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Chapter 801: You Contribute Effort, I'll Contribute Personnel

"Brother Chen!" Zheng Honghu switched to a smiling face, walked back, sat down, poured a cup of tea for Chen Jiutian, and handed it over with both hands, "I was just messing with you with a little joke earlier!"

"Since we are collaborating and have seen each other's true intentions, we naturally can't just call it quits! If Bai Xiaosheng has set you up, he has set me up as well! So what if he is an Affairs Officer? I am still a Senior Affairs Officer here, and I will help you, for sure!" Zheng Honghu vowed decisively.

Chen Jiutian let out a hearty laugh, took the tea, his previously sinister smile now replaced by a sincerely earnest one, "I was joking too, how could I possibly wish harm upon Brother Zheng? We're all in the same boat here, with many more collaborations in the future, right?"

"Yes, yes!"

The two men looked pleased, clinking cups with tea instead of wine.

After taking a sip of tea, Chen Jiutian put down his cup and said solemnly, "However, that Bai Xiaosheng, he has truly overstepped the line with the Chen Family! He's nothing but trouble! He might harm you in the future, Brother Zheng, so maybe it's better to join hands now... and take him down!"

"Striking while his roots are not yet stable is indeed the easiest time!" Zheng Honghu nodded and then hesitated, "But, he has been appointed by the president of the Greater China Region as a New-type Affairs Officer, who is different from the others. To deal with him, we need 'resources'."

This 'resource' could mean many things, but most importantly, it refers to people and money.

Zheng Honghu sighed, "I'm not afraid to tell you, brother, that until now I have been opposed to this matter. As you know, I... have been dealt a few blows by that old man, my wings have been clipped; to manage a provincial industry leader in Hedong Province, I had to rely on threats and coercion. My other resources are but the coffers for my coffin; surely you wouldn't want to take away even that last bit of foundation I have, brother."

Chen Jiutian listened and nodded with a smile.

Zheng Honghu's words, he understood. Touching Zheng Honghu's lifeline was as fatal as threatening him with evidence. Putting himself in Zheng's shoes, he too would prefer ruins over compromising his last means of survival.

However, the lack of those resources didn't mean Zheng Honghu had no value to collaborate. As long as he remained a Senior Affairs Officer, he had plenty of capital and conveniences at his disposal.

"You have status and authority. I have the people, the money, and the resources! Working together, we are bound to succeed!" Chen Jiutian said earnestly.

"But this matter is no trifle, and the people we will need to use must hold positions of authority and be reliable. If we have to resort to threats or bribery like with the provincial industry leader of Hedong, I'm afraid that won't do!" Zheng Honghu said.

Very cautious!

But the more cautious Zheng Honghu was, the more it signified his sincerity in collaboration.

Chen Jiutian was very satisfied with this. If Zheng Honghu wasn't cautious, he would have been worried.

"The people I provide you will be my confidants!" Chen Jiutian lowered his voice, his eyes gleaming, "Brother, I'm laying all my cards on the table for you! That's trust, isn't it?"

"But, brother, you're also holding the key to my life! I know your confidants, yet how could I expose you? Moreover, the president of the Greater China Region doesn't trust me either!" Zheng Honghu said with a wry smile, "I'm more afraid of a fish dying in the net than you are!"

These words made Chen Jiutian burst into laughter.

Right now, it's better to be the villain first and the gentleman later; having a hold on each other's lifeline would clarify the reality of being in the same boat and foster full cooperation!

Chen Jiutian had made up his mind; he would reveal no more than thirty percent of his confidants to Zheng Honghu.

"That should be enough to take down Bai Xiaosheng!" Chen Jiutian thought to himself.

First, he needed to nail down this deal, forcing Zheng Honghu to agree. Without Zheng Honghu's agreement, nothing else mattered. On the other hand, once Zheng Honghu agreed, they could decide on a plan and then have him assist with the scheming.

As long as Zheng Honghu was involved, the two of them could work together to take down an Affairs Officer. Zheng Honghu, the Senior Affairs Officer, would then be utterly bound to the war chariot of the Chen Family.

Losing a provincial industry leader but gaining a Senior Affairs Officer as an ally was a win for the Chen Family!

Chen Jiutian was quite satisfied with this.

"Brother Zheng, once this is accomplished, we will truly be one family!" Chen Jiutian raised his teacup.

"In that case, here's to a successful collaboration!" Zheng Honghu said with a smile, lifting his teacup.

"To success in our collaboration!"

The two once again used tea in place of wine and drained their cups in one gulp, bursting into hearty laughter.

The alliance, which had seemed so precarious, was now bonded again and even stronger than before.

At least, it appeared that way.

While Chen Jiutian and Zheng Honghu enjoyed their lively conversation, in the office of Lin Weiwei at Zhongjing Media.

Lin Weiwei had fallen asleep, slumped over her desk.

She was exhausted. Having not closed her eyes for almost two days and a night, she couldn't stay awake any longer.

Even in her sleep, her brows were furrowed, her face visibly etched with worry and anxiety.

Someone tiptoed over and gently covered her with a jacket.

Such a light touch still managed to wake Lin Weiwei.

She suddenly sat up, looked at the clothes on her body in confusion, and upon seeing the person before her, she stood up, her expression overflowing with excitement, "Xiaosheng!"

The one covering her was Bai Xiaosheng.

"I woke you up," Bai Xiaosheng said, slightly embarrassed, and with a smile, added, "That's good. Go back to sleep. I heard that you haven't been home all night, nor have you gotten any rest."

Bai Xiaosheng was deeply moved by Lin Weiwei's loyalty and dedication.

"When did you come back, the evaluation..." Lin Weiwei, disregarding herself, asked Bai Xiaosheng first.

"The evaluation is over," Bai Xiaosheng said.

"So we..." Lin Weiwei looked anxious.

"We won!" Bai Xiaosheng gave her a gentle smile, beaming with pride, "Now, you should call me Affairs Officer Bai! Because after the performance review tomorrow, I'll be a true Affairs Officer!"

"Really, that's great!" Lin Weiwei's pale little face was flushed with excitement, hardly able to contain herself as she lunged forward and hugged Bai Xiaosheng, cheering excitedly.

Bai Xiaosheng was momentarily startled, then smiled gently.

Counting the time, he had been in Zhongjing, at Zhongjing Media, serving as deputy head for three months, then promoted to general manager, another three months to help Zhongjing Media win the title of provincial benchmark enterprise, and another three months to become an Affairs Department Officer for the Greater China Region!

Just nine months in all!

From a subsidiary's deputy head to an Affairs Officer!

At such a pace, who else could there be!

Even Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help feeling a bit proud of himself!

"And going forward, I wonder how long it will take for me to become a Senior Affairs Officer, or even... the level of President of the Greater China Region!" Bai Xiaosheng thought to himself, "When Xuelian left, I promised her three years. Now, there are still two years and three months to go! I wonder how far I can get in my career by then!"

As Bai Xiaosheng mused, there was a knock at the door.

Someone then pushed the door and entered.

The person looked up to see Lin Weiwei hugging Bai Xiaosheng and paused, a flash of embarrassment crossing his originally joyful face.

"Should I go out first?"

The newcomer was Lei Ying, who had returned "with a full load."

Chapter 802: Going to Report on Duties

Lei Ying had finished handling everything and rushed back to Zhongjing, back to the company without stopping.

He thought Bai Xiaosheng wasn't there, and because of his urgency regarding Lin Weiwei, he went to find her first.

Since Lei Ying, Lin Weiwei, and Bai Xiaosheng knew each other well and usually didn't stand on ceremony, he casually knocked on the door and barged in.

Thus, he encountered this scene.

Lei Ying was also annoyed in his heart, "It seems that from now on, I should knock on the door first. I need to wait for permission before entering! Otherwise, it's really awkward!"

Lin Weiwei's face turned red, she let go of Bai Xiaosheng, but in a few breaths' time she had calmed down and handled it openly.

Bai Xiaosheng also felt a bit awkward and smiled at Lei Ying.

This time, it was Lei Ying who spoke first, "Xiaosheng, when did you get back? That assessment..."

"The assessment is over! Sheng has been successfully promoted and is now an Affairs Officer!" In an effort to relieve the awkwardness, Lin Weiwei hurriedly spoke.

Lei Ying's eyes brightened, a look of relief and ecstasy on his face, "Then I really must congratulate you!"

Bai Xiaosheng smiled.

"I still need to report to the Greater China Region Headquarters and then I can take up my post. But before I leave, I need to make sure you all are settled!"

Bai Xiaosheng gave a cold smile as he looked at them both, "And Chen Changqing of the Chen Family!"

He had a deep-seated grudge with the Chen Family!

Especially this time, members of the Chen Family had almost caused him to fail his mission!

This "vengeance" needed to be avenged!

"This time, when the Chen Family was plotting against you, we cannot let them go! Especially that Chen Jiuzheng, and Chen Jiutian!" Lin Weiwei said.

"Now that I'm an Affairs Officer, I already have the responsibility of supervising the provincial industry leaders. As long as there is enough evidence, I..." Bai Xiaosheng said, pausing as a thought suddenly struck him, and he looked toward Lei Ying.

Lei Ying had been keeping an eye on the Chen Family's messengers, so why had he come back?

Lei Ying, seeing the puzzlement in Bai Xiaosheng's gaze, exchanged a smile with Lin Weiwei.

"Did you find some vital evidence?" Bai Xiaosheng couldn't resist asking.

Weiwei must know too, or else they wouldn't have such expressions.

"Yes! Actually, this can serve as a congratulatory gift for your promotion!"

Lei Ying smiled, walked confidently to the desk, put down the backpack he was carrying, and took out a stack of thick documents, several USB drives, and a bundle of photos.

Lin Weiwei, smiling, looked at Bai Xiaosheng, "This 'gift' from Lei Ying will certainly surprise you, Xiaosheng!"

"Oh?" Bai Xiaosheng's interest was piqued, and he stepped forward, "I haven't been in contact with you all, and don't know your progress here. Is this evidence strong enough to really hit Chen Jiuzheng hard?"

With a single comment, Lei Ying burst out laughing, "Chen Jiuzheng? He's nothing!"

Bai Xiaosheng narrowed his eyes.

"With this net, I've caught the Chen Family's real big fish!" Lei Ying boasted proudly.

Bai Xiaosheng flipped through the documents and photos, his eyes gradually filling with wild joy.

Indeed, Lei Ying had brought him a very substantial congratulatory gift this time!

That evening.

Bai Xiaosheng ordered drinks and dishes and hosted a banquet for Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying at his residence.

The three of them enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

Bai Xiaosheng called Ron, informing him that Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying would be coming soon.

"Finally coming over, are they? I've already arranged the offices for them!" Ron said in Chinese.

Compared to a few months ago, when Ron could only yell "spicy mini lobsters" in broken Chinese, this time, his Chinese had improved tremendously, at least enough to express himself fluently.

Since he was on speaker, Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying also heard this and exchanged a smile.

"You three are my best friends and my career partners, family!" Bai Xiaosheng emphasized.

"Don't worry! I've got a much better impression of them than you do."

Ron, that fatso, actually cracked a joke at Bai Xiaosheng's expense.

Watching Bai Xiaosheng helplessly roll his eyes, Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying were about to burst into laughter.

Bai Xiaosheng exchanged a few more words with Ron before laughing and hanging up the phone.

That evening, after a satisfying meal, Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying left one after another.

Meanwhile, Bai Xiaosheng prepared some necessary stuff, getting ready to head to the Greater China Region Headquarters the next day to report to a president he had never met before!

"I wonder what kind of person this president is!"

As Bai Xiaosheng packed his stuff, he couldn't help but talk to himself, "But it's strange. Lin Ke and Feng Li care about me, which is understandable. But why do I feel like Yang Chengtian and even Li Haofeng are kind to me? Li Haofeng...where did his good impression of me come from? Did he say it was because he dealt with that dispute between me and Song Changkong before, so he remembered me and felt favorable?"

"Yeah, right!"

Bai Xiaosheng finished packing, decided not to think too much, and prepared to sleep early, as he had to catch a car to Linshen in the morning.

"Once these pieces of evidence from the Chen Family are submitted, as an Affairs Officer, bringing down a provincial industry leader, or even a regional leader, I wonder how many points Red Lotus will add for me!" Bai Xiaosheng couldn't contain his excitement!

This was indeed the essential duty of an Affairs Officer!

Of course, it wouldn't count until he officially reported.

After getting everything ready, Bai Xiaosheng went to bed.

Early the next morning, Feng came to pick him up and took him to the high-speed rail station.

The journey was uneventful, and the calm on the high-speed rail reminded Bai Xiaosheng of the "thrills" he had when he shared a ride with Lin Ke, which made him grin.

Lin Ke and Feng Li were also returning to headquarters to report, so they must already be there waiting for him.

"Affairs Department, Affairs Officer!" murmured Bai Xiaosheng, with a smile curling at the corners of his mouth, "Sounds pretty good, huh!"

When the high-speed train arrived, Bai Xiaosheng got off, and someone came up to greet him immediately.

It was a middle-aged man with a beaming smile, dressed appropriately and showing proper etiquette.

When Bai Xiaosheng saw a small bronze badge pinned on the man's collar, he immediately laughed —

This was an assistant to an Affairs Officer!

"Mr. Bai, hello, I am the assistant to the Haofeng Great Affairs Officer; I've been instructed to pick you up," the man said with a smile.

Bai Xiaosheng nodded. He traveled light, carrying only a briefcase, simple and uncomplicated.

As they walked to the roadside with the Affairs Officer's assistant, Bai Xiaosheng noticed that the official car was not high-end, costing around five hundred thousand, which was a world away compared to the vehicles that subdivision managers typically use, starting from two million.

"No wonder, even Li Haofeng mentioned many think being an Affairs Officer isn't lucrative. Indeed, those who oversee are first to fit themselves with a noose," Bai Xiaosheng mused.

But he really didn't care whether he rode in a car worth a couple of million or just four to five hundred thousand.

Because to him, there really was no difference.

Bai Xiaosheng's account now held a hundred million!

The previous night, Bai Xiaosheng had fondled that gold card, chuckling to himself.

With this hundred million alone, he was more than able to live a worry-free, lavish life for the rest of his days.

Of course, after chuckling, Bai Xiaosheng remembered the famous saying, "Set a small goal first, like earning a hundred million."

In the eyes of the truly wealthy, a hundred million was just a small goal.

Bai Xiaosheng then refocused and started to aim higher and farther.

However, with this hundred million as his base, Bai Xiaosheng genuinely felt he didn't care about his food or clothes, or the luxury of his vehicle.

Taken by car to a grand building that served as a landmark, Bai Xiaosheng was also awe-struck.

You see, this was Linshen! Home to one of the landmarks. True premium real estate!

Bai Xiaosheng was led to the door of the Greater China Region president. At the moment of knocking on the door, hearing "Come in," his heart was still filled with trepidation.

"What kind of person is this president of the Greater China Region? Now, let me see for myself!"

Chapter 803: It's actually you!

About the president of the Zhenbei Group's Greater China Region, Bai Xiaosheng, even with Red Lotus as a powerful search tool, had never investigated him and even before coming here, had restrained the desire to search for related information.

Of course, there was a reason for this.

Previously, Bai Xiaosheng felt that there was a huge gap in status between them, with no point of intersection, and he was not the curious type. To him, time spent on gossip could better be spent sleeping.

Yesterday, Bai Xiaosheng really did consider searching for some information in advance to get a rough idea.

However, as soon as this thought arose, he dismissed it.

The President of the Greater China Region was an important figure on the same level as Lu Yun.

Meeting such a person face-to-face and having direct contact was in itself a valuable "experience" or "opportunity."

Besides, the impressions you get of these real big shots from reports and written accounts are never the whole truth.

Bai Xiaosheng wanted to see and hear for himself, and although he might still be deceived by appearances, at least he could train his judgment and sharpen his intuition.

Insight and intuition, while seemingly nebulous, are essential for anyone who wants to succeed!

This was an opportunity Bai Xiaosheng did not want to miss!

The moment he pushed open the door to the president's office of the Greater China Region and stepped inside, he had constructed countless images in his mind.

"Kid, you've arrived." As he walked in, before Bai Xiaosheng could even see what the president looked like, he heard a familiar, friendly greeting.

This voice sounded very familiar!

Bai Xiaosheng was stunned.

"It's you!" Once he got a clear view of the person sitting behind the desk, he was somewhat dumbfounded.

Wasn't this the interesting old gentleman he met when he visited Linshen, Elder Xiahou Qi, who insisted on being called "uncle" instead of "old man" despite his age?

He could sit on the curb eating snacks, a lover of calligraphy, humorous and unconstrained by petty formalities.

He was the president of the Greater China Region!

For a moment, Bai Xiaosheng was bewildered, feeling like he had been struck by thunder, utterly flabbergasted.

"Kid, bet you didn't expect it to be me!" Xiahou Qi saw Bai Xiaosheng's expression and burst into laughter, "What's wrong, do I not look like the president of the Greater China Region?"

"Not really!" Bai Xiaosheng replied instinctively, then immediately realized it was inappropriate.

"I do!" he retorted, only to feel that this was also inappropriate, and he chuckled bitterly, "Not at all, it's exactly you!"

It was the first time Bai Xiaosheng felt at a loss for words.

Xiahou Qi, however, was laughing heartily, stood up from behind the desk, pointed to the sofa, and said, "Come sit down! We haven't seen each other in a long time!"

Bai Xiaosheng nodded and walked over.

When he reached the sofa, Bai Xiaosheng suddenly noticed several pieces of calligraphy on the coffee table, and at a glance, he recognized them as his own work, and moreover...

"This!" Bai Xiaosheng was shocked beyond words.

Weren't these written at Master Song Kai's birthday celebration? How did they end up with Xiahou Qi!

"Just now, I was admiring them. Your calligraphy is truly good, the more I look at it, the more I enjoy it! Don't be surprised, Song Kai is my friend, and I was there when you celebrated his birthday," Xiahou Qi explained.

Bai Xiaosheng stared at him, speechless.

"However, afterwards, you went on to write a lot more for that old guy, which really irritated me! I don't care, you're now an Affairs Officer, right under my watch. Doesn't that mean you should give me a gift to get on my good side? If you make a mistake, I am not beyond being lenient, what do you say?"

The old man chuckled mischievously, winking.

Bai Xiaosheng fell silent for a moment, his mind involuntarily conjuring some philosophical questions, "Who am I, where am I, what am I supposed to do".

However, it must be said, the old man had made a good start.

When Bai Xiaosheng arrived, he wasn't overly anxious or nervous, but he was still somewhat tense.

Yet after a few casual exchanges, that feeling quietly dissolved, and Bai Xiaosheng himself felt much more at ease, not the least bit awkward.

Bai Xiaosheng quickly realized something, "It seems, the greater the person, the more easygoing they are, not flaunting their so-called authority. This kind of gentle ease, which nurtures without a sound, can catch people off guard, lowering their defenses and facades, revealing their true selves, and is also a great way to start an honest conversation."

Bai Xiaosheng gained some insight.

Each encounter with a true heavy hitter gave him different epiphanies.

This was the harvest!

"Today, let's not rush to talk about work. Come, take a look at these calligraphy pieces I've copied and tell me what you think." Xiahou Qi said enthusiastically, flipping out his calligraphy works and showing them to Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng took them over and scrutinized.

For someone as insanely obsessed, incredibly persistent, and also highly talented, it was very easy to reach a peak level of proficiency in something!

"Good!" Bai Xiaosheng sincerely praised.

Elder Xia's face lit up with pleasure.

"However, your writing could be even better. For instance, here, the technique is exquisite, but you've applied a bit too much force, the sharpness is too pronounced, which seems inappropriate, don't you think? And over here..."

Bai Xiaosheng casually pointed out a couple of areas. His approach was mainly to praise, supplementing it with suggestions without overly focusing on rights and wrongs, making it pleasant to hear.

Elder Xia's gaze was fixed on the paper, pondering over it, as if he had found a treasure, his eyes shining.

The office door was knocked twice, and Wang Mubei, Xiahou Qi's assistant, entered, carrying in his hand a can of tea leaves.

"Elder Xia said he was out of tea and asked me to fetch a can of good tea from the tea store since he was expecting a guest. But I thought, today there was only one meeting arranged, and the rest were conferences. And that one meeting was also with the new Affairs Officer reporting on his duty. Was it really necessary..." Wang Mubei was still pondering this when he came in.

After entering, he lifted his head to see a scene he wouldn't forget.

On the sofa, a young man was holding a piece of paper, frequently explaining, while the old man listened with brightly animated eyebrows.

As if he were a student!

The sound of Wang Mubei's entrance startled both men.

"Oh, is the tea here? Good, brew us two cups and you can leave," instructed Xiahou Qi, before urging Bai Xiaosheng, "Continue, please."

Bai Xiaosheng gave Wang Mubei an apologetic smile and went on talking.

Wang Mubei brewed the tea and brought it over, hiding his surprise when he looked at Bai Xiaosheng.

This young man was teaching calligraphy to the President of the Greater China Region!

After delivering the tea, Wang Mubei tiptoed out of the room.

Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but glance at the door and suggested, "Elder Xia, perhaps I should begin my report first..."

"No rush, let's finish this discussion first. I'll take you out for lunch at noon. Then, you can just speak casually. Anyway, I already know quite a bit about you. Whether or not you report is actually inconsequential," Xiahou Qi said casually.

"But..." Bai Xiaosheng still felt it wasn't quite right.

"There are no buts. Am I the president, or are you? Come on, continue!" Xiahou Qi urged.

Bai Xiaosheng had no choice but to go on.

Outside, as soon as Wang Mubei stepped out of the office, he saw Lin Ke and Feng Li walking in this direction from afar. Lin Ke was talking to Feng Li, and his voice faintly came through, "I wonder how Bai Xiaosheng is doing in there, whether Elder Xia has given him a hard time!"

"I'm still worried!"

Chapter 804: Tricking You, I Authorized It

Bai Xiaosheng. Upon hearing this name, Wang Mubei, Xiahou Qi's assistant, was involuntarily moved.

Wasn't this the name of the new officer who was arranged to meet with Elder Xia today?

At this moment, he was inside chatting with Elder Xia!

No, he was "lecturing" Elder Xia! That Bai Xiaosheng!

Wang Mubei watched as Lin Ke and Feng Li walked over, hearing their words filled with concern for Bai Xiaosheng, and he really wanted to tell them.

He? He's doing great! Right now? He's teaching Elder Xia a lesson!

That scene was truly shocking!

Lin Ke and Feng Li, who were across from him, noticed Wang Mubei and a smile appeared on their faces. Wang Mubei also smiled, and just as they were about to greet each other.

Wang Mubei then heard a series of footsteps behind him. Lin Ke and Feng Li looked behind him, their expressions instantly turning serious.

"Assistant Wang." The first voice came from behind Wang Mubei.

And this voice, Wang Mubei was familiar with.

He quickly turned around and greeted the person behind him, "Haofeng Great Affairs Officer!"

While speaking, Lin Ke and Feng Li approached.

"Haofeng Great Affairs Officer!" "Officer Lin Ke, Officer Feng Li!"

Greetings were exchanged between them.

"Assistant Wang was not present earlier, so I arranged for my assistant to welcome Bai Xiaosheng. Now, I have specifically come to check on him." After greeting them, Li Haofeng smiled, glanced at Lin Ke and Feng Li, his eyes showing a hint of profound meaning, "You... also came to check?"

"Yes." "Right!"

Lin Ke and Feng Li answered.

Wang Mubei was secretly amazed, "That young man called Bai Xiaosheng, I've heard Elder Xia mention him, speaking in high praise, but I didn't expect him to be this popular!"

It was just a job report, yet two officers and one great officer came!

That was understandable, but the key point was that Elder Xia was also listening to his "lecture"!

In Wang Mubei's heart, the impression of Bai Xiaosheng was instantly deepened to the extreme.

At this moment, Wang Mubei smiled at Li Haofeng, Lin Ke, and Feng Li, saying, "I've just come out of there. If you are here for Bai Xiaosheng, then there's no need to worry. Elder Xia and he are having a nice chat. Going in now would instead disturb Elder Xia's elegance."

Disturb Elder Xia's elegance?

Li Haofeng and the others were taken aback, inevitably looking at each other.

"Talking about work?"

"Isn't Bai Xiaosheng giving his job report?"

Lin Ke and Feng Li couldn't help asking.

"Elder Xia has a wide range of hobbies, and if Bai Xiaosheng has the same interests, he would certainly digress to provide guidance and mentorship." Li Haofeng laughed, "Haven't we all been through that stage? I was given instruction in the game of chess. By the way, what has Bai Xiaosheng been guided on this time?"

Not just anyone could get Elder Xia's instruction, only those valued by Elder Xia could.

Such people, in every aspect, would have their unique strengths! Their futures are also immeasurable!

Li Haofeng was already interested in Bai Xiaosheng, and now, he valued him even more.

"Elder Xia didn't provide instruction for Bai Xiaosheng," Wang Mubei thought back to the scene he had just witnessed and couldn't help shaking his head.

The crowd saw his peculiar expression and immediately became curious.

"It was Bai Xiaosheng giving Elder Xia calligraphy instruction!" Wang Mubei couldn't help but take a deep breath and said.

Lin Ke was alright, she knew Bai Xiaosheng was impressive in this area.

"Bai Xiaosheng instructing Elder Xia!" Feng Li exclaimed, eyes widening in surprise.

"And it's in calligraphy!" Even Li Haofeng was somewhat shocked and incredulous.

The President of the Greater China Region Headquarters, with a broad range of interests, especially in calligraphy to the point of pride! To accept "instruction" was simply inconceivable!

"I saw it with my own eyes!" Wang Mubei stressed, seeing their disbelief, "The old gentleman was full of enthusiasm, listening carefully, and he didn't even let me stay a second longer inside, fearing a disturbance!"

Now, even Lin Ke was somewhat shocked.

"If that is the case..."

"So we..."

"Let's not disturb them!"

What could have been a simple conversation was broken up by Li Haofeng and his two companions.

Wang Mubei nodded vigorously, glanced at the office door, and silently chanted in his mind, "Bai Xiaosheng!"

"Impressive!"

Bai Xiaosheng had talked about calligraphy with Xiahou Qi for an hour, and he couldn't help but smirk at himself.

Was this really a performance review? They had completely gone off topic!

The old man listened with rapt attention until he heard Bai Xiaosheng's stomach growling.

"Oh! Is it already one o'clock?" Xiahou Qi glanced at the time, surprised.

Indeed, Bai Xiaosheng felt like smirking to himself.

He had caught the early bus and hadn't eaten breakfast in six hours.

"Looks like you came early and skipped breakfast. Good, I'll take you out to lunch!" Xiahou Qi said with a laugh, "We have a restaurant here, quite a high standard. Let's go, I'll take you there!"

The old gentleman stood up as he spoke.

"Alright." Bai Xiaosheng also stood up.

No sooner had they gotten up than a knock sounded on the office door, and then Wang Mubei pushed the door open and peeked in.

"Elder Xia, lunch is ready," Wang Mubei said. "A meal for two!"

"Hmm, good," Xiahou Qi nodded with satisfaction.

Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but glance at Wang Mubei.

As expected from the President's assistant: efficient and considerate!

Perhaps Wang Mubei had been waiting outside the whole time, only coming in to report when he heard movement inside.

Bai Xiaosheng was impressed by Wang Mubei's attentiveness and diligence.

Immediately, Wang Mubei led the way, with Xiahou Qi walking side by side with Bai Xiaosheng, continuing their conversation about calligraphy.

Along the way, Bai Xiaosheng drew many covert and overt stares.

To walk side by side with the President of the Greater China Region Headquarters, chatting and laughing.

And he was such a young man!

Undoubtedly, many people would be extremely curious about Bai Xiaosheng!

Bai Xiaosheng had imagined the restaurant Xiahou Qi mentioned to be like something out of Zhongjing Media, but when they arrived, he realized it consisted of several private rooms with a very elegant atmosphere, and very few people.

"We have several dining areas here, including a buffet and specialty restaurants which most employees frequent. This place, however, has a more serene environment, suitable for entertaining guests. You and Elder Xia can talk while you dine," Wang Mubei explained to Bai Xiaosheng.

"I appreciate it!" Bai Xiaosheng complimented.

They entered the private room and sat down.

"Mubei, serve the dishes, we are all hungry," Xiahou Qi urged, with a smile to Bai Xiaosheng, "He chose the menu; this guy knows good food, and don't worry. Whatever dietary restrictions you have or preferences, he has already checked with Lin Ke."

Is that so!

Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but look at Wang Mubei with a hint of surprise in his eyes.

The smaller the task, the more it reveals one's capabilities.

Wang Mubei, as an assistant, had even thought of these details, so surely he had everything else covered as well!

Was this the level of efficiency of the staff at the Greater China Region Headquarters?

Bai Xiaosheng marveled inwardly.

As they waited for the dishes to be served, Xiahou Qi smiled at Bai Xiaosheng and said, "I've been keeping an eye on your entire assessment! Kid, you did well, fighting a beautiful uphill battle!"

"You've been watching the whole time?" Bai Xiaosheng joked with a smile, "No way, my contracts were widely canceled, and you..."

"What if I told you that I approved those cancellations!" Xiahou Qi looked at Bai Xiaosheng.

His expression was one of amusement.

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"You approved it?!" Bai Xiaosheng jumped in surprise, staring at Xiahou Qi in astoundment.

He had originally thought that Xiahou Qi meant he was paying close attention throughout, meaning he would be informed via reports after each incident.

But to his surprise, Xiahou Qi said he had approved it!

Now that was something worth pondering!

"That's right, before those companies breached their contracts, the Hedong Province industrial sector leader had already handed me the report!" Xiahou Qi said with a smile, eyeing Bai Xiaosheng.

His gaze was profound, emanating an unfathomable brilliance, much like an old fox.

Bai Xiaosheng's expression turned stern.

"Kid, don't assume the Affairs Department is easy to fool, and certainly don't underestimate the headquarters!" Xiahou Qi let out a cold huff, continuing on his own accord, "If someone's pulling strings behind the scenes, they might get away with it temporarily! With this sort of thing, I can be informed immediately!"

After speaking, Xiahou Qi glanced at Bai Xiaosheng meaningfully, watching for his reaction.

"No, Elder Xia, this isn't right!" Bai Xiaosheng suddenly said.

"What isn't right?" Xiahou Qi asked with a smile.

"This last part, you're misleading me! You want me to think that the Affairs Department is well-informed, with timely supervision! But the part before, you said you approved the breach this time, which clearly means—" Bai Xiaosheng paused, looking at Xiahou Qi.

It really wasn't easy to say!

"Go on," Xiahou Qi said with a smile, "no need to hold back!"

"You're clearly setting a trap!" Bai Xiaosheng said in a deep voice.

"Interesting, you say I've set a trap for you?" Xiahou Qi asked, amused.

Bai Xiaosheng shook his head, "Not for me! If you really wanted to deal with me, would you need all this?"

Xiahou Qi smiled with interest.

"I've always found it strange, might as well take this time to review it! Listen!" Bai Xiaosheng said.

"Go ahead!" Xiahou Qi nodded.

"This time, the Hedong Province industrial sector massively breached its contracts with my company, and several key businesses turned to sign with Mu Beichen instead. There must be some force behind this! Mu Beichen's backers are the Chen Family members, this you must know! Although the Chen Family has a regional head and a provincial industrial head, they don't yet have the power to cross regions and push a provincial industrial head around!"

"I believe, there must be a bigshot helping them from behind!"

"Could it be you?"

"Of course not! If you were involved, it wouldn't be about helping one side to win and the other to lose; that scenario is too small for you!"

"The bigshot helping the Chen Family must be in a cooperative relationship! They seek mutual benefit!"

"In this matter, how to achieve mutual benefit? It's nothing more than dividing the rankings! I have reason to believe that if it hadn't been for my counterattack in the end, they would be the ultimate beneficiaries. Besides Mu Beichen, it would be Zheng Qinghong!"

"So, the one pulling strings from behind is someone behind Zheng Qinghong! I've heard his brother is a Senior Affairs Officer—Zheng Honghu!"

Bai Xiaosheng analyzed calmly.

Xiahou Qi remained silent, merely watching with an unwavering smile, listening intently.

"I've heard that Mr. Zheng Honghu has been repeatedly challenged by you, with his situation being quite difficult—common knowledge. Under such circumstances, he still hasn't forgotten to compete for a position for his brother? That's quite bold! Of course, it's not impossible either."

"But today, you told me that the Hedong Province industrial sector head reported the breaching companies, and it was approved by you!"

"I have a guess!" Bai Xiaosheng mused with a smile, "If it's a Zhou Yu beating Huang Gai situation, then the person you ultimately want to deal with, I'm afraid—"

Bai Xiaosheng stopped there, as Xiahou Qi raised his hand to stop him.

That was enough.

Bai Xiaosheng pursed his lips in a smile, saying no more.

"To hold back and let go, to analyze, to keep matters to yourself! You really have the makings of a born Affairs Officer!" Xiahou Qi said with a laugh, "I'll leave you with these words, this time I intended to put you in a tough spot, and thought about compensating you afterwards, but I didn't expect you to turn the situation around by yourself, not bad, not bad at all!"

Bai Xiaosheng smiled.

"Also, I really appreciated the analysis just now, consider it my final assessment of you," Xiahou Qi said with a smile.

The reason he "pointed out" to Bai Xiaosheng was not unintentional; it seemed natural but carried deep meaning.

Bai Xiaosheng realized, and silently marveled—that's how big shots do it, always able to conceal their intentions within natural conversation, silently conveying and silently obtaining the results they want!

From Lu Yun, Bai Xiaosheng had learned presence and boldness, and from this Greater China Region president, he learned subtlety and how to guard one's heart.

This trip had not been in vain!

Bai Xiaosheng silently contemplated.

The private room's door was knocked, and Wang Mubei entered with others, bringing in the dishes!

There were only two diners, Xiahou Qi and Bai Xiaosheng, but they were served four dishes, both hot and cold, which included steamed mandarin fish, sautéed mushrooms with Hunan lotus seeds, poached chicken, and cucumber cut in the shape of combs, along with a melon cup filled with matsutake soup. The staple food was two kinds of rice and small steamed buns.

The quantity of each dish was substantial, and all were exceptionally savory!

Bai Xiaosheng was already hungry, and seeing these dishes made him even more so.

"This afternoon, Elder Xia has another meeting, so I didn't prepare any drinks, take your time," said Wang Mubei with a smile, before leaving.

"This time, I didn't ask Wang to join us; it's just us two men. You're hungry, and so am I. Don't be shy, eat!" said Xiahou Qi, unceremoniously picking up a bowl of rice.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled and made himself at home.

The older and the younger man ate silently, both thoroughly enjoying their meal.

Outside the door, Wang Mubei peeked through the crack of the door, then pulled back his head and couldn't help but chuckle and shake his head, "What appetites!"

Like the wind sweeping through the fallen leaves, it only took fifteen minutes for Bai Xiaosheng and Xiahou Qi to finish their battle.

Both were entirely satisfied, let out a full belch, and exchanged a smile.

Wang Mubei entered with others to clear the tableware and served tea before leaving again.

"Kid, this afternoon I'll have Mubei arrange for you to go through the necessary procedures. Afterwards, go back to Zhongjing Media to handle the handover, then you can come here. First, you'll learn about the responsibilities and authority of the New-type Affairs Officer, and then you'll be free to conduct inspections!" Xiahou Qi said.

Bai Xiaosheng nodded and looked at the old man, "Can I start my job as a New-type Affairs Officer now?"

Bai Xiaosheng's eagerness surprised Xiahou Qi.

"You're still so impatient. Even if you start now, there's nothing for you to do," Xiahou Qi said with a laugh.

"No, I have something to do!" Bai Xiaosheng said with a smile.

"Oh?" Xiahou Qi looked at him skeptically.

Bai Xiaosheng rummaged through his bag, found a stack of documents, and pushed it towards Xiahou Qi, "This is my first task upon taking office. Please have a look, will this do?"

Xiahou Qi looked at him doubtfully, took the documents, and started to flip through them casually at first. But as he continued, his brows furrowed more and more.

"Turns out, Mu Beichen is actually a relative of the Chen Family!" Xiahou Qi inhaled sharply.

Even the headquarters here didn't know this!

For a long time, Xiahou Qi thought Mu Beichen was just someone the Chen Family supported, hoping to recruit him for the group's use!

Now, it seemed almost impossible!

The evidence in these materials pointed directly at Chen Jiuzheng! The significance was sufficient, beyond imagination!

"Where did you get this evidence from? Good, good!" Xiahou Qi nodded repeatedly.

"Are you surprised by what I've brought out?" Bai Xiaosheng smiled sharply, "What if I say this is only a small part of what I have?"

"What if I say I want to be the one to move against that person! Would you agree?"

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Bai Xiaosheng and Xiahou Qi left the private room, and Wang Mubei was waiting outside.

"Mubei, in a little while, you take Bai Xiaosheng to handle the formalities and check out the offices and such. In short, whatever he needs, you help him sort it out," Xiahou Qi said with a smile. "I have other matters to attend to, so I'll be leaving first."

"Okay," Wang Mubei replied respectfully.

After saying that, Xiahou Qi was about to leave.

"Elder Xia, please don't go just yet, I actually have a small request to discuss with you," Bai Xiaosheng suddenly said.

"Oh?" Xiahou Qi stopped in his tracks, turned toward him, his gaze curious, "What kind of request?"

Wang Mubei also said with a smile, "Affairs Officer Bai, whatever your request is, feel free to bring it up with me, and I'll help you solve it."

He thought it would be a normal request.

Bai Xiaosheng flashed him a smile and turned back to Xiahou Qi, "A moment ago, I heard you say that each Affairs Officer is entitled to have two resident assistant officers."

"That's correct! Is that what you're asking about? In a while, I'll have Mubei take you to look at the records, and you can pick two people," Xiahou Qi said with a laugh. "Even those who passed the assessment with you and became assistant officers can be chosen, although they will need one to two months of training before starting."

Wang Mubei nodded in agreement, smiling.

"I don't want to use those people," Bai Xiaosheng said. "I want to bring two assistants from my former company over!"

The final result of the selection this time had indeed gone beyond Bai Xiaosheng's expectations, especially the part about becoming a New-type Affairs Officer!

Due to his position, in the future, he would face difficulties beyond imagination!

Therefore, he needed the most reliable and strongest helpers!

Suddenly, Bai Xiaosheng didn't want to send Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying to Ron but instead bring them to the Affairs Department with him!

"This!" Wang Mubei couldn't help feeling somewhat troubled.

He hadn't expected Bai Xiaosheng to make such a request.

It was against the rules!

Could assistant officers and Affairs Department assistant officers be the same?

Assistant officers were often the second-in-command in the subsidiaries, a stepping-stone to promotion!

"I do understand the vast difference between the two positions, and there is no precedent for this," Bai Xiaosheng saw Xiahou Qi frowning slightly and hastily added, "However, there has never been a precedent for a New-type Affairs Officer either! Since it's an exceptional case, let's make it thoroughly exceptional! New-type Affairs Officers only have a two-year term, and I don't have time to acclimate suitable assistant officers; I really need helpers!"

"How about this? My assistants, they will not enjoy any of the promotional treatments that regular assistant officers get, and likewise, they will step down with me after two years! Of course, if I am promoted after two years, they will officially become assistant officers!"

"How do you feel about this?"

Despite Bai Xiaosheng's explanation, Wang Mubei still felt it was inappropriate.

Xiahou Qi, however, seemed to be contemplating because, in the various rules he devised for the New-type Affairs Officers, he hadn't considered the matter of assistant officers.

"They won't have any promotion opportunities, lack the major powers of assistant officers, and besides, their salaries, bonuses, and benefits will remain the same," Xiahou Qi repeated, looking at Bai Xiaosheng, and then nodded, "I, agree to your request!"

With that one sentence, Wang Mubei's eyes widened in surprise.

Elder Xia was known to be an unconventional man, everyone knew that, but he was also someone who stuck most firmly to the rules!

Yet this time, faced with Bai Xiaosheng's somewhat rule-breaking suggestion, Elder Xia had actually agreed!

Wang Mubei secretly found it incredible.

"Kid, I'm giving you everything you asked for. Don't disappoint me!" Xiahou Qi said earnestly, then gave Bai Xiaosheng a deep, piercing look before leaving on his own.

Wang Mubei's view of Bai Xiaosheng deepened with newfound respect.

This young man, time and again, made an impression on him!

After Xiahou Qi left, Wang Mubei chatted with Bai Xiaosheng as they walked out of the restaurant together.

On the way, Wang Mubei discovered that this young man named Bai Xiaosheng was indeed very admirable!

Humble, polite, without flattery, and his conversation was both appropriate and witty.

"He even has a hint of Elder Xia's ways back in the day! No wonder the old man likes this young man!" Wang Mubei thought to himself, "I must also foster a good relationship with him!"

All along the way, Wang Mubei was exceptionally enthusiastic, volunteering a great deal of information.

First, they took Bai Xiaosheng to complete the necessary procedures and receive a silver badge.

"This is one of the identifiers for an Affairs Officer!" Wang Mubei said.

Bai Xiaosheng nodded in agreement.

The badge had multiple identification features and verification methods; even if an outsider obtained it, they could not impersonate an officer.

Wang Mubei then led Bai Xiaosheng to choose an office, which had a very nice environment and was a suite. The inner room could be used for his own office work, while the outer room could be used for his assistant. All supplies were brand new, and various items and computers were available for use at will.

Bai Xiaosheng learned that once assigned, all these became the personal belongings of the Affairs Officer; if anything was damaged, all he needed to do was give a heads-up to logistics, and whether it was for replacement or repair, someone would be there immediately to take care of it.

Besides that, whatever else he needed, he could simply call logistics to help him purchase, or they would just send money over for his assistant to buy the items.

In short, the services enjoyed by an Affairs Officer truly broadened Bai Xiaosheng's horizons!

"If an Affairs Officer enjoys such great benefits, then the conditions for a Senior Affairs Officer... are unimaginable!" Bai Xiaosheng sighed to himself.

The vehicle provided for transportation was average, but the personal benefits were definitely on par with the heads of provincial industrial entities!

After showing Bai Xiaosheng around, Wang Mubei also gave him a room card, "This building has a hotel, and you can use this room indefinitely!"

Bai Xiaosheng nodded and took the card.

Wang Mubei gave a few more instructions and then said with a smile, "Well, Affairs Officer Bai, you can look through the materials in this office or go back to your room to rest. I will leave you to it, as I have a meeting with Elder Xia later."

"Thank you, Assistant Wang, for your hard work," Bai Xiaosheng said as he saw his guest to the door.

After seeing off Wang Mubei, Bai Xiaosheng returned to his seat to flip through the materials he had picked up, which detailed the rights and responsibilities of a New-type Affairs Officer.

Some of the authorities were even marked as exclusive to the rank of Senior Affairs Officer!

This astonished Bai Xiaosheng.

He read through these materials once and then had Red Lotus help imprint them in his mind for future use.

After reviewing for more than an hour, Bai Xiaosheng felt tired and got up to move around, only to be visited by a guest.

Lin Ke, Feng Li, and Wang Xincheng came one after another to sit with Bai Xiaosheng.

Feng Li was fine, but Lin Ke was clearly there to "pick a bone".

Complaining that this chair model was uncomfortable, that tea set not elegant enough, she insisted Bai Xiaosheng change them and wanted to call logistics on his behalf; Bai Xiaosheng could only let her go ahead with her fussing.

Wang Xincheng, on the other hand, had a smile on his face, treating Bai Xiaosheng like a brother, and was solicitous of his well-being.

Towards him, Bai Xiaosheng also maintained a friendly attitude.

And just like that, half the day passed by quickly.

The three of them left one after another.

That night, Bai Xiaosheng went to the room assigned to him.

Upon entering, he saw it was a large suite with all sorts of life necessities, very well equipped and of high quality.

It seemed specially designed, not at all business-like, but rather cozy.

Bai Xiaosheng was extremely satisfied.

The night passed without incident.

The next day, Bai Xiaosheng rose early and hurried to the high-speed train station.

He still had to go to Zhongjing Media to make final arrangements.

His successor would also be heading there in the next couple of days.

On the way back to Zhongjing, Bai Xiaosheng received a call from Song Yiming.

"Mr. Bai, our production crew has finished shooting, and we're returning to the company tonight. The welcome ceremony has been arranged," Song Yiming said.

"What, the crew is arriving tonight!" Bai Xiaosheng exclaimed, startled.

He was completely unaware of this!

"I received the notification a few days ago, and I told Assistant Lin. At that time, you were both very busy, and she asked me to handle it. Didn't she mention it to you?!"

Chapter 807: The Crew is Back

"I really didn't expect the film crew to have all returned!" Speaking on the phone with Song Yiming, Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but feel moved and a bit apologetic, "During this time, I've been so busy that I've been running around like a headless chicken, completely exhausted, and I neglected the time they wrapped up! It's negligence on my part!"

"What was the original shooting schedule? Have they come back early, or are they late?" Bai Xiaosheng thought for a moment, not having any clear idea, and muttered, "Never mind, they're all back now, no use thinking about those things..."

"Weiwei didn't tell me, probably because I was in the middle of an assessment at that time. In Weiwei's eyes, compared to my matters, the film crew's affairs are probably trivial. After my assessment, I came to the headquarters to report my duties, that girl probably forgot about it too..."

This might be the first time Lin Weiwei "neglected" her duties, but Bai Xiaosheng was not willing to blame her at all.

As soon as he thought of the film crew, Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but smile, Shang Wanwan, Yang Qian'er, Zhao Xiaoying, Gao Ya, Gao Dazhi, Wenqing... Each face was vivid in his mind.

"I'm about to leave Zhongjing Media. The welcome dinner tonight could be a perfect opportunity to bid them farewell!" Bai Xiaosheng thought to himself.

There was silence during the journey until they reached Zhongjing.

Upon leaving the station, Bai Xiaosheng was met by Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying waiting for him outside.

These two were originally going to meet with Ron, but Bai Xiaosheng had called to stop them.

Upon seeing them, Bai Xiaosheng smiled.

"I really can't bear to part with you two. Why don't you come to the headquarters with me this time? Although there isn't much chance for a promotion, the salary, benefits, and treatment are much better than here, and room and board are included too!" Bai Xiaosheng joked.

"Room and board are free? Count me in!" Lei Ying responded with a smile.

"Great!" Lin Weiwei also smiled.

It was clear that they were both very happy.

The car was waiting outside, with Feng in it.

The trio got into the car and headed back to the company.

In the car, Lin Weiwei suddenly said to Bai Xiaosheng, "Xiaosheng, have you received Song Yiming's call yet? I... I forgot about the film crew!"

Guilt was evident in Lin Weiwei's voice.

Lei Ying glanced at Lin Weiwei and then at Bai Xiaosheng, wanting to intercede on her behalf, as the matter was indeed "excusable."

Bai Xiaosheng raised his hand to stop him.

"Weiwei, for this matter, officially I should penalize you, but personally, I should thank you!" Bai Xiaosheng said earnestly, "However, as for punishment, I no longer have the authority or the status to do so."

What Bai Xiaosheng was implying was that Lin Weiwei's negligence was towards the General Manager of Zhongjing Media, and if there was to be penalization, it should come from the General Manager of Zhongjing Media. At the moment, he was no longer in that position.

He played a game of words to dilute Lin Weiwei's guilt.

"So, all I have left is to thank you. And, pay attention next time!" Bai Xiaosheng said with a stern look, followed by a smile.

Lin Weiwei uttered a "hmm" and nodded her head firmly.

She would certainly never neglect even the smallest detail from now on, Bai Xiaosheng believed.

Feng couldn't help but glance through the rearview mirror, confused by Bai Xiaosheng's mention of "no longer having the status."

It was normal for him to be confused; he wasn't aware that Bai Xiaosheng was no longer the General Manager of Zhongjing Media.

The official notice, along with the public announcement, would come later.

Not just him, but aside from Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying, nobody in the company knew yet.

At half-past one, Bai Xiaosheng and his two colleagues arrived at the company, first went for lunch, and then headed to the office.

Bai Xiaosheng summoned Song Yiming to ask in detail about the arrangements for the dinner, made a few suggestions, and then asked him to gather all the supervisors and managers in the main conference room at four o'clock.

"And Mr. Chen Changqing!" Bai Xiaosheng particularly emphasized, "I have an important announcement to make!"

"Sure!" Song Yiming responded, though he couldn't help feeling a bit curious.

Meetings were usually held without calling Chen Changqing.

This time, however, they surprisingly wanted to include the "in-name-only" vice president.

Song Yiming was quite curious as to why.

Seeing Bai Xiaosheng had no intention of explaining, he tactfully did not ask.

Bai Xiaosheng asked Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying to go ahead to the banquet hall to help, while he busied himself with arranging a personnel dismissal and appointment.

"Elder Xia once said that Zhongjing Media's current situation has not come by easily. He trusts me, so personnel adjustments before his departure are all up to me! The next General Manager will be personally selected by him, someone with a style similar to mine, a fair and selfless person, to set my mind at ease," Bai Xiaosheng thought to himself.

Such treatment, Bai Xiaosheng knew, was bestowed upon no other.

Generally, the dismissal and appointment of a subsidiary's general manager does not require the President of the Greater China Region to be involved.

But here it was different; this was Bai Xiaosheng's life's work!

"Zhongjing Media, I hope you will go further and further to become a truly top national enterprise!" Bai Xiaosheng also held this wish.

Busy until four in the afternoon, Lin Weiwei, Lei Ying, and Song Yiming rushed back together.

"Mr. Bai, all the directors and managers are assembled in the third meeting room, waiting for you to come over. It's just..." Song Yiming hesitated for a moment and said, "Mr. Chen isn't there. I've contacted him. He said that he would return in time for the banquet."

"Alright, got it," Bai Xiaosheng replied with a nonchalant smile.

Whether he is there or not, this meeting is just to announce the decision; Chen Changqing's part is only to receive the notification.

"Let's go, to the meeting room!" Bai Xiaosheng stood up and said.

At this moment, Chen Changqing was at Chen Jiuzheng's house, and although others might not know about Bai Xiaosheng becoming the Affairs Officer, he had heard it from his Uncle and hurried over.

"With Bai Xiaosheng leaving, Zhongjing Media will experience a power vacuum. According to past practice, a new appointee needs one week to a month to arrive. During this period, it's impossible to be without a leader. Following the company's tradition, the vice president would temporarily take over. I want to take this opportunity to forcibly replace several directors and managers to expand my territory. As for the supervision committee of directors Bai Xiaosheng is setting up, it's indeed troublesome. Uncle, you're experienced in the workplace, do you have any clever strategies to deal with this!"

Chen Changqing came to seek wisdom!

When Bai Xiaosheng was around, he had pretended to be pure-hearted, free of desires and strife, and even he himself had believed it.

But now, with Bai Xiaosheng truly leaving!

Chen Changqing's ambition, suppressed in his heart, suddenly came alive, growing like wild grass.

Now, he had come to seek wisdom from his Uncle.

"You've come at just the right time, I was about to discuss this matter with you!" Chen Jiuzheng was also visibly excited.

Even though controlling Zhongjing Media wasn't as profitable as before, destroying Bai Xiaosheng's lifework was a form of revenge!

Just thinking about it made Chen Jiuzheng overwhelmingly pleased!

As Chen Changqing was "seeking wisdom," a great disturbance arose in the Zhongjing Media's third meeting room.

When the directors and managers present learned that Bai Xiaosheng was leaving, they were all shocked and then burst into an uproar.

They expressed their reluctance and sadness!

Bai Xiaosheng was quite moved and, after calming everyone down, he proceeded to announce the second major item: personnel changes.

The most crucial one—he read out the offenses! The dismissal of Vice President Chen Changqing!

Chen Changqing was utterly oblivious.

There, he was still discussing a takeover!

Here, however, he was being directly taken down!

Chapter 808: Farewell

In the third meeting room, everyone gradually quieted down.

Bai Xiaosheng, with a smile on his face and a calm complexion, looked at everyone and said, "All in all, that's the personnel arrangement. This personnel order, along with my transfer order, will be released together tomorrow morning."

"Mr. Bai!" "Mr. Bai!"

Those directors and managers present still couldn't hide their reluctance to let him go.

The nine months they spent working together was neither long nor short.

Many people had their life trajectories changed because of Bai Xiaosheng's arrival!

They respected, appreciated, and were grateful to this young General Manager!

"I'm being promoted, not chased away. What is there to be sad about!" Bai Xiaosheng tried to keep the mood light and chuckled, "Zhongjing Media is my home! I will come back to visit often! Everyone, you must make it better and stronger! This is also your home!"

Bai Xiaosheng's throat tightened, and he found it hard to continue.

Sometimes, farewells seem easy.

But facing each lively face, each sincere reluctance, parting is always saddening.

"Alright, everyone cheer up a bit! Many of you have been promoted, and that's a joyous occasion. You must work even harder and not let Mr. Bai down in his expectations of you!" Lin Weiwei spoke up.

"Assistant Lin, please take good care of Mr. Bai!"

"Sister Lin, come back to visit often!"

Many people looked at her with a touch of reluctance in their eyes.

"I will, I will!" Lin Weiwei kept repeating these words, her voice also sounding a little strange.

"Dismissed! At the banquet, let's drink until we're satisfied!" Bai Xiaosheng shouted loudly, turned around with a smile, and left first.

If he stayed any longer, he feared he might lose his composure.

Lin Weiwei took a deep look at everyone and followed closely behind, with Lei Ying following last.

The whole room stood up in unison, watching them leave.

Once back in his office, Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but take a few deep breaths and couldn't stop himself from remarking, "I never thought that leaving could feel this unbearable!"

Lin Weiwei also silently nodded, deeply moved.

Even Lei Ying seemed a bit silent.

The three of them sat in gloom for a while; then Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying left to attend to other matters.

After a moment of silence, Bai Xiaosheng picked up his phone and made a call to his father, Bai Minghang.

Having spent nine months in Zhongjing and now having to leave, he had to inform his family.

"Son." At the moment the call connected, Bai Xiaosheng suddenly felt homesick.

It had been a long time since he had been home to visit.

"Dad, I have something to tell you," Bai Xiaosheng said, suppressing his emotions as he told his father about his transfer from Zhongjing.

While in Zhongjing, no matter how busy he was, he would typically go home every two weeks, but this time, he feared it wouldn't be as frequent.

On the other end of the phone, Bai Minghang's kind voice came through, "Son, you're still young. It's the right age for you to venture out; focus on your career. Your mom and I support you!"

"When you have time, come visit your grandmother. I'll get your mom to cook a couple of extra dishes to celebrate my son's promotion!"

After talking with his father, Bai Xiaosheng felt much better.

At six in the evening, the film crew's convoy arrived at the company, and Bai Xiaosheng personally led the staff to warmly welcome them.

Seeing the crew members again, the company staff was also extremely excited, exchanging warm greetings.

Shang Wanwan, Yang Qian'er, and others greeted Bai Xiaosheng, their expressions filled with happy smiles.

"Let's go, let's head to the banquet hall and chat there," Bai Xiaosheng said with a smile.

Under his lead, a vast stream of people surged towards the Zhongjing Wanhe Building, a magnificent sight!

The banquet was located at the top-floor banquet hall of the Zhongjing Wanhe Building.

Upon arrival, everyone took their seats under the guidance, and Bai Xiaosheng gave the opening speech.

"Ladies and gentlemen, colleagues and friends, this banquet is held to welcome the return of our film crew. Here, on behalf of the company, I would like to say to everyone—thank you for your hard work!"

Bai Xiaosheng's words set off thunderous applause.

As the applause died down, Bai Xiaosheng smiled and continued, "This banquet also has a second meaning..."

Everyone's eyes were riveted on him.

The expressions of those from the company were noticeably solemn.

Shang Wanwan and others observed this and couldn't help feeling somewhat perplexed.

"That is to say, this is my farewell dinner!" Bai Xiaosheng said with a smile, "Due to job adjustments, I am no longer the General Manager of Zhongjing Media, but an Affairs Officer for the collective Greater China Region Affairs Department. I have returned this time to make the handover arrangements! After that, I will be departing for Linshen to begin my work there!"

Bai Xiaosheng's statement was like a thunderclap, leaving people in stunned silence.

"What, Mr. Bai is leaving!" exclaimed Gao Dazhi, leading the film crew colleagues, unable to hide their surprise.

In their eyes, there was a clear sense of reluctance.

Shang Wanwan stood up and gazed at Bai Xiaosheng, then smiled and began to applaud.

"Congratulations, Mr. Bai Xiaosheng!" Shang Wanwan's voice was filled with sincerity.

Gao Dazhi also stood up, followed by Yang Qian'er, Gao Ya, Zhao Xiaoying, and then all the film crew members, as well as everyone present, they all started clapping in unison.

"Let's congratulate Mr. Bai on his promotion!" someone shouted out.

All those present echoed the sentiment, "Let's congratulate Mr. Bai on his promotion!"

The feelings for Bai Xiaosheng made it hard for everyone to let go, but in fact, this was a joyous occasion, a very joyous occasion!

Shang Wanwan's initiative brought the celebration back to its rightful cheerful state.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled at Shang Wanwan, his gaze sweeping over the crowd, and then he bowed deeply to everyone, "Thank you all!"

Without words, the applause resounded again, double in intensity. All spoken words seemed superfluous, as only the applause truly expressed the sentiment of people's hearts.

Lin Weiwei stood by, feeling extraordinarily gratified.

"Bai Xiaosheng!"

Just as the applause was fading, suddenly a hysterical scream rang out.

The doors to the hall were violently flung open!

Chen Changqing rushed in like a madman, pointing at Bai Xiaosheng, and yelled with a voice almost splitting in two, "You, what right do you have to fire me! I am the deputy director of a subsidiary

company! You're not officially an Affairs Officer yet, not yet! Even if you were, you'd have no right to fire me!"

Chen Changqing returned from his "quest" full of hopes, only to be told upon his arrival at the company that he was no longer the deputy director.

He had been dismissed by Bai Xiaosheng!

Chen Changqing was driven to madness!

His fear, his dread, were all due to authority, due to means, but once he was pushed into a corner, he was no longer afraid.

He would not accept it, he wanted to make a scene, he wanted to protest, he wanted to lodge a complaint with the group!

Now, Chen Changqing came wrapped in raging anger.

Yet he saw the indifference and detachment in Bai Xiaosheng's eyes, and felt the uniformly cold stares from everyone in the room.

"Chen Changqing, you're no longer the deputy director, you have no right to be here!"

"This is not the place for you to cause trouble!"

"It was clear when your misdeeds were announced! You were suspected of selling company information while applying for provincial benchmark enterprise status! Don't think we don't know!"

"We will jointly report to the group and continue to hold you accountable!"

Angry shouts came one after another, followed by a collective outcry from the whole place.

In such a setting, especially when the respected Mr. Bai was leaving, they would not tolerate this person's disruption!

Confronted by the anger of everyone present, the anger deep within Chen Changqing's eyes was quickly overrun and swallowed by fear.

His eyes betraying a hint of fear, Chen Changqing could not help stumbling back.

Bai Xiaosheng raised his hand, and, as if by command, the place quickly quieted down.

He looked at Chen Changqing and said calmly and indifferently, "I have the authorization to fire you! If you refuse to accept it, let Chen Jiuzheng or Chen Jiutian go to the Greater China Region Headquarters to argue with me! As for you—"

Bai Xiaosheng casually waved his hand as if shooing flies, "Throw him out!"

Chapter 809: Visit Before Departure

Welcome banquet, but it also served as a farewell banquet.

The mood of the entire assembly was palpable. Hardly anyone touched their food. As for the drink, everyone had quite a bit—especially Bai Xiaosheng.

Everyone wanted to share a drink with Bai Xiaosheng, and he welcomed all comers.

Lei Ying was astounded by the sight.

Fortunately, Lin Weiwei was clever and stuck close to Bai Xiaosheng. In her arms, the white liquor, merely 38 degrees, had been discreetly watered down by her.

Of course, Bai Xiaosheng was unaware of this.

He wasn't normally fond of liquor. He merely felt that today's drink was bland and not intoxicating.

Indeed, sometimes drinking was about the sentiments, not caring what really went down the throat.

Even so, by the end, Bai Xiaosheng was tipsy and needed Lei Ying's support.

The others were heavily intoxicated too.

During the banquet, everyone sang and everyone got drunk.

Amidst the laughter, and the clinking of cups on this side, Chen Changqing's face was iron-blue, his lips trembling as he sat in the car, rushing toward Chen Jiuzheng's house.

"Bai Xiaosheng, you bastard, you beast!" Chen Changqing cursed all the way, his eyes filled with despair.

What Bai Xiaosheng had given him was not a demotion, but a dismissal!

Did that mean he was expelled from the group?

He, Chen Changqing, a man of exceptional talent and boundless prospects!

This time, he had even returned from "learning" under Uncle Chen Jiuzheng, ready to make his move once Bai Xiaosheng was gone!

And just like that, he was kicked out?

"Who gave you the power, who allowed you to expel me from the group! I refuse to accept this, I refuse!" Chen Changqing muttered repeatedly.

His eyes were bloodshot, his forehead veined, and he was on the verge of losing control.

Yu Qing and Murong Yan had never seen Chen Changqing like this, and were too terrified to speak or offer consolation.

"Young master, why not make a call to Mr. Jiuzheng first?" Yu Qing tentatively suggested after a long while.

Chen Changqing glared with his blood-red eyes and looked fiercely at him for two seconds. Yu Qing turned away in fright, only to see Chen Changqing had picked up the phone, his hands trembling as he dialed out.

The phone connected.

Chen Changqing sobbed, "Uncle, Uncle! That bastard Bai Xiaosheng fired me!"

At that moment, Chen Changqing cried like a child who had suffered a huge injustice.

"Bai Xiaosheng, he really dared to do it! Utterly unbridled! Is he declaring war on the Chen Family!"

On the other end of the phone, Chen Jiuzheng was both shocked and furious, and roared loudly.

After roaring, Chen Jiuzheng said, "Changqing, come over to my place first! Let's talk it over properly. I need to hear how this Bai dared to abuse his power. This time, I will not let him get away with it!"

"Okay, okay!" Upon hearing this, Chen Changqing felt a surge of joy, and his earlier anger quickly receded.

After hanging up the phone, Chen Changqing took deep breaths, repeatedly, muttering the name "Bai Xiaosheng" under his breath, wishing he could tear him limb from limb!

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When the banquet ended, Bai Xiaosheng, bleary-eyed, was taken back to the hotel by Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying had wanted to stay and look after him, but he had forcibly "dismissed" them, and the two had no choice but to leave.

Lying in bed, Bai Xiaosheng couldn't contain his discomfort. Bracing his consciousness, he communicated mentally with Red Lotus, "Red Lotus, help me speed up my sobering up!"

Once alcohol enters the body, it must go through a series of absorption, decomposition, and metabolism by organs such as the stomach and liver. This process involves chemical and physiological reactions and naturally takes a long time to complete.

Bai Xiaosheng had important matters to attend to tomorrow and naturally did not want to delay.

With this advancement, besides the Micro Expression Analysis System being upgraded to full level, Red Lotus also had added several functions for stimulating and adjusting the human body system. Previously, it could only enhance adrenaline.

"Understood!" The voice of Red Lotus rang out in response to Bai Xiaosheng's request.

Bai Xiaosheng felt the dizziness in his brain and the discomfort in his stomach slowly easing, as sleepiness gradually surged.

Then, he fell sound asleep.

The next morning, Bai Xiaosheng was awakened by the set alarm clock.

He sat up from the bed, stretched his neck and body, and miraculously found no hangover symptoms, with his mind completely clear.

Besides being extremely thirsty, he felt nothing else.

"Impressive, Red Lotus, how did you do it?" Bai Xiaosheng got up to pour some water and couldn't help but mutter.

"It's a rather complicated process. Do you really need to know the detailed process and chemical formulas?" asked Red Lotus. "Considering that your brain has just recovered from drunkenness and is in a relatively stable state, receiving a large amount of information within the next thirty minutes could cause some dizziness and nausea."

"Forget about it then!" Bai Xiaosheng quickly interjected, squashing his curiosity.

Avoiding suffering because of one's curiosity and then enduring hardship again – what's the point in that?

After drinking several large glasses of water, Bai Xiaosheng called Lin Weiwei.

"Weiwei, come over later, bring some breakfast. Yeah, I'm sober now, I'm fine."

After finishing the call with Lin Weiwei, Bai Xiaosheng called Lei Ying and asked him to collect the train tickets for the three of them to Linshen.

It wasn't even a quarter of an hour later when Bai Xiaosheng's door was knocked on.

Lin Weiwei had arrived, not only bringing breakfast but also some liver and stomach medicine.

"Why bring medicine? No need, I'm fine!"

Bai Xiaosheng took the breakfast, devoured it greedily, and when he looked up, he suddenly noticed Lin Weiwei staring at him.

"Xiaosheng, how many is this?" Lin Weiwei suddenly stretched out four fingers in front of him, shaking them, and asked earnestly.

Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but roll his eyes.

"Are you still dizzy?" Lin Weiwei misinterpreted his gesture, and couldn't help but say, "Perhaps you should take some medicine."

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After the meal, Lin Weiwei helped Bai Xiaosheng pack his limited personal belongings.

It had been nine months since he lived at this residence in Zhongjing – it was time to leave.

His forthcoming room at the headquarters in Linshen was also temporary.

In the future, Bai Xiaosheng would travel north and south, exercising his rights as an Affairs Officer.

Half an hour later, Lei Ying also arrived.

Seeing him, Bai Xiaosheng smiled, "Great, now that everyone's here, we can leave soon!"

"Are we leaving now?" Lei Ying was a bit shocked, "Isn't it a bit early?"

"We aren't taking the high-speed train. Before we go, let's visit someone first." Bai Xiaosheng gave him a mysterious smile.

Lei Ying couldn't help but exchange glances with Lin Weiwei, who was just as puzzled and shrugged.

Bai Xiaosheng hadn't mentioned this to her either.

Once everything was packed, the three went downstairs and found a car.

Bai Xiaosheng told the driver, "Go to Moon Lake Villa District in Zhongjing!"

Upon hearing the destination, Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying were instantly surprised and looked at Bai Xiaosheng spontaneously, both speaking almost at the same time.

"Are we going to..." "Mr. Jiuzheng's house!"

"Exactly!" Bai Xiaosheng nodded crisply and laughingly said, "I'm an Affairs Officer now, how could I not pay him a visit!"

The smile on Bai Xiaosheng's face was thought-provoking.

Chapter 810 I'm Here to Tell You Something

Zhongjing Moon Lake Villa District, Chen Jiuzheng's home.

In the study, Chen Jiuzheng and Chen Changqing sat opposite each other, both silent.

After a night of calm, Chen Changqing had finally become less agitated. However, he still looked somewhat distraught, with a hint of resentment in his eyes, occasionally sneaking glances at his uncle.

A cold frost covered Chen Jiuzheng's face as he held a cup of red tea, sipping slowly and calmly.

"Changqing,"

Finally, Chen Jiuzheng set down his cup and spoke.

"About this matter, I talked to your elder uncle yesterday! He's in discussion with... a significant figure, to see if this could be an opportunity to target Bai Xiaosheng!"

"Bai Xiaosheng's Affairs Officer is not like the usual ones!"

"Moreover, we don't yet know if the President of the Greater China Region has given him any special privileges!"

"Everything must be taken slowly! You need to keep your cool!"

Chen Changqing opened his mouth to speak, but Chen Jiuzheng pre-empted him once again.

"Rest assured, the moment Bai Xiaosheng oversteps his bounds, we'll take the chance to strike him down!"

"Your case will be reported to the Department of Affairs. Bai Xiaosheng directly took down a vice president of a key subsidiary; he must have some solid evidence, right? Otherwise, we are set to win this lawsuit!"

Before Chen Changqing could speak again, Chen Jiuzheng continued, "Even if you do get kicked out of the group, what of it? Once the dust settles, either I or your elder uncle will surely find a way to get you back in!"

As he spoke, Chen Jiuzheng's expression was proud, and he looked upwards with a lofty gaze as if staring into the void, "Hmph, does the surname Bai really think he can end your career? Heh, in his dreams! Unless he can kick out both your elder uncle and me from the group."

"Does he have that ability?"

"Changqing," Chen Jiuzheng looked at Chen Changqing once again with deep seriousness, "Just the two of us here, let me speak frankly to you."

"In my eyes, you have always been the most outstanding of the younger generation of the Chen family, even surpassing Chen Hao! Years ago, I had conflicts with your father and fought over some matters. I

regret many of those things after all these years! Therefore, I've always valued you highly! Even the secrets unknown to Chen Hao, you are aware of them. Like the identity of your Uncle Beichen!"

"This time, your Uncle Beichen suffered a setback at the hands of Bai Xiaosheng. The grievance must be avenged! However, the Chen family also needs development, and with Beichen's vacancy, I'm hoping you can succeed him! This is also your elder uncle's wish!"

Chen Jiuzheng's words truly came from the heart.

Chen Changqing's throat tightened, his eyes filled with a touch of excitement, and he nodded vigorously.

Chen Jiuzheng smiled, and just as he was about to say something, he heard a knock on the study door, followed by the respectful voice of the Chen Family's head steward Chen Hao outside, "Master, there is something I need to discuss with you."

"Come in," said Chen Jiuzheng, picking up the teacup and taking a sip of tea.

Chen Hao walked in and reported to Chen Jiuzheng, "Just now, the gatekeeper sent word that someone wishes to see you."

"Oh? Who is it?" Chen Jiuzheng frowned slightly but was not concerned.

An unannounced visitor was unlikely to be anyone of importance.

"It's the General Manager of Zhongjing Media, Bai Xiaosheng!" said Chen Hao.

He was not yet aware that Bai Xiaosheng had been promoted to Affairs Officer.

Even if he knew, he might not understand what an Affairs Officer's role entails.

"What!" "Bai Xiaosheng!"

No sooner had Chen Hao finished speaking than a harmonious gasp was heard.

The steadfast Chen Jiuzheng and the ever-courteous Chen Changqing both stood up at once, their gazes intently fixed on each other.

Chen Hao jumped in fright.

"Mr. Chen, should we meet with him or not?" Chen Hao couldn't help but ask.

Chen Jiuzheng and Chen Changqing exchanged a complex glance.

What on earth was Mr. Bai doing here at this time?

It was eerie and utterly baffling!

"Meet him," Chen Jiuzheng told Chen Hao, "greet him for a moment. And remember, Mr. Bai is now an Affairs Officer, 'Affairs Officer Bai,' and he is of the same rank as me. Don't get that title wrong!"

Chen Hao was startled.

The young man named Bai, now on the same level as Mr. Jiuzheng Chen?!

How could this be possible, it had just been such a short time!

How could he have been promoted so quickly!

Despite his astonishment, Chen Hao displayed extremely high composure, nodding without hesitation and then withdrawing to make arrangements, keeping all of his surprise to himself.

"What is he doing here?!" As soon as Chen Hao left, Chen Changqing couldn't help but exclaim in alarm, his eyes filled with shock and excitement.

Chen Jiuzheng furrowed his brows, lost in thought for a moment.

"I don't know!" Mr. Jiuzheng said in a deep voice, "But in any case, when he arrives, all will become clear!"

Having said this, Mr. Jiuzheng glanced at Chen Changqing, "Changqing, hide away for a while when he comes, let me meet with him!"

Chen Changqing immediately nodded.

It had to be said that at the banquet yesterday, he had publicly berated the man named Bai in a fit of anger.

Yet, he had been awkwardly counterattacked on the spot!

Furthermore, with the long-standing fear that had been building up, the unexpected news that Bai Xiaosheng was coming kindled fear amidst his full-blown hatred.

He was truly fearful of the man named Bai, right down to his bones.

Moon Lake Villa District, at the entrance.

The security guard received the notice to allow entry, let the taxi through the gate, and couldn't help but follow it with his gaze.

Taking a taxi into this kind of villa district was quite unusual.

Inside the car, Bai Xiaosheng sat as steady as a mountain, his expression a mix of a smile and contemplation.

The car stopped outside the Chen family villa, greeted by several people who hurried over with smiling faces.

At the head of them, Bai Xiaosheng still had an impression.

"The head butler Chen Hao." Bai Xiaosheng got out of the car and immediately called out the other party's name with a smile.

"Affairs Officer Bai!" Chen Hao greeted with a beaming smile, exhibiting utmost respect, "Mr. Chen has been waiting for you, he sent me to receive you."

"Good." Bai Xiaosheng smiled faintly, following Chen Hao with Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying in tow.

Visiting the Chen family once again, Bai Xiaosheng's lips curled into a smile as he observed the villas, the estate, and the many servants.

"Mr. Chen is not only successful in business but also knows how to enjoy himself, how to spend money!" Bai Xiaosheng muttered as if to himself, yet it seemed he was alluding to something.

Chen Hao paused, not knowing how to respond, and simply smiled.

Bai Xiaosheng and his companions were shown to the living room, where Mr. Jiuzheng Chen was already waiting.

"Affairs Officer Bai!"

Mr. Jiuzheng Chen stood to greet him, his face alight with a welcoming smile, "What an honor to have you in my humble abode, hahaha, please, come in!"

"Mr. Chen is too modest; if this is your humble abode, then where we live must be shanties." Bai Xiaosheng replied jokingly as they both conversed with ease, showing no signs of enmity.

Bai Xiaosheng was ushered onto the sofa by Mr. Jiuzheng Chen, while Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying naturally stood behind Bai Xiaosheng.

"Since our last meeting, it has been quite a while, Affairs Officer Bai. Your rapid ascent is both joyous and commendable," Mr. Jiuzheng Chen said as he sat down, his face beaming with a smile.

"Speaking of which, I must thank Mr. Mu Beichen and also owe a great deal of thanks to the Chen family!" Bai Xiaosheng replied warmly, reaching out to accept the tea brought over by a servant.

However, his words felt oddly disconcerting to the listener.

"May I know what brings Affairs Officer Bai to my humble abode?" Mr. Jiuzheng Chen asked with a smile.

"I wouldn't dare presume to offer advice," Bai Xiaosheng sipped his tea, glancing at the other person with a smile, "I've come to notify Mr. Chen of a matter!"