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Chapter 991: Voting Decision

At this moment, in the President's office of the Zhenbei Group Greater China Region Headquarters,

Xiahou Qi was surveying the gathering.

Before him, ten Senior Affairs Officers!

Regional heads and Senior Affairs Officers, two major groups, together made up the highest management level of the Zhenbei Group's Greater China Region.

These before him, were essentially half the empire of the Zhenbei Group's Greater China Region!

And what they were currently discussing was the position of the future Candidate Great Affairs Officer, who would eventually sit among them.

Given recent circumstances, adjustments also had to be made to the finer details.

The topic at hand was "age and experience."

Throughout the process, Xiahou Qi spoke very little, leaving the discussion to the ten officers.

"I believe that to become a Great Affairs Officer, one must have mature temperament and extensive experience; candidates should be at least forty years old!"

One person declared without yielding.

This man, around fifty years old, had dense hair mingled with grey. He had an imposing appearance, but there was a forceful intensity between his brows and eyes.

It was hard to imagine, at this age, he still possessed such sharpness.

His presence seemed to overshadow everyone else where he sat.

And his seat was second only to Shen Peisheng.

Great Affairs Officer Fang Beijun was the second in rank among the Senior Affairs Officers, just after Shen Peisheng!

The ranking of the Senior Affairs Officers was not solely based on age, but a variety of comprehensive indices including experience and performance.

Of course, what was most important was the approval of all the Senior Affairs Officers, as well as Xiahou Qi's approval.

At this point, Fang Beijun's suggestion directly blocked the current two most popular figures—Bai Xiaosheng and Lin Yu!

Effectively barring these two from even being candidates for Senior Affairs Officer.

Shen Peisheng smiled at him, "Beijun, focusing just on age seems inappropriate. In ancient times, there were numerous examples of youths who became marquises or chancellors. With such a sweeping rule, aren't we simply ranking by age?"

With that, Shen Peisheng glanced at the other Senior Affairs Officers with a smile.

Those officers were older than Fang Beijun but ranked lower.

Shen Peisheng's glance was both a hint and a warning.

Fang Beijun's eyes narrowed slightly, and he quickly smiled, "Sir Shen is right, it was just a suggestion. Since Sir Shen has a different opinion, we can certainly discuss it. Since the topic is about the age and experience of the Candidate Great Affairs Officer, why don't we combine the two? Let's ease the age requirement and add an experience condition. Three years—candidates must have served as an Affairs Officer for more than three years. How's that?"

From the start, Fang Beijun had no intention of blocking Lin Yu.

Because that would mean challenging Shen Peisheng!

Although Fang Beijun was ranked second, he wouldn't dare to directly confront the top-ranked Shen Peisheng.

The reason he purposefully excluded Lin Yu was to give Shen Peisheng an opportunity to speak, and then he could take the chance to return the favor.

After all, Shen Peisheng would then owe him a favor and would not oppose his next proposal.

And Fang Beijun's second point sounded reasonable and incidentally kept Bai Xiaosheng on the outside!

Thus, it was also beneficial for Lin Yu!

With the previous favor in mind, Fang Beijun believed that Shen Peisheng would not stand in his way.

"This way, Bai Xiaosheng, that greenhorn, will be cut off from the Candidate Senior Affairs Officer race!" Fang Beijun thought with a vicious smile.

As a Great Affairs Officer, he naturally had access to the performance records of the Affairs Officers, and Bai Xiaosheng was on par with Lin Yu.

If Bai Xiaosheng found something incriminating on Lu Zhixin, he might surpass Lin Yu and become the Candidate Great Affairs Officer.

Fang Beijun wouldn't allow such a scenario to unfold.

"Bai Xiaosheng, you mess with my people, I'll cut off your future – seems fair, right?" Fang Beijun thought with a sneer.

"Great Official Beijun, is this three-year restriction really necessary?"

This time, before Shen Peisheng could respond, Haofeng Great Affairs Officer, who was the lowest-ranked among them, spoke up first.

"Oh? Does Haofeng Great Affairs Officer disagree?" Fang Beijun leaned slightly to the side, relying comfortably against the chair, and asked in a measured tone.

Even though this Li Haofeng was a newly promoted Great Affairs Officer, he was very close to Elder Xia, and Fang Beijun did not underestimate him.

But he didn't fear him!

"Earlier, Sir Shen also mentioned that judging by age alone is unfair. Otherwise, why do we need performance evaluations? The Affairs Officers could simply be ranked by age. I agree with that!"

Li Haofeng, though honest and upright, wasn't foolish in such a situation. By publicly agreeing with Shen Peishen's viewpoint, he immediately eliminated the possibility that Fang Beijun could later use Shen Peishen to refute him.

He was also showing Shen Peishen a sign of respect.

In that setting, there was a hint of the need for diplomatic tact. Every word and action had to be considered carefully.

"However, if we set a three-year minimum, aren't we excluding many who are more capable? For instance, Bai Xiaosheng! His achievements over the past year have been extraordinary and visible to all. Moreover, every one of his actions has been impeccable."

Li Haofeng said, "Even I must admit that I could only achieve that level of performance."

"If we strictly enforce a three-year rule without exception, denying him even the opportunity, I'm afraid it will attract criticism from the other Affairs Officers."

Li Haofeng reminded them.

Fang Beijun snorted through his nostrils, "Who would dare criticize the decisions made by the higher-ups? Let them stand before me and say it; I want to see for myself!"

"Haofeng Great Affairs Officer, you need to adjust to the authority of the Great Affairs Officer quickly, especially when the ten of us and Mr. Xia make a decision together, that is the final resolution!"

"Are we supposed to consider whether the staff below us might have different perspectives or disagreements whenever we are about to make a decision in the future?"

"Ridiculous!"

Fang Beijun's blunt words made Li Haofeng's face darken slightly.

"In any case, I retain my opinion on this matter!" said Li Haofeng.

"May I have a word, gentlemen?"

Sitting next to Li Haofeng, Zheng Honghu spoke with a smile, "Both sides have their points, but this is an internal discussion, presided over by Elder Xia. Everyone should feel free to express their views, whether they are for or against."

Zheng Honghu seemed neutral, but he was actually supporting Li Haofeng.

"What do you suggest then, Great Official Zheng Honghu?" Fang Beijun asked with a sly smile.

Did he have an ally? Did Fang Beijun think he had no supporters?!

"In my view, since there's a disagreement, why not — vote on it?" Zheng Honghu suggested, smiling.

Voting?

Fang Beijun was taken aback and glanced at Shen Peishen.

The latter, as always, showed no expression, neither supporting nor opposing.

Fang Beijun glanced at the others; some looked at him, while others looked down, deep in thought.

"If there is a disagreement, then let's vote. The ten Great Affairs Officers should vote," Xiahou Qi suddenly spoke after having been silent.

As the president of the Greater China Region Headquarters voiced his opinion, everyone naturally complied.

"Very well, I'll make the gracious move this time. Those who do not support adding the 'three-year' requirement, please raise your hand," Fang Beijun said.

This time, he wanted the opposition to show their stance first.

Fang Beijun thought to himself, everyone present is wise. Would they want a young, fearless upstart like Sheng to become his equal and disrupt the balance?!

Besides, Shen Peishen wouldn't add a competitor for his own favorite student!

With Shen Peishen standing by him, could the opposition win?

Fang Beijun waited with a sneer.

Li Haofeng was the first to raise his hand, followed by a chuckling Zheng Honghu, then the third person, the fourth person...

When the fifth person raised a hand, Fang Beijun frowned, but then the person announced, "I abstain!"

Fang Beijun felt a surge of relief and became confident.

As long as they were not supporters, that was fine!

Seeing no more hands raised, Fang Beijun's lips curled up in a confident smile.

They lost, Li Haofeng and his group lost!

Four people, how could they win against the remaining five?!

Just as Fang Beijun was reveling in his moment, Shen Peishen raised his hand.

"This old man also does not support it!"

Chapter 992: Add a Deadline

Shen Peisheng raised his hand to vote, openly stating that he did not support Fang Beijun's "three-year term" restriction for the candidates.

Fang Beijun was startled on the spot.

In his eyes, Shen Peisheng, this old fox, was definitely not a good sort; his "not supporting" must have had a scheming purpose!

"In this matter, my approach actually aligns with Shen Peisheng's interests, yet he chooses to defy me?"

"What is he playing at!"

Fang Beijun muttered internally.

He was puzzled in his mind, yet his expression remained unchanged.

"I also do not support." Another Senior Affairs Officer, seeing the trend, raised his hand.

Exclude one abstention.

The scene was six against three, Fang Beijun, defeated.

"Since everyone thinks that the restriction I proposed is inappropriate, let's drop it then."

Fang Beijun smiled breezily, his demeanor neither upset nor annoyed.

"Actually, we Senior Affairs Officers all regard Sir Shen with respect. The first round of speeches should have been his. Now that we've thrown out ideas to start the discussion, we should listen to Sir Shen's opinion."

Fang Beijun directed the topic towards Shen Peisheng's lips.

Before he could discern Shen Peisheng's intentions, Fang Beijun was unwilling to make any more rash moves.

Otherwise, it would be his own reputation at stake.

What devilish plan was Shen Peisheng concocting? He too wanted to hear.

The Affairs Officers looked towards Shen Peisheng; Xiahou Qi also smiled in Shen Peisheng's direction, somewhat curious as well.

Shen Peisheng glanced at Fang Beijun with a chuckle.

"Senior Affairs Officer Beijun, you are too severe. I am merely older and advising you, and in front of Mr. Xia, I dare not claim any respect. Moreover, since we are equals in our positions, the opinions we put forward are for the sake of the selection process. Let's not talk about 'bricks' or 'gems'."

After finishing his pleasantries, Shen Peisheng continued, "In fact, I believe that our current situation is different from the past. Our department boasts abundant talent, and setting such restrictions goes against the principle of fairness and does not align with Mr. Xia's flexible approach in using talents."

By bringing up Xiahou Qi, Fang Beijun immediately nodded and smiled, "Indeed, I was thinking too narrowly just now."

"Senior Affairs Officer Beijun, you shouldn't say that; you proposed that restriction with the intention of strengthening the candidates. I may not support it, but I'm not criticizing you, personally. In fact, I very much agree with your strict principles!"

Shen Peisheng chuckled, "So this time, let's not set restrictions on the candidates. Can we perhaps—"

"Set a time limit instead?!"

A time limit?

Everyone was surprised.

Fang Beijun smiled, "What kind of timing are you thinking of?"

Shen Peisheng smiled, looking around at everyone.

"The announcement for the Candidate Great Affairs Officer has been sent out, but the time has not been set."

"Today is Friday. Let the interested Affairs Officers report their existing achievements and register the affairs they are currently handling by next Monday."

"Deadline by noon on Monday. All settled achievements by that time will count as the final results. Any new additions thereafter won't count. We will decide by the numbers, how about that?"

Shen Peisheng inquired with a smile.

Everyone paused.

So that was how he meant to set the timing...

"This is also to ensure fairness and justice, eliminating those who might manipulate short-term achievements from unfairly influencing the process!"

"I only have this one suggestion. What do you all think?"

Shen Peisheng swept his gaze around.

His opposition to Fang Beijun's proposal, his refusal to restrict Bai Xiaosheng based on seniority, was for show.

To display Shen Peisheng's fairness and uprightness.

This deadline was the real checkpoint Shen Peisheng had planned!

It was more covert, leaving even Xiahou Qi with nothing to say.

This was his real way of barring someone like Bai Xiaosheng—a formidable rival for Lin Yu.

Fang Beijun and the others pondered for a moment, their expressions meaningful.

After Shen Peisheng said this, who would dare to object?

Shen Peishen's reputation was undeniable, with more than half of those present holding him in high esteem and willing to give him face.

Second, Shen Peishen had explicitly stated that his motive was to eliminate corruption; anyone who disagreed was clearly harboring ulterior motives.

Third, Shen Peishen had declared this his sole advice; to oppose it was to truly—deny him face!

With these three considerations, even Fang Beijun couldn't object, and even Xiahou Qi would need to think twice.

"This old man proposing a deadline... it must be to benefit his favored apprentice. Could it be that Lin Yu has recently made some significant breakthrough?" Fang Beijun thought darkly, "Hmph, Lin Yu becoming a Candidate Great Affairs Officer had already been a safe bet; even I have no delusions about that."

"As long as it does not provide Bai Xiaosheng any leverage, why not!" thought Fang Beijun.

He never would have anticipated.

The killer performance Shen Peishen had prepared for Lin Yu included Lu Zhixin and Zhao Beiqing!

"Sir Shen's suggestion is excellent!" Fang Beijun initiated as the atmosphere grew somewhat silent.

"Great Affairs Officer Beijun, do you really think it's good?" Shen Peishen said meaningfully with a smile.

Fang Beijun was startled, then thought that Shen Peishen doubted his support.

He quickly smiled, "I fully support your suggestion!"

Fang Beijun clearly stated his stance.

"I support Sir Shen's suggestion too!"

"I agree!"

"And I agree as well!"

The Senior Affairs Officers each spoke up.

Xiahou Qi observed it all without betraying any emotion.

Lin Yu, that young man, had a well-known character of integrity.

This time, if he secured the position of a Candidate Great Affairs Officer, that wouldn't be too bad.

Xiahou Qi thought to himself.

Shen Peishen smiled and nodded, glancing at Xiahou Qi and seeing no opposition; his smile brightened further.

Only Lin Yu's character could allow Xiahou Qi to tacitly agree without any suspicion.

"Lin Yu used to be rather rigid. However, due to Bai Xiaosheng's emergence, he has already begun to change!" Shen Peishen thought to himself, "As for how far he can go in the future, no one can say!"

Currently, Lin Yu was in the Affairs Department!

As soon as this meeting was over, Lin Yu could immediately register and also report on the issues concerning Lu Zhixin and Zhao Beiqing; if the investigation was completed before Monday, this performance would be secured.

Lin Yu would really trump Bai Xiaosheng.

As for where Bai Xiaosheng was, that was still unknown.

Shen Peishen's smile was overflowing.

Regarding this additional rule about the deadline, it had now effectively been unanimously endorsed.

"The duty Senior Affairs Officer for this semester is Honghu, so you will handle the registration; you can start right after this meeting ends," Xiahou Qi said, then glanced at his assistant Wang Mubei, "Release this resolution in real time."

"Yes!" Wang Mubei responded.

He managed a computer at the side.

In such meetings, resolutions were published in the corporate internal system in real time, not merely compiled after the meeting.

This was also Xiahou Qi's intention.

Wang Mubei, as an assistant holding degrees in both law and literature, was exceptional at drafting policies and would never make any linguistic mistakes.

This meeting was being closely watched covertly by many.

Once the new details about the Candidate Great Affairs Officer appeared in the system, it immediately caused a stir.

"What? The selection for this term's Candidate Great Affairs Officer concludes next Monday!"

"To self-report existing achievements and register ongoing affairs? The final deadline for performance is Monday noon!"

"This is unprecedented!"

"Yes, if you want to compete for the Candidate Great Affairs Officer, you'd better hurry!"

Still stuck in traffic, utterly bored and browsing the Affairs Department's intranet, Lin Weiwei also saw this message and immediately showed it to Bai Xiaosheng.

"Oh?" Bai Xiaosheng was also surprised, "They're having a meeting over there, releasing resolutions in real time? Interesting!"

"Keep an eye on it, see what other news comes out!"

Chapter 993 Ready to Go

At this moment, Officer Lin Yu was in his own office, facing the computer, looking at the newly published regulations regarding the position of Candidate Great Affairs Officer on the group's internal network.

His expression remained calm as water.

"These new regulations have appeared, with a 'deadline' for applications, definitely the handiwork of my mentor!"

Officer Lin Yu's demeanor was unruffled, but his heart swelled with a burning passion and gratitude.

The mentor had really spared no effort for him!

"How foolish I was in the past, overly concerned with my own feathers, insisting on fairness with others from time to time—I was so afraid that people would say my achievements only came from the mentor's help."

"So, I rebelliously went against my mentor's arrangements many times, refusing the kindness he offered... I don't know how much of his painstaking efforts I've let down!"

"And my mentor, always without complaint or regret, supporting and helping me, waiting for me to come to my senses," Lin Yu felt a wave of emotion in his heart.

"This year, my mentor has lifted his protection, showing me the true cruelty of the workplace!"

"Just as the mentor said, existence is reasonable—why should I resist?"

"I clearly have these resources, yet I am unwilling to accept them, sometimes even discard them—it's truly foolish."

"The mentor is right, what matters is not how you get it, but what choices I make after obtaining it! What actions I take!"

Officer Lin Yu's gaze was resolute, "This time, with my mentor's help, I will secure the position of Candidate Great Affairs Officer!"

"I will also prove that I, Lin Yu, am fully deserving of that position!"

After his reflections, Lin Yu's thoughts drifted to Bai Xiaosheng.

"In fact, you also don't entirely refrain from external assistance—Mr. Xiahou Qi is your protector in the background."

"Accepting help from my mentor makes it truly fair between you and me."

"Only this time, I am destined to outdo you by a measure!"

Officer Lin Yu was brimming with confidence and looked towards his assistants, Gao Peng and Liu Yan.

They were already busily organizing documents.

In fact, they had almost completed the preparations, but Lin Yu had repeatedly demanded a careful review to ensure everything was flawless and without any oversights.

"After the meeting ends, I will go register my existing achievements and incidentally report the issues with Lu Zhixin and Zhao Beiqing. After the verification on Monday, these achievements will become definitive. I, Lin Yu, will be the undisputed number one Affairs Officer and Candidate Great Affairs Officer!"

Lin Yu was also somewhat excited.

He again focused on the computer, paying attention to the detailed content of the regulations coming out of the meeting.

Over at Bai Xiaosheng's side.

The taxi crawled forward at a snail's pace, but it was very steady.

Bai Xiaosheng asked how long it would take, and the driver said it would be about an hour or two.

"With nothing else to do, might as well get some proper work done."

Bai Xiaosheng had borrowed a laptop from Lin Weiwei, placing it on his lap.

He intended to organize his existing achievements and also prepare a report on the issues with Lu Zhixin and Zhao Beiqing, to be submitted for registration once he arrived at the company.

Inside Weiwei's laptop were detailed records of past cases.

This girl was meticulous, categorizing everything systematically, with crystal clear records that made searching straightforward.

However, Bai Xiaosheng didn't really need it.

Everything was in Bai Xiaosheng's head—the big picture, down to a single piece of data, he could summon it at will.

Bai Xiaosheng controlled his breathing and placed his hands on the laptop keyboard.

Then, his fingers flew into action.

A rhythmic sound began to emerge continuously, resonating with a certain ultimate beauty.

It was the sound produced when typing on a keyboard at a certain speed, and Bai Xiaosheng's hands danced across the keys like ballet on fingertips.

First, he typed out text, then inserted charts and images as required.

When Bai Xiaosheng was in full flow, the speed at which he worked could match that of ten people.

That's why, sometimes when he urgently needed something, he would prefer to do it himself.

Hearing this sound, Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying just glanced over, their eyes revealing astonishment but not overwhelming surprise.

Over the past year, having witnessed it frequently, they have come to regard Bai Xiaosheng's "unique skill" as normal.

Just in terms of typing speed, Lin Weiwei had made a special comparison, and even professional shorthand typists probably didn't have two thirds of Bai Xiaosheng's speed.

And that wasn't even Bai Xiaosheng at his best.

Moreover, shorthand only requires recording what others say, without the need to think.

The fact that Bai Xiaosheng could type while thinking was truly frightening.

As the driver, stuck in a dull moment in time, heard the noise, he thought it was coming from his car. He listened around and then turned his head to see Bai Xiaosheng typing on the keyboard, which startled him.

"My goodness, that's so fast!"

Even in the midst of his "busyness," Bai Xiaosheng could still manage to lift his head and give the driver a faint smile in response.

"Nothing special, just familiar with it."

Stuck in traffic for two hours, Bai Xiaosheng didn't waste a moment, finishing all his work and then having Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying check it.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying, one staring at a computer, the other at a phone, ostensibly checking the work, but in reality, after going through it, couldn't find a single punctuation mark to change.

"I really can't find anything to change," mumbled Lin Weiwei.

"Sometimes I really feel like we're redundant, you doing this yourself is so much better than when we do it," Lei Ying sighed.

"Cut it out you two, do you know how tiring this is?" Bai Xiaosheng sprawled in the back seat, rubbing his head.

"Dizzy."

This sensation of a brain shutdown was uncannily accurate, given the existence of Red Lotus.

By now, the taxi was smoothly cruising along, finally having passed the congested section.

"I've been paying attention to the newly released details for the Candidate Great Affairs Officer, but the subsequent rules don't seem to be a big issue. Xiaosheng, do you want to take a look?" Lin Weiwei said.

While the mobile phone also had access to the intranet, some features were unusable.

"Hmm, let me take a look," Bai Xiaosheng replied, still sprawled out, he took out his own phone to check the information on the intranet, browsing through it.

The regulations were indeed numerous, over a dozen, but compared to the first one that had a time limit and required reporting and registration, the rest were inconsequential.

At least for him, there was no need for deliberate attention.

Eventually, the taxi stopped outside the headquarters building, and just as Bai Xiaosheng finished checking the last item, he sat up.

"This meeting to discuss the regulations for Candidate Great Affairs Officer is also over!" Bai Xiaosheng declared.

The three of them paid for the ride and headed straight for the building.

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In Mr. Xiahou Qi's office.

All the Senior Affairs Officers had left, except Shen Peishen and Zheng Honghu.

Mr. Xiahou Qi had other matters to explain to these two Senior Affairs Officers.

Inside, they were talking business, and outside stood Lin Yu, clutching a stack of reports.

He was waiting for Zheng Honghu.

As long as the performance was registered, and the issues with Lu Zhixin and Zhao Beiqing were logged, he considered himself secure.

However, inside, Xiahou Qi, Shen Peishen, and Zheng Honghu were still speaking.

Lin Yu had already been waiting two hours during the meeting, and didn't mind waiting a bit longer now.

So, he settled down to wait.

Just as Lin Yu was waiting, a voice suddenly came from beside him.

"Officer Lin Yu, long time no see! Are you here for something with Elder Xia as well?"

Hearing this voice, Lin Yu's eyes narrowed instantly and he turned to see the man who had left a deep impression on him!

"Officer Bai Xiaosheng!"

Lin Yu offered a smile.

"Since you also have business to attend to, it looks like I'll have to queue up behind you," said Bai Xiaosheng with a hint of wit.

Lin Yu looked at Bai Xiaosheng, his once rival, whom he had thoroughly defeated after Monday.

"Since you're here to see Elder Xia, it must be more urgent than my matter, please, you first!"

Suddenly, Lin Yu felt like showing Bai Xiaosheng a bit of sportsmanship.

Chapter 994: After You, Please

In Officer Lin Yu's view, this time, Bai Xiaosheng was undoubtedly doomed to failure.

The key point was that Bai Xiaosheng was about to fail, yet he remained unaware of it, nor did he realize where he had gone wrong.

In his heart, Lin Yu couldn't help but feel a bit of sympathy for Bai Xiaosheng.

This sympathy, at the moment, evolved into a desire to yield and let Bai Xiaosheng go in to report first.

After all, Bai Xiaosheng was looking for Mr. Xiahou Qi, not Great Official Zheng Honghu.

"This... isn't that good," Bai Xiaosheng said with a smile.

Bai Xiaosheng thought to himself that after not seeing him for a year, Lin Yu, old Lin, was really becoming more and more magnanimous, even allowing him to go first.

"There's nothing wrong with it, you go ahead," Lin Yu said with a smile.

He was prepared mentally that if Bai Xiaosheng declined again, then he would just let it be.

"Then thank you," Bai Xiaosheng said, grinning.

After a year of experience, Bai Xiaosheng's observation of microexpressions had become increasingly sophisticated. Unless it was individuals like Xiahou Qi or Shen Peishen, very few could escape his notice.

From Lin Yu's gaze and subtle expressions, Bai Xiaosheng already knew—

If he was modest again, they really wouldn't yield anymore.

So, he accepted.

Bai Xiaosheng also felt that since Lin Yu was so kind-hearted, it was best not to disappoint him.

Lin Yu was momentarily stunned.

He yielded once, and now the other party wasn't yielding back?

Okay, that was very much like Bai Xiaosheng...

"It's been a year since we've seen each other, Officer Lin's demeanor seems even better than before."

Since it seemed he couldn't immediately enter, and Bai Xiaosheng had nothing else to do, he started chatting with Lin Yu in a light-hearted manner.

"Officer Bai, over the past year, you've achieved remarkable performance and outstanding battle records. I've frequently seen your updates on the group's internal network," Lin Yu said to Bai Xiaosheng with a smile.

The two started by praising each other, then talked about other things, indeed, they seemed very much like old friends.

Lin Weiwei couldn't help but exchange a glance with Lei Ying.

This Lin Yu, it always felt like he had changed a lot compared to a year ago, his actions and mannerisms were no longer as rigid and serious, nor did he deliberately maintain an air of refinement with every move.

Could a year of time really bring about such changes?

Zhang Tianze did, and so did Lin Yu.

Only, Zhang Tianze went through family changes, but what about Lin Yu?

Lin Weiwei was also a bit curious.

As Bai Xiaosheng and Lin Yu were chatting, from the side, the office door opened, and Xiahou Qi's assistant Wang Mubei appeared to be coming out, seemingly on his way to handle some affairs.

Wang Mubei looked up and immediately noticed the two of them.

Lin Yu he knew well, but Bai Xiaosheng made a remarkably deep impression on him too.

Why, were two prominent Affairs Officers just standing outside the door?

And seeming quite happy chatting?

Wang Mubei smiled, "Officer Bai Xiaosheng, Officer Lin Yu, what are you doing here?"

Without waiting for a response, Wang Mubei pointed to the office and said with a smile, "Do you have some matters to discuss inside?"

He thought these two outstanding Officers were eager to go find Great Official Zheng Honghu to register.

Zheng Honghu always carried a tablet, which indeed made it very convenient to work at any time.

"Yeah, there's something," Bai Xiaosheng replied to Wang Mubei with a smile.

"Me too," Lin Yu also responded with a smile.

"In fact, you can just go in now. The discussions inside are already over, they're just chatting about some trivial matters. Elder Xia, Sir Shen, Great Official Zheng Honghu are not sticklers for minor details. I'll report your arrival first, and then you can enter. Which one of you will go first?" Wang Mubei said with a smile.

Lin Yu smiled and gestured to Bai Xiaosheng, "Although I arrived first, since Officer Bai Xiaosheng has just returned and is here for Mr. Xia, let him go first."

An Affairs Officer leading the way, truly with great grace.

Wang Mubei nodded in approval.

"Thank you very much," Bai Xiaosheng said with a smile, foregoing formalities.

Wang Mubei turned and knocked on the door before entering to report.

After a moment, Wang Mubei came back out, smiling at Bai Xiaosheng, "All set. Officer Bai Xiaosheng, you can go in now."

Bai Xiaosheng smiled at Wang Mubei and Lin Yu before entering.

Lin Yu watched him enter with a smile.

"Bai Xiaosheng, oh Bai Xiaosheng, in this competition, if we delved deeper, my victory would not be entirely honorable. This small concession can be seen as a token of my slight apology to you."

Upon entering the office, Bai Xiaosheng looked up to see three people seated: Xiahou Qi, Shen Peishen, and Zheng Honghu.

All three looked at him with different expressions in their eyes.

Xiahou Qi's gaze was filled with relief and joy, along with immense admiration, purely acknowledging the younger generation.

Underneath Shen Peishen's smile, his eyes were warm and exuded goodwill.

Zheng Honghu's look was more like that of seeing a friend, although there was an age difference, they did not seem generationally apart.

"Back already?" Xiahou Qi was the first to speak, and the mere three words conveyed so much.

It even made Bai Xiaosheng feel like he was coming home.

"Yes, Elder Xia, I'm back," Bai Xiaosheng said with a warm smile.

Considering Shen Peishen and Zheng Honghu's presence, Xiahou Qi didn't exchange too many pleasantries with Bai Xiaosheng and went straight to the point, "Wang Mubei tells me you have something to discuss with me?"

After Xiahou Qi finished speaking, Shen Peishen smiled and said, "Not sure if this matter is confidential, otherwise, would you like Great Official Zheng Honghu and me to step out?"

"Sir Shen, you're taking it too seriously, there's nothing I can't discuss with both of you," Bai Xiaosheng said with a smile, then turned to Zheng Honghu, "Great Official Zheng Honghu, my performance report still needs to be consolidated by you, and I have a case to register as well."

Zheng Honghu smiled and raised the tablet in his hand, "Alright, I'll give you the green light, let's handle it here before Elder Xia."

On the affair concerning Chen Jiutian's brothers, Zheng Honghu had played a perfect partnership with Bai Xiaosheng and greatly admired him.

Bai Xiaosheng was also very grateful for all the help he received from Zheng Honghu in the recent investigation of Lu Zhixin and Zhao Beiqing.

The two of them could be considered allies and friends, still in the honeymoon phase of their partnership.

Regarding Bai Xiaosheng's registration, Shen Peishen was indifferent, knowing Lin Yu was just outside, preparations had been made, and they were assured of victory.

"Sheng, are you reporting something to me?" Mr. Xiahou Qi asked.

When the seriousness of the situation arose, Bai Xiaosheng's smile faded slightly as he walked over and placed a document in front of Xiahou Qi.

"Elder Xia, actually, I've been back for a week," Bai Xiaosheng stated solemnly, "but I did not return to headquarters. Instead, I've been conducting an investigation in Linshen."

"Oh?" Xiahou Qi's gaze turned curious, "Are you saying that someone dares to commit wrongdoing in Linshen?"

That would be right under his watch!

Speaking, Xiahou Qi flipped open the report, quickly scanned a page, and his brows furrowed.

Bai Xiaosheng continued, "You'd think that nothing like this would happen so close to headquarters—it shouldn't happen."

"And yet, it has! Moreover, the method used is so cunning and covert, it's astonishing!"

Xiahou Qi slightly knitted his brows, nodding as he continued reading, appearing to agree with what Bai Xiaosheng was saying.

Shen Peishen and Zheng Honghu couldn't help but exchange glances, a hint of curiosity in their eyes.

What had Bai Xiaosheng discovered?

Who would be so foolish as to engage in activities that harm the organization's interests in Linshen?

"They say the darkest place is underneath the lamp, and indeed, such an incident has occurred. We must investigate thoroughly!" Shen Peishen voiced his stance, kindly asking Bai Xiaosheng, "May I know, who dared to be so reckless?"

Bai Xiaosheng looked to Shen Peishen, expressing respect for this forthright Senior Affairs Officer Mentor.

"Sir Shen, what you may not realize is this time it's not just one person, but two!"

"Hexi Province's regional industry head Lu Zhixin and Affairs Officer Zhao Beiqing!"

Bai Xiaosheng stated solemnly.

Shen Peishen's smile stiffened slightly, and his eyes narrowed sharply.

As an old-timer like him, not easily showing shock, he was indeed startled.

Wasn't this the very cake he had prepared for Lin Yu?

How come Bai Xiaosheng had served it up!

Chapter 995: Are you a pervert?!

Shen Peishen's qualifications could compare to Xiahou Qi. Back then, with just a half-step difference, he had narrowly missed the position of president of the Zhenbei Group's Greater China Region. After experiencing great emotional upheaval, he spent the following decades cultivating his mind and spirit, eventually reaching the state of "a mind settled like a mountain, immovable."

But now, Shen Peishen wanted to curse.

He intended to use Lu Zhixin and Zhao Beiqing as stepping stones for Lin Yu.

Why could Bai Xiaosheng also have found out about them?

And at this very moment!

Could it be that Lu Zhixin and Zhao Beiqing were so recklessly uninhibited in their actions that they made it so easy to attract attention?

Shen Peishen felt some anger in his heart.

He had calculated every possibility, but he had not taken into account the intelligence of the prey and the foolish courage of the oblivious dogs.

Shen Peishen felt as if he was about to score a goal, only for the ball to roll towards someone else's feet.

It was downright crappy!

The always gentle and cultured Shen Peishen now felt like cursing someone in his mind.

"Sir Shen?"

Seeing that Shen Peishen had not responded for a long time, Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help calling out.

When Shen Peishen first heard the news, he seemed surprised, but it was only a momentary reaction.

After that, there was silence and reflection.

Even with Bai Xiaosheng's insight, he could not see through the thoughts in Shen Peishen's mind.

This was the temperament of someone on the same level as Xiahou Qi. Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but feel emotional.

However, he also believed that aside from these two individuals whose cunningness was incomprehensible, other people, even those at the level of Senior Affairs Officer, could not escape his increasingly practiced observational skills.

Given time, could I, under the tempering of Red Lotus, be able to see through the minds of these older generations?

Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but look forward to it.

"It is truly unbelievable. With the headquarters sitting right here, they still dare to act so recklessly..." Shen Peishen said, "The offenses they have committed, just how serious are they, exactly?"

Although Lu Zhixin and Zhao Beiqing had been found to have issues by Bai Xiaosheng, those two were not fools, and their actions were quite secretive.

Shen Peishen did not believe that Bai Xiaosheng could have thoroughly investigated those two in just a few days.

"Peishen, take a look at this!"

Xiahou Qi had already looked through the report brought by Bai Xiaosheng, frowned slightly, and passed it to Shen Peishen.

Shen Peishen took the report, browsing it page by page.

After reading it, a chill went down Shen Peishen's spine.

The report from Bai Xiaosheng had unexpectedly pointed out all the issues Lu Zhixin and Zhao Beiqing had been involved in!

Bai Xiaosheng had said he had only returned a few days ago, yet he was able to investigate to such an extent!

Shen Peishen looked up at Bai Xiaosheng in disbelief!

For many years, he had always thought that among the younger generation, Lin Yu was a prodigy, a one-of-a-kind talent.

So he nurtured Lin Yu, and despite sometimes being dissatisfied with his temperament, he always protected him.

He believed that one day, Lin Yu would prove his true worth!

But now it seemed that Shen Peishen himself could not deny—

This Bai Xiaosheng, compared to Lin Yu, seemed even more exceptional!

Why had he not discovered such a talent earlier!

Shen Peishen looked on with appreciation, yet his heart was also extremely heavy.

This Bai Xiaosheng was good, but after all, he was not one of his own, not one of his students.

The matter of candidacy for Great Affairs Officer is of great importance!

At this moment, he cannot easily let Bai Xiaosheng have it!

"Officer Bai Xiaosheng, regarding these two people, is the evidence in your hands sufficient, to what extent have you investigated?" Shen Peishen asked while looking at the report.

Bai Xiaosheng had merely explained the issues with Lu Zhixin and Zhao Beiqing, also listing some evidence. However, to ultimately hold a provincial industry leader and an Affairs Officer accountable, more substantial evidence would still be required.

Now that things had come to this point, and both sides were eyeing the same group of people.

It would be a contest of who could gather more evidence!

Let's see whose investigation goes deeper!

Let this be the measure of our ability!

Bai Xiaosheng smiled, "The evidence is still being organized, but by Monday, it should be ready."

Shen Peishen nodded, handing the report to Zheng Honghu, "It seems that Officer Bai Xiaosheng is really cautious, not making promises without certainty. That's very good!"

Zheng Honghu took the report, glanced over it without looking closely, smiled and said, "No need to hurry with this, I can register it for you first. Have you finished summarizing your achievements?"

Bai Xiaosheng smiled and handed Zheng Honghu a printed document.

After they returned to headquarters, they first printed the documents and then came here.

"This is a summary of all my achievements since I became an affairs officer. The electronic version will also be sent to your email," Bai Xiaosheng said with a smile.

This was not something that needed to be shown to Xiahou Qi or Shen Peishen.

Zheng Honghu nodded.

"Sheng, about Lu Zhixin and Zhao Beiqing, hurry with your investigation. By Monday, produce irrefutable evidence!" Xiahou Qi instructed.

"Yes!" Bai Xiaosheng responded.

Off to the side, Shen Peishen said to Xiahou Qi with a smile, "President Xia, Officer Lin Yu is also waiting outside. He was eager to see you during the meeting. I've heard he might also have a report concerning Lu Zhixin and Zhao Beiqing, but I'm not privy to the details. Why not call him in and ask? If Lin Yu also has evidence of wrongdoing by those two, we can handle it together."

Shen Peishen's words made Bai Xiaosheng pause and stirred something in his heart.

No wonder Shen Peishen had such a surprised reaction when he heard his report.

So Lin Yu had also discovered issues with those two!

"So did I... intercept Lin Yu?" The thought of how Lin Yu had earlier politely let him go in first suddenly gave Bai Xiaosheng a sense of irony.

"I wonder what Lin Yu will think when he finds out..." Bai Xiaosheng mused quietly.

"Oh? Is that so?!" Xiahou Qi glanced at Shen Peishen with surprise, a meaningful look in his eyes.

If Lin Yu had truly discovered something, would Shen Peishen, his teacher, really not know?

However, Xiahou Qi preferred not to speculate further and said, "Then let's have Lin Yu come in!"

This time, Xiahou Qi's assistant Wang Mubei was absent, so Bai Xiaosheng opened the door and called Lin Yu in.

"President Xia, Sir Shen, Great Official Zheng Honghu."

Upon entering, Lin Yu first politely greeted the three men, and seeing Bai Xiaosheng not leaving, but standing to the side, he smiled at him too, though his heart held a hint of curiosity.

"Lin Yu, I've heard you were investigating Lu Zhixin and Zhao Beiqing?" Xiahou Qi cut straight to the point.

Lin Yu was taken aback and stealthily glanced at Shen Peishen.

Did the teacher say it?

"Yes, the Hexi Province regional industry leader, Lu Zhixin, and Affairs Officer Zhao Beiqing, colluding and using group resources..." Lin Yu was solemn, ready to make an impassioned statement.

"We already know about these," Xiahou Qi said.

Lin Yu was startled again.

Did the teacher say so much?

Weren't these things for him to say?

"It was Officer Bai Xiaosheng who just gave us a report," Shen Peishen said.

Bai Xiaosheng said it!

And he had...

submitted a report!

Lin Yu's eyes bulged, looking incredulously at Bai Xiaosheng.

Zheng Honghu passed Bai Xiaosheng's report to Lin Yu.

Lin Yu skimmed through it quickly, his mind reeling.

Wasn't this what his teacher had prepared for him? How could Bai Xiaosheng get ahead of him?

"Well, I came back to Linshen a few days early and happened to discover this, so I just casually looked into it,"

said Bai Xiaosheng, his modesty apparent.

Yet this modesty irritated Lin Yu!

In just a few days and a casual investigation, he came up with this extent of information?! Are you mocking the entire department for incompetence, or are you saying I, Lin Yu, am the most incompetent of all?

Lin Yu had a phrase tumbling in his mind, frustration welling up inside him, and at this moment, he especially wanted to say to Bai Xiaosheng—

Are you some kind of freak?!

Chapter 996: Have a Race Between You Two

"Alright, let's talk about the rest later. Officer Lin Yu, don't you have a report on the issue with Lu Zhixin and Zhao Beiqing? Bring it here!" Beside them, Shen Peishen said in a deep voice.

This was a reminder.

"Yes!" Lin Yu quickly presented the report he had already prepared to Mr. Xiahou Qi.

Although because of his own foolishness, he had let Bai Xiaosheng get ahead of him, he no longer had time for regret.

He needed to show Mr. Xiahou Qi that he, too, had conducted an investigation into those two people and that his progress was no less than Bai Xiaosheng's!

If Bai Xiaosheng were to claim this achievement, it would be tantamount to taking away the position of Candidate Great Affairs Officer.

Lin Yu couldn't accept that!

"To think that I, Lin Yu, have been stern with myself all these years in the affairs department, never daring to slack for a moment."

"In my usual duties, I always strive to do my best! I am the strongest affairs officer, I am the benchmark!"

"As of today, the position of Candidate Great Affairs Officer..."

"Should be mine!"

Lin Yu had his dignity and pride like a consistently outstanding student.

Especially now, when he wasn't so stubborn and his mindset had "evolved," he felt even more that he deserved that position.

Bai Xiaosheng, a "transfer student" who appeared out of nowhere, just because he had gained the favor of Mr. Xiahou Qi and was lucky, was about to overshadow him and take away the position that belonged to him.

Lin Yu's heart burned with impatience.

"Just now, it was my stupidity that allowed him to enter first and almost ruined my great opportunity. I won't be so foolish in the future!" Lin Yu thought bitterly to himself.

This time, he was determined to fight to the end!

Mr. Xiahou Qi flipped through Lin Yu's report, growing more and more astonished, "I didn't expect your investigation to be on par with Bai Xiaosheng's!"

This remark startled both Bai Xiaosheng and Zheng Honghu as well.

Clashing clothes, clashing cars, those aren't strange.

But to have an overlap in work investigations—and to have the same progress!

Moreover, during this competition for the position of Candidate Great Affairs Officer!

"This is getting interesting." Mr. Xiahou Qi closed Lin Yu's report and smiled as he looked at both men.

Bai Xiaosheng and Lin Yu also exchanged a glance.

"Actually, I have specially compiled the achievements of both of you in the past few days. Don't be surprised, right now, you two are the top talents among the affairs officers. After comparing your achievements, guess what..." Mr. Xiahou Qi's expression was somewhat complex, and then he sighed—

"It's a tie!"

A tie?!

This result made both Bai Xiaosheng and Lin Yu, as well as Zheng Honghu, feel somewhat dazed.

However, they weren't that surprised either.

They weren't the only ones who had estimated each other's achievements—so had Mr. Xiahou Qi.

A tie was the conclusion given by Mr. Xiahou Qi.

"Peishen, what do you think should be done about this issue?" Mr. Xiahou Qi's face showed a hint of difficulty, directly asking Shen Peishen.

Shen Peishen smiled, "Both officers are so outstanding, it is indeed the fortune of our affairs department!"

"A fortune, yes, but also a troublesome one," Mr. Xiahou Qi said with a wry smile. "Right now, we are selecting the Candidate Great Affairs Officer!"

This issue couldn't be conceded, nor should it be!

"Speaking of trouble, it indeed is troublesome," Shen Peishen said with a smile. "But if we say it's not troublesome, it's not troublesome."

"Oh?" Mr. Xiahou Qi looked at him.

Bai Xiaosheng, Zheng Honghu, and Lin Yu also turned their gaze toward Shen Peishen.

"Since both officers have set their sights on this case and progressed to this stage, then let them show their abilities and see who can bring stronger evidence in the end. Depending on the evidence gathered for the crimes committed by Lu Zhixin and Zhao Beiqing, the judicial system will handle the sentencing differently. I suggest we still set next Monday at noon as the final deadline, to have them compete in their investigative abilities. There's nothing wrong with that."

Shen Peishen looked at Mr. Xiahou Qi, "Elder Xia, what do you think?"

Zheng Honghu also looked at Mr. Xiahou Qi.

Mr. Xiahou Qi nodded, "This might be a good solution! What do you two think?"

"Everything will be as Elder Xia arranges!" Officer Lin Yu said.

Bai Xiaosheng shrugged, "I have no objections."

"Then, it's settled!" Xiahou Qi clapped his hands decisively and smiled at Bai Xiaosheng and Lin Yu, "You two, from now on, will enter a separate contest, and you have these two days!"

Thus, it was decided.

Xiahou Qi gave a few more instructions, and then Bai Xiaosheng and Lin Yu left to retire.

They left the CEO's office one after the other.

Once outside, Lin Yu couldn't help but look back at Bai Xiaosheng, her eyes deep with many feelings, "I didn't expect that you and I would have to enter a competition on our own!"

Bai Xiaosheng smiled, "Indeed, I hope Officer Lin Yu will show some mercy."

"That's impossible!"

"Yes, well, we'll see the result the day after tomorrow!" Bai Xiaosheng laughed, "The position of Candidate Senior Affairs Officer is truly tempting, I see Officer Lin Yu is full of confidence. And I, am determined to win as well!"

"Then let's compete!"

"Let's compete!"

The two of them exchanged smiles, but there was little mirth in their grins.

They then turned and went their separate ways.

"Xiaosheng... Affairs Officer Bai, how did it go, you and Officer Lin Yu, something seemed off?" Lin Weiwei approached, glancing at Lin Yu's receding back, curious.

"There's a subtle scent of gunpowder in the air," Lei Ying remarked as well.

Bai Xiaosheng let out a sigh, "A collision occurred, could there be no smell of gunpowder?"

"Huh?" Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying were stunned.

"Let's go, I'll explain slowly back in the office," Bai Xiaosheng said.

Not long after Bai Xiaosheng and Lin Yu left, Shen Peishen and Zheng Honghu also took their leave, exiting from Xiahou Qi's office and heading back to their respective offices.

On the way, Shen Peishen sent a message from his mobile phone.

After putting away the phone, a flicker of light danced in Shen Peishen's eyes.

"This time, I must help Lin Yu ascend to the position of Candidate Senior Affairs Officer."

"However, I can't overlook the possibility of Bai Xiaosheng's victory! If he wins..."

"I really need to think this through!"

Shen Peishen returned to his office, closed the door, and made a call to Lin Yu.

"Teacher, if you need anything, I can come over now," Lin Yu said over the phone.

"During these two special days, it's better if I don't see you, and you shouldn't come to see me either, to avoid conflict of interest," Shen Peishen replied, "The evidence gathering on Lu Zhixin and Zhao Beiqing is almost conclusive, but you'll have to wait. By the latest, this weekend, I'll have someone deliver it to you! With every bit of evidence now, your chances of winning increase!"

"Teacher, I want to be actively involved as well."

"No, you joined too late. What you need to do is familiarize yourself thoroughly with the evidence that's been compiled, and remember, all of it is the result of your investigation!" Shen Peishen continued to issue his earnest orders.

"Understood!"

Finally, hanging up the phone, Shen Peishen glanced at the time and muttered, "I'm very curious as to how much evidence Bai Xiaosheng has gathered!"

Back with Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng, Lin Weiwei, and Lei Ying had just finished talking.

Upon learning that Bai Xiaosheng and Lin Yu had clashed in their investigations, Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying were surprised as well.

"It's quite a coincidence, but our competitor this time probably won't engage in any scheming tricks," Lin Weiwei said with a smile.

Lin Yu's honesty and integrity had left an impression on her.

"Who knows. Oh, we're out of tea here. Weiwei, could you please go to logistics and pick out some good teas?" Bai Xiaosheng stretched lazily.

"Sure."

Lin Weiwei smiled and got moving.

The logistics department wasn't far, and it took Lin Weiwei no time at all to return with several top-grade black and green teas.

Halfway back, she suddenly heard someone calling her from behind.

"Bai Ying? Is that you?"

Chapter 997: Bai Xiaosheng's Brain-dead Fan?

Bai Ying?

Lin Weiwei was startled. That was her alias, one she naturally held close to her heart, as integral as her own name.

But this was the Affairs Department. Who here would call her by that name?

Lin Weiwei turned her head and saw an excited-looking beauty striding toward her in high heels.

The thin heels clicked crisply against the ground, producing a particularly pleasant sound.

Seeing that face, Lin Weiwei suddenly realized.

Wasn't this the Affairs Assistant they had rescued from the hands of Li Qiushan and his crew that day?

The very same Affairs Assistant to Zhao Beiqing — Yu Ying!

Who would have thought she'd run into her here?

Such a coincidence!

Lin Weiwei was somewhat surprised as well.

At that time, to avoid trouble, they had all used aliases.

Seeing each other now and knowing they were aliases could be a bit awkward.

"It's Miss Yu Ying, what a coincidence," Lin Weiwei quickly composed herself and greeted her with a smile.

Have a brief chat and then go their separate ways; it would be better not to burst the bubble, Lin Weiwei thought to herself.

"Oh, you're carrying so much, let me help you!" Yu Ying offered enthusiastically.

Lin Weiwei didn't even get the chance to refuse before several tins of tea were "snatched" away.

"Let me walk you back," Yu Ying said with a beaming smile.

"No need," Lin Weiwei replied with a smile, declining the offer.

"I insist, I do! After all, you saved me; I'd also like to meet Officer Lin Sheng and Brother Fang Cheng again to express my thanks!"

Yu Ying was incredibly stubborn, her smile sweet.

Lin Weiwei declined repeatedly, and she persisted just as relentlessly.

In the end, Lin Weiwei gave up.

It seemed that no secret could remain hidden forever.

In that case, she might as well go and meet up; it was no big deal.

Lin Weiwei led Yu Ying back the way she came.

Along the way, Yu Ying chattered incessantly like a magpie.

This girl seemed quite guileless.

Yu Ying even leaned in close to Lin Weiwei and whispered that she didn't like working for Affairs Officer Zhao Beiqing, complaining that there were many things Zhao Beiqing wouldn't let her touch.

"It makes me feel like an outsider," Yu Ying lamented time and time again, then said, somewhat enviously to Lin Weiwei, "You're lucky, Sister Bai Ying. Look how well Officer Lin Sheng treats you guys, how much he trusts you. If only I could work with such a good Affairs Officer, that'd be great."

Faced with such comments, Lin Weiwei smiled and responded indifferently, "Working with the Affairs Officer is our professional duty; it's not like dating, no question of good or bad. As long as we do our work with a clear conscience, that's enough."

"Sister Bai Ying is right, maybe I am just being too capricious," Yu Ying stuck out her tongue playfully.

Lin Weiwei came to a halt, stopping in her tracks.

"Eh? Sister Bai Ying, why have you stopped?" Yu Ying asked, puzzled.

Lin Weiwei smiled at her and suddenly asked, "Yu Ying, have you ever been on an external mission?"

"I've gone a few times, but not often. What's up?" Yu Ying said, curious.

"Then you know, for convenience on external missions, we Affairs Assistants, and even Affairs Officers, sometimes use aliases," Lin Weiwei said.

Yu Ying's eyes lit up, and she nodded vigorously, "Yes, I've heard that! It sounds so cool! But I haven't done so."

How this seemingly simple-minded woman ever became an Affairs Assistant, let alone an Affairs Assistant typically selected from company general managers, was beyond Lin Weiwei's imagination.

Managing a company like that... What would that be like...

"Sister Bai Ying, why are you telling me all this?" Yu Ying asked with wide eyes, clearly confused.

Lin Weiwei laughed and said, "Actually, my name isn't Bai Ying. Officer Lin Sheng isn't called Lin Sheng. Fang Cheng isn't called Fang Cheng either."

"Ah?"

Yu Ying was stunned, her face a picture of confusion, as if she couldn't understand.

Lin Weiwei pointed with her lips toward the door of the adjacent office. "I've arrived."

Yu Ying looked bewilderedly at the office door, which bore a nameplate indicating who used the office.

"Affairs Officer—Bai Xiaosheng!" Yu Ying first muttered under her breath, but upon pronouncing Bai Xiaosheng's name, her voice immediately rose eight octaves, her face filled with disbelief.

"Sorry, we really didn't mean to deceive you intentionally at that time," Lin Weiwei said.

At that time they had indeed intended to deceive, it was just that now they couldn't tell the truth.

"We at that time..." Lin Weiwei tried to explain, but before she could finish, she saw Yu Ying's eyes widen, her small face turning bright red with excitement as she looked at her—as if she had just seen her idol.

"Bai Ying, you, you are with Officer Bai Xiaosheng!" Yu Ying excitedly clutched her arms, her eyes brimming with adoration, almost spilling over.

"Ah."

Lin Weiwei replied, taken aback and at a loss for words.

"That's so amazing! You, you're actually with Officer Bai Xiaosheng, eh!"

"He's my idol, the Affairs Officer I admire the most!"

"Oh my goodness, I really should have asked him for an autograph back then!"

"No, no, I must get his autograph later!"

"Is Officer Bai Xiaosheng inside there, can I, can I go in with you!" Yu Ying shrieked, gushing excitably as if she were bewitched, leaving Lin Weiwei unable to get a word in.

"What's all this noise?"

The office door was pulled open, and Lei Ying popped his head out, suddenly startled to see the two people at the door.

Weiwei was understandable, but this woman beside her—

Wasn't that Yu Ying?

But why was she acting like she was on some excitement stimulant?

Even Lei Ying was taken aback.

"If you want to meet Officer Bai Xiaosheng, then come in." Lin Weiwei pointed to herself and then to Lei Ying. "My name is Lin Weiwei, and he's Lei Ying."

Lin Weiwei then said to Lei Ying, "Met her on the way here, Miss Yu Ying, seems to be a fan of Affairs Officer Bai..."

"Oh?" Lei Ying was exceedingly taken aback.

So being an Affairs Officer could also have fans? Unbelievable!

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At this moment, Bai Xiaosheng was inside the room, organizing documents.

The day after tomorrow was Monday, and he was planning to meet Li Qiushan to discuss the evidence they had on their side as well as their appearance as witnesses.

When he heard the talking and footsteps, Bai Xiaosheng looked up and stretched languidly. "Back already, Weiwei."

"Officer Bai Xiaosheng!"

With a scream, Bai Xiaosheng was startled.

Yu Ying ran over, thrilled beyond words, her eyes practically shining as she stared at Bai Xiaosheng, her cheeks painted with a hint of crimson, a blend of bashfulness and charm.

On top of that, she was a very beautiful woman. Such expressions simply melted hearts.

"You are—" Bai Xiaosheng was taken aback.

"Yu Ying, ah, I am Yu Ying who you guys saved that day, Officer Bai Xiaosheng, haven't you forgotten?" Yu Ying said pitifully, seeming disappointed, "I am your fan, you know!"

"Oh, I remember you," Bai Xiaosheng said.

Yu Ying immediately began shouting excitedly, babbling non-stop.

Bai Xiaosheng, somewhat helplessly, glanced at Lin Weiwei, who gave a wry smile and muttered, "Ran into her on the way here."

Yu Ying spent a half-hour in Bai Xiaosheng's office, and during that time, she was the ultimate die-hard fan, conclusively following whatever Bai Xiaosheng said.

Eventually, Yu Ying temporarily left, persuaded by Lin Weiwei, but before she left, she expressed her intention to visit often.

Before leaving, Yu Ying also obtained an autographed paper from Bai Xiaosheng, which she hugged close like a treasure.

Bai Xiaosheng saw this and couldn't help feeling helpless.

Upon departing, Yu Ying meandered a few turns through the Affairs Department, making her way far off before dropping her infatuated expression. Glancing at Bai Xiaosheng's signature on the paper, she smiled slightly. With her other hand raised, her jade-like finger danced through the air.

"This handwriting isn't too hard to imitate."

Chapter 998: Let's Have a Good Talk

On Friday, over ten Affairs Officers submitted their reports to Grand Affairs Officer Zheng Honghu.

They declared their achievements and registered the work they had in hand.

They all intended to contend for the position of Candidate Great Affairs Officer.

These were all outstanding figures among the Affairs Officers, each backed by supporters, and they all felt they still had a shot at competing.

As for the rest, hundreds of Affairs Officers maintained their silence, simply preparing to watch the excitement unfold.

They knew their limits.

In previous years, when Lin Yu presided, it was as though a towering mountain had been erected in front of everyone.

Now, with Bai Xiaosheng in the picture, it was like an added great river lying across their path.

Traverse mountains and rivers?

They feared they lacked the stamina for it.

Thus by unspoken agreement, they turned into spectators, even secretly placing bets on whether Bai Xiaosheng or Lin Yu would ultimately prevail.

Before the end of work, Zheng Honghu sent the list of applicants to Xiahou Qi.

After reading it, Xiahou Qi could not help but mutter, "There are surprisingly few this time. Do they all realize they have no chance?"

"It's really because Bai Xiaosheng and Lin Yu are just too outstanding. The gap with others is too wide," Zheng Honghu laughed.

That set a minor record—the least number of applicants for Candidate Great Affairs Officer.

However, this made Zheng Honghu's job much easier. After Friday, there was no way anyone would be tactless enough to disturb the Great Affairs Officer over the weekend.

It was just a question of whether anyone else would be added on Monday.

On Bai Xiaosheng's side,

For the rest of the day, besides organizing what he needed for Monday, he also made a call to Li Qiushan and arranged to meet on Saturday to discuss the matter of giving testimony.

While Bai Xiaosheng was busy, Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying also didn't sit idle; they went to handle temporary access passes for Li Qiushan's people.

At Zhenbei Group's Greater China Region Headquarters, the management was incredibly strict.

Not just anyone could bring people in, especially to critical areas.

Even if Affairs Officers brought in people, they needed to handle access credentials—a rigid rule.

The access pass was a laminated paper card turned into a chest badge featuring the holder's photograph, name, and other information. Right in the center of the card, the signature of an Affairs Officer was required for verification.

To process the photos and related information, Li Qiushan and others just had to send their digital versions; the equipment here could easily handle everything.

As for processing time, ordinary Affairs Officers needed a working day.

Bai Xiaosheng did not.

As a New-type Affairs Officer, some of his privileges were equivalent to those of a Senior Affairs Officer. In this matter, it only took him thirty to forty minutes.

The difference was so vast that when Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying picked up the items, the waiting Affairs Assistants all were astounded and envious.

The person in charge on their side repeatedly apologized to Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying, "Actually, we should have delivered it. It's just that there were many people handling it today, and we really couldn't spare the manpower. You two had to take the trouble."

Such polite treatment from the staff left everyone waiting around astonished.

So much so that on the way back, Lin Weiwei couldn't help but remark,

"Privilege really is awesome!"

Once Lin Weiwei and the others returned, Bai Xiaosheng checked the access passes, asked Lin Weiwei to keep them safe, and smiled, "I've arranged to invite Li Qiushan and his team for lunch tomorrow noon."

"Brother Xiaosheng, aren't we being too polite? We're helping them take their revenge after all. Technically, they should be treating us," Lin Weiwei joked.

"These guys need to have money too," Lei Ying quipped. "Unless you want to eat at a street stall?"

"Let's forget that!"

Over the past year, they had frequently eaten at street stalls for work, so they planned to treat themselves well upon their return.

"If we want to win this time, we still need their help!" Bai Xiaosheng said. "I've analyzed it, and whatever we can dig up, Lin Yu can definitely obtain as well, since it all comes from the Affairs Department's system, even with the help of Great Official Zheng Honghu. And Lin Yu? He's got the help of Grand Affairs Officer Shen Peisheng, so the information he holds is only going to be more abundant!"

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying's expressions turned grave, and they nodded slightly.

"The key to our decisive victory lies with Li Qiushan and the others!" Bai Xiaosheng stated with absolute certainty.

After that, he smiled again and said mysteriously, "Also, Weiwei, the value of people like Li Qiushan isn't just that bit of evidence."

"Um?"

Bai Xiaosheng's words took Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying by surprise.

Other than providing evidence, what else could Li Qiushan and his people provide?

The two exchanged glances, their faces colored with confusion.

"Xiaosheng, what exactly do you mean?" Lin Weiwei asked.

Bai Xiaosheng pursed his lips and smiled. He did not answer, but his smile was tinged with slyness.

"You'll find out tomorrow!"

That day, nothing further was said.

The following day, nearing noon, Bai Xiaosheng took Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying out and visited a special restaurant in Linshen.

The place was fairly well-known and packed on weekends; it was difficult to get a seat without a reservation in advance.

However, Bai Xiaosheng had Lin Weiwei reserve a private room the day before.

They arrived at eleven o'clock, and barely five minutes after entering—just as the waiter had served the tea—the room's door was pushed open.

Under the guidance of another waiter, Uncle Li Qiushan, the muscular Wu Tong, the sole female Fan Sihui, two men Wang Qulin and Chen Jiayi who had been swiftly taken down by Lei Ying, and the gatekeeper with glasses, Yu Sansi, entered in single file.

Seeing Bai Xiaosheng again, these people felt somewhat embarrassed, as their initial meeting had not been very pleasant.

They had all been soundly thrashed.

Bai Xiaosheng stood up with a smile to greet them.

"Officer Bai Xiaosheng!" Li Qiushan was the first to greet Bai Xiaosheng, his face still showing some excitement.

The day before, Bai Xiaosheng had disclosed his real name to them. Since there was no point in hiding it any longer, telling the truth was also an act of transparency.

Despite Li Qiushan and his group's current destitute state, a dying camel is still bigger than a horse. If they tried to inquire about someone's basic background, they could certainly manage that.

Moreover, the name Bai Xiaosheng was legendary in the headquarters, incredibly imposing.

Finding the information did not take much effort.

Upon learning about Bai Xiaosheng's exploits, Li Qiushan and the others were shocked for a whole day.

That person who had tricked them so badly, Zhao Beiqing and Lu Zhixin, whom they were powerless to oppose—such figures had been bested numerous times by Bai Xiaosheng!

What was even more astounding was that there was one named Chen Jiutian, a level above those people.

He, too, had been taken down by Bai Xiaosheng!

Beyond their shock, Li Qiushan and the others had immense respect.

Looking at the cultured and genteel young man before them, they actually found it hard to believe.

Understated, reserved, gentle.

Was this really the dreaded "Devil Bai" from the Zhenbei Group Greater China Region Affairs Department?

It didn't fit the image!

"Come, everyone, please sit down," Bai Xiaosheng said, smiling as he gestured elegantly.

Yet none of them took their seats.

"You... are really that Officer Bai Xiaosheng?!" Fan Sihui, unable to hold back, blurted out first.

"That Devil Bai?" Wu Tong asked with wide eyes, more bluntly.

Devil or not, that day, that kick from Bai Xiaosheng was fierce.

"Dealt with several people on par with Zhao Beiqing?" Yu Sansi also adjusted his glasses, asking in astonishment.

Wang Qulin and Chen Jiayi stared unblinkingly at Bai Xiaosheng, awaiting his reply.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled.

"You are all indeed well-informed, having dug up quite a bit about me."

"Then don't just stand there, sit down. I can discuss these matters with you properly!"

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Li Qiushan, Fan Sihui, Wu Tong, and the others took their seats, and after being asked by the server, the dishes started being served.

"We can talk while we eat," Bai Xiaosheng said with a smile.

Li Qiushan and a few others were still hung up on the topic they were discussing earlier, and Bai Xiaosheng was somewhat helpless.

He really wasn't good at talking about his glorious past; self-promotion wasn't his forte.

"Let me do the talking," Lin Weiwei said with a smile. "However, I would like to first hear what versions you've all heard, so I can dismiss the false and keep the true. Also, feel free to ask about any details you're curious about."

"That sounds great!" Fan Sihui nodded with a smile.

Fan Sihui was a woman with a delicate mind and had once managed quite a large company, possessing a unique perspective.

The young and beautiful girl in front of them, Lin Weiwei, with her every word and gesture, exuded excellence.

Her confident and composed demeanor made Fan Sihui feel somewhat ashamed; even a few years back, she might not have possessed such caliber.

"Would such a figure really be willing to act as an ordinary Affairs Officer!" Fan Sihui couldn't help but secretly glance at Bai Xiaosheng, wondering what kind of formidable person this Affairs Officer must be!

"I'll ask first!" Wu Tong spoke up eagerly.

This guy was always impatient.

Even though he had once been a big company head managing hundreds of people, his temperament hadn't changed much.

"Alright."

Lin Weiwei smiled and gestured for him to proceed.

Wu Tong asked about the Chen Brothers, first vividly describing the version he had heard, which was all about Bai Xiaosheng's initial claim to fame, also the "legend" at its hottest.

"First off, it wasn't that exaggerated, but the legendary aspect was certainly not less than you described!" Lin Weiwei said with a smile.

Keeping the unspeakable contents aside, Lin Weiwei gave everyone an overview.

Including when Bai Xiaosheng, who was only a general manager of a company back then, matched wits and stood his ground against Chen Jiuzheng, who was equivalent to Lu Zhixin.

Everyone listened in amazement.

All from the same system, challenging higher-ups and even winning?

Unbelievable!

When it came to outsmarting the Chen Brothers, Wu Tong's eyes widened, and as he listened, he chugged down a full cup of beer all at once.

"Thrilling!"

The others were also listening with flushed faces, rubbing their hands together in excitement.

"Impressive!"

"Admirable!"

There were continuous exclamations of admiration.

Afterward, each person asked about the details they were interested in.

Bai Xiaosheng just smiled, sipping his tea, observing these people.

Even during this time of "showing off," Bai Xiaosheng was analyzing them!

Fan Sihui had keen instincts, Yu Sansi was meticulous. They were shocked by Bai Xiaosheng's deeds, but the questions asked halfway were all about Bai Xiaosheng's various actions during his time as general manager.

Li Qiushan's demeanor was calm, and although he didn't ask any questions, he listened very carefully and also focused on those.

These people loved to learn, obsessed with management...

Wang Qulin and Chen Jiayi were concerned about execution. They asked about Bai Xiaosheng's actions, how he implemented them in more precise, step-by-step ways.

Bai Xiaosheng analyzed each person, a smile tugging at the corner of his mouth.

Everyone seated was talented, with abilities not to be underestimated.

Then came a question from Fan Sihui about another of Bai Xiaosheng's deeds.

This was followed by Yu Sansi, Wang Qulin, and Chen Jiayi, and finally, even Li Qiushan couldn't hold back and joined in.

Bai Xiaosheng's deeds were deeply dug into once again.

From the moment Fan Sihui spoke, Bai Xiaosheng started urging everyone to drink and eat.

After all, the table was full of mouthwatering dishes and drinks.

Everyone continued to eat and listen, clapping and exclaiming whenever they heard something exciting, and taking the opportunity to toast Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng, ever unafraid, was very easy-going and gracious.

However, he naturally wouldn't truly drink every cup dry; otherwise, he might pass out drunk before he even got a chance to speak.

Even so, Bai Xiaosheng discreetly communicated with Red Lotus, asking her to boost his metabolism hormones to help mitigate the alcohol in his system.

With Red Lotus's aid, Bai Xiaosheng could finally relax.

The drinks went around three times, and they tasted five kinds of dishes.

Bai Xiaosheng's deeds had finally been recounted.

"Affairs Officer Bai, truly a gifted individual! Whether in business or in the workplace, despite his youth, he's qualified to be a master! I salute you with a toast," Li Qiushan was the first to raise his glass to Bai Xiaosheng.

"We toast you as well," Fan Sihui, Wu Tong, and Yu Sansi also raised their glasses.

They were genuinely convinced!

"You're too kind, Uncle Li! Too kind, everyone," Bai Xiaosheng raised his glass, smiling at everyone.

"Actually, I have great respect for all of you!"

Everyone thought Bai Xiaosheng was just being polite, and merely smiled in response.

But Bai Xiaosheng continued—

"Uncle Li Qiushan's Wanzhong International, whose strategies from years past remain relevant today, show extraordinary foresight, which I deeply admire!"

"If Miss Fan Sihui's Da Feng Industrial hadn't been sabotaged by Lu Zhixin and Zhao Beiqing, I believe it would have ranked among the top one hundred in the domestic industry!"

"Mr. Wu Tong's Jiu Li Foreign Trade, which withstood the onslaught from multiple companies in our group for two years before succumbing, dealt even Lu Zhixin a severe blow in the field!"

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Throughout his speech, Bai Xiaosheng recounted each person's deeds with a smile.

Li Qiushan was stunned.

Fan Sihui was stunned.

Wu Tong was stunned.

Yu Sansi, Wang Qulin, and Chen Jiayi were also stunned.

They wouldn't have been surprised if Bai Xiaosheng had investigated them.

But those deeds, long buried in time, only boasted about in private conversations as tales from the past.

Those deeds, after so many years, had been unearthed by Bai Xiaosheng!

Someone still remembered them!

Li Qiushan and the others were deeply moved at that moment.

Li Qiushan's eyes involuntarily reddened.

Fan Sihui's gaze was distant.

Wu Tong's throat moved.

This young man in front of them, speaking with genuine sincerity, whose capabilities clearly surpassed theirs many times over, yet still genuinely praised them.

"For that statement alone! I'll drink this one, you feel free to join!"

Li Qiushan, with a hoarse voice, raised his glass and drank it all in one go.

The others also raised their glasses towards Bai Xiaosheng.

"I'll drink this one too, you do as you wish!"

"I'll drink this one too!"

"Cheers!"

"Cheers!"

Everyone raised their glasses and drank it all in one go.

From that one appraisal Bai Xiaosheng had just given them, they felt this young man was truly a friend!

Bai Xiaosheng, holding his cup aloft and supporting the bottom with his other hand, smiled and saluted everyone, then downed it in one go!

That's the joy of drinking!

Showing your strength can only inspire awe.

After demonstrating strength, showing respect to others is how you earn respect!

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying also went along with a full glass.

After the drinks, Bai Xiaosheng put down his cup and looked at everyone with a smile.

"I saw that earlier during the questioning, you all shared many strategies you would use in similar situations, which was particularly impressive!"

"I believe if you were in that position, you wouldn't be any worse than me!"

"Actually, I have also heard from Uncle Li that you all are presently just middle managers in small firms, with ambitions you can't exercise, talents going to waste!"

"What a waste!"

"If I offered you a job where you could pursue your ambitions, would you be willing?" Bai Xiaosheng's eyes sparkled.

He wasn't just interested in the evidence these people held!

He wanted the people as well!

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"What!" Li Qiushan and the others widened their eyes, staring at Bai Xiaosheng in disbelief.

Bai Xiaosheng had said that he was going to give them a job...

One that would allow them to fulfill their ambitions!

This matter, specifically, didn't stir their hearts, would be a lie!

Indeed, they were not content with the status quo!

Now, these people, each and every one of them, were stuck in small companies, taking mid to lower-level management roles, slaving away for others, being bossed around.

Sometimes, they had excellent suggestions which, when proposed, were scoffed at, even mocked to a great degree—

"You're so capable, how did you end up like this?"

"Be practical; don't aim too high."

"We don't need the stuff you're talking about here!"

"Some things are for the boss to consider, not for someone like you to worry about; just do your job well, that's enough!"

Sometimes, they truly had enough of the small companies and aspired to join large corporations.

They originally thought that with the management talent they had shown in their glorious days, it wouldn't be difficult to land a senior management position.

But the gap between dreams and reality was immense!

Firstly, they didn't just switch jobs normally; in their hands, a major enterprise had been driven to bankruptcy. Many private enterprise owners who cared about Feng Shui were wary of them, fearing they brought bad luck, and were unwilling to entrust them with significant responsibilities.

Furthermore, Zhenbei Group had numerous subsidiaries across several provinces, and many large companies had business dealings with these subsidiaries to some extent.

These people, once 'enemies' of Zhenbei Group, were seen as risky hires by many companies.

In the end, to support their families without moving far away, they had no choice but to settle for small businesses.

This was the reason for their lingering resentment over the years, why they sought justice from Zhao Beiqing and Lu Zhixin!

Today, with revenge within grasp, Bai Xiaosheng made suggestions regarding their future.

They couldn't say they were unmoved; that would indeed be false.

"It turns out, Xiaosheng had his sights on these people!" Lin Weiwei was secretly astonished as she exchanged looks with Lei Ying.

"No wonder, yesterday, Xiaosheng said their value far exceeded the evidence in their hands!" Lei Ying thought to himself.

They had not anticipated Bai Xiaosheng's intentions!

Indeed, these people were once owners of large enterprises!

Their management experience was forged and verified through real-world testing!

Each person was a rare talent!

If they could be brought under his command, their value would be immeasurable!

Especially given their current situation, giving them an opportunity was like sending charcoal in snowy weather; he believed they would repay him a thousandfold!

If this succeeded, then Bai Xiaosheng would make a fortune!

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying, thinking of this, felt a surge of excitement.

Their perspective and approach to problem-solving were still immature, only focused on how to fill their own bowls with more food.

Bai Xiaosheng, on the other hand, was planning to take the whole pot.

Li Qiushan and the others were silent, their expressions complex as they looked at each other.

"Mr. Bai, I know you mean well."

Wu Tong was the first to speak, though his expression showed difficulty, "We're all certainly tempted, it's just that..."

"I don't want to!" Wu Tong gritted his teeth, resolute.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying's hearts skipped a beat.

Was this a case of "I directed my heart toward the bright moon, but alas, the moon illuminates only the ditch"?

These great 'Phoenix birds' had lofty aspirations, unwilling to be bound by kindness?

"Even though I know the positions you're offering must be excellent, it's just..." Wu Tong said firmly, "I don't want to join Zhenbei Group!"

This wasn't just out of hatred; it was more that Wu Tong had an insurmountable barrier in his heart.

After all, it was a Zhenbei Group company that had put an end to his own!

"I feel the same," Fan Sihui sighed lightly, "I know this seems petty, not in line with the rational thinking we businessmen usually have, but, I really can't accept it..."

The others nodded slightly.

"Perhaps, we are doomed to let down your good intentions," even Li Qiushan sighed.

That was it!

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying mourned silently.

Bai Xiaosheng's well-intentioned overture had failed.

"Who said I was sending you to a subsidiary of the Zhenbei Group?" Bai Xiaosheng looked at the crowd, puzzled.

"..."

Everyone was taken aback, not just Li Qiushan and the others, but also Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying.

What did he mean by that?

Bai Xiaosheng wasn't trying to pull everyone into a subsidiary of Zhenbei Group, was he?

Bai Xiaosheng looked at the crowd and smiled, "What if I told you that I wanted you to establish a new company unrelated to Zhenbei Group, would you be willing?!"

A new company?

Li Qiushan and the others instantly widened their eyes in disbelief, as did Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying.

"Officer Bai Xiaosheng, do you want us to start all over again?" Li Qiushan exclaimed in shock.

Not even he could have imagined it.

Starting all over again!

Rising from the ashes!

This plan instantly brightened everyone's eyes, igniting their hearts.

It wasn't that his words were particularly rousing.

But this idea had appeared thousands and thousands of times recently in the minds of Li Qiushan and the others!

Bai Xiaosheng had struck right at their hearts!

However, to start all over again and establish a new company from scratch to compete in the marketplace was not as easy as just talking about it!

Just the startup capital alone was a hurdle too difficult to leap.

Once Li Qiushan and the others thought about this point, they all sighed somewhat, also recalling scenes of unwelcome memories.

When it comes to business networking, it's always possible to call up friends while you're an equal.

No money? Swapping funds isn't usually a problem either.

But once you're down on your luck, those so-called friends won't waste their time on you, and trying to talk to them about money?

That's hardly different from dreaming!

They all say the business world is cruel, and this is one manifestation of it!

Thinking of this made everyone fall silent.

Everything else, they could find a way to solve.

But money, the startup capital, they couldn't resolve!

How much capital could Bai Xiaosheng bring in, a million, several millions?

That would be just toying around!

"But the new company, the capital..." Li Qiushan muttered.

"I can bring in a hundred million for the startup. Is that enough?" Bai Xiaosheng asked directly.

A hundred million!

For the startup?

Li Qiushan and the others were startled.

Not just a few millions, not tens of millions, but a hundred million!

For many types of new companies, this sum of money was enormous!

"This..."

"That's enough!"

"Can we really have a hundred million?!"

Everyone was shocked.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled.

He had just about a hundred million in his card, and if it involved Group affairs, he could even overdraft another hundred million.

However, if it's about establishing a business unrelated to the Group, then he might as well forget it.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying were also startled.

Bai Xiaosheng was about to make a big play!

"My friends are at Zunbai Zhisheng in Linshen, and I also have friends at Tengyun Group. If we need external resources, we can turn to them," Bai Xiaosheng thought and said.

Zunbai Zhisheng, that's the internationally renowned big data company!

In Linshen, even the mayor had paid a visit! And he expressed policy support!

Li Qiushan and the others were startled.

And, Tengyun?

Bai Xiaosheng also had friends there!

This wasn't just shocking, this was astonishing!

Li Qiushan and the others stared wide-eyed, swallowing dryly, feeling their breathing becoming quick.

This was too exaggerated!

They originally thought Lu Zhixin and Zhao Beiqing were exceptionally well-connected, but compared to Bai, they were nothing!

Li Qiushan and the others prided themselves on having weathered many storms, but now they were repeatedly astonished by a young man.

"How about it, are you interested?" Bai Xiaosheng smiled and asked, "I can offer you original shares as well!"