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"Senior Affairs Officer Sheng!"

Two people entered and greeted Bai Xiaosheng in succession.

There was something unusual in their tone.

"What's the matter? Did something happen?" Bai Xiaosheng asked.

Yu Shuli was about to speak, but Zeng Yiran cut in front of him, angrily saying, "I really didn't expect, that Shen's side would be so shameless to such an extent!"

"I'm absolutely furious!"

Bai Xiaosheng looked at him with an inquiring gaze.

Zeng Yiran continued furiously, "Just now, the administrative department of the headquarters sent me a notice, oh, and one for Old Yu as well. They said we both overused our power, failed to adhere to the Affairs Officer bylaws in many respects, and demanded that we return to headquarters to explain ourselves this afternoon. If we're late, we'll be demoted to Assistant Affairs Officer! If we don't show up by tomorrow, we will be dismissed! Listen to this, what a damn decision!"

Bai Xiaosheng was taken aback and looked at Yu Shuli.

Yu Shuli said with a wry smile, "Actually, if we strictly go by the rules, what the administration said is not wrong, at most it's just too severe a punishment... it's excessively severe! If we really followed the regulations, nearly ninety-nine percent of Affairs Officers would be punished! So, this punishment is targeting us! It's meant to dismiss us!"

"Getting to Linshen by this afternoon is impossible, even if we charter a plane! To be dismissed if not arriving by tomorrow? Then just fire me! Anyway, without Elder Xia as president, there's no meaning for me to continue as an Affairs Officer!" Zeng Yiran said indignantly.

Bai Xiaosheng's eyes narrowed.

Shen Peishen and his group really didn't stop; they actually pulled such a move!

"The fear is, we two are just the beginning! And next, they will collectively strike against all of us Affairs Officers stationed abroad!" Yu Shuli reminded Bai Xiaosheng with a serious face.

Bai Xiaosheng nodded his head.

This time, Shen Peishen's side was actually targeting the acting Affairs Officers below!

Bai Xiaosheng was somewhat caught off guard.

He and Li Haofeng, among the three, had thought about many contingency plans, but they were all aimed at the difficulties Shen Peishen posed toward them.

Pooling ideas and well-prepared, there's no question of holding on for two or three days, or even continuing for another week.

The problem is, this time Shen Peishen's side directly bypassed them and went after the subordinates for punishment!

You must know, the difference between the Acting President of the Greater China Region and an Affairs Officer is vast. A Senior Affairs Officer has power and is not easily penalized. In the Eyes of the Acting President, an Affairs Officer is like an ant, easily disposed of, not to mention Assistant Affairs Officers!

There are plenty of both Affairs Officers and Assistant Affairs Officers in the talent reserve of the Greater China Region!

Even if dozens or hundreds were dealt with at once, theoretically, it would not be a problem!

Shen Peishen's side had planted their own people in various departments in order to seize power, and even if there's a massive personnel change, it wouldn't affect day-to-day work at all!

As for the headquarters of the Zhenbei Group, why would they care about such matters!

Since they let Shen Peishen act as president of the Greater China Region, they would definitely grant him autonomy!

As long as it doesn't cause too much impact, they won't pay attention at all!

Moreover, for Shen Peishen's side, there's no need to actually deal with hundreds of people.

Just by taking out twenty or thirty die-hard Affairs Officers who stand with Xiahou Qi, not only can they leave these four Senior Affairs Officers helpless, but it would also be enough to cause disarray!

Once morale is lost, what talk is there of leading a team!

To be honest, although these people outside are all cultivated by Elder Xia, people always have their selfish interests. Besides, they all have families and careers, under the pressure of reality, they will make compromises!

Once morale disperses and the team collapses, these four Senior Affairs Officers will be left completely powerless!

Within three to two days, they might collapse completely before Shen Peishen's direct line can be eliminated!

Bai Xiaosheng frowned slightly and pondered for a moment. Then he looked up at Yu Shuli and Zeng Yiran with a smile, "Alright, I'm aware of the situation. You two don't need to worry. I'll handle everything!"

As Bai Xiaosheng said this, Yu Shuli and Zeng Yiran exchanged glances.

"Senior Affairs Officer Sheng, what can you do?! Now that side is all Shen Peishen's people, they won't listen to you..."

Zeng Yiran wanted to continue, but Yu Shuli pulled him back.

"Senior Affairs Officer Sheng is already aware of the situation, so stop fussing. Let's have faith in Senior Affairs Officer Sheng!" Yu Shuli said.

The issue was already at hand; they were powerless and could only passively wait for the headquarters to decide.

The only hope was to look to Senior Affairs Officer Sheng for a strategy!

There was no need to burden Bai Xiaosheng further.

Zeng Yiran opened his mouth but in the end, let out a long sigh.

The straightforward Affairs Officer earnestly said to Bai Xiaosheng, "Senior Affairs Officer Sheng, you can try to find a solution, but don't make it too difficult! If they really want to fire me, Zeng, then I'll just go! After all, I've reached the end of my tenure as an Affairs Officer. Finding a new job is nothing significant!"

Zeng Yiran is an emotionally driven person; Yu Shuli is much more rational.

However, at this moment, Yu Shuli also looked at Bai Xiaosheng, nodded, and added softly, "I share the same stance as Old Zeng on this matter. Senior Affairs Officer Sheng, just do your best and don't strain yourself."

These two middle-aged men truly valued this young man, Bai Xiaosheng.

In both his actions and his demeanor, Bai Xiaosheng greatly resembled Mr. Xia!

Faced with their attitude, Bai Xiaosheng felt a warmth in his heart and smiled, "Don't worry, I won't let you two elites need to find work outside at an age when you should be at the peak of success!"

Yu Shuli and Zeng Yiran both smiled and nodded before departing.

After they left, Bai Xiaosheng frowned in thought, pondering over a solution.

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Help them argue with headquarters based on reason?

They are the ones who are unreasonable!

Exercise the privilege of the Senior Affairs Officer?

Can Yu Shuli and Zeng Yiran be protected? What if there appears a 'Zeng Shuli' or 'Yu Yiran'? Can we protect one, let alone ten, twenty?

If we treat the headquarters' decision as a mere scrap of paper and continue to let both of them stay for work, they could still be prosecuted on suspicion of corporate espionage.

"This move is ruthless, pulling the carpet out from under us!" Bai Xiaosheng muttered gravely to himself.

At the door, noises were heard once again.

After seeing off Yu Shuli and Zeng Yiran, Lin Weiwei turned back around and closed the door.

"Sheng, actually, it's not just Yu Shuli and Zeng Yiran who received punishment orders from headquarters, there are four others!" Lin Weiwei approached, her voice heavy, "They've all asked me to seek strategies from you!"

Bai Xiaosheng's eyes narrowed sharply.

So the first wave targeted six Affairs Officers!

"Also, now... the news has already spread among the staff! I'm afraid that among our people, there are spies from Shen Peishen's side, stirring up emotions while taking advantage of the situation!" Lin Weiwei said with some worries.

Bai Xiaosheng nodded, exhaling a deep breath of turbid air, "Weiwei, go and tell Lei Ying, keep an eye out together! Gather who has received the notices, and also, investigate who is deliberately spreading the news!"

"Okay!" Lin Weiwei nodded decisively and left.

After Lin Weiwei departed, Bai Xiaosheng's phone rang.

He glanced at it and then unlocked his computer to launch the video software.

It was Li Haofeng trying to contact him.

As soon as he connected with Li Haofeng, Zheng Honghu requested to join.

In less than two minutes, Xu Youruo also sent a message.

It seems, the issue lies not only with me; Shen Peishen and his group are implementing these malicious tactics simultaneously against all four of us!

Bai Xiaosheng thought to himself.

All video connections were successfully made and switched to conference mode.

Li Haofeng and the other two then spoke one after another—

"In my area, several Affairs Officers have received punitive opinions from the human resources and administration department of headquarters, accusing them of overstepping boundaries, ignoring rules, and so on. They're being demoted or terminated over some messy reasons. It's outrageous..."

"I'm facing the same issue here! Five people were punished! I believe this is just the beginning, more people will be involved next! While we're investigating their people, they are plotting against ours, what a clever strategy!"

"The trouble is, a lot of people are aware of this now, causing widespread panic... Tell me, these Affairs Officers have no power to protect themselves, and after enduring half a lifetime they reached their positions, all with families to feed. Just now, out of gratitude to Elder Xia, they were willing to stand with us against headquarters, which has already been very tough for them. And now, they're suddenly facing such misfortune. I worry, if this continues, I'm afraid..."

Li Haofeng and the others sounded angry, helpless, and heavy-hearted.

Everyone's mood was extremely poor.

"It's actually the same situation here," Bai Xiaosheng also spoke solemnly, "This crisis is fundamentally a crisis of confidence. If we cannot handle it properly, ensuring our people are well-treated, it will dishearten others... I'm afraid, we'll collapse faster than Shen Peishen's side!"

"Exactly!"

"That's what I think too."

Zheng Honghu and Xu Youruo expressed agreement.

"We need to take action, we absolutely cannot let them succeed!" Li Haofeng exclaimed angrily, "Otherwise, the four of us will jointly file a complaint to headquarters!"

Protest directly to Zhenbei Group's headquarters?

Zheng Honghu and Xu Youruo both shook their heads.

"Is it because you're afraid, or afraid to get involved?" Li Haofeng was angered.

"Even if headquarters accepts it, there's always a processing time. By the time they intervene, things on our end might have already cooled off," Bai Xiaosheng lamented.

The issue of timing, originally a shackle around Shen Peishen's neck.

Now, it has been turned around to be placed on their own heads.

"Then what do you suggest we do! Protest? Or compromise? Or shall we turn to the media and expose our own issues, fearing that in the end, it may be us that headquarters blames!" Li Haofeng spoke gravely, "Are we really being driven to a dead end this time!"

Zheng Honghu and Xu Youruo fell silent.

To be fair, all the countermeasures they could think of were slightly lacking after careful consideration.

This time, Shen Peishen's faction presented them with a time-limited, deadly problem!

"A dead end?" Bai Xiaosheng pondered for a moment before slowly saying, "I think, not necessarily!"

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Shenhe Group, in front of a large conference room, six or seven people gathered there, whispering quietly.

Many people's faces looked terrible.

These people were all transferred from the headquarters to support Bai Xiaosheng's work at Nanyu, and they were people Xiahou Qi thought could be trusted.

Of course, what Xiahou Qi trusted was their character.

It's not that they were all Xiahou Qi's confidants.

At least, those standing here actually knew very little about the whole situation; they vaguely heard that the investigation seemed to relate to Shen Peishen, initiated by Bai Xiaosheng.

Since Mr. Xiahou Qi sent them over with significant performance bonuses, and the last investigation in Nandu didn't provoke any retaliation from Shen Peishen toward the working Affairs Officers,

they came without worries, even if the circumstances became delicate, they still stayed to investigate.

But now, they were really annoyed, truly annoyed.

Because the Greater China Region Headquarters had just issued a punishment notice for them!

Acting presumptuously, not following rules, leaving positions without authorization...

All sorts of reasons were listed.

The punishments were extremely severe!

In effect, every one of them might have to leave their jobs!

"You say we were all sent here to work, under Elder Xia's arrangements, who would dare not to listen, he was still the president of the Greater China Region at that time, so, we actually had no choice! Do you agree?"

"Now, as the leaders have conflicts, that is their own business, it shouldn't bring disaster upon us subordinates! We didn't provoke or offend anyone, why are we suddenly struck by a calamity! This is unreasonable! Do you agree?"

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The person encircled by everyone spoke the loudest, and seemed the most resentful.

Compared to others nearby, this person was relatively young, around forty years old, wearing glasses, with a notably receding hairline, evidently usually a stressed individual.

But it wasn't clear exactly what stressed him out so much.

At the moment, unlike the others who were silently worried, he spoke eloquently with a firm voice, seemingly acting as a spokesperson for everyone, as if every word was for everyone's benefit.

In fact, during this time of panic, such a voice was paradoxically most appealing, with many listening anxiously.

"Actually, at the end of the day, this trouble was stirred up by Bai, the Senior Executive Officer!"

"Let me tell you, I heard, recently, Sir Shen, who is the current acting president, wanted to summon Bai back. The reason? Some of the people we investigated were promoted by Sir Shen himself, and being

investigated like this, he asked a few questions, which is entirely justified. Not to mention, Sir Shen is now the acting president, it's normal for him to want to understand the situation. Right?"

"But our Bai, the Senior Executive Officer, is really stubborn! When Elder Xia was in power, he was utterly unscrupulous. Now that Sir Shen has become the acting president—acting! Does someone like Bai, the Senior Executive Officer, care!"

"Bai, the Senior Executive Officer, completely disregards the orders from headquarters. Not to mention this, did he ever say a word to us? No! Not once! He didn't consult us and just kept us here! Now, we are innocently dragged into this mess! Do you agree?"

Many people looked towards the man with glasses.

Someone quietly asked, "If Bai, the Senior Executive Officer, refuses to return, Sir Shen can bring it up with him; what does it have to do with us?"

The man with glasses scoffed in disdain, "Bai is mighty, promoted by Elder Xia, and he has worked hard; he has the power, hardly anyone dares to touch him."

"What do we have? Also, we were left here without saying a word, that means we are opposing headquarters!"

"Who knows, maybe Sir Shen asked us all to return too. Did anyone move? Of course, even if everyone wanted to go back, if Bai, the Senior Executive Officer, doesn't allow it, who would dare act!"

"I think, most likely Sir Shen's orders to call us back were suppressed by Bai, the Senior Executive Officer."

"What do you think, should we, 'those who do not comply with company arrangements, do not obey headquarters commands', even stay in headquarters anymore! Isn't this an excuse for punishment. Do you agree?"

This speech from the man with glasses made that group of anxious middle-aged people silently agree.

There was a saying, "In the workplace, don't scold young people, they will resign immediately. If you're going to scold, scold those middle-aged people with houses and cars; scold them dead, they won't dare to resign."

Now, this saying seemed relevant, targeting those middle-aged middle managers; they have spent half their lives climbing to this position, have families to feed, and suddenly they are being fired.

Their lives had to restart.

Under such a blow, people couldn't help but break down.

So, no matter how wise and clever these Affairs Officers once were.

Now, they were gradually losing their rationality.

They became more convinced by the words of the man with glasses.

"So, no matter what you do, if the company fires me, I'll go find Bai, the Senior Executive Officer! Why not! I've worked hard and in the end, without any achievements or bonuses, I also lose my job?! In any case, Bai, the Senior Executive Officer should take full responsibility for this! Do you agree?" the man with glasses shouted.

The people around, apart from those who were silent, involuntarily nodded slightly.

The man with glasses noticed this and felt secretly pleased.

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"An Zaiyi, what are you talking about!"

Suddenly, a shout of anger came.

Everyone turned their heads.

Yu Shuli and Zeng Yiran strode over from that direction.

Zeng Yiran had a displeased look on his face, and he had just spoken.

Next to him, Yu Shuli had a calm expression, but his eyes coldly regarded the man with glasses, An Zaiyi.

"Oh, you're back, how did it go, did you talk to the Senior Affairs Officer Sheng about the situation, has he said how to resolve it?" An Zaiyi pushed through the crowd and went up to meet them.

"I asked you what you were just saying!" Zeng Yiran pointed at An Zaiyi's nose, furiously demanding, "I remember we were promoted at the same time by Elder Xia! Now that something has happened, here you are spouting nonsense! Do you even have a conscience!"

Upon Zeng Yiran's remark, those who had received Elder Xia's favor felt somewhat uneasy.

Seeing that the fat man was truly angry, An Zaiyi gave a forced smile, "When I heard Elder Xia's arrangement, I immediately left my work to come here. Right now, it's Senior Affairs Officer Sheng here, not Elder Xia, I don't have to report my gratitude to everyone I see. Besides, we all have families and businesses to sustain, speak of loyalty alone won't fill our bellies, we need to survive. Right, don't you all agree?"

An Zaiyi's words once again struck a chord.

"Yes, we can sacrifice anything ourselves, but we have families relying on us to provide!"

"My daughter needs to study abroad, it won't happen without money!"

"My son is getting married, it drained all my savings, I need to earn money to support my family!"

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Several people spoke one after another.

Seeing that he had the crowd's support, An Zaiyi immediately grew more confident and smiled cheerfully at Yu Shuli and Zeng Yiran.

Zeng Yiran was about to speak but was stopped by Yu Shuli.

"Right now, it's not Senior Affairs Officer Sheng who wants to fire everyone, it's... the headquarters!" Yu Shuli said gravely, "So, your grievances shouldn't be directed at the Senior Affairs Officer Sheng."

An Zaiyi laughed.

"The punishment comes from the headquarters, but why not punish someone else. We ended up in this situation because we followed Senior Affairs Officer Sheng! Yu Shuli, do you think we shouldn't feel upset? Anyway, we have no way out, nor can we protest against the headquarters, so we only have to rely on Senior Affairs Officer Sheng, we just have to go to him! Don't you all agree!" An Zaiyi shouted.

Before this, An Zaiyi had already invisibly become their "opinion leader", so his "call" was met with "response".

"Exactly!"

"In the end, it still needs Senior Affairs Officer Sheng to come forward!"

"We can bleed and sweat, but don't let us shed tears..."

These Affairs Officers expressed their thoughts.

"Speaking of which, did you guys talk to Senior Affairs Officer Sheng, and what was the result?"

An Zaiyi countered Yu Shuli and Zeng Yiran.

Seeing that it was impossible to communicate with these people, Yu Shuli refrained from further comment, just scanned the crowd and said solemnly, "This matter, Senior Affairs Officer Sheng will solve for everyone..."

Compared to An Zaiyi's emotion-fueled words, this statement seemed rather pale and powerless.

An Zaiyi sneered, "So Senior Affairs Officer Sheng told you he would solve it, and then told you to go back and wait, right? That's why you came back? Didn't ask how exactly to handle it? Mere words won't do, we need results! Tomorrow, we'll see tomorrow, and if it doesn't work, we'll go and have a word with Senior Affairs Officer Sheng! Don't you all agree!"

The people present nodded repeatedly.

"Exactly!"

"Right!"

"We need to express ourselves!"

These people expressed their feelings.

Once emotions are agitated, it's hard to suppress, especially when it involves one's own future and fate.

Zeng Yiran glared angrily at them, but was held back by Yu Shuli, calmed by a look.

Zeng Yiran grunted angrily, turned, and left.

Yu Shuli followed in silence.

Unable to manage others, they at least could manage themselves.

But ultimately, all they could hope for was a clear conscience!

An Zaiyi watched coldly as Yu Shuli and Zeng Yiran's somewhat dejected figure walked away, the corners of his mouth curling into a barely detectable cold smirk.

"These two loyal dogs, they sure are tough!"

"Forget about them, after all, the things Sir Shen tasked us with, we insiders have almost perfectly completed!"

"With things so smooth on my side, I believe it's the same on theirs, with us leading, we're bound to stir up trouble here!"

An Zaiyi secretly glanced at the emotionally charged people around him, feeling smug inside, "Indeed, those embroiled can't see clearly! These astute people, swayed by just a few words from me! Let them clash with surname Bai! No matter how they fight, they are all sacrificial pieces, scapegoats, whereas I, by stirring you all up to create trouble, can go back and get a promotion and a raise!"

On this side, An Zaiyi was pleased with himself, but he didn't notice that at the end of the corridor around the corner, someone glanced at him and then wrote down his name.

Lin Weiwei received Bai Xiaosheng's orders, and upon stepping out encountered Lei Ying, who promptly told what Bai Xiaosheng had asked them to investigate about insiders.

At that time, Yu Shuli and Zeng Yiran were still waiting for the elevator, and Lei Ying just happened to follow them, witnessing this scene.

"An Zaiyi."

Lei Ying muttered this name, pocketed his pen, and strode away.

Believing the scene of emotional stirring just witnessed was not unique, he had to keep going place by place, person by person to investigate!

For them, this was also an opportunity, to completely weed out those Shen Peishen had placed here!

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Inserting someone into this, the difficulty is considerable, so after checking this wave, they should all be trustworthy people.

While Lei Ying was investigating, Bai Xiaosheng was still on a video call with Li Haofeng and others, and he elucidated the starting point of the strategy he wanted to employ.

"The key to this tricky situation is the human heart; we can't let those with us end up with nothing, they can't bear that at their age!"

Bai Xiaosheng shared his standpoint on thinking through the problem with everyone and continued to analyze further.

"Why could Shen Peishen find so many loyalists to bear the brunt for him, even unafraid to go to prison! It's not because Shen Peishen is so endearing that people are willing to sacrifice themselves for him, but because he genuinely resolved those people's worries, allowing them to gain more than they lose. Simply put, he offered enough 'benefits' to those people!"

"Don't think talking about 'benefits' appears vulgar, unrefined, or like you're part of a rabble. Humans, after all, need to eat!"

"Brothers, sisters, relatives, and friends, if you only talk about feelings but repeatedly hurt each other's interests, in the end, they will become enemies!"

"In summary, to break the deadlock, we might as well shift our approach and let those punished by headquarters 'gain far more than they lose'!"

"By doing so, if Shen Peishen wants to kill one to warn the others, it will turn into an example in our case—"

"Working hard with us, in the end, what's harvested is not just justice, but also benefits!"

Having said so much in a row, Li Haofeng and the others actually felt it made sense.

"That's the logic." Li Haofeng said with a wry smile, "but where do we get the 'benefits' to distribute to everyone. Promotions, salary raises, bonus payouts, these all have to go through headquarters, through Shen Peishen's approval. We can't even ensure their safety right now! Where to find 'benefits'!"

Li Haofeng exhaled a breath of murky air, frustrated.

Even Zheng Honghu was touched by his words, sighing, "The list of those being punished— each one is an elite. This is reflected in their character, ability to handle affairs, learning capabilities, and so on. They are the cream of the crop amongst Affairs Officers. But now, they're being driven out of headquarters! This is indeed a colossal loss for the company! A tremendous loss!"

"Even if we activate the backup talent pool for replenishments, I still feel these people's value far surpasses the backups'—these people would be highly sought after by any company out there! However, being dismissed will undoubtedly leave a negative imprint on their lives, affecting their job searches!"

Xu Youruo also sighed, speaking with a sense of helplessness.

Hearing them talk like this, Bai Xiaosheng instead laughed.

"Listening to you praise them so highly, I'm starting to want to recruit them under my command!"

Bai Xiaosheng's laugh made Li Haofeng roll his eyes.

"You're still in the mood to laugh!" Li Haofeng said annoyedly.

But then, Li Haofeng had a thought.

Since Bai Xiaosheng had given a lengthy discourse on his strategic starting point and now appeared more relaxed, he must already have a plan in mind!

This guy, as Elder Xia often said, had a cunning mind, sharper than most.

He must have a strategy!

Li Haofeng's eyes brightened and he said to Bai Xiaosheng, "Sheng, let's cut to the chase, if you have any thoughts or methods, let us hear them!"

With Li Haofeng speaking like this, Zheng Honghu and Xu Youruo also showed a flicker of anticipation, looking towards Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng gave a slight smile.

Having said so much nonsense was just to prepare the mental groundwork for everyone, so they wouldn't dismiss the approach he was about to propose.

Seeing the word "benefits" had gained everyone's agreement, with not too much objection from Li Haofeng either, it was time to continue.

"Alright, then I'll share my thoughts!" Bai Xiaosheng said with a smile.

Afterward, he outlined his strategy succinctly.

Once the method was presented, the expressions on Li Haofeng and the others were a mix of astonishment and bewilderment.

Bai Xiaosheng actually wanted to resolve the issue like this?!

"How could this work!" Li Haofeng's first reaction was to oppose.

"You really think outside the box, so far out that we might fall into a ditch," Zheng Honghu murmured softly.

"This, this..." Xu Youruo began, then finally with a wry smile said softly, "Does this count as digging into the walls of our Greater China Region."

Bai Xiaosheng faced the three of them candidly, spoke earnestly, "This is the only way at present, and besides, getting through this crisis, there might still be room for maneuver."

He was comforting Li Haofeng.

Room for future maneuvering?

Non-existent!

"I don't know if I should thank Shen Peishen for forcing me to come up with such a 'nasty' idea..." Bai Xiaosheng mumbled to himself, "At least I'm coming out ahead!"

Li Haofeng and the others fell silent.

Apart from Bai Xiaosheng's method, there really wasn't any better option.

"Tomorrow afternoon, I will have everything ready. But before that, you must dispatch trustworthy, capable people to find and remove Shen Peishen's moles embedded with us!" Bai Xiaosheng said, "Right now is their perfect opportunity to stir up emotions, and also our perfect chance to clean house!"

With such a suggestion, Li Haofeng and the others naturally nodded in agreement.

"I'll arrange it immediately!"

"I've already been working on this!"

"That's what I was thinking too."

The three people had their own ways of saying it.

Bai Xiaosheng trusted them to handle things.

"If I rise to a higher position in the future, if I can recruit them to my side, it would indeed be like adding wings to a tiger."

Li Haofeng and the others, of course, didn't know that Bai Xiaosheng was actually eyeing them...

And so, a situation that seemed to have no solution finally had one.

The three turned off the video and each went to make arrangements.

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That very evening, An Zaiyi locked her door at her residence and directly phoned Lin Yu.

"Mr. Lin, I have good news, animosity here has been stimulated to a boiling point, starting to turn hostile towards the surname Bai."

"Rest assured, rest assured! By tomorrow at the latest, I'll make it so that surname Bai loses all support here, completely paralyzing the operations!"

"Just wait for my good news!"

An Zaiyi promised confidently.

Chapter 1246 Ready to Go

Blinking, another day had dawned.

After an entire day of fermenting yesterday, and the "relentless efforts" of An Zaiyi and a few others fanning the flames behind the scenes.

This morning, on Nanyu's side, the Affairs Officers grew increasingly uneasy.

It was counted; by noon, there were already twenty-five Affairs Officers here who had received "punishment" from headquarters!

And word was spreading that this number could still increase!

As long as everyone remained in Nanyu, as long as no one returned to headquarters, the number of punished could only increase.

Today it might be him, tomorrow it could be you!

Under such talk, who wouldn't be frightened!

In this world, one's backbone is crucial, one's stance is equally important, but it must be admitted, for many people, the rice bowl matters the most!

Losing one's rice bowl, surviving would be difficult; talking to them about integrity, that would be asking too much of them.

Those who are transcendent in character, who are upright and unyielding, why are they admired by all, because it is truly difficult to achieve.

Under the pervasive unease, work on Nanyu's side became overall sluggish, some simple tasks that should have been done earlier dragged on half-heartedly with many oversights.

Continuing in this state, the investigation progress of Bai Xiaosheng and others might as well come to a halt.

It's likely that on the sides of Li Haofeng, Zheng Honghu, and Xu Youruo, the situation would be similar.

Shen Peishen's move to "remove the fuel from under the pot" was severe and venomous.

An Zaiyi had made his rounds in the morning, listening to the numerous complaints, hearing their dissatisfaction towards Bai Xiaosheng, secretly delighted, he even collected some remarks, recorded them, and sent them to Lin Yu via phone.

These could all be considered An Zaiyi's "achievements", which he hastened to report, lest those few "insiders" report them first and put him at a disadvantage.

The hard work of An Zaiyi wasn't in vain.

At the very least, Lin Yu had already praised him many times in replies, even encouraging him a few times.

Being valued by the most trusted student of Sir Shen was also a felicitous affair!

This meant more security in future prospects!

An Zaiyi, looking at the reply from Lin Yu, also felt secretly pleased.

While he was delighted, Lei Ying was reporting to Bai Xiaosheng.

Before Bai Xiaosheng, a report lay.

On it, information about six individuals was listed, including their words and deeds over the past two days.

Lei Ying was extremely adept at this kind of work.

Bai Xiaosheng had even joked that it was a waste for Lei Ying to enter the workforce; he should have been in a spy agency instead.

"These top five individuals, confirmed to be safe, are the people installed by Shen Peishen. As for the sixth person, he has actually participated very little in this matter, but I still feel there is an issue, just that due to short time, I lack incontrovertible proof and haven't verified further. My suspicions, more than anything, are based on intuition," Lei Ying discussed with Bai Xiaosheng, "I think we can handle them separately, deal with the first five robustly, and shall we just observe the sixth one a bit longer?"

Bai Xiaosheng skimmed it, looked up at Lei Ying, and smiled, "No need, since he's aroused your suspicion, I believe there must be a problem! Your intuition, to me, is more convincing than evidence!"

Hearing Bai Xiaosheng say so, Lei Ying also smiled.

Lin Weiwei knocked and entered, nodding at Lei Ying, and told Bai Xiaosheng, "Everything has been arranged, we can start by the end of the workday."

Bai Xiaosheng nodded in satisfaction.

Preparations were in place, just waiting for the afternoon to break the tricky situation crafted by Shen Peishen's side.

"Honestly, we are already fully prepared, why must we wait until the end of the workday, we could handle it right now," Lei Ying wondered.

Bai Xiaosheng chuckled, with a slightly sadistic pleasure, "After all, it's their clever move, letting them feel smug for a bit longer is good! Breaking it too quickly would only make them plot another scheme against us."

That said, it made sense.

However, Lei Ying still felt it lacked a bit of persuasiveness.

Bai Xiaosheng felt somewhat guilty, inwardly thinking, "I still want to wait for more punishment notices from Shen Peishen's side. That way, my 'harvest' will be greater. Since it's all about undermining the group, then digging a bit more wouldn't hurt..."

"No, wait, the entire group will be mine in the future, what does undermining the group mean, it's just like moving from the left pocket to the right. It's not benefiting anyone else..."

Thinking this, Bai Xiaosheng felt perfectly at ease.

These little thoughts, can't be spoken out loud.

Bai Xiaosheng turned to Lin Weiwei, seriously said, "Weiwei, some of the less important tasks can be left in chaos, just to paralyze Shen Peishen and his people. But for those critical tasks, you must arrange for reliable people to keep a close eye. As long as the core tasks are flawless, the minor losses caused by this chaos are nothing to fear."

Lin Weiwei nodded, "I have been keeping an eye on it, don't worry, the important parts have been proceeding with the original efficiency and quality."

Having said that, Lin Weiwei added a sentence, "Xiaosheng, you have reminded me not just once."

Bai Xiaosheng laughed at himself, "I've also nagged Li Haofeng and others, and they also think I worry too much. Sigh, sometimes I feel, a young man like me, actually has a mind like a nagging old woman."

This self-mockery from Bai Xiaosheng made Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying couldn't help but smile wryly.

Actually, it hasn't been easy for Bai Xiaosheng, facing enemies who have always been tough.

Facing those people, if he doesn't think more meticulously, consider everything more comprehensively, and instruct more carefully, fatal mistakes could be made, losing everything in one false step!

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying could completely understand.

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An Zaiyi spent the morning making rounds, and in the afternoon secretly communicated with a few others who also had the "traitor" disposition.

Before today's workday ended, they planned to incite those Affairs Officers who had been punished by the headquarters to create havoc in Bai Xiaosheng's office.

At the same time, they spread the news to the Affairs Officers who were anxiously waiting and had not yet been punished to also go and see.

To see how useless their "loyal" Bai Xiaosheng is, and what kind of consequences they would face following him.

To show them, what consequences they would face by opposing Sir Shen!

An Zaiyi envisioned standing in front of a hundred colleagues, commanding attention, and sternly questioning a Senior Affairs Officer!

Just the thought of it made his body tremble with excitement, his feet feel light, a great pleasure rushing straight to his brain.

Though he might never reach the position of a Senior Affairs Officer in his lifetime, how does that matter, to lead in rebuking a Senior Affairs Officer, that would be something he could boast about for a lifetime!

Officer Lin Yu and Sir Shen had received his news early in the morning and were surely waiting for good news!

"This time I must do it perfectly! To earn the respect from those two!" An Zaiyi was also a person "with ideals and goals."

Walking back to the Affairs Officers' office, An Zaiyi couldn't help but frequently check the time.

From two o'clock in the afternoon to now four o'clock, if stares could materialize, the watch face would probably be worn out by his gaze.

"Back to the office, just another hour or so, and it's our time to move, and it will be the time for me, An Zaiyi, to shine!" An Zaiyi thought so.

When he reached the office door assigned to them, An Zaiyi was just about to open it but found it opened from the inside.

A young woman was walking out, it was Bai Xiaosheng's assistant—Lin Weiwei.

"Assistant Lin!" An Zaiyi was caught off guard and startled.

As Lin Weiwei caught sight of him, she was briefly surprised and then with a sardonic smile said, "Isn't this Officer An? You haven't been in the office all afternoon, I see you've been quite busy!"

"Hehe, where, where, it's all work..." An Zaiyi laughed awkwardly, trying to dodge the question, then with a flicker in his eyes, asked Lin Weiwei, "Assistant Lin, what brings you here, is there something?"

At this time, it's unlikely Lin Weiwei is here to assign work or request results.

Her appearance here thus became somewhat intriguing.

An Zaiyi was also a shrewd person.

"It's nothing much, I am just here to inform everyone, in twenty minutes, Xiaosheng the Senior Affairs Officer will be holding a meeting concerning those penalties issued by the headquarters!" Lin Weiwei didn't hide anything, telling him straightforwardly.

An Zaiyi was astonished.

Bai Xiaosheng was actually going to proactively call for a meeting?

What solution had he thought of?

Before An Zaiyi could probe further, Lin Weiwei spoke up first, "I see everyone looks worried, but Officer An still can manage to smile. At the meeting, make sure to offer plenty of suggestions."

An Zaiyi immediately adjusted his expression, coughing once, "Actually, I am also very anxious..."

"I wonder, how will Xiaosheng the Senior Affairs Officer solve the problem?" An Zaiyi asked cautiously.

Lin Weiwei smiled brightly, passing by An Zaiyi.

"When the time comes, you'll naturally know! For now, just keep a sense of anticipation!"

Chapter 1247 What the Hell!

An Zaiyi watched Lin Weiwei stride away, her figure svelte and her waist swaying like a willow branch in the wind.

His heart couldn't resist a tickle of delight.

"Once that Bai Xiaosheng is completely ruined and out of the picture, I must win over that wench and have her work as my assistant! Then we'll see how close she gets to me... If I do well enough this round, would Sir Shen and the others reward me with something? It wouldn't be too much to ask for, would it?"

An Zaiyi was quite pleased with himself as he took another hard look at Lin Weiwei's retreating figure before withdrawing his gaze and pushing through the door.

Before entering, An Zaiyi took special care to adjust his emotions and facial expression.

In light of Lin Weiwei's "reminder," he felt that he should appear deeply aggrieved and exhausted, perhaps even somber.

After all, he had gone out to scout for information on behalf of everyone.

Upon his entry, the group of Affairs Officers quite predictably flocked around him.

"Old An, did you find out anything?!"

"What's the word from the other groups, what do they say?!"

"Just now, Assistant Lin came to tell us that there will be a meeting soon, and Senior Affairs Officer Sheng said he'd resolve our issues. What do you think?!"

"I have no idea what plan Senior Affairs Officer Sheng might come up with..."

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Everyone was chattering with many questions.

An Zaiyi cleared his throat gravely twice, raised his hand, and gestured for silence.

"Besides us, the situation for the other groups is just as bad, if not worse. I've heard that another five Affairs Officers have been punished by headquarters, that's thirty people in total now! It's like one-fourth to one-fifth of our entire number!" An Zaiyi spoke with a heavy tone, "And that's just in two days! This time, the headquarters is really out to discipline us harshly!"

To tell the truth, those last five were added by An Zaiyi's own suggestion to Shen Peishen.

But, these fools here would never know!

An Zaiyi watched the expressions on their faces.

After he spoke, the others' faces immediately turned quite ugly.

An Zaiyi snickered to himself, feeling a rush of triumph.

"This time, Senior Affairs Officer Sheng has called us for a meeting, and I suppose it's an attempt to settle this matter, but I can't think of how! I've heard that until now, he has not reached an agreement with headquarters, or my guess is, he has not spoken with them at all. If he had, would the follow-up punishments still be happening? At the very least, they should be paused. Don't you agree?"

An Zaiyi was gauging everyone's emotions to see if their anger was still boiling.

Expressions of shock and fury surfaced on their faces.

It seems the rage is still alive and well!

Excellent!

Since Bai Xiaosheng has convened us, let's go and see what his plan is!

Then, if we find any slip-ups in his words, I can lead the charge in rebuking him!

And just like that, my job here would be done!

An Zaiyi felt exquisitely smug internally but maintained a serious demeanor, "However, we should still hear him out first, and if when the time comes, Senior Affairs Officer Sheng can't give us a satisfactory response, then if we're not content, it's not too late to make a reasoned argument!"

An Zaiyi thought it was best not to constantly spread discontent about Bai Xiaosheng; it was essential to appear neutral!

In doing so, he believed his persuasiveness would be greater.

Being so calculated made An Zaiyi feel clever.

The greatest success for a "traitor" is achieving their aim undetected!

"Before this, I had no idea that I had the potential to be a spy!"

An Zaiyi couldn't help but silently praise himself.

In a blink of an eye, it was the time Lin Weiwei had informed them about.

An Zaiyi accompanied the crowd toward Bai Xiaosheng's office.

That place, which had once been almost completely Han Hefei's private space, was well-equipped with diverse rooms—fitness, reading, working—there was more than one meeting room.

After taking the elevator up, An Zaiyi and the others discovered Lin Weiwei waiting by the elevators, joined by people from two other groups, totaling thirty to forty individuals.

Thankfully, the Shenhe Building was grand in design with an expansive layout, and Han Hefei's floor had an open elevator area connected to a small atrium – it could fit a crowd, not just dozens but hundreds of people.

"Everyone please wait a moment, and once everyone is here, we'll head over together," Lin Weiwei explained.

An Zaiyi didn't play any games and exchanged a meaningful glance with the "insiders" from those two groups before quieting down.

Yu Shuli, Zeng Yiran was also among the crowd, giving An Zaiyi an indifferent look.

An Zaiyi sneered inwardly.

"You're about to be fired, so what are you acting so high and mighty for! When I hold a high position in the company, enjoying the best of everything, and you? At best, you'd be scraping by with a petty job at some small company outside, worse off than an Affairs Assistant! Pah! Serves you right for siding with Bai Xiaosheng! Clueless fools!"

Among those waiting, the individuals who had received punishment notices from the company were all looking troubled and anxious, talking amongst themselves.

The consolation offered by others didn't carry an aloof and carefree attitude, as they knew the next could very well be them!

A somber mood pervaded, with hints of fear, anxiety, and confusion in people's eyes.

They were helpless about both the present and the future.

Even if there was a resolution this time, could they still stand by Bai Xiaosheng afterward?

Following this ordeal, many had already made a reluctant and guilty choice in their hearts...

In future, it would be best to be neutral and self-protective.

For Shen Peishen and his ilk, this was undoubtedly welcome news.

After waiting for barely ten minutes, everyone had arrived.

Lin Weiwei led them straight to a place.

An Zaiyi squeezed to the front, closely following behind Lin Weiwei.

Seeing the direction they were headed, An Zaiyi exclaimed in surprise, "Aren't we going to Sheng's Senior Affairs Officer's office?"

"The temporary office of the Senior Affairs Officer Sheng may seem large, but it still feels small with so many people standing. This time we're heading to the conference rooms, one large and one small, which should be enough," Lin Weiwei explained to him.

Inhaling the faint scent of the beauty and listening to her explanation meant just for him, An Zaiyi felt extremely content inside.

When they arrived outside the doors of the two offices, Lei Ying was already waiting there, along with a few others standing with him.

These were the absolute loyalists that Bai Xiaosheng and Chen Yucheng had called for, those with firm stances even if they were to be dismissed.

"Next, I'm going to divide the group. Everyone listen to my arrangements," Lei Ying picked up the paper in his hand, "An Zaiyi, small conference room."

Lei Ying looked at An Zaiyi.

The first one was himself, An Zaiyi was also surprised but smiled without rushing to move, "Senior Affairs Officer Sheng wants to see us, why separate us to meet? This isn't appropriate."

Lei Ying put down the paper in his hand, looked at him coldly and impatiently said, "With so many people, it's all a huge crowd, how can you express your opinions with everyone speaking at once? If you don't want to participate, you can leave."

An Zaiyi felt embarrassed and had no choice but to step into the small conference room.

"He Qingyang, the large conference room!" Lei Ying called out.

Lin Weiwei added, "There are many people, so please move quickly."

Those whose names were called walked quickly into the large conference room.

"Guo Ba'an, small conference room."

A short man, learning from the previous example, quickly entered the small conference room.

Lei Ying continued to call out names.

Lin Weiwei urged them on.

In a moment, each conference room had six people in it.

Inside the small conference room, An Zaiyi initially chatted with Guo Ba'an who followed him in, but upon inadvertently lifting his head to glance at the people distributed across the seats, he suddenly froze.

"What's going on, they're all 'one of us'!" An Zaiyi instantly realized something was amiss.

After the sixth person entered, An Zaiyi suddenly stood up and strode towards the door.

This was no coincidence!

Why were all six of them in the small conference room, and why did they enter one after another?

As An Zaiyi moved, the others also sensed that something was off and got up to head towards the door.

The sixth person rushed to pull on that door, only to find that it had been locked from the outside.

This door was completely soundproofed!

After all, this was Han Hefei's private small conference room, with exceptional privacy!

Even if they were to pound on the door inside, no one outside could hear them!

Outside the door, Lei Ying stood with his back against it, one hand behind his back, secretly pulling out a key, while the other hand holding the list hung down. Smiling at the crowd, he said, "Reading on like this will take a long time. I suddenly feel like you should first go into the large conference room. If it's too crowded, then come out and find me to arrange."

The crowd suspected nothing, nodding in agreement and moving towards the large conference room.

Inside the large conference room, there were enough seats for several dozen more people; there simply wasn't an issue of not having enough space.

Lin Weiwei was the last to enter, giving Lei Ying a deep look before closing the door to the large conference room.

Lei Ying turned his head to look at the small conference room.

Shortly, he would go inside and have a good talk with those six people.

"Having to deal with six people at once, and to break them down psychologically rather than just knock them out, is quite the challenge for a brute like me," Lei Ying muttered softly to himself with a smile, glancing at the five elite Affairs Officers standing by.

They were standing there not to maintain order, but to support him!

After patiently waiting a few more minutes, Lei Ying glanced at the time, signaled to those people, turned around, opened the door to the small conference room, and stepped inside.

"What is the meaning of this? Why have only the six of us been put in here? This is illegal imprisonment; it's against the law!"

"Am I right or not?"

As soon as he entered, An Zaiyi lashed out in anger.

But in Lei Ying's eyes, this was merely bluster.

Probably An Zaiyi and the others had figured out during these few minutes why only they were in there.

They had exposed themselves.

An Zaiyi was simply trying to muster some morale.

Lei Ying, without wasting words, smiled and walked over to a table next to him, suddenly lifting one leg over his head and delivering a powerful downward kick.

The sturdy table was split in half right down the middle.

An Zaiyi and the others watched, astonished.

Even those who came in with Lei Ying were dumbfounded.

So the assistant to the Senior Affairs Officer was this fierce!

"I'm a rough person; I've been involved with the underworld, served as a mercenary abroad, fought in battles and killed, and now I've joined the corporate world, where I hoped to communicate with everyone in a civilized manner."

Lei Ying's gaze was sharp as he smiled and asked, "Or would you prefer a different method?"

An Zaiyi swallowed hard, seriously saying, "We should sit down and talk!"

Chapter 1248 I Will Arrange Your Future

The Affairs Officers entering the large conference room were full of confusion.

What surprised them were the row of plush sofa chairs on the stage, arranged in a row—seven in total.

Apart from Bai Xiaosheng sitting in the middle, there were three others on each side.

These individuals were middle-aged, all formally dressed, each wearing a modest smile, currently in conversation with Bai Xiaosheng.

They looked unfamiliar, not like employees of the group.

At the very least, none of the present Affairs Officers recognized them.

However, it was apparent that each of them possessed a strong presence, their gestures and laughter effortless, even polite in front of Bai Xiaosheng, but constantly exuding supreme cultivation and temperament!

They must be individuals with very high-ranking positions in the corporate world!

The present Affairs Officers, who had also once undertaken leadership roles and wielded power, also bore the imprint of authority. Yet, compared to the people on the stage, seven or eight out of ten present seemed inferior.

Who exactly were these people?

The many Affairs Officers wore perplexed expressions.

However, under Lin Weiwei's urging, they refrained from questioning on the spot and instead found their own seats.

As expected of Zhenbei Group Affairs Officers, their conduct was exemplary. Even amidst the prevailing anxious emotions, they remained quiet and swiftly settled into their seats.

The six people on the stage glanced down, inadvertently nodding at the sight.

After arranging everyone, Lin Weiwei ascended the stage, consulted Bai Xiaosheng, then turned towards the Affairs Officers below and announced loudly, "Ladies and gentlemen, please maintain silence! Now, Bai Xiaosheng, the Senior Affairs Officer, has something to say to everyone."

The already quiet large conference room grew even more solemn.

Bai Xiaosheng took the microphone, stood up, and walked to the edge of the stage to face the audience.

His gaze was calm, his expression sincere.

"These days, thank you for working day and night with me in Nanyu. Everything you have done is meritorious, immensely contributing to the future development of the Greater China Region of the group! You all are heroes!" Bai Xiaosheng began by affirming everyone, even bowing slightly as a token of his respect.

Below, the Affairs Officers looked up, silently meeting Bai Xiaosheng's eyes.

This affirmation was well-deserved!

Being selected by Xiahou Qi, each one of them possessed, more or less, a heart of integrity!

As straightforward individuals and honest workers, they only wished to do their jobs without guilt and live with a clear conscience!

Being affirmed to their faces also touched them somewhat.

"Currently, the Greater China Region Headquarters has issued disciplinary notices to many among you," Bai Xiaosheng surveyed the crowd earnestly, "As the Grand Affairs Officer of the Greater China Region, I can frankly tell you—"

"Those decisions are unfair!" Bai Xiaosheng declared loudly without hesitation.

This statement slightly surprised the Affairs Officers present.

You see, declaring this in front of over a hundred people—hearts may vary, and whether these comments would leak could not be known.

This showed the trust Bai Xiaosheng had in them!

Even so, for a Grand Affairs Officer to speak in such a manner was utterly unimaginable.

Instantly, everyone's expressions turned invigorated; they stared intently at Bai Xiaosheng and listened on.

"I didn't expect the Grand Affairs Officer Xiaosheng to be so blunt. How can he speak like this... so directly!" Yu Shuli exclaimed.

"So refreshing!" Zeng Yiran couldn't help but nod his head in admiration.

Yu Shuli gave him a sidelong glance.

"What's wrong, the headquarters is simply being unfair to us! They can do it, but we can't talk about it!" Zeng Yiran glared, looking at Yu Shuli.

Many around them nodded in agreement.

Yu Shuli chuckled bitterly, "We are all leaving anyway. What we say doesn't really matter. When the orders are handed down, you could yell at the headquarters, and no one would take it seriously."

"But it's different for Grand Affairs Officer Xiaosheng!" Yu Shuli looked towards the stage and muttered, "There are rules in the workplace, even if he has a fallout with Grand Affairs Officer Shen Peisheng, he shouldn't openly say such things in front of so many employees... it breaks unity, a major taboo in the workplace!"

Hearing this, Zeng Yiran also couldn't help but look back towards the stage, staring at Bai Xiaosheng for two seconds, his gaze filled with admiration, muttering, "That's what I'm saying."

"Grand Affairs Officer Xiaosheng, truly motherf*cking awesome!"

This exchange let many around clearly hear.

They also admired Yu Shuli's words and agreed with Zeng Yiran's.

Bai Xiaosheng, the Grand Affairs Officer speaking so unhindered was extraordinary!

Just for those words, truly motherf*cking awesome!

On the stage.

Bai Xiaosheng continued, "Honestly, I completely disagree with the group's disciplinary reactions! I wanted to protect everyone, to stop those penalties, but unfortunately, even I am powerless! The reason, I believe you all have discussed privately. You see, the situation is almost as expected! Therefore, those of you who have received these notices will probably have to leave!"

Bai Xiaosheng effectively announced the outcome, shattering the last sliver of fantasy for those present.

They thought Bai Xiaosheng really had a solution.

They believed there would be a turnaround in this matter.

But now, their dreams were shattered.

Below, those who received the notices had dim gazes, faces ashen.

Ultimately, they still had to go?

People in their middle age, with elders above and children below, were suddenly losing high-paying positions and benefits, and would now have to seek jobs in society...

Such a blow left many in silent despair.

Many also began to harbor a sense of sorrow and anger.

They were straightforward and sincere individuals, only wishing to perform their jobs guiltlessly and live true to themselves; this was why they worked, exerted, and even sacrificed tirelessly.

Countless nights, numerous times of upholding beliefs.

And what they received in return was such an ending?

How tragic!

Bai Xiaosheng, watching the disheartened expressions below, maintained his calm expression and continued, "You might think, today I asked you here merely to reluctantly announce this fact and then stir your emotions, telling you how much I tried but ultimately was powerless, leaving me no choice but to ask you all to leave."

Isn't it so?

Many Affairs Officers looked woefully at Bai Xiaosheng.

"Now, let me tell you, what I dislike the most is not getting things done, but recklessly stirring emotions!"

"That is a disgraceful act!"

"I, Bai Xiaosheng, even if I play a foolish game, will not just watch you slap your butts and leave, yet still play emotional games."

"I can't do that!"

Bai Xiaosheng's voice was bold and resolute, his expression extremely steadfast, causing the grieving Affairs Officers below to involuntarily cast their eyes, staring blankly at him.

"Everyone, you have devoted half your life to the Greater China Region, with high 功劳, you deserve a stable future, and to enjoy the best welfare benefits."

"If people in the headquarters don't want to give it, aren't willing to give it, then, I will!"

Bai Xiaosheng's voice was clear and decisive, hammering each point home.

The crowd below was astonished, not understanding the meaning behind his words.

He mentioned being powerless against the headquarters' orders, yet promising them a worry-free splendid future.

Isn't that contradictory?

Even Yu Shuli and Zeng Yiran were exchanging glances, perplexed.

Seeing that the attention of everyone present had converged on him, Bai Xiaosheng continued, "What I want to offer you is a secure future, providing you all, the capable workers, with basic needs without concern!"

"I will present you with a brilliant new future!"

Bai Xiaosheng took two steps back, turned sideways, and looked at those sitting on the sofa chairs, gesturing an invitation, "Next, please, I ask our guests here to give a brief self-introduction!"

Below, the Affairs Officers, drawn by Bai Xiaosheng, naturally looked towards those people.

On stage, the row of people on the sofa chairs also looked at each other, and finally, the youngest smiling middle-aged man on the far left stood up first, took the microphone, and said to the Affairs Officers below, "They say the best for last, yet here I am the youngest, I will not shirk, and I'll go first."

Bai Xiaosheng nodded slightly.

The man continued smiling, addressing the Affairs Officers below, "I am the HR Deputy President of Xue Lian Wan He, my name is Yao Yucheng. This time, entrusted by your Senior Affairs Officer Sheng, I've come to meet everyone."

Xue Lian Wan He?

Upon hearing this name, the Affairs Officers below were all stunned.

Some who knew began murmuring privately.

This company, they had indeed heard about it.

Not long ago, Xue Lian Wan He, in collaboration with several well-known domestic and international companies in Linshen, established an industrial alliance and even secured the biggest sponsorship for this year's Asian Games! It's been frequently in the headlines!

It is said that this company rose in Zhongjing, soaring synchronously with a city, and upon its emergence into public view, its partner was the local giant in Linshen—Zunbai Zhisheng.

Moreover, they have close relations with Tengyun!

Such a company, mysterious in background but undoubtedly extraordinary, naturally attracts attention.

Now, the HR Deputy President of Xue Lian Wan He is here, what for?

Could it be...

For recruitment?

Many people couldn't help but reach this conclusion.

Although it seemed ludicrous.

Senior Affairs Officer Bai Xiaosheng, how could he possibly allow an external company to come and recruit his people, isn't that a joke!

Many thought this, but the man on stage, Yao Yucheng, was already smiling, revealing the mystery.

"Our Xue Lian Wan He, in the next few years, plans to restructure into a group, expecting to add three new business divisions this year, requiring Executive Vice-Presidents, senior managers, and we are urgently seeking talents!"

"For those Officers looking to leave Zhenbei Group, I've reviewed your profiles, you all are the elites among elites, hence, on behalf of my company, I would like you to join us, what do you think?"

Yao Yucheng's remarks were not surprising, but startling.

The Affairs Officers below were dumbstruck.

Senior Affairs Officer Sheng really invited an external company here to recruit them?!

Is this something a Senior Affairs Officer should do?!

While the crowd was astonished, Yao Yucheng had already upped the ante, "If we see eye to eye and you decide to join, then we can sign a long-term contract! You can work until retirement!"

"Regarding benefits, all your existing privileges will remain the same, and salaries will be doubled!"

"I wonder if anyone is interested!"

Yao Yucheng said with a smile.

The scene was dead silent, everyone unable to digest the information before them.

After Bai Xiaosheng briefly reiterated, the crowd was once again in an uproar.

Such treatment truly tempted their hearts!

"Senior Affairs Officer Sheng, actually found us new jobs! He's a Senior Affairs Officer!" Yu Shuli was still somewhat in disbelief.

Zeng Yiran laughed heartily.

He didn't hide his joy, loudly exclaiming, "Senior Affairs Officer Sheng is really considerate! If a place doesn't retain a master, there are other places that will! Who wouldn't want a better future!"

His words resonated with everyone.

Yes, there's a better way out, no need to suffocate here.

If the headquarters wants to fire them, why should they stay!

"This Mr. Yao, count me in! I'm interested!" Zeng Yiran directly shouted out.

"Count me in too!"

"Count me in too!"

Many, as if ignited in the moment, responded enthusiastically.

The others seated in a row on stage, watching these Affairs Officers, had eager eyes.

They were invited to divide up the talents!

They had even marked some individuals from the documents, not to let Xue Lian Wan He get ahead.

Bai Xiaosheng, seeing their eagerness, suddenly smiled, took the microphone, and said to the Affairs Officers below.

"Everyone, don't rush, don't you want to hear the other introductions?"

"Perhaps the surprise is yet to come!"

"There's no need to rush, I will arrange your future!"

Chapter 1249 - We Want to be Fired Too!

No one expected Bai Xiaosheng to solve the predicament of the Affairs Officers in such a manner—

He directly found them a new employer, and the compensation was incredibly generous!

If the offer made by the newly risen Xue Lian Wan He was enough to tempt those present, the following people's job positions and salary packages made one's mouth go dry with eagerness to shout out in amazement.

It's not that these Affairs Officers were inexperienced.

The key was that the companies represented by those few people were truly stirring!

Sitting right next to the Vice President of Human Resources for Xue Lian Wan He, was a mixed-race handsome older man with strong Caucasian features, yet speaking fluent Mandarin.

He represented Zunbai Zhisheng!

This company was incredibly renowned!

First, it is located in Linshen, in the same city as its headquarters. Moreover, the headquarters had sent people here several times for cooperation!

Zunbai Zhisheng has become one of Asia's leading big data institutions and is making headway in expanding into the European and American markets.

"We urgently need senior management talent, as long as you are outstanding, we will provide the conditions and salary you desire!" The mixed-race Director of Human Resources from Zunbai Zhisheng said passionately.

These words ignited the hearts of many middle-aged gentlemen present.

Done well, this is an opportunity for a second spring in their careers!

And the benefits were truly international standards!

Even more extravagant than Xue Lian Wan He!

Those Affairs Officers, who were originally going to be dismissed, leaving them in low spirits, were now excitedly flushed with eagerness!

People ascend to higher places, and water flows to lower ones.

If there is a better choice, and it is without guilt, who wouldn't want it!

The emergence of Zunbai Zhisheng was surprising, yet it simply sparked a series of small fervors.

Subsequently, two companies from Zhongjing finished introducing themselves and their offers, which made the Affairs Officers present stare in awe, some palpably excited.

These two companies were firmly linked with the rapidly developing Zhongjing and had signed cooperation agreements with the local government, having a natural advantage in recruiting and supplying senior management talent, with the contenders enjoying almost civil servant level benefits.

This included housing, children's education, and various other special financial subsidies!

Such conditions were truly unprecedented.

The Affairs Officers listened with amazement.

Even a Senior Affairs Officer from the Greater China Region probably didn't have such comprehensive and generous benefits!

Then came the recruiters from Shengsheng International, causing a sensation.

Just mentioning the company name made everyone gasp.

Shengsheng International!

This company, within a mere two and a half years, had leaped into the top fifty of the national Fortune 100!

Undeniably, it was a legend created!

It is said that the founder of Shengsheng International is very young and is the future son-in-law of Tengyun Group's Lu Yun.

Some say its rise owed much to Tengyun opening various resource channels and pouring in funds by the hundreds of billions consistently.

Others say Lu Yun aids the business acting as the major shareholder and advisor.

However, no matter what's said.

Lu Yun is recognized by mainstream media as a rational businessman!

Only things he genuinely believes in receive such support!

Shengsheng International, leveraging Tengyun's online and offline internet channels, is innovating new shopping, travel, and business models, commanding respect.

Before the year was out, the smart living products launched by Shengsheng International directly promoted the development of the entire industry, driving down the prices of electronic products across the board.

Their products, known for style, trendiness, taste, and durability, were fervently sought after by the younger generation.

To become a middle manager at Shengsheng International might be even more appealing than being an Affairs Officer in the Greater China Region.

The appearance of Shengsheng International was still not the climax of the event.

It wasn't until a pillar enterprise of Tengyun Group revealed its identity and made an offer that the place truly erupted.

"Is it for real, even Tengyun has come?"

"In the domestic market, Tengyun is in fact stronger than our Greater China Region!"

"Getting into that company would mean reaching new heights in our careers!"

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Voices of astonishment followed one after another.

Before entering this large conference room, the Affairs Officers, whose futures seemed bleak and spirits were downcast, were now excitedly chatting nonstop—

"Each of these companies is great, one better than the next, and even the 'worst' offers far better terms than what we have now!"

"Yeah, I'm really a bit excited now! How come I even feel a bit... grateful for being fired by the headquarters..."

"With better places to go and better terms, no more worries about the family—it feels so good!"

Among these people, represented by Yu Shuli, some of the more rational ones looked towards Bai Xiaosheng, who stood smiling at the side of the stage.

In their eyes, there was a hint of emotion.

They believed that the presence of these major companies was largely thanks to Sheng, the Senior Affairs Officer. Everyone saw the results, but could not guess how Sheng, the Senior Affairs Officer, managed to bring these companies down for recruitment.

It must have been at a great cost, with considerable effort and influence, that he was able to get them to come and recruit!

Out of gratitude, they explained this to others around them.

And so, more people began to feel contemplative.

"Actually, Sheng, the Senior Affairs Officer, didn't have to do any of this! This crackdown on us was entirely orchestrated by the headquarters! Yet, he, disregarding his own status as Senior Affairs Officer, managed to bring us so many strong and well-known companies, so we don't have to worry about our futures!"

"Sheng, the Senior Affairs Officer, really went out of his way. It's not easy!"

"His actions show us all that following him, we will never be disappointed!"

Such discussions became more frequent.

More and more Affairs Officers looked towards Bai Xiaosheng, their gazes filled with emotion.

Bai Xiaosheng stood quietly with a contented smile, his mind drifting.

He was thrilled at the thought of so many talented individuals recognized by Li Haofeng and others joining his own company or affiliates.

Indeed, aside from Tengyun, these companies were all in their rapid growth stages and in need of talent!

At this moment, everything seemed perfect!

Bai Xiaosheng was completely unaware that he had also earned the full gratitude and respect of everyone present.

However, those in the audience were all mature and composed middle-aged individuals. Naturally, they wouldn't shout out their thoughts; they would keep them silently in their hearts. When the time came, they would surely reciprocate!

Amidst their gratitude, many began to discuss their futures.

"Which company do you want to try? I think Zunbai Zhisheng and Xue Lian Wan He are both good. I want to go ask about them!"

"I'm more interested in Tengyun—that's the best place to go!"

"My views are different. I think those two companies in Zhongjing are the ones with great prospects. That city might become a first-tier city in the future. The earlier you go, the more you gain. I've decided to apply there!"

...

Everyone was chattering, with various intentions.

At that moment, those who hadn't received a notice of penalty from the headquarters began to feel envious.

Watching those who were about to be fired by headquarters turn misfortune into fortune, they couldn't help but feel "jealous."

"Sheng, the Senior Affairs Officer, we also want to go to those enterprises. Is that possible?" someone even mustered the courage to ask Bai Xiaosheng on stage.

Though the application process was supposed to be free, these companies brought in by Bai Xiaosheng would naturally give him face.

If he said no, it was probably a no.

Bai Xiaosheng looked over and decisively shook his head, saying firmly, "Apart from those who received a notice and have no other choice but to leave, others do not have this privilege. But if you continue to work hard and the headquarters grows discontent with you, once you receive a notice of punishment, I will take care of arranging your future employment! How about that?!"

With that said, the person chuckled sheepishly, "I was just saying. I would still rather continue to work hard here with Sheng, the Senior Affairs Officer!"

Many listened and nodded frequently.

However, some were looking forward to what Bai Xiaosheng had said.

Work hard, stand out, get noticed by the headquarters, and hopefully be targeted for dismissal...

This notion sounded absurdly comical, but it was indeed in the back of some people's minds...

"In the future, I'll resolutely and actively side with Sheng, the Senior Affairs Officer, against the headquarters, working hard, even harder, so that opportunity to be dismissed will always be there!"

Chapter 1250 - You... please feel free...

The "one-of-a-kind" and grand "recruitment event" lasted for two hours before it concluded.

On the stage were recruiters from six major companies, and off the stage were "job seekers" still in their positions.

Demands were raised on stage, and people introduced themselves off stage.

In the end, eighty percent were satisfied with the positions they were offered.

The remaining twenty percent, although temporarily without suitable positions, were assured by the representatives of the six major companies on stage that they would be recommended to other large corporations of the same scale.

So, it was a happy ending for everyone involved.

The Affairs Officers who were about to resign had no more anxiety; they were all delighted.

They were even secretly looking forward to the day they would be dismissed, as it would mark the new beginning of their lives.

Those Affairs Officers who had not received a notice of punishment from headquarters were more envious.

Indeed, many were itching to catch the eye of Shen Peishen and be fired too.

Their envy, of course, had its reasons.

If one really thinks about it, the position of an Affairs Officer for the Zhenbei Group Greater China Region, though seemingly prestigious, was not as enviable as outsiders imagined.

The respect they received was only within the corporation. When they went outside, to alumni gatherings or parties, and mentioned "Affairs Officer," many people would be perplexed.

What is that position? Is it as big as a corporate manager?

Therefore, outside, the title of Affairs Officer was somewhat awkward.

Of course, the benefits and wages of an Affairs Officer were beyond reproach, but they really weren't as free and comfortable as being the head of a company. Moreover, Affairs Officers had to undergo evaluation every year, with a major test every five years. If they failed repeatedly, they might have to "go study further."

The "further study" for an Affairs Officer was often mockingly referred to as "entering the palace," having to leave their actual job position. And there were too many replacements available.

Once in study, one would wait for a vacancy, akin to sitting on a cold bench indefinitely, not to mention that the benefits were significantly reduced during this period.

So, it was actually very tough being an Affairs Officer.

The position that they worked so hard for now seems like it wasn't anything special.

If life could be chosen again, many probably wouldn't make the same choice!

As the "recruitment" was ending, Bai Xiaosheng asked the representatives of the six major companies to leave first.

Lin Weiwei saw them off.

After they left, Bai Xiaosheng then turned to the Affairs Officers remaining with a smile, "Next, I have a few private words to share with everyone."

The Affairs Officers below immediately quieted down and looked at Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled and said, "I believe everyone noticed when they came in that some people were separated into the room next door. They are An Zaiyi and his six colleagues, and you should all be familiar with them—they're the ones who caused the most trouble this time."

The crowd suddenly understood.

"I can responsibly tell you that they are not one of us!"

"I cannot provide evidence for you, but you are all Affairs Officers, experts in investigation. It's just that the situation has been bad recently and your minds may have been a bit disorganized. However, if you think about it carefully, you will notice the unusual traces they have left."

Upon hearing this, the Affairs Officers began to recall, and those with active minds started showing changes in expressions, even communicating quietly with those next to them.

Those involved in a situation often can't see it clearly, but once they step out of it, the truth becomes much clearer.

"I knew from the start that bastard An Zaiyi was problematic!" Zeng Yiran snorted coldly and spoke up.

Then, one after another, people began to speak, all cursing and denouncing.

"It's good that everyone knows. Be wary of them, and it's best not to disclose the contents of this meeting," Bai Xiaosheng said with a smile, "Otherwise, me, as a Senior Affairs Officer organizing an external company to recruit our own executives, would be adding another 'major crime' to my record. Although I'm not worried about having too many offenses, it is always better to have fewer troubles. Only a dead pig would not fear scalding water..."

Everyone laughed.

Those present made it clear that they would keep the secret.

Those who were given new positions certainly did not want any complications.

Those who were looking forward to new positions also did not want to be affected.

Rarely, in this meeting room with over a hundred people, there was unity from top to bottom.

"Senior Affairs Officer Sheng, even though we are about to leave, we can still stay a few more days according to the handover procedures. In these two days, we will work our hardest, not to let down your effort. We believe they are punishing us to disrupt our morale, so before we leave, let's give them a 'proper thanks' as a way to express our resentment and gratitude for your care!" Yu Shuli declared loudly.

His words immediately drew a chorus of assent.

"Right, we must not let them have an easy time!"

"Even just to vent our own frustrations, we must strive hard before we leave!"

"This is also for Senior Affairs Officer Sheng!"

"This time, we must not let their schemes succeed!"

Seeing the crowd's enthusiastic and emotional mood, Bai Xiaosheng smiled contentedly.

This was the scene he wanted to see.

At this very moment.

In the small meeting room, Lei Ying, along with some reliable Affairs Officers, was keeping an eye on An Zaiyi and the others.

Literally just watching them.

Lei Ying sat there holding a cup of tea, smiling at An Zaiyi and his group.

Making them extremely uncomfortable.

Although Lei Ying had called for help, without any solid evidence, it was inappropriate to investigate a few Affairs Officers just because of differences in stance.

An Zaiyi and his colleagues were not fools; naturally, they would admit to nothing and say nothing.

Instead of haggling with them, it was better to just keep this standoff.

An Zaiyi felt uneasy under Lei Ying's watchful eyes, like his body was infested with jumping fleas, squirming restlessly in his seat.

He felt uncomfortable everywhere!

In truth, during those two hours, An Zaiyi had protested, grumbled, and fished for hints.

But no matter what he said, Lei Ying always managed to turn it back on him.

Even An Zaiyi, who considered himself so astute, slipped up several times.

"How can this rough and burly guy be as crafty as a fox? It defies the laws of biology!"

In the end, An Zaiyi fell silent.

At this moment, he sat there, adjusting his tie to give his neck some slack and breathe more easily.

Right then, his phone conveniently rang.

An Zaiyi took a glance.

It was just a message, but it gave him quite a shock.

It was from Lin Yu.

"What's the situation on your side?!" Lin Yu asked.

An Zaiyi swallowed hard.

What situation?

Well...

Using the process of elimination, first off, it's definitely not good...

They had all been found out.

But to say it's a complete disaster seems premature.

They had not been questioned or punished.

An Zaiyi looked around and seemed to be the only one who had received this message from Lin Yu.

In fact, it was normal.

These past two days, he was the most proactive and had been temporarily appointed by Lin Yu as the "person in charge" here, so naturally, any problems would be brought to him.

These past days, I've been "receiving good news frequently." Now, how should I put it...

An Zaiyi was worried.

To say everything's ruined, we've been exposed, totally defeated?

Then his standing with Shen Peishen and Lin Yu would also be truly ruined!

"I can't say it, can't say it! At the very least, before knowing what the situation is in the large conference room next door, I can't mention it!"

An Zaiyi made up his mind.

Right now, their biggest mistake is having achieved nothing!

Only by figuring out what's happening next door can they "rectify their wrongs."

An Zaiyi replied to Lin Yu, "Mr. Lin, things here are going fairly well—for the moment. I'll send you the details later, it's a bit inconvenient right now..."

As An Zaiyi typed, he continued racking his brains, thinking about what to say next.

Just then, a voice suddenly came through.

It was a soft, deliberate voice.

Yet it was like a clap of thunder, startling An Zaiyi the hibernating insect.

"You're chatting with Officer Lin Yu, aren't you? How's it going?"

In a flash, An Zaiyi lifted his head and saw Lei Ying smiling amiably at him.

An Zaiyi's heart skipped a beat.

Damn it!

How did this rough guy know who he's chatting with?

A trace of panic flickered deep in An Zaiyi's eyes.

Lei Ying saw this and smiled even more brightly.

Bai Xiaosheng had exchanged interrogation techniques with him, also teaching him more the subtle art of reading expressions and words.

Lei Ying was quite skilled in this area. By observing An Zaiyi's facial micro-expressions, he could deduce a thing or two.

"Assistant Lei, this isn't really..." An Zaiyi immediately tried to deny it.

Lei Ying raised his hand to stop him, saying politely as if to spare him, "The more you talk, the more you lose, no need to say more."

The less Lei Ying wanted to hear, the more An Zaiyi felt the urge to embellish.

At that moment, Lei Ying's phone rang.

The big guy glanced at it, put down his cup of tea, and stood up.

It was from Lin Weiwei, saying that the meeting on their end had concluded.

Lei Ying gestured to his people, "Let's go."

An Zaiyi was momentarily stunned, watching as their group left without another thought about his own.

"Assistant Lei, what about us?" An Zaiyi called out to Lei Ying at the door, his voice urgent.

"You?" Lei Ying turned to look at An Zaiyi, giving him a mysterious smile, "Please, as you wish!"