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Chapter 921: Discussing Countermeasures

Minghao was also being spiteful, clamoring for retaliation. When he heard Ji Mingyang say that the young man who had undermined him was named Bai Xiaosheng, he remembered the name.

As soon as he spoke, his father abruptly slapped his hand on the coffee table, causing the teacup on it to jump, the lid askew, which showed how much force he had used.

This sudden action startled both Han Dong and Han Minghao.

"Damn it, are you crazy?!" Han Dong glared at Han Chengren and roared.

Back when Han Dong was young, he also had a fiery temper, constantly using harsh language. Otherwise, how could Han Chengren repeatedly call him "donkey-raised"? It was clearly "like father, like son"...

Such habits are hard to change.

Decades of cultivation had elevated Han Dong to a new level, enabling him not to swear at others.

Outside the home, Han Chengren managed to be cautious at all times, but at home, especially in front of his own son, he sometimes couldn't help himself.

The fright and the curse just now had, in a moment, destroyed decades of Han Dong's cultivation, and he felt even more inclined to beat Han Chengren.

Han Chengren, a man in his fifties and a corporate head, still feared his father like a tiger and hurriedly explained, "Dad, it's not that I'm going crazy. It's that Bai guy, we cannot provoke him! Calm down, let me explain!"

My goodness, the old man's hand was already raised.

If he were to be beaten by his father in front of his son, Han Chengren's face would be utterly lost.

Curious, Han Minghao surreptitiously watched his father, realizing that his usually irascible father had also been shaped through beatings.

It seems the Han family's way has always been thus, a contradictory mix of indulgence and brutality.

Han Dong glared at Han Chengren and said sternly, "Speak!"

Not daring to delay, Han Chengren quickly reported everything he had experienced at the municipal office, also letting Han Minghao hear.

He wanted Han Minghao to realize just how powerful that young man, whom he thought despicable, really was!

"What, Mayor Chu invited him to dinner, and another mayor accompanied him!"

"Mayor Chu is eager to talk to him and hasn't yet given a statement about your proposal?!"

"Because of interacting with him, Mayor Chu felt inspired about developments in Yunhai?!"

Hearing this, Han Dong couldn't help but be startled and shocked.

Indeed, some news was truly astonishing!

This young man, reportedly about the same age as Han Minghao, possessed such influence.

Who is he, where does he come from, and what kind of power does he have behind him?!

Questions about his identity, origins, and backing flitted through Han Dong's mind, like the three questions of philosophical inquiry.

As for Han Minghao, he was dumbfounded, silent.

Han Minghao had heard for years how his grandfather boasted about having dined with the mayor, albeit that it was only coincidental workmeal in a bento box.

To know that someone actually could enjoy a meal with the Mayor of Yunhai was astonishing to Han Minghao.

In the years Chu Xingyun had governed Yunhai, whether inspecting or attending events, he indeed had never dined on another's expense nor invited anyone to dine.

If there were any, they were exceedingly rare.

Bai Xiaosheng had no idea that such an ordinary, home-style meal could be so significant.

"Such a figure can even influence a mayor's thoughts on city management. Do you dare to retaliate against him? Do you want to bring serious trouble upon our Han Family!" Han Chengren glared as he spoke.

Han Minghao fell silent.

"He's no ordinary person!" Han Dong sighed. "Chengren, do you know why I specifically came back today to understand this matter?"

Han Chengren shook his head.

"The Fu Family and the Liu Family also lost face, and even reporters came knocking. Some reporters wanted to find me, but I had already alerted my media friends, asking them not to send anyone over

here. In exchange, I gave them some hard news about the business world to temporarily shut those people up."

"It's not just the Fu Family and the Liu Family, but also those other beloved children who lost face. Their parents are the heads of big companies in Yunhai, and they were also affected. Imagine this: firstly, their precious sons were bullied, secondly, it gives a bad impression, and thirdly, it could be exploited by competitors."

"These people were eager for me to step in. On one hand, to explain the situation to the mayor, and on the other hand, many have developed hostility towards that young man surnamed Bai!"

"If you hadn't spoken to me about this, I might really have made a terrible mistake in my strategy towards Bai Xiaosheng!" Han Dong said with lingering fear.

Han Chengren nodded.

There's a civil organization within Yunhai enterprises called the Yunhai Enterprise Federation, and Han Dong is the president.

Any problems naturally come to the president to solve.

Once Han Chengren mentioned this, both father and son felt that Bai Xiaosheng should not be messed with easily.

What they didn't know was that not only should Bai Xiaosheng not be provoked, it was best to even steer clear of him.

Because Bai Xiaosheng was an Affairs Officer of the Affairs Department, and even more formidable than an ordinary Affairs Officer, a New-type Affairs Officer.

The identities of Affairs Officers and even their assistants are classified. Otherwise, if an Affairs Officer was easily recognized during his inspections, then what would be the point of his inspections? Even

some regional managers and provincial industry leaders are not aware of this, let alone the far-off Yunhai, where Han Chengren is just a general manager of a subsidiary company.

If Bai Xiaosheng found any issues with Han Chengren, even if the issues were not fatal, the connection between Yunyu Industrial and the Han Family's family businesses would inevitably be severed.

The impact of this would be terrifying, even deadly!

Han Dong and Han Chengren did not know that they were on the edge of danger.

"What do we do now?" Han Minghao muttered, "Actually, you always mention Mayor Chu, but I think someone like Mayor Chu wouldn't favor one side because of personal grievances. So, about the Bai surname, we needn't be so cautious, right?"

Han Minghao was quite unconvinced, after all, Bai Xiaosheng was about the same age as him. Why should his grandfather and father regard him so highly and warily?

However, what he said also made some sense.

"In that case, Chengren, go find this Bai Xiaosheng tomorrow and probe his background," Han Dong said. "I will have a chat with those CEOs and deal with the public opinion crisis together."

This arrangement made Han Chengren nod in agreement.

However, Han Chengren was a bit puzzled, "Why wait until tomorrow? We could find Bai Xiaosheng's address today."

"It still has to be tomorrow, because Chengyi is coming back tomorrow. I want him to go with you!"

Han Dong said, "Chengyi isn't he employed in your corporation's Greater China Region Affairs Department? Using the name of your corporation's senior leaders, that young man surnamed Bai, if he really has some significant backing, will also show us some respect!"

Han Chengyi was Han Chengren's younger brother, though not by blood. Han Dynasty had a tradition of passing the family line through a single son, and since Han Chengren was always unwell from a young age, the fortune teller advised against raising him alone, which is why Han Dong adopted a child.

Han Chengyi also had been a previous leader at Yunyu Industrial, currently serving as an assistant in the Affairs Department.

This time, his return was meant to leverage his reputation, gaining an imposing presence through affiliation.

"Chengyi is coming back? Good, with him along, and the name of the corporation behind us, I feel very confident!"

Han Chengren's eyes sparkled with brightness.

Chapter 922: The Han Family is Sending Someone

After leaving the city government office, Bai Xiaosheng and his companions saw there was still plenty of time, so they went to another tourist attraction for a visit.

Along the way, Lin Ke bombarded him with questions like an inquisitive child.

"Who would've thought, Bai Xiaosheng! In Zhongjing, you're on such good terms with the mayor. Now in Yunhai, you're getting along so well with the Mayor of Yunhai too. You have some serious social skills! Do you have any secrets? Come on, share them with me."

Lin Ke pressed Bai Xiaosheng for answers.

Bai Xiaosheng laughed, "Do you really want to hear?"

"Of course!"

"Alright, listen closely!" Bai Xiaosheng said gravely, getting serious.

Such a demeanor made Lin Ke focus intently, ears pricked up in anticipation.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying also looked over.

Bai Xiaosheng laughed and said, "First off, you need to eat more."

"Huh?" Lin Ke was startled.

What does that have to do with anything?

"You have to eat more to grow taller," Bai Xiaosheng chuckled, "You wouldn't want the leaders to feel like they're talking down to a child, would you?"

Lin Ke was stunned for a moment, then flew into a rage, lunging at Bai Xiaosheng with bared teeth, "How dare you mock me, I'll kill you!"

Bai Xiaosheng immediately ran for his life, and the two began to chase and play-fight.

Both Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying were torn between laughter and tears.

They browsed tourist sites in the afternoon, hit the night market for seafood in the evening, and went shopping, where Lin Ke indulged in various purchases not just for herself but also bought many things for Lin Weiwei, and even Lei Ying got a share.

All expenses were charged to Bai Xiaosheng's account.

As Lin Ke put it—"I'm punishing you for your smart mouth!"

Bai Xiaosheng appeared bitter on the surface but didn't really mind; after all, he wasn't short of money. Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying had been through a lot with him, so they deserved some benefits.

That night passed without incident.

The next morning, Bai Xiaosheng was woken up early by Lin Ke banging on his door.

After washing up, everyone went down to the hotel's first floor for breakfast.

While discussing where to go next, Bai Xiaosheng received a call.

It was from an unfamiliar number, local to Yunhai.

"Hello, is this Mr. Bai Xiaosheng?"

Bai Xiaosheng answered the call; the person on the other end called him by name and was very polite in their tone.

"Yes, it's me. Who's this?" asked Bai Xiaosheng.

"I am Han Chengren, general manager of Yunyu Industrial! My son, Han Minghao, was the one leading the group you had a conflict with yesterday at Yunhai Landmark Plaza."

On the phone, Han Chengren not only identified himself but also mentioned the confrontation from the day before.

After all, it was a bit suspicious to receive a personal call from a corporate executive with whom he had never met—it sounded almost like a scam.

Bai Xiaosheng's expression changed, and he laughed, "So it's Mr. Han. May I ask what's this regarding?"

Bai Xiaosheng had yet to share his suspicions about Han Chengren with Lin Ke when the man himself actually got in touch first!

Bai Xiaosheng was amused by this turn of events.

Indeed, when they returned last night, they had found that their commotion at Yunhai Landmark Plaza had caused quite a stir, with even the hotel staff gossiping about it.

Of course, no one knew they were behind it.

The news only mentioned the "square dance" incident, saying that fitness activities should be held at appropriate locations to avoid besmirching Yunhai's name, likely a crisis PR move by the wealthy parents of those involved.

Now, first thing in the morning, Han Chengren was calling.

Could it be that since his son got bullied, the father was now looking to settle the score? Bai Xiaosheng thought to himself.

"I wouldn't dare to instruct you, but I had a slight misunderstanding with Mr. Bai and would like to meet you in person to talk it over. Do you have some time? May I pay you a visit at ten o'clock this morning?"

Han Chengren was very polite.

After all, in his view, Bai Xiaosheng was no simple character. Turning up unannounced might result in finding an empty room, and more likely, might provoke the other party's dislike.

"Good, I'll await Mr. Han's distinguished arrival at the hotel," Bai Xiaosheng agreed.

"You are too kind. I will be there on time," Han Chengren was also very polite.

The conversation ended there.

Bai Xiaosheng hung up the phone and noticed everyone was looking at him.

"Whose call was that, Mr. Han? Which Mr. Han? You're going to wait for him at the hotel?" Lin Ke asked curiously.

"The general manager of Yunyu Industrial, Han Chengren," Bai Xiaosheng said. "His son was the one leading the group we had a conflict with at the plaza yesterday."

"Oh, it's him!" Lin Ke said.

"What do you know about this Han Chengren? Tell me," Bai Xiaosheng asked.

He also wanted to know whether Lin Ke had been paying attention to this matter.

What if Lin Ke had also been investigating Han Chengren and Yunyu Industrial behind his back? Wouldn't that mean he was aiming for the same target?

This was not proper.

"From what you said, you seem interested in him?" Lin Ke asked.

Bai Xiaosheng neither confirmed nor denied it, merely smiling.

"When you just spoke to him on the phone, does that Han Chengren know your identity?" Lin Ke inquired.

Bai Xiaosheng shook his head, saying with certainty, "He doesn't know."

"However, his son must have told him about the Mayor's attitude towards me, and we also met yesterday at the city hall! Putting both instances together, he must think I'm someone of significant standing, hence he is eager to come and probe," Bai Xiaosheng said.

He was so certain for a reason.

Right before Bai Xiaosheng hung up the phone, the seemingly irrelevant yet exceedingly courteous words he spoke, were actually a probe!

If Han Chengren had known he was an Affairs Officer from the Affairs Department, and specifically a New-type Affairs Officer, his attitude would almost certainly have been somewhat uneasy, and even if he pretended not to know, there would have been a slight change in his voice at that moment.

Bai Xiaosheng, having undergone systematic training, could detect this subtlety.

"This Han Chengren doesn't know my identity, perfect. This will allow me to size him up face to face," Bai Xiaosheng thought to himself.

At this very moment.

Han Chengren and Han Minghao were at the high-speed rail station, waiting to pick someone up—his brother, Han Chengyi.

As it happened, the Han family had a single male heir for three generations. When it came to Han Chengren, he had been frail and sickly since childhood. A fortune-teller said his life element was "Wood," suggesting "One tree cannot support itself; it invites disaster," and that he needed "Two trees to make a forest, to last a long time."

Originally, Han Dong thought he might not live to see a natural successor, so he adopted a child whose birth element was also "Wood" and named him Han Chengyi.

This Han Chengyi was indeed remarkable, making his way smoothly in his career, and with his support, Han Chengren eventually became the general manager of Yunyu Industrial.

"Uncle!"

Just after Han Chengren finished his call with Bai Xiaosheng, he heard his son shout and wave in that direction.

Han Chengren looked over and saw a striking figure, smiling and striding towards them.

Behind him, there were two people carrying many things.

It was Han Chengyi.

Though Han Chengyi was an assistant at the Affairs Department, he was no ordinary assistant, but an assistant to a Senior Affairs Officer!

Of course, at the Senior Affairs Officer level, naturally, there would be more than two assistants.

But being an assistant to a Senior Affairs Officer, Han Chengyi was indeed extraordinary!

And he was also qualified to lead new recruits.

Those following him were precisely the newcomers.

At this moment, they were essentially his assistants.

"Big brother, why did you come in person?" Han Chengyi quickened his pace and approached Han Chengren upon seeing him there.

"It is only right for me to pick you up; we brothers don't stand on ceremony!"

Han Chengren said with a smile, "Besides, I'll need your help with something soon."

Chapter 923: Nice to meet you. Nice to meet you!

In a Mercedes-Benz V-Class, Han Chengren explained the entire situation to Han Chengyi.

"Oh, so something like this happened! Someone came to Yunhai and gave our local business second-generation a lesson!" Han Chengyi listened in surprise and found it amusing, even stealing a glance at Han Minghao.

Han Minghao's face was a bit awkward.

"Uncle, if Mayor Chu hadn't shown up, there's no telling who would've ended up dealing with whom!" Han Minghao murmured softly.

He still felt somewhat unconvinced and unwilling to accept the outcome.

"You better shut up! Troublemaker!" Han Chengren glared at his son and scolded.

"Big brother, don't talk about Minghao like that," Han Chengyi defended, "Should we just let others trample over us without fighting back?"

"Exactly." Minghao, seeing his uncle's support, suddenly felt a bit emboldened.

However, with a glare from Han Chengren, he didn't dare make a peep.

"The key point is that that guy is not ordinary at all!"

Han Chengren recounted everything he had seen at the municipal government.

"To think that Mayor Chu Xingyun placed such importance on him, what's his background!" Han Chengyi was also somewhat amazed.

Being from Yunhai himself, he naturally knew the style of the mayor of Yunhai.

"This time, we're going to find out what the other party is all about," said Han Chengren.

He discussed with Han Chengyi their plans with Han Dong.

The reason they were involving Han Chengyi in investigating the other party was to leverage the family's corporate influence and ensure the other party took them seriously.

Han Chengyi nodded repeatedly.

Yesterday, Han Dong only told him to help his brother with some matters, saying that Han Chengren would explain the details upon his return.

Therefore, Han Chengyi only now learned the full details.

Regarding Bai Xiaosheng, Han Chengren merely mentioned a young man by the surname Bai.

"Elder's view is, even if it's not to resolve any grudges, getting to know the forces behind him would be beneficial for our family and the Yunyu Industrial that I manage, with no downside," said Han Chengren.

Han Chengyi nodded and then smiled, "I've noticed that this Mr. Bai has been quite outstanding recently. Our Affairs Department also welcomed a new Affairs Officer by the surname Bai. Right from the start, he was involved in taking down both a provincial industry head and a regional head and has been very active recently. However, you said this man has a close relationship with the Mayor of Yunhai, but that doesn't add up—I heard he was promoted from Zhongjing, which is too far from here, and they don't seem connected."

"I think there's definitely no connection; this Bai is not that Bai!" Han Chengren laughed and affirmed with certainty.

In Han Chengren's mind, one becomes an Affairs Officer after years of dedication; he certainly wouldn't be so young.

Han Chengyi was about to ask if he knew that Mr. Bai's full name,

when Han Minghao next to him couldn't help but speak up.

"Uncle, I heard you've been impressive lately, handling many major cases with the Senior Affairs Officer! Tell me about it!"

By saying this, Han Minghao not only genuinely wanted to know but also was fed up with hearing them constantly talk about that Mr. Bai.

He had the feeling of being outdone, so his interjection also served to change the subject.

Han Chengren was also eager, looking at his younger brother.

The better Han Chengyi did in the Affairs Department, the more secure he felt. Given time, should he join the Affairs Department, there were some things he needed to familiarize himself with in advance.

Seeing his father and brother looking at him eagerly, Han Chengyi couldn't help feeling a bit smug.

"Alright, since big brother and Minghao want to know, I'll tell you about it," Han Chengyi said with a smile.

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Meanwhile, Bai Xiaosheng and others returned to their hotel room.

From just now until this moment, Lin Ke had been explaining to Bai Xiaosheng what she knew.

Starting with the Han family, according to Lin Ke's investigation, there were indeed some irregularities in their operations, but they were relatively hidden and not very serious.

"Even if it were reported, at most, it would result in a notice of criticism," Lin Ke summarized.

Following that, she discussed the general situation of the group's enterprises in Yunhai.

"Though we're here for vacation, we can't really just do nothing."

"The Group has as many as fifteen businesses in Yunhai, which, for a city on the cusp of first-tier status, is quite a lot. The reason, well, is simple. Yunhai has been developing rapidly in recent years, and there's also talk of it becoming a special zone or a new first-tier city, so the Group is paying a lot of attention. It's all about laying the groundwork for the future."

Lin Ke spoke incessantly, "If the policies could be clarified a bit more, I think Elder Xia might preside over the addition of a few more."

Bai Xiaosheng nodded, indicating for her to continue.

"These enterprises span a wide array of businesses and their scope covers various aspects. They maintain relative independence from one another while also cooperating. There's a Yunhai Enterprise Federation here, organized by Han Dong, and I must say, it significantly promotes cooperation between group enterprises and also serves as a form of supervision."

"With the headquarters' attention and the promotion and supervisory role of the Yunhai Enterprise Federation, the local enterprises haven't had any major issues," Lin Ke said, "Of course, that's without looking too deeply."

Bai Xiaosheng nodded.

Having finished discussing the situation, Lin Ke glanced at the time and muttered, "I can't anymore, I've got to go for my SPA. After you're done chatting with the Han Family, come find me!"

"Sure!" Bai Xiaosheng nodded with a smile.

After Lin Ke left, it wasn't long before someone knocked on the door.

Lin Weiwei got up to open it.

Outside, naturally, were the three members of the Han Family.

"Please come in," Lin Weiwei said with a smile as she ushered them inside.

Han Chengyi did not recognize Lin Weiwei, and not only did he not recognize Lin Weiwei, he had also never seen Bai Xiaosheng before.

After all, during the review of Chen Jiutian, only two-thirds of the Affairs Officers and assistants had been in attendance.

Bai Xiaosheng, accompanied by Lei Ying, emerged from an inner room.

"Mr. Han," Bai Xiaosheng greeted Han Chengren with a smile.

"Mr. Bai!" Han Chengren also approached with a smile, and the two men shook hands warmly.

Han Chengyi couldn't help but frown slightly.

This Mr. Bai was so young, reminiscent of that newly promoted Affairs Officer at the department.

However, he had heard that this Mr. Bai was a madman, a lunatic.

In Han Chengyi's opinion, Affairs Officer Bai Xiaosheng must be unyielding and arrogant, swift and decisive. Reportedly, he had even confronted Officer Lin Yu, certainly not a pushover. Could he be so polite with his elder brother, the general manager of a subsidiary company?

Han Chengyi didn't believe it.

Furthermore, this Mr. Bai's, closeness to Mayor Chu Xingyun, made it even more improbable.

Rumor had it that this Affairs Officer Bai was from Zhongjing!

On the drive here, Han Chengren had casually mentioned that when Chu Xingyun hosted a banquet, there was another mayor in attendance, but even he had no idea who that mayor was, so naturally, he didn't go into detail with Han Chengyi.

How could Han Chengyi have guessed that said mayor—Ji Mingyang, was the Mayor of Zhongjing City.

Bai Xiaosheng's gaze swept over the group. He recognized Han Minghao, but the other middle-aged man seemed to have a unique status.

"This gentleman?" Bai Xiaosheng asked with a smile.

"Oh, this is my younger brother, Han Chengyi!" Han Chengren hastily replied, "He holds an important position at the Zhenbei Group Greater China Region Headquarters!"

Han Chengren enunciated the last three words with emphasis.

The three Han Family members shared a look of pride in their eyes.

Han Chengyi gave Bai Xiaosheng a slight smile, attempting to appear approachable and humble.

Bai Xiaosheng paused, surprised.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying looked at each other in astonishment, somewhat taken aback.

Lin Ke had not told them about this Han Chengyi.

He holds an important position at the Greater China Region Headquarters?

What position?!

Han Chengyi, noticing the surprise on their faces, felt disdainful. "Are they shocked by this, these people are really outsiders after all."

"Pleased to meet you," Han Chengyi said calmly, extending his hand with an air of propriety.

Out of politeness, Bai Xiaosheng extended his hand for a shake.

"Pleased to meet you!"

Chapter 924: Making the Best of a Mistake

After shaking hands, Bai Xiaosheng invited the three from the Han family to sit down.

Lin Weiwei brought over the tea.

During this time, Bai Xiaosheng also paid attention to Han Chengyi, noticing that he was not too enthusiastic about him, which he found somewhat strange.

"I mean, I'm in the Affairs Department, and now I'm somewhat famous. This Han Chengyi acts as if he doesn't know who I am. Han Chengren knows my name, so didn't he mention me when they were coming over?" Bai Xiaosheng wondered to himself.

It wasn't that Bai Xiaosheng was narcissistic.

He had first taken care of Chen Jiutian and Chen Jiuzheng, then had a confrontation with Lin Yu, stirring up major commotion in the Affairs Department numerous times.

Even Sir Xiahou Qi, the president of the Greater China Region, joked that he was a household name, with a wide-reaching reputation.

Even if that was an exaggeration, at the very least, he should have been heard of and recognized as "one of us."

Moreover, Han Chengren had said that Han Chengyi held an "important position" in the Greater China Region!

The Han family seemed quite proud of that.

So what kind of remarkable position was it?

Bai Xiaosheng thought and thought and couldn't figure it out.

The headquarters of the Zhenbei Group in the Greater China Region are actually divided into two parts, with the Affairs Department being one of them. However, it occupies over eighty percent of the personnel and functions, so much so that when one mentions the headquarters, it's almost synonymous with the Affairs Department.

The rest are marginalized.

Could it be that this Han Chengyi is from that marginalized remainder?

Bai Xiaosheng could only think in that direction.

"Regarding yesterday's incident, I heard about it from Minghao," said Han Chengren with earnest words and sincere expression as he sat down, "Therefore, I've brought my son to express our gratitude!"

Upon hearing this, Han Minghao was stunned.

His father didn't come to stand up for him, which was one thing, but to actually come and express gratitude?

Grateful for what?

Grateful that this asshole made him dance to "Little Apple" in front of the mayor and hundreds of people?

Dad, did you take the wrong medicine? Han Minghao really wanted to ask.

"Oh?" Bai Xiaosheng looked at Han Chengren with a smile that was not quite a smile, "Mr. Han, where is this coming from?"

Han Chengren smiled, "Those young punks you taught a lesson, along with their parents, they feel that you've humiliated them, made them lose face, and it might even affect the image of their parents and their companies, so they hold a grudge against you."

"I however, will not! If you hadn't cleverly resolved that situation with an absurd ending. Just the charge of illegal assembly, in front of the mayor, would have been enough to send those kids to juvenile detention! And nobody's intervention would have helped," Han Chengren said, casting a cold glance at his son.

Han Minghao shivered abruptly.

Indeed!

If he and his friends hadn't been made to lose face publicly, upon closer examination, they would have been detained!

From this perspective, this Mr. Bai really did save them!

Han Chengyi nodded slightly as well.

He too agreed with his older brother's words, and had come to this realization.

His visit this time was for assessing and befriending, one of the reasons, but his brother Han Chengren also had the intention of expressing gratitude.

"How rare it is for Mr. Han to be so profoundly understanding!" Bai Xiaosheng also exclaimed.

This Han Chengren was very composed and had a unique perspective, quite remarkable!

"Are you in Yunhai to visit relatives or for tourism?" Han Chengren asked with a smile, "If it's the latter, our Han family's enterprise has many businesses related to tourism and entertainment, and we can ensure you have a great time in Yunhai."

Han Chengren's initial statement was an expression of gratitude, but it naturally transitioned into an offer of repayment, with an added probe and a display of strength.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled, "It was merely a coincidence yesterday, and no thanks are needed. My visit to Yunhai is partly for a vacation, but also for inspection."

Bai Xiaosheng spoke with a double meaning.

He too was probing, while carefully observing Han Chengyi.

If the other party knew he was an Affairs Officer and pretended not to know, with an ulterior motive, upon hearing the second half of his statement, there would surely be a reaction.

Even if it was just a subtle change deep in his eyes, others might not notice, but Bai Xiaosheng, if he was paying attention, would be able to see it!

"This is the difference between someone trained by the system and someone who isn't!"

As Bai Xiaosheng spoke, he appropriately looked towards Han Chengyi.

However, he failed to find the expected changes in Han Chengyi's eyes—surprise, anxiety, gravity—nothing was there.

Instead, Bai Xiaosheng saw a glimmer of excitement.

It seemed as if Han Chengyi had heard something that interested him.

Bai Xiaosheng was somewhat puzzled.

"Does your family have business in Yunhai, or are you here to investigate and planning to enter the Yunhai market?" Han Chengyi, seeing Bai Xiaosheng looking at him, immediately asked with a smile.

This question took Bai Xiaosheng aback, as he couldn't shake the feeling that Han Chengyi mistook him for someone else.

Mistaken for someone coming to Yunhai to do business?

"I'm not sure about the recent economic situation in Yunhai. I've heard the Zhenbei Group has many enterprises here, with Yunyu Industrial as the leader."

Bai Xiaosheng then looked towards Han Chengren, smiling and said, "I've also heard that Mr. Han Dong is the president of the Yunhai Enterprise Federation, and Mr. Han Chengren is also holding an important position within it. I'm curious about the current situation of all the Zhenbei Group enterprises in Yunhai. Of course, I'm not trying to probe for any commercial intelligence, just inquiring... investigating!"

Since the other party had mistaken his identity, he decided to go along and ask.

"Ah, you've come to the right person, I can indeed give you an introduction," Han Chengren said with a laugh.

If Han Chengren could secure additional business for other enterprises in the group, his Yunyu Industrial could likewise expect reciprocation from these sibling enterprises.

This was also a customary convention amongst the Yunhai Enterprise Federation.

"Mr. Han, just because the enterprises all belong to your group, don't just mention the good and omit the bad. I have done some preliminary research on my own," Bai Xiaosheng said playfully.

He gave Han Chengren a sort of "pre-emptive shot."

"Ha ha, look at what you're saying! Alright then, I'll discuss the strengths and weaknesses of each enterprise with you," said Han Chengren. "May I know which industries you're interested in?"

Facilitating Bai Xiaosheng's cooperation with other corporate groups not only allowed Han Chengren to benefit from these enterprises but also paved the way for building relations with the power backing Bai Xiaosheng—an objective of their trip.

Thus, Han Chengren was extremely enthusiastic.

"Any industry is fine! The industries I'm involved in are not limited!" Bai Xiaosheng said with a smile.

The eyes of Han Chengren and Han Chengyi sparkled, indicating the powerful background of the other party.

However, Han Minghao secretly curled his lip, thinking Bai Xiaosheng was boasting.

"Good!"

Han Chengren nodded and began introducing Bai Xiaosheng to the situation of each enterprise group in Yunhai, one by one.

Honestly presenting both their advantages and disadvantages to Bai Xiaosheng.

For an entire hour, Bai Xiaosheng listened and questioned, hitting the nail on the head with each query.

This surprised Han Chengren and Han Chengyi; the groundwork had been laid so meticulously!

In fact, Bai Xiaosheng had investigated the basic information early on; now, he was digging for finer details.

Through this conversation, Bai Xiaosheng gained quite an understanding of some matters.

Han Chengren, his mouth dry and tongue parched after talking, finally finished.

He smiled and asked, "I wonder, are you interested in cooperating with any of those enterprises?"

Bai Xiaosheng smiled.

Misidentification couldn't last long; they might see through it in minutes after returning.

And Bai Xiaosheng didn't expect to get anything done based on their misrecognition.

Now that Han Chengyi, this "insider," had appeared, and after understanding the situation fully, it was time to lay the cards on the table.

"Regarding cooperation, you can rest assured. As a subordinate of Zhenbei Group's Greater China Region Headquarters, I do represent Zhenbei Group!" Han Chengren even boasted boldly to facilitate cooperation.

"Mr. Han can really represent the Group?" Bai Xiaosheng asked Han Chengyi with a smile.

Han Chengyi neither confirmed nor denied, giving Bai Xiaosheng an inscrutable smile.

Bai Xiaosheng laughed.

"What a coincidence, I am from the Affairs Office. Since you can represent the Group, should I be calling you my leader?"

Chapter 925 Showdown

Bai Xiaosheng's simple remark almost made Han Chengyi jump out of his skin. His eyes brimmed with incredulity as he stared at Bai Xiaosheng.

"You!" Han Chengyi's words "Who are you" were on the tip of his tongue, but he swallowed them back, changing his question to, "May I know who you are?"

Han Chengren and his son were also stunned, looking at Bai Xiaosheng in astonishment.

Beside them, Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying exchanged a smile.

"You don't know who I am, yet you want to discuss cooperation. That's quite humorous," Bai Xiaosheng quipped, yet his eyes closely followed the expressions on Han Chengren and Han Chengyi's faces.

He decided to lay his cards on the table, partly because there was no need to hide—hiding was futile—and partly because he wanted to "ambush" them!

"Mr. Han Chengren knows Mr. Bai's name, doesn't he? Didn't he tell you?" Lin Weiwei said with an amiable smile.

Han Chengyi abruptly turned towards Han Chengren.

On their way here, Han Chengren had only mentioned the surname, never the first name.

The surname Bai!

By now, Han Chengyi had already formed a guess in his heart.

However, shocked as he was, he anxiously sought confirmation from his older brother.

"This gentleman... is named Bai Xiaosheng," Han Chengren murmured.

Bai Xiaosheng!

These three characters, like a hammer of thousands of pounds, solidly confirmed the guess in Han Chengyi's heart.

And it left him in shock and speechless for a long time!

The man who had caused sensational tremors in the Affairs Department numerous times, whose news would disturb senior officials like the Senior Affairs Officer and Mr. Xiahou Qi... was right before his eyes!

Han Chengyi couldn't believe it, his eyes glued on Bai Xiaosheng, unblinking.

This was the Affairs Officer who, upon taking office, had promptly subdued a provincial industrial leader and a regional head!

Some of his authority even rivaled that of the Senior Affairs Officer!

He had clashed with Lin Yu, the benchmark for all Affairs Officers, and directly shattered the myth of Lin's flawless record!

Wherever he went, he caused "hearts to flutter" and "storms of blood and carnage"!

Shouldn't he be someone whose sharp presence and rebellious nature inspired fear in others?

Why was he so gentle and courteous?

In Han Chengyi's mind, the imagined image of Bai Xiaosheng utterly overturned upon comparison with the man before him...

As Han Chengyi's shock lingered, his face turned red with embarrassment.

His own elder brother had used him as a figurehead to wield influence, heedless of the fact that the person they were dealing with was indeed a truly extraordinary figure!

At the very least, he was someone Han Chengyi could not hold a candle to!

Bai Xiaosheng saw the change in Han Chengyi's expression and came to a conclusion in his heart.

"Whether the Han Family has any issues with Yunyu Industrial or not, at the very least, this Han Chengyi seems to be clear of them!"

If there really were issues, Han Chengyi's reaction would not be like this, and he certainly wouldn't be staring at him.

"You are also part of the group, this..." Han Chengren murmured to himself.

Then his own efforts had been in vain!

"I'm saying, man, why didn't you say something earlier? Keeping it secret and letting our old master waste all that breath, do you find that amusing?"

Han Minghao couldn't contain his annoyance.

He had already taken a disliking to Bai Xiaosheng, and now his irritation grew even more.

Moreover, he had no idea how formidable Bai Xiaosheng was.

His uncle always talked to him about his own achievements in the Affairs Department. To him, the Zhenbei Group's greatest authority in the Greater China Region was the president, followed by the Senior Affairs Officer, and since his own uncle was a close associate of a Senior Affairs Officer, he saw no need to fear anyone else.

Bai Xiaosheng glanced at him, a hint of amusement in his eyes.

Han Minghao felt Bai Xiaosheng looked at him as if he were a child who understood nothing.

Feeling belittled by someone his own age, Han Minghao burst into indignant protest, "Do you know who my uncle is? He's the Senior Affairs Officer's right-hand man! And what are you?"

Bai Xiaosheng just smiled.

However, Han Chengyi's face turned pale with panic, and he shouted angrily at Han Minghao, "Shut up!"

This furious shout, mustered with all his strength, was like a thunderclap.

Taken by surprise, Han Minghao jumped in fright, feeling a buzzing in his ears.

He looked at his uncle, dumbfounded.

Throughout his life, Han Chengyi had never spoken a harsh word to him, treating him as his own, even more doting than Han Dong or Han Chengren.

But now, his beloved uncle was scolding him in public.

Han Minghao found it unbelievable.

"Minghao, shut your mouth, you... rascal!" Han Chengren whispered furiously, cursing his son.

He too had realized that Bai Xiaosheng was extraordinary, it was just that this damn son of his spoke too soon.

And dared to say anything!

"It's all because we spoiled him. Starting tomorrow, I will send this troublemaker away to the countryside with not a dime to his name, to fend for himself and broaden his horizons!" Han Chengren decided firmly in his heart.

"What's so great about him!" Han Minghao still wouldn't concede, muttering under his breath.

That single remark set Han Chengyi off.

"Rascal, still talking back! Do you have any idea who he is?" After scolding his nephew, Han Chengyi looked at Bai Xiaosheng with immense respect.

"Do you think your dad being a company general manager is so impressive?"

"Yet in our group, a general manager is just one among many subordinates in front of the provincial industry head! And a provincial industry head is a mere subordinate in front of the regional head!"

"But Officer Bai Xiaosheng, upon his appointment, took down a provincial industry head and a regional head!"

Just from Han Chengyi's words alone, Han Chengren's eyes bulged out at least threefold!

Those existences that he didn't even dare to think about were actually toppled by this young man?!

"He's been in office for just over a month and has caused the Affairs Department to tremble several times. Even the Greater China Region's president sees him as a gem, highly promoting him!" Han Chengyi continued.

To say so to his face might seem sycophantic, but these were the very words of the Senior Affairs Officer that Han Chengyi followed!

At the moment, Han Chengyi was simply quoting verbatim.

Hearing such praise, Bai Xiaosheng remained unmoved, neither excited nor surprised.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying seemed to be equally undisturbed.

But Han Chengren couldn't help but open his mouth wide enough to fit an egg inside.

Even Han Minghao, who lacked context, was left speechless by the comparison.

Finally looking at Bai Xiaosheng with respect, Han Chengyi concluded, "How can I dare to compare myself to Affairs Officer Bai!"

Han Chengyi finished speaking.

Bai Xiaosheng responded with a faint smile, "You exaggerate, Mr. Han Chengyi."

"Also, thank you, Mr. Han Chengren, for everything you've said!" Bai Xiaosheng turned to Han Chengren and said with a smile.

These words of gratitude didn't bring any joy to the Han brothers, only tension.

"Have you come to Yunhai to work?"

Knowing it was inappropriate to ask at this time, Han Chengren still couldn't help blurting it out.

He felt he had no choice.

In his view, having personally divulged to a formidable Affairs Officer all the details about Yunhai's corporate affairs, if the officer were to initiate an investigation, and word got out, wouldn't that make him the "public enemy" of a dozen other corporate groups?!

Han Chengren was fraught with anxiety.

Bai Xiaosheng laughed, "Actually, I'm here on vacation."

With that one sentence, Han Chengren's heart loosened.

"However, after our conversation today, I won't rule out doing some work on the side." Bai Xiaosheng smiled and said, "Me, I'm always busy with work."

At this last phrase, Han Chengren was completely dumbfounded.

Chapter 926 Tell Them, We're Here!

Bai Xiaosheng no longer concealed his identity and plainly stated that he might investigate the group industries in Yunhai.

Both Han Chengyi and Han Chengren were instantly solemn.

This time, Han Minghao really didn't dare to speak recklessly.

He wasn't stupid, except his resentment and refusal to accept Bai Xiaosheng had blinded him.

Upon learning that Bai Xiaosheng had the power to take down his father, and that their family business might suffer terrible consequences as a result, Han Minghao felt fear and a deep wariness of Bai Xiaosheng.

"Affairs Officer Bai, our Yunhai side has always been in good condition, and the reputations of our various enterprises are also very positive, which is well known in the Department of Affairs. It seems unlikely that anyone would dare to commit any reckless actions against the rules."

Han Chengren's smile was forced.

Han Chengyi didn't dare say anything rash and used eye signals to warn his elder brother not to continue these topics with Officer Bai Xiaosheng.

Whether there were issues or not wasn't for them to decide, and they shouldn't entangle themselves any further.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled.

At this point, the Han brothers had lost the will to continue the conversation with him.

And so, this dialogue could come to an end.

Overall, Bai Xiaosheng felt very satisfied with himself, having gained a lot!

Which businesses had movements this year, which ones had closer ties, these were all valuable clues.

More importantly, he could startle the Yunhai enterprises through the Han Family!

"Is it that time already? I'm truly sorry, gentlemen, I have other matters soon and won't be able to keep you company," Bai Xiaosheng said gracefully, hinting at their leave.

"Of course, you are busy, we will take our leave first!" The Han brothers, Han Chengren and Han Chengyi, quickly took the hint.

They took Han Minghao and hastily bid farewell, departing.

This conversation could be considered abruptly concluded.

After seeing off the Han family, Lin Weiwei returned and couldn't help but say to Bai Xiaosheng, "Do we need to start an investigation on them right away?"

"I actually think that there's not much of an issue with the Han family," Lei Ying suddenly interjected from the side.

"Oh, why is that?" Bai Xiaosheng first grinned at Lei Ying.

Lin Weiwei also turned to look at him.

Lei Ying smiled, "Just a hunch."

"Then from now on, we'll just work based on your hunches," Lin Weiwei teased.

Lei Ying shrugged with a smile.

But Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but nod.

Actually, he had been paying close attention to Han Chengren and noticed that his reaction to him was shock and awe, but not much actual fear.

From this, it seemed that perhaps the Han family really didn't have any issues.

However, everything needed confirmation after investigation.

Bai Xiaosheng told Lin Weiwei, "No need for an investigation, let them spread the word. We should have some fun and wait a couple of days before getting down to business. These next few days, I want all of Yunhai's fifteen group enterprises to know—"

"We have arrived!"

Bai Xiaosheng was declaring his presence to all the businesses in a nearly first-tier city at the same time!

What audacity!

In the past, investigations by affairs officers always involved concealing their true identities until the very end, but this time, he was doing the exact opposite.

"Beating the grass to scare the snake!" Lin Weiwei's eyes brightened.

Bai Xiaosheng chuckled, "No, just startling the snake in the grass."

Yunhai, at best, had Yunyu Industrial as its biggest enterprise, but even its strength couldn't be compared to Zhongjing Media, not to mention talking about tigers.

"What about now?" Lin Weiwei asked.

"Now?" Bai Xiaosheng smiled, stood up, and stretched his back, "Time for a dip in the hot springs."

The hot springs in Yunhai were quite famous, and Lin Ke had recommended them multiple times, praising them highly.

The three Han family members left the hotel and got into a car.

At first, all three were silent.

Halfway through the journey, Han Chengyi couldn't help but exclaim, "I really didn't expect this! That Bai Xiaosheng would actually be here!"

"Perhaps the Senior Affairs Officer knew, but didn't tell me!" Han Chengyi said with a wry smile, "After all, I'm just a lowly assistant, not qualified to be in the know!"

Han Chengren was somewhat self-deprecating.

"Uncle, is he, that Bai Xiaosheng, really that formidable?!" Han Minghao couldn't help but ask again.

Han Chengyi looked at him.

"Those words, I only said them in front of him." Han Chengyi said.

Han Minghao couldn't help but breathe a sigh of relief.

It appeared that Uncle was merely flattering him to his face.

"In fact, he's far more fierce than what I said!" Han Chengyi spoke gravely, "He's an extremely terrifying individual!"

Han Minghao was instantly shocked.

Even more frightening than what Uncle had said!

"Chengyi, what do we do now! I've told him about the situation of the various enterprises in Yunhai. Some things I said to gain his trust for cooperation, which I really shouldn't have mentioned! If he investigates other enterprises because of this, and if today's conversation leaks and becomes known to others, wouldn't I become the public enemy of those dozen or so conglomerates in Yunhai!"

Han Chengren was somewhat scared now.

Thinking this way, the situation was indeed exceedingly severe!

"Big brother, don't panic!" Han Chengyi, not losing his composure as someone who worked closely with the Senior Affairs Officer and had seen much, quickly calmed down.

"Do this, call our dad immediately, ask him to come back, and let's figure this out thoroughly!" Han Chengyi said, "From now on, don't disturb me, let me think."

Han Chengren immediately nodded, ready to follow the instructions.

After pondering for a moment, Han Chengyi continued—

"I think Officer Bai Xiaosheng, being willing to lay his cards on the table with us, doesn't care if we spread the news that he's here..."

Han Chengyi's expression changed, "Or maybe, he did it on purpose. He wants us to spread this news!"

"If that's the case..." Han Chengyi thought aloud, "Big brother, you could have our dad call a meeting. Bring everyone together and clarify this matter. Hold it under the name of the Enterprise Association. At the meeting, as long as you prepare your words in advance, it can entirely come off as you probing Affairs Officer Bai on behalf of everyone!"

"This way, even if something happens later, you'll be blameless but meritorious! What do you think?"

Listening to this, Han Chengren's eyes brightened, and he nodded repeatedly.

"Good, this is good! Brother, you're really something!" Han Chengren couldn't help but give a thumbs up.

"Don't get too excited just yet, my dear brother!" Han Chengyi furrowed his brows, and with a touch of trepidation in his voice, said, "It's just that we don't know whether Officer Bai Xiaosheng came to Yunhai with the intention of 'drawing blood'!"

"Yunhai is a fine city, but now, our conglomerate enterprises fear that we're about to face a violent storm!"

Han Chengyi sighed.

He hadn't expected that returning to his hometown, he'd have to face such an issue, such a character!

"Fortunately, the Han family has always abided by the rules; otherwise, we might have been targeted this time!" Han Chengyi thought to himself.

Han Chengren no longer said anything and dialed his father directly.

"What?!" On the phone, Han Dong was also taken aback.

He had thought a businessman with an extensive background had shown up, but he hadn't expected it to be someone even more dangerous, a corporate grim reaper!

If Han Chengren's Yunyu Industrial was targeted, then their vast Han family business collaborations would suffer severe repercussions!

The old man also felt the gravity of the situation.

"You guys come home, I'll hurry back too!" Han Dong said as if facing a formidable enemy, "We need to deliberate over this properly!"

Chapter 927 You Dare Do This!

After the Han Family left, Bai Xiaosheng, along with Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying, met up with Lin Ke and enjoyed a famous hot spring bath in Yunhai.

After soaking in the hot spring and enjoying a Thai massage, they truly felt their muscles relax and their bodies refreshed; it was indeed an unparalleled pleasure.

During lunch, Bai Xiaosheng shared with Lin Ke the details of the Han Family's visit.

"Oh, they came to you to talk business? That's really quite a mix-up!"

Lin Ke burst into laughter, "How interesting! It's a pity I wasn't there!"

"Had you been there, probably there wouldn't have been any mix-up," Bai Xiaosheng said with a smile.

Lin Ke had also worked in the Affairs Department for many years.

It was likely that Han Chengyi would recognize her.

"That's true, Han Chengyi must have seen me before," Lin Ke nodded and then asked Bai Xiaosheng, "Are you really going to thoroughly investigate Yunhai? Besides, isn't this too conspicuous?"

"Won't this cause panic?"

"You know, Yunhai is a very important node in the future development strategy of the Group in the Greater China Region. There's an internal document about future planning that all the Affairs Officers have seen. You are probably the only one who hasn't."

"Don't just look at the companies here as small businesses; there are just a lot of them. Once the time comes, with support in funds and personnel from headquarters, they can transform into huge entities in minutes."

Lin Ke emphasized, "Many Affairs Officers understand the importance of Yunhai, so they are very tacit in maintaining a conservative and cautious stance on this investigation."

"But you, on the other hand, came here and announced your presence unequivocally, making it clear that you plan to investigate these dozen or so companies!"

"I guess in the entire Affairs Department, only you would dare to do this!"

"Only you, now, in the department's reputation, have become akin to a big demon king. Where you go, there's blood and thunder. To put it nicely, a demon king; to put it badly, that's a harbinger of disaster!"

"With this move, not to mention others, the local enterprises will definitely be terrified! Even the Affairs Department will be shocked!"

Lin Ke's words were dense and interwoven, giving Bai Xiaosheng no chance to interject.

"Although I haven't seen the developmental strategy document you mentioned, I also know that Yunhai must be important!"

When Lin Ke finally paused, Bai Xiaosheng smiled, immensely assured, "I have reviewed the files of the fifteen group enterprises here in Yunhai, and I've also gathered some useful information from the Han Family."

"These fifteen enterprises virtually cover all the suitable industrial categories for Yunhai's development! Moreover, they can cooperate and complement each other. Just looking at this configuration, the presence of each group enterprise here is absolutely meticulously planned!"

With these words from Bai Xiaosheng, Lin Ke's eyes shone brightly, "Wow, you're pretty sharp!"

Lin Ke genuinely admired Bai Xiaosheng's judgment skills.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled and continued, "Such an important potential city, drawing multiple attentions, is inevitable! Even more, I could tell you something inappropriate, since there are no outsiders here! Behind these fifteen enterprises may stand numerous powerful backers!"

"And I, am here to stir up a storm in this key city!"

Bai Xiaosheng was utterly sure.

Lin Ke was truly confident to Elder Xia and 'one of our own', so Bai Xiaosheng held nothing back, "Elder Xia assigned me as this New-type Affairs Officer to stir the waters of the Affairs Department, and even has some higher expectations. He wouldn't be pleased if I were low-key."

"I want everyone to see that what they dare not do, I dare, what they cannot do, I can!"

"I want to establish authority, not for myself, but to align this role of New-type Affairs Officer with Elder Xia's vision!"

"I want them to regard my presence with awe and fear! Thus, I can become a catfish that stirs these waters into life!"

As Bai Xiaosheng spoke, Lin Ke nodded repeatedly.

"If that's the case, let's go ahead with it. I just felt that these days of ease were a bit boring," Lin Ke's eyes shone exceptionally bright.

As they discussed this matter, the Han Family was holding a full meeting.

However, this "full" meeting was only four people.

Han Dong, Han Chengren, Han Chengyi, along with Han Minghao.

As Han Dong listened to Han Chengren's narration, he asked questions.

They not only asked about what Bai Xiaosheng had said but also asked about his tone of speech and even his expressions.

One person might not remember clearly or even have discrepancies, but when three people recalled together, they could gather much information.

Among them, the one who remembered the most, the most detailed, was surprisingly Han Minghao.

"Look at you, all priding yourselves as successful individuals, yet none of you compare to a child!" Han Dong praised Han Minghao while not forgetting to chide the Han brothers.

Amidst his pride, Han Minghao felt a sigh of relief in his heart.

Thankfully, he had been annoyed with Bai Xiaosheng, constantly watching him; otherwise, he wouldn't have had such a "harvest."

After asking, Han Dong fell silent and poured himself some tea to drink on his own.

After a couple of cups of hot tea, Han Dong put down his tea cup firmly.

"No mistake! That Affairs Officer Bai, he wants to use us to convey a message to the Yunhai Corporate!"

"He has come, he wants to investigate everyone!"

"What should we do now?" Han Chengren asked anxiously.

The conclusion had been reached in the car; they just needed central confirmation, so they didn't doubt it.

"This afternoon, contact all the corporations. For those not in Yunhai, have them send representatives with equipment for a video conference. Directly tell them there is major news to disclose. If they choose not to listen, then don't blame us!" Han Dong said.

Then, he furrowed his brows, thought for a moment, raised his head to Han Chengyi, and said, "Chengyi, you could also hint at this in your affairs department, but try to avoid drawing attention to yourself."

"Chengren!" Han Dong turned to Han Chengren, "Later, you call that Officer Bai Xiaosheng again and say I would like to invite him for dinner tonight!"

Han Dong paused and decisively added, "Just he and I!"

This addition made Han Chengren, Han Chengyi, and the third person stunned.

"To meet this Affairs Officer Bai is both an opportunity and a great risk for our Han Family. There are some things I need to discuss with him alone!" Han Dong said.

That afternoon, an "important closed-door meeting" was convened by the Yunhai Enterprise Federation.

The attendees were all from the corporations in the federation.

The number was strictly limited to sixteen people; not one more was allowed!

Once the door was closed, Han Dong announced just one piece of news.

That single piece of news shook everyone like a tsunami!

These people, these corporations, seemed independent on the surface, but behind each, there were shadows of different influential figures.

And from the affairs department, news also began to spread as if an invisible hand was pushing the waves, spreading it instantly.

Officer Bai Xiaosheng arrived in Yunhai, Officer Bai Xiaosheng declared an investigation and reorganization of all corporations in Yunhai.

Instantly, the affairs department was abuzz with discussion.

This was an unprecedented case in such a pivotal city, with so many corporations involved. Without any confirmed content and without any burgeoning issues, they had preemptively announced the investigation!

This single fact alone shocked everyone!

It was against the rules! Against common sense! Mysterious! Overbearing!

All kinds of things were being said.

While the news hadn't spread entirely yet, in a certain city, Shen Peishen received it first.

Shen Peishen was also surprised, "This Bai Xiaosheng!"

"Is this instructed by Elder Xia, or is he acting on his own..."

"Quite intriguing!"

Chapter 928: I suggest you check us first!

"Lin Yu, come take a look at this." After reading the message he received, Shen Peishen casually passed the brief about Bai Xiaosheng to Lin Yu by his side.

Lin Yu curiously took it over and quickly scanned through, immediately expressing surprise, "How can he be so reckless?"

"Hehe, I'm afraid that's the first thought of many people in the Affairs Department!"

Shen Peishen sipped his hot tea with a smile and said calmly, "This is something that neither you nor anyone else could achieve."

"You all progressed step by step, through difficulties and obstacles, crossing a single-log bridge to reach the position you are in today."

"You memorize all the rules, abide by all the standards, and at the very least, you don't dare to overstep outwardly. Even the most lively and unconventional Lin Ke probably couldn't help but think, 'If I do this, is it against the rules, or might it give someone a hold over me?'"

Shen Peishen reflected, "But Bai Xiaosheng is different. His promotion skipped many steps, coinciding with Elder Xia's intention for reform. He is an exceptional case, and he has been awarded a special position—a New-type Affairs Officer!"

"Thus, he is free from all the usual constraints. He's a complete outlier!" Shen Peishen said.

Lin Yu nodded.

"What do you think Bai Xiaosheng is intending to do?" asked Shen Peishen.

After pondering for a moment, Lin Yu said, "To say this guy is merely putting on a show of power, I don't believe it! He's a very rational person!"

"In this manner, his apparent arrogance seems a bit like alarming the snake by hitting the grass—those small enterprises in Yunhai, even if they turn out to be dragons, are nothing but insects right now! But there are too many of these insects, a dozen or so, and if there were an investigation into any one of them, the news would spread quickly, and it's likely there would be fish that slip through the net."

"Rather than that, it's better to openly set up an investigative stance. Everyone has to cooperate. Those with a guilty conscience will inevitably take risks to cover up. This act is what's fatal; any adjustment to accounts or reports will be noted, making it easier to trace back to the source. With his capabilities, it's almost a certainty," Lin Yu said.

Shen Peishen laughed and couldn't help but shake his head.

"What, Teacher, am I wrong?" Lin Yu asked, puzzled.

"Your way of thinking, when considering issues, is still confined to your own set of rules. Using your own standards to judge everything is not right," Shen Peishen said. "Suppose Bai Xiaosheng doesn't actually want to investigate. Or perhaps, investigating those enterprises is not his main goal!"

Lin Yu was taken aback.

He wasn't a fool; by considering from a different angle, he suddenly said in surprise, "Could it be that he really is just putting on a show of power? No, he's establishing his authority!"

"To make himself the center of public attention again!"

"To be precise, to make his identity as a New-type Affairs Officer the center of attention!"

"He's establishing the 'awe and fear' associated with this position!"

"I've looked into the authorities granted to a New-type Affairs Officer. They can oversee Affairs Officers of the same level, and some powers are even on par with a Senior Affairs Officer. I guess Mr. Xiahou Qi isn't satisfied with the current state of the Affairs Department and wants this New-type Affairs Officer to become a disruptor!"

"And that's exactly what Bai Xiaosheng is doing, constantly becoming an ideal point of explosion."

Somewhat conjecturally, Lin Yu was more startled and choked up, unable to speak.

"Is he acting on his own, or is Mr. Xiahou Qi's instructing him?" Lin Yu couldn't help but ask, startled.

"Not sure!" Shen Peishen shook his head, thoughtfully sipping his tea, "However, you've crossed paths with Bai Xiaosheng. Does Elder Xia need to teach him step by step, hand in hand? But if he has decided this himself... he could indeed be a handy person to have!"

Longing flashed in Shen Peishen's eyes.

While they were discussing all this, Xiahou Qi was also holding his phone, laughing while video chatting with someone.

The one sending the video was, of course, Lin Ke.

"That kid just loves to court trouble. Well then, it's been a long time since things have been this 'lively.'"
In the end, Xiahou Qi just smiled and said one sentence—

"Not a bad thing!"

After the video ended, Lin Ke made a special trip to tell Bai Xiaosheng, "Elder Xia seems quite satisfied!"

Bai Xiaosheng listened, just laughed, and then raised his phone.

"I won't be able to join you for dinner tonight. Han Chengren called, his daddy invited me to dinner, just the two of us!"

Lin Ke curled his lips, "Just two big guys on a date alone, and with the old man, how dull!"

Bai Xiaosheng shrugged his shoulders and then smiled, "I can guess what Elder Han wants to talk to me about, believe it or not? Want to bet?"

"Ha, only the two of you will be present at that dinner. No matter how you guess, in the end, only you and he will know the answer. Where can I verify it?" Lin Ke waved his hand, "Just talk to me about it later, I'm in a hurry to go get a facial, I don't have time to chat with you."

With that, Lin Ke hurried off, conveniently taking Lin Weiwei with her.

Anyway, Bai Xiaosheng's attendance to the banquet didn't require a female companion.

Lei Ying also took leave, saying he wanted to buy some local products to send back to his hometown.

Bai Xiaosheng's solo attendance at the banquet truly became a solitary affair.

When the dinner time arrived, Han Chengren came to pick him up, and seeing him all by himself, he was stunned for a long while.

Affairs Officer Bai really lived up to his reputation, true to his word, a solo guest to the banquet indeed...

Yunhai, a private restaurant.

In a quiet and elegant private room, Bai Xiaosheng met with Han Dong.

Both were surprised.

Han Dong marveled at the contrast between Bai Xiaosheng's age and status, while Bai Xiaosheng was astonished that such an old man could be as robust as a young chap.

In this private room, there were only Han Dong and Bai Xiaosheng.

Han Chengren, Han Chengyi, and Han Minghao were all waiting outside. With the door shut, it was very private inside.

"Mr. Bai, come, try the authentic cuisine of Yunhai. The stuff outside, those are just the popular dishes. Here it's different, here is where the century-old legacy lies!" Han Dong was extremely enthusiastic, pouring drinks and arranging dishes.

"You flatter me, Elder Sir!" Bai Xiaosheng replied with equal enthusiasm.

The two chatted while they ate, discussing some interesting topics, and the atmosphere quickly heated up.

When the waiter brought in dishes, occasionally opening the door, Han Chengren, Han Chengyi, and Han Minghao could hear laughter from inside.

The three looked at each other and all gave a thumbs-up, muttering just one word— "Impressed!"

After three rounds of drinks, and a variety of dishes.

Bai Xiaosheng put down his cup with a smile, "Old Mr. Han, shouldn't we talk about something more serious now?"

Han Dong smiled too and put down his cup.

"This time, inviting Mr. Bai over, I want to lay all my cards on the table!"

"Oh?" Bai Xiaosheng smiled, "Please, go on!"

"My Han Family Enterprise has had long-term cooperation with Yunyu Industrial, was it under the instruction of my son and me? Yes!"

"Has my Han Family Enterprise benefited beyond acceptable limits? No! It's mutually beneficial!"

"Has Han Chengren been engaged in private profiteering in Yunyu Industrial? No! Because there's no need!"

Han Dong was very serious, telling Bai Xiaosheng, "From today, if you want to inspect all the accounts and documents between our two parties, just say the word, and there will not be a minute's delay!"

"I strongly recommend that you start with us! Start with Yunyu Industrial and my family's enterprise, inspect in any way you see fit!"

"You command, I'll supervise! The Han family will fully cooperate to prove our innocence!"

Chapter 929: Han Dong Submits

In Han Dong's view, since Bai Xiaosheng had arrived in Yunhai and even proactively shown his hand, the Han Family had been pulled into the game from the start, so there was no avoiding involvement anymore.

Although the Han Family's enterprise was not part of Zhenbei Group, its honor and prosperity had long been tied to Han Chengren and Yunyu Industrial!

Right now, instead of passively waiting, it was better to take the initiative and strike first!

Turn passivity into initiative!

When Han Dong spoke up to vindicate his son and the company, he was also conveying a sense of sincerity to Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng was greatly surprised and inwardly exclaimed—

Indeed, the old are more experienced!

Had it been Han Chengren or Han Chengyi, either of them might have taken a couple of days to consider the pros and cons, to probe and deliberate carefully before deciding how to get involved.

But if that were the case, the effect would have been quite different to Bai Xiaosheng.

Han Dong's immediate display of sincerity added to Bai Xiaosheng's favorable impression and satisfaction.

"I am here to review some documents, and if Old Mr. Han can offer support, I would like to express my gratitude in advance," Bai Xiaosheng said with a smile.

He didn't play games.

It wouldn't be right if, after Han Dong had been so "open and upright," he felt embarrassed to conduct the investigation.

That was not in Bai Xiaosheng's nature!

"If we find that there are no issues with Yunyu Industrial, and their partnership with the Han Family is mutually beneficial, then I support it as well!"

Bai Xiaosheng continued, "Additionally, I will be undertaking some projects in Yunhai and will need to investigate over a dozen other enterprise groups. At that time, I might require the cooperation of the elder Mr. Han and Han Chengren."

"Of course, I won't make things difficult for you or the Han Family!"

Bai Xiaosheng first offered some reassurance.

Han Dong nodded, smiling, "It would be an honor to collaborate with you."

Han Dong had learned from Han Chengyi all about the legendary exploits of Bai Xiaosheng since he "made his debut."

Behind Bai Xiaosheng, that presence, seemed almost ready to appear!

Otherwise, how could such a young and audacious New-type Affairs Officer be so brazen!

Moreover, as Han Dong talked more with Bai Xiaosheng, he realized the extraordinary nature of this young man—calm, wise, and mature far beyond his years in both speech and action.

This young man was almost devilishly gifted!

As Han Dong spoke, he felt deeply moved, "Not to mention Minghao, even Chengren and Chengyi, my sons of whom I am so proud, might not compare to him in the slightest!"

"I wonder what kind of family, what kind of upbringing, can raise such an outstanding prodigy!"

Han Dong was deeply emotional.

If this matter sided with Bai Xiaosheng, it would inevitably offend some people, especially someone high up in the group like Han Chengren.

But Han Dong believed it was worth it!

Being indecisive, fearing the wolf ahead and the tiger behind—nothing could be achieved with such an attitude, especially for a leader in the enterprise!

As for Han Dong's stance, Bai Xiaosheng was extremely satisfied.

Then, Bai Xiaosheng changed the topic, "I saw in the news that recently Yunyu Industrial acquired a piece of mixed-use land, which requires the construction of certain auxiliary municipal projects."

Bai Xiaosheng asked casually.

"Correct," Han Dong replied with a smile, readily stating, "To encourage enterprises to acquire this land, the city government even offered some extra incentive policies, quite attractive indeed."

Bai Xiaosheng abruptly switched to this topic; Han Dong thought that Bai Xiaosheng had already begun his inquiries.

Even though Han Chengren was the actual general manager of Yunyu Industrial, Han Dong was also knowledgeable about this and clear on many of the details.

No need for secrecy in front of an open and honest person!

Since the theme of today's visit was candor, Han Dong did not want to pretend to be an outsider or claim ignorance.

That wouldn't fool the young man in front of him!

Han Dong believed that an existence capable of contending with provincial and district industry heads, even if success was due to the support of that highest presence behind him, was extraordinary in his own right!

Han Dong certainly didn't want to jeopardize the sincere image he had just built, not even for a minute.

Bai Xiaosheng then said, "I've also noticed that Han Family Enterprise has been posting job ads for planning and design personnel. You have similar operations. But these positions are clearly related to those municipal projects!"

Bai Xiaosheng smiled, "Then can I assume that, for the next step, Han Family Enterprise and Yunyu Industrial will both increase their investments in that piece of land, in that auxiliary project, to make a move?"

These words made Han Dong's eyes narrow.

Despite his shrewdness, his eyes showed a touch of disbelief.

What Bai Xiaosheng said was not wrong, but only he and Han Chengren knew about it, no one else did!

And yet, Bai Xiaosheng, based on two seemingly unrelated pieces of news, had made such an inference, which was simply incredible!

Moreover, Bai Xiaosheng was involved in a vast array of information, even finding hidden recruitment information?!

Could it be that he had already conducted a thorough investigation of both enterprises!

Chills rose inexplicably in Han Dong's heart.

This New-type Affairs Officer... was terrifying indeed!

"Yes. You are correct!" Han Dong acknowledged, then sincerely added, "Recently, a big enterprise from another city wants to enter Yunhai, and they are stronger than any of our enterprises. We want to gain an advantage with the city government, so we need to build a more proactive image. Moreover, looking in the long term, that plot of land and the auxiliary construction project will indeed be profitable."

Seeing the respect Han Dong had for him,

Bai Xiaosheng smiled.

He had brought up this matter to intimidate and demonstrate his capabilities, letting Han Dong know what he was capable of.

When cooperating with someone as experienced and deep as Han Dong, it was necessary to show one's strength, to make him yield.

Bai Xiaosheng decisively and firmly said to Han Dong, "Don't do it!"

Han Dong was taken aback.

"I've talked with Mayor Chu, and the municipal government indeed cares about that auxiliary construction project. Just do it well, but there's no need to increase your investment. Because the future development of the city government isn't there! Increasing the investment is not worth it and even goes against the development trend of Yuanhai!"

Bai Xiaosheng's words surprised Han Dong.

However, Han Dong quickly became alert.

This young man before him was the one who had a delightful conversation with Mayor Chu, even influencing his thoughts on urban development!

Thinking of this, a wave of excitement rose in Han Dong's heart.

Just from this point of view, joining forces with Bai Xiaosheng was obviously to his great advantage!

In Han Dong's opinion, the most important thing in running an enterprise was information!

And then, it was about grasping the trends!

Ride the wind and waves with the trend, or fall into an abyss against it!

And Bai Xiaosheng was a guiding beacon!

One that could let the Han Family Enterprise make headway amidst the fierce waves!

"Good!" Han Dong said respectfully, "I will cancel the follow-up investment plan!"

Looking at Bai Xiaosheng, Han Dong's gaze was subtly filled with awe.

Afterward, Bai Xiaosheng and Han Dong chatted about some lighter topics, but intentionally or unintentionally, Bai revealed some non-sensitive visions of the future of Yunhai.

Han Dong, an outstanding entrepreneur in his own right, had his judgment, and hearing those things, he was overjoyed, wishing he could take notes.

The meal lasted two hours.

Outside the door, Han Chengren, Han Chengyi, and Han Minghao waited in agony, and they were relieved to see the door finally open, Bai Xiaosheng and Han Dong emerging.

Han Dong was beaming with joy, respectfully seeing off Bai Xiaosheng, even showing excitement in his eyes.

Brothers Han Chengren and Han Minghao were secretly surprised, but they followed Han Dong and escorted Bai Xiaosheng out of the restaurant.

At the door, Han Dong personally opened the car door for Bai Xiaosheng.

After the car left, Han Dong still looked in that direction, his face brimming with smiles.

"Grandpa, what did you talk about? I see you're... so excited!" Han Minghao couldn't help but ask.

Han Chengren and Han Chengyi also looked at the old man.

Han Dong had only one thing to say.

"Remember this! From now on, whatever Affairs Officer Bai asks for, take it as a command!"

"Following him is the path for the rise of our Han Family!"

Chapter 930: I Casually Made a Copy

For an entire week, Bai Xiaosheng took Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying, along with Lin Ke, through the mountains and waters of Yunhai, enjoying seafood, tasting tropical fruits, swimming in the sea, soaking in hot springs, and having a great time.

The general managers of those more than ten corporate enterprises in Yunhai were tormented for a week.

Many people gathered together to "share intelligence," and the more they talked, the more they were scared.

"I heard that this Bai Xiaosheng is very crafty, with a team of three to fifty investigators that can infiltrate anything. They even dig into trivial matters like feathers and garlic skins!"

"He's been in office for over a month, and not a week goes by without causing a stir that shakes the headquarters! But this week, there's been no news yet! Could he be using us to make an example?"

"Is he trying to establish his power with us? A new officer fires thrice upon his arrival, and he's already lit several fires!"

"You and I haven't made any big mistakes; do we need to be so fearful?"

"Brother, can you dare say you're a hundred percent clean, without a single fault! If you are confident enough to let him investigate at will, why are we sitting together and talking?!"

"Even if there aren't any major errors, if he delves deep into the minor ones, our futures can't guarantee being trouble-free!"

This bunch of big shots, eight out of ten, couldn't wait for Bai Xiaosheng to leave quickly.

These people also reported their situations to their backers. Strangely enough, the messages went out like buns thrown to a dog, going out without return.

Those people in the background, regional industry heads, Affairs Officers, and even more, regional managers.

But who is Bai Xiaosheng?

A newly appointed New-type Affairs Officer!

Previous signs had indicated that with this position, Bai Xiaosheng had as much power as if he were holding the Imperial Sword!

Publicly announcing investigations early yet delaying any action, isn't there something fishy going on?

Could it be Mr. Xiahou Qi's instructions?

Could it be a fishing expedition, using these small baits to catch big fishes like them?!

For such a minor enterprise, to provoke a devil-like figure, bringing trouble upon oneself is greatly unworthy!

During this week, almost all parties fell silent simultaneously, watching in the shadows.

However, there were also whispers emerging from within the Affairs Department, with mixed praise and criticism regarding Bai Xiaosheng's conspicuous actions in Yunhai.

Where there are people, there are conflicts, and where there's power, there are opposing forces.

Just as light and shadow always coexist.

So, with those who have a vested interest covertly badmouthing Bai Xiaosheng, there are those who speak up in his staunch defense.

In those days, Xiahou Qi also listened with great amusement.

Li Haofeng organized people to collect all kinds of rumors.

Those seemingly useless things, if considered thoughtfully, can always reveal something.

And those Affairs Officers who were spreading rumors have been secretly added to a special observation list.

"Bai Xiaosheng, this catfish, has finally churned up not a small amount of waves in this stagnant pool! Later on, I must give him an award!" Xiahou Qi joked with Li Haofeng.

"At the start of his tenure, Bai Xiaosheng took down the Chen Jiutian brothers, showed multiple achievements along the way, and if he completes two more major investigations, he might even be promoted to Senior Affairs Officer!" Li Haofeng responded with a laugh.

In terms of achievements, in the Affairs Department, only Lin Yu could match Bai Xiaosheng's achievements; others couldn't hope to overtake him.

Xiahou Qi nodded.

"It's just that little Bai is still too young," Xiahou Qi smacked his lips, "Of course, in my book, that's not a problem. However, I still worry he may not be able to bear the weight of it."

Elder Xia appreciates and cherishes talent.

With a smile, Li Haofeng said, "If he does achieve something big again, I'm afraid even you won't be able to stop his promotion!"

Xiahou Qi laughed heartily, "Then let's support his promotion!"

Yunhai.

The one stirring up quite a stir, Bai Xiaosheng, was enjoying a specialty restaurant with Lin Ke, Lin Weiwei, and Lei Ying, evaluating how this restaurant's seafood cooking method was different from the previous ones.

"I mean, when are you actually going to start investigating those corporations? It's already been a week," Lin Ke said while using a fork to pry out a snail cooked in French red wine and popping it into her mouth, nodding repeatedly. "Hmm, with added onions and spices, the texture is a bit more tender and smooth than the last place's."

With that question, Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying couldn't help but turn to look at Bai Xiaosheng, both of them were somewhat eager.

But Bai Xiaosheng acted as if he had forgotten about it.

"What's the rush?" Bai Xiaosheng drawled, peeling and eating sweet shrimp.

"You've made promises, and with no action taken, what are people supposed to think!" Lin Ke said, "Do you even know, right now behind the scenes at Yunhai everyone's in a state of unease, and there are all kinds of rumors in the Affairs Office too."

Bai Xiaosheng smiled, "That means my purpose is achieved!"

This made Lin Ke pause, but after some thought, she smiled, "So you were startling the snakes by beating the grass, genuinely ignoring what those snakes might think."

"Who said so." Bai Xiaosheng tossed aside a shrimp shell, wiped his hands with a wet towel, and chuckled, "The report for the Affairs Office is almost ready. After a few more careful revisions, it can be submitted. In terms of the actual big issues within the various corporations at Yunhai, there aren't any. So, the content of the report isn't targeting any specific corporation, but instead, it focuses on highlighting the issues that exist."

With one sentence from Bai Xiaosheng, Lin Ke and the others were stunned, even forgetting to chew the food in their mouths.

"What did you say?!" exclaimed Lin Ke, shocked.

"The report is finished?!" Lin Weiwei said incredulously.

"When did that happen?!" Lei Ying was equally surprised.

Shocked, aren't you?

Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but want to ask.

Indeed, shocked!

He didn't need to ask, it was written all over their faces.

A week of sightseeing and playing.

Crazy fun by day, and sometimes even drinking at night. When did he find the time?

No, the key question was, who did it!

Lin Ke and the others stared at Bai Xiaosheng, their eyes wide with astonishment.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled, "These past few days, I asked the Han Family for some materials, and they were incredibly cooperative. So I put something together with that. I think you know that if the Han Family helps with no issues, it's much more convenient than for outsiders like us to investigate. Besides, it's not targeting any particular corporation, just an investigation and feedback of the current situation."

"Even if there wasn't this material, it wouldn't make much difference!"

"Because our goal isn't to expose or attack anyone! It's to 'disrupt'!"

Though he said this, Lin Ke and the others still looked at Bai Xiaosheng with utter amazement.

They obviously knew Bai Xiaosheng was an exceedingly meticulous and serious person. Any document he reported would certainly be impeccable.

When he mentioned he just did something 'offhand', it wasn't something that could be described by the phrase "casual effort"!

And all this was done in their spare moments without their knowledge, which was simply incredible.

"Are you even human!" Lin Ke couldn't help but exclaim.

"Why are you scolding me?" Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help shooting her a glare, then turned to Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying, "She's scolding me."

"We..." "feel the same way!" Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying said in a two-part harmony, leaving Bai Xiaosheng utterly speechless.

At this very moment.

In the office of the Han Family corporate enterprise, Han Dong.

Han Dong seemed to receive a message and abruptly stood up, exclaiming in shock, "What, they're coming to Yunhai tomorrow!"

"Is the information reliable!" In his eyes, Han Dong showed a rare seriousness.