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Chapter 1431 - Shen Peishen, Here You Are!

The day to "expose" Shen Peishen's crimes at the Zhenbei Group headquarters has finally arrived!

That day, early in the morning, Bai Xiaosheng, Lin Weiwei, and Lei Ying woke up early, washed, and dressed up.

While eating, Sun Jierui and Little Emma were surprised to find that Bai Xiaosheng and the others seemed completely different from anyone they knew!

Their demeanor was different, their behavior was different, even their expressions seemed different!

"So beautiful!"

Little Emma watched Lin Weiwei change into a professional outfit, her hair elegantly up, exposing her pale neck, with a pair of large frame glasses, looking so noble and graceful, she was extraordinarily stunning.

Unable to help herself, the little one clicked her tongue in admiration, her eyes sparkling, evidently treating Lin Weiwei as her idol.

Speaking of which, this little one initially said she was only staying for a week, but after getting to know Bai Xiaosheng and especially Lin Weiwei, she found it increasingly hard to leave. Coincidentally, her parents were delayed, so she continued to stay here.

Sun Jierui continued to disdain his little cousin, always nitpicking in front, arguing endlessly.

Yet, actually, after Little Emma settled in, Sun Jierui never truly took any "eviction measures," but often brought back a pile of delicious snacks for the little one.

In Bai Xiaosheng and the others' view, Old Sun Sun Jierui is just a sharp tongue and a soft heart.

"So handsome!"

Little Emma watched Bai Xiaosheng and Lei Ying, clad in suits, looking just like princes from a fairy tale, eyes shining, exclaiming aloud.

Although Sun Jierui wouldn't react like a child, his eyes appeared even larger and whiter against his complexion, darting wildly, dwelling on the three people.

Within his gaze, there was a deep curiosity.

As they sat down for breakfast, Sun Jierui could not resist asking, "Today, are you going to some important event, dressed so formally!"

Bai Xiaosheng and the other two glanced at each other, smiling.

They had been staying at Sun Jierui's place for half a month already, yet never disclosed their purpose to him.

By now, there was no need to keep mysterious any longer.

"Jierui, do you remember when you took us to the headquarters building of the Zhenbei Group on Wall Street?" Bai Xiaosheng laughed and said.

Sun Jierui nodded his head, "Of course, I do, what's up? Weren't you visiting out of admiration back then?"

Visitors to Ganande would naturally visit Wall Street, and after going there, they would definitely go around those landmark buildings.

Bai Xiaosheng and the others had said they had a connection with Zhenbei Group.

But Sun Jierui, being careless and rough, didn't let it sink in, even taking it as bragging.

When Bai Xiaosheng said he was with Zhenbei Group, Sun Jierui laughed heartily.

In his eyes, Bai Xiaosheng was just boasting.

"We are indeed part of Zhenbei Group, but we're from the Asia region, and today the group headquarters is holding a conference, and we are going to participate." Bai Xiaosheng said with a cup of tea in his hands, smiling.

Sun Jierui's eyes suddenly widened in shock, "So, you weren't bragging back then?"

"Truer than true."

"Zhenbei Group!" Sun Jierui uttered one word at a time, clicking his tongue, shaking his head, eyes envious.

Working for a world-class company is indeed something very enviable!

"Wait a minute, you said you're here to attend a conference, doesn't that mean your job positions are quite high?" Sun Jierui suddenly noticed.

Bai Xiaosheng and the other two exchanged smiles.

Bai Xiaosheng said, "Quite alright. However, we weren't invited to participate. My rank isn't as high. We are seizing this busy day to go and lodge a lawsuit."

Sun Jierui's Chinese is roughly level eight, naturally understanding the meaning of "lawsuit," yet it surprised him even more, "With whom? Your own people!"

Heading to headquarters for a lawsuit means it's not a typical matter!

"Sort of against my current boss." Bai Xiaosheng replied with a slight smile.

During the conversation, Sun Jierui didn't forget to drink soup, and now choked at Bai Xiaosheng's words, spraying soup, continuously coughing.

His eyes, yet, were shockingly directed at Bai Xiaosheng.

Working at a world-class company, not just working well, but running to headquarters, to sue your own boss?!

Impressive indeed!

Sun Jierui opened his mouth ready to exclaim "Cool," when suddenly the doorbell rang urgently.

Is there a visitor?

Sun Jierui was taken aback.

Bai Xiaosheng and the other two were also dumbfounded.

Even Little Emma, with a huge bite of bread, paused, looking bewilderedly towards the door.

So strange.

Nobody had visited Sun Jierui's home for half a month, who would come so early in the morning?

"Coming!"

Sun Jierui answered, running to open the door.

After a short while, everyone in the restaurant heard an exchange of words.

"Dad, why is it you?" Sun Jierui's surprised voice, Chinese slipping out, quickly reverting to English.

"Forgot my keys, and I urgently came to retrieve something, will leave soon. Hey, are you having breakfast? What smells so good?"

A resonant, magnetic voice reached their ears.

The visitor was Sun Jierui's father?

Bai Xiaosheng and the other two couldn't help but glance at each other.

According to Sun Jierui, his dad also worked on Wall Street, but exactly which big enterprise, it was unknown.

Sun Jierui, that guy, was utterly clueless about their family's situation.

He didn't even know whether they had money or how much money was there.

However, his father, someone able to work on Wall Street, seems quite extraordinary too.

"Is it Uncle Ryan?" Little Emma sitting beside the dining table muttered with wide curious eyes, "Is he back from a business trip?"

Sun Jierui's father, Ryan?

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Sun Jierui is Jack's Chinese name, and Jack seems to be just a nickname. Foreign names are hard for locals to understand, just like local names are hard for foreigners to grasp...

Bai Xiaosheng no longer dwells on this issue.

The sound of footsteps is heard, followed by the appearance of a middle-aged black man before everyone. He is smiling, with a gentle expression, wearing black trousers, a snow-white shirt, a tie, and his suit jacket draped over his arm.

This is a man dressed neatly, and judging by the quality of his clothing, it's clear at a glance that it's not cheap!

Without waiting for Bai Xiaosheng and the others to speak, the man smiles and greets them first, "Hi, are you Jack's friends? I've chatted with him online these days, thank you all for taking care of him."

This Ryan, seemingly as a friend, speaks to this group of juniors.

Bai Xiaosheng and the others instantly feel a surge of goodwill towards him, quickly standing up to greet this senior with smiles.

"Uncle!" Little Emma runs over and leaps into his arms.

Ryan lovingly strokes the little one's head.

"It's us who should thank Jack for his hospitality," Bai Xiaosheng says with a smile.

"You are all friends; there's no need to say thank you. In the future, when you come to Ganande, you can stay at my place," Ryan says while winking and smiling.

This man is quite hospitable.

Then, Ryan strides upstairs, "Esteemed guests, please continue dining, I'm just getting something and will be on my way, as I have many affairs today."

Sun Jierui watches his father go upstairs, shrugs at Bai Xiaosheng and the others, and says with a smile, "I didn't actually tell him very much."

Little Emma snorts coldly, "I'm this old and haven't even told my dad about my friends. Your report was quite timely!"

Little Emma's sarcasm makes Sun Jierui's face blush, his beard bristles and eyes widen, about to catch the little rascal, but Little Emma shrieks and runs away.

Ryan comes down the stairs, sees the cousins playing around, and just smiles.

He now holds a document in his hand.

"I should get going," Ryan says with a smile, greeting Bai Xiaosheng and the others.

However, as he passes through the dining room, he comes back after a moment and smiles, pointing to the buns on the table, "Do you have any leftovers? May I have some, they smell so good!"

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Sun Jierui's father Ryan made an appearance, took two buns, and remained friendly and polite to Bai Xiaosheng and the others.

Perhaps because Sun Jierui mentioned Bai Xiaosheng has dealings with the Wei Family, so he gives it importance.

But Bai Xiaosheng prefers to believe this sincere-eyed man is more considerate due to them being friends with his son.

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After breakfast, Bai Xiaosheng and the others made some arrangements again, then bid farewell to Sun Jierui and Little Emma and set off.

Today is a big day for them.

But for the Zhenbei Group headquarters, such a review meeting requires at least three days.

Today is just the beginning.

The headquarters has six major departments, each closing its doors to review its stage work, including issues that have arisen.

Such meetings have precedence, even impeaching the Executive Officer.

But that doesn't mean Bai Xiaosheng and the others, once they arrive at the Asian Department, will simply present evidence to impeach the "Acting Executive Officer."

That would be too playful!

In fact, yesterday afternoon, Xiahou Qi had already sent a message to Bai Xiaosheng and the others, informing them that he personally spoke with the department head, following the process to propose an impeachment case.

This morning, just before breakfast, Bai Xiaosheng received Xiahou Qi's message again.

The department head has accepted this application and scheduled the impeachment process to follow Shen Peishen's report, immediately thereafter holding a hearing for him!

However, according to regulations, Bai Xiaosheng and the others still need to arrive early.

As they ride, Bai Xiaosheng looks serious, silent.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying, influenced by this, wait in silence.

Now that the matter has reached this point, they finally await a resolution day, which has not been easy!

This time, the taxi goes straight to Wall Street.

When Bai Xiaosheng and the others get out of the car, it's nine in the morning, and the timing is just right.

Standing by the roadside, gazing up at the hundred-floor skyscraper, looking at the enormous stone carvings on either side of the building, with dragons and tigers exuding imposing grandeur, Bai Xiaosheng and the others can't help but feel their enthusiasm rising, with a sense of battle readiness surging.

They enter together.

Having been here before, they are somewhat familiar with the building's layout and quickly reach the front desk in the skyscraper's office area, on the thirty-second floor.

To go further up, specific areas and floors require entry permits, which are processed here.

One could say this entire floor, besides the massive main hall, has various sub-zone little halls, each responsible for entry qualification checks for different areas and floors.

Bai Xiaosheng and the others follow the guidance to the Asian Department's office area entry qualification processing hall.

It's said that each department has three to five floors of office space, and under the department head are five Executive Officers, each overseeing a large team, so the office area is immense, spanning several floors.

Those task groups are said to analyze each major region's situation, conduct market analysis, build databases, handle major affairs, develop strategic directions... A series of solutions for each of these issues are provided by each team's top professional elites.

And this is merely the tip of what Bai Xiaosheng knows.

Supporting the headquarters of a world-class conglomerate is as deep as the ocean.

Chapter 1433 - Shen Peishen, Here Comes! _3

You never know what's inside.

Bai Xiaosheng and his companions stepped into this slightly smaller "central hall," and it was almost as large as the lobby of a typical five-star hotel, very spacious.

There were quite a number of people conducting business inside!

Every day, countless merchants from various industries came to seek regional cooperation, like fish swimming in a river.

Not to mention, there were others with different purposes for visiting as well,

As soon as Bai Xiaosheng and his companions entered, someone noticed them.

Someone walked out from a corner and approached them, with a smile on his face.

"Long time no see, Senior Affairs Officer Bai Xiaosheng!" the person greeted with a cheerful smile.

Bai Xiaosheng naturally noticed the person too, and his eyes lit up at once.

The person coming towards them was none other than Fang Beijun!

Once a Senior Affairs Officer, he now had to be called Executive Officer!

Originally, Bai Xiaosheng had a vague impression of Fang Beijun, feeling he was someone who followed the path of least resistance.

This was understandable; in the workplace, who doesn't have selfish intentions, it's just a matter of degree.

When Xiahou Qi got into trouble, it was revealed that Fang Beijun and Shen Peishen performed a double act to stage a "coup."

Bai Xiaosheng immediately developed great antipathy towards this person.

With Xiahou Qi's "awakening," he told Bai Xiaosheng face-to-face that this was a plot within a plot, and that Fang Beijun was actually "one of our own," leaving Bai Xiaosheng both shocked and deeply reflective. He realized he was too easily swayed by partial "truths" and emotions.

The depths of workplace intrigue are indeed unfathomable, and one should never draw conclusions lightly.

Moreover, in the workplace, the roles of "enemy" and "friend" can switch very quickly.

However, once both sides become "allies" over a particular matter, it's unlikely they would betray that bond.

If they did, losing trust and integrity would be like digging their own grave.

So Fang Beijun as an ally should still be quite reliable.

"Officer Beijun!" Bai Xiaosheng greeted Fang Beijun enthusiastically with a smile.

"Fortunately, I came early to wait, otherwise I might have missed you." Fang Beijun laughed heartily, "Come, this isn't a convenient place to talk, let's find a room to sit down and chat slowly!"

This area belonged to the office zone of the Asia Division, which had numerous small meeting rooms, all very good in terms of soundproofing and privacy.

With Fang Beijun leading them, naturally, no one dared to obstruct them.

As they walked along, many staff members not only made way for them but also slightly bowed, as a gesture of respect to the Executive Officer.

Seeing workplace elites of various colors showing such respectful attitudes was indeed pleasing, no wonder they say that becoming an Executive Officer truly lets you experience honor and prestige.

Finally, Bai Xiaosheng and his companions followed Fang Beijun into a reception room that looked modestly decorated at first glance, but was actually understatedly luxurious, and they each took a seat.

The staff immediately served top-grade coffee and tea.

Fang Beijun chatted with Bai Xiaosheng and his companions for a while, discussing the situation in the Greater China Region.

Although Bai Xiaosheng wasn't there physically, he had never stopped receiving information from Lin Ke, Feng Li, Chen Yucheng, to Zheng Honghu, Li Haofeng, and even Xiahou Qi had sent him messages; Bai Xiaosheng knew many details, much of the insider information, and naturally shared it with Fang Beijun.

Fang Beijun nodded frequently as he listened, finally smiling and saying, "Let me first inform you about the upcoming schedule."

Bai Xiaosheng nodded promptly.

"At ten o'clock, the Asia Division will officially commence the meeting proceedings, and at ten-thirty, Acting Executive Officer Shen Peishen will give a report, which will last for a total of four hours, with a simple meal served in the conference hall during the break. At two in the afternoon, his report will conclude, and at two-thirty, the impeachment process for Shen Peishen will be held in a small meeting room..."

Fang Beijun elaborated on the details carefully, and Bai Xiaosheng and his companions listened intently, making mental notes.

With a big battle approaching, they were undoubtedly very focused.

At that moment, a group of Asian-looking people had swarmed into the entrance hall for processing floor access in the Asia Division building.

If Bai Xiaosheng were here, he would certainly be familiar with these people.

Shen Peishen and his group had arrived!

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At present, there is still some time before the meeting officially begins, so Fang Beijun is not in a hurry to leave.

After all, the business president knows he is here to pick someone up and even reminded him to properly arrange things for Bai Xiaosheng.

After all, this time it was Xiahou Qi who initiated the complaint against Shen Peishen.

One is the executive president who has not yet stepped down, and the other is the acting executive president!

This situation is unprecedented!

Now that it has reached the headquarters, it becomes even more significant!

The president of the business department naturally places special emphasis on Bai Xiaosheng, the "narrator" who brought the evidence.

With the business president's instructions, Fang Beijun is in no rush to return, but instead uses this time to explain to Bai Xiaosheng the general agenda of this meeting and discusses many matters that need attention at the headquarters, letting him understand as much as possible about the operation procedures and rules here.

At present, although Bai Xiaosheng is not qualified to attend the headquarters meeting, Fang Beijun inexplicably feels that he wants to chat with him more.

Fang Beijun always has this thought in his heart.

The young man in front of him will come to the headquarters one day and become his colleague here!

Moreover, that day does not seem far away!

This feeling is mysterious yet very real.

For a rational person like Fang Beijun, he normally shouldn't have this "acting on instinct" idea.

But when facing Bai Xiaosheng, he is willing to make an exception!

Looking back, when Fang Beijun first noticed Bai Xiaosheng, it was when he had just become a New-type Affairs Officer.

At the time, Fang Beijun thought Xiahou Qi wanted to adjust the organizational structure and make personnel changes, and he was paying more attention to the position of New-type Affairs Officer.

But as he focused more, Fang Beijun began to notice that Bai Xiaosheng repeatedly sparked waves of enthusiasm, stirring up the entire Affairs Department, and the entire Greater China Region headquarters. Bai Xiaosheng was like a pivot, even triggering changes in the Greater China Region's industrial layout, and significant personnel adjustments!

It can be said that invisibly, Bai Xiaosheng guided the overall development orientation of Zhenbei Group's Greater China Region over the past two years!

If someone had told Fang Beijun before that a person below the executive president could have such influence, he would have scoffed.

Even Shen Peishen, even he, Fang Beijun, couldn't achieve that.

But the intervention of Bai Xiaosheng made this truly happen!

Not only that, in the end, Bai Xiaosheng, with nearly his own strength, forcibly seized the position of Senior Affairs Officer!

It should be known that at the time, Bai Xiaosheng's opponent was Lin Yu, supported by Shen Peishen!

Even if Xiahou Qi appreciated Bai Xiaosheng more, he couldn't provide further help.

Bai Xiaosheng, relying entirely on his own abilities, reversed his fate and accomplished another seemingly impossible task.

It was precisely at that moment that Fang Beijun began to re-evaluate Bai Xiaosheng.

He was surprised to realize that it wasn't Xiahou Qi who chose Bai Xiaosheng, chose to support him as a pilot for the new position, but rather Bai Xiaosheng's appearance accelerated Xiahou Qi's plan, facilitating the emergence of that position!

Upon realizing this, when Fang Beijun paid more attention to Bai Xiaosheng's actions, he was amazed to find that this young man was like an incredible magnetic field, frequently changing the surrounding environment, even motivating people around him to change.

Many times, many people tend to compromise, thinking the environment is unchangeable, and that they have to integrate into it.

But some people are inherently capable of creating miracles and changing their environment at birth!

Fang Beijun believes Bai Xiaosheng is such a person, recognizing Bai Xiaosheng's potential and value.

This time, part of his decision to collaborate with Xiahou Qi was also influenced by Bai Xiaosheng.

Fang Beijun is not young anymore. After a lifetime of immersing himself in power and interests, as he ages, his mindset has gradually changed.

He isn't like Xiahou Qi or Shen Peishen, who both have different stances and goals, yet share a commonality – supporting newcomers and seeing the growth of the younger generation as a sense of accomplishment in life.

Fang Beijun doesn't have this.

So when he became the Executive Officer, a position that should have been a joyful new height, he felt a kind of loneliness.

That thought of cherishing talent quietly emerged.

This is perhaps the internal reason why Fang Beijun treats Bai Xiaosheng this way at present.

While listening to Fang Beijun's narrative, Bai Xiaosheng was also listening very attentively, occasionally asking some questions.

For what can be said, Fang Beijun held nothing back.

As they chatted, quietly, more than ten minutes passed.

Suddenly, Fang Beijun's phone emitted a buzzing vibration, and he stopped speaking, took out his phone, and glanced at it.

A message had arrived.

The content caused Fang Beijun's expression to tense, his eyes slightly narrowing.

What important news could it be?

The change in Fang Beijun's expression was clear to Bai Xiaosheng, and he immediately felt a brief astonishment, yet suddenly, he had a premonition, a guess.

"Shen Peishen and the others have arrived!"

Fang Beijun's answer confirmed what Bai Xiaosheng had in mind,

and these words also made Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying, who were beside them, feel solemn.

Finally, they're here!

"Sheng, you should rest here. I will issue instructions not to let anyone disturb you in this room. If you need anything, there is staff outside the door, feel free to ask." Fang Beijun, while speaking, stood up, "I have to go and have a look!"

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"Elder Fang, you continue with your work. No need to worry about us here," Bai Xiaosheng also stood up and said.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying stood up along with him.

The way they addressed each other had quietly changed.

After all, Fang Beijun was genuinely and sincerely advising Bai Xiaosheng, with an exchange on equal terms. Bai Xiaosheng, neither blind nor foolish, could naturally see and sense this.

No matter how Mr. Fang Beijun's reputation had been in the past, Bai Xiaosheng acknowledged his current sincerity and thus showed his goodwill.

Fang Beijun also felt gratified by this obvious closeness and nodded.

However, before leaving, Fang Beijun still fixed his gaze on Bai Xiaosheng, reminding him with a few words, "This time, we are thoroughly prepared, with ample evidence. Mr. Xiahou Qi has paved the way for us in advance. The executive president, due to Elder Xia, will naturally pay attention. It seems the scales are tilted in our favor. However, Sheng, you still cannot be careless; Shen Peishen's connections at the headquarters are not shallow!"

Bai Xiaosheng nodded solemnly.

Only then did Fang Beijun smile, "I'll check on the time later. If there's ample time, I'll come again. If not, I'll send someone to arrange your lunch. Have a good rest; you'll need it for the decisive battle against Shen Peishen!"

Bai Xiaosheng earnestly replied, "Thank you for your efforts, Elder Fang!"

Fang Beijun glanced at Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying, smiling at them, before leaving.

After seeing off Fang Beijun, the three shared a look and chuckled among themselves.

The upcoming time wasn't for them to idle around and relax in anticipation but rather to seize the moment for preparation.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying each took care of their responsibilities, reassessing and organizing the documents numerous times to ensure absolute infallibility.

Bai Xiaosheng sat there, pondering deeply on how to articulate his points.

How to speak in a clear, methodical manner, connecting each point seamlessly, using concise language for clarity on Shen Peishen's issues.

During this period, he considered what rebuttals and counter-questions he might face from Shen Peishen's side and how he should refute them.

Bai Xiaosheng had thought of these long ago.

However, integrating the information acquired from Fang Beijun, he needed to further refine and embellish his plan.

There's no harm in thinking more.

Fang Beijun mentioned that the impeachment process at the headquarters was modeled after the Western-style jury system.

With an executive president presiding and five executive officers accompanying, if the situation becomes tense, high-ranking officials from the oversight department may also attend.

Even with abundant evidence, considering their opinions is crucial for the final resolution.

These individuals can sway the final outcome!

What worried Fang Beijun was that Shen Peishen had more than two supporters among the five executive officers. If so, along with his persuasive eloquence, he could potentially diminish the matter, turning things around.

On their side, only Fang Beijun counted as support among the executive officers.

Thus, at the time, Bai Xiaosheng might need to win over more people.

"Five... executive officers, huh?" Bai Xiaosheng recalled Fang Beijun's serious demeanor, couldn't help but smile, and softly muttered to himself, "I know more than just one."

Then there was the beauty he met yesterday, William's sister—Sophia!

"We have a good impression of each other; I have helped her brother before, and she knows my deep ties with the Wei Family. Considering both interest and sentiment, winning her over shouldn't be difficult," Bai Xiaosheng mumbled.

Fang Beijun was unaware of this situation. If he knew Bai Xiaosheng had such a connection, it would surely boost his confidence.

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After leaving the small meeting room, Fang Beijun specifically called for the supervisor, showed him the room, instructing him to place guards outside, not allowing outsiders to disturb those inside, and reminded him to meet any needs of those inside, with all expenses on his account.

Fang Beijun was one of the "Five Small Giants" in the Asian Enterprise Division, aside from the executive president, his orders naturally carried weight, and the supervisor immediately went to arrange.

As for the incurred expenses, the supervisor naturally wouldn't really charge Fang Beijun; their reception area wasn't short of funds.

After completing the instructions, Fang Beijun went directly to the reception hall of the Asian Division.

As he entered, someone immediately approached and whispered a report in his ear.

This person was one of Fang Beijun's sentinels outside, assigned to keep an eye on Shen Peishen and his group.

Upon hearing the report, Fang Beijun nodded slightly, waved the person away.

Fang Beijun's eyes then focused in a certain direction.

Shen Peishen and his team were currently also on this floor!

The six major enterprise divisions on this floor each had a reception hall, multiple small meeting rooms, and also a fairly large VIP room, though the six VIP rooms were connected and faced entirely opposite from the reception hall.

Shen Peishen, as the acting president of the Greater China Region, though he still held the title of "acting," was truly second only to the executive president.

The second giant in the Asian regional value chain!

Notably, "Greater China Region," though geographically distinct from "Asian Region," has effectively become integrated due to recent corporate restructuring.

The president of the Greater China Region actually oversees affairs in other parts of the Asian Region.

Though Shen Peishen is not formally in position, his power is anything but insubstantial.

Fang Beijun, as an executive officer, somewhat senior to a Senior Affairs Officer, held a prestigious post at headquarters, yet still only counted as subordinate to the executive president, although not under direct command.

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As soon as Shen Peishen arrived, he naturally received a grand reception.

Not only was he welcomed into the VIP room, but all five Executive Officers were eager to meet him.

Upon hearing about it, Fang Beijun learned that two Executive Officers had already hurried over.

It was said that the other two had also sent word that they would arrive shortly.

"I should quickly head over as well to see what kind of imposing figure Shen Peishen is now!" Fang Beijun thought to himself.

Having made up his mind, Fang Beijun strode towards the direction of the VIP room.

Even though it was on the same floor, the distance was not short.

Upon reaching the VIP room of the Asia-Pacific Business Department, the staff standing on either side of the entrance slightly bowed upon seeing Fang Beijun, as a form of greeting, and then both pushed the door open to let Fang Beijun enter.

Fang Beijun stepped inside and saw three people seated and chatting in the innermost sofa area of the VIP room, while the others stood behind them.

As soon as Fang Beijun arrived, the three simultaneously turned towards him.

Among them was Shen Peishen.

"So, it's Executive Officer Beijun."

"Haha, I was just thinking that Mr. Fang and Mr. Shen are old acquaintances, and would come quickly. See, I guessed right."

The man and woman sitting beside Shen Peishen laughed heartily.

The middle-aged man, sturdy in build, always had a smile on his face, and his hair was meticulously combed. As he spoke, his right thumb fidgeted with the watch on his left wrist.

He was Yu Xingyao, one of the five Executive Officers, a favorite of the Business President.

As Fang Beijun knew, he was a steadfast supporter of Shen Peishen. It was said that when they were both in the Greater China Region, they got along quite well.

Sitting on the other side of Shen Peishen was a middle-aged woman, her hair dyed a jet black and her facial skin delicate, with shallow wrinkles. At first glance, she looked like a young girl, and her figure was well-maintained. When sitting, her posture was straight and her waist very slender.

She was Chu Ruolan, one of the five Executive Officers, and very close to Yu Xingyao!

As soon as Shen Peishen arrived, these two hurried over, seemingly eager to establish a good relationship with the future Executive President!

Yu Xingyao had always had a very positive relationship with Shen Peishen, and now that Shen Peishen had become the acting Executive President of the Greater China Region, he stood to benefit the most.

In this way, if anything happened to Shen Peishen, he would go all out to protect him.

Given Chu Ruolan's close relationship with Yu Xingyao and their shared interests, it seemed highly likely she would become a supporter of Shen Peishen!

Fang Beijun's heart sank; indeed, among the five Executive Officers, Shen Peishen had secured two.

He hoped that no others would obviously take a side!

That would greatly influence the final outcome!

After all, the Business President's relationship with Elder Xia wasn't truly solid yet.

"Old Fang, long time no see. You both might not know, but when Old Fang and I were both Senior Affairs Officers, we had a very good relationship."

Shen Peishen said with a smile, getting up to greet him, showing his respect for Fang Beijun.

Yu Xingyao and Chu Ruolan, seeing this, also rose, laughingly saying, "Once Executive Officer Beijun arrives, the treatment is different indeed."

"Even we have to stand up to greet him."

These words were naturally in jest.

Fang Beijun smiled widely as he took big steps forward, warmly extending his hand to Shen Peishen.

The two shook hands firmly, appearing very close.

"Mr. Shen is too kind; I wouldn't dare call myself a brother to the Executive President!"

Fang Beijun beamed, seemingly very pleased with the courtesy shown by Shen Peishen.

"Come, have a seat," Shen Peishen smiled, pulling Fang Beijun over to sit.

However, before they could move, the door of the VIP room opened again, wide open.

This time, two people walked in.

A tall Black man and a sensual, mature White woman.

Shen Peishen, Fang Beijun, and others looked over, and Shen Peishen immediately smiled, recognizing the two newcomers.

"Didn't expect both Executive Officers to come as well."

"Lady Sophia!"

"And..."

"Mr. Ryan!"

Chapter 1437 - Misfortunes Never Come Singly!

With the arrival of Sophia and Ryan, the five Executive Officers of the Asian Division were finally assembled.

Yu Xingyao, Chu Ruolan, Sophia, Ryan, and Fang Beijun.

Among these five, only three are Asians or of Chinese descent; until a year ago, this was not the case.

Sophia and Ryan were both adjustments made later.

In recent years, headquarters has frequently reassigned senior executives in various divisions, perhaps as a precaution against cliques and factionalism.

After all, the longer one stays in a position, the more entangled one becomes in human relationships and vested interests, even at headquarters.

In this world, the phenomenon of a 'blind spot under the light' is not uncommon.

Therefore, the divisions' Executive Officers have begun rotations, moving roles, ensuring that three-fifths remain unchanged while allowing two senior executives to be mobile. Opinions vary greatly on the merits and drawbacks of this system, and it's hard to judge clearly; this is simply how things are.

Seeing Sophia and Ryan appear, Shen Peishen's smile was full, and he asked Fang Beijun to wait a moment while he went over to greet them.

"Miss Sophia, you're becoming more beautiful with each passing day. At the last reception, I felt you dazzled the entire event, overshadowing all the other ladies present. Meeting you now, there's an additional aura of vigor and brilliance; truly captivating!" Shen Peishen complimented Sophia with practiced English, smiling.

William's sister, Sophia, responded with an elegant smile and sweet voice, "Mr. Shen, you flatter me too much. Your charm has grown as well, and now that you've become the Executive President of the Greater China Region, I hope to receive your kind support in the future."

The brief exchange of words beneath their smiles sent a slight tremor through Fang Beijun's heart.

Shen Peishen and Sophia actually know each other?!

This news, he was unaware of!

Moreover, it's certainly not good news!

Feeling his mouth dry slightly, Fang Beijun saw Shen Peishen turn to Ryan, smiling as he greeted Ryan, "Mr. Ryan, when you came to Linshen back in the day, it was I who accompanied you around East Lake, do you remember?"

Sun Jierui's father, Ryan, revealed a smile, politely saying, "Of course, I greatly appreciated Mr. Shen's hospitality at the time."

"Oh, no, it's hardly worth calling hospitality," Shen Peishen shook his head with a humble smile, "It's more like I was remiss in my duties."

Ryan smiled politely, seemingly well aware of the Asian penchant for humility.

"I remember back then, Mr. Ryan tasted tea produced by a few century-old tea trees along East Lake, and found it highly memorable, praising it non-stop." Shen Peishen reminisced as he spoke, "Unfortunately, I had searched for some time back then but couldn't procure much. However, recently, by chance, I obtained a jar! I specifically brought some this time so Mr. Ryan can take it back to taste."

Ryan was taken aback, then his smile reappeared, politely saying, "This isn't necessary."

Shen Peishen laughed heartily, looking at Fang Beijun, jesting, "Fang, does headquarters have any rules against gifting tea leaves? Does gifting tea from the Executive President to Executive Officers count as giving gifts?!"

While Shen Peishen chatted with Ryan, Fang Beijun was momentarily distracted.

In the past, this African Ryan visited the Greater China Region Headquarters, and at that time, Shen Peishen took on the task of hosting; this he knew.

Since Fang Beijun arrived at headquarters and met Ryan, after exchanging a few words, he also recalled past events.

He never thought Shen Peishen was well-prepared, aiming to solidify this network further by leveraging past favors.

Moreover, he even came bearing gifts!

The Executive President remembering the preferences of those below him and specially bringing gifts.

Merely such a thoughtful gesture can win people over, right?

Fang Beijun noticed Ryan's smile seemed to brighten by two degrees.

Old Shen, truly crafty! Fang Beijun silently cursed.

However, information about Ryan must have been leaked to him; otherwise, he couldn't have known in advance and prepared accordingly.

Yu Xingyao!

Fang Beijun glanced at Yu Xingyao, the Executive Officer over there, whose face bore a subtle and elusive smile, his eyes showing a hint of pride.

It was indeed him!

Fang Beijun's heart tightened once again.

At the same time, he sighed long within his heart.

Back then, Ryan wasn't an Executive Officer, nor was he part of the Asian Region; who could have foreseen that due to a twist of fate, he would now become an Executive Officer in the Asian Division.

Now, his presence here is practically a gift from heaven to strengthen Shen Peishen's network!

Could this be that even heaven is aiding Shen Peishen?

Of the five Executive Officers, besides Shen Peishen's supporters, all are familiar with Shen Peishen!

Fang Beijun no longer knew what to say, only feeling a heavy weight within.

However, Fang Beijun is a seasoned figure, having navigated the workplace for decades; whatever he might feel internally, nothing showed on his face.

Even when Shen Peishen suddenly asked him, he merely paused for a second, then smiled and replied smoothly, "If gifts are to be given, it should be us presenting them to the Executive President, not the other way around—this at most counts as a gift, it's certainly not as serious as you make it out to be."

"Then I'm relieved; I'm sure Mr. Ryan is too. Haha, come, have a seat, while we have time, let's talk some more."

This remark from Fang Beijun prompted another hearty laugh from Shen Peishen, as he invited Sophia and Ryan to join.

Moments later, Shen Peishen, the acting Executive President, was sitting with the five headquarters Executive Officers, engaging in pleasant conversation.

The days Shen Peishen spent as acting President of the Greater China Region were, in fact, not easy, leaving him physically and mentally exhausted.

However, before coming to headquarters, he must have rested specially, as he appeared energetic, with traces of tiredness on his face hidden behind carefully applied light makeup, making him look vibrant.

Chapter 1438 - When It Rains, It Pours!_2

Shen Peishen was showing his spirit and demeanor, presenting himself for the people at headquarters to see.

Amidst everyone's laughter and conversation, Yu Xingyao and Chu Ruolan, needless to say, accompanied the discussions, enhancing the atmosphere.

Fang Beijun, considered an old acquaintance, naturally couldn't help but engage in some topics.

Even Sophia and Ryan, who were rather unfamiliar, quickly integrated, laughing and talking.

The atmosphere in this VIP room could hardly be better.

Here, a word must be mentioned.

The "Allegations against Shen Peishen by Xiahou Qi" handled by the business president were unknown to all present Executive Officers!

Otherwise, they surely wouldn't have rushed to meet Shen Peishen.

Even Fang Beijun was not given any details by the business president.

After all, the matter was significant; the fewer who knew, the fewer the issues.

The business president told Fang Beijun that Bai Xiaosheng was coming with important affairs and advised him to take good care and properly arrange.

But Fang Beijun knew far more of the inside story than him.

What Fang Beijun told Bai Xiaosheng, about the "Review Meeting on Shen Peishen's Issues" in the afternoon, was merely judgment based on information.

Originally, that period was the business president's free allocation, a flexible time slot.

The business president's reply to Xiahou Qi said the review of Shen Peishen would be conducted immediately after the report.

This news was also revealed by Bai Xiaosheng to Fang Beijun, who believed it was undoubtedly that period.

At this moment, Fang Beijun, who knew the most about the inside situation and could even propose the operational steps, was genuinely not delighted!

Looking at the current situation, even if Shen Peishen was held accountable, how many of these Executive Officers would stand by him and vindicate him?

Yu Xingyao and Chu Ruolan, needless to say.

What would Sophia and Ryan choose?!

Upon thinking of this, Fang Beijun's heart became increasingly unsettled.

...What about him?

How should he choose?!

Should he unwaveringly stand by Bai Xiaosheng and Xiahou Qi, even facing four colleagues and a Shen Peishen possibly exempted and converted?

Or...

Seek self-preservation first!

After turning fifty, Fang Beijun had never been as conflicted as he was now...

At this moment.

Those Shen Peishen brought stood behind the crowd.

Lin Yu was conspicuously present, and Cheng Liu had also come along.

The two watched the lively and friendly scene before them and couldn't help but glance at each other, their eyes showing delight.

Seeing their teacher thriving at headquarters, they felt happy.

No matter how hard or tiring it had been, it was all worthwhile. Once they endured through it, the teacher's performance review at headquarters would pass perfectly, making this year's conversion a non-issue.

No matter how fast Xiahou Qi recovered, what difference would it make!

Would headquarters really entrust such a crucial role to someone who had just recovered from a serious illness?

Not to mention, he might faint again and return to the ICU at any time?

It's believed the leaders at headquarters, from any perspective, wouldn't do that.

Once the teacher was converted and became the formal Executive President for the Greater China Region!

His position could be deemed stable!

At that time, even if those matters came to light, the group's headquarters would downplay them.

After all, a formal Large-Region Executive President couldn't possibly be dismissed or sent to prison.

If that happened, what about Zhenbei Group's reputation!

In Lin Yu and Cheng Liu's view, once the teacher became the formal Executive President for the Greater China Region, any Xiahou Qi, Bai Xiaosheng, Zheng Honghu, Li Haofeng, Chen Yucheng would seem like weaklings, just a meal!

At that time, tidying them up, even with mild tactics, could crush them!

Lin Yu and Cheng Liu both thought so, feeling incredibly relieved.

The "friendly and pleasant" conversation between Shen Peishen and the Executive Officers lasted more than a dozen minutes.

Finally, Yu Xingyao actively suggested, "Why don't we pause here? Mr. Shen will be making a report shortly, a four-hour report, which is mentally and physically taxing and needs proper rest and preparation."

Those present nodded repeatedly, agreeing that Yu Xingyao's words made sense.

"Then we won't disturb Mr. Shen, since the meeting will last three days, there'll be plenty of opportunities to communicate." Sophia remarked with a smile.

"That's right, I'll take my leave first; I have some affairs to handle on my end." Ryan smiled slightly, responding politely.

After they both spoke, Yu Xingyao and Chu Ruolan also bid farewell to Shen Peishen.

Fang Beijun naturally followed, ensuring he wouldn't seem too peculiar.

In reality, he also had no intention to stay here.

Fang Beijun planned to return and discuss the situation here with Bai Xiaosheng.

The situation was somewhat severe, a bit beyond expectations.

"Is everyone leaving? Hmm, just as well, the conference is the main focus now, there'll be plenty of time to catch up."

Shen Peishen did not insist on keeping them, politely saw them off, escorting them to the door before stopping.

Everyone bid farewell to him again and left together.

Once the VIP room door closed, Shen Peishen's smile slightly faded, he couldn't help but rub his forehead, and upon returning to the sofa area, his face was already tranquil.

Lin Yu and Cheng Liu came over to him.

"Teacher, didn't imagine you have such extensive connections here at headquarters!" Lin Yu couldn't help but smile.

The five Executive Officers all had some connection with the teacher, the difference only being large or small.

Cheng Liu couldn't help but let his eyes gleam, seemingly excited.

Chapter 1439 - Misfortunes Never Come Singly! _3

Seeing the admiring gazes of his two students, even Shen Peishen himself felt a small sense of pride. Noticing there were no outsiders in the room, he still lowered his voice and said, "Xiahou Qi's biggest mistake is that he doesn't know how to manage connections. He always thinks that sitting in one place makes him the biggest connection there. Wrong. Absolutely wrong! No matter how high the position, if you are still under someone's jurisdiction, you need to connect with more people above, even if they are below your status. This is called planting seeds of goodwill for future rewards!"

Lin Yu and Cheng Liu quickly nodded in agreement.

Shen Peishen lounged back on the single sofa, unable to resist blinking his eyes and gently rubbing his temples. Once the meeting started, he needed to appear vibrant and keep his spirits high.

However, he was no longer young, and he had been overworked recently.

Witnessing this scene, Lin Yu and Cheng Liu said nothing further, avoiding disturbing Shen Peishen.

Unexpectedly, after a moment of silence, Shen Peishen put his hand down and took the initiative to speak to them, "Have you contacted that Bai Xiaosheng?"

Cheng Liu leaned forward and said, "I've already spoken with his assistant, that little girl named Lin Weiwei. She said she understood and would convey the message, mentioning that Bai Xiaosheng has been in a terrible mood lately. Following your instructions, I ordered Bai Xiaosheng to report to the Greater China Region Headquarters today, no matter what. Everything is arranged there; as soon as Bai Xiaosheng and his team arrive, they will be directed to learn the new procedures. If he's dissatisfied, let him be angry. If he vents his frustration on subordinates, he'll only damage his own image!"

Cheng Liu's words made Shen Peishen nod slightly.

He just felt a bit uneasy lately, sensing that Bai Xiaosheng's silence was uncharacteristic and wanted to keep Bai Xiaosheng under his watch.

"As soon as Bai Xiaosheng appears, notify me," Shen Peishen added.

Cheng Liu nodded and took note.

"The most important thing now is the upcoming report. Let's review it together!" Shen Peishen said.

The time left for them was running out.

Lin Yu and Cheng Liu immediately began to organize. The people they brought were all part of the support team for the teacher!

They had prepared multiple scenarios and plans, all for one thing, to ensure the teacher's successful report!

Meanwhile, on the other side.

Fang Beijun left the VIP room, thinking of finding an excuse to meet Bai Xiaosheng.

Unexpectedly, as soon as he stepped out, he was stopped by Yu Xingyao.

"Beijun, both of us have been assigned tasks by the Business President, we need to check the venue!" Yu Xingyao told him.

"I have something to do, I'll be over in a bit." Fang Beijun tried to brush him off.

"This is the biggest matter right now. If anything goes wrong with our responsibilities, it won't look good. Let's go together." Yu Xingyao clung to him, "Whatever you have to do, as long as it's in this building, I'll follow you and maybe even help."

Yu Xingyao was exceptionally sharp; he'd detect any slight sign.

Seeing that he couldn't shake him off, Fang Beijun smiled discreetly, "Let's head to the venue first."

"And that other matter you had, not urgent?" Yu Xingyao questioned.

"You're right, today's meeting is the biggest thing, after all." Fang Beijun chuckled.

At that moment, the group was walking together, heading out.

Yu Xingyao and Fang Beijun's conversation wasn't avoided by others.

"So let's all tend to our own tasks." Nearing the reception hall, Sophia suggested with a smile.

The group nodded, ready to part ways when suddenly someone ran over and called them.

"You're all here, that's great, come with me."

The newcomer was the secretary of the Asia Division's Business President, surnamed Fang, also a Huaxia person!

"Old Fang, why are you all sweaty, running over here? What's the rush?" Yu Xingyao couldn't help but ask.

The secretary seemed to have a hard-to-express concern, only saying, "You'll understand once you get there!"

The five Executive Officers were taken without further explanation by the Business President's secretary, to the floor where the Asia Division's Business President's office was located, heading straight to his office.

Once there, Fang Beijun and the others were surprised to discover that the Business President had a guest, not an outsider, but the Business President of the European Division.

Not only that, but there was also a high-ranking executive from the Oversight Department and someone from the Headquarters Administration Center.

"Let me explain this to you." The Asia Division Business President, seeing the "five giants" under his command assembled, received approval from the Oversight executive and the Headquarters Administration Center official, and said to Fang Beijun and others, "A notification has just come down

from above. For this conference of our Asia Division, the host will no longer be me, but this Business President from the European Division. I'll also be presiding over a meeting at another division."

The Asia Division Business President looked around at everyone and slowly said, "Any major events occurring during this time will be transferred to him for handling!"

Yu Xingyao and the others were all taken aback.

In previous years, such a thing had never happened!

Fang Beijun's expression instantly shifted to one of shock, his heart skipping a beat.

"This is bad! The Business President, who had a certain level of support for Elder Xia's stance, is no longer in charge of this matter?!"

Fang Beijun could hardly believe that the Business President was being rotated as well?!

Especially upon hearing that during the meeting, he was no longer in charge of any major issues, Fang Beijun felt a sense of darkness envelope his vision.

That also means that the review of Shen Peishen will be handed over to the European Division Business President, who isn't familiar with the situation, to preside over?!

To the Western host, the jury system would inevitably be cherished and trusted greatly.

Thus, with Shen Peishen already deeply networked among the Executive Officers, wouldn't he have all the time and advantage in this battle?!

Isn't this situation known as "misfortunes never come singly"!

Chapter 1440 - A Situation Without Any Chance of Victory?!

Fang Beijun's feeling was not good. In this short period, he had repeatedly felt the "heavy blows".

Originally, he thought he was well-prepared, with sufficient evidence and the inclination of the president of the Asia Business Division, to launch an accountability offensive against Shen Peishen, thinking he would surely win.

But unexpectedly, Shen Peishen had connections, more or less, even friendships, with the five executive officers!

One must know that these five people could be considered the "jury" in the accountability of Shen Peishen!

Even if their positions were slightly inferior to Shen Peishen, their opinions could greatly influence the final outcome of the handling of Shen Peishen!

In this respect, Shen Peishen had too great an advantage!

It could be said that the situation was already quite unfavorable.

What surprised Fang Beijun even more was that just as the meeting phase was approaching, the headquarters unexpectedly allowed the business presidents to take turns hosting the meeting and handling all major affairs during the rotation!

The temporary departure of the president of the Asia Business Division meant losing support for them.

This way, it was as if all advantages on his side were completely lost!

Fang Beijun's mind had already started to become somewhat chaotic.

In this situation where advantages were gradually lost, what should he do?

Should he be like before? "Go with the flow," standing on the winning side, and if possible, sell out allies to gain the maximum benefit?

Or, continue to choose to support Bai Xiaosheng...

If in the past, Fang Beijun would not hesitate, he would choose to "go with the flow" without any doubt. Perhaps selling out allies could even fill his pockets to the brim, achieving "everyone's happiness".

Forget about loyalty, forget about alliances, interests are what truly matter.

The former Fang Beijun saw only interests, only victory and defeat.

In his view, those who lost completely had no right to speak of any damn principles.

Or rather, what's the use of talking about them!

In the workplace, what is important?

Interests! Interests are most important!

Everything else is nonsense!

But this time, Fang Beijun was hesitating.

This might be the first time he truly wanted to support a junior, to help a young newcomer he favored.

Also for the first time, before even entering the field, he found himself in such a dire situation...

Recalling the sincere conversation with Bai Xiaosheng earlier, it was a heartfelt and pleasant exchange...

Recalling being respectfully called "Elder Fang" by the other party, it was genuine respect, without any impurities...

Fang Beijun felt very uneasy in his heart.

At his age, he had schemed meticulously to obtain a higher position, to go further, to stand taller, seeking greater freedom and independence.

But now, sitting higher, he realized that it was still impossible to find that freedom...

Fang Beijun felt unprecedentedly conflicted, even confused.

"But if I know I can't do it and still want to do it, am I not being foolish..."

Fang Beijun murmured to himself in his heart.

"Who wants to be a fool? Everything I have today wasn't easy to come by!"

"Bai Xiaosheng, if my final choice disappoints you, you can only blame the whims of fate!"

Fang Beijun let out a long sigh from the heart.

Perhaps he was just not someone who acts altruistically...

Being a "bad person" all his life had already left its mark, and he still thought of being a "good person" for once?

Truly, the older he got, the more he seemed to regress...

In a short time, Fang Beijun's mind circled many times.

The president of the Asia Business Division was still instructing his "five giants"; nothing more than asking them to cooperate more with the president of the Europe Division and leave any important matters for the other party to decide.

This, in fact, was what the higher-ups intended to see with such a temporary transfer.

Daring to open the doors of power, without any hidden agendas.

As the head of the Asia Business Division, he naturally had to fully cooperate with the company's decisions.

In terms of age, the president of the Asia Business Division wasn't really old, looking even younger than Fang Beijun, but his manner of speech was very mature, and his voice was steady, without deliberately showing authority, though every sentence sounded like a decree, making people afraid to go against it.

His name was Jiang Kuo.

After instructing his strong subordinates, Jiang Kuo smiled and had a brief low-voiced exchange with the president of the Europe Business Division.

Their relationship looked very close, though, in fact, they just had a "good" colleague relationship.

At their level, if they became intimate friends, it would only mean cutting off their future.

The reason Jiang Kuo called people over and gave instructions, and then chatted and laughed with the president of the Europe Division in person, was his genuine intent to gain equal support from the other party.

As for the matter of Shen Peishen, Jiang Kuo was also ready to hand it over to the other party, and he believed this head of the Europe Division would have "discretion".

The matter of Shen Peishen wasn't concealed by Jiang Kuo alone; he had already spoken with a leader above him.

Shen Peishen was just a "temporary agent" who had not been formally confirmed, just like a grassroots "temporary worker". Even if he was really removed, it would not bring shame to the Greater China Region. If there was any, it would only be because the Executive Officer failed in personnel matters. After the Greater China Region Executive Officer Xiahou Qi fell, the Asia Business Division was simply following the procedure, smoothly initiating the temporary succession system.

In short, it wasn't any trouble for Jiang Kuo.

"Alright, I've given my instructions. Now, let's invite the president of the Europe Business Division—Mr. Soruns, to say a few words!"

Jiang Kuo, after finishing his conversation with the other party, glanced at his "five giants" and smiled.

If Bai Xiaosheng were here, he would surely be astonished.

The refined and dignified middle-aged white gentleman who had been having coffee with Wen Yan—Soruns, was actually the president of the Europe Division, one of the six major business divisions of Zhenbei Group!