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Chapter 1491 - Unusual Changes

On the second day after the meeting, the behind-closed-doors session between Bai Xiaosheng and the Senior Affairs Officers had become the talk of the town.

Almost every corner of the Greater China Region Headquarters was filled with discussions about that meeting.

Many Affairs Officers, Affairs Assistants were even not focused on their work, gathering in small groups to frequently exchange insider information.

During yesterday's meeting, and afterwards, Bai Xiaosheng did not issue any gag orders.

The fact that the content of the meeting leaked out to some extent seemed perfectly normal.

Yesterday, the Affairs Officers and Affairs Assistants all thought that the young new president had issued some significant regulations.

After all, "a new official takes office with three fires," so everyone could understand.

But early this morning, when they learned that Bai Xiaosheng intended to change all the old regulations, they were immediately deeply shocked.

This young new president, what is he trying to do!

Does he intend to reshape the new order of the Affairs Department of the Greater China Region!

Many people keenly sensed that things might not be so simple!

Early this morning, as soon as work started, many people received a notification from the president's office, alerting everyone via pop-up messages.

The notification clearly required that within this week, the Affairs Department would undergo major changes, requiring all Affairs Officers and Affairs Assistants to cooperate fully without delaying key work. During this period, if any personal reasons cause work chaos or even halt, the president's office would have personnel investigate and confirm, and once responsibility is determined, it will result in penalties such as bonus deductions, salary reductions, demotions, or even dismissal.

That means in terms of penalties, there is no upper limit!

Consequently, amidst curiosity, the Affairs Officers and Affairs Assistants felt a faint sense of foreboding hanging over their hearts, and even some inexplicable nervousness.

Actually, it's not only these "stakeholders" who are paying close attention.

Those regional managers waiting at the headquarters are also filled with astonishment, closely monitoring any small changes.

Even those high-ranking executives not only sent subordinates to inquire of the Affairs Officers and Affairs Assistants but also personally sought discreet information through Senior Affairs Officers with whom they had a good relationship.

However, unfortunately, most of those Senior Affairs Officers seemed to be in a state of tense preparedness, and were in no mood to disclose much to them, only saying that time was pressing and they had to focus on urgent matters first.

What the Senior Affairs Officers are busy with should be related to the new regulations.

Nevertheless, the regional managers' curiosity only deepened.

Normally, any one or multiple regulations being passed and implemented is not a short-term affair; it requires a long period to progress gradually.

There hasn't been any talk of outright abolishing the old rules and immediately establishing new ones.

However, what is beyond doubt is that one-week deadline, what does it mean? Are they really going to implement it immediately and see results right away?

Isn't this excessive?

No one dared to believe it.

This new president Bai Xiaosheng and the regional managers had heard of his deeds before; they somewhat had their own speculative "impressions."

But after hearing the rumors so many times, they increasingly struggled to get a grasp of his character!

The regional managers hurriedly investigated Bai Xiaosheng's past affairs with the Senior Affairs Officers, analyzing them while also communicating among themselves to interpret Bai Xiaosheng the person.

After all, in one week Bai Xiaosheng will have a meeting with them!

The regional managers were rendered somewhat tense by the inexplicable and eerie situation unfolding before them.

Actually, not all Senior Affairs Officers were unwilling to speak more.

Shang Dadong and Zhao Xinyu were exceptions!

These two engaged not only in "deep" exchanges with regional managers they had close relations with, but even proactively sought out other "suitable" regional managers to chat.

Especially those who had benefited greatly from the current regulations.

In fact, after the meeting yesterday, that evening, Shang Dadong and Zhao Xinyu got together for a small meeting and jointly devised countermeasures to take action against him the next day.

"Since we have no allies among the Senior Affairs Officers, then let's find external support! I don't believe those regional managers benefiting from the existing system would sit back and do nothing! They'll mourn for fallen comrades; if they remain indifferent, they'll be next in line!"

Shang Dadong said to Zhao Xinyu, gritting his teeth, "Now, we must unite and bring those with actual power into the fray to deliver Bai Xiaosheng a heavy blow and create enough trouble!"

Zhao Xinyu wholeheartedly agreed, his attitude aligned seamlessly with Shang Dadong.

The two conspired and devised a set of counter-strategies—

"Start by spreading rumors to unsettle people, create chaos, and merely calming the populace will consume a great deal of Bai Xiaosheng's energy and time..."

"Continuously create obstacles, using the 'delay' tactic, preventing Bai Xiaosheng's set of regulations from being successfully implemented..."

"Find regional managers to act in coordination internally and externally, create turmoil affecting the enterprises below due to reforms, and see if Bai Xiaosheng can withstand it..."

"Connect with 'allied' Senior Affairs Officers who have defected, explain the stakes, and let them resist not openly but merely slow down, causing everyone to delay together..."

Whether these counter-strategies and plans are effective, meticulous, or rigorous, Shang Dadong and Zhao Xinyu didn't care anymore.

After all, they're already openly opposing Bai Xiaosheng's regulations, just short of tearing each other apart.

Privately orchestrating these, as long as they're not caught red-handed, there wouldn't be a problem!

Neither of them realized they were like trapped beasts, making their last struggles unconsciously, and some strategies were extremely ill-considered...

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This morning, early at the break of dawn, the "inside stories" spreading like wildfire at the Greater China Region Headquarters' Affairs Department were mostly negative rumors started by Shang Dadong and Zhao Xinyu—

Saying Bai Xiaosheng believes the Affairs Department is overstaffed, not a profit center, yet enjoys considerable benefits, completely unnecessary. First comes the major restructuring, the next step is layoffs, followed by a reduction in employee benefits...

Saying with stricter regulations coming into effect, future promotions and raises will be even harder...

Saying future evaluations will become unbearably frequent...

This kind of talk quickly made many people lose interest in working.

The employees in the Affairs Department feel their efforts, in the end, are neither credited nor appreciated, but rather deemed parasitic, and it's intolerable.

Under deliberate guidance, there is even a trend of "grumblings and complaints" emerging among them.

Throughout the morning, Shang Dadong stayed in his office, using his private phone to contact those regional leaders recognized to have "common interests," while frequently receiving good news from his subordinates, feeling quite cheerful.

Of course, facing his subordinates, they were not explicitly informed—

The most displeasing part of the new system to them is that it cuts off the Senior Affairs Officer's control over the Affairs Officer!

This is the most crucial part!

After all, who likes being controlled and having to watch others' faces? Once promotions, salary raises, rewards, and punishments can break away from the Senior Affairs Officer's grip, they won't be so obedient anymore.

Shang Dadong and Zhao Xinyu had analyzed that with so many regulations combined, Bai Xiaosheng would definitely not release them all at once for everyone to see, especially since these have not been finalized, and details are yet to be perfected. Making changes after publishing would affect his presidential image.

At least, Bai Xiaosheng is unlikely to announce the new system within this week.

Shang Dadong and Zhao Xinyu are betting on this point, planning to fight a race-against-time battle of information asymmetry with Bai Xiaosheng. As long as chaos ensues and people become anxious, those regional leaders and even remaining Senior Affairs Officers will be affected, and their stances might change.

This would give them more opportunities.

At 10:15, just as Shang Dadong finished a call, there was a gentle knock on his office door.

"Come in!"

Shang Dadong thought it was one of his dispatched subordinates returning, and lazily called out.

He'd been on the phone long enough and was tired, intending to take a break, listen to the person's report, and see if there was any new "good news."

The door opened, and a lean, monkey-like man walked in, giving Shang Dadong a humble smile before stepping forward eagerly.

"Cheng, any good news?" Shang Dadong asked, lazily sipping his tea.

The man named Cheng quickly reported all that he'd seen and heard.

Initially, Shang Dadong listened idly, but soon began to frown.

"I remember you came back a quarter of an hour ago, saying pretty much the same thing. What, did you come back just to repeat it to me? Do you think you're a tape recorder?" Shang Dadong grew dissatisfied, glaring at him.

Ever since the man entered, Shang Dadong had been sipping tea and checking his phone, never looking up.

Annoyed by this "nonsense," he finally looked over.

This Cheng, in his forties, was one of Shang Dadong's capable assistants and an affairs aide.

Actually, this man should have been promoted to an Affairs Officer, but Shang Dadong had grown used to him and kept him as one of his many assistants.

This man was also very tactful, never expressing unwillingness or desire for further advancement.

He knew that without Shang Dadong's nod, he couldn't gain any benefits through promotion!

As Shang Dadong looked over, he noticed this Cheng had a shifting gaze, seemingly having something to say but hesitant.

This guy isn't dumb; there's no need to tell one thing twice!

Shang Dadong frowned more deeply, a bit annoyed, "Just speak up!"

Cheng immediately swallowed, cautiously looking at Shang Dadong, "Officer Dadong, haven't you logged into the intranet and seen something?!"

Shang Dadong frowned; he hadn't been on his computer at all.

"The president's office released new notifications, publishing some clauses of the new policy, and even seeking opinions from the grassroots." Cheng directly met Shang Dadong's gaze.

The kind of look in Cheng's eyes was something Shang Dadong had never seen, and it's hard to describe, but there seemed to be a hint of excitement in his gaze.

"Now, everyone is discussing those! What you instructed me to say, no one is listening anymore, since the content differs greatly from the new policy entries posted!" Cheng murmured, his eyes gleaming.

Shang Dadong's eyes flickered.

Bai Xiaosheng dares to announce the new policy...

No, Cheng said Bai Xiaosheng only released some entries of the policy seeking everyone's opinion!

Shang Dadong felt a sense of unease.

Bai Xiaosheng only needs to release the parts favorable to Affairs Officers and aides; he doesn't need to release the entire policy, waste effort explaining, or worry about whether other details require further scrutiny, and he gains huge support!

Bai Xiaosheng actually did this!

In his shock, Shang Dadong saw Cheng's piercing eyes looking at him, feeling another jolt inside.

Normally, Cheng just needed to report truthfully, so why would he deliberately repeat the nonsense?

That earlier... could it be he wanted to keep something from me, or even try to trick something out of me, but didn't dare to?!

And what kind of look is that!

The more Shang Dadong thought about it, the more uneasy he became, his gaze growing sharp.

Cheng immediately lowered his head.

"Get out!" Shang Dadong shouted angrily.

"Yes, yes." Cheng obediently walked out.

Just as Cheng was about to open the door, two knocks sounded from the outside, and the office door swung open.

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A beautiful woman stepped inside, none other than Lin Weiwei.

Lin Weiwei was dressed in formal attire, wearing black-framed glasses, her face lit with a smile, and holding documents in her arms.

Cheng seemed to recognize her as Bai Xiaosheng's secretary, immediately nodded respectfully in greeting, and Lin Weiwei also smiled back at him, allowing him to pass before she turned to Officer Dadong and said, "Officer Dadong, I've been ordered to assist you in institutional reform!"

Shang Dadong's eyes narrowed instantly.

During yesterday's meeting, Bai Xiaosheng mentioned that these people might not have a deep understanding of the new system and that someone would be assigned to help them, progressing step by step, just going along with the plan. He hadn't expected it to happen so soon!

"Mr. Xiaosheng is indeed an impatient person. Since the resolution passed by vote, I, Shang Dadong, am naturally willing to execute it. However, Assistant Lin, implementing those systems will cause quite a bit of trouble, I hope you're mentally prepared." Shang Dadong said coolly.

"No problem," Lin Weiwei smiled warmly, gently patting the files in her hand, "The progress is recorded here every day, and I will remind you daily, Officer Dadong, to proceed as planned. As for the actual progress... you monitor it, I dare not interfere."

Lin Weiwei carried herself as if it was none of her concern, treating this merely as a procedural task.

Shang Dadong harbored a touch of suspicion.

This was Bai Xiaosheng's accompanying assistant, someone close to him, could she be so easygoing?

Wasn't Bai Xiaosheng sending her here to supervise the work?

Or perhaps this woman excelled at speaking pleasantly and would interfere in due course.

Shang Dadong nodded, "I'll arrange for my assistant to join you in the work, should there be anything needed on my part, I shall cooperate."

For Shang Dadong to arrange an assistant to liaise with Lin Weiwei was not a sign of respect, rather showing indifference.

Lin Weiwei, however, smiled and nodded, seemingly not concerned at all.

Shang Dadong immediately made a phone call to summon one of his assistants to work with Lin Weiwei.

And so, dismissing Lin Weiwei, Shang Dadong made a call to Zhao Xinyu.

On the phone, the two had a brief discussion.

That morning, each of them had drawn in a number of supporters to their side, achieving great results.

When Shang Dadong mentioned Lin Weiwei, Zhao Xinyu also mentioned Lei Ying.

When Zhao Xinyu asked what to do about the two, Shang Dadong coldly sneered, "It's already agreed that while we accept this matter, we'll proceed using the 'delay' strategy, ensuring they don't achieve substantive progress. Moreover, ensure that those supporting us among the smaller regional heads start taking action promptly, otherwise, they'll be the next ones to suffer!"

Inside and outside cooperation, let Bai Xiaosheng see that reform will inevitably lead to chaos, chain reactions, affecting below, making him experience some negative outcomes.

Zhao Xinyu gladly agreed.

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Three days in a row.

On Shang Dadong's side, Lin Weiwei, the assistant to the president, really only came to go through the motions, routinely announcing each day's tasks, and as for whether they were completed or how much was done, with no concern at all, even ignoring the difficulties arising during implementation.

This laissez-faire approach left Shang Dadong somewhat uneasy.

But what troubled him more was that those regional-level leaders who had previously communicated well agreed nicely but always had little impactful action, occasionally causing minor issues, which irritated Shang Dadong to curse them for having no collaborative spirit.

Actually, it wasn't really their fault; Bai Xiaosheng stirred up the affairs department, so if the enterprises below were thrown into disarray, what would it be? Isn't it just exposing their personal stance in front of Bai Xiaosheng? The next meeting, they would surely be targeted!

Those people weren't foolish!

In the blink of an eye, it was the fifth day, Zhao Xinyu also couldn't sit still, communicating with Shang Dadong.

Bai Xiaosheng sent someone to supervise, yet without concern, perhaps he was letting them idle deliberately, boiling them like frogs in warm water, come the one-week deadline, failing to complete tasks would lead to penalties!

At present, other Senior Affairs Officers were already working enthusiastically, Li Haofeng and his team were even more exaggerated, having completed various tasks ahead of schedule.

Moreover, as new system entries were accepted by numerous Affairs Officers and assistants, more clauses were being released, now, Zhao Xinyu felt that his people were increasingly difficult to command, their gazes becoming peculiar.

Actually, Shang Dadong had this feeling too.

Thinking about all this made Shang Dadong particularly frustrated and restless.

Bai Xiaosheng was indeed severing their roots!

No one to use, they couldn't maneuver anything!

"Would Bai Xiaosheng really dare to take action against the two Senior Affairs Officers all at once!" Shang Dadong spoke with a voice of shock and anger over the phone, still in disbelief, still thinking their weight was significant, any rash action would stir up trouble.

But in fact, Bai Xiaosheng was already shaking their foundation, and with the right methods, it didn't even take a week!

As he spoke, Shang Dadong's gaze fell on the reform process set for today, and his eyes lit up.

"Bai Xiaosheng wants to implement this system, well, we'll cause trouble for him with the new system! Xinyu, I have a plan here, come and listen!"

Chapter 1494 - Old Shang, Are You Crazy?!

Shang Dadong and Zhao Xinyu are like evergreen trees among the high ranks of the Greater China Region.

Whether it's Xiahou Qi or Shen Peishen, no matter who steps down or takes the stage, their positions remain incredibly stable.

The reason is simple.

Under Shang Dadong and Zhao Xinyu, each has gathered their own group of people, forming a solid foundation. No matter who becomes the leader, they need their support and need them to organize people and get things done.

Though Shang Dadong and Zhao Xinyu have each formed their own "small factions" and are greedy for profit, they operate in a more subtle way, not ostentatious, and their appetite is far from as grand as Shen Peishen's. Moreover, after each time they benefit, they conceal themselves for a while, meticulously cleaning up any "loose ends", making it difficult for anyone to catch hold of them.

Furthermore, they act within bounds, knowing which red lines should never be crossed!

You could say they understand the importance of moderation.

After years of endurance, their experience has become extremely old, which is also a significant asset!

Overall, people like Shang Dadong and Zhao Xinyu pose relatively low risk, are cooperative for work, but it's very troublesome to move them. Involving them would inevitably stir up a large crowd, causing unnecessary bother.

So, both Xiahou Qi and Shen Peishen tend to focus on pulling them in.

At most, when extremely dissatisfied, they'll voice out a bit to knock them back.

Facing the anger of the superiors, Shang Dadong and Zhao Xinyu can quickly restrain themselves.

Such stances, akin to stubborn meat, are better leveraged rather than confronted.

Bai Xiaosheng, however, unlike Xiahou Qi or Shen Peishen, insists on moving them, having a certain inevitability in it.

Strictly speaking, Shang Dadong and Zhao Xinyu are the biggest beneficiaries of the old system, naturally becoming its protectors, whether intentionally or unintentionally, they hinder reforms and hold back the company's pace of development. Bai Xiaosheng holds an unprecedented opportunity, ambitiously leading the Greater China Region further and higher, which inevitably sets them in opposition.

This conflict, indeed, is unavoidable!

Ultimately, one party must be severely damaged for it to truly end!

However, from the beginning, this struggle was destined for Shang Dadong and Zhao Xinyu to be outplayed by Bai Xiaosheng.

No need for extensive analysis; accustomed to stability through the years, Shang Dadong and Zhao Xinyu's crisis awareness and coping capacity fall far short of even one percent of Shen Peishen's.

But who is Bai Xiaosheng?

Even Shen Peishen lost to him!

Yet they dare to think they can contend with Bai Xiaosheng, a self-destructive idea!

Laughably, those two still cling to hopes, believing they can oppose Bai Xiaosheng...

Actually, it's understandable, after all, Shang Dadong and Zhao Xinyu, having aged, carry an inherent obstinacy and confidence in their arrogance, all of which are understandable...

It's just unfortunate, their countermeasures seemed clumsy right from the start.

Compared to Bai Xiaosheng's comprehensive thinking, they are simply not in the same league...

At this moment, the collapse tendency in the situation Shang Dadong and Zhao Xinyu are facing is already emerging.

Both have become agitated.

In a phone conversation, Shang Dadong suddenly mentioned he had a strategy that could change the situation.

His tone was peculiar as he spoke, yet evident with confidence.

Zhao Xinyu was also at his wit's end, so upon hearing this, naturally felt delighted, and when Shang Dadong said it was inconvenient to discuss it over the phone, he immediately hung up and rushed over.

Upon arrival, Shang Dadong dismissed others and sat face to face with Zhao Xinyu on the sofa to discuss his plan in private.

Seeing Shang Dadong maintaining his composure and leisurely pouring tea for himself before speaking, Zhao Xinyu became a bit anxious.

"Old Shang, you'd better get to business first, what's the plan? There are only two days left until Bai's deadline!" Zhao Xinyu urged anxiously.

This time, Zhao Xinyu couldn't shake a bad feeling from his heart.

Even just now, over the phone, Zhao Xinyu had tentatively suggested to Shang Dadong—a possibility to follow Bai Xiaosheng's arrangements temporarily and avoid direct confrontation.

They stood out too prominently, and in a negative way!

Shoot the bird that sticks out!

Who knows if that young CEO, Bai, wouldn't stubbornly escalate into a full-blown conflict.

Moreover, Zhao Xinyu felt they crossed the line this time. Disrespecting the other as a leader, how could they possibly coexist in the future?

Zhao Xinyu's visit aimed to discuss with Shang Dadong, considering bowing for the young CEO, preserving their positions at the least, wasn't it?

The reason behind Zhao Xinyu's contemplation and compromise was the change in attitude from his subordinates over these two days, with ambiguous stances.

He even overheard more than once, them discussing reforms, supporting the new governance!

His own people were stirring, the roots were shaken, and Zhao Xinyu indeed felt somewhat afraid.

Facing the urgencies from an old friend, Shang Dadong smirked mysteriously. Before speaking, he cautioned Zhao Xinyu, "When I say it, don't be shocked, nor immediately opposed!"

"I have my reasons for planning such a move!"

There was even a peculiar hint of amusement in Shang Dadong's eyes.

Zhao Xinyu looked at his old friend skeptically.

With a sense, whatever Shang Dadong was about to say was surely out of the ordinary!

Seeing Zhao Xinyu focused intently on him, Shang Dadong also took a deep breath, calming his mind.

"These two days, Bai Xiaosheng plans to implement the Affairs Officer's evidence-based accountability system for Senior Affairs Officers. Then, we arrange someone to 'help' him! Let's find an Affairs Officer to accuse a Senior Affairs Officer!"

Chapter 1495 - Old Shang, Are You Crazy?!_2

Shang Dadong's "brilliant plan" left Zhao Xinyu utterly dumbfounded, staring at him in disbelief.

"Old Shang, are you crazy!"

After a moment, Zhao Xinyu finally shrieked!

What kind of plan is this!

Right now, the contents of this system have the Affairs Officers and Assistants closely watching.

However, no one dares to make the first move!

To challenge authority?

A huge workplace taboo!

Whoever dares to do it is likely to end up on a "blacklist", and in the future, with such a hierarchical order, who would dare employ such a person!

Even if, against all odds, it works and is successful.

If the superior isn't toppled but merely penalized, would the one who provided evidence fare well afterwards!

Revenge by the Senior Affairs Officer would be all too easy...

The reality of the situation lies there, enticing yet intimidating; no one dares act recklessly, everyone just waits and watches.

Everyone is waiting for the first brave soul to emerge!

This policy indeed gives Affairs Officers hope, causing inner turmoil among them.

Especially with previous policies encouraging Affairs Officers and Assistants to free themselves from the control of Senior Affairs Officers.

Shang Dadong and Zhao Xinyu's subordinates clearly felt off.

This was the main reason both felt uneasy.

And now, Shang Dadong actually wants to help Bai Xiaosheng?

Isn't this courting disaster? It'd be better to support openly and disperse the subordinates.

After the scream, Zhao Xinyu hurriedly covered his mouth, glanced back at the office door, saw no activity, turned around, leaned forward towards Shang Dadong, and lowered his voice hastily—

"Right now, those Affairs Officers and Assistants are watching eagerly, yet no one has made a move. I've been worried if Li Haofeng and the others might arrange someone to act, and here you... Do you know what this policy resembles, a Pandora's box! What good does it do for us to open it when we're also Senior Affairs Officers! Do you want us to become targets once the precedent is set?"

"Or do you think we should defect now, stop holding on?" Zhao Xinyu's eyes were filled with panic.

Zhao Xinyu seemed completely unable to grasp any benefits from Shang Dadong's actions.

Yet, Shang Dadong remained calm and didn't rush to interrupt as Zhao Xinyu spoke.

Eventually, with a cold sneer, Shang Dadong slowly said to Zhao Xinyu, "I know this move carries great risk for us."

"But you and I have been cautious for years, leaving no traces." Shang Dadong continued.

"Even if what we did gets entirely uncovered, would it harm us in the slightest? Would Bai Xiaosheng really use such trivial matters to dismiss us two Senior Affairs Officers? He must be mad!?"

"The reason I'm doing this is to give those sharing our interests a little reminder!"

"Today's accused Senior Affairs Officer might be you, me, or him tomorrow!"

"I need them to realize that their current actions are wrong!" Shang Dadong concluded grimly.

Whether those two "allies" who defected midway or those regional heads who bark louder than they bite.

They were all wrong!

Once the new system rolls out smoothly, everyone will be unfortunate!

"I need to take a risky gambit to achieve a shocking effect! To awaken those who still can't see the situation clearly!"

As Shang Dadong spoke, he straightened his back, his eyes fierce.

Zhao Xinyu was stunned, unable to believe this is the old friend he'd known for years.

Then, Zhao Xinyu gulped and gathered himself.

This move, despite the considerable risk, could be seen as a bold stroke, and perhaps... it might indeed be effective!

Besides, since they've covered their tracks well, giving it a shot doesn't seem too risky.

Otherwise...

Why not try?! Zhao Xinyu thought to himself.

Faced with the current situation, Zhao Xinyu felt like he was walking on thin ice, standing on the edge of an abyss, his sense of crisis overwhelming.

Following their previous strategies was definitely not feasible! Giving up everything from over the years was something he was utterly unwilling to do; it felt worse than death.

Take a gamble, perhaps there will be a turning point!

Zhao Xinyu's breathing quickened as he thought more and became more tempted.

Finally, Zhao Xinyu gritted his teeth, nodding heavily, "Alright! Old Shang, I'll listen to you! This time, let's go big!"

As Zhao Xinyu agreed, Shang Dadong laughed heartily, patted him on the shoulder full of relief.

"So, who should we target first?" Zhao Xinyu suddenly asked.

This was a question.

Logically, Li Haofeng, Zheng Honghu, Xu Youruo, and Chen Yucheng stood entirely opposed to them, so they should target them, but those four were always in league with Xiahou Qi, and while some actions were outlandish, there was indeed nothing worth indicting; if they investigated them, in the end they might even end up being a positive example, gifting the opposition leverage.

If they don't target Li Haofeng and the others, then who could break the situation?

Could it be... they plan to play the self-sacrifice trick, letting one of their own suffer?!

As Zhao Xinyu thought of this, and saw Shang Dadong eyeing him, he immediately became wary.

Could Old Shang be directing and performing, discussing so many details just to have me play the lead in a self-sacrifice drama?

That would be absolutely unacceptable!

As Zhao Xinyu reached this conclusion and was about to voice it, Shang Dadong smiled and said a name—

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"Han Richeng!"

Bai Xiaosheng in the new office lounge area, was sitting across from Xiahou Qi, smiling as he poured tea for the old leader while talking.

"I guess he is exactly the chosen one in Shang Dadong and Zhao Xinyu's plan!"

Chapter 1496 - Old Shang, Are You Crazy?!_3

Just now, Bai Xiaosheng and Xiahou Qi had a "sandbox simulation" to predict the next moves of Shang Dadong and Zhao Xinyu.

In fact, this time Xiahou Qi came over also to ask if Bai Xiaosheng had arranged in advance to have someone enact this "bottom-up rebellion."

As it turned out, Bai Xiaosheng said it was completely unnecessary to arrange anyone, and based on current trends, Shang Dadong and the others would carry out this action.

After listening to Bai Xiaosheng's description, Xiahou Qi nodded frequently, thinking it was possible.

Xiahou Qi also asked a question almost identical to Zhao Xinyu's — if they really acted that way, who would they target first?

Actually, Xiahou Qi knew the answer to this question; he just wanted to hear what Bai Xiaosheng thought.

After Bai Xiaosheng mentioned "Han Richeng," Xiahou Qi smiled and asked, "Why?"

"If they act against our Senior Affairs Officers, Li Haofeng or Zheng Honghu, it won't achieve the effect Shang Dadong and Zhao Xinyu want. These people are recognized as upright, and ironically, it might even result in a positive model of investigation."

Bai Xiaosheng laughed, "Going against those who are potentially their own allies is actually weakening their strength, causing those people to lean towards us. Shang Dadong and his team aren't that stupid... though, they are indeed quite foolish."

"Hence, I believe they will choose what they consider a balanced point — Han Richeng!"

Bai Xiaosheng laughed, "In the eyes of Shang Dadong and his team, Han Richeng has the worst reputation among the Senior Affairs Officers and small regional leaders. If something happens to him, even high-ranking officials won't stand up for him, yet it serves well as a warning to others."

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Listening to Bai Xiaosheng's analysis, Xiahou Qi chuckled, sipped his tea, and nodded, "Indeed."

What Bai Xiaosheng said was strikingly similar to Xiahou Qi's own thoughts.

However, Xiahou Qi reflected that he has decades of accumulated experience and views things as an observer, while Bai Xiaosheng is still so young!

Xiahou Qi glanced at Bai Xiaosheng with admiration, teasingly saying, "I really underestimated you, young man! Your observations are so incisive, your judgment so precise!"

These words represented Xiahou Qi's approval of Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled and teased, "You should be grateful that I met you early on, received your teachings, and didn't stray off path."

This flattering remark brought Xiahou Qi great comfort, and he laughed heartily.

Bai Xiaosheng also smiled while sipping tea, his eyes gleaming slightly.

From the very start, in this whole deployment, Bai Xiaosheng has been having the upper hand against Shang Dadong and Zhao Xinyu, not because he specifically targets them. Quite the contrary, Bai Xiaosheng never even considers them as targets, because it's completely unnecessary—age and experience don't necessarily make someone more difficult to deal with.

It doesn't exist!

In fact, Bai Xiaosheng has even better methods and means to press forward, leaving Shang Dadong and Zhao Xinyu with no power to retaliate!

However, the reason he chose to go through such trouble in this matter is because he has other intentions.

Including the analysis and judgment just now with Xiahou Qi, Bai Xiaosheng was actually testing the new auxiliary he acquired!

Upon being promoted to President of the Greater China Region, Bai Xiaosheng gained an auxiliary named "Trend and Probability Prediction of Event Development."

As a leader, one has to face many situations and make judgments; grasping an opportunity allows the business to soar, missing an opportunity causes setbacks, and a wrong judgment can mean failure—or worse, falling into an abyss and shattering to pieces.

The new auxiliary Bai Xiaosheng obtained gathers various conditions for the development of situations. As more are added, it starts calculating the probabilities of various future outcomes.

Simply put, it assists the decision-maker to see more clearly what consequences their decisions might lead to and the probability of various outcomes.

According to the calculations by Red Lotus, Shang Dadong and his team have a 92% probability of taking action against the evidence-based accountability system.

A 95% probability of taking action against Han Richeng.

However, Bai Xiaosheng had already arrived at this conclusion from the beginning. He was merely interested in testing it.

As always, Bai Xiaosheng did not rely on such high-tech assistance. He first thought through his own approach, then had Red Lotus make judgments, compared these with his own conclusions, and analyzed the basis for Red Lotus's judgments to see if there was anything to be learned.

If there were places he had not thoroughly considered, he would reflect on them.

Starting from the Micro Expression Analysis System, Bai Xiaosheng has become more focused on using the assistance provided by Red Lotus as tools to exercise his abilities, rather than relying on them.

The previous auxiliary, the charged "Virtual Login" AR function, Bai Xiaosheng rarely used, not because he was stingy about those points, but because getting too accustomed to relying on it wouldn't help in improving his own strengths.

Bai Xiaosheng increasingly felt that the existence of Red Lotus was not for him to indulge in technological convenience. Its true purpose seemed more like honing himself.

Only by strengthening oneself can one grow into a qualified ruler!

Bai Xiaosheng firmly believed that this choice he made was what his Uncle wanted to see.

Even if someday Bai Xiaosheng lost the assistance of the system, he would still manage things independently.

Bai Xiaosheng and Xiahou Qi were engrossed in their conversation when there was a soft knock on the office door. Subsequently, Lin Weiwei rushed in with a peculiar expression.

Bai Xiaosheng glanced at her and immediately laughed.

With his current perceptiveness, Lin Weiwei's unguarded expression already told him many things.

"Weiwei, let me guess, did someone initiate the evidence-based accountability system?" Bai Xiaosheng laughed and said, "The unlucky person being held accountable is Han Richeng, right?"

Xiahou Qi, too, looked at Lin Weiwei with interest.

The old man suddenly felt a wicked curiosity, wondering what expression Bai Xiaosheng would have if Lin Weiwei denied it.

"Sheng... President, how did you know!" Lin Weiwei exclaimed in surprise, looking at Bai Xiaosheng and Xiahou Qi curiously, "Did someone report to you earlier than me? That's impossible!"

Xiahou Qi suddenly felt a bit "disappointed," then gave Bai Xiaosheng a smiling glance.

How could people like Shang Dadong and Zhao Xinyu compete with Bai Xiaosheng!

Their mental acuity is entirely in a different league!

Xiahou Qi even secretly sighed, thinking he had intended to nurture Bai Xiaosheng carefully to quickly have him become a qualified President of the Greater China Region.

Now it seems, this young man doesn't need much of his attention!

That growth speed far exceeds his expectations, becoming faster, stronger!

"What a prodigy!" Xiahou Qi sighed deeply, even silently murmuring, "Old Shen, now you can rest in peace. It's said that the waves of the Yangtze River push forward, this young wave Sheng has completely submerged you on the beach, you really can't resent dying at all!"

Xiahou Qi has also heard that Shen Peishen is facing inevitable ten years in prison over at Ganande.

At that age, ten years in prison, they may never meet again in this life.

As Xiahou Qi was thinking, Bai Xiaosheng already stood up, smiling at Lin Weiwei with a mysterious grin, "I'm just good at calculating, do you believe it?"

Seeing Bai Xiaosheng teasing her, Lin Weiwei glared jokingly at Bai Xiaosheng and smiled sweetly, "Then when you retire, you can set up a stall to tell fortunes on the street, and still sustain a living."

Bai Xiaosheng pretended seriously, nodding in agreement.

"Right now, is Han Richeng shocked and furious, unable to maintain his composure? I must thank Shang Dadong and his group for being so effective, pushing him towards me, leaving him with no more divided motives! It's time for us to step up and witness a declaration, and set an example for this system with a case!" Bai Xiaosheng smiled.

He collected information on Han Richeng from Yu Ying and Chen Yucheng, realizing that the issues Han committed weren't few, but they weren't major.

He could be saved and contribute in the area where he is skilled, as a way to atone for past mistakes.

Thinking about it, Bai Xiaosheng rose alongside Xiahou Qi and walked out.

This entire week marks a complete overhaul of the affairs department, which others might think is too fast, impossible.

Bai Xiaosheng felt it was just right.

With Shen Peishen thoroughly investigated and our side immeasurably strong, cleaning up the remaining stubborn forces is nothing like the autumn wind sweeping away fallen leaves!

Complete this dramatic act of warning others quickly, then I can hold a meeting with those small regional leaders!

With this thought, Bai Xiaosheng's eyes were bright.

Those fifteen people are whom Bai Xiaosheng truly intends to deal with. Taking advantage of his new appointment, wielding the fierce power of the Imperial Sword, he'll sweep away significant old ailments, then swiftly address small issues until the Greater China Region truly unites!

At that time, it will be Bai Xiaosheng's moment to truly exert his strength!

Already, it's not far away!

Chapter 1497 - The Angry Han Richeng

Zhenbei Group Greater China Region Affairs Department, Senior Affairs Officer Han Richeng's office.

"What did you say? Say it again!"

Originally sitting behind his desk, calmly handling affairs, Han Richeng's eyes widened dramatically upon hearing the messenger's words, glaring at the person before him, demanding an answer.

Han Richeng's face no longer remained composed, interwoven with shock and anger.

Someone has presented evidence to the Greater China Region Headquarters, demanding accountability from him!

Currently, the headquarters administration department has accepted this accountability request and is organizing participants for the hearing.

President Bai Xiaosheng and all Senior Affairs Officers will attend, and fifty well-regarded, loyal and upright Affairs Officers are being selected.

The meeting is scheduled to be held in an hour!

The person delivering the notice is also from headquarters administration.

This time, they not only delivered a verbal notice but also brought an official notification.

Han Richeng glanced at the paper document on the desk, feeling the seal's bright red unbearably glaring.

"Senior Affairs Officer Han Richeng, according to the newly issued regulations, you don't need to prepare anything, just attend on time."

The messenger not only repeated Han Richeng's request but also thoughtfully added a note.

Under the new regulations, once a Senior Affairs Officer is held accountable, headquarters will arrange a meeting within the shortest possible time, set within one hour, leaving no time or space for the individual concerned to maneuver.

Of course, if one's actions are proper and just, there's no need to prepare; one can simply go and explain with confidence.

Those dozens of loyal and upright Affairs Officers are neither blind nor deaf.

However, such a carefree person, someone who lives without guilt and with a clear conscience, is ultimately in the minority.

Clearly, Han Richeng does not belong to this group.

At this moment, his mind is full of shock and anger.

He had seen the new regulations and even contemplated cooperating with the new president to push them forward.

But he didn't expect that he, Han Richeng, would be the first to be held accountable!

Indeed, he helped push the regulations, but this approach was something he truly couldn't accept!

How can it be me!

Why is it me!

In his shock and anger, Han Richeng was utterly discontented and filled with frustration.

"Senior Affairs Officer Han Richeng, I have delivered the notice, may I leave now?" The messenger politely asked, with a hint of sympathy in his eyes.

Such an embarrassing matter, anyone involved would likely feel awful...

"Alright, I understand, thank you, you may leave now."

Han Richeng forced down his inner fire and dismissed the messenger.

As soon as the person went out, two people quietly entered the room.

Han Richeng was just calming his mind, ready to send someone to probe the situation, when he looked up and saw them.

"Wang, Zhou?"

These two are Han Richeng's confidants, sent by him to monitor the current situation.

They returned, looking solemn and anxious.

"Richeng Senior Affairs Officer, you've received the notice, right? It's already a huge commotion outside, we rushed back after investigating." One of the two, the older one, urgently said to Han Richeng.

Han Richeng stood up, inviting them to the sofa area, "Wang, Zhou, come and speak!"

Han Richeng is known for being sycophantic, selfish and cunning, held in contempt by many.

However, people are multi-faceted, never absolutely positive or negative, and this holds true for Han Richeng as well.

He is exceedingly kind to the people around him and to his subordinates.

Even when promoted to Senior Affairs Officer, he never lorded over his former colleagues, treating them equally in private.

This is why someone as adept at flattery as Han Richeng still gathers people around him!

Wang and Zhou did not hesitate with Han Richeng.

After all, in private, they were always like this, treating no one as an outsider.

Besides, given the current situation, it was truly not the time for formalities!

The two walked over, pouring themselves a glass of water.

They hurried back, investigating along the way, leaving them both parched.

Han Richeng, however anxious, did not rush them, patiently waiting.

"Reporting to headquarters administration, the person presenting evidence against you is Luo Chengxin, an Affairs Officer, who has several pieces of evidence regarding your misconduct when you were an Affairs Officer. There's also one piece allegedly involving collusion with Shen Peishen when you became a Senior Affairs Officer, evidence of malpractice!"

Wang hastily said in one breath.

The notification did not mention the person presenting the evidence, seemingly to give the person concerned an impactful moment.

However, since this is the first time in history, the identity of the presenter and more details have spread outside!

"Even hearing fragments of information, we knew those matters, indeed we did them, and the evidence against us seems... substantial!" Zhou also looked grave.

Being close to Han Richeng, they had dealt with many matters, and hearing even snippets, they understood what it implied.

"Luo Chengxin!" Han Richeng muttered the name through clenched teeth, narrowing his eyes.

He was no stranger to this person, having interacted multiple times when they were both Affairs Officers!

Back then, Luo Chengxin had tried repeatedly to persuade him to rely on Officer Dadong, Shang Dadong, seeking shelter under a big tree. Yet, after weighing his options, Han Richeng did not agree.

The other side did not seem angry but wanted to befriend him, even asking him for favors.

Out of respect for Shang Dadong, Han Richeng did not refuse, maintaining courteous and pleasant relations.

Unexpectedly, it would be this person to present evidence against him!

Han Richeng's heart tightened.

Luo Chengxin bore no grudge against him, had no reason to trap him like this.

Furthermore, if the evidence was insufficient, Luo Chengxin would likely not dare!

If all are real and valid, it implies the opponent has been collecting his dark past, not just for a day or two.

It's a long-standing plan to deal with him, threaten him!

Is this truly Luo Chengxin's doing alone, or is it...?

The more Han Richeng thought deeply, the colder his heart grew, the icier his gaze.

Could it be Officer Dadong, Shang Dadong's orders!

Once the thought arose, Han Richeng immediately affirmed it.

As Han Richeng reached this point, Wang and Zhou exchanged a glance, tentatively suggesting, "This Luo Chengxin is quite close to Shang Dadong, this is something outsiders might not know, but we do!"

"Him presenting evidence against you, could it be Shang Dadong's directive? After all, daring to do this means Luo Chengxin's reputation would also suffer, who would willingly let such a person approach?"

"I think the regulation wouldn't be used unless someone is forced, and more likely someone is using it to target people!"

"But we have no grudge against Luo Chengxin, and seemingly none against Officer Dadong, Shang Dadong..."

Wang and Zhou spoke one after the other.

Han Richeng couldn't help but clench his fists.

He is far sharper and more intelligent than Shang Dadong and Zhao Xinyu, quickly grasping the crux of the problem.

"Someone wants to sacrifice me, to kill a chicken to warn the monkeys!" Han Richeng muttered in shock and anger, his eyes bloodshot.

Ah, he dared not do this, yet someone dared to move against him!

Now, the problem is, the evidence Luo Chengxin holds is likely true!

Han Richeng silently calculated, those matters are sufficient to tarnish his records as Senior Affairs Officer, coupled with the new regulation needing an exemplar, which means being taken down is not improbable!

Han Richeng felt his spine turn cold upon realizing this.

He had just ascended to Senior Affairs Officer, his future bright beyond compare, yet now it might all end.

He was unwilling!

"Currently, my only chance for survival might hinge upon the new president Bai Xiaosheng." After much consideration, Han Richeng couldn't help but ponder.

To him, it seemed the only path forward!

"Now, Bai Xiaosheng alone determines my fate; if he lets me live, I live; if he lets me die, I have no choice but to die. My life is in his hands."

Han Richeng was relieved he aligned with Bai Xiaosheng at first, but they hadn't yet established deeper "friendship."

Compared to saving him, would Bai Xiaosheng prefer to set a classic example?

Han Richeng felt uncertain about his future.

Nonetheless, Han Richeng clenched his teeth, his gaze fierce.

"Good for you, Shang Dadong, you're trying to get rid of me! Fine! Fine! If I survive this time, I won't let it go!"

"And you, Zhao Xinyu, you're also involved! I won't let you both off!"

Chapter 1498 - An Unexpected Turn of Events

The news of Han Richeng being held accountable and having a hearing was spread throughout the headquarters within less than fifteen minutes after the administrative acceptance.

The Greater China Region Headquarters was in an uproar.

Even the janitors and the gatekeepers knew about this matter and were paying close attention to it.

Such widespread attention and rapid spread naturally had its reasons.

Firstly, everyone had been closely watching this system, wondering if anyone would truly dare to take such action. Now that it happened, countless people voluntarily became "little megaphones" to spread the news.

Secondly, apart from that, there were naturally people adding fuel to the fire—

Shang Dadong and Zhao Xinyu meticulously found some reliable people to manage this matter, but even they were surprised by how quickly the news spread.

However, they were also pleased.

Meanwhile, in Bai Xiaosheng's office, Lin Weiwei, Lei Ying, and even Xiahou Qi were present.

"Is everything arranged?" Bai Xiaosheng looked at Lin Weiwei and the others, asking with a smile.

"Yes, we know someone is fanning the flames, so naturally we have to lend a hand!" Lin Weiwei replied with a smile.

This fast-spreading matter certainly included their contribution!

"Just this time we have to employ some improper methods... Thinking about it, I always feel we're letting Elder Xia's teachings down."

Bai Xiaosheng looked at Xiahou Qi, jokingly.

"Hehe." Xiahou Qi looked at Bai Xiaosheng, scoffed twice disdainfully, and spat, "Kid, don't give me that crap! I've played just as many underhanded tricks. What you did is nothing."

When Xiahou Qi talked about his own shady past, he not only didn't hide it but seemed a bit proud.

Anyway, he had a clear conscience, as it was all for the corporation.

As he spoke, Xiahou Qi glanced at Bai Xiaosheng, "I'm mainly worried that you're as upright as Li Haofeng, which can be annoying. What I want to teach you next is that as a president, you have to be both righteous and shady; only by being both can you have comprehensive control."

"I'm afraid you'll implement a set of entirely upright policies for our Greater China Region, insisting on leading by example, and then getting trapped in it. Not knowing when to adapt, or spurning any underhanded tactics."

"That's when I'd have to beat some sense into you!"

As he spoke, Xiahou Qi seemed rather regretful, "But it now seems, huh, you kid not only have a strong upright stance, but quite a few crooked branches and wicked thoughts too."

Xiahou Qi was all smiles, without a shred of disdain, but rather very pleased.

A qualified leader must have a shining, positive guidance for his subordinates, yet he himself must have one foot in the shadows.

In this regard, Bai Xiaosheng did well.

At least, Xiahou Qi had appreciation.

Seeing Xiahou Qi's support, Bai Xiaosheng and the three exchanged a glance and shared a relaxing smile.

With the words of their experienced leader, they felt at ease.

And next, they planned to use this turmoil to set an example.

No, not just one!

Bai Xiaosheng later changed his mind; they should set two examples!

This grand drama, Shang Dadong and Zhao Xinyu set the stage, but the exciting part was beyond their control!

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Morning, eleven o'clock.

The Greater China Region Headquarters, in a large conference room.

According to the administrative department's arrangement, besides Han Richeng, nine Senior Affairs Officers were present along with fifty Affairs Officers and assistants with a good reputation.

Han Richeng also arrived, but his seat was so solitary it made him seem isolated.

On the opposite side, there was also only one person — Luo Chengxin.

Han Richeng gazed at Luo Chengxin from afar, his expression extremely gloomy and unpleasant.

In the row of Senior Affairs Officers, Shang Dadong and Zhao Xinyu exchanged glances, with a hint of schadenfreude lurking deep in their eyes.

Looking at the row of Senior Affairs Officers sitting beside them, many had heavy expressions, with a touch of sympathy typical for those sharing the same fate; Shang Dadong couldn't help but feel secretly pleased.

"Watch carefully, what good is it to support Bai Xiaosheng! You were once exalted, second to none as Senior Affairs Officers, but once this accountability system is implemented, you might obediently stand over there, like Han Richeng, facing accountability. If someone actually bribes an Affairs Officer willing to sacrifice themselves to bring you down, you'll be doomed!"

Shang Dadong secretly sneered in his heart.

Actually, like Li Haofeng, even if someone were willing to sacrifice themselves, they might not get evidence sufficient to threaten him.

If the evidence is fabricated to frame, the consequences, according to the system, would be dire, almost equivalent to giving themselves away.

Of course, not everyone would be as upright as Li Haofeng.

Take someone like Zheng Honghu; he still has some shady past.

Not to mention, those whom Shang Dadong and Zhao Xinyu once considered allies.

Shang Dadong and Zhao Xinyu want to "wake up" precisely those people.

Currently, Bai Xiaosheng's new system has been implemented but is still in its budding phase. As long as they unite again and work together, colluding secretly, the system's little seedling will be uprooted from its survival soil, and though it may not die quickly, it will wither and become ineffective.

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The Affairs Officers and assistants watching this exhibition of evidence and accountability were also secretly whispering, their expressions curious, with somewhat excited undertones.

Shang Dadong and Zhao Xinyu's gaze swept over those people, and although none of them were theirs, those they knew were all upright, even a bit stubbornly obstinate.

They were probably delighted to see Han Richeng suffer.

The two shared a subtle smile and each glanced at Han Richeng disdainfully.

"See how you tumble like a reed, supporting Bai Xiaosheng; now you wait to be made an example!"

"Bai Xiaosheng surely won't miss the chance to use you as a scapegoat to make an example, anyway, he's unfamiliar with you!"

Shang Dadong and Zhao Xinyu were full of schadenfreude, highly satisfied with Han Richeng being sacrificed as a warning to others.

Han Richeng naturally saw their expressions, and his heart was filled with hate. He also took a glance at the crowd below, feeling a chill.

Not one person was on his side!

"Shang Dadong, Zhao Xinyu, even if I'm finished this time, I won't spare you!" Han Richeng fiercely thought, "You think you're the only ones who have collected dirt on me? You've underestimated me. I gathered quite a bit on you two, fearing you'd come after me for rejecting you. Once I'm done for, my brothers will come after you!"

"We'll all die together!"

Han Richeng was already determined.

He felt that there was little hope of getting through this.

While everyone waited, Bai Xiaosheng and Xiahou Qi entered the room, and the entire room fell silent, with Senior Affairs Officers leading the others in rising to their feet.

"No need for such formalities, everyone sit down." Bai Xiaosheng waved his hand, inviting Xiahou Qi to join him on stage.

The venue was set up like a courtroom, with Bai Xiaosheng, Xiahou Qi, and the nine Affairs Officers, along with the fifty attendees behind them, facing the stage where Han Richeng and Luo Chengxin stood opposite each other.

Once Bai Xiaosheng took his seat, he smiled and addressed everyone, "Let's begin."

These words were like a decree, and Affairs Officer Luo Chengxin could barely contain himself, immediately starting to display pictorial evidence on the big screen, beginning his accusations against Han Richeng.

The room was silent, everyone watching intently.

With Luo Chengxin's narration and presentation of the evidence, Han Richeng's heart turned cold.

Each piece of evidence struck at the heart.

Though not major errors, carrying so many tarnishes, Han Richeng was evidently unfit for the position, especially given the need to set an example...

Han Richeng was already in despair.

In a little while, he probably wouldn't even be able to defend himself, having difficulty convincing everyone.

After Luo Chengxin finished speaking, he respectfully bowed to Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng looked expressionlessly at the crowd, quietly asking, "Does anyone have anything to add?"

The entire room remained silent.

Every second felt exceptionally long.

Han Richeng even felt bouts of dizziness.

Just then, Han Richeng suddenly heard someone raise their voice, "Mr. Bai, I have something to say!"

"Me too!"

"I have something as well!"

In response, the meeting room suddenly became lively; at least three to five people spoke out.

Han Richeng was bewildered yet dared not harbor any fantasies.

Shang Dadong and Zhao Xinyu's eyes brightened as they looked at those people.

Surely, they were all here to report and expose!

Even Luo Chengxin was full of smiles.

"I believe the evidence presented by Affairs Officer Luo is questionable! Suspected of fraud!"

"I also feel there are errors!"

"Some are facts, but there are misunderstandings!"

Those people consecutively spoke, and their words stunned Han Richeng.

Shang Dadong, Zhao Xinyu, and even Luo Chengxin on stage were visibly taken aback.

The Senior Affairs Officers also curiously looked towards those who spoke.

Were they defending Han Richeng?!

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Below the stage, six or seven Affairs Officers spoke consecutively, refuting Luo Chengxin's evidence, which indirectly served as a defense for Han Richeng!

Just moments ago, Luo Chengxin was full of confidence, believing his victory was assured, even with a smile on his face. Now, he was dumbfounded.

Most of that evidence was not collected by him personally. Back then, he was close to Han Richeng; if he had investigated anything himself, he would surely have been discovered.

Therefore, the clues were provided by Luo Chengxin, and the investigations were carried out by Shang Dadong and Zhao Xinyu with others.

The current evidence was also naturally given to Luo Chengxin by Shang Dadong and the others, simply for him to familiarize himself with in advance and use to accuse Han Richeng.

Using evidence not personally partaken in naturally caused some doubts, especially when so many people immediately refuted it on the spot!

Luo Chengxin began to feel uneasy in his heart.

He couldn't help but secretly glance at Shang Dadong and Zhao Xinyu in the Senior Affairs Officer's seats.

Were these pieces of evidence real? Was there deviation? How much?! Luo Chengxin questioned himself.

He even started to silently blame Shang Dadong and Zhao Xinyu—

I can take the lead, but you two must ensure the authenticity of these things! I can't be the scapegoat and come here all triumphant only to lose face! What on earth is this!

In the Senior Affairs Officer's seats, Shang Dadong and Zhao Xinyu were both filled with a mix of shock and anger, glaring at those who spoke out below.

How could these people dare lie with their eyes wide open!

Shang Dadong felt a rush of anger and wanted to rise angrily, pointing at them and loudly questioning.

"You all have always had stellar reputations among the Affairs Officers, different from us! Speak and act with your conscience!"

"This evidence is solid, and even people like us haven't mixed in a single falsehood! How can it be fake!"

"You cannot lie with your eyes open, nor should you protect Han like this! He's not one of you, he's not a good person!"

Zhao Xinyu was also filled with a mix of shock and anger, but he was evidently more rational than Shang Dadong. He quickly calmed his mind, kept his expression neutral, and secretly nudged Shang Dadong's sleeve, urging him to stay calm.

Don't act too rashly, and don't behave abnormally!

On the stage, Bai Xiaosheng and Xiahou Qi sat with proper postures, watching impassively at those speaking below.

Though the Affairs Officers speaking out consecutively denied Luo Chengxin's solid evidence, they were not lying with their eyes wide open.

Because they didn't realize they were speaking "lies"!

Their knowledge was incomplete; they just utterly trusted a person and were called over by him. Although it seemed like an inquiry, it was actually a misleading, with even the righteous refutations they presented being prompted by that person.

The only person who could command the trust of six or seven upright Affairs Officers like this could only be Xiahou Qi!

Xiahou Qi misled them at Bai Xiaosheng's request.

Bai Xiaosheng wanted to protect Han Richeng.

Even though Han Richeng appeared tainted, he was actually very useful in practice.

Especially since Bai Xiaosheng and Xiahou Qi had come to understand his abilities.

A shrewd and flattering capable subordinate is actually more useful than a rigid and unyielding one.

This was also why, years ago, Xiahou Qi continued to use Shen Peishen despite knowing his problems.

However, Bai Xiaosheng actually didn't need to go to such lengths and operate in such a roundabout way; he had the final say over this list of fifty people as the company president.

Bai Xiaosheng could have directly arranged people and informed them of the truth.

However, Bai Xiaosheng did not do so but instead asked Xiahou Qi to conduct some inducement.

Bai Xiaosheng always felt that although a new system aimed at fairness was tainted with his selfish motives as a leader, and it started with a falsehood, he had a duty to let those principled individuals feel that the hearing was fair, and their words and actions were just.

Bai Xiaosheng liked a saying very much: if you always live in the light, it is surely because someone is bearing the burden for you in the dark.

Bai Xiaosheng was willing to do so, to maintain the light in people's hearts by stepping into the "darkness" himself.

Xiahou Qi understood Bai Xiaosheng's thoughts and supported him in doing so.

At this moment, Xiahou Qi glanced at Bai Xiaosheng, with a hint of a smile in his eyes.

The longer Xiahou Qi stayed with Bai Xiaosheng, the more he felt he was a competent leader, a born leader.

Currently, those who understood the situation best in the conference room and were unshakably certain were likely only three people—

Shang Dadong, Zhao Xinyu, and Han Richeng.

Compared to Shang Dadong, Zhao Xinyu's shock and anger, and Luo Chengxin's dumbfounded and guilty conscience, Han Richeng was full of astonishment.

Initially, Han Richeng was astonished by why so many people stood up for him, speaking for him with such fervor and righteousness.

Han Richeng had self-awareness.

He knew that aside from those around him, among the fifty people present, there were probably not many who held him in high regard.

Yet, those people were still willing to do so, even going against their beliefs in justice. The only person on site capable of orchestrating this might be...

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In shock, Han Richeng instinctively looked at Bai Xiaosheng, only to find Bai Xiaosheng also looking at him at this moment, calmly watching.

Han Richeng was startled inside.

If he still didn't understand that Bai Xiaosheng was saving him, then he would truly deserve to die!

"He's really lending me a hand! It seems like it was arranged from the beginning!"

Facing the favor of the new leader, Han Richeng suddenly felt a rush of excitement.

"But why does this Mr. Xiaosheng value me so highly, even to the extent of organizing people to lie for my sake?"

Han Richeng's mind raced.

"Is it just because of my previous 'support' for him? That's just flattering! Not even any Senior Affairs Officer would be moved by such petty flattering, let alone he is Bai Xiaosheng—someone who could defeat Shen Peishen!"

"He's willing to falsify his newly established system to help me!"

"He could easily make an example out of me according to the trend for the responsibility check this time!"

"Yet he chooses to save me..."

Han Richeng was no naive youth, nor arrogant enough to instantly feel gratitude and believe Bai Xiaosheng greatly admired him.

"He thinks I'm useful!"

"He thinks I'm capable enough!"

Han Richeng instantly understood, his heart warming up.

Who says people who like flattering are necessarily mediocre and just want to muddle along?

Who says such people don't have aspirations!

Their flattery is also to seek better opportunities for performance!

And now, this new leader appreciates him, can tolerate him, and very likely will give him an opportunity to serve.

Han Richeng's heart warmed.

At the same time, he felt immense respect for Bai Xiaosheng!

Bai Xiaosheng received acknowledgment from people like Xiahou Qi, indicating his character is undoubtedly impeccable.

If Bai Xiaosheng were just like Li Haofeng, impartial and upright, that'd be admirable, but not fear-inducing.

However, Bai Xiaosheng could switch between righteousness and craftiness, uncontrolled by tactics, making Han Richeng feel a mix of 'reverence' and 'fear', bowing his head.

Seeing Han Richeng's eyeing attitude towards him, Bai Xiaosheng faintly smiled.

Originally thought to restrain himself in the future, not letting Han Richeng go astray, now it seems there's no need.

"Quiet!" Bai Xiaosheng called out loudly.

His voice wasn't loud, but forceful.

With just three words, everyone on scene turned their attention to him.

After all, as the new Executive President, he was everyone's king here, words followed by laws.

On the scene, it quickly quieted down.

Bai Xiaosheng said leisurely, "Next, everyone will speak by raising their hands, one by one."

Having said that, Bai Xiaosheng looked at Luo Chengxin, speaking gently, "Affairs Officer Luo, as the party involved, you presented your evidence well just now. Later, you will respond to their rebuttals and their doubts, one by one. If you feel tired, you can pause for a few minutes, drink some water, or go to the restroom, but don't take too long."

Bai Xiaosheng was being fair, considering Luo Chengxin's 'one against many' situation and granting him some privileges.

This was also shown to everyone.

"Yes, yes, thank you, Mr. Bai." Luo Chengxin quickly nodded to show gratitude to the young new leader's 'consideration', even revealing a thankful smile.

But actually, there was a noticeable trace of panic in his eyes.

Although he had done some groundwork on these pieces of evidence, explaining each detail thoroughly and elucidating was not that simple!

He didn't know at all!

He didn't even know if these pieces of evidence were indeed irrefutable!

"This time, it might be bad! But even if something goes wrong, I'll have to shoulder it alone! At worst, I'll just be fired. I can't implicate Shang Dadong and Zhao Xinyu, they agreed to give me two million!" Luo Chengxin secretly made up his mind.

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In the following hour, six or seven Affairs Officers who spoke earlier continuously raised doubts against Luo Chengxin.

At first, Luo Chengxin could barely answer, but as time went on, he became more panicked and confused, with his speech turning increasingly vague and ambiguous.

Bai Xiaosheng and Xiahou Qi's expressions seemed to gradually show 'dissatisfaction'.

Seeing the leaders' expressions, Luo Chengxin became even more flustered, his answers chaotic.

Now, most of the dozens of observing Affairs Officers began to think Luo Chengxin was making false accusations!

With the situation reversing, Han Richeng also joined in, loudly questioning with confidence, which made people feel he was indeed innocent.

In the Senior Affairs Officers' seats, Shang Dadong and Zhao Xinyu both looked displeased.

They actually had voiced out, even subtly guiding Luo Chengxin's thoughts.

Unfortunately, faced with doubts from every direction, Luo Chengxin was already confused and couldn't grasp the reminders from the two.

Infuriated, Shang Dadong and Zhao Xinyu could only give up.

The remaining Senior Affairs Officers seemed to be watching a play.

Except, each person's expression was different.

Li Haofeng, Zheng Honghu, Xu Youruo, and Chen Yucheng looked on with great interest.

They had groups around them, gathered more because of shared ambitions.

Formally, theirs was an upright relationship between superiors and subordinates.

Privately, some were equal friends.

No dependencies, no intertwined interests.

So Li Haofeng and the others were not afraid of the changes to the system, even supported them.

Because the newly introduced power, treatment, and opportunities from the reform were precisely what they needed, benefiting them without harm!