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Chapter 881: Hugging Left and Right, Inciting Public Rage

"Where exactly am I lacking compared to him? Why does Lingyu prefer to vie with another woman for his affections instead of liking me!"

Lin Yu began pondering this question when he suddenly realized something even more absurd.

That was, until now, he still didn't know the name of the young man sitting opposite him!

This is ridiculous!

Since Lin Yu became the Affairs Officer, his actions had been decisive and meticulous.

He would always investigate the target or adversary's ancestry thoroughly as soon as possible.

Yet now, he didn't know the name of his rival!

Thinking back, it was indeed his teacher, Shen Peishen, who said, "Why must acquaintances recognize each other at each meeting," resulting in no exchange of names.

And from earlier until now, he had been too engrossed in the joy of reuniting with Su Lingyu and his anxious concern for her, he completely forgot to ask!

Lin Yu looked at Bai Xiaosheng and smiled, "This is our second meeting, and I still don't know your name, brother. May I ask, what should I call you?"

Upon hearing this, both Su Lingyu and Jiang Yue were stunned.

"You don't know each other?" Su Lingyu exclaimed in surprise.

"You don't even know his name?" Jiang Yue questioned incredulously.

"And he said he came looking for you?" Su Lingyu asked again.

"And here we've been sitting together, chatting for ages!" Jiang Yue exclaimed loudly.

This is just too funny...

"Then let me introduce myself now," Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but laugh.

The two women immediately shut up.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled at Lin Yu, "My name is..."

"Yue!" Suddenly a man's voice interrupted, halting Bai Xiaosheng mid-sentence.

Everyone involuntarily looked over, only to see Sun Zicheng and Jiang Yuxiu striding towards them.

Sun Zicheng had a stern expression as he looked towards Jiang Yue.

However, as he got closer and saw Bai Xiaosheng and Lin Yu, Sun Zicheng paused, giving them a second glance, feeling that these two seemed very familiar.

"Auntie, uncle," Jiang Yue couldn't help but frown.

She knew that their visit would certainly be an attempt to set her up with Zhang Kai.

This was utterly annoying!

After Sun Zicheng arrived, his eyes shifted back and forth between Bai Xiaosheng and Lin Yu for several seconds.

"Jiang Yue is interested in this young man!" Jiang Yuxiu declared.

She thought her husband couldn't tell which of the two handsome young men it was.

Then, looking at Jiang Yue, Jiang Yuxiu added, "Yue, you are the niece of your aunt who sincerely wants the best for you. Mr. Zhang is such a good match, and you just rejected him outright? You should give people a chance, have you completely set your heart on this young man?"

Jiang Yuxiu pointed at Bai Xiaosheng.

"What, this lady rejected someone else for him!"

Hearing this, Lin Yu was instantly startled, "Lingyu, you like him too, do you know that?!"

"What, Miss Su also likes him!" Jiang Yuxiu also exclaimed in surprise.

"This is really messy!" Sun Zicheng couldn't help but frown, glanced at Bai Xiaosheng again, and turned to Jiang Yue, "Yue, did you know about this!"

Honestly, Sun Zicheng was pleased, thinking he had revealed some sensational news.

Jiang Yue's favored man was also liked by Su Lingyu; this man was obviously playing them both.

The impression was about to take a drastic turn!

"I certainly know!"

Unexpectedly, Jiang Yue snorted coldly and grabbed Bai Xiaosheng's arm firmly.

"I know too!"

Seeing Jiang Yue taking advantage of Bai Xiaosheng, Su Lingyu also grabbed his other arm.

Bai Xiaosheng didn't move at all, surprisingly maintaining his composure as if being embraced on both sides.

All of a sudden, Sun Zicheng, Jiang Yuxiu, and Lin Yu were dumbfounded.

"It's a bit complicated... but I can explain!"

Bai Xiaosheng felt somewhat embarrassed and gave a sincere smile to the three people.

He felt several fierce glares directed at him.

Not just from over here.

In the distance, Zhang Kai was smiling as he chatted and raised a glass with Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying, inadvertently glancing over.

He saw the woman he liked being embraced by another woman and a young man, and his face froze, his expression changing instantly.

Lin Weiwei, who was chatting with him, followed his gaze and her expression changed immediately.

Lin Weiwei also had feelings for Bai Xiaosheng.

Upon discovering this, Lei Ying's expression also changed.

However, he was extremely impressed, "Impressive, Bai Xiaosheng!"

"Excuse me, I need to handle something!" Zhang Kai gave Lin Weiwei a forced smile, then his expression darkened as he walked over.

This time, he was determined to deal with that kid, at the very least drive that white-faced boy off his turf!

Over there.

Sun Zicheng's brows were furrowed.

"Fine, fine! If you like him, as your uncle, of course I support it!" Sun Zicheng spoke up again.

With one sentence, Jiang Yue and Jiang Yuxiu among others were stunned.

Support? Really?

Then, Sun Zicheng looked at Bai Xiaosheng, "Young man, seeing me as an elder, shouldn't you stand up! Sitting like this, isn't it disrespectful to your elders?"

Bai Xiaosheng gave a helpless smile, attempted to stand, but was held back by Jiang Yue, so he had to continue sitting.

"So I'm asking you, where do you work, what's your salary? Have you bought a house in this city?"

"How much savings do you have! Have you thought about many things when you two actually get together!"

Sun Zicheng took the attitude of an investigating father-in-law.

He believed that Bai Xiaosheng must respond.

At that moment, he would relentlessly humiliate him, given that this kid's conditions could not possibly be better than Zhang Kai's.

Bai Xiaosheng felt both amused and distressed.

This matter hadn't even started, how did it already come to this.

Jiang Yue blushed and glared, "Uncle, why are you saying these things!"

Across from Bai Xiaosheng, Lin Yu's brows were furrowed, his eyes showing a hint of anger.

Su Lingyu might not like him and might prefer this man, even Jiang Yue could, the two girls might fall for the same man, he was envious and jealous, but he certainly didn't hate them.

But now, he was listening to something that seemed very wrong.

How did it come to meeting the parents and discussing conditions with that girl!

Was Su Lingyu completely indifferent to this?

Or had she been deceived by this "scumbag's" sweet talk!

Usually, Lin Yu was meticulous in his thinking, he would not arrive at such a leaky conclusion, but now, he was fixed on the idea that Su Lingyu was being duped. Naturally, his gaze became hostile.

Bai Xiaosheng also noticed the hostility coming from Lin Yu and couldn't help but smile bitterly, he always felt like he was completely surrounded by enemies...

"Why haven't you left yet, do you really want me to kick you out!"

Behind Sun Zicheng, an angry voice rang out, suddenly drawing the attention of many people around.

Sun Zicheng was startled by the voice.

Zhang Kai stepped forward, pushing Sun Zicheng aside, his face showing anger.

Bai Xiaosheng, being stared at by several people, felt like he was surrounded by enemies on all sides.

I thought about being low-key, but I ended up becoming the target of public criticism, Bai Xiaosheng sighed to himself, his face helpless.

It seems I can't keep a low profile. I must strike first to prevent a hundred strikes!

Bai Xiaosheng stood up, smiling at Zhang Kai.

"Mr. Zhang, you want to drive me away? Sorry, I told you, today you are destined not to drive me away!" Bai Xiaosheng's smile faded, he said slowly and clearly, "Because, I am here to investigate you!"

Chapter 882: Lin Yu Wants to Intercept!

Bai Xiaosheng was no longer willing to hold back, and decided to make his move against Zhang Kai right now.

Group's reputation?

As a New-type Affairs Officer being ousted, it was an even greater loss of face for the Affairs Department!

So, he decided to lay his cards on the table.

"You're investigating me?" Zhang Kai frowned and asked, "What do you mean?!"

Having caused a commotion, many people gathered around, pointing and whispering.

However, none of them understood the situation.

"What I mean is, Mr. Zhang Kai, starting now, you will be under investigation by the Affairs Department," Bai Xiaosheng said seriously.

"The Affairs Department!" Zhang Kai's face turned pale, his eyes filled with disbelief as he looked at Bai Xiaosheng, "You, who exactly are..."

It wasn't just him who was shocked; Lin Yu, who was sitting there, was also surprised as he looked towards Bai Xiaosheng.

When they first met, he sensed that there was something extraordinary about the other party, which ignited a trace of fighting spirit in him.

Upon their second encounter, Bai Xiaosheng had gained the label of a "scumbag" in his mind.

And now, there was the imprint of the Affairs Department!

Who in the world was this person!

The ones coming to investigate Zhang Kai this time... were people from Officer Bai Xiaosheng's group.

Could it be!

Lin Yu felt a chill in his heart, as a name seemed almost about to blurt out.

"General Manager Zhang Kai, this gentleman is Mr. Bai Xiaosheng, the Affairs Department Officer from the Greater China Region!"

From outside the crowd came a clear and decisive female voice.

The crowd parted, and Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying stepped forward.

Lin Weiwei smiled calmly, "And we are merely his assistants!"

With one sentence, the entire place was shocked.

The guests who were the center of attention upon their arrival, this man and woman, were actually just assistants to that young man?!

It was unimaginable!

The guests around were astonished as they looked at Bai Xiaosheng.

Although they did not know what had happened, they all had a premonition that something significant was about to unfold!

"This young man is really the important figure here, just look at Zhang Kai, his face has turned green."

"General Manager Zhang's eyes actually show fear, I've never seen that before!"

"They're going to investigate Zhang Kai, is this for real!"

The whispers around the room grew louder and more intense, as all the guests crowded in.

Constantly, people joined the discussion and pointed.

Sun Zicheng and Jiang Yuxiu were bewildered.

The couple looked dumbfoundedly at the calm-faced Bai Xiaosheng and at Zhang Kai, whose aura was deflated and eyes were filled with fear.

"Husband, this, this young man seems quite remarkable..."

"It looks like he's even more powerful than General Manager Zhang..."

"What Affairs Department, what Affairs Officer, such strange titles,"

Jiang Yuxiu couldn't stop asking.

When she looked at her husband, she found that Sun Zicheng had indeed turned into a trembling figure, scared stiff.

In Sun Zicheng's gaze towards Bai Xiaosheng, amidst fear, there were also shock, reverence, and excitement, among various other emotions.

"Husband." Jiang Yuxiu couldn't help but nudge him.

"This man is really a big shot!" Sun Zicheng gritted his teeth and said.

"How big?" Jiang Yuxiu had no concept.

"Zhang Kai is nothing compared to him!" Sun Zicheng explained in one sentence.

So close in proximity, Sun Zicheng wasn't worried about Zhang Kai hearing.

What if he did hear!

The gap between the two was indeed like that between the clouds and the mud!

Moreover, with the Affairs Officer in person, Zhang Kai this time might have a hard time protecting himself!

Sun Zicheng suddenly felt as if he were about to dispel the clouds to see the blue sky, especially since his own niece was so close to this young man!

Could it be that he, too, might strike it rich following this?

Just as Sun Zicheng was feeling at ease, Jiang Yuxiu interjected, "Just now, weren't we criticizing them? We even advised them to break up!"

With one remark, Jiang Yuxiu turned Sun Zicheng's warm passion into bone-chilling ice.

Sun Zicheng was instantly filled with fear.

The two of them had always been targeting this Affairs Officer!

Sun Zicheng was filled with so much regret that his insides turned blue—he wished he could slap himself!

How blind he had been!

Just like Sun Zicheng, Zhang Kai was also experiencing a storm of shock in his heart.

The person he disliked, the one he wanted to deal with, turned out to be an Affairs Officer!

Zhang Kai's mind was practically crashing, as an uglier-than-crying smile appeared on his face, and he couldn't utter a single word.

"What is an Affairs Officer, anyway? They seem very impressive. Bai Xiaosheng looks so handsome right now!"

Jiang Yue stood behind Bai Xiaosheng with a lovesick expression, looking at Zhang Kai. Seeing her uncle-in-law so frightened, she felt very thrilled and happy.

"So he's an Affairs Officer!" Su Lingyu was staring at Bai Xiaosheng's silhouette in shock and admiration.

Unlike Jiang Yue, who didn't have a clear impression, Su Lingyu often heard her father speak with bravado, discussing with her mother their large corporation, and the Affairs Department of the Greater China Region within it, which was staffed with Affairs Officers.

After these conversations, Su Dazhong would always sigh.

"In my life, if I could go to the Affairs Department and be an Affairs Assistant, I would be utterly content!"

Choosing to be an assistant rather than a general manager illustrated the power of the Affairs Department.

And Bai Xiaosheng was the superior to the Affairs Assistant—he was an Affairs Officer!

And he was so young!

Since Su Lingyu understood, her shock exceeded that of Jiang Yue by far, and her reverence and admiration for Bai Xiaosheng also increased manifold!

"No wonder the Han Family fell from power so suddenly, and the general manager stepped down, making my dad the new general manager. All of that was Bai Xiaosheng's doing!"

Suddenly realizing this, Su Lingyu understood and felt a subtle sense of gratitude.

Her father had escaped bad luck and achieved his ambition, all thanks to Bai Xiaosheng.

And Bai Xiaosheng had never mentioned a word of it to her!

Su Lingyu was utterly moved by Bai Xiaosheng.

Lin Yu had guessed Bai Xiaosheng's identity earlier, so he wasn't as shocked as the others were, but he was still greatly surprised.

However, watching Su Lingyu falling head over heels, he really didn't feel good inside!

"I am also an Affairs Officer, and one of the most outstanding ones!"

"Moreover, I am the most dedicated man!"

Lin Yu really wanted to shout to Su Lingyu, "I'm better than him!"

Unfortunately, doing that would be too low and didn't fit his character.

"Bai Xiaosheng, I will prove that I'm stronger than you!"

As Lin Yu looked at Bai Xiaosheng, his eyes were filled with a combative spirit.

"Affairs Officer Bai ..." Zhang Kai finally managed to speak, though his voice shook.

"Zhang Kai, we have gathered enough information about you, don't hope for luck."

"Also, I hope you can take the initiative. Your punishment will be lighter if you do!"

Bai Xiaosheng said, approaching and speaking in a lowered voice, "Hurry up and wrap up this reception. Afterwards, we can have a proper talk! I have given you time to think, and I hope that by then, you can be honest!"

Although there had been a disturbance in public, Bai Xiaosheng didn't want things to spiral out of control.

At the very least, he wanted the reception to have an appropriate conclusion.

"Yes, yes!" Zhang Kai nodded his head like a pecking chicken, not daring to disobey.

Lin Yu, standing close by, heard everything and immediately stood up with a cold expression.

"Affairs Officer Bai, do we need to wait until the reception is over? You're dragging your feet too much!" Lin Yu said coldly.

Bai Xiaosheng looked at him in surprise.

"How coincidental, I'm an Affairs Officer too, we're colleagues!" Lin Yu said with a mockingly smile, staring at Bai Xiaosheng, "I have been investigating too, and I already have conclusions! Since you want to wait until the reception is over, I might as well go first!"

Lin Yu intended to preempt him!

Chapter 883: The Standard-Bearer of the Affairs Officer

Another Affairs Officer?! Zhang Kai's face was stricken with horror.

What had he done to warrant the visit of two Affairs Officers?

One Affairs Officer was already an existence that inspired terror, their capabilities enough to instill fear.

The petty corruption he had involved himself in was likely to be thoroughly exposed.

And now, there came two...

Was the Affairs Department determined to ruthlessly deal with him to the end?

To make an example out of him?!

"It's over! This time, there's no chance of any lucky escape!" Zhang Kai was terrified beyond measure.

The crimes he had committed were bad enough that being dismissed from his position was the least of his concerns, a thorough investigation could land him in jail!

He didn't want to go to prison!

"Otherwise, I might as well confess to Officer Bai Xiaosheng first... He said that if I come clean on my own, they might go easy on me!" Zhang Kai couldn't help but glance toward Bai Xiaosheng.

He wasn't certain if this promise would be honored, but it was better to have some hope than none at all.

Su Lingyu and Jiang Yue looked at Lin Yu in astonishment.

They had not expected this senior, Lin Yu, to be an Affairs Officer as well!

Then, wasn't he a colleague of Bai Xiaosheng?

But how could it be that the two didn't recognize each other?

Their reaction wasn't as shocked as before, but rather filled with curiosity.

The two of them didn't know that Bai Xiaosheng had only been in office for a few days, yet within that short time, he had built a startling reputation. The Affairs Department was comparing him to someone who was a benchmark for strength—that person was Lin Yu.

This also proved that Lin Yu's capabilities were deeply rooted in the minds of the officers and assistants of the Affairs Department.

Bai Xiaosheng, Lin Weiwei, Lei Ying, were all more curious about Lin Yu.

Bai Xiaosheng, having just arrived, knew no one and had hurriedly fled the swirl of the headquarters to the south.

But it seemed that Lin Yu also didn't recognize him prior to this.

So, he might not have been at the headquarters in the preceding period.

"Do you know someone named Lin Yu, also an Affairs Officer, who has gotten involved in this case?" Bai Xiaosheng, while everyone's attention was drawn to Lin Yu, sent a message to Lin Ke.

Shortly after Lin Yu revealed his identity, his two assistants stepped out from the crowd.

Gao Peng stood beside Lin Yu, looking down at everyone with a commanding presence, and declared, "This is Affairs Department Officer Lin Yu!"

Liu Yan then approached Zhang Kai, showing Lin Yu's officer badge and identification.

"You're Officer Lin Yu!" Upon hearing this name and seeing the credentials, Zhang Kai let out a cry of astonishment.

His expression twisted rapidly, a pallor of deathly ash painting his face.

If Bai Xiaosheng, the officer, made him feel terrified, and the presence of two officers felt horrifying, then the name Lin Yu brought him to despair!

Zhang Kai, as a subsidiary company's general manager, was not isolated from news, especially since he was one step away from becoming an assistant and was involved in misusing his authority and lining his own pockets. He was extremely attentive to the higher-ups' actions.

Over the years, Zhang Kai had heard the name "Lin Yu" dozens of times!

That was the nightmare of all offending executives within the Greater China Region!

Lin Yu acted decisively and without mercy; no one he targeted ever escaped.

Zhang Kai's ears had grown calloused from hearsay, and now to suddenly discover that the man was right in front of him was astonishing.

What did it feel like!

Zhang Kai's legs went weak, nearly collapsing!

"It's over, confessing to anyone is useless now, being targeted by Lin Yu means complete ruination!" Zhang Kai's mentality shattered.

"Husband, who is this Lin Yu that Zhang Kai is so scared?" Jiang Yuxiu asked her husband Sun Zicheng in confusion, only to be startled herself when she saw that Sun Zicheng's eyes were full of shock, staring straight at Lin Yu, "It's him, it's him..."

Sun Zicheng couldn't finish his sentence.

Logically speaking, a deputy general manager shouldn't be aware of the terror that is Lin Yu.

But Sun Zicheng was aware, all because he had heard through Zhang Kai.

Once by chance, another time by eavesdropping.

Whenever someone described to Zhang Kai the terror of the Affairs Department, the example cited was Lin Yu.

It's like the first time one hears a ghost story and gets scared by something.

That impression is bound to be profound!

Thus, the name "Lin Yu" was etched in Sun Zicheng's heart.

Right now, the "legendary figure" from his memories was right before his eyes, and one can imagine Sun Zicheng's feelings.

"Xiaoyu, is this senior of yours really that impressive?" Jiang Yue couldn't help but notice the expressions of Zhang Kai and Sun Zicheng and asked.

Su Lingyu shook her head; she also didn't know.

Although she knew more than Jiang Yue did, she wasn't clear about this particular matter.

Liu Yan came back from where Zhang Kai was, standing closer to the two women, naturally hearing their conversation.

Liu Yan turned her face and smiled at them, saying proudly, "Mr. Lin Yu is the strongest presence among the Affairs Department Officers, and many records he set over the years have yet to be surpassed!"

With that, Liu Yan looked at Lin Yu with a moved expression and said earnestly, "He can be considered the role model, even the benchmark for all Affairs Officers! Other officers aim to chase his footsteps!"

Liu Yan's words were full of confidence and authority.

If an assistant like her dared to say so, it was most likely the truth.

Lin Yu heard her and couldn't help but curl his lips into a subtle smile.

Normally, he wasn't one to sing his own praises, but today, in front of Su Lingyu, as if possessed, he felt what Liu Yan said was right and not an exaggeration.

He, Lin Yu, was indeed the strongest among the Affairs Officers, the NO.1 of them all!

Su Lingyu and Jiang Yue couldn't help but look at Lin Yu in amazement.

Lin Weiwei, on the other hand, felt somewhat dissatisfied; she also wanted to speak of Bai Xiaosheng's achievements.

In Lin Weiwei's view, what Bai Xiaosheng achieved in a single day exceeded Lin Yu's accomplishments over several years!

No matter how strong you Lin Yu are, have you ever taken down a regional head?

At most, you're just an Affairs Officer, a provincial industry head!

Whereas Bai Xiaosheng had dealt with a regional head and incidentally handled a provincial industry head as well!

Do they know about these accomplishments?

Lin Weiwei watched the surrounding people look at Lin Yu with awe, surpassing Bai Xiaosheng, and she was about to speak up immediately.

However, just as she took a step forward, she was stopped by Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled indifferently, shaking his head gently at her.

In Bai Xiaosheng's view, arguing over these points was beyond dispute and even somewhat childish.

On the other side, Jiang Yue couldn't help but glance at Bai Xiaosheng and muttered, "But, I still think Bai Xiaosheng is a bit more handsome."

Su Lingyu also nodded slightly.

"Let's clear the field; it's time to get some real work done!" Lin Yu didn't want to boast any longer on this matter and spoke with a serious tone.

Gao Peng and Liu Yan quickly nodded in agreement.

"Ladies and gentlemen, our apologies, but the reception is now over! We need to handle some internal affairs, so please, everyone, make your exit!" Gao Peng announced loudly.

Ending the reception forcefully!

Such an action was rather forceful and could lead to external questioning about whether there were problems within Yunfeng Business Management.

Bai Xiaosheng frowned slightly, but he didn't say anything!

After all, it was he who had initiated this investigation; Lin Yu was just being more aggressive.

"Well then, let's see how this person, hailed as a model for Affairs Officers, will exert his power!" Bai Xiaosheng thought to himself.

Chapter 884: Half an Hour, Final Gavel!

The reception was coercively concluded, yet the investigation could not be conducted in the main hall. However, there were private rooms available on the second floor; simply choosing one as the venue would suffice. After all, Yunfeng Business Management had booked the entire place for the event "Song Time"—they were free to use it however they pleased.

Officer Lin Yu had no intention of returning to Yunfeng Business Management to carry out further investigations.

In his view, there was no need!

His long-term work experience had cultivated a style of handling things on the spot with rapid, decisive actions, never giving the opponent a moment to breathe.

The reception was announced as over, but very few people left.

Everyone was highly concerned about Zhang Kai's fate.

After all, those present were either employees of Yunfeng Business Management or its business partners and local celebrities; Zhang Kai's destiny was closely linked to them.

"The reception may be over, but we'd like to stay at this restaurant for a while longer, if that's alright."

"Exactly, we'll just rest here for a bit, it won't interfere with anything you're doing."

"Right, there's no need to rush us out."

As Gao Peng tried to persuade them to leave, many suddenly spoke up, insisting on staying as they realized an investigation was about to be conducted here.

"Since everyone wishes to enjoy a drink here, there's nothing improper! Yunfeng Business Management is a subsidiary of Zhenbei Group, our group's badge is golden; no matter who controls this company, problems shall not arise! Friends present here, you can trust this fact!"

Officer Lin Yu finished speaking and glanced at Bai Xiaosheng.

He then told Gao Peng and Liu Yan, "Please take Mr. Zhang Kai upstairs, find a private room, and start there!"

Gao Peng and Liu Yan quickly nodded, with portable laptops and various other equipment at hand, all carried with them for convenient dealing anywhere, anytime.

Zhang Kai, ashen-faced, struggled as he followed the two upstairs.

Faced with such a plight and facing Officer Lin Yu, Zhang Kai couldn't muster any will to resist.

"Officer Lin, might we have permission to observe upstairs?" Bai Xiaosheng asked with a smile, addressing Officer Lin Yu.

Officer Lin Yu smiled, "It's not that Lin is petty, just that I'm not accustomed to being observed by others; Affairs Officer Bai, please sit here for a while longer. In half an hour, everything will be concluded!"

"Half an hour?" Bai Xiaosheng was surprised.

"For Affairs Officer Bai, half an hour might seem brief, but for Lin, it is sufficient!" Lin Yu said with a smile, glancing at Su Lingyu, "Lin's reputation wasn't earned for nothing!"

Lin Yu spoke with full confidence.

Half an hour? To take down Zhang Kai? When you boast, why drag others into it?

Lin Weiwei looked at Lin Yu unconvinced, and Lei Ying also raised an eyebrow.

It seemed that Officer Lin Yu was clearly trying to prove his strength over Bai Xiaosheng in front of those two women!

Bai Xiaosheng smiled, "Alright, we shall wait downstairs, awaiting good news. If Officer Lin handles it well, it will save us further trouble."

Bai Xiaosheng maintained a cool demeanor.

Lin Yu gave him a deep look and then turned to head upstairs.

The crowd watched him go.

"Are we just going to stand here waiting?" Lin Weiwei approached Bai Xiaosheng, unable to help herself.

"Of course not!" Bai Xiaosheng chuckled, walked to the bar, casually picked up a cocktail, and then settled back down on the sofa, "Let's sit and wait."

"Everyone, as you like!" Bai Xiaosheng raised his glass to the crowd, smiling warmly.

His demeanor carried an air of making light work of difficulties, and coupled with his warm smile, it made him seem approachable, significantly increasing the crowd's fondness for him, even possibly surpassing that for Lin Yu.

However, even if the crowd dispersed, the glances, both overt and covert, directed at Bai Xiaosheng were abundant!

About Bai Xiaosheng, Officer Lin Yu, and Zhang Kai—the topics and discussions quietly circulated, incessantly.

Bai Xiaosheng ignored them, quietly sipping his drink.

Su Lingyu and Jiang Yue exchanged glances, walked over, and once again sat beside Bai Xiaosheng, one on each side.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying took seats opposite Bai Xiaosheng.

Sun Zicheng pondered for a moment, then took his wife to sit a little farther away.

At the moment, he still didn't dare to sit too close, fearing that it would annoy Bai Xiaosheng.

Sun Zicheng needed to discuss thoroughly with Jiang Yuxiu how to break through utilizing Jiang Yue and gain the favor of Affairs Officer Bai.

On Bai Xiaosheng's side, the five people who sat down initially looked at each other and felt somewhat estranged.

Jiang Yue couldn't hold back and said to Bai Xiaosheng, "This sister here and this handsome uncle, are they all your subordinates, Bai Xiaosheng?"

Her gaze toward Bai Xiaosheng was unabashedly admiring.

It was normal for Jiang Yue to call Lin Weiwei sister. However, directly calling Lei Ying uncle made Bai Xiaosheng, Lin Weiwei, and even Lei Ying himself stunned.

If one were to count, Lei Ying was several years older than Bai Xiaosheng, and Jiang Yue was a few years younger than Bai Xiaosheng, adding inside and out, Lei Ying was nearly ten years older than Jiang Yue. Calling him uncle... seemed correct.

However, Bai Xiaosheng and Lin Weiwei had never thought about this, that Lei Ying actually differed from them in generation.

The two couldn't help but snicker.

Lei Ying's face remained calm as he drank his wine.

"No, actually you are mistaken, they are my friends. The term subordinates is not suitable for them," Bai Xiaosheng said with a smile.

"We have been with Xiaosheng from the beginning, no matter where he is or what his position, we all are his assistants!" Lin Weiwei said with a laugh, "Even his daily meals are under my care, he's used to it that way."

Lin Weiwei emphasized the latter part of her sentence.

The statement was slightly provoking, and Lin Weiwei's smile was not friendly.

Su Lingyu immediately became alert, Jiang Yue's expression turned sharp as well.

Three exceptionally beautiful women smiled as they looked at each other.

One gentle, one lively, one charming.

Between their smiles, Bai Xiaosheng always felt as though the air was filled with flashing swords and glaring daggers.

Bai Xiaosheng wanted to speak with Lei Ying to lighten the mood, but it seemed Lei Ying was still feeling down from the "uncle" comment, appearing somewhat depressed.

The two made awkward conversation, draining the time.

Half an hour later, Lin Yu came downstairs, followed by Gao Peng and Liu Yan.

Zhang Kai walked at the end.

The people at the venue immediately noticed them.

Lin Yu, with a slight smile, walked toward Bai Xiaosheng's side.

The guests around also quietly gathered a bit closer.

Bai Xiaosheng stood up leadingly and said with a smile to Lin Yu, "How did it go, Officer Lin?"

"I said half an hour, and it's been half an hour! The matter here has been resolved, no need for Affairs Officer Bai to intervene anymore!"

Lin Yu smiled proudly and confidently.

Bai Xiaosheng looked past him, towards the despondent Zhang Kai at the back.

Zhang Kai hung his head low, his face full of dejection.

However, Bai Xiaosheng's keen eyes, honed from experience, quickly spotted the irregularity.

Zhang Kai's complexion was no longer ashen, and there was a faint hint of "life" in his eyes.

"May I hear the outcome of the handling?" Bai Xiaosheng asked Lin Yu subtly.

With the information he held, the punishment for Zhang Kai was extremely severe; Zhang Kai would not have such an expression.

Unless, Lin Yu and his team didn't have complete information, allowing Zhang Kai a narrow escape!

"What, do you doubt my handling?" Lin Yu's expression slightly darkened, then he nodded and ordered sternly,

"Gao Peng, show our handling results to Affairs Officer Bai!"

Chapter 885: Cannot Compromise

Bai Xiaosheng and his team had just encountered Shen Peisheng and Lin Yu two days ago. Bai Xiaosheng clearly remembered that when he talked with Shen Peisheng, Shen mentioned that they had just arrived in JinPing as well. Shen had dined at a restaurant called "Song Time" before, thought it was good, and now they were back to try it again, possibly staying for a couple more days to explore.

In just these two days, Lin Yu had investigated Zhang Kai?

It couldn't have been a pre-planned investigation because such would require notifying the Affairs Department to avoid multiple parties converging on the same company issue, causing unnecessary waste of human resources.

Therefore, Bai Xiaosheng just didn't understand how, in just these two days, Zhang Kai had caught Lin Yu's attention.

Of course, this problem could be set aside for now.

Currently, Bai Xiaosheng was worried that Lin Yu, eager to prove his competence, would rush the investigation and hold Zhang Kai accountable within two days.

That was possible!

Even the most rational people can be irrational, and when logical individuals act irrationally, they usually exhibit more foolishness than ordinary people do.

Incomplete evidence would allow Zhang Kai to escape more severe sanctions.

"By questioning him so directly, Lin Yu might misunderstand, but to ensure Zhang Kai receives the penalty he deserves, I must intervene!" Bai Xiaosheng made up his mind.

These words, of course, he could not speak aloud, nor was the setting appropriate.

Bai Xiaosheng thought he would take the opportunity to explain this to Lin Yu later.

However, to Lin Yu, it appeared that Bai Xiaosheng was publicly questioning his ability, and doing so in front of Su Lingyu, merely to show off himself.

"Bai Xiaosheng, I misjudged you! Fine, then I'll show you whether I can be wrong!" Lin Yu's impression of Bai Xiaosheng continued to decline.

Gao Peng pulled out a tablet and passed it to Bai Xiaosheng while also saying, "Zhang Kai, General Manager of Yunfeng Business Management, is suspected of negligence, abuse of power, and other seven issues. Affairs Officer Bai, you can look at these. Zhang confessed to all the issues without denial, and considering his cooperative attitude, we recommend normal sanctions: strip him of his General Manager position, demote him to Vice Manager, revoke all bonuses for the next five years, and implement additional sanctions to observe the effects!"

The demotion from a top position to a subordinate role accompanied by significant sanctions.

Many around them heard this and murmured their admiration.

"Now, Zhang Kai and I are on the same level, he can't bully me anymore!" Sun Zicheng was somewhat excited.

Bai Xiaosheng frowned, carefully read through the investigation details about Zhang Kai, then handed them to Lin Weiwei.

Lin Weiwei quickly skimmed through and blurted out, "These issues are just a part..."

Immediately realizing her slip of the tongue, Lin Weiwei hurriedly shut up and passed it to Lei Ying to see.

Her mention of incomplete issues immediately caught Lin Yu's attention.

Before Lin Yu could speak, Bai Xiaosheng said softly, "Given that we are all focusing on this case, why not collaborate? You might have details that I missed, and I might have overseen aspects that you have ignored. Shall we?"

"We have already completed our investigation and submitted the report to the Affairs Department!" Gao Peng couldn't help but interject.

Bai Xiaosheng was startled.

They had already sent the reports back? That seemed overly hasty!

Was Lin Yu so eager to demonstrate that he could wrap up everything in half an hour?

Talking about speed, that was rather frightening indeed.

"How different do you think our results are from each other, Affairs Officer Bai?" Lin Yu asked directly.

Although it had only been two days, Lin Yu had utilized many privileges of Grand Affairs Officer Shen Peisheng!

He even accessed the problem report that Lin Ke had submitted to the Affairs Department!

Theoretically, his grasp of the situation should be more comprehensive than Bai Xiaosheng's!

Bai Xiaosheng either wanted to claim the credit, show off in front of Su Lingyu, or was deliberately targeting him!

Lin Yu frowned.

Regrettably, what he didn't know was that Bai Xiaosheng had received more comprehensive issues investigated subsequently from Lin Ke, and in discussing with Lin Weiwei and with the aid of Red Lotus, had discovered many more issues himself.

These were simply beyond Lin Yu's comparison.

But these things, Bai Xiaosheng couldn't say.

"It's hard to say, but either way, we also need to have a private talk with Mr. Zhang Kai," Bai Xiaosheng said seriously.

He actually had an answer but just didn't want to openly dispute with Lin Yu.

However, regarding the final investigation results and sanctions for Zhang Kai, Bai Xiaosheng, even if it meant "offending" Lin Yu, would not give an inch.

Zhang Kai, upon hearing Bai Xiaosheng's words, couldn't help but be taken aback.

He thought he had just escaped a major disaster and was already thanking his lucky stars.

But now, Mr. Bai wanted to interrogate him again.

"You ask, I will bite the bullet and not admit anything! Officer Lin Yu won't sit by and let you overturn his conclusion, especially since it has already been reported to the Affairs Department!" Zhang Kai mentally resolved.

Lin Yu's face was grim as he stared at Bai Xiaosheng for two seconds and then nodded, "Since you insist. Alright, please proceed!"

Bai Xiaosheng nodded and motioned for Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying to take Zhang Kai away.

Then, Bai Xiaosheng followed them as well.

Upstairs, they entered the same private room again.

Having just undergone Lin Yu's "baptism," Zhang Kai's mindset had changed.

He even smiled proactively at Bai Xiaosheng and the others, "Affairs Officer Bai, everyone, feel free to ask anything. If it was me, I will definitely admit it, but if it wasn't me, then I won't admit it!"

With this attitude, Zhang Kai clearly told them he would stick to the interrogation record by Lin Yu without wavering.

"Leave it to us!" Lin Weiwei didn't care but smiled at Bai Xiaosheng instead.

She and Lei Ying had trained for two days and were already unable to hold back.

Bai Xiaosheng looked at them, smiled, walked straight out of the private room, and even closed the door behind him.

"Should I go first or should you?"

As soon as the door closed, Lei Ying grinned at Lin Weiwei.

Lin Weiwei made a 'please' gesture.

Without refusing, Lei Ying's smile disappeared as he faced Zhang Kai, his eyes cold as ice.

Lei Ying, combining battlefield interrogation techniques with newly devised tactics from the past two days, was eager to try them out.

Zhang Kai, upon seeing Lei Ying's gaze, suddenly felt a chill in his heart, as if a ferocious beast had set its sights on him.

That kind of bone-chilling terror, inherently apparent.

Outside the room.

Just as Bai Xiaosheng stepped out, his phone rang, with a message from Lin Ke.

She had just seen the message Bai Xiaosheng sent, "Do you know an Officer Lin Yu?" and had now replied.

"Lin Yu is also involved in that case? Oh boy, Bai Xiaosheng, you're about to be outbid!" Lin Ke said bluntly.

"You have so little faith in me, you think I'll definitely lose the bid?" Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but smile as he replied.

"Lin Yu is a monster, super capable! Moreover, he is praised by the old man and a host of Senior Affairs Officers. His actions are swift and decisive, and he never makes mistakes!" Lin Ke quickly replied.

This girl had never praised anyone so highly before.

Lin Yu was probably the first.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled and typed meticulously on his phone, "What if, this time, he's wrong?"

On the other end, Lin Ke sent a laughing emoji, "How could that be possible!"

Bai Xiaosheng smiled again but didn't reply.

After a while, Lin Ke sent more messages, "What's happening on your end?"

"Did you and Lin Yu have a disagreement?"

"Do you think Lin Yu is wrong?"

"My goodness, you're harsh! You want to end Lin Yu's myth, you're challenging the benchmark of an Affairs Officer!"

What a mess!

Bai Xiaosheng, both amused and annoyed, still didn't reply.

After a while, Lin Ke sent another message, "I support you, go get him!"

Chapter 886: Such Godspeed

Bai Xiaosheng sat on the sofa at the entrance of the restaurant's second floor, chatting with Lin Ke for a while before closing his eyes to rest and rejuvenate.

He planned to wait half an hour before going to check on the progress of the investigation and accountability.

These past two days, Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying had been wholeheartedly immersed in this case.

Their enthusiasm was extraordinarily high.

Over these two days, with the help of Red Lotus, Bai Xiaosheng shared the top investigation and inquiry techniques with them. At the same time, he kept thinking, continuously learning, and absorbing the essence.

The more he pondered this face-to-face accountability, the more interesting he found it!

If one delved deeper, it even involved multiple sciences like psychology and logical analysis.

After all, why should the person being held accountable admit to their problems!

You must understand that those issues, the severe ones, could even land the person in prison!

Mere discussions of the facts would not suffice. Before the conversation, one must understand the character, behavioral logic, and conversational habits of the person in question. Only then can one control the dialogue step by step and ultimately conquer them.

For others, investigating someone's habits, character, and logic is very difficult.

Of course, it's not impossible.

The most direct, simplest, and fastest method is to find someone close to the target, bribe them, then inquire and analyze.

Even with this method, it would not be possible to complete within two days.

However, that's in comparison to others.

Bai Xiaosheng didn't need to.

Zhang Kai was the general manager of a famous local company—Yunfeng Business Management. He often attended various events, had given many presentations, and even ran some sort of "Executive Class" at the local university for fun.

All Bai Xiaosheng needed to do was have Red Lotus run a search, and his mind would be filled with images and videos of Zhang Kai. He only had to let Red Lotus analyze them to come up with a pretty accurate character analysis.

Then, Bai Xiaosheng would find those related video materials online, combine them with Red Lotus's analysis, and relay them to Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying.

With an understanding of the target's personality and in conjunction with the actual issues, there was a feeling as if the clouds had parted and light had shone through.

With Zhang Kai's temperament, it was possible to roughly guess where he would readily admit guilt and where he would make what kind of evasive responses.

Well then, good.

It was possible to push fast on some issues to catch him off guard and move to the next topic so he wouldn't have time to realize what was happening. On other issues, Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying could work together playing good cop, bad cop to induce and force his admission. And on other issues still, they could adopt the most severe attitude to break his psychological defenses.

All three of them had studied this.

Bai Xiaosheng also found that these two were tirelessly enthusiastic about such work, exceeding his expectations.

And they were so good at it!

Lin Weiwei displayed her talent without any reservation.

Lei Ying, though a bit behind, had actually incorporated interrogation techniques used on battlefields. He had used them before and seemed to have tasted some sweetness. This time, he studied them thoroughly and even humbly asked for advice from both Bai Xiaosheng and Lin Weiwei.

"Zhang Kai, you'd better admit it all willingly; otherwise, I'm afraid they might drive you crazy!"

Bai Xiaosheng glanced at the time.

It was almost time.

He stood up.

"Xiaosheng... Officer Bai!"

Just as Bai Xiaosheng looked up, he saw Lin Weiwei approaching rapidly with an excited smile and a file in her hand.

Following her was Lei Ying, who was supporting someone. It was Zhang Kai.

It hadn't even been thirty minutes yet—five minutes short—and they were done? Bai Xiaosheng was astonished.

That was too fast!

"Here, he's admitted to everything!" Lin Weiwei proudly handed over the file, which bore Zhang Kai's signature and even his fingerprint.

It wasn't just for the Affairs Department; it could be presented directly to the judiciary as evidence.

"He admitted it!" Bai Xiaosheng flipped through the documents, also feeling quite surprised.

Bai Xiaosheng took a casual glance at Zhang Kai, wondering what Zhang Kai had endured in those twenty-plus minutes. His entire face was waxen, his eyes vacant, his feet dragging on the ground as Lei Ying supported him.

He looked as if he had gone through a serious illness, exuding a sense of exhaustion and weakness.

"Let's go, let's go downstairs!" Lin Weiwei said, impatient to move on, "Officer Lin Yu and the others are taking half an hour, right? We're going to beat them to it—stay ahead!"

Bai Xiaosheng gave Lin Weiwei a speechless look.

No wonder they were so eager, it turns out they wanted to compete over this matter.

Bai Xiaosheng did not stop them, as disrupting the enthusiasm of his own people was something he wouldn't do.

As for whether such provocative behavior would incur Officer Lin Yu's blame, he really didn't care.

Today, he, Bai Xiaosheng, had already made many concessions here to Officer Lin Yu.

If Officer Lin Yu still wanted to blame him...

Then bring it on!

The last thing Bai Xiaosheng feared was trouble.

As they went downstairs, Bai Xiaosheng was very curious and asked Lin Weiwei, "How did you question him? This guy... he looks stunned."

"If he had held out to the end, he could have gone crazy!" Lin Weiwei whispered, "In the last five minutes, Lei Ying even asked me to wait outside, saying it wasn't appropriate for a woman to see. And then Zhang Kai completely turned into this."

Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but give a wry smile, though he didn't ask further.

As soon as they descended, they immediately caught everyone's attention.

This time it was Officer Lin Yu who took the lead in standing up, but he couldn't help frowning slightly when he saw Zhang Kai being carried down.

Su Lingyu and Jiang Yue looked at Bai Xiaosheng with great anticipation.

Although it wasn't a competition, they were more hopeful of Bai Xiaosheng's victory.

"You took less than half an hour, amazing!"

Jiang Yue already spoke up in support and looked at Officer Lin Yu and the others provocatively.

Su Lingyu couldn't make such a move, so she remained silent.

However, her smile was an affirmation.

"Affairs Officer Bai, what's the result?" Officer Lin Yu asked emotionlessly, looking at Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng pondered for a moment and handed over the report.

Officer Lin Yu snatched it quickly and flipped through it page by page, his expression growing increasingly unpleasant.

His own punishment had been too light, and excessively so!

According to Zhang Kai's confession, it was enough for a conviction!

In just over twenty minutes, Zhang Kai had admitted to everything, even signed his name! Officer Lin Yu found it unbelievable.

He even thought that if Zhang Kai had not admitted, Bai Xiaosheng and his team would have been powerless!

Of course, that was just a fleeting thought.

Rooting out the rot within the group was the duty of the Affairs Officers.

Officer Lin Yu always believed that no matter who caught the betrayer, it was something to be happy about.

But now, he couldn't feel happy.

"Gao Peng, go request a modification of the report!" Officer Lin Yu said gravely.

This statement shocked Gao Peng and Liu Yan greatly.

It was tantamount to Officer Lin Yu recognizing the results of the other party's investigation!

To revise the report would surely require adding a petition document.

What should they write on the document?

That due to Officer Bai Xiaosheng's re-investigation, they discovered their own errors?

How could that be possible!

Officer Lin Yu had never made a mistake! Never! And now, this record was about to be ended by a newly appointed Affairs Officer!

"How should it be changed?" Gao Peng's voice sounded strained.

"Zhang Kai is suspected of fifteen issues, the amount of embezzlement is significant, recommend transfer to justice!" Officer Lin Yu spoke sternly, "Also, credit Affairs Officer Bai and the others!"

Everyone was astonished when they heard how serious Zhang Kai's problems were!

"Yes." Gao Peng nodded, ready to do as instructed.

"There's no need!" Lin Weiwei suddenly spoke up, stopping him.

Everyone looked at Lin Weiwei in surprise, and Lin Weiwei slowly said, "The processing report, our copy, has already been submitted."

Chapter 887: The End of Lin Yu's "Myth

"What, you also sent a report to the Affairs Department!" Liu Yan, Assistant to Lin Yu, exclaimed, "How could you do this!"

"How could you all do this!" Gao Peng's face changed, his eyes filled with unstoppable anger and shock.

Their report had an issue, but was immediately corrected, and although it was a mistake, it could save Lin Yu's image to the greatest extent. Moreover, adding the names of Bai Xiaosheng and the others to the report was equivalent to informing the Affairs Department of their contributions.

Sharing the same result with others was a first for Lin Yu!

In the eyes of Gao Peng and Liu Yan, they had already done enough.

But to their surprise, Bai Xiaosheng and the others were so greedy for credit that they actually submitted a report to claim merit, solidifying Officer Lin Yu's mistake!

Their actions were utterly condemnable!

Bai Xiaosheng looked at Lin Weiwei in surprise, then at Lei Ying.

Lin Weiwei said they had to beat Lin Yu in timing, which apparently included submitting the report!

Indeed, it was only half an hour from when Lin Yu and his team first raised the issue to when they sent the report.

If it only took over twenty minutes to produce the results, that wouldn't count as winning.

You guys are really something, Bai Xiaosheng thought, amused and annoyed as he looked at Lin Weiwei again.

At the same time, he was also extremely troubled.

The more Lin Yu tried to establish his image in front of Su Lingyu, the more aggressively his own side would sabotage it, intentional or not, that was the fact.

Lin Weiwei, on the other hand, didn't think there was anything wrong with her actions at all.

Across from Bai Xiaosheng, Lin Yu's face was gloomy, and he remained silent, only clenching his fists.

"Hey, big sister, what you're saying is really not appropriate. It was clearly them who initiated the investigation. Not only did you meddle, but you also sent your report to your so-called Affairs Department ahead of them, which is plainly stealing their work," Jiang Yue spoke up, raising her voice at Liu Yan.

Her tone was very dissatisfied.

Since she wasn't part of the Affairs Department, she had no reservations and said whatever she wanted.

"What did you say!" Liu Yan's eyes widened in anger.

"What, making a mistake in your report, correcting it, and adding someone else's name to it as if you did them a great favor. And you won't allow them to submit their report? That's going too far, you all!" Jiang Yue argued confidently, "You are the benchmark of the Affairs Officers, but I see you are quite skilled at being unreasonable!"

"Miss Jiang, watch your words!" Gao Peng couldn't listen any longer, frowning as he interjected.

"You think this is hard to listen to? When you talked about them, especially about Bai Xiaosheng, I also found it unpleasant, but I said nothing! Now I'm stating the facts, and you, a grown man, come out telling me to watch my words?" Jiang Yue scoffed coldly, laughing, "I won't stop. I'll keep talking!"

Gao Peng was left speechless by her retort.

Lin Weiwei looked at Jiang Yue in astonishment.

This temperament, so straightforward!

Lin Weiwei herself had a straightforward side, and she immediately felt a strong appreciation for Jiang Yue.

With Jiang Yue causing such a commotion, many people began looking at Lin Yu and his team, whispering and pointing.

"What this young lady is saying really makes sense!"

"If you do it, it's fine, but if someone else does, it's not. Isn't that a double standard?"

"Of course, you should see their status, they are the benchmarks!"

"Is this the kind of benchmark they are?"

The murmurs were filled with mockery.

Sun Zicheng and Jiang Yuxiu, however, were full of shock and horror.

This Lin Yu was considered the cream of the crop among the Affairs Officers, and here he was being publicly humiliated by their dear great-niece.

"It's over, it's all over! I think I won't bask in her glory anymore, I'd better not let her implicate me, and I'll just chant my prayers," Sun Zicheng said with a heart full of fear.

Being humiliated like this in public was perhaps a first for Lin Yu, especially since it was in front of Su Lingyu, and he didn't even dare to look at the expression on Su Lingyu's face.

At this moment, on Lin Yu's gloomy face, thunder seemed to brood.

"You've done enough!" Liu Yan barked angrily, ready to argue further.

Lin Yu raised his hand, stopping her.

Then, taking a deep breath, Lin Yu squeezed out a smile at Bai Xiaosheng, "Alright, very good! Affairs Officer Bai indeed works efficiently!"

"This time, it's Lin's loss!"

"I will submit a report to the Affairs Department, detailing the incident. Errors must be punished, to remind myself and warn others!"

"I must take my leave now, so excuse me!"

Having said this, Lin Yu glanced at Su Lingyu with a wistful smile. Without saying another word, he turned around and left.

Gao Peng and Liu Yan looked indignantly at Bai Xiaosheng and the others, then at Jiang Yue, and hurriedly followed Lin Yu out.

Bai Xiaosheng wanted to speak but held back.

Now, whatever he said would seem contrived, like mockery.

Bai Xiaosheng gave a wry smile.

"What have I done? I didn't do anything!" Bai Xiaosheng sighed internally. "And then, I managed to offend a benchmark among the affairs officers!"

Just now, during his conversation with Lin Ke, he learned that the old man with the injury on his waist accompanying Lin Yu was his teacher, one of the oldest figures among senior affairs officers, known as the "Senior Affairs Officer Mentor"—Shen Peishen.

Would this cause offense to the elderly gentleman?

"A turn of fate has led to this situation," Bai Xiaosheng lamented. "However, Sir Shen is held in high esteem and respect. I believe he won't hold a grudge over such a trivial matter against a junior like me."

"Forget it, I won't think about it anymore, I'll just talk to Xiahou Qi's father later and find an opportunity to explain to Lin Yu."

"It's not like it's some deep-rooted hatred," Bai Xiaosheng thought to himself.

Clearly, he had underestimated how humiliating it would be for a distinguished talent who had harbored unrequited love for so many years to be defeated like a dog in front of the person he admired.

Once outside, Lin Yu punched the wall and then walked away in silence.

On the wall, there was now a smudged bloodstain.

Gao Peng and Liu Yan followed behind quietly without even daring to breathe too loudly.

In the hall.

Jiang Yue shouted loudly, "Officer Bai Xiaosheng is valiant, let's give him a round of applause!"

With that, Jiang Yue began clapping vigorously.

Since about half of the people in the room were from Yunfeng Business Management, her initiative naturally led others to join in with enthusiastic clapping, and the guests who had come followed suit.

Amidst the thunderous applause, Bai Xiaosheng looked at Jiang Yue silently, expressed his gratitude to everyone, and gestured his thanks.

"Just now, we dealt with some internal issues, which have now been resolved!"

"Any personnel adjustments will not affect the normal operations of Yunfeng Business Management, please rest assured," Bai Xiaosheng added.

The applause grew even louder.

Bai Xiaosheng nodded to the crowd and left with Lin Weiwei, Lei Ying, and called on Su Lingyu and Jiang Yue to leave with him.

As for Zhang Kai, he looked utterly bereft, slumped on the sofa, completely out of sorts.

"Ladies and gentlemen, I am Gao Peng, the vice president of Yunfeng Business Management. My name is Sun Zicheng, and I will take charge now," Sun Zicheng timely stood up and announced.

Everyone crowded around him, treating him as the person in charge, with various inquiries.

Sun Zicheng was thrilled, greeting the crowd while instructing others to send Zhang Kai home.

Seeing Zhang Kai in that state, his satisfaction was immense.

With her man looking so imposing, Jiang Yuxiu was overjoyed.

That evening, a storm also brewed at the Affairs Department of the Greater China Region!

The man known as the standard-bearer among the affairs officers, Lin Yu, with his record of zero mistakes, had his legend come to an end!

Chapter 888: Only Two Points?!

Bai Xiaosheng and the others left "Song Time," walking on the warm and crisp evening streets.

Bai Xiaosheng walked ahead in silence, hands clasped behind his back.

Three women followed, with Lei Ying bringing up the rear.

The atmosphere was delicate, and Lei Ying acutely sensed it.

Thus, he prudently chose to maintain a "safe" distance to avoid getting involved later on.

After a while, the three women probably felt that continuing in such a stifling and somewhat awkward silence was unbearable.

"Miss Jiang, you have quite the way with words. What you said back there was so satisfying! In fact, that's exactly how I feel! It's just that, because of my position, there are some things I can't say!"

Lin Weiwei took the initiative to approach Jiang Yue, smiled, and praised her.

Jiang Yue was a woman who easily swelled with pride upon receiving compliments, especially coming from someone like Lin Weiwei, a beautiful woman with the air of a corporate elite. She was floating on air.

"Where, where! That's too much praise!" Jiang Yue said cheerfully, "I also can't stand it! What's that about? Officials can set fires but the common folk can't even light a candle. And, I couldn't let your Xiaosheng suffer a loss."

Lin Weiwei liked hearing that.

"Jiang Yue, I just couldn't say the things you said," Su Lingyu couldn't help but express to Jiang Yue, "But listening to them, it really is satisfying!"

Jiang Yue looked at her in surprise.

"Xiaoyu, I thought you'd blame me. Just now, I embarrassed your senior," Jiang Yue said with a smile.

Su Lingyu shrugged and smiled, "Even if they are my seniors, their actions were unfair. I support you."

Following that, Su Lingyu smiled at Lin Weiwei, "I also support Miss Lin's approach!"

She expressed her support for Lin Weiwei's submission of their team's investigation report.

Lin Weiwei returned Su Lingyu's smile, "It's rare for Miss Su to be so profoundly just and fair!"

The three women indeed came to an understanding.

"All this Miss Jiang, Miss Su, Miss Lin, it sounds so distant and also a bit odd," Jiang Yue suddenly said, "I think, since we get along, let's not be so formal. Calling each other by names or nicknames is fine."

"Sure."

"Alright."

The three women quickly agreed.

Bai Xiaosheng in front felt helpless and looked back at them.

He had wanted to say something, but now he didn't feel like saying anything anymore.

"Since what's done is done, let's leave it at that," Bai Xiaosheng thought to himself.

He then heard Red Lotus's reminder in his mind.

"Investigated and confirmed one General Manager of a subsidiary in the Greater China Region, with conclusive evidence and serious issues. Estimated outcome is dismissal and referral to judicial authorities."

Based on past experience, the higher the position and the more serious the problems of those Bai Xiaosheng investigated, the more points he scored accordingly.

"You have earned six points for this. All the points earned in this phase will be increased by 20 percent, and the increase will be calculated in whole numbers. You receive an additional point this time."

"In total, you have earned seven points."

Not a low score at all!

Bai Xiaosheng's mood improved significantly.

"As a substantial amount of data provided by Officer Lin Ke was used in this investigation, three points will be deducted from this score!"

Bai Xiaosheng was enjoying his happiness when he suddenly heard Red Lotus's voice.

He was stunned for a moment.

Points deduction?

This was the first time he had encountered a deduction!

However, upon reflection, it made sense since Lin Ke indeed provided the target and a lot of data.

"Still got four points, which isn't bad," Bai Xiaosheng consoled himself.

"In view of this investigation, Affairs Officer Lin Yu participated and submitted a report before you, and a sanction has already been imposed on the target. Therefore, the punishment for Zhang Kai is characterized as 'supplementary report, additional sanction,' reduced by two points!"

Bai Xiaosheng was suddenly stunned.

There's such a thing!

Lin Yu had submitted the report first, directly costing me the remaining four and a half points!

Just... two points?!

Bai Xiaosheng's footsteps halted, and his complexion immediately became somewhat ugly.

If they had added two points from the start, it wouldn't have felt so bad. The key issue was they started off by informing me of a seven-point addition, then reduced it step by step down to two points.

After being busy for two days, I only got two points...

Bai Xiaosheng was speechless for a while.

"The final score obtained is two points, the current total is sixty-two points for the Affairs Officer, still thirty-eight points shy of the Senior Affairs Officer level," Red Lotus gave the final score.

Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but exhale a heavy breath.

He felt somewhat choked up inside.

"Lin Yu, you've also cost me a lot, now we're even," Bai Xiaosheng thought to himself.

Hearing Bai Xiaosheng's heavy sigh, as if he was in a bad mood, the three women subconsciously didn't dare to chat too cheerfully anymore.

Finally, Bai Xiaosheng and the others took two taxis.

Su Lingyu and Jiang Yue were still heading back to their aunt's home.

Whereas Bai Xiaosheng and his group went to a hotel.

This time, both parties agreed to stay in JinPing for two more days.

Bai Xiaosheng and his party dispersed as if nothing was wrong, naturally unaware of the significant impact they had caused.

First, the assistants in the duty room of the Affairs Department were stunned, then the duty Affairs Officers, followed by the duty Senior Affairs Officers.

Merely ten minutes later, Xiahou Qi, who was drinking tea at home, received the news.

"What do you mean Lin Yu and Bai Xiaosheng sent in investigation reports and processing suggestions for the same company and the same general manager, one after the other?" Xiahou Qi was startled when he heard the news.

However, this was just the beginning of his surprise.

"Lin Yu's report only suggested demoting that general manager, while Bai Xiaosheng's report, which is more serious and has more solid evidence, recommended transferring the subject of the investigation to the judiciary?" The subsequent news made Xiahou Qi frown.

He had a feeling that the problem was big.

And sure enough—

"The duty room is in an uproar, debating that Lin Yu's sanction is too lenient and that there is a clear dereliction of duty!" Xiahou Qi fell silent.

For anyone else, a dereliction of duty wouldn't be seen as a big deal.

But Lin Yu was different; he's been a standard-bearer among the Affairs Officers, having created a zero-error legend over the years under Shen Peishen's meticulous tutoring and scrutiny.

Now, the legend had been ended!

Xiahou Qi put down the phone, his brows slightly furrowed.

After a long while, he murmured to himself, "Bai Xiaosheng, you really are a Monkey King. You, Sun Wukong, stir up the entire Affairs Department at the slightest commotion, even giving my old bones a whirl. And you've even put an end to Lin Yu's legend..."

"I'm raising one standard-bearer only to knock down another," Xiahou Qi couldn't help but sigh softly, then he chuckled, "However, you monkey brat... Lin Yu has Shen Peishen, if I don't support you, who will?"

Xiahou Qi was just about to make a call to give instructions when a call came in. This time, it was from Li Haofeng.

"Elder Xia, Lin Yu has sent another application, directed to me," Li Haofeng said.

"Oh?" Xiahou Qi was curious.

"He says he's guilty of oversight and negligence, and is requesting punishment," said Li Haofeng.

He too knew the whole story and sighed with regret.

"Denied! He asks for punishment over such a trivial matter as oversight; what will others do in the future," Xiahou Qi said decisively, "Now implement the handling suggestions for that general manager according to Bai Xiaosheng's recommendations. This time, let's not publicly commend Bai Xiaosheng."

Xiahou Qi sighed, "We also need to save some face for Lin Yu!"

Chapter 889: I Want Revenge Now

Shen Peishen learned about Lin Yu's incident the next morning while having breakfast.

After his assistant Zhang Yu finished speaking, Shen Peishen, who was reading the newspaper, slammed his coffee cup onto the table in shock and anger, spilling half of the coffee.

"Why didn't you tell me earlier!" Shen Peishen glared at Zhang Yu in anger.

This matter had caused an uproar in the Affairs Department the night before. Mr. Xiahou Qi and the nine Senior Affairs Officers probably knew about it already.

And him, Lin Yu's mentor, was only finding out now, how absurd!

Moreover, how many things had this delayed!

"Sir Shen, you had already gone to bed at that time. You're a light sleeper and prone to insomnia. If you had been woken up, you probably wouldn't have been able to sleep all night," Zhang Yu explained hesitantly. "The incident had already happened, even if you were awake, what could you have done in the middle of the night?"

What Zhang Yu said made sense.

Shen Peishen took a deep, heavy breath and glanced at him irritably, "Next time, you must report in a timely manner. If something like this happens again, you're out, I'll get a new assistant."

"Yes." Zhang Yu quickly nodded.

"Also..." Zhang Yu continued cautiously, "According to the news from the Affairs Department, last night around 11 o'clock, Lin Yu sent a document to the on-duty Senior Affairs Officer Li Haofeng, asking to be punished, claiming there was a lack of oversight on his part regarding this matter..."

Shen Peishen was stunned, then laughed angrily, "Well, look at you all, getting clever, aren't you!"

Zhang Yu didn't dare to make a sound.

"Asking for punishment himself? What a thought!"

Shen Peishen slammed the newspaper onto the table with a "smack".

"Don't get worked up, Lin Yu is just strong-willed. Facing this kind of situation, he might have found it difficult to accept for the moment. It's his impulsive move to ask for punishment," Zhang Yu hurriedly comforted.

But then, his expression became somewhat suspicious as he continued.

"You left Lin Yu in JinPing, allowing him to 'exchange pointers' with Bai Xiaosheng. But it's only been two or three days, and they've already encountered each other? And nearly completed their investigations at the same time?"

"Their reports were submitted within only half an hour of each other. Right after that, Lin Yu realized his mistake. I just feel like when they sent their reports, they were together!"

"Also, Lin Yu asking for punishment, on one hand, I think it's just his personality, but on the other hand, I always feel like he's holding a grudge. Holding a grudge against Bai Xiaosheng!"

Zhang Yu shared his speculation.

Shen Peishen furrowed his brows slightly, "Has Lin Yu contacted you?"

"No."

"Contact him now, immediately! Have him report the entire incident to me!" Shen Peishen said angrily, "In this matter, I, as his mentor, am still completely in the dark!"

"Yes!" Zhang Yu nodded immediately, then said, "About the Affairs Department, should we give them a heads up? To press down on the matter, to avoid impacting..."

"You don't need to worry about this." Shen Peishen snorted, "Our Mr. Xia won't just let this go, even if not for my sake. He also values Lin Yu as a talent."

Zhang Yu nodded.

Shen Peishen stood up and paced the room with his hands behind his back. He then went to pick up the phone on the table,

"Hello, Mr. Xia, this is Shen Peishen."

"I've heard about yesterday's incident, yes, the impact is not good!"

"I believe this time, we must specifically criticize Lin Yu! Yes, to serve as a warning to others!"

"I know you want to protect Lin Yu. However, he cannot act so rashly just because of his past achievements! This is being responsible for him and also a warning to other people in the Affairs Department!"

"If we don't do this, our lower-level management staff will have grievances, and they will start to question the authority of our Affairs Department..."

"Lin Yu volunteered for punishment, which includes taking this into account, so we should grant him that,"

"Additionally, I feel that Officer Bai Xiaosheng should be given public affirmation and commendation, as he managed to make such a correct and precise decision in a very short time, which proves his ability. Also, it's an opportunity to establish the authority of the New-type Affairs Officers..."

"Exactly, I insist we proceed like this!"

After the conversation, Shen Peishen hung up the phone.

Moments later, Lin Yu's call came in.

"You still consider me your teacher, Lin Yu," Shen Peishen said in a gentle voice upon answering, "I'm not worthy, Officer Lin. Now that you've grown confident and opinionated, how could I dare continue calling you my student!"

On the other end of the phone, Lin Yu knew his teacher was angry and kept apologizing.

"All right, I'm not angry anymore," Shen Peishen said.

Eventually, Shen Peishen said, "However, I've already requested Mr. Xiahou Qi to administer your punishment—a reprimand from the department. Isn't that what you wanted? Now, tell me what happened concerning this matter!"

Having been asked like this by Shen Peishen, Lin Yu did not dare to disobey and immediately recounted the whole story.

Of course, Lin Yu glossed over the parts involving personal emotional entanglements.

"I never would have thought that the young man we met that day was Bai Xiaosheng!" Reflecting on Bai Xiaosheng's actions and behavior, Shen Peishen nodded and said, "I've always said he's a sharp thinker, understands people's hearts, and has the ability to adapt!"

"If he can become your friend, treat him well. Perhaps one day when you become a Senior Affairs Officer, he will be your most capable subordinate!"

"If he becomes your enemy, remember that you can't afford even the slightest oversight and must remember that you should never let your guard down until the final moment is decisively reached!"

Shen Peishen shared his assessment of Bai Xiaosheng.

"Right, that matter is also coming to an end. You should hurry over here," Shen Peishen said.

"Teacher."

Lin Yu's voice wavered over the phone, as if he was hesitating, yet it seemed he had made up his mind.

"What?" Shen Peishen asked, frowning upon catching the tone in his voice.

Lin Yu, his student, was cultivated by him from scratch, with abilities and temperament that were near perfect under normal circumstances.

It's just that they couldn't afford to be stubborn like mules!

Once they turned stubborn, he would insist on his mistakes and accept his punishments.

But he would doggedly pursue what he had set his mind on.

Even if it meant a world of hurt!

This kid, he hadn't been provoked by Bai Xiaosheng and riled up his stubborn streak, had he?

Shen Peishen's heart skipped a beat.

It had been years since something like this happened; he thought he had smoothed out those edges in Lin Yu long ago.

"Teacher, please forgive me, but I can't come to you just yet. I need to have another go at Officer Bai Xiaosheng and take back the game I lost!" Lin Yu's tone was determined and sincere, "Yes, I've made up my mind! I have to win back that game! Otherwise, it'll always be a knot in my heart. You can stop me by force, and I'll listen, but I'm afraid that yesterday's failure will become a stumbling block in my heart. Eventually, it could turn into a barrier, an abyss I can't cross myself!"

"That's why I must cross it now! I need to 'take my revenge' right now!"

Shen Peishen brooded for a while before letting out a sigh, "Then go!"

"However, you must contact me immediately with any action you take! I will keep a watchful eye!"

Chapter 890: Not going to Yunhai, going to Yuquan

Bai Xiaosheng spent two full days in JinPing with Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying, along with Su Lingyu and Jiang Yue.

They enjoyed sightseeing, visiting historical sites, and shopping for local specialties immensely.

During these two days, many people contacted him.

On the first day, the first call naturally came from Lin Ke.

Lin Ke was the kind of person who loved stirring things up. She praised him profusely over the phone, "Young man, well done, you really put our Affairs Officer benchmark in place. You handled it brilliantly; I love it!"

Then, she insisted on knowing every detail about the incident, including Officer Lin Yu's expressions and reactions.

"Too bad I wasn't there! It's a shame you didn't record a clip!" Lin Ke was quite annoyed.

After Lin Ke, the second call was from Feng Li.

Feng Li first discussed the reaction of the department and the forthcoming issues, including a pointed criticism towards Lin Yu and an official commendation for Bai Xiaosheng.

"Now, you're as famous as Lin Yu!" Feng Li remarked with a laugh, "Officer Lin Yu had built up his popularity over many years, yet you've caught up in just a few days."

"Oh, stop it,"

Bai Xiaosheng replied humorously, with false modesty.

"Nevertheless, Officer Lin Yu is a student of Grand Affairs Officer Shen Peisheng and has extensive connections in the department. That being said, I'm afraid you might..." Feng Li paused, choosing her words carefully.

"Offend people, right?" Bai Xiaosheng laughed over the phone, "Ever since Elder Xia put me in this position, I was bound not to get along well with others. Didn't you notice, my role is meant to offend people? It's just a matter of sooner or later."

Bai Xiaosheng was philosophical about it.

Feng Li gave a hearty laugh, "Alright, then I won't persuade you otherwise."

After Feng Li, calls came from Li Haofeng and then Zheng Honghu.

These two Senior Affairs Officers were not strangers to Bai Xiaosheng. They offered encouragement and advice and reminded him not to let things with Lin Yu get too tense since they were colleagues, after all.

Bai Xiaosheng naturally expressed his gratitude.

The next day, Xiahou Qi personally called to inquire about the situation.

Bai Xiaosheng shared everything except for some inappropriate details.

"Young man, a little rivalry and struggle aren't bad things." The President of the Greater China Region didn't talk about harmony or solely office politics but instead encouraged the competition, which somewhat amused Bai Xiaosheng.

"A minor mistake by Lin Yu caused such an uproar; doesn't this show that our department is like stagnant water?" Xiahou Qi said over the phone, "Initially, I was afraid of conflicts and wasting manpower, so I had them initiate investigations into which enterprises, necessitating reports and records, and they should not clash. Over the years, it seems to have worked well."

"But, it also eliminated their ferocity! Not to compete is to do nothing, and we have too many inactive Affairs Officers!"

Xiahou Qi reflected, "Your upheaval brought us an unexpected gain."

Xiahou Qi always had a unique perspective; he focused on the issue at hand and also oversaw the big picture, extrapolating the global impact from a single incident.

Bai Xiaosheng listened with great respect.

This was the vision of the President of the Greater China Region!

After speaking with Xiahou Qi, Bai Xiaosheng carefully pondered and suddenly realized something.

"Is this old man hinting that I should just go for it and not worry about offending people? Is he treating me as a troublemaker..."

Bai Xiaosheng pondered; then he corrected himself, "Nah, nah, nah, think of me as Nezha who stirs the seas or as the Great Sage Sun who broke through the celestial palace."

Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but smile, feeling more confident with Xiahou Qi's support.

Two days later, it was time for Bai Xiaosheng and the others to say goodbye to Su Lingyu and Jiang Yue.

Su Lingyu and Jiang Yue were somewhat reluctant to part, but they had their jobs and lives, and could not stick together forever. Fortunately, this time they exchanged contact information so they could chat from time to time.

The two parties parted ways, and Bai Xiaosheng and his group headed directly to the high-speed train station.

Once inside, Lei Ying went to buy the tickets, but Bai Xiaosheng stopped him.

"We're not going to Yunhai, we're heading to Yuquan City first!" Bai Xiaosheng said.

Lei Ying was somewhat surprised.

Next to him, Lin Weiwei's eyes lit up as she said to Lei Ying, "Exactly, we should go to Yuquan!"

Seeing that Lei Ying still didn't understand, Lin Weiwei continued, "Did you forget? Zhang Kai not only admitted to his own issues but also mentioned that he has dealings with several subsidiary company CEOs, and two of them are in Yuquan City!"

"Oh!" Lei Ying's eyes brightened, and he suddenly realized.

They were about to start working again!

"Okay, okay! I'll go buy the tickets!" Lei Ying said, rushing to purchase tickets.

Bai Xiaosheng looked at his retreating figure in surprise, "Why do I feel like he's actually excited!"

The past few days of touring and shopping, Lei Ying had been quite lazy and disinterested.

"Maybe he feels like there's work to be done, it makes him feel fulfilled, excited even," Lin Weiwei said with a smile to Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng was startled when he looked at her.

It wasn't just Lei Ying who was excited; Lin Weiwei's beautiful eyes also sparkled with anticipation.

As if she was about to meet her prey.

"These two are really full of energy," Bai Xiaosheng muttered to himself.

In fact, he was also somewhat expectant; his recent activities in JinPing had yielded little fruit.

"I need to make up for the lost points elsewhere. I'm still thirty-eight points short, and although it's not that simple, progressively closing in on the Senior Affairs Officer position is always thrilling!" Bai Xiaosheng thought to himself.

Meanwhile, Lei Ying went straight to the ticket counter.

However, he stopped halfway and suddenly turned to look back.

His keen eyes, like those of a wolf, swept over the people behind him.

Anyone who made eye contact would be startled.

"I have this feeling of being watched... Is it just my imagination?" Lei Ying muttered to himself.

He had felt it since they disembarked and entered the station.

Yet he hadn't noticed anyone unusual.

"Could it be that my reactions have dulled?" Lei Ying chuckled self-deprecatingly, "Maybe, after all, it's been many years since I left the battlefield!"

"Never mind, if someone really is watching, I'll make him reveal himself once I've bought the tickets!" Lei Ying strode off decisively toward the ticket counter.

Around the corner, in the distance.

A man leaned against the wall, unable to stop swallowing and wiping his sweat.

"Damn, what kind of monster is this guy, to sense my presence!" the man exclaimed.

He was a high-ranking private detective, trained at a police academy in America where some instructors were former special agents, teaching various tracking techniques.

Yet he barely avoided being detected.

That man's senses were almost inhuman!

At the ticket counter, Lei Ying hurriedly bought tickets and on his way back, he passed a man heading to the ticket counter.

Lei Ying couldn't help but give him a look, but the man didn't notice Lei Ying at all.

After Lei Ying walked a bit further, the man — the private detective — directly asked the ticket seller, "The tall guy who was just here is my colleague. I'd like to know if there are any tickets available for the same compartment to Yunhai."

"He didn't buy tickets for Yunhai; he bought tickets for Yuquan. There are plenty available, how many do you need?" the ticket seller looked at the computer screen, inquiring.

After asking and seeing no response, the ticket seller turned around, suddenly startled, "Hey, where did he go?"