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“Who is it?” Everyone exchanged curious looks.

“Manager Hu!” Yang Yuting smiled at Manager Hu just as he entered the VIP lounge for a break.

“My apologies, Mr. Yang. We’re absolutely swamped today, so you’ll have to bear with any lapses in our hospitality,” Manager Hu said.

“Nonsense. We already can’t thank you enough for taking the time to meet with us, even though it is always so busy in Xinfeng!” Yang Yuting said.

“Yes, about that... I’ve asked about that proposal bid you mentioned, and I’m afraid Mr. Zhao won’t have the time to look at it for several days. You might have to wait a while.”

“Of course, we’ll let you handle everything!” Yang Yuting had no choice but to obey.

Manager Hu glanced at his watch, then murmured with surprise, “That’s weird. Mr. Zhao should be here by now?” He said as

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he glanced toward the door.

“Are you expecting someone, Manager Hu?” the receptionist, Liu, asked.

“Ah yes, I was just about to ask you. Please check the front desk and see if Miss Yang Xiaobei has arrived,” Manager Hu asked, suddenly realizing that it was possible that Miss Yang had arrived early.

“Miss Yang Xiaobei?” Xiao Liu froze, then looked at Yang Xiaobei. Yang Yuting and Guo Ru also found themselves shocked. What the heck was Manager Hu seeking out Yang Xiaobei for?

“Manager Hu, she... she’s called Yang Xiaobei!” Xiao Liu pointed to Xiaobei.

“What?” Manager Hu’s face instantly changed and he hurriedly walked to Yang Xiaobei. “If you’re Miss Yang, then General Manager Zhao Kang must have...?”

“Mm hmm, I’m here to see Mr. Zhao Kang!” Yang Xiaobei nodded, relieved at last. Of course Chen Hao would never mess with her with something this serious; if he said

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there was a way, then there was a way.

“Oh no!” Manager Hu smacked his thigh. “I didn’t expect you this early, Miss Yang. Mr. Zhao Kang sent me specifically to welcome you.”

His words sent everyone present into a state of shock. Guo Ru in particular had her jaw hanging so wide open, she could fit an egg in her mouth.

“Manager Hu, are you sure there’s someone called Zhao Kang in this company?” Guo Ru said in disbelief, as Yang Yan and Yang Ye glared at Yang Xiaobei with envy.

“Yes, he’s one of the company’s major CEOs and he usually keeps a low profile. Also, Mrs. Guo, don’t you think using the full name of our boss is a little inappropriate?” Manager Hu said seriously. There were several major CEOs in this company, and none of them would simply divulge their identities to lower-level employees. That was why they were called the “backstage managers”, after all.

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“Sorry, sorry. I just wanted to make sure there wasn’t some mistake being made here. Yang Xiaobei here is just a low-level employee of our company, so what is it about her that warranted a welcome from Mr. Zhao himself?”

“Then you’ll have to ask the man himself. Miss Yang, you’re here to discuss a project, yes?” Manager Hu said reverentially, and Yang Xiaobei nodded solemnly in reply.

“Oh, good. Mr. Zhao Kang has already prepared the signing ceremony for you. Shall we go up now, if it’s alright with you?”

“What, now?” Yang Xiaobei herself was surprised. Originally, she assumed Chen Hao would have connections like Yang Ye did with his classmate, but she would have to rely on her own negotiation skills to secure the project. But the whole process was going more smoothly than she thought. And Chen Hao’s connection was with one of Xinfeng’s CEOs? Before long, a greeter took Yang Xiaobei’s handbag for her and the whole entourage went upstairs.

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“Mom, they must have made some mistake, right?” Yang Ye said in disbelief.

“Yeah. Allegedly, it was Chen Hao who introduced them, but how is it possible for him to have this kind of connection?” Yang Yan said enviously.

It was clear that everyone now looked at their families with condescension, given that hard slap to the face they were just given. Meanwhile, Guo Ru remembered the incident yesterday when Chen Hao forked out 76 million instantly and some of the things Yang Ye said about his new look. Now that Chen Hao apparently had direct connections with Xinfeng, even a fool would realize that he was no ordinary man!

“Wait!” Guo Ru interrupted Yang Yan and her mother, who were whining away like a dog who just got kicked. “Do you think we’ve misunderstood Chen Hao all along, and he’s not actually poor? Why else would he be so generous and have such an influential network?” she said grimly.

Everybody fell silent with that sentence; no one wanted to believe it, but they couldn’t

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deny the facts.

“That’s very improbable. I certainly don’t believe it!” Aunt Xu Sen shook her head furiously.

“Yeah, we don’t believe it either!” Yang Yan and Yang Ye agreed.

As for Guo Ru, she was the devilishly smart kind of person, so no one knew what she thought of it. But after some time, she suddenly clapped a hand to her mouth as if something had shocked her, and that surprised Yang Yuting and Yang Ye as well.

“What is it, Mum?” Yang Ye asked hastily.

“Yeah, Guo Ru. What’s with the shock? I mean, it’s always possible that Chen Hao was just calling in a favor he was owed, right?” Aunt Xu Sen said.

“No!” Guo Ru shook her head vigorously. “Have you all forgotten the billion-dollar present Mother received during her birthday party today?” She blinked furiously.

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“From that mysterious young master of the Chen family?” Some of them fell silent.

“Yeah, they did mention that the person was called Young Master Chen of the Chen family. Chen Hao’s surname is also Chen, so if he was this Young Master Chen, would that explain everything?” Guo Ru herself was shocked by this theory. This time, everyone fell silent again as their expressions darkened.

“Impossible! Definitely impossible!” Aunt Xu Sen said.

“But Yang Xiaobei must know something. Aunt Guo Ru, I suggest you stop making guesses as wild as Chen Hao being Young Master Chen. If Yang Xiaobei fails to get the project, then all would be clear!” Yang Yan said.

“Alright, we’ll wait for Yang Xiaobei, then!” Forty minutes later, Yang Xiaobei emerged. However, she was carrying five extra files.

“Yang Xiaobei!” Guo Ru and the others were still waiting for her, and they were dumbstruck when they saw the five

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contracts she was holding.

“Y-You signed all of them?” Guo Ru said in disbelief.

“Mm hmm, you’re looking at five of Xinfeng’s major projects for this year and the next one too!” Yang Xiaobei said, still overwhelmed. Let’s see if you all can still bully my mother and I after this. After that, she made to leave with little regard to her shocked aunts and uncles.

“Hold it right there!” Guo Ru said.

“What?”

“Hmph, don’t get cocky just because you’ve secured so many projects. Tell me, how did Chen Hao get such an influential network? How does he even know Mr. Zhao Kang?”



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"I don't know. You'll have to ask Chen Hao!" Yang Xiaobei said and left unceremoniously.

"This is it. We're doomed. Yang Xiaobei has scored a big victory for the family!" Yang Ye said furiously.

"Patience. I refuse to believe Yang Xiaobei can turn the tables this quickly. Our biggest problem now isn't her but the son of that cheap woman, Chen Hao. We must find out exactly how powerful he is!" Guo Ru had just finished her sentence when the family group chat received a message. It was from the butler, and he was summoning them to the family meeting room in an hour.

"I told you. Yang Xiaobei is already trying to take credit, and it's got to be for the project!" Aunt Xu Sen said.

Guo Ru sneered with crossed arms, "Let's go back. I want to see just how resilient this girl is!"

An hour later, everyone was in the Yang family meeting room. Usually, family

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meetings were called on behalf of Madame Yang with mandatory attendance, so everyone in the family quickly assembled there. Meanwhile, Madame Yang herself sat at the head of the table with a radiant expression.

"I trust you all have heard about why we're here today. That's right, we're here to commend Xiao Bei for successfully doing what I asked for this morning in a single afternoon. Not only has she secured five projects for the family, but she has also successfully forged a contract of partnership with Xinfeng Group. Xiao Bei has truly achieved great things for the family." Madame Yang was smiling widely enough for her wrinkles to be fully visible. At the same time, everyone turned to look at Yang Xiaobei incredulously.

"Therefore, I have an announcement to make: Yang Xiaobei will become the manager of all five projects as well as the new general manager of the company's projects department cum vice president of Yang Construction Group." Madame Yang said.

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"What?" The room erupted in chaos. Yang Ye especially felt as if he had been hit by a truck, considering Madame Yang had named him Vice President of the same company just before his birthday and the official announcement was to come after the birthday banquet. However, Yang Xiaobei was to have the position now instead. Guo Ru also felt her lip twitch as Yang Xiaobei was almost on par with her status-wise.

"Xiaobei, continue to maintain a good relationship with Xinfeng Group. Grandma believes in you!" Madame Yang said. After discussing many other things on the agenda, the meeting was dismissed, and Yang Xiaobei left.

"Mother," Guo Ru stayed behind and whispered, "Xiaobei is indeed capable, and that is praiseworthy. But do you really plan on putting her in charge?"

"She got the projects, so of course she'll be in charge!" Madame Yang said.

"That's true, I even agree with the decision to make her Vice President. But Mother,

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have you considered that as capable as she is, she's still just a girl? It's not that she can't handle the responsibilities, but it's just that she's old enough to get married any day now. Once she marries into a different family, she'll..."

Madame Yang seemed to calm down after hearing her words, so Guo Ru continued, "Besides, Xiaobei has always been learning the ropes at the lower levels but never at the upper ones like Yang Ye has. If you promote her to upper management all of a sudden, I'm worried that she can't handle it. At least, I think she can't handle it now. Look at Yang Yuting getting tricked by the Long family even though he was so smart. Xiaobei is a little too kind as a person."

With that, Madame Yang hesitated before calling out, "Ashen, get Xiaobei back here."

"Yes, ma'am!" Guo Ru exchanged a delighted look with her son when Ashen obliged.

"This is so frustrating!" Xiaobei returned home in a fury.

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"What is it?" Chen Hao asked, trimming the houseplants on the balcony.

"Guo Ru! That diabolical woman. Grandma promised she would let me manage the projects, and I thought I would finally gain some working experience. However, Guo Ru said something to her, and now I'm working with Yang Ye on this. What right does he have to do this after how he treated my mother and me?" Xiaobei fumed.

"That's it? Remember, you still call the shots here. Xinfeng Group chose to work with you, not Yang Ye," Chen Hao reminded her.

"Oh, right! Then I'll be fine! By the way, Chen Hao, I see you have a hamper over there. What's it for?" Xiaobei looked at Chen Hao.

"I was planning another visit to Grandma's after you all were finished with that meeting." Chen Hao wiped his hands and picked up the hamper. He had planned to go this morning, but the sudden meeting and the prospect of seeing his aunts again

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gave him second thoughts.

"What? Did you think this was my birthday present for you?" Chen Hao smiled. He remembered her birthday was in two days.

"Of course not!" Yang Xiaobei stuck out her tongue at him.

"All right, I'll go visit Grandma first. She's been going to bed early a lot these days." Chen Hao was in a hurry to discuss this matter with his grandmother, and so he left.

When he arrived, Chen Hao ran into Yang Ye and Guo Ru just as they were strolling. "Chen Hao, what are you doing here this late at night?" they asked warily.

"I'm looking for Grandma," Chen Hao replied.

"Hmph! Your grandma is resting right now. Whatever you want to say to her, just say it to me," Guo Ru said with crossed arms.

"It's none of your business," Chen Hao replied coldly and left immediately.

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"Hold it right there! H-How dare you speak to me like this?" Guo Ru fumed. How dare Chen Hao not show her any respect, especially in front of the servants?

"What's wrong?" Chen Hao whirled around and asked harshly.

Under Chen Hao's gaze, Guo Ru suddenly found herself speechless. "Nothing." After that, she watched Chen Hao go inside.

"Mom, that village boy is starting to forget himself. Why were you so scared of him just now?" Yang Ye said indignantly.

"What? Did I look that scared?" Guo Ru asked in disbelief. When Yang Ye nodded, she remembered how her heart nearly skipped a beat when Chen Hao turned to glare at her.

Human emotions were so strange. Just a few days ago, Chen Hao had an air of aloofness as usual, and she still mocked and ridiculed him like he was nothing simply because she didn't like him. Now, Chen Hao was the same as he was a few days ago, but whenever she criticised him

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or even insulted him in any way, she felt less confidence for some reason. She even felt fear when Chen Hao glared at her, but why? She couldn't believe this!

"Ma'am, Young Master Chen is here!"  
Ashen told Madame Yang just as she was about to rest.

Madame Yang froze for a moment before she said, "Send him in."



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