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Bai Xiaosheng's AJ sneakers are indeed genuine.

It's just that he is not that extravagant yet.

They were a birthday gift from Lin Weiwei last year.

Bai Xiaosheng liked them very much too.

That's why he was keen on teaching Jiang Hao a lesson.

That's also why Lin Weiwei got so angry at the time.

Right now, Li Ni's earnest apology won Bai Xiaosheng's favor.

Among Jiang Hao's group, each one is not easy to deal with, but only Li Ni seemed a bit out of place.

Bai Xiaosheng suddenly took an interest in him and wanted to chat with him a bit more.

A "ding" sound rang out.

The elevator arrived.

In the elevator, people who were originally chatting enthusiastically all got out, not scrambling, but not lagging behind either.

After all, it's time to queue up to talk to the investors.

If it's too late, who knows whether the person in charge will be tired and still willing to listen to them expounding their "great and brilliant plans."

Compared to others, Jiang Hao appeared quite composed, not rushing or pushing, and even letting others go ahead.

"There's no use hurrying, everybody, applications were numbered when submitted, and later they'll call us in by number."

Jiang Hao said as if he knew it all.

"Really, Brother Jiang?"

"So there is an order."

"Then there's no need to hurry."

People around him remarked.

"The success rate in the last session was around twenty-four percent, not a low chance. I actually know the details of several successful and unsuccessful cases," Jiang Hao said with a smile.

He seemed quite showy.

His words made everyone's eyes narrow, and in an instant, their eyes blazed with eagerness.

If it's true, it means this person has insider information!

People couldn't help but crowd around Jiang Hao, trying to strike up a conversation to get more information.

Jiang Hao immediately found himself basking in the center of attention, his expression faintly proud.

"Hao really has the style," Guo Yueyao said admiringly and a bit dreamily to one side.

"Of course, our Brother Hao is a well-connected man here, or else how could he know those insider scoops?" Zhou Sifang said in a deliberately low voice.

Zhou Sifang's voice was soft, but there were keen ears in the crowd.

These people's eyes lit up instantly, almost begging Jiang Hao to share more.

Of course, asking directly would be foolish.

These people naturally wouldn't do that and thought about probing indirectly.

"If anyone's interested, you can follow me, I'll talk about it slowly... It's all quite important stuff!"

Jiang Hao said with a mysterious smile, capturing everyone's hearts immediately.

People's faces were filled with smiles as they swarmed around him.

At this moment, getting some insider tips was always a good thing.

Case studies from Jiang Hao could let everyone know where the success and failure points were, and even guess the mind of the reviewing officers, which would be invaluable!

Immediately, people surrounded Jiang Hao with beaming faces, chattering away.

"Brother Hao, here's my business card, please look out for me!"

"Brother Hao, this is mine!"

"Brother Hao, I run a shopping website, I'm not sure which project you're interested in, maybe we can collaborate..."

"Brother Hao, I'm in the business of..."

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Jiang Hao's nickname among the crowd suddenly elevated to "Brother Hao."

He too responded with a smile, casually accepting business cards, nodding at people, "Okay, okay. If there's an opportunity, we'll collaborate..."

While Jiang Hao and others were busy talking and exchanging business cards, they hadn't moved far.

Unintentionally, Jiang Hao turned his head and saw that Bai Xiaosheng and his group had merged seamlessly with everyone else.

Li Ni was laughing and chatting with the kid who was picking up coins.

"Li Ni, come here!" Jiang Hao called out firmly.

"Jiang Hao, you guys go ahead, I'm talking with this Brother Bai," Li Ni responded with a smile.

Jiang Hao looked coldly at Bai Xiaosheng and snickered, "What's there to talk about with someone who would risk his life on a big road, not looking at the traffic just to pick up a coin, a poverty alleviation project?"

The people around couldn't help but laugh.

They looked at Bai Xiaosheng with teasing eyes.

Even if everyone came here due to limited capital, it's not like they're really short on money; at least, picking up coins on a big street is something these executives wouldn't do.

They are all high-level white-collars.

They care about their face.

Besides, who still carries cash these days, especially change, isn't it all mobile payments now?

"This brother here really knows how to treasure money, risking his life on a big road and not letting a single coin slip. Respectable! Admirable!"

Someone jeered.

There was another burst of laughter.

Bai Xiaosheng looked at these people calmly.

Quite an odd bunch of people.

Actually, to regard picking up money as shameful?

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying looked at these people with anger and pity.

Those entrepreneurs!

They probably still don't know that the person they are mocking is someone holding seven to eight hundred million in funds, whose net worth is skyrocketing every second.

This person is also the behind-the-scenes boss of the company they're all hoping to get investment from!

"Enough already!"

Seeing this unfold, Li Ni suddenly became angry.

"Jiang Hao, it was you who weren't watching the road and nearly hurt someone. How can you still have this attitude!"

Seeing a companion being too much.

Li Ni couldn't hold back any longer either.

"Li Ni, how can you talk to Brother Hao like that?" Guo Yueyao suddenly shrieked.

As it happened, Guo Yueyao had a fling with Jiang Hao before, then broke up and got together with Li Ni.

Li Ni played the sugar-daddy role for two years, and he hardly got beyond holding hands with Guo Yueyao.

When Jiang Hao showed intentions of getting back together, Guo Yueyao didn't hesitate to dump Li Ni in a heartbeat.

Such a complex love triangle, yet these people could still be friends.

It's really quite bizarre.

"Yeah, we're all friends; why are you turning your elbow outwards? Don't forget you're not on the same path with us this time; Brother Hao brought you here on the account of his friends, and following Brother Hao, your chances of getting investment are huge! Don't hurt your own brothers' harmony on account of an outsider!" Zhou Sifang also joined in the persuasion.

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However, his tone and expression both carried a hint of fanning the flames.

Li Ni's face changed slightly, his eyes showing a complex emotion.

Jiang Hao was willing to include him, perhaps to thank him for taking care of Guo Yueyao...

Bai Xiaosheng noted this and thought to himself, "So their entrepreneurial ventures are not the same after all."

The people surrounding Jiang Hao began to speak up at this point.

They were clearly favoring Jiang Hao.

"With someone as connected as Brother Hao, would he lack discretion in his actions? Impossible! I think it's that young man's fault!"

"Exactly! Brother Hao, let's be magnanimous and not dwell on these trivial matters. Let's go now, it's already past ten."

"Yes, yes, important matters first. We only have from ten to twelve in the morning, just two hours, or we'll have to wait until the afternoon."

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A myriad of voices.

Jiang Hao nodded slightly, his face stern as he raised his voice and coldly snapped, "Li Ni, let's go."

The tone was as if he was calling a dog.

This time, Li Ni did not move his feet and shook his head stubbornly.

"Jiang Hao, this time, I won't apply with you. I'll do it on my own."

It's wrong to make a mistake, and it's even worse not to admit it, but to be so self-righteous.

Then forgive me, Li Ni, for not following your path.

"Your head is full of mud!" Jiang Hao sneered angrily, cursed out, then raised his hand to beckon those around him, "Let's go, I have some solid advice to give. Those who don't keep up, it's their loss for not hearing it!"

"Exactly!"

"It should have been like this all along!"

"Brother Hao, after you!"

The crowd escorted Jiang Hao as they moved inside.

Zhou Sifang looked at Li Ni and let out a light chuckle, his eyes conveying a "you had it coming" expression, and he followed along.

Guo Yueyao snorted coldly in disdain and also followed.

Bai Xiaosheng had been watching from the sidelines the entire time. Once those people had left, he then teased Li Ni with a smile, "That Jiang Hao seems to have a lot of connections. Aren't you missing out on opportunities by doing this?"

Li Ni looked at Bai Xiaosheng, gave a bitter smile, and sighed, "Jiang Hao does indeed have his people in this company!"

"Oh?" Bai Xiaosheng's eyes showed surprise, and he immediately asked with a smile, "Aren't you missing out on a huge opportunity then? Not having those connections, won't that significantly impact your investment application?"

Li Ni sighed lightly, "How could it not? It definitely will!"

"But, there's nothing I can do; this is just who I am. Maybe, as Jiang Hao said, I have 'a head full of mud'."

Li Ni lamented, "Maybe it's hereditary."

Bai Xiaosheng laughed out loud, then patted Li Ni on the shoulder, taking him along to move forward.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying followed behind.

For this Li Ni, Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying also felt he was a decent person and had a fairly positive impression of him.

At that moment, with Jiang Hao and his group ahead, Bai Xiaosheng and his party didn't want to follow too closely and slowed down their pace, trailing at a distance.

Bai Xiaosheng and Li Ni chatted as they walked along.

"Li Ni, your name is quite unique. And Jiang Hao said you have 'a head full of mud', and you mentioned inheritance, what's that about?" Bai Xiaosheng was curious and asked before laughing, "If I shouldn't ask, then I apologize first. If you don't want to answer, you don't have to."

Bai Xiaosheng was indeed very polite.

Li Ni glanced at him and said with a bitter smile, "Actually, I come from a family of purple clay artists. You know, the ones who specialize in making Zisha teapots. My great-grandfather was Li Shuhe, with the honorific title Mr. Zhengshan."

Li Ni actually mentioned the name of his great-grandfather.

His great-grandfather had an honorific title?

A thought sparked in Bai Xiaosheng's mind.

Red Lotus immediately pulled up the information.

A great master of Zisha teapot making, Mr. Zhengshan!

Bai Xiaosheng felt a bit surprised at the influx of information in his head.

The data showed that Mr. Zhengshan was quite renowned in the world of Zisha teapot making, even being called one of the ten great modern craftsmen.

Unfortunately, his existing works were very few, but each one was extremely valuable.

This Li Ni was descended from a celebrity!

"My apologies, it turns out that you come from a distinguished legacy," Bai Xiaosheng said.

Li Ni gave a bitter smile, "It is rare for Brother Bai to know my great-grandfather's name. Let's not talk about it anymore. Since my grandfather's generation, our craft has declined, and by my father's time, he wasn't skilled at all. I want to carry on the legacy, but apart from a few manuscripts on teapot making handwritten by my great-grandfather, I have had to figure out everything else on my own. To be honest, I'm not very talented; I haven't achieved much over the years..."

As Li Ni talked, he even seemed a bit discouraged.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying exchanged a surprised look.

So this Li Ni had such a background.

"Then why did you come this time?" Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but ask.

"I don't have their ambitious goals; I just wanted to apply for a small venture capital fund to rediscover ancient craftsmanship," Li Ni said, feeling somewhat embarrassed.

Because his investment was indeed tiny.

Bai Xiaosheng nodded frankly, "Yeah, indeed, seeking commercial investment for your craft is like throwing money into the water."

"...", Li Ni.

Li Ni smiled bitterly, "But following Jiang Hao, there might be a chance, he really does have connections."

"Oh?" Bai Xiaosheng's eyes showed curiosity.

Li Ni looked ahead then lowered his voice to Bai Xiaosheng, "The person in charge of reviewing the projects this time... is his cousin!"

Chapter 1273 - Don't Worry, I'm Here

Bai Xiaosheng and Li Ni were walking and chatting when they realized that Jiang Hao and his group had already stopped ahead.

A beautiful woman in a professional suit, with long legs and black silk high heels, was speaking loudly to the crowd ahead.

"Are you all here to discuss entrepreneurship cooperation? OK, please wait outside for a while, Director Jiang has been delayed for a moment, he will be here soon. On behalf of the company, I apologize to everyone. We will arrange for everyone to present their projects soon!"

Polite and courteous.

No wonder she's from a big company; her manners are impeccable.

Those who came to apply for funding naturally had no complaints and agreed collectively.

On one side of the corridor, there was a row of long benches. Everyone walked over and found seats.

A thought crossed Bai Xiaosheng's mind.

That beautiful woman must be an employee of Xue Lian Wan He, and the Director Jiang she mentioned must be Jiang Hao's cousin, the HR Director and Senior Investment Advisor of Xue Lian Wan He—Jiang Zun.

"Bai, after what you said, I feel like there's no point in presenting my project, as it just doesn't meet their investment criteria." As Li Ni accompanied Bai Xiaosheng over, he lowered his voice and said with a bitter smile, "Moreover, I publicly offended Jiang Hao, and I know he's very proud and vindictive. Just a word from him to his cousin, and I fear not only will I not get the funding, but I'll also be ridiculed. Why bother, embarrassing myself like that? I think I should just leave?"

From their conversation along the way, Bai Xiaosheng knew Li Ni was not one to give up easily.

But reality was harsh, and even he was reluctantly thinking of backing out.

Bai Xiaosheng grabbed the guy's arm and said with a smile, "I was just teasing you. Who says capital investments only look at short-term returns? Actually, your project... has great prospects! Trust me! You've come all this way; would you really be okay with leaving without even trying?"

With these persuasive words from Bai Xiaosheng.

Li Ni hesitated for a moment, then clenched his teeth, "Alright, I'll give it a try... Treat it as if I'm treating a dead horse as if it were alive!"

"That's the spirit." Bai Xiaosheng laughed heartily, "With me as your friend, perhaps I'm your lucky charm."

Li Ni took it as Bai Xiaosheng joking, and he smiled then and there.

"Come on, tell me more about those interesting anecdotes of your great-grandpa, about crafting purple clay teapots." Bai Xiaosheng said cheerily.

The two of them took seats at the far end of the row of benches.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying also sat down, and there were no seats left.

Ahead.

Jiang Hao and his group were not at the very front, as there were already some people who had arrived even earlier.

According to that beautiful employee of Xue Lian Wan He, who is also Jiang Zun's assistant, Zhou Mei, in the two hours of the morning, Director Jiang could definitely meet with everyone.

In fact, each entrepreneur initially only has three minutes to discuss their project.

Then, headed by Jiang Zun, the HR Director and Senior Investment Advisor of Xue Lian Wan He, the review committee decides whether to proceed to a more thorough review.

That is, whether they can come back in the afternoon.

With this schedule, there was more than enough time in the morning; it was practically not all used up.

Currently, everyone was sitting there, wracking their brains trying to figure out how to discuss their brilliant entrepreneurship projects in such a short time.

Jiang Hao was sitting in the middle, with people stretching their necks from both sides to listen to him speak.

Those who arrived early, upon meeting him, were a bit curious.

Jiang Hao was describing the "insides" in a low voice.

No need for many words, just focusing on the key points in a dozen sentences was enough to make the audiences stretching their necks nod repeatedly as if hearing profound teachings.

Considering this "important" information a treasure, those people sat upright, savored it, and combined it with their own projects, pondering how they should speak during their own three minutes to cater to the auditor's mind.

At that moment, Jiang Hao glanced over towards Bai Xiaosheng and Li Ni at the end of the line.

"This Li Ni, does he have a broken brain, to offend Hao's face publicly for such an irrelevant person. I think this kid doesn't understand the situation, just lacks a lesson!" Zhou Sifang whispered harshly to Jiang Hao.

He appeared fine to Li Ni's face, but whenever Li Ni couldn't see him, he talked as if he had a deep grudge, constantly fabricating things about Li Ni.

Did Li Ni have a feud or resentment with Zhou Sifang?

Quite the contrary!

Li Ni was generous, and in the past two years, as Zhou Sifang was doing business and playing stocks, accruing quite a bit of debt, he could always borrow money from Li Ni.

Zhou Sifang had grown used to it.

And the amount of money owed kept increasing.

Recently, a few months ago, when Zhou Sifang borrowed again, Li Ni mentioned he was saving money to buy a house, even asking Zhou Sifang to repay the money.

Suddenly, Zhou Sifang felt that Li Ni was no fun, not generous; asking for money publicly wasn't giving him face, not treating him as a friend!

Zhou Sifang not only delayed repaying but also started despising Li Ni, taking any chance to make things difficult for him.

Gratitude for favors and vengeance for slights, such people have always existed.

Of course, Li Ni didn't know this yet.

"Li Ni, I know him too well; stubbornly clinging to his own sense of right and wrong, like an honest fool!" Guo Yueyao sneered.

Guo Yueyao emphasized the words "honest man" particularly heavily.

Guo Yueyao glanced at Zhou Sifang again, "Zhou Sifang, you can say those words behind his back as many times as you want, but be careful not to let him hear it, otherwise he'd definitely turn against you. By then, he'll surely demand the money back, and if he can't get it in three attempts, he might go to court. Believe it or not?"

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Jiang Hao shot Guo Yueyao a meaningful glance.

Feeling Jiang Hao's gaze on herself, Guo Yueyao suddenly shivered, realizing that she might have misspoken!

What the hell was that "I know him too well"? Wasn't this just reminding Jiang Hao that she considered Li Ni a backup?

Even though she had sworn by Li Ni's testimony that there had been no hand-holding or any other intimate actions between them, who could guarantee that Jiang Hao wouldn't overthink it...

Guo Yueyao quickly shut her mouth.

Jiang Hao coldly observed Li Ni from afar.

"This kid, I thought he was a friend and classmate. I wanted to help him by bringing him here, but who would have thought... he'd end up causing trouble for me!"

As Jiang Hao spoke, his gaze turned icy.

During the wait.

Director Jiang's assistant, Zhou Mei, from Xue Lian Wan He, came over with a cart of refreshments.

"You all have been working hard, please have some water first," Zhou Mei said with a charming smile, instructing her staff to hand out teas to everyone.

Those waiting expressed their thanks in a hurry.

The tea handed out was in paper cups, with tea bags in them.

However, upon seeing Jiang Hao, Zhou Mei personally took a white porcelain tea cup from the cart and handed it to him, saying with a smile, "Mr. Jiang, right? This is your black tea. Director Jiang will arrive shortly, and you'll be the first to present your project."

The stark contrast in treatment was obviously superior to the rest!

Others, everyone there, were shocked as they looked at Jiang Hao!

What background does this gentleman have?! Their looks were filled with surprise.

Suddenly becoming the focal point of everyone's attention, Jiang Hao also felt a touch of pride, taking the tea and smiling broadly at Zhou Mei, "Thank you for your hard work, Miss Zhou."

"You're welcome," Zhou Mei said with a sweet smile, stunningly beautiful.

Guo Yueyao moved closer to Jiang Hao, a touch of jealousy in her eyes and vigilance in her gesture, as if declaring her power.

Zhou Mei's expression remained unchanged, continuing to smile.

The reason she treated Jiang Hao this way was entirely for the sake of Jiang Zun. If her attention was to be vested, it would be on Jiang Zun.

This Jiang Hao, she wasn't interested in the slightest.

"Mr. Jiang, do you have any other requests?" Zhou Mei asked with a smile.

Jiang Hao's eyes flickered, lowering his voice to say a few words to Zhou Mei.

Zhou Mei was slightly startled, glanced to the side, and with a smile, nodded her head.

The refreshments were handed out all the way down the line.

When it came to Bai Xiaosheng and his colleagues, however, what the staff handed out was lukewarm plain water, barely half a paper cup full, just enough to moisten the throat.

Engrossed in conversation, Bai Xiaosheng and Li Ni didn't mind at all and even politely thanked the person handing out the water.

During the half day, Li Ni told Bai Xiaosheng many extraordinary stories about his great-grandfather, including accidental discoveries of new crafts, the distinguished people he met in his early years, and serendipitous methods of selecting and preparing clay.

These stories, which seemed like something out of a legend, fascinated Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng, in turn, talked about the commercial operation of the purple clay industry, a field in which Li Ni was not skilled, discussing marketing and promotion of Li Ni's future works, among other related issues, all with astute and innovative perspectives.

Originally intimidated by the world of commerce and seeing it as a hassle, Li Ni found it incredibly interesting to listen to Bai Xiaosheng.

The two were completely engrossed in their topic, oblivious to the world around them.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying, however, sensed that something was amiss. Since earlier, they had noticed Jiang Hao whispering to the female assistant, who also glanced at them.

Sure enough, was this petty act meant to vex them?

The fragrance of tea filled the corridor, yet they were the only ones with this lukewarm water.

Lin Weiwei was on the verge of standing up in indignation.

You treat him like this when the big boss arrives, and you're all looking to leave, huh? Lin Weiwei bristled with anger.

As Lin Weiwei started to rise, someone suddenly grabbed her arm, and she was stunned.

While chatting and laughing with Li Ni, Bai Xiaosheng had grabbed her arm.

Bai Xiaosheng had noticed, but he simply didn't care.

Lei Ying stayed silent, swallowed the water in his cup in one gulp, crushed the paper cup, and casually tossed it, precisely landing it in the trash bin three to four meters away.

Lin Weiwei sat down sulkily, very displeased.

"Heh, what composure, such endurance," Jiang Hao, on the other side, sneered secretly at Bai Xiaosheng and his company's lack of reaction.

If these small tricks can't disgust you, then later, I'll make sure your trip was in vain and embarrass you in front of everyone! Let's see if your skins are thick enough then! Jiang Hao was confident he could accomplish this.

Because Jiang Zun would surely listen to him.

Jiang Zun's mother died early; his father never remarried, and from childhood, Jiang Zun was cared for by Jiang Hao's mother, who was very obedient to her and treated Jiang Hao like his own brother, complying with every whim!

That's why Jiang Hao was so confident.

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Soon, a group of people approached from the end of the corridor, drawing everyone's attention.

They were all in formal attire, led by a very stylish man in his mid-thirties, who exuded an aura of authority and an air of pride on his face.

Zhou Mei immediately went to greet him.

Jiang Zun had arrived.

"Everyone, thank you for your patience. We will get started shortly," Jiang Zun greeted the entrepreneurs present with a brief nod, and without waiting for a response, he led the group into the adjacent conference room.

Handsome, aloof, and proud.

Everyone present got a more intuitive impression of this HR Director and Senior Investment Advisor, young and promising by any measure.

After Jiang Zun and his group entered the conference room, Zhou Mei stood at the door holding a list, smiling and saying to the crowd, "Please come over when I call your name."

Everyone was instantly earnest.

"Mr. Jiang Hao," Zhou Mei looked at Jiang Hao with a smile and called out aloud.

All eyes turned to Jiang Hao as he stood up, and the crowd murmured in surprise.

Chapter 1275 - Don't Worry, I'm Here_3

"So it's him!"

"Just now, his treatment was quite different from ours, could it be that he knows someone inside?"

"His surname is Jiang, and that Director Jiang also has the same surname, could it be..."

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The way people looked at Jiang Hao changed significantly.

In everyone's eyes, to varying degrees, there was a common emotion—

Envy!

In the workplace, connections are also a form of strength, legitimate strength!

Jiang Hao walked over with a smile, followed by Guo Yueyao and Zhou Sifang.

All three of them enjoyed this moment of being the center of attention and envy.

After they went in, five whole minutes passed before they came out.

The smiles on their faces made it clear that they must have passed the review.

Actually, considering Jiang Hao's relationship with the person conducting the review inside, everyone was not surprised.

Such is life, different strokes for different folks!

Everyone sighed quietly, eyes filled with envy, but nobody stood up and protested about unfairness.

Everyone is an adult, who doesn't know that in this world, there is no absolute fairness.

Jiang Hao and his group came out but did not rush to leave, instead, they surprisingly returned to their original seats.

Everyone looked on, curious and puzzled.

Why would they not leave after passing the preliminary round, what more do they want?

Jiang Hao couldn't help but curl his lips into a smile.

If there's a spectacle to be seen, why leave in a hurry?

"Mr. Jiang, right? Let's get to know each other, my last name is Zhang, here's my business card!" A plump man a few seats away stood up, smiling from ear to ear, handing over his business card.

"Mr. Jiang, here's my business card!"

"And mine!"

In an instant, the people nearby became enthusiastic.

Those who had come with Jiang Hao in the same elevator suddenly felt a certain pride.

It seems they were lucky and perceptive to have connected with Jiang Hao early on.

Even if they were not successful this time, they could ask for his help again.

If necessary, they could offer some benefits!

"Everyone, everyone, just give them to me, just give them to me." Zhou Sifang busily acted as Jiang Hao's assistant.

Guo Yueyao also overflowed with smiles and helped respond.

Suddenly, the corridor became a bit disorderly, but everyone managed to be somewhat restrained.

Zhou Mei pretended not to notice the commotion and called out loud, "Mr. Li Ni, you're next!"

Li Ni, who was happily chatting with Bai Xiaosheng, was suddenly taken aback, "What, am I the second one?"

Bai Xiaosheng glanced at Jiang Hao over there, seeing him sneer at this side, and couldn't help but laugh, "Seems like your friend really meant well. Not only did he secure the first spot for himself, but he also got his friend the second place."

Upon hearing this, Li Ni didn't feel joy but rather a bitter smile, sighing lightly, "I'm a straightforward person, but I'm not stupid. Do you really think I would believe Jiang Hao would help me... The problem is, I don't feel prepared at all now!"

Bai Xiaosheng laughed and patted his shoulder, "No worries, I'll go with you!"

"Ah, really?!" Li Ni was both surprised and delighted.

Just now, when Bai Xiaosheng was talking about commercial operations, he was absolutely profound, even an outsider like him felt there was great potential!

If Bai Xiaosheng went with him, then this round of fundraising might really succeed!

Li Ni realized that this man who told him his name was Bai Xiaosheng was truly impressive!

Clear in thought, original in perspective, and very charismatic when speaking.

Compared to this man, Jiang Hao, whom he used to think was quite capable, seemed not so much anymore.

No, there's simply no comparison at all!

Li Ni felt a surge of confidence with Bai Xiaosheng's help and even felt that passing the preliminary round was a real possibility.

Li Ni had forgotten in his excitement, that he had offended Jiang Hao, whose cousin, Jiang Zun, was conducting the review!

And his project didn't meet the requirements for capital investment at all...

Even with Bai Xiaosheng adding a lot to it, under this short-term profit-driven trend, it still lacked something.

Bai Xiaosheng and Li Ni stood up and walked towards the conference room.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying also wanted to follow, but saw Bai Xiaosheng extend a hand behind his back, gesturing for them to stay seated.

That gesture meant for them to sit tight.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying exchanged glances and ultimately didn't stand up.

Watching them walk over, Jiang Hao looked at them with a cold sneer.

Guo Yueyao and Zhou Sifang also watched with amused expressions.

The people around who had been focusing on Brother Hao saw his somewhat disdainful and hostile attitude towards those people and became curious.

Those who were in the know started whispering among themselves—

"Those two were very disrespectful to Brother Jiang at the elevator, even slandered him!"

"Absolutely ignorant of their place, I bet they didn't expect Brother Hao to have such power!"

"Tsk tsk, whatever the case, they're in for a tough time..."

"That's why I say, in life, you've got to be savvy, keep a watchful eye, otherwise, you won't know how you died."

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Many were relishing the misfortune, waiting to enjoy the drama.

Li Ni faintly heard these words, which made him even more nervous.

Bai Xiaosheng laughingly patted Li Ni on the shoulder, stepped into the conference room first and comfortingly whispered, "You've talked with me long enough, I'm clear about what you want to do. Next, I'll do the talking, you just listen!"

"Don't worry, I'm here."

Underneath Bai Xiaosheng's smiling expression, his eyes were sharp.

I want to see how that Director Jiang will handle things in my company!

Chapter 1276 - Who Do You Think You Are!

Bai Xiaosheng and Li Ni, one in front of the other, entered the conference room.

Jiang Zun and about five or six others were sitting in a row behind the conference table, chatting and laughing.

Jiang Zun had a smile on his face, looking quite pleased with himself.

The others were all smiling obsequiously and nodding incessantly, giving Jiang Zun thumbs up. It seemed they were very optimistic about the entrepreneurial project proposed by Jiang Hao just a moment ago.

In fact, these people had all known about it in advance.

There was someone named Jiang Hao, who was cousins with Manager Jiang but closer than brothers...

Naturally, they had to give face to the leader...

To be strict, Jiang Hao's entrepreneurial project wasn't remarkably good, but it wasn't terrible either.

It fell short of excellence but exceeded mediocrity. It was barely passable, merely acceptable.

Only after Bai Xiaosheng and his companion entered did the group restrain their emotions and sit upright formally.

Jiang Zun swept his gaze across the room.

He immediately saw Li Ni, who was behind Bai Xiaosheng.

Jiang Hao had described this man's appearance to him a long time ago, but at that time, it was to ask for his help.

Just now, Jiang Hao had passed him a note under the guise of giving a presentation, asking him to teach Li Ni a lesson.

Jiang Zun did not know what had transpired to make these friends turn against each other, but he firmly believed that it must be Li Ni's fault.

Otherwise, his exceedingly "benevolent" cousin wouldn't be so angry.

"I must vent this frustration for Jiang Hao!"

Jiang Zun's eyes narrowed slightly, his mind made up.

"Entrepreneurs, where is your business plan?" someone gentle by Jiang Zun's side asked.

Li Ni quickly took out the business plan from his shoulder bag and presented it.

Bai Xiaosheng had flipped through this document in the corridor and, with the help of Red Lotus, had committed it to memory.

He even learned about the general content of Jiang Hao's business plan from Li Ni.

To be frank, Li Ni's business plan did indeed fall short compared to Jiang Hao's, strictly speaking it was the difference between a score of fifty and sixty.

One failing, the other barely passing.

In the corridor, Bai Xiaosheng discussed with Li Ni about the commercialization of his project, proposing a whole set of novel and interesting business concepts, which was also a process for Bai Xiaosheng to sort out his own thoughts.

After thinking it through, Bai Xiaosheng felt that Li Ni's project actually had potential, albeit not much short-term profit, but was still a worthwhile investment in the long run.

After refining the concept, Bai Xiaosheng even felt that Li Ni's business plan could score seventy!

Even surpass Jiang Hao's project!

Bai Xiaosheng, with the assistance of Red Lotus, had also put in a lot of thought into this matter.

Of course, he came to regard it as half of his own creation.

Li Ni's business plan was the first to be handed over to Jiang Zun.

Jiang Zun glanced at it briefly, then tossed it onto the table.

"This business plan is Mr. Li Ni's? Then, who are you?" Jiang Zun pointed at Bai Xiaosheng and asked coldly.

"A partner." Bai Xiaosheng replied with a smile, simply answering with three words.

From the reaction on Jiang Zun's face, Bai Xiaosheng could tell that he obviously had an aversion towards Li Ni and this project.

Without looking, without listening, he became resistant?

It seems that Jiang Hao must have mentioned something to him, Bai Xiaosheng thought to himself.

"Then who will do the presentation?" Jiang Zun asked indifferently.

Li Ni couldn't help but look towards Bai Xiaosheng.

Speaking was his weakest skill.

"I'll do it," Bai Xiaosheng said with a smile.

Jiang Zun nodded, gesturing for Bai Xiaosheng to start.

Bai Xiaosheng began to speak, his voice steady and unhurried.

He talked about everything from the current industry status of the startup project to its future development, from customer positioning to the marketing model, covering all aspects.

Li Ni was transfixed, watching Bai Xiaosheng in disbelief.

He seemed like a true expert!

Bai Xiaosheng had not referred to the written business plan at all, but whenever he touched upon the content, it was as if he was picking it effortlessly out of thin air, without any mistakes!

The business plan was something Li Ni had painstakingly crafted bit by bit, he knew its content best, but even he would not be able to present it like Bai Xiaosheng had, without so much as a glance, flawlessly.

Yet Bai Xiaosheng had done it!

To Li Ni, he seemed almost godly!

Bai Xiaosheng had merely listened to it once and flipped through it once.

That was all!

How could this be possible!

Unbelievable—

"Is this guy even human!" Li Ni couldn't help muttering to himself.

The auditors sitting with Jiang Zun at first thought the pitch about the purple clay teapot industry was trivial and saw little investment value in it.

But as Bai Xiaosheng went through his proposal, by the end, they were actually intrigued and even fully engaged.

Even they thought it was feasible!

Jiang Zun initially appeared somewhat listless, but as he listened, he couldn't help but sit up straight.

Yet, there was no joy in his demeanor.

"The funding requested in the business plan is three million, but I hope to raise it to an investment of five million," Bai Xiaosheng finally declared.

The concluding remark startled Li Ni.

Five million!

Has Bai Xiaosheng lost his mind!

Although what he said really was excellent and his analysis thorough, following his reasoning, five million... did seem appropriate.

But that was asking people to invest real silver!

Li Ni originally thought one point five million would be good; it was Jiang Hao who had him change it to three million, saying they could negotiate down from a higher amount but no one would voluntarily offer more.

So, Li Ni uneasily marked it at three million.

But now, Bai Xiaosheng directly added another two million.

Simply a lion's mouth indeed...

Li Ni couldn't help swallowing hard.

The people sitting on either side of Jiang Zun whispered to each other, murmuring quietly.

With the help of Red Lotus, Bai Xiaosheng naturally heard their whispers clearly—

"I think this project is quite interesting; five million is actually quite suitable..."

"The required investment is a bit high, but I don't see a problem with the project itself; I'm very interested..."

"We could give it a try; there might be a pleasant surprise..."

People were repeatedly expressing their approval.

A smile curled up on Bai Xiaosheng's lips.

The entrepreneurial project, after his strategic adjustments, was worth that price.

Bai Xiaosheng felt a bit proud of himself.

"For such a project, you want us to invest five million?"

Jiang Zun spoke up.

He sneered and picked up the business plan from the table, tossing it towards Bai Xiaosheng like tossing out trash.

Bai Xiaosheng's brows furrowed slightly.

"Who do you think you are!" Jiang Zun asked Bai Xiaosheng with a mocking tone and a serious face.

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In the corridor.

Jiang Hao watched the meeting room door with a sneer.

Li Ni, who was unaware of his imminent doom, had dared to defy him, so it would be absurd if he managed to get through!

Jiang Hao waited to enjoy the show.

Not just him, Guo Yueyao, Zhou Sifang, and many others were craning their necks in anticipation, waiting to see the commotion.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying quietly looked in the same direction.

Three minutes passed, unaware of the situation inside.

At that moment.

From the other end of the corridor, a group of people approached.

The person at the forefront seemed to be a high-ranking leader, with others crowding around him, constantly seeking his directives.

This person hurried along, responding as he went, and when he reached this area and saw the many people in the corridor, he glanced over casually, but his gaze instantly froze.

The man was startled, his pupils sharply constricting, as if he couldn't believe his eyes.

Then, he shook off the crowd and strode over quickly.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying heard the commotion and turned to look, just in time to see him.

"You two... What are you doing here!" exclaimed the man in surprise.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying exchanged a smile and stood up.

"What a coincidence, Director Yao!"

The newcomer was Yao Yucheng, the Vice President of Human Resources, who had represented Xuelian Wan He in recruiting on Nanyu!

Chapter 1277 - Whoever Comes, You're All Going to Get It!

Jiang Zun's attitude was quite direct, showing complete rejection of Bai Xiaosheng and Li Ni's project.

Consequently, the auditors, who were previously enthusiastic and engaged in discussions about the feasibility of this entrepreneurship project, suddenly fell silent.

Some even looked at Jiang Zun in astonishment.

None of them could understand why Jiang Zun was so opposed to this entrepreneurship project.

"What do you all think?" Jiang Zun glanced around and asked quietly.

The others couldn't help but swallow nervously.

"I think, this entrepreneurship project is a bit off, the risks are too high," someone spoke up.

This set the tone for the others.

Then, everyone chimed in.

"Exactly, such a niche market with an uncertain future, it's not enough just to talk big; there needs to be a market foundation!"

"I have always felt it wasn't feasible, the Zisha industry... Are you kidding? It's not worth taking such a risk."

"And five million! Young man, you're really opening your mouth too wide. Just like Manager Jiang said, who do you think you are, demanding five million just like that..."

"Young man, you should be more pragmatic."

Suddenly, everyone held a negative attitude.

Li Ni's face darkened.

Bai Xiaosheng looked at Jiang Zun with a calm smile.

"Let me put it simply, your plan is unfeasible, you are too ambitious without a trace of practicality. Compared to the previous entrepreneurship project, you guys are far behind!" Amidst cold laughter, Jiang Zun belittled Bai Xiaosheng and Li Ni as worthless.

Then, Jiang Zun looked at Bai Xiaosheng and Li Ni with a twisted head, "Also, I think you're fabricating content, intending to swindle investment from our company!"

That statement from Jiang Zun was outright nonsense.

It even directly accused Bai Xiaosheng and Li Ni of a crime.

"How could we possibly fabricate anything?" Upon hearing this, Li Ni immediately became anxious.

He could do without the investment, but he could not tolerate being slandered and defamed like this!

"You still disagree!" Jiang Zun sneered, pointing at Li Ni, "I ask you, your name is Li Ni, right? This project is yours, isn't it?"

Li Ni was taken aback and nodded.

"But from the beginning to the end, it seems you haven't said anything! Is this man really your partner? You didn't come here together! You teamed up halfway!" Jiang Zun sneered, "You say there's no fabrication, fine! Come on, repeat what he just said word for word! If you can do it, I'll consider that you didn't fabricate anything. If you can't, hmph..."

Jiang Zun was such a character that as soon as he spoke, he caught Li Ni off guard!

Repeat it word for word?

Li Ni was dumbfounded.

While the main idea was clear, he couldn't recite the specific details.

"Everything in the text and data can be verified. Do I really need to repeat it verbatim?" Li Ni still argued.

His defense was weak and pale.

Bai Xiaosheng shook his head secretly.

Jiang Zun banged on the table, startling Li Ni.

"You can't repeat your own entrepreneurship proposal and have to rely on someone else to speak. Tell me, why should I believe you?"

"I think you guys are just colluding to swindle money!"

Jiang Zun made a categorical judgment.

The auditors sitting with him couldn't help nodding their heads.

What Jiang Zun said seemed to make sense indeed.

Li Ni's face turned pale instantly.

Bai Xiaosheng remained silent throughout.

Argue on the basis of reason?

Speak logically?

Those were tactics used against an opponent of the same level.

Does this Jiang Zun even qualify?

After leaving, let Li Qiushan come over, Bai Xiaosheng thought to himself.

"Call security, kick these two out. Let those waiting outside see that swindling money from Xue Lian Wan He is impossible," Jiang Zun said with a sneer.

"And let these two show their faces while you're at it!"

Merely on his own assertion, he made a verdict on the matter.

And he wanted security to drive the two out!

"You... You can't treat us this way!" Li Ni exclaimed in shock.

Bai Xiaosheng's eyes grew cold as he looked at Jiang Zun and asked with a smile, "That project of Jiang Hao, would this Manager Jiang kindly explain if there are no flaws or deceptive elements in it?"

At these words, Jiang Zun's face immediately darkened, and he yelled at the people around him, "What are you staring at, call security!"

"Yes, yes."

The person stood up immediately and hurried out.

Li Ni looked desperately at Bai Xiaosheng, completely at a loss.

Bai Xiaosheng remained calm, locking eyes with Jiang Zun.

Dare to fight with me!

Jiang Zun sneered arrogantly at Bai Xiaosheng.

The person who had gone to call security had just reached the door when he was blocked by a group of people.

The moment he looked up, he was taken aback.

"Director Yao!"

Yao Yucheng with his people was about to enter when he saw the scene and frowned.

"What are you going to do?"

"Manager Jiang said those two are suspected of investment fraud, and told me to call security to kick them out," the person quickly explained.

Upon seeing Bai Xiaosheng, Yao Yucheng's eyelids twitched.

Struggling to contain his emotions, he whispered harshly to the man, "Nonsense! Get back!"

The man immediately scuttled back to his seat.

Seeing Yao Yucheng's displeased look, Jiang Zun frowned and began fiddling with his cellphone.

Yao Yucheng strode into the meeting room, doing his utmost to resist the impulse to greet Bai Xiaosheng.

Outside the corridor, Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying had already warned him.

Bai Xiaosheng arrived low-key, not wishing to attract attention.

Yao Yucheng actually didn't know that Bai Xiaosheng was the true mastermind behind Xue Lian Wan He!

Yao Yucheng had only heard from the current CEO Li Qiushan that Bai Xiaosheng was a person very close to the boss, whose words and actions carried the same authority as the boss in any matter!

With this information, Yao Yucheng already regarded Bai Xiaosheng as the boss.

As soon as Vice President Yao Yucheng of Human Resources entered, everyone immediately became restless, rising from their seats.

Even Jiang Zun stood up.

However, Jiang Zun only gave Yao Yucheng a simple greeting, without showing excessive enthusiasm.

It's true that Jiang Zun is a Director of Human Resources, but there's an additional phrase—"one of them."

Yao Yucheng may be Jiang Zun's superior, but Jiang Zun also has another title—Senior Investment Consultant.

Jiang Zun was recruited at a high price, and the Vice President who dug him out—Cheng Yumo—held him in high regard.

Cheng Yumo doesn't get along with Yao Yucheng.

Cheng Yumo said that by the end of the year, he intends to fully transfer Jiang Zun to his department.

Therefore, Jiang Zun doesn't have much fear of Yao Yucheng.

Of course, with a Vice President coming in person, Jiang Zun would do whatever is necessary, for appearances' sake.

"Director Yao, what brings you here?" Jiang Zun asked with a smile.

"Quite the strong wind!"

Yao Yucheng responded in a muted voice, picked up the strategy document, and pretended to browse through it.

In the meantime.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled silently, watching Yao Yucheng.

After this matter was settled, he would go to Li Qiushan to have a good talk about the company's restructuring.

If Jiang Zun is of value, then he will be disciplined; if he refuses to comply, then firing him is the way to go.

As for people like Jiang Hao, Bai Xiaosheng also plans to ask Li Qiushan to mete out some punishment to them.

Yao Yucheng knew that Bai Xiaosheng was watching him, which made him feel uncomfortable, but still he persisted in perusing the plan.

"This strategy document is actually very good. I know this Mr. Bai, how could he be a swindler? Huh! What are you guys doing, talking utter nonsense!" Yao Yucheng put down the plan, frowning and glowering at Jiang Zun and the others.

The auditors were suddenly chilled to the bone.

They hadn't expected this Mr. Bai to have a connection to Vice President Yao!

Why wasn't this mentioned earlier!

"Actually, this plan, strictly speaking, is feasible."

"Um, we also think that it can be reconsidered..."

Others immediately murmured in agreement.

Jiang Zun couldn't help but frown.

These turncoats, utterly unreliable!

"Jiang Zun, what kind of job are you doing as the leader of the audit team? A feasible strategy document failed to pass and you even called security. I think you've gotten too arrogant lately, your temper is worse and your vision has deteriorated! I'm beginning to doubt your abilities!" Yao Yucheng rebuked Jiang Zun loudly in front of everyone.

Yao Yucheng had been unhappy with Jiang Zun, who was always close with Cheng Yumo and often gave him strange looks. Yao Yucheng wanted to take this opportunity to cut down his arrogance.

Jiang Zun silently listened to Yao Yucheng's reproach.

After enduring for a moment, Jiang Zun suddenly looked up, his eyes filled with anger, and actually talked back to Yao Yucheng, "Vice President Yao, you are my leader, but your main responsibility is human resources! If it's about recruitment and management, you can lecture me. But on this matter, you don't have the authority!"

"This is the business of the investment department!"

"You are overstepping!"

Jiang Zun actually confronted Yao Yucheng in front of everyone.

Even Yao Yucheng was taken aback.

The people from Xue Lian Wan He looked at Jiang Zun in disbelief.

Bai Xiaosheng was also surprised.

This Jiang Zun, quite bold!

Jiang Zun stood defiant.

He was a specially hired Senior Investment Consultant, admired by another Vice President. Why should he tolerate Yao Yucheng's meddling!

Moreover, he was speaking sensibly!

Yao Yucheng, a Vice President of Human Resources, had no right to meddle in investment affairs!

Even if this escalated to the CEO, he would be in the right!

Actually, when Yao Yucheng came in, Jiang Zun noticed his angry demeanor.

Being cautious, Jiang Zun secretly sent a message to Vice President Cheng Yumo.

Vice President Cheng replied, saying he would come to see for himself.

Now, the time was about right.

"You, you, dare to talk to me like this!" Yao Yucheng was both shocked and angry.

"Old Yao, Jiang Zun is right! You are overstepping!" A deep voice came from the doorway all of a sudden.

The crowd parted, and a short, stout middle-aged man strode in and coldly looked at Yao Yucheng with a sneer.

"Since when can a Vice President of Human Resources meddle in the affairs of the investment department? You are breaking the rules. Even if this goes to Mr. Li, you won't be in the right!" Cheng Yumo scoffed.

As an executive Vice President, he was certainly not afraid of some mere recruiter!

Yao Yucheng's face was colored with anger as he looked at him.

The two Vice Presidents, at loggerheads!

Bai Xiaosheng frowned.

Jiang Zun smirked at Bai Xiaosheng.

Boy, did you think that because a Vice President came to support you, you could be overconfident?

A mere Yao Yucheng, the least powerful among the Vice Presidents.

Worth nothing!

Compared to Vice President Cheng Yumo, who is in charge of the profit-making departments, can he even compare?

Jiang Zun felt a surge of high spirits within him, silently thinking to Bai Xiaosheng—

Today, no matter who comes, I'll deal with you all!

Chapter 1278 - Feel Free to Leave If You Want!

Yao Yucheng faced Cheng Yumo's incessant questioning with a furious and extremely livid expression.

After all, they were all from the same company and both vice presidents.

Even if there were open and covert struggles, they were limited to in front of the president.

In front of so many subordinates and outsiders, are you really not going to leave any face for the other party!

Cheng Yumo, confronted with an ever-irate Yao Yucheng, displayed a cold smirk.

A mere personnel management department which he has always looked down upon dared to oppose him, the pillar of the company's profits.

If I don't tear you apart, who will I tear!

Actually, the "grudge" between Yao Yucheng and Cheng Yumo started over a simple issue. Initially, someone under Cheng Yumo was found to be dirty, suspected of embezzling company assets.

Yao Yucheng insisted on dismissal, but Cheng Yumo disagreed.

Because that person's business skills were extremely strong!

Cheng Yumo said, if you fire him, our department's profit will shrink significantly, and if we can't meet the quota, are you office-sitters who drink tea and chat going out to make money?

Cheng Yumo stubbornly protected this person.

But in the end, under Yao Yucheng's persistence, Mr. Li Qiushan still chose to fire that person.

That's how the enmity started.

And there was more than one such incident.

Yao Yucheng is very strict about personnel control.

And Cheng Yumo thought that the people recruited by personnel were all useless.

The conflict between the two vice presidents gradually emerged.

However, since they were both capable lieutenants, standing on their own grounds, there was actually no true sense of right or wrong.

After all, the world isn't just black or white.

Furthermore, as the company was in a period of rapid development, Mr. Li Qiushan also made great efforts to mediate and prevent the intensification of their conflict.

However, today, Jiang Zun, a big shot, was personally poached from another company by Cheng Yumo with a hefty salary, so when Yao Yucheng moved against him in person, Cheng Yumo naturally exploded at a single provocation!

I will tear you apart today!

Cheng Yumo's eyes burned with fanaticism, even secretly thinking to himself—

In the end, let's see if Mr. Li Qiushan values you, the personnel manager, or me, the God of Wealth!

With the powerful Vice President Cheng Yumo backing him, Jiang Zun stood behind him, not hiding his smug smile.

The Xue Lian Wan He people present, the part brought by Yao Yucheng, held their breath and concentrated, not daring to get involved in this fight between gods.

The audit staff who grouped with Jiang Zun and Cheng Yumo's people, seeing their own side's momentum rising, instantly became excited; although they didn't dare to talk openly, their rustling whispers never stopped.

At the door.

Jiang Hao and his group crowded over, craning their necks to watch the excitement inside since no one was shoing them away.

Seeing his cousin encounter "trouble" from the leadership, another powerful vice president came to support, even seemingly overpowering the other side.

Jiang Hao couldn't be prouder.

Guo Yueyao and Zhou Sifang were also excited, whispering incessantly.

"Awesome, Hao, your auditor cousin seems to be highly valued by the leaders! That one came in person to support him, look at that, left the other side speechless, tsk tsk."

"Hao's cousin, he is a highly costly senior investment consultant of the company, even if placed outside, many big corporations would break their heads to have him. A personnel managing vice president trying to command, of course, the Vice President of Investment wouldn't agree."

The two spoke very quietly, not letting people inside hear, yet allowing those nearby to vaguely make out what was said, which was a skill in itself.

Those outside watching the excitement were immediately stunned, looking at Jiang Hao with admiration and worship.

Impressive, having such solid connections!

They thought they must foster good relations with this "Hao Bro"!

The fervent attention of those people made Jiang Hao feel even more elated.

Inside the office.

"Cheng, I'm not meddling with your department's affairs, but you look at this startup project proposal yourself, see if it is feasible! Besides, Jiang Zun is not only your department's staff but also ours, don't I have the right to talk about him!" Yao Yucheng spoke sternly, "This issue isn't about targeting anyone!"

Cheng Yumo directly threw the proposal handed over by Yao Yucheng to one side, chuckled with squinted eyes, "The feasibility of a venture capital project, whether it's worth investing in, that's a matter for my investment department. If you could understand it, you wouldn't be managing personnel. Old Yao, don't overestimate yourself! Also! Jiang Zun just has a title in your department, which is used to boost his salary level! Because we didn't have a suitable position for him at the time! You really take him as your subordinate, wanting to scold as you please, did you ask me? In my opinion, you are not qualified to teach him!"

Cheng Yumo did not leave any face.

Yao Yucheng felt the whispers around him and saw Cheng Yumo's people pointing at him.

He was also angered, "Then how do you want to handle this?"

"I'd like to ask, how do you want to deal with it!" Cheng Yumo scoffed.

Yao Yucheng glanced at Bai Xiaosheng, then turned to Cheng Yumo, "Re-audit the project for this gentleman, and also, Jiang Zun slandered them for attempting to defraud investment, and even called security to drive them away, we need to clarify the misunderstanding and have Jiang Zun apologize to this gentleman!"

Upon hearing this, Jiang Zun looked at Bai Xiaosheng, couldn't help but snort a laugh.

Apologize to this person?

Is that possible!

Cheng Yumo laughed heartily, shaking his head while laughing as if tears of laughter were about to come out, "Yao Yucheng, oh Yao Yucheng, my dear Vice President Yao, I think you've really gone mad! I can answer on behalf of Jiang Zun right now, re-auditing, not possible! Making Jiang Zun apologize to this person, likewise, not possible!"

Chapter 1279 - Those Who Want to Leave, Welcome!_2

Cheng Yumo spoke with great confidence in his voice.

His words were domineering!

After speaking, Cheng Yumo suddenly realized.

From his angle, he noticed that Yao Yucheng, when being humiliated again by himself, actually revealed a mocking smile.

For some reason, Cheng Yumo sensed something was amiss.

"Make way!"

Outside the office, suddenly a loud shout was heard.

The voice was incredibly familiar, causing Cheng Yumo to be startled, not even having time to ponder why Yao Yucheng revealed that smile but instead hastily looked towards the doorway.

That voice, neither he nor Yao Yucheng were unfamiliar with it.

Mr. Li Qiushan, the CEO of Xue Lian Wan He!

Mr. CEO, weren't you in an important meeting?

How could it be that even he was alarmed?

I've only been here for a mere ten minutes, how could someone have reported it so quickly?

Cheng Yumo looked astonished.

Yao Yucheng, however, was not surprised at all, and couldn't help but steal a glance at Bai Xiaosheng.

Just look who is here!

People at the entrance, separated by security and assistants.

A dignified middle-aged man strode in. Without saying a second word, he shouted, "All irrelevant people, out!"

Li Qiushan, is here!

Upon Li Qiushan speaking, the Xue Lian Wan He staff dared not delay and swarmed out.

Even Jiang Zun curbed his arrogance, put on a smiling face, and followed in a hurry to leave.

In a very short time, the room emptied.

Only Li Qiushan, Yao Yucheng, Cheng Yumo, and Bai Xiaosheng remained.

One assistant tried to ask Bai Xiaosheng to leave but was stopped by Li Qiushan.

"You don't need to worry about this gentleman, stand outside and don't let anyone in!" Li Qiushan commanded.

"Yes."

The assistant nodded respectfully and left, closing the soundproof door of the meeting room behind him.

Outside.

Li Ni, who was swept out by the crowd, was still looking around perplexedly, unable to find people, and said with a baffled expression, "Eh, where did Bai Xiaosheng go..."

In the meeting room.

Cheng Yumo unexpectedly glanced at Bai Xiaosheng.

Why was this young man left behind?

This puzzled him.

But now, it is not the time to ponder this trivial matter. With CEO Li Qiushan himself present and having cleared the room of all others except him and Yao Yucheng.

Clearly, what awaits them is a showdown of "right and wrong."

Cheng Yumo decided to strike first.

As a deputy director of the investment profit department, coming from a sales background, not to mention talking eloquently, in terms of articulation skills, he could absolutely outclass Yao Yucheng.

"Mr. Li, about this matter, actually it's like this..." Thus, Cheng Yumo took the initiative to speak.

Li Qiushan didn't even look at him, but directly raised his hand to stop him from continuing to speak.

Cheng Yumo was suddenly choked up there, looking puzzled.

Normally, Li Qiushan heavily relied on him and would never be so cold, not even letting him speak.

The following scene, even more, shocked Cheng Yumo.

Li Qiushan quickly walked up to the young man who had been left behind, with a full face of smiles, and even with a hint of undue respect, "When did you come, why didn't you notify me in advance, so I could receive you!"

Li Qiushan kept using the respectful word "you!"

It even waved with a humble posture!

Cheng Yumo instantly widened his eyes, disbelievingly looking at Bai Xiaosheng.

The young man who came to make a report, who was rejected by Jiang Zun.

What connections does he have!

Yao Yucheng watched smilingly, not at all surprised, even casting a sideways glance at Cheng Yumo, sneering secretly.

"Didn't you say our personnel can't contact any high-level beings, Cheng Yumo? You exaggerated it back then. This, is a top-tier individual you couldn't even imagine! It's just your bad luck not being part of personnel, missing out on that secretive recruitment at Nanyu!"

Yao Yucheng actually felt fortunate to be in recruitment.

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Bai Xiaosheng, with his hands behind his back, looked at the Fengyun Mountain River Map on the wall, since sending the message to Li Qiushan, listening to Yao Yucheng and Cheng Yumo "dueling."

Unconcerned.

Now, with Li Qiushan arriving, Bai Xiaosheng turned around smiling, looked again at Yao and Cheng.

"Alerting in advance, wouldn't have let us see such a spectacular drama, right?" Bai Xiaosheng teased Li Qiushan.

Li Qiushan suddenly felt somewhat embarrassed.

Cheng Yumo and Bai Xiaosheng's gazes met briefly, sending a shiver down Cheng Yumo's spine.

Cheng Yumo started from a salesman, weathering years of experience and having seen countless people.

The skill of discerning and recognizing people was almost instinctive.

In a single look, he suddenly discovered how profound this young man's gaze was.

The implied aura even surpassed Li Qiushan!

Cheng Yumo suddenly felt very uneasy.

"I am truly ashamed; it's a management issue," Li Qiushan apologetically said to Bai Xiaosheng.

He behaving so ostentatiously, even Yao Yucheng was a bit astonished.

It felt like this young man was really like their own boss...

"It's not that serious," Bai Xiaosheng smiled at Li Qiushan, "If there is an issue with your management, then how could the company thrive such remarkably in such a short time? The problem, it's not you, Uncle Li."

A naturally called Uncle Li,

More like addressing an elder based on age.

Li Qiushan was visibly flattered.

As Bai Xiaosheng spoke, he glanced at Cheng Yumo, "However, this Mr. Cheng, is a bit overprotective. Have you looked into what Jiang Zun has done, or do you think because Jiang Zun can make profits, the company can indulge him indefinitely!"

Bai Xiaosheng was already making an inquiry.

In the face of a figure so respectfully treated by CEO Li Qiushan, Cheng Yumo involuntarily swallowed, forcing a smile and said, "Mr., you might not be fully aware of the situation. Jiang Zun, he indeed is a rare talent, and the company is at a crucial phase of development, really needing such talents..."

Chapter 1280 - Feel Free to Leave!_3

"So he can just twist facts, breeze his cousin's projects through approval, and suppress others, all because his cousin holds a small personal grudge against them?" Bai Xiaosheng asked with a smile.

That smile was impossibly cold.

Cheng Yumo couldn't help but swallow hard upon seeing it, "Then I'll have a good talk with him later!"

"No need." Bai Xiaosheng smiled and said, "A small temple can't accommodate a big Buddha. Let's open it up!"

Open it up?!

Cheng Yumo, shocked.

Just for this, they're going to fire a capable person like Jiang Zun?!

"Sure!" Li Qiushan answered as if it was only natural, not even showing a hint of hesitation.

Yao Yucheng looked at Bai Xiaosheng with awe.

This young man truly has the same power as a boss!

So what exactly is his background?

Could it be that he's the boss's son...

Yao Yucheng's thoughts ran wild.

After being taken aback, Cheng Yumo hurriedly spoke to Li Qiushan, "Mr. Li, as you know, Jiang Zun was a highly-paid talent recruited by the company! He could bring immense profits to the company... Otherwise, please reconsider, perhaps a minor admonishment before taking severe measures..."

"He must go!"

Li Qiushan looked at Cheng Yumo with cold eyes, cutting off his speech.

"Mr. Cheng, I understand that you've always prioritized performance. In your eyes, as long as someone is capable, their character and behavior don't matter," he said.

"Frankly speaking, I have been indulgent of all this because 'clear waters are devoid of fish.' But water should neither be too deep nor too muddy."

"If it goes overboard, we must purify it!"

"For this matter, I bear an inescapable responsibility, thus I request to forgo my annual bonus. The entire company must undergo rectification. Anyone with unjustifiable character and arbitrary behavior, regardless of their ability, will be dealt with severely, dismissal for those who must be dismissed!"

Li Qiushan gave Cheng Yumo a serious look, "Mr. Cheng, effective immediately, you are demoted to General Manager, and I hope you take this as a lesson!"

Li Qiushan doesn't easily make tough decisions, but when he does, it's to an extreme degree.

Cheng Yumo was dumbfounded.

Self-punishment.

Rectification.

Severe punishment.

Li Qiushan started with himself and punished all the way down the line.

And to his astonishment, he was the one who was demoted!

Regarding Li Qiushan's handling, Bai Xiaosheng did not say much, nor did he persuade Li Qiushan not to be too harsh on himself.

Integrity starts with oneself.

That's what qualifies as a leader.

Yao Yucheng looked solemn.

Although he admittedly relished the idea of suppressing Cheng Yumo with Bai Xiaosheng's support, he was pleased to see the company's human resources being rectified and cleansed.

This was very good!

"Mr. Li, you, you can't just demote me to General Manager! As the Deputy Director, what wrong have I done to deserve demotion? I have put in so much effort for the company, established so many achievements, how can you just turn your back on me!"

Cheng Yumo became emotionally charged.

"Mr. Cheng, stop talking, this is the company's decision!"

Li Qiushan said in an unquestionable tone.

"Company's decision? This is just a decision you blurted out! There was no general meeting, no discussion, are you slaughtering the donkey now that the grinding's done!"

Cheng Yumo was truly frantic, blurting out anything that came to mind.

"Cheng Yumo, if you do not accept this decision, you can leave!" Li Qiushan stated expressionlessly.

Cheng Yumo was taken aback, his face distorting, "Fine, you want to drive me away, right? Good! I'll leave, and half of the investment department will follow me, believe it or not. If I join another company, others will vie to have me as the Deputy Director, as the Director, believe it or not!"

Li Qiushan looked at Cheng Yumo with cold eyes.

"Li, let's go, and talk in your office," Bai Xiaosheng stepped forward and said to Li Qiushan.

Then, Bai Xiaosheng turned to Cheng Yumo and smiled faintly, "As of now, you are dismissed! Director Yao, please process his termination."

Yao Yucheng did not dare delay, quickly acknowledging.

Bai Xiaosheng turned to Yao Yucheng and said earnestly, "Anyone willing to leave with our Mr. Cheng should not be kept!"

Yao Yucheng was startled, and upon glancing at Li Qiushan, Li Qiushan simply nodded.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled at Cheng Yumo and said earnestly, "Luckily, I happen to know several major companies ready at any time to provide staff to fill positions. So, who exactly are you threatening!"

With that, Bai Xiaosheng walked out.

Li Qiushan did not say a word and followed him.

Cheng Yumo stood there stunned, watching them leave.

Yao Yucheng approached with a smile, "Mr. Cheng, oh no, Mr. Cheng! Are you coming with me to handle your resignation, or shall we pull a group to leave together? It would save us the trouble of processing each one individually!"