as numerous as hairs on an ox!

"Lin, I think you misunderstood what I was saying just now." Lin Weiwei looked at Lin Ke, her eyes unusually serious.

Lin Ke was taken aback and looked up at her.

"As for the analysis of those articles, we've already finished everything." Lin Weiwei said word by word.

Finished... everything?!

Lin Ke was stunned.

It was as if she had heard something inconceivable, or perhaps she had misunderstood.

"You're saying that you've... completed the analysis of all the articles published by Wu Media Group?"
Lin Ke seemed to understand, and she was immediately astounded.

But then she thought about it; Lin Weiwei had said that they had already started working on it during their journey.

They had been on the road for roughly three hours, either on the high-speed train or in the taxi. How was it possible to finish analyzing the current stream of articles from Wu Media Group in such a harsh environment!

Had someone else said it, Lin Ke would not have believed it.

But considering Bai Xiaosheng and the others were doing it, she really held some hope.

After all, the miracles created by Bai Xiaosheng were not just once or twice.

Lin Weiwei glanced at Bai Xiaosheng, who was eating, and murmured, "Not just the articles from Wu Media Group... it's the whole internet, everything related to this matter up until half an hour ago!"

Lin Weiwei spoke very slowly and paused several times, so Lin Ke could hear more clearly.

And while she spoke, her own voice was slightly rushed.

In fact, most of the work had been done by Bai Xiaosheng, and she and Lei Ying were struck dumb when they found out, unable to recover for a long while.

Because the scope of the work was so astounding and immense!

Hearing Lin Weiwei say so, Lin Ke was utterly dumbfounded.

Her eyes were wide open, staring at Lin Weiwei as if hearing some heavenly scripture.

"And furthermore, Xiaosheng has made inferences, analyzing the media strategy of our opponents, in four phases, three and a half hours per phase..." Lin Weiwei muttered, "Xiaosheng even prepared a simplified version of the analysis for us. I looked at the newly published articles..."

"Xiaosheng's judgment is correct!" Lin Weiwei swallowed and said.

Lin Ke sat there, motionless like a wooden chicken, staring blankly at Lin Weiwei, and then even more blankly towards Bai Xiaosheng.

As if she heard something utterly impossible!

Her worldview shattered!

Originally, she thought it was impossible for everyone to finish in one night, yet Bai Xiaosheng and the others had already completed it on the way here?

That phrase "Leave everything to me" was not just said.

It was done!

"Let's eat, eat well, have a bit more, and then we have work to do next!" Bai Xiaosheng lifted his head and said with a smile to Lin Ke.

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In a certain airspace, ten thousand meters above the ground, a business class cabin of an airplane was booked entirely.

Wei Xuelian was reviewing a report after dinner, her demeanour focused and serious.

Halfway through, she took a break and had a cup of coffee.

"Miss, you can only stay for two hours in the next city, so we need to hurry over there. But fortunately, we can take our own plane for the following journey, but the scheduling is very tight." Liu Wudao spoke from the side, his voice not without complaint, "It can only be said that your delay in Nandu has caused us to chase the schedule for the entire plan."

Wei Xuelian nodded, then she looked up at Liu Wudao, "That Wu Yangwei, does his Wu Family have a lot of influence in Nandu?"

Liu Wudao sneered disdainfully, "Just a local snake! If you are unsatisfied, wiping out the Wu Family along with them wouldn't be a difficult matter."

Before the Wei Family, a mere local family business was like an insignificant ant.

However, Wei Xuelian furrowed her brows, talking to herself, "That Wu Yangwei said he wanted to deal with Sheng, and I'm not at ease about it! But if I ask Sheng, I'm afraid he won't say. Keep an eye on it and see what they're up to."

Her own miss, still worrying over that Bai bastard! Liu Wudao was unhappy.

In his heart, he wished Wu Yangwei would step up, and give Bai Xiaosheng a good thrashing.

However, under Wei Xuelian's gaze, Liu Wudao could only vaguely reply, "Right now, it's not possible to do anything on the airplane. As you know, domestic flights don't allow phone calls or internet access."

"Then just note it down, and after we land, keep an eye on the situation over there and report to me," Wei Xuelian said, lowering her head to continue looking at the report.

After just a few glances, she raised her head again, very earnestly admonishing, "You must, remember it!"

Chapter 1182 - How to Fight This Battle?

In the hotel room where Lin Ke was staying, Bai Xiaosheng and three others gathered around the sofa. There were four laptops on the coffee table.

It was already 10 o'clock in the evening.

Just now, Bai Xiaosheng had analyzed the new articles that appeared online in the past few hours and revised the initial analysis report, which he shared with the three others.

The analysis was done by Bai Xiaosheng himself, without any help from others.

However, Bai Xiaosheng also mentioned that he was not working on this alone. Zunbai Zhisheng, a business data service company, provided the data support.

Bai Xiaosheng said that the company had his friends, so getting some data was no problem at all.

Lin Ke finally had her realization.

Knowing that Bai Xiaosheng was not really "non-human", she felt inexplicably relieved.

Lin Ke knew about Zunbai Zhisheng that provided the data; it was a big data company even Elder Xia praised, and the group was also planning to cooperate with them.

She didn't expect that Bai Xiaosheng knew people from Zunbai Zhisheng, and it seemed he was acquainted with someone high up!

With this knowledge, Lin Ke also understood why Bai Xiaosheng could analyze those pieces of information so quickly.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying, being close to Bai Xiaosheng, naturally knew that Zunbai Zhisheng was truly "one of their own."

But since Bai Xiaosheng did not expose it, they naturally couldn't mention it.

It wasn't that they didn't trust Lin Ke, but they wanted to avoid many unnecessary troubles.

After all, Bai Xiaosheng was still young to become a Senior Affairs Officer, let alone control such a powerful data analysis company in Asia-Pacific, many things said would need explanations.

Now was not the time for explanations.

In fact, neither Lin Ke, Lin Weiwei, nor Lei Ying knew.

Initially, Bai Xiaosheng did not notify anyone from Zunbai Zhisheng.

Because he could handle this analysis work by himself!

And he could do it even better!

After all, Red Lotus's efficiency was unparalleled!

Nearly instantly, Red Lotus could retrieve all articles online.

Content comparison, content analysis, situation prediction...

Human brains simply could not compare!

Bai Xiaosheng acted as a "checker" and a "thinker" based on the results generated by Red Lotus.

There was plenty of time.

Now, the report analyzing the media strategy of the opposition was ready and updated.

According to the situation, it was time for Bai Xiaosheng and his team to take action.

"Actually, I've handled many crisis events before," Lin Ke began, "but each time, they didn't happen to me, so I didn't feel much. Today, happening directly to me, it completely baffled me; fortunately, you came, or I would remain clueless."

Lin Ke was right.

This time, if Bai Xiaosheng hadn't arrived timely for comfort.

She probably couldn't even stay calm.

"But I am still very confused, having no good ideas. I must rely on you to make arrangements this time; I will follow your command," Lin Ke seriously told Bai Xiaosheng, "Now, what should we do!"

Bai Xiaosheng smiled.

"In crisis incident management, if it's a corporation, they must step forward immediately to take all the questions and responsibilities, be clear and decisive, and not slow to respond, showing a responsible attitude and quick action. Otherwise, the situation will further deteriorate."

"For individuals, the principles are similar!"

"Silence implies agreement. Rebuttals, without evidence, appear weak. But ultimately, one has to present a stance!"

With that said, Lin Ke was startled, "It's been several hours now! Are we too late?"

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying exchanged smiles.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled at Lin Ke, "On our way here, I had already arranged for lawyers to file a defamation lawsuit against Wu Media Group at Qinggang Court, accusing them of misrepresentation and violating media fairness principles."

"Regarding the quality issues of the Qinggang Yunhe project, I've applied for a third-party to conduct a quality investigation to prove that there is no need for so-called cover-ups and buying off public opinion in this project because it exists only minor flaws."

"I also had the headquarters issue a report under your name, an approved compensation plan for the Qinggang Yunhe project owners, to demonstrate your proactive attitude in handling this situation!"

"Thank you for explaining things to Elder Xia in advance. He approved this matter just before Shen Peishen and others initiated the public opinion at headquarters."

"These three things were done even before the media stirred up the matter!"

Bai Xiaosheng smiled, "Although it seems like it didn't make much noise in this wave of public opinion, luckily we acted early enough. Consider it as laying down three nails as foreshadowing, as long as we amplify our voice promptly, it will bring us unexpected joys later!"

What Bai Xiaosheng said surprised Lin Ke.

He was actually analyzing the situation and implementing counter-strategies during his journey!

That's fast!

And his thoughts are so clear!

Lin Ke stared in amazement, genuinely impressed.

"That's not all we have done." Lin Weiwei whispered with a smile.

When Lin Weiwei looked at Bai Xiaosheng, her eyes were full of admiration.

How can one's thoughts be so agile and comprehensive!

Xiaosheng, truly worthy of being the youngest Senior Affairs Officer in history.

Lei Ying also looked emotional, feeling extremely convinced.

"I really see you in a new light now, Xiaosheng the Senior Affairs Officer!"

Listening to Lin Weiwei, Lin Ke couldn't help but exhale deeply, feeling an implicit worship towards Bai Xiaosheng for the first time.

She wanted to thank him again, but she knew Bai Xiaosheng didn't like that sort of thing and wasn't one for affectation.

Changing the subject, Lin Ke asked, "So... what do we do now?"

Bai Xiaosheng pondered briefly, then said, "Shen Peishen and his group are leveraging both internal and external public opinion to force the headquarters' hand, pushing this matter to nearly uncontrollable limits to compel the headquarters to deal with us and quell the storm. What do you think we should do?"

Bai Xiaosheng must have some ideas, otherwise, he wouldn't be so interested and relaxed to encourage a 'brainstorming session.'

Seeing him so composed, Lin Ke felt an inexplicable sense of security.

She settled her mind and hesitantly suggested, "Could we engage them in a public opinion battle?"

Turn their strategy against them.

Public opinion isn't like other things; you can't delay or dodge indefinitely.

If someone accuses us and we do not respond, it becomes a case of repeated lies becoming truth, pushing the uninformed public to stand against us.

If the opponent's momentum strengthens, our side will inevitably weaken. Like colliding waves, the bigger wave prevails without doubt.

Lin Ke's suggestion made Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying nod as well.

"A public opinion battle? We're not scared; Xiaosheng is good friends with Lu Qingfeng from Tengyun Group! We have connections in online media!" Lin Weiwei said.

Lin Ke was startled, "Bai Xiaosheng, you know Lu Qingfeng?! He's the future helmsman of Tengyun!"

Lin Ke was utterly shocked.

If only she knew that Bai Xiaosheng had a decade-long promise with Lu Yun, was not only friends with Lu Qingfeng but also close buddies with Lu Yun's future son-in-law, she'd be even more amazed.

"Using some contacts, we can also pull in more influencers to support us and even cause the opponent's influencers to defect," Lei Ying suggested.

Not just the Lu Family, but also support could be sought from Master Song Kai, whose influence spreads far and wide, yet another terrifying card yet to be played.

Seeing the trio's heated discussion, Bai Xiaosheng suddenly laughed.

"A battle of public opinion, fought through media, indeed the thought process is correct."

"But with this to-and-fro bombardment, we are actually still at a disadvantage."

"How about taking a more unconventional approach?"

Hearing Bai Xiaosheng suggest this, Lin Weiwei, Lei Ying, and Lin Ke looked at him curiously.

"So, how exactly should we tackle this delayed public opinion battle?" Lin Ke asked.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled.

"How to fight? Well, that would naturally be—"

"Seizing the headlines!"

Chapter 1183 - See You Tomorrow

Bai Xiaosheng said how to fight the next public opinion war.

A single sentence had Lin Ke, Lin Weiwei, and Lei Ying exchange perplexed glances.

Seize... the headlines?

What does that mean?

Could it be that Bai Xiaosheng wants to stir up something new on this matter, to create some new hot topic, and reach new heights, overpowering the momentum of the other party?

But, how difficult that would be!

The other side has a massive number of media people operating, playing the game of public opinion; they are the professionals!

Those people find the most brilliant points to focus on, instantly diverting public attention!

Now they want to explore new hot topics and also "seize the headlines" – is that even possible?

Besides, wouldn't new hot topics only exacerbate the situation?

How would that be beneficial to them?

Right now, shouldn't they be trying to calm things down as much as possible?

All three couldn't fathom Bai Xiaosheng's intention, including Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying.

On the way here, Lin Weiwei and the others only knew that Bai Xiaosheng had contacted some people and dealt with some other matters.

But the specifics were unclear.

At this moment, they were all astonished, looking at Bai Xiaosheng for a further explanation.

However, Bai Xiaosheng just smiled cheerfully, stopped talking, and instead got up, stretched lazily, closed the laptop used for adjusting the analytical report, and gave off an air of mystery.

"Now, I can't say."

"Wait until tomorrow, and you will know!"

He was taunting them.

Given Lin Ke's usual temper, she wouldn't have been able to stand it and would have pressed for answers.

But right now, Bai Xiaosheng had come all this way "to save her," and Lin Ke was deeply moved, somehow managing to suppress the urge to press Bai Xiaosheng further.

"So what do we do now?" Lin Ke asked.

"Now?" Bai Xiaosheng said matter-of-factly, "Go to sleep, to replenish energy and vigor!"

"Also, let the little seeds I planted ferment and sprout, by tomorrow, it will be just about time!"

"Furthermore, tomorrow you'll accompany me to meet the Wu Family!"

At this point in his speech, a flash of cold light flickered in Bai Xiaosheng's eyes.

In Nandu, Wu Yangwei had picked on Bai Xiaosheng more than once, and he remembered it well.

Discovering the situation along the way,

the Wu Media Group of the Wu Family even dared to help Shen Peishen against Lin Ke, against him, Bai Xiaosheng!

Then, this matter needed a thorough discussion indeed!

"But the Wu Family people should be in Nandu," Lin Ke couldn't help saying.

Having been in Nandu for a few days, she naturally knew about the Nandu Wu Family.

Gong Shuangyu had also briefed her about the Wu Media Group.

Although Wu Media Group had an office building here, shouldn't Pi Dalei go to the Wu Family headquarters to report?

"Heh heh," Bai Xiaosheng chuckled coldly, very certain, "Want to bet that Wu Dazun and Pi Dalei, who bothered you, are right now in Qinggang!"

After all, with such a big "collaboration" between the Wu Family and Shen Peishen's side, how could they not come over to keep an eye on things!

That's why Bai Xiaosheng could state it with such confidence.

And he was not mistaken.

At this very moment, in the Wu Media Group headquarters building in Qinggang, in a hotel nearby, within a top-tier suite.

Wu Dazun and Pi Dalei were there, and even Wu Yangwei was present.

After getting beaten up in the park, Wu Yangwei naturally did not dare to mention it to Wu Dazun, but the housekeeper was terrified to hide it and immediately phoned his own master.

Wu Dazun then gave his good-for-nothing son a furious scolding over the phone.

This time Wu Yangwei had no temper left, nor did he dare to mention that it was a beautiful woman accompanied by a group of demon-like bodyguards who beat up those street fighters he brought in, much like bullying a dog...

It seemed that woman had quite the background...

Wu Yangwei had never been so obedient before, which made Wu Dazun's temper, as unpredictable as a summer rain, comes quickly and goes just as fast.

After scolding his son, Wu Dazun then summoned him to Qinggang.

Over the phone, he mentioned that Bai Xiaosheng, who had once bullied him, was already here.

This time, that Bai would be utterly doomed!

The news astonished and surprised Wu Yangwei, and he also felt a bit amazed.

How could his father have so quickly avenged him, and why go to Qinggang instead of Nandu?

Wu Yangwei didn't know.

Firstly, Wu Dazun was happy because things had gone smoothly. Secondly, as his precious son was usually spoiled excessively, and now that he had been wronged, naturally he wanted his son to come and blow off some steam, while also showing off just how intimidating he, the father, could be.

Wu Yangwei, a bit delayed, also rushed over, arriving at Qinggang at nine o'clock.

At the moment, with the three members of the Wu Family gathered, they were all satisfied as they viewed the overwhelming internet hostility directed against Lin Ke, with follow-up reports which practically named Bai Xiaosheng explicitly.

"This time, our Wu Family has joined forces with a big shot to deal with that Bai. He won't be able to escape even with wings!"

Wu Dazun, holding a tall crystal glass, looked at the wine inside and felt delighted. "If this goes well, the benefits the Wu Family will receive are beyond your imagination. We could climb another level within five years!"

"Really? That's fantastic, definitely worth celebrating!" Pi Dalei's face was full of smiles.

"This time, you've made a great contribution. Later on, I'll increase your equity shares! Dalei, keep up the good work!" Wu Dazun laughed.

Pi Dalei nodded rapidly, "Definitely, rest assured!"

"I just want to see that Bai dead!" said Wu Yangwei at the side, his face contorted, speaking through a mouth that leaked air.

Having been beaten twice, he even lost two teeth. Though the Wu Family was plenty wealthy, losing all his teeth and getting them replaced wasn't an issue, but enduring the beating was.

Even worse, he'd lost face.

"Don't worry, son." Wu Dazun, seeing his son was so beaten his own mother wouldn't recognize him, felt considerable heartache and at the same time, secretly relieved that the old lady had gone shopping in Europe, or else the home would be turned upside down.

Not to mention that old lady, even his own father wouldn't let him off if he saw his grandson like this.

So, Wu Dazun made a call, urging his son to hurry up and come to Qinggang.

Partly for vengeance, partly to save himself some trouble.

Of course, his love and indulgence for this sole offspring went without saying.

"That Bai has arrived in Qinggang. Tomorrow, I'll find a time to take you to see him, to take a look at his wretched and dog-like manner!" Wu Dazun sneered, "Also, to subtly hint that if he, that Bai, is willing to grovel, and apologize nicely..."

"Then we will... continue to play him until he's dead!"

Listening to Wu Dazun's words, Wu Yangwei couldn't help but laugh with pleasure, although it came out with a duck-like sound, mixed with some painful groans.

His facial injuries really hurt.

"This matter, let me take care of it. Tomorrow, I'll make sure to find him and have him come here so Yangwei can vent his anger." Pi Dalei volunteered.

Even as an elder, Wu Yangwei still patted Pi Dalei's shoulder, a gesture of approval.

Pi Dalei actually smiled and took it calmly.

This showed that he knew Wu Yangwei's status was far above his own, despite the so-called seniority.

It likely didn't occur to the Wu Family that the Bai Xiaosheng they were planning to find tomorrow was also thinking of finding them.

Meanwhile.

In another five-star hotel in Qinggang, there resided some guests that even Bai Xiaosheng wouldn't anticipate—

Wen Yan, Ruan Yu, and that old Huang.

As members of the group's headquarters' inspection team, they held not insignificant positions.

They had caught wind of the news and rushed over from another city, having just settled in.

Their channels of information were incredibly efficient.

They knew Bai Xiaosheng was here too.

In front of Wen Yan, a Go board was set up, and he was engrossed in contemplation by himself.

Looking at the interwoven spread of black and white stones, fierce with killing intent.

He himself held a black piece, lazily tapping it against the board, a leisurely sound resounding, much in the spirit of "casual knocking of chess pieces under the lamplight."

"Young Master, are we not going to do something about the situation here?" The European butler, a bald man named Huang, inquired anxiously. His Chinese was excellent and very magnetic.

"This game is interesting," Wen Yan smiled as he looked at the board; it was unclear what he was referring to, "It's sufficient just to watch, why step into the fray ourselves? That would go against our agreement to 'diminish our presence' before arriving."

"Moreover, it's just a small scene."

"If that Bai Xiaosheng can't handle it, I will be very disappointed!" Wen Yan looked up at old Huang with a smile, "Old Huang, wouldn't you agree?"

Chapter 1184 - Is This Kid a Demon!

The next morning, Bai Xiaosheng got up unusually early, called Lin Ke, Lin Weiwei, and Lei Ying to have breakfast together, then headed straight to the Wu Media Group's office location in Qinggang.

During the drive, Bai Xiaosheng closed his eyes to rest, seemingly lost in thought, with a constant faint smile on his lips.

"It looks like he's in a good mood," Lin Ke couldn't help but mutter to Lin Weiwei, "What did he mean by 'snatching the headlines' yesterday? I still don't understand it now."

"I'm not clear either," Lin Weiwei shook her head.

She was browsing the news on her phone, checking for new articles about the issue. It was still the negative news from Wu Media Group waving the flag, dominating the main position, and not shaken by any new hotspots.

Bai Xiaosheng mentioned "planting a seed" to ferment overnight, but until now, there hasn't been any feedback.

This time, even Lin Weiwei couldn't grasp the situation.

As for Lei Ying, it seemed like he believed whatever Bai Xiaosheng said. He didn't bother to think about the actual situation and was rather carefree.

"Bai Xiaosheng, why don't you share your plan with us?" Lin Ke couldn't help but ask Bai Xiaosheng.

"Plan?" Bai Xiaosheng opened his eyes and smiled, "Are you talking about our current plan?"

Lin Ke nodded hurriedly, "Yes."

"Now, I'm taking you to the Wu Family to give them a piece of my mind so that they understand who they've offended. They better change their ways in time, or else I won't be polite to the Wu Family. You've been warned!" Bai Xiaosheng said with a stern tone, "If possible, I also want to teach that bastard Wu Yangwei a lesson. Every time he troubles me, it was Liu Wudao who taught him, which I deeply regret."

Was Bai Xiaosheng serious about any of this?

Lin Ke couldn't help but roll her eyes at him and decided not to ask anymore.

She didn't believe that Bai Xiaosheng got up this early just to fight with the Wu Family.

Impossible!

Seeing that she no longer asked, Bai Xiaosheng smiled again and closed his eyes to rest.

Wu Media Group's office building is in the bustling CBD area of Qinggang, occupying an entire office building which they own. Though more than half is leased out.

Yet, the remaining size is still comparable to half of Zhongjing Media.

As Bai Xiaosheng and his group arrived, Pi Dalei was just about to leave, instructing something to the receptionist.

Lin Ke spotted him right away and whispered to Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng observed Pi Dalei from afar, walking over with the three.

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After Pi Dalei finished instructing, he turned around, looking to ask a friend in the hotel industry to help search for Bai Xiaosheng.

As he looked up, he saw a group of people walking through the door.

Leading the group was a man and a woman, with another man and a woman following.

Pi Dalei instantly recognized Lin Ke.

"Why is she here?" This thought barely formed in his mind when his face switched to a welcoming smile.

"Oh, isn't this Officer Lin? What brings you to Wu Media Group? Are you looking to be interviewed?" Pi Dalei joked with a grin.

His expression was despicable, and his tone even worse.

While speaking, Pi Dalei assessed the other three.

Walking side by side with Lin Ke was a young man, followed by an elegant-looking woman, and a burly man.

Pi Dalei couldn't help but take a second look at Bai Xiaosheng, without giving it much thought.

Wu Dazun only mentioned that Shen Peishen was joining them to deal with a Senior Affairs Officer named Bai, without describing Bai Xiaosheng's appearance or age.

Nor did he provide detailed information about Bai Xiaosheng to Pi Dalei.

Pi Dalei, searching the accommodation records, only checked by personal name.

He naturally assumed that the high-profile person they were dealing with must be over fifty.

Although he heard about a top genius in his forties in the Zhenbei Group's Greater China Region, it couldn't possibly be someone as young as the present young man.

Therefore, Pi Dalei didn't pay much attention to Bai Xiaosheng.

Hearing Pi Dalei mocking her, Lin Ke's eyes flashed with anger. Her temper would have flared on any other day.

Especially since they were in private, not in public.

However, before she could erupt, a warm hand landed on her shoulder.

Bai Xiaosheng also stepped forward.

Lin Ke's aggression subdued, and she naturally took a step back.

Pi Dalei was openly provoking!

Even worse, he hadn't said the more offensive things.

He didn't care what Lin Ke was here for; as long as he could capture Lin Ke losing her temper on camera, his crew could take photos and record, allowing the event to escalate.

"Troublemaker causing a stir in the media, either completely incompetent or utterly unprincipled!"

Pi Dalei even had the headline ready in a split second.

These little tricks were immediately obvious to Bai Xiaosheng.

After all, he had been the General Manager at a genuine media company.

Seeing Lin Ke on the verge of anger being smoothly subdued, Pi Dalei was also taken aback.

Noticing the young man with Lin Ke looking at him, Pi Dalei scrutinized him in return.

At first glance, nothing out of the ordinary, but on closer inspection, the young man seemed like a calm lake; peaceful on the surface but with unknown depths!

"We're not here for an interview; we're here to find someone," Bai Xiaosheng said indifferently.

"Looking for someone? I am the General Manager here; you can talk to me," Pi Dalei sized up Bai Xiaosheng, asking provocatively, "Who are you, exactly?"

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Pi Dalei's attitude made Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying's expressions turn cold.

Bai Xiaosheng did not get angry at all, his discerning eyes could naturally see through Pi Dalei's pretense of bravado.

Such caliber of person was not worth his emotional disturbance.

Bai Xiaosheng remained calm, "My name is Bai Xiaosheng, the Senior Affairs Officer for the Zhenbei Group in the Greater China Region. Call the head of the Wu Family, and I will speak with him."

Pi Dalei was stunned, his expression suddenly changed.

This young man is the Bai, the Senior Executive Officer, that Mr. Wu mentioned? How could he be so young!

And he wants to meet Mr. Wu? How does he know Mr. Wu is here, and what is this meeting about?

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Pi Dalei, for a moment, was flooded with countless questions.

However, Pi Dalei's face still tried to maintain calm as he snorted, "Our Mr. Wu isn't someone who meets just anyone on a whim."

"Not meeting? Then I will leave now, and when Mr. Wu wishes to see me later, it might not be so easy." Bai Xiaosheng spoke calmly, not in a threatening tone, seemingly stating a fact, even beginning to turn to leave.

Seeing Bai Xiaosheng seriously about to leave,

Pi Dalei panicked.

The man was a Senior Affairs Officer in the Greater China Region of Zhenbei Group, just a Senior Affairs Officer like the one they collaborated with. To let him leave so easily, if Mr. Wu blames me later, can I bear it?

Considering his own familial status...

Pi Dalei suddenly realized—

It might not work!

"Wait, Mr. Bai, just... don't rush," Pi Dalei's tone clearly turned weaker, but he still tried to "struggle," "Actually, I'm also somewhat part of the Wu Family, you can first talk to me."

First stall him, then secretly ask Mr. Wu, without any delay!

To Pi Dalei, this seemed the safest method.

"You?" Unexpectedly, Bai Xiaosheng shook his head indifferently, "You are not qualified!"

Pi Dalei was momentarily stunned, and the employees behind him were dumbfounded.

Even Lin Ke, Lin Weiwei, and Lei Ying were quite astonished.

Bai Xiaosheng's words were indeed blunt and harsh enough to wound!

Pi Dalei also wanted to throw back some tough words, but considering their respective statuses, he found no suitable words.

"Don't think that my coming in person grants your Wu Family the qualifications to converse with me."

"I merely do not want you to die unenlightened, which would be very uninteresting."

"Today I have some words for you, even for Mr. Wu, it's only this one opportunity!"

"Whether you listen or not is up to you, but when the Wu Family falls, you can't blame Bai Xiaosheng for being ruthless and not giving you a chance."

Bai Xiaosheng looked directly into Pi Dalei's eyes, saying these words, line by line; these words might seem extremely "arrogant" to others, but Pi Dalei, staring into Bai Xiaosheng's eyes, couldn't help feeling palpitations.

He suddenly realized, facing this young man, the authority he exuded completely overwhelmed him, rendering him utterly incapable of resistance.

Always in a high position, controlling people's futures, holding their destinies.

Every glance and word carried accumulated authority.

Pi Dalei's face forced a smile, his lips dry, he suddenly didn't know how to respond.

"Since Bai, the Senior Executive Officer, has graced us with his presence, how could Mr. Wu dare not meet?"

Suddenly, a voice came.

Pi Dalei, hearing this voice, immediately felt relieved, as if a savior had arrived.

Bai Xiaosheng looked up.

Mr. Wu, already with a smiling face, emerged from the corridor inside, his son Wu Yangwei following behind him, bandaged like a zongzi, his gaze towards Bai Xiaosheng filled with hatred.

This young Mr. Wu, who took people to confront Miss Wei Xuelian, seems to have been severely reprimanded by Liu Wudao.

With Mr. Wu's appearance, including Pi Dalei, everyone from Wu Media Group immediately stood in respectful greeting.

It seemed this head of the Wu Family indeed acted like an emperor.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying couldn't help but sigh inwardly.

Lin Ke let out an almost inaudible cold huff.

The Wu Family colluding with Shen Peishen, this Mr. Wu, appearing righteous, must also be no good person!

But Bai Xiaosheng appeared completely indifferent, not changing his demeanor even with Mr. Wu's appearance, his look of contempt for everything, even Mr. Wu couldn't help but admire a bit.

Indeed, the man Shen Peishen wanted to deal with, despite his young age, possessed such an extraordinary composure, not to be underestimated!

"Since Officer Bai Xiaosheng has come, please, let's talk inside!" Mr. Wu invited with a smile.

Bai Xiaosheng made no pretenses, just nodded, walked confidently ahead with Lin Ke and the others directly towards the inside.

Mr. Wu welcomed them all the way to the guest room.

Wu Yangwei, following behind Mr. Wu, had a sullen face, simmering with anger, managing to contain it, probably cautioned by Mr. Wu.

Whether Mr. Wu and Wu Yangwei "just happened" to be in the corridor, or heard Bai Xiaosheng and Pi Dalei talking, is unknown.

Entering the guest room, they took their respective seats.

In the entire room, there were only Bai Xiaosheng's four people and Mr. Wu's three. Tea was served, the door was closed, truly leaving no outsiders.

"This must be Officer Lin Ke, regarding your issue, I'm very sorry..." Mr. Wu began with a smile.

"There's nothing to be sorry about, it's my subordinate who is inferior in skill, a small misstep in strategy, no one else is to blame." Bai Xiaosheng picked up the tea, tasted it, slightly shook his head,

seeming quite unimpressed, set it down, and smiled as he looked up at Mr. Wu, "I didn't come this early in the morning to exchange pleasantries or play act with Mr. Wu. Instead, I came to ask, what exactly does the Wu Family want?"

Chapter 1186 - Is This Kid a Demon?!_3

Mr. Bai Xiaosheng's words were direct enough to catch people off guard.

"What do we want?" Wu Dazun laughed, "I really don't know what Mr. Bai Xiaosheng means by that."

Wu Yangwei glared at Bai Xiaosheng.

But after Lei Ying gave him a cold glance, he shifted his gaze away.

Wang Nanbei had mentioned that the guy surnamed Bai and the big man by his side were really fierce. If they were cornered like a desperate dog and attacked, he wouldn't be able to withstand it.

"He, twice led people against me and my friends," Bai Xiaosheng pointed at Wu Yangwei, then pointed at Wu Dazun, "and you, colluded with the surname Shen to frame my subordinate, and even targeted me."

"I want to ask, is the Wu Family really willing to fight to the death with me regardless of the consequences?"

Bai Xiaosheng's eyes turned cold, but his smile remained.

"Even if it means the destruction of the Wu Family!"

This visit by Bai Xiaosheng, with his series of tough words and overwhelming momentum, was truly rare.

Even Lin Weiwei and the other two were secretly surprised, unable to grasp what he was planning.

Wu Dazun squinted, watching the young man before him who held a high position.

He was arrogant, proud, and flaunting his power in front of him.

This, was illogical!

Was he forcing me to lose my temper, or did he really have no brains to come here to show off his power?

Someone without brains—would Shen Peishen go to such lengths?

Then, was he bluffing, trying to deceive me?

No, that was not right. Looking at his eyes, he was truly calm and composed!

Wu Dazun, who led the Wu Family to be the strongest in Nandu, naturally had his extraordinary qualities and sharp eyes.

Otherwise, Shen Peishen's side would not have sought cooperation with him.

But now, Wu Dazun was a little panicked.

He was puzzled by Bai Xiaosheng's approach, as this young man was not playing by the rules at all.

Wu Dazun was at a loss for words for a moment, not just him, even Pi Dalei beside him felt the same, or even more so.

"Mr. Bai, who are you trying to scare!?"

Suddenly, Wu Yangwei who was sitting aside let out a loud shout, glaring furiously at Bai Xiaosheng.

"Is the Wu Family scared by your mere words?! If you were capable, you wouldn't have come here making a fuss. I think you're just..."

Wu Yangwei realized that they were in a workplace environment, where no one would lose their composure and resort to physical conflict.

So, he regained his confidence.

Before Wu Yangwei could finish cursing, Bai Xiaosheng's gaze turned icy as he suddenly lunged forward and grabbed Wu Yangwei by the collar, pulling him over.

Then, Bai Xiaosheng slapped Wu Yangwei four times, back and forth.

The crisp sound of slaps stunned everyone.

Starting a fight without a word?

Without regard for status, and this was a workplace!

Wu Yangwei was stunned by the beating, looking at Bai Xiaosheng with fear.

He hadn't expected Bai Xiaosheng to really be so unruly.

"Mr. Bai Xiaosheng, what are you doing?" Wu Dazun snapped back to reality, slammed the table, and shouted with a mix of shock and anger.

To hit his son right in front of him was an incredible provocation.

Bai Xiaosheng pushed Wu Yangwei away like throwing out trash.

Wu Yangwei sat on the floor, covering his face, and looked at Bai Xiaosheng in fright.

Wu Dazun saw his son in that state, his heart ached, and he glared furiously at Bai Xiaosheng.

Lin Ke, Lin Weiwei, and Lei Ying stared at Bai Xiaosheng in astonishment.

Bai Xiaosheng actually felt relieved and smiled, "Actually, the main purpose of my visit this time is to settle accounts with your son, Mr. Wu. Do you believe it? Your son has offended me several times and I have never had the opportunity to teach him a lesson myself. It's not in my nature."

After Bai Xiaosheng said this, Wu Dazun's eyes became bloodshot with anger, "Mr. Bai Xiaosheng, you!"

"I also want to tell you, Mr. Wu, I, Bai Xiaosheng, am a man who holds grudges, and I hold them quite dearly. Sometimes I will disregard my status and resort to any means necessary to vent my anger! How could the Wu Family be so sure that cooperating with Shen Peishen against me will bring blessings instead of a curse!"

Bai Xiaosheng looked at Wu Dazun with cold eyes.

Wu Dazun involuntarily shuddered.

At this moment, Bai Xiaosheng exuded a fearsome aura.

"The struggle between Shen Peishen and me is like a fight between dragons and elephants. Your Wu Family, mere shrimps and crabs, dares to meddle in it, truly courting death!"

"Do you think that if I lose against Shen Peishen, I can't still wipe out your insignificant Wu Family?!"

"Do you know what it means to be a Senior Affairs Officer in our corporation? Do you realize that the power of a Senior Affairs Officer isn't limited to within the corporation, but also extends to endless connections outside?"

Bai Xiaosheng's voice grew colder and more severe, sending a deep chill down Wu Dazun's spine.

After becoming ruthless, Bai Xiaosheng suddenly smiled, like a spring breeze melting away the frost.

"You media folks know best how to create momentum, how to raise public interest, and seize the headlines."

"Now take a look, the Qinggang Yunhe incident, which was in the top five of the internet search hotspots yesterday, where is it now?"

"Sorry, but it has dropped out of the top ten search hotspots!"

"Creating a few hot topics overnight with the help of friends, capturing the headlines, eliminating the foundation of your efforts, such things are not difficult for me!" Bai Xiaosheng said indifferently.

"And after the heat dies down, what use will your Wu Family's knife be then? It won't harm me in the slightest. By then, will Old Shen still value you?"

"Oh, right, I actually plan to take down your Wu Family first, since you're willing to be someone else's pawn."

"Just as I did not abide by the rules and beat up your son just now, I might sacrifice one of my subordinates next, have her take on all the responsibilities, end the dispute, and then open up other battlefields with Shen Peishen!"

"But before that, I will crush you first! Who let you dare to oppose me!"

Bai Xiaosheng finished speaking with a smile.

Wu Dazun, Wu Yangwei, and Pi Dalei looked at the young man before them with eyes full of horror.

Blinded by greed, they thought good times were coming.

But what kind of being had they provoked!

They heard that this man values loyalty and friendship, never abandoning or giving up, willing to jump into the pit!

Bullshit, all bullshit!

Now it seems, is this kid a demon!?

Chapter 1187 - The Final Warning

The workplace has its "rules".

Since everyone is dressed in suits and ties, sitting in a room with a thick business atmosphere, talking about money-related matters.

Then actions must follow rules, norms, and measure.

Behavior must also be civilized.

Even if behind the scenes the fight is life and death, upon meeting face to face, at most it's just some cold words and expressions, and at the limit, getting overly emotional, slamming the table, and yelling a couple of times is pretty extreme.

At the very least, that's what Wu Dazun thought.

But now, he had his eyes opened.

Bai Xiaosheng had taught him a vivid lesson with actions, of what it means to have "all sorts of birds in a big forest"...

He started by hitting his own son, from side to side delivered four loud slaps, the sound of the smacks ringing out, eyeing Wu Yangwei's bleeding from his nose and mouth, and even threatening to "wipe out" the entire Wu Family—not just one or two of the family's enterprises, but all of them!

This is simply... a mortal grudge! Is it worth it?

The most chilling part was how Bai Xiaosheng said it so casually, as if it was a trivial matter.

As if he was generous enough to come and give a warning, rather than silently stabbing them in the back.

To show his utmost benevolence.

Wu Dazun felt the hair on his back stand up.

As for Wu Yangwei, not only was he terrified, but seeing that even his father seemed to be scared, his heart instantly became filled with extreme dread.

It seems he has provoked an existence he shouldn't have.

Not just them, even Lin Ke, Lin Weiwei, and Lei Ying all felt a sense of suffocation.

The toughness and sternness displayed by Bai Xiaosheng also made the three of them feel a sense of awe.

"Senior Affairs Officer Sheng, let me take the fall for that matter alone. I can accept losing a job. Even if there are any prison disasters, I will not implicate you," Lin Ke stood, looking mockingly at the Wu Family, "But after I go in, I hope you will take care of my family, as well as—"

"Crush those bastards who hurt me. All of them!"

Lin Ke had been holding in a stomach full of anger, and at this moment, it was a relief to let it out.

Of course, she knew that Bai Xiaosheng was just putting on a show and would never "sacrifice" himself.

However, Lin Ke's words of "resignation" made the expressions of the Wu Family change drastically.

They thought that Bai Xiaosheng had really taken care of Lin Ke's worries for the future and really let her take on everything.

If it was them, they could do it.

That's why, by their own measure, they also believed that Bai Xiaosheng could do it!

"Miss Lin, don't be too impulsive, it hasn't reached that point yet!"

Wu Dazun urgently said to Lin Ke, even stuttering a bit.

Keep in mind, Wu Dazun is the helmsman of the Wu Family!

Weathered storms, over fifty years old!

When has he ever shown this side of himself, not to mention strangers, even Pi Dalei had never seen it, he was immediately dumbstruck.

Wu Dazun, scared?

Yes.

Now, Wu Dazun was interpreting a word with a very low posture, a word that should never appear on him—fear.

To instill fear in Wu Dazun, the opponent must have the power to overwhelm the Wu Family and not be afraid to use that power.

What Bai Xiaosheng showed, was exactly those two aspects.

And there was Lin Ke's "resolute march to death"!

Together, it's really too frightening.

Businessmen are best at weighing pros and cons, only to earn greater benefits, is it worth it to gamble with their very foundation?

Wu Dazun is 120% unwilling!

Especially after Lin Ke, who was described by Cheng Liu as an irreplaceable friend to Bai Xiaosheng, expressed such a stance, Bai Xiaosheng didn't stop her but instead showed an "appreciative" look, making Wu Dazun even more uneasy.

"I always say that when you're in business, there are no such things as loyalties, how much is that stuff worth!" Wu Dazun cursed inwardly.

At the same time, he immensely regretted.

Why did he agree to join in on Shen Peishen's side!

But, it seems a bit late to back out now!

Shen Peishen's side won't let the Wu Family off either, even if the accounts are settled after the autumn, they can't stand it bit by bit!

In a moment, Wu Dazun was in a dilemma, and could only look to Bai Xiaosheng, squeezing out a smile, "Senior Affairs Officer Sheng, my Wu Family absolutely doesn't dare to sincerely be your enemy. This matter, it, it might be a misunderstanding..."

Misunderstanding?

Wu Dazun was also desperate, telling barefaced lies.

Unintentionally, he glanced at Pi Dalei beside him and pointed immediately, "From beginning to end, it was this Pi Dalei who was involved... Pi Dalei, tell me, isn't there a misunderstanding here!"

Pi Dalei was dumbfounded.

You don't set up your own relatives like this.

It was all your orders, I've been working like an ox and a horse... as a person, one has to have a conscience!

"Pi Dalei, you've got some nerve, actually framing Officer Lin Ke; don't you know what media people value most, fairness, integrity! I think you're regressing with age!"

Wu Dazun scolded Pi Dalei.

Pi Dalei was in a tight spot and had no choice but to listen in silence.

Wu Dazun was deflecting Bai Xiaosheng's anger, planning to have a good talk with him later to help him cool off.

As long as he could muddle through this meeting, he would call Cheng Liu.

Even if it meant asking for less benefit, he had to pull the Wu Family out of the spotlight!

He couldn't let the Wu Family switch from being supporters to main attackers, becoming cannon fodder to attract Bai Xiaosheng's rage!

What Wu Dazun was thinking was: You all can fight however you like; I'm just here to lend a hand. If things get too serious, I'm not playing!

"Teaching a lesson to our own people should be done behind closed doors. Since Mr. Wu wants to handle things privately, I will take my leave." Bai Xiaosheng stood up, his voice neither cold nor warm, "Today! Before noon, I want to see the Wu Family's sincerity. By evening, I hope your family withdraws from this vortex! Otherwise—"

Bai Xiaosheng gave Wu Dazun a smile.

"Just pretend I was never here!"

That amiable smile was simply terrifying.

Wu Dazun was taken aback.

Seeing Bai Xiaosheng about to leave, Wu Dazun naturally did his utmost to retain him.

But Bai Xiaosheng didn't hesitate and walked out the door, followed closely by Officer Lin Ke, Lin Weiwei, and Lei Ying.

Wu Dazun had no choice but to escort them to the elevator, while the employees of Wu Media Group were utterly astonished. They couldn't figure out who these people were, for their own boss to be so attentive.

Bai Xiaosheng came in a hurry and left in a hurry.

Altogether, the visit lasted less than half an hour.

Watching the closing elevator doors, Wu Dazun felt somewhat dazed.

"Was Bai Xiaosheng giving me an ultimatum just now?" Wu Dazun muttered to himself.

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After Bai Xiaosheng and the others left the building and got into the car, Officer Lin Ke could no longer hold back.

"Holy crap, Bai Xiaosheng, Senior Affairs Officer Sheng! I didn't expect that when you said you'd snatch the headlines, you meant across the entire net, pushing down the heat on this issue. I thought you were going to spin the situation to our advantage!"

"Those several new trending topics... Wow, Zunbai Zhisheng and Shengsheng International each have one, Zhongjing has one, and two come from Tengyun—did you arrange all of these?!"

"And, did we come today specifically to smack down the Wu Family's arrogance?"

"I think Wu Dazun is truly frightened. What's your purpose in doing this?"

"What are we going to do next?"

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It's no wonder Officer Lin Ke let out many exclamations and asked so many questions.

Even Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying wanted to know.

The dominating aura that Bai Xiaosheng had exuded had already dissipated.

After Officer Lin Ke finished speaking, Bai Xiaosheng continued to smile and leisurely cleaned his ears.

"Actually, I came here this time just to give Wu Yangwei a thorough thrashing and to scold Wu Dazun. That's all."

Bai Xiaosheng said earnestly.

Officer Lin Ke was full of disbelief.

"Of course, it was also important to show my unreasonable side and let the people from the Wu Family see my capabilities," Bai Xiaosheng said.

Seeing that all three of them wanted to know his thoughts, Bai Xiaosheng felt it was indecent to remain secretive and suddenly smiled.

"Those trending topics were created by some friends."

"Shen Peishen's strongest weapon is public opinion across the entire network; so we need to drain their momentum and cool them off!"

"Making a few trending topics is a minor matter, not worth mentioning."

A minor matter?

Casually creating five or six trending news topics overnight on the entire net, not worth mentioning?

Officer Lin Ke rolled her eyes at Bai Xiaosheng.

However, deep down, she greatly admired Bai Xiaosheng's prowess and even harbored a slight adoration.

Bai Xiaosheng continued—

"On Shen Peishen's side, they used their own people, which was overexposing and had many disadvantages, so they reluctantly used an outsider. That actually became a breakthrough point for us! We really should thank Mr. Shen for that!"

"As for the Wu Family, we're now in a society ruled by law. Shouting about violence and threats is just for private satisfaction; of course, I couldn't really wipe out the Wu Family. I'm not some fierce flood beast, and even if I had the capability, I wouldn't misuse it."

"I'm just making the Wu Family anxious and fearful, then we'll press hard to frighten them, to make them want to retreat."

"If they further conflict with Shen Peishen's side, that would be even better! The more chaos, the more opportunities we have to counterattack!"

Bai Xiaosheng said a lot in one breath, and Officer Lin Ke and the others listened carefully without missing a word.

"Next, I'm really going to take action against the Wu Family, giving them some painfully instructive lessons, to prompt them to make a decision!"

Bai Xiaosheng's eyes shimmered slightly.

"Also, as I said yesterday, in the early stages of our response, we planted three spies."

"Now, it's time to use them!"

"In one day, I want to break the deadlock within a day!"

Chapter 1188 - The Situation Reverses

In the matter of Lin Ke, Shen Peishen was insidious in his move, and then suddenly dealt a massive blow, creating a huge pitfall, trapping Lin Ke and forcing Bai Xiaosheng to jump into it willingly, leaving him in a dire situation with no return.

Shen Peishen had an eye for people, even more so when it came to anticipating their thoughts.

Relying on his collection of Bai Xiaosheng's behaviors, he judged that Bai Xiaosheng would definitely fall into the trap.

Even if he stayed on the edge of the pit, trouble would keep coming his way.

From this perspective, the setup was already very impressive.

Unfortunately, the opponent Shen Peishen faced was not a humble gentleman; even if he was, he would not mind changing his style occasionally.

Bai Xiaosheng, unbothered by differentiating between right and wrong, intricately plotted layer upon layer and then suddenly exerted his power, launching a fierce attack on a particular point.

In the clash between the two sides, the outcome could be determined overnight.

At present, Bai Xiaosheng began to give the Wu Family a "thorough beating."

All guns blazing, he was giving it his all!

First, Bai Xiaosheng submitted a report to the headquarters and received special support from Xiahou Qi.

With Nandu as the core, the surrounding three-province corporate groups began to move, swiftly adjusting some market strategies.

Once these strategies were implemented, it would mean competing with the Wu Family businesses in Nandu for the market and resources, effectively putting them under siege.

And the effect would be immediate!

Since the so-called "crimes" that Bai Xiaosheng was falsely accused of were not yet verified, he could still exercise his power normally.

Moreover, Bai Xiaosheng's request and Xiahou Qi's approval had nothing to do with Lin Ke's incident!

Even if Shen Peishen and his people wanted to stop it, they absolutely had no excuse!

Of course, all these arrangements were made at noon, and by afternoon, they had taken effect.

Some Wu Family businesses needed raw materials, but the materials were bought at higher prices, ignoring losses.

Some Wu Family businesses were in urgent need of transportation tools, only to find the tools bought out by someone at a high price.

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Troubles were everywhere, with deadly impact, and the results became evident today, not needing to wait until tomorrow!

Even if there was no immediate impact, the news alone was enough to send them into a frenzy.

In the morning, Bai Xiaosheng seemed to keep his restraint with the Wu Family as agreed, with no action taken.

Seemingly observing their words and actions.

In fact, Bai Xiaosheng was waiting for Xiahou Qi's approval and had Chen Yucheng send people to "supervise" at various major corporations, not knowing if any of Shen Peishen's people were there.

In the afternoon, the siege began, and Wu Dazun received the news.

No, it was a flood of pleas for help!

Seeing that the enterprises competing for resources and markets were all related to Zhenbei Group, Wu Dazun understood.

It was Bai Xiaosheng's doing!

He really took action!

Laying siege to the Wu Family!

Actually, Wu Dazun had his own troubles to bear.

Once Bai Xiaosheng left, Wu Dazun immediately contacted Cheng Liu, explicitly stating that he didn't wish to be a pawn any longer and wanted to withdraw from the core of this incident.

Cheng Liu offered some consolation, but couldn't promise anything.

Because they were also busy, Bai Xiaosheng showed no courtesy, sending Chen Yucheng, Feng Li, and others to cause as much "trouble" as possible for Shen Peishen.

Xiahou Qi also joined in, bringing up a topic that called all the Senior Affairs Officers at the company together for a meeting.

A meeting that lasted several hours!

Shen Peishen didn't have a moment to spare!

The three proactive measures organized by Bai Xiaosheng also launched their efforts simultaneously in the afternoon.

The court had accepted the case of defamation by Wu Media Group and issued summons.

Those property owners affected by the Qinggang Yunhe project received compensation and soothing at the first opportunity.

Tengyun's major media started a few exclusive interviews, interviewing Lin Ke to vindicate him.

In short, just in the span of half a day.

The Wu Family suddenly found themselves besieged on all sides, faced with endless troubles like waves crashing over them.

One after another, never ending!

Actually, the Wu Family really wasn't doing nothing—they had at least, before noon, started to reduce the news drafts about the Lin Ke incident and pulled old drafts, having reduced them by one third.

These, Wu Dazun hadn't even notified Cheng Liu about.

Unfortunately, from the looks of it, the sincerity they showed didn't seem to satisfy Bai Xiaosheng.

When Pi Dalei delivered the court summons, along with several competitive actions against Wu Media Group, asking Wu Dazun for instructions, Wu Dazun was already overwhelmed, with over a dozen reports laid out in front of him.

Multiple large Wu Family businesses sent urgent reports.

Fires were breaking out everywhere.

Wu Dazun, having dealt with one issue, would have welcomed another tossed his way. Originally, he thought of using other businesses to help those in crisis, but realized not a single one wasn't under "attack".

If any of his family's businesses were still "safe and sound", instead of delight, Wu Dazun would feel profound fear.

He always felt that an even bigger problem would land on his desk at any moment.

He was genuinely afraid.

This morning, that man named Bai came over, causing excess trouble, Wu Dazun had given him face, even showed "sincerity" by acting first and reporting later, but he didn't expect the other party to be so violent and relentless, firing on all fronts.

At first, Wu Dazun was also somewhat furious.

He even thought about tying Wu Family to Shen Peisheng's chariot and fight to the death against that man surnamed Bai.

But now it seems...

Fight to the death?

The only thing dying would be his Wu Family!

As for Shen Peisheng, they have begged for help several times over there, and Cheng Liu always responded with empty words.

Shen Peisheng never spoke to them personally, needless to say, Wu Dazun was deeply disheartened.

Even more chilling was the implied meaning in Cheng Liu's words, seemingly unable to stop those orders issued by Chief Xia.

Cheng Liu also said, let Wu Family hold on, they would compensate them afterwards.

"Wait till afterwards, wait till afterwards, you guys can come to offer condolences for Wu Family then!" Annoyed and angry after receiving the documents sent by Pi Dalei, Wu Dazun glanced over them and, thinking of Cheng Liu's words, was so furious that he threw the files fiercely onto the table, startling Pi Dalei.

"That Bai Xiaosheng, he really is a goddamn lunatic!"

Beside him, Wu Yangwei couldn't help but say.

He also felt his scalp tingling.

Bai Xiaosheng came early in the morning to slap him, threatening his father, threatening Wu Family.

And now, like a killer bee, instead of settling the issue with Lin Ke, he kept relentlessly pursuing Wu Family.

Wu Family wouldn't really be driven to extinction, right? His days as Wu's young master weren't over yet!

Wu Yangwei felt choked up inside, his face turning pale.

"They're hellbent on not stopping until Wu Family is finished!" Wu Dazun's voice carried a tragic tone, as he angrily spoke out.

He regretted it, truly regretted it, why on earth did he accept Shen Peisheng's cooperation proposal in the first place.

Blinded by greed, yet unaware of the principle that fortune and disaster go hand in hand!

Now he knew, felt the pain, knew the regret of hindsight.

"Otherwise, let's not side with Shen Peisheng anymore, drop the slander against Bai Xiaosheng. I'll just say my subordinates were unscrupulous, intentionally concocting false news, find a scapegoat to settle it." Pi Dalei suggested tentatively, "Otherwise..."

Seeing Wu Dazun having thoughts of surrender, Pi Dalei felt he needed to plan early, lest he be abandoned as a pawn.

Wu Dazun's face, more conflicted than ever, muttered, "Turn against him? Shen Peisheng won't spare us either. If it comes to settling scores later, Wu Family won't be able to bear it."

Wu Dazun, oh how he worried.

Pi Dalei and Wu Yangwei were equally worried, their hearts in turmoil.

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At this moment, on a private business jet, Wei Xuelian put down the documents, exhaled, and listened to light music, trying to relax for a bit.

She had transferred to her private plane, far more comfortable than a chartered business class.

But the day had been non-stop, very tiring.

Not until the afternoon did she catch up a little on the progress delayed by her meeting with Bai Xiaosheng.

Putting down her work, Wei Xuelian frowned slightly and called Liu Wudao over.

"I asked you to keep an eye on Nandu, what's the situation?" Wei Xuelian asked.

Liu Wudao itched his face, reluctant to report.

Still, he knew if he didn't say anything, Wei Xuelian would be even more displeased when she found out later.

"Nandu's Wu Family hasn't directly targeted Bai Xiaosheng, but they seemed to have partnered with others to go against an Affairs Officer named Lin Ke and have brought the battle to Bai Xiaosheng. Of course, Bai Xiaosheng doesn't seem to take it lying down, and both sides have started a war of public opinion." Liu Wudao narrated the rough course of events and took out his phone to show Wei Xuelian the news.

Since it was a private jet, with sufficient advanced technology, there were no problems going online.

Upon seeing the news, Wei Xuelian frowned, "Why didn't you tell me earlier!"

"You've been too busy, there hasn't been time to deal with our own affairs..." Liu Wudao complained, then argued with conviction, "Moreover, Bai Xiaosheng hasn't suffered at all, he's even started to turn the tables!"

Wei Xuelian seemed to directly ignore the latter part of Liu Wudao's words, "Send a message over there, tell them to pass a word to Wu Family."

"Within one day, they better switch sides, to help Bai Xiaosheng."

"If they are late... they might as well quit the business world!"

Wei Xuelian's voice was soft but carried a hint of ruthlessness.

Over the past two years, not only Bai Xiaosheng has grown, but also Wei Xuelian who has gradually taken control of a large portion of the Wei Family's industries.

Once the gentle girl becomes fierce, she can be very terrifying.

Seeing Wei Xuelian was serious, Liu Wudao dared not contradict and briskly acknowledged.

"Yes!"

Chapter 1189 - Someone asked me to pass a message to you.

The day Bai Xiaosheng launched a full-scale offensive was, for the Wu Family, simply a day in hell.

Twelve Wu Family enterprises suffered attacks from all quarters.

Moreover, every once in a while, even more severe problems would surface.

The entire Wu Family was as if mired in quicksand or sucked into a whirlpool, watching their business and wealth being devoured bit by bit.

With each passing hour, even minute, the Wu Family's businesses were accumulating terrible consequences.

It is believed that after this ordeal, the Wu Family may have to pay a thousand times, perhaps even a hundred thousand times, to make up for the losses.

And some losses might not even be recoverable!

For Wu Dazun, this calamity was a pain that cut to the bone.

He sought help from Cheng Liu, to no avail. Cheng Liu instead warned him that only by taking a firm stance could they hope for a "good outcome."

He begged Bai Xiaosheng for mercy, but Bai Xiaosheng said just one sentence to Pi Dalei, whom he had sent, and then expelled him.

"Not a friend, then an enemy!"

Bai Xiaosheng's meaning was simple; the Wu Family had no right to waver.

Either side with him or...

Die!

However, even if they sided with Bai Xiaosheng, they would still face Shen Peishen's troubles afterward. The Wu Family's tomorrow would be as today—still facing disaster!

Thinking this, Wu Dazun felt an unbearable weight on his shoulders, making it even harder to decide.

In the span of a day, he almost wished he could turn his hair white from worry.

For the Wu Family to survive, they ultimately had to choose between the Shens and the Bais, with no third path available.

But which one to choose?

One was Shen Peishen, powerful and shadowy, operating in the dark for many years.

The other was Bai Xiaosheng, untested and fearless, with a background deeply unnerving upon closer inspection.

Aligning with Shen Peishen meant gritting their teeth and holding on through the current storm in anticipation of the rainbow that would follow.

Aligning with Bai Xiaosheng meant facing the raging storms ahead, possibly even more severe crises than today.

It was a gamble.

Though business often resembles gambling, when life and death hang in the balance, decisions are not made so easily.

Bet right, and the Wu Family's future will flourish; bet wrong, and they might be completely finished.

Wu Dazun agonized until the sky grew dark, wishing he could just buy some dice and throw them, hoping the heavens would reveal a clear path for the Wu Family.

Just as Wu Dazun was wavering and troubled,

Someone came visiting.

It was Guo Fengyang, the owner of Dayu Inn.

Nandu is a near top-tier, bottom-tier special administrative city, not quite on par with the few top-tier megacities, but not to be underestimated either.

Dayu Inn is located in the suburban area of Nandu, near both a park and a lake, with extensive grounds. Doing business there is a symbol of strength in itself.

Moreover, Guo Fengyang was not someone simple; even Wu Dazun didn't dare to offend him lightly.

When Wu Dazun learned that his son Wu Yangwei had assaulted the dock manager of Dayu Inn, he even sent someone to apologize and consoled the assaulted manager.

When had the Nandu Wu Family ever extended such courtesies to other local enterprises?

Probably only Guo Fengyang received such treatment.

However, at the moment, Guo Fengyang's visit to Qinggang was indeed surprising to Wu Dazun.

Although currently overwhelmed with troubles, Wu Dazun personally welcomed Guo Fengyang into the reception room.

Just as Wu Dazun was about to ask Guo Fengyang the purpose of his visit, Guo Fengyang took the initiative to speak first.

"Young brother Wu, I understand both your plight and the Wu Family's situation. I have come here this time to deliver a message for someone."

Guo Fengyang got straight to the point as soon as he spoke.

"Brother Guo, you know about my situation?" Wu Dazun, detecting the hidden meaning in Guo Fengyang's words, couldn't help but stare into his eyes and ask, "Relaying a message? Who are you representing, and what message are you delivering?"

Besides Guo Fengyang's tone, his attitude also caught Wu Dazun's attention.

The look in Guo Fengyang's eyes was somewhat chilly and carried a hint of sternness.

The reason Wu Dazun treated Guo Fengyang with such courtesy, even with a sense of wariness, was because he knew that in the neighboring provinces, those truly low-profile business magnates, Wu Dazun had no say, but Guo Fengyang did!

And Wu Dazun had always been unable to find out Guo Fengyang's background.

The unknown, was always the most terrifying.

Guo Fengyang didn't say who sent him, but instead spoke indifferently, "Your son Wu Yangwei hit my people on my turf, which is just a minor issue. However, his harassment of that young lady, she has quite the considerable background!"

Wu Dazun couldn't help but be stunned.

Could it be that the woman his son had harassed had asked Guo Fengyang to come seeking retribution?

"If Brother Guo is here to accuse, I, Wu Dazun, offer a sincere apology on behalf of my son. With your words 'has quite the background,' I'll apologize wholeheartedly!" Wu Dazun forced a smile, "Be it compensation or apology, please feel free to mention it. Whatever I can do, I'll do. Ah, those incidents... compared to the trouble my Wu Family is facing right now, are they really much of anything?"

As he spoke, Wu Dazun's heart stirred suddenly.

If Guo Fengyang was willing to help, by asking any several of the business magnates from the neighboring provinces of Nandu to mediate.

Would the troubles he was facing be resolved as easily as slicing through butter?

You must know, these business magnates were not like Wu Dazun, merely local hegemons.

They had influence all over the country!

Even, they have appeared many times at the same events as Mr. Xiahou Qi, the CEO of Zhenbei Group in the Greater China Region.

With this thought, Wu Dazun's heart suddenly came alive.

The more he thought about it, the more plausible it became!

Those business magnates, second only to Xiahou Qi, if they were to intervene in the mediation, the Wu Family could truly ensure their safety!

Wu Dazun immediately changed to a smile, ready to make a request of Guo Fengyang.

As for the price that needed to be paid to make this happen, he was willing.

It was still better than the current situation!

However, before Wu Dazun could speak, Guo Fengyang spoke again first, his eyes showing a rare touch of mockery, "Compensation? Apology? Brother Wu, I'm afraid you're oversimplifying the matter!"

Hearing this, Wu Dazun was taken aback.

A sincere apology was oversimplified?

Guo Fengyang continued, "Dayu Inn is in fact not my property, but that of the young lady's family. Many major properties in these surrounding provinces are also owned by her family! And her position within

the family... is extremely significant. Elder Feng, Elder Chen, Mr. Zhang, those big names, I believe you are aware of their status! Actually, they all work for that young lady's family business. Do you understand what I'm saying?"

Guo Fengyang's words shocked Wu Dazun.

Elder Feng, Elder Chen, Mr. Zhang were the most famous of the low-profile big shots in the surrounding provinces.

They were all people from the family of the young lady mentioned by Guo Fengyang?

His son had even harassed that young lady!

Wu Dazun was terrified in an instant.

Wu Dazun vaguely remembered his son mentioning that the beautiful woman Wu Yangwei got himself involved with was with Bai Xiaosheng.

Instantly, Wu Dazun felt a hair-raising premonition.

A fearsome speculation loomed in his mind.

"That young lady sent me to give Brother Wu a message: your Wu Family's actions have greatly angered her."

"You now have only two choices: either help Bai Xiaosheng now, or..."

Guo Fengyang smiled, "In Nandu, there will be no Wu Family!"

"Brother, don't you think I'm just fear-mongering!"

Guo Fengyang stretched out his hand and gently patted the dazed Wu Dazun's shoulder.

"The Wu Family in Nandu, famously powerful? It's just that many important figures don't bother to claim it! Don't take your own family too seriously. If you don't heed advice, for the Wu Family to go bankrupt and be excluded from the business community, it's just a matter of one or two weeks at most!"

"I've delivered the message. As for which path to take, you choose!"

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Guo Fengyang is the messenger for Wei Xuelian, but he didn't mention the "Wei Family" even once.

Because it was totally unnecessary.

For a local serpent king like Wu Dazun in Nandu, to speak of the might of the Wei Family would be overkill, like using a butcher's cleaver to kill a chicken.

A frog at the bottom of the well has no need for the intimidation of lions or tigers from the mountain peak.

He wouldn't have any concrete concept of it.

So, Guo Fengyang only mentioned a few bigwigs from the surrounding provinces.

In Guo Fengyang's view, mentioning these individuals was enough.

If Wu Dazun wasn't even clear about the strength of those few, the Wu Family might as well not bother trying to get by in Nandu!

Sure enough, when Wu Dazun learned that those bigwigs he had always looked up to were merely subordinates of others, his expression instantly changed, his face filled with panic, his eyes trembled with fear as he looked straight at Guo Fengyang.

This sort of intimidation was indeed very immediate!

As for someone like Mr. Xiahou Qi, he seemed too far out of reach.

Bai Xiaosheng and Shen Peishen, although they caused upheaval here, forcing the Wu Family into a life-or-death situation.

It wasn't really a death sentence; at most, they would leave the Wu Family down and out, unable to recover for a decade.

Frankly speaking, Bai Xiaosheng and Shen Peishen were, after all, "outsiders."

Wu Dazun was afraid, but not to the point of fearing for his life.

But the presence of those few esteemed figures nearby truly sent shivers down Wu Dazun's spine!

Guo Fengyang had said something quite true.

The Wu Family's renown was simply not esteemed by those bigwigs.

This territory was like a pool of water.

The Wu Family was like a brightly painted boat on the surface of the lake, just eye-catching at first glance.

Those individuals, however, were the calm undercurrents beneath the tranquil and unremarkable surface of the lake.

Should the undercurrent surge violently, the Wu Family's boat would sink, leaving not even a plank behind.

Now, these esteemed figures, under the instigation of that lady, had already taken sides with Bai Xiaosheng.

It's just a matter of someone asking what choice I have!

Do I even have a choice?!

Heart pounding, Wu Dazun couldn't help but bitterly smile.

The mighty Wu Family was now just like a frail insect, at the mercy of others.

"I've delivered the message. Later, the assistants of those bigwigs will call you to prove that what I've said is no lie."

"I have other business, so I won't stay any longer. Brother Wu, you take care of yourself!"

Guo Fengyang rose to leave.

"Don't go, Brother Guo!" Wu Dazun sprang up as if he had springs in his seat, hastily making his stance clear, "Thank you for the message, I know what I need to do now!"

Guo Fengyang smiled, glanced at Wu Dazun, and patted him lightly on the shoulder, seemingly with a sigh, "I've always taken a liking to you as a friend in Nandu, and I'm not ready to lose a friend like you. It's good that you understand what to do. Now, show us your actions in response!"

Guo Fengyang still wanted to leave, but before he did, he bestowed one last piece of advice, "Brother Wu, discipline your son properly. Indulging him is like killing him; if he truly offends a presence that's beyond provocation, your entire Wu Family will be implicated!"

"Yes, thank you for your guidance, Brother Guo! I'll keep it in mind, truly!" Wu Dazun nodded repeatedly.

In the end, Wu Dazun escorted Guo Fengyang out, all the while with a touch of reverence.

This greatly surprised Pi Dalei, Wu Yangwei, and others waiting outside.

After seeing off Guo Fengyang, Wu Dazun called Wu Yangwei into the room, saying he wanted to chat privately with him.

Then, Pi Dalei heard a cacophony of bangs and crashes from outside the soundproof door, followed by intermittent screams from Wu Yangwei.

Ten minutes later, the door opened, and Wu Dazun walked out wiping his hands with a tissue.

Pi Dalei paid close attention and noticed there seemed to be spots of blood on Wu Dazun's hands.

This made him shudder with fear.

Wu Dazun's face was as cold as a block of ice; one glance at Pi Dalei made him shiver.

"Call an ambulance for my son. Then, come with me to meet Mr. Bai," Wu Dazun said, his voice eerily calm.

Call an ambulance for Wu Yangwei?

Pi Dalei's lips twitched.

The usually doting Wu Dazun, actually shut the door and beat his son to the point that an ambulance was needed...

What could have triggered him...

For a moment his brain short-circuited, Pi Dalei even cautiously asked, "Mr. Bai, which Mr. Bai?"

After he finished speaking, Pi Dalei shuddered.

The look in Wu Dazun's eyes was fierce and unmatched.

"Of course, it's Mr. Bai Xiaosheng! Pi Dalei, in the future when you mention that name, you'd better add 'Mr.' before it, or you could go to the hospital and gain some memory!" Wu Dazun's voice was ominously deep.

Pi Dalei was so scared that he shuddered and nodded like a pecking chicken.

After Wu Yangwei was sent to the hospital, Pi Dalei followed Wu Dazun to meet with Bai Xiaosheng.

Only after going did Pi Dalei astonishingly discover that this relative of his, the so-called number one person in the Nandu business world, exhibited such unparalleled sycophancy and obsequiousness, which was admirable.

"Perhaps this is innate talent," Pi Dalei couldn't help but lament.

Bai Xiaosheng had a private chat with Wu Dazun.

When they came out, it seemed both were quite satisfied.

On the way back, Wu Dazun even took a deep breath, "With this, the Wu Family doesn't have to die..."

After saying that, his voice paused, "No, it's a blessing in disguise, we've boarded a big ship..."

Wu Dazun was visibly elated, quite happy.

Pi Dalei wanted to ask but didn't dare. He still remembered Wu Yangwei, who was covered in blood and beaten into the hospital, and looking at Wu Dazun in front of him, he felt even more shivered to the core.

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On Bai Xiaosheng's side.

After seeing off Wu Dazun, Lin Ke, Lin Weiwei, and Lei Ying made inquiries.

Bai Xiaosheng talked to them about it.

Right now, Wu Dazun would be on their side, with no room or guts to go back.

"Xuelian contributed to this," Bai Xiaosheng mused.

With the power of the Wei Family, once involved in the threats, it was much more effective than him, a mere Senior Affairs Officer of the Greater China Region of Zhenbei Group.

It seemed Wu Dazun wouldn't dare to have any second thoughts anymore.

Upon hearing this news, Lin Ke took a long breath of relief, "Finally, the Wu Family is unable to hold out and has been frightened."

In reality, for their side to mobilize so many companies to hunt down the Wu Family in the short term, was also not sustainable.

Bai Xiaosheng said, break the situation within a day, crush the Wu Family.

This was both a bold statement and the actual situation, they couldn't afford a war of attrition.

Business is business.

Mobilizing a large number of companies and resources, you always have to give an explanation within the group, Shen Peishen's countermeasures were also not far away, and Mr. Xiahou Qi would be constrained by then.

"Next, we have finally won, we can take a breather and rest for a bit," Lin Ke said.

"Rest for a bit?" Bai Xiaosheng laughed, his gaze distant, a cold gleam flashing in his eyes.

"We can't rest now! If Shen Peishen wants to deal with me, any method is fine, but using you to corner me, harming my friends to plan against me, that is crossing my bottom line! Now, it's our time to strike back, to claim our debts from them!"

Bai Xiaosheng's words turned everyone's gaze towards him.

"Wu Dazun took the lead this time; he knew Shen Peishen's plan, he told me in detail about the people cooperating with Shen Peishen on his side."

"Also, the Wu Family businesses were temporarily replaced in this game; by working backward to see which companies nearby Nandu could replace Wu Media Group, we can find out Shen Peishen's moves here."

"Wu Dazun also said that Shen Peishen has propped up many enterprises outside of our group, how could we let them continue to encroach upon the group's assets..."

"Each and every one of these incidents are debts we need to claim from Shen Peishen!"

"So, I'm afraid there's no rest for the coming week!"

Hearing Bai Xiaosheng speak in such a way, Lin Ke and the others' eyes lit up with fervor.

"Then we can't rest! We need to claim some interest from Shen Peishen!" Lin Ke scoffed.

After such a grievance, it was time for her to vent!