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Chapter 1321 - Raw Material Solution

"Three Supplies and One Leveling" is a real estate term.

In simple terms, it means that before the formal construction of a project begins, the site must meet several conditions including water supply, electricity supply, road access, and site leveling.

Seated in front of Bai Xiaosheng, Li Ni, and others was Han, full name Han Dabei, who is employed at a moderately-sized engineering company that specializes in subcontracted projects. He was hired by a previous landowner to perform the "Three Supplies and One Leveling."

This plot of land, before falling into the hands of Zunbai Zhisheng, was paused in development due to property rights disputes.

Hence, Han Dabei and his team became mere watchers of the site.

After Zunbai Zhisheng acquired the land, they didn't have their own construction unit, so they continued to employ Han Dabei's team to maintain the status quo temporarily.

Of course, Ron was also actively dispatching people to communicate with major engineering firms.

However, in the short term, it was still Han Dabei and his people who had the final say in small matters here.

As the vice president of the company, effectively the second in command, Han Dabei naturally knew that after completing the "Three Supplies and One Leveling," his team might have to leave the site.

But this Li Ni in front of him, they didn't know that.

So before leaving, why not ask for a huge sum and make a hefty profit!

That was Han Dabei's plan.

Strangely enough, that kind of Xiao Hongni mineral, it's only found in this land, and not anywhere else even if you dig three feet deeper.

Although normally no one treasures this mud, after formal construction starts, it may be necessary to bring in soil to pad and solidify the foundation, burying them deep beneath, but this Li Ni "knows the goods," treating it as precious and even willing to pay for it!

If Han Dabei didn't raise the price, wouldn't it be a waste of Li Ni's "recognition of goods"!

Han Dabei, a sharp observer, immediately made an exorbitant demand on the spot. He's a shrewd person, noticing that Li Ni was startled, even appearing horrified, yet was still looking at his companions, obviously not willing to give up.

With that, Han Dabei felt reassured and waited with a smug smile.

"Mr. Han, how can you exaggerate like this, we had already agreed on the price! A 30% increase might be acceptable to us, but tripling the price, that's just too much! Even if you're selling gold, that's not how you sell it!" Li Ni said to Han Dabei urgently, "Besides, we had already agreed on this price!"

Li Ni was not good at negotiating, he repeatedly emphasized the pre-negotiated fixed price.

Bai Xiaosheng, standing by, was rendered speechless.

Sure enough, Han Dabei sneered and asked, "Agreed, huh? Did we sign a contract though?"

Li Ni was stunned.

What a joke, how could such a matter possibly involve a contract!

"In any case, the current price is tripled, which is four times the original. Take it or leave it!" Han Dabei said firmly, "Seller's market, this mud is unique here, no other places have it!"

Having said that, Han Dabei smiled cunningly, "Otherwise, Dacheng being so large, you wouldn't keep coming here, right? Nowhere else can you find this!"

Han Dabei had indeed grasped Li Ni's weakness.

Li Ni immediately looked rather troubled.

Such an obvious change in expression is a major taboo in the negotiation arena.

Pity, Li Ni in this aspect is absolutely ignorant!

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying, watching this, were also speechless.

Li Ni, such a naive person, if he were in the professional field, he would likely be utterly devoured.

"We should follow rules and integrity in dealing with people. Mr. Han, right? You can't be this arbitrary."

Li Ni, running out of arguments, looked at Bai Xiaosheng for help, hoping Bai Xiaosheng would speak up for him.

"Following rules? I am setting the rules now. If you have money, pull the mud; if not, I can't help you." Han Dabei bared his yellow teeth, clearly showing a defiant attitude.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying exchanged looks and couldn't help shaking their heads.

Knowing this, they should not have let Li Ni negotiate in the first place.

Li Ni, genuinely an incompetent teammate.

"Let me talk to Mr. Han." Bai Xiaosheng smiled, stopping the still hesitating Li Ni and approached Han Dabei directly.

Li Ni sighed inwardly.

He knew, in negotiation, he was truly unskilled.

Perhaps Bai Xiaosheng might succeed!

Li Ni trusted Bai Xiaosheng deeply.

"Tripling the price is really outrageous, if Bai Xiaosheng can persuade Han Dabei just to increase it by 30%, I could accept that!" Li Ni thought to himself, "Or maybe, Bai Xiaosheng, being such a capable person... perhaps, might convince Han Dabei... not to raise the price!"

Li Ni didn't dare to hope too much, but still held a bit of expectation.

He anticipated Bai Xiaosheng would work a miracle with his eloquent tongue, just as he had done one day at Xue Lian Wan He.

But seeing Han Dabei's staunch attitude, Li Ni felt a bit disheartened and dared not hope too much again.

"Young man, what do you want to talk about? Want to add less money? You might as well save it!" Han Dabei looked at Bai Xiaosheng and suddenly laughed, "This matter is non-negotiable!"

In Han Dabei's view, Bai Xiaosheng looked even younger than Li Ni.

In his eyes, that made him seem even more naïve!

Even if you can talk better than Li Ni, speaking beautifully and eloquently!

My price remains the same!

Han Dabei was determined to force Li Ni into conceding by paying.

Bai Xiaosheng looked at Han Dabei, yet to speak, but suddenly smiled.

"What are you laughing at?" Han Dabei was taken aback.

"Mr. Han, you guys make a lot of money from this project, don't you?" Bai Xiaosheng asked with a smile, deliberately not mentioning the issue of Xiao Hongni.

Han Dabei faltered, not grasping the meaning behind Bai Xiaosheng's question, but still replied, "Well, quite a bit, but the money goes to the company. Just manipulating this mud here earns me a pittance, really nothing worth mentioning."

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Bai Xiaosheng grinned and continued, "I heard Mr. Han is the deputy director. So about this small matter, I wonder if your boss, Mr. Chen Haohai, is aware of it?"

On the way over, Li Ni had meticulously informed Bai Xiaosheng of the names and relationships of the key players in the company, so Bai had a clear understanding in his mind.

Mr. Han's eyebrows furrowed as he looked at Bai Xiaosheng, "What are you implying? You wouldn't be threatening me, would you, young man. Are you thinking of tattling to Mr. Chen about me?"

Bai Xiaosheng remained silent, with a smile on his face.

But in Mr. Han's eyes, that was exactly what it meant!

Mr. Han's face darkened immediately, clearly displeased.

Li Ni was startled by this exchange, worriedly looking at Bai Xiaosheng.

"Sheng isn't bargaining, could he really be threatening... Mr. Han has been with Chen Haohai for ten years! Ten years! It's impossible for him to deal with Mr. Han over such trivial issues! If Sheng threatens him like this, it won't scare him; instead, it'll only provoke him! Even I understand this simple logic, how can Sheng not get it!"

Terrified, Li Ni nudged Bai Xiaosheng secretly, hoping he would understand.

Bai Xiaosheng ignored Li Ni's hints, as well as Mr. Han's indignation, and continued with a smile, "Mr. Han, how long have you been with your company? How does your boss treat you? Does he trust you immensely? This project is not a small one for your company. If that big company were to give your boss more projects afterward, even simple ones, I believe the money would be enough to make your boss secretly thrilled."

Bai Xiaosheng was wandering farther and farther off topic.

"What on earth are you trying to say?!" Mr. Han's voice turned cold, his eyes fierce.

Looking at this young man in front of him, whom he had not thought highly of before, he felt unease at Bai's words.

"I just want to ask, between a good boss and a good employee, just how much tolerance is there. He might turn a blind eye, allowing you to quietly make a small fortune. But if your actions affect a lucrative project...", Bai Xiaosheng chuckled.

"Will he still tolerate you then!"

Bai Xiaosheng's last sentence was sharp as a knife.

Mr. Han's expression suddenly changed.

"You!" Mr. Han pointed at Bai Xiaosheng, facing the young man whose smile seemed to hide something formidable, he felt a trace of trepidation.

Therefore, Mr. Han turned to Li Ni and abruptly said, "If this is how you want to negotiate, no negotiation at all! We can't do business like this!"

Li Ni was instantly shocked.

How could they not negotiate!

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying watched expressionlessly.

Bai Xiaosheng never bluffed, nor did he intimidate others with just words.

If he threatened, it was real, with the knife already at the other's throat before he even spoke.

"Mr. Han, Mr. Han. Calm down," Li Ni was a bit panicked, looking at Bai Xiaosheng, "Sheng, you went a bit too far. Let's all not get agitated, we need to be calm, we need to be rational!"

Li Ni was truly frightened.

Already struggling to find a certain mineral material, if the supply of Xiao Hongni broke off, all his efforts would go down the drain.

"I intended to have a serious discussion with you all, but this young fellow is actually thre—aten—ing me!" Mr. Han, seeing Li Ni's reaction, became immediately emboldened, scoffing at Li Ni, "I'm so scared, so let's just forget about doing business!"

"No, no, don't do that, it's not a threat, my brother here just isn't great with words," Li Ni hurriedly said while urgently signaling Bai Xiaosheng with his eyes.

Li Ni meant for Bai Xiaosheng to give Mr. Han a way out.

"I really wasn't threatening you, Mr. Han," Bai Xiaosheng said with a smile.

"Right, right, it really wasn't a threat," Li Ni nodded vigorously.

"I have a friend at Zunbai Zhisheng, the new powerhouse in the area. A little greeting from me, and I reckon he'll sort this out with your boss, Mr. Chen. When that happens, Mr. Han, what do you think will happen to you?" Bai Xiaosheng said with a grin.

"Yes, yes..." Li Ni's voice halted, and his expression froze, looking at Bai Xiaosheng with astonishment.

This was still a threat, and an even bigger one at that!

But... Bai Xiaosheng had a friend working at that major enterprise, Zunbai Zhisheng, in Linshen?

He hadn't heard about this before!

Li Ni blinked.

If he had known about this connection earlier, he could have planned more strategically.

"Look, look! Isn't this still counting as threatening me?" Mr. Han was immediately annoyed, glaring at Bai Xiaosheng, "Who is your so-called friend? Directly dealing with our Mr. Chen, how impressive! Also, does our Mr. Chen have to listen to whatever he says? Do you think your friend is one of the top dogs at that big enterprise?"

Mr. Han sneered, "Now, I'm even more scared, and now I'm even less willing to do business with you!"

Li Ni went pale.

The situation was worsening by the second!

"Don't, don't! Mr. Han, I'll go with your price, triple it then triple it is!" Li Ni gritted his teeth in secret, prepared to take a big hit.

"Too late, now it's five times!" Mr. Han scoffed.

Li Ni was speechless with shock.

To raise the price on the spot was one thing, but this was like rocketing to the stars.

He had hoped that Bai Xiaosheng's involvement would help drive the price down, yet it was only getting higher!

Li Ni didn't know what else to say.

Playing with his phone and not even looking up, Bai Xiaosheng cheerfully said, "How could five times be enough? Mr. Han might as well raise it more, let's say ten times!"

This guy was actually fanning the flames...

Li Ni was at a loss for words.

"I must be crazy to have had a war of words with you, it's a complete waste of time!" Mr. Han stood up abruptly, walked to the door, flung it open, pointed outward, and said, "Please leave, all of you! Come back when you have the money, if you can't afford it, beat it!"

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The conversation had reached a point where faces were being torn.

Still, Li Ni wanted to plead for mercy, but when he looked at Han Dabei, his eyes suddenly narrowed.

"Han Dabei, who are you telling to get lost!" A deep and icy voice came through.

At the entrance appeared a short and fat figure with a sullen and terrifying complexion.

Han Dabei turned his head to look, and got a fright, his face immediately broke into a forced smile, "Mr. Chen, you're back!"

The portly Chen Haohai at the doorway completely ignored Han Dabei, his gaze swept over Bai Xiaosheng and Li Ni, and then with a smile, he walked towards Bai Xiaosheng.

Behind Chen Haohai followed a middle-aged man in a suit and leather shoes, wearing gold-rimmed glasses, and carrying a black leather briefcase.

Han Dabei stared at the person; he seemed very unfamiliar, apparently not someone from their company.

The man also headed straight for Bai Xiaosheng upon entering.

"May I ask if you are Mr. Bai?" Chen Haohai asked with a beaming face, his words extremely polite.

Next to Bai Xiaosheng, Li Ni was dumbfounded.

He had seen this man before!

At that time, it was Han Dabei who was nodding and bowing by his side. He remembered that his back was straight as though leaning back, with a prominent belly, and he was very authoritative with those beneath him.

Why was he now being so courteous in front of Bai Xiaosheng?

This contrast shocked Li Ni.

What's going on...

"Mr. Bai, your friend asked me to find Mr. Chen... everything has been explained clearly!" The man with the glasses smiled at Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled and stood up from the sofa, reaching out to shake hands with the other party, "Then I really must thank you for your effort."

"It's my job!" the man with glasses smiled and responded.

"And I appreciate Mr. Chen's efforts as well." Bai Xiaosheng reached out, and Chen Haohai hurriedly shook his hand, with an earnest smile.

"Of course! Of course! If you have these needs, you just need to give me a heads up," Chen Haohai said with great enthusiasm.

On the side, Han Dabei and Li Ni were both looking on dumbfounded.

At this moment, the vastly different stances of these two people coincidentally matched in their thoughts:

What is going on, does this Bai Xiaosheng truly have some powerful friends at that big company?!

"Mr. Chen, about them, about this..." Han Dabei couldn't help but want to interject, yet didn't know where to begin.

Sometimes it's okay for a boss to turn a blind eye to certain things.

But when things are brought to light, the boss will claim to be completely in the dark.

Yet in truth, if a boss was so easily deceived, they wouldn't become influential.

"Han, ah." Chen Haohai's demeanor suddenly changed when he addressed him, his voice turning cold and severe, "I asked you to watch over this place, how could you make deals on your own, completely tarnishing our company's reputation!"

"I..." Han Dabei wanted to protest but saw the man with glasses calmly looking at him.

A sense of alarm suddenly surged in his mind.

"You've followed me for so long, I can't let you down. How about this, you go to finance and handle your resignation, and I'll treat it as if the company fired you, giving you compensation based on your years of service," Chen Haohai said nonchalantly as if swatting a fly.

Han Dabei was stunned.

Li Ni was in disbelief.

Fired!

In front of others, for just this trivial private matter, Han Dabei was fired!

You have to understand, he was a vice president!

"Mr. Chen..." Han Dabei was getting anxious.

"Get out of here now!" Chen Haohai glared, abruptly interrupting Han Dabei's words, "Don't force me to consider it as a voluntary resignation, in that case, you won't receive a cent!"

Forcing employees to resign of their own accord was not uncommon in their company, with many insidious methods, many of which were invented by Han Dabei, known as reasonable inducement to resign.

If the boss applied that same set of tactics to him...

Han Dabei's face turned ashen.

"Get out!"

Chen Haohai commanded in a low tone, his gaze fierce.

Han Dabei shuddered with fear and hurriedly staggered away.

Turning back around, this Mr. Chen Haohai sported a sunny smile, warmly saying to Bai Xiaosheng and Li Ni, "You two are free to take as much soil as you want from here, any amount will do! Or better yet, next time you don't have to come over at all, just give me a call and I'll have someone deliver it to you two!"

Li Ni was dumbstruck, thinking to himself: am I dreaming?

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Half an hour later.

Leaving the construction site, Li Ni walked along, completely lost in thought.

Just before getting into the car, he couldn't help but ask Bai Xiaosheng, "What does your friend do at that big company, to be so influential with his words?"

Bai Xiaosheng laughed heartily and patted Li Ni on the shoulder, "I have asked him to reserve the small [typeof] clay for you. If you find it inconvenient to move elsewhere, then I'll arrange to keep this piece of land vacant for a couple more years, how about that?"

"Exaggerate all you want, keep bluffing!" Li Ni retorted, while also smiling knowingly.

At least, securing that small [typeof] clay was no longer an issue, which was a relief.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying exchanged a smile in the background.

Li Ni could never guess that Bai Xiaosheng hadn't exaggerated a single word about this matter.

After all, that land was his!

After getting into the car and settling down, the voice of Red Lotus echoed in Bai Xiaosheng's mind, "Global raw material sample comparison complete! Matching the requirements, there are forty-five kinds above eighty percent compatibility, twenty-four kinds above ninety percent, and one kind at ninety-eight percent compatibility!"

Has the final ingredient been found?!

Bai Xiaosheng's eyes lit up instantly.

It meant that the unique production of the purple clay pot could begin immediately!

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"This time, thanks to your friend, he solved the problem here in an instant. I really need to treat him well one day!" Li Ni said as he got into the car and prepared to start it while speaking to Bai Xiaosheng, who was sitting in the passenger seat.

After speaking, Li Ni noticed that Bai Xiaosheng in the passenger seat had not responded to him for a long time.

Li Ni looked over in surprise.

He saw Bai Xiaosheng's eyes gleaming and his expression slightly excited.

"What's gotten into you?" Li Ni exclaimed in shock.

Even after such an exhilarating moment, Bai Xiaosheng didn't seem affected.

Why is he excited now?

Sitting in the back seat, Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying were also somewhat surprised and looked towards Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng, woken up by the surprise, came back to his senses, smiled at Li Ni, and lifted his phone, "That little trouble just now, I didn't take it seriously! On the way here, you saw me texting, right? Actually, I was discussing with a friend at the research institute about the final type of raw material soil you need!"

"How is it going!"

Li Ni is not a dull person, just not good at socializing.

At this moment, seeing Bai Xiaosheng's expression and hearing his words, Li Ni suddenly sensed something and asked urgently.

Li Ni felt it must be good news!

Perhaps there was progress on that final raw material!

Even a little bit of information would be good!

"My friend, he has a friend who works in a soil research institute. That institution focuses on studying the characteristics of soils from around the world and engages in soil resource research. They have an existing vast database." Bai Xiaosheng told Li Ni under his expectant eyes, revealing the biggest good news at present—

"We found the final raw material!"

This sentence left Li Ni stunned on the spot.

His eyes widened, and he was even unable to speak, trembling, he gestured for Bai Xiaosheng to repeat it.

"We found the final raw material!"

Bai Xiaosheng smiled knowingly and earnestly repeated it word by word.

Li Ni burst out laughing.

Then, his hands slammed the steering wheel frantically, appearing almost crazy, and then he burst into laughter.

He looked like a maniac.

But Bai Xiaosheng just smiled, quietly watching Li Ni.

He could understand the reaction of a man who is wholeheartedly devoted to a cause when he hears such good news.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying glanced at each other and also watched Li Ni with smiles, their eyes full of congratulatory meaning.

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On the way back, Li Ni was excited like a child, constantly inquiring.

Bai Xiaosheng, holding his phone texting and reading messages, responded to Li Ni.

About the characteristics of the final type of raw material soil, its reaction when mixed with Xiao Hongni, its luster, viscosity, toughness, and much more information, Bai Xiaosheng explained in full.

This batch of clay materials not only included these two types but also traditional purple clay and other auxiliary materials. Only after mixing them in the right proportions would it become the qualified clay material Li Ni hoped for.

The conversation in the car seemed like Bai Xiaosheng was asking questions to his friend's friend through texts and getting information back.

In reality, it was just the result simulated by Red Lotus in Bai Xiaosheng's mind.

As Bai Xiaosheng answered Li Ni, it was also a process for him to reacquaint himself with that final raw material soil.

"When can that material come over!" Li Ni finally asked urgently.

He was already itching with eagerness to the point of agony!

"I've told you, it's produced in the Pyrenees Mountains of Europe; flying it here needs time," Bai Xiaosheng said with a smile.

And it requires some formalities and documentation.

When Bai Xiaosheng was texting earlier, he was actually contacting Kevin at Kelson Company in Europe, asking him to find the material and arrange for air transport.

Of course, all sorts of issues, as well as the cost of chartering a plane, Bai Xiaosheng didn't care about those.

After all, for any expenses, he just needed to inform Ron from Zunbai Zhisheng, and it would allow Kevin to earn it back tenfold, a hundredfold.

And Kevin was more than happy to help Bai Xiaosheng's friend, not to mention his sister Ariel who had developed a profound transoceanic adoration for Bai Xiaosheng.

"It needs to be flown in! Okay, I will bear all costs!" Li Ni said, "Your friends are working hard to help, I must offer them a reward! We can't let them help for nothing!"

In terms of being a person, Li Ni certainly lived up to the word "generous."

This is also why Bai Xiaosheng was happy to befriend him.

"You don't need to worry about that, I will cover the necessary expenses!" Bai Xiaosheng saw Li Ni about to object and immediately raised his hand to stop him, going on to say, "Don't be too quick to refuse! I am discussing this as a partner, not just for cooperation! This expense, I'm not letting it go to waste! The first purple clay teapot is mine, as agreed. But for this first purple clay teapot, you, Li Ni, have to use all your skills to satisfy me, make me feel it's worth it! Deal?"

Bai Xiaosheng seemed to be making a clear deal, which left Li Ni with nothing to say.

While driving, Li Ni still fixed his gaze on Bai Xiaosheng for a full two seconds.

"No need for unnecessary words! I won't disappoint you with this investment!"

This was Li Ni's promise.

That made Bai Xiaosheng smile.

No amount of money could buy the sincerity of a craftsman!

Bai Xiaosheng knew that, no matter how good the clay material was, the success or failure of a purple clay teapot ultimately depended on the craftsman!

Also, Bai Xiaosheng had made a decision. For this first purple clay teapot, Li Ni would make the pot while he did the engraving, both pouring all their efforts into it, surely reaching a peak!

Now, Bai Xiaosheng was full of anticipation for that future purple clay teapot.

Upon returning to the Li Ni Workshop, Li Ni arranged for Bai Xiaosheng and the others to stay in a nearby five-star hotel, in a luxurious room.

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At his insistence, Bai Xiaosheng and the others had no choice but to agree, with all expenses covered by him.

The next day, Li Ni even canceled all his engagements and rushed over to act as their driver specifically to accompany Bai Xiaosheng and the others for a tour around Dacheng.

On the way, Bai Xiaosheng joked with Li Ni, asking if this would delay the "Master's" precious time.

To this, Li Ni seriously explained to Bai Xiaosheng.

Being with Bai Xiaosheng and the others was also a way for him to relax and adjust his mentality, once the materials arrived, he would fully commit himself to the work.

"You have helped me so much, coming up, even if it means skipping sleep and meals, I will create the highest quality purple clay teapot!"

Li Ni said this almost like a vow.

"It's not necessary, you and I together, putting in our best efforts, I believe we will achieve the best work, incomparable to any other, even vintage artifacts," Bai Xiaosheng replied with a smile.

They had the technology, craftsmanship, creativity, and sincerity, truly two "youths with four virtues."

Honestly, Bai Xiaosheng was full of confidence.

That evening, after touring Dacheng, Li Ni took Bai Xiaosheng and the others to a place.

It was a bustling downtown area.

Li Ni led them into a luxurious apartment building, but they headed not for the upper floors, but for the basement.

Following the dimly lit corridor downward, Li Ni explained, "For a while, I lived here. Firstly, I was tight on money back then, and secondly, the damp and dark environment was good for keeping the pottery molds, useful for preserving the raw pieces. Of course, the molds have all been moved to the workshop now, but I still rent this place."

"There, I have something to show you!" Li Ni spoke earnestly.

This piqued the curiosity of Bai Xiaosheng's group.

Arriving at the basement level, they stopped in front of a basement door, Li Ni pulled out a key, unlocked the door, and entered.

The place was indeed somewhat chilly and damp, tough to imagine Li Ni living here, working intensely on his creations.

After Bai Xiaosheng and the others entered, they found the basement's four walls empty, except for a huge multi-tiered wooden rack in the center, draped with dark cloth.

Li Ni walked over, stood in front of it, faced Bai Xiaosheng and the others, and said, "What I am about to show you might be a stain in my life. I had no choice, I needed it to survive, and even to afford buying that big LOFT workshop, it was all thanks to this!"

While speaking, Li Ni grabbed the corner of the cloth and with a jerk, ripped it off.

Under the light, the objects on the wooden rack were fully exposed.

Bai Xiaosheng and his companions were instantly shocked.

Especially Bai Xiaosheng, upon spotting one item, stepped forward in surprise, "How come this is here!"

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On the shelves, neatly organized, were all purple clay teapots.

One after another, each uniquely designed.

Steady, novel, ingeniously intricate, elegant.

Each and every purple clay teapot seemed to hold endless charm.

Bai Xiaosheng approached one teapot, pointed at it in astonishment, and looked at Li Ni, "Whisper?"

Hearing this name, Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying were startled and hurriedly looked over.

The purple clay teapot artifact "Whisper," auctioned but lost at the "Jiang Wang Charity Event," once beloved by Zhang Juzheng, the prime minister of the Ming Dynasty.

How could it be here?!

Wasn't it taken back by its owner!

Did Li Ni buy it?

Could he afford that much money?!

Moreover, the seller is all the way in America.

"Right, this is 'Whisper,' but it's a replica," Li Ni calmly stated, his gaze sweeping over each teapot on the rack, self-deprecatingly adding, "All of these are famed replicas I've created; none are real!"

Self-mockingly, Li Ni continued, "I claim to be a 'descendant of a master', aspiring to make works that captivate people's hearts. Yet, I have lived by making fakes, and only by doing so, could I buy the property and continue my ideals. Many times, when I think about it, I feel ashamed!"

"May I take a look at this one!"

Bai Xiaosheng was too absorbed to heed Li Ni's words, pointing at "Whisper" as he asked.

"Feel free," answered Li Ni generously, "I originally thought about destroying them, but I couldn't bear to, after all, they are replicas, but they are also my hard work!"

After saying this, Li Ni's gaze swept over the teapots, and he slightly shook his head, "However, those are just my past works though, now they seem to have quite some flaws."

Bai Xiaosheng did not respond to Li Ni's comment, instead, he carefully picked up "Whisper" and studied it meticulously.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying also came over, curiously looking at the object in Bai Xiaosheng's hands.

The teapot was grand in design, the figure lifelike, and every detail of clay painting, carving, and sculpting was neat and fine.

Handling it, Bai Xiaosheng felt it was indeed one in a million!

"Comparing with the original... 85% similarity!"

In Bai Xiaosheng's mind, Red Lotus provided the analysis result.

The item Li Ni referred to as flawed actually had an 85% similarity with the original!

Bai Xiaosheng was significantly surprised, even casting a special glance at Li Ni.

This guy, so unexpectedly talented!

"What a piece, if taken to an auction, most people would be deceived," Weiwei also said.

"Indeed very exceptional," even Lei Ying, an absolute outsider, praised.

Li Ni just smiled, "It might deceive the average person, but real experts, I'm talking about those who didn't rely on connections but made their ranks with age, they can tell its authenticity."

"Do you have any current works?!" Bai Xiaosheng suddenly asked.

If past works could achieve such a nearly deceptive quality, then what level had Li Ni reached now!

Thinking this, Bai Xiaosheng felt a surge of excitement.

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Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying also looked over.

If Li Ni's ability was already so strong back then, wouldn't it be even more invincible today!

"These two years, not a single finished product," Li Ni answered very straightforwardly.

Bai Xiaosheng and the others were momentarily stunned.

Could it be that Li Ni hasn't made any zisha teapots in the past two years?

Wouldn't his skills become rusty?

That can't be, with Li Ni's love for this line of work, could he really hold back from making them?

Bai Xiaosheng wondered.

"Since I bought the workshop and started dedicating myself to studying the craftsmanship, I made a vow that unless the clay material is perfected, I would not make a finished product. Every time I reached the raw shaping stage in teapot-making, I would destroy it," Li Ni sighed, "This is also a way to atone to the master artisans of the past, after all, I followed this wrong path out of desperation to make a living and deserved to punish myself."

"As for my workshop, in fact, it hasn't done a single business transaction," Li Ni said with a smile.

Bai Xiaosheng and the others were speechless, but they truly admired him!

Perhaps, only someone as self-disciplined as Li Ni could really reach such a high level of skill.

The so-called craftsman spirit is actually more about being true to the world and to oneself...

Coming out of the basement, Li Ni sent Bai Xiaosheng and others back to their residence.

"Tonight I'll need to take two sedatives, or else I won't be able to sleep. After all, the final raw material will arrive tomorrow morning!"

At the hotel, Li Ni even joked with Bai Xiaosheng.

In reality, he wouldn't do that.

After all, maintaining a clear mind is a prerequisite for starting work, and the aftereffects of sedatives are too strong.

"Xiao Hongni also arrived today, and I have assigned it to my assistants for preliminary processing. Don't worry, those tasks are simple, and they are all meticulous people, there won't be any mishaps," Li Ni continued, "Also, the suggestion and formula proportions your friend gave, I studied them last night, and true to being a researcher, technology is not trivial. They are much more precise than what I had formulated myself, and I have decided to use that ratio."

Li Ni is a person with persistence and can accept advice from others.

Bai Xiaosheng nodded with a smile.

"Then, see you tomorrow!" Li Ni finally bid farewell to the three.

After sending off Li Ni, Lin Weiwei exclaimed in admiration, "Who would've thought that a master was right beside us, and still so young. Xiaosheng, you've really stumbled upon a treasure this time!"

Bai Xiaosheng laughed and teased, "Actually, I am a master too, you know. I personally handle the line etching, carving, and sculpting of the zisha teapot!"

Bai Xiaosheng's eyes shone brightly.

With Red Lotus's assistance and his full devotion, there surely will be a good outcome!

A night without words.

The next day, in the morning.

Bai Xiaosheng and the others arrived early at the "Li Ni Workshop" to meet with Li Ni.

In eager anticipation, the final material arrived!

A few Europeans in suits and leather shoes delivered it, weighing a full ton.

Bai Xiaosheng instructed, and Kevin arranged for people to find the soil as quickly as possible, pass all the checks swiftly, and send it over by chartered flight right away.

After settling in the people who delivered the materials, Li Ni anxiously unwrapped the package.

As his hands touched the soil, he carefully pinched the soil grains with his fingers, observing the sheen and feeling the fineness.

In front of all the employees in the workshop, Li Ni's throat bobbed up and down, and after a long moment, he managed to squeeze out two words.

"It's it!"

Suddenly, the men and women in the workshop, led by Chen Yundi, were all boiling with excitement.

Next, Li Ni instructed to lower the workshop gates and began soil blending.

Li Ni personally conducted the clay-making process.

Main materials: purple clay, Xiao Hongni, and the new soil as supplementary material.

Traditional procedures, like clay refining, require multiple operations including natural fermentation, grinding, sifting, soaking, drying, and pounding.

With Li Ni's research, the process only increased in steps, not decreased.

Traditional tools such as stone mills were replaced by more advanced machines, the advantage being a more ideal treatment result.

The day before, Bai Xiaosheng had teased Li Ni, "If it's not made with stone and wood tools, it's not 100% handmade, and such refined clay has no soul."

Li Ni had scoffed in response, "In ancient silk craftsmanship, whenever it reached its peak, it always accompanied the introduction of new machines and new techniques. Otherwise, let them try using silk-weaving looms from the pre-Qin era. To do good work, first sharpen your tools!"

Li Ni respected ancient methods but did not shy away from modern machinery, embracing both. This was also one of the reasons Bai Xiaosheng appreciated him.

Using Li Ni's unique special method of clay refining, it took another two days before he officially began work.

Bai Xiaosheng also took part himself.

This pair of brothers cleared the second floor specially, forbidding others from entering. Even food was to be left at the door.

Facing the "long-awaited" clay material, Li Ni couldn't help but press his fingers and twist his neck, giving Bai Xiaosheng a beaming smile.

"Next, you'll witness the making of a legend!"

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Bai Xiaosheng and Li Ni stood facing each other, separated by a mahogany table. On the broad surface of the table, there were some partially processed clay materials, which Li Ni inspected. His excited eyes shone as he looked on with utmost satisfaction.

To the left and right of the mahogany table, there were complete sets of gold and wooden teapot-making tools, all old but polished to a bright sheen.

These must be the heirlooms of Li Ni's family, Bai Xiaosheng thought to himself.

"This is the clay I've been dreaming of. Come, sit down!" Li Ni gestured for Bai Xiaosheng to take a seat.

"Next, we will begin the official teapot crafting!"

Bai Xiaosheng nodded.

He had been waiting for days, just for today!

"Bai Xiaosheng, when I, Li Ni, craft teapots, it is always a one-man job," Li Ni said after seating himself straight-backed and with an extremely serious demeanor, as if on a pilgrimage, "First, I enjoy solitude and dislike interruptions. Second, even though my own skills are mediocre, my standards are very high, and I consider it a desecration for others to touch my clay!"

Bai Xiaosheng nodded, indicating he understood.

"Today, I am allowing you to craft teapots with me out of respect for you and in recognition of the profound knowledge and talent you've shown these past days. There is also an element of gratitude in it," Li Ni admitted.

Then, Li Ni's voice took on a cold tone, "But now, with this clay before us, I am no longer myself, and you are not you. We have no personal connection, and we shall only speak of craftsmanship!"

As Li Ni spoke, his entire aura changed, resembling that of a supreme monarch.

Dominant, "overbearing."

Bai Xiaosheng knew that Li Ni had "entered the zone."

This was a person's display of ultimate confidence and "selfishness" in their most proud domain.

Bai Xiaosheng respected Li Ni in this state and nodded solemnly.

"Very well, next, you'll 'knead the clay.' If you earn my approval, you'll stay. Otherwise, I'm sorry, but I won't show mercy; please leave and let me finish the creation myself!"

As Li Ni spoke, he picked up a lump of clay, cut it with a wooden knife, and then carefully passed the piece of clay to Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng knew that allowing him to work directly with this precious clay indicated that Li Ni had high expectations of him.

"No problem. If you feel I'm not helpful, it's only right to ask me to leave," Bai Xiaosheng took the clay and placed it on the table in front of him.

The lump of clay was heavy in his hands, its surface smooth and polished, hardly resembling mud at all but more like a naturally perfect treasure.

"Red Lotus, retrieve the purple clay teapot crafting techniques, assist operation, increase adrenaline, enhance my reaction..." Bai Xiaosheng muttered to himself.

This was the first time Bai Xiaosheng wasn't facing an opponent but was instead crafting an item, yet he used such comprehensive and high-level assistance.

If one had to compare it to a combat situation, the level of assistance would be akin to engaging in a life-or-death battle with Lei Ying.

Only, what was before him now was just a lump of clay.

"Understood, Master!" Red Lotus promptly replied.

In just a few breaths, Bai Xiaosheng felt a difference; everything before his eyes became incredibly clear. He could even see the delicate grain of the table, his mind was clear and unclouded by drowsiness or distractions.

Bai Xiaosheng even felt as though time was slowing down.

He could even sense and keep pace with Li Ni's subtle breathing across from him.

Not only that, but a vast amount of information about teapot crafting flooded Bai Xiaosheng's mind as if he himself had crafted with his own hands countless times before.

Bai Xiaosheng's hands even began to itch slightly.

All this happened in a mere dozen seconds or so.

Li Ni watched Bai Xiaosheng closely, and even he seemed somewhat astonished at the end.

In front of him, Bai Xiaosheng was still Bai Xiaosheng, the person the same, but the aura he emitted was strikingly different!

Li Ni even felt as if he was in the presence of an elder craftsman from his family who had passed away, one who had honed their craft over a lifetime.

"Is this still Bai Xiaosheng? He..." Li Ni marveled in secret.

At this moment, Bai Xiaosheng had already started.

The first step in making a teapot was to process the clay into flattened pieces or strips.

Bai Xiaosheng began with the strips, using a wood "mallet" which had been worn smooth and darkened by the hands of old craftsmen.

This tool was traditionally called a "Mallet."

The shape was that of a log split into two at the center, with half of it fitted with a long wooden handle. The "striking surface" was slightly convex in the center, dipping towards the edges, smooth and fine.

Bai Xiaosheng executed the movements fluidly, unhurriedly applying force with the mallet with unparalleled evenness.

To others, it was just ordinary kneading of clay strips, simple and straightforward, with no complex techniques or difficulties.

But to Li Ni, it was astonishing.

The simpler the task, the more it reveals true skill!

Leonardo da Vinci, cited in elementary textbooks as "the perfect representative of the Renaissance," supposedly spent years drawing eggs, honing his basics. Regardless of the story's authenticity, it reflects a truth—

The most basic and simplest of foundation exercises are what distinguish a master from an ordinary person.

Li Ni silently observed Bai Xiaosheng knead the clay strips and pieces.

In the end, he had only one thing to say, "The clay here is half yours and half mine; let's craft the teapot together!"

This was the highest form of recognition from Li Ni!

Bai Xiaosheng smiled.

Li Ni also nodded at him, then went back to his own work.

Even though Bai Xiaosheng's operations were flowing like clouds and water, and his fundamentals matched Li Ni, he did not rush to continue but instead observed Li Ni's operations.

Bai Xiaosheng certainly did not think that just because he could craft smoothly and match Li Ni in the basics, that teapot making "wasn't difficult."

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In fact, Bai Xiaosheng is crafting with the aid of Red Lotus, expending an immense amount of energy in the process.

It's manageable for a short time, but certainly unsustainable in the long run.

In just this short while, Bai Xiaosheng has already detected signs of fatigue. At this moment, pacing himself to observe Li Ni's technique also serves as an adjustment.

Li Ni also starts from creating clay strips and clay slabs.

His motions are orderly and even carry a unique sense of beauty.

The clay strips and slabs he produced are perfect and flawless!

This is the true skill honed by the years!

Bai Xiaosheng exclaims in admiration.

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When crafting teapots, artisans either work from a design or have a blueprint in their mind.

The latter is more challenging, and those who dare to follow the latter approach are inevitably stronger and more confident among their peers.

Li Ni is one of those people.

In fact, Bai Xiaosheng had previously discussed with Li Ni whether to create a Zisha teapot that is complex and finely shaped or one that is unadorned and natural.

Both styles have their own masterpieces that have stood the test of time.

Moreover, Bai Xiaosheng even jokingly suggested they could imitate the "Yangxian Teapot Series" with its "famous artisans, elegant styles, Divine Artifacts."

Li Ni rejected the idea.

"This time, no imitation, I'll make something of my own," Li Ni said seriously at the time, "and it won't be just one teapot!"

Even top masters do not always create a teapot that becomes a timeless classic.

Inspiration is very "capricious."

Bai Xiaosheng understands this.

The two of them hunkered down on the second floor, staying up until eleven o'clock at night without any sign of activity.

Lin Weiwei was getting impatient.

Chen Yundi comforted her, "The boss is always like this. There's a whole floor inside, with a bathroom, a bedroom, and a drinking fountain. All we need to do is deliver meals. Moreover, the equipment inside is complete, including the final firing process. Everything can be done. When their work is completed, they will naturally come out."

To this, Lin Weiwei had no choice but to wait.

On the first floor of the Li Ni Workshop, there are also bedrooms with beds. Lin Weiwei and Chen Yundi shared one, Lei Ying had another, and the rest of the people were dismissed to go home.

And so it went, a whole week passed by.

The door upstairs only opens at meal times.

Then they would send out the empty plates and bowls, and on the last two days, Bai Xiaosheng even told Lin Weiwei, who was delivering the food, that they had reduced three meals to two.

Unable to change this request, Lin Weiwei and the others varied their cooking to prepare high-nutrition food, along with fruits and hunger-relieving chocolates and such.

At this point, no one knew what exactly was going on upstairs, how far the progress had been made, whether it was a success, or they had encountered problems.

Lin Weiwei, Chen Yundi, and others were all in the dark, only able to wait.

Finally, on the morning of the eighth day, Lin Weiwei, Chen Yundi, Lei Ying, and other employees of the Li Ni Workshop were sitting downstairs as usual, each doing their own thing while also listening for any movement upstairs.

Before the mealtime, a noise came from the door upstairs.

The door opened.

In an instant, everyone looked up.

Bai Xiaosheng and Li Ni walked out one after the other, both appearing worn with heavy dark circles and disheveled hair, but they both looked spirited and their eyes were shining.

"Was it successful?"

Lin Weiwei and the two others immediately stood up, their eyes bright.

The employees of the Li Ni Workshop also gazed intently.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled, holding a large wooden box in his hands as he stepped downstairs. Li Ni followed behind, holding on to the banister. Having poured their hearts into several consecutive days, both men, especially Li Ni, looked a bit thinner and frail.

The wooden box in Bai Xiaosheng's hands appears ordinary, but it's actually made of alloy material, just fashioned with a wooden appearance. It's custom-made, and it includes a secret lock. Inside, there's thick lining, providing shock absorption, fall protection, and flame retardancy.

Without exaggerating, if that box were thrown down from the second floor, the ceramics inside would remain undamaged.

Lin Weiwei and the others, as well as the employees of the Li Ni Workshop, gathered at the staircase, eagerly looking on, focusing on the two men and the box in Bai Xiaosheng's hands.

Everyone's eyes were bright with anticipation.

"It seems it was a success!"

"Is that the final product?"

"What does it look like? Show us please!"

The crowd couldn't help but talk all at once.

"You're all so curious, stop it and hurry upstairs to clean up the waste material," Li Ni scolded with a smile, "Everyone from the workshop, go up."

"Do we all need to go up?" Chen Yundi mumbled, questioning, "Boss, how much clay did you guys use?"

Zisha clay, Xiao Hongni, along with other materials, after mixing and matching, there were two tons of clay upstairs.

Chen Yundi and the others were responsible for the initial processing, and they would have struggled without the various machines.

They were fortunate that the upstairs was incredibly spacious, able to accommodate these clays and the machinery needed for production with ample room to spare.

From this perspective, the factory hall converted into a LOFT apartment was indeed very suitable for their trade.

This is also the reason why Li Ni is particularly fond of this place.

Chen Yundi was still thinking, hoping the boss would have leftover clay and perhaps let them try as well, due to happiness from success.

The other employees of the Li Ni Workshop felt the same, their eyes sparkling with excitement.

After all, that clay is incredibly precious, a rare find in a century!

"Really sorry, we used up all the materials," Bai Xiaosheng said with a smile, answering for Li Ni.

"All of it?" Chen Yundi was startled.

The others were equally astounded.

That was two tons of clay, and in just seven or eight days, these two men had exhausted it all?

Incredible!

To be honest, Chen Yundi didn't believe it; she dashed up the stairs, with the workshop's people following close behind.

Moments later, a wail of despair echoed from upstairs.

"It's really all gone!"

"Oh my god, how much did they make..."

"No selected final or semi-final products, just destroyed all like this? Boss, you're too harsh!"

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Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying couldn't help but exchange a glance.

Is it really that exaggerated?

It is!

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying did not go upstairs and did not see that shocking scene. In a corner of the upper floor, there were piles like mountains of broken pieces, raw prototypes, and finished products. Just looking at each fragment made everyone from the Li Ni Workshop feel a heart-wrenching pain. Observing the patterns, touching the texture, those Zisha pots were definitely top-notch works.

How did they end up shattered to pieces!

The men and women led by Chen Yundi were utterly heartbroken.

Boss, this is simply destroying treasures!

After a moment of sorrow, Chen Yundi arranged for people to clean up the room, and she herself went downstairs.

When she got downstairs, Chen Yundi found Li Ni collapsed on the sofa, spineless as could be, still smiling comfortably.

Bai Xiaosheng and the other two were nowhere to be seen.

"Boss, where are Sister Weiwei and the others?" Chen Yundi hurriedly asked.

"Oh, they've left." Li Ni smiled, "They have their own matters to attend to and are very busy."

"They just left like that?!" Chen Yundi exclaimed in shock.

"Ah, yes indeed, I didn't keep them here for dinner. Also, Sheng has promised me that there will be a continuous supply of raw materials coming from Europe, and from now on, we're going to be busy." Li Ni's face was brimming with happiness.

Chen Yundi couldn't help but purse her lips in grievance, "But we haven't even seen the finished product yet!"

"What exactly does it look like?!"

Li Ni grinned.

Even someone as modest as him responded to Chen Yundi with a powerful and distant gaze, "A treasure to be treasured! Truly unrivalled!"

Bai Xiaosheng and the others returned to the hotel, packed their bags, and then left directly.

Greetings and goodbyes had already been exchanged with Li Ni; any further farewells would seem overly sentimental.

The three of them booked tickets on the road and returned to Linshen, eating their meals on the train.

On the way, both Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying couldn't stop feeling amazed; they had glanced at the Zisha pots in the hotel, which were truly astonishing and left a long-lasting impression as masterpieces.

Even to them, who were laymen, it felt like a truly fine item!

On the high-speed train, Lin Weiwei also reported to Bai Xiaosheng the new developments that had occurred during this period.

Since Bai Xiaosheng "took a vacation" for over a month, the Greater China Region Headquarters of the Zhenbei Group was anything but quiet.

Li Haofeng, Zheng Honghu, and Chen Yucheng collaborated to create countless troubles for Shen Peishen.

Lin Weiwei told him about the recent week's events that Bai Xiaosheng did not know about.

Especially three days ago, when Mr. Xiahou Qi, the Greater China Region President of Zhenbei Group "awoke," the headquarters was shaken.

It was rumored that Shen Peishen, who was originally about to be promoted to a permanent position, was affected and his official appointment was postponed.

The executives who came to read the appointment at the headquarters suddenly changed their purpose and went to inquire about Elder Xia, then hurriedly returned to their own affairs.

"I heard that the cleaning lady swept out a pile of broken cups and vases from Shen Peishen's office that day. It seems that this acting president must have been furious." Lin Weiwei said this with a cheerful smile, "He's been acting for a month, dedicating his utmost effort, doing everything he can, his achievements would justify his promotion, but any mistakes could jeopardize his future. It's really thankless work, and just when he was about to make it, Elder Xia woke up, haha!"

Bai Xiaosheng laughed.

Once Shen Peishen got promoted, it would be set in stone, and overturning him would be almost impossible!

To safeguard its reputation, it was almost impossible for the headquarters to dispose of a formal regional president!

It's like a palace drama, once you become a noble consort, as long as you don't make fatal mistakes, you will not be easily removed.

"It's Elder Xia who bought us time and opportunity, and now, the time has almost come to visit the headquarters of Zhenbei Group!"

As Bai Xiaosheng said this, his eyes were also shining with anticipation.

The true headquarters of Zhenbei Group, far away in America.

In the same city, which is also where the Wei Family resides!

Bai Xiaosheng clenched his fists.

"The time is almost ripe!"

Chapter 1330 - The Day of Departure

Bai Xiaosheng and his companions arrived in Linshen in the afternoon.

Standing on Linshen's ground again, Bai Xiaosheng suddenly felt a bit dazed.

After all, over the past week, he and Li Ni rooted themselves in the second floor of the "Li Ni Workshop," researching and crafting Zisha teapots day and night, paying little attention to the passing of time, somewhat like the woodcutter from "Rotting Axe Mountain," who watched a game of chess; "A week in the mountains, a thousand years in the world."

Thinking back, the three of them had stayed in Dacheng for nearly half a month.

And after careful calculation, it had been almost a month and a half since he "berated Shen Peishen in the hospital and requested leave of absence."

Bai Xiaosheng stared at the towering skyscrapers, the bustling traffic, and thought to himself, "Elder Xia has prepared all the physical evidence, and subsequently, a considerable amount has been added. In secret, I've also contacted the relevant witnesses. This time, I should truly be fully prepared!"

The reason why they rushed back from Dacheng without stopping for a moment.

The real reason was that in the morning, Feng Li and Lin Ke contacted Lin Weiwei to explain the situation with supplementing evidence and related details.

Originally, Elder Xia instructed Bai Xiaosheng to rest assured and take his leave to rest while preparations were being deeply planned.

"Now that Elder Xia has 'awakened,' I can go to the headquarters to expose Shen Peishen as Elder Xia's 'envoy'!" Bai Xiaosheng thought to himself.

Xiahou Qi had also told him that without this status, just a Senior Affairs Officer like Bai Xiaosheng going to the headquarters to state his case would be tantamount to seeking death.

"Trying to outdo one's superior" is a taboo in any country, any region, and any workplace.

But as an "envoy," there was no such concern.

"After my vacation started, Elder Xia called me and told me that even acting as his envoy to the headquarters, on a common day, it might be deemed insufficient. But two months later, which is... from now on, in just over ten days, the headquarters will hold an intercontinental regional quarterly summary meeting. If I appear then, it would be most appropriate!" Bai Xiaosheng mused.

All this was subsequently conveyed to him by Xiahou Qi.

Thanks to the abundance of time, Bai Xiaosheng was able to search for Zisha teapots, even craft them himself.

"Xiaosheng, what are you thinking about?" Lin Weiwei saw Bai Xiaosheng standing by the roadside outside the high-speed train station, alternately gazing at skyscrapers and the flowing traffic, lost in thought for minutes, and couldn't help but ask cautiously.

Lei Ying also looked at Bai Xiaosheng.

Coming back to his senses, Bai Xiaosheng smiled and said, "Nothing."

Then, Bai Xiaosheng asked, "Has there been any reply from Feng Li and Lin Ke?"

As soon as they got off the train, Bai Xiaosheng had asked Lin Weiwei to contact the two of them.

"They replied, they're on their way to the agreed location, it will take about half an hour more," Lin Weiwei said.

The place where Bai Xiaosheng and the others normally stayed in Linshen was now out of the question. After all, who could guarantee that Shen Peishen wouldn't have someone watching?

At such a critical moment, they decided to be on the safe side, as caution is the parent of safety.

Bai Xiaosheng and the others arranged a new meeting place nearby with Feng Li and Lin Ke.

As agreed, Feng Li and Lin Ke would personally relay some matters instructed by Elder Xia; more importantly, they were to deliver some new physical evidence and documentation.

Only then would their preparations to head to the headquarters be considered finally complete!

While talking to Lin Weiwei, Bai Xiaosheng got lost in thought again.

He's not usually like this, but the matters distracting him this time were truly too important!

It would take them about ten days to get to America, and only then would they catch the best time to plead their case at the headquarters.

During these ten days, Bai Xiaosheng would first visit the Wei Family!

Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but clench his fists.

To be honest, he was really a bit nervous.

He's human too, with all kinds of emotions. Despite having experienced many trials, he has no experience with such a momentous occasion as meeting his prospective father-in-law!

Not only was Bai Xiaosheng a bit nervous, he also felt a bit panicked.

Actually, according to Bai Xiaosheng's plan, if he took down Shen Peishen, he could get promoted, and he might be Zhenbei Group's youngest regional manager in history!

With such a status, the Wei Family would probably give him a bit more consideration!

Regrettably, the heavens were not kind, and he was destined to visit the Wei Family first, then go and wrestle with Shen Peishen.

The reason was not just what Xiahou Qi said about the best time; Wei Xuelian had also told him.

Her grandfather's birthday was imminent, which by calculation, was in a week!

The overlap of these two events left Bai Xiaosheng no choice.

Speaking of Sir Wei's birthday, such a significant occasion for the former patriarch of the world-class Wei conglomerate surely must be filled with distinguished guests and big shots from various groups streaming in.

But Wei Xuelian said that it wouldn't be that large-scale.

After his retirement, her grandfather preferred being low-key, and tranquil; those who wanted to congratulate would come the day before to present gifts and share a light tea.

And those coming on the actual day would only be close friends and family, a small circle after all.

The key was, the Wei Family would be all present; Wei Xuelian's parents and uncles would all be there.

Usually, that place is indeed their home, but family members were scattered all over the world, rarely all together.

Bai Xiaosheng's visit on that day couldn't be more timely.

Of course, Bai Xiaosheng would go then.

After some thought, Bai Xiaosheng calmed his mind and turned to Lei Ying, saying, "Find a car, let's go to the meeting place."

Lei Ying nodded and went to hail a taxi by the roadside.

Bai Xiaosheng then said to Lin Weiwei, "After meeting Feng Li and Lin Ke, there are some more people I need to meet. Weiwei, you arrange the flight for tomorrow morning."