

Two Trillion 901

Chapter 901: Chaos Everywhere

The Affairs Department first received the report from Lin Yu. Several hours later, they received Bai Xiaosheng's report.

By the time someone notified Li Haofeng, Bai Xiaosheng's report had just arrived.

The person saw the close timing of both reports coming from the same city and, learning from previous lessons, rushed to report it.

When he was reporting to Li Haofeng, Lin Yu's report was being eagerly circulated and causing a stir.

"It's been just half a month, and three businesses have been dealt with in quick succession. Officer Lin Yu's efficiency is truly unmatched!"

"Indeed, when Officer Lin Yu exerts himself, those below have to be careful!"

"Last time, Officer Lin made a momentary oversight, which drew criticism. Yet his mindset seems completely unaffected, now rallying to prove his brilliance once more! Impressive! This is the spirit of an Affairs Officer, a role model for us all!"

"Lately, Officer Lin Yu's reports have been meticulous and flawless, perfect beyond reproach!"

"Actually, thinking about it now, even that case where Officer Lin Yu was negligent, it was merely a matter of not digging deeply enough into the problem, only a slight leniency in judgment. We shouldn't have criticized him!"

"The benchmark of our Affairs Department will always be the benchmark! Worthy of everyone's learning!"

Praise was abundant from the crowd.

When all is said and done, it's just a report that managed to cause such a commotion, which is a bit exaggerated.

Somebody was setting the tone within.

And that's understandable.

After all, Lin Yu had not been the benchmark of an Affairs Officer for so many years for nothing, with many supporters and admirers.

In addition, Grand Affairs Officer Shen Peisheng's influence was far-reaching.

Everything started making sense.

However, the real excitement came when Bai Xiaosheng's report arrived.

Where there are people, there is conflict, even in the Affairs Department.

As a benchmark, Lin Yu was liked and revered by some, naturally, others viewed him with enmity and awaited to take delight in his troubles.

Of course, these people were typically hidden, watching his words and actions, and you might not even notice their animosity towards Lin Yu.

What is called "the human heart is unfathomable," what is referred to as "the taller the tree, the stronger the wind"?

Last time, Lin Yu only made a small error, which ended up being exaggerated as "the end of a myth," a "major mistake," which was quite telling.

There were quite a few people fanning the flames behind the scenes.

Now, with Bai Xiaosheng's report arriving just a few hours after Lin Yu's, both reports from the same city,

It just so happened that the Affairs Officer in charge of reviewing was someone who harbored covert dissatisfaction with Lin Yu.

Thus, Bai Xiaosheng's report was quickly disseminated in a very short time.

Last time, in the "battle" between Bai Xiaosheng and Lin Yu, Bai Xiaosheng emerged victorious.

This time, with "trouble arising again," those dissatisfied with Lin Yu had high "hopes" for Bai Xiaosheng.

The reputation of Bai Xiaosheng rapidly gained ground.

"Officer Bai Xiaosheng is truly impressive too, taking down the Chen brothers, Chen Jiutian and Chen Jiuzheng, on his first day—mind you, they were a regional head and a provincial industry head!"

"Moreover, he's not one for fame; he took initiative to go on inspection right after handling matters. Young and accomplished without complacency, truly admirable!"

"Look, only a few days into his external inspection, he caught Zhang Kai from Yunfeng Business Management, and he didn't fear Officer Lin Yu's authority, boldly reported the matter, confirming his own correctness!"

"Just a matter of days, and he has initiated another investigation, this time targeting a major subsidiary company!"

As Bai Xiaosheng's momentum rose, those who supported Lin Yu naturally did not yield, claiming Bai Xiaosheng, although impressive, lacked seniority and experience.

Those in support of Bai Xiaosheng naturally retorted, arguing that the Affairs Department is not a place to rely on seniority or experience, but rather where results are what truly matter.

When it came to results, whether it was Lin Yu's supporters or Bai Xiaosheng's, everyone immediately began to scrutinize the two reports.

These are the robust evidence! Both sides were eager to hurl bricks at the other.

Li Haofeng didn't rush to the duty area either.

Li Haofeng also reviewed the reports right away to compare them.

This time, he couldn't be as unprepared as last time, facing a bunch of noisy subordinates and only able to suppress them with authority.

This time, he had to be fully aware!

Li Haofeng was determined.

"I hope I won't have to find an excuse to smooth things over for any of them!"

As Li Haofeng read the reports, he felt a bit fearful, afraid that these two young people he favored would once again be at loggerheads over the same company and the same leader. That would be very bad.

"It seems I must advise Elder Xia not to allow these two to enter the same province, no, not to let them investigate in the same geographical area!" Li Haofeng even managed to joke to himself.

"Otherwise, let's divide the territory: throw one north of the river, and the other to the south. It'll save us worry!"

Although he knew that Xiahou Qi intended to use Bai Xiaosheng to stir things up, he still didn't want such outstanding individuals to clash.

After roughly skimming through the reports, Li Haofeng couldn't help but let out a sigh of relief.

Thank goodness!

This time Bai Xiaosheng and Lin Yu had submitted investigation reports on different companies and different leaders!

It was good that these two hadn't targeted the same objective.

Although they were both in the same city...

No sooner had he felt relieved than Li Haofeng's brow suddenly furrowed, his relaxed expression turned anxious again, and he even slapped his thigh.

"Damn, there's going to be trouble either way!"

Li Haofeng's worries were not misplaced; over there, the Affairs Officers had finished comparing the two reports.

Those supporting Bai Xiaosheng were greatly empowered!

"Officer Bai Xiaosheng's investigation on this enterprise shows that its power is comparable to the combined strength of the three companies that Officer Lin Yu investigated! Truly a New-type Affairs Officer, he doesn't make a move unless it's for a big fish!"

The implication of these words was that Lin Yu only picked on the easy targets.

"Officer Bai Xiaosheng has no halo or background, he doesn't need to prove himself, which is why he can stay calm and composed, not arrogant or rash, focusing on significant cases."

The implication of these words was that Lin Yu's series of problem enterprises were found because he was eager to rebuild his authority, valuing his reputation and halo.

"Both Affairs Officers are equally excellent, being able to uncover different problem enterprises in the same city, but why is Officer Lin Yu only focusing on the ones with minor issues? Could there be something..."

This was a rather pointed accusation.

The convergence of many opinions was like a sharp sword aimed directly at Lin Yu, who had been the number one in the Affairs Department for many years.

They acclaimed his unparalleled glory, overshadowing others with his fame!

They celebrated him as the center of attention, dimming the brilliance of others!

They hailed his highest popularity, questioning whether he aimed to become the Senior Affairs Officer!

Even the neutrals added fuel to the fire, eager to see a spectacle.

When Li Haofeng arrived at the duty hall, he heard a cacophony of voices and arguing from several floors.

What was worse, there had even been physical scuffles.

Unbelievable, was this still the Affairs Department? It had nearly turned into a street market!

Li Haofeng was extremely angered.

Wherever he went, he rebuked them sternly, pointing at those involved in the fiercest conflicts, "Shut up, you go write a self-criticism, and you, you too!"

Li Haofeng was exhausted from putting out fires.

But once the news spread, it was like a flood that couldn't be stopped!

Chapter 902 - We Got Played by Bai Xiaosheng!

Lin Yu had not yet received any news; he was on a high-speed train.

Since boarding the train, Lin Yu had been silent, his eyes fixed on one spot, lost in thought.

Next to him, Gao Peng and Liu Yan were very puzzled; clearly, after deciding to send the report, Lin Yu had stopped agonizing over it.

Why had he become like this again?

The two couldn't help but mutter to themselves in secret.

"Does the boss feel that things got too tense with Officer Bai Xiaosheng, and it'll be awkward when they meet in the future?"

"It's not a big deal, right? Officer Bai Xiaosheng set us up in JinPing, just look at what the Affairs Department is saying about the boss now."

"But no matter what, Officer Bai Xiaosheng is Mr. Xiahou Qi's personally appointed New-type Affairs Officer. We might not look at the monk's face, but we should at least look at the Buddha's face..."

"I hate to hear that! Even if Bai Xiaosheng has Mr. Xiahou Qi behind him, our boss has Sir Shen Peishen behind him. If he's a New-type Affairs Officer, our boss is still the standard for an Affairs Officer. Should we really be so wary?!"

"Shh, keep it down!"

"What's there to be afraid of, there are no outsiders here, who could hear me!"

As the two were guessing, they suddenly heard Lin Yu exclaim a phrase—

"No good! There's a problem here!"

Gao Peng and Liu Yan were startled and looked at Lin Yu in surprise.

Lin Yu mumbled to himself, "Bai Xiaosheng got the clues from Zhang Kai, which led him to Wuqiu. No matter how deeply the other party hid, unraveling the clues thread by thread, it's impossible that not a trace, not a hint went undetected, right!"

"Moreover, after only two days in Wuqiu, he began drafting the report, even writing down the exact time he planned to submit it so clearly?"

"He wrote it, yet tore it up and threw it away, only for it to be coincidentally found and restored, and sent exactly to my doorstep?"

"In the ten-plus days of investigation, we really avoided each other perfectly, employees from the same company, didn't anyone gossip, nobody mentioned it?"

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Lin Yu kept muttering, his brows increasingly furrowed, his eyes showing shock.

He turned his face to look at Gao Peng, and said in a deep voice, "We've been misled!"

"Ah, boss, what... what do you mean?" Gao Peng said blankly.

"The enterprise we are investigating is very likely... not the one related to Zhang Kai!" Lin Yu said, word by word.

"But that enterprise does have problems, serious ones at that!" Gao Peng stammered out.

Liu Yan also nodded, "Yeah!"

"It's a problematic enterprise, but it's not the biggest worm in Wuqiu, we've been misled by Bai Xiaosheng!" Lin Yu asserted.

He was somewhat annoyed.

Only now, calmly reviewing from the beginning, did he realize the problem!

And there were so many problems!

"With all these issues, I actually overlooked them!"

"How could I be so confident that Bai Xiaosheng wouldn't find out I was in Wuqiu and wouldn't take strategic countermeasures against us!"

"My mentor repeatedly warned me not to underestimate Bai Xiaosheng, yet I... still took him so lightly!"

Lin Yu kept chastising himself.

"How could it be, we didn't have any contact with them at all, moreover, we hired detectives at a high price for surveillance, and even high-level detectives got confused and messed up? Are Officer Bai Xiaosheng and his people... that cunning?"

Gao Peng was still somewhat disbelieving, and even Liu Yan was filled with doubt.

They all thought that Lin Yu was overthinking it for a moment.

Although this possibility was extremely slight where Lin Yu was concerned.

"Why did the first detective, Zhang Wang, only follow for two days, and actually track for only half a day before adamantly quitting, not even agreeing to triple the salary? The person he recommended, we just trusted him like that, what if that Dongzi was actually Bai Xiaosheng's man!" Lin Yu retorted.

In his rational thinking, Lin Yu's mental sharpness was frightening.

Gao Peng and Liu Yan were asked until they were speechless with shock.

To say it was possible seemed too fantastical, could Officer Bai Xiaosheng be a demon?

To say it was impossible, but in reality, it truly was possible!

Even they dared not deny it!

"But this... it's just too unbelievable!"

In the end, both Gao Peng and Liu Yan exclaimed in unison.

"Unbelievable?" Lin Yu murmured these words, recalling the man Bai Xiaosheng, "He in himself is an unbelievable existence!"

Facing this person, I actually lost my reason and the most basic judgment!

Lin Yu thought to himself, had he lived too smoothly all these years, to the point of being hopelessly foolish when facing a formidable opponent?

Lin Yu was no longer annoyed but was reflecting.

He was not someone hopelessly foolish.

At least, he was able to detect problems quickly when the situation was still unclear.

His thinking ability was nearly on par with Bai Xiaosheng's!

The gap between the two lay in the timeliness of information and the difference in support.

"But, I still can't believe it..."

"Yeah, boss, might you be overthinking it because you've been too tired these days..."

Gao Peng and Liu Yan couldn't help but say.

A series of speculations might be true, might not be. Taking it as truth directly, that wouldn't be good.

Lin Yu's expression returned to normal, reclining in his chair. Now that the report had been submitted, it was too late for anything else.

"Let's wait, there will be a result. I hope I am wrong..." Lin Yu closed his eyes to rest, "But I feel that I am right!"

"After meeting with the teacher, I will request once again to re-learn and train!"

"I hope the next time I clash with Bai Xiaosheng, I will win!"

This self-dialogue from Lin Yu left Gao Peng and Liu Yan looking at each other, perplexed.

Isn't it a bit too pessimistic?

As the two were thinking, Gao Peng's cellphone rang. He took it out and saw that it was someone from the Affairs Department, one of their own people.

"Hello?" Gao Peng answered.

Seconds later, his expression changed dramatically, "What! What did you say, say it again!"

Liu Yan watched her normally composed partner in shock, wondering what could have startled him so.

After hanging up, Gao Peng swallowed hard and seemed somewhat dazed.

"What happened?" Liu Yan couldn't help but ask.

Gao Peng looked at her and said with some difficulty, "Officer Bai Xiaosheng, a few hours after we sent our report, also submitted a report!"

"Weren't they supposed to send it tomorrow?" Liu Yan said.

What did it matter if Officer Bai Xiaosheng submitted their report early? They were still later than them.

"Could it be that this time, their report is more comprehensive than ours? That's impossible, absolutely impossible!" Liu Yan insisted.

She was one of the investigators, how could she not know? The investigation was double and triple-checked for accuracy, and it was impossible for there to be any mistakes. Moreover, even if there were mistakes, the explanations would surely cover them.

"Do you still not understand?"

Gao Peng's laugh was uglier than crying as he glanced at Lin Yu and said to Liu Yan, "That phone call just now confirmed the boss's judgment."

"Officer Bai Xiaosheng, they weren't investigating the same company as us!"

"What they found is the real big fish! What we caught was bait!"

Chapter 903: Bai Xiaosheng, Impressive!

Gao Peng's face fell into dejection. Lin Yu had predicted it accurately, they had fallen into a "trap".

Liu Yan stared wide-eyed in surprise, still somewhat in disbelief.

Could it be that Bai Xiaosheng had known from the beginning that they were in Wuqiu, and even the people they had hired at six times the price might have been part of the other side's scheme?

That was simply... unbelievable!

Was Bai Xiaosheng even human!

In Liu Yan's mind, Bai Xiaosheng's calm demeanor surfaced.

Beyond shock, she also felt a certain reverence.

She couldn't help but have an indescribable, inexplicable feeling toward that cunning man.

As a matter of fact, Liu Yan particularly admired the strong, inherently powerless against men who could control everything.

Otherwise, she would not have been content being Lin Yu's assistant.

And now, she was developing a strange feeling for Bai Xiaosheng.

"Are you really surprised too?" Gao Peng saw Liu Yan dazed and couldn't help asking.

"Hmm?" Liu Yan glanced at him blankly, then suddenly snapped back to reality, "Hmm!"

She quickly gathered her thoughts, stopping herself from daydreaming.

Gao Peng didn't notice anything else, he leaned half out of his seat toward Lin Yu and whispered, "Boss?"

"No need to tell me, I heard everything," said Lin Yu with his eyes closed, calmly, then crossed his arms and turned to the other side.

He seemed utterly unconcerned.

To defeat a powerful opponent, one must know when to hold and when to fold!

Lin Yu was now at ease.

However, moments later, he opened his eyes, took out his phone, and sent a text message.

In a five-star hotel, inside a suite.

Shen Peishen was sitting by the desk, wearing reading glasses, with two reports laid out in front of him, one about Lin Yu, the other about Bai Xiaosheng.

"Not bad, not bad," Shen Peishen murmured with a smile as he read, nodding frequently.

Zhang Yu updated Shen Peishen on everything that had transpired at the affairs department.

Shen Peishen listened but seemed barely moved.

"Sir Shen, those people seem to be supporting Bai Xiaosheng, kicking Lin Yu while he is down. But in fact, they are targeting us. Could it be..." Zhang Yu asked cautiously.

This incident, beneath its surface, was a union of many hidden forces.

A union against Lin Yu and even more so against the faction of Shen Peishen!

Those Senior Affairs Officers who call Sir Shen "mentor", how many of them genuinely respect him?

Besides, among those Senior Affairs Officers who somewhat lack the credentials of Shen Peishen, what movements are there?

Zhang Yu was worried.

"I have my plans for this situation," Shen Peishen said, "First, we need to keep our composure."

"When provoked by the other side, spitting back, getting immediate revenge might feel satisfying," Shen Peishen took off his reading glasses and looked at Zhang Yu, "but behind that satisfaction, you might not have the last laugh!"

Zhang Yu seemed to understand somewhat but also seemed puzzled as he nodded.

"Is Lin Yu back yet?" Shen Peishen asked.

"He's on his way," Zhang Yu responded.

As they spoke, Shen Peishen's phone vibrated softly, showing a message from Lin Yu.

Shen Peishen read the message and couldn't help but chuckle.

"This kid, wanting to be re-forged here, looks inspired. Hmm, he also knows about the situation at the affairs department but can still let go. Not bad, not bad, he's made some progress!" Shen Peishen said cheerfully.

Zhang Yu nodded, "Lin Yu is indeed a standout among men, rising even higher with each setback. Sir Shen, your judgment is indeed strong!"

Shen Peishen burst out laughing.

"It's just a pity, this time's failure..." Zhang Yu sighed.

"Actually, I had realized early on that there was a problem," Shen Peishen said with a smile, "I just didn't say anything."

Zhang Yu looked at Shen Peishen in astonishment.

Was this a trap set deliberately for Lin Yu?

Shen Peishen put down his cell phone, stood up, and walked to the window, looking outside.

Broad skies stretch far away, the eagle spreads its wings; one cannot grow without experiencing some storms!

Moreover, this situation served multiple purposes in one move.

"Lin Yu has had it too easy these past years, which isn't good. A setback might actually be more beneficial for his growth!" Shen Peishen muttered to himself, "Moreover, I've had it too easy as well, being off peoples' targets makes others uneasy!"

At the Greater China Region Headquarters of Zhenbei Group, in the president's office.

Li Haofeng gave a bitter smile as he discussed the situation of the affairs department with Xiahou Qi.

"It just had to be my shift when Bai Xiaosheng and Lin Yu both went all out to stir things up. Listen to this, my throat is hoarse from yelling. It was me shouting and stopping them, layer by layer." Li Haofeng's voice was indeed a bit hoarse.

Xiahou Qi laughed heartily, "Hard work! Come, come, I've prepared sea buckthorn and some top-notch kuding tea, take some."

Li Haofeng couldn't help but laugh and cry at the same time.

Did he come here just to complain and ask for tea?

"Elder Xia, you need to step in!" Li Haofeng said, "Bai Xiaosheng indeed bears a mission to revitalize the currently rigid environment, and from that perspective, he's actually doing quite well. But both he and Lin Yu are treasures of the affairs department, and harming one of them is not what we'd like to see!"

Xiahou Qi smiled, nodded, "You can relax about Lin Yu's part, I understand Shen Peishen, he must have intervened. No need to worry. As for Bai Xiaosheng's part..."

Xiahou Qi thought for a moment, then said, "Forget it, I'll just give him a call myself later."

Upon hearing this, Li Haofeng finally breathed a sigh of relief.

After chatting for a while, Li Haofeng stood up and left.

Xiahou Qi rubbed his temples, a smile curling at the corners of his mouth.

"I never expected, Bai Xiaosheng, this guy, actually showed me quite a drama. Without this shake-up, I really wouldn't have known that beneath the calm surface of this pond under my watch, undercurrents are swirling!"

"Even the old guys all have their own schemes!"

After muttering to himself, Xiahou Qi picked up his cell phone.

"I still have to give that kid Bai Xiaosheng a call, even though I am entertained by the scene, I can't always play this thrilling game! My old heart can't handle it."

After talking to himself, Xiahou Qi dialed a number, but it was already in call on the other end.

"This kid, busy indeed!"

Bai Xiaosheng was indeed very busy, having just taken two calls from Feng Li, and currently talking with Lin Ke.

"Bai Xiaosheng, you did it! Once again you've become the focus of the affairs department, and I heard your influence has even surpassed Lin Yu's. So, how about it, want to pursue the victory and go after him?" Lin Ke said excitedly.

And then, she talked on and on.

Bai Xiaosheng was in a car on the way to Yunhai.

He had been tired these days and wanted to sleep a bit in the car, but this lady just wouldn't stop calling.

Bai Xiaosheng felt helpless, when a call came in. Seeing the displayed name filled him with great joy.

"Can't talk now, Elder Xia is looking for me, I have to answer." Bai Xiaosheng threw this line to Lin Ke, then hung up the phone and called Xiahou Qi.

Bai Xiaosheng had just relaxed when he heard Xiahou Qi say, "Bai Xiaosheng, you did it!"

With an opening line identical to Lin Ke's, it immediately made Bai Xiaosheng feel clogged up inside.

He always felt, this was the beginning of some long lecture...

Chapter 904: Fight Without Breaking, Struggle Without Injury

"Elder Xia, if you have any orders, just say it directly. This opening speech always makes me feel like you're about to give me a hard time," Bai Xiaosheng joked with the old man.

On the other end of the phone, Xiahou Qi burst into laughter.

"Officer Bai Xiaosheng, I wouldn't dare to order you around. Last time, I just hinted that you should 'stir the waters' a bit."

"And look at you, going after Lin Yu relentlessly. You don't realize, the Department of Affairs blew up twice because of you two."

"Now your popularity in the Department of Affairs is even higher than Lin Yu's, despite his many years of effort compared to your few days. When I say you've 'got it,' isn't that the truth?"

Xiahou Qi's voice carried no hint of reproach.

Bai Xiaosheng felt relieved and laughed, "You really mustn't frame me. What do you mean I was relentlessly pursuing Lin Yu? As the president, you can't just spout nonsense. It was him chasing me all the way from JinPing to Yuquan, and then to Wuqiu. I can't believe you knew nothing about it!"

"Moreover, it was self-defense and I just retaliated reflexively. As for why I suddenly have so many supporters, I guess maybe I'm just naturally likable, or maybe it's 'the more virtuous gets more help'. It's definitely not because I paid for them."

Bai Xiaosheng bantered playfully with Xiahou Qi.

The conversation between the elder and the younger showed no sign of serious interaction.

After chatting a bit more, Xiahou Qi said, "Alright, I won't keep you any longer. I've got things to attend to. Where are you now?"

"Me? I'm on my way to Yunhai to meet up with Lin Ke," said Bai Xiaosheng.

"Hmm, okay, that's good. Then I'm reassured. I thought you'd take the opportunity to counterattack Lin Yu."

Xiahou Qi chuckled, "I also heard that Lin Yu has left Wuqiu. His going direction is nearly the opposite of yours, more or less."

Bai Xiaosheng suddenly understood, "So you're stepping in to extinguish the fire!"

Superiors like subordinates to fight and compete as it maintains vitality and ambition, yet also prevents collusion and ensures they aren't supplanted.

But whether it's fighting or competing, it must be controlled within limits.

Fight without breaking, compete without harming.

Managing this balance counts as half the success for those higher up.

"I prefer that you two don't keep fighting," Xiahou Qi stated bluntly to Bai Xiaosheng, "You two young people represent the future of the Department of Affairs. I hope that before the future arrives, you haven't already weakened each other through internal conflicts."

Actually, Xiahou Qi had been paying attention ever since the two had disagreements and frictions starting in JinPing.

Nevertheless, he also relied on their provocations to leverage various powers within the Department of Affairs.

If the whole scene was a setup, Xiahou Qi was both a spectator and the manipulator behind the scenes.

"At present, the turbulence caused by you two has been enough for me to detect some problems and start solving a part of them."

"For now, just lay low for a couple of days and give this old man some time to handle it. Later on, you can continue to stir things up."

"But maybe don't always focus on Lin Yu."

Xiahou Qi kept giving instructions.

"Alright, I got it," Bai Xiaosheng agreed.

Xiahou Qi hummed in satisfaction and then with a bit of sentimentality, said, "Seeing you guys reminds me of the old days."

"You remind me of myself and Grand Affairs Officer Shen Peisheng back then. We competed all the way to the end. I became the president, and he became the Chief Senior Affairs Officer, and it's been peaceful for so many years. See, isn't that nice?"

Bai Xiaosheng was quite surprised on hearing this.

He had always thought that Xiahou Qi and Shen Peisheng were contemporaries, but had no idea they had been actual colleagues and even competed against each other.

Maintaining harmony like they do now is indeed rare.

Or perhaps it's just a harmonious facade under the hierarchy of power, Bai Xiaosheng mused quietly.

"I'll leave it at that for now. You go and relax, while this old man continues to toil away, ah... Alright, I'm hanging up," said Xiahou Qi.

"Okay," Bai Xiaosheng chuckled, and then heard the dial tone "beep beep."

Bai Xiaosheng held his phone, lost in thought for a moment.

"Elder Xia's words contained some valuable information," he mused.

"It seems that Lin Yu has indeed stepped back for now. Was it voluntary, or did Grand Affairs Officer Shen Peisheng persuade him to leave..."

"Lin Yu's actions lasted for half a month. Grand Affairs Officer Shen Peisheng must have known something. Did he not stop Lin Yu, or did he not want to stop him?"

"I, Bai Xiaosheng, have only been in the Affairs Department for a few days. What merits and abilities let me receive so much support? Their real purpose is probably to use this to strike at Lin Yu... and even directly target Grand Affairs Officer Shen Peisheng!"

Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but sigh.

"As the saying goes, it's cold at the top. If the situation for a Senior Affairs Officer is this bleak, what about higher up... like the President of Zhenbei Group!"

A solemn feeling settled in Bai Xiaosheng's heart.

"I am not strong enough yet! Whether it's temperament, cognitive ability, or anything else, I need more experience! Climbing the corporate ladder is like rowing upstream; one truly cannot relax for a moment!"

As Bai Xiaosheng pondered these things, the voice of Red Lotus suddenly rang in his mind.

"One General Manager in the Greater China Region's major subsidiary is found with severe issues. Convincing evidence is now available, and prosecution is imminent. Add five points!"

"All current ways to earn points increase by twenty percent, add an extra point."

"The final score is six points, the current total score is sixty-eight for the Affairs Officer level, thirty-two points away from the Senior Affairs Officer level."

Another six points?

Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but smile.

Having just become a New-type Affairs Officer less than a month ago, he had already increased his score so dramatically, truly like breaking through bamboo.

Perhaps by the time I advance to a Senior Affairs Officer, I will shock a bunch of people, even Elder Xia might be quite surprised!

Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but think to himself.

By then, a direct order from higher up will let everyone know that Bai Xiaosheng is not without a background, but rather, has a background even greater than Xiahou Qi!

At this thought, joy sprang up in Bai Xiaosheng's heart.

But the voice of Red Lotus rang again, "Current score approaching seventy percent of this stage, warning!"

"Once the current stage score reaches seventy percent, all extra points will be cancelled, and all points earned will decrease!"

Bai Xiaosheng was startled.

Just as he was starting to feel happy, Red Lotus doused him with cold water.

"Red Lotus, this rule seems too arbitrary!" Bai Xiaosheng was quite displeased.

"The score increase for this stage is too rapid, the host's qualities in various aspects have not yet reached the qualifying standard. To ensure you are competent for the Senior Affairs Officer level, we must artificially slow progress," Red Lotus explained. "The promotion mission is being generated!"

"If you agree to double the difficulty of the emergency mission, the slowdown will be cancelled!"

"Forget it then," Bai Xiaosheng hastily said.

Arguing with the system, he felt, was still beyond him.

"However, truly reaching seventy points, only a third of the points are left for the upgrade, this won't bother me!" Bai Xiaosheng reassured himself.

"Moreover, what Red Lotus said is right, ascending to a high position without the corresponding abilities isn't a blessing, it's more like a disaster!"

"Moreover, the job of an Affairs Officer is so interesting, I've just started to enjoy it, it shouldn't end too early!"

Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but laugh.

Next to him, Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying exchanged a puzzled look.

Having just hung up the phone, Bai Xiaosheng was frowning one moment and smiling the next; it seemed something was happening, seemingly... not a bad thing.

Just as they were pondering this, an announcement came over the train's speakers.

"Dear passengers, Yunhai City, we have arrived!"

Chapter 905 Do Not Waste the Good Times

When Bai Xiaosheng and his party arrived at Yunhai, it was already six in the afternoon, but it was still clear outside, and even just stepping out of the carriage at the station, everyone could feel the freshness of the air.

"We're finally here!" Bai Xiaosheng stretched his body, feeling indescribably comfortable.

This trip to Yunhai really had its ups and downs, detouring through three other cities on the way.

Now, he could finally relax and enjoy.

Lin Weiwei was also very excited, holding a small notebook on the side, flipping through it, and muttering to herself, "Spa, sauna, beer BBQ, seafood party..."

"What's that?" Bai Xiaosheng craned his neck, wanting to take a look.

"The Yunhai plan," Lin Weiwei giggled.

Bai Xiaosheng wanted to take it over to have a look, but Lin Weiwei was reluctant to give it to him.

"Excuse me, please," Lei Ying said expressionlessly from behind.

All of their luggage was on him.

"I'll help you, I'll help you," Bai Xiaosheng quickly offered a hand.

The three of them came out of the high-speed rail station to find Lin Ke waiting to pick them up.

Lin Ke had only brought a driver and an assistant, and the vehicle he drove over was — a motorhome!

And it was a large one!

"Wow!" Lin Weiwei exclaimed.

"This really is a bit extravagant!" Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help saying.

Lei Ying also showed some appreciation, nodding his head.

"You're late! But it's okay, Yunhai is always welcoming you!" Lin Ke said enthusiastically with a laugh, walking alongside the motorhome and even patted the large vehicle, "I rented it. It's really nice! You'll fall in love with it!"

It wasn't until they got inside that they truly understood the meaning of extravagant.

The living room was like a luxurious private room with large windows on all sides, perfectly framing the outside scenery.

When Bai Xiaosheng took his family to Tianqing for a birthday celebration, they had also ridden in a motorhome, but only now did he realize that the one they rented was just the most ordinary one.

Compared to this one, it was like the difference between a top-tier luxury model and a basic economy version.

The wide sofa enveloped you as you sat down, making you not want to get up, so comfortable it was almost unbearable.

Officer Lin Ke's assistant served drinks after everyone sat down.

They chatted and sipped their beverages while casually observing the beautiful scenery outside the window.

Looking at the scenery, so different from that of the north, Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but feel emotional, "I should have come here earlier. I was delayed nearly twenty days on the way!"

"It's not too late now. I just started having fun here, and I can show you around," Lin Ke volunteered.

"You've been playing for twenty days, aren't you tired of it?" Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help asking.

Lin Ke smiled, "In Yunhai, the longer you stay, the more you'll like it here. After a while, you won't complain about twenty days. Not even twenty years would be too long for you! The scenery is beautiful, the air is fresh, and life ticks along at a leisurely pace. It's so comfortable you wouldn't believe it."

"Are you so happy here that you've forgotten about home? You don't need to work anymore?" Bai Xiaosheng joked.

Lin Ke pursed his lips, seemingly very dismissive of this question.

"Let me tell you, I've been the Affairs Officer of the year for three consecutive terms, and I've already exceeded all my targets for this year. I can stay here for dozens of days if I feel like it, even celebrate New Year here," Lin Ke said proudly. "And the bonus from my excellent service review is worth several hundred thousand. It's enough for me to enjoy myself to the fullest!"

Lin Ke, who appeared young and tender-faced, was nestled in the sofa like a little child but exuded pride.

Especially when boasting about his achievements, he was like a primary school pupil, amusing and endearing at the same time.

"Then Officer Lin Ke must take me along. Look, this is my adventure plan!" Lin Weiwei immediately took out the notebook that she didn't show Bai Xiaosheng and handed it to Lin Ke.

"Hmm, not bad at all," Lin Ke took it and examined it, nodding frequently. "You really know how to enjoy life, much better than a certain person. Okay, I'll take you!"

Lin Weiwei nodded vigorously.

Watching the two beauties, one tall and one short, reach an understanding.

Bai Xiaosheng said with a hopeful face, "Take me with you."

"Then I, too, might as well follow along."

Lei Ying interjected, and when everyone looked at him, he shrugged his shoulders, "I can ensure your safety."

That night, Officer Lin Ke held a banquet at a nice restaurant near the hotel, ordering many local dishes.

Whether it was seafood or fruits and vegetables, everything was incredibly fresh and full of flavor.

Bai Xiaosheng and his friends feasted to their hearts' content.

There were no other incidents that night.

The next day, while Bai Xiaosheng was still dreaming, someone pounded on the door loud enough to shake the mountains.

"Bai Xiaosheng, are you up yet? What are you sleeping for? I'm taking you out to have fun!" Lin Ke shouted from outside the door.

In the end, Bai Xiaosheng, disturbed to the point of no rest, had to get out of bed.

Before opening the door, he first opened the window to let in some fresh air.

As soon as he opened the window, the fresh air that rushed in invigorated Bai Xiaosheng.

"That's right, I'm in Yunhai!"

Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but gaze into the distance.

The morning sun was filled with vitality, as if to say, "Do not waste the good times!"

After being exhausted for so long, it was indeed time to relax and enjoy!

Bai Xiaosheng smiled and stretched lazily.

His door was pounded on again, shaking like thunder, and outside, Lin Ke was shouting loudly, "Get out of bed now, open the door for me, you lazy pig!"

Half an hour later.

After tidying up, Bai Xiaosheng and his two companions followed Lin Ke to try an authentic Yunhai breakfast.

After that, Lin Ke took them to the coconut groves and to the beach, where they played crazily all morning.

The group was having the time of their lives.

At lunchtime, Lin Ke excitedly said he would take them sightseeing in Yunhai Ancient City.

In fact, although it was called an ancient city, it was not old at all; it was built in recent years and was a large area imitating ancient architecture, full of character.

"The local tourism industry relies heavily on it! Not only does it serve tourism, but it's also a film and television city, extremely fun. Inside, you won't see a trace of modernity. Private cars are not allowed, and there are no exterior air conditioning units or things like telephone poles," Lin Ke prattled on with no end of praise, "It's an absolute must-visit in Yunhai! Once you go in, you'll feel as though you've traveled back in time."

The three friends were full of longing.

"Moreover, there are many film crews inside, and you often see big stars shooting there. Recently, it's been packed with handsome young actors," Lin Ke said, visibly thrilled.

The way he spoke, almost drooling, made Bai Xiaosheng laugh.

Viewed like this, Lin Ke seemed just like a young girl.

"Yunhai has our group's subsidiaries too, right?" Bai Xiaosheng asked casually.

"Yes, and they're not small either. One of them is particularly impressive. What, are you thinking of investigating them?" Lin Ke commented, "Not every company has issues for you to look into. Good companies with good leaders are a dime a dozen."

Hearing this, Bai Xiaosheng nodded and smiled, "That's true!"

After the meal, the four of them made a beeline for Yunhai Ancient City.

On the way, Lin Ke, familiar with the place, explained everything to the group, but he didn't dawdle, heading straight for a tourist spot.

"'Jinghua Shuiyue', that's the most beautiful spot here. It features all kinds of floral architecture carved from white jade, and they are also musical fountains. Absolutely beautiful!" Lin Ke could hardly contain his excitement.

The rest of the group shared his anticipation.

However, as they approached the attraction, they found that it was surrounded by many people, who were being noisy and rowdy.

"What's going on?" They were all surprised.

Still, they moved forward to see.

"Everyone back behind the red line! Our young master has booked this attraction for today! Five hundred per person, everyone gets a share. Please wait about thirty minutes!"

From the edge of the crowd, Lin Ke frowned, "Booked it? This is a public project managed by the city, non-profit. Who's being so arrogant?"

"I don't believe this, let me through, I want to see!"

Chapter 906 Give way!

Lin Ke's short temper was something Bai Xiaosheng had experienced long ago.

When she was happy, she could even be coquettish with others. But once she felt annoyed, all bets were off.

Even God wouldn't be spared from her disregard!

She would even dare to clash with Xiahou Qi!

Once angered, she was as unmovable as a team of oxen!

Bai Xiaosheng had even joked before that she had the temperament of a cat.

Now, Lin Ke, leading the group, had entered Yunhai Ancient City and immediately rushed here excitedly to show everyone Yunhai's most beautiful fountain sight—"Jinghua Shuiyue."

This sight was also one of Yunhai's signature attractions.

A several-hundred-meter-long cobblestone avenue flanked by pools with twelve small fountains on each side, each uniquely shaped and symmetrically paired, representing one of the twelve monthly flowers.

At the end of the cobblestone avenue was a vast pool with a three-story-tall giant fountain at the center, beautifully carved with six layers of cascading water, creating a magnificent spectacle.

As a landmark construction, "Jinghua Shuiyue" had been designated by the city government as a permanently free attraction.

The purpose was to let the beauty of Yunhai delight the visitors.

But today, someone was actually playing at having the place all to themselves.

Who had allowed this!

Lin Ke was extremely displeased!

Looking ahead, there was a large number of tourists, creating some noise and commotion.

Here at the entrance of the avenue, some people were helping to maintain order.

However, from their conversation, it seemed that they were also tourists, temporarily hired to inform those entering and to maintain basic order without disruption.

Lin Ke, with a stern face, directly led Bai Xiaosheng and others to break in.

Her "Step aside" was directed at a young man who tried to stop her to explain the situation.

The young man was also young, his face flushed red and gave a reluctant smile from being reprimanded by a young woman; he did not stop them, watching as Lin Ke and her group passed by.

As they brushed past, Bai Xiaosheng did not forget to give the young man an apologetic smile.

He had once handed out flyers in the main square and had been scolded himself.

Now, although the young man was not handing out flyers, he looked polite and very much like a student.

Bai Xiaosheng was sentimentally reminded of his past self.

Though at that time, he was making merely a dozen yuan an hour, nowhere near as generous as the payment here.

The people maintaining order in the distance were all tall men in suits and leather shoes, wearing sunglasses, appearing to be bodyguards.

They were distributing red envelopes to urge orderly conduct.

Even the ground nearby had red tape pulled up, half a meter high.

Under the direction of these men in black, people stood within the red tape on both sides of the road, leaving the middle pathway clear for passage.

After all, taking someone's money, those who took the money also complied obediently.

"Today, thank you all for supporting, for coming to celebrate my young master's event, this is just a token of gratitude. Five hundred per person. Once you've taken the money, please stand aside and don't cause a commotion. In maybe twenty or thirty minutes, when someone claps, you follow with applause, and then it will be over. Everyone should just enjoy the sight and have fun."

A middle-aged man with thinning hair was saying this, beamingly, to the people around him.

Twenty to thirty minutes plus a clap, and earning five hundred, a good deal indeed!

The crowd was naturally pleased.

The middle-aged man was also very satisfied.

"Mr. Liu, how are things on your side?"

A tall young man, about six feet tall, strode forward, followed by two attendants.

This young man was somewhat handsome, but his eyes carried a hint of defiance.

"Everything is fine, Mr. Zhengwei," Mr. Liu bowed slightly, speaking respectfully.

This young man was a friend of their young master and was a well-known figure among Yunhai's affluent youth, named Fu Yunwei.

Today's romantic proposal involving a minor celebrity was Fu Yunwei's idea.

Fu Yunwei nodded in satisfaction, "Mr. Liu, your European etiquette is well learned, sir... Not bad, this address is more impressive than what 'Mr. Fu' sounds. I must also talk to my dad, let our Wang also go and learn something. What do they call it, ah, style!"

"You flatter me," hearing Fu Yunwei's praise, Mr. Liu also beamed, responding humbly.

As they were talking, they saw a young girl, bright and furious, storming in, followed by two men and a woman.

A black-clad bodyguard stepped up to stop her but was pushed away by the girl.

"Get out of my way—this is a public attraction. Who gave you the right to privatize it just because you said so!"

Fu Yunwei and Mr. Liu were instantly stunned.

They had just sorted things out here—how did trouble arise so suddenly?

Here comes a stubborn one!

Earlier, a tough guy had shown up too, a large man with two friends, looking aggressive.

Rude from the start, he demanded thousands outright.

Money, Mr. Liu and his group really didn't care about.

With several hundred people in front of them, handing out over two hundred thousand, that was mere pocket change for clearing the area in their eyes.

A few thousand accounted for nothing.

However, their young master was running the show and couldn't allow such bold characters to cause trouble here.

With a glance from Mr. Liu, seven or eight people stepped forward.

The lead bodyguard, with an evil smile, wrapped his thick forearm around the neck of the other leader and chuckled, "Buddy, come, let's talk over there."

Then, these seven or eight men took the three away.

What happened afterward didn't need guessing.

This display of force calmed everyone down who had a temper or acted tough.

They gave money as a toast of respect, and if you don't accept the toast, you have only yourself to blame for the forced drink.

So, everyone was compliant for most of the day, but now suddenly another troublemaker popped up, and it was a fierce young girl.

Mr. Liu frowned, gave Fu Yunwei an apologetic smile, and then walked towards Lin Ke.

Moments later, several bodyguards had surrounded her.

Dealing with young toughs, they could threaten with force to make an example.

But making a public spectacle by bullying a young girl would be unseemly!

The bodyguards hesitated.

Mr. Liu, having undergone formal British butler training, always kept gentlemanly conduct in mind.

Thus, when he approached, his smile was warm and friendly.

Facing the encircling bodyguards, Lin Ke was undaunted.

She was actually very capable of fighting, and furthermore, Bai Xiaosheng was with her.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled at Lin Ke as if looking at a pampered child. He didn't want to stop her; he just thought about ensuring her safety.

By Bai Xiaosheng's side, Lin Weiwei looked calm, knowing Bai Xiaosheng's capabilities.

Besides, Lei Ying was with them too.

Lei Ying appeared indifferent, regarding the bodyguards as if they were mere insects.

If necessary, he could knock everyone down within ten seconds.

Send them to hospital for reconstruction.

Seeing Lin Ke still intending to force her way through, Mr. Liu called out from a distance of about ten steps, "Young lady, please hold on a moment!"

Lin Ke looked up to see a middle-aged man with a beaming smile approaching her, appearing to be in charge, and immediately stopped, waiting with a cold expression.

Lin Ke was beautiful and charming; even her angry look was incredibly cute.

Following behind Mr. Liu, Fu Yunwei brightened as he observed this tender beautiful girl.

Recently, he had just developed a fondness for the maid trope.

"This little beauty is truly exquisite!" Fu Yunwei secretly coveted, "No matter what, I must get to know her... and make her mine!"

Fu Yunwei didn't realize his thought was very dangerous.

Not all types of young girls can be provoked, some are lethal, especially ones like Lin Ke, who might appear delicate and easy to push over but in reality are fierce as tigers. Making a move on her—

That's like pulling a tiger's whiskers!

It's no different from courting death...

Chapter 907: Where Are Your Morals and Integrity?

"Little girl, do you want to go in and see the fountain?" Mr. Liu asked with a smile.

At the moment, the only thing about Mr. Liu that contradicted the etiquette he had learned in England was his way of addressing others.

The term "Miss," in a public place in front of ordinary people at home, is still inappropriate.

So, Mr. Liu referred to her as "little girl."

"No, I am going in to eat!" Lin Ke said with a stiff face, bluntly retorting.

Nonsense, this place is a scenic spot, if not to look at the scenery, then what? To eat a meal?

Mr. Liu was taken aback, then realized that the little girl was sulking.

However, when facing a pretty young woman, a man's patience is always much better.

"You see, little girl, we have something to do and need to borrow the place for a while. We'll make it worth your while for the time you've lost..."

Mr. Liu raised his hand, and immediately a bodyguard handed over a stack of red envelopes.

Mr. Liu glanced over them casually; there must have been over a dozen.

He looked back at Bai Xiaosheng and the others behind Lin Ke, pulled out four envelopes, and handed them to Lin Ke with a smile, "Five hundred each, that's two thousand just to wait for twenty or thirty minutes. Easy money, right?"

"Yeah, little girl, wait twenty or thirty minutes and you get five hundred, where else would you find such a good deal?"

"Hurry up and take it, then wait on the side, don't hold up their important business!"

"Uncle, are you still looking for someone to maintain order? I want to sign up!"

Cries came from all around.

Lin Ke just glanced at the red envelope and pushed it back.

"I don't want the money, I am here to see the fountain!" Lin Ke insisted.

Mr. Liu couldn't help but frown slightly.

Behind him, Fu Yunwei, watching Lin Ke's haughty demeanor, couldn't help but gulp, his eyes beginning to shine.

In Fu Yunwei's mind, he even started to "dress" Lin Ke in his fantasies, wondering how she would look in a maid outfit, or perhaps as a female slave.

Although this young girl was only about fifteen or sixteen, she had perfectly proportioned features, and her chest was slightly raised, just right.

"She's so much better than those tender models and COSERS. They all play innocent too much; none have this kind of natural charm!" Fu Yunwei liked her more the more he looked, feeling an itch in his heart that he couldn't scratch.

If this delicacy-loving guy knew he was drooling over a thirty-year-old "auntie," who knows what he would think.

Bai Xiaosheng, standing behind Lin Ke, accidentally caught sight of Fu Yunwei's gaze.

Bai Xiaosheng's brow furrowed slightly.

"Micro Expression Analysis System, Heart Voice Mode activated."

For those with a "simple" mind, lacking in cunning, if Bai Xiaosheng was interested, Red Lotus would activate this mode at his whim.

"This little girl, she looks so tender, it would be endless fun to train her from the start!"

"Looking at her, she seems untouched, hehe, I want to play a nurturing game!"

"Having her unlock all the positions, how cool would that be..."

Fu Yunwei's inner thoughts echoed in Bai Xiaosheng's mind one after another.

"Red Lotus, turn it off!" Bai Xiaosheng immediately said.

The subsequent vulgarities were simply unbearable.

Bastard! Bai Xiaosheng looked coldly at Fu Yunwei.

Fu Yunwei also noticed Bai Xiaosheng's gaze, and after a glance, his brow furrowed, his eyes filled with malice.

Daring to make eye contact with him like that was a death wish!

Fu Yunwei's hostility toward Bai Xiaosheng surged.

In front of Fu Yunwei, Mr. Liu smiled again, taking all the red envelopes and placing them in front of Lin Ke, "Little girl, I think you're quite likable, so I'll give all these to you. It's about six or seven thousand. Is that enough?"

Mr. Liu thought Lin Ke was just being childish, or perhaps stirred up by those behind her, making a fuss to get more money.

So he gave a little extra.

After all, such a small amount of money is something young master wouldn't mind.

"Wow, she's getting so much!"

"We only got five hundred each!"

"Yeah, this isn't fair, this isn't right!"

The onlookers immediately spoke up, many filled with jealousy, many dissatisfied.

The black-clad bodyguards, seeing who was speaking out, stared at them one after another.

Those who had spoken hurriedly shut their mouths when they looked back.

Just now, the fate of the three troublemakers who were taken away could easily be imagined.

Since they had taken the money, if they made trouble again, no one would indulge them!

"Little girl, you're in luck, people are willing to give you so much, take it quickly."

"Wow, that's a lot, you should be satisfied now."

Many people said to Lin Ke.

Hearing what the others said, Mr. Liu also began to smile.

What a joke.

In this world, there was nothing that money couldn't solve; it was merely a question of how much.

Twenty to thirty minutes for seven or eight thousand yuan, not even a big boss could earn such a high hourly wage.

Lin Ke's eyelid twitched and she snorted coldly, "Bai!"

Bai Xiaosheng was locked in a cold stare with Fu Yunwei, but when he heard Lin Ke calling him, he turned and saw her hand raised.

Bai Xiaosheng was startled and then smiled.

He gave Lin Weiwei a look, and Lin Weiwei understood immediately, pulling out two bundles of money from her purse, ten thousand in each bundle.

Although mobile payments were incredibly convenient in the country, even popular at pancake stalls, they had still withdrawn some cash for spending.

Now, it came in handy.

Bai Xiaosheng took the money, walked over, and did not hand it to Lin Ke but instead lifted it towards Mr. Liu with a smile, "Old man, here's twenty thousand, it doesn't take twenty to thirty minutes, we're buying fifteen minutes from you, please, let us through!"

Bai Xiaosheng's face was smiling, but his voice was very cold, devoid of mirth.

In fact, he also didn't want to waste words with Mr. Liu and the others.

If it hadn't been for Lin Ke wanting to assert herself, which he didn't want to interrupt, he would have dealt with the opposition earlier.

Lin Ke was very pleased with Bai Xiaosheng's actions and also had a proud expression, as if she was dismissing a beggar.

The crowd, which had been noisy just a moment ago, was suddenly dumbfounded, with everyone staring and at a loss for words.

Mr. Liu's smile became frozen on his face.

You want to buy my twenty or thirty minutes with seven or eight thousand? I'll triple it and ask you to get lost!

Will you scam?

That was the implication in Bai Xiaosheng's words.

On Lin Ke's face, it was clearly written—money is a fine thing, but alas, I am not lacking!

Mr. Liu's bodyguards beside him looked perplexed, glancing at the young girl and then at Mr. Liu, before handing over another red envelope.

This oblivious act made Mr. Liu throw the money in his face, "Get lost!"

"Mr. Liu, it's getting late!" the bodyguard picked up the red envelope from the ground and whispered urgently.

Mr. Liu's smile faded away. He didn't look at Bai Xiaosheng, treating him as just Lin Ke's follower and still faced Lin Ke.

The reason he had tolerated this young girl's behavior was not only due to the "gentlemanly demeanor" in his heart, but also he felt it wouldn't be good to use force against a young girl in public.

However, this young girl really wouldn't give face!

Mr. Liu's patience was finally exhausted, since delaying the young master's business would bring him no good!

When the time came, all the British manners and gentlemanly demeanor wouldn't save him!

Mr. Liu decided not to waste any more words with Lin Ke.

"Young lady, you're not that young anymore. Didn't your parents teach you to read the room, to not be unappreciative?" Mr. Liu said coldly to Lin Ke.

A girl who casually took out tens of thousands yuan with a few attendants might come from a wealthy family and have some clout, but after all, she wasn't a local!

The circle of local rich people was only so big; not to mention the adults, even the children of each family, Mr. Liu had painstakingly identified them all.

This young girl wasn't one of them!

Which meant she was an outsider.

An outsider daring to act like a dragon crossing the river, without seeing where this place was!

In Yunhai, my employers are the most powerful!

Dragons must coil for me; tigers must lie down for me!

Mr. Liu decided to properly teach Lin Ke a lesson.

"My parents taught me the upright ways of the world!" Lin Ke was unyielding, "They didn't teach me to indulge in wealth without knowing what to do!"

"Sir, I see that you have quite the Western style and gentlemanly demeanor."

"So I ask you, where are your propriety, righteousness, integrity, and honor!"

Chapter 908 This guy is asking for a beating

Lin Ke had always disapproved of Mr. Liu and his actions. Just because they had money—they thought it was impressive to book the entire place?

Could she not simply spend more and make them step aside?

According to their logic, it was only fair, right?

Bai Xiaosheng, following her wishes, stood up for her.

At that, Mr. Liu's expression changed instantly, and in his speech, he even dragged Lin Ke's parents into it, calling her ignorant of the times and unappreciative.

Who knew what excessive things he would say next?

Lin Ke's fiery temper was ignited in an instant.

Determined to either talk it out nicely or, if they were rude, she'd strike first, she didn't hold back her words.

"Where are your decency and manners?"

In front of everyone, Mr. Liu was publically confronted by a young girl like Lin Ke, and his face couldn't take the shame.

In reality, the so-called chivalry he practiced was only to please his master.

Put plainly, manners were just his "tool" for making a living.

Now, failing to handle this young lady and displease his master, all his talk of manners was useless.

At this point, Mr. Liu showed his true colors.

Ironically, a person who always preached about manners, once unmasked, often looked uglier than any hooligan.

"You young brat, you want to argue with me? I'll show you what 'reason' means!" Mr. Liu's face grew fierce, and he gestured to his bodyguards, "Get these troublemakers out of here!"

As the conflict escalated, it came down to a simple resolution—who had the bigger fist.

Might makes right!

The group of black-suited bodyguards immediately surrounded them, looking sinister and threatening.

Lin Ke wasted no time, rolling up her sleeves, ready to fight.

Bai Xiaosheng grabbed her arm.

"Let me handle this, sister," he said with a beaming smile, taking the opportunity to get a little close to Lin Ke.

Lin Ke stared at him, taken aback.

Who's your sister, I'm older than you!

Of course, Lin Ke couldn't burst out with that here.

Seizing the moment, Bai Xiaosheng stepped forward, calmly facing Mr. Liu and his bodyguards.

"So, you want to resolve this with fists," Bai Xiaosheng said with a smile, "Are you going to start here in front of everyone?"

As Bai Xiaosheng spoke, Lei Ying immediately stood behind him, coldly sizing up the five or six men.

To Lei Ying, these were just five or six pieces of trash, who he could handle in mere seconds.

With Lei Ying's skills, just by standing there, he could assess their combat effectiveness.

These were nothing but human punching bags.

Not a single one was worth fearing!

Mr. Liu coldly eyed Bai Xiaosheng.

If he didn't even spare the young girl, why would he care about a man?

This young man, looking clean and somewhat frail, seemed like someone he could easily handle.

"We tried to be reasonable, offered money, said all the nice words, but you didn't respect us! By the name of my master, here in the Territory of Yunhai, no one dares disrespect us!" Mr. Liu sneered at Bai Xiaosheng, "I see that you're not just anybody, and as the brother of this girl, wise up and leave on your own. Otherwise—don't blame us for getting rough!"

Hearing this, a few bodyguards stepped forward, menacingly fixing their gaze on Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled indifferently and made a welcoming gesture with his hand.

Mr. Liu was immediately enraged.

The atmosphere was intensely charged, ready to explode at any moment.

The spectators around, unable to resist, whispered among themselves.

"Looks like this is going to break into a fight!"

"These four people who came are so bold, two men and two women, daring to take on so many. Aren't they just asking for trouble!"

"Do you think those who booked the entire place are just relying on having more people? Haven't you noticed that not a single manager has shown up?"

"So what you're saying is... the group that wants to book the whole place, they have some serious connections?!"

"Hehe, you're quite oblivious. Didn't you notice, that Mr. Liu, who he frequently appears with on TV?"

"..."

"That Mr. Liu, he is the chief steward of the Han Family of Yunhai!"

This final declaration was met with gasps of astonishment from all around.

It wasn't just because Mr. Liu's group was splashing money around that they could dominate the place, they had clout.

"Let me tell you, the master booking the venue today is none other than the young master of the Han Family! Plus, those young people accompanying him come from major households of Yunhai, forming a group of the richest second generations in the entire region!"

The people of Yunhai present became progressively more shocked.

Now, they looked at Bai Xiaosheng and his group with pity in their eyes.

Poor these two men and two women, they didn't yet realize whom they were challenging.

They were up against the entire circle of Yunhai elites!

Bai Xiaosheng heard the murmurs, yet he was calm inside.

So what if the entire elite circle of Yunhai was here?

Don't start trouble, won't be trouble! Bai Xiaosheng inherited his father, Bai Minghang's upright nature.

But if they bullied him, he had plenty of ways to turn Yunhai upside down!

He would make those people regret being his enemies!

Mr. Liu, overhearing the conversations, couldn't help but feel a bit smug.

No need for further talk.

Mr. Liu took a step back and raised his hand. Once he dropped his hand, the bodyguards would move in and drag these reckless fools away.

Out of sight, out of mind!

The bodyguards, too, were waiting for the command.

Lei Ying was also ready.

Just as a clash was about to erupt, a voice suddenly called from behind Mr. Liu.

"Hold on a moment!"

Mr. Liu paused his hand and turned around in surprise.

Fu Yunwei stepped forward with a smile and said to Mr. Liu, "Mr. Liu, let me handle this side. If Han has any issues, I will speak to him."

"..." Mr. Liu paused, then immediately nodded with a smile, "Of course, Mr. Yunwei."

At this moment, someone took up the situation, and it was Fu Yunwei.

Mr. Liu was naturally pleased.

His own young master listened to him the most and wouldn't easily anger him, so he could also be absolved of any blame.

Mr. Liu was thoroughly satisfied.

He stepped back, and simultaneously gestured to the bodyguards to pull back as well.

Fu Yunwei advanced with a smile and said to Bai Xiaosheng with a grin, "Brother, hello, I'm Fu Yunwei. Could we be friends?"

Fu Yunwei had specifically chosen this moment to intervene, wanting to take control just as tensions peaked and impress Lin Ke, the pretty, cute Lolita.

As a master of romantic tactics, he'd never miss such an opportunity to showcase his charm, especially before the Lolita, easily diffusing the crisis and leaving her starry-eyed.

Fu Yunwei was so courteous to Bai Xiaosheng partly because Bai Xiaosheng had called Lin Ke "sister."

If Fu Yunwei wanted to woo Lin Ke, he naturally needed to show some respect to Bai Xiaosheng.

Fu Yunwei, with his well-calculated plans, continued speaking to Bai Xiaosheng, not forgetting to give Lin Ke a cool smile.

Unfortunately, his so-called "handsome" act was perceived differently by Lin Ke, whose eyelids uncontrollably twitched.

It was not admiration, but rather a chilly feeling of goosebumps on her back.

Although Lin Ke looked like a cute Lolita, she was actually thirty years old, already an "auntie," and had been an Affairs Officer for several years—she had seen all types of men.

Seeing Fu Yunwei's demeanor, a single thought crossed Lin Ke's mind—

"Ah! Such a flamboyant, buffoonish sleaze! Can I smack him?"

Chapter 909: I'm Also Helpless

Fu Yunwei thought his cunning was profound, that he could choose the perfect moment to make his entrance and showcase his handsome and compelling presence.

Little did he know, the four people on the other side had minds far sharper than his.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying just found it amusing, feeling this person was extremely boring.

Lin Ke even trembled slightly as she watched him.

Fu Yunwei saw this and became even more smug.

He actually thought he was so handsome that he made the young lady tremble.

Little did he know, he was making the "old auntie" sick to her stomach.

In Lin Ke's eyes, there was nothing handsome about him, just the last two words of his self-image.

"Sorry, we're just here to enjoy the scenery. Making friends, not interested!"

Bai Xiaosheng's voice was icy as he addressed Fu Yunwei.

Even when he faced Mr. Liu, who was about to start a fight, there was still a hint of politeness in Bai Xiaosheng's words, but facing Fu Yunwei, he felt utterly disgusted from the bottom of his heart.

Not for any other reason than that Bai Xiaosheng heard his true inner voice.

And beholding his feigned gentlemanly demeanor, Bai Xiaosheng really felt like throwing up.

Fu Yunwei was taken aback, not understanding why Bai Xiaosheng seemed to hold animosity toward him, who was simply trying to mediate.

He even thought it was Mr. Liu who had angered Bai Xiaosheng and immediately smiled, "Brother, you may not know me. Let me briefly introduce myself, my name is Fu Yunwei, my father is quite well-known in Yunhai. Our family business ranks third in strength among Yunhai enterprises!"

Fu Yunwei spoke with utmost pride.

Before he had finished speaking, the onlookers from Yunhai let out a murmur of surprise.

"This young man is called Fu Yunwei, right? He says their family business is the third in Yunhai, could it be the Fu Family!"

"Yes, that's him!"

"My God, I saw him in the news last month, he gave a loli streamer a million gifts in one night! A real rich person!"

"What's that? He said in an interview that it was just his pocket money!"

"Tsk ts, impressive, I want to take a photo, I've really seen a rich person today!"

The surrounding chatter made the corners of Fu Yunwei's mouth curl up in a smile.

Naturally, he wouldn't blatantly tell Bai Xiaosheng, look how rich our family is, look how much money I spend as pocket change, summing up to more than what people of my age earn in several years.

In this moment, having unrelated people "advertise" for him was just the way to emphasize his strength.

Exactly what he desired!

Fu Yunwei's face bore a smile as he looked at Bai Xiaosheng, his eyes filled with arrogance.

In his view, if this peer knew of his identity and wealth, he would surely be eager to ingratiate himself, leading to a complete turn in attitude.

Fu Yunwei was looking forward to it immensely.

He had even thought about how, if the other party were respectful and enthusiastic, he would respond with grace.

After all, he was someone who treated a million as pocket change.

However, Bai Xiaosheng's face was expressionless.

He just looked at him indifferently.

Did throwing away millions really make him think he was something special?

How naive! That money was nothing more than what the older generation had earned.

Moreover, that amount really wasn't enough to stir Bai Xiaosheng now.

In his golden card, he had a hundred million!

If it involved group affairs, he could mobilize another hundred million!

Considering such vast financial strength, Bai Xiaosheng saw it as a legacy from elders, not worth showing off.

Not to mention, the future inheritance of the two was like comparing clouds to mud.

Unfortunately, Fu Yunwei, like an ant trying to topple a tree, was unaware that one standing before him was a mighty oak!

"I said, we're here to see the scenery, not to make friends," Bai Xiaosheng remained cold.

If these people didn't step aside, he wouldn't mind getting tough with Lei Ying.

Fu Yunwei's smile became stiff, incredulous as he stared at Bai Xiaosheng, who remained unmoved even after he had revealed his identity.

Could it be that their family's strength matched that of his own?

Fu Yunwei was not a fool either and immediately thought of this point.

Being of matching social status, even if the other party was not a local from Yunhai, it still made Fu Yunwei give them two more points of consideration.

Making connections is profitable!

Fu Yunwei thought to himself in secret.

"Have you guys finished talking or not? What's the deal? Hurry up, I still want to see the fountain!" Lin Ke couldn't help but say.

She also had an impatient temper.

As Fu Yunwei was considering the greater benefits of making connections, hearing Lin Ke say this, he suddenly had an idea.

"This little beauty, I'm very fond of her. If her family has wealth and power, that would be perfect. Not only could I play around for a short term, but I could even marry her and take her home," Fu Yunwei thought excitedly.

Actually, his family had also been pressuring him to marry, and there had even been two instances where he was arranged to meet women of matching social status.

How could that be acceptable!

Those women were either older than him or around the same age, and while they were noble, had good temperament and were well-maintained, there was still the issue of age!

In Fu Yunwei's mind, those women were as appealing as chewed sugarcane pulp. How could they stir his appetite like a young girl in her prime?

Now encountering such a girl, Fu Yunwei immediately set his thoughts in motion.

"Mr. Han is just playing around with that little star! But me, I'm heading for a lifelong commitment, he will understand!"

Thinking this, Fu Yunwei immediately grinned at Lin Ke.

"You really want to see the fountain, don't you? Sure, Jinghua Shuiyue is indeed a landmark attraction of Yunhai. Since you are so keen, I must give you... give you all some face. Luckily, Mr. Han booked this place, and the Han Family is the first grand family of Yunhai. Luckily, he's a good friend of mine and will give me this favor!" Fu Yunwei said with a smile.

Hearing this, Mr. Yunwei was agreeing to let them in?

Mr. Liu was taken aback and couldn't help saying, "Mr. Yunwei, this..."

"Mr. Liu, when Mr. Han arrives, I'll explain to him. These are my guests. I'm allowing them in. Are you saying no?"

Fu Yunwei didn't even turn his head, but his voice carried a chill.

Mr. Liu's eyes instantly narrowed, and he quickly said, "No, that's not what I meant! If they are Mr. Yunwei's guests, then of course there's no problem!"

Mr. Liu was also good at going with the flow.

Although Fu Yunwei was just a friend of his master, since the Fu Family and Han Family were extremely close, even Mr. Liu, the chief steward of the Han Family, regarded Fu Yunwei as almost like the host.

Fu Yunwei nodded in satisfaction, smiled at Bai Xiaosheng and the others, and made a highly elegant welcoming gesture to Lin Ke, "You may enter now."

Bai Xiaosheng knew Fu Yunwei was not a good person.

However, if he hadn't provoked him, there was no way he could reprimand him in public.

Otherwise, if someone asked why, what should he say? Say he saw that his intentions were not good...

Bai Xiaosheng couldn't be bothered with such scum and, without any courtesy, started walking inside.

Lin Weiwei, Lei Ying, and the others following Lin Ke also caught up.

Fu Yunwei also wanted to follow, but was stopped by Mr. Liu.

"Mr. Yunwei, our young master will be here soon, we need you here!" said Mr. Liu,

Actually, he was worried that if the young master arrived and saw that there were strangers inside, he would get angry.

Mr. Liu was using Fu Yunwei as a shield.

Fu Yunwei thought for a moment, nodded, glanced at the backs of Bai Xiaosheng and the others, and decided to go find them later.

Bai Xiaosheng and the others headed straight for the main fountain.

After admiring it for a while, they suddenly heard someone shouting from a distance, "Mr. Han has arrived!"

Lin Ke abruptly stopped and looked in that direction.

"What are you looking at?" Bai Xiaosheng said.

"I'm trying to see what's coming!" Lin Ke muttered, "I've been thinking about how to give him an 'unpleasant surprise'!"

Lin Ke was not one to forget a grudge!

Bai Xiaosheng, seeing the mischievous twinkle in Lin Ke's eyes, couldn't help but smile.

"They've really provoked someone they shouldn't have!"

"Then I'll have to help her, after all, she's one of our own."

"What can I do? I'm quite helpless when it comes to Lin Ke's capriciousness."

Chapter 910: What do you want to do with it?

Accompanied by a roar of engines, a red convertible Ferrari sped along, coming to a graceful stop at the entrance of the scenic boulevard.

Under the watchful eyes of the crowd, a man and a woman stepped out of the car with unmatched elegance.

The man was tall, over six feet, young, handsome, and his demeanor exuded style.

The woman had a tall, well-proportioned figure, close to perfection, with exquisite makeup and a sexy outfit.

"Look, that young man, he's Han Minghao from Yunhai's prestigious Han Family, 'Yunhai's Gentleman' himself! Truly extraordinary!"

"Indeed! When it comes to distinguished families in Yunhai, none deserve the title more than the Han Family. The sole heir of the Han Family, his charm is incomparable to ordinary folks!"

"Known as the 'Yunhai's Twin Dragons,' both major enterprises are linked to the Han Family, and the second is the family's own business. Who wouldn't be impressed?"

"That woman looks familiar too!"

"Haven't you realized? She's Jiang Xueyan! The runner-up singer from last year's 'Ultrasonic Show' and she's quite well-known!"

"Really! Is she in that TV drama that started this year, 'Beauties'?"

"Yes, and she's the second female lead!"

"Impressive, these two are a perfect match!"

The buzz of the crowd was incessant.

In everyone's view, a scion of a wealthy family paired with an up-and-coming beauty, a handsome man and a pretty woman, indeed made a desirable couple.

At that moment, Jiang Xueyan, arm in arm with Han Minghao, half-leaning on him, walked towards them.

"Xueyan, today's your birthday, and this is the first gift I'm giving you. 'Jinghua Shuiyue,' a landmark of Yunhai—this moment, this scene, I've reserved it just for you!" Han Minghao said with a smile to Jiang Xueyan beside him.

"Thank you, Brother Minghao," Jiang Xueyan replied, her voice soft and sweet as she smiled indulgently.

As she saw hundreds of people lined up on both sides far away, their eyes sparkling as they watched her, especially the envy, jealousy, and resentment in the eyes of the girls, Jiang Xueyan's cheeks flushed with excitement. She even waved smiling at the people over there, feeling like a big star.

In reality, being with Han Minghao, she thought of using the Han Family to climb to even greater heights.

Jiang Xueyan believed she was no less beautiful than the newly-crowned diva Wei Moran; all she needed was an opportunity. With the right support and promotion, she could rise to fame.

Of course, no matter how famous, she couldn't match Wei Moran. The Han Family might be powerful, but only in Yunhai.

But for her, that was enough!

The prerequisite was to hold on to the affections of the man beside her, even though he was already captivated by her.

Jiang Xueyan leaned on Han Minghao's arm, her ample bosom rubbing against him intentionally or unintentionally, coupled with occasional eye contact, her charming eyes filled with seductive allure when looking at Han Minghao.

This indeed set off waves of tingling feelings in Han Minghao's heart.

Following the Ferrari, several more luxury cars arrived, each of no lesser status than the Ferrari.

From those cars, six or seven men around the same age as Han Minghao stepped out.

A handsome guy with a gentlemanly appearance, wearing gold-rimmed glasses, led them straight to Han Minghao.

"Mr. Liu and the others have arrived," Han Minghao said.

Those were his friends.

Jiang Xueyan watched, a surge of fervor rising in her eyes.

Those six or seven peers were the scions of Yunhai's wealthy clans, with family businesses all ranked in Yunhai's top ten!

Birds of a feather flock together, as do people of similar status.

This group of people could dictate the trajectory of Yunhai's business world in the next decade.

"Brother Minghao!" "Brother Minghao!"

These peers approached, treating Han Minghao with respect and deference.

Jiang Xueyan noticed this and looked at Han Minghao with even more eagerness.

Perhaps in ten years, Han Minghao would be the leading figure in Yunhai's business world, commanding influence far and wide.

Han Minghao responded to the crowd with a smile and nod.

"Hao, you were driving too fast up ahead; us brothers were chasing slowly. Don't do that next time," Mr. Liu said with a smile.

"Alright, next time I'll wait for you," Han Minghao laughed.

Fu Yunwei and Mr. Liu were his staunch supporters, with their family businesses ranking third and fourth in terms of strength in Yunhai respectively.

"Wei, this setup is pretty good," Mr. Liu glanced around and said with a smile.

In the presence of Jiang Xueyan, Mr. Liu barely had any interaction, and it was the same with everyone else.

Only Fu Yunwei called her "sister-in-law" as soon as he saw her, also joking around with a grin on his face.

"Yes, Wei really put his heart into it!" Jiang Xueyan made herself noticed and spoke to Mr. Liu.

At her words, Mr. Liu looked at Jiang Xueyan and said with a smile that didn't reach his eyes, "Miss Jiang, I'd like to remind you of something. The nickname 'Wei' is something only Hao and I can use."

Mr. Liu's expression darkened, "You don't have that privilege yet! You'd better call him Mr. Fu or Mr. Yunwei!"

The undertone of Mr. Liu's words carried a hint of coldness.

Jiang Xueyan's smile stiffened slightly, and she couldn't help but glance at Han Minghao.

Han Minghao smiled and pinched her chin, "Let's go, today is your birthday, have a lot of fun."

"Also, 'Wei' really isn't for you to call," Han Minghao said seriously.

Jiang Xueyan distinctly felt the two fingers Han Minghao used to pinch her chin suddenly increase in strength, causing her actual pain.

Jiang Xueyan quickly nodded.

She had always been dreaming of entering the world of the wealthy and had been working very hard to achieve that, both in her daily life and in bed...

Perhaps because she was highly favored, she had whimsically asked for a unique birthday celebration a few days ago, and Han Minghao had agreed.

She was feeling a bit carried away with herself.

Thinking about it now, Han Minghao had actually not promised her anything, and even his friends didn't treat her as Hao's girlfriend.

Jiang Xueyan sobered up quickly, realizing there was still a gap between herself and the position she desired.

However, she was very confident in her ability to climb the social ladder.

Han Minghao was full of youthful vigor, walking with a female celebrity and leading a group of brothers.

Mr. Liu and Fu Yunwei stepped forward to greet him.

"Young Master, we arranged everything according to your orders. However, today's not the weekend, so there aren't many folks here—only about four or five hundred, and we've only spent a few hundred thousand," Mr. Liu reported.

Even the act of throwing money around seemed too little!

Such is the life of the rich, thought Jiang Xueyan, her passion growing stronger.

"Mr. Han, this is just the first stop; the following events are even more exciting. Don't worry, I'll definitely arrange a unique and memorable birthday for sister-in-law," Fu Yunwei said with a smile to Jiang Xueyan.

At the mention of 'sister-in-law,' Jiang Xueyan felt a rush of warmth and contentment, but in the presence of Mr. Liu and Han Minghao, she dared not act out of turn.

"Thank you for your efforts!" Han Minghao said with a smile.

After a brief chat, many onlookers lifted their phones, taking pictures frequently.

Jiang Xueyan promptly straightened up, smiling at her surroundings and subtly adjusting her posture to show off her best side.

Elsewhere, Bai Xiaosheng and the others moved to the back of a mountain-like main fountain.

They watched the newcomers from a distance, while Lin Ke ran off like a streak of lightning.

When she returned, she was carrying something in her hand.

A "Divine Artifact."

Bai Xiaosheng was startled, "Where did this come from?"

Actually, he shouldn't have asked that.

What he should have asked was, "Why do you have it, and what are you planning to do with it!"