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Chapter 1461 - Elder-level Figures

Bai Xiaosheng stayed at the headquarters for three days until the end of the conference. His treatment was entirely in line with the standard of the Executive President of the Greater China Region.

This was specifically instructed by Jiang Kuo.

During this period, Jiang Kuo, Soruns, and Fang Beijun had all visited, as well as the five Executive Officers.

However, the ones who came most frequently were Yu Xingyao and Chu Ruolan.

These two could be described as diligent, always coming over when they had free time to see if Bai Xiaosheng needed anything.

If there was anything lacking or unsatisfactory on Bai Xiaosheng's end, even before they noticed themselves, those two would point it out and call the person in charge, harshly and sternly ensuring replacements or additions.

The tea isn't good enough, change it!

The greenery isn't fresh, change it!

The furniture doesn't look comfortable, change it!

The bed looks displeasing...

In short, if Bai Xiaosheng hadn't stopped them in time, the two of them could have replaced everything in this luxury suite of the five-star hotel.

Who knows, they might have even changed Bai Xiaosheng's well-stayed room.

Bai Xiaosheng really didn't feel anything was wrong, nor did he want to make a big fuss.

Those two were feeling guilty, desperately trying to make amends, attempting to improve their image with Bai Xiaosheng.

In the end, unable to soothe them, Bai Xiaosheng had to engage them in talks about the content of the meetings these days to divert their attention.

Of course, Bai Xiaosheng was very interested in the content of the headquarters meetings these days.

Bai Xiaosheng is the Executive President, while Yu Xingyao and Chu Ruolan are just Executive Officers. What they knew was not considered confidential when told to Bai Xiaosheng.

Therefore, the two of them eagerly shared everything they knew with Bai Xiaosheng.

Of course, those meeting contents were not considered a big deal compared to "Shen Peishen being investigated, and Bai Xiaosheng ascending."

Even so, Bai Xiaosheng listened attentively and remembered carefully.

After all, he'll be the Executive President of the Greater China Region in the future, and having an early understanding of some things can't hurt.

They talked straight into the afternoon, until three o'clock, and Yu Xingyao and Chu Ruolan showed no sign of leaving.

However, Bai Xiaosheng had new visitors.

Lin Weiwei went to open the door and led in a man and a woman.

The woman was American, the man was Huaxia, both in their forties, quite good-looking, with elegant manners.

Seeing these two, Yu Xingyao and Chu Ruolan immediately stood and retreated to the side, serious and respectful.

The two reported their identities to Bai Xiaosheng.

They didn't specify but mentioned that two vice chairmen of the group invited Bai Xiaosheng to visit.

Upon hearing this invitation, Bai Xiaosheng suddenly felt invigorated.

The summons from the top leaders, which he had been waiting for, had arrived!

It was long heard that the headquarters had seven vice chairmen, rumored to be loyal old comrades who helped Old Chairman Bai Zhenbei establish the company.

Bai Xiaosheng had long wanted to meet them.

The two who came only invited Bai Xiaosheng himself, so Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying couldn't accompany him.

To show importance, Bai Xiaosheng deliberately changed into formal attire before following the two to meet the vice chairmen.

After walking for a long distance with those two, Bai Xiaosheng was brought to a special elevator.

At the entrance of the elevator, there were even guards.

As they approached, the elevator guard not only allowed them to pass but also helped to open the elevator and hold the door, displaying utmost respect.

Bai Xiaosheng and the two got on the elevator, heading upwards.

The elevator went up for a good ten seconds before stopping on one of the floors.

When the elevator door opened, Bai Xiaosheng was completely stunned.

This, is it really still inside a skyscraper?

Bai Xiaosheng even felt a little bewildered.

Looking out, there were undulating slopes, lush green grass, beautifully trimmed trees in the distance, and even towering mountain rocks, falling waterfalls, and the sound of rushing water could be heard.

On one side, there were even flickering water reflections and a trickling creek.

If it weren't for the glass windows at the end of his view, Bai Xiaosheng might have thought he was outside.

"Please." The man and woman courteously gestured for him to proceed.

Bai Xiaosheng walked out, instinctively looking up.

The floor height was a magnificent ten to twenty meters, utterly impressive and awe-inspiring.

This vast space was entirely arranged as an aerial garden, a paradise on earth.

Even Bai Xiaosheng sincerely praised, amazing!

"The vice chairmen are waiting for you over there." The man from the pair softly reminded him.

Bai Xiaosheng collected himself, apologetically smiled at him, and followed the two into the depths of the aerial garden.

Soon, they arrived at a golf course.

Bai Xiaosheng saw many people quietly waiting in one area, all unanimously focused.

In the distance, two figures were swinging and hitting the ball.

The man and woman stopped and said to Bai Xiaosheng, "The vice chairmen are playing golf; we don't dare disturb them. However, the vice chairmen instructed you could go over."

Bai Xiaosheng nodded and, amidst the curious gaze of that large group, stepped towards the vice chairmen's location.

The crowd watched Bai Xiaosheng walk away, whispering among themselves.

Many were curious about Bai Xiaosheng's identity.

However, the formal appointment had not yet been announced, and Bai Xiaosheng was so young that no one could have guessed—

Bai Xiaosheng would be the new Executive President of the Greater China Region in Asia!

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Approaching closer, Bai Xiaosheng saw the two vice chairmen each in casual attire, wearing baseball caps, entirely different from what he imagined they would be, dressed in formal suits and maintaining a dignified demeanor.

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Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but look at himself.

His suit was neatly pressed, but it seemed quite out of place.

However, the couple who invited him were also in formal attire, and even those observing from a distance were sharply dressed in suits.

Bai Xiaosheng understood. It wasn't that they hadn't informed him, but rather due to different statuses, when meeting the vice chairmen, one should be dressed like this.

As for the leaders, they have absolute freedom in their attire, dressing as they please.

When Bai Xiaosheng approached, the two vice chairmen noticed him and stood straight to look his way.

They were both elderly, around seventy or eighty years old, yet they looked incredibly energetic.

One was slightly overweight; the other was somewhat lean.

The slightly overweight one had kind brows and benevolent eyes, smiling warmly, making him easily approachable.

The lean one had eyes like an eagle, calm in demeanor, emotions restrained, and seeming less approachable.

Bai Xiaosheng had met many significant figures.

Those big figures could display great poise in their speech and actions, commanding awe and making people unconsciously bow before them.

But these two elderly men simply appeared as regular elderly guys, "plain and ordinary."

However, dressed in casual attire and wearing baseball caps, they gave off a somewhat fashionable impression.

If encountered on the street, in buses or subways, ordinary people would never think of them as having any extraordinary qualities.

Yet, Bai Xiaosheng noticed that when the two elderly men looked his way, their eyes were deep and unfathomable!

This was something Bai Xiaosheng, who had studied microexpressions, could perceive.

For others, they might only feel that these two elderly men's eyes were exceptionally bright.

On the way here, Bai Xiaosheng asked about the elder's names, as one should know their titles when meeting them.

The male and female secretaries informed Bai Xiaosheng.

The slightly overweight elder was named Lu Cheng'an.

The lean elder was named Li Yunyuan.

"Hello, Elder Lu."

"Hello, Elder Li."

With a respectful smile, Bai Xiaosheng greeted the two significant figures, demonstrating a balanced demeanor.

Bai Xiaosheng, destined to become the master of Zhenbei Group, naturally should not appear overly sycophantic.

Of course, given his current status, he should still show a friendly face where appropriate.

Even if you take a step back, these two elders truly contributed greatly, having fought for the establishment alongside his second uncle, and they certainly deserve his respect.

Now, seeing the two elders not in formal attire, Bai Xiaosheng opted not to use their professional titles, but instead addressed them as "Elder Lu" and "Elder Li" to create a sense of closeness.

"You are Bai Xiaosheng, right?" Lu Cheng'an leaned on a golf club and asked with a friendly voice.

Beside him, Li Yunyuan looked at Bai Xiaosheng without expression, scrutinizing him.

"Yes, I am Bai Xiaosheng." Bai Xiaosheng nodded, smiling calmly.

"Good, good." Lu Cheng'an examined Bai Xiaosheng, nodding with a smile, generously offering praise—

"Young and promising. We've reviewed your detailed records in the Greater China Region, impressive indeed. Three years ago, you were just a junior employee, yet you pushed through with your effort, advancing step by step. You've relied on actual strength and true achievements! Therefore, we three vice chairmen all believe you can certainly become the executive president of the Greater China Region!"

Three vice chairmen? Bai Xiaosheng was slightly surprised.

There were only two present at the moment.

"Another vice chairman was caught up with urgent matters and had to leave first. Only the two of us are here to meet you." Li Yunyuan spoke up.

This elder remained serious throughout, but the tone of his voice was quite calm.

At least, he took the initiative to clarify Bai Xiaosheng's doubts, indicating he was quite alright.

"Thank you, Elder Lu, Elder Li, and also the trust of the Group." Bai Xiaosheng said sincerely, "I will prove myself on the executive president's post, worthy of the position, and I will strive relentlessly to live up to the trust placed in me by the Group."

Upon hearing Bai Xiaosheng's words, Lu Cheng'an nodded with a smile.

"Such words, every promoted person has said, I've heard them for decades, they're tedious. What we wish to see is your future practical actions."

Li Yunyuan stared at Bai Xiaosheng, unapologetically saying, "Your position is already decided, the notice has been issued, so you certainly will become the executive president of the Greater China Region, even if it's just for a day, you will hold this position! But remember, sitting in this position doesn't mean you can relax, and with a record of incumbent executive presidents, scarce is those who have been ousted, so don't feel fearless. Remember, every exception has its precedent, for the Group, while face is crucial, if the entrusted person is unfit, we will also change people!"

This statement from Li Yunyuan was somewhat a warning indeed.

Bai Xiaosheng understood that this elder was speaking from the standpoint of the Group's interests, urging and guiding him, naturally he didn't find any discomfort.

After all, since the Group would be his in the future, having such an elder who continuously cares for the Group only brings him joy.

Bai Xiaosheng nodded earnestly towards Li Yunyuan.

"Elder Li, why are you scolding Bai Xiaosheng now? Today we're just meeting him, don't be overly harsh." Lu Cheng'an said with a smile.

Li Yunyuan snorted lightly, looking at Bai Xiaosheng, "Did I?"

Bai Xiaosheng smiled, "Elder Li's guidance and Elder Lu's praise are for Sheng's benefit, I shall remember them!"

"Becoming the executive president of the Greater China Region is merely my starting point, not the end where I stand still!" Bai Xiaosheng added.

This statement made Lu Cheng'an and Li Yunyuan exchange a look.

Li Yunyuan laughed, "Quite ambitious!"

"However, our Group's founder Mr. Bai Zhenbei said, 'Ambition is the driving force for a person's effort!' I like this phrase, I like ambitious men. I hope you do justice to your position, and genuinely contribute to the Group. When your contribution becomes significant enough to reach the vice chairman's position, I'll gladly give way for you to sit!"

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Li Yunyuan, straightforward by nature, found Bai Xiaosheng to her taste, and naturally her attitude changed noticeably.

"It's always good for young people to have aspirations." Lu Cheng'an also smiled at Bai Xiaosheng, "Today, we called you over not to lecture you, really just to meet you. You're impressive."

"I'm quite satisfied too." Li Yunyuan finally smiled, "Let's wrap up this talk here."

Li Yunyuan directly said the conversation was over, and Bai Xiaosheng naturally didn't dare linger, lest he disturb the leisure of the two elderly men.

Bai Xiaosheng planned to take his leave.

However, before he could speak, he saw Li Yunyuan toss the golf club in her hand over to him.

Bai Xiaosheng reacted swiftly and caught the golf club.

"Next up, accompany us for a round of golf," Li Yunyuan said.

Lu Cheng'an nodded with a smile.

Thus, those waiting from afar watched as Bai Xiaosheng joined the two Deputy Chairmen to play golf.

Those high-ranking group executives, usually lofty, were all startled and curious like they'd never seen anything like it.

"Why is that young man taking off his suit, even pulling off his tie and throwing it aside, isn't that improper?"

"He actually is playing golf with the two Deputy Chairmen!"

"What is he doing, is... is he directing Chairman Lu?"

"It seems there's a dispute, an argument with the two Deputy Chairmen!"

"How dare he do that!"

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An endless stream of astonished voices arose.

But, those people were surprised to find that the two Deputy Chairmen seemed to really like the young man.

Though they couldn't hear the conversation from a distance, they could see laughter and conversation...

That afternoon, Bai Xiaosheng spent two hours playing golf with Lu Cheng'an and Li Yunyuan in the "sky garden" on that tier.

If it weren't for the employees running over several times to persuade them, fearing that Lu Cheng'an and Li Yunyuan might be physically exhausted, Bai Xiaosheng might have had to accompany them for a few more hours.

Everyone saw with their own eyes when it was time to pack up, the two elderly people, highly respected within their ranks, were frequently consulting Bai Xiaosheng, even gesturing animatedly.

It seemed they were learning swing techniques...

Everyone was speechless as they watched Bai Xiaosheng, looking at him with admiration in their eyes.

Impressive!

This young man could actually mingle with the Deputy Chairmen...

Ultimately, the man and woman who brought Bai Xiaosheng then took him back to his lodging.

However, their attitude was clearly much more respectful.

Upon parting, the male secretary gently advised Bai Xiaosheng—

"Mr. Bai Xiaosheng, you can return to the Greater China Region tomorrow and take your appointment letter back yourself. The official notification from the group will be issued a bit later."

Bai Xiaosheng nodded with a smile, thanking him for the reminder.

Once the two had left, Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying couldn't help going over to surround Bai Xiaosheng, asking a slew of questions about what profound and significant topics Bai Xiaosheng discussed with the Deputy Chairmen over such a long visit.

"We didn't talk about anything, I was just accompanying the two elderly folks to play half a day of golf." Bai Xiaosheng said candidly.

Lin Weiwei was stunned for a while, unable to believe it.

Even Lei Ying was somewhat skeptical.

Being invited by the Deputy Chairmen, naturally meant talking business, having Bai Xiaosheng speak on how he'll lead the Greater China Region to glory.

Playing golf all day, what kind of nonsense is that...

Seeing that the two didn't believe him, Bai Xiaosheng had no choice but to leave them there and went to take a shower.

After all, playing for half a day is quite tiring.

With the help of Red Lotus, Bai Xiaosheng became somewhat of a golf expert, catering to the interests of the two elderly folk, initially winning their favor.

While showering, feeling the warm water soothing his body and relieving fatigue.

Bai Xiaosheng was pondering a question.

Bai Xiaosheng recalled a sentence Lu Cheng'an had initially said to him.

"All three of us Deputy Chairmen think that having you as the Executive President of the Greater China Region wouldn't be a bad idea!"

Bai Xiaosheng sensed some hidden information.

That is, there was another person designating him as the Executive President of the Greater China Region, someone these two, or even the three Deputy Chairmen, could not refuse.

"Although Red Lotus calculated my score and reported it, ultimately someone has to make the final decision." Bai Xiaosheng immersed himself in the water stream, closed his eyes contemplating, "My Uncle wouldn't come forward, and I heard there's an acting Chairman, probably also unlikely..."

"Could it be him!"

Bai Xiaosheng raised his head, left the water flow, and a face emerged in his mind.

It was of an old man he'd only met once—

The butler to Uncle Bai Zhenbei—Situ Yin!

And perhaps, Mr. Situ was the only one who might know he possessed the Red Lotus System!

"On this trip to the headquarters here, I didn't meet him. I wonder if he's been watching me all along." Bai Xiaosheng pondered.

After taking a shower, Bai Xiaosheng donned a bathrobe and sat on the sofa playing with his phone.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying hurried to pack their luggage.

Tomorrow, they would leave Ganande and return to Linshen.

Bai Xiaosheng's trip to Ganande had pretty much come to an end.

However, whether visiting the Wei Family or toppling Shen Peishen, he had gained significantly.

This time, Bai Xiaosheng could be said to have returned victoriously.

In the evening, after dinner, Bai Xiaosheng specially sought out Ryan. He had already bid goodbye to Sun Jierui over the phone and was now asking Ryan to deliver some gifts to Sun Jierui and Little Emma, all of which were later sent to him by the Wei Family.

Bai Xiaosheng wanted to pass them on to those two, expressing his gratitude.

Ryan didn't refuse, instead accepting with a smile.

Having a son who could befriend the Executive President of the Greater China Region made him, as a father, very proud.

Just after sending Ryan off, Bai Xiaosheng's phone rang, an unfamiliar number, but after answering, Bai Xiaosheng was truly startled.

The caller was actually Wei Tianhe!

The patriarch of the Wei Family praised Bai Xiaosheng's promotion to the Executive President of the Greater China Region at Zhenbei Group.

Bai Xiaosheng felt both flattered and somewhat amused.

In the end, he couldn't resist and told the appointment news to Wei Xuelian and Xiahou Qi, thinking they wouldn't possibly leak it.

Unexpectedly, Xuelian still told her grandfather.

It might be because she was happy about the accomplishments of the man she chose.

Bai Xiaosheng understood it then, smiling.

After chatting for a while with Wei Tianhe Lao Yezi, and putting down the phone afterwards, another call came through.

This time, it was Xiahou Qi.

Upon learning Bai Xiaosheng would be back tomorrow, Xiahou Qi couldn't help but complain over the phone, "You're finally coming back! Do you know how chaotic things have gotten here!"

"What's chaotic! Has something happened over there, Lao Yezi?" Bai Xiaosheng was startled upon hearing those words.

Not yet officially in office, and there's already a storm brewing in the Greater China Region, that'd be humorous, he'd surely be thought of as a jinx!

"Isn't it because Shen Peishen stepped down, leaving the Executive President position vacant? You know that bunch has gone crazy, with many approaching me for recommendations. I know you have the appointment, but can't say anything, it's been tough on me." Xiahou Qi began to vent his grievances.

Bai Xiaosheng chuckled.

"So that's what's going on. Lao Yezi, don't worry. I'll be there tomorrow, I'll tell them myself!"

Chapter 1464 - The "Lively and Bustling" Greater China Region

The Greater China Region, without Bai Xiaosheng these days, is extremely "lively."

The news of Shen Peishen traveling far to America with Lin Yu and Cheng Liu to attend the headquarters meeting is already widely known within the Greater China Region.

Those supporting Shen Peishen's side even took the opportunity to heavily promote this.

They say, "After attending the meeting, Shen Peishen will immediately be promoted, becoming the official Executive President of the Greater China Region!"

They say, "After Shen Peishen returns, he will immediately rectify the chaos within the Greater China Region and weed out the dishonest individuals!"

These remarks were actually instructed by Shen Peishen for dissemination before his departure.

Besides pinning hopes on Shen Peishen's "beautiful aspirations" from this trip, these rumors held another "deep meaning"—

Mainly to stabilize those gathered around him, to prevent them from being conquered by Li Haofeng's side in his absence.

Shen Peishen also feared that upon his return, after no less than ten to fifteen days, he would find himself isolated, with no one to employ, which would be disastrous!

After all, Li Haofeng, Zheng Honghu, Xu Youruo, and Chen Yucheng would not pause their offensive against his side just because he went to the headquarters meeting.

Besides stabilizing the morale, once those remarks are spread, they could also attract neutral parties and prevent those so-called allies from being swayed during Shen Peishen's absence, while psychologically intimidating Li Haofeng and his group!

In conclusion, when Shen Peishen left, he had high hopes for these "rumors."

His people left guarding the Greater China Region also diligently promoted them.

It did indeed have some effect.

However, on the second day of the meeting, a notification from headquarters arrived—

"Shen Peishen has been investigated, handed over to local judicial authorities!"

This incredibly ironic news instantly shocked the entire senior staff of the Greater China Region.

What is happening!

Over the past two years, under Xiahou Qi's adjustments, the Greater China Region was re-divided into small industrial areas: domestically, there were Northeast, North China, East China, South China, Central China, Northwest, Southwest, and overseas areas, totaling fifteen, equating to fifteen sub-regional managers, plus nine senior affairs officers at headquarters.

They were all deeply shocked and dumbfounded by this news, speechless for a long time.

Shen Peishen has fallen?!

This is... too unbelievable!

This is too sudden!

Among these twenty-four people, some were ecstatic, some found it hard to believe, some were unwilling to believe, and some dared not to believe.

At the first moment, they communicated with each other, wishing to check if this confirmed internal notification was correct and hoping for even a one-in-a-million chance that there had been an error.

Li Haofeng, Zheng Honghu, Xu Youruo immediately sought confirmation from Xiahou Qi.

Finally, after this news was repeatedly verified countless times, it was eventually accepted by all.

Shen Peishen has truly fallen!

Before they could react further, a second notification arrived.

Former Executive President Xiahou Qi officially resigned from the position of Executive President of the Greater China Region due to health reasons.

The group agreed, and rehired Xiahou Qi as Senior Consultant for the Greater China Region.

Although this news was partly overshadowed by the investigation into Shen Peishen, the hidden significance was even greater!

It means that the Greater China Region currently has no Executive President!

It signifies an opportunity!

An area manager must be deeply familiar with the district's affairs and well-acquainted with the region's senior management in order to better carry out work.

This approach of selecting managers from within the region instead of appointing outsiders is almost one of Zhenbei Group's standards for selecting regional-level managers.

Right away, high-level managers across various domestic and even overseas areas in the Greater China Region booked flights and high-speed train tickets simultaneously, all of them destined for Linshen!

Which is the headquarters of the Greater China Region!

They wish to seize this once-in-a-lifetime promotion opportunity!

Though the chance is slim, they flock to it!

With Shen Peishen's downfall, all eyes once again turned to their former Executive President—Xiahou Qi.

Shen Peishen couldn't possibly be investigated by headquarters for no reason, considering his domestic standoff with Li Haofeng and Zheng Honghu, those close to Xiahou Qi, apparently opposed to Shen Peishen, the current scenario is thus easily explained, it was Xiahou Qi's exertion of power that brought down Shen Peishen!

This veteran leader, who always seemed "ill," appears silent but is actually not at all!

When he strikes, his opponent falls!

Everyone thought of this, feeling both emotional and intrigued.

Having been rehired as the Senior Consultant of the Greater China Region, Xiahou Qi's prestigious title is elevated, and it's impossible for the selection of the new Executive President not to seek his opinion from above.

In other words, Mr. Xiahou Qi, the former Executive President, currently possesses a right that everyone covets—a recommendation power!

Whomever he recommends may have the chance to ascend to the position of Executive President of the Greater China Region!

Instantly, everyone became excited.

And with this thinking, Xiahou Qi's place quickly became bustling with activity that day.

Those in Linshen came to visit, showing concern for the old leader.

Those not in Linshen called one after another, caring about the old leader's health.

Previously, each of them kept their distance, avoiding trouble, but now that Shen Peishen has fallen, all reasons for not visiting or extending greetings can be blamed on Shen Peishen.

It was Shen Peishen who prevented them from caring for the old leader, Shen Peishen is utterly wicked, so evil he was punished.

Chapter 1465 - The "Lively and Bustling" Greater China Region_2

For a time, Shen Peishen was infamous...

"See that? This is human nature." Xiahou Qi remarked, not without reflection, to Feng Li and Lin Ke who were tending to him.

Though he said so, Xiahou Qi didn't miss the people he was supposed to meet or the calls he was supposed to take. It seemed he had forgotten how heartless those people were when Shen Peishen was still around.

Immediately after, those people came again to report on work, though their reports were rather "interesting," focusing on who and what had been investigated within their own powers.

The ones investigated all belonged to Shen Peishen's faction.

When a tree falls, everyone pushes.

Everyone exerted their utmost to sweep away Shen Peishen's "remnants," eagerly informing Xiahou Qi.

In the end, Shen Peishen's faction became the last chance for everyone to make a final effort, helping them "repair" their relationship with Xiahou Qi.

At least, those people thought it was useful.

Seeing more people, hearing more calls, Xiahou Qi eventually escaped for some peace and quiet.

That day, with Xiahou Qi were Li Haofeng, Zheng Honghu, Xu Youruo, along with Feng Li and Lin Ke.

Though Feng Li and Lin Ke were not Senior Affairs Officers, due to taking care of Xiahou Qi, they knew about the notifications.

Besides, they already knew Bai Xiaosheng was sent to headquarters by Xiahou Qi.

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With Shen Peishen's downfall, his remnants became like rats in the street, without needing to spend effort on "aftermath."

Xiahou Qi was pleased, even voluntarily offering to host an evening event.

Afterward, Chen Yucheng and Yu Ying were also called to join the dinner.

During the gathering, everyone was laughing and joyful, celebrating wholeheartedly.

"I never thought Sheng really did it, admire him!" Li Haofeng exclaimed, raising his glass.

"I feel this glass should be raised to Bai Xiaosheng; without him, this day might have taken a long time to come." Zheng Honghu said with a smile, raising his glass.

Xu Youruo also nodded with a smile, "I agree with that proposal."

"Then let's raise it to Bai Xiaosheng far away in America and gather again when he returns; I'll host again, and we'll celebrate once more." Xiahou Qi laughed.

The young people naturally cheered.

In his happiness, Xiahou Qi also sipped a couple of cups.

Feng Li, Lin Ke, Chen Yucheng, and Yu Ying also raised their glasses repeatedly.

Regardless of drinking habits, today everyone could drink a little due to their happiness.

After a round of celebrations, the topic shifted to the position of Chief Executive Officer of the Greater China Region.

Li Haofeng and the other three, buoyed by the alcohol, had bright eyes and excited expressions.

They were all in their prime, with considerable achievements, naturally aspiring to reach higher goals.

However, they all knew that aiming for the Chief Executive Officer of the Greater China Region wasn't easy!

Zhenbei Group wasn't a company that valued seniority alone; it focused more on ability, reputation, and achievements!

Considering comprehensively, even those present couldn't ensure they'd outmatch the other two.

"But ultimately, this Chief Executive Officer has to be selected from among you leaders." Chen Yucheng, an Affairs Officer, humorously remarked, "It certainly won't fall on me."

"Elder Xia, the group might still be waiting for your opinion." Chen Yucheng asked with interest, "If you were to recommend, who would you choose or endorse?"

These words immediately drew the attention of Li Haofeng and others to Xiahou Qi's face.

But then Xu Youruo raised his hand to withdraw, "I know my reputation and achievements; surely, I can't compare to Haofeng, let alone Honghu."

Zheng Honghu listened, covered his face, and laughed, "Listening to you, I feel I also can't compare to Li Haofeng."

Xu Youruo hurried to clarify that wasn't what he meant.

"You all shouldn't say that, we are actually quite similar; the difference is negligible and at headquarters, it's likely minor and unworthy of distinction." Li Haofeng laughed.

Then, with a casual gaze, he cheerfully said, "However, there is indeed someone whose achievements far surpass ours and whose prestige in the Greater China Region is unparalleled!"

Following Li Haofeng's words, Feng Li, Lin Ke, Chen Yucheng, Yu Ying paused before their eyes immediately lit up.

They knew who Li Haofeng was referring to.

Bai Xiaosheng!

Daring to draw his sword against Shen Peishen's faction in a dire situation, leading everyone to defend their ground...

Daring to stop everyone decisively when Xiahou Qi fell, when everyone was most prone to lose reason...

Daring to find employment for those expelled without regard for himself when his associates were being schemed against...

Such was Bai Xiaosheng, practically making people's blood boil.

Even those present were willing to work with him, willing to heed his call!

And this time, Bai Xiaosheng was instrumental in bringing down Shen Peishen!

Though the people in the Greater China Region frequently made trouble for Shen Peishen and opposed him, it seemed high-risk; actually, they acted collectively, making it quite safe.

The saying "the law can't punish everyone" applies, even if it seems a bit legally ignorant, yet very real.

Shen Peishen genuinely didn't dare to deal with them on a large scale; as acting Chief Executive Officer, he needed to showcase his capabilities to the top, focusing on maintaining stability.

From this point, the people were always at low risk.

Bai Xiaosheng was different.

He went to headquarters alone, without almost any external aid, relying entirely on himself!

The risks involved, therefore, were very clear.

Yet Bai Xiaosheng succeeded in having Shen Peishen investigated by headquarters at the first moment, with the handling notice issued the next day.

This speed, this efficiency, who can match!

Chapter 1466 - The "Lively and Bustling" Greater China Region_3

No matter if it's Li Haofeng, Zheng Honghu, or Xu Youruo, they're convinced just from this one matter!

Seeing everyone's expressions, Xiahou Qi stroked his beard and smiled at them.

Even Xiahou Qi himself genuinely wanted to recommend Bai Xiaosheng to the headquarters!

However, Bai Xiaosheng is indeed too young.

Even if the headquarters employs people without regard for convention, it's still too much.

Eight or nine times out of ten, the headquarters will only commend Bai Xiaosheng, not consider making him the Executive President of the Greater China Region.

Xiahou Qi laughed and said, "Regarding Bai Xiaosheng, I will naturally recommend him to the headquarters' top management. Whether the headquarters considers it or not, it's what I should do and what he deserves. But besides that, I still have to recommend two or three other people, some among you, and some who are wise enough to protect themselves. I won't consider closeness or distance, but will only choose the most suitable candidates for the group..."

Xiahou Qi has always been so selfless, and it's precisely this trait that makes everyone feel respected.

Immediately, Xiahou Qi intended to talk about his preferred candidates.

Everyone focused their gaze, waiting.

Just then, Xiahou Qi's phone rang—it was a message.

At first, he didn't want to look, but then it rang three more times in succession, prompting everyone to look over, and Xiahou Qi finally took out his phone and unlocked it to see.

There were four messages, all sent by Bai Xiaosheng.

The last one said, "I've told you the situation, good night," implying there was a message in the former three.

"Can't even think of him without hearing from him." Xiahou Qi showed them with a smile and said, "It's Bai Xiaosheng!"

Everyone smiled.

Knowing others couldn't see the content, Xiahou Qi read one and informed them of it one by one.

"Bai Xiaosheng said he is waiting for a summons from the high leadership of the headquarters and will return later." Xiahou Qi glanced at everyone and chuckled, "Indeed, this guy has performed outstandingly this time; it's only natural for the group leaders to want to meet him."

Everyone exchanged glances and smiled.

"The second message... he said he received a notice and is not allowed to tell anyone." Xiahou Qi pretended to be angry, "This guy, being all mysterious, not even telling me?"

Then, Xiahou Qi looked at the third message and smiled smugly, "He still spilled the beans, didn't he."

Everyone smiled in anticipation.

"Headquarters decided to commend him by promoting him to be..." Xiahou Qi's smile froze, replaced by shock, his eyes widened significantly, "Executive President of the Greater China Region!"

The latter half of the sentence was exclaimed, and his whole body straightened.

Initially, everyone was listening with smiles, but then they heard the title Executive President of the Greater China Region!

Suddenly everyone in the room seemed paralyzed, their eyes almost popping out.

They couldn't have heard wrong!

The Executive President of the Greater China Region was announced!

Bai Xiaosheng!

It was really Bai Xiaosheng!

Everyone was incredulous.

Never before had a candidate been determined so quickly, even without consulting Elder Xia.

But even if asked, Elder Xia would have said he was ready to recommend Bai Xiaosheng.

Incredible was how Bai Xiaosheng was chosen by the headquarters. It couldn't possibly be just because he came forward to hold Shen Peishen accountable, could it?

"There must be some leader from the talent pool at headquarters who noticed him!" Xiahou Qi took a deep breath.

Everyone felt though vague, this seemed the most reasonable explanation.

Everyone was shocked for a full minute.

Finally, Li Haofeng raised a glass first, smiling genuinely, "Then this toast is for our new Executive President of the Greater China Region, for Bai Xiaosheng!"

Xiahou Qi looked at Li Haofeng, the first to accept this reality, feeling gratified.

No jealousy, no resentment, acknowledging someone, even if they are younger and less experienced, this is Li Haofeng.

Xiahou Qi considered him the second person, after Bai Xiaosheng, to recommend to headquarters.

"Though I'm not too convinced, I still have to congratulate him!" Zheng Honghu laughed, "I can boast about it in the future; I used to work closely with our Executive President of the Greater China Region."

"Cheers!" Xu Youruo also laughed.

"Cheers!" Everyone laughed and raised their glasses, for Bai Xiaosheng!

Bai Xiaosheng probably didn't expect that after telling the news to Wei Xuelian, Wei Xuelian told her grandfather, who then told Xiahou Qi, resulting in even more people knowing.

He originally thought these two were the last people who would leak the information... neither kept the secret...

For the next two days, Xiahou Qi received both covert and overt requests from small regional leaders and Senior Affairs Officers asking him to recommend them to headquarters.

Knowing that the opportunity already belonged to Bai Xiaosheng, Xiahou Qi still earnestly deflected and refused...

Just before Bai Xiaosheng was to return to the Greater China Region, Xiahou Qi finally complained, "If you don't come back soon, I really can't hold out here."

After Bai Xiaosheng informed him of his return date, Xiahou Qi immediately organized twenty-four top executives at headquarters to gather, ostensibly to discuss the position of Executive President, but also to welcome Bai Xiaosheng and give him a chance to show up.

Those uninformed executives were all excited and gathered enthusiastically.

Upon hearing they were waiting for Bai Xiaosheng, many expressed understanding.

Some even joked that it was Bai Xiaosheng bringing opportunities, so it was worth the wait.

They did not know that they were waiting for Bai Xiaosheng, and more so for something they dreamt of but were destined not to have—

The Executive President of the Greater China Region!

Chapter 1467 - Bai Xiaosheng Arrives

Greater China Region Headquarters, Conference Room No. 1, was almost full, and the atmosphere was lively.

Nine Senior Affairs Officers, fifteen regional leaders, and Xiahou Qi, all present.

The main seat, empty.

Although everyone eagerly persuaded Xiahou Qi to take the seat and preside over today's meeting, Xiahou Qi firmly refused, joking that he was no longer the executive president of the Greater China Region and sitting there would seem to overstep his bounds. If reported, even his consultant position might be revoked.

Of course, it was just a joke.

However, Xiahou Qi is someone who strictly adheres to principles; he said he wouldn't sit, so he didn't.

Everyone eventually had to give up.

The theme of today's meeting was clear to everyone; it was a topic everyone was extremely interested in—

The new Executive President!

Yet the meeting hadn't started, as Xiahou Qi mentioned Bai Xiaosheng would arrive soon and asked everyone to wait for a moment.

By rights, there was no reason for a room full of people to wait for one person; surely, many would express dissatisfaction on the spot.

But this time, no one showed any displeasure.

The reason was simple. Although Xiahou Qi was no longer the Executive President, his reputation lingered, and besides, everyone eagerly hoped he would favor them, recommending them to the high-level group, naturally giving him face.

Moreover, Bai Xiaosheng was particularly special, and everyone was willing to wait for him for two minutes.

After all, Bai Xiaosheng was the only one who openly confronted Shen Peishen, nearly ending in a tie!

Speaking of admiration, everyone truly wanted to express their respect for the young man.

Except for Li Haofeng and two others, everyone unanimously believed Xiahou Qi would recommend Bai Xiaosheng to the headquarters.

Only a very small part felt Bai Xiaosheng's inclusion was due to his closeness to Xiahou Qi.

More believed Bai Xiaosheng was genuinely deserving!

Ask anyone, who dared to openly challenge Shen Peishen, who was at the apex as acting president!

If you say Li Haofeng and the other two could, don't forget they too were in Bai Xiaosheng's "leadership", not at the forefront.

Bai Xiaosheng truly stood at the peak, making Shen Peishen helpless, publicly rebuking him, and then taking a leave!

Just this grandeur made people admire the young man!

However, admiration aside, many believed that Bai Xiaosheng, being young, was too impetuous and acted emotionally!

Later publicly rebuking Shen Peishen and taking leave was completely unnecessary!

He practically terminated his bright future on his own, which was extremely foolish!

Indeed, unless he was just lucky, with Xiahou Qi's support overturning Shen Peishen, otherwise Bai Xiaosheng might have cooled down elsewhere!

Who knows, it might have been like the rumors spread a couple of days ago, being the first to be tidied up once Shen Peishen became official.

Hence, one's fate is more important than anything...

The twenty-some top figures of the Greater China Region, business elites, many who frequently appeared alongside people like Lu Yun in events and in the news, now each sat on a wide, comfortable armchair, whispering in pairs.

Everyone was excitedly discussing today's meeting topic.

Li Haofeng, Zheng Honghu, and Xu Youruo, although already knowing the answer, were still pretending not to know, smiling and chatting.

This was also Xiahou Qi's instruction, to keep Bai Xiaosheng's matter confidential.

They naturally could keep their mouths shut, even concealing it from those regional leaders always on their side.

Actually, more opposed Shen Peishen than just Li Haofeng and the other two; they were merely upfront, supported by six or seven regional leaders behind them, otherwise impossible to have such manpower and convenience.

But concerning Bai Xiaosheng, they sincerely regretted not being able to inform him of becoming Executive President.

Presently, those unaware people discussed who might gain Xiahou Qi's recommendation and vie for that position.

This topic was too tempting, too stimulating.

Even in the past two days, countless versions have been confidently circulated, detailing even specifics.

Things like "Mr. Xiahou Qi will recommend five candidates to the headquarters, selected based on ability and merit, not seniority."

Things like "Mr. Xiahou Qi's recommendations will consider older, stable individuals, not just pushing the younger generation."

Things like "The five candidates will be finalized through voting, Mr. Xiahou Qi will seek everyone's opinion."

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In short, rumors spread rampant, some even contradictory.

Yet, some just love to listen.

The initiators of these rumors entirely based on their conditions, creating them, zealously spreading for everyone to hear and recognize.

They hope to create momentum, public opinion, letting Xiahou Qi hear.

It's somewhat a distorted version of "pressuring the throne."

Currently, people seized opportunities to openly exchange with those beside them.

Initially, Xiahou Qi's presence made them more reserved, but the topic was irresistible!

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"Brother Wang, I think you're the most likely to be selected and recommended! Look, these years your area thrived! A tenth of the industry's value in the Greater China Region probably comes from your place!"

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"Haha, Zhang, you're too kind! You're doing well yourself; the area you took over wasn't great before, everyone knows that. But once you took over, the output multiplied several times! Man, I admire you, I want to learn from you! With your talent, Elder Xia will definitely notice you!"

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"Mr. Jin, your UH Country area is doing quite well; your business has reached us over there. Surely, Elder Xia will notice your overseas achievements and reserve a spot for you, it looks certain you will be included."

"You're too kind, Mr. Zhou. I still have much to learn from your team. I don't dare to hope for recommendations..."

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The atmosphere was once warm and lively.

Xiahou Qi watched these people with a smile.

Many saw Xiahou Qi looking over and quickly nodded with respectful smiles, eager to show goodwill.

Among these attendees, there was one who stood out.

He proactively chatted with people around him, but those around him were evasive, merely smiling and offering a few perfunctory words before burying themselves in other conversations.

Yet he seemed undeterred, seizing every opportunity to chat with others.

Xiahou Qi knew him.

His name was Han Richeng, in his fifties, possessing an uncommonly refined appearance with a hint of scholarly elegance, and was not without capabilities.

Shen Peishen became the acting CEO, leaving a vacant spot among the ten Senior Affairs Officers. This person filled that vacancy, essentially lifted by Shen Peishen's hand.

In terms of true ability and achievements, Han Richeng was indeed lacking, but he was skilled at persuasion, gathering a circle of people around him, including Affairs Officers and Affairs Assistants.

Han Richeng pledged allegiance to Shen Peishen during his 'staff shortage' period.

Shen Peishen reciprocated, forcefully promoting him to the position of Senior Affairs Officer.

But the amusing part came when Shen Peishen was ousted; Han Richeng immediately turned to shower Xiahou Qi with attention, selling out many of Shen Peishen's allies.

Xiahou Qi casually encouraged him with a couple of words in public, which immediately delighted Han Richeng, prompting him to more vigorously 'eradicate' Shen Peishen's remnants, and frequently bring up Xiahou Qi's praise before outsiders, as if he had become Xiahou Qi's close confidant, even to the extent of framing his initial allegiance to Shen Peishen as going undercover deliberately to gather firsthand information for today's reckoning.

This persuasive rhetoric indeed convinced some Affairs Officers and Affairs Assistants, but for Senior Affairs Officers and regional leaders, it was simply nonsense.

Han Richeng's true colors were now becoming clear to everyone.

So, people were reluctant to banter with him.

Yet, he remained overly confident.

Han Richeng firmly believed that as long as the momentum was strong enough and the timing was precise, he could compel Xiahou Qi to take him seriously.

Currently, some Affairs Officers even proposed to join hands in recommending Han Richeng to Xiahou Qi.

Naturally, it was all orchestrated by him.

Xiahou Qi glanced briefly at Han Richeng's side, cautious not to linger, lest he cause any awkward commotion.

After scanning the room, Xiahou Qi checked the time, calculating that Bai Xiaosheng should be arriving soon.

"Elder Xia!" suddenly came a loud call.

Han Richeng spoke up.

Perhaps Xiahou Qi's inadvertent glance gave Han Richeng the courage,

Or maybe, lacking anyone to converse with made Han Richeng overly bored.

Or perhaps it was Han Richeng's attempt to make a memorable impression in front of everyone...

At this moment, Han Richeng not only made his voice heard but even stood up.

While the crowd murmured, Han Richeng's prominent voice and action naturally attracted everyone's attention, even Xiahou Qi's gaze.

Seeing all eyes on him, including Xiahou Qi's, Han Richeng's face overflowed with smiles. In a host-like manner, he stepped forward and declared loudly, "Colleagues, please quiet down!"

The crowd looked at him in surprise, but did quiet down a bit.

"Although this meeting hasn't started yet, we're still waiting for Senior Affairs Officer Bai Xiaosheng, we shouldn't lower our demands on ourselves. After all, Elder Xia is here. We must show respect to him, and try not to engage in excessive chatter." Han Richeng stated seriously.

Many looked at Han Richeng with cold smiles,

He had no qualifications or performance to speak of; he had no right to boss people around like this.

What does 'excessive chatter' mean!

They are just having exchanges!

Someone couldn't help but want to speak up and counter Han Richeng.

Unexpectedly, Han Richeng didn't give them the chance, his gaze turned to Xiahou Qi, and with a shift in tone, smiled and said, "Today Elder Xia has called us here to discuss the issue of a new executive CEO. Who to recommend, who not to, is Elder Xia's decision! Surely he has a set standard in mind. It's useless for us to boast here! Are you trying to make it difficult for Elder Xia!"

The crowd was immediately annoyed and amused.

At the moment, the Affairs Officer level is bustling, extremely lively, also making them the laughingstock; the so-called joint recommendation was, after all, orchestrated by Han Richeng.

This guy now is pretending to be righteous here!

It's ridiculous!

Xiahou Qi didn't even know what to say about him.

However, seeing Elder Xia's attention on him, Han Richeng deluded that his speech was being appreciated. He looked at Xiahou Qi, smiling, and said, "Elder Xia, you need not wait until the meeting formally starts. Can you reveal some of your standards for choosing a candidate now? So everybody can understand that you are so impartial, never biased, never judging solely by qualifications, and can also give us newcomers a chance."

Chapter 1469 - Bai Xiaosheng, Comes_3

Han Richeng rose to power through eloquence and leveraging momentum.

Such a person, although many believe them unlikely to achieve great success, tends to thrive in life.

With his words, he instantly diverted the attention of those who wanted to mock him to Xiahou Qi and the criteria for recommending candidates.

Moreover, Han Richeng's words coerced the crowd, forcing Xiahou Qi not to only select people like Li Haofeng.

Li Haofeng, Zheng Honghu, Xu Youruo, and others couldn't help but frown at Han Richeng, feeling some aversion towards him.

"I know, whether it's about seniority or merit, I, Han Richeng, am not among the best here."

Han Richeng shifted the topic back to himself and began speaking incessantly.

"However, thanks to the appreciation of the Affairs Officers, they have spontaneously organized their support for me."

"The people's voice, it's all the people's voice!"

"Elder Xia is our esteemed leader and senior, also the one who values the people's voice most! If I, Han Richeng, by relying on the people's support this time, fortunately gain Elder Xia's endorsement, it will also prove our Greater China Region values the voices from the grassroots!"

"Here, I dare make a promise, if I become the Executive President of the Greater China Region, I will undoubtedly place Elder Xia at the highest position as an advisor, consulting him on everything, ensuring that the policies and thoughts that once led our Greater China Region to glory continue, without losing shape or form, allowing the Greater China Region to reach new heights!"

Han Richeng spoke fervently.

He finally pushed himself to the forefront.

This Han Richeng is quite sly, elevating Xiahou Qi greatly, declaring himself a devout follower.

In his view, many top leaders, once retired, worry that they will be forgotten, so he has given Xiahou Qi a public reassurance.

Afterward, he focused on the future development of the Greater China Region and mentioned Xiahou Qi's policy measures.

A person like Xiahou Qi, who has worked hard his whole life, cannot possibly disregard the Greater China Region, and anyone he recommends to be the Executive President won't be a mere puppet, leaving policy changes inevitable.

Han Richeng used this as his entry point, making his words penetrate Xiahou Qi's heart.

Language is an art, so is the philosophy of opportunism.

Flattering words and inciting speeches are often scorned by those who have succeeded, considered petty, and expressions of loyalty in public seen as disgraceful and embarrassing, but these often scorned petty ways can yield unexpected results.

After Han Richeng finished speaking, Xiahou Qi seemed touched, staring deeply.

Suddenly, the crowd was in an uproar, unable to suppress their agitation.

This Han Richeng, he's openly using the momentum to push himself forward, and if Mr. Xiahou Qi is moved, might he really recommend him!

While it's not impossible, there would be one less spot, and such a person might get it!

"Han Richeng, you're clearly recommending yourself!"

"Indeed, talking about the people's choice, and spontaneous organization, what is it about, do you really think we don't know!"

"This is openly bribing Elder Xia, although not with money, it's still a form of bribery!"

"This is shamelessly low..."

"Exactly, Han Richeng, you're really shameless."

The crowd was in an uproar.

Han Richeng remained calm and smiled at everyone, indifferent to the words, exuding an air of "forthrightness, smiling at the world, as none of you can do anything to me."

Just as long as Elder Xia endorses me, all you'll do is envy!

Han Richeng, seeing Xiahou Qi looking at him, felt a burst of joy.

He revered his philosophy of opportunism as a classic, having studied it countless times. He believed that a leader who devoted their life to the company, upon stepping down, would only worry about those things, and he made his stance clear, "openly and sincerely" establishing his loyalty.

Would the old man not be moved?

Han Richeng didn't believe it, as he had never encountered such a saint.

Shen Peishen was comparable to Xiahou Qi, and even he gave Han Richeng a Senior Affairs Officer role.

"Perhaps, this time, I'll grab the Greater China Region Executive President!"

Han Richeng felt a rush of excitement.

However, he suddenly sensed something was amiss. Xiahou Qi looked in this direction but wasn't looking at him, his gaze went past him and looked behind him.

Where Han Richeng sat, behind him was precisely the conference room's entrance.

"What a lively scene."

A cheerful voice suddenly came from behind Han Richeng.

Han Richeng couldn't help but turn around, and everyone else looked over as well.

A young figure appeared in everyone's view, it was none other than Bai Xiaosheng whom they had been waiting for a long time!

Bai Xiaosheng, with a smile, first nodded in greeting to Xiahou Qi, then strode over and, under everyone's watchful eyes, boldly sat in the seat reserved for Xiahou Qi!

Then, Bai Xiaosheng smiled and looked around at everyone.

"Everyone, please continue."

Han Richeng and the others were stunned, incredulous as they looked at Bai Xiaosheng.

How could he be like this!

Who does he think he is!

Chapter 1470 - Who Dares to Challenge?!

The atmosphere in the once incredibly lively conference room instantly hit freezing point with Bai Xiaosheng's arrival.

Aside from those who were in the know like Li Haofeng and Zheng Honghu, everyone else was dumbfounded, looking at Bai Xiaosheng with disbelief.

He...

How did he sit there!

In the eyes of the others present, there was nothing but disbelief.

Han Richeng, who was standing, was even more incredulous as he looked at Bai Xiaosheng.

The seat Bai Xiaosheng went over and sat down on is called the main seat, meant for the leader among everyone in this room.

Currently, only Xiahou Qi was qualified to sit there.

If Xiahou Qi didn't sit, it should remain empty!

Everyone should watch it!

It also symbolized the encouragement to "strive for progress, filled with enthusiasm".

Bai Xiaosheng just went over and sat down like that?!

Does he have any manners!

Does he have any reverence!

Did Bai Xiaosheng not find his seat?

Indeed, the room was fully seated, and the saying "first come, first served" was undeniable.

The good seats at the front were gone, but there were still some empty seats in the corners and at the end of the row for him.

Bai Xiaosheng should have gone to sit in those places.

Who told you to come late!

Moreover, the meeting had not started for a long time, and everyone was just sitting idly, wasting time, all because they were waiting for him!

After Bai Xiaosheng came in, he should have at least apologized and thanked everyone and not just gone straight to the seat in such a high-handed manner, letting everyone continue?

Sounding like a leader.

This kid is too arrogant!

Does Bai Xiaosheng think that he used to be somewhat significant, got proud and inflated, and now with Elder Xia regaining respect, his good relationship with Elder Xia, and the seat being close to Elder Xia, it's great, right!

No matter how good, it's not for you to sit!

Everyone's eyes gathered on Bai Xiaosheng's face, with shock, dissatisfaction, anger, and mostly negative emotions.

"Bai Xiaosheng Senior Affairs Officer, how can you sit there? That's not your place, get up immediately!"

Han Richeng was the first to speak, frowning and pointing at Bai Xiaosheng angrily.

This was what everyone thought in their hearts.

Han Richeng is skilled at "acting according to the situation" and profiting from it.

Now, he wanted to be the one to drive Bai down, making everyone feel delighted, and also reducing the resistance toward some of his previous actions. Perhaps, he might even become an "opinion leader".

Once Han Richeng spoke, indeed many people looked at him and nodded unconsciously.

Many people couldn't stand Bai Xiaosheng's action; many were very displeased, even angry.

But people at their level were also very tolerant.

Unless things completely fell apart, they didn't want to act too aggressively.

One reason was that they felt it wasn't graceful to do so, and secondly, after all, they would have to work with Bai Xiaosheng in the future, and it wouldn't be good to make things too awkward.

This was the "smooth" side that middle-aged people who succeeded in their careers possessed.

At this moment, having someone stand up and shout everyone's "inner voice" would surely receive mental support from everyone.

Reciprocating kindness, they would not have such a strong dislike for the unpleasant scene Han Richeng made earlier.

This was also considered a bit of "whitewashing" for himself by Han Richeng...

Bai Xiaosheng sat in the main seat, looking at Han Richeng and pondering, information swirling in his mind.

Bai Xiaosheng had imprinted all the information of the ten Senior Affairs Officers and fifteen small regional leaders in his mind.

But after searching over and over, there was no information on this person.

"Who are you?" Bai Xiaosheng asked in surprise.

Han Richeng initially thought he was going to harness public opinion to sternly "criticize" Bai Xiaosheng, but he didn't expect him to say that.

He doesn't even know who he is?

Han Richeng was momentarily stunned and then a bit embarrassed and annoyed.

He believed Bai Xiaosheng did it on purpose!

"I am Han Richeng, the newly appointed Senior Affairs Officer!" Han Richeng puffed out his chest, his voice firm and powerful.

The implication was that we are of the same rank!

Bai Xiaosheng was startled, "You... when did you become a Senior Affairs Officer?"

As one of the top ten figures in the Affairs Department of the Greater China Region, and one of the twenty-five top-level figures in the Greater China Region, the selection of a Senior Affairs Officer was extremely rigorous.

Bai Xiaosheng was said to have made substantial efforts, overcoming numerous obstacles, to defeat Lin Yu and be elected.

How did another one appear out of nowhere, and he was unaware?

Han Richeng felt increasingly embarrassed and angry, believing Bai Xiaosheng was trying to humiliate him in public.

Han Richeng's face was growing darker, looking at Bai Xiaosheng with a sneer, "I became a Senior Affairs Officer during your Bai Xiaosheng Senior Affairs Officer's vacation, thanks to the appreciation of the headquarters! Bai Xiaosheng Senior Affairs Officer, you really had a good rest, not paying any attention to major affairs in our Greater China Region at all! Heh, it's remarkable that you even knew about this meeting today and managed to come over!"

After his sarcastic remarks, Han Richeng added, "Such carelessness, what kind of propriety is that! In my opinion, whether you, Bai Xiaosheng Senior Affairs Officer, deserve to compete for this candidate position along with us is very much worth discussing!"

Han Richeng seized the opportunity and used it to directly attack Bai Xiaosheng, the "competitor".

After he spoke, everyone present immediately voiced their support.

After all, previously, everyone thought that Bai Xiaosheng was sure to take one of the slots. So, if he lost that slot due to Han Richeng's comments, even though it was unlikely, it stirred a bit of "anticipation" among others, which was always good!