

Chapter 981: Beautiful

“This place is so beautiful!” Led by Xiao Zhou, Ian and the others kept exclaiming, “It’s a Fairyland on Earth. The people living here must be very happy!”

Ian was speaking in English, and Xiao Zhou said with a smile, “Yes, the villagers living in Taoyuan village now have the highest Happiness Index in the country. Many people want to live in Taoyuan Village now. However, the land in Taoyuan village is very precious now. Not even people with money can live here unless they are locals.”

If anyone with money and power could live in Taoyuan village, she believed that Taoyuan Village would be full already.

Taoyuan village had beautiful mountains, water, and scenery. It was very suitable for recovery and rest. It was most suitable for retired elderly people to live in. Those families that were either rich or noble were very envious.

However, what attracted them the most and what made them most envious was the various crops and vegetables, and fruits produced in Taoyuan village.

It was difficult to buy vegetables from Green Fresh outside, but if they lived in Taoyuan Village, they could eat them every day.

Ian agreed, “If we all live here, I’m afraid the entire Taoyuan Village wouldn’t fit. I really hope that I can also live here in the future.”

Knowing that the five of them would be employees of the company in the future, Xiao Zhou smiled and said, “You are now members of the company. Of course, you can live here in the future.”

Speaking up to this point, Xiao Zhou specially introduced them and said, “Our company treats the top management very well. If they bring their families here, the company will give them a separate family apartment.”

“What? We can have a family apartment?! In Taoyuan Village?” A trace of surprise appeared on the faces of Ian and the others as they asked, “Is this true?”

Bruce actually didn’t tell them about such an important matter.

Xiao Zhou nodded and said, “Of course it’s true. How about I take you to the family apartment to take a look?”

“That’s great. Thank you, Xiao Zhou!” Of course, Ian and the others were concerned about where they would stay in the future.

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Xiao Zhou said as she led the way, “Those with family members will be given a family apartment. Those who don’t have family members can live directly in the dormitory. Of course, the management’s

dormitory is a single-person dormitory. It's comparable to a single-person apartment. It's very beautiful and very comfortable to live in!"

As she said this, a hint of envy appeared in Xiao Zhou's eyes.

With her current ability, of course, she was not qualified to enjoy the treatment of a high-level manager.

But she believed that as long as she worked hard, this wish would definitely be realized.

Xiao Zhou was very confident.

There were many employees working in the Green Fresh Group. Although they felt very competitive, they also felt very happy, enthusiastic, and motivated. But the Green Fresh Group gave every employee an equal and fair opportunity.

Therefore, the employees who came to work here were hardworking. Xiao Zhou was no different.

Although she was now proficient in two foreign languages, in the company, there were many people who were proficient in two, three, and four languages.

When Ian and the others heard Xiao Zhou's introduction, they really felt pleasantly surprised.

However, they immediately thought that with their work ability and work experience, their jobs would definitely be arranged to the foreign market, so they naturally could not stay here.

Xiao Zhou drove the sightseeing car and took them to the company dormitory and the family apartment.

Ian and the others were not interested in the company dormitory, but when they saw the family apartment, their eyes could not help but light up.

This family apartment was really beautiful. It was built in rows, and it had a very ancient Chinese architectural style. It had a small courtyard.

"Ah, this family apartment is really beautiful!" Ian and the others could not help but exclaim.

"It's really too beautiful. Living here is quiet and leisurely. It must be very enjoyable!" Another partner exclaimed.

These company dormitories and family apartments were separated from Taoyuan Village's rural tourist attractions. Tourists were not allowed to enter this place.

When Xiao Zhou saw them all exclaiming, she also said, "I'm not lying to you, right? These family apartments are really beautiful, right?"

"Yes, yes, they are indeed beautiful!" The five did not deny it.

Looking at these family apartments, Xiao Zhou's eyes shone with envy as she said confidently, "Although this is the benefit of a high-level manager, I believe that one day, I will be able to bring my parents to live here."

"..." Ian was silent for a moment, then he encouraged her, "Yes, you can do it because you are still young. Being Young was a huge advantage. You have time to enrich yourself, improve yourself, and constantly work hard, and you could definitely achieve your dreams."

“Thank you for your encouragement!” Xiao Zhou also sincerely thanked them.

Seeing such a beautiful house, Ian and the other three suddenly felt excited, and the five of them gathered together and began to chatter.

“Then, can we bring our family here in the future?”

“I think we need to ask. After all, our family members are in our own country all year round. Even if we work in Green Fresh Group, I’m afraid that we’ll be traveling overseas most of the time. Do we have time to live here?”

“But look at these apartments. Many people brought their families to live here.”

“But they are locals...”

“Why don’t we ask Bruce?”

“Yes. He must know more.”

Then, Ian called Bruce. A moment later, Ian hung up the phone.

“How is it? What did Bruce say?” His partner asked urgently.

Ian smiled and said, “Bruce said that as long as the high-level managers want to bring their families over, they will be given a family apartment. However, the family apartment is not very big. Usually, it will have two bedrooms and one living room. For those with a larger family, it will have three bedrooms and one living room!”

The others nodded. “After all, this is a company apartment and not a personal villa. It is understandable that the house is smaller.”

If they didn’t limit the size of the houses, and everyone brought their families over, then the company apartments would take over Taoyuan Village.

“Bruce said that after a while, he will bring his wife and daughter over,” Ian said.

Bruce only had one daughter.

Currently, his wife and daughter lived in a large villa and were served by a large group of servants.

After arriving here, they might have to do everything themselves. It was unknown if they would get used to it.

Of course, the company had a large canteen. If they wanted to eat anything, they could just go straight to the canteen.

Similarly, their family was like Bruce. Their families currently lived in large villas. If they moved here, they would have to get used to everything new.

“Then we will wait for Bruce to bring his family over first,” said Ian and the others.

Their family members were used to living a leisurely life.

After the group of people took a look at the company's apartment, Xiao Zhou brought them to admire the various tourist spots in Taoyuan Village.

First, they visited the farms.

"Wow, these vegetables are really juicy and beautiful!" Ian and the others looked at the vegetables and exclaimed again.

Of course, the fruits and vegetables of the Royal Forest group were also of high quality. They had good taste.

However, they now knew that compared to the products of the green fresh group, they were like heaven and earth. They couldn't be compared at all.

Only now did they understand why those bigwigs immediately canceled the order of Royal Forest Group and chose the obscure Green Fresh Group of China.

Anyone would have chosen Green Fresh over Royal Forest.

Xiao Zhou brought them to the tomato field and picked a few tomatoes. She handed one to each of them and said, "Try these tomatoes. The taste will definitely be unforgettable!"

Xiao Zhou understood Xiao Lingyu's meaning. Therefore, she had spent a lot of effort winning over these five people.

However, the best way to win over the people who had entered the green fresh group was to give them food.

As long as they took a bite, they would want to stay.

The only place where they could eat this food every day was to work at the Green Fresh group.

Chapter 982: Fragrance

From the moment they ate the first tomato, Ian and the others could not stop.

Previously, although Bruce had treated them to a meal, it was cooked, and the quantity was very small. He was stingy and did not let them eat enough.

Therefore, after they ate the tomatoes, they went to pick cucumbers, sweet potatoes, and so on. Just like a gopher in the field, they picked everything that could be picked. This made Xiao Zhou dumbfounded.

Even the workers who were working in the field were dumbfounded.

Then, the workers started talking.

"What's wrong with these foreigners? It seems like they haven't eaten anything in 800 years. They just pick and eat everything they see. Now that they have eaten so much, I wonder if their stomachs can still hold it?"

“The way they eat is really funny.”

“Although many things can be eaten raw, I feel that some things taste better when cooked. Do they eat vegetables raw in foreign countries?”

“I heard that foreigners do that. This way, it’s more nutritious and more comprehensive.”

“What’s the big deal? It’s just that their eating habits are different.”

“By the way, who are the five foreigners that Little Zhou brought?”

There were special farms that were cordoned off from tourists. The tourists couldn’t enter these farms. They had special farms where they could pick the vegetables themselves. Of course, to go there, they had to pay. There were reasons behind this.

First, it was to prevent the vegetables from being trampled by tourists.

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Secondly, of course, it was to limit the flow of people. The cost to enter the farm was high, but many people didn’t lack money. What they wanted was a kind of pleasure, a kind of unique experience. Most importantly, the things in the green fresh fruits and vegetable supermarket in Taoyuan Village were too difficult to buy. Since they had come here, they would harvest a lot. It was better than lining up at the supermarkets.

In short, since the Taoyuan Village village had been built into a tourism farm, most of the time, the purpose was, of course, to make money.

Of course, the core principle was still service first.

The tourists who were watching from the periphery of the circle saw the five foreigners in the vegetable farms continuously picking things, but some of the tourists became somewhat indignant.

“Why can those few foreigners go to the fields to pick things while we can only watch from here? Isn’t this discrimination? Is it because they are foreigners?”

“The Chinese have always given preference to foreigners. So, it’s the same everywhere.” There is obviously sarcasm and mockery in their tone.

“Haha, did you notice that these five people look like gophers?” Someone saw the five foreigners rolling around in the fields and immediately found it funny.

“These rough foreigners are very cute.”

Listening to the discussions of the tourists outside the farm, the tour guide, Xiao Zhou, could not help but wipe the cold sweat off her forehead.

She had only brought the five people here for a visit. She did not expect that the five of them would become a sight.

Fortunately, the five of them could not understand what these people outside were saying. Otherwise, they would probably drop the things in their hands on the spot and escape immediately. After all, who would like to be treated like monkeys at the zoo?

Of course, regarding the indignant tone of some of the tourists, Xiao Zhou thought for a moment before explaining, "The five of them are the talents that our company has hired. President Xiao asked me to bring them here to take a look at the base where we grow our products."

"Oh, they are the talents hired by the company. I thought the five of them were tourists."

Since they were not tourists, it was natural for them to be treated differently.

Therefore, after listening to Xiao Zhou's explanation, those indignant tourists had nothing to be indignant about.

What could they be indignant about? If they had the ability, they could also go to work at the Green Fresh Group. At that time, they could stay in the field for as long as they wanted.

Xiao Zhou saw that they seemed to have eaten their fill. She raised her wrist and looked at the time. She felt that it was necessary to remind them that it was time to go to the next place.

No matter how delicious the food in the field was, they could not always stay in one place.

Xiao Zhou walked over and said a few words. Then, she pointed to the surroundings. The five people put down the things in their hands and left with Xiao Zhou.

When they stood up and looked around, they realized that there were circles of people standing outside the fence. Most of them were Chinese. They were looking in their direction and pointing with their fingers. There was a strange look in their eyes.

Ian frowned slightly and asked Xiao Zhou doubtfully, "Why are there so many people? What are they talking about?"

Xiao Zhou covered her mouth and said, "I just told them that you guys are the elite talents hired by our company. They are now envious."

Xiao Zhou was a smart person. Of course, she picked the right words to say.

Ian believed him. When they heard Xiao Zhou's words, they said happily, "Oh, is that so?"

He felt that Taoyuan village and these vegetable farms were really amazing.

Now, they didn't regret resigning from the Royal Forest Group at all.

The conditions here were simply much better than the Royal Forest group. Most importantly, the food here was so delicious that they were willing to stay and work just for that.

After that, Xiao Zhou took them to many of the scenic spots in Taoyuan village. Ian and the other three were amazed and kept saying, "Oh, my God, it's so beautiful."

"I want to stay here forever too!"

After walking around, their full stomachs disappeared again, and they could hear the gurgling sound of their stomachs.

Xiao Zhou immediately said, "Then, I'll take you to visit the Gourmet Hall in our Taoyuan Village."

Ian and the others' eyes lit up and asked, "What kind of delicacies are there in the Gourmet Hall?"

Xiao Zhou said, "There are all kinds of delicacies in the gourmet hall. The ingredients used to make the delicacies all come from our farm itself, whether it's vegetables or meat."

"Meat?" Ian asked curiously, "What kind of meat are there?"

"Chicken, duck, fish, pork, beef, and so on." Xiao Zhou replied, "The meat is tender and delicious."

Hearing Xiao Zhou's words, the five meat eaters couldn't help but swallow their saliva. He said, "Let's go, Xiao Zhou. Quickly take us to have a look. We're hungry now."

Xiao Zhou chuckled and brought them to the gourmet hall.

The Taoyuan Village Gourmet Hall was one of the specialties of the Taoyuan Village.

Because the delicacies here were not sold even in the Green Fresh supermarket.

For example, beef.

If you wanted to eat the beef in the Taoyuan Village, you had to come to Taoyuan Village Gourmet Hall. In other places, unless you specially reserved it, it would be difficult to buy it if you had money.

Taoyuan Village's Gourmet Hall made beef by killing a cow every two days.

However, Taoyuan Village's Gourmet Hall only made Chinese food and would not make western food.

Before they reached the gourmet hall, Ian and the others could smell a burst of fragrance.

They wrinkled their noses and exclaimed, "AH, it smells so good! It's really too fragrant!"

"How can there be such a fragrant smell?"

"Xiao Zhou, we haven't reached the Gourmet Hall yet? We can smell it but not see it!"

Xiao Zhou smiled and said, "There's still a few hundred meters left. We'll be there in a while."

"What? There are still a few hundred meters to go?"

The five of them were extremely surprised.

"It's still so far away? But the smell has already drifted here!"

"That's why our gourmet hall is so popular."

Chapter 983: Surprised

Soon, Xiao Zhou brought them to the gourmet canteen.

The gourmet canteen was called the Taoyuan Village Gourmet Canteen. It was simple, generous, and clear.

Ian and the other three didn't know any Chinese characters. However, after Xiao Zhou's introduction, they knew better about the canteen.

When they arrived at the gourmet canteen, their mouths were agape in surprise again.

"Xiao Zhou, why is this canteen so big?" Ian asked curiously.

Xiao Zhou smiled and said, "Is it very big? It looks so on the outside. However, when you go inside, you will find it very crowded."

Many tourists who came to Taoyuan village came for the canteen. This was because many of the delicacies in the canteen were not sold outside. After coming here, one must first satisfy their appetite.

Sometimes, some tourists would even reserve the surrounding hotel rooms or the inns on the farm for the sake of food.

Unfortunately, the more they ate, the more they wanted to eat the delicacies. They simply could not eat enough of them.

Ian and the other five looked at the huge gourmet hall. They wondered if it was really a high-end restaurant. To their impression, a dining hall was just an ordinary building that served ordinary food.

However, the canteen that could accommodate thousands of people could emit the fragrance of delicious food from afar. When one came closer, the fragrance was even more attractive.

After Xiao Zhou brought the five into the canteen, they were stunned when they saw the long lines.

"Aren't there too many people?"

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Xiao Zhou took a look and said, "It's lunchtime now. Of course, there are many people. Even if it's not lunchtime, there are still a lot of people in this gourmet dining hall. A lot of people come here not just to fill their stomachs but to taste the delicacies. So there will be people at any time."

What Ian was concerned about now was, "With so many people, how long do we have to wait?"

Xiao Zhou smiled and said, "I'm just bringing you here to take a look. You're currently guests of the company, so you have the advantage of using the back door!"

"Ah, is that so?" Ian and the others were a little surprised. "Then quickly bring us there. We're starving to death."

The most important thing was that they couldn't wait to taste these delicacies.

Of course, their hunger was real.

Xiao Zhou nodded and said, "Alright."

Then, she brought them out and entered through a small door at the back of the canteen. After entering, there was a small canteen inside.

This small canteen looked much smaller than the big canteen outside, but it could still accommodate four to five hundred people.

Apart from the villagers, most of the people in this small canteen were employees of the company.

When the people in the small canteen saw Xiao Zhou bringing five foreigners in, they asked, "Xiao Zhou, who are these five people?"

Xiao Zhou smiled and said, "These five people can be considered guests of the company now, but soon, they will be part of our company. President Xiao asked me to bring them around the farm to have a look."

"Oh, I see!"

These people would be highly valued by President Xiao since they had a private guide.

Xiao Zhou said to Ian and the others, "The uncles and aunties who serve food can understand English. You can order whatever you want to eat. You can eat as much as you want. But you are absolutely not allowed to waste it." Xiao Zhou pointed to a warning posted on the wall and continued, "If you waste too much, you'll be fined!"

Ian and the others looked at the warning and nodded. "Yes, we know."

Then, the five of them went to take a look. Xiao Zhou also went to order a meal and sat on an empty seat and began to eat.

Every time they ate the food here, it was not to fill their stomachs but to enjoy it.

Ian and the rest looked at the rows of colorful food and could not help but swallow their saliva.

Not only was the food made beautifully, but the fragrance of the food also assailed their nostrils. It simply stimulated their appetite.

They wanted to taste every kind of food, but there were more than a hundred kinds of food. They only had one stomach.

Therefore, they first chose a few very beautiful and delicious food to eat.

Their stomachs were big because the food was too delicious. They wolfed down a few mouthfuls and finished a plate of food. No matter how much they wanted to eat, they could not hold on any longer. They could only stroke their round stomachs. At the same time, they glanced at the place where the food was served, and their eyes revealed some unwillingness.

Ian and the others said, "Although this is a public canteen, the food here is really too delicious."

"That's right. In the past, we didn't really like to eat vegetarian dishes. But after coming here and eating the food here, I realized that vegetarian dishes are actually so delicious."

They had Chinese in their own countries, but the flavor was not authentic. Now that they were in China, it was a waste not to have good Chinese cuisine.

“The things here, whether it’s vegetarian or meat dishes, are all so delicious. Moreover, this kind of delicious food is different from our western food.”

“In the future, when we work here, can we eat this kind of delicious food every day?”

“Didn’t Bruce tell you? When you work at Green Fresh Group, you can come to the canteen to eat. The food produced in the canteen is all from our own products. This is a great benefit to our employees.”

It was because of this that many people would fight to work at Green Fresh Group.

It was true that Green Fresh Group’s recruitment was strict, but it was also true that the employees were treated extremely well.

After chatting with the others for a while, Xiao Zhou came over and asked with a smile, “Gentlemen, are you done eating?”

Ian smiled and said, “We are full, but we haven’t had enough!”

There were too many delicious foods.

Xiao Zhou covered his mouth and laughed as she said, “Take your time. There will be plenty of opportunities in the future.”

Ian asked, “Ms. Xiao Zhou, where are we going to visit later?”

Xiao Zhou looked at them and asked, “Do you guys want to rest for a while before we set off?”

Ian and the others waved their hands and said, “No need, no need. We’ll go now. We’ll take it as a walk to digest.”

When Xiao Zhou heard them say that, she did not try to persuade them anymore.

Xiao Zhou thought about it and said, “There are still many places that we haven’t gone to. For example, the Peach Blossom Forest, the reservoir, and the water fountain. They are all very beautiful places. I hope you guys will enjoy them!”

After eating their fill, Ian and the others followed Xiao Zhou for a walk. Then, they boarded the sightseeing tour bus and went to the places that Little Zhou had mentioned.

Because they had Xiao Zhou as their guide, and because they had the tour bus, they had the best tour.

Xiao Zhou brought them to the foot of the Peach Forest Mountain. She pointed at a patch of peach forest on the mountain and said, “This is the peach forest area.”

Ian and the others looked at the lush green peach trees on the entire mountain and were a little surprised. “So many peach trees.”

Xiao Zhou nodded and said, “Yes. Peach trees have been planted on these few mountains. There are more than ten thousand of them. It’s just that it’s not the peach blossom season right now. If it’s the

blooming season, this place is so romantic and beautiful. The swaying peach branches and the pink petals danced in the air. It's really too beautiful."

Listening to Xiao Zhou's introduction, Ian and his friends could imagine such a beautiful and romantic scene. Ian said, "Yeah, we'll definitely come and take a look when the peach trees are blooming."

Xiao Zhou said, "There are hundreds and thousands of varieties of fruit trees on this mountain. Should we go up and get to know them?"

Ian and the others took a look and nodded. "Yes, let's go and take a look!"

If they didn't take the opportunity now, they didn't know if they would have the time in the future.

Chapter 984: The Secret of Aging Gracefully

After spending a day, Ian and the others finally understood the whole picture of Taoyuan Village.

Then, in the evening, they came back to look for Xiao Lingyu.

"Oh, you're all back. How was it? Did you have a good time?" Xiao Lingyu saw them coming back and asked with a smile.

"Yes, we had a great time!" Ian and the others said with a smile, "This place is so beautiful that I don't even want to leave. Also, the food in the gourmet canteen is so delicious!"

Xiao Lingyu said with a smile, "Yes, but it's impossible that you don't want to leave. After all, with your work ability and work experience, you'll probably be arranged to manage foreign markets. However, the food will not be a problem. Every branch of our green fresh group will have its own canteen. The ingredients in the canteen are all from our company's products. We also hire many chefs with superb culinary skills to cook. Therefore, you can rest assured about this."

Ian and the others nodded, indicating that they knew. After all, they had heard of this matter before.

Xiao Lingyu asked directly, "Then do you have any requests or thoughts?"

Ian thought for a moment and said, "We want a family apartment here, can we?"

Xiao Lingyu nodded, "We give preferential treatment to high-level managers here. Those who don't have family members can stay in single-person dormitories. Those who have family members can stay in a couple's room or a family room. A couple's room is slightly bigger than a single-person dormitory. Furniture and the like are all available. As for a family room, there are two rooms, one living room, and three rooms, one living room. There's nothing bigger. After all, this is a company, and the local resources are limited. It's impossible for me to build a villa for my employees."

Ian and the others looked at Xiao Lingyu.

Xiao Lingyu said, "I've arranged for you to work abroad. If you're willing to bring your family over, of course, I can give you a house."

Most of the company's top managers flew all over the country. Therefore, Xiao Lingyu did not interfere with whether they brought their family over or not. It was up to them.

If they were willing to bring their family members, as long as the company investigated and confirmed that they were family members, they would approve it.

Why would they have to do an investigation?

Of course, it was to prevent these higher-ups from bringing their mistresses, illegitimate children, and the like here.

Although she did not interfere with the freedom of these subordinates' private lives, she absolutely did not allow anyone to ruin the atmosphere of Taoyuan village.

After all, once one of them took over the illegitimate children of his mistress, there would be a second and third. Then what would the Green Fresh group become? What would Taoyuan village become? A gathering place for illegitimate children and mistresses?

Therefore, the company's family apartment would only allow proper family members to move in.

Of course, the higher-ups of the Green Fresh group were very self-aware and understood the boss's personality very well.

Even if they had mistresses and illegitimate children outside, no matter how much they doted on these mistresses and illegitimate children, they would never bring them to Taoyuan Village. If they were to be caught by president Xiao or president Xiao's family, they might be fired.

Xiao Lingyu asked, "If you are willing to bring your family over, I welcome them. Of course, I am willing to give you a family room. However, I heard from Bruce that your families live in big villas and are served by servants. Will they get used to living here?"

Of course, Xiao Lingyu asked this out of curiosity and not because of a reason to refuse.

This was indeed a problem.

Ian and the rest frowned.

They were willing to live here, but their family members were already used to being served by others. They had to do everything by themselves when they came here. After all, there was no place for the servants to stay here. It was impossible for them to hire so many servants and nannies. At most, they could hire a part-time worker to come over and clean up the place.

Xiao Lingyu gave them a small suggestion, "How about this? You should bring your family members here to take a look first. If they are willing to stay here and there are no problems, I will give you the house. How about that?"

Ian and the others thought for a while and said, "Yes, that would be the best!"

"I believe that my family members will definitely fall in love with this place."

Xiao Lingyu looked at the time and stood up to tidy up the table. She said, "It's time for dinner. Let's go. I'll bring you guys to my house for dinner!"

She had already informed her family that she would be entertaining a few foreign guests tonight.

Ian was a little surprised as he asked, "CEO Xiao, are you talking about going to your house for dinner?"

Xiao Lingyu nodded and said, "Yes. My house is right here in the village. Is there a problem with going to my house for dinner?"

Ian and the others quickly shook their heads and said, "No problem, no problem!"

Xiao Lingyu smiled and said, "Don't worry. The food at my house will definitely be unforgettable to you after eating it once."

Ian and the others' eyes lit up as they asked, "So, president Xiao, your family's food is better than the food in the gourmet hall, right?"

Xiao Lingyu rolled her eyes in amusement and said snappily, "Of course. I'm not showing off, but you'll know that going to my house for a meal is a kind of reward for the employees of the company."

Her subordinates all chose to go to her house for a meal instead of a monetary reward. The food that her mother cooked was truly delicious.

When Xiao Lingyu brought Ian and the others back home, she saw that her family had already returned and the food had already been arranged.

"Mommy, you're back." Xiao Letong was the first to rush out. He hugged her leg and called out.

Xiao Lingyu knew that her son had already lived for more than two thousand years. However, to her, no matter how old her son was, he was still a young child.

"Mommy!" Xiao Ling hugged Xiao Lingyu's other leg and looked at Xiao Lingyu with his big eyes.

Xiao Lingyu bent down slightly and gently patted their heads. She smiled and said, "Yes, Tong Tong and Ling 'Er are both obedient."

Grandma Xiao walked over with a smile and said, "The two of you, the moment you see Mommy, you run over and hug mommy's legs. How is your mommy going to walk like that?"

Hearing Grandma Xiao's words, the two children stuck out their tongues.

"Hehe, let go of Mommy and wash your hands for dinner," Grandma Xiao said again.

Then, Grandma Xiao smiled and looked at the five golden-haired and blue-eyed foreigners behind Xiao Lingyu. She asked, "Yu 'Er, the five of them are the guests tonight, right?"

Xiao Lingyu smiled and said, "Yes."

Then, Xiao Lingyu introduced the five of them, "This is my grandmother."

Ian and the others looked at their grandmother, who was so young, and their eyes revealed some surprise. They exclaimed, "Ah, grandmother? Oh My God, your grandmother is very young."

They were speaking in English, so of course, grandmother Xiao could not understand them. She looked at Xiao Lingyu and then looked at them with a smile.

Xiao Lingyu said, "My grandma is seventy-five years old this year. Grandma, they said that you are very young."

Grandma Xiao was already used to being called young.

Actually, it could be said that all the elders in Taoyuan village were getting younger and younger.

Two years ago, Grandma Xiao looked to be in her seventies and sixties, but now, she looked even younger. She looked only in her fifties or sixties, and there was not a single strand of white hair on her head.

Grandma Xiao said to them, "If you eat well and sleep well, with a good attitude, you will get younger and younger!"

Xiao Lingyu explained to them, "Grandma said that if you eat well and sleep well, with a good attitude, you will get younger and younger."

Hearing this, Ian was full of doubt.

Was that really the case?

Then, they glanced around and saw a few elders sitting in the courtyard. However, these elders looked very young.

Therefore, they looked at Xiao Lingyu with doubt.

Xiao Lingyu smiled and introduced, "These two are my grandfathers. One is 78 years old, and the other is 82 years old."

Hearing their ages, Ian and the others were so shocked that their jaws dropped.

"Huh?! How can they still look so young?" Ian asked in disbelief.

An old man in his seventies or eighties, looking like he was only sixty years old!

Chapter 985: Trap

Ian and the others looked at these elders, who looked much younger than they were. They were truly astonished.

However, when Xiao Lingyu introduced her parents to them, her jaw dropped once again.

"Xiao... CEO Xiao, is this your Mother?"

Ian and the others stared at this young woman who was 70-80% similar to Xiao Lingyu. She looked to be only in her 30s and 40s. Their faces were filled with astonishment.

"Your mother is a little too young, isn't she? Standing together with you, you are practically sisters!"

If Xiao Lingyu had not introduced herself, Ian and the others would not have believed that they were mother and daughter.

Mother Xiao seemed to understand them. She winked at them and said with a smile, "Eat well, sleep well, have a good attitude, and you will naturally become younger and younger!"

Ian and the others, "..."

They probably got the same compliment every time, so they had the same reply.

Ian and the others listened to Xiao Lingyu's introduction of their family again. They were no longer surprised that Xiao Lingyu's family looked so young.

They were really envious of this family of people who were so good at taking care of themselves.

As for the secret they had to stay so young, they were half skeptical.

However, they were soon attracted by the fragrance on the dining table.

The fragrance here was much more intense than the food in the gourmet hall.

The food was rich in color, aroma, and taste. It made them want to sit at the dining table and eat immediately.

Of course, their rationality made them restrain their actions.

Mother Xiao saw that they were staring at the food and drooling. She immediately smiled and said, "Come, sit down. We were waiting for you to come back to eat."

With the Xiao family's greeting, Ian and the others quickly sat down.

Father Xiao took out the good wine from the house.

Mother Xiao smiled and said, "I heard from Yu 'Er that you're all foreigners and are used to western food. I don't know how to make Western food, but I can make a few home-cooked dishes. I hope you can eat them."

Mother Xiao spoke in Chinese. Ian and the others didn't understand, and their eyes revealed confusion.

Xiao Letong, who was sitting next to Xiao Lingyu, immediately translated for them, "My Grandma said that you're used to western food, but she doesn't know how to cook Western food. She only knows how to cook a few home-cooked dishes. She hopes that you don't mind."

Xiao Letong's English was quite standard, which made Ian and the others impressed.

Ian said to Xiao Lingyu, "President Xiao, your son is really cute and smart. How old is he now? Is He Seven?"

Xiao Letong answered him, "No, no, I'm not seven. I'm only four today."

"Ha, four?" Ian and the others looked at Xiao Letong's height and couldn't believe that the child in front of them was only four. "You grow up so fast!" Ian praised.

Then, Ian politely replied to Mother Xiao, "Mrs. Xiao, we didn't like to eat Chinese food in the past, but after we came here, we fell in love with it. The food you cooked must be so delicious!"

Xiao Letong translated for Mother Xiao.

Mother Xiao smiled and said, "Then you have to eat more! Do you drink wine? Our wine is also very good!"

Under Tong Tong's translation, Ian and the other three nodded and said, "Yes, we will drink wine. Today, we will definitely have a good taste of president Xiao's wine!"

They were very curious about all the food in Taoyuan village, so they naturally wouldn't let go of the opportunity to taste the wine.

Father Xiao opened a small jar of peach blossom wine.

As soon as the jar was opened, the fragrance of Peach Blossom Wine immediately wafted out.

"Oh, this wine smells so good!" Ian didn't hold back in his praise. "Such fragrant wine must be very delicious."

Xiao Letong curled his lips and said, "The peach blossom wine specially made by our Xiao family isn't something that ordinary people can drink."

Ian and the others were even more interested. They smiled and said, "Oh, is that so? Then we'll definitely have a good drink!"

Father Xiao poured a glass of wine for each of them. Ian and the others couldn't wait to take a sip. Then, they couldn't help but exclaim, "This wine... This wine is simply too delicious. I've never drunk such a fragrant and delicious wine!"

Even the '83 Lafite that they treasured didn't have such a mellow taste.

Just a sip of this wine was enough to make people unable to stop.

Then, the five of them gulped it down.

Looking at the empty wine glass, Ian and the others looked at the Xiao family members and couldn't help but blush.

Father Xiao smiled, then immediately stood up and filled their wine glasses with wine. He said with a smile, "The wine in our house has this effect. Every guest who comes to my house drinks like this!"

Father Xiao said this to ease the awkwardness of the five guests.

After drinking the first glass, Ian would pay attention to the rest.

Then, with the introduction of the Xiao family members and Xiao Letong's translation, they tasted every dish in advance.

They were shocked when they tasted the food. They wanted to pour every dish on the table into their bowls and swallow them all.

These dishes were so delicious and beautiful. They were much better than what they had in the cafeteria at noon.

It was the first time they had eaten such delicious dishes.

Now they finally understood what Xiao Lingyu meant when she said that she would reward her employees by having a meal at her home.

Such a delicious meal could not even be eaten at a sky-high restaurant.

The dinner lasted for an hour. Well, actually, there were only five people who had eaten for more than an hour. The elders of the Xiao family went to rest after dinner while the women went to clean up. The rest of them accompanied Ian and the others.

After all, they were guests. They could not be too rude, so they left the guests to eat and drink at the table.

An hour later, Ian and the other three touched their round bellies and could not help but burp.

They looked at the food on the table with pity in their eyes.

They wanted to continue eating, but their bellies were so big that they couldn't fit any more food.

"President Xiao, the food your family cooks is really delicious," Ian and the others praised him again.

Xiao Lingyu blinked and said, "My Mommy's cooking is pretty good, right?"

"How can you describe it as pretty good? It's simply amazing, okay?"

Xiao Lingyu said, "Yes. I have always had many incentives for my company's employees. One of them is naturally those who are outstanding in their work and have the best performance can come to my house to eat and drink for a week!"

Ian and the others were speechless.

This was an extreme temptation.

Even if they paid a lot, they would not be able to eat such delicious food.

Therefore, they had to work hard even for this bite of food. They absolutely could not be outdone by others.

Ian and the others nodded and said, "Yes, we understand, President Xiao!"

They had gotten the tour guide to show them around the entire farm and then brought them to their home for a meal. Everyone understood the intentions of Xiao Lingyu. She had laid a trap for them.

But even if they knew that this was a trap, they still jumped down willingly.

Sigh, they had followed Bruce into the boat of thieves.

Xiao Lingyu did not hide her intentions. She immediately felt amused.

Her company was expanding wantonly and was in urgent need of all kinds of talents, especially those from foreign markets. Now that the five of them had delivered themselves to her door, how could she not lure them in?

Xiao Lingyu saw that they had eaten their fill and suggested, "The night view of the village is very good. Now that you have eaten your fill, you can go take a look. How about taking a walk?"

Of course, Ian and the others would not refuse.

Xiao Lingyu called the tour guide and translator, Xiao Zhou, over.

“Xiao Zhou, take them to enjoy the night view of our Taoyuan Village!”

“Yes, President Xiao!”

Chapter 986: Denouncement

After two days of playing in Taoyuan Village, the five of them were sent to work, each in charge of a country's region.

Royal Forest soon found out Bruce had poached several of the company's elite talents.

“Bastard!” Macon was furious and smashed everything in the office again. This time, Macon was really angry with Bruce. “Bruce, you bastard!”

Just when he was venting his anger in his office, the secretary knocked on the door and walked in. Seeing the mess in the office, she said carefully, “President Macon, the board of directors just called. The board of directors will hold a meeting immediately!”

“What?” Macon looked at the secretary with bloodshot eyes like he was spitting fire. “Don't we have been given notice before that first? Why is it so sudden this time?”

He had a bad premonition.

The secretary reported nervously, “The board of Directors said that this was an emergency meeting, so they didn't send the notice!”

Macon waved his hand and said, “Okay, I got it. You can go now!”

He felt that the temporary board meeting this time was definitely aimed at him.

After sitting in his office for a while, he stood up, tidied his clothes, and left his office neatly. Then, he swaggered to the board meeting room.

Royal forest group had been around for more than a hundred years. At that time, there were three to five shareholders who had established Royal Forest Group. Now, they had twenty to thirty shareholders.

The one with the largest shareholder rights was the Macon Reiden family.

Macon was only the representative sent by the family. Although he had the right to speak, he was controlled by his family.

During this period of time, the business of Royal Forest group was constantly suffering setbacks. Orders from all over the world were suddenly canceled. This affected the company's overall business.

Now, the business of the entire group had declined. The loss of large sales results had decreased, and the company's business elites had switched to another company.

With so many big problems, the shareholders couldn't sit still anymore.

The reason for the temporary shareholder's meeting was to denounce Macon.

Macon didn't handle the problem well. It was a problem with his ability.

As soon as Macon entered the meeting room, his gaze swept across the room. He discovered that all 26 shareholders of the company had arrived, including his own family members. The corners of his mouth could not help but curl into a sneer.

These lowlifes usually did not care about the company's matters and only cared about the money. Now that something had happened to the company, they wanted to screw him.

When Macon entered the meeting room, all the shareholders in the meeting room looked at Macon in unison. Their expressions were dark and solemn, and one could even see anger on their faces.

Macon ignored the gazes of these people and sat directly in his seat. He asked, "Why didn't you inform me in advance of today's board meeting? Why? Is there an urgent matter?"

When Macon opened his mouth, someone immediately jumped out and asked, "Macon, how can you still ask that question? Something so big has happened to the company. Why didn't you report it to the Board?"

Macon asked suspiciously, "What happened to the company?" Usually, these people couldn't give two farts about the company. Now that something had happened, he wanted to hold him accountable. That was funny.

A shareholder threw a report in front of Macon and said angrily, "Are you playing dumb with us? Look at these sales reports. Every day, there is a downward trend. In just half a month's time, 10% of the business orders were canceled. Moreover, it is continuously on a downward trend. This has already caused a major loss to the company. As the CEO of the company, don't you know that In half a month, our total sales have dropped five billion."

Macon flipped through these reports. Facing the questioning of the shareholders, he said coldly, "Business has its ups and downs. Royal Forest group has not been like this for more than a hundred years. I think these problems are all temporary. I will deal with them very soon. Before long, everything will return to normal, and the company's development will be better."

"You make it sound so easy!" One of the shareholders scoffed and said sarcastically, "Deal with it very quickly? How do you plan to deal with it? Are you going to deal with it like how you did with the China branch? Our branch there is gone, and we still have to pay them a huge amount of compensation?"

"That's right. After our company withdrew from China, our direct losses reached 30 to 40 billion."

These shareholders did not give Macon face at all. They blamed everything on him.

Hearing their accusations, Macon was filled with anger. He really wanted to scold these people who only knew how to point fingers, but in the end, he could not do it.

He took a deep breath. Regarding the withdrawal of the branch company from China, he did not feel that he had made a mistake in his decision.

He said, "It's my poor judgment that caused such big trouble!"

He was also blaming Peter in his heart. If he had dealt with Green Fresh properly, they wouldn't be in this mess. Peter should have listened to his advice and killed all those conspirators too. Then, one would be none the wiser.

"Poor judgment of people? Do you think you can shirk your responsibility by saying that?" One of the shareholders said, "You're the CEO of the group and the highest decision-maker of the company. Every order you give and every person you hire is related to the company's interests and future development.

"Now that the company's overall performance has declined, we've also heard that several of the company's business elites have directly switched to a company in an unknown country. What do you have to say about this?"

"The departure of so many elites is worse than the company monetary loss. You have to know that the development of the company depends on these talents. Without talents, how can the company develop?"

"Macon, why did they leave? You have to explain it clearly."

"Once all of them leave, where are we going to find more talents?"

Macon said, "They were poached by Bruce."

"Bruce?"

"Who is that?"

"Oh, I remember now. Bruce used to be the president of the China Branch. Later, when the performance of the branch company in China fell, Macon fired him without saying a word. He even banned him from the industry."

"Oh, I remember now too. When Bruce was in charge of the branch company in China, his performance was the best. Later, for some reason, his performance fell, and Macon fired him."

"But hasn't Bruce been banned? Where did he find a job now? Royal Forest is the leading brand in this industry. Who would dare to hire him? Plus, why would our talents be poached by him?"

People always wanted to work for the better. In their mind, Royal Forest was the best. So why were these people abandoning the best company to work somewhere inferior? It didn't make sense.

"I heard that the few people who are leaving now have a good relationship with Bruce."

"But no matter how good their relationship is, they wouldn't joke about their own future, right?"

"Oh, right, Macon, where is Bruce working now?"

Macon said, "He's working in a company in China."

A shareholder heard this and frowned. He said in confusion, "A company in China? What kind of Chinese company? Shouldn't he go to work for the companies ranked first or second in the world?"

"Have you forgotten? Bruce has been banned by Macon globally. Which company would take him? Previously, he worked in China. Maybe he could only find a Chinese company to take him."

“That’s not right. Why would the talents from our company go to join him?”

“That’s right. That’s what we don’t understand.”

“Macon, which company did Bruce join in China?” A shareholder asked.

“Green Fresh Group!”

“Green Fresh Group? Which Company is that? Why haven’t we heard of it?”

“Yeah, we’ve never heard of that Green Fresh Group in China. Bruce is crazy to find a company with no reputation at all.”

Chapter 987: Threatened!

“Bastards!”

After the shareholder’s meeting ended, Macon angrily kicked his chair a few times.

“These bastards, do they really think that these problems are so easy to solve? And they even gave me a month to finish it.” Macon’s face was livid. He was filled with anger and did not know how to vent it besides smashing things.

After a long time of smashing things in the office, he gradually calmed down.

He thought for a moment, then called the secretary to come in.

“Mr. Macon!” The secretary called.

Macon asked, “Find a way to contact Bruce and tell him that I want to see him personally!”

He felt that the source of the company’s problems was Bruce. As long as Bruce was dealt with, everything would go back to normal.

How naive.

The secretary replied, “Yes, Mr. Macon!”

Even if Bruce had been away for a long time, it was not a big problem for the secretary to contact him.

Half an hour later, the secretary came over again and reported, “Mr. Macon, Bruce said that he had nothing to discuss with you.”

When the Secretary reported this matter, she seemed to be a little worried.

After all, Bruce’s rejection was simply adding fuel to the fire.

Macon’s face darkened. He suppressed his anger and said, “What? He really said that?”

The secretary nodded and said, “Yes.”

“Bastard!” Macon cursed again. Then he thought for a moment and said, “Then contact the five who left and say that I want to have a good talk with them.”

“Yes!” The secretary obediently went down to carry out the order.

Another half an hour later, the secretary’s expression was very cautious. She reported, “Mr. Macon, the five of them said that they are currently busy and do not have time to talk to you!”

This time, Macon’s face could not be any darker.

He had never expected that those bastards would actually ignore him.

Macon said, “Alright, you can leave now!”

Since they weren’t coming, he would go directly to them.

Bruce, Ian, and the others were indeed very busy.

However, even though they were busy, they seemed to be very happy.

Bruce was a little better. After all, he had entered the company first, so he had already gotten used to many things. Furthermore, the gathering that Gong Tianhao and Xiao Lingyu had held previously had already settled many matters. So, what they needed to do was to deal with the orders one after another and negotiate with their partners.

What they enjoyed the most now was eating the food in their shop every day.

It was a pity that Xiao Lingyu only gave them two jars of their beloved peach blossom wine.

Therefore, they drank with extra care every day. They didn’t want to drink all the wine.

Just like how they treasured the ’83 Lafite, they treasured all the good wine.

When Bruce received the call from Macon’s secretary, he was discussing business with a big family. When he heard that it was Macon who wanted to ask him out, he immediately rejected without thinking.

They had all left the royal forest group, especially Bruce. He had been humiliated by Macon and was fired.

It was clear what Macon wanted to talk to him about. Naturally, he directly rejected him.

What a joke. He was so happy working at the green fresh group. Moreover, the salary and benefits of the green fresh group were not any worse than when he was at Royal Forest Group. On the contrary, they were very good.

Green Fresh group’s reputation in the world was not as loud as Royal Forest group’s. However, he believed that the green fresh group would definitely surpass the Royal Forest group in the near future.

Therefore, Bruce did not want to see Macon at all.

The others did too.

After they went to the Taoyuan village, they had completely fallen into the trap. They did not even think of jumping out of it.

However, they did not expect that Macon would come to find them after they rejected Macon's invitation.

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"Boss, this is Bruce's home!"

When Macon got out of the car, a subordinate in black pointed to a villa in front and introduced it.

Bruce's villa was very big. Looking from afar, there were some bodyguards and servants walking around.

Macon looked at the house in front and narrowed his eyes. Then he said coldly, "Let's go!"

When they reached the door, a guard immediately stopped them. "Stop. Who are you? Do you have an appointment with our master?"

The subordinate next to Macon immediately said, "This is Mr. Macon, the CEO of Royal Forest Group. He needs to visit your master for something."

Macon brought his bodyguards with him. There were also 10 to 20 people. They looked very imposing.

"Royal Forest Group?" The guard looked at these people suspiciously.

Of course, they knew about the Royal Forest group. After all, the male owner of this house used to work at Royal Forest Group.

However, he had heard that the male owner, Mr. Bruce, did not work there anymore. It was very suspicious that the CEO of Royal Forest Group was here.

The guard said, "Then may I ask if Mr. Macon has an appointment?"

In any case, in western countries, when they were going to visit, they would usually make an appointment in advance. Otherwise, the owner would be very unhappy.

The man in black did not answer directly. He only said, "You don't have to care about whether there is an appointment or not. Go and inform them that Mr. Macon is paying a visit!"

This man persuaded him. With a gesture, the bodyguards standing behind him immediately surrounded the guard.

When the bodyguard saw this, his face instantly turned pale. He stammered, "Please wait a moment. I'll go and report now!"

This man had brought a group of bodyguards here in the middle of the night. It was obvious that they were not friendly.

The guard immediately ran to report to the owner.

Not long after, a tall and beautiful woman in a white nightgown walked out.

Her sharp eyes scanned the room, and she asked coldly, "Who are you? What do you want to do in the middle of the night?"

On the other side, Bruce's daughter gave Bruce a call.

Listening to Madam Bruce's question, the man in black introduced, "Madam, this is Mr. Macon from the Imperial Forest Corporation."

Madam Bruce's face darkened, and she immediately said seriously, "I don't care who you are. I don't welcome visitors in the middle of the night. Please go back. If you have something to do, please come back tomorrow!"

The man in black did not speak this time. Macon seemed to be very sincere, "Madam, I apologize for coming to disturb you so late at night. However, Madam, please allow us to enter now. I have something important to discuss with you!"

Madam Bruce said warily, "Please return, Mr. Macon. I don't have anything important to discuss with you."

"It's about Mr. Bruce!" Macon went straight to the point, "Madam, please allow us to enter!"

Madam Bruce's expression immediately changed.

Her husband had left the Royal Forest Group a long time ago. Now that the Royal Forest group came looking for him, this couldn't be anything good.

Just as Madam Bruce was about to reject him again, Macon's phone rang.

Then, an angry roar came from the phone. "Macon, if you have anything to settle, just come at me. Don't go looking for my family!"

Macon sneered and said, "Bruce, since you don't want to talk to me, then I can only come to your house and have a good talk with your beautiful wife!"

Then, Bruce and Macon said something on the phone.

After Macon put down the phone, he said to Mrs. Bruce sincerely, "Beautiful madam, I'm sorry to disturb you in the middle of the night. We'll go back now."

Then, Macon left with his bodyguards.

As soon as they left, a blonde girl in her teens ran over and asked Mrs. Bruce with concern, "Mommy, are you okay? Did they do anything to you?"

Mrs. Bruce shook her head and said, "Dear Baby, I'm fine. You don't have to worry!"

The girl said, "I just called Daddy. Daddy told us not to worry. We'll be fine."

"Well, my dear baby, don't worry. We'll be fine." Mrs. Bruce comforted his daughter. She guessed in her heart, 'Macon took a call and left. It should be Bruce who called him.'

She was worried, but she didn't show it to her daughter.

After bringing her daughter home, the phone in the living room rang.

After the maid answered, she let Mrs. Bruce take the call.

After the call ended, the worry on Mrs. Bruce's brows had disappeared.

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Bruce did not think that Macon would be so despicable.

He directly went to his family to threaten them.

After his anger subsided, Bruce calmed down and thought of the interview with Xiao Lingyu.

When the enemy threatened his family and friends, what would he do?

Xiao Lingyu was simply a prophet.

Bruce sighed softly.

Chapter 988: Stop

In the middle of the night, Xiao Lingyu received a call from Bruce.

“President Xiao, my family is threatened and needs help!” Bruce went straight to the point and asked for help.

Bruce knew very well that if he did not want to betray Xiao Lingyu, he could only report to Xiao Lingyu directly. With Xiao Lingyu’s powerful background, it would not be difficult to save his family.

Thus, Bruce did not hesitate to call Xiao Lingyu.

Xiao Lingyu listened to Bruce’s anxious tone and comforted him, “Please calm down, Bruce. Where is your home? I will immediately arrange for someone to bring your family here!”

Bruce then gave an address, his expression slightly calm.

But very soon, his anger rose again, and he scolded loudly, “That bastard Macon, how despicable and shameless...”

Xiao Lingyu, “...” His Chinese has gotten so much better. He can even curse like a native now.

However, she could understand Bruce’s feelings. If his family was threatened by someone, not to mention scolding them, she might even bring a knife to their door.

Xiao Lingyu sighed softly and comforted him, “Bruce, don’t be anxious. Try to stall Macon. I’ll arrange for someone to bring your family to Taoyuan Village temporarily.”

It would take a certain amount of time to fly from Country F to China. Moreover, due to the country’s regional problems, they would need to apply for permission to take off. Therefore, it would take a certain amount of time.

However, they could charter a flight.

After Xiao Lingyu hung up, she immediately called Gong Tianhao.

Right now, Gong Tianhao was the one who could arrange the matter more quickly.

“Is there no one left in Royal Forest Group? They’re keeping an eye on Bruce and even playing dirty tricks!” When Gong Tianhao heard this, he was also very angry.

Xiao Lingyu said, “Recently, Green Fresh group has been snatching many of their big orders and poaching a few of their people. I think they are getting anxious.”

Gong Tianhao laughed coldly. “If they aren’t capable, who can they blame?”

Then, Gong Tianhao comforted her, “Don’t worry, honey. I will make arrangements now and bring Bruce’s family over as soon as possible.”

“Okay, thank you, Honey!” Xiao Lingyu said.

“Silly, why are you thanking me for? You’re my wife, and I’m your husband. We’re husband and wife, so your business is my business,” Gong Tianhao said with a smile.

But then, Gong Tianhao thought of another question, and his expression immediately became serious, “Although I don’t know why Macon wants to find Bruce, it can’t be anything good. But, we’ve brought Bruce’s family away this time. What if Macon finds Ian’s family instead?”

Xiao Lingyu frowned slightly and nodded, “Yes, that’s a problem. In a while, I’ll get Bruce to give them a call and ask them if they should take their family away or send bodyguards to protect his family.”

Gong Tianhao nodded and said, “Okay.”

After the couple hung up the phone, they immediately went to make arrangements.

As they had to cross international boundaries and use helicopters, it would obviously take a longer time. Therefore, Gong Tianhao used his power and means to charter a civil aircraft from an international airline that night, and he immediately flew to Country F.

On this side, Xiao Lingyu first contacted Bruce and let him communicate with Ian and the others.

Bruce heard Xiao Lingyu’s worry and immediately smiled and said, “President Xiao, don’t worry. I don’t know what Ian and the others have on Macon, but they do. So Macon doesn’t dare to touch Ian’s family for the time being.”

Ian and the others used leverage to get Macon to agree to their departure, and they even waived the compensation of a few hundred million.

They seemed to have something huge on Macon. Bruce rolled his eyes. Why didn’t Ian share that secret with him?

Macon was a despicable and shameless person. If he could use his family to threaten him, then he shouldn’t blame him for being unrighteous.

No matter what, he had to find out more.

Xiao Lingyu learned from Bruce that Ian and the others had something on Macon, so they wouldn’t touch them for the time being. Her heart was temporarily relieved.

However, Xiao Lingyu guessed that while Macon wouldn't touch them, he would probably bribe them with benefits.

Xiao Lingyu thought for a moment and called Bruce to remind him.

"Okay, I got it. President Xiao, don't worry. They won't be so easily bribed and tempted!" Bruce said.

The way to bribe them was nothing more than money and beautiful women.

However, his friends' characters were very similar to his. They were all loyal to their wives and wouldn't be easily tempted by a woman. As for money, they already had a lot of money and could create a good life for their families.

Of course, Bruce could not guarantee that his friends would not be bribed successfully.

Bruce thought for a moment. Just in case, he still gave Ian and the others a warning.

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After Macon got Bruce's reply, he sat in his office and waited for Bruce to come directly to his door.

Bruce was abroad. It would definitely take some time for him to fly back, so Macon was not in a hurry.

However, just in case, Macon still sent people to monitor Bruce's family.

Bruce was a cunning guy. If his family moved, then he would have almost no bargaining chips to negotiate with Bruce. Obviously, it was not good for him.

"Not good, Boss!"

His subordinate rushed in.

"What's wrong? Why are you so anxious?" Macon frowned and said with slight dissatisfaction.

"Boss, the people monitoring the Bruce's family reported that Mrs. Bruce and her daughter, as well as their parents, disappeared overnight," the man in black reported hurriedly.

"What did you say?" Macon suddenly stood up, his eyes showing anger. He grabbed his subordinate's collar and asked loudly, "Say it again. What do you mean by the Bruce family disappearing overnight?"

The black-clothed man looked at his boss who was about to fly into a rage, and his expression revealed some panic. He stuttered, "It's because they suddenly disappeared. We can't find them in the hundreds of thousands of miles."

In his fury, Macon directly gave his subordinate a fierce slap and then cursed loudly, "Bastard, you can't even keep an eye on a person. What's the use of having you!"

The black-clothed man lowered his head and didn't dare to speak.

Then Macon asked again, "How did they disappear? Where are the people watching? Did they die?"

The black-clothed man said, "The people watching reported that he was knocked unconscious by someone. Then, when he woke up, Bruce's family seemed to have disappeared into thin air. They disappeared overnight."

Macon was very irritable and gave his subordinate a hard slap. He said angrily, "Useless things. You can't even do such a small thing well. What's the use of having you?"

The man in black did not dare to make a sound. He lowered his head.

After Macon let go of his subordinate's collar, he frowned tightly.

Suddenly, his eyes widened, and he suddenly shouted, "Bruce, it must be Bruce!"

The man in black said in confusion, "But Boss, how could Bruce have such ability to take away his family without anyone knowing? Also, where would he take his family?"

Macon snorted, "He doesn't have much ability, but he follows a very capable master."

Macon was also smart.

He immediately thought it through. Bruce, under the threat of his family, turned to the boss of Green Fresh, Xiao Lingyu.

Xiao Lingyu was not very capable, but her husband, Gong Tianhao, had a lot of abilities.

Therefore, if it were him, he would definitely have the ability to take all of them away without anyone knowing.

Bruce's family had already been transferred away. Macon lost his bargaining chip in an instant, and the anger and fury in his heart immediately surged.

He gritted his teeth and said, "Bruce, just you wait!"

He would definitely teach that fellow a lesson one day!

The problems that had appeared in the Royal forest group were all thanks to him. He definitely had to remember this grudge in his heart and take revenge.

The man in black lowered his head and did not say a word.

Macon thought for a moment and then ordered, "Immediately arrange a few people to thoroughly investigate the green fresh group. Also, investigate the boss' background as well. Be careful!"

"Yes, Boss!" The man in black immediately replied.

Since they could not find a breakthrough from Bruce, they could only stop it at the source.

At this moment, Macon had a strong feeling that the Green Fresh group would be the biggest rival to the Royal Forest Group.

Therefore, he planned to strangle it in its cradle before it grew.

Chapter 989: Constant Poaching

Just when Macon asked people to investigate the green fresh group and Xiao Lingyu, Bruce also began to take action.

Royal Forest group can develop into the industry's first international brand due to its talents.

Green Fresh Group is now in urgent need of all kinds of talent, so Bruce did not hesitate to poach Royal Forest Group.

If Macon didn't threaten his family first, Bruce wouldn't have done this.

Of course, not all people from the Royal Forest group were worth poaching. Apart from some people who Bruce had good relationships within the company, there were also some people who he was not familiar with or understood. He would get people to investigate them. Then, he would gradually break through the character of those people.

However, he was currently busy with work. He had hired a Headhunter company to do the poaching. It didn't matter if it worked as long as it could annoy Macon.

Originally, Bruce and Macon did not have any grudges.

Earlier, Macon had fired him indiscriminately and even banned him from the world. Bruce had nothing to complain about.

However, this time, Macon had crossed his bottom line and touched his family.

He was forced to retaliate.

Therefore, poaching talents from the Royal Forest group was what he decided to do.

After Xiao Lingyu learned of Bruce's actions, she shook her head in amusement.

When Bruce did this, she could not casually comment on whether it was right or not. It was just that everything had a reason.

Previously, when she asked Bruce to poach people, Bruce still felt that it was not good. Now, Macon had touched Bruce's bottom line. Of course, it would stir up his anger and resentment.

Therefore, as the boss of the competitor, the green fresh group, she would definitely be happy that Bruce kept poaching people from the Royal Forest group.

It would be best if they could poach all the talents from the royal Forest Group.

Of course, that was just a thought. Poaching all the talents and elites would be impossible.

Xiao Lingyu smiled at Bruce and said, "Bruce, well done! How about this? I will reward you with one million for every elite talent you poach for me. How about that?"

Bruce's eyes lit up, and he looked a little excited, "President Xiao, are you joking with me?"

Xiao Lingyu asked very seriously, "Do I look like I would joke with you?"

Bruce said very straightforwardly, "That's fine. I'll just wait for your reward."

Xiao Lingyu said again, "Tell your partners that not only will you be rewarded with a million for poaching an elite, but any of them will be rewarded the same way!" At this point, Xiao Lingyu paused and said very seriously, "However, I would like to remind you that after someone is poached and comes to my

company, they must be loyal to me and serve my company well. As for those who are not, I will definitely punish them harshly.”

This point had to be made clear. Otherwise, her business rivals would use this opportunity to send some business spies over.

Then her company would become a battlefield for business spies. That wouldn't do!

However, it was a good thing that she had a golden finger. She could identify whether those people were loyal or not.

Therefore, she was actually not afraid of these corporate spies at all.

Now, she looked forward to how many elites Bruce would be able to poach over.

Bruce was not courteous to Royal Forest Group at all. He directly hired the world's largest Headhunter Company. Although he spent a high price, he could make the Royal Forest group pay hugely. He felt that he had vented his anger.

Plus, how was it his fault that the talents were willing to leave the company to come to Green Fresh?

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In Royal Forest Group's president's office, Macon looked at the resignation letters on the table. His face was livid with anger.

A moment later, he called the Human Resources Department and asked the human resources department manager to come over.

A moment later, the human resources department manager came over. As soon as he entered the CEO's office, he saw the resignation letters on the table, and a panicked expression flashed across his face.

“Mr. Macon!” The human resources manager called out carefully.

Macon did not answer him. His sharp eyes stared at him. His expression was gloomy and very ugly as if he was holding back his anger.

A moment later, Macon pointed at the resignation letters and asked sternly, “What's going on?”

The manager wiped the cold sweat off his forehead and stammered, “I... I don't know either!”

“You don't know?” Macon asked coldly, “How could you not know? Aren't you the manager of the Human Resources Department? Haven't you investigated this?”

The manager said, “A few of them have employment contracts that are about to expire. There are also some people who have various reasons and want to resign, so I have to approve it!”

“Oh, the employment contracts are about to expire?” Macon said coldly, “So soon, they don't need to pay compensation to the company? And those people who resigned for other reasons, don't they need to pay compensation to the company?”

“Also, why are there so many people resigning at the same time?”

Hearing Macon's question, the manager muttered in his heart, 'It's just that recently, there have been rumors that the company's performance has been rapidly declining, and the company's development is getting worse and worse. In addition, many headhunters have constantly been surveying the company. Many talents want to go to a company with better benefits. How is this my fault? I'm only in charge of human resources distribution, but the company's business and the company's benefits are not up to me.'

Of course, the manager definitely could not say these words directly.

He deliberated for a while before saying, "Mr. Macon, recently, there have been a few headhunters that specifically targeted our company to poach people. I reckon that these people were poached by them."

"Oh, so you're saying that the company's salary and benefits are not good enough?" Macon asked sharply.

The manager was silent, not knowing how to answer.

After all, people always wanted better.

They went to other companies. Their salary and benefits were better than the current company, so it was inevitable that they were tempted.

If another company offered him a better job, he would abandon Royal Forest too. However, not one headhunter found him.

Looking at the silent personnel manager, Macon's face turned even darker.

He then asked, "Why are there so many headhunters coming to our company to poach people recently?"

Headhunters were not good. They only knew how to take advantage of opportunities.

The HR manager thought for a moment and said, "I'm afraid that it's because there are rumors in the outside world that Royal Forest group has encountered a strong enemy in business. Many businesses of our branch companies have been snatched away, so it's said that our company may not be able to hold on for long."

In fact, many in the company already knew that as a fact.

They could clearly feel that the higher-ups' faces were getting more and more serious and ugly because the big businesses of the branch companies had been snatched away by others.

Also, a few elite executives who had resigned and left a while ago knew the inside story of the company. They felt that if they stayed in the Royal Forest group any longer, they might be implicated.

Of course, there were all kinds of rumors regarding the departure of those top executives and elites. Even their good friends didn't know why they had suddenly resigned.

"Bastard!" Upon hearing the manager's report, Macon immediately flew into a rage, "Where did this rumor come from? How dare they slander our company. Find out who spread this. After finding out, I will definitely pursue legal responsibility!"

It might seem like a rumor now, but it might very well become a fact soon.

But now, Macon and everyone else refused to admit this fact.

Chapter 990: An Xiaohui's Marriage

While Bruce was actively poaching from Royal Forest, An Xiaohui and Xiao Wang's marriage was quickly settled.

An Xiaohui did the work of the company well and handed it over. After Xiao Lingyu approved the half-month marriage leave, she began to happily prepare to be a bride.

In the past, because her parents valued sons over daughters, she did not know what kind of man she would find in the future to be able to accept her family.

However, she did not expect her luck to be so good that she actually found a simple and generous man like Xiao Wang.

In fact, at first glance, she had been attracted by Xiao Wang's masculinity. After all, he was a soldier. His temperament was very different, making women feel safe just by looking at him. That was why she found all kinds of excuses and reasons to approach Xiao Wang. However, Xiao Wang, this blockhead, didn't know what she meant at the beginning.

However, when Xiao Wang reciprocated her interest, she became a coward again. Because of her family, she was afraid that Xiao Wang would look down on her family or be scared away.

She was really grateful to the Xiao family and elder Gong. It was their constant matchmaking and encouragement that didn't make her back down. In the end, she confirmed her relationship with Xiao Wang.

She felt that she was the happiest person right now.

Her parents' decades-long preference for sons over daughters had undergone a huge change. They began to ask her about her well-being and began to love and care for her daughter, whom they had never placed in their eyes and hearts before.

During this period of time, it seemed that they were going to pour the love that they had lost for more than twenty years back onto her. She really felt very happy.

Her parents and Xiao Wang promised second uncle An that they would soon set a wedding date.

Because second uncle An kept spreading rumors about their daughter, who went to university but was useless. She couldn't find a good job in a big city, so she could only work in a big hotel, wearing revealing clothes, and receiving chubby bosses...

For rural people, it was acceptable for a boy to work in a hotel, but for a girl to work in a big hotel, it was not a proper job. That was because, in a hotel, there were few decent people.

Later on, they said that An Yang wanted to marry a wife. Their family did not ask for a single cent and went to look for An Xiaohui's parents, but they were directly kicked out by them.

Second uncle An even told the village that he used to feel sorry for his eldest brother and sister-in-law because they did not have a son, so he let his only son continue the family line for them. He did not expect that they would turn against him. Now that they had found a live-in son-in-law, they abandoned An Yang.

In short, second uncle An's family spread all kinds of nasty rumors about An Xiaohui and her parents.

In the An Family village, which was backward, many people prioritized sons over daughters. Generally, sons would be preferred because they would continue the family line.

However, very few villagers would choose to let their daughters find a live-in son-in-law. This was because the entire family would be looked down upon by others. Therefore, for the sake of face, almost no one in the village would choose a live-in son-in-law.

Therefore, when they heard that An Xiaohui's parents chose a live-in son-in-law instead, they scoffed at them. They thought that An Xiaohui's parents were very shameful.

Therefore, the moment second uncle An returned to An family and the rumors spread, the villagers who were close to An Xiaohui's parents immediately sent back the news. This made An Xiaohui's parents so angry that they wanted to fly back and give An Xiaohui's second uncle and aunt a beating.

In the past, they had raised An Yang and spoiled their second brother's family. Who would have thought that they would become so greedy? They even reversed the truth. They were so angry.

Never mind. We would show them. We would marry off our daughter in a glorious manner. Let's see how you can arrange it and make a joke out of it.

Besides, my daughter is very capable. She found a large company with an annual salary of several million.

Therefore, after father and mother An calmed down, they couldn't wait to find Xiao Wang and discuss with him their daughter's marriage.

On the day of their wedding, they must show off and let everyone in An family village know that they did give birth to a daughter, but this daughter was more promising than all the boys in An Family village.

The most promising boy in An Family village was just a workshop supervisor in a factory. He was paid more than 10,000 per month, but his daughter was paid two million a year. If you counted it, it was more than 100,000 a month.

We will show off our daughter!

This was what father and mother An thought.

It had to be said that they had lived in Taoyuan Village for a period of time. This change in thinking was really big.

This was because in the An family village, everyone valued sons over daughters. These people who had always lived in the An family village were influenced by the village's atmosphere. Of course, they also valued sons over daughters, especially because they were influenced by feudal ideology. They thought that having a son to continue the family line was the most important thing.

However, after they arrived at Taoyuan village, they were immediately influenced by the atmosphere of the villagers and the Xiao family. They gradually developed a preference for daughters over sons. Naturally, they began to value their only daughter, An Xiaohui, especially since their daughter was a promising one. As parents, they were respected in Taoyuan village, so they were very proud.

However, they were still stubborn about having a male descendant continue the family line.

With Xiao Lingyu's reminder, she had thought of a way to achieve both.

In fact, this method was very common in big cities.

For example, when an only child got married and had two children, one of them would have the surname of the woman and the other of the man. It seemed to have become a common occurrence in big cities.

However, it was somewhat incomprehensible to the people in the countryside. Therefore, when parents An knew that their daughter could get married and that their child could take the surname of An, they were so happy and excited that they cried.

After all, they had An Xiaohui as their only daughter. In their hometown, she had always been looked down upon. Later on, when they moved to the county town, she had also been looked down upon by relatives and friends.

Now, this arrangement not only gave them comfort but also gave them a sense of pride.

Because the company was expanding, father and mother An hoped that the two of them would get married as soon as possible. Naturally, Xiao Lingyu did not give An Xiaohui much time off. It was only a short fifteen days.

Within these fifteen days, they were going to have two weddings. These two weddings could be said to be in different parts of the world. Naturally, the time seemed to be a little rushed.

After father and mother An set the wedding date, they went back to their hometown. An Xiaohui gave them 300,000 to prepare for the wedding, and Xiao Wang gave them 300,000 as well.

Since they wanted to prepare for a grand wedding, they naturally had to use a lot of money. Only with money could they prepare for a grand wedding.

Father and mother An initially rejected the two sums of money, but with the little money they had, it was not enough for a grand wedding.

So, they accepted the money and used the dowry to let An Xiaohui get married!

Of course, since An Xiaohui was getting married, then Xiao Wang would definitely follow the marriage custom of the An family village and marry An Xiaohui.

The marriage custom of the An family village was mainly about the dowry.

Xiao Wang had been by Old Master Gong's side all these years. With his salary and allowance, plus his usual expenses, his savings had already reached one to two million.

Xiao Wang directly gave 999,900 RMB as a betrothal gift.

Such a high betrothal gift made Father and mother An extremely happy.

This amount of money was enough to marry all the girls in the An family village.

This meant that Xiao Wang really liked his daughter.

As far as he knew, the highest betrothal gift the An family village could get from marrying a daughter was only 88,000. This 88,000 was enough to make that girl's parents burst with joy. They kept showing off in the village, saying that their daughter was very valuable. With the money from her betrothal gift, their son would not have to worry about money at all for his daughter's marriage.

But now, An Xiaohui was getting a betrothal gift of 999,000 RMB. This was enough for him to show off for a long time.

Of course, they had thought it through now, so they definitely wouldn't squander this one million.

They planned to return the money to the young people.

In the future, they would all live together. The young couple needed the money more than they did.