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Chapter 1901 - I Really Have Turned Bad_3

"Actually, the projects that the boss wanted to stop, we are still continuing!"

Mo Chengju trusted Bai Xiaosheng and also thought Bai Xiaosheng was an outsider, so it didn't matter if he spoke about these matters.

"Still continuing? Aren't you afraid of being discovered?" Bai Xiaosheng pretended to be surprised.

In fact, from the clues previously mentioned by Mo Chengju, Bai Xiaosheng could already infer a thing or two.

Mo Chengju would not easily abandon something that was about to succeed. His compromise and humility had deeper meanings. It seemed he was doing it all to cover up and ensure the continued progress of those developments.

"We are continuing the projects that the boss wants stopped within the existing projects. Once successful, I will personally explain it to the boss!" Mo Chengju said, "Our R&D team is now working overtime voluntarily every day. Like those outside say, the '996' schedule of 9 AM to 9 PM for six days a week is inhumane, but for our R&D team, they devote all their time and energy to work, leaving only eating and sleeping!"

Mo Chengju paused, took a deep breath, and said with admiration, "Back then, they all begged me not to let those projects stop, saying they only needed a little more time, just a little bit! Where else could I find such good employees?"

"Even if it's for them, for my own pride, I can't let the boss's wrong judgment affect our research!" Mo Chengju said resolutely, "Since no amount of persuasion works, I'll risk going against the rules just this once. Even though I know I shouldn't!"

Bai Xiaosheng asked again, "Then how are you handling the R&D funds?"

"Currently, those projects are in their final stages, and the funds needed are not as substantial as in the early stages. I've repeatedly explained this to the boss, but he just won't listen! Consequently, I saved on some unnecessary company expenses and put them into the projects first," Mo Chengju sighed, "In terms of management, I have the authority to allocate company resources as needed without affecting other operations. This is not considered misappropriation of company funds. However, ultimately, it goes against the boss's intentions. I'm not doing this for myself, and I'm not afraid to take the blame! Even if I get held accountable later or lose my position, I'll accept it!"

Mo Chengju's gaze was firm, "I recruited these people one by one, and I promised not to let them down, so I'll keep my word!"

Bai Xiaosheng nodded slightly.

Mo Chengju's approach involved exercising his rights without any selfish motives.

But ultimately, it still went against the boss's decision.

The greater the success, the greater the "offense" might be.

"Mo Chengju was truly open with me. It seems if I hadn't come, he might have kept these words inside, not revealing them to anyone else," Bai Xiaosheng thought, "I made him say these things, giving Qian Bei enough 'evidence' to use against him. Although the trap was set by someone else, I indeed facilitated it intentionally. Even though I did it for Mo Chengju's good, why do I still feel a bit guilty?"

Bai Xiaosheng couldn't bear to see a sincere person like Mo Chengju end up being calculated by him.

"Why feel guilty! I'm helping Mo Chengju out of his predicament... Hmm, once he comes over to my side, I'll give him the resources he needs, money and people, to fully let him showcase his talents. I'll give those he brings high salaries and shares, and be a good boss," Bai Xiaosheng thought, "That feels much better."

After recording Mo Chengju's words, Bai Xiaosheng secretly instructed Red Lotus to disable the hidden equipment.

Otherwise, being recorded all the time would be too uncomfortable.

For the Gou family, this was enough to send Mo Chengju packing.

After all, what they needed was just an excuse.

To add someone's crime requires no reason; having these recordings is even more convenient!

"Mr. Mo Chengju, if there comes a day when you're no longer working here—I'm just saying if—I could find you a better platform, where you could have collaboration opportunities with Lai Yin's Team, with the greatest authority and resources, to fully manage a multinational pharmaceutical company. Would you be interested?" Bai Xiaosheng asked with a smile.

Mo Chengju was taken aback, thinking Bai Xiaosheng was joking.

Even if Bai Xiaosheng knew Lai Yin's Team or large capital investors, how could he have such authority? Starting a new multinational company wouldn't likely let him be in charge.

Mo Chengju laughed heartily, "If that day really comes as you say, of course, I would be willing!"

"Great! Hearing that is enough!" Bai Xiaosheng clapped his hands and laughed.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying exchanged smiling glances.

Mo Chengju might not yet realize that his unintentional promise had already formed an agreement with his future boss.

At this moment, in another room, Qian Bei sat in front of the computer, his eyes shining brightly as he stared at the screen.

The screen was playing a video, and the sound made his heart race.

On the first day, right after installing the surveillance equipment, he got the perfect "evidence" from Mo Chengju!

"This is simply a blessing from the heavens, my opportunity to shine!" Qian Bei smiled ecstatically.

Although he didn't know why the expensive surveillance equipment suddenly failed earlier, he still captured what he wanted!

All Qian Bei felt was happiness.

"Mo Chengju, oh Mo Chengju, really must apologize, but you might have to leave today," Qian Bei edited the video, laughing coldly, "With you here, how can Mr. Gou manage the company!"

Mo Chengju was completely unaware of having been set up, still chatting with Bai Xiaosheng.

After finishing a pot of tea, he thought of taking Bai Xiaosheng to see the research team and, at the same time, learn about Lai Yin's Team's research progress.

Just then, Mo Chengju's phone rang.

Apologizing to Bai Xiaosheng, Mo Chengju got up to take the call aside.

After just a few words, Mo Chengju's face changed, exclaiming, "What! Mr. Gou went to the R&D building! He wants to reorganize the R&D team!"

Mo Chengju's voice changed.

What he feared most had come to pass! Gou Dahou was finally making a move on the R&D department!

Today, right now!

Urgently speaking into his phone, Mo Chengju said, "Stall Director Gou by all means! I'm coming right away!"

Speaking quickly, Mo Chengju hung up the phone, hurriedly grabbed his clothes, and said to Bai Xiaosheng, "Sheng, I need to go handle something!"

"We heard. Can we come with you?" Bai Xiaosheng asked.

"This... alright!" Mo Chengju hesitated briefly, but finally nodded.

After all, he intended to take Bai Xiaosheng and the others over, though the timing was not ideal, but having them follow was fine.

Mo Chengju led Bai Xiaosheng and the others briskly out of the office building toward the R&D building.

Compared to his anxiety, Bai Xiaosheng felt somewhat... happy.

"I didn't expect the opportunity to poach Mo Chengju would come up today! It'd be great if Qian Bei puts in a bit more effort!"

Bai Xiaosheng felt that this kind of thought made him thoroughly feel like a "villain," calculating against someone like Mo Chengju who was so loyal and righteous, and yet he felt glad...

"I'm such a villain, why do I find this so satisfying! It seems I really have become a bad person!"

Chapter 1902 - Inciting Public Outrage

Cangyun Pharmaceuticals, with its vast campus, is fully equipped with office buildings, dormitory buildings, cafeterias, entertainment buildings, and factory areas.

Among these structures, the most "expensive" one is the R&D building.

The R&D building had special architectural requirements. At the time, several experts were invited to design it, and a top-tier construction team handled the exclusive construction. Inside, even the most junior interns were graduates from renowned universities. All five core research teams were led by figures well-known within the industry. All instruments and equipment used for research were procured globally.

Saying that Cangyun Pharmaceuticals has the best research resources in the country is no exaggeration.

With the addition of Mo Chengju as a powerful manager, this company ranks among the top ten nationwide in the field of biopharmaceutical research and production!

One would expect the R&D team, the backbone of Cangyun Pharmaceuticals, to be the cherished darlings of the company owner.

However, at present, Gou Dahou, the son of the big boss of Cangyun Pharmaceuticals, ordered everyone in the research team to stop what they were doing and gather in the lobby on the first floor of the R&D building, stating that he wanted to hold a small meeting. Meetings usually take place in offices, and holding one in the lobby is inappropriate. Furthermore, Gou Dahou didn't even have seats prepared. Regardless of whether they were young people with heavy dark circles from working overtime day and night, or elderly researchers with gray hair, all stood in the lobby on the first floor.

Moreover, those brought by Gou Dahou made them stand in orderly formations as if awaiting inspection.

Forming the queue alone took these researchers a full quarter of an hour to satisfy the people under Gou Dahou.

"I've gathered everyone here because I have some important things to say to you." Gou Dahou stood proudly in front of dozens of people, a smile on his face filled with his own sense of authority, "What I'm about to say may take a bit of time, so everyone should listen carefully and grasp the essence..."

Before getting to the main topic, Gou Dahou rambled on for a full ten minutes.

This was something that the researchers, who cherished their time like gold, found unbearable.

"Mr. Gou, could you please hurry up? We have many experiments to conduct. Earlier, your people asked us to stop our work and come down, saying it would just be a few words and wouldn't take long; otherwise, we wouldn't have all come down here without leaving anyone behind. But standing in a queue took fifteen minutes and twenty seconds, and you're still dragging on. Our work can't be delayed," someone couldn't help but say.

These words immediately resonated with everyone else.

"Yes, our Petri dishes are unattended and can only remain so for thirty to forty minutes at most; prolonged time won't do."

"Our instruments are still running; once the analysis is done, we need to carry out other procedures immediately."

"Mr. Gou, I think you should keep it brief and to the point."

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Facing the rising voices of criticism from the crowd, Gou Dahou's eyes darkened, showing obvious displeasure.

When he lectured departments in the company, he had never been treated this way.

People urged him before he even got to the main topic and asked him to get straight to the point without digressing.

Damn it! Who do these researchers think they are! You're earning salaries from our family and eating from our family's bowl, yet you act so insolently! I haven't even begun the main topic, and you dare rush me to finish? Who gave you the nerve? Was it Mo Chengju!

Gou Dahou's heart burned with rage, as he silently thought—

I've said it before; if this continues, this company will change its surname to Mo, instead of Gou!

Today, I'm going to implement reforms decisively, so you all know who really gives you your paycheck!

As he thought of this, Gou Dahou couldn't help but let out a cold laugh, looking at the person who first spoke out.

It was a middle-aged man with messy hair and a stubbly beard.

"Who is this guy?!" Gou Dahou pointed at the person with his finger but asked the person beside him.

Being so rudely pointed at, the man furrowed his brows.

The assistant next to Gou Dahou, flipping through the name list, replied, "He's the deputy team leader of the first research group, Yu Shuangtian."

"Just a deputy team leader?" Gou Dahou sneered, looking down on him, "I thought it was someone important, yet a small employee dares to shout at me!"

Gou Dahou's expression was disdainful, and his words were insulting, causing Yu Shuangtian to become visibly angry.

However, before Yu Shuangtian could speak, Gou Dahou had already coldly instructed the person next to him, "Fire him for me!"

The assistant next to Gou Dahou nodded decisively, "Yes, Director!"

As he spoke, the person took out a thick pen and crossed out a name on the list.

That action implied removing Yu Shuangtian from his position!

Yu Shuangtian was stunned upon seeing this.

What did he do? Why was he being fired?

Even though he had spoken bluntly, it was the truth!

And this director in front of him, insulting him with words, had just fired him on a whim in front of everyone? Not even a dog would be dismissed so carelessly!

Yu Shuangtian could barely believe what he was seeing.

The other researchers were equally shocked, unable to believe it.

The entire room fell silent, everyone looking at Gou Dahou in disbelief. They tried hard to recall if Yu Shuangtian had said anything wrong.

But even after racking their brains, they only felt Yu Shuangtian had simply been a bit blunt in his words.

Gou Dahou looked at the people who seemed "intimidated" by his words, feeling immensely satisfied.

How about that, all dumbfounded now!

Each of you, acting all high and mighty every day, wasn't it just because Mo Chengju spoiled you? But I, Gou Dahou, won't indulge you!

In front of me, not knowing your place, I'll let you see what power is!

Now, you all understand who holds your life and death in their hands, right?

Me, Gou Dahou!

Gou Dahou couldn't help but feel triumphant.

"You want to fire me? On what grounds?!" Yu Shuangtian couldn't help but angrily shout.

"Because this company is mine, because you are working for my family!" Gou Dahou pointed at him, dripping with arrogance, "You don't respect me, so why should I keep you!"

Speaking while threateningly glancing at others, as well.

Yu Shuangtian was trembling with anger.

An elderly man beside him immediately frowned and anxiously said to Gou Dahou, "Mr. Gou, you can't do this! You can't fire Yu! Our research work can't do without him; he is the core of our team, and his deputy position is just because he is modest..."

"Will the earth stop rotating without him?" Gou Dahou laughed sarcastically as he asked.

The questioned person was dumbfounded.

Will the earth stop if someone leaves?

"Just a mere researcher, someone who spends money within the company, not earning any from sales! What's the big deal about being a deputy or a team leader? Aren't these roles decided by us!" Gou Dahou smirked at everyone, "Remember this, who really pays your salaries! Nowadays, jobs aren't easy to find!"

Gou Dahou flaunted his authority.

All researchers glared at him furiously.

Gou Dahou wasn't just insulting Yu Shuangtian, but all of them!

R&D might be costly, but doesn't it generate value for the company?

Such ignorant statements!

These researchers inherently aren't great at verbal confrontations, with their anger boiling but suppressed in their chests.

"You want me to leave? Fine, but I need to wrap up my work properly. Give me two months, and I will resign on my own!" Yu Shuangtian gritted his teeth as he confronted Gou Dahou.

Yu Shuangtian was unwilling to abandon his team's hard work, hoping to see things through to the end, holding their position for the sake of his team members, ensuring they wouldn't suffer due to his departure!

"Mr. Yu, you can't leave!"

"Yes, Mr. Yu, the team can't function without you!"

"Don't go! You did nothing wrong!"

"We will go to Mo for justice!"

The researchers shouted angrily.

Gou Dahou's expression darkened when he heard this, especially when he heard them mention finding Mo Chengju, his fury intensified.

"Ha, Yu Shuangtian, are you kidding me!" Gou Dahou's voice was mocking as he spoke loudly, even pointing firmly at him, "Now, I am firing you! Fired, do you understand? This is not a negotiation! You shamelessly want to delay for two months before leaving? No way! Get out now, did you hear me!"

"And all of you! Going to Mo Chengju? It won't help you!" Gou Dahou stared at everyone, shouting, "This is my family's company, mine, to do with as I please! Mo Chengju is just a worker hired by my family; if we decide, we can even fire him! Let him tuck his tail and leave!"

Yu Shuangtian and others were shocked and angry.

Such words dared to be spoken by Gou Dahou.

What did he take everyone for?

To be insulted and scolded at will!

Even Mo Chengju is belittled like a dog!

"All right! Fine, since Mr. Gou despises me so much, then I will leave, right now!" Yu Shuangtian laughed out of extreme anger.

"I'll leave too!"

"Me too, leaving!"

"Not working here anymore!"

In an instant, the crowd roared.

Chapter 1903 - Yet Another Divine Assist

The research staff at Cangyun Pharmaceuticals are all remarkable individuals, top talents in the industry, each with their own pride and self-esteem. Back when Mo Chengju was tirelessly recruiting, he personally visited each of the core members multiple times in a respectful and courteous manner, honoring them regularly. Every year, he would visit the core members during the holidays, and he treated everyone else with the utmost respect.

This is how the five research teams were formed and united, a product of Mo Chengju's countless efforts, making them regard the team and the career as more important than mere 'profit'.

However, Gou Dahou managed to chill everyone's hearts in one day.

Gou Dahou thought these people solely relied on them for their livelihood, but he was unaware of how many companies approached these people every year with substantial offers to poach them.

Like Yu Shuangtian, just two months ago, a multinational company offered him triple the salary, and he didn't agree!

Because at Cangyun Pharmaceuticals, Mo Chengju respected him and understood them.

Now, Gou Dahou, the son of Boss Gou, completely chilled his heart, as well as the hearts of all the researchers present.

As all the researchers voiced their anger, those around Gou Dahou were visibly panicked, fearing that the crowd's anger couldn't be quelled, escalating to violence.

But Gou Dahou was not afraid; he had been involved in causing trouble since childhood, often participating in gang fights, so facing this group of bookish researchers did not intimidate him at all.

"Who are you threatening to leave?!" Gou Dahou sneered, spitting on the ground as he yelled at them, "Let me tell you, I called you moribund, unproductive group here today to line up because I intend to increase the intensity of assessments! I even plan to lay off some of you!"

"In addition, your salaries are too high; I'm going to adjust them so that the rest of our company doesn't feel dissatisfied!"

"You think you can threaten me with resignations? Fine, those who want to leave can leave; I won't stop you. Submit your resignations today, and I'll process them today!"

"And hear me clearly, if you resign voluntarily, I won't pay you a cent in compensation! This is something I'm more than happy to do!"

"Taking away a third of that money should be enough to recruit people, there are plenty of them! Huaxia is never short of graduates from prestigious universities!"

Gou Dahou became more and more brazen in his speech.

Those around him grew more excited as they listened, sneering at the angry researchers.

"Let's leave! We're done!"

The researchers were furious, and as someone shouted that, the whole group agreed.

Saying the words, everyone headed towards the exit in a commotion.

Not a single one stayed among the dozens of them!

"Mr. Gou, could it be that they really intend to..." someone beside Gou Dahou said in horror.

Generally speaking, the crowd would make a fuss, but few would really leave.

That's what Gou Dahou thought, which made him so bold, but seeing the group leave in unison, without a single straggler, he panicked too.

He came here to show off his power, to intimidate these people, not to really let everyone go.

In Gou Dahou's view, the people were merely voicing their grievances over Yu Shuangtian's situation, not really intending to leave when it came to their own jobs, as they were not the ones facing termination.

Unfortunately, he underestimated the situation.

Historically, scholars have a backbone, preferring to shatter as jade than yield for a pittance.

These researchers, they do not lack money nor job opportunities, and they are equally steadfast.

"I'm warning you, even if you resign together, I won't approve it. Anyone who delays the research, I...I won't forgive them!" Gou Dahou yelled from behind, still resorting to threats.

Sadly, this time, Gou Dahou's threats were utterly ineffective! The researchers were determined, their footsteps resolute, and they surged forward as one.

Gou Dahou was getting nervous.

Just as those researchers approached the entrance to the lobby on the first floor, several people rushed in from outside, led by one who was practically running.

"Everyone, calm down, let's talk it over!" the person shouted to the crowd as he entered the door.

The one who arrived was none other than Mo Chengju.

Mo Chengju had heard the commotion from outside and felt a chill in his heart.

Despite rushing over, in the end, running, he was still a step too late.

By the time a researcher called him, they had already started lining up, and with just a few brief words, Gou Dahou had ignited everyone's anger, and his arrival happened to be too late.

"President Mo!"

"President Mo, you finally came!"

"That man with the last name Gou wants to fire Yu Shuangtian just for speaking frankly!"

"He wants to fire all of us too!"

"President Mo, we can't endure this injustice!"

The researchers clamored, venting their anger.

But out of respect for Mo Chengju, they stopped.

"Everyone, please, let's calm down. I am aware of everything; let me handle this, and I promise I will give you a satisfactory answer!" Mo Chengju earnestly tried to persuade them.

The researchers exchanged looks.

"We should trust President Mo!" Even Yu Shuangtian spoke up.

Only then did they reluctantly nod.

Bai Xiaosheng and two others stood behind Mo Chengju, watching the scene unfold.

"Mo Chengju is an exceptionally strong leader, able to unite those around him!" Bai Xiaosheng thought to himself, "Perhaps it's precisely because of this that Boss Gou is increasingly wary of him."

Actually, upon seeing the name Cangyun Pharmaceuticals, Bai Xiaosheng had already searched for information, learning that Boss Gou was quite unconventional, managing enterprises comparable to Beifeng Holdings and Haoyu Group years ago, only slightly inferior to the current Tengyun Yuema. Though the industries have shrunk in recent years, Cangyun Pharmaceuticals alone could still make the domestic rich list.

"Maybe I should contact Elder Xia and Lu to ask Dong Tianlu and Wang Xuantian if they know Boss Gou." Bai Xiaosheng contemplated.

Poaching people isn't something simple!

Although this Gou Director did something that made Bai Xiaosheng feel quite gratified, it's quite a miraculous assist!

But those people following Gou Dahou might quietly report the situation.

Boss Gou surely knew the implications of heavily moving these researchers! He will surely vehemently prevent these people from leaving!

By then, all sorts of schemes and threats might be thrown over, making it likely that strong capabilities will ultimately be needed to resolve it!

As Bai Xiaosheng pondered these, Mo Chengju had already brought the crowd back in front of Gou Dahou.

"Mr. Gou, dismissing these pillars of the company without cause will cause turmoil and might even plunge the company into an irrecoverable disaster."

"They constitute the core competitiveness of our company!"

Mo Chengju earnestly stated to Gou Dahou.

Gou Dahou was initially somewhat panicked, but seeing Mo Chengju trying to "win hearts" in front of him at this moment made him a bit displeased.

"I need to think in terms of the company's long-term interests; I cannot keep people who do not obey management!" Gou Dahou said stiffly to Mo Chengju, suppressing his annoyance.

I would love to have you pack up and leave right away! I just don't have enough justification yet; otherwise, I'd get rid of you first! Gou Dahou thought bitterly.

At that moment, someone ran in from the lobby doors, heading straight for Gou Dahou.

The runner was Qian Bei.

He waved his phone in his hand as he sprinted, calling out, "Director, Director! I have something to say!"

To the side, Bai Xiaosheng glimpsed Qian Bei and couldn't help but flash a slight smile.

"Oh, has another miraculous assist come into play!"

Chapter 1904: Irrefutable Evidence

The vice president of Cangyun Pharmaceuticals, Qian Bei, shouted all the way, jogging up and instantly attracting everyone's attention here. Gou Dahou, Mo Chengju, the researchers, and Gou Dahou's entourage all looked at him.

Qian Bei swiftly arrived in the midst of everyone, glanced at Mo Chengju, wore an arrogant smile, and had a mocking glint in his eye.

"Qian Bei, what do you want to tell me?" Gou Dahou frowned and asked, "Speak!"

Today's display of authority left Gou Dahou feeling very displeased.

This bunch of researchers, each a tough nut, actually dared to threaten collective resignation!

Even if these people don't all leave, if ten or eight of them do, he couldn't bear it!

Gou Dahou is a reckless man but not a fool. He knows that research and development are the core of Cangyun Pharmaceuticals, otherwise he wouldn't have left this side untouched all along and tested the waters in other departments first. After Gou Dahou finished dealing with the other departments of Cangyun Pharmaceuticals, once he was "intimidated," he found Mo Chengju enduring him repeatedly, and the company personnel yielding to him repeatedly, which boosted his confidence, leading him to come here today to organize the R&D department.

As a result, he was almost overwhelmed by the collective threats of the R&D team!

Precisely because of this, watching Mo Chengju easily persuade those people back with just a few words made him really both jealous and hateful.

He, a dignified young director, the one who truly pays these people's salaries, was actually less influential than a mere worker!

It was truly infuriating!

Gou Dahou's hostility towards Mo Chengju exploded internally, yet he had to endure it. A mass resignation by R&D is something he truly couldn't bear, and he couldn't target Mo Chengju frivolously without any legitimate reason. If he acted against Mo Chengju without cause, those in research might seize the opportunity to exploit the situation, making the scene even harder to manage.

Feeling displeased, Gou Dahou spoke to Qian Bei with an especially sharp tone.

He even had a menacing look.

Qian Bei was initially startled, but upon seeing the situation before him, he instantly understood that Gou Dahou had nowhere to unleash his anger and was venting on him.

However, Qian Bei didn't feel wronged, rather he still felt excited.

He was essentially delivering the pillow when needed, bringing evidence to Mr. Gou. Soon Mr. Gou would have to thank him!

If Gou Dahou could decisively confirm the evidence and take the opportunity to get rid of Mo Chengju, then Qian Bei could advance further! Not necessarily to replace Mo Chengju as the company's general manager, but at least to truly enjoy real power under Gou Dahou!

This young director prefers playing over management, is skilled at playing, and is heavily inclined towards it.

Then he himself would be the uncrowned king within this company, the general manager without being the general manager!

Just thinking about it made Qian Bei happy.

"Director, I have something here that I want you to see and hear!" Qian Bei couldn't contain his eagerness.

Upon hearing this, Gou Dahou was taken aback, looked at Qian Bei strangely, and frowned, saying, "I say, Qian Bei, are you ill? What kind of occasion is this for you to show me something!"

The crowd, including Mo Chengju, also looked at Qian Bei in surprise, not knowing what he was up to.

"Very important stuff! You'll understand by just looking, it's also related to General Manager Mo Chengju!" Qian Bei glanced at Mo Chengju, giving a playful smile, walked to Gou Dahou's side, and before showing the video on his phone, murmured a few words into his ear.

Mo Chengju looked at Qian Bei, bewildered.

This person claims to have something related to him to show Gou Dahou?

All with such secrecy, akin to tattling.

Mo Chengju knew he had a clear conscience, unafraid of anything Qian Bei might present to malign him!

“However, Qian Bei, don’t think I’m easy to bully! Trying to mess with me? I’m no pushover! When I get fierce, you’ve never seen it!” Mo Chengju’s gaze turned slightly sinister, looking at Qian Bei.

Mo Chengju decided to retaliate fiercely later!

To say today’s events didn’t leave Mo Chengju very pleased, he really had nowhere to vent!

This Qian Bei came knocking as a punching bag, perfect timing!

Mo Chengju also wanted to take this opportunity to show Gou Dahou that he wasn’t someone without a temper!

The onlookers saw Qian Bei whispering with Gou Dahou, each expressing different emotions, the researchers frowning and whispering among themselves.

Outside the crowd, Bai Xiaosheng watched peacefully.

Beside him, Lin Weiwei couldn’t help but lean over and whisper, “Sheng, are we... just going to stand by and watch?”

She meant to go help Mo Chengju.

“Girl, this is their internal matter, we can’t meddle blindly, otherwise, it’ll make things difficult for Mo Chengju!” Lei Ying whispered from the other side.

Lin Weiwei understood the reasoning.

But she didn’t believe Bai Xiaosheng would just sit on the sidelines, ignoring Mo Chengju’s situation.

“Don’t worry. How could I simply watch the drama unfold?” Bai Xiaosheng shook his phone and smiled at Lin Weiwei.

Since earlier, he had been messaging people, staying in touch.

Seeing Bai Xiaosheng’s smile, Lin Weiwei felt reassured.

“Sheng, so you were contacting people about this matter!” Lin Weiwei was a bit surprised.

“Lei Ying is right; now is not the time to intervene. Let’s watch first, I believe, the time for us to step in will come!” Bai Xiaosheng smiled, gesturing towards the other side.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying both nodded and looked over again.

Over there, upon hearing what Qian Bei said, Gou Dahou’s eyes slowly brightened.

Afterward, he whispered a few more words to Qian Bei, seemingly to confirm something.

Then, Gou Dahou took Qian Bei’s phone, looked at Mo Chengju, and his gaze changed.

“Mo Chengju, Mo Chengju! I truly didn’t expect you to be this kind of person!” Gou Dahou raised the phone in his hand and shouted.

His demeanor, as if holding Mo Chengju's critical weakness, was filled with arrogant cold laughter, loudly stating, "You hold our family's rice bowl, enjoy the importance and resources of our Gou family, take a look at what you've done!"

As he spoke, Gou Dahou turned up the volume on the phone, playing a video on loudspeaker.

Although the picture was too small for others to clearly see, the sound was clear and distinct, unmistakably Mo Chengju's.

Mo Chengju watched as Gou Dahou aimed his accusations at him, speaking so forcefully, indicating his "crime" was incontrovertible, and he frowned slightly in confusion.

Everyone else looked at Gou Dahou and the phone in his hand, and the scene became utterly silent.

On the phone, Mo Chengju's voice rang out.

"Look, I have such a good team, such excellent employees, and such promising research directions... why would I terminate the project!"

"I do not agree with our boss's decision at all! This is an outsider guiding the insider, overly short-sighted!"

"Regarding the projects the boss wanted to stop, we are still continuing... we're secretly proceeding with those projects the boss demanded halted within the existing projects!"

"I've saved some necessary company expenses and invested them first... I have this authority in management... though it goes against the boss's intentions..."

"Even if they hold me accountable later, even if they remove me from my position, it's still worth it!"

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The audio and video clips edited by Qian Bei vividly portrayed Mo Chengju as privately “rebellious,” “reckless,” “deceptive,” and involved in “hidden operations”! Those unaware might take Mo Chengju for someone else entirely.

After the video ended, Gou Dahou glared at Mo Chengju, sneering and shaking his head, saying, “Mo Chengju, you never thought you’d be such a person! Disobeying the boss’s intentions, acting completely on your own, is there even a boss or even us Gou family in your eyes?”

“You embezzled public funds, opened private projects, are you trying to get R&D to produce something so you can sell it?”

“You plan to just leave and wash your hands of it, resign and be done, huh, how is that so easy! I suggest you start thinking about how to explain to the judge in court!”

The edited audio and video by Qian Bei amplified Mo Chengju’s “dark” side, making Gou Dahou believe the researchers knew nothing about being used by Mo Chengju, who seemed righteous on the surface but was a dirty man behind the scenes.

Take a look, all of you, see for yourselves!

The character of the person you support as Mo Chengju!

Stop being blind, denounce him for me!

Why won’t you stand by my side!

Gou Dahou eagerly looked at the researchers, anticipating the scene he wanted to see unfold!

Chapter 1905: I’m Leaving!

Qian Bei this time brought ironclad evidence of Mo Chengju's "dark side." In his view, just the fact that Mo Chengju defied the boss's decision and engaged in under-the-table operations was enough. Enough for Gou Dahou to take action against Mo Chengju!

Gou Dahou was misled by the out-of-context video and audio, making him believe that Mo Chengju was deceiving the top and bottom, secretly directing research and development staff to produce results, and then selling them for personal gain. If this were true, it wouldn't just ruin Mo Chengju's reputation; it would be grounds for prosecution!

Gou Dahou publicly displayed Mo Chengju's crimes, especially eager to see the previously indignant researchers suddenly pounce on Mo Chengju.

I'll make sure you lose your honor in this company!

I'll make you overshadow me!

I want to ruin you, kick you out of Cangyun Pharmaceuticals, and at the same time, I'll place all the blame on you, use the opportunity to rectify things, leaving the researchers speechless!

I am the real master of this company!

Gou Dahou's eyes were almost gleaming with excitement, feeling a moment of exhilaration.

Qian Bei, beside Gou Dahou, was also full of anticipation.

"I never expected that Mo Chengju would turn out to be such a person!"

"Yeah, not following the boss's orders, deceiving up and down, really despicable!"

"Did you hear what he said, arrogant and reckless, didn't expect he had such a side!"

The people beside Gou Dahou seized the opportunity to discuss.

The researchers appeared angry, waiting for Mo Chengju to speak up.

In Gou Dahou and his people's view, these folks were waiting for Mo Chengju to explain!

In reality, the researchers knew everything; they were just waiting for Mo Chengju to speak first so they could collectively support him.

Mo Chengju's face had gradually darkened since he heard those recordings, and by the time Gou Dahou almost pointed at him to enumerate his "crimes," his face was stormy, and both his hands clenched into fists.

Since Qian Bei was transferred, he felt watched all the time at work, he endured!

Gou Dahou came down, acting high and mighty, often openly embarrassing him, he endured!

The boss turned a deaf ear to what was happening, allowing his son to pressure him, he endured!

But the result of enduring repeatedly was being surveilled!

Those were the words he said to Bai Xiaosheng today. They were all recorded; there must have been secret surveillance installed in his office.

When did they start surveilling him?

Was it today, or has it been ongoing?

Do I, as a person, not even have any privacy?

Is there any dignity left?

I'm not a criminal!

The longtime accumulation of dissatisfaction in Mo Chengju ignited at this moment, flaming up like a raging fire.

Over there, Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying also watched, filled with anger.

Installing cameras in a manager's office, to secretly film and surveil, what kind of company could do such a thing!

The very thought of it felt unbelievable, terrifying, and disgusting!

Even if this was solely done by Qian Bei, there's no way Gou Dahou and his father wouldn't know!

Otherwise, would Qian Bei dare!

"It really makes me furious!" Lin Weiwei, gritting her silver teeth, was furious for Mo Chengju.

"We must poach Mo Chengju, and also his research and development team!" Lei Ying said in a deep voice.

Bai Xiaosheng looked on expressionlessly, occasionally glancing at his phone to type and exchange messages with someone.

Just as Mo Chengju was on the verge of erupting, a cellphone ringtone sounded.

It was Gou Dahou's phone.

Gou Dahou glanced at the caller ID and answered the call.

Qian Bei, beside Gou Dahou, smirked at Mo Chengju and raised his voice, "I've also sent a copy of this video to the boss! Mr. Mo, you better think about how to explain it to the boss!"

In Qian Bei's view, no explanation from Mo Chengju would be of use!

Defying the boss's decision, that's a big taboo in any company, no matter the reason, it's unacceptable!

Not to mention, Mr. Gou originally wanted Mo Chengju gone, so his son could smoothly take over the company!

Qian Bei looked at Mo Chengju with a triumphant smile, the words "you're finished" evident in his eyes.

Mo Chengju also wanted to hear what the boss had to say, but he remained silent.

The researchers behind him murmured and conversed emotionally, yet remained low-key.

Gou Dahou answered the call, and after a few words, switched to video mode, turning up the volume and directing the screen at Mo Chengju and the researchers.

In the video was a stern-faced man with a square face, looking quite righteous, though his eyes held a hint of anger.

"Mo Chengju, well done!" the man exclaimed upon seeing Mo Chengju, his voice sharp, "I told you to stop those research projects, to stop! And you dared not listen, continuing behind my back! Your deception alone is enough for condemnation!"

With these words, Mo Chengju's eyes welled up with deep disappointment.

For ten years, he had fought alongside this man, building a great empire.

Now, being condemned without distinguishing right from wrong.

Isn't it truly like when the birds have been shot, the bow is put away, and the rabbit is trapped, the dog is cooked!

In the video, after Boss Gou finished shouting, he panted slightly, his voice somewhat weak, shaking his head, he said, "I really didn't expect you to be like this. Mo Chengju, how could you become like this? The one who used to fight for the world with me, you have finally changed!"

Boss Gou's voice and expression carried a slight trace of melancholy and immense disappointment, as if Mo Chengju had truly broken his heart.

His acting, not bad at all. Over there, Bai Xiaosheng marveled.

In this world, the best actors are not necessarily actors, but bosses who rehearse unscripted performances in real life, needing to improvise on stage!

So, should he now make Mo Chengju proactively resign to acknowledge his fault? Bai Xiaosheng pondered. That way, even the salary and benefits would be saved.

Just as Bai Xiaosheng thought of this, the sound continued over there.

"You let me down too much, hurt me too much, Mo Chengju!" In the video, Boss Gou looked up at a forty-five-degree angle for two seconds, then looked forward at Mo Chengju, saying with compassion, "You defied the decisions of the top echelon of the group, misappropriated funds, deceived subordinates... Considering you've been with me for ten years, I won't pursue these matters, after all, ten years of friendship!"

"You, resign yourself!"

Boss Gou's last words seemed to reach the pinnacle of sorrow.

Such a deeply emotional boss, to the employees beside him, truly made people sigh endlessly.

Mo Chengju had been listening silently from the beginning, though he remained expressionless, his eyes grew more somber, more filled with disappointment.

“Is this the boss I’ve dedicated ten years to, is this your greatest... ‘forgiveness’ for me!” Mo Chengju finally spoke, his voice hoarse, filled with mockery, yet his gaze unflinching, shimmering with candid brilliance, “What kind of person am I, don’t you, boss, understand?”

“Would I act for myself, or for the company, wouldn’t you understand?”

“Now, you tell me to leave...”

Mo Chengju took a deep breath, looked at the phone screen where his boss was, looked at Gou Dahou, and those people beside him, slowly exhaled, “I promise you! I’ll leave!”

The last two words seemed to drain all of Mo Chengju’s strength, even his clenched fists loosened.

Sorrow, none greater than a dead heart.

Mo Chengju couldn’t believe that his boss would determine he had issues based on some edited footage, didn’t even call him directly to question but announced his handling publicly!

It seems his level of detest in the boss’s heart was much more than he could imagine!

Since that’s the case, what is there to stay for!

What is there to stay for!

Mo Chengju, originally defiant by nature, had to bow his proud head under reality. Now, feeling it unworthy to bow, his natural pride returned!

As Mo Chengju uttered the words “I’ll leave,” Gou Dahou and Qian Bei smiled as if in victory.

But right after, the researchers behind Mo Chengju suddenly erupted.

“General Manager Mo has no ulterior motives; he suggested continuing the research, that was us!”

“Indeed, I was one of those who supported it at the time!”

“Me too!”

“We all knew this!”

The group leaders of the five research teams shouted in succession, stepping out to stand behind Mo Chengju.

“We knew, we organized overtime ourselves, we were co-conspirators with General Manager Mo!”

“We are co-conspirators!”

“We all are!”

All the researchers started shouting, standing behind Mo Chengju, none of the dozens were exceptions.

“If General Manager Mo leaves, we all leave!”

“That’s right, we all leave!”

Those researchers, united by common enmity, roared in unison.

Gou Dahou and Qian Bei, originally smug, were taken aback by this sudden scene.

Even Boss Gou in the video was shocked.

Mo Chengju had actually communicated with everyone on the research side? Did everyone know without exception?!

Gou Dahou and Qian Bei felt it was unbelievable.

“Mo Chengju, are you stirring emotions to rebel? If that’s the case, I’ll be unkind to you; I’ll take you to court right now!” Boss Gou in the video said with a sinister look, shouting angrily.

Mo Chengju showed no expression.

Now that they’ve torn their faces, then bring it on!

Whether it’s a storm or thunder and lightning, he’ll take it!

Mo Chengju fumbled for a cigarette, took one and lit it, took a deep drag, and blew out a puff of smoke.

“Boss, say whatever you want,” Mo Chengju said with slight roguishness, resolutely, “I’m determined to leave! As for the others, if they are willing, we’ll leave together!”

In the video, Boss Gou finally showed a hideous expression.

“Mo Chengju, you want to take them too? Give it a try!”

Mo Chengju didn't respond with words, but his expression already conveyed his reply.

Try, just try!

Gou Dahou was also furious, shouting threats at those researchers, "You, none of you can leave, we won't process your resignations, we'll issue notifications to the industry, even if you leave Cangyun Pharmaceuticals, don't think about working elsewhere in the country! No one will dare hire you! Do you understand!"

In the distance, Bai Xiaosheng watched the excitement over there, glanced at his phone, and smiled.

"Looks like it's my turn to take the stage!"

Chapter 1906: He's Not Someone We Can Afford to Offend

If Mo Chengju really leads the way in leaving, it would be a rallying call. Those responding now are just from R&D, but when the news spreads, it might cause a massive upheaval within the company's core, even triggering a resignation wave.

Should that happen, Cangyun Pharmaceuticals would suffer significantly, or even face crippling damage!

Therefore, Gou Dahou made a fierce statement, threatening everyone present.

Dare to leave?

The company will sue you until you have no way to go!

You won't even have food to eat!

Compared to before, Gou Dahou instantly turned from agitated to ruthless.

He was quite smooth in making this threat!

This was likely not an impulsive decision but came from his father's instructions. Perhaps, Gou Dahou's father had told him these words from the start.

These words are actually more suitable for private conversations, directed at a key figure who insists on leaving but can't be retained. It's the purest and most blunt threat!

Now that the situation has worsened, Gou Dahou's intuition made him openly threaten everyone with these words!

If you leave, not only will you not receive your salaries, compensation, or resignation proof, but Cangyun Pharmaceuticals will also widely issue notices within the industry, informing peers to impose a non-compete clause on you! Any company daring to hire you will face endless litigation risks! See if they still dare or are willing to!

Cangyun Pharmaceuticals ranks in the top ten in the industry, a true industry leader. If they are determined to pursue litigation, let's see who would dare employ those in R&D!

The moment R&D personnel resign today, they face complete unemployment, unable to find work, unable to support their families!

For a moment, everyone turned pale.

"Are you talking about non-compete, Gou Dahou!" shouted Mo Chengju, "It seems you don't understand the law! Let me educate you a bit!"

"In Huaxia's law, there's no clear restriction on the targets of a non-compete clause. The employment parties voluntarily sign the non-compete agreement," reminded Mo Chengju, "These people haven't signed anything like that!"

"Furthermore, whether a non-compete is legal and valid depends on whether it harms the basic living interests of employees! The company must offer economic compensation for employee non-compete

actions, and the agreement must state the compensation amount and payment method! Otherwise, it's invalid!"

"These too are missing!"

Mo Chengju launched the strongest counterattack at Gou Dahou, "No contractual constraints, no economic compensation, using non-compete to threaten them, isn't it ridiculous!"

Gou Dahou was left speechless by the rebuttal, his face turning sullen.

The researchers' spirits were immediately lifted.

On the video, Gou Dahou's father spoke up at this moment.

"Mo Chengju, ah Mo Chengju! If it were them saying these things, I'd let it slide. But you, how can you be so naive!"

Boss Gou sneered, wearing a contemptuous expression, "Do I need to sign any contracts or agreements with them? I don't need to!"

"I have plenty of money and can hire any team of lawyers! I will pursue legal action! Anyone who dares to employ them becomes my enemy!"

Boss Gou sneered again and asked, "Do you think people in the circle would offend me, Gou, for their sake!"

Gou Dahou's father, real name Gou Youting, is a well-connected figure in both business and politics.

At this moment, he completely dropped his facade, revealing his ruthless side without fear.

Gou Dahou suddenly seemed enlightened, his eyes shining, and a satisfied smile reappeared on his face.

Even Qian Bei beside him was smiling as well.

The researchers were visibly angry, their faces turning pale and blue.

Mo Chengju looked at Gou Dahou, then at the man he had followed for ten years on Gou Dahou's phone video. Suddenly, he recalled when he first entered the workplace, following an old employee he called "Master." Even today, many of Mo Chengju's habits are influenced by that "Master."

That "Master" suddenly left one day, saying to him a phrase Mo Chengju initially didn't understand, later comprehended, but took ten years to appreciate its depth—

"In the workplace, you need to be a rogue. Otherwise, you'll be played by a rogue!"

Mo Chengju always felt those words were excessive.

But today, he truly understood what it means to play rogue in the workplace.

Big figures playing rogue with minor employees!

You reason with him, he talks to you about rules; you talk to him about the law, he talks to you about the power of money.

Making you realize who's stronger with fists!

Even through normal channels, they have the power to disturb your life thoroughly, leaving no peace!

Faced with Gou Youting's blatant rogue behavior, Mo Chengju was so furious, his face turned blue and his hands trembled.

Yet, he was utterly helpless.

Even though the Mo Family is quite influential locally, they are no match for Gou Youting.

Even if Mo Chengju wanted to ask his family for help, they couldn't accommodate so many Western medicine researchers, nor could they allow them to utilize their talents, bringing endless trouble to the Mo Family.

"Gou Youting!" Mo Chengju took the cigarette from his mouth, feeling his hair stand on end, gritting his teeth, "Do you really have to be so ruthless! If anything, come at me!"

Mo Chengju wished to take all the blame alone, not wanting to implicate others.

Gou Youting in the video sneered, seemingly finding Mo Chengju increasingly naive and laughable, disdainfully ignoring a response.

"We understand non-compete too. You're not following legal procedures at all...this is despicable!"

"How can you act like this! Are you trying to bind us all here tightly?"

"What kind of company have I even joined!"

The researchers angrily voiced their frustration, their anger filled with helplessness.

Chapter 1907: He's Someone We Can't Afford to Mess With (Part 2)

They just have money, just have resources, and just keep pestering them relentlessly, what can they do!

The usually inarticulate researchers had anger and frustration written all over their faces.

Gou Dahou laughed out loud, arrogantly saying, "Now, who else wants to leave!"

“You people are really hard to move forward, and when pushed, you fall back!”

“Resign with Mo Chengju? Don’t you have wives and children to support, or parents to honor? I advise you to face reality and obediently go back to work!”

“And from now on, what I say goes in the R&D department. Set rules, enforce competition for positions, set targets, and tie it to performance. If you can’t meet them, there will be salary adjustments, demotions, and pay cuts!”

Gou Dahou shouted arrogantly.

Mo Chengju looked at Gou Dahou burning with rage, ready to disregard everything and go up to hit the bastard.

But just then, a hand was placed on Mo Chengju’s shoulder, forcefully holding him down.

Mo Chengju turned around and saw a calm, young face, momentarily stunned.

Bai Xiaosheng.

“Mr. Chengju, since you want to leave, and they want to leave too, why don’t I find a place for you all, where everyone can be accepted!” Bai Xiaosheng raised his voice, smiling as he glanced at the neighboring researchers, “I guarantee that everyone can join a multinational company with double the salary here, without harsh contract terms, and once your research results hit the market, you’ll receive corresponding shares, sound good!”

Bai Xiaosheng’s words left Mo Chengju and the researchers dumbfounded.

A multinational company?

Double the salary?

Granting shares?

Is this, is this... a joke!

“I know in the field of research, what you most hope for is to collaborate with top industry teams. There’s a team in Europe called Lai Yin’s Team, have you heard of them? I can arrange for you to visit and cooperate.” Bai Xiaosheng said with a smile.

This statement directly stunned the researchers.

The promise sounded too grand!

Even Gou Dahou and Qian Bei were left standing there, dumbfounded.

Where did this guy come from, speaking so boastfully!

“Sheng, you shouldn’t make wild claims on impulse!” Even Mo Chengju couldn’t help but swallow, speaking nervously.

Even he didn’t dare to believe it!

“Who are you, kid! Dare to make reckless statements on my turf!” In the video, Gou Youting shouted.

“Me?” Bai Xiaosheng turned his face towards Gou Youting, smiling and replied seriously, “I might be someone you can’t afford to mess with!”

Bai Xiaosheng’s last words weren’t loud but carried such a powerful aura that everyone froze.

Gou Youting, someone the Gou family can’t mess with?!

This young man is really “arrogant”!

It’s known that the boss behind Cangyun Pharmaceuticals is Gou Youting, but Gou Youting doesn’t just have this one enterprise!

His influence, years ago, could be compared to top-tier companies!

It was only a few years ago, due to the financial crisis, that the Gou family had to cut back, leading to a contraction in assets.

But a starving camel is bigger than a horse!

With Gou Youting’s wealth and connections, he’s not someone anyone dares to provoke easily!

If it were Tengyun’s Lu Yun or Yuema’s Ma Zongting making these claims, it might be understandable.

But this young man, what’s his basis!

“You’re being presumptuous!” Before Gou Youting could respond, Gou Dahou roared furiously, pointing at Bai Xiaosheng, “Where did this brat come from, daring to act unruly here, get him out of here!”

Regardless of whether or not Bai Xiaosheng could actually take Mo Chengju and all the researchers, as long as he gave them hope, it would be a headache!

As Gou Dahou spoke, before his people could move, Lei Ying stood behind Bai Xiaosheng like a half tower of Hei Ta, coldly surveying the surroundings, daring anyone to lay a hand on Bai Xiaosheng without going through him first!

Lin Weiwei stood on the other side of Bai Xiaosheng.

Mo Chengju, right next to Bai Xiaosheng, couldn't help but murmur hastily, "Sheng, you have no idea how influential the Gou family is! Don't speak carelessly here!"

Mo Chengju was worried that Bai Xiaosheng, not knowing the situation, would cause trouble for himself.

Even if Bai Xiaosheng had connections to reach a multinational company and fulfill his promise, the Gou family members were not to be trifled with!

Especially Gou Youting, someone who mingled smoothly in many circles!

"Don't worry, I know what I'm doing. I've already talked to some friends, they'll help me handle Gou Youting. Today, he'll willingly let people go!" Bai Xiaosheng smiled, full of confidence, as he reassured Mo Chengju.

Mo Chengju still felt no relief, remaining skeptical.

Gou Dahou continued to call for getting Bai Xiaosheng thrown out.

The researchers, seeing Mo Chengju standing by Bai Xiaosheng, thronged forward, surrounding Bai Xiaosheng and the three others at the center.

To move those four, one had to move them first!

In the phone video, Gou Youting's eye gleamed fiercely as he eyed Bai Xiaosheng, seemingly wanting to note his face, his voice turning sharp, "Young man unaware of the vast sky, thinking a bit of background lets you act unruly here! State your name, I'll have your elders discipline you..."

Before Gou Youting finished, the video suddenly cut off, leaving only silence.

Gou Dahou was stunned, glancing at the phone's blank screen, then looked up at Bai Xiaosheng, Mo Chengju, and others, eyes filled with malice, "Security, security! Get that kid out of here!"

He needed to implement his father's orders first, clear the area!

Cangyun Pharmaceuticals' security had actually already arrived, about seven or eight of them, but that number was simply unable to break through the dozens of researchers crowding around.

On the other side.

In an office, the reason Gou Youting cut off the video was because a major investor from the Gou family's industry called.

Chapter 1908: He's Someone Our Family Can't Afford to Offend (3)

He couldn't refuse to answer, didn't dare not to answer.

"Youting, that company in your hands called Cangyun Pharmaceuticals, isn't there a young man negotiating with you about some staff retention issues right now?"

The big investor came right to the point with a sentence that left Gou Youting, Boss Gou, stunned.

How did this matter reach their ears?

"Yes, yes, there is a young man. Why, is he related to you?" Gou Youting couldn't help but quietly suck in a breath.

At present, many of the Gou family's industries were losing money; only Cangyun Pharmaceuticals was the most profitable. However, if any of the loss-making industries were to collapse, the chain reaction would create a financial black hole so large that even throwing the entirety of Cangyun Pharmaceuticals in wouldn't fill it up!

In this situation, Gou Youting absolutely could not offend this significant investor who was calling, and thus he answered without delay.

“He has nothing to do with me! But he has an exceedingly close relationship with another big figure whom I cannot afford to offend either. Do as he says immediately! No matter who he asks for, you let them go, do you hear me!”

The tone of the big investor was urgently severe, not at all a negotiating one but more like an order.

Gou Youting was taken aback.

That young man could reach his investor and even have someone threaten them!

What backing does he have!

“Which big figure is contacting you that even you fear them so much?” Gou Youting probed inquisitively.

“That’s not convenient for me to say! In any case, right now, immediately, do as I told you!” The big investor’s voice urged briskly.

“Alright, alright,” Gou Youting replied repeatedly.

After the other party hung up, Gou Youting couldn’t help but frown and ponder.

Just being able to reach his family’s significant investor and force them to speak up—a power like this, that young man must not be underestimated!

Just as he contemplated, Gou Youting’s phone rang again.

Seeing the name displayed, his eyes narrowed abruptly.

This time, it was a major partner with whom many of the Gou family industries collaborated.

Another presence he dared not offend at this moment!

This major partner also didn't beat around the bush on the phone, saying almost the same thing as the investor, with a tone that implied coercion, urging Gou Youting to handle it promptly, warning delays could even affect their collaboration.

When Gou Youting tried to inquire, the party also informed him that a big figure had approached them.

By now, Gou Youting finally realized how terrifying that "arrogant" young man truly was!

Before Gou Youting could call Gou Dahou's side, several more calls came in succession.

From the largest investor to the biggest partner in the Gou family industries, big figures from all aspects urged him to act according to Bai Xiaosheng's intentions!

As Gou Youting answered call after call, he just felt a chill down his spine and his scalp tingling.

What kind of background does that young man have!

Gou Youting learned from the conversations of two big figures that Lu Yun of Tengyun Group, Dong Tianlu of Beifeng Holdings, Wang Xuantian of Haoyu Group...many big figures had contacted them through friends, requesting them to make these calls!

At this moment, Gou Youting finally went berserk.

Only now did he understand the power behind Bai Xiaosheng's words—the ones he couldn't afford to provoke!

This time, Gou Youting truly dared not delay further, directly calling his son.

In reality, it had only been about ten minutes for those five or six consecutive calls.

But Gou Youting felt as if his whole world had been threatened!

At Cangyun Pharmaceuticals, Gou Dahou was shouting to gather people to drive out Bai Xiaosheng, with at least twenty security guards on the scene, wielding rubber batons, about to erupt into conflict.

Beside Bai Xiaosheng, Mo Chengju even anxiously lowered his voice, hurriedly advising, “A wise man knows better than to fight when the odds are against him. Stay away from this matter for now, and we’ll plan with a long-term strategy!”

Contrary to Mo Chengju, Bai Xiaosheng appeared serene and unruffled, even smiling as he comforted him back, “Don’t worry yet, perhaps a turnaround is coming soon! They want to harm me? It’s not that easy!”

Bai Xiaosheng remained extremely confident.

Mo Chengju looked on helplessly.

How does he have such confidence, where does this confidence come from? Even if he has something to rely on, distant water cannot quench present thirst, and Gou Dahou is almost about to order action. Where can there be a turnaround!

Mo Chengju thought of advising Bai Xiaosheng once more.

Safety is important!

At this moment, over there, Gou Dahou’s phone rang.

Seeing a call from his father, Gou Dahou quickly answered, hastily saying, “Dad, don’t worry, I’m about to take action here, beat that ignorant bastard out with batons immediately, don’t worry! Rest assured!”

Gou Dahou fully expected Gou Youting to praise him.

Instead, a sharp curse erupted from the other end of the line, “Bullshit!”

“Stop this instant! Tell your men to stop, anyone who dares to lay a finger on that person, I’ll tear him apart alive!”

Gou Dahou was yelled into a daze, thinking he must have misheard, “Dad, what, what did you say?!”

“I’m telling you, make them stop immediately! Whatever that young man wants to take, there must be no obstruction...”

Gou Youting paused slightly, his heart aching, then sighed, “Even if he digs up the entire research team, you must, you must send them off with fanfare!”

“He’s someone we cannot afford to offend!”

Chapter 1909: Take Everyone Away

Gou Dahou received a call from his father, hearing the words “can’t afford to provoke” straight from his father’s mouth, he couldn’t help but be stunned, thinking he had misheard!

“Did you hear me!” Until the other end of the phone, Gou Youting shouted sternly.

Only then was Gou Dahou jolted into comprehension.

“What, what kind of background does he have!” Gou Dahou, both shocked and terrified, looked over at Bai Xiaosheng, involuntarily inhaling sharply.

“Do you want me to come over there and explain it myself!” Gou Youting said angrily on the phone, “In short, I’m telling you, Gou Dahou, do not, under any circumstances, provoke him. Promise him whatever he wants! Did you hear me clearly!”

With that shout from Gou Youting, Gou Dahou dared not ask any more questions.

And there was no need to ask.

From as early as Gou Dahou could remember, his father had never been this panicked over anyone.

From the tone and attitude of his father, Gou Dahou understood that the young man's identity must be terrifyingly powerful!

However, at first, his father wasn't like this. Could something have happened in these ten or so minutes after the video call ended?

Gou Dahou naturally didn't know that in just these short ten minutes, all the big figures that the Gou family could connect with in the business world had exerted pressure on his father.

Even if Gou Dahou was curious, he had no time to think more deeply at the moment.

On the other side, the security guards had already gotten into physical altercations with the researchers, advancing layer by layer, about to reach Bai Xiaosheng, Mo Chengju, and their group of four.

By Bai Xiaosheng's side, Lei Ying was already on guard. If anyone dared to touch Bai Xiaosheng and his group, he would not hesitate to act. Even twenty security guards would be no match for him in a fight, let alone an additional ten or so!

Actually, speaking of it, Gou Dahou was quite a character.

After joining Cangyun Pharmaceuticals, he didn't just bring a group of people to follow and support him, he also replaced some existing staff in the company, inserting his own people into positions. For others, they would start with the higher-ups, seeking higher positions. But not Gou Dahou; the people he inserted were all lower-level security guards!

In a position like this, Mo Chengju was unlikely to refuse him, and there was the least resistance.

Gou Dahou valued this role because it could “use force,” in case of an emergent situation, he would have people to utilize.

Like right now.

The security guards were diligent, just about to lay hands on those people Gou Dahou intended to drive away. Yet at this moment, everyone heard a thunderous roar like a bolt from the blue.

Of course, it also had a bit of a blood-curdling scream like the squeal of a pig being slaughtered—

“Everyone stop!”

Then, everyone present saw a figure rushing over like a fierce tiger, moving like a charging bull, bulldozing through the crowd like a tank, pushing away the security guards by their faces and rushing towards Bai Xiaosheng. Some of the guards who were aggressively shoving didn’t realize it, but those who did, upon seeing who it was, shrank back in fear, not daring to resist.

The one rushing like a tiger was none other than Gou Dahou.

“Look at you useless lot, being so ineffective against a bunch of feeble researchers. Even Mr. Gou couldn’t stand it and intervened himself. What are you waiting for! Go, go!” Qian Bei was there shouting encouragement.

Obviously, he misunderstood the situation.

Gou Dahou charged all the way to Bai Xiaosheng, Mo Chengju, and Lei Ying were ready to meet him almost simultaneously, only to be stopped by Bai Xiaosheng.

Of course, Bai Xiaosheng knew why Gou Dahou was so fierce; his expression had given everything away.

“It seems Elder Xia, Uncle Lu, Dong Tianlu, Wang Xuantian and the friends they found were effective. That Boss Gou Youting listened to ‘reason’.”

Bai Xiaosheng smiled warmly at the approaching Gou Dahou.

But that “reason” likely wasn’t very friendly...

“Misunderstanding! It’s all a misunderstanding!” Gou Dahou finally stood in front of Bai Xiaosheng, revealing an awkward yet seemingly “sincere” smile.

Then he glared at the security guards around him, “What are you still standing here for, get lost! You blind idiots, get out! How dare you touch this gentleman!”

The group of security guards was dumbfounded by the scolding, looking at each other in dismay.

They were just following orders, how could they be blind.

If anyone was to be called blind, it would be Gou Dahou himself...

Of course, none of the security guards would dare say that, so they immediately retreated with awkward smiles.

Gou Dahou’s 180-degree change in attitude stunned everyone, including Mo Chengju, Lin Weiwei, Lei Ying, and all the researchers.

Everyone looked at each other in bewilderment, not understanding what was happening.

Over there, Qian Bei was so shocked his jaw almost hit the floor, and it looked like his eyeballs were about to pop out.

What is going on!

Mr. Gou went over to get rough, didn't he?!

How come he's smiling at the people on the other side?!

Beside Qian Bei, Gou Dahou's entourage had similar expressions.

Suddenly, the previously charged atmosphere at the scene quieted significantly.

"I have eyes but failed to see Mount Tai, unaware of your status. Ignorance is no crime, I hope you'll forgive me! Now, would you please come to my office and have a seat?" Gou Dahou enthusiastically said to Bai Xiaosheng.

Since Bai Xiaosheng could even intimidate his father, Gou Dahou naturally attempted to get close with Bai Xiaosheng, even if it was just to smooth over this "misunderstanding," it would be good.

Gou Dahou's enthusiastic invitation caused everyone to look at him with strange glances.

They wonder if Mr. Gou forgot to take his medication today...

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying looked at Gou Dahou with wary, suspicious eyes.

This Gou Dahou, does he have some covert scheme?

Even they were a bit disoriented by Gou Dahou's sudden behavior.

Chapter 1910: Taking Everyone Away (Part 2)

Bai Xiaosheng smiled slightly at Gou Dahou and said calmly and leisurely, "Next time, Mr. Gou."

Since the other party was willing to make concessions, Bai Xiaosheng didn't plan to push further. There was no major conflict between the two sides, and furthermore, with the "help" of the Gou Family Father and Son, he had successfully recruited Mo Chengju, along with many researchers.

Bai Xiaosheng was in an exceptionally good mood.

Seeing Bai Xiaosheng's pleasant attitude, Gou Dahou quickly nodded with a smile, not daring to go too far, "Alright, alright, next time then."

In a few seconds, the surprise in Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying's emotions settled. Although they didn't know what Bai Xiaosheng had done, they had seen him exchange messages with someone. Considering Bai Xiaosheng's status and influence, it was not surprising that he had a way to make the Gou family concede.

"I heard that Mr. Mo Chengju wants to resign, and I happen to lack a management talent. May I take him away?" Bai Xiaosheng asked Gou Dahou with a smile.

"No problem, no problem! I'll immediately have the HR handle the procedure and give Mr. Mo Chengju the highest compensation." Gou Dahou glanced at Mo Chengju and said with a smile.

Mo Chengju could hardly believe what he heard.

Gou Dahou not only allowed him to leave smoothly but also offered compensation?

And the highest amount of compensation?

Since when did Gou Dahou become so generous!

Mo Chengju felt his mind was spinning.

"And for these people who want to resign, I would like to take them with me as well. I wonder if that's possible?" Bai Xiaosheng looked around at the researchers with a smile.

The researchers looked at Bai Xiaosheng in surprise and then at Gou Dahou.

Even if Gou Dahou's attitude changed, the researchers couldn't believe he would agree to let them go smoothly. After all, if they all left, all current research would be interrupted!

How could Gou Dahou possibly agree!

No matter how much that young man was respected, Gou Dahou would probably only agree to let some of them go, and not all at once...

"Take them all?! Are you crazy!" Across the way, Qian Bei exclaimed in a low voice.

He also didn't believe Gou Dahou would agree.

Sure enough, Gou Dahou looked a bit hesitant.

Bai Xiaosheng glanced at him, inquiring with his eyes.

Gou Dahou finally spoke with difficulty, smiling wryly at Bai Xiaosheng, "Sir, we've invested heavily in research, and it's about to yield results. If you take both the people and the results, we would suffer huge losses..."

On Gou Dahou's face, there was even a hint of pleading, which astonished Mo Chengju and the others.

Bai Xiaosheng was taken aback for a moment, then smiled, "I never said I would take the research results along with the people. All research materials, data, everything, I will have them leave untouched. Mr. Director, you just need to hire another batch of people, and you can continue the research."

Bai Xiaosheng's words had a hint of uncertainty. The researchers from Cangyun Pharmaceuticals were all handpicked by Mo Chengju and represented his proud and elite team. They weren't easily replaceable. Even with existing research data, new teams would still face numerous challenges and obstacles.

“Ah, so you’re not taking the results too!” Gou Dahou let out a long sigh of relief.

“If Mr. Gou is still concerned, we can even sign an agreement to ensure that we won’t infringe on any of your achievements.” Bai Xiaosheng continued.

The research at Cangyun Pharmaceuticals, although on the right track and yielding some results, progressed slowly due to constraints in funding, resources, etc.

In Bai Xiaosheng’s view, once given more funding and resources, plus aligning with Lai Yin’s research direction and database, their achievements would far surpass what they currently had!

In short, Bai Xiaosheng wasn’t even interested in what was inside Cangyun Pharmaceuticals’ lab.

The researchers present heard all this and understood that upon leaving, they would have to leave their belongings behind. This was an industry rule. Even though those things embodied their great effort, causing them heartache, it was an inevitable situation, so no one objected.

After all, in the end, they had to leave. If things turned sour today, staying wouldn’t reap any benefits.

“No, no, I trust you.” Gou Dahou chuckled with Bai Xiaosheng, glanced at the crowd, then made up his mind and said loudly, “I’ll immediately have HR handle their procedures. Anyone who wants to leave can go!”

The crowd was once again shocked.

Gou Dahou actually let them go!

All of them!

“But I can’t provide them with compensation.” Gou Dahou said carefully with a compensatory smile.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled, “No problem, as long as you let them go, I’m very grateful.”

Suddenly, the two were “full of smiles.”

Mo Chengju, Qian Bei, those researchers, and Gou Dahou’s entourage watched in disbelief.

They truly couldn’t understand today’s big drama!

From intense conflict at the beginning to now being all “friendly,” the change was too sudden!

No matter how onlookers saw it, at this moment, Gou Dahou was chatting and laughing with Bai Xiaosheng.

Subsequently, Gou Youting even called, repeatedly apologizing to Bai Xiaosheng, making both sides appear increasingly “harmonious.”

Gou Dahou not only arranged for HR to expedite the process but also personally led a team to oversee it.

Before leaving, Gou Dahou asked Bai Xiaosheng to wait here and instructed the security guards to bring chairs and snacks.

The once aggressive security guards, initially there to fight, suddenly turned into servants.

But since it came as instructions from the Director, they didn’t dare defy it and obediently complied.

After Gou Dahou left with his team, Bai Xiaosheng pulled Mo Chengju aside to talk, accompanied by Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying.

“Mr. Chengju, I’d like to reveal my true identity to you.” Bai Xiaosheng smiled at Mo Chengju, “Actually, I should have said it earlier, Ziyue already knows, and I thought he would tell you.”