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Chapter 891: We Come for Training

"You're pretty quick!" Lei Ying had only been gone for about ten minutes before he came back with the tickets, and Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but compliment him.

"It's not too bad, there weren't many people," Lei Ying said as he handed the tickets to Lin Weiwei.

After several trips, they had developed a tacit understanding.

Every time they boarded, Lin Weiwei was in charge of the tickets at the front, and Lei Ying handled the luggage at the back.

Bai Xiaosheng gave Lei Ying a look, noticed something, and asked curiously, "What's up with you? Your expression seems off, is there something wrong?"

Once Bai Xiaosheng asked, Lin Weiwei also couldn't resist scrutinizing Lei Ying closely.

She too noticed that Lei Ying seemed preoccupied.

He didn't hide his emotions.

"Nothing's wrong at home, right?" Lin Weiwei asked cautiously.

"What could possibly be wrong at home? Everything's fine!" Lei Ying looked up with a smile, then glanced at them both, his smile fading as he said, "It's just..."

"I'll just say it!" Lei Ying said.

It wasn't something worth hiding.

"Ever since we got off the train and walked into the bullet train station, I felt like we were being watched!"

"Being watched?" Lin Weiwei asked, puzzled.

She wasn't quite clear what he meant—was someone following them?

Lin Weiwei looked around.

"Stop looking, you won't find them. This person's tracking and counter-tracking skills are very strong," Lei Ying said.

"Not an ordinary person?" Bai Xiaosheng asked, surprised.

He trusted Lei Ying's judgment.

Lei Ying nodded.

"When I went to buy the tickets just now, that was when I felt most watched; that person must have followed me."

"However, I never managed to spot him! On my way back, I deliberately set a few traps to lure him out."

"Turns out, the tail had vanished."

Lei Ying couldn't help but let out a frustrated sigh, "It seems I've been too comfortable these days; I've gotten a bit rusty in staying alert!"

Realizing someone was tailing him without being able to identify the person annoyed Lei Ying.

Lin Weiwei couldn't help shivering and asked, "Could it have been your imagination?"

Lei Ying was taken aback, then couldn't help but laugh, "Do you think I'm a fool?"

"The way you say it, it feels a bit scary," Lin Weiwei muttered.

Being secretly followed, every move being watched by someone—this feeling was very unpleasant, even somewhat terrifying.

But Bai Xiaosheng just smiled, "After all the commotion we caused in Jinping, it's no wonder the affairs department thousands of miles away is in turmoil; getting watched is quite normal."

He was rather open-minded about it.

"But how can you be sure it's someone related to the group? What if it's a criminal, a bad person?" Lin Weiwei couldn't help saying.

Bai Xiaosheng laughed loudly, pointing at Lei Ying, "Ask him."

A sinister smile tugged at Lei Ying's lips.

If it really were some criminal gang, or thugs, he might actually be pleased.

Seeing the smile on Lei Ying's face, Lin Weiwei shivered again and muttered, "Okay, forget I said anything."

Bai Xiaosheng's fearless attitude, his intelligence and schemes, along with Lei Ying's well-known methods, made Lin Weiwei feel a bit more at ease after thinking it over.

While they were talking, the senior detective who had been tracking Lei Ying was on the phone with his employer.

"Mr. Gao? It's me. I've checked it out, they're heading to Yuquan! They'll be on the train in half an hour..."

On the other end of the phone, unexpectedly, was Lin Yu's assistant, Gao Peng.

This tracking operation was also orchestrated by Lin Yu.

However, Lin Yu did not have any malicious schemes, he just wanted to know where Bai Xiaosheng and his team were heading next!

Gao Peng talked briefly with the private detective, then pressed his thumb against the phone's mouthpiece, and said to Lin Yu, "They're not going to Yunhai, they're headed to Yuquan!"

"Yuquan?" Lin Yu's eyes narrowed slightly.

In the report sent to the office by Bai Xiaosheng and his team, issues regarding Zhang Kai forming cliques for personal gain were mentioned.

"Liu Yan, book the tickets, we're going to Yuquan!" Lin Yu decisively ordered.

Gao Peng put the phone back to his ear, ready to discuss the next phase of tracking with the senior detective.

"What are you saying? Settling accounts, you're quitting?" Gao Peng raised his voice, frowning, "You've barely done any work, and you want to take the money and run, is that appropriate?"

"What do you mean, too risky? What risk is there in following someone..."

"The other party has a very capable person, and you can't handle it?"

"Hey, if you do this, you're really damaging your own reputation..."

Gao Peng repeatedly said.

Lin Yu frowned, "Forget it, settle with him, and we'll find someone else. Next time, we'll offer three times the price!"

Gao Peng nodded, and said into the phone, "Okay, okay, I'll settle with you! By the way, if you continue working with us, we can offer three times the price, are you in or out? If not, do you have any friends you could recommend to us..."

On the other side.

Bai Xiaosheng, Lin Weiwei, and Lei Ying got into the car. There was silence on the way, and they soon arrived at Yuquan.

Lin Weiwei contacted a business hotel that had an agreement with the office and booked the rooms.

The three of them went straight there.

At the hotel, Lin Weiwei couldn't help but ask Lei Ying if he still felt like they were being watched.

Lei Ying shook his head.

Lin Weiwei joked, "Maybe the other person was just a habitual thief wanting to swipe your wallet, but found you too cautious and too fierce, scaring him away."

Indeed, that wasn't impossible.

Bai Xiaosheng and Lei Ying laughed, not thinking too much about it.

Once they had settled in, Bai Xiaosheng took them both out to eat, and he briefed them about the two involved companies and their general managers.

"Xiaosheng, how did you investigate so thoroughly, when did you do this?" Lin Weiwei was greatly surprised.

Bai Xiaosheng had even finished analyzing the characteristics of the target and shared them with them.

Of course, both of them trusted Bai Xiaosheng's analysis unconditionally.

They just didn't realize he had investigated it all on his own without making a sound.

Lei Ying was also somewhat surprised.

"While we were playing in Jinping, I had nothing to do in the evenings, so I did it then," Bai Xiaosheng said with a smile.

Of course, that wasn't the truth.

In fact, it was on the high-speed train coming here, with Bai Xiaosheng pretending to rest with his eyes closed, that he asked Red Lotus to help him with the analysis.

He helped, rather than simply letting Red Lotus do the analyzing.

Bai Xiaosheng first tried to do it himself and then had Red Lotus point out where his thinking was incomplete, thereby training his logical analysis skills.

It turns out, Bai Xiaosheng had been meeting with important figures and had trained his mind. Additionally, using the Micro Expression Analysis System, he had trained his visual skills. Starting now, he wanted to strengthen his logical analysis skills.

Bai Xiaosheng believed that only by enhancing his overall capabilities could he be suitable for higher positions.

"We plan to stay in Yuquan for half a month, though we don't really need that long. But this time, it's not just about performance; it's also about training the team!" Bai Xiaosheng said with a smile, "During this period, you guys need to visit the two companies, trying various means to obtain information and evidence."

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying nodded repeatedly.

Meanwhile, at the high-speed train station.

Lin Yu, along with Gao Peng and Liu Yan, had just gotten off the train.

"This time, go all out!" Lin Yu's footsteps echoed, "The sniping of Bai Xiaosheng begins now!"

Chapter 892: Growing Together

Bai Xiaosheng brought Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying to stay at Yuquan for several days.

During that time, Bai Xiaosheng even got them two "research letters."

With these "research letters," Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying could enter and exit the target company as they wished, and the company was required to cooperate.

However, this letter was not any significant document; it wouldn't make people pay too much attention and become wary and defensive.

Just as Bai Xiaosheng had said when he arrived, this trip was a "training exercise"!

It was for him, as well as for Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying.

Bai Xiaosheng trained his own analytical and judgment skills.

He used his authority to get the opposition's accounts, reports, and various other data from the Affairs Department, analyzed them with the guidance of Red Lotus, and then had Red Lotus correct it.

In Bai Xiaosheng's opinion, it was very important to score points quickly, but it was more important to train himself, as the saying goes, "Sharpening the axe won't hinder the cutting of wood."

To adapt to higher positions, he needed to find ways to make himself stronger, even stronger!

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying were training their ability to identify problems, as well as investigative and evidence-gathering skills, and various contingencies, which were the capabilities to solve issues.

Bai Xiaosheng saw them as his future right and left arms, had high hopes for them, and tried his best to forge them.

As for the final investigative result, Bai Xiaosheng had already had it analyzed by Red Lotus, he just hadn't looked at it.

Because that was the final answer, which could only be revealed after the three of them had created their "papers."

Bai Xiaosheng had become an examiner holding the final answers, as well as a candidate unaware of the content of those answers.

After Bai Xiaosheng finished his analysis and three days had passed, he looked at the "answer."

There was a gap, but it wasn't large.

According to the "answer," one of the two business leaders involved needed to be demoted, the other suspended for reflection.

The punishment Bai Xiaosheng had worked out was to demote everyone.

"It seems, I have to work even harder," Bai Xiaosheng thought to himself.

It was the fifth day since coming to Yuquan.

In the evening, Bai Xiaosheng took Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying to eat barbecue and take a rest by the way.

This week, Bai Xiaosheng had also witnessed their fighting spirit. The work they had originally planned to finish in ten days or half a month was almost done with their spirited efforts, and they both had submitted their own "answers" to Bai Xiaosheng.

"I've seen what you've done, and it's very good. Even Lei Ying has the potential to switch to a full-time secretary. Congratulations!" Bai Xiaosheng raised his beer to toast them.

The results of the investigation by Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying were incredibly close to Bai Xiaosheng's "correct answer" in his mind.

"To receive praise from Affairs Officer Bai is an honor! But these days have also shown us how amazing you are!" Lin Weiwei laughed as she raised her glass, "Speaking of which, Xiaosheng, you were already impressive as a general manager, but as an Affairs Officer, you're even more surprising. I'm sometimes really curious about how you can excel at anything and the reserves of knowledge in your mind. It feels like a gold mine that can never be exhausted."

Lin Weiwei truly admired Bai Xiaosheng to no end, feeling that he was "the perfect man in this world."

Of course, beauty is in the eye of the beholder, and Lin Weiwei, harboring affection for Bai Xiaosheng, naturally had a beautification program in her eyes.

Still, Bai Xiaosheng indeed kept her constantly astonished.

In many respects, he really could be a teacher.

"I also thank you for training me from a warrior into a clerk," Lei Ying laughed heartily as he clinked glasses with Bai Xiaosheng.

Initially entering the workplace, Lei Ying was very unaccustomed.

It wasn't about a lack of cultural literacy.

Many people think that an excellent soldier only needs to have good physical strength and unique innate talents.

But in reality, a good soldier must be skilled both in letters and in arms.

Especially for special forces, they need to master many subjects, and when on missions, they are required to memorize and analyze data in the shortest time possible.

Such powerful capabilities!

As long as someone is willing to lead in the workplace and they themselves are eager to try, exceptional talent that stands out from the ordinary will emerge.

Now, Lei Ying found his work to be tirelessly enjoyable.

Especially in this small team, where everyone worked in harmony without any grievances.

This sentiment, this tacit understanding, he cherished immensely.

In such a state, Lei Ying's progress was so rapid that it left Bai Xiaosheng and Lin Weiwei speechless.

The breadth of knowledge Bai Xiaosheng displayed, his control over matters, and analytical power all filled Lei Ying with admiration.

He accepted that Bai Xiaosheng was a strong figure, and he was willing to walk alongside the strong.

Bai Xiaosheng drank two glasses of beer with the two of them, put down his cup, picked up a skewer of honey-roasted chicken wings, and while eating, said, "Tomorrow, we'll put together a report, and once it's revised, we can send it to the Affairs Department."

"At that time, it will be yet another accomplishment!" Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but reflect, "We've been at the Affairs Department for less than half a month, and we're almost model workers already!"

Indeed, the accomplishments of a typical Affairs Officer over several months might not even match what they had done in half a month.

"We are so awesome!" Lin Weiwei said with a laugh.

"If we're to do something, we should make it unreachable for others!" Lei Ying spoke with impassioned conviction.

That's how a husband should be, better to be the head of a phoenix than the tail of a chicken.

"Well said, for that statement, we need to drink a toast!" Bai Xiaosheng suggested with a smile.

The other two readily agreed.

The three cheered, raised their glasses, and just as they clinked them together and were about to drink, Bai Xiaosheng's phone rang.

"Lin Ke?" Bai Xiaosheng was startled when he saw the caller ID and quickly asked Lin Weiwei, "Has the specialty product from Yuquan been sent over?"

"It's sent!" Lin Weiwei hurriedly replied.

Bai Xiaosheng let out a sigh of relief, answered the call with a smile, and said, "Hello, Officer Lin, what can I do for you? Did you run out of the specialty product already?"

On the other end of the line, Lin Ke ignored Bai Xiaosheng's jest, and her tone was instead quite serious, "Are you still at Yuquan?"

"Of course." Bai Xiaosheng replied.

He was somewhat surprised because Lin Ke naturally knew they were there, as he had told her before and said they would stay for two weeks.

Now, why was Lin Ke so earnestly doubtful?

"Are you investigating Yu Quan Jiye and Dayu Commerce and Trade?" Lin Ke asked further.

Bai Xiaosheng was taken aback.

He hadn't told Lin Ke about this, nor had he reported this detail to the Affairs Department.

After the last conversation with Xiahou Qi, Bai Xiaosheng was also full of confidence, not afraid to encounter conflicts with others, convinced that his team's investigation would surely come closest to the truth. A few conflicts and frictions could make the New-type Affairs Officer's reputation spread far and wide.

But he hadn't told anyone, so how could Lin Ke know?

"Yes." Bai Xiaosheng acknowledged.

On the other end of the phone, Lin Ke was silent for a moment before saying, "I just spoke with Feng Li. She's on duty at the Affairs Department. Today, she received a report on an investigation into the heads of Yu Quan Jiye and Dayu Commerce and Trade, with a recommendation for one to be demoted and the other to be suspended!"

Bai Xiaosheng's eyes narrowed.

"Who sent out the report!" Bai Xiaosheng asked.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying were chatting and laughing, but when they saw Bai Xiaosheng's expression change, they were both taken aback and exchanged glances.

Then, they heard Bai Xiaosheng utter a name— "Lin Yu!"

Chapter 893: Never-ending

After hanging up the phone, Bai Xiaosheng's expression was somewhat solemn, as if he was pondering over some matter.

"What's the matter, Xiaosheng, what happened?" Lin Weiwei asked cautiously.

Lei Ying was also looking at him intently.

"Just today, the investigation results concerning Yu Quan Jiye and Dayu Commerce and Trade were delivered to the Affairs Department!" Bai Xiaosheng said gravely.

"What!" Lin Weiwei exclaimed in surprise.

Lei Ying was also stunned.

"The report suggests demotion and suspension for the persons responsible from these two companies!" Bai Xiaosheng added.

The outcome was almost identical to theirs!

"How is that possible!" Lin Weiwei said in disbelief, "Who submitted that report..."

Her voice came to an abrupt halt, then she uttered a name, "It was Lin Yu!"

Just now, when Bai Xiaosheng was on the phone, the last name he mentioned was his.

Lei Ying closed his mouth, his eyes also revealing a trace of sharpness.

"It was him." Bai Xiaosheng, on the contrary, showed no expression and nodded calmly.

"How could he do that!" Lin Weiwei yelled, then exclaimed in astonishment, "How did he do it?"

Even if Lin Yu was targeting them, how could he know their whereabouts, how to be sure they were investigating those two companies.

"This reminds me of something!" Bai Xiaosheng answered incongruously, looking at Lei Ying.

"Five days ago, the day we came to Yuquan, at the high-speed train station in JinPing, Lei Ying, do you still remember what you told us?" Bai Xiaosheng asked.

Lei Ying nodded.

"Brother Lei Ying said we were being followed that time?!" Lin Weiwei couldn't help saying.

"Correct." Bai Xiaosheng nodded, "Now, I think, I know who had us tailed."

"Lin Yu!" Lin Weiwei exclaimed.

It all matched up!

This was how Lin Yu knew they were there.

But after five consecutive days, no matter how much effort they exerted, their accomplishments evaporated into thin air with the submission of the other party's report.

This time, the report's outcome matched theirs exactly. To submit another one was impossible.

If things go poorly, it could even make Bai Xiaosheng look like someone firing after the horse is gone, a plagiarist, subject to ridicule by the people of the Affairs Department.

"They knew where we went, followed us, then investigated the two companies you were in touch with, and could determine the target. You went to investigate the two companies separately, they didn't dare to follow Lei Ying, but that doesn't mean they wouldn't dare to follow Weiwei." Bai Xiaosheng said, "Once they confirmed the target, Lin Yu and his team would employ all available resources to conduct a thorough investigation!"

"And we, we were just training and not racing against time!"

"Thus, one step behind!"

Bai Xiaosheng stated his judgment, which Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying felt was very close to the truth.

And in fact, it was.

"So despicable!" Lin Weiwei spat disdainfully, cursing.

"Despicable? It doesn't exactly fit, they also investigated the two companies based on their own abilities." Bai Xiaosheng shook his head.

Lin Weiwei pouted unhappily, "But it was deliberate."

"Picking on us, it's even detestable!" Lei Ying's brow furrowed slightly, one hand clenched into a fist, making his knuckles crack.

"This is clearly retaliation! Retaliation for the embarrassment we caused him in JinPing, for the loss of face, such a petty man, small-minded as the eye of a needle!" Lin Weiwei exclaimed.

Bai Xiaosheng chuckled.

"I think 'retaliation' is not inappropriate, but perhaps there's a better way to phrase it." Bai Xiaosheng said.

"Which word?" asked Lin Weiwei, curious.

"Challenge, a challenge he has thrown down to me!" Bai Xiaosheng said, "He probably wants to prove—that he is better than me!"

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying couldn't help but exchange glances.

Actually, when they thought about it, it was true that Lin Yu was proving himself.

Bai Xiaosheng shook his head immediately.

If he really were in a rush, he could have finished everything yesterday and reported it to the Affairs Department.

At the very least, he Bai Xiaosheng had that ability!

"It's a pity that he wants to compete, while I need to train my team," Bai Xiaosheng said, shaking his head slightly.

The two sides were talking at cross purposes.

"What's our next step, then? What should we do?" Lin Weiwei asked. "Lin Yu should be in Yuquan, should we find him and have a talk?"

Whether it was to make peace or declare war, it was time for both sides to meet face to face.

"Don't worry, even if you find him, Lin Yu might not want to talk to us," Bai Xiaosheng said.

"What do we do then?" Lin Weiwei asked again.

Lei Ying also looked towards Bai Xiaosheng.

"Book tickets, we're going to Wuqiu City tomorrow," Bai Xiaosheng said.

It was better to move on to the next battle than to dwell on anger and helplessness.

In any case, they hadn't suffered any significant losses this time, and the team had achieved their training goal.

Lin Yu and his team had followed closely, using speed as their measure and arrived only a day earlier than them after all!

"Okay," Lin Weiwei nodded.

For now, that was the only way forward; since Lin Yu wouldn't come out, they might as well think of him as a narrow-minded shrinking turtle.

In a room at a certain star-rated hotel, Lin Yu was sitting on a sofa, facing Gao Peng and Liu Yan.

Both of them had heavy dark circles under their eyes.

They indeed had not had it easy, having to deliberately avoid encounters with Bai Xiaosheng's people while also conducting their investigation. Without Officer Lin Yu and Grand Affairs Officer Shen Peisheng's help, under various constraints, they absolutely couldn't have succeeded.

"The Affairs Department has commended us!" Lin Yu told the two, "And this time, we've successfully sniped Bai Xiaosheng!"

Gao Peng and Liu Yan's faces lit up with joy.

"I really want to see what kind of expression Officer Bai Xiaosheng has," one of them said.

"He'll probably be angry, helpless. Oh, and heart-wrenching because the investigation they worked on for a week without results was solved by us just like that," replied the other.

"Haha, I heard that Bai Xiaosheng's two assistants used to work in corporations; when it comes to ability, they are far from us!" they continued.

"Yeah, I really don't understand why Elder Xia would even agree to such assistants!"

Now that their work was at a resting point, they were relaxed and spoke energetically.

"So, what's our next step, should we go meet up with Sir Shen?" Gao Peng asked, unable to hold back.

"No!" Lin Yu decisively refused, then continued, "We're heading to Wuqiu!"

"To Wuqiu?" Gao Peng and Liu Yan were stunned, asking in unison.

The two exchanged confused looks, not understanding why Lin Yu wanted to go to that city.

"Someone from the teacher's side has made contact with Zhang Kai. Zhang Kai said he told Bai Xiaosheng two places names, Yuquan is one, Wuqiu is the other. He mentioned about fraternizing and playing favorites with the general managers of three companies. Right now, Bai Xiaosheng must be planning to go there!" Lin Yu said with a sneer, "What's the point of sniping just once? I need to do it several times to prove that my success is due to my own strength, not a fluke!"

"I want to prove to everyone that I am still the benchmark for an Affairs Officer!"

In Lin Yu's eyes, a fighting spirit soared.

Gao Peng and Liu Yan were infected by his enthusiasm and nodded repeatedly.

This war without smoke continued!

Chapter 894: Target, Uncertain

Bai Xiaosheng, Lin Weiwei, and Lei Ying arrived in Wuqiu City before noon.

They still chose a hotel with a partnership agreement with the business department and settled in first.

During lunch, Bai Xiaosheng chatted with the two while eating.

"Although there are two problematic companies in Yuquan, there is only one here in Wuqiu, but this is the big fish!" Bai Xiaosheng said to the two seriously.

"This area is closer to the coast with a higher level of economic development. The companies are large in scale; there are at least five groups of the same magnitude locally, each much stronger than Yunfeng Business Management!"

"Of course, there's a reason for that. There are rumors that Wuqiu will be included in a special economic zone, so these companies are betting on the future."

"And according to Zhang Kai's confession, his biggest act of using his position for profit involved a large amount of capital for internal operations. The other three parties he cooperated with were from Yuquan and Wuqiu—among them, the Wuqiu partner contributed sixty percent of the capital!"

"To Zhang Kai, this amount of money was astonishing, but the people on Wuqiu's side didn't seem to treat it as a big deal and weren't overly cautious. What does that tell you?" Bai Xiaosheng paused.

"Does that mean they have abundant funds here?" Lei Ying ventured.

"It means the problem here is severe. Moving large sums of money around as if it's nothing!" Lin Weiwei said.

Bai Xiaosheng nodded.

"Correct! Casually reallocating huge sums of money indicates that someone in charge of a company here has reached a point where they can do as they please, without any restraint!"

"A certain company?" Lin Weiwei keenly sensed the issue in Bai Xiaosheng's words.

"You don't know which company it is?" Lei Ying asked in surprise too.

Originally, it was Lei Ying and Lin Weiwei who "interrogated" Zhang Kai.

And they were the ones who sent the report.

However, Bai Xiaosheng had read the report in detail and was very interested in a subtle issue mentioned in it about "forming factions for personal gain."

That same night, Bai Xiaosheng had another talk with Zhang Kai.

Afterwards, Bai Xiaosheng even provided an additional explanation to the business department, mentioning these issues.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying were vaguely aware of this matter, but at the time, they thought it was resolved and didn't pay much attention.

Now, whether going to Yuquan or coming to Wuqiu, they followed Bai Xiaosheng's lead.

They did whatever Bai Xiaosheng said, without much thought.

However, now that they were about to start the investigation, Bai Xiaosheng wouldn't be using such vague descriptions without pointing out the specific name of the company.

"Unfortunately, I don't know, and even Zhang Kai himself doesn't know," Bai Xiaosheng shrugged and said with a smile.

"He doesn't know either? How is that possible!" Lin Weiwei didn't believe it.

"That guy, he must not have spilled everything!" Lei Ying said angrily.

It seemed that he felt his methods at the time hadn't been harsh enough.

"Don't worry, Zhang Kai really did spill everything. Besides, Lei Ying, you really scared him. When I singled him out for a talk that evening, just mentioning your name nearly made him cry," Bai Xiaosheng said with a laugh.

"But still, this is too inconceivable! Zhang Kai dared to collaborate with someone without knowing their identity? Besides, how was such a large sum of money transferred?" Lin Weiwei remained incredulous.

Bai Xiaosheng explained, "Someone surnamed Zhang contacted him on behalf of the other party. Don't even think about it; the name must be fake. This Mr. Zhang spoke of many things only the person in charge of a subsidiary company would know. That's how Zhang Kai came to trust their identity. The funds from the third party entered through a third-party channel, which no longer exists now, but it was registered in Wuqiu, and the other party's company also claimed to be in Wuqiu. That's all the solid information available. Out of gratitude for the other party's trust in him, Zhang Kai didn't ask any further!"

How bizarre indeed!

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying nodded.

However, they couldn't help but ask, "So how do we investigate this?"

Bai Xiaosheng smiled, "I can handle it!"

"Zhang Kai provided some clues, although they were mere traces, but combined with some news from that time and the financial reports submitted by Wuqiu's companies to the group during that period, I can make a systematic deduction. We can use the process of elimination to narrow down from five companies to three! That's the best I can do for now."

"For the next week, I need you guys to gather some information from these three companies, to assist my continued screening."

Bai Xiaosheng was confident. With guidance from Red Lotus, finding the problem company shouldn't be hard.

However, Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying were astonished by his approach, giving thumbs up and exclaiming, "Impressive!"

"Xiaosheng, you organize it. We'll split up and be sure to clarify things for you in the shortest time possible!" Lin Weiwei said confidently.

Lei Ying nodded in agreement.

"You're wrong there, Weiwei," Bai Xiaosheng laughed.

"First off, I don't need you guys to be fast! This time, as always, the main goal is training! It's about training you, as well as myself. We all need to slow down and keep learning and advancing during the investigation. Improving our own skills is what I really want!" Bai Xiaosheng explained.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying couldn't help but nod their heads.

They greatly admired Bai Xiaosheng's attitude of "seeking slowness over haste."

"Secondly, I don't want you to operate separately; this time, you'll act together," Bai Xiaosheng said.

"Why?" Lin Weiwei was puzzled.

Lei Ying was also somewhat perplexed.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled meaningfully, "It's just a precautionary measure!"

While the three of them were discussing these matters, in another star-rated hotel in Wuqiu City...

This hotel had no arrangement with the Affairs Department, and staying there required paying out of one's own pocket.

Lin Yu and the others chose this place.

This was also to prevent any leaks about their whereabouts here.

No sooner had Lin Yu and the others settled in than someone came knocking on their door.

It was an ordinary-looking man who would go unnoticed in a crowd, and there was a simple smile on his face.

"Who are you looking for?" Liu Yan, who answered the door, sized up the man and asked with a frown.

"I-I'm here to discuss a partnership," the visitor said with a grin, rubbing his hands together.

"Wrong place!" Assuming the man was a scammer, Liu Yan was about to close the door.

Unexpectedly, the man pushed the door firmly, opening it with surprising strength.

A sly smile flickered in the man's eyes, the previous simple-mindedness vanished.

"What do you want!" Liu Yan instantly tensed up and stepped back as she yelled.

Her shout brought out both Gao Peng and Lin Yu from inside.

"What's going on?" Gao Peng immediately shouted upon seeing the man's expression, "Who are you!"

Lin Yu also looked at the stranger coldly.

"Me? I'm the person you're looking for, introduced by Zhang Wang," the man said with a smile, "My name is Dongzi!"

Zhang Wang? That high-level detective?!

Lin Yu and the others couldn't help but scrutinize the man. Even though he seemed unremarkable, they knew they couldn't underestimate him, especially considering Zhang Wang's high regard for him.

It was said that he had once been part of a foreign legion and was exceptionally capable.

"I am your employer, come on in, let's talk," Lin Yu gestured, then led the way to the sofa area.

With a grin, Dongzi followed.

Lin Yu started with the demands. Dongzi just smiled.

"These small things, I'll handle them perfectly for you. Even if the opponent is elusive as a goblin or a ghost, I can track their every move without them knowing, and report to you!"

Dongzi didn't brag about his own prowess, but the confidence in his eyes was something Lin Yu liked.

The conversation lasted for over ten minutes.

When Dongzi left, he took with him two photographs, one of Lin Weiwei and the other of Lei Ying.

Chapter 895 Are You Looking for Me?

After sending away the detective Dongzi, Lin Yu gathered Gao Peng and Liu Yan together to discuss the recent trip to Wuqiu.

"Boss, we've thoroughly reviewed the report sent by Officer Bai Xiaosheng, including the subsequent supplementary documents," Gao Peng began. "The parts involving Yuquan are clear and there's nothing to discuss there anymore, as that matter has already concluded. However, regarding Wuqiu... all the documents only mention that there might be a problematic company over there, but fail to specify which one or anyone involved."

Unable to hold back, Gao Peng said, "This is too unfocused for us to just rely on the detective to handle them. Isn't that too passive!"

Gao Peng was worried that this time, Bai Xiaosheng and his team had gained the upper hand.

As for titles, in private, Gao Peng and Liu Yan also referred to Lin Yu as "Boss."

Liu Yan also said, "Boss, could it be that Officer Bai Xiaosheng and his team deliberately held back, not reporting everything on purpose?"

That was indeed possible.

They could be doing this to keep the targets under their own investigation.

"Not possible!" Lin Yu shook his head, vehemently stating, "Someone from the teacher's side has cross-checked with Zhang Kai, and even Zhang Kai himself isn't aware of which company it is here or who he's collaborated with. He can only confirm that the other party is from Wuqiu."

Gao Peng and Liu Yan were taken aback, then they raised similar concerns as Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying had.

Zhang Kai really was recklessly daring to collaborate without knowing names!

Lin Yu explained further to them.

Afterward, Lin Yu ambiguously added, "In any case, Zhang Kai wouldn't lie to us, because telling the truth is only beneficial and harmless to him!"

"So I am sure, Bai Xiaosheng doesn't know either!"

Gao Peng and Liu Yan nodded.

"So, on one hand, we need to use detectives to follow up on their movements, and on the other hand, we must start our investigation!" Lin Yu said sternly, "I checked, and according to what Zhang Kai mentioned, there are five companies! We need to check them all quickly!"

Gao Peng and Liu Yan nodded again.

However, it seemed they were in for hard work this time.

After all, just pinpointing the targets involved as many as five companies!

"This time, I have only one demand still, that we have to be fast, to crush Bai Xiaosheng's side!" Lin Yu declared somberly.

His eyes faintly glinted.

He aimed to beat Bai Xiaosheng once again!

On hearing this, Gao Peng and Liu Yan looked at each other and nodded firmly.

For the next two days,

both Bai Xiaosheng's side and Lin Yu's side were each running their own operations.

On the third day, a sunny morning, Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying went about their investigation as usual.

Passing through a remote area, Lei Ying suddenly pulled Lin Weiwei out of the car, relying on mobile navigation to walk on a secluded road.

"What's going on? This isn't the way to the target company!" Lin Weiwei couldn't help but exclaim after a while.

"Of course not!" Lei Ying chuckled at her, "This morning, we're not going to investigate!"

"Ah? Then what are we doing?" Lin Weiwei asked curiously.

"Cat catching a mouse!" Lei Ying remarked sentimentally, "Someone has been following us since the afternoon before last, really playing with fire!"

While saying this, Lei Ying cracked his fingers, excitement gleaming in his eyes.

It was an emotion utterly different from the excitement he showed at work—elation.

In that moment, Lei Ying looked somewhat like...a hunter!

Lin Weiwei was initially taken aback, then she realized, her eyes brightening, wanting to look around but forcing herself not to, she whispered, "Someone is tailing us again!"

"And a skilled one, stronger than the last! So I patiently baited him for two days!"

Lin Weiwei was astonished, she hadn't noticed at all.

"Now I finally understand why Bai Xiaosheng asked us to work together!" Lei Ying pursed his lips and smiled, "Now, by taking you this way, he'll sense it's a trap but he will still fall for it. If he doesn't follow up, we'll shake him off!"

Lin Weiwei nodded, her initial shock now transformed into exhilaration.

Dongzi was trailing them from a distance.

"This route is really bizarre!" Dongzi walked and scanned his surroundings, unable to suppress a cold laugh, "Have you finally noticed me? Are you trying to lure me out? Heh, such crude tactics! It's hard to believe Zhang Wang said you have a master of vigilance beyond the ordinary. It took two days for you to notice me!"

With a confident demeanor, Dongzi chuckled to himself, "Then I'll just play into their hands and follow them. If they manage to spot me, then they're good!"

Having said that, Dongzi adjusted his expression to that of a naive man and quickened his pace.

However, deep in Dongzi's eyes, a hint of mockery flickered.

"You can't escape me!"

Both parties continued along a secluded path.

After several twists and turns, despite losing sight of Dongzi for over two minutes on a few occasions, Lei Ying and his group were ultimately caught in Dongzi's diligent watch again.

"I told you, you can't shake me off!" Dongzi, growing bolder, even reduced the distance of his tailing.

He believed that even if he walked right in front of them, they might not notice him.

Being an old hand at systematic tracking, and with a wealth of experience, Dongzi knew how to hide well; his very aura seemed to vanish into thin air.

Even fellow detective masters had often been outclassed by him, Zhang Wang was one of them.

Dongzi possessed his own brand of pride.

Another alleyway appeared, and the two people in front turned the corner and vanished.

Dongzi swiftly increased his pace without changing his expression, but paused in surprise as he rounded the corner.

There, on the road ahead, stood a man and a woman, seemingly waiting for him.

Dongzi immediately thought to pass by as if he were just a passerby.

Unexpectedly, the woman smiled at the man next to her and said, "Thank you so much, big brother, for walking with me all this way. My friend is here now. You can go."

"Really, okay, then I'll leave. I should be thanking you actually; a girl giving me money to accompany her a short way makes a nice change." The man chuckled and gave Dongzi a glance as he walked by.

Dongzi's eyes slightly narrowed.

This woman, he remembered her from the photos; one of his targets. Her name was Lin Weiwei.

But the man was not the one he expected!

Though similar in height and build, and the colors of their clothes were nearly the same, upon close inspection, they weren't quite the same!

This man wasn't the one called Lei Ying!

Suddenly, Dongzi had an ominous feeling as the replaced man smiled at him, brushed past, and disappeared around the corner.

The woman named Lin Weiwei continued to watch him with a smirking smile.

"You don't need to pretend to be a passerby anymore. I know you're the one following us!" Lin Weiwei told Dongzi confidently.

The reason was clear; Lei Ying had to be him.

During the moments Dongzi lost sight of them, Lei Ying found a man similar in stature and attire, and hired him on the spot to deceive Dongzi.

Dongzi looked at Lin Weiwei, unwilling to admit it, but found her face adorned with a slight smile, as if no confession from him was necessary.

How did you find me? Dongzi wondered curiously. Suddenly he really wanted to talk.

Even if his identity were exposed, he wasn't afraid. He could continue his surveillance without error. They couldn't shake him off!

'I say, where did that man by your side go?' Dongzi stood there, grinning as he asked Lin Weiwei.

It was an admission.

As soon as Dongzi finished talking, a large hand suddenly pressed down on his shoulder.

It was as if it appeared out of nowhere, Dongzi, this former special forces mercenary, didn't sense it at all!

In an instant, Dongzi froze, and then beads of sweat the size of beans sprouted on his forehead.

He wouldn't have noticed if the other party had tried to move against him.

"Are you looking for me, kid?" Lei Ying's voice came from behind Dongzi as he looked down on him coldly.

Chapter 896: Will Not Shirk It!

Dongzi had spent several years in the detective circle and increasingly felt that in terms of tracking and investigation, he was absolutely top-notch!

This was no boast.

Someone who had been through a foreign legion and served as a special reconnaissance soldier, had honed their abilities through life and death experiences!

Exceptionally solid!

In fact, during his first two years as a detective, Dongzi was extremely cautious and careful, fearing that he would be noticed, that someone would discover him, and his vigilance was exceedingly high.

But along the way, he found that both his targets and peers were as dumb as pigs.

His skills, without even being fully deployed, completely overpowered them all.

Even Zhang Wang, who claimed to have studied abroad at America's top institutions and taught retired special agents.

In Dongzi's view, he was nothing special.

The increasingly arrogant Dongzi, today, finally met his match.

The other party had taught him a lesson through practical action.

Until the stranger's hand landed on his shoulder, Dongzi hadn't felt the slightest hint, nor did he know where the other person came from.

Eerie, like a ghost!

Dongzi felt that the large hand on his shoulder was like half a palm fan, very steady and powerful.

Even through his clothes, he could feel the thick calluses on that palm.

A trained individual, a master, an unparalleled master...

In an instant, Dongzi's mind was buzzing nonstop.

The stranger exuded an ominous aura, perceptible only to those who had experienced life and death.

And only those who had been through the baptism of gunpowder, the smoke of the battlefield, could carry such an aura.

That long-absent terror made the hairs on Dongzi's body stand on end.

Just as Lei Ying started to inquire, Dongzi's body lurched backward, employing shoulder charges, elbow strikes, and even stomping, using every possible method to break free from the grasp of that hand.

"Eh? You've got some moves!" Lei Ying exclaimed in surprise.

Dongzi felt his shoulder charge blocked, his elbow strike intercepted, and his stomping met by a kick to his heel, causing excruciating pain!

He was pinned down at every turn!

Compared to the other person, he felt as weak as an insect!

After all his struggle, Lei Ying still stood behind him, and that fearsome large hand once again settled firmly on his shoulder, squeezing so hard that the sound of his bones creaking could be heard.

"I warn you not to move again, or I'll knock you out, strip you naked, and throw you onto the street!" Lei Ying threatened.

"Okay, okay, I won't move!"

Dongzi immediately capitulated.

"Look, you say you won't move, but your right foot shifted three inches, your left shoulder raised slightly, and your body leaned back slightly, trying to use the 'Heartbreak Hammer', right?"

Lei Ying laughed, "Sadly, your posture is too poor, the success rate is less than forty percent. Against me, you don't even have a one percent chance of success. So, don't try."

After hearing these words, Dongzi was so frightened that his soul nearly left his body; he dared not move an inch.

This was the life-saving move taught to him by his battlefield mentor, and now it had been seen through by the other person!

"No, how do you know the 'Heartbreak Hammer'? Nobody else knows that except for our squad members! You, you..." Dongzi was utterly horrified, unable to continue.

"Surprised?" Lei Ying laughed heartily, stepping back and releasing him, "I'll tell you, I'm the one who invented that move! Technically speaking, I could be considered your mentor's mentor!"

Dongzi turned around, his gaze shockingly fixed on Lei Ying.

Ten minutes later, at a roadside stall.

After checking the information to confirm there were no issues, Dongzi excitedly poured water for Lei Ying.

"I really must be blind to have not recognized greatness before me! If I had known it was you, not even several doses of courage would have led me to track you!" Dongzi confessed frankly.

This time he was truly and sincerely convinced.

Both of them had once joined the same foreign legion, but while Lei Ying did it to temper himself, Dongzi did it for money and ended up not even wanting the foreign nationality, taking the money to return to his country.

Regardless of their original purposes.

In any case, Lei Ying and he were not on the same level at all.

"You had our pictures, and had Lei Ying's name; didn't you recognize him then?" Lin Weiwei asked curiously.

"Hey, my sister. By the time I got there, this senior had already retired! And there, who remembers real names? We all used codenames, easier to remember," Dongzi said with a laugh.

"What's his nickname?" Lin Weiwei asked curiously as she pointed at Lei Ying.

"The Phantom!" Dongzi looked at Lei Ying with solemn respect.

Back then, on the battlefield, Lei Ying was an existence that made enemies lose their courage just by hearing his name.

This nickname could keep his enemies up at night!

"It's been a long time since I've heard that name," Lei Ying said with a smile, shaking his head.

The legendary Phantom, capable of chilling one's heart with just a glance, could actually give off such a warm and gentle smile.

Dongzi looked shocked with just one glance.

If it weren't for their hand-to-hand exchange just now, that overwhelming feeling still lingering in his mind, Dongzi really wouldn't believe that Lei Ying was "The Phantom."

"What about you? What's your name?" Lin Weiwei seemed to think that Lei Ying didn't look fierce at all, so she asked Dongzi about his own name.

"The Hornet!"

Dongzi said somewhat shyly as if his own nickname was tens of thousands of miles inferior compared to Senior Lei Ying's.

Lin Weiwei looked him over and thought quietly to herself, "Quite fitting..."

"Senior, what are you doing now, my client said, said that you..." Dongzi didn't dare to continue.

"Now, I work as an assistant," Lei Ying answered quite naturally.

Dongzi couldn't help but stare wide-eyed, swallowing hard.

He simply couldn't imagine that the legendary figure from the battlefield had now become someone's assistant.

He also wondered who could be capable enough to command such a powerful figure.

"Your client, is he surnamed Lin, named Lin Yu?" Lin Weiwei asked.

Dongzi snapped back to attention, hesitated for a second, glanced at Lei Ying, and Lei Ying was looking at him too.

Dongzi immediately nodded, "Yes, his name is Lin Yu, and traveling with him is a male and a female assistant. They're all staying at the Central Hotel in Wuqiu."

Dongzi spilled the beans.

For him, Lei Ying was akin to a lifelong idol.

The power of an idol is naturally extraordinary.

Lin Weiwei couldn't help but turn to Lei Ying and said, "They really did follow us!"

She originally thought that after Lin Yu and the others ambushed them in Yuquan, it would serve as revenge for the earlier defeat to Bai Xiaosheng, and since Bai Xiaosheng didn't seem to want to pursue the matter, they would all just call it quits.

But she hadn't expected Lin Yu to chase them all the way to Wuqiu.

"Are they planning to completely eliminate us!" Lin Weiwei immediately said angrily.

Dongzi blinked, clueless.

Lei Ying turned to him and said, "Your employer is actually from the same group as us, but there was some friction over business performance before. They suffered a loss, but then they took advantage and are now relentlessly pursuing us."

Dongzi frowned upon hearing this.

"So they are such shameless people! If I had known, I would have never taken this job!"

This guy idolized Lei Ying, hence the righteous indignation.

If it had been someone else, he wouldn't care and would still take the money.

"Dongzi, we're comrades in arms now. If I asked for your help now, would you give it?" Lei Ying asked.

"To go through fire and water, I would not refuse!" Dongzi immediately pounded his chest.

Lei Ying was his idol!

And thanks to the tricks passed down by Lei Ying, he had escaped death on the battlefield many times!

So, in Dongzi's heart, any professional consideration was nothing compared to a word from Lei Ying.

"Lei, you say it, what do you want me to do!" Dongzi said.

"I want you to meet someone with me," Lei Ying said calmly.

"If he asks for something, you do it, don't worry, he won't trouble you!"

"If he says he doesn't need you, then you are free to leave."

Could that person be the current leader of "The Phantom"?

Dongzi suddenly very much wanted to meet the other person.

"Alright, I'll come with you!"

Chapter 897: If he pressures me again, I will not be polite!

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying returned to the hotel with Dongzi in tow.

Lin Yu and the others probably wouldn't believe in their wildest dreams that the tracking expert they had hired for a hefty sum had been lured away just like that...

At this moment, Bai Xiaosheng was alone in his hotel room, working beside the desk.

Over the past few days, he had meticulously analyzed the data obtained by Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying.

Having analyzed up to this point, he felt that he could narrow down the range once again.

Of the three suspicious enterprises, he ruled out one, reducing it to two.

In fact, Bai Xiaosheng didn't need to go to such lengths; he could have simply handed it over to Red Lotus for analysis.

The results would have been a matter of minutes.

However, Bai Xiaosheng felt that he didn't need to get the answer so quickly because Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying were undergoing training – time that should not be cut short. If he came to know the answer too soon, he himself would have nothing to do.

Furthermore, this was also a training for himself.

In Bai Xiaosheng's opinion, no matter how powerful Red Lotus was, it was just an aid. It could teach him methods, it could inspire his thoughts, but it could not walk the path ahead for him.

Therefore, Bai Xiaosheng insisted on being personally involved.

These days, whether in Yuquan or Wuqiu, Bai Xiaosheng himself felt he was getting stronger and had learned a lot.

Although many skills and methods were directly imprinted in his mind by Red Lotus, possessing skills and applying them flexibly were on two different levels.

Now, Bai Xiaosheng had reached a conclusion and asked Red Lotus to perform another independent calculation.

The two sets of results, when compared, not only confirmed the accuracy of Bai Xiaosheng's findings but also meant that his efforts had not been in vain.

Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but take a deep breath, feeling exhilarated and extremely relaxed.

Just as he was about to stand up and take a break, he heard some noise outside.

When Bai Xiaosheng went out, he unexpectedly discovered that Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying had returned and someone was following behind them.

"Why are you back so early today?" Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but express his surprise.

It was only half past ten. Normally, they wouldn't return until after one o'clock.

Or even at all.

"Who is this?" Bai Xiaosheng asked, looking at Dongzi in surprise.

At first glance, the man seemed unremarkable. However, Bai Xiaosheng's eyes were sharp, and he immediately noticed something extraordinary about him.

The man had a sturdy build and moved with agile footsteps. A practitioner!

His eyes were alert and observant when looking at others. Unusual!

"Hey there, buddy," Dongzi greeted Bai Xiaosheng with a nod, his tone light.

He assumed that Bai Xiaosheng was just a hanger-on.

In his mind, the one capable of commanding Lei Ying ought to be a middle-aged success with an imposing aura and extraordinary demeanor.

When Lei Ying heard Dongzi's somewhat frivolous remark, he immediately frowned, wanting to speak up.

Lin Weiwei smiled, stopped Lei Ying, and then gave him a meaningful look.

As Lei Ying looked puzzled, Lin Weiwei turned to Bai Xiaosheng with a smile and said, "Xiaosheng, can you guess who he is?"

Lin Weiwei had been listening to Bai Xiaosheng's various logical analyses and deductions over the past few days and found it interesting. She was deliberately testing him now.

At the same time, she clearly saw Dongzi's condescension.

Lin Weiwei decided to give Bai Xiaosheng a chance to shake up Dongzi.

"He can guess who I am?" Dongzi said with amusement, not believing it for a second.

Bai Xiaosheng looked calmly at Dongzi and smiled at Lin Weiwei, "I'm not a deity; how could I possibly know who he is."

Dongzi too cracked a smile.

Just as he was about to introduce himself, Dongzi heard Bai Xiaosheng speak calmly, "However, the fact that you came back early today must be related to him. You wouldn't care so much about an unrelated person or matter, at least not both of you. So, he must have something to do with our investigation."

"It's still early right now, and the place you were going to today is too far to return from so quickly, which means you encountered him on the way."

"To bring him to see me shows a kind of trust that cannot form in such a short period. He must be an old acquaintance of yours; he kept looking at Lei Ying, which means he definitely knows Lei Ying."

"Meeting an acquaintance on the road who also happens to be involved in critical affairs and worth bringing to see me seems unlikely..."

"Moreover, I see this brother doesn't seem like an office worker. He's very keen on observation, moves with light and agile steps, but does not have the occupational hazards of doing business. So what does he do?"

"If we put aside all guesses and just look at the surface, this brother would have definitely been a scout in an ancient military."

Bai Xiaosheng smiled at Dongzi, "Of course, nowadays, we can't call it that. In modern times, we call it a detective."

Dongzi's eyes narrowed, looking at Bai Xiaosheng in disbelief.

He was truly startled!

How could this young man be so frightening? His smile was warm, his eyes tranquil, not a bit aggressive, yet it seemed as if he could see through one's heart.

It made his skin crawl.

Bai Xiaosheng observed Dongzi's reaction closely.

All that had been said were conjectures, and Bai Xiaosheng was also closely watching the other's expressions change.

Even the subtle contraction of the pupils couldn't escape Bai Xiaosheng's notice.

Because under the training of the Micro Expression Analysis System, he would deliberately pay attention to that.

Bai Xiaosheng became more certain in his heart and said with a smile to Lei Ying, "Didn't you say someone was tailing us the other day? It can't be him, can it?"

"It's someone else," Lei Ying said with a smile.

He had always admired Bai Xiaosheng's deductive "ability."

Bai Xiaosheng nodded.

"They have changed the person tracking us twice, following us all the way from Yuquan to Wuqiu." Bai Xiaosheng sighed, "Such persistence suggests that the person behind this is very likely Lin Yu."

He even guessed the employer! Dongzi was dumbfounded.

Ever since he entered the room, he hadn't said a word about the actual content, but the other party had guessed it all!

Is this even a human!

This is monstrous! Even if it's human, it's a monstrous one.

Dongzi's eyes filled with shock and awe.

Lin Weiwei laughed and clapped her hands.

Lei Ying also gave Dongzi a smile, "You wanted to meet my current boss, right? Well, here he is!"

"Not only mentally, but he is also on par with me in terms of fighting skills!" Lei Ying added.

That statement was a bit exaggerated, definitely meant to elevate Bai Xiaosheng.

But Dongzi did not know this, his eyes bulging out, looking at Bai Xiaosheng in disbelief.

To be comparable to Lei Ying in terms of fighting skills...

Dongzi didn't dare to imagine anymore, his respect for Bai Xiaosheng surged tremendously.

Lin Weiwei took the opportunity to brief Bai Xiaosheng about the general situation.

Bai Xiaosheng listened and nodded frequently.

"I will call off the work on that side right now!" Dongzi said directly, about to take out his phone.

"No!" Bai Xiaosheng smiled and stopped him, "After all, it is your work; please continue!"

Having said that, a hint of coldness crept into Bai Xiaosheng's smile, "I've given Lin Yu the benefit of the doubt once, consider us even. Now, we are square! If he continues to trouble us, I don't mind teaching a stern lesson! Let him realize that the standard for an Affairs Officer? In the eyes of a New-type Affairs Officer like me—it's worth nothing!"

"If he pushes further, I won't be polite!"

Chapter 898: What Kind of Trap Did He Set, After All?

At four in the afternoon, Wuqiu City, Dawu Central Hotel.

Lin Yu was sitting on the sofa, furrowing his brows as he browsed through a document.

It was something Gao Peng and Liu Yan had spent two full days and two sleepless nights to complete.

Yet Lin Yu was far from satisfied.

They had only managed to conduct a basic investigation of a company, even after mobilizing resources from Grand Affairs Officer Shen Peisheng, along with various other supports.

It would take at least two more days to completely eliminate them from suspicion.

This was just too slow!

And this was just one company.

There were still four more to go!

If it took four days for one company, getting a clear picture of five companies would take twenty days, nearly three weeks!

The time was too long; Lin Yu felt uneasy about Bai Xiaosheng's situation.

Shen Peisheng had sent him a report, an analysis concerning Bai Xiaosheng's performance during the assessments and his handling of the Chen Brothers.

Shen Peisheng had personally commented and made notes on it.

To Shen Peisheng, Bai Xiaosheng was a person of formidable capability, who always managed unexpected and unconventional strategies that took others by surprise!

To ensure a win against Bai Xiaosheng, one had to strike like lightning, crush swiftly, and avoid prolonged confrontation with him.

Otherwise, you would never know what sort of tricks he would play on you next!

Facing such an adversary, sometimes, you wouldn't even know how you lost!

The more Shen Peisheng valued him, the more Lin Yu wanted to win; the stronger the desire to win, the more he felt the current pace was unbearably slow!

"This is just too slow, we can't keep going like this!"

After flipping through the report, Lin Yu put it down and looked somewhat dissatisfied at his two assistants sitting opposite.

"Boss, we really did our best," Gao Peng said sheepishly.

With dark circles under his heavy eyelids, he felt his neck stiff and piercingly sore, perhaps his cervical spine was acting up.

"We're too short-staffed," Liu Yan couldn't help but chime in.

Her situation wasn't any better.

"This is just the most basic data compilation, and preliminary analysis; only after you guys handle this can I proceed with the final analysis and judgement!"

Lin Yu said, "So of course the preliminary phase is tough for you, but we can't add more people. Bai Xiaosheng only has three people on his side. Therefore, we can also only have three! Tell you what, from now on, I will join you guys in the groundwork!"

It had been years since Lin Yu had done the groundwork; this time, he was truly going all out.

It was vital not to increase the staff count, which was a hardship for Gao Peng and Liu Yan, who couldn't help but grimace. Having more people could have spared them this ordeal.

But Lin Yu insisted on competing with Bai Xiaosheng under the fairest conditions possible.

Although he had utilized resources from his teacher Shen Peisheng, he believed Bai Xiaosheng would also unhesitatingly use resources from people like Li Haofeng and Zheng Honghu, so he found it perfectly justified in this aspect.

As Gao Peng and Liu Yan silently lamented, their doorbell rang.

Gao Peng stood up to answer the door and was surprised to see Dongzi standing outside—the one who had been incommunicado for two days.

"It's you!" Gao Peng couldn't help exclaim, "Did you find something?"

Dongzi smiled confidently, "Otherwise, why would I be here? What, should I just stand here and talk about it?"

"Please come in!" Gao Peng immediately ushered him in with great enthusiasm.

If Dongzi had made a breakthrough, they might be able to do a lot less work.

Lin Yu had always believed that Bai Xiaosheng, who had personally inquired about Zhang Kai, would discover valuable information, possibly even information Zhang Kai himself was unaware of. Lin Yu believed he could find it too if given the chance. In this respect, he was at a disadvantage.

Therefore, Lin Yu thought hiring a private detective to closely monitor Bai Xiaosheng's activities wasn't unfair but rather a way to level the playing field.

His definition of fairness was indeed different from the average person—he judged others by the standard to which he himself could reach once he acknowledged someone.

"It's you!"

"There's news!"

Gao Peng led Dongzi inside, and Lin Yu and Liu Yan turned to look at him, both asking concurrently.

The question was exactly the same as before.

Dongzi nodded with a smile and without any pretense, took a seat opposite Lin Yu. He then pulled a bundle of items from the bag he carried and placed it down.

There were photos and printed reports, all very formal.

"This counts as the first phase of the investigation," Dongzi said as he lightly tapped on the stack of items and pushed it across to Lin Yu, "Mr. Lin, take a look!"

Meeting for the first day, Dongzi had already dug up Lin Yu's name, which was quite simple since the hotel had records.

He naturally also knew that the "Mr. Gao" who commissioned him was nothing more than an assistant surnamed Lin.

Lin Yu picked up the items and started looking through them.

All were surveillance photos, very clear and well-angled.

There were photos of Lei Ying, Lin Weiwei, and even Bai Xiaosheng!

"Not bad," Lin Yu nodded approvingly.

"Is this what you call 'not bad'? Then Mr. Lin, you must have pretty low standards!" Dongzi jeered with a smirk.

Then, he pointed to the stack of documents beside, "Have a look at the things underneath."

Curious, Lin Yu removed the printed documents on top and found underneath a stack of glued-together A4 papers densely packed with text, analyzing several companies!

Lin Yu's eyes narrowed in disbelief, "Where did this come from!"

"Fished out from a trash can, but I sprayed it with perfume," Dongzi grinned, unashamedly picking up an orange from the fruit plate nearby and starting to peel it.

"Good, good!" Lin Yu picked up the glued documents and nodded repeatedly as he read through them.

Bai Xiaosheng must have received some important information from Zhang Kai; otherwise, he couldn't have narrowed down the targets to three so quickly!

Lin Yu couldn't help nodding as he read the suspicions outlined against the three companies on the paper.

Bai Xiaosheng's mind was indeed meticulous, his thinking distinctive; he was on par with Lin.

Lin Yu felt that following the clues on this paper, with some time, he could definitely identify the problematic company.

"Very good," Lin Yu said, extremely satisfied, to Dongzi, "The compensation I promised you earlier, I'll double it!"

This statement startled Gao Peng and Liu Yan.

Lin Yu had never been so "irrational" before—what could this good news be!

"Then, thank you very much!" Dongzi beamed.

He was naturally happy to receive money.

Lin Yu passed the document to Gao Peng, and Liu Yan also leaned over to take a look.

After a quick scan, they couldn't help but feel amazed, a mixture of shock and joy.

With this document, they were going to suffer a lot less.

Just for this reason alone, they should give the detective a raise!

"Workload's reduced, you two must hurry up, make sure not to fall behind others!" Lin Yu reminded.

Gao Peng and Liu Yan immediately nodded in agreement.

Dongzi laughed, "Although I don't know what deadline you're racing against, I still have to advise you—there's no need to rush."

"What do you mean?" Lin Yu was taken aback.

Dongzi nodded toward the documents and Lin Yu, following his gesture, pulled out another set of glued papers, which turned out to be a draft report to the Affairs Department set to be sent two weeks later!

Lin Yu's eyes sparkled with excitement.

If they sent their report one day before that date, wouldn't it be perfect!

Dongzi observed Lin Yu's expression, and he couldn't help but recall when Lin Weiwei asked Bai Xiaosheng, "Are we giving them a fake deadline and then reporting ahead?"

Dongzi remembered clearly, Bai Xiaosheng's smile, and his response.

"The date is real! We'll send the report on that day!"

"Not only is the date real, but ninety-nine percent of what's on that paper is true, with only a few false statements."

A sly smile danced on Bai Xiaosheng's young face.

Dongzi was now very confused.

"Just what kind of game is Mr. Bai playing!"

Chapter 899: This Time, The Fairest

Lin Yu, following the agreement, paid Dongzi for the first stage of the investigation.

Originally, Dongzi was hired by Lin Yu at three times the usual price.

This time, Lin Yu, pleased, doubled the payment again.

In this first phase, the amount Dongzi received was equivalent to what he might earn from several smaller cases.

Receiving the check and looking at the figures on it, Dongzi was also very happy, joyfully flicking it with his fingers.

"As long as you uncover more valuable information, money is no issue!" Lin Yu smiled and earnestly said to Dongzi.

To make someone give their utmost, timely and ample compensation is necessary.

This was his principle of action, and it indeed motivated people to give their best effort.

"I will definitely satisfy you!" Dongzi said with a cheerful smile.

Looking at Lin Yu, he thought he really was a good employer.

But what a pity.

Why did I have to meet my idol? Chasing stars isn't just a privilege for the young!

Dongzi sighed.

Then, he seemed hesitant and said to Lin Yu, "There's something, I'm not sure whether to mention."

"Oh? Go ahead!" Lin Yu looked intrigued.

"While engaging with the target these past two days, I inadvertently overheard those two assistants, a man and a woman. The one surnamed Bai, it seems he brought them here for training. This series of investigations is for them to practice, so they prefer stability over speed."

Dongzi smiled and said, "Of course, I didn't record this, so it can't be considered collected data. I'm just mentioning it offhand. If you think it's valuable, listen; if not, forget I mentioned it."

Lin Yu nodded and smiled, "Good."

Lin Yu's expression seemed calm, but he was contemplating internally.

Despite his excitement earlier upon seeing that torn draft report and even deciding to preemptively send out the final report the day before Bai Xiaosheng and his team, he was still trying to advance as much as possible.

After all, that was just a draft, and it was torn.

There was no indication that Bai Xiaosheng had an unchangeable fixed plan that wouldn't proceed earlier.

Therefore, Lin Yu would not relax.

But now, with what Dongzi had just mentioned, Lin Yu's first feeling was that the date might indeed be accurate.

"When Bai Xiaosheng was at Yuquan, those two cases had the same investigation period, and it's written in the report. In my view, with his capabilities, he doesn't need that long. And now, with what Bai Xiaosheng knows, he doesn't need that long either. Combining these two factors... Bai Xiaosheng is indeed using actual cases to train his subordinates!"

Lin Yu was convinced.

In his view, Bai Xiaosheng didn't yet know he was in Wuqiu, so there was no deliberate defense.

Lin Yu felt a bit of admiration for Bai Xiaosheng, "He can maintain a steady mind and continue executing his own plans even after I snatch a result from him; he really is remarkable!"

"Moreover, he knows his shortcomings—being new to the role of Affairs Officer, relying on quick wit and unorthodox strategies alone won't work; he lacks experience. And his assistants are even less experienced!"

"Knowing one's deficiencies and then advancing, thinking of distant paths ahead!"

"Bai Xiaosheng, I, Lin Yu, truly think now that you are a worthy opponent!"

Dongzi stood up and smiled at Lin Yu and the others.

"I won't stay much longer, I still have work to continue. I will keep a close watch on their movements, please rest assured on that!"

Lin Yu nodded, very satisfied with Dongzi's attitude.

"Gao Peng, see him out," Lin Yu specifically instructed.

Gao Peng walked Dongzi to the door and patted his shoulder as they parted.

"Thanks, brother, you're a lucky star, saved us a lot of work. I'll buy you a drink sometime."

Dongzi smiled but didn't take it seriously.

After seeing Dongzi off, Gao Peng returned and saw Lin Yu flipping through some documents.

He and Liu Yan didn't dare to bother him, so they took the documents Lin Yu had put down and began looking through them as well.

Downstairs at the hotel.

At the doorway, Dongzi looked back at the window of the room where Lin Yu and the others were staying, then chuckled lightly.

With the mission accomplished and a commission in hand, his mood was good.

"Next, I still need to deliver information a couple more times; this money is too easy to not take, especially since you started playing unfair first," Dongzi muttered before turning to leave.

Back to Lin Yu.

About half an hour later, he put down what he was holding.

"It's decided; we don't need to rush, let's just follow the date Bai Xiaosheng set," Lin Yu told Gao Peng and Liu Yan, "We'll use this method as well, I'll do the deduction, and you guys will conduct the investigation."

"However, you'll need to change your reason for appearing and avoid the other assistant's investigative timings."

"This time, it's a truly fair competition!"

Lin Yu's spirit was high.

Gao Peng and Liu Yan nodded.

Although it was a bit frustrating to hide and dodge around someone else's assistant, it was better than before when they were working tirelessly day and night.

"But, don't we also need to bring in a few people? After all, their assistant is always around with a legitimate reason, and if we keep showing up as well, it will inevitably attract attention, and it wouldn't be good if they find out," Gao Peng continued, seeing Lin Yu looking at him, he hurriedly added, "It's a

special case, boss, and we should ensure as much as possible that they do not know about us. Moreover, bringing people over is just for some basic investigation, it won't break the fair play!"

Lin Yu thought for a moment, then nodded.

"Alright then, you arrange this, and you can coordinate manpower with Teacher's assistant Zhang Yu," Lin Yu said.

Gao Peng quickly nodded.

Upon further thought, Lin Yu also felt this was necessary.

The best scenario was to compete without direct confrontation.

Moreover, he genuinely wouldn't want to confront Bai Xiaosheng directly.

After all, facing off directly with an Affairs Officer who is a benchmark against a New-type Affairs Officer was no trivial matter!

All this time, Lin Yu had been trying to prove that he was stronger than Bai Xiaosheng, but it wasn't yet time to burn bridges.

Even then, Lin Yu was hesitating whether it was necessary to report to the group after finishing the case!

That would escalate the conflict.

"Let's just finish the task first. After it's done, maybe I won't send it to the affairs department but directly to Bai Xiaosheng! Let him see and know who is stronger. That would be enough." Lin Yu thought to himself.

He was considering this plan.

In fact, after so many days and having cooled down a bit, Lin Yu occasionally questioned himself.

Being so calm and meticulous, why was he so keen on competing with Bai Xiaosheng?

Maybe we really are arch-enemies, Lin Yu scoffed at himself internally.

In the following days.

Both Bai Xiaosheng's side and Lin Yu's side were busy, each methodically conducting their investigations.

Neither side had contact with the other.

During this time, Dongzi ran twice more, bringing more intelligence to Lin Yu's team and earning a full payment.

However, on the third time, Lin Yu ended the cooperation and additionally paid one more fee.

According to Lin Yu, if Dongzi continued to gather intelligence, it would be unfair to Bai Xiaosheng and his team.

This was something he did not wish for!

Soon, it was the day for Bai Xiaosheng's side's plan to be reported.

Chapter 900: In the workplace, one is not in control of oneself

Tomorrow was the day Bai Xiaosheng had originally planned to submit his report.

This morning, Lin Yu sat on the sofa in his hotel room, holding his cell phone in one hand and a glass of red wine in the other, lost in thought and silent.

His investigation here had ended.

Just in time, a day ahead of Bai Xiaosheng's schedule.

Throughout the investigation, Lin Yu had pushed his deductive abilities to the limit, managing to preemptively strike with a terrifying efficiency.

Others would find it incredibly difficult to achieve what he did!

Of course, had he worked day and night, he could have finished even earlier.

Gao Peng and Liu Yan felt immensely proud and exhilarated.

However, if Bai Xiaosheng knew about this, he would certainly be impressed too. Lin Yu might not match him when he was going full throttle, but Lin Yu managed all this on his own, using just his brain.

To achieve such a feat was truly monstrous!

Among the Affairs Officers, Lin Yu deservedly carried the title of a benchmark.

Unfortunately, Lin Yu's adversary was Bai Xiaosheng, who was neither weaker nor less capable than him.

Moreover, Bai Xiaosheng had Red Lotus to assist him!

At this moment.

In front of Lin Yu lay a report, the final proofread version printed out.

Looking at it, Lin Yu wasn't as pleased as he had imagined he would be.

In front of Su Lingyu at the Affairs Department, he had "lost face," and Bai Xiaosheng, if not the chief culprit, at least added fuel to the fire.

Therefore, he pursued Bai Xiaosheng relentlessly.

In Yuquan, Bai Xiaosheng had endured it.

But that wasn't about being submissive; rather, it highlighted his magnanimity.

Lin Yu always felt that when comparing the two of them in this matter, he lacked the grace that Bai Xiaosheng possessed.

Thus, from this morning until now, nearing noon, Lin Yu had just sat there.

The usually decisive Lin Yu was now actually hesitating.

To report, or not to report.

From what had been discovered so far, Wushan Commerce Firm indeed had serious issues, warranting at least a demotion for the general manager.

If investigated thoroughly, the problems could prove even more severe.

However, to date, they had found no information linking the general manager of Wushan Commerce Firm with Zhang Kai.

Of course, this was expected.

After all, according to Zhang Kai, the other party recklessly misused funds yet operated with extreme caution.

If they had so easily found evidence, that would have been truly problematic.

Nevertheless, he believed that a formal investigation would inevitably reveal the truth.

"Boss, when are we sending the report to the Affairs Department? It's all ready and checked several times," Gao Peng couldn't help but say to Lin Yu.

"Yes," Liu Yan also said.

Lin Yu silently looked up at them, then suddenly asked, "Do you think I should really submit it?"

Lin Yu, actually hesitating on this matter?

Gao Peng and Liu Yan were stunned, both somewhat incredulous.

"Boss, what are you talking about? Why wouldn't you submit it?"

"Yes, we have already produced results. These past days, we have put both our minds and efforts into this matter!"

Lin Yu remained silent.

"Are you afraid of having a fallout with Officer Bai Xiaosheng? Don't forget, it was he who embarrassed you at the beginning!"

"Indeed, your record of zero mistakes was ruined by him, lost!"

"At the Affairs Department right now, many are waiting to laugh at you; you need more achievements to rebuild your reputation!"

"Also, Grand Affairs Officer Shen Peisheng continues to provide unwavering support, can you really let him down?"

The two assistants spoke one after another.

They didn't want their efforts to go to waste.

Mentioning dignity and referencing their mentor, Lin Yu couldn't help but his expression gradually changed.

Sometimes, being in the workplace is like being in the rivers and lakes; you can't help yourself.

In silence, Lin Yu opened his phone and silently looked at his WeChat, where Su Lingyu, who had added him but had never initiated contact, had always been very cold towards his initiations.

Finally, his eyes turned cold.

"Send!"

Lin Yu said in a deep voice, placed the phone on the table, downed the red wine in one gulp, and returned to his room.

"Once sent, we leave Wuqiu. Let's find the teacher!" Lin Yu's voice echoed.

Three o'clock in the afternoon, on Bai Xiaosheng's side.

Bai Xiaosheng, Lin Weiwei, and Lei Ying were sitting together.

Their report had also been finalized.

However, it should rather be said that the recent "training" of Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying had temporarily come to an end.

Both of them had learned a lot in practical scenarios.

Looking at the report printed in front of them, Lin Weiwei couldn't help but say to Bai Xiaosheng, "Xiaosheng, aren't you sending the electronic version to headquarters?"

"Planning to tomorrow, what's the rush?" Bai Xiaosheng smiled.

"But if we've finished everything, are we still waiting for Lin Yu to get ahead?" Lin Weiwei muttered, "But what if, they couldn't finish it today."

Lei Ying couldn't help but look at Bai Xiaosheng.

"Don't worry. They will, I'm not sure about others, but Lin Yu definitely can!" Bai Xiaosheng affirmed.

Truth be told, in JinPing, upon reviewing the investigation of Zhang Kai, Bai Xiaosheng was quite astonished.

Lin Yu, he managed to secure seventy percent of Zhang Kai's crimes based on inadequate information, completed within thirty minutes, and even generated the report while doing it, what did that indicate?

He and his assistant were both formidable beings!

The reason why Bai Xiaosheng's team could win was due to thorough preparation, combined with Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying playing unpredictably, and also because Zhang Kai had already been subdued once, leaving his mental defenses damaged.

Strictly speaking, they had taken advantage of Lin Yu last time.

"If I didn't have Red Lotus, I'm afraid I would be stuck in a deadlock with him, or even likely lose due to lack of experience!" Bai Xiaosheng silently reflected, "Lin Yu, truly a formidable opponent!"

"I hope you don't submit this report this time! After all, becoming friends, I don't want us to be enemies!"

"Our values, after all, don't conflict!"

While Bai Xiaosheng was waiting for Lin Yu to report, he was also hoping that Lin Yu wouldn't.

Amidst his reflections, Bai Xiaosheng's phone rang.

"It's Feng Li!"

Seeing the caller ID, Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but focus.

Feng Li was on duty at the affairs department, he had asked her to keep an eye on things, and her calling could only mean one thing.

Bai Xiaosheng sighed inwardly, "Lin Yu, you have finally taken that step!"

As the phone connected, Bai Xiaosheng listened quietly.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying stood by, unable to help exchanging glances.

It seemed, Lin Yu had indeed made his move, so they might as well report too.

After listening for five minutes, Bai Xiaosheng said into the phone, "Thank you!"

Then, hanging up the phone, Bai Xiaosheng looked at Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying, and spoke calmly.

"Lin Yu's team has reported."

"Then us!" Lin Weiwei could no longer contain herself, somewhat excitedly said.

"Report then." Bai Xiaosheng said, then stood up.

"With this matter concluded, we should also head to Yunhai City to meet with Lin Ke."

Bai Xiaosheng's voice softened, as he believed, as long as there was a result, it wasn't worth his continued concern.

If a friend, he welcomed.

If an enemy, he would be a competent adversary!

"Understood!"

Lin Weiwei smiled, running to the computer to quickly report their investigation results.

In the affairs department, Li Haofeng was in his office when he suddenly heard someone knocking on the door.

"Come in," Li Haofeng said.

"Haofeng Great Affairs Officer, there's trouble!" the person hurriedly said, "Officer Lin Yu has submitted a report!"

Li Haofeng looked at him in surprise, "What's so bad about that?"

"Officer Bai Xiaosheng has also submitted a report, from the same city!"

"What!" Li Haofeng gasped, murmuring, "These two... this time, there mustn't be another uproar!"