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Chapter 1801 Zheng Pangzi Calls

The day after Bai Xiaosheng returned to the headquarters in Linshen, he began to work tirelessly.

In fact, "making the best use of everything, and everyone fulfilling their responsibilities" has always been a key focus of the reform in the Greater China Region, and it has been implemented extremely well in the past few months.

"Making the best use of everything" refers to eliminating waste. However, any expense worth investing in, Bai Xiaosheng has said, should not be spared.

As for "everyone fulfilling their responsibilities," it's easy to explain. It means that in any task advancing from the bottom up, each level of responsibility needs "streamlining" from level to level. When reporting to the next level, tasks within one's responsibility must be handled in a timely manner, with a detailed schedule and specific allocation of work to individuals. If underperformance or intentional delay affects work, a certain type of evaluation points will be deducted, and if these deductions reach a certain level, the top management team of the Greater China Region will review the issue, and penalties can be enforced directly against responsible parties without waiting for year-end evaluations. The highest penalty is dismissal!

Just from this aspect alone, nearly 30% of lower-level managers were removed while Bai Xiaosheng was on a visit to Europe due to not meeting standards.

Xiahou Qi strongly implemented Bai Xiaosheng's propositions in this regard, showing no favoritism whatsoever.

Correspondingly, if work is pushed from the top down, every level of leadership must swiftly and meticulously implement plans, not only assigning work to specific people but also considering various potential factors and preparing contingency plans. Failure to do so results in point deductions, leading to demotions or dismissals. Even held-back Senior Affairs Officers and small regional heads are no exception, facing deductions and penalties as necessary.

Under such unprecedentedly "harsh" operational procedures, a large number of middle to low-level managers were replaced, yet no management vacuum appeared. In fact, over the past decade, the

Greater China Region has never lacked talent; instead, there are numerous candidates trained for every position.

One could say that the Greater China Region never lacked people, only opportunities.

Currently, opportunities have arrived, and those candidates are as enthusiastic as if they've been injected with adrenaline, eagerly waiting.

Corresponding to this "harsh" survival of the fittest is the reward system.

The reward system is equally flawless, with bonuses for performance growth and exceeding expectations in operations, all included in the incentives. Dividends, bonuses, and real cash are given in various ways.

Anyone who has earned it, even if dismissed, will receive what's due without any shortfall.

This was also Bai Xiaosheng's directive - seemingly spending without limits, yet it is the most invigorating way to boost morale in the early stages of reform.

It really is a workplace where money talks, and incentives rule.

Everyone is energized, fully immersed in work, striving desperately to minimize mistakes and maximize their talents.

Under this development trend of "making the best use of everything, everyone fulfilling their responsibilities," as the top-level manager, the work belonging to Bai Xiaosheng should be reduced by seventy to eighty percent, and he should not be so busy.

At the very least, during Bai Xiaosheng's travel to Europe with Xiahou Qi deputizing, there was hardly a time Xiahou Qi needed to be particularly busy.

But this time, it was different for Bai Xiaosheng.

Because, when the business delegation returned, they brought with them numerous key cooperation projects.

At the same time, even many collaborations with the Luo Family require Bai Xiaosheng's attention, for him to oversee task distribution from the top down.

Therefore, Bai Xiaosheng was incredibly busy.

This busyness lasted a full two months.

During these two months, Bai Xiaosheng showed everyone from Senior Affairs Officers to small regional heads, down to general managers of key enterprises, what it means to be formidable, what it means to be superhuman.

Bai Xiaosheng was like a tireless, error-free brain, organizing hundreds of major tasks with clarity and precision.

He even managed to find time to visit key enterprises across various provinces, conduct grassroots inspections, and communicate with technical and R&D personnel.

As the Executive Director of the Greater China Region, Bai Xiaosheng himself was at the forefront. Others, from Senior Affairs Officers to small regional heads, Affairs Officers, provincial industry heads, and even enterprise managers, were all driven into a frenzied state of work.

Even Xiahou Qi seemed twenty years younger, vibrantly serving as Bai Xiaosheng's advisor.

In such a unified and all-out atmosphere, the growth of the Greater China Region, which should have slowed down due to reform, had instead accelerated, turning into a sprint, or even a leap forward.

At the America's headquarters, the Chief Director of the Greater China Region, Jiang Kuo, when calling to ask about the reform situation, heard a string of data that made him feel both incredulous and amazed.

Jiang Kuo, questioned repeatedly, covering every angle, finally asked in astonishment, "How are you doing this? Didn't you say there might be a slowdown? This growth rate hasn't been seen in nearly five years!"

As Jiang Kuo spoke, his voice was trembling, demanding with undeniable authority, "I need a detailed report... just the recent phase? That's fine! Let me see to what extent you all have reached!"

With the phase report in hand, after an all-night study, Jiang Kuo called Bai Xiaosheng the next day, explicitly stating that he should not hesitate to ask for anything he could do to help, and he would do it with all his might!

For Jiang Kuo to respond like this, it was something not seen in the past five years either.

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Just like that, in only two months, Bai Xiaosheng set all the jobs on the right track, leaving the rest for his team to implement step by step, and then wait for the market's examination.

During this period, Bai Xiaosheng's personal prestige and charisma within the Greater China Region of Zhenbei Group reached its pinnacle!

To exaggerate a bit, if Bai Xiaosheng pointed his finger, every enterprise and every mid-level and upper-level management here would rush in that direction without uttering a single 'no,' even if they didn't understand Bai Xiaosheng's instructions, they would still execute them without hesitation!

At this moment, Bai Xiaosheng truly has everyone's allegiance and dares not to dissent.

Furthermore, Bai Xiaosheng is not only promoting the collaboration and mutual benefits between Zhenbei Group's Greater China Region and the European Region and the Luo Family, but he also pulled his own businesses like Zunbai Zhisheng, Xuelian Wanhe, Li Ni Workshop, and Kelson into the flow of development. After all, in some respects, they also need to find collaborators, so naturally, it's best not to let benefits flow to outsiders.

Besides, these businesses are all Bai Xiaosheng's own, and Bai Xiaosheng is completely confident in their products, services, and quality.

During this period, even his weakest company, Li Ni Workshop, grew and expanded like a snowball!

Their growth rate far exceeds a hundred times that of their peers.

Some say, mixing in the business world relies on connections, and having connections brings countless wealth.

As Bai Xiaosheng, the executive president of the Greater China Region, has deep ties with various major forces, he lacks no connections at all.

His companies have the paths to wealth that would take others one or two decades to build, but for them, upon birth, they were already connected, so how could their development not be rapid?

Also, during these two months, Bai Xiaosheng's score from Red Lotus spiked from forty-eight points to seventy points!

An increase of twenty-two points!

Having served as the president of the Greater China Region for only seven months, Bai Xiaosheng completed two-thirds of the upgrade journey, which is astounding!

Among them, collaboration with the Luo Family yielded extra points because it's considered external cooperation.

Given some time, when all collaborations bear fruit, the score Bai Xiaosheng will obtain is truly unimaginable.

However, presently, because Bai Xiaosheng gained too many points, he received an unpleasant notification — he has once again entered a stage of 'frozen score.'

Bai Xiaosheng had encountered this situation before.

Acquiring scores too swiftly, entering the last thirty percent stage, would lead to being locked, with tasks generated by the system for him to accomplish. Before then, the score won't increase.

This isn't all, during the last upgrade, there's often a greater task awaiting him.

Of course, these two stage tasks are not absolutely existent.

The Red Lotus system is rather 'cunning,' never allowing anyone to grasp the pattern perfectly.

Bai Xiaosheng had thought of indirectly asking about potential directions for task issuance, hoping to prepare in advance.

Naturally, his wish was unfulfilled, and he couldn't inquire about any related matters.

Bai Xiaosheng simply stopped asking.

Waiting for Red Lotus to generate tasks and responding accordingly.

After all, whether cooperating with the European Region or the Luo Family, both require substantial fermenting time to show results. By then, gaining scores like a landslide, even if Red Lotus sets high task thresholds, they will be overcome.

In this regard, Bai Xiaosheng still has some confidence.

After bustling for two months, finally reaching a point where there's no immediate affair needing his handling, allowing a bit of respite, he received some unpleasant news.

The news wasn't regarding his side, but from Tengyun!

Upon returning home, Bai Xiaosheng contacted Lu Yun, expressing his willingness to help if needed.

However, back then, Lu Yun politely declined Bai Xiaosheng's offer.

Firstly, at that time, Tengyun's situation wasn't too dire. After all, they formed a wide-ranging alliance, with many strong companies, competing with the three giants including Yuema Group, resulted in mixed win/loss situations, just slightly at a disadvantage, but Lu Yun believed they could turn the tide.

Secondly, Lu Yun had learned from Xiahou Qi that Bai Xiaosheng's Greater China Region of Zhenbei Group was currently undergoing intense reforms, with many things needing to be dismantled and redone, and even many small enterprises withdrawing en masse to focus entirely on operating big brands, to grow strong.

Under such circumstances, from Lu Yun's perspective, the help Bai Xiaosheng could provide might not be substantial and could affect his own future development.

Lu Yun hoped for Bai Xiaosheng to grow strong, becoming a formidable future ally, so both could collaborate robustly, not only revitalizing domestic industries but also competing with global giants in the international market.

Therefore, considering comprehensively, Lu Yun did not agree to Bai Xiaosheng's request to assist at that time.

And Bai Xiaosheng temporarily shelved the idea after discussing it with Zhengdong Province and Lu Qingfeng, busying himself with his work.

But today, when Bai Xiaosheng finally found some leisure, Lin Weiwei brought him coffee along with the fiery news online about Tengyun Group's troubles.

"Xiaosheng, did you hear? Tengyun Group is now embroiled in significant troubles," Lin Weiwei said cautiously.

She naturally knew the relationship between Lu Yun, Lu Qingfeng, and Bai Xiaosheng.

Upon hearing Lin Weiwei's words, Bai Xiaosheng was instantly taken aback.

Although he has Red Lotus that can instantly search all web information, the past two months have been so busy that he had no time to pay attention to online news.

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After Lin Weiwei left, Bai Xiaosheng immediately asked Red Lotus to search for information, and was taken aback. The situation was far more serious than Lin Weiwei had said.

While he was causing a stir over here, the Tengyun System Alliance was also facing earth-shattering turmoil, even on the brink of collapse!

In fact, the Tengyun Series and Yuema Series had coincidentally entered a stalemate two months ago, but in the past half-month, Yuema Group's two major allies—Beifeng Holdings and Haoyu Group—suddenly exerted their strength. Especially Beifeng Holdings, which undercut the "cornerstone" of the Tengyun Series, causing several key enterprises to exit. The Tengyun Series' front was broken, and it was Beifeng Holdings that suddenly launched attacks in many fields, causing severe damage to many Tengyun subsidiaries and significantly dropping their prestige within the alliance.

Moreover, a large number of core enterprises under Tengyun Group were also damaged.

Seizing this opportunity, Yuema Group and Haoyu Group aggressively attacked, bringing the Tengyun Alliance to the brink of collapse, undoubtedly adding insult to injury to Tengyun's subordinate companies.

Bai Xiaosheng gradually frowned as he looked up information online.

In such large-scale factional, intertwined battles of numerous companies within market competition, in the past, related departments might have intervened. However, with the development of the market economy and policy relaxation, as long as it doesn't trigger economic turmoil leading to industrial consequences, such competition is also permissible.

This is also a necessary phase for domestic enterprises to become bigger and stronger through survival of the fittest.

Although Tengyun is not on the verge of not recovering or even perishing, the losses are bound to be substantial.

Bai Xiaosheng is unwilling to see this scenario!

On a personal level, Lu Yun had been kind to him. Bai Xiaosheng is someone who knows gratitude and repays it, always keeping it in mind and thinking of repaying it.

From a broader perspective, a strong and reliable Tengyun Group is his strongest ally in Greater China Region moving towards the world!

For both public and personal reasons, Bai Xiaosheng decided not to stand by!

With this thought, Bai Xiaosheng called Lu Yun immediately.

As a result, he couldn't get through to Lu Yun's phone.

Thinking it over briefly, Bai Xiaosheng realized that Lu Yun might be in a significant meeting, otherwise, he wouldn't even ignore his call.

Bai Xiaosheng then tried to call Lu Qingfeng, experiencing the same issue.

However, Lu Qingfeng quickly sent a text message with just a few words: "In a meeting, will contact later!"

This message confirmed that Bai Xiaosheng's assumption was correct.

Bai Xiaosheng put down the phone, pondered briefly, considering whether to call Zheng Pangzi, but then thought Zheng Pangzi might also be in a meeting.

After all, Zhengdong Province is Lu Yun's reliable son-in-law, managing Tengyun Investments' most critical company—Shengsheng International, thus an essential figure in Tengyun Group. Could he refrain from attending such an important meeting?

Bai Xiaosheng thought to wait a bit before calling.

Just as Bai Xiaosheng was thinking, a call came in directly.

Seeing the caller ID, Bai Xiaosheng's gaze sharpened, it was Zheng Pangzi, Zhengdong Province!

Bai Xiaosheng reached for the phone and answered the call.

"Sheng, what are you up to? Are you busy now?" came the familiar voice of an old friend from the other end.

Usually carefree, this time Zhengdong Province's voice was unexpectedly low and weary.

Though Zhengdong didn't say much, Bai Xiaosheng knew he must be exhausted and worn out.

"Whenever you call, I always have time," Bai Xiaosheng said earnestly, "even if I don't, I'll make time."

On the other end, Zhengdong Province laughed heartily, "Damn it, you're awesome! Brother, I really wanna have a drink with you!"

"Are you coming over, or should I go to you?" Bai Xiaosheng laughed.

True friends' feelings endure across mountains and waters, no distance can stand in their way.

"Let's get down to business first," Zhengdong Province rejuvenated, getting to the point on the call, "I reached out for an urgent matter!"

"For me, it's terrible!"

"For you, it's a stroke of good luck!"

Chapter 1804: Shengsheng International's Crisis

Shengsheng International in Zhengdong Province was born out of Tengyun, but in the past two years, it has begun to gradually break away from Tengyun. This is also Lu Yun's intention.

Whether it's Zhengdong Province or Shengsheng International, they've already grown strong, no longer the fledglings needing protection.

Seeing Zhengdong Province thriving, Lu Yun, as the father-in-law, also strongly supports Shengsheng International in "breaking away from Tengyun."

It's like when children at home grow up, sooner or later they'll separate and live independently.

First, this gives Zhengdong Province a broader space for development. Second, it's also out of consideration for Zhengdong Province's dignity and face.

Imagine, which outstanding entrepreneur wants to live forever under their father-in-law's shadow, subject to outsiders' remarks?

Especially in Lu Yun's view, Zhengdong Province has immense business potential, and in the future, it might establish a business empire no less than Tengyun.

So, after a candid exchange with Zhengdong Province, Lu Yun suggested Zhengdong Province implement a shareholding system, break away from Tengyun, and gradually transfer the shares belonging to Tengyun to Shengsheng International.

At the same time, the relationship between Shengsheng International and the Tengyun Series has shifted from vassalage to partnership.

Zhengdong Province understood Lu Yun's earnest intentions and went along with it.

Bai Xiaosheng knew all this. And because of it, Bai Xiaosheng had even more respect for Lu Yun.

However, according to Bai Xiaosheng's knowledge, Zhengdong Province still holds some vice president title within the Tengyun Series, and since he is Lu Yun's son-in-law, he also remains a "pillar" of the Tengyun Series, having to attend important meetings.

But unexpectedly, Zhengdong Province wasn't attending the meeting.

"What do you mean by what you just said?" Bai Xiaosheng asked.

Just now, Zhengdong Province said he had an urgent matter for him, which was terrible for him but a good thing for Bai Xiaosheng.

Such a thing really left Bai Xiaosheng puzzled.

"And why aren't you attending the meeting? I called Mr. Lu Yun and Lu Qingfeng, they were both in the meeting," Bai Xiaosheng added.

With both father and son attending the meeting at the same time, and it running so long without ending, it must be an extremely important meeting, undoubtedly to address various issues in this Tengyun Yuema competition.

In response to Bai Xiaosheng's inquiry, Zhengdong Province first clarified his confusion, "I didn't attend the meeting because I resigned from the vice president position in Tengyun at the end of last year. It's my father-in-law's intention for me to be independent."

So that's how it is. Bai Xiaosheng noted inwardly, it seems his information was a bit outdated.

Zhengdong Province following Lu Yun's intention to "break away from Tengyun," this time it's complete separation.

"As for the matter I need to discuss..." When mentioning this, Zhengdong Province paused, his tone became serious and solemn, "I hope you can take over Shengsheng International!"

"What?" Bai Xiaosheng was stunned for a moment, thinking he had heard wrong.

Zhengdong Province wants him to "take over" Shengsheng International?

What does it mean?

Shengsheng International is Zheng Pangzi's blood, sweat, and tears. Besides, it's not just an object.

"What exactly happened?!" Bai Xiaosheng asked.

He felt there must be something significant going on!

On the other end of the phone, Zhengdong Province let out a long, melancholy sigh and began to explain slowly.

"Isn't it that my father-in-law Lu Yun is in a commercial war with the three major groups Yuema, Beifeng, and Haoyu, so how could I stand by idly?"

"Coincidentally, that old witch from Beifeng Holdings set a trap, causing several of Tengyun's allies to fall into a funding gap. I was also... kind of brainless at the time, took the liberty to provide them with bridge funding and transferred some shares to stabilize their morale, but didn't expect!"

"That old witch from Beifeng Holdings 'dancing with hidden intent,' dealt me a vicious blow! Those people were actually already won over by her!"

“She took the shares I gave away and acquired some from other shareholders, forcibly positioning a shareholder with the same amount of shares as mine in our shareholders’ meeting! This led to the loss of my position as the majority shareholder!”

“Then, her supported guy spread rumors among my shareholders, saying I was going to use everyone’s money to help fill Tengyun’s hole!”

“Outside, Beifeng Holdings also attacked my capital chain...”

“In any case, a lot happened after that, and it would take too long to explain...”

“In short, damn, that old witch is really cunning, she totally outsmarted me. I’m telling you this because I only found out later.”

Even though Zhengdong Province is very talented, facing an opponent on Lu Yun’s level, being outsmarted and taken advantage of is inevitable!

“And then?” Bai Xiaosheng asked, frowning.

“And then?” Zhengdong Province replied with a wry smile and a soft sigh, “That guy with shares equal to mine incited at the shareholders’ meeting, getting everyone to agree to his series of proposals, a series of supposedly ‘fair and selfless’ proposals—”

“He claimed that Shengsheng International’s involvement in the Tengyun-Yuema conflict had resulted in huge losses, and we should immediately withdraw to stay independent and aloof.”

“Furthermore, to offset capital losses and avoid potential capital chain disruptions at this stage, the shareholders’ meeting deems it necessary to introduce some new shareholders, who must have no affiliation with the Tengyun or Yuema groups, otherwise the shareholders’ meeting will not recognize them.”

“New shareholders will be recommended by existing shareholders, verified by all, then purchase some stock on-site from various shareholders and invest additionally...”

“In addition...”

Zhengdong Province explained one by one.

Listening to this, Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but sigh inwardly.

Originally, having Tengyun as support was an opportunity, but if the opponent is Yuema, that's another situation entirely. The best response is to first stay away from the vortex, wait for the two giants to decide victory, and then choose a side.

These propositions sound genuinely objective and impartial, how could those shareholders mindful of their wallets disagree?

Yet if new shareholders brought in by old ones take over some shares, they could completely transfer all held shares to a newcomer, forcibly creating a new majority shareholder!

Then Shengsheng International would belong to someone else.

As for why Beifeng Holdings would go to such lengths to scheme against Shengsheng International, the benefits are simply enormous.

Currently, many bigwigs outside actually know who Zhengdong Province is, know his relation to Lu Yun. If Zhengdong Province, the promising son-in-law, can't even protect his own company, the Tengyun Series under Lu Yun will inevitably be plagued with suspicions, worsening the current situation.

In business warfare, public opinion and morale matter half, to destroy the heart.

Even if Lu Yun can handle it, attacking his son-in-law Zhengdong Province is still worthwhile.

“So what do you want me to do?” Bai Xiaosheng asked before reminding Zhengdong Province, “I’m still a shareholder in your company, right? Didn’t it say only new shareholders recommended by old ones can accept the new shares, so old shareholders can’t?”

If Zhengdong Province directly acquires others’ shares to forcibly retake the company, that would break the rules. It might anger the other shareholders. Even though each has fewer shares than Zhengdong Province, if they all unite, they could force him to ‘step down,’ so it’s not an option to take tough actions.

And on the other side, there seems to be corresponding concerns.

So everything has to be done within the rules.

“Actually, you’re no longer a shareholder in our company. A month and a half ago, I transferred your shares under my name for convenience. You even signed it, don’t you remember?” Zhengdong Province curiously asked.

Bai Xiaosheng couldn’t help but scratch his head, recalling.

It seemed vaguely familiar...

At that time, Bai Xiaosheng seemed busy, and Zhengdong Province sent some sort of authorization letter, asking him to authorize Zhengdong Province to handle Shengsheng International’s equity matters.

Bai Xiaosheng hadn’t even looked closely and signed it. The shares were originally given by Zhengdong Province, and he fully trusted him.

Unexpectedly, with that signature, he was no longer a shareholder...

“I initially thought to return the shares to you after the issue was resolved, but... they all got involved. Now, I’ve contacted some trustworthy shareholders to transfer part of the shares. However, due to the shareholders’ meeting decision, these shares can’t be given to an old shareholder like me but can be

passed to a new shareholder like you.” Zhengdong Province said, “Then, I’ll transfer all my shares to you, making you the primary shareholder of Shengsheng International!”

This is what Zhengdong Province meant by asking Bai Xiaosheng to ‘take over’ Shengsheng International.

“But what if the other side does the same thing, using a new shareholder, holding more shares, what will you do?” Bai Xiaosheng couldn’t resist asking.

Having him take over Shengsheng International is feasible, at least preventing the company from falling into outsiders’ hands.

As for whether the transfer of Shengsheng International would allow Beifeng Holdings to leverage it against the Tengyun Series, well, that’s unavoidable.

However, Bai Xiaosheng believed that Lu Yun would have a response.

The most urgent thing right now is to secure this company!

“You’re worried they’ll do the same? You think I’m stupid. Learn a lesson after taking a loss, I’m also maneuvering in all sorts of ways, creating safeguards. As long as you come, I’m ninety percent confident in making you the majority shareholder, as for the remaining one percent... it doesn’t exist!”

Zhengdong Province proclaimed with confidence, “The day after tomorrow at noon, the new and old shareholders’ meeting, will you come?”

Having said all this, Bai Xiaosheng naturally responded decisively, “In that case, I’ll make the trip!”

Chapter 1805: Could It Be That They’re Here to Raise Hell?

Bai Xiaosheng finalized the arrangement with Zhengdong Province to attend the upcoming Shengsheng International new and old shareholders meeting, hung up the phone, and called Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying over to inform them about this matter.

After hearing about the situation in Zhengdong Province as explained by Bai Xiaosheng, Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying were filled with emotion.

Anyone who has worked hard to establish a company, watching it grow stronger, and then seeing it possibly becoming someone else's, would feel heartache.

Yet Zhengdong Province is able to calm himself in such circumstances, come up with a plan, and consider transferring the company to Bai Xiaosheng, which is truly remarkable.

"In a moment, I'll go and inform Elder Xia that I'll be out for a few days; there shouldn't be a problem. At the moment, there's no need for me as the president to constantly oversee things here, otherwise, our reform would be a failure." Bai Xiaosheng said.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying nodded.

"Xiaosheng, when are we leaving for Tianhu City?" Lin Weiwei asked, "I'll book the tickets."

Shengsheng International is also in Tianhu City, but located in the Xincheng District.

Dong Tianxiu's home is situated in the core area of Tianhu's old town.

Bai Xiaosheng thought for a moment, and said, "Then book tickets for tomorrow morning, the earlier the better. We'll head over first to avoid any unexpected delays."

Lin Weiwei nodded and made a note.

"You two should also handle your current tasks first." Bai Xiaosheng then said to the two, "Let's head out in a bit!"

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying nodded and left, while Bai Xiaosheng also stood up to find Xiahou Qi to discuss the matter.

In Xiahou Qi's office, Elder Xia listened closely to what Bai Xiaosheng said and couldn't help but nod.

"Actually, I've been paying attention to Tengyun's situation ever since you were in Europe.

I have a good relationship with Lu Yun, and we've collaborated on many occasions, so from the start, I wanted to offer them some help within my capability.

Of course, without creating enemies.

A while ago, you were very busy, and when you brought it up to Lu Yun, he politely declined your offer to help.

But times change, and the Tengyun Series is truly in a predicament now. As to what our stance should be, it's for you to decide. At present, in the Greater China Region, you're still the president, so any decisions are up to you." Xiahou Qi looked at Bai Xiaosheng, saying seriously—

"The way forward is entirely up to you!

Even standing alongside Lu Yun and considering Yuema as an adversary is not out of the question!

Any enterprise that aims to reach greater heights needs a strong opponent to constantly challenge it, in order to grow."

It's rare to receive such support from Xiahou Qi; Bai Xiaosheng smiled and nodded.

"Especially when your true friends are in trouble, you must help!" Xiahou Qi laughed, "Go ahead, don't worry about things at home, I'll be here to keep an eye on things!"

Leaving Xiahou Qi's office, Bai Xiaosheng felt notably relieved.

That day, Bai Xiaosheng delegated his tasks and left work on time.

With an early high-speed train tomorrow, he also needed a good rest.

The next day, Bai Xiaosheng got up at six in the morning to wash up, packed his dress clothes into his suitcase, and changed into a comfortable sports outfit. Having gotten his hair done during the early off-time yesterday, he looked young and refreshed, full of vigor and energy.

Thanks to his exquisite control over micro-expressions, Bai Xiaosheng seemed nothing like the imposing Zhenbei Group Greater China Region president to outsiders.

So much so that when Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying came to find him, his attire and demeanor caught them off guard.

They also felt that Bai Xiaosheng was different today, but couldn't quite tell what it was.

Both were also dressed casually, as spending the whole day in suits and maintaining a certain demeanor can be quite restrictive; this was much more comfortable.

"Let's go, we still have time to grab breakfast and catch the high-speed train. The train speed from Linshen to Tianhu is comparable to a plane, and it only takes a few hours." Bai Xiaosheng said with a smile.

The three went downstairs, took fifteen minutes to eat breakfast, and spent half an hour reaching the high-speed train station, with time fitting just right.

It has to be said, the domestic high-speed rail development has been amazing over the past two years. Especially between the two municipalities, the train speed is catching up to planes, and the business class is impeccable in terms of both environment and comfort.

Bai Xiaosheng and the two got on the train, each took a nap in their seats to make up for waking up early, and after a sound sleep, each one fiddled with their phones, checked news, and the time went by quickly.

Near noon, they arrived in Tianhu City.

In terms of domestic municipal development trends, Tianhu surpasses Linshen due to its coastal location, and it more closely resembles a metropolis.

"It's been a long time since I last came." Lin Weiwei sighed as she gazed at Tianhu's skyscrapers upon exiting the station.

When Bai Xiaosheng was an Affairs Officer, the three of them toured major cities across the country, spending quite a bit of time here, and had a good understanding of the place.

"It seems like there are quite a few changes." Lei Ying muttered.

Bai Xiaosheng glanced at the sky, "It's almost noon, let's find a place for lunch. As for Zhengdong Province, the chubby guy, I'm sure he's very busy right now, we shouldn't disturb him yet, let's contact him later."

Lei Ying nodded.

Upon mentioning food, Lin Weiwei's eyes brightened immediately, "Let's go to Deep Lane Restaurant!"

Hearing the name "Deep Lane Restaurant," Bai Xiaosheng and Lei Ying couldn't help but nod in agreement.

Back then, they had visited that restaurant hidden in the small alley, leaving with an excellent impression; the décor was great, the environment was good, the food was delicious, and except for being slightly pricey, there wasn't anything to pick on. It's very close to the high-speed rail station, and it wouldn't even take fifteen minutes to walk there.

Chapter 1806: Are They Here to Cause Trouble?! (Part 2)

The three of them clicked instantly and immediately got up to go.

They navigated the streets and passed through alleys.

From a distance, the three saw that the shop was exquisitely decorated, with bright windows and clean surroundings. There were still fresh flowers in full bloom on the windowsill at the front of the store, and the message wall on one side was filled with messages. The three of them had left their own messages there back in the day.

Bai Xiaosheng and his companions quickened their pace and walked over.

This place is well hidden, but its reputation in the private dining circle is quite significant, so it's not always crowded, but you never know if a prominent business or political figure is among the patrons.

After Bai Xiaosheng and the others arrived, they noticed five wooden number plates hanging on the outer wall, indicating that the restaurant could still accommodate five people. Lin Weiwei was immediately delighted and took down three plates.

These plates need to be hung back when they finish their meal or after they have rested and are about to leave.

The three entered the restaurant and saw that there was still a cooking station in the middle, with three people in chef uniforms busily working inside.

All the dishes are prepared on-site by these three chefs.

They are three brothers, handsome and gentle, very popular among the female customers who visit.

The three brothers are surnamed Hao, and they are publicly known as Hao Da, Hao Er, and Hao San.

Although among the three brothers, the eldest's name sounds a bit suggestive, the second's name sounds like an insult, and only the youngest's name seems normal, none of the diners joke about their names.

The restaurant is decorated very warmly all around, with beautifully upholstered cloth sofas that are very comfortable to sit on. Each heavy solid wood table holds a pot of flowers, always full of vitality, pleasing to the eye. The fragrance of flowers fills the entire restaurant, making guests feel relaxed and happy.

When dining here, no matter your status, you must maintain quiet.

This doesn't mean you can't talk, but you have to keep your voice down to not disturb others, or else the owner will ask you to leave.

Originally, Bai Xiaosheng found this place through Red Lotus, and it was their first visit when they witnessed the owner mercilessly expelling a young, fashionable, and beautiful but extremely loud woman.

At the time, all the diners sided with the owner.

That woman seemed embarrassed and angry; not only did she make a scene, but she also left with a harsh remark. Not long after, she returned with a group of people, as if she had found someone intimidating, but they didn't expect that an inconspicuous diner here was even more formidable than the person she brought.

The group came with aggressive intentions, but they were scared off by just two sentences, fleeing in panic.

Even the leader of the group slapped the arrogant woman several times as an apology.

In summary, no matter your status here, you have to follow the rules.

And you never know what kind of big shots you might encounter here.

When Bai Xiaosheng and the others entered, a refreshingly dressed young lady came forward; she was a waitress.

The beautiful waitress glanced at the number plates in Bai Xiaosheng and his companions' hands, gave a faint smile, and led them to the only empty table, which had sofas and seats, totaling five empty spots.

This means that if anyone else arrives later, they can share the table with Bai Xiaosheng and his group without needing their consent.

This is also part of the rules here.

As the three of them settled down, menus were brought to them.

Before Bai Xiaosheng and the others could place an order, the bells at the entrance jingled, signaling more guests' arrival.

"Sorry, you three, please take a look first; I'll go and bring the guests over," the young waitress smiled sweetly and apologized.

"It's fine, go ahead," Bai Xiaosheng replied with a warm smile.

At this moment, he looked like a sunny young man, his smile warm and comforting.

The young waitress blushed slightly and nodded before leaving.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying focused intently on the menu. They had tasted every dish on it, each very delicious, making it hard to choose.

However, after flipping the page, Lin Weiwei discovered a new delicacy as if she had found a new world. She exclaimed softly, "Oh wow, there's a new dish!"

"Is that so," Bai Xiaosheng and Lei Ying said, flipping through the menu.

At this moment, the young waitress returned with two customers.

Both were women; the one walking in front was exceptionally beautiful, elegant in manners without looking pretentious, immediately capturing the attention of many, including shop owner Hao Da.

She wore large frog sunglasses, covering most of her brows and eyes, but her exquisite cheeks remained visible.

Most notably, her skin was remarkably flawless.

If one wonders what skin as flawless as jade looks like, seeing her provides the answer.

Other women may boast good skin on their faces due to expensive maintenance, using cosmetics to cover up their necks and hands. She was different, her skin naturally moist and white, seemingly a gift from heaven, completely different from effects achieved by cosmetics.

Though the woman trailing behind her also had a tall, well-proportioned figure, she clearly paled in comparison. The beautiful waitress appeared much dimmer by comparison.

The leading woman was none other than Dong Tianxiu's sister, Dong Tianlu.

The woman following her was not Chen Feiyu, but another female bodyguard named Zi Yue.

Dong Tianlu was quite familiar with the place, and upon seeing Bai Xiaosheng and the others at the same table, she wasn't surprised and sat down next to Lin Weiwei graciously.

Zi Yue also sat next to her, taking the opportunity to glance at Bai Xiaosheng and the others.

This might be a habitual practice for bodyguards, always instinctively assessing the potential danger among surrounding people and noting the best escape routes.

Chapter 1807 Are They Here to Cause Trouble!?

In fact, when Lei Ying came in, he followed the same procedure.

Zi Yue didn't pay much attention to Bai Xiaosheng and Lin Weiwei, but couldn't help but take a deep look at Lei Ying.

Big guy, a trained fighter!

He could pose a threat to Dong Tianlu and me!

Lei Ying's risk assessment score in Zi Yue's mind was thus formed.

As for Lei Ying, he only glanced at them when they came over, and recognized Zi Yue as a trained fighter, but he didn't care and focused on choosing what he wanted to eat.

So what if she's a trained fighter; anyway, she can't beat me...

This was Lei Ying's assessment of Zi Yue.

Dong Tianlu sat almost directly across from Bai Xiaosheng. When she sat down, he looked up and glanced at her, giving her a polite smile.

Dong Tianlu also glanced at Bai Xiaosheng and returned the smile.

Neither of them stared at each other too closely, as that would be impolite.

There was also a pair of large sunglasses on Dong Tianlu's face, making it difficult for them to see each other's appearance clearly.

Then, Dong Tianlu and Zi Yue both started selecting their dishes.

Lei Ying, always quick and decisive, had already made his selections before the others had finished looking at the menu, and was the first to report his order to the beautiful waitress, "Hello, I want the Wuwei smoked duck, Dongpo pork, French lamb chops..."

Here, when people dine, regardless of whether they come together or how many there are, everyone orders their own meals.

So Zi Yue picked up her water glass to take a sip, using it as a cover. She couldn't help but glance at him, her eyes silently conveying, "This man can really eat, ordering so much?!"

The waitress noted down everything.

After Lei Ying finished, he asked politely, "Did you get all that?"

"Yes," the waitress replied.

"I'd like two servings of each dish," he politely added again.

Next to him, Zi Yue spat out a mouthful of water and started coughing, unable to stop.

This drew everyone's attention to her.

Dong Tianlu reached for the tissue box, but Bai Xiaosheng handed it over to her. Dong Tianlu nodded her thanks and pulled out two tissues to hand to the flustered Zi Yue.

Bai Xiaosheng remained calm and didn't stare at the embarrassed lady, which made Dong Tianlu have a good impression of him.

Bai Xiaosheng ordered his selections with great taste, causing Dong Tianlu to nod in approval secretly.

Lei Ying, sitting beside Zi Yue, politely asked, "Are you okay?"

Zi Yue shot him a sideways glare.

If it weren't for you, would I have choked? You glutton, ordering so much food!

Zi Yue cursed inwardly.

Lin Weiwei also started ordering. She chose mostly low-calorie dishes, but added a new dish she just spotted—the meat swallow (rouyan).

She remembered that Bai Xiaosheng had also made this dish before, leaving a deep impression on her, and she instantly recalled the ultimate taste experience.

“How's the meat swallow here?” Lin Weiwei couldn't help but ask the waitress, filled with anticipation.

The waitress didn't get a chance to speak before Dong Tianlu chimed in, “Miss, the meat swallow here is top-notch! I came here specifically to eat it this time.”

Meeting someone with similar tastes, even Dong Tianlu couldn't help but praise it.

“Really!” Lin Weiwei immediately looked forward to it.

Dong Tianlu then ordered her dishes, just one meat swallow and a salad.

Zi Yue also placed her order.

The waitress then went to report the orders to the Hao Family brothers.

Everyone waited patiently. In less than fifteen minutes, dishes were served. Hao Da personally brought the meat swallow to them.

It seemed others didn't receive such service, but Hao Da's smiling face while looking at Dong Tianlu displayed a bit of exceptional enthusiasm.

"It's been a long time since you last came. Please try this carefully crafted meat swallow and see if I've improved!" Hao Da said enthusiastically.

Dong Tianlu nodded, picked up a bowl of meat swallow, gently scooped one up, and savored it delicately with her pearly white teeth.

It's quite a sight to see a beautiful woman enjoying food.

Under Hao Da's eager anticipation, Dong Tianlu praised, "Even better than last time. Probably the best meat swallow in Tianhu!"

Hao Da beamed with happiness.

At that moment, suddenly a murmur came from beside them.

"Brother, why do I feel it's far from what you make..." It was Lin Weiwei speaking.

This light remark coincidentally reached the ears of both Dong Tianlu and Hao Da.

The atmosphere instantly became tense.

Dong Tianlu looked at Lin Weiwei in surprise, and then at Bai Xiaosheng.

Is this level still far behind?

Hao Da was initially a bit stunned, but then a hint of anger appeared on his face, though he managed to suppress it.

"Young lady, what are you saying? He can also make meat swallow, and even better than mine?!" Hao Da said with some irritation.

Are these people here to cause trouble?!

Chapter 1808 - The Show-Stopping Cuisine

Thinking back, when Bai Xiaosheng first arrived in Linshen and visited Shang Wanwan's film set, he cooked a meal of meat swallow dumplings. The taste was simply "like a heavenly dish, rare to savor on earth." Lin Weiwei had tasted better, so she became critical of Hao Da's meat swallow dumplings and inadvertently voiced her opinion, which was overheard.

"No, what I mean is, yours are also very delicious, very tasty!" Lin Weiwei quickly put on an apologetic smile and gave Hao Da a thumbs up.

But obviously, such a backhanded compliment made Hao Da even more dissatisfied.

"Also?" Hao Da savored the word, casting a cold glance at Bai Xiaosheng.

Could this guy be a chef, a fellow culinary artist? Is it possible he has made even tastier meat swallow dumplings before? Hao Da pondered secretly.

Private dining, as the name implies, consists of private dishes, home-cooked meals unavailable elsewhere, often with limited offerings.

Generally, private restaurants lack signage, fixed menus, or dedicated serving staff.

Deep Lane Restaurant, strictly speaking, doesn't count as a true private dining venue, but it does offer unique dishes not found elsewhere, so it's not uncommon for industry peers to sneak in "following their reputation."

Hao Da assumed Bai Xiaosheng was one such person, a chef, a peer.

In reality, Deep Lane Restaurant doesn't mind peers dining there, as long as they're not freeloading, picking faults, and have a learning attitude—there's nothing wrong.

However, the young woman beside this man was unreasonably rude!

She even claimed his meat swallow dumplings were better!

And said it right in front of Miss Dong!

Hao Da was immediately upset, especially when he saw Miss Dong Tianlu also looking at the man with interest.

Hao Da gazed at Bai Xiaosheng with a somewhat hostile look.

Next to him, Lei Ying also ordered a portion, tasted one, and then said with an "objective" expression to Lin Weiwei, "You're a bit over the top; actually, this is quite close in taste."

In fact, Lei Ying proved to be the master of the backhanded compliment.

This remark clearly implied that there was still a skill gap between Hao Da and Bai Xiaosheng, even if it's small.

"Haha, good! Very good! Since that's the case, why don't I ask this gentleman to show off a little and let me learn what truly delicious meat swallow dumplings taste like, okay?" Hao Da fixed his gaze on Bai Xiaosheng, speaking in an unfriendly tone.

Dong Tianlu looked at Bai Xiaosheng with interest.

Zi Yue also looked amused, enjoying the spectacle.

Their conversation became loud enough that nearby diners turned to look, whispering among themselves.

"Chef, you misunderstood, it's just a small joke made by my friends, not to be taken seriously," Bai Xiaosheng apologized to Hao Da with a low demeanor.

Seeing his posture, Dong Tianlu secretly shook her head.

In fact, she had already thought Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying were exaggerating.

This man, similar in age to her younger brother, could really have skills like that? Better than Hao Da?

She had tasted meat swallow dumplings at more than one place in Tianhu, including those made by top chefs, yet uniquely favored Hao Da's version.

The flavor's freshness, the soup's lingering richness, are unforgettable.

Sometimes when she wasn't busy, she would come over to have a bowl to warm her stomach—a feeling of true happiness.

In Dong Tianlu's view, Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying were just part of Bai Xiaosheng's group, their words a bit of friendly boasting.

Seeing Bai Xiaosheng lack the courage to even show off his skills, and admitting defeat, further solidified her judgment.

"Oh, just boasting? I almost believed it. I mean, how could anyone be better than Chef Hao Da," Zi Yue mocked with a laugh, glancing at Lei Ying.

This big, burly guy had caused her embarrassment earlier. Despite appearing serious and pretending to praise his friend, now they were exposed!

Zi Yue felt a small sense of vindictive satisfaction.

Lei Ying remained silent, continuing to eat.

Zi Yue felt like she had punched a cotton cushion, unable to exert force, and glared at him with frustration.

Lei Ying seemed completely oblivious.

People around also understood the situation, whispering amongst themselves.

But many believed these young people were just messing around; how could anyone be more skilled than Hao Da in cooking?

After all, among the Hao brothers, Hao Da's culinary skills were the highest. Naturally, everyone supported him.

Seeing everyone's reaction, Hao Da regained some face and couldn't help but triumphantly teach Lin Weiwei, "Young lady, jokes need moderation; don't pretend to understand when you don't! Otherwise, you'll embarrass your friend and lose face together."

Lin Weiwei was publicly chastised but remained silent.

Since Xiaosheng didn't want to stir up trouble, she decided to admit her mistake and keep quiet.

Unfortunately, Hao Da wasn't satisfied and continued his lecture, "Tasting fine food should come from the heart, judging honestly. You can't be capricious, saying something is good when it isn't, and don't let emotions replace your taste buds. Can't you? You shouldn't think just because you like someone, their cooking can compare to professional chefs', especially not saying it in public, affecting my reputation."

Lin Weiwei continued to listen quietly, without speaking.

Bai Xiaosheng also remained silent, focused on eating the bowl of meat swallow dumplings—a small bowl, just a few pieces. He finished eating and then started drinking the soup.

Seeing Dong Tianlu seem to agree with his viewpoint, Hao Da wanted to show off and asked Lin Weiwei, "Actually, being unaware isn't your fault; I can tell you if you don't understand. Do you know what ingredients I use in these meat swallow dumplings? It's not just ordinary pork, but actually..."

Chapter 1809 - Show-Stopping Cuisine (Part 2)

Lin Weiwei continued not to respond, but a voice softly came from beside her.

"It's free-range black pork from the southern hills."

Hao Da, upon hearing this answer, was stunned for a moment, his smile slightly stiffened, and he incredulously turned to another person—

Bai Xiaosheng!

Lin Weiwei also looked in surprise at the person beside her.

Dong Tianlu was a bit shocked to look over as well.

Zi Yue also glanced at Bai Xiaosheng with some surprise.

Lei Ying continued to bury his head in the food, but a smile played at the corner of his mouth.

The onlookers were filled with astonishment, looking unbelievably at Bai Xiaosheng who had suddenly spoken, and Hao Da, who had suddenly gone silent.

Bai Xiaosheng took a sip of soup, gently placed down the white porcelain bowl, and smilingly looked at Hao Da, "Did I get it right?"

If only Hao Da had said fewer useless words, and given fewer lessons to Lin Weiwei, Bai Xiaosheng truly wanted to let it go.

Unfortunately, Hao Da was relentless!

Even for Lin Weiwei, Bai Xiaosheng didn't want to stay silent anymore.

Anyway, with Red Lotus around, discerning the ingredients in this bowl of minced meat dumplings was no difficult task.

Dong Tianlu and the others also looked at Hao Da, their gazes inquiring.

"Yes, it's free-range black pork from the southern hills..." Hao Da admitted.

After all, earlier he had lectured Lin Weiwei, respecting the delicacy.

"You used front leg meat, didn't you?" Bai Xiaosheng shook his head, "Didn't the seasoned chef who taught you how to make minced meat dumplings ever tell you to use hind leg meat?"

Could he detect such a "mistake" just by taste?

"This is free-range black pork, the front leg meat is more active, has better texture, and is marbled; after my improvement..." Hao Da explained but soon felt something was amiss.

With Bai Xiaosheng's comment, his response felt like an apprentice messing up a dish, being taught by a seasoned chef.

Did he need to explain to him?

Moreover, how could this guy know so much detail, not only discerning the free-range black pork from the southern hills but also identifying which part it came from!

This person isn't ignorant; on the contrary, he's an expert!

Hao Da instantly understood.

"The broth is indeed simmered over low heat, well-prepared, but the seasoning could be better. Even with the same spices, the amount used and the heat when added can create thousands of different variations," Bai Xiaosheng continued.

"I didn't expect you to be so talented; it seems you truly have hidden skills!"

Finally, Dong Tianlu became extremely interested in Bai Xiaosheng.

"Just a little knowledge," Bai Xiaosheng humbly said.

Being able to articulate the origin of the ingredients cannot be masked by mere "little knowledge."

"My friend, you truly need to show us a demonstration! Teach us something!" Hao Da earnestly said.

Bai Xiaosheng pointed to the plate and bowl in front of him, "I'm here to eat."

Meaning, he's not here to cook.

"As long as you're willing to show us something, this meal's on me." Hao Da laughed heartily, "As long as I'm satisfied with what you prepare, you'll get free food every time you come, for a year!"

The benefits Hao Da offered were not enough to tempt Bai Xiaosheng, plus he's only staying in Tianhu for a few days.

"I'd also love to see it," Dong Tianlu chimed in with a smile.

Bai Xiaosheng still showed little reaction.

Until Lin Weiwei charmingly said, "Brother, why not show us; I'd really love to taste your cooking."

Lei Ying also put down his bowl and laughed, "If you're going to cook, I'll stop eating and wait."

Seeing these two urging him, Bai Xiaosheng was finally moved.

Bai Xiaosheng stood up, smiled at Hao Da, "Then, allow me to use your valuable kitchen and utensils."

Every chef has their own set of cookware and tools, and they are not keen on lending them to others.

But Hao Da wanted to see Bai Xiaosheng in action, so he naturally agreed and took him over.

As they moved, Lin Weiwei, Lei Ying, Dong Tianlu, Zi Yue naturally followed, and some curious diners around them also tagged along.

With some excitement happening, who wouldn't want to watch?

Diners seated further out looked over in surprise, and some walked over, wanting to see what was happening.

When they learned someone was going to "challenge" Hao Da, these people got excited.

Then, more people heard the news and came over to watch.

Hao Er and Hao San exchanged strange looks at Bai Xiaosheng after a brief explanation from their elder brother but said nothing, giving way.

Hao Da informed Bai Xiaosheng of the kitchen utensils, ingredients, and spices he could use.

The items here are truly complete, neatly arranged, and the open kitchen is very clean.

Bai Xiaosheng was very satisfied.

After checking things over, he found that just for the minced meat dumplings, there were three kinds of sweet potato powder, and the seasoning covered both Eastern and Western styles.

"Not bad," Bai Xiaosheng nodded slightly, took a piece of black pork hind leg meat from the cooler and placed it on the chopping board. After processing it, he picked up the several pounds-heavy wooden mallet and hefted it, getting a feel for it.

He also used Red Lotus to gauge the data and control the force.

Then, with the assistance of Red Lotus, Bai Xiaosheng transformed into "master chef" mode, swinging the wooden mallet, pounding the prime meat, using force from his wrist, each strike incorporating the rebounding force, flowing smoothly, each blow touching the chopping board evenly, and sprinkled the sweet potato starch on top, patting, striking, spreading, rolling, pressing, cutting in an orderly manner, completing the task in less than half the usual time.

The Hao Family Three Brothers watched in amazement, even finding it hard to believe.

How could this young man, at least ten years younger than them, possess such well-honed skills, virtually... at a master level!

Watching Bai Xiaosheng finish making the dumpling skins and start preparing the meat filling, seasoning swiftly, and with confidence.

The three brothers snapped back to reality and even secretly exchanged words.

"The pork and fresh fish ratio is different from what we use, but I didn't see clearly, what about you..."

Chapter 1810 - Culinary Masterpiece That Stuns the Crowd (Part 3)

“Dried shrimp, water chestnut, bone broth, egg liquid... It seems every mix requires different handling!”

The three brothers were professionals, naturally discussing it eagerly. The diners, including Dong Tianlu, were watching with wide eyes, feeling that Bai Xiaosheng moved at a leisurely pace, balancing speed and emotion, creating a culinary beauty hard to express, coupled with Bai Xiaosheng’s sunny and handsome image, making many young female diners stare intently.

Even Dong Tianlu couldn’t help but glance a few more times at Bai Xiaosheng, this “young hunk”.

It is said that when a man is focused on doing something, it is often his most charismatic moment, especially when he takes it to the extreme.

Soon, Bai Xiaosheng prepared the necessary broth, bringing it to a boil, and then added the meat swallows.

A pot of meat swallows was rolling in the enticing soup pot, and somehow he seasoned it to emit such an intoxicating aroma, making people’s mouths water.

Even the Hao Family Three Brothers’ eyes lit up, staring directly at it.

Soon, the meat swallows were cooked.

Bai Xiaosheng turned off the heat, used a white bone china bowl to serve three meat swallows, added broth, sprinkled some fine cilantro, handed it to Hao Da, smilingly gesturing for him to taste.

Afterward, Bai Xiaosheng generously filled three bowls for himself, Lin Weiwei, and Lei Ying.

Seeing Dong Tianlu and Zi Yue staring eagerly, Bai Xiaosheng filled two more bowls. But since he hadn’t made much, and considering the women’s appetite, he only placed three swallows in each of their bowls.

Thus, the remaining meat swallows in the pot were few.

Hao Da held the white porcelain bowl, first smelling the aroma, then with Hao Er and Hao San watching, he used a porcelain spoon to delicately taste a meat swallow.

Hao Er and Hao San couldn't help but focus on their big brother. The nearby diners also watched eagerly.

The aroma alone tantalized the senses, leaving one curious about the taste.

Just after one bite, Hao Da, under everyone's gaze, seemed his eyes were lit up, even his hand holding the bowl trembled.

He nearly ate the meat swallow with a devout expression and drank a sip of soup.

"Simply perfect! This, this is what meat swallows should taste like!"

Watching this, Hao Da seemed almost overwhelmed with joy.

"Seriously, it's just meat swallows, is it that amazing?"

"Is it really that good?"

Hao Er and Hao San snatched the bowl from Hao Da's hand, each tasting for themselves.

Subsequently, the two brothers were equally stunned.

"Truly..."

“It’s delicious!”

Such expert chefs could utter such layman words, astonishing everyone.

But in the eyes of the three brothers, Bai Xiaosheng, in front of everyone, using the same ingredients and seasonings, cooked food to such perfection, utterly impressive.

“Exactly how does it taste?”

“What’s the flavor?”

Onlookers gazed eagerly, with the sound of swallowing, eager to taste it themselves.

Over there, Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying enjoyed the feast, eating heartily.

“This is how it should be, as I said, meat swallows should taste this way!” Lin Weiwei said smugly while eating with satisfaction.

Lei Ying said nothing, just kept eating.

Zi Yue was speechless from surprise after the first bite.

Could it really be that delicious? This was her previous thought, but now it seemed such thinking was simply sinful!

Indeed, someone could make food taste this wondrous.

Dong Tianlu bit a corner of the meat swallow with her pearly teeth, savoring it, a look of happiness and contentment on her face, sipping the soup felt utterly comforting.

“This is the best thing I’ve eaten in my life, no French chefs, no Japanese masters can compare! This is the taste of Huaxia cuisine!” Dong Tianlu couldn’t help exclaiming.

Seeing them like this, the surrounding diners couldn’t help drooling, several beauties gathered to plead with Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng, seeing there were some left in the pot, used a white porcelain bowl to serve one with broth for them to taste.

Everyone who tasted the meat swallow would let out a gasp of amazement, making those unable to try itch with envy, until eventually, even the pot of soup was divided and finished.

“Bro, I’m convinced!” Hao Da came over, acknowledging Bai Xiaosheng publicly.

A straightforward man, acknowledging Bai Xiaosheng’s skill openly.

After speaking, Hao Da grinned, “Can I have two more?”

Upon his request, Dong Tianlu also hurriedly said, “Give me another bowl!”

She didn’t bother with quantities.

Zi Yue was the same, clamoring for more.

Those diners who hadn’t tasted it also pleaded.

Bai Xiaosheng looked at the empty pot bottom, shrugged with a smile, “All gone.”

Witnessing the crowd’s enthusiasm earlier, he’d quickly eaten his own bowl to ensure he didn’t miss out after such efforts.

Including Hao Da, the Hao Family Three Brothers' eyes filled with disappointment instantly.

Dong Tianlu had a look of loss on her face, murmuring, "How is it gone already!"

Then, Dong Tianlu suddenly raised her head, looked at Bai Xiaosheng, seriously said, "Then, may I invite you to my home for a private session? You can name the price!"