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Chapter 1261 - This Matter, No One But You!_2

Bai Xiaosheng also felt very emotional.

However, Bai Xiaosheng was curious how Xiahou Qi knew that this was a strategy devised by Lin Yu for Shen Peishen.

Seeing the confusion in Bai Xiaosheng's eyes, Xiahou Qi also smiled.

"You all are deeply involved, and you, including Lin Yatou and Lei, are the ones I trust, " Xiahou Qi said, "I won't hide it from you! This time, Fang Beijun did join hands with Shen Peishen, but he is also on our side!"

This news astounded Bai Xiaosheng and the others.

Even Wang Mubei and his group were startled, seemingly hearing this for the first time.

"Compared to others, Fang Beijun favors our side more. Shen Peishen reported my health issues, and the higher-ups will definitely send someone to check, coincidentally it was he who contacted me when I was thinking of changing strategies. Old Fang went directly to old Shen, expressed his years of dissatisfaction with me, and thought of 'profiting from it'; to him, the most trustworthy people are those who believe 'no profit, no waking early.' The excessive demands from Fang, in his view, indeed seemed the most believable reasons. They also had an open and limited frank discussion."

Xiahou Qi looked at Bai Xiaosheng with a smile, "You might not believe it, but Old Fang rates you very highly!"

This praise made Bai Xiaosheng feel a bit embarrassed.

Seeing Bai Xiaosheng blush, everyone couldn't help but chuckle.

"Lin Ke and Feng Li returned early, so I secretly leaked the news to them, and I needed them to cover for me." Xiahou Qi chuckled, "Li Haofeng, Zheng Honghu, and Xu Youruo are still unaware, but now you know, next, I will arrange to leak the news to them."

After hearing all this, Bai Xiaosheng breathed a sigh of relief and nodded.

But then, Bai Xiaosheng pointed at Yu Ying.

"Then, what about her!"

From earlier on, whether it was Lin Ke or Elder Xia, nobody avoided mentioning Yu Ying, the "Information Trafficker."

Is that normal?

Unless, she is also one of us!

If so, that would really be another surprising revelation.

"Xiaosheng, do you really think, with such a well-known beautiful Information Trafficker in headquarters, Elder Xia wouldn't know anything about it! Would he just ignore it?" Yu Ying said cheerily with a sweet voice.

With that said.

Lin Weiwei suddenly widened her eyes.

Lei Ying sighed.

Bai Xiaosheng also sighed.

"I've long felt something was off, now I finally understand! No wonder, many times you took the initiative to provide us with information, always helping us intentionally or unintentionally, turns out you're one of us!"

"To make Shen Peishen believe, I indeed sold a lot of real information." Yu Ying muttered.

"No worries, that was all authorized by me!" Xiahou Qi smiled as he looked at Yu Ying, "Yu Ying, often alone and unsupported, all by herself."

"Fortunately, her hard work wasn't in vain, she also collected a lot of evidence about old Shen."

Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but look at Yu Ying again.

Yu Ying elegantly greeted him.

Bai Xiaosheng gave her a thumbs up, then turned to Xiahou Qi.

"Elder Xia, it's more than good that you are alright! Currently, all four Senior Affairs Officers, along with a large number of Affairs Officers, have returned."

"This time we also collected important evidence regarding Shen Peishen, shouldn't you consider making a comeback now!"

"Although I don't know how much evidence Yu Ying has, her bold appearance in front of us now indicates that the evidence must be nearly sufficient! Add ours to that, all the evidence put together, it's also time for Shen Peishen to be fully held accountable!"

Bai Xiaosheng's fighting spirit was high.

Finally, there was a chance to completely defeat Shen Peishen, symbolizing a large score boost to help him, Bai Xiaosheng, push for the promotion to President of the Greater China Region!

This was a win-win!

Before leaving Nanyu, the last chance to gain points, Bai Xiaosheng needed five more points, currently he scored ninety as a Senior Affairs Officer.

Only ten points away from the President of the Greater China Region!

Hearing Bai Xiaosheng say this, Xiahou Qi, however, shook his head.

"Sheng, you're simplifying things. Shen Peishen, that acting President, is unlikely to be removed easily just because of my 'awakening', considering I've been unconscious for so many days and my health condition is apparent, headquarters probably won't feel confident letting me continue. Shen Peishen also has his people above, they won't easily let go of what they have obtained!" Xiahou Qi slowly said.

What Elder Xia said was indeed reasonable.

Bai Xiaosheng frowned.

Moreover!

Even if Shen Peishen now understands that the position of President of the Greater China Region is far from pleasant as imagined, talking about letting him surrender power, that would certainly be more painful than killing him!

However, it wasn't up to him!

Just as Bai Xiaosheng was thinking this, the voice of Red Lotus rang in his mind, "Promotion task, issued!"

"Task Objective: Compile evidence, defeat the acting President Shen Peishen, or force him to publicly confess his guilt."

"Task Reward: Promote directly to President of the Greater China Region!"

The voice of Red Lotus echoed in Bai Xiaosheng's mind.

The final ten points, surprisingly relying on defeating Shen Peishen to obtain!

Turns out, he was his last hurdle and stepping stone!

Bai Xiaosheng unhesitatingly accepted this mission from the bottom of his heart.

Facing Shen Peishen, he was more than willing.

Seeing Bai Xiaosheng had fallen into silence since earlier, Xiahou Qi thought he was deeply pondering, considering how to draw up methods to bring down Shen Peishen.

Xiahou Qi suddenly laughed and said, "Sheng, from what you said, you seem very confident about the evidence you've collected about Shen Peishen. Plus with Yu Ying's, Li Haofeng's, Zheng Honghu's, Xu Youruo's, and mine as many events' eyewitness and participant! I think, we should have enough evidence!"

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Bai Xiaosheng looked up at Xiahou Qi.

Elder Xia must have something planned!

"The problem now is how to make these pieces of evidence effective," Xiahou Qi said seriously, "My comeback is likely to be difficult. The head office will surely require me to continue my recovery and let Shen Peishen continue to act in the presidential role!"

"If I hand over the evidence when someone from the headquarters visits me, it would lead to too many complications! And there's no use thinking about Fang, the level he's in contact with is still lacking!"

"And we only have one chance!"

"Therefore, currently, I think there is only one prudent method!"

Xiahou Qi looked at Bai Xiaosheng, didn't continue, but laughed.

"What do I need to do for this plan of yours?" Bai Xiaosheng asked straightforwardly.

"It's not about what you need to do, rather, the key lies with you!" Xiahou Qi stated earnestly.

Bai Xiaosheng was surprised, pointing to his own nose, "Me?"

"Exactly!" Xiahou Qi affirmed.

"I need someone to present all the evidence to the group headquarters and must also take the initiative to explain, especially in making a statement, which is crucial! The person going for this task cannot be ranked lower than that of a Senior Affairs Officer. Regional directors aren't suitable for this due to functional limitations, so among you four, only you fit the profile. When it comes to being calm, self-restrained, cautious in thought, and quick to adapt, only you! Only you are my top choice!" Xiahou Qi declared confidently.

"Sheng, are you willing to make this trip?" Xiahou Qi asked solemnly.

In his words, there was a profound trust, a sincere plea.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled; Shen Peishen was already his target, and even if others could go, he wouldn't want them to.

"Leave this matter to me," Bai Xiaosheng said earnestly.

He had agreed!

Despite not knowing how resolute the path ahead was, this young man accepted it amidst laughter.

Such determination commands respect.

"Then, I'm counting on you!" Even Xiahou Qi bowed with hands clasped together, entrusting him with the task seriously.

Bai Xiaosheng was flustered and did not wish for Elder Xia to be so formal, but in the end, he likewise clasped his hands in return.

All those present watched with sparkling eyes, witnessing the interchange between the old and the young.

After lowering his hands, Xiahou Qi smiled expansively at Bai Xiaosheng, "There's no rush to carry out this task. You've just returned, full of fight. Old Shen will surely be extremely cautious of you, he might even have someone tail you, which is quite possible. Hence, you can show your anger and disappointment towards the headquarters, and take a temporary rest. You have also been working hard these days; you deserve some rest now. Look at you, not as vibrant as before, showing signs of weariness, not looking handsome anymore."

Everyone laughed.

Bai Xiaosheng also cracked a smile.

"Get some good rest, take a month or so off, let Old Shen lower his guard, and then look for an opportunity to travel!" Xiahou Qi chuckled, "You little slicker excel at this, I don't need to teach you."

"As for me, I'll continue to play sick. Actually, when no one is visiting, it's quite leisurely," Xiahou Qi commented with a laugh. "And I'm not worried about Old Shen messing up, he is very conservative and cautious in affairs—that's also his future—so he will only do well, not poorly!"

Xiahou Qi reflected, "In a blink of an eye, it's been decades working together with him, I've always known he covets my position, wants the power! Let him indulge for a while then."

"Anyway, he doesn't have much time left to enjoy!"

"Sheng, you will be the end of his beautiful dream!"

Xiahou Qi sighed deeply, then couldn't help coughing.

He talked a lot today and got tired.

Although pretending to be ill is true, the illness itself is also true.

Even with special medications from abroad, it's still not possible to achieve a complete cure.

Not to mention that today, Elder Xia has already said a lot.

"Elder Xia, you should rest!" Lin Ke seriously reminded.

"Yes, you really need to take a break!" Wang Mubei and others also said.

With a self-deprecating smile, Xiahou Qi said, "Being old and refusing to admit it really doesn't work. But thinking about Shen Yi still on the path of struggle, I've started to admire him. I always knew that he loved to exercise, and having a good body turns out to be the winner in life. After I retire, I need to exercise more too."

Everyone comforted him with a smile.

"Sheng, come with me, I have some non-work-related things to talk to you about alone."

Xiahou Qi began to move his wheelchair back to the inner room, and Bai Xiaosheng hurried a few steps to help push.

"You can't talk for too long, you need to rest, and you haven't taken your medication yet." Lin Ke warned again.

"I know, I know, my chief steward," Xiahou Qi said with a laugh and a wave of his hand.

Bai Xiaosheng pushed him into the inner room and closed the door.

"Actually, I have some personal matters to discuss with you," Xiahou Qi said with a smile, "Have you fallen in love with that famous Wei Family lady, Wei Xuelian, at first sight?"

Hearing Xiahou Qi say this, Bai Xiaosheng was startled, then smiled and nodded.

He had talked to Master Song Kai, and Song Kai told Lu Yun that he was looking for someone to support him, so Elder Xia must have heard about this through them.

But Bai Xiaosheng guessed wrong.

"Actually, a long time ago, the Wei family girl came to me, she must have always been paying attention to your actions, and she hoped that I would take extra care of you," Xiahou Qi said.

"Of course," Xiahou Qi continued, "I also told her that I liked your calligraphy, Bai Xiaosheng, and I especially appreciated your character, not to mention you saved me, Bai Xiaosheng. I will watch over your growth!"

"And you, Bai Xiaosheng, you don't need anyone's care at all on the path you've taken!"

"You have done almost everything exceptionally well!"

Xiahou Qi's face was filled with satisfaction.

So, it was Wei Xuelian who had reached out to Elder Xia!

Bai Xiaosheng felt warmth in his heart.

He wasn't steeped in machismo, nor did he have an overblown sense of pride.

He didn't feel that Wei Xuelian's concern was a kind of pressure, but rather it made his heart feel sweet.

As Xiahou Qi spoke, he always watched Bai Xiaosheng's expression, and seeing his reaction, he felt very gratified.

"You once asked Song Kai where the headquarters of the Wei Family were, and mentioned to that old guy that you would visit the Wei Family's door in a few months," Xiahou Qi said with a smile, "Now I can tell you, the Wei Family's ancestral home and the Zhenbei Group headquarters are in the same city!"

Bai Xiaosheng looked at Xiahou Qi in surprise.

"This time, when you go to the headquarters, you can also visit the Wei Family!" Xiahou Qi said earnestly, "That old Song Kai has contacted a bunch of people, including Lu Yun, to bolster your presence, and of course, I can't be absent!"

"Sheng, if you're going this time, do it in style!"

"Career, beauty, may you reap the rewards in both!"

Chapter 1263 - Shen Peishen, Has Arrived

Bai Xiaosheng chatted with Xiahou Qi for a while, less than ten minutes, when a rapid knocking sound came from outside the door.

Afterwards, Lin Ke simply pushed the door open and rushed towards Xiahou Qi, urgently saying, "Elder Xia, Shen Peishen really brought people here! They have entered the west gate of the hospital and are heading this way!"

Upon hearing this, Bai Xiaosheng was not surprised at all, instead, he laughed.

"I said it, such a good opportunity, Shen Peishen would not miss it!"

Xiahou Qi also smiled, "Indeed! Old Shen, this man, he really excels at seizing opportunities. Just now, the Affairs Officers who are loyal to me have returned, and he can just use the excuse of visiting me to organize their arrival. Let them have a good look; this old man, unconscious here, how utterly useless I am. Even waking up is indefinitely deferred. Among those people, some will inevitably feel desperate and see their future as bleak. In this way, their resolve wavering, or even switching allegiances is quite possible. When it comes to playing mind games, Old Shen is quite strong!"

Lin Ke urgently said, "Now is not the time for sentimentality, old man! I've already had Yu Ying hide away, and Wang Mubei has gone to meet them. Now, you should quickly get back into bed. Also, Sheng, you need to adjust your emotions too, and don't give anything away when they arrive."

Lin Ke had already started giving orders.

Bai Xiaosheng and Xiahou Qi looked at each other and smiled, the old and the young both promptly agreeing.

"Alright."

"I will leave it to Officer Lin to arrange."

Lin Ke glared at the two of them with irritation.

Xiahou Qi gestured towards a corner of the room, to the isolation ward, and said to Bai Xiaosheng with a smile, "You know, it's not bad lying in there and sleeping. The soundproofing is good, the bed is soft, and

they can't go in, only able to glance through the glass window from afar. There's no need to worry about giving anything away."

Bai Xiaosheng smiled, "Then you better go now. I'll wait for Shen Peishen to come and then ask for a leave, take a rest, and then go deal with important affairs at our group's headquarters."

Bai Xiaosheng spoke casually, but there was a different implication flickering in his eyes.

Xiahou Qi gave him a profound look.

This kid, he's not an easy one to handle!

Even if it's just "taking a leave," I'm afraid he will cause a stir!

However, Xiahou Qi didn't say much more and stretched, heading towards the isolation ward.

Lin Ke hurriedly followed.

They still needed to connect some equipment to the old man, at least to make it look convincing.

Of course, the equipment had been tampered with in advance.

Bai Xiaosheng stayed here, waiting for Shen Peishen and his group to arrive.

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Ten minutes later, Shen Peishen led nearly a hundred people, marching through the corridor, heading straight for Xiahou Qi's ward.

Although there was a large number of followers, these people were highly disciplined. As they marched, apart from the rustling whispers and discussions, they were overall very quiet.

Wang Mubei and Cheng Liu led the way in front.

It was Wang Mubei who met Shen Peishen and the others downstairs in the small building.

The Affairs Officers in this group were loyal to Xiahou Qi and had also heard some rumors about Wang Mubei.

Of course, these were spread by Shen Peishen's instigation.

As a result, Wang Mubei was truly branded a traitor, and even if he still had any ambitions, with the crowd condemning him, he had no choice.

Along the way, Shen Peishen also exchanged a few words with Wang Mubei.

"Has Bai Xiaosheng arrived?"

"Your face... was it Bai Xiaosheng who hit you?"

Wang Mubei responded with "hmm hmm", seeming somewhat dispirited.

"Really too audacious, such rudeness! Later on, I must teach him a lesson! To not let you suffer this injustice in vain."

Shen Peishen patted Wang Mubei's shoulder, speaking in a soft and gentle Whisper.

Wang Mubei nodded again and again.

Hidden smile on Shen Peishen's face.

Wang Mubei being hit by Bai Xiaosheng and relishing in the schadenfreude by so many Affairs Officers who loathed him, must feel very dejected.

My present courtship will surely be twice as effective with half the effort.

Moreover, it will also show the following Affairs Officers that Wang Mubei has truly become one of Shen Peishen's people.

With just a few simple words and actions, Shen Peishen's schemes were quite intricate.

Indeed, the whispering behind their backs had grown a little louder...

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Approaching Xiahou Qi's ward, there stood two beauties, one tall and one short, on either side of the door—Lin Ke and Feng Li.

The two women looked at Shen Peishen's group expressionlessly, their gazes icy cold.

However, after Shen Peishen walked over, the two women still greeted him emotionlessly.

"Sir Shen."

Compared to their lukewarm attitude, Shen Peishen was much more polite toward them, acting like a kind elder, "These Affairs Officers were out on an investigative mission when Elder Xia fell ill. Now that they have returned, I am bringing them to see Elder Xia."

"I'm afraid the room won't fit so many people!"

Lin Ke glanced at the group and said coldly.

"Even if we take turns entering and exiting in batches, it may still disturb Elder Xia. Why don't you just bring a few representatives inside to visit?"

Feng Li was still polite. Her demeanor was gentle, and even when being indifferent, she was not as cold as Lin Ke.

"That...alright." Shen Peishen agreed quite readily.

In truth, in front of hundreds of people, his willingness to follow the suggestions of two young ladies was also a gesture.

It was to show the others how amiable and open to advice he was.

On this day, with Xiahou Qi down, Shen Peishen as the acting president was the reliable and supportive presence that everyone could trust.

Shen Peishen was indeed making a painstaking effort.

After all, the direct subordinates he had accumulated over the years were all swept away by Bai Xiaosheng.

If he does not start now to cultivate new loyalists, how can his position be secure?

For Shen Peishen, being the acting president of the Greater China Region was tough and exhausting!

But it represented the pinnacle of power in this region!

A single command, and the law followed!

This was indeed fascinating!

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In the end, Shen Peishen chose about a dozen people.

It seemed like a random selection, but in fact, these were the most reputable among the group of Affairs Officers, each able to gather a following.

Besides these, Shen Peishen also brought Lin Yu along, but did not have Cheng Liu or Wang Mubei follow.

The former did not need to occupy a spot inside, while the latter probably had no interest in seeing Bai Xiaosheng inside.

Feng Li, leading Shen Peishen and the twenty people, entered the room. Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying were already inside; upon seeing Shen Peishen, they simply nodded their heads, their greetings perfunctory.

"Is Senior Affairs Officer Xiaosheng inside?" Shen Peishen pointed to the inner room door, asking with a smile.

"Yes, our Senior Affairs Officer Xiaosheng is indeed inside," Lin Weiwei replied.

Shen Peishen nodded, showing no displeasure on his face despite Lin Weiwei's lack of respect.

Lin Yu, beside Shen Peishen, was somewhat displeased but ultimately did not say anything.

At the moment, the teacher was presenting a congenial and affable image in front of these Affairs Officers.

Being able to tolerate insignificance is the ultimate demonstration of good manners and charisma!

The Affairs Officers who followed in, naturally recognizing Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying, nodded their heads and greeted them warmly.

"These people have gone mad, why are they so enthusiastic toward Bai Xiaosheng's assistants, even more so than toward the teacher!" Lin Yu was incredulous.

"Let's go, follow me to see Elder Xia. Everyone, be gentle and don't make any noise," Shen Peishen reminded.

It's essential to keep up appearances.

Although Shen Peishen appeared amiable and pleasant, in his heart he was silently reciting:

"Bai Xiaosheng, we're finally going to meet!"

"This time, you're coming back from outside to the headquarters. My turf!"

"Now, just watch how I'll pressure you step by step and strip you of your actual power! I'm going to make you take a long vacation!"

Chapter 1264 - I'm on Vacation!

Shen Peishen didn't ask for help from anyone, he personally pushed open the door of the inner room and stepped in quietly.

The Affairs Officers behind him, who were already loyal to Xiahou Qi, were now heading to meet the respected Xiahou Qi, so they were also tiptoeing, fearing that any loud noise might disturb the patient.

After entering the inner room, about ten meters across, there was the isolation ward.

At this moment, standing in front of the door of the isolation ward, was a person with their back to everyone.

Despite the slight noise from people entering, that person didn't turn their head.

Like a wooden statue.

Shen Peishen and Lin Yu identified the person immediately, and those Affairs Officers were no strangers either—

Bai Xiaosheng!

Shen Peishen led the group towards him.

As they got closer, Bai Xiaosheng turned around.

His face was stern, his eyes exceedingly sharp and cold!

Even those Affairs Officers couldn't help but feel a chill in their hearts upon seeing his gaze.

"Bai Xiaosheng looks like he wants to devour someone. He wouldn't lose his composure and lay hands on his teacher, would he?"

Lin Yu was startled and even stood to the right of her teacher, Shen Peishen, as a precaution.

Shen Peishen, as if oblivious to Bai Xiaosheng's piercing gaze, instead stepped forward briskly to stand alongside him.

Before speaking, Shen Peishen first gazed through the glass window at Xiahou Qi, who lay on the bed in the ward, for a few seconds.

Only then did Shen Peishen turn to look at Bai Xiaosheng, speaking assertively, "Senior Affairs Officer Sheng, you've finally returned!"

Bai Xiaosheng, as if turning a deaf ear, showed no reaction to Shen Peishen's words.

Shen Peishen looked at the person in the sick ward, his voice slow and steady, but ensuring that every word was clearly heard by everyone present.

"Elder Xia spared no effort for our Greater China Region, exhausting himself to the bone. Despite his chronic illness, he continued to work tirelessly day after day. Our earnest advice was to no avail. In the end, Elder Xia collapsed at his post."

"It's heartbreaking!"

Shen Peishen performed a gesture of pounding his fist in frustration.

"If I had known it would come to this, I, Shen Peishen, would have stopped him, no matter how important the meeting was, and never allow Elder Xia to reach this point!"

Shen Peishen's face was filled with deep sorrow, his eyes somewhat moist, as he emotionally looked through the glass at Xiahou Qi inside.

"For decades, Elder Xia has been my leader, my old comrade. But this time, I did not expect..."

"Heaven is unjust, good people suffer so!"

Shen Peishen's continuous outbursts were full of emotion and sincerity.

Of course, his performance was not to move Bai Xiaosheng, but entirely for those Affairs Officers.

Whether Bai Xiaosheng believed it or not was of little importance.

As for whether Bai Xiaosheng would show him disrespect, utter disrespectful words, or even lay hands on him.

Shen Peishen didn't care in the least!

In fact, he was even somewhat eager for it.

Disrespectful words aside, if a Senior Affairs Officer were to lay hands on the acting president, it would mean the end of his career!

Therefore, Shen Peishen was also somewhat bored with Bai Xiaosheng, provoking him.

Relying on his decades of understanding of human nature, Shen Peishen began to calculate his approach towards Bai Xiaosheng.

Little did he know that this young man, with Red Lotus's help, was no less studious of human nature than he...

Bai Xiaosheng's gaze penetrated the glass window, fixed on the figure of Xiahou Qi in the sick bed.

Bai Xiaosheng seemed to be reminiscing about the past, his eyes vacant. His whole persona appeared somewhat lost.

Shen Peishen looked at him and sighed softly, "This investigation of yours was a scheme meticulously planned by Elder Xia behind the scenes. Bai Xiaosheng, you have achieved significant success outside, thanks to Elder Xia's full support. Regrettably, upon your triumphant return, Elder Xia..."

Bai Xiaosheng remained silent.

Shen Peishen once again looked toward the sick ward, murmuring, "I am temporarily taking on the duties of the president of the Greater China Region, aspiring to continue Elder Xia's spirit, and strive to take our Greater China Region to even greater heights. Sheng, the Greater China Region needs young and talented individuals like you, and I need you as well!"

Shen Peishen even patted Bai Xiaosheng on the shoulder.

"Let's speak outside, Elder Xia needs peace and quiet," Bai Xiaosheng said softly.

After that, he turned around with a stern face and walked out without looking back.

Shen Peishen's eyes flickered slightly, and he waved his hand to signal the others to follow.

Regardless of what Bai Xiaosheng said or did, Shen Peishen actually preferred to perform in front of the hundred or so people outside.

As these people left, the door to the inner room was closed.

The outer living room and the exterior door were both open, and nearly a hundred people were scattered inside this building, in the corridors and outside.

The Affairs Officers watched as Bai Xiaosheng and Shen Peishen came out, their eyes brightening.

Shen Peishen and his people suddenly realized.

The attention of all these one hundred or so Affairs Officers abruptly focused on Bai Xiaosheng, as if he was their real point of interest.

Seeing this scene, Shen Peishen immediately harbored the thought—

"Bai Xiaosheng cannot stay, his power must be stripped away quickly!"

Standing outside in the "living room", Bai Xiaosheng turned around to look at Shen Peishen, and under the watchful eyes of the crowd, his gaze cold as ice.

"Sir Shen, what eloquence!" Bai Xiaosheng sneered, "Just now inside, I was almost moved to death by your rhetoric!"

"But do you really think we are cut off from information!"

Pointing at Shen Peishen's nose, Bai Xiaosheng spoke sternly—

"It was you, who knew of Elder Xia's illness, who repeatedly prevented the major meetings, exhausting his health!"

"It was you, who reported to headquarters that Elder Xia was ill, causing headquarters to send people, leading to Elder Xia collapsing in front of them!"

"It was also you, who bribed Wang Mubei, causing Elder Xia to be utterly heartbroken, eventually breaking down!"

"Now you come here, putting on an act of a good man! Do you think you can deceive us all!"

"Pretentious! Hypocrite!"

Bai Xiaosheng is actually cursing Shen Peishen!

Everyone was dumbfounded, and deep down they all gave Bai Xiaosheng a big "respect"!

So cool!

Shen Peishen looked at Bai Xiaosheng in disbelief.

All along, Bai Xiaosheng had given him the impression of being even more cunning and difficult to deal with than an old fox!

Even Shen Peishen had to be constantly calculating and dare not be careless!

How come now, Bai Xiaosheng dares to speak such groundless and irreverent words in public!

Is it because Xiahou Qi is lying on the hospital bed, has Bai Xiaosheng gone mad!

Associating it with Bai Xiaosheng's dull expression and desolate eyes, Shen Peishen was convinced beyond doubt.

For disrespectful remarks towards the CEO, Bai Xiaosheng can be reported for criticism!

Shen Peishen, on the contrary, was even more delighted at being cursed and even secretly prayed, "Bai Xiaosheng, you just do something more outrageous, and that'll be enough for me to grant you a long vacation!"

The thoughts of Shen Peishen are unknown to others.

His intentions, however, seemed to accidentally align with Bai Xiaosheng's intention to take leave...

Lin Yu on the side, however, became angered.

"Bai Xiaosheng, do you have no respect for the rules? This is Mr. Shen Peishen, the acting CEO! You are showing no respect for your superiors and insulting the leader!" Lin Yu rebuked.

"What are you!" Bai Xiaosheng coldly looked towards Lin Yu.

Lin Yu had never expected to be humiliated by Bai Xiaosheng in public.

"I..."

"You! Relying on someone's protection, climbing your way up with false achievements, do you really think that your unworthy reputation is unknown to everyone?! A model Affairs Officer? Are you worthy?" Bai Xiaosheng sneered, his insults sharp yet clean, stabbing straight into the other's heart.

Regardless of past stances, Lin Yu's strong pride had never changed.

He could not stand to hear these words and his eyes immediately reddened.

"What did you say, say that to me again!" Lin Yu shouted with a fierce voice, advancing to grab Bai Xiaosheng by the collar.

Getting physical with Bai Xiaosheng?

Lei Ying curled her lips in disdain.

Bai Xiaosheng kicked Lin Yu on the shin, Lin Yu tumbled down, then Bai Xiaosheng slapped him across the face.

The slap sounded exceptionally crisp.

Lin Yu fell to the ground, covering his face, completely dumbfounded.

This scene stunned everyone present.

Senior Affairs Officer Bai Xiaosheng, hitting someone in public!

After recovering, Lin Yu screamed, "You dare to hit me!"

"It was you who started by attacking the supervisor. Shouldn't I hit you? Believe it or not, according to headquarters' orders, I can have you dismissed!" Bai Xiaosheng sneered.

Lin Yu's eyes became even more red, about to act, but then he heard a furious shout, "Stop!"

Sir Shen, who had been ignored until then, now stood with his face full of rage, his hair and beard bristling.

Seeing him, Lin Yu immediately extinguished his anger.

Shen Peishen looked towards Bai Xiaosheng with a dark face.

"Senior Affairs Officer Sheng, what are you trying to do?"

Humiliating him, and then slapping Lin Yu's face, and also wanting to revoke Lin Yu's officer rank!

This was simply a slap in Shen Peishen's face in public.

Had Bai Xiaosheng made up his mind to go down together in mutual destruction?

Although it was a good opportunity to punish Bai Xiaosheng, Shen Peishen was truly filled with anger.

He had envisaged that Bai Xiaosheng would be disrespectful towards him, but he hadn't expected it to be so excessive.

Both master and disciple were beaten and scolded by someone!

"What do I want to do?" Bai Xiaosheng chuckled, "Everyone has seen how hard I've worked these days, I'm tired, and I lost control of my emotions."

"Acting CEO Shen, being so kind and benevolent, will surely sympathize with me, right?"

"As for Lin Yu, I reserve the right to pursue the matter!"

Bai Xiaosheng looked at Shen Peishen seriously and said, "I am taking leave!"

Everyone present was taken aback.

Shen Peishen was even more astonished.

Bai Xiaosheng was willingly giving up power to take leave?

Really?

"Can I?!" Bai Xiaosheng asked bluntly.

Shen Peishen ground his full heart of astonishment and resentment and squeezed out a word, "Fine!"

Bai Xiaosheng laughed and walked out with Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying.

Nearly a hundred Affairs Officers quickly made way, as if forming a line to see them off.

Bai Xiaosheng strode off without looking back and said to the crowd, "Please continue working hard for the company, and if one day you're let go, come find me."

This sentence seemed to cast a spell.

Shen Peishen, Lin Yu, and others were astonished to find that the eyes of the Affairs Officers present seemed to simultaneously ignite with a flame!

Had these people been fed some kind of magic potion?

Sir Shen and his disciple, puzzled.

Chapter 1265 - Have Someone Watch Him Closely

In front of many Affairs Officers, Bai Xiaosheng cursed Shen Peishen, slapped Lin Yu, and then left with nothing but the words "I'm taking a leave," striding away confidently.

Shen Peishen actually tolerated it!

All eyes followed Bai Xiaosheng's retreating figure, full of admiration, with only one thought in their hearts, respect!

Despite Shen Peishen's emotional and kindly demeanour towards everyone.

Who he really is, everybody present understands very well!

If it weren't for Bai Xiaosheng finding a new way out for everyone, they could very well be the next victims!

Shen Peishen was just shamelessly looking for excuses to force them to turn their backs on Bai Xiaosheng and to lay them off.

The acting president's methods are truly vicious!

Everyone has deeply experienced this.

Even if interests clash, those who stand with Shen Peishen do not necessarily end up any better!

Investigated, aren't they either dismissed or in prison?

Has anyone ever seen Shen Peishen, this great figure who ascended to the position of acting president and became concerned about his own reputation, take any action?

He's so ruthless to his own people, who then can trust his appearance at this moment?

Who knows when you might be sold out for some reason!

People always need comparison.

By comparison, Bai Xiaosheng is much, much better!

Would Shen Peishen dare, like Bai Xiaosheng, disregarding status, to have a bunch of external major companies come to their home and recruit those who had not yet resigned?

Would Shen Peishen dare, like Bai Xiaosheng, to stick to his stance and investigate and confiscate the wrongdoers to the end, even if his superiors stand on the opposite side?

Would Shen Peishen dare, like Bai Xiaosheng, to be grateful and to scold an acting president for Elder Xia, his previous supervisor who has fallen out of favour and is now unconscious?

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Even though Bai Xiaosheng displayed a violent side, publicly slapping Lin Yu.

In everyone's eyes, it was Lin Yu who provoked him with words first, and even wanted to resort to physical violence.

Lin Yu was at fault first, he deserved it.

And in a state of righteous anger, Bai Xiaosheng still adheres to the bottom line, acting only in self-defense, a demeanor far from comparable to that of Shen Peishen and his disciples...

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At this moment.

Bai Xiaosheng's personal charisma has completely overshadowed Shen Peishen in the hearts of these Affairs Officers present!

Do not look at the mere nearly hundred Affairs Officers present today, tomorrow it might double, then double again.

The attitude of these people will influence more and more people, as well as their numerous subordinates, the Affairs Assistants.

Given time, Bai Xiaosheng might indeed receive the same treatment as the President of the Greater China Region, adored by everyone!

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"Teacher!" Lin Yu looked at Shen Peishen with shame and anger, his face burning with pain, already showing clear fingerprint marks.

Bai Xiaosheng did not hold back at all, not sparing any force.

While speaking, Lin Yu felt a sickly sweet taste in his mouth.

He must be bleeding!

He even felt that two of his teeth were slightly shaky.

However, compared to the physical pain, the humiliation in Lin Yu's heart was absolutely unbearable.

"You should not have struck first at him!"

Shen Peishen lowered his voice, speaking quickly with a mix of annoyance and helplessness.

As a Senior Affairs Officer, Bai Xiaosheng was already in the right when he was confronted by a subordinate and was "forced" to retaliate, lessening his responsibility greatly.

"But he insulted you!" retorted Lin Yu, unable to hold back.

Not to mention it, as soon as it was mentioned, Shen Peishen could not help but give him a resentful glance.

Bai Xiaosheng was presumptuous, but I could have used it as a pretext to punish him!

Even, I could have publicly stated that he was overworked recently and lost control of his emotions.

Temporarily stripping him of his power!

You, however, jumped out, and with your commotion, you directed everyone's attention to you, even mine, and when Bai Xiaosheng took advantage of the situation to ask for leave, I actually approved it on impulse...

And you, you dared to raise a fist against a Senior Affairs Officer?

If I were to punish him for the act of violence, I'd have to fire you first...

Shen Peishen knew that part of Lin Yu's impulsiveness was for his sake and felt it unjust to blame him too much.

Moreover, in this time and setting, it was simply impossible to explain these things to Lin Yu.

"Senior Affairs Officer Sheng is just tired and lost control of his emotions; we should all understand," said Shen Peishen, raising his voice slightly as if explaining to the people around him.

Today his main image was that of a benevolent heart and a kind demeanor, fitting for an acting president who ought to have some grace.

Especially since Bai Xiaosheng had "returned with merit."

Moreover, Bai Xiaosheng taking the initiative to request leave and not being in charge of the upcoming matters implies relinquishing his affairs, a disguised transfer of power!

At this moment, what I need to do is arrange for someone to take over his affairs!

Once Bai Xiaosheng wants to take them back, it'll be tough!

In Shen Peishen's view, that moment just then really wasn't the time to fall out with Bai Xiaosheng, as it would provoke him into not asking for leave, and he would firmly muddle through the chaos with me...

Shen Peishen, thinking of the mountain of affairs accumulated these days, genuinely felt a headache coming on.

He is a smart man.

A smart man will restrain himself, think rationally, and weigh the pros and cons!

Shen Peishen was capable of scheming.

Deathly, he was too good at scheming, sometimes being constrained by it.

Because the smarter the person, the less they can suppress themselves when faced with "great benefits".

Just like the idea Lin Yu came up with at the time, to use the punishment of the Affairs Officers to divide their relationship with Bai Xiaosheng.

Looking back, it was a thoroughly bad idea.

But at that time, it seemed like a coup against Bai Xiaosheng!

It could completely immobilize Bai Xiaosheng.

Under the risk, the temptation of great benefits. Shen Peishen adopted it.

And now, the rare request from Bai Xiaosheng for a vacation is still a great temptation; Shen Peishen's first reaction was to approve it.

As for the matter of Bai Xiaosheng damaging his face...

Shen Peishen could only hold his nose and acknowledge it.

His intentions and calculations, without saying, how could Lin Yu know?

Lin Yu watched in disbelief as his teacher, under everyone's watchful eyes, endured, endured!

The feeling of being stifled was indescribable for Lin Yu!

"Having worked hard for several days in a row, even Sheng, the Senior Affairs Officer, is like this, and you're all exhausted, too, with emotions difficult to relax. So, go back, I grant you a two-day leave," Shen Peishen raised his voice again, speaking to those Affairs Officers.

This was also an act of goodwill.

The Affairs Officers, with joy on their faces and thanks on their lips, held nothing but disdain in their hearts.

Then, they swarmed away.

Shen Peishen also turned to Lin Ke and Feng Li to give a few reminders, telling them to take good care of Elder Xia and to not worry about work.

This time, Lin Ke was all smiles, agreeing profusely.

But in her eyes, there was clearly an extra dose of mischief.

Even Feng Li had a different kind of smile at the corners of her mouth.

Naturally, Shen Peishen could tell.

The others by his side like Cheng Liu and Lin Yu were not fools either; they saw it as well.

But faced with the two women, they couldn't vent their frustration.

Eventually, Shen Peishen left in disgruntlement, hurrying away with Lin Yu, Cheng Liu, and others.

Once they were gone, Lin Ke and Feng Li burst into uproarious laughter.

Laughter so strong that they bent over and brought tears to their eyes.

Shen Peishen and his companions, who had not gone far, faintly heard the women's explosive laughter.

The mentor and disciple, unable to help, twitched at the corners of their eyes but didn't say a word; they just quickened their steps subconsciously.

As if fleeing.

After their laughter subsided, Lin Ke and Feng Li continued to relish the story.

Remember, Bai Xiaosheng had just verbally berated Shen Peishen to his face and caused Lin Yu to fall to the ground with a slap. It had been many years since they had experienced such gratifying events!

"Did you see Lin Yu's face covered, sitting on the ground, with an expression of shock and anger, just like an aggrieved little wife! It killed me with laughter, no, it almost suffocated me!" Lin Ke couldn't stop laughing.

"Indeed... it did look quite pitiful," Feng Li laughed no less heartily.

"I can't hold back; I have to share this with Elder Xia."

Lin Ke ran off towards the inner room in a jiffy.

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Shen Peishen and his group boarded the car and headed back on their way.

Lin Yu was still furiously upset, and Shen Peishen tried to calm him down.

"Teacher, how did Bai Xiaosheng suddenly decide to take a leave of absence? That's not his character!"

After getting over his anger, Lin Yu also began to regain composure, returning to rationality.

"Exactly!" Shen Peishen's eyes flickered uncertainly, pondering for a moment, "I'm not sure what he's plotting behind the scenes... Lin Yu, you arrange for someone to keep a close watch on him for me!"

Lin Yu, eager for the task, had a vengeful gleam in his eye.

"Rest assured, I will watch him closely! I really want to see what kind of medicine Bai Xiaosheng is selling in his gourd!"

Chapter 1266 - Such Stalking

Shen Peishen asked Lin Yu to closely monitor Bai Xiaosheng, and Lin Yu wasted no time in making arrangements as soon as he returned to the office.

For this purpose, Lin Yu also specially selected over a dozen people, personally in charge of this task.

The individuals selected by Lin Yu were all shrewd and quick-witted, consisting of both men and women, spanning various ages.

Suitable for surveillance.

In his own office, Lin Yu also specifically addressed them, arranging and deploying the mission.

The objective and principle were actually one and the same—

"Keep a tight watch on Bai Xiaosheng!"

Over a dozen people, according to Lin Yu's requirements, divided into four groups, were to take turns watching from six in the morning to midnight.

"If Bai Xiaosheng and his group do not leave their house, then fine, but once they step out, I want to know every place they visit, everyone they meet, even what they eat throughout the day. You must report to me daily in writing!"

Lin Yu emphasized forcefully.

"No problem, leave this task to us!"

The team was full of enthusiasm.

Currently, Mr. Shen is short-staffed. If they perform well, they might even get promoted and become confidants.

After those people left, Lin Yu sat there, seething in anger for a long time. He also touched his face, wincing as his mouth twitched, "Bai Xiaosheng, this isn't over between us. We are now locked in a battle! Whatever plans you have next, I will make you pay the price!"

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A quiet night ensued.

The next day, Li Haofeng, Zheng Honghu, and Xu Youruo returned one after another.

Within Li Haofeng's team, there were several Affairs Officers, but even more were assistant officers.

Towards the end of the investigation, Bai Xiaosheng's side showed the most activity and faced the greatest pressure.

Therefore, Affair Officers from various sides were mobilized to provide support.

Consequently, Bai Xiaosheng brought back the highest number of Affairs Officers.

However, in terms of numbers alone, the group that Li Haofeng and the others brought back was also impressively large and numerous.

On the way back, Xiahou Qi had already discreetly made contact with them.

Knowing that Elder Xia was unharmed, the three were extremely delighted and did not blame Elder Xia for not informing them ahead of time.

Xiahou Qi also mentioned that he had intended to inform them after the incident occurred.

But when he heard that Bai Xiaosheng had prevented the situation from worsening, the notification did not seem urgent anymore.

Carrying the sentiment of grief and indignation seemed to double the effect of their actions. Under Lin Ke's bad influence, Xiahou Qi decided not to tell them.

Now discussing it, of course, was not too late.

Learning that Elder Xia, their backbone, was still present, Li Haofeng and his companions felt even more emboldened.

At the same time, Li Haofeng and his group also received news about Bai Xiaosheng taking leave.

However, regarding Bai Xiaosheng's plan to go to the headquarters with proof to represent explanations and statements, this was not disclosed to the trio.

It was not for lack of trust in Li Haofeng and his group, but because the matter was of great importance, the fewer people who knew, the better.

Since it wasn't their concern, it was better to keep them less worried. After all, they also needed to stay at headquarters to face the pressure from Shen Peishen and even focus on causing trouble for him.

Now, Chen Yucheng in the Affairs Department was also gathering manpower at headquarters, preparing to handle Shen Peishen with deceptive compliance.

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Speaking of this large-scale investigation, it was the largest of its kind in decades.

The effectiveness of the investigation could also set a record.

Days after Li Haofeng and his team had returned, every day at headquarters was busy with numerous commendations meetings following one after another.

Each meeting that could involve Shen Peishen, Li Haofeng and his group were not shy about asking.

With or without reason, they would invite this acting president to speak.

Initially, Shen Peishen was enthusiastic, but later felt something was amiss.

This was clearly the "fatigue bombing" tactic he used against Xiahou Qi!

Now, they were using it against him!

Shen Peishen began to avoid attending whenever possible.

But after all, being the acting president, there were many times when he couldn't refuse.

No time?

Then we can change the date, wait until the leader has time!

Whenever the leader has time, we will hold the meeting!

Li Haofeng and his team also persisted to the end.

Day by day, Shen Peishen was undoubtedly burdened with yet another heavy duty.

During this period, various powers within headquarters were also on the move, seemingly restless.

In any case, everyone seemed to be quite busy.

Those at leisure?

Yes, there is.

The one who took a vacation, Senior Affairs Officer Bai Xiaosheng.

The second day after returning to headquarters, Bai Xiaosheng and his two companions slept soundly in their residence for the whole day.

It was not until evening that they came out to find food, soaked in a hot spring, and then went back to rest some more.

This really tormented the dozen or so people Lin Yu had sent to tail them; they had shifts in four groups, watching for 18 hours, and ultimately a report of a mere hundred or so words could explain everything...

Therefore, in order to demonstrate that they were responsible and meticulous in their work,

they included a thousand-word menu and a price list for the hot springs.

After seeing this, Lin Yu was so furious that he gathered these guys together and scolded them harshly.

Those people felt wronged...

"You said we need to know everything they ate; how come you're denying it now?"

Of course, those words were never actually spoken out loud by them.

The content of the report was scant, but ultimately it was the fault of those three surnamed Bai. They really hadn't left the house much all day; should their own side have to knock on the door to remind them—

"You've been sleeping at home for too long, get up and get some movement, go meet someone or something."

In the end, Lin Yu had to admit that he had been too impatient about this matter, and he still encouraged everyone to keep up the good work.

For the next three days.

The situation seemed to improve markedly.

At least, Bai Xiaosheng and his companions really started going out very early each day.

And they walked the streets of Linshen, visiting different places every day.

The dozen or so tasked with surveillance were naturally very excited.

However, when all the local investigations were compiled into a report, these people realized.

Bai Xiaosheng and his companions were truly just touring around!

They hadn't met with anyone; they were just indulging in food and fun all day, checking off Linshen's "must-visit" attractions and gourmet spots in order.

Lin Yu, for three consecutive days, looking at the reports his subordinates brought back, felt he could compile a travel guide.

"These bastards really know how to play!" By the end, Lin Yu felt both envious and resentful.

While they suffered back pain and poor sleep at headquarters, now looking at how others joyously immersed in landscapes and gourmet food, the contrast in treatment was like heaven and earth...

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On the fourth day, Shen Peishen also remembered that they had been tailing Bai Xiaosheng for a few days, and he wanted to see the results.

When Lin Yu handed over the report, after Shen Peishen looked through it, he was incredulous, "Is this what you guys have found out?"

Lin Yu nodded nervously.

Shen Peishen pressed at his temples with a finger, rubbing them, "Then let's just stop following Bai Xiaosheng, everyone is quite busy right now..."

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Lin Yu insisted strongly, and continued the surveillance on Bai Xiaosheng.

But the ones truly suffering next were those dozen people.

From the fifth day, their nightmare began.

That day, after Bai Xiaosheng and his companions finished eating at a fancy restaurant, Lei Ying approached the table of the surveillants, telling them he forgot to bring money and asked them to pay the bill.

"Sir, you must have mistaken us for someone else! We don't know you, why should we pay your bill?"

One of the men pretending to be enraged and wide-eyed said.

Lei Ying, not even giving room for explanation, dropped a line, "Your name is Chu Shaowei, right? You can go to headquarters to get reimbursed. If it's too troublesome, then I thank you on behalf of Senior Affairs Officer Bai Xiaosheng," and then he just walked away.

The called-out person immediately became speechless.

They already knew his name!

The rest of the people did not dare to speak.

When Bai Xiaosheng and his companions left, Bai Xiaosheng nodded to that Chu Shaowei to express his thanks.

This was just the beginning.

Following this, Bai Xiaosheng and his two companions, whether at their residence or outside, whenever they needed money, help moving things, or even needed someone to buy them things, as long as those surveillants were nearby,

that Lei Ying always found them!

The people Lin Yu sent to tail them simply became their servants, suffering immensely!

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The reports received by Lin Yu nearly made him spit blood.

Afterward, he urgently changed several teams, but they ended up the same.

Upon hearing the news, Shen Peishen directly ordered Lin Yu, "Pull them out! Don't embarrass us at Bai's anymore!"

"Anyway, he isn't busy right now, I'll handle him when I'm free!"

Chapter 1267 - Chance Encounter

Shenbei District, one of Linshen City's new business districts, has a permanent population of about four hundred thousand.

Unlike the old CBD, it has focused heavily on urban planning since its inception.

Lined with shady boulevards, its central green belts bloom with flowers all year round.

This completely overturns the impression of Linshen, an old first-tier city, known for its concrete and grey urban landscape.

In recent years, the Linshen municipal government has also been relocating businesses here to reduce the population density of the central district.

Ten o'clock in the morning.

Bai Xiaosheng, accompanied by Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying, strolls through the streets of Shenbei.

Their destination is easily accessible by car, but Bai Xiaosheng, on a whim, decides to take a walk instead.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying simply accompany him.

They have been back in Linshen for a decade of days now, indifferent to the storms and waves at the headquarters.

These days, they have been relaxing, playing, and resting, occasionally toying with the people Shen Peishen sent to spy on them.

Those people, unaware of their own limitations, were trying to tail them!

On the first day, they were discovered by Lei Ying.

Before they left that day, Lei Ying had handed all those people's information to Bai Xiaosheng.

What happened after that goes without saying.

The trio treated those people as "servants," ordering them around whenever they needed assistance.

These people must have had a hard time over the past few days.

In the past two days, there were no more sightings of tails.

Presumably, Shen Peishen realized it was pointless and just humiliating, so he called off the surveillance.

"Are there really no new tails?"

As they sauntered, Bai Xiaosheng inquired to Lei Ying.

"Don't worry, certainly none," Lei Ying replied with utmost confidence.

In this regard, he is an authority, an expert.

Hearing this, Bai Xiaosheng finally felt completely at ease and with a smile said, "I heard Li Qiushan and his team moved here, to their new office. Let's go have a look."

Xue Lian Wan He has been developing well here, with the support of Zunbai Zhisheng, Shengsheng International, and Tengyun, it has made a name for itself.

Bai Xiaosheng has been wanting to come for a visit.

"We didn't give Li Qiushan's team any heads-up, and just turned up like this. Isn't this like you, the big boss, going incognito?" Lin Weiwei joked.

At this moment, dressed casually with a restrained demeanor, Bai Xiaosheng looked no different from an ordinary youth at first glance.

"Is that so?" Bai Xiaosheng chuckled, his hands in his pockets as he walked forward, "Then let's go incognito."

Xue Lian Wan He is the first stop. Afterwards, he plans to also drop by Zunbai Zhisheng for a look.

After that, it's time to head to America — to the headquarters of the Zhenbei Group.

Additionally, he must visit the Wei family.

Just the thought of stepping into Wei Xuelian's home makes Bai Xiaosheng feel strangely nervous.

Bai Xiaosheng pulls his hands out of his pockets, intending to scratch his head. As he does so, a one-yuan coin from his pocket is inadvertently brought out and rolls onto the service road.

Bai Xiaosheng isn't short on money now.

The generous salary from the Senior Affairs Officer is mere pocket change to him.

The gold card given by Uncle is linked to an account, which originally had nearly five hundred million!

Lately, Zunbai Zhisheng and Xue Lian Wan He have been "paying his salary" regularly, and with Zheng Pangzi's "dividends" from Shengsheng International, he almost amassed another two hundred million, which he transferred to the same account.

It could be said that Bai Xiaosheng's gold card, with no spending limit, contains nearly seven hundred million.

Lavish! Couldn't be more lavish!

However lavish, Bai Xiaosheng hasn't developed the habit of being extravagant.

Just a coin falling on the ground and not picking it up?

He couldn't do it.

Bai Xiaosheng glances back at the incoming traffic, sees it's far away, and goes to pick up the coin.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying see Bai Xiaosheng's move, notice the distance of the oncoming cars, don't stop him, and wait for him to return.

Unexpectedly, the car from behind, which was clearly far away, suddenly speeds up!

Bai Xiaosheng picks up the coin and has already moved back to the roadside.

However, the BMW X1 behind him honks and approaches with a sudden brake.

"Suddenly darting into the road, are you trying to die?" The driver sticks his head out of the window and yells at Bai Xiaosheng.

The driver is a man of a similar age to Bai Xiaosheng, well-groomed and business-attired.

"You saw a BMW and you just jumped out, thinking of scamming a collision, huh! With one press of the accelerator, I'd have you flying. You'd be scamming the underworld!" The driver continues to yell, honking the horn incessantly.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying, naturally, take notice and express their displeasure, but their voices are drowned out by the honking.

The BMW driver glimpses the one-yuan coin in Bai Xiaosheng's hand and immediately sneers with contempt, "Damn money-grubber, a pauper!"

Bai Xiaosheng frowns.

This is a service road, rightfully accessible to pedestrians, and he made sure to check for distant traffic before stepping down. After picking up the coin, he immediately stepped aside.

Is that any reason to curse at someone like this?

The female passenger, dressed in business-chic, looks through the windshield at Bai Xiaosheng, noting his unremarkable clothing, immediately urges the driver, "Hao, don't stoop to his level, let's just go. We still have investors to meet, don't be late."

"I still need to curse at him though! I was just looking down to light a cigarette, hit the gas without noticing, and he was running to the front," 'Hao' said indignantly, then spits at Bai Xiaosheng's feet, "You're in a rush to reincarnate, don't drag others down with you! What are you looking at, huh, what are you looking at!"

Bai Xiaosheng's gaze turns icy.

Do people nowadays get this angry while driving, unapologetically so and chest-thumping arrogant even when they are also at fault?

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Educate him a bit?

"Hao, let's go, it's not a good spot to park over there."

"Guo Yueyao, try to persuade Jiang Hao. It's just a minor issue, not worth it."

In the back seat, two men spoke up in turn.

One was hurrying, while the other was trying to calm things down.

Through the car window, Bai Xiaosheng could see that the two guys behind were also of the same age.

The one rushing had a bit of a ruffian air.

The one persuading looked plain but obviously carried a sense of goodwill.

"Zhou Sifang, check for a parking space. Li Ni, you really are a softie!" Jiang Hao spat disdainfully, deftly shifting gears, and the BMW car suddenly started, roaring off and deliberately splashing through a puddle by the roadside.

The dirty water splashed up, staining Bai Xiaosheng's shoe.

The BMW drove away.

A hand stuck out from the driver's seat, giving the middle finger from afar.

There wasn't much time.

Bai Xiaosheng was still considering whether or not to teach that loudmouth a lesson.

But the other party had already run away.

This frustrating incident really irked Bai Xiaosheng.

"Xiaosheng, are you okay? Those bastards!" Lin Weiwei ran over, anger mixed with shock.

Just now, she had reacted and yelled out, but her voice was drowned out by the BMW's horn, completely unheard by the other side.

Lei Ying also approached with a frown, muttering to himself, "They're gone, huh? I thought they would come down! Yeah, next time, I shouldn't wait for them to act first. I should smash their car windows right away."

Both were quite annoyed.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled yet took upon himself to reassure them, "It's nothing worrying, just some uncivilized people. Little flies don't affect our mood."

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying, seeing that the car was long gone and finding no one upon whom to take out their anger, could only swallow their fury.

Bai Xiaosheng laughed and gently patted their shoulders, "Alright, alright, let's go. Let's unwind at our company. At noon, have Li Qiushan set up a table, enjoy a good meal, and all will be forgotten."

Only then did Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying give up and continued on their way with Bai Xiaosheng.

Although they walked down the street, with frequent red lights and occasional traffic jams, driving wouldn't have been much faster.

And they said parking spots here are hard to find.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying walked on, not admiring the scenery, craning their necks to look at the slowly moving cars, still hoping to spot that BMW.

Seeing this, Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but chuckle.

"Enough already, don't dwell on it. If you hang out with me for so long and start being petty, it really makes me look bad."

Despite his words.

Lin Weiwei still pouted, "Getting cursed for no reason, Xiaosheng, aren't you angry? He's just some guy with a broken car thinking he's so great? No, just thinking about it makes me furious!"

"Definitely deserves a lesson!" Unlike dissuading, Lei Ying stroked his chin, seriously chiming in.

Bai Xiaosheng was caught between laughter and tears looking at them, "It's me who was insulted, not you. Can't you lighten up a bit?"

"Can't!"

Both shouted in unison.

Bai Xiaosheng gave up on persuading them.

He looked up ahead and suddenly smiled, pointing and saying, "Look, our destination is right in front of us."

In the distance was Shenbei Building.

Being able to bear the name "Shenbei" signified the status of this building, which had become a landmark in the Shenbei District.

The rent there was almost as high as in long-established CBD core buildings.

Under the assistance of Zunbai Zhisheng and Lu Qingfeng, Li Qiushan and the others had bought out five entire floors in one fell swoop!

This even became sensational news for a while!

After all, this is Linshen, a first-tier metropolis, and even if Shenbei is a new district, it's still under the halo of Linshen. To buy five floors in a landmark building of Shenbei District speaks volumes of the company's prowess!

More importantly, Xue Lian Wan He not long ago teamed up with many companies to form an industry alliance, which also made a name for itself.

One piece of headline-making news after another worked better than advertisements, rocketing Xue Lian Wan He's reputation to its peak.

The mysterious owner behind Xue Lian Wan He also became a hot topic that the media eagerly sought to unearth.

Unfortunately, no matter how much they speculated and dug, they ended up fruitless.

No matter the speculation, they couldn't imagine it was Bai Xiaosheng.

Xue Lian Wan He's investment in Shenbei Building was costly, but absolutely worthwhile, definitely a profitable deal!

When Li Qiushan consulted Bai Xiaosheng, he agreed without hesitation.

At this moment, looking at the towering building spanning dozens of floors, knowing that he owned several floors in it, Bai Xiaosheng felt very happy, and all his displeasure was swept away.

Seeing that their destination was close at hand, Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying no longer brooded.

The three quickened their pace and walked on.

Under the Shenbei Building was a large plaza, closed to vehicles, where all the people walking were in a hurry, dressed in business attire.

Perhaps any random individual you pull from the crowd would be a corporate elite with an annual salary in the millions.

In comparison, Bai Xiaosheng and his companions, dressed casually, stood out.

If it weren't for their apparent youth, they really would embody the saying, "The poor dress in furs, the rich in cotton, and bosses in casual wear."

Of course, those passersby who glanced at Bai Xiaosheng and quickly looked away wouldn't know that this person was indeed a boss, and a very wealthy one at that.

This banner, which had been hanging on the square for some time and was slightly faded, "A Warm Welcome to Xue Lian Wan He Moving Into Shenbei Building," belonged to Xue Lian Wan He. The behind-the-scenes boss was this young man.

Yet no one recognized the gem hidden in plain sight.

Thus, in a front-line mega-city like Linshen, there are countless opportunities, everyone encounters them unexpectedly, and yet, in the grand scheme of things, pass by without notice.

Chapter 1269 - Encounter on the Road_3

Bai Xiaosheng and his group walked into Shenbei Building.

At the entrance of Shenbei Building, they even had to pass through a security checkpoint. The security guards were uniformly dressed, with sharp eyes, well-trained.

As they entered inside, the elevator area, which should be called the elevator hall, was divided into several sections.

Elevators for different floors, odd and even numbered elevators were separate.

Bai Xiaosheng and his group looked around for a while before finding the right elevator.

"This place is really complicated," Bai Xiaosheng remarked with some emotion, laughing and talking to Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying.

Fortunately, there were the fewest people waiting for their elevator. The reason was simple; Xue Lian Wan He had bought five floors all at once here, and they had virtually dedicated two elevators for their

use. Naturally, the number of people going to Xue Lian Wan He was much fewer compared to an elevator with passengers from many other companies.

Bai Xiaosheng commented on the complexity and difficulty of taking an elevator here.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying couldn't agree more; the Zhenbei Group Greater China Region Headquarters Building was not much simpler than this.

However, Bai Xiaosheng, as a New-type Affairs Officer, had been traveling far away and wasn't stationed long-term at the headquarters.

After becoming a Senior Affairs Officer, he had access to a dedicated elevator without the need to wait.

Bai Xiaosheng naturally didn't experience what it was like for affairs assistants to find elevators and queue for floors.

Of course, Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying also benefited by having access to the dedicated elevator.

At this moment, Bai Xiaosheng had just finished making his remark.

The person in front could not help turning his head to look at him, glanced at him once, and then stared.

Bai Xiaosheng also noticed the other person's stare and looked back.

In fact, while they were talking, the people in front were also talking.

But, in such a business-heavy environment, the atmosphere was quite solemn by itself.

Everyone was a person of status, so naturally, they deliberately lowered their voices while speaking, whether consciously or unconsciously.

So, at first, Bai Xiaosheng and his group didn't notice who was in front of them.

At this moment.

The man looking at Bai Xiaosheng had an unremarkable appearance but a face full of goodwill, a slightly startled expression, and also carrying a hint of apology.

Bai Xiaosheng recognized him at a glance.

Wasn't this one of the men from the back seat of that BMW, who had then urged the driver to keep the peace?

This person's name was quite unique.

Bai Xiaosheng remembered clearly, the driver called him "Li Ni."

The three people who were quietly joking in front of Li Ni inadvertently looked over and noticed Bai Xiaosheng behind them as well.

"Yo, scammer, it's you!"

The driver, a man called by Li Ni as "Jiang Hao," suddenly had a cold look in his eyes and sneered.

A woman named Guo Yueyao also sized up Bai Xiaosheng.

Along with a ruffian man named Zhou Sifang.

"Heh, we meet again!"

Bai Xiaosheng looked at Jiang Hao and smiled.

A cold smile.

If they were not enemies, they wouldn't have met!

What a coincidence!

He had originally considered himself to have suffered a silent misfortune, but unexpectedly, he ran into them here!

Perhaps it was fate deeming that he should release this pent-up anger!

"What's wrong with you, you actually cursed people back then, what right did you have to curse!"

Lin Weiwei saw Jiang Hao and her anger rose again as she exclaimed.

Her voice raised, immediately drawing the attention of the surrounding people.

Lei Ying also looked at Jiang Hao and others with a cold gaze.

It was evident to Jiang Hao and his group that Bai Xiaosheng and his two companions were together.

Being questioned by a beautiful woman, Jiang Hao's eyes suddenly lit up.

Lin Weiwei was beautiful and had a special charisma!

A top-class beauty indeed!

Jiang Hao's gaze suddenly became fervent.

Guo Yueyao, noticing Jiang Hao's changed demeanor, immediately felt a bout of jealousy, her eyes hostile as she sized up Lin Weiwei.

"Beautiful lady, at that time, it was he who recklessly ran out, that's dangerous, I was scolding him for his own good," Jiang Hao said to Lin Weiwei with a smiley face, "Did you walk over here? That's tiring, how about you ride back with me in my car. I have a seat for you!"

Jiang Hao actually started flirting.

"Not interested!" Lin Weiwei retorted angrily, "You insulted someone for no reason, what are you going to do about that!"

"Nothing, I still say he intentionally scammed," nearby, Guo Yueyao, with her arms crossed, sarcastically watched Lin Weiwei speak.

"You!" Lin Weiwei was very upset and frustrated with this woman.

Just then.

A "ding" sound, the elevator doors in front opened.

Many people walked out, and those in front crowded in.

"Hey, are you going or not? If not, make way," someone from behind said.

Jiang Hao and his group quickly got on the elevator, and naturally, Bai Xiaosheng and his companions followed them in.

Arguing didn't delay getting on the elevator.

However, as they pressed the buttons, Lin Weiwei and Guo Yueyao's fingers landed on the same floor number.

"You're going to this floor?!"

"You too?!"

In an instant, both groups were surprised and reevaluated each other.

Quite a coincidence!

They were all going to Xue Lian Wan He?!

Chapter 1270 - The Proud Jiang Hao

In the elevator, Bai Xiaosheng and Jiang Hao's groups were staring at each other with surprise and suspicion in their eyes.

What both parties were thinking turned out to be strikingly the same—

"They're also heading to Xue Lian Wan He, what for?!"

The first thought that struck Bai Xiaosheng—

Could they be employees of Xue Lian Wan He, but isn't it too late for them to be going to work at this hour.

Bai Xiaosheng then thought to himself, they couldn't possibly be here for business, could they?

But even if you ignore their young age, these people, especially that Jiang Hao, are far from being calm and steadied!

What kind of company could they represent to discuss cooperation?

Would Li Qiushan use such partners?

Bai Xiaosheng immediately dismissed the idea.

Jiang Hao, surprised by Bai Xiaosheng, couldn't figure out his background and became cautious, politely asking, "You guys wouldn't happen to be employees of Xue Lian Wan He, would you?"

Guo Yueyao, Zhou Sifang, and Li Ni had subtle changes in their expressions.

They seemed to be quite wary of people from Xue Lian Wan He.

Upon hearing this, others in the elevator also looked over.

After all, they were also on their way to Xue Lian Wan He.

"We are not employees of Xue Lian Wan He." Bai Xiaosheng replied candidly.

He wasn't an employee; he was the boss!

Of course, this fact was naturally not something Bai Xiaosheng needed to share with Jiang Hao.

"Oh no!?" Jiang Hao visibly sighed in relief.

Immediately after, the caution in his eyes vanished, and he looked at Bai Xiaosheng lazily, chuckled coldly, and said, "So you guys are also participating in the 'Xue Lian Startup Investment Program'."

Bai Xiaosheng was startled upon hearing this.

Xue Lian...Startup Investment Program?

What is that?

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying also exchanged a quick, silent glance; neither of them had heard of it.

However, judging by the literal meaning, it seemed related to innovation, entrepreneurship, and investment.

"So it turns out we all share the same goal, participating in Xue Lian Wan He's investment program, aiming to secure investment funds. Since we've all met here, that must be some kind of fate. Let's bury the hatchet with a smile and make friends," Li Ni said with a smile from the side.

The atmosphere up until then had been a bit tense.

Li Ni, a benevolent and calm person, aimed to defuse the tension by emphasizing the shared goals of everyone present.

To his surprise, Jiang Hao glared at him and snorted coldly from his nose.

Jiang Hao was not willing!

Zhou Sifang sneered from the side, "Li Ni, oh Li Ni, you really know how to smooth things over, huh? True to form for someone whose family has been playing with mud for generations."

Mentioning "playing with mud for generations" seemed to hit a nerve with Li Ni, causing a slight change in his expression and a moment of silence.

Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but take another look at Li Ni.

"Hey, you guys are participating in the investment program too? So are we!"

"Yeah, us too!"

In the elevator, those previously unrelated people, merely curious onlookers, suddenly began to speak up.

Bai Xiaosheng and Jiang Hao's groups couldn't help but turn their attention to them.

Turns out, everyone in the full elevator was on their way to Xue Lian Wan He, participating in the investment program, all aiming to obtain investment funds!

"What the heck is Li Qiushan up to, coming up with some investment program?"

Bai Xiaosheng's thoughts shifted, instructing Red Lotus to search for information.

In an instant, all news related to the "Xue Lian Startup Investment Program" flashed through his mind like a slideshow—

"Xue Lian Wan He, in collaboration with fifteen major businesses in the city, has established a financial industry alliance, launching a new startup investment model to support 'mass entrepreneurship and innovation', which has been strongly supported by the Linshen City Government..."

"Starting from the fifth of this month, every Friday, Xue Lian Wan He and other sixteen enterprises will conduct reviews of entrepreneurial investment plans, and those approved will be able to participate as 'partners' to obtain collaboration funds..."

"It is reported that since the launch of this investment program, it has triggered a series of enthusiasms, with a large number of entrepreneurs flocking to the sixteen enterprises..."

Bai Xiaosheng suddenly remembered, it seems Li Qiushan really did mention this, and he had some recollection of it. He was very busy at the time, and when it came to the actual management of the company, he stuck to his principle of non-interference from outsiders and delegated power liberally.

It seemed to be a real thing!

By the time Bai Xiaosheng snapped back to reality, Jiang Hao and his people had already started friendly exchanges with others nearby.

Bai Xiaosheng looked around and then at Jiang Hao.

The people in this elevator were all entrepreneurs seeking "collaboration" with Xue Lian Wan He.

Guests should be respected.

Bai Xiaosheng, as the behind-the-scenes owner of Xue Lian Wan He, it seemed really inappropriate to do any "excessive" actions in front of everyone.

Therefore, settling the score with Jiang Hao would have to be put on hold for now.

Bai Xiaosheng gave Jiang Hao a piercing look, then glanced down at the mud splatters on his shoes, frowning slightly.

Being quick to take revenge isn't a good habit.

But, never getting upset or outraged about anything and lacking spirit is also not good.

It makes it easy for some people to become arrogant and believe that bullying the weak is justified.

With someone like Jiang Hao, that mode of conduct, even if he has good entrepreneurial ideas, he cannot be invested in!

Bai Xiaosheng thought to himself.

At this moment, Jiang Hao was talking and laughing at ease, looking distinguished, causing even Guo Yueyao to blink her large eyes in admiration at him.

Little did he know, Jiang Hao himself had already been figuratively sentenced to "death" by Bai Xiaosheng, the "behind-the-scenes owner"...

"Bro, I'm really sorry, let me apologize on Jiang Hao's behalf," Li Ni approached, his gaze also falling on Bai Xiaosheng's sneakers, immediately apologetic upon seeing the white AJ with mud splatters.

"It's not your car, why apologize?" Bai Xiaosheng returned to his senses and smiled at Li Ni.

"After all... we are companions," Li Ni said earnestly.

He couldn't help but glance again at the AJs on Bai Xiaosheng's feet, which seemed like a limited edition.

Could they be... the kind worth tens of thousands?

Li Ni was shocked, then looked at Bai Xiaosheng, dressed casually, and silently shook his head, "Maybe, just a knockoff."