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Chapter 981 Still Lacking Some

For nearly a week, Bai Xiaosheng had been investigating with Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying.

To investigate an Affairs Officer and an additional provincial industry head, one week was far from enough!

For anyone else, accomplishing this task would have been impossible!

Even for an Affairs Officer, the likes of Lin Ke and Feng Li, who were the elite among their peers and had extensive connections, would also fail despite having special permissions granted by Xiahou Qi.

However, for Bai Xiaosheng, one week was sufficient!

With all useful information available online, Bai Xiaosheng only needed a thought for Red Lotus to assist in systematically organizing and refining the data.

Don't underestimate that these are all publicly available information online; there is actually quite a lot that can be used as evidence!

Additionally, some of Bai Xiaosheng's privileges were on par with those of a Senior Affairs Officer!

This was truly formidable!

He could search the Affairs Department system for anything useful!

What Lin Ke and Feng Li had to repeatedly get special permissions from Xiahou Qi to access, Bai Xiaosheng could directly find. Moreover, due to his privileges, he left no trace when entering and exiting the Affairs Department system, unless Xiahou Qi chose to look into the records.

In this way, the efficiency of Bai Xiaosheng and his team was frighteningly high.

Not only that, Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying were also astonished to discover that Bai Xiaosheng maintained contact with a high-ranking official within the Affairs Department.

Whatever Bai Xiaosheng requested, aspects that were difficult to find online and within the Affairs Department system, a phone call was all it took, and within half a day, someone would deliver.

About that individual, Bai Xiaosheng hadn't disclosed anything. Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying had always thought it was a matter of great importance and needed to be kept confidential.

It wasn't until Thursday morning, when Bai Xiaosheng noticed Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying curiously eyeing him as he made a phone call,

that he hung up and surprisingly initiated a conversation with a smile, "Zheng Honghu has been quite cooperative, hasn't he? He basically grants any request."

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying were stunned.

Did Bai Xiaosheng just directly tell them who it was?

Lin Weiwei exclaimed in surprise, "Xiaosheng, weren't you going to keep it a secret?!"

Lei Ying's expression was similarly one of amazement.

Bai Xiaosheng looked on, puzzled, "What do I have to keep secret from you? Have you been wondering about this all this time? You could have just asked!"

Bai Xiaosheng's phrase, "What do I have to keep secret from you," left Lin Weiwei and her companion feeling incredibly refreshed and motivated all day long.

In fact, over the course of the week, Bai Xiaosheng had made rapid progress in the investigation, thanks to Red Lotus's search capabilities, his own privileges, and the help of Zheng Honghu.

It also significantly reduced the workload of Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying.

By Thursday, all Lin Weiwei and her team needed to do was to print and file the well-organized material.

By Thursday afternoon, Bai Xiaosheng and his team had completed their investigation summary.

The results were terrifying!

Lu Zhixin and Zhao Beiqing were indeed colluding!

Over the years, one would set up schemes and cause friction with external businesses, using the company's name to move resources and forcefully hunt.

The other would bring along a group of external enterprises to pick up the pieces, devouring those businesses that were critically weakened and on the verge of crisis.

These two were indeed ruthless!

The number of businesses they had "taken down" over the years was no less than thirty.

However, the only ones who dared to seek revenge and walked the extreme path were probably just Li Qiushan and his six men!

Bai Xiaosheng browsed through the hard-earned results of these days.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying were pleasantly exchanging words from the sidelines.

"This time, we really caught two big fish!"

"Yes! We're talking about a provincial industry head and an Affairs Officer here! And they are being thoroughly investigated at the same time!"

"I think the only thing that tops this time is the investigation of the Chen Brothers, Chen Jiutian and Chen Jiuzheng. None of the other investigations that have happened in the Department of Affairs in the last three years come close!"

"But the key point is, we were the ones who investigated the Chen Brothers!"

"This time again, we're probably going to be the focus of the Department of Affairs!"

Amid their excitement, they also discussed another matter.

"The selection process for the Candidate Great Affairs Officer is about to start!"

"I think, even though Xiaosheng has been appointed for only a short time, his performance is enough to qualify for that position!"

"Exactly!"

"Candidate Great Affairs Officer, once there's a promotion or retirement among the Senior Affairs Officers, that becomes the next Senior Affairs Officer!"

As the two of them talked about these things, Bai Xiaosheng wasn't paying much attention.

He flipped through the materials over and over again, still slightly frowning.

"I just feel that something is still missing!" Bai Xiaosheng sighed, "It feels like there's not enough, the evidence isn't solid enough!"

His words immediately caught the attention of Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying.

"Is it really that insufficient? I think it's already quite persuasive!"

"Even if it's a bit lacking, it should still be enough to convict those two."

Bai Xiaosheng shook his head with a smile. "You're thinking too lightly. Those two are— a Regional Industry Leader and an Affairs Officer! If there was only an issue with one, this evidence might have been enough!"

"But if they're held accountable together, this makes the evidence look weak!"

Bai Xiaosheng sighed.

Lei Ying laughed. "Sheng, aren't you worrying too much? Look at Li Qiushan and his people. They have nothing yet dare to risk everything and take action. Of course, I'm not praising them... what I mean is..."

"Li Qiushan!"

Bai Xiaosheng's eyes lit up, he couldn't help but look at Lei Ying with admiration, "Your reminder is timely!"

This praise made Lei Ying stunned.

Lin Weiwei was also a bit shocked, not knowing what Bai Xiaosheng had thought of.

"Think about it, those people were once big business owners, all shrewd operators. Why did they take that risk last time, to kidnap Zhao Beiqing's assistant, Yu Ying, to extract evidence..."

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying looked at each other.

What's so strange about that? Surely they simply had no other means to obtain evidence.

"Zhao Beiqing's moves were mostly outside of the corporation, but Yu Ying is his assistant within the corporation!" Bai Xiaosheng turned to Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying, "What do you think, did Li Qiushan and his group believe that Yu Ying knew all of Zhao Beiqing's secrets? Or is it that—"

"Li Qiushan and his group had investigated everything, had evidence in hand! But they felt it wasn't enough! They lacked the final piece for revenge!"

"So they risked it all! Hoping to find a clue on Yu Ying and add to their evidence!"

Bai Xiaosheng's analysis made Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying's eyes widen—they had not thought of this!

Were Li Qiushan and his six people, the victims, really without a shred of evidence?

"So to speak, it's not impossible!" Lin Weiwei exclaimed.

Then she gave a wry smile, "But, we don't know where Li Qiushan and his group are!"

"Even if we could contact them, how would you convince them to give us the evidence? And even if you reveal your identity, would those scared birds trust us?" Lei Ying added.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled and pulled out his phone.

"Although I don't know where they are, I do have Li Qiushan's contact information."

"As for what Lei Ying is worried about, I have my methods!"

With that, Bai Xiaosheng grinned and dialed the phone.

"Uncle Li? It's me!"

"I have something I want to discuss with you!"

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"Little brother, what... do you want to talk about?!" On the other end of the phone, Li Qiushan seemed to be in a complex mood as he asked in a deep voice.

That day, he had given Bai Xiaosheng some hard truths and even left a contact method. Afterwards, Wu Tong, Fan Sihui, and others reprimanded him and told him to block Bai Xiaosheng to avoid causing trouble for everyone.

Li Qiushan hadn't done so, nor had he told Wu Tong and the others everything he said to Bai Xiaosheng.

Those people were already on edge, they couldn't handle this.

Moreover, among the six of them, although it was a loose alliance, Li Qiushan had the most say within it.

However, when Wu Tong directly scolded him for not being the boss that same day, it made Li Qiushan feel that he shouldn't be too frank, especially about testing the patience of the alliance.

As for Bai Xiaosheng's number, Li Qiushan had never blocked it.

That day, while Wu Tong and the others were hotheaded, they didn't notice something that Li Qiushan did—

The unique aura and presence on Bai Xiaosheng!

After speaking with Bai Xiaosheng, Li Qiushan was even more convinced of his own judgment.

Bai Xiaosheng said that they were from the Zhenbei Group's Affairs Department and wanted to investigate the matter. Others may have scorned, but he had been quietly hoping.

So much so that for the past week, Wu Tong and the others kept mocking him for it, but he endured.

Today, Bai Xiaosheng finally made the call.

That day, Bai Xiaosheng had introduced himself as "Lin Sheng," but at the same time he told Li Qiushan his name, he revealed it was a pseudonym.

His real name, he would reveal when everything was clear!

Li Qiushan understood.

However, he took it to mean that Bai Xiaosheng was leaving a way out for himself.

Bai Xiaosheng wanted to investigate Zhao Beiqing, and Li Qiushan naturally assumed that the pseudonym was to prevent retaliation from Zhao Beiqing in case of failure.

At this moment, Bai Xiaosheng said over the phone—

"Uncle Li, thank you for keeping my contact information and not blocking me."

"Perhaps, you are also hoping that I can bring justice to you all!"

"Then I can tell you, the opportunity has come!"

"It's just that I still need more evidence, including—"

"The ones in your hands!"

Bai Xiaosheng was direct.

These words took Li Qiushan by complete surprise.

He was actually asking him for evidence!

On the phone, Li Qiushan first fell silent, then slowly spoke in a low voice, "Perhaps I will disappoint you, but I actually don't have any strong evidence in my hands!"

Although he felt Bai Xiaosheng was out of the ordinary and had immense hope for him.

But those pieces of evidence were of great importance, and it was difficult for Li Qiushan to hand them over lightly.

"Uncle Li, I can first tell you the evidence we have found," Bai Xiaosheng began.

He didn't appeal to emotions or reason to persuade Li Qiushan to collaborate with him.

In Bai Xiaosheng's opinion, that was the least effective method.

Bai Xiaosheng began by listing seven or eight key pieces of evidence they had found and told Li Qiushan.

"What, you've actually... found all this!" Li Qiushan was shocked on the phone.

Those were very confidential pieces of evidence, the ones they had been dreaming of!

Li Qiushan was no fool; if Bai Xiaosheng could achieve this in such a short time, it proved that Bai Xiaosheng was no ordinary person!

Even someone on par with Zhao Beiqing likely couldn't achieve it!

Just who on earth was this young man!

Amidst his astonishment, Li Qiushan couldn't help but think to himself.

"Uncle Li, the truth is, even now, you still don't fully trust me, which I understand,"

"After all, the evidence you have is your last chance for a turnaround!"

Bai Xiaosheng's tone was incredibly sincere.

"However, I don't need the original copies of those pieces of evidence, just take a photo and send it to me so I can see it clearly!"

"You keep the evidence, which I will make use of. But, I am asking you and your people to come to our group headquarters to testify!"

"Would this be alright?"

This proposal from Bai Xiaosheng moved Li Qiushan.

But still, Li Qiushan hesitated.

He can't be blamed for that!

After all, if Zhao Beiqing and his people knew about those pieces of evidence, they would mend the fold after the sheep were lost, targeting specific ones for destruction!

Rendering some evidence invalid!

"I understand your concerns, Uncle Li!"

As Li Qiushan was silent, Bai Xiaosheng took the initiative to speak.

"But I hope you understand—I am your only chance!"

Bai Xiaosheng's voice was decisive, "Uncle Li, you've been in business and you've managed a big company before. You should know that in making decisions, there's hardly ever a sure bet! Let me ask you—"

"Have you ever gambled?"

This last sentence from Bai Xiaosheng made Li Qiushan on the other end of the phone involuntarily tremble.

For a businessman, when opportunities are fleeting, a gamble is inevitable.

To shrink back and be overly cautious is a sure path to missing out on great achievements!

After a few seconds of silence on the phone, Li Qiushan finally spoke—

"You make a good point!"

"If I expect you to seek justice for us—"

"Then I should be willing to make a sacrifice!"

"This round, I'm in!"

Li Qiushan's voice carried a note of firmness.

Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but smile.

Half an hour later.

Bai Xiaosheng received an email from Li Qiushan, initially thinking it would just be some photos, but upon opening it, they discovered to their surprise that many items were duplicates, and the paper ones had been made into photocopies!

Li Qiushan had indeed taken a gamble this time!

Bai Xiaosheng and his two colleagues reviewed everything.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying's eyes sparkled with fervor.

"With this, it's enough!"

"Even if we report to the group immediately, we have enough clout now!"

Bai Xiaosheng's lips curved into a smile, "It is enough!"

"However, tomorrow, I still want to visit the Zhang family first, to see this Zhao Beiqing, Lu Zhixin."

Bai Xiaosheng continued, "Moreover, Zhang Tianze and Chen Xiaoya are considered friends, and for Chen Xiaoya's sake, and in light of Zhang Tianze's expectations of us, I'll go and stop Zhao Beiqing and his people first, saving the Zhang Family in the process!"

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying looked at each other and nodded.

They agreed with Bai Xiaosheng's decision.

Tomorrow would be Friday, when the morning would end and the afternoon could be used to submit the inspection application to headquarters, without significant delay.

And Bai Xiaosheng's eyes shone with anticipation and a smile.

These past few days he had been doing his calculations, originally thinking it wouldn't be until after Friday that he could unfreeze his locked points, but after a careful recalculation, he found that as soon as Friday noon arrived, he would have fulfilled the one-year requirement for his task!

"This time, I wonder how many points I'll be able to get!" Bai Xiaosheng silently looked forward with extreme anticipation.

The rest of the day passed without incident.

Friday arrived quickly, and in the morning, Bai Xiaosheng, Lin Weiwei, and Lei Ying once again organized all their materials and the investigative report to be submitted to the group.

This time, with matters being so critical, Bai Xiaosheng decided that after participating in the mediation at the Zhang family, he would go directly to headquarters and report to Xiahou Qi in person.

As he was organizing the files, Bai Xiaosheng suddenly remembered a topic that Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying had been discussing yesterday.

What was this "Candidate Great Affairs Officer"?

"What is that about?" Bai Xiaosheng specifically asked Lin Weiwei.

"Brother Sheng, that thing—I must have told you at least three times, three times! Do you really have no recollection whatsoever?!" Lin Weiwei was quite exasperated, "I told you the day the group sent the notice, which was probably on Tuesday."

"That many times?"

"I can testify!" Lei Ying said.

Bai Xiaosheng was embarrassed.

These days, he had been busy analyzing data, focusing entirely on Zhao Beiqing and Lu Zhixin, truly not paying attention to anything else.

"Okay, I was wrong, just tell me one more time, please!" Bai Xiaosheng pleaded with Lin Weiwei.

At this moment, Bai Xiaosheng didn't quite resemble the master strategist, Affairs Officer Bai.

Lin Weiwei couldn't help but suppress a chuckle.

"Alright, alright, I'll tell you one more time!"

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"According to the notice released by the group and all the information I could find,"

"This Candidate Great Affairs Officer is selected every five years, intended to succeed those who are promoted or retiring from the position!"

"This candidate is the only one and is the Affairs Officer with the strongest performance!"

"However, their authority is not at the level of a Great Affairs Officer, but remains at the original level—that of an Affairs Officer."

Lin Weiwei explained to Bai Xiaosheng.

"Wait, if it's selected every five years, what happens if there's no Great Affairs Officer promoted or retiring by that time? Wouldn't there be another one in the next five years, and so on? That would add up to many candidates. It doesn't seem possible that there could only be one," Lei Ying said.

Lin Weiwei glanced at him, "That's where you're unaware; there being only one candidate and the five-year period are not issues..."

"Every five years, there is a selection, and the candidates include the previous Candidate Great Affairs Officer as well. This way, the capable rise and the idle fall, right?" Bai Xiaosheng said, looking at Lin Weiwei.

"Not bad, Xiaosheng. You do have a sharp mind," Lin Weiwei laughed, then gave Lei Ying a look. "The group's system wouldn't have issues and even if there were, they've been rectified over many years."

Lei Ying shrugged his shoulders, not saying more.

"Those who become Candidate Great Affairs Officers are highly likely, eight or nine out of ten, to become Great Affairs Officers. These talents won't slack off and be overtaken by others below them. From what I've been able to find, there's no precedent for that," Lin Weiwei said. "However, one thing I find strange is..."

"This time, the Candidate Great Affairs Officer selection seems to have been moved up."

Bai Xiaosheng was taken aback.

Moved up?

"Strictly speaking, it hasn't been moved up by much, maybe just two or three months," Lin Weiwei said. "It's rumored that it's because the position is currently vacant, and according to the system, it can't be left empty; there needs to be a candidate in place."

"Why is it vacant; someone got promoted?" Lei Ying asked.

"That's right, and the Great Affairs Officer who got promoted is someone we're all familiar with," Lin Weiwei said with a smile.

"It must be Li Haofeng," Bai Xiaosheng said.

"Correct, it's Haofeng Great Affairs Officer!" Lin Weiwei laughed.

Then, Lin Weiwei shared more details about the affairs related to the Candidate Great Affairs Officer.

Bai Xiaosheng nodded frequently, but his mind was elsewhere.

Although the position of Candidate Great Affairs Officer was highly desired by many,

To him, the allure was not that great.

After all, once he accrued enough points, he could directly aim for the official position of Great Affairs Officer. What would just a candidate amount to?

"Xiaosheng, don't you feel tempted?" Lin Weiwei, upon seeing Bai Xiaosheng's indifferent attitude, was immediately surprised.

Lei Ying was also curious.

"'Accept what comes, let go what goes; strive for the essential, follow the natural flow,'—that's the realm of life I aspire to."

Bai Xiaosheng smiled leisurely. "In these phrases, to live comfortably, one must first be able to 'follow the natural flow.' Don't force things. Aim high without dazzling objectives, and by staying true to your original aspirations, you achieve greatness."

How profound...

Both Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying were dumbfounded.

"It sounds reasonable... but somehow, coming from you, it seems a bit nonsensical," Lei Ying muttered under his breath.

Follow the natural flow?

Their entire journey of conquests and battles, were Devil Bai's titles earned for nothing?

"What are you talking about!" Lin Weiwei glared at Lei Ying, but when she looked at Bai Xiaosheng, she was utterly infatuated, "Xiaosheng, these deep philosophies are so convincing!"

"What Candidate Great Affairs Officer? Even if thousands aspire to it, we view it as insignificant!"

"So cool!"

Lin Weiwei was almost ready to wave a flag and cheer for him.

Bai Xiaosheng laughed upon seeing this.

Just then,

Suddenly, in Bai Xiaosheng's mind, Red Lotus's voice echoed.

"Mission release!"

"After the score-lock mission ends, the host must become Candidate Great Affairs Officer!"

"This mission is the current phase's upgrade task, and its difficulty is the lowest. It serves as an additional reward after achieving the score-lock mission!"

Red Lotus was truly concise.

Bai Xiaosheng, "..."

Under Lin Weiwei's lengthy explanation, Lei Ying seemed to finally accept Bai Xiaosheng's viewpoint.

"Great tolerance indicates vast capacity, and without desire there is steadfastness. I've come to understand; this is also a form of training for yourself."

That's how Lei Ying understood it.

Bai Xiaosheng looked at him, "..."

"Cough, actually, I think we are all young people, and young people should have a youthful mindset, don't you think?" Bai Xiaosheng said with somewhat halting intonation.

There was none of the previous fluidity.

Lei Ying looked at Bai Xiaosheng with suspicion.

Lin Weiwei listened attentively.

"What defines a youthful mindset is the courage to fight and strive, to dare to be the first in the world. It mainly centers on the word 'strive.' I mentioned earlier, those four lines, 'strive for the inevitable'! You see, we must strive!"

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying stared blankly at Bai Xiaosheng.

After a long while, Lei Ying turned to Lin Weiwei and muttered, "What does 'strive for the inevitable' mean? I didn't study much, don't lie to me, it doesn't seem to mean that..."

Lin Weiwei, "..."

10:30 in the morning.

Qingbei Group, Qingbei Building.

The trio of Bai Xiaosheng entered the lobby and headed for the reception desk.

"Hello, how can I help you?"

At the reception, stood two young and beautiful girls.

The one who spoke was even prettier, and her Mandarin carried a hint of local Linshen accent; she must be a local.

"Hello, I'd like to know. On which floor is Mr. Zhang's office?" Bai Xiaosheng asked with a smile.

"Do you mean Mr. Zhang Tianze, Director Zhang?" the receptionist asked.

The visitors looked about the age of Zhang Tianze's friends.

"No, it is Mr. Zhang Heran," Bai Xiaosheng replied with a smile.

Looking for the chairman?

The receptionist looked at the three of them in surprise; to her, they didn't seem much older than herself and didn't display a particularly imposing presence.

They wanted to see the chairman of Qingbei just like that?!

"Do you have an appointment?"

Until this point, the receptionist was still quite polite.

"An appointment? No, but..." said Bai Xiaosheng.

"No appointment? Then I can't tell you!" The receptionist smiled, her tone firm.

Without an appointment and no prior instructions from the chairman, it proved these weren't any significant figures.

Just like that, wanting to see the chairman, who do you think you are!

The receptionist looked wary, treating Bai Xiaosheng and his companions as if they were salespeople.

"Although we don't have an appointment, still..." Bai Xiaosheng tried to continue.

"There's no 'still.' Without an appointment, I can't help you!" The receptionist replied briskly, a bit impatiently, "Please move aside and don't block here, you're disrupting our work!"

The other receptionist also chuckled.

"Young lady, why do you talk like that, is Qingbei's training really so poor!" Lin Weiwei instantly grew a bit angry.

They were clearly here to help the Zhang Family, yet a mere receptionist looked down on them.

"The training I received is to serve every distinguished guest. You people without an appointment who want to see the chairman must be here to cause trouble! I've been polite enough. If you continue making trouble, I'll call security!" The young girl scoffed.

Lin Weiwei was choked by her words, truly infuriated, about to argue but was stopped by Bai Xiaosheng.

"Then I'll make a phone call and have someone familiar come and receive us," Bai Xiaosheng said with a smile.

The receptionist sneered coldly, slightly curling her lip.

Someone familiar, probably just any random person...

"Mr. Bai, how come you're here, I've been waiting for you outside for half an hour..." Suddenly someone called out.

The receptionist saw a man running over; all the employees of the company stood respectfully and greeted him as he passed.

This all demonstrated his respect.

Director Zhang, Zhang Tianze!

Yet here was Zhang Tianze, the prestigious young Director of Qingbei, running over with a face full of apologetic smiles.

A demeanor of humility like never before!

And this respectful posture from Zhang Tianze was for...

The receptionist couldn't believe it as she followed Zhang Tianze's gaze, which landed on Bai Xiaosheng's face.

That man she had asked to "step aside and not block the reception"—that man not much older than herself.

A personal reception from the Director?!

The receptionist was shocked.

What kind of background did this man have!

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Bai Xiaosheng and two others were escorted away from the front desk by Zhang Tianze. Throughout this process, the receptionist was utterly baffled, staring dumbfoundedly with wide eyes.

Another receptionist, however, was extremely eager, bustling about to greet them, her eyes filled with sympathy for her colleague.

"You blind fool, were you disrespectful to Mr. Bai?" Zhang Tianze glared fiercely at the offending receptionist.

This Director Zhang, once known as the Chaos Demon, had a ferocious way of looking at people that scared the receptionist even more!

"Mr. Zhang, please don't be too hard on her; she did well, and I appreciate it," Bai Xiaosheng said with a smile, defusing the situation.

"Oh, really! Since you don't mind, then it's fine, it's fine!" Zhang Tianze's face switched to an eager smile in a second.

Finally, under the grateful and awe-filled gaze of the receptionist, Zhang Tianze personally led the way for Bai Xiaosheng and his companions to leave.

The group went straight to the top floor via a private elevator.

In the elevator, Zhang Tianze continued to apologize, "It's my fault for not being prepared better. As soon as I received your call, I got excited and came to greet you personally. But then I took another call on the way and missed a few minutes, and you see..."

"I should have instructed the receptionist to pay attention!"

"Lucky Mr. Bai is magnanimous, not minding these details!"

Zhang Tianze had indeed become more eloquent.

It was hard for Bai Xiaosheng to equate him with the arrogant and overbearing Zhang Tianze of the past, who had forced Shang Wanwan to drink.

It had been roughly two years since Bai Xiaosheng first came to Linshen and had a conflict with Zhang Tianze.

Time flies. Bai Xiaosheng reflected on how swiftly time passed and how it could transform people so drastically.

"Mr. Zhang, have you mentioned us to your father?" Bai Xiaosheng suddenly asked.

Zhang Tianze paused, then offered a somewhat sheepish smile, "Well, since you hadn't confirmed your visit, I hadn't mentioned it yet..."

"Today my father and Mr. Zhao Beiqing were discussing business all day; I didn't get a chance..."

Zhang Tianze then patted his chest, "Don't worry, when we meet later, I will introduce you properly."

"But since you and Mr. Zhao Beiqing are colleagues, maybe I shouldn't overstep," Zhang Tianze ventured.

Had Zhang Tianze not mentioned them to Zhang Heran?

Bai Xiaosheng was quite satisfied with this outcome.

"Mr. Zhang, just lead us over there; we can handle the introductions ourselves," Bai Xiaosheng chuckled. "Professionally, I use a pseudonym, which is Lin Sheng. Don't be startled later."

"Oh, oh." Zhang Tianze was taken aback but nodded agreeably.

However, he was somewhat puzzled internally.

What position within the Zhenbei Group's Greater China Region Headquarters would require the use of a pseudonym?

But then, he felt it wasn't strange.

Perhaps Bai Xiaosheng was involved in some special work.

The elevator quickly reached the top floor of the Qingbei Building.

The top floor of a large building has many advantages—broad views, good ventilation, natural lighting, quiet, and clean air.

Of course, it has its flaws too, but with enough money spent, those aren't a problem.

This entire floor served as Zhang Heran's daily office and reception area, intricately detailed and lavishly decorated.

Bai Xiaosheng and his companions walked through, quietly impressed.

At last, Zhang Tianze led them to a room, and upon entering, Bai Xiaosheng and his companions realized it resembled a small bar, with already about a dozen people present.

The waitstaff moved among them, providing drink services to each guest.

The guests were chatting in small groups.

When Bai Xiaosheng and his party entered, many just glanced briefly at them before returning to their conversations.

Even the presence of Director Zhang Tianze stirred no ripples.

Bai Xiaosheng scanned the room; those present carried themselves with nobility, clearly no insignificant figures.

It looked like they were all major business owners! Bai Xiaosheng thought to himself.

"Mr. Zhao Beiqing hasn't arrived yet?" Bai Xiaosheng asked.

"He's here, he's with my dad in the inner room," Zhang Tianze said, nodding his head towards one direction as he led Bai Xiaosheng to the sofa.

Bai Xiaosheng saw there was more than one inner room.

"As for Mr. Lu Zhixin, he will inevitably be late, as you know," Zhang Tianze said with a smile.

Bai Xiaosheng nodded and sat down as Zhang Tianze gestured politely.

"These guests, Mr. Zhang probably doesn't recognize them either," Bai Xiaosheng said with a smile to Zhang Tianze.

Zhang Tianze was stunned, then chuckled.

"Yes, I've hardly met any of them. Maybe it's because my social circle isn't deep enough."

Zhang Tianze had thought these guests were all friends of the Zhang family, just that he was unaware.

Bai Xiaosheng looked at him intently.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying also exchanged a discreet look, their eyes filled with sympathy.

The people in the room were like a pack of hungry wolves and hyenas, having feasted on various enterprises over the years.

As soon as Bai Xiaosheng and others sat down, waiters immediately came over to offer a selection of drinks, and the staff were even more diligent since Director Zhang was there.

Bai Xiaosheng chose a milder cocktail and slowly savored it as Zhang Tianze kept him company.

After only a few sips of the cocktail, Bai Xiaosheng saw someone coming out of the inner room.

"My dad is coming out!" said Zhang Tianze hurriedly.

Bai Xiaosheng looked at Zhang Heran, and took a good look at him, finding him quite unrecognizable.

Every photo in Zhang Heran's files showed a square-faced, impressive-looking man, but now, he appeared gaunt, pallid, with dark circles under his eyes, and exhibiting an overall tired and exhausted demeanor.

It seemed Zhang Heran had already learned some of the truth and had been tormented to the point of absolute fatigue.

Bai Xiaosheng was pensive.

According to their investigation, Zhao Beiqing and his associates would have confronted them beforehand, forcing their target to compromise, and the fact that today's "mediation" had commenced only proved—one thing:

Zhang Heran had already made some form of compromise.

What Zhang Heran didn't know, though, was that the result of the compromise was not a painful sacrifice, but—

It was the beginning of being played to death!

As Zhang Tianze saw Zhang Heran come out, he quickly ran over.

After a brief exchange between the father and son, Zhang Heran looked up at Bai Xiaosheng, a hint of confusion in his eyes as his eyebrows slightly furrowed.

Nevertheless, he came over, accompanied by Zhang Tianze.

"Mr. Lin, hello," Zhang Heran said to Bai Xiaosheng as he got up, extending his hand with a smile.

Zhang Tianze must have told his dad he was called "Lin Sheng," Bai Xiaosheng thought.

This Zhang Tianze was indeed clever, trying to make a good impression.

And his real name, Zhang Tianze could have told his dad in private, in a manner that spared both parties any delay.

"Hello, Mr. Zhang," Bai Xiaosheng replied with a smile.

As Zhang Heran looked at Bai Xiaosheng, there seemed to be a moment of reflection.

It appeared he had some recollection of Bai Xiaosheng, but after all, it had been two years since that young man who had conversed with Xiahou Qi, so the impression had become hazy in his mind.

"I heard that Mr. Lin Sheng is also from the Affairs Department at the Zhenbei Group Greater China Region Headquarters," Zhang Heran said, his eyes betraying a flicker of peculiarity as he smiled.

"That's correct," Bai Xiaosheng responded with a smile.

"So Mr. Lin Sheng has come this time to..." Zhang Heran asked, probing.

Bai Xiaosheng laughed.

"I've come to save your Zhang family!"

Chapter 985: That may not necessarily be the case!

Bai Xiaosheng smiled kindly, but his words, "I'm here to save the Zhang Family," made Zhang Heran startled.

Even Zhang Tianze beside him was somewhat shocked.

Although Bai Xiaosheng was the reinforcement he had sought, his straightforward declaration was quite bold.

"Mr. Lin Sheng is joking," Zhang Heran laughed. "May I know what relation Mr. Lin Sheng has with Mr. Zhao Beiqing?"

Zhang Tianze said, this person was Zhao Beiqing's colleague.

Zhang Heran found it hard to believe.

A person as young as his own son, a colleague of Zhao Beiqing?

The term "colleague" implied they were equals.

Zhao Beiqing's status was illustrious!

Moreover, how did this person get here?

Zhang Tianze hadn't mentioned that he'd invited him over, as he didn't have time to say so. He only mentioned that the person over there was Zhao Beiqing's colleague, and his father came over without waiting for further explanation.

In fact, regarding everything about Bai Xiaosheng, since that day, Zhang Tianze hadn't had the chance to mention it to his dad, and hence never brought it up again since Bai Xiaosheng's arrival was uncertain. Today, Bai Xiaosheng had only contacted him right before arriving, and Zhang Heran was having a private discussion with Zhao Beiqing, making his chance even slimmer.

There and then, Zhang Tianze thought to add more, but seeing his father start speaking, he felt it inappropriate to interrupt.

"I am a colleague of Mr. Zhao Beiqing," Bai Xiaosheng said with a smile.

Though he hadn't heard the conversation between Zhang Tianze and Zhang Heran, he saw Zhang Tianze's lip movements, which Red Lotus analyzed a bit, and he could figure out the "content," nearly equivalent to lip-reading.

Bai Xiaosheng also thought this explanation was quite good, so he used it.

"Oh?" Zhang Heran was somewhat skeptical.

Zhao Beiqing hadn't mentioned that his colleague would come today.

"Tianze, please fetch Mr. Zhao Beiqing," Zhang Heran instructed Zhang Tianze.

Zhang Tianze glanced at Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled and nodded slightly.

He was also keen to meet Zhao Beiqing, the man who bizarrely utilized the corporation for profit!

Zhang Tianze hurried to fetch the person.

Zhang Heran then chatted politely with Bai Xiaosheng, "Mr. Lin Sheng looks very young, to be able to be colleagues with Mr. Zhao Beiqing must mean you two have surely met."

"We've never met," Bai Xiaosheng smiled.

Zhang Heran was taken aback.

"In our headquarters, with thousands of people, including hundreds of affairs officers, it's impossible to know everyone clearly," Bai Xiaosheng laughed.

Zhang Heran was astonished.

Not knowing Zhao Beiqing? Could it be that he wasn't arranged by Zhao Beiqing?

Zhang Heran grew suspicious: Why do I find him increasingly familiar, as if I've seen him somewhere before!

But where could it be...

Zhang Heran did not feel it was right to keep staring at Bai Xiaosheng, so he laughed and asked, "Then may I ask if you are also an affairs officer?"

Zhang Heran himself felt, this statement somewhat elevated the status of the young man before him; he didn't actually believe the latter was an affairs officer.

After all, Bai Xiaosheng seemed too young compared to Zhao Beiqing.

His appearance was peculiar.

How did he know about this matter? What was his objective? And what impact could it have?

Zhang Heran was rapidly pondering in his mind.

Zhang Heran also knew that Zhao Beiqing's practices were shady deals, exploiting his own Zhang Family.

However, with the knife at his throat, and unclear whether Lu Zhixin was in collusion with Zhao Beiqing.

Zhang Heran dared not act rashly.

This young man's sudden appearance brought him an obscure hope yet made him feel alarmed.

What if this young man was deliberately sent by Zhao Beiqing to test his attitude?

What if this young man truly was Zhao Beiqing's colleague and had no relation with him, then appearing here, what would Zhao Beiqing think?! Would he think he wanted to expose him?!

Zhang Heran's mind was in chaos, but he still had to keep a smile on his face.

Under uncertain conditions, he dared not act rashly or show any unusual behavior toward Bai Xiaosheng.

"At this moment, we just have to wait for Mr. Zhao Beiqing to come and handle it," Zhang Heran mused internally.

"Affairs Officer, huh, well, that's a pretty big position where we're from," Bai Xiaosheng chuckled, noticing Zhang Tianze was already walking over with someone.

The person behind Zhang Tianze exuded a commanding presence, attracting attention from all around after appearing.

Those who hadn't reacted even to the presence of Zhang Tianze, or even Zhang Heran, now stopped their conversations and eagerly gathered around.

"It seems they are all afraid of being late and missing out on the 'meat'," Bai Xiaosheng thought to himself, amused.

Seeing Bai Xiaosheng looking towards him, Zhang Heran quickly turned around, and upon seeing Mr. Zhao Beiqing, he rushed to greet him with a smile.

At this point, Zhang Heran was tired and weary, just wanting to get the Zhang Family out of dire straits as soon as possible, with no thought of counterattacking.

Even if Mr. Zhao Beiqing wanted the Zhang Family's film and television city, he would accept it.

"Mr. Zhao, this gentleman claims to be your colleague, please take a look..." Zhang Heran adopted a consultative demeanor.

Bai Xiaosheng, watching this, sighed inwardly.

According to the information he had, Zhang Heran was a reticent and steady person, yet now, he showed none of that composure.

It seemed that the experiences of the Zhang Family had impacted not only Zhang Tianze but Zhang Heran as well!

People do change.

It's not just about growing but also about degenerating.

"Oh, my colleague?"

Mr. Zhao Beiqing scrutinized Bai Xiaosheng and the people behind him, Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying.

Never seen them.

Naturally, since Bai Xiaosheng had left the Affairs Department over a year and two months ago, even though he was quite well-known, all people knew of him only by name and not in person; how could Mr. Zhao Beiqing possibly recognize him?

"I don't know, how should I address you?" Mr. Zhao Beiqing was polite yet extremely composed.

As far as he was concerned, even if someone from the corporate affairs department showed up, so what?

Was there anything in his behavior not conforming to the rules that couldn't be mediated privately among friends?

Moreover, his actions were also helping the corporation settle a business dispute, which could be considered a merit.

Mr. Zhao Beiqing even planned to send a report to the Affairs Department after this "mediation" concluded, applying for recognition of his achievement.

Of course, he would edit it to be reasonable and appropriate.

He had done this before, many times, and was quite experienced, producing nearly flawless results.

At least over these years, nothing had ever gone wrong!

Mr. Zhao Beiqing was confident, very confident.

"I am Lin Sheng," Bai Xiaosheng smiled, "also an Affairs Officer."

From his research, Bai Xiaosheng knew well that Mr. Zhao Beiqing's fearlessness stemmed from his meticulous maneuvers.

Hence, Mr. Zhao Beiqing was not at all afraid, doing all these overtly and legitimately!

After all, no one knew he was colluding with Lu Zhixin!

Lin Weiwei showed her badge to Mr. Zhao Beiqing.

"It really is an Affairs Officer!" Mr. Zhao Beiqing confirmed, nodding and then handing back the badge to Lin Weiwei.

Such young Affairs Officers were not unheard of, nor were they few, but he simply hadn't met them.

"Then, may I ask, Officer Lin, what brings you here?" Mr. Zhao Beiqing queried with a smile.

"Officer Zhao is mediating, which is great. I heard about it, so I also wanted to give it a try," Bai Xiaosheng responded with a smile.

Mr. Zhao Beiqing chuckled, "Officer Lin is so young, you must have just become an Affairs Officer. As your senior, let me give you a piece of advice."

"Go back; you won't be able to mediate here!"

Mr. Zhao Beiqing's eyes were not without mockery.

A joke, would Lu Zhixin listen to some young upstart?

Hardly!

"Well, perhaps not!"

Bai Xiaosheng smiled, his words firm and unwavering!

Chapter 986: Besieged by a Mob

Mr. Zhao Beiqing watched Bai Xiaosheng with a cold eye.

If it were any other Affairs Officer, they would not dare to dismiss someone of equal standing so lightly, and would instead try to foster good relations.

Especially someone as young as Bai Xiaosheng; the younger they are, the more it indicates that there may be someone powerful behind them.

But Mr. Zhao Beiqing simply didn't care about these things.

He prided himself on having handled his affairs cleanly in the past, leaving no leverage for others.

And frankly, he couldn't care less about those corporate connections.

At his age, he had long given up on any hopes of promotion.

He didn't want a promotion anyway!

What's the use of becoming a Senior Affairs Officer or the President of the Greater China Region at Zhenbei Group?

A few million, tens of millions in annual salary?

He, Zhao Beiqing, wasn't without earnings now!

Zhao Beiqing had already established a stable and strong relationship with Mr. Lu, as well as these companies, even if he left Zhenbei Group!

He believed that the business would continue as usual!

Mr. Lu would continue his hunt, and he would continue to mediate with these companies!

The money would keep rolling in without fail!

Would Zhao Beiqing, who was "fearless and desireless", fear the title of Affairs Officer held by Bai Xiaosheng?

What a joke!

Zhao Beiqing assumed the position of an elder, and his message to Bai Xiaosheng was clear: get lost.

Unfortunately, this young man actually dared to challenge him!

Around them, more than a dozen business owners had gathered.

Seeing Zhao Beiqing's displeasure, they immediately spoke up, confronting Bai Xiaosheng.

After all, they weren't from Zhenbei Group and had no reservations about an Affairs Officer.

"I say, young man, what kind of mess are you creating here?"

"Mr. Zhao Beiqing is in charge here, and it's about to be settled!"

"You're not here to steal the credit, are you? It's shameful to do so, young man!"

"What business do you have intervening like this?"

"Although I'm not from your group, I know there are rules in the workplace, and you can't break them anytime! You're ruining the rules!"

"Yes, don't you know the rules of the workplace? By doing this, you're overstepping your bounds!"

These accusations came one after another.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying watched them with a frosty detachment.

But Bai Xiaosheng remained calm and collected, seemingly deaf to their words and even smiling as he listened.

Zhang Heran and his son Zhang Tianze didn't dare to utter a word, nor dare to persuade.

Mr. Zhao Beiqing looked around, hearing only the voices supporting him, and a slight smugness crept over him, his mouth curving into a cold smirk.

This greenhorn, completely oblivious to how the world works, is trying to snatch the food from my plate!

Now, let you face the finger-pointing from all around!

If you don't leave now, it will be turned uglier for you later!

Mr. Zhao Beiqing thought to himself.

While Bai Xiaosheng was listening, he suddenly turned and walked away.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying exchanged glances, following behind him.

Those present thought Bai Xiaosheng was about to leave, but they saw him approach the bar instead.

"Bring me a glass of Finsbury gin," Bai Xiaosheng motioned to the dumbfounded bartender with two sharp snaps of his fingers.

The bartender quickly got his act together, hurriedly mixed the cocktail, and then handed it to Bai Xiaosheng with reverence.

Facing "numerous enemies" with such composure, even the bartender couldn't help but admire him.

Bai Xiaosheng sipped from his drink while smiling at the crowd, his eyes revealing that he found their behavior amusing.

He disdained engaging in a war of words with so many.

The real show had just begun, and Lu Zhixin hadn't even arrived yet.

If he lacked even this bit of patience, then all his experience over the past year would have been in vain.

Moreover, his presence here was only out of respect for an old acquaintance, to rescue the Zhang Family, not to get into verbal sparring.

Bai Xiaosheng's gaze was languid, his eyes clearly conveying the message:

Feel free to ridicule, but after today, I fear you will no longer have the chance.

The Finsbury gin was refreshing to the taste, and stimulating too—it really suited the occasion.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying stood on either side of Bai Xiaosheng, giving the crowd cold, disdainful stares.

A group of jumping clowns are making a racket—it's not worth paying attention to them.

But to Mr. Zhao Beiqing, it seemed like Bai Xiaosheng was entirely suppressed by them, just pretending to be calm.

The business owners present grew more bored with each accusation, and since the other party wasn't responding, treating them as if they were thin air, what was the point of even speaking?

After all, they were all people with reputations, and they couldn't just resort to cursing. Repeating the same few accusations felt monotonous after a while.

Over time, the business owners also became a bit disheartened and disinterested.

"Alright, alright. Gentlemen, please show some grace," Mr. Zhao Beiqing, seeing the mood sinking, timely spoke up to everyone. "This person is, after all, a colleague of mine. For my sake, please hold back your comments a bit."

This naturally wasn't to give Bai Xiaosheng a way out, but rather a way out for those business owners.

Everyone breathed a sigh of relief and collectively praised Mr. Zhao Beiqing's magnanimity and generosity.

The Zhang father and son were sweating bullets at this moment.

Seizing this opportunity, Zhang Tianze finally admitted in a low voice to his father that it was he who had invited Bai Xiaosheng.

Zhang Heran was startled and quickly used his eyes to signal his son to stop.

"Don't tell anyone, it's that Lin Sheng who came on his own!"

Zhang Heran lowered his voice and hurriedly reminded his son.

Right now, this Lin Sheng was already ostracized by Mr. Zhao Beiqing, and even when Mr. Lu Zhixin, the Provincial Industrial Head of Hexi Province, arrived later, he was afraid that it wouldn't have any effect.

Some young kid challenging these career heavyweights—it was a death wish!

Even if his position was considerable, it was still far less than the experience and connections of people like Mr. Zhao Beiqing and Mr. Lu Zhixin.

Zhang Heran firmly believed.

This "Lin Sheng" coming here was tantamount to seeking his own humiliation!

Zhang Heran sighed.

Today, their Zhang Family was making a painful decision to exchange their film and television city for safety—it was inevitable.

In Zhang Tianze's eyes, there was deep disappointment and dejection.

He hadn't expected the person he had begged so earnestly to come would end up performing so poorly at the start!

Could it be that even as a Senior Affairs Officer, the gap was this huge...

Zhang Tianze inwardly sighed and even felt a faint sympathy towards Bai Xiaosheng.

"Mr. Lu Zhixin has arrived!"

Suddenly, a loud call came.

The door to the small hall was pushed open.

Surrounded by a group of people, one man strode in.

A middle-aged man with a broad forehead, thinning hair, narrow eyes, and a seemingly smiling, non-smiling expression on his face, his presence as he walked was formidable.

The Provincial Industrial Head of Hexi Province—Mr. Lu Zhixin!

"Finally, he's here," Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but mutter to himself.

Mr. Zhao Beiqing had a smiling face as he stepped forward eagerly, followed by the Zhang father and son.

The big business owners were also full of enthusiasm as they followed closely behind.

Mr. Lu Zhixin had arrived!

This "lavish feast" was about to begin!

"Mr. Lu, you've finally made it; we've been waiting for you, haha," laughed Mr. Zhao Beiqing, not forgetting to introduce himself, "I am Officer Zhao Beiqing, entrusted by friends, I also intend to do something for our group, so I took the liberty to act as a mediator."

Mr. Lu Zhixin shook hands with him with a smile, "Officer Zhao, I've heard a lot about you! I am Lu Zhixin, the Provincial Industrial Head of Hexi Province!"

The two of them chatted amiably, and it seemed as if they were genuinely meeting for the first time.

The big business owners were also chuckling, well aware of the truth, but none burst the bubble.

If anyone really thought that these two big shots didn't know each other, it was probably only the Zhang Family people—those kept in the dark, like lambs to the slaughter!

"Come on, let's sit over there," invited Mr. Zhao Beiqing with unmatched enthusiasm, as if he were the host leading Mr. Lu Zhixin.

His gaze unintentionally fell on that "Lin Sheng" across the room.

"Lin Sheng" was brimming with smiles, holding a cocktail, standing there without any indication of coming over.

This guy, wasn't he supposed to mediate?

What, not coming over?

Mr. Zhao Beiqing thought to himself.

Has he given up, or what?

He can't be bothered with him!

He wants to be an onlooker?

Then let him watch how they go about—

"aboveboard" business!

Chapter 987: Talks in High Spirits

Zhao Beiqing and Lu Zhixin had already not been part of such "mediation" for the first time, and aside from the people they had brought who were trustworthy, on the side of the enterprise that was to become the prey, the scene was always crowded with people.

No one could guarantee that someone wouldn't spread the news to the keen ears of the Affairs Department!

Thus, from the beginning, they arranged everything meticulously, completely unafraid whether there were group people present or not!

So what if there were?

Could there be a problem with the head of the regional industry in the Hexi Province negotiating with external enterprises to cease the trade war?

Even though the Affairs Officer was primarily responsible for internal affairs, they also had the right to intervene; surely there was no issue with eavesdropping?

Furthermore, what rule had Zhao Beiqing violated with this private mediation?

As for the side of Zhang Heran, who was in conflict with the group's enterprise, they were short on capital and wanted to call a halt to the warfare, selling off some of their industry to keep things moving; who had a right to care?

Moreover, those involved in the buying and selling were neither Lu Zhixin nor Zhao Beiqing, but also some external enterprises, which was equally "reasonable and legal"; who could pick a thorn from that?

This was a good situation, just "openly and honorably" handle the matter!

Even if another Affairs Officer were present, it wouldn't affect anything!

Even if Zhao Beiqing didn't inform Lu Zhixin, it still couldn't go wrong!

With this confidence, Zhao Beiqing simply ignored the "Lin Sheng" over there!

After all, this time it was an open mediation!

The word "open" wasn't just for show!

Of course, this was also necessary. Otherwise, if they spoke privately behind closed doors, it would make it seem like they had something to hide.

Let that "Lin Sheng" listen well!

The small hall was also interesting in its arrangement, with a long sofa set in the front where Lu Zhixin, Zhao Beiqing, and Zhang Heran sat side by side, Zhao Beiqing in the middle.

In front of them were arranged two rows of curved sofas, upon which sat a dozen or so major enterprise owners.

As for Bai Xiaosheng and his two people, they still stood on the side by the bar, not moving.

Of course, no one asked them to.

Zhang Tianze didn't dare, he just skulked in a corner without daring to utter a word.

"Today, we have the honor of Mr. Lu Zhixin, the head of regional industry in the Hexi Province, coming to meet with Mr. Zhang Heran of Qingbei Group, to talk about ending unnecessary competition and seeking harmonious market development; this is a fortunate matter."

"As the mediator, I hope both our group can avoid unnecessary resource waste, and also hope Mr. Zhang Heran will put aside past grievances with us and seek mutual development."

"I am very thankful that both parties could sit down calmly and talk about cooperation, cease conflict, discuss development, and not quarrel. This is beneficial for all of us..."

Zhao Beiqing really had a way with words.

In the first fifteen minutes, it was just him talking.

Everyone gave face, nodding along.

Besides nodding, Lu Zhixin exchanged a glance with Zhang Heran, also lightly nodding with a benevolent look.

This left Zhang Heran somewhat flattered.

"Today, even if my Qingbei Film and Television City is no more, if I can make friends with Zhao Beiqing and Lu Zhixin, then... it can't be said that I've gained nothing!"

Zhang Heran was still full of longing.

"Next, please Mr. Lu Zhixin say a few words." Zhao Beiqing finally finished speaking and directly passed the conversation to Lu Zhixin, while initiating applause.

With his lead, everyone present immediately clapped enthusiastically.

Even the Zhang family father and son were influenced by the mood and clapped along.

"In truth, Mr. Zhang Heran and I hold no personal grudges, we are just businessmen on opposing sides. If possible, I'd like to be his friend in life, not his adversary."

Lu Zhixin's words made Zhang Heran eager to interject, "Yes, yes, I also want to establish a good relationship with Mr. Lu and your group. The initial problems were my Zhang family's responsibility, and I'm very anxious about the losses we've caused your group. I am willing to withdraw from the market!"

"There's no need for that; it's all about getting to know each other through fighting." Lu Zhixin looked accommodatingly at Zhang Heran with a big laugh, shook hands across Zhao Beiqing, "Regarding the market, it's all fair competition; we're willing to stabilize the market's current state. The market share occupied by the Zhang family, we'll also lend a hand in a cooperative manner, a win-win, right?"

"However, the funds that the Zhang family should invest still need to be there. In such matters, I, Mr. Lu, cannot casually offer the generosity of our group." Lu Zhixin's words sounded quite witty.

"That's right, that's right!" Zhang Heran hurriedly agreed.

Good words for sure, but where would the Zhang family get the funds to stabilize the market?

This was also Lu Zhixin hinting at him that it was time to mention Qingbei Film and Television City!

"Next, let Mr. Zhang Heran speak a few words!"

When the time was right, Zhao Beiqing passed the topic to Zhang Heran's mouth.

Upon hearing this, the enterprise owners in the room immediately had bright eyes, staring straight at Zhang Heran.

Zhang Heran was too busy apologizing to Lu Zhixin and Zhao Beiqing, obviously not noticing.

But Zhang Tian saw it clearly and was immediately startled.

These people...

They were like wolves!

A hint of terror was unavoidable in Zhang Tian's eyes.

Up to now, he still didn't know that his Zhang family's Qingbei Film and Television City was in jeopardy!

Zhang Heran gave a cough and smiled at the major enterprise owners in front of him, "Today, I thank Mr. Lu Zhixin for coming, thank Mr. Zhao Beiqing for coming, and also thank everyone else here."

"I, Zhang, am very happy that the issue between my family and Mr. Lu Zhixin, no, with Zhenbei Group, is finally resolved."

"I am also very happy to meet the friends present here!"

"Currently, after receiving Mr. Lu's promise, my Zhang family wants to stabilize the market again, but our capital chain has encountered some problems. So, I, Zhang, have made a decision—"

"To temporarily sell our Qingbei Film and Television City in Linshen, to gather funds!"

This statement from Zhang Heran dumbfounded Zhang Tian.

Qingbei Film and Television City? For sale?!

That was the Zhang family's most important asset currently!

And especially with the real estate business booming today!

"Dad, this isn't right!" Zhang Tian raised his voice.

This situation originally didn't lend itself to his opinion.

He wouldn't dare to say anything even if he had ten times the courage, but now, he couldn't help himself.

Once Zhang Tian spoke out, Lu Zhixin and Zhao Beiqing looked his way, their faces turned somewhat cold.

This reaction changed Zhang Heran's expression.

For so long, he had been so anxious, walking on thin ice, unable to sleep at night, to the point of being mentally exhausted and frightened.

Since a resolution was in sight, naturally, he wouldn't allow any new problems at this juncture!

"Silence! Childish nonsense, there's no place for you to talk here!" Zhang Heran scolded angrily.

Then, he apologized to Lu Zhixin, to Zhao Beiqing, and to the business owners present, "Please don't mind! These are but my son's unintended words."

"Continue, Mr. Zhang," Zhao Beiqing urged him on with a smile.

"Alright, alright!" Zhang Heran nodded earnestly, looking towards the crowd, "About selling my Qingbei Film and Television City, now..."

"Zhang Heran, how much longer will you remain confused!"

Suddenly a thunderous shout erupted.

"Can't you see, this is a trap, a trap set to ruin your Zhang family!"

Bai Xiaosheng slammed down his wine glass and strode forward.

Chapter 988 You Are Also Worthy?

Zhang Heran was about to announce the sale of Qingbei Film and Television City.

The next part of the process would be for the various business owners present to speak up and subscribe to the shares.

And then?

The contract had long been prepared!

It was in Zhao Beiqing's bag!

In fact, the division of benefits had already been arranged by these people!

Their presence here was just a formality!

It could be said that everything was ready, just short of the final step.

A smile had already formed on Zhao Beiqing's lips.

Lu Zhixin's eyes already showed a look of complete satisfaction.

The people present were blooming with joy inside.

But Zhang Tianze looked deflated and powerless, his eyes enlarged, waiting somewhat vacantly for the pronouncement.

However, just at that moment, did someone actually jump out to stop it?!

"Who are you?" Lu Zhixin furrowed his brows and looked over.

There, a young man walked forward.

He seemed about the same age as Zhang Tianze or even younger.

Another Zhang family scion?

Lu Zhixin thought to himself but then immediately dismissed the idea.

No, just now he had called out Zhang Heran by name directly.

Moreover, he said it was "a trap to undo the Zhang family"—hitting the nail on the head!

Lu Zhixin couldn't help but feel a flutter of apprehension.

It was as if the perfectly laid trap they had planned out had instantly been seen through, opened up, and laid bare for all to see.

Although, to be fair, these onlookers were all their own people!

Zhao Beiqing's face turned pale, and she frowned as she looked at Bai Xiaosheng, "Lin Sheng, this isn't the corporation, this is the Zhang family. Are you meddling in their family affairs now? Do you really think that because you're an Affairs Officer you can speak so recklessly and spout nonsense!"

These words made Lu Zhixin's eyes sharpen as he looked at Zhao Beiqing.

"He's an Affairs Officer?!"

"So what!" Zhao Beiqing looked back at Lu Zhixin with no fear, "A young upstart, intervening in matters outside the corporate affairs! I will submit a report to the Affairs Department!"

Zhao Beiqing's assertive gaze and words silenced Lu Zhixin.

However, when Lu Zhixin looked at Bai Xiaosheng again, his expression was noticeably more relaxed and he even stood up, "So it turns out to be Officer Lin. Why didn't someone tell me you were here? My apologies, my apologies!"

Lu Zhixin was not as brash as Zhao Beiqing!

He still hoped not to let things escalate beyond control.

This was his feeling, but the business owners from outside the group present didn't appreciate it, and they got up one after another, glaring at Bai Xiaosheng.

Honestly, what Bai Xiaosheng had just said did shock them a bit, giving them quite a start.

But seeing Zhao Beiqing's utter confidence, they thought about it and felt there was nothing to fear.

"Young man, what kind of disturbance are you creating now!"

"This is a matter between the Zhang family and us, it's none of your business!"

"That's right, even if you are some kind of Affairs Officer like Mr. Zhao, you still have no authority over us!"

"Mr. Zhang, aren't you going to speak up? Please have this Mr. Lin leave! Otherwise, there's nothing to be said about any cooperation between you and us!"

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Various voices, aggressive and pressing.

When Lu Zhixin stood up, Zhao Beiqing also stood up, and Zhang Heran did the same.

Seeing the unanimous voices, Zhang Heran also looked somewhat troubled at Bai Xiaosheng.

"Mr. Lin, what do you think about... maybe you should step out for a moment?"

Even Zhang Heran was saying this, and the others became even louder.

"That's right, let him step out for a while!"

"This is not your place to make trouble!"

"Indeed! Let him go!"

Lu Zhixin spread his hands with an innocent look, gesturing towards Bai Xiaosheng, as if to say he had no control over the situation here.

Zhao Beiqing, on the other hand, gave a cold laugh, looking at Bai Xiaosheng.

He had originally thought this young man would actually come out and mediate.

But in the end, it wasn't until the very last moment that this young man came out with that revolutionary statement.

Even though that statement had given him a shock.

But in the end, this "Lin Sheng" couldn't stop anything at all!

"Could it be that he's targeting me? A joke! If he wants to investigate me, I'm not afraid! Without the authority and information of a Senior Affairs Officer, no one can do it!" Zhao Beiqing sneered secretly,

"And I have never offended a Senior Affairs Officer. Which Senior Affairs Officer would bother to thoroughly investigate me without cause?"

Zhao Beiqing was determined; as soon as this meeting was over, he would report to the corporation and expose this "Lin Sheng" for meddlesomely interfering in another family's affairs outside the corporation, tarnishing the corporate image.

Even if his peer-level denunciation ultimately stirred up no significant waves, it was enough to disgust this brat!

Bai Xiaosheng, faced with the pointing fingers of the crowd, was no longer silent as before.

His eyes were cold and fierce, his gaze exuded a domineering air.

"In 2013, Wanzhong International had a business war with Lu Zhixin, Zhao Beiqing mediated. The following year, Wanzhong International went bankrupt! The chairman of Wanzhong International—Li Qiushan!"

"In 2014, Da Feng Industrial had a business war with Lu Zhixin, Zhao Beiqing mediated, and the next year, Da Feng Industrial went bankrupt! The bankrupt chairman of Da Feng Industrial—Fan Sihui!"

"In 2015, Jiu Li Foreign Trade had a business war with Lu Zhixin, Zhao Beiqing mediated, and two years later, Jiu Li Foreign Trade went bankrupt. The chairman of Jiu Li Foreign Trade—Wu Tong!"

...

All those enterprises, they had each engaged in corporate warfare with Lu Zhixin, mediated by Zhao Beiqing, and in the end, without exception, they all went bankrupt and closed down!

"Moreover, as far as I know, you all had a hand in it, feasting on the fallen businesses! You certainly have no small appetites!"

Bai Xiaosheng surveyed the crowd, unhurriedly detailing each and every case.

Lu Zhixin looked at Bai Xiaosheng with an expression of disbelief.

Old cases from years ago!

One by one they were dug up, and it would be a lie to claim it didn't cause palpitations.

Investigating those was by no means a small project!

Even Zhao Beiqing's pupils sharply constricted as he watched Bai Xiaosheng with caution.

The business owners present, who initially wanted to shout and have Bai Xiaosheng expelled, were shocked upon hearing this.

Most people present had participated in these dealings, which were supposed to be secret. How could they have been found out?

Could there be an insider!

Everyone immediately began to suspect!

These matters involved unfair competition and the disruption of market order!

It could either be a big or a small problem!

Others were shocked and appalled, while the Zhang Family father and son were terrified and fearful.

Those businesses mediated by Zhao Beiqing and Lu Zhixin had all perished!

Seeing the reactions of everyone present, what Bai Xiaosheng said must have been true!

Zhang Heran only felt a wave of dizziness and stumbled, looking at Zhao Beiqing and the others in terror.

"If it weren't for Tianze calling this person, I, I might have signed a contract with these jackals!"

Zhang Heran's heart felt like it was being pricked by needles, "Then the Zhang Family... would have been completely finished!"

Zhang Tianze stared at Bai Xiaosheng, and beyond the shock, there was a sense of having survived a disaster.

If it weren't for Bai Xiaosheng speaking out publicly, they might truly have been ruined.

"You! Talking nonsense! Why are you saying these things, what are your motives, what proof do you have!"

Zhao Beiqing looked at Bai Xiaosheng with eyes wide in a mix of shock and anger.

"You can't just say anything!" Lu Zhixin also shouted.

Bai Xiaosheng glanced at the two men coolly, smiled, then turned and headed straight for the door.

"You two might have misunderstood."

"I'm not here to expose you two, I just, out of regard for an old friend, don't want to watch the Zhang Family be played to death!"

"I'm also not going to engage in a so-called lawsuit with you here, you—"

"Are not worthy!"

Bai Xiaosheng opened the door and before he left, he gave a faint smile.

"Somebody will settle accounts with you two! And as for your enterprises—"

Bai Xiaosheng surveyed the crowd.

"You'd better pray that you don't have a run-in with our group!"

"I will suggest adding you to—the blacklist!"

"Once competition arises, with certainty to destroy!"

Having said that, Bai Xiaosheng strode away.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying gave the crowd a disdainful sneer and followed closely behind.

"Lin Sheng! You're just an insignificant Affairs Officer, how arrogant!"

Zhao Beiqing shouted angrily.

"He's not called Lin Sheng." Zhang Tianze, coming over to help Zhang Heran, glanced at him, and said coldly, "He is Bai Xiaosheng!"

The three words "Bai Xiaosheng" immediately made Zhao Beiqing's already ferocious eyes double in size, staring at Zhang Tianze in disbelief.

"Bai Xiaosheng!" Lu Zhixin let out a howl, his face full of fear.

Unprecedented!

"This can't be possible! How could Devil Bai be here!"

Under the watchful eyes of the crowd, Lu Zhixin grabbed Zhao Beiqing by the collar, shaking uncontrollably, his eyes red with fury, "Zhao Beiqing, you motherfucker, you're not planning to screw me over, are you!"

The Zhang Family father and son along with the other business owners looked on in astonishment as Lu Zhixin seemingly went mad.

"Being targeted by Devil Bai, I'm finished!"

Lu Zhixin screamed in despair, "Zhao, if I get removed from my post, investigated, and thrown in jail, you motherfucker won't be able to run either!"

Chapter 989 Unlocked (Please Subscribe)

Bai Xiaosheng left with a flick of his sleeve, yet the scene was one of utter chaos.

Mr. Lu, like a madman, grabbed Zhao Beiqing by the collar and roared at him.

Words like demotion and prison were shocking to hear!

Zhao Beiqing's face looked incredibly ugly as he frantically tried to pull Mr. Lu's hands away while trying to pacify him.

His shirt buttons were yanked off by Mr. Lu, and his coat was wrinkled, looking utterly embarrassed for a moment.

Yes, facing Lin Sheng, a peer Affairs Officer, Zhao Beiqing acted fearless.

Even, he wasn't afraid of resigning from the Affairs Department.

But Mr. Lu, he truly didn't dare to offend him!

For one, once Zhao Beiqing left the Affairs Department, he needed to rely on Mr. Lu. Without Mr. Lu cutting down obstacles everywhere, his role as a mediator would be impossible.

The money he had accumulated, which might seem enough for an ordinary person to live worry-free for life, even benefiting future generations.

But Zhao Beiqing had long grown accustomed to a lavish lifestyle. Switching from luxury to frugality was harder than reaching heaven.

That wealth won't sustain him for the latter half of his life.

Secondly, Mr. Lu knew every dirty deal Zhao Beiqing was involved in. If that got out, the group would relentlessly pursue him, determined to send him to prison.

Thus, Zhao Beiqing genuinely feared Mr. Lu.

In this life, how can one truly be without fear?

If there is, it's only because their Achilles heel isn't known.

"Mr. Lu, Mr. Lu, Mr. Lu, you—you don't need to be so agitated, things aren't that bad!" Zhao Beiqing hurriedly tried to calm him down, "Bai Xiaosheng, so what about Bai Xiaosheng, Bai Xiaosheng..."

Zhao Beiqing couldn't articulate an effective argument.

All the information about Bai Xiaosheng surged in his mind.

The more he thought about it, the colder his back felt.

It wasn't that Mr. Lu wasn't worldly or steady enough.

It was just that Bai Xiaosheng was truly terrifying!

Upon first appearing in the public eye, he took down the regional heads, brothers Chen Jiutian and Chen Jiuzheng, and directly sent them to prison!

And over the past year, instead of laying low, Bai Xiaosheng repeatedly stirred up storms and turmoil.

Anyone he set his sights on was thoroughly investigated!

Suspensions, dismissals, sent to prison were common occurrences!

Thus, everyone called him Devil Bai!

Rumors about being targeted by him hinted at how severe the consequences would depend on the severity of one's actions.

The most terrifying aspect was the backer supporting Bai Xiaosheng...

Zhao Beiqing was also scared.

He didn't want to go to prison either.

"Enough! Mr. Lu, now is not the time to create a scene!"

Annoyed and impulsive, Zhao Beiqing suddenly pushed Mr. Lu away.

Both were stunned for a moment.

Mr. Lu's face twitched, he pointed heavily at Zhao Beiqing, huffed loudly, his face full of anger, and turned to leave.

"Wait. Mr. Lu, I didn't mean to!" Zhao Beiqing's expression changed, and he quickly chased after him.

He couldn't afford to offend Mr. Lu even before the worst outcome was confirmed!

As he chased after him, Zhao Beiqing looked utterly miserable.

With Mr. Lu and Zhao Beiqing leaving, their entourage hurriedly followed suit.

The whole fiasco stunned those present, be it the major business owners or the Zhang Family father and son.

"That Affairs Officer named Lin Sheng, what's his background? He caused such a reaction from these two!"

"Not sure, but it seems he's not called Lin Sheng, he's called Bai Xiaosheng!"

"Bai Xiaosheng! I've heard of him, I know him! This person is very infamous in the Zhenbei Group's Affairs Department."

"Really? Quick, tell me more!"

Everyone was in uproar, surrounding the only person who knew a bit of the inside story, constantly asking questions.

The little information about Bai Xiaosheng's rumor had naturally been exaggerated more than several times. Coupled with the dispute between Lu Zhixin and Zhao Beiqing, it deepened everyone's terrifying impression of Bai Xiaosheng.

Especially what Bai Xiaosheng had told them before he left.

It's best not to have friction with Zhenbei Group!

Otherwise, they would be ruthlessly pursued!

Ruthlessly pursued didn't mean killing, but they would definitely launch a relentless attack on their businesses!

They would let them taste what it was like to be hunted!

These big business owners, having seen the pessimistic despair of those unfortunate business owners often viewed it as a form of entertainment, but the thought of possibly facing such an extreme situation themselves, made everyone's face change.

Thinking back to the reactions of Zhao Beiqing and Lu Zhixin just now, these people couldn't help but shiver.

It wasn't a joke!

Bai Xiaosheng had the capability, and he did what he said!

Every one of them thought, "In the future, we must not have even a slight dispute with Zhenbei Group's businesses..."

"No, no! It's best not to have any entanglement at all!"

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On the other side, the Zhang Heran and his son were still bewildered until now.

Having gone through a life-and-death situation, they had just settled down, and seeing this scene, they were even more shocked by Bai Xiaosheng's influence.

It turned out that he was the real master, and they had been blind.

"Tianze, this time... our Zhang family relies entirely on you!" Zhang Heran heavily patted his son's shoulder, expressing pleasure yet some guilt.

It looked like, perhaps soon, the crisis facing their Zhang family would be reversed.

Zhang Heran looked at the dozen or so business owners in heated discussion, those wolves waiting to prey on the Zhang Family were still there, his face suddenly turned cold.

"Someone! Show the guests out!"

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Bai Xiaosheng and his two companions left the Qingbei Building.

"Now, shall we go to headquarters?" Lin Weiwei asked.

"Head to headquarters!" Bai Xiaosheng nodded his head.

Out of consideration for Chen Xiaoya and in light of the prior gracious treatment from Zhang Tianze, he had already given the Zhang Family a push, and now it was time to get down to business!

The Qingbei Building was located in a bustling area, so taxis were easy to find.

Lei Ying hailed a cab.

The three of them got in and headed straight for the Greater China Region Headquarters of Zhenbei Group.

As the taxi just started, the voice of Red Lotus rang in Bai Xiaosheng's mind.

"Ding. One-year term expired. Unlock condition one, achieved."

"Ding. Travel and performance tasks exceeded. Unlock condition two, achieved."

"Unlock complete!"

"Current score sits at seventy for the Affairs Officer level, thirty points away from the Senior Affairs Officer level!"

"Upgrade mission officially released—Must become the Candidate Great Affairs Officer!"

"Upon completing this mission, gaining another thirty points will allow promotion to Senior Affairs Officer level without any restrictions!"

A series of messages made Bai Xiaosheng's eyes bright like torches.

It usually required completion of an upgrade mission even if the score was sufficient, but now it seemed that the mission was released in advance!

And it was very simple!

"Candidate Great Affairs Officer, huh?" Bai Xiaosheng slightly smiled, "Excellent!"

Today, he was set to secure that temporary position!

Shortly after Bai Xiaosheng and the others left, Lu Zhixin hurried out of the building, got into a car, and was restless.

Finally, he took out his mobile phone, hesitated, and still made a call.

"Young Master Lu, what's the matter, just spit it out, I still need to meet with Elder Xia soon," a deep, heavy voice with a powerful presence came through the phone.

"Senior Affairs Officer Fang Beijun!" Lu Zhixin anxiously pleaded, "Save me!"

Chapter 990: Give Him a Taste of His Own Medicine! (Subscription Request)

"Hmm? What's wrong with you?!" Lu Zhixin asked over the phone, his voice grave and fraught with authority.

His voice carried an aura of dignity mingled with pressure.

"I've been targeted by Officer Bai Xiaosheng; he, he said he's going to investigate me thoroughly!" Lu Zhixin said, panicked and barely recovering his composure.

"Bai Xiaosheng!" The name sank heavily as he repeated it on the other side of the phone.

"I remember him!" Fang Beijun, Senior Affairs Officer, said icily through the phone, "A few months ago, one of the officers who supported me was investigated by him."

"At that time, I called him personally and told him not to coddle any villains nor to let a good person slip through."

"I even earnestly expressed my expectations and entrusted him with the task."

"But what does he do!"

The voice on the phone grew colder and heavier with emphasis, "He really lived up to my expectations by getting that person fired directly!"

"And then, within less than two months, he took down another one of my officers!"

Fang Beijun's voice carried an eerie chill.

In a single year, Bai Xiaosheng got three officers suspended or demoted – all achievements alone!

Coincidentally, two were supporters of Fang Beijun, the Senior Affairs Officer.

One could say that a Senior Affairs Officer in the Group is supremely influential.

But even the highest positions require obedience.

If orders are issued and casually disregarded or sidestepped, what use is there in higher authority!

Thus, each Senior Affairs Officer had their own supporters and would even extend their reach to regional industrial leaders.

Fang Beijun constantly supported this arrangement.

He was currently striving for something more.

Naturally, this step forward wasn't about encroaching on Xiahou Qi's territory.

He wasn't capable of that yet.

Fang Beijun was eyeing the headquarters – the real headquarters of the Zhenbei Group.

The headquarters across continents were selecting a batch of senior personnel for transfer.

Fang Beijun was deeply absorbed in this opportunity.

However, to be considered, he needed the right experience and achievements. Currently, two other Senior Affairs Officers were competing tightly with him.

At this critical juncture, Bai Xiaosheng continued to frequently take down his supporters.

It was no wonder Fang Beijun was infuriated!

Indeed, Fang Beijun was aware of the issues with those officers, but they were indeed capable!

That's why Fang Beijun turned a blind eye, adhering firmly to the principle "too clear a stream harbors no fish."

And Lu Zhixin? He was a very special case!

Lu Zhixin wasn't just aligning closely with Fang Beijun but had also introduced his own niece to him.

This arrangement, not meant for outsiders' ears, had always been well-handled by Lu Zhixin, who had prepared a villa to provide perfect cover for the two.

In addition, under Fang Beijun's few demands, he always performed perfectly.

This, of course, made Fang Beijun value Lu Zhixin even more.

Therefore, Fang Beijun said those things in front of Lu Zhixin.

"Yes, that Bai Xiaosheng, I heard from you, was personally promoted by Elder Xia, far more esteemed than us, which is why he dares act so brazenly, not even considering your face."

"But still, he shouldn't take things too far!"

"Guess what he said to me?"

"Someone will settle scores with me!"

"That's really frightening; it's practically leaving no way out!" Lu Zhixin complained bitterly.

"Alright, I've got it," Fang Beijun said sternly, "Lu, never panic at any time! What's there to panic! Even if you step down this time, as long as I'm still here, would I ever treat you unfairly?"

"Also, I'm currently striving for a higher position, aiming for the Group Headquarters. When that time comes, could I possibly forget you? Even if I did, Juan wouldn't agree!"

Juan was Lu Zhixin's niece.

"Yes, yes, I just wanted to inform you, fearing that Bai Xiaosheng might exploit the situation to affect you, leaving you unaware and unprepared," Lu Zhixin said earnestly.

Initially, Lu Zhixin was indeed panicky, but with Fang Beijun's assurance and appeasement, he immediately calmed down, simultaneously courting favor with Fang Beijun.

"Alright, I know everything you've said," remarked Fang Beijun, Senior Affairs Officer.

His voice then took on a hint of a sneer, "That Bai Xiaosheng, really thinks that being promoted by Mr. Xia gives him the right to disregard others and act recklessly."

"Heh, an ignorant lad, unaware of the dangers of office politics!"

The last sentence made Lu Zhixin shudder.

"Well then, old man, let me teach him a lesson!"

After hanging up the phone, Lu Zhixin felt greatly reassured and a cold smile curled at the corner of his mouth, "Bai Xiaosheng, Bai Xiaosheng, you talk about a promising young man..."

"Why do you always seek your own downfall!"

All this, Bai Xiaosheng was still unaware of.

However, coincidentally, they, too, mentioned Fang Beijun, Senior Affairs Officer.

But not because of Lu Zhixin's conversation, but because of Zhao Beiqing.

"That Zhao Beiqing, he's already the fourth officer we're about to take down, right?" Lin Weiwei remarked, "In one year and two months, four officers, it's truly something. Xiaosheng is almost becoming the 'Executive Slayer.'"

This nickname made Lei Ying laugh.

"'Executive Slayer'? Not very imposing, and Xiaosheng is an officer too! Better the nickname they gave him, 'Devil Bai,' which at once gives an extremely sinister feeling, not like a bright and shining positive image, with six parts imposing and four parts wicked."

"Imposing is fine, but what's the use of being wicked?" joked Lin Weiwei with a smile.

"To intimidate the petty villains, a bit of wickedness is necessary," Lei Ying insisted.

Bai Xiaosheng helplessly watched the two of them, "Am I that venomous?"

"It's not about showing mercy, just being just and impartial," Lin Weiwei laughed, "I remember even Fang Beijun, the Senior Affairs Officer, personally called Xiaosheng. Yet, you didn't spare those two officers."

"As fierce as that, truly admirable," Lin Weiwei admired.

"I admire that too," smiled Lei Ying.

Bai Xiaosheng shrugged his shoulders.

Fierce? Imposing?

"If they didn't stray off the path, what could I do to them?"

The three chatted, only to find the taxi stuck, not moving. Looking ahead, they realized there was a traffic jam...

Linshen, the big city, the roads are the city's arteries, with just one or two cars breaking the order, potentially affecting the whole situation.

"So what I can do is to remove rule-breakers one by one!" Bai Xiaosheng murmured.

At that moment, in the Zhenbei Group Greater China Region Headquarters, in Xiahou Qi's office sat an unusual gathering—every Senior Affairs Officer all present.

Ten in total!

Shen Peishen was there!

And Fang Beijun, who had just spoken with Lu Zhixin, was also present!

He also mentioned he had to attend a meeting soon—this was it!

At that moment, Xiahou Qi presiding, the Senior Affairs Officers discussed matters regarding Candidate Great Affairs Officers.

Fang Beijun sat there, a barely perceptible, sinister gleam flickering in his eyes.

"Bai Xiaosheng? Just a whelp! Opposing me, splendid, I will show him his place right now!"