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As the heir to the Mo family, Mo Bei was keenly aware of his position and what he had to do.

If the Mo family wanted to continue occupying its spot in the Tongshan mining industry, they had to ensure operations went on smoothly.

Their family had survived off mining for so many generations that its business model was already fixed in their hearts.

They had to keep bleeding the miners to force down labor costs. After all, it might be difficult to find a genius, but there was an abundant supply of common laborers.

But once Jiang Ning broke the rules, it made workers greedy. So that was bad news for the Mo family.

Furthermore, Jiang Ning had a wild mine on his side now, so Mo Bei was determined to get it!

“Mr Mo, how are we going to take down Lin Group?” asked Cheng Fan with a glint of joy flashing across his eyes.

“It doesn't matter whether they collapse or not, all we need to do is to take hold of what they have,” said Mo Bei calmly. He seemed as though Jiang Ning and everyone's fate was already in his grasp.

“Okay!” said Cheng Fan as he nodded. Then he left to make arrangements.

He couldn't wait to see Jiang Ning kneeling before him and begging for mercy!

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When it became unsustainable for Lin Group to stay in Xishan and they had to leave pathetically, he would be around to witness it!

Mo Bei walked over to the French windows and looked at the city at his feet.

He loved the sensation of seeing everything in miniature as he towered from above.

“Although the Mo family is considered one of the top families in the northwest district, it isn’t enough,” muttered Mo Bei to himself. “I want the Mo family to be so formidable that even the supremely powerful families of the north treat us with respect!”

He never once thought highly of those powerful northern families. They merely propelled themselves into success by making informed reactions to the situation and didn’t have any real resources or powers to fall back on.

Once that opportunity dried up, they would fall plunge into an abyss!

So he couldn’t let the Mo family follow in their footsteps.

Especially when the Mo family controlled two well-concealed wild mines. Each year they mined only a small number of ores from them.

But despite the tiny amount they mined, it was enough for the Mo family to trade for more useful things from overseas.

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“If the Mo family controlled one more wild mine, our future would be more secure.”

A smile emerged on Mo Bei’s face as though he already had it in his grip.

Once the key industry stakeholders from the nearby cities surrounded Xishan and forced Lin Group to back down, Lin Group wouldn’t be able to continue in the trade.

Would Jiang Ning have the right to be arrogant then?

They would have no choice but to leave Xishan and the northwest district with their tails between their legs!

“Then when everyone carves up the Xishan mining zones, all I’ll take is the eighth mining zone. Hahahaha!”

Mo Bei was already a little smug as everything was in his control.

Very soon, the families that operated mines in cities close to Xishan came to a common understanding. The Mo family would take the lead while they encircled and annihilated Lin Group together!

No one wanted the rules to be broken, especially now that their miners had already started demanding for the same remuneration as the Lin Group workers.

You had to be kidding.

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Just increasing unit prices and improving staff meals increased production costs vastly, never mind the whole thing about putting up 30% of their profit for employee benefits. This increase in business costs was something that these capitalists were unwilling to accept.

Mo Bei sat in front of his computer with the heads of each of the other families showing on its screen.

“I’m sure everyone is well aware of the situation. Xishan has broken the rules.”

Mo Bei said calmly, “I ran the numbers. If we take Lin Group’s lead, our costs will rise by 30%. I’m sure I don’t have to go into detail about the margins after we put up 30% of our profits as employee perks. All of us are in the business of mining. But no one has ever added laborers into the equation. They aren’t shareholders or even full-time employees, so they don’t have a right to demand as much.”



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The people on the computer screen nodded.

The heads of each family came to a consensus without any disagreement.

The way Lin Group and Jiang Ning were doing things was equivalent to creating a precedent and overstepping the rules.

The people who truly ran the trade would never do such things. But Lin Group went about their actions without any consideration as a complete outsider.

This made them furious.

“This is unacceptable. The rules can’t be changed. Even if they did, it isn’t up to them.”

“That’s right. Do they want us to give up 30% of our profits? Are they idiots?”

“Lin Group is shit-stirring. Don’t let your guard down, everyone.”

Mo Bei was happy to see that the heads of the other families were infuriated by Lin Group’s actions.

“Everyone, the signs are now showing. I’m sure everyone is aware of the consequences if we allow Lin Group to have its way. So I got in touch with everyone to come together and fix this problem. The Mo family disagree with their actions too. But when I sent someone to negotiate with Jiang Ning from Lin Group, he refused to listen. He even broke my subordinate’s

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finger and threatened me for meddling.”

When they heard this, all their faces sank.

Meddling?

It was clearly Lin Group that was meddling with the mining trade. They were disregarding the trade practices as an amateur!

How dare they blame the Mo family for being nosy?

Lin Group sure was arrogant!

“I can’t dictate what your families do, but the Mo family will definitely force Lin Group to back off. There are plenty of mines in Xishan, but since Lin Group is inexperienced with their management, the Mo family is happy to step in. What say you?”

Mo Bei narrowed his eyes. He worded his intentions very clearly.

All the other family heads were wily old foxes too. They quickly understood what Mo Bei was driving at here.

He wanted to carve up Xishan’s mines and divide it among themselves!

“I disagree with their actions too!”

“Me too. We can’t let Lin Group break the rules.”

“Make Lin Group back off.”

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All of them came to a consensus almost immediately without any hesitation. They were going to force Lin Group to abandon and leave Xishan.

After finishing the video conference, Mo Bei leaned back into his chair. He laughed so hard that he trembled.

He got such a rush from controlling someone's life and death so easily.

Perhaps Jiang Ning was already anxious and terrified that he made such a foolish decision, right?

At the same time.

Jiang Ning had sampled all the local Xishan fruits by now.

He had to admit that due to the special climate conditions, the fruits here were particularly unique.

He was contemplating how happy Su Yun, the legend of Shengcheng, would be if she were here.

“Bad news, Mr Jiang!”

Hua Sheng came running in quickly with anxiety on his face. This was his third time looking for Jiang Ning today.

“Gaoxi's distributor wants to stop working with us too. He said that if he didn't, the other companies would cut ties with him, so he had no choice.”

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It was the third distributor today that got threatened by the other companies and was forced to take sides.

They could either choose to work with those other companies or with Lin Group alone.

Anyone would probably give up Lin Group in a heartbeat.

“Are there any more?” asked Jiang Ning casually. He seemed totally unconcerned.

“Any more...of what?”


Hua Sheng was stunned.

“Are there any more other good fruit? I want to bring some back for my mother-in-law to try,” said Jiang Ning.

It was as if he hadn't heard what Hua Sheng just said.

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