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Chapter 311: Even the Nest Is Destroyed

Shen Tianzhuo clearly heard Lin Yi's voice.

"Mr. Lin, do you still want to return to the country?"

"Don't you have any thoughts of doing the same?" Lin Yi asked.

"With your current level, you don't even need to return to the country to look for new opportunities. Even while you're here, there will be countless people coming to visit you."

Shen Tianzhuo smiled bitterly. "That is indeed true. A few days ago, there was a research institute called Longxin that sent some people to look for me, but I didn't give them the chance to meet."

Lin Yi's expression didn't change. He didn't give Shen Tianzhuo any clues.

"You didn't even give them the chance to meet. I guess you don't have any plans to return to the country."

"It's not that I don't have any plans. No matter what, I'm from Huaxia. No matter how good this place is, it's not my home." Shen Tianzhuo sighed.

"Just like you said, no matter how delicious the Yangmei soup outside is, it can't compare to the taste of home."

"Then why do you still stay here?"

"Because I want to do academic research," Shen Tianzhuo said.

"I can find countless people who share the same interests here. No one will interfere with my work, and it will allow me to release my ability to the greatest extent. This is what I want the most."

"Do you think that the domestic academic level is not good enough?"

"That's not true. It's just that the environment is not very good," Shen Tianzhuo said.

"You know, R&D is a bottomless pit. No matter how much money is invested, it can all go down the drain. If there's no one to support it, the project won't be funded, and the research won't be able to proceed. I'm not a sociable person, and I don't want to waste my time on relationships, so the plan has been put on hold until now."

Lin Yi didn't know if this was true or not, but he nodded. Although he wasn't actively involved in the research field, he had a certain understanding of the situation they faced.

Just like what Shen Tianzhuo said, no one was willing to throw money into a bottomless pit without first seeing the benefits.

Furthermore, the problem with relationships was a tale as old as time.

This was indeed a hindrance to academic development.

Tianzhuo saw that Lin Yi didn't say anything and smiled.

"You're the most talented young man I've seen in all these years. With your strength, it shouldn't be a problem for you to get a salary of ten million a year back home, yet you came here for the same reason as me."

Lin Yi chuckled. "There is indeed a reason for that."

"That's why we'll stay here for the time being. We'll go back when we have the chance." Shen Tianzhuo said with a smile.

"And I've decided that when I go back, it won't just be me. I want to bring my team back with me."

Lin Yi's eyes lit up. He didn't expect Shen Tianzhuo to say something like that.

Wouldn't it be great if he and his team were poached and brought back?

Lin Yi put his hands behind his head and sighed.

"If there was a place that didn't restrict my funding and gave me enough freedom in research, I'd want to go back now."

Shen Tianzhuo laughed.

"That's easy to say, but it's too hard to do. To be honest, I've been waiting for this opportunity all these years. After all, the moon in my hometown will always be brighter than the moon in other countries."

"Hahaha, that's so true..."

Lin Yi felt that his probing was beginning to bear fruit.

Shen Tianzhuo wasn't a person who worshipped foreign things, but rather, lived a clean and pure life.

If someone could provide him with such an environment, he might have left a long time ago.

When Lin Yi thought about it carefully, wasn't this person himself?

If he wanted money, equipment, and an independent environment, where else could he find such a boss?

Despite this, it was not the time to lay his cards on the table.

When it came to a person like Shen Tianzhuo, one had to cast a long line to catch a big fish.

He had to get to know Shen Tianzhuo well before he could make a move.

"Boss Shen, what project are you working on now?"

"The company has asked my team to head the development of a new security system. The program that you wrote is exactly what we need."

"In truth, my strengths are all centered on the chip field. The program that I wrote was also achieved by squeezing out the computational power of the chip. Therefore, I can help you in this aspect."

“That’s even better. We’ll be in charge of the technical structure at the top, and you’ll be in charge of the chip’s internal programming. I believe that this project will be solved very soon in this way.”

Lin Yi nodded. “I have the same confidence, but you just said that the project you’re in charge of was assigned to you by the company. Do you have your own project?”

“My current research direction is mainly centered on computer vision, and it’s related to lithography machines. You’re an expert in the chip field, so you should know something about this.”

“I know a little, but I don’t know much.”

Lin Yi let out a sigh of relief in his heart.

By now, he had pretty much understood everything about Shen Tianzhuo.

Just like Lu Ying and Sun Fuyu had said, Tianzhuo was indeed an expert in this field. He was indeed the most important factor in their goal of making the lithography machine.

The next step was to get close to him, and once they got along well, they could steal him and his team away.

Lin Yi wasn’t sure if he could succeed, though. After all, he was a big shot, and his intelligence was unquestionable.

The rest was up to fate.

Despite this, Lin Yi had an inexplicable confidence that it wouldn’t be a problem to take down Shen Tianzhuo.

If he couldn’t take down Shen Tianzhuo himself, he’d have to abuse his looks and think of a way to get along with his wife.

It wouldn’t be too much of a problem for his wife to fill his head with pillow talk.

Still, this was looking at the next drift right after overtaking a car on a curve.

He still had to focus on the task at hand, or else he’d easily flip the car.

“Then that’s it for now. I still have to cook dinner for my wife tonight, and I’ll come back tomorrow.”
Shen Tianzhuo said with a smile

“No problem. At our level, we aren’t time-boxed.” Lin Yi said with a smile

After a brief chat, Lin Yi left the Microsoft building.

Looking at Lin Yi’s back as he left, Shen Tianzhuo nodded in satisfaction and muttered to himself,

“The young man is not bad, he’s quite a family man, and he has the same style as me back then.”

Coming out of the Microsoft building, Lin Yi stretched his back.

Today’s progress was beyond his imagination. He would be able to pull the net back in a few days.

Not long after he returned to the hotel, Ji Qingyan and Guan Ya returned as well.

There was also an Apple laptop in Ji Qingyan's hands. It looked like she had just bought it.

After tidying up briefly, the three of them had their dinner in the Western restaurant next to the hotel before returning to their rooms.

"It must have been boring staying in the hotel for the whole afternoon," Ji Qingyan said apologetically.

"I'm fine, I'm fine."

Lin Yi said that on purpose so that he could show how he felt wronged without being too obvious.

Lin Yi was amazed by his own acting skills.

Bullsh*t.

Seeing Lin Yi's sullen expression, Ji Qingyan felt guilty.

Lingyun Group was so busy with work, but Lin Yi rejected all of them and went out to have fun with her, but she abandoned him because of work.

Thinking of this made Ji Qingyan feel bad.

"Thank you for your hard work." Ji Qingyan said.

"I'll try to finish it as soon as possible. I won't make you wait too long."

"It's okay. Although you're an important part of Wangjiang Dock, it's still my business. I'm also responsible for this, so I can't blame you."

"But I still left you behind. It's my fault."

"Don't feel too guilty. Just think of a way to make it up to me."

"Humph, I think you have some ill intentions," Ji Qingyan said.

"I've already made it up to you once that day. Don't even think about getting another chance."

"Sigh, then just leave me alone in the hotel to die alone."

"Don't say that," Ji Qingyan said anxiously.

"It's not just the two of us. President Guan is also here. If she learns that we sleep in the same room at night, it would be too embarrassing."

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Lin Yi perked up.

"If that's the case, should I ask her to get out? Maybe move to another hotel?"

"You really can't focus on anything else. It seems taking advantage of me is your number one priority."

"That's right, we can't let others take advantage of us." Lin Yi said. "I have to protect my cabbage patch."

Ji Qingyan smiled happily. "I'm not a cabbage, I want to be a rose."

"That's good, I'm a master of flower arranging. We're a perfect match."

"Master of flower arranging?"

"Yeah, didn't you say you are a rose?"

Ji Qingyan understood what Lin Yi meant and grabbed the soft meat around his waist. "You're a hooligan. You don't know what to say and only try to take advantage of me. You have to develop a sense of shame."

"What do you mean by shame? Let's talk about it after we're satisfied." Lin Yi took his phone and prepared to call Guan Ya.

"I'll tell her to move to another hotel now."

"What do you mean? Don't say such things." Ji Qingyan warned.

"With Guan Ya's intelligence, if you say that, she'll definitely know that something is up between the two of us."

"Does she even need to guess? It's obvious that something's up, okay?"

"You can't do that," Ji Qingyan said.

"Anyway, we'll sleep in separate rooms tonight. We definitely can't be in the same room."

"Okay."

The two chatted in the room for a while longer. Ji Qingyan said that she wanted to organize today's documentation, so she chased Lin Yi away.

Lin Yi was happy to be free. He returned to his room and found a random reason to chat with Shen Tianzhuo for a while more.

Their revolutionary friendship seemed to have improved by leaps and bounds, and they were undoubtedly growing to become close.

The next morning, after the three of them finished eating, Guan Ya and Ji Qingyan went out for their inspection as usual.

Ji Qingyan was a little reluctant to leave Lin Yi alone in the hotel.

However, she knew that a person like him who couldn't stay idle wouldn't be able to stay in the meeting room for even an hour. He might as well stay in the hotel and be at ease.

"I'm leaving first. If you're bored, go out for a walk. Don't just stay in the hotel."

"Without you, I'd be lonely wherever I go."

"What are you talking about?" Ji Qingyan said shyly.

It was fine to talk when no one was around, but it was too embarrassing when Director Guan was here.

Guan Ya turned around sensibly, not wanting to see them flirt.

“I’m telling the truth.” Lin Yi said, his face neither red nor pale. “If it weren’t for you, all this scenery wouldn’t fill me with awe, but rather melancholy.”

Ji Qingyan covered her mouth as she chuckled. “Where did you get all this nonsense? I think you’ll be fine without me.”

As she spoke, Ji Qingyan looked at Guan Ya, who wasn’t far away. “Alright, I’m leaving now. I won’t bother with you today. Make your own arrangements. I’ll try to come back earlier.”

After comforting Lin Yi, Ji Qingyan and Guan Ya left together.

Guan Ya looked back and forth between the two of them.

She had a feeling that although she didn’t know what Lin Yi would do today, he definitely wouldn’t stay in the hotel.

A person like him couldn’t stay idle at all. His upper body might be able to stay still, but his lower body would undoubtedly start moving around.

After making sure that the two of them had left, Lin Yi took a taxi to Microsoft.

“Lin Yi?”

Just as he reached the entrance of the office building, he heard someone talking.

He raised his head and realized that the person who was talking was Zhao Zhengyang. His assistant, Qu Nan, was also beside him.

How could he bump into this retard here?

Lin Yi recalled that he met this guy at the airport the other day. It seemed like they were going to take the same flight as him.

The flight that he was on stopped over in Washington before landing in Orlando. It was very likely that they were here to discuss business with Microsoft.

However, he was the vice president of Microsoft’s global marketing department. Did this opportunity really just fall into his lap?

Oh my God, did you send me down here to play Zhao Zhengyang to death?

“Director Zhao, I’m really sorry for delaying you. You didn’t have to delay any of your meetings, did you?” Lin Yi said with a smile.

“I’m here to discuss business today. I’m not in the mood to talk to you.”

“What a coincidence. I know a few people here. Do you need me to contact them for you, Boss Zhao?”

“Hmph, do I need you to contact them?” Zhao Zhengyang snorted.

“We’re almost done with this project. I’m here to sign the contract. I don’t need you.”

"I'm just being nice." Lin Yi said with a smile.

"There was an old monk who once gave a parable on kindness. His words were very accurate. Don't you believe him?"

"Believe my *ss!"

Zhao Zhengyang cursed, "Lin Yi, let me tell you, even though we have a feud, I just don't have time to play with you. After this period is over, I'll have a good fight with you. I'll see who can protect the person that I, Zhao Zhengyang, want to attack!"

"No problem." Lin Yi made an OK gesture and walked out of the Microsoft building while shaking his head.

Zhao Zhengyang gritted his teeth when he saw Lin Yi's smug appearance, but he couldn't do anything about it at the moment.

"What do you think he's doing at Microsoft?" Zhao Zhengyang asked.

"His company doesn't seem to be involved in the business here." Qu Nan thought for a few seconds. "Maybe he's accompanying Ji Qingyan."

"Alright, don't bother with him." Zhao Zhengyang said.

"Go and sign the project contract first. We can deal with him at any time, but we can't forget the serious business."

"Okay, after this project is over, let's deal with him properly," Qu Nan said.

"With the Zhao family's strength, it'll be very easy to toy with him to death."

"Hehehe..."

Zhao Zhengyang let out a cold laugh like a retard. "It would be a pity if such an interesting person were to be toyed to death. It would only be interesting if we make him kneel and beg for mercy first."

Under Zhao Zhengyang's influence, Qu Nan smiled like a retard as they walked into the Microsoft Building.

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When Lin Yi arrived at Shen Tianzhuo's office, he realized that he wasn't the only person in the office.

There was also a man and a woman inside.

The man was in his forties and the woman was in her thirties. Judging from their looks and temperament, they should be members of Microsoft's management team. It just so happened that they were both also Huaxian.

"Lin Yi, let me introduce them to you," Shen Tianzhuo said. "This is Shang Wenzhong, the general manager of the global marketing department. You two will be partners from now on."

“This is Shao Jie, the director of the marketing department. She’ll be your subordinate. I promoted both of them; they’re both good people. If you have any questions, you can ask them. You can look for me when it comes to things relating to technology. Again, the marketing department is just a temporary springboard for you. Don’t worry.”

“Okay.”

“Director Lin, we are colleagues from now on. Please take care of us,” Shang Wenzhong said politely.

According to professional etiquette, it was more appropriate for Lin Yi to say this.

However, both of them knew about Lin Yi’s situation. They had also heard about the incident that happened in the building yesterday. .

He must not be an ordinary person to be praised by Director Shen for his technological skills.

He was definitely going to be a vice-president of the company.

He was assigned to the marketing department since he had nowhere else to go. He was just treating this as a stopover.

Although he was just a vice-president, he commanded the utmost respect.

“You guys are too polite. We’ll be colleagues from now on. Let’s watch out for each other.”

Lin Yi shook hands with both of them in greeting.

Dang dang dang dang...

“Come in.”

There was a knock on the office door, and Shen Tianzhuo responded.

His secretary, Jessica, pushed the door open and entered. “Director Shen, Director Shao’s secretary came to see me just now. He said that the client has arrived and is wondering when you will go over.”

“I’ll go over now,” Shao Jie replied and prepared to leave.

“Director Shao, I want to ask, is the person you’re going to receive a client from Asia called Zhao Zhengyang?”

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Shao Jie was a little surprised. She didn’t think that Lin Yi would know about the person she was meeting today.

“Their representative is indeed called Zhao Zhengyang. Is there anything you need from me on this matter?”

Lin Yi smiled. “It’s not a big deal. Tell your secretary to tell them that I’ll personally meet him later.”

“Boss Lin, it’s just a small matter. I don’t need to trouble you,” Shao Jie said.

“It’s fine. It’s my first day on the job, so I need something to do.”

Shao Jie nodded. “Jessica, go tell Hannah that Director Lin will be there in a bit.”

“Okay.”

After Jessica left, Lin Yi looked at Shen Tianzhuo.

“I’ll come back to discuss the project later. I’ll go meet my old friend over there first.”

“Looks like you guys have a good relationship.” Shen Tianzhuo smiled. “Do you need to give him some special treatment?”

“No, no.” Lin Yi smiled. “I’ll go take care of him myself.”

“Alright, this is your responsibility. I won’t worry about it anymore. Come back after you’re done. We’ll continue our research then.”

“Alright.”

After saying goodbye, Lin Yi, Shang Wenzhong, and Shao Jie walked out of Shen Tianzhuo’s office and headed towards the conference room.

At the same time, Zhao Zhengyang and Qu Nan were sitting in the conference room, waiting for the director of Microsoft’s marketing department to come over and sign the contract.

At this time, the white female secretary, Hannah, walked over.

“Please wait a moment, our newly-appointed vice president will come over to sign the contract with you shortly.”

“What did you say? The newly appointed vice president will come over to sign the contract?”

Zhao Zhengyang was very surprised. He felt that he had misheard.

Although he cared about this project very much, in the eyes of Microsoft, this project was not big at all. A senior executive like the director of the marketing department was completely capable of signing the contract.

However, he did not expect that their newly appointed vice president would actually end up personally coming!

It seemed that this project was very important to the other party.

“Yes, our vice president will be coming.” The female secretary looked at him with a smile and said, “And he personally instructed me to inform you of this matter.”

“But this project shouldn’t be considered big for Microsoft, right? Why would it alarm a person at the vice president level?” Zhao Zhengyang asked.

“I’m not sure about that, but I heard that the newly appointed vice president is also Huaxian, and you guys are also from Huaxia. This should be the reason why he is personally coming.”

“President Zhao, it looks like the Zhao family’s international influence is increasing day by day,” Qu Nan said in a low voice.

“I think so too. Their vice president is from Huaxia, so he must have heard of the Zhao family’s name. Do you think there might be some kind of friendly gesture?”

“That might be it,” Qu Nan said.

“Even if he’s in a high position, there’s still a big gap between him and the huge Zhao family. Just like you said, it’s very likely to be a friendly gesture, but let’s be more proactive and not leave a bad impression on them.”

“You don’t have to say that,” Zhao Zhengyang said with a smile.

“That idiot Lin Yi was still flaunting his interpersonal relationships in front of us. Look at him now.”

Qu Nan smiled. “I think we can make use of this relationship.”

“How?”

“When their vice president comes over, we can have a good chat with him. With the Zhao family’s reputation in Zhonghai, we should be able to get closer to him. When that happens, it’ll be easy for us to sabotage Ji Qingyan’s project.”

Zhao Zhengyang remembered that Lin Yi and Ji Qingyan must have come here to talk about a partnership.

If he was the first to get closer to the vice president of Microsoft, Ji Qingyan’s project would come to an abrupt end.

“You’re right. This is a good idea,” Zhao Zhengyang said with a smile. “I’ll do as you say.”

Zhao Zhengyang rested his hands behind his head and leaned back in his chair.

His project had already entered the final stages. It was a foregone conclusion.

Surprisingly, their vice president had come personally. It seemed that he would be able to toy with Lin Yi and Ji Qingyan to death without even returning to the country.

“Miss Hannah, I want to ask you about your new vice president. Does he have any hobbies? I want to know more about him.”

“I don’t know much about the new vice president, but he is a very powerful person,” Hannah said.

“I can tell you a little secret. The new vice president is only temporarily staying in the marketing department. In the near future, he will be promoted to become the executive vice president of the company, so his position is very high.”

Hiss...

Hearing this news, Zhao Zhengyang and Qu Nan were shocked.

They understood what Hannah meant. Anyone who could reserve the position of vice president was a big shot anywhere in the world.

Even his father would have to be polite when meeting such a person!

They didn't expect this kind of figure to come and personally sign the contract!

Wasn't this giving them too much face?!

"President Zhao, this matter is definitely settled. If there are no other intentions, I don't believe that he would come personally," Qu Nan said.

"Of course!"

Zhao Zhengyang couldn't sit still anymore.

It was obvious that he was here to form ties with the Zhao family. If that was the case, it would be easier to negotiate.

Asking the other party for a small favor in ruining Lin Yi and Ji Qingyan's project was a simple matter. It wasn't difficult at all!

Just thinking about it made him excited!

Click!

The door to the meeting room opened and Zhao Zhengyang stood up excitedly.

The person who'd reserved the vice-president position in advance was here!

"Lin Yi, it's you!"

Zhao Zhengyang turned around and saw that it was Lin Yi who'd entered. He swallowed the words in his stomach and asked in disbelief.

"What's wrong? Are you surprised to see me here?"

"I'm a little surprised, but it doesn't matter," Zhao Zhengyang said with a smile.

"I have something to tell you. Our contract is about to be signed, and the person who is signing the contract with us is the new vice president of Microsoft."

"You might not know how powerful this person is, but I'm not afraid to tell you that he has already reserved the position of vice president within Microsoft. Do you know what it means for such a person to sign the contract with us?"

Lin Yi shrugged. "I don't know what it means, but don't you want to know why I'm here?"

"Huh?"

Zhao Zhengyang and Qu Nan were stunned. They had been so excited that they had indeed overlooked this matter.

It was also a little strange that the director of Microsoft, Shao Jie, was still standing behind him.

“Director Shao, they don’t know who I am. Please introduce me.”

Shao Jie took a step forward and introduced,

“Mr. Zhao, the person standing in front of you is Director Lin Yi Lin, the new vice president of our marketing department. The person who you just said had reserved the position of vice president is none other than Director Lin.”

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“W-what did you say?!”

“He’s your vice president?!”

“That’s right, I am.”

Lin Yi smiled at Zhao Zhengyang. “Are you surprised? Shocked? Isn’t this exciting?”

Zhao Zhengyang’s legs gave way, and he stumbled backward.

If it wasn’t for Qu Nan’s quick reflexes, he would have fallen to the ground long ago.

“You... you’re a hooligan! What qualifications do you have to be the vice president of Microsoft?!” Zhao Zhengyang cursed as he pointed at Lin Yi.

“Don’t make me sound so bad. My new colleagues are all here. How am I supposed to continue working here in the future?” Lin Yi said with a smile.

“Oh right, didn’t you guys want to sign the contract? Let me see it. If there’s no problem, I’ll sign it.”

“Are you really that kind?”

“Not bad. Looks like your position isn’t just for show. You even guessed that I wouldn’t sign the contract.”

“You, you...”

Zhao Zhengyang’s body trembled and his face turned pale. He was so angry that he couldn’t even speak.

“Pfft!”!

Bright red blood spurted out of Zhao Zhengyang’s mouth.

Qu Nan was shocked. “Director Zhao, Director Zhao! Don’t scare me!”

No matter how much Qu Nan shouted, Zhao Zhengyang didn’t move at all. It was as if he had gone into shock.

“Lin Yi, just you wait. The Zhao family won’t let you off!”

Lin Yi, “???”

The charity banquet was the first round, the airport was the second round, and now it was only the third round, yet he couldn't take it anymore?

Wasn't he too weak?

My my, this wouldn't do!

Qu Nan helped Zhao Zhengyang leave, and Lin Yi stretched his back.

"Alright, the project is over. Go take care of your other matters."

Shang Wenzhong, "..."

Shao Jie, "..."

She'd been at Microsoft for so many years, and she had signed so many contracts throughout that period. There were only two outcomes to these meetings, success or failure.

This was the first time she'd seen someone vomit blood.

Director Lin wasn't simple!

Lin Yi went to Shen Tianzhuo's office after leaving the conference room.

It was empty inside, and he only found out after asking Jessica that Shen Tianzhuo had gone to a meeting.

Since he was bored, Lin Yi found a random computer and started working.

Shen Tianzhuo came back in the afternoon and saw Lin Yi busy at work in his office. He smiled.

"This is the first time I've seen someone as talented and hardworking as you."

"If I take money from others, I have to make sure I also help them solve their problems. You gave me such a high position, so you have to get something in return."

"Haha, that's good. Let's work on it together," Shen Tianzhuo said. "To be honest, I'm not as good as you in terms of chip knowledge."

"It's not easy for a boss like you to say something like that."

"What's the big deal? Learning never stops. No one is omnipotent, especially in comparison to young people like you. We can't be arrogant and complacent."

Shen Tianzhuo paused and said seriously, "You are the future of Huaxia."

"Don't say that. We still need a giant like you to stand up for us," Lin Yi said seriously.

In the afternoon, Shen Tianzhuo went to two meetings and then stayed with Lin Yi in the office as they typed code.

It was precisely because of this afternoon's in-depth exchange that Lin Yi had a deeper understanding of Shen Tianzhuo.

This guy's achievements in computer science far exceeded his imagination.

He possessed a kind of stubbornness and tenacity that belonged exclusively to men of science. Lin Yi was secretly impressed.

No wonder Lu Ying and Sun Fuyu gave him such a high evaluation. He was indeed worthy of it.

If he and his team were poached, then the launch of the domestic photolithography machine would be brought forward by leaps and bounds.

Lin Yi and him didn't talk about anything else throughout the whole afternoon. He didn't do anything other else other than take Ji Qingyan's phone calls and go to the toilet.

The better he got along with Shen Tianzhuo, the higher the chances of him being poached.

If he was too anxious, it might backfire. Thus, he had to take it slow.

It was soon past four in the afternoon. Lin Yi stretched and prepared to leave.

Since Ji Qingyan and Guan Ya were coming back soon, he had to get back to the hotel before them.

"Why don't you come to my place for dinner? Let's have a drink together and study the code at the same time," Shen Tianzhuo invited him.

"No thanks. I'm exhausted from working the whole day."

Lin Yi said goodbye to Shen Tianzhuo and left on his own.

The three of them met back at the hotel and had dinner together. After that, Ji Qingyan and Guan Ya started discussing the details of the renovation of the pier, leaving Lin Yi at the side.

Lin Yi was a little puzzled. He asked Guan Ya to come over to be one of his tools in distracting Ji Qingyan. Why was the discussion so heated now, as if it was the real thing?

Seeing that Ji Qingyan was focusing all her attention on work, Lin Yi wasn't in the mood to get involved. Instead, he went back to bed early.

Ring, Ring, Ring...

Lin Yi woke up at six in the morning when his phone rang. His mind was immediately clear when he saw the name of the person he was calling.

It was none other than Cao Xiangyu, the son of Cisco's chairman, Cao Jiadong.

It was six in the morning in the US, which meant that it would be six in the evening in China.

What was the point of calling him at this time?

Lin Yi calmed himself down and picked up Cao Xiangyu's call.

"Lin Bro, I called you a few days ago. You said you were going to the states, but you haven't come back yet. I'm missing you a lot." Cao Xiangyu said.

Lin Yi felt goosebumps all over his body.

What the hell did a big guy like you want me to do with a guy like me?

“I’m still in the states. I’ll be back in a few days. Don’t worry, Cao Bro.”

“That’s a pity. I have a friend who has a few mares, and I wanted to share them with you.” Cao Xiangyu said.

Lin Yi pursed his lips. Sure enough, there was only one reason why he would call at this time.

“Forget about the mares. It’s not like you don’t know that I’m in the states, and there are women all over the streets. I’m even getting sick of them.”

“Brother Lin, you’re mistaken.” Cao Xiangyu said.

“I’m talking about riding a real horse, the kind with four legs and a tail.”

“Hehehe...”

Lin Yi smiled awkwardly. Damn it, speak clearly man.

“Brother Lin, don’t worry. We’re brothers. I’ll ask him to keep it for a few more days. You can ride it to your heart’s content then.”

“Sure, sure. Thank you, Brother Cao.”

“Alright, that’s all for now. I’ll contact you when you get back. Let’s have a good get-together. We’re neighbors, so don’t be too distant.”

“That’s for sure. We have to have a good get-together.”

Lin Yi hung up after bragging to Cao Xiangyu for a while.

However, he wasn’t sleepy anymore. Rather, he went to the bathroom and prepared to wash up.

Cao Xiangyu’s motive was already obvious. All that was left was to whet his appetite and put on a good show.

“F*ck.”

Lin Yi cursed, “The show surrounding Shen Tianzhuo isn’t over yet, and now I have to run to the next set. Surely there is a place for a billion-dollar actor like myself in Huaxia, right?”

Chapter 315: Confiding in Shen Tianzhuo

Lin Yi had just finished washing up when there was a knock on his door.

After opening the door, Ji Qingyan walked in from outside, looking to invite Lin Yi for dinner.

For the next two days, the three of them lived a very simple life.

Ji Qingyan and Guan Ya were busy with their work.

Meanwhile, Lin Yi constantly shifted between Microsoft and the hotel.

However, from what Ji Qingyan could tell, Lin Yi had been staying in the hotel every day. He was probably going to grow moldy soon, which made her feel extremely guilty.

Lin Yi didn't make any further moves over the next two days.

Apart from typing the code, he chatted with Shen Tianzhuo about everything in his hometown. It was as if they were old friends.

Lin Yi was extremely grateful to the system for giving him a reward in the form of the sage's wisdom.

Apart from computers, knowledge in other fields was also easy to come by.

On the other hand, Shen Tianzhuo was extremely amazed by Lin Yi's breadth of knowledge.

He looked like he was only in his twenties, yet he was knowledgeable in other fields not relating to computer chips.

After a careful comparison, he realized that he couldn't compare to Lin Yi at all.

If he continued like this for a few more years, Lin Yi's future at Microsoft might even outshine his own.

In the office, the printer buzzed. Lin Yi typed out a few documents, but he didn't hand them to Shen Tianzhuo.

Shen Tianzhuo didn't ask any more questions. This was his personal matter, and he had no control over it.

"Done!"

That afternoon, Lin Yi stretched lazily. The string of dizzying code on the screen was an infinite treasure in Shen Tianzhuo's eyes. It was more attractive than roses and diamonds.

"You're really something." Shen Tianzhuo sighed.

"My R&D team would have taken at least three months to complete this. I didn't expect you to complete it in three days. It's my honor to be your colleague."

Shen Tianzhuo was excited. He stayed here to meet better colleagues so that he could carry out advanced R&D.

Meeting Lin Yi now was a stroke of good fortune.

Moreover, the two were from the same hometown, so they immediately hit it off.

"You're too polite. It's nothing," Lin Yi said. "It's not as impressive as you think."

"You're being too modest, kid." Shen Tianzhuo said.

"I'm going to file a report soon to see if I can resolve the problem surrounding your position. With your ability, I feel like even the title of executive vice president will be selling you short."

"You don't have to apply for the position for me," Lin Yi said seriously. "I'm going to leave."

"Leave?" Shen Tianzhuo panicked. He didn't expect Lin Yi to say something like that.

He and Lin Yi had been getting along quite well. It had only been a few days, so why was he leaving?

“I’m planning to go back to the country.”

This was Lin Yi’s plan from the start.

Although Shen Tianzhuo was a key factor, he couldn’t waste all his time on him.

After spending so many days here, he had done all he could. The rest was up to fate.

Therefore, Lin Yi decided to lay his cards on the table.

“Why are you going back? Is it because you have a better opportunity?”

Lin Yi didn’t answer directly, but looked at Tianzhuo with burning eyes.

“Boss Shen, if someone was willing to give you money and unlimited freedom to conduct your R&D, would you be willing to go back?”

In reality, Lin Yi could have asked this question at the beginning.

However, it was too risky.

After so many days together, the two had become friends who talked about everything. With this relationship now established, Lin Yi thought that his chances of success would be higher.

“How could such a thing be possible? Stop joking.” Shen Tianzhuo waved his hand. “Capitalists aren’t stupid. They won’t do anything without seeing the benefits.”

“But don’t forget, this is America. Do you think the capitalist system is better here?” Lin Yi said. “Money flows through their bones.”

Shen Tianzhuo didn’t say anything. He had stayed in America for so many years, so he naturally understood how scary capitalism was.

Although he was an executive of this financial unicorn, he was only a relatively high-level tool maker.

The so-called freedom was only in relative terms.

Lin Yi stood by the window, picked up a cigarette, and lit it with a pretentious and lonely expression. He sighed emotionally.

“We’re in the same boat, Director Shen. If there wasn’t a suitable opportunity, do you think I would choose to return to the country at this time?”

As he spoke, Lin Yi turned back, his eyes pure and deep. “Although we’ve only worked together for a few days, we’ve already formed a deep friendship. I can’t bear to part with you!”

“Did they really promise you that?”

This time, Lin Yi didn’t answer directly, but looked at Shen Tianzhuo with a hopeful gaze.

“Director Shen, if such an opportunity really existed, would you be willing to leave?”

“Ha...”

Tianzhuo laughed and took a cigarette as well. "If there really was such a good thing, of course I'd be willing to leave."

"Are you sure?" Lin Yi asked.

"Of course," Shen Tianzhuo said with a smile. "As long as you give me enough funding and academic freedom, I wouldn't need to stay here."

"Hehehe..."

Lin Yi laughed wretchedly as he held Shen Tianzhuo's hand excitedly. "Director Shen, on behalf of the Longxin Research Institute, I'd like to welcome you to join us."

"Ah?!"

Tianzhuo was stunned.

It was as if he was watching a warm and friendly cartoon, and the style suddenly changed without warning and turned into Jurassic Park.

What the hell was this?!

"Didn't you hear me?" Lin Yi said with a smile. "Let me introduce myself. I'm the president of the Longxin Research Institute in Zhonghai, Lin Yi. You're welcome to join us."

"You... you're from the Longxin Research Institute?" Shen Tianzhuo's eyes widened. "Two people came to see me before, and they said they were from the Longxin Research Institute."

"That's right. They were my men, but they didn't succeed, so I came out myself."

Shen Tianzhuo didn't react for a while, feeling like he'd fallen into a trap.

"You joined Microsoft just to get close to me?"

"More or less. If you can't complete a task head on, you have to choose a corner to do overtake."

Lin Yi straightened his expression, and took out an encrypted USB drive from his pocket.

"This is the source code for our Chip 2.0. It's comparable to Intel's latest technology, but when we bought the photolithography machine, someone tricked us, so we decided to make it ourselves."

"Are you kidding me? You want to make a photolithography machine yourself?"

Shen Tianzhuo was excited. "It took ASML so many years to achieve its current global status. Who knows how many years it will take for the country to make a photolithography machine?"

"That's true," Lin Yi said. "But someone has to do it, right?"

Lin Yi sighed, "Why are the house prices in Huaxia so high? Isn't it because they need these things to help boost our domestic GDP? When one day, Huaxia's high-end manufacturing industry is at the forefront of the world, all these problems will be solved."

"Huawei is a good example of this. Don't you find the way America treated it disgusting?"

"I believe that one day, after the results of your project come out, your hometown will become a place that you can only look at from afar, but never return to.

Chapter 316: Heaven and Earth Coexist, the Sun and Moon Shine in the Same Light

Shen Tianzhuo stopped talking.

How could he not know what Lin Yi was talking about?

It was just that it was so sudden, and he didn't think that Lin Yi would talk about these things with him.

Shen Tianzhuo looked into the distance with a deep expression, looking like a silent sculpture.

When his research results were published, his hometown would be a place where he could never return to even if he wanted to.

"Director Shen, I understand all your doubts."

Lin Yi handed the documents that he had just typed up to Shen Tianzhuo.

"This is my bank's cash flow statement. I have about three billion in cash, and I still have one billion in Longxin's account."

"Apart from that, I have a few other properties. If I put them all together and mortgage them to the bank, I'll have about 40 billion. Of course, it's unlikely that I'll be able to mortgage my real estate, but I'll still have an increasing amount of cash flow in the future to supplement this."

"So now, as the president of the Longxin Research Institute, I can promise you that if you come, capital and academic freedom will not be a problem. As long as you can come, I can promise you anything."

Shen Tianzhuo didn't look at the documents on the table. He believed that Lin Yi wouldn't lie about this.

Even so, he was curious. Why did Lin Yi have such a large amount of assets at such a young age?

It was unbelievable.

"I saw your sincerity," Shen Tianzhuo said. "But why are you doing this?"

"Even I can't guarantee that your project will succeed. There's even a high chance that all your money will go down the drain and you will end up with nothing. What are you looking for?"

"I don't like seeing these foreign devils show off. The reason is that simple," Lin Yi said.

"It's not a skill to difficult arrogant back home. It's more interesting to show off on the world stage."

"Give me a few days. I'll think about it," Shen Tianzhuo said seriously.

"Okay."

Lin Yi didn't say anything else. "I'll leave first."

"Okay."

He turned around and left, but Lin Yi stopped when he reached the door.

“Anything else?”

“Director Shen, don’t forget to bring your team back when you come back,” Lin Yi said. “I’ll give you a taste of what socialism is all about.”

Shen Tianzhuo’s hand shook. “You were even targeting my team throughout all this.”

“They’re all your subordinates. It’ll be easier for you to start working in the future if they’re also there.”

“I haven’t agreed to it yet.” Shen Tianzhuo said, not knowing whether to laugh or cry.

“It’s fine. I just wanted to let you know, in case you forgot.” Lin Yi said with a smile.

“Take your time to think about it. When you’re done, I’ll send a private jet to pick you up.”

“Go, go, go, don’t bother me anymore.” Shen Tianzhuo scolded with a smile.

Lin Yi looked at his watch as he exited the Microsoft building. It was only three o’clock, so he didn’t go back to the hotel. Instead, he hailed a cab and headed in the opposite direction.

In the office, Shen Tianzhuo saw lines of code that Lin Yi had left behind.

Shen Tianzhuo couldn’t help but laugh as he muttered to himself,

“This kid is quite righteous.”

These days, the importance of the code written by Lin Yi to the entire Microsoft system was self-evident.

Despite this, he still left it behind.

In other words, regardless of whether Shen Tianzhuo followed him or not, the code he wrote was his.

Basically, he had earned it.

At the thought of this, Tianzhuo took the mouse and deleted all the code Lin Yi had wrote. Then, he turned off his phone.

He took a deep breath and looked at the empty office. He wasn’t used to Lin Yi not being around.

He wanted to continue working, but he couldn’t calm himself down no matter how hard he tried.

He couldn’t calm himself down even when he smoked a cigarette, so he turned off his computer.

He took his coat and car keys, then left the office and drove home.

Shen Tianzhuo’s house was a three-story villa in the suburbs of Washington, but it wasn’t considered luxurious because the other villas in the area were all the same.

It could be said that most of the houses in Washington were like this.

Unlike Huaxia, where a villa cost tens of millions of yuan¹, a house here wasn’t anything overly impressive.

Just as he parked the car and was about to open the door, Shen Tianzhuo was surprised to see his wife and Lin Yi drinking coffee in the courtyard.

“Ah, Director Shen, you’re back.” Lin Yi said in surprise.

“You... why are you here? You’ve never been here before. How did you find this place?”

“Our village has Internet access too. It’s easy to find after doing a bit of snooping around.” Lin Yi said with a smile.

“Director Shen, I’m leaving now. Oh right, I have something to tell you. Sister-in-law has plans to go back as well. We’ve already discussed it. You don’t need to ask for her opinion. Just pack your things and get ready to move.”

Tianzhuo, “???”

What else should I say?

Was there any room for rejection?

Shen Tianzhuo walked back to his wife after seeing Lin Yi leave in a taxi.

“He talked to you about returning to the country?”

“Just a simple chat, nothing else.” Mu Shumin said with a smile.

“This colleague of yours is quite interesting. I’ve never seen such an interesting programmer, unlike you, who’s so old-fashioned.”

Shen Tianzhuo laughed as well. “What did you guys talk about that made you so happy?”

“We were just chatting about our daily lives. It’s not easy to meet someone from your hometown in a foreign country, so we chatted a little more. The young man is a smooth talker. One look and you can tell that he’s smart...”

“Wait...” Shen Tianzhuo said.

“What did you say? You met someone from your hometown? Aren’t you from the Northeast?”

“That’s right. Little Yi is also from the Northeast,” Mu Shumin said.

“After having left it for so many years, I’ve forgotten how to speak the northeastern dialect. It fills me with a sense of familiarity listening to him speak.”

“But he told me that he’s a native of the Zhejiang Province!”

Mu Shumin, “???”

“We seem to have been fooled.”

“That’s certainly possible.” Shen Tianzhuo didn’t know what words to use to describe his emotions.

“In order to get in touch with you, you actually thought of a way to join Microsoft. This kind of thing is not something an ordinary person can do,” Mu Shumin said.

“But I won’t involve myself in your matters. Our child is also old enough, so no matter what you do, I will support you.”

Shen Tianzhuo smiled helplessly. Thinking back on this series of events, it was not difficult to see that Lin Yi had made ample preparation. It was really difficult for Shen Tianzhuo to reject his offer.

“I don’t seem to have a choice now.”

“Then should I go back and pack?”

After a few seconds of silence, Shen Tianzhuo said, “Go pack.”

Mu Shumin nodded and returned home.

Tianzhuo didn’t move and lit up a cigarette.

He looked in the direction Lin Yi had left in and suddenly thought of a phrase. It seemed to be a fitting description for the young man who had gone far away.

“Great winds, torrential tides, flood totem dragons, fire nirvana phoenixes, sacred fire of civilization, those who have never been extinct are unparalleled, coexisting with the Heaven and Earth, and with the light of the sun and moon.”

Chapter 317: Little Romance

Lin Yi took a taxi back to the hotel after leaving Shen Tianzhuo’s house.

He had just finished showering when Ji Qingyan and Guan Ya came back. He was just in time.

“Lin Yi, Lin Yi, we’re done here. We can go back now.” Ji Qingyan cupped Lin Yi’s face. “It’s been hard on you these days. You must be moldy from staying in the hotel all day.”

“What else could I do? I could only stay here.” Lin Yi sighed.

“A pure-minded person like me can’t go to a bar. I could only stay here and watch TV shows every day. Oh right, I’ve finished watching ‘Two Worlds’ from the airport a few days ago. Let me tell you...”

“No, no, no.”

Ji Qingyan covered Lin Yi’s mouth. “Don’t spoil it for me. I want to watch it myself.”

“Mua!”

After that, Ji Qingyan kissed Lin Yi’s face. “This is your reward for being obedient.”

“It’s not mango. I have to leave behind a bad review.”

“It’s good that you’re getting anything at all, don’t be so picky.”

She was still as arrogant as ever.

“We’ve finished our business here, we can go back now. I’ll book the plane tickets later.”

“No need. I’ve already booked the plane tickets,” Lin Yi said.

“Just leave these trivial matters to me from now on.”

“It’s just a few plane tickets. It’s not a big deal.”

Lin Yi looked at Ji Qingyan. “Go change. I’ll take you out somewhere.”

“Where are we going?” Ji Qingyan asked curiously, with a hint of anticipation in her heart.

“Don’t ask, just change your clothes.” Lin Yi said.

“Okay.”

Twenty minutes later, Ji Qingyan changed into a floral dress. Her long hair fell freely down to her ankles, looking like a pitch-black galaxy.

“How is it? Do you think I can wear this?”

“No problem.”

Lin Yi said goodbye to Guan Ya before leaving the hotel with Ji Qingyan.

After they got out of the car, Ji Qingyan saw the biggest amusement park in Washington, Six Falgs, across the road.

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It was already evening, but the screams from the amusement park did not stop.

As night fell, the amusement park’s colorful lights all lit up, adding to the joyous atmosphere.

However, the most noticeable thing was the Ferris wheel in the center of the park.

“Lin Yi, you didn’t forget, did you?”

Riding the Ferris wheel was one of Ji Qingyan’s wishes.

When she left Orlando, Ji Qingyan thought that Lin Yi had forgotten about it.

After returning to Washington, he stayed in the hotel every day, but Ji Qingyan was too embarrassed to bring it up again.

Even she wanted to give up the idea of it. It wasn’t until Lin Yi brought her here before they left that she was reminded of it.

“How could I forget what you told me before?”

“Hehe, you’re so nice. I don’t even know how to compliment you anymore.”

“How about I chase Guan Ya away? Can you show your sincerity through actions?”

“Dream on.”

Ji Qingyan’s eyes were fixed on the slowly rotating ferris wheel as she said sweetly,

“Lin Yi, do you want me to hold your arm?”

“No.”

“No, you definitely want me to!”

“Huh? Why would I want you to?”

Ji Qingyan’s slender hand reached over to Lin Yi’s waist and pinched it. “Are you sure you don’t want me to?”

“Uh... I want you to.”

“Okay, okay. Since you want me to, I’ll reluctantly hold it.”

As she spoke, Ji Qingyan held Lin Yi’s arm. “Let’s go, let’s ride the Ferris wheel.”

The two bought tickets and went straight to the Ferris wheel.

“I looked it up just now. The Ferris wheel is more than a hundred meters tall. Are you sure it’ll be okay?”

“Of course it’ll be okay. I’m very brave. I’m not scared at all.”

“I didn’t ask if you’re scared. Why are you emphasizing it?” Lin Yi smiled.

“And can you be gentler? You’re almost scratching the flesh off my arm.”

Ji Qingyan’s face turned red. “It’s my first time sitting on it, so I’m a little nervous.”

It was a lie to say that she was nervous, as she was very much afraid.

It did not look like much from the outside, but when she walked below it and looked up at the Ferris wheel that was more than 100 meters tall, Ji Qingyan felt like she was about to give up.

Although a Ferris wheel was very romantic, it looked really tall.

It was much taller than the headquarters of the Chaoyang Group.

“Since you’re so brave, how about we go on a roller coaster and a haunted house after we ride the Ferris Wheel?”

“Sure, sure...”

“Let’s go.”

The two of them lined up and entered the small Ferris wheel car.

The Ferris wheel slowly rose, and gradually, it reached the point where it overlooked the entire city.

The streets were filled with colorful neon lights and heavy traffic. The hustle and bustle of life once again swept through the city.

However, at this moment, their ears were silent.

It was as if they were the only ones left in this world.

“Lin Yi, do you want to take a photo with me?”

“Uh...”

Lin Yi was about to refuse when he remembered the scene at the door.

“Do I want to or not?”

“I’m asking you. If you want to take a photo with me, I’ll give you a chance.”

Lin Yi didn’t know whether to laugh or cry. If she wanted to take a picture with him, she could have just said so. Why was she always so arrogant?

“Then I’d like to.”

“Come over here, let’s take a picture together.”

Lin Yi took out his phone and turned on the front-facing camera.

Ji Qingyan’s face leaned slightly into Lin Yi’s shoulder, the corners of her mouth curling up into a smile.

At this moment, she was the most beautiful scene in the world.

However, the moment he pressed the shutter, Lin Yi pinched Ji Qingyan’s face.

A beautiful duo photo turned into an ugly one.

“Ah!”

“We can’t keep that photo. Delete it quickly. It’s too ugly.”

“We can’t delete this photo. I’ll enjoy it when I get back.”

“Then let’s take another one. You’re not allowed to pinch my face this time.”

“No problem.”

In the same position as before, Ji Qingyan leaned against Lin Yi with a beautiful smile on her face. She then took a picture that she was satisfied with.

Ji Qingyan had seen many couples who came to ride the Ferris wheel on the Internet before.

The girls would often kiss the boy’s face and take a picture with him.

However, this was too bold. She was too embarrassed to say it out loud because she was afraid that Lin Yi would laugh at her.

This was good enough. She’d be content to ride the Ferris wheel with him.

“Why are you sitting down? Aren’t you going to take in the scenery outside?”

Ji Qingyan shook her head nervously. “I’ll just sit and watch.”

“You’re not scared, are you?”

“No, I’m not. I’m the one who dragged you here to ride the Ferris wheel. How could I be scared?”

“Alright then. Let’s go on a roller coaster later. I haven’t ridden one in years.”

Ji Qingyan’s body trembled. The Ferris wheel was already her limit. If she were to go on a roller coaster, she would get scared to death.

The Ferris wheel descended from the highest point and the two of them eventually stepped off.

Ji Qingyan’s heart was still unsatisfied because nothing that she expected had happened.

I’m not going to kiss you, but you can kiss me on your own accord.

So stupid.

Not far from the Ferris wheel was the roller coaster. Screams came one after another from the coaster. Ji Qingyan was so scared that she couldn’t even walk anymore.

Ji Qingyan’s steps were very small, and her heart was pounding.

She already regretted saying that she was brave in front of Lin Yi.

If she had known earlier, she wouldn’t have flaunted her courage.

“Do... do we really have to ride it?”

“We’re already here, we have to go for a quick ride before going back.”

“Oh...”

Just as they were about to enter, Ji Qingyan suddenly stopped.

Lin Yi turned around and saw that her face wasn’t looking too good.

“Hey, why aren’t you moving? Are you feeling unwell?”

Ji Qingyan bit her lips and said pitifully,

“I’m... I’m a little scared. Let’s not ride the roller coaster.”

Chapter 318: Scumbags Start Early

“What are you afraid of?” Lin Yi asked.

“It goes so high up, and then it rushes down with a whoosh. It’s too scary.”

“I was just bragging before,” Lin Yi said. “In that case, let’s not take the roller coaster. We’ll just walk around the park then go back.”

“Okay.”

Night fell, and the park was brightly lit. The two walked around under this lighting for a while.

When they arrived at the children’s section, they saw the children playing on the slide. Ji Qingyan stood in the distance and watched for a while.

“If you want to play, go ahead. It doesn’t cost money anyway.”

“Are you going?”

“I’m a man. I can’t play with that thing. It’s too feminine.”

“Then I won’t play with it either.”

“You’re a woman. What are you afraid of?”

“All the children are playing on it. I’m already an adult, yet I still want to join in the fun. How embarrassing.” Ji Qingyan whispered, “I can’t stand being pointed at by others.”

“What’s there to be afraid of? This is America. You can just enjoy yourself. No one knows who you are.”

“That’s not good either.”

“Go, go, go. You have to enjoy life to the fullest. You just enjoy yourself and ignore them.”

Lin Yi didn’t give Ji Qingyan a chance to refuse. He pushed her to the edge of the slide, as if he was teaching a baby bird to fly.

“I... I’m still a little embarrassed.” Ji Qingyan was a little shy. “Why don’t you sacrifice yourself to accompany me? That way, they’ll only talk about you and not me.”

“Ji Qingyan, look at what you’re up to. You’re really the best teammate, asking me to take the bullet for you.”

“Haha!” Ji Qingyan chuckled. “Just play with me for a while.”

“I’m not going. If you want to go, go by yourself.” Lin Yi said. “Seriously, it’s just a slide. What’s there to be afraid of? I’ll send you up.”

“Don’t push me. I’ll go quietly.”

Ji Qingyan walked quietly through the shadows and carefully approached the slide.

There was a pile of sand not far away. There were many children playing with the sand, and Ji Qingyan didn’t want to disturb them.

She quietly climbed up the slide and gestured to Lin Yi to look at his phone.

Lin Yi glanced at it and saw a WeChat message from her.

Ji Qingyan, “Can you take a picture for me?”

“I even have to take a picture.”

Lin Yi complained as he took out his phone and took a few pictures of her.

Lin Yi felt that cameras were only useful for female users.

That was because men only used them to scan QR codes.

On the slide, Ji Qingyan hugged her skirt as she descended from the slide. Her beautiful eyes were narrowed into crescents and her smile was as bright as a flower.

When she landed, Ji Qingyan was ready to leave, but she saw that all the children who were playing with the sand had run over.

“Hi, Sister, we want to play with you, can we?”

A little boy with blonde hair said.

“Don’t you guys mind that Big Sister has stolen your slide?”

“Of course not.” The little boy held a shovel and said, “The slide is very dangerous, I can protect you.”

Ji Qingyan smiled. “Then come and play with me.”

Ji Qingyan was not satisfied to begin with. Now that someone had invited her, she would play again.

At this moment, other children walked over and stood in front of Ji Qingyan. It seemed that they wanted to play with her.

Faced with such a scene, Ji Qingyan naturally did not reject anyone. She looked happy, like a kindergarten teacher.

“Alright, alright, stop playing. What time is it? Let’s go back.”

Ji Qingyan was having a good time when she heard Lin Yi calling her.

“Why are you still angry?”

“I don’t want you to play with them anymore.” Lin Yi pointed at the little boy standing on the edge of the slide. “He’s already flirting with girls at such a young age. He’s obviously not a good guy. He’ll definitely be a scumbag when you grow up.”

“uh...”

Ji Qingyan couldn’t help but laugh out loud. “They’re only four or five years old. You’re exaggerating.”

“Scumbags develop their bad personality when they are babies.”

“Doesn’t that prove that I’m attractive?” Ji Qingyan pulled on Lin Yi’s arm happily. “Let’s go. You said you weren’t going to play, so let’s go back.”

“That’s right.”

After returning to the hotel, the two of them went back to their rooms to rest. They boarded the plane the next morning and returned to Huaxia.

It was already the afternoon of the second day by the time they got off the plane. Lin Yi sent Ji Qingyan home while he went to the Longxin Research Institute.

“President, do you have any new instructions?” Sun Fuyu asked in the office.

“Nothing major.” Lin Yi said. “I’ve already taken care of Shen Tianzhuo. He’ll probably be joining us in a few days.”

“Ah?! Is that true?”

“Of course it’s true. What do you think I’ve been doing these past few days?”

“Massage sessions.”

Sun Fuyu and Lu Ying said at the same time.

“What the f*ck! Do you think I’m nothing but a massage addict in your hearts? Can you please show me some respect as the president?” Lin Yi said.

“Do you know how many girls I’ve supported?”

“I understand,” Sun Fuyu said. “The sales at Durex are the highest in the world. Their success is inseparable from President Lin’s hard work.”

“F*ck! Let’s change the topic.”

Lin Yi waved his hand helplessly. “How’s the renovation of the scientific innovation building going?”

“It’s done. Some large-scale equipment has been moved in, and the rest are on their way. We can start the research and development work soon.”

Lu Ying looked at Lin Yi. “Boss, is the name of the new research institute still going to be Longxin?”

“I’m not going to rename it before I take down Cisco. I don’t want to cause unnecessary trouble,” Lin Yi said.

“I’m not sure when Shen Tianzhuo will be back, but only the two of you will be present at its opening. There won’t be many people working there, so don’t cause any trouble.”

“Will there be any more people?”

“Yes, besides Shen Tianzhuo, his team will also be joining us.”

“AH?! His team?”

The two of them stared at each other, their jaws almost dropping to the ground.

“Yes, I’ve poached all of them together.”

The two of them looked at each other, so surprised that they were stunned speechless.

They had been gunning after Microsoft for two days, but the other party didn’t even give them a chance to meet.

The boss hadn’t just brought him here, he’d even poached his team.

Wasn’t that a little too impressive?

“President Lin, how did you do it? We didn’t even get a chance to meet him, yet you did it so easily,” Sun Fuyu asked.

“Doesn’t he like women?”

“What?” Lin Yi said. “I applied for a job at Microsoft and became their executive vice president. I got along with him, and after reasoning with him, I won him over by appealing to his emotions.”

Hiss...

“You joined Microsoft?!”

“What else?” Lin Yi said. “He’s such an awesome person. How could he meet me for no reason? I had to overtake him at the curve. Normal methods wouldn’t work.”

The two gave each other a thumbs up.

They were completely in awe of Lin Yi

“I came here to talk to you about this,” Lin Yi said.

“Director Shen will take on the position of director of the research institute. The two of you will be deputy directors, but Longxin will still be yours. The two sides will be independent of each other.”

“I don’t care. As long as there’s progress on the project, I’ll do anything,” Lu Ying said.

“Me too. I’ll just guard the gate,” Sun Fuyu said.

“That reminds me. The new research institute has been set up, and we need a watchman. Why don’t you do it?”

Sun Fuyu praised him. “Don’t be silly. I’m just saying that.”

“Look, look. You just don’t have the spirit to study hard,” Lin Yi said. “Look at Hawking. He’s disabled and strong-willed. Then look at yourself. Can’t you do research in the guard room?”

“It’s mainly because my legs are still pretty good.”

“Legs are still pretty good?” Lin Yi said. “If you’re not sick, take a few steps for me.”

“Chief, are you trying to trick me into limping?”

“Of course not. There’s a mop at the door. You can use that if you want. It looks like it’s made of stainless steel. Not bad at all.”

Sun Fuyu, “...”

Ring, ring, ring..

Lin Yi’s phone rang at this time. It was a call from Cao Xiangyu.

“This guy is really enthusiastic. He’s been chasing me relentlessly!”

“Brother Lin, when are you coming back? I’ve been waiting for you for a long time.”

“I’m already back,” Lin Yi said with a smile.

“That’s great. I’ll see you at 5pm tonight at Dynasty Hotel 608. The mares are ready for you.”

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Lu Ying, “???”

Mares?

Chapter 319: Negotiation

What the f*ck!

Lin Yi realized that Lu Ying was looking at him with a complicated expression.

“If I told you that the mare he was talking about was a real horse with four legs and a tail, would you believe me?” Lin Yi said after hanging up the phone.

“I believe you.” Lu Ying nodded. “Boss, I’ll believe whatever you say. There’s no need to over-explain.”

Lin Yi, “...”

Lin Yi got up and left when he saw that it was almost time.

They probably wouldn’t believe him no matter how hard he tried to explain.

Forget them, even he himself didn’t believe the words that came out of his mouth. With Cao Xiangyu’s character, he would no doubt bring a few girls along with him as well.

Lin Yi drove to the Dynasty Hotel at five in the evening. Cao Xiangyu’s car was parked there, which Lin Yi recognized since he still had an impression of it.

When he arrived at Room 608, he found a big round table that could fit twenty people.

However, only Cao Xiangyu and his secretary were sitting at the table. It made for a grand scene.

“Yo, you must be Foreman Lin. Nice to meet you.”

Cao Xiangyu stood up when he saw Lin Yi come in and welcomed him politely.

There was a slight change in the way he addressed Lin Yi. He didn’t call him Brother Lin anymore, but Foreman Lin.

Lin Yi smiled. It looked like this guy was a master at lying through his teeth.

He hadn’t even met Lin Yi before, and yet he was calling him brother over the phone.

It was all bullsh*t.

“Brother Cao, I’ve heard a lot about you,” Lin Yi replied politely. “But what do you mean by Foreman?”

Cao Xiangyu and his secretary were stunned.

This guy was too ignorant. What did he mean by that?

“It’s just a nickname.” Cao Xiangyu laughed.

“Aren’t you the director of Sci-Tech? Foreman means chief engineer”

“I see.” Lin Yi understood. “I like the term ‘engineer’. It’s quite pretentious.”

“Hehehe...”

Cao Xiangyu smiled awkwardly. What kind of peacocking was this?

“Come, come, let’s sit down first.”

Cao Xiangyu brought Lin Yi to his side and started ordering.

“Foreman Lin, order whatever you want, Don’t stand on ceremony with me.”

“I’m quite hungry.” Lin Yi said with a smile.

“Let’s have three Australian steaks, four three-headed abalone, bluefin tuna sashimi, crocodile tail soup, wild big yellow flowers, top-grade black and white caviar, searing wild big conch, salt-fried palace steak...”

“Sigh, sigh, sigh... Foreman Lin, it’s just the three of us, and we’ve ordered so many dishes...”

Cao Xiangyu’s heart ached when he heard Lin Yi’s order.

These dishes weren’t cheap. Wouldn’t this meal cost over a hundred thousand yuan?

“Brother Cao, we’re all on the same side, what’s the point of calling me Foreman Lin? Just call me Brother Lin,” Lin Yi said with a laugh.

“I know you’re a hospitable person, and you think our order is too small. Don’t worry, I’m a friendly person, and we’re all brothers. I won’t take this to heart.”

“Uh... We’re indeed brothers, you’re welcome.”

The corners of Cao Xiangyu’s mouth twitched, but he was already cursing in his heart.

“But my appetite isn’t very good today, so I won’t be able to eat much.”

“So that’s what’s going on.” Lin Yi laughed. “In that case, that’s all I’m going to order.”

“That’s not what I meant.” Cao Xiangyu said politely. “I don’t have a good appetite, but if Brother Lin has something he wants to eat, you can always order more.”

“How can I order if you already said that?”

“It’s fine, it’s fine.”

“I’ll order a few more since Brother Cao is so enthusiastic.”

“Pfft!”

Cao Xiangyu almost vomited blood. ‘I was being polite, but you’re not reciprocating in kind!’

Lin Yi flipped through the menu. “What’s this cool salad?”

“It’s a cold dish with a cucumber as the main ingredient.”

Cao Xiangyu glanced at it and realized that the dish was only 68 yuan. It wasn’t even worth as much as his pack of cigarettes, so he decided not to take it to heart.

At least he had a conscience.

“I don’t want this cool salad. I want the rest of this dish as well.”

Cao Xiangyu was dumbfounded.

Are you f*cking kidding me?!

“Sir, are you sure you want all this?”

“Actually, I can’t eat this much, but if I order less, wouldn’t it be a slap to Brother Cao’s face? What do you mean by that? Are you looking down on me?”

“No, no, no, we don’t mean that.”

“Yeah, that’s right.” Lin Yi said. “By the way, give us another bottle of Chateau Latour.”

“Okay, please wait a moment.”

The waiter left, and Lin Yi said, “The waiters in this restaurant aren’t that good. They actually looked down on Brother Cao. If it were me, I would have gotten them fired a long time ago.”

“Brother Lin, calm down. It’s not a big deal. We still have business to attend to. Let’s not delay.”

“Alright, let’s talk while we eat.”

Not long after, more than twenty delicacies were placed on the table. Lin Yi didn’t stand on ceremony. He opened the red wine and started eating.

“Brother Lin, I have something to discuss with you. Shall we talk now?”

“Sigh, sigh, there’s no rush. We have to eat our fill first.”

“Alright, alright, you eat first.”

Cao Xiangyu lit a cigarette, his face full of disdain.

What was Wang Tianlong thinking?

He actually asked such a person to manage the factory.

If he really took over, they wouldn’t last three months. Moreover, the end of the company would be worse than the death of the white bone spirit in Journey to the West.

Lin Yi ate his fill in about half an hour.

He took a hundred thousand yuan bottle of Chateau Latour and rinsed his mouth, then said with satisfaction,

“Brother Cao, what do you want to talk to me about? Let’s start now.”

“Now that you are in charge of the business of the sci-tech factory, we will be neighbors in the future. I want to introduce you to a business.”

“What business? Is it profitable?”

“It is definitely profitable. Otherwise, how can it be called a business?” Cao Xiangyu said.

“Okay, what business? Tell me about it.”

“Your production line has stopped, and my business just so happens to be a little busy right now. I’m thinking of diverting 20% of our orders to you guys and have you guys create OEM products. What do you think?”

“That’s good!”

Lin Yi said in surprise, “How much can you pay for the OEMs?”

Cao Xiangyu and his secretary looked at each other, a smile on their faces.

They had been talking about money this whole time. This was probably someone who was greedy for money, and that would make things much easier.

“We’ll give you 80 yuan for each chip.”

“No way, what’s the use of 80 yuan?” Lin Yi said disdainfully.

“Lin Bro, you’re wrong. Each chip costs 80 yuan. What if we order 100,000 chips?”

“80 times 100,000, that’s... wait, I’ll get the calculator.”

Lin Yi took out his phone and exclaimed, “Eight million?!”

“That’s right, eight million is quite a lot.” Cao Xiangyu said with a smile.

“Lin Bro, are you satisfied with this number?”

“No, it’s still a bit low.” Lin Yi said. “Let’s round it up, 100 yuan each. I’m too lazy to do the math, and this will be exactly 10 million.”

Chapter 320: Raise Some Koi to Transport the Goods

“100 yuan a piece is a bit high.” Cao Xiangyu pretended to be troubled.

That was what he said, but according to the current market, the price of a chip was about 110 yuan, so it was still a very low price.

He only offered him 80 yuan before because Cao Xiangyu did not respect Lin Yi.

Even if he asked for 100 yuan now, he could accept it.

Moreover, Cao Xiangyu was sure that this Lin Yi was an amateur.

“Brother Cao, my price isn’t that high. We have employees to support.”

“But this price is a bit high to me. It’s difficult for me to accept.”

“Consider it a favor to me, Brother.” Lin Yi said hopefully.

“I can try, but I have a small request,” Cao Xiangyu said. “If Brother Lin agrees, I’ll agree to the 100 yuan price.”

“Sure, go ahead.”

“You should help us with the production first. I’ll postpone the contract payment by a few months,” Cao Xiangyu said.

“But don’t worry, we’ll give you a million yuan in advance for staff expenses. We will ensure you don’t lose anything.”

“No way.” Lin Yi rejected. “If you want to pay me later, I won’t do it.”

“Brother Lin, if you say that, you’ll be walking a narrow path.” Cao Xiangyu put his arm around Lin Yi’s shoulder and called him brother.

“Think about it, you’re helping your brother-in-law manage this factory. To put it bluntly, you’re a part-time worker and you’re getting a fixed salary. But if you help me to make this deal happen, do you think I’ll treat you badly?”

“What do you mean?”

Cao Xiangyu gave his secretary a look, and the latter understood. She immediately took out a check for 500,000 yuan from her bag.

“This is a reward for you, it should be more than your annual salary, right?”

“Brother Cao, if you’d taken this out earlier, we wouldn’t have to talk so much,” Lin Yi said with a laugh.

“The delay will just be for a few months later. I’ll tell my brother-in-law when I get back. We’ll make it work.”

“But there’s one thing I have to explain in advance. You guys have to pay for the labor.”

“No problem. Then we’ll deduct it from the contract fees. The total is 10 million yuan. After deducting the labor, when its time to pay, we’ll just give you the net profit.”

“Okay, okay, okay. Brother Cao will be in charge of this. I’ll stay out of it. You can use the factory’s equipment and warehouses as you like. I’ll have nothing to do anyway.” Lin Yi lit a cigarette casually and said casually.

“I’m f*cking confused. The factory’s not that big, so why are there so many warehouses? If it wasn’t for your order, I’d have f*cking demolished all of them and start raising fish.”

“Raise fish?”

“I even found an excavator. I wanted to tear down those warehouses, dig a few big pits, and raise some koi fish to change my luck. I’ve been unlucky all these years and haven’t made any money. I’m probably just missing these koi fish.”

Cao Xiangyu was dumbfounded by Lin Yi's words.

How f*cking unreliable did he have to be to do something like this?

You can't make money because of your IQ, it has nothing to do with raising koi fish.

"Brother Lin, you're really in a good mood. I'll get you some koi fish when I have time. I wish you good luck and for you to make a fortune in the future."

"Okay, okay, okay. It's settled then."

"Alright, that's it for today." Lin Yi smiled as he put the check into his pocket. "I still have something else to do, so I'll leave first. Let's meet again another day."

"Brother Lin, don't leave yet. We only made a verbal agreement, we haven't signed the contract yet."

"Do we still need to sign the contract? Do you still not trust my character?"

Cao Xiangyu laughed coldly in his heart.

'I really don't f*cking trust you!'

"Of course I trust Brother Lin's character, but this is the company's rule. There's nothing I can do about it."

"Alright then, when do you want to sign the contract?"

"I've already prepared it. Let's just sign it now."

At the same time, Cao Xiangyu's secretary took out her laptop and began to revise the contract that she had prepared beforehand. Then, she left to print two copies.

"Brother Lin, the contract is here. You just need to sign your name."

"No problem."

Lin Yi waved the pen and signed his name on the contract.

"Brother Cao, can I leave now? There are a few guys waiting for me at the bar. I can't miss tonight's show."

"Since Brother Lin has something to do, I won't force you to stay. I'll send you off."

"No need, no need. I'm not an outsider. I can leave by myself."

"Then I won't stand on ceremony with you."

"We're all on the same side. There's no need to stand on ceremony."

Lin Yi left happily with the check for 500,000 yuan.

Cao Xiangyu sat back in his chair and lit up a cigarette.

"I thought it would take more effort to take him down, but I didn't expect a mere check for 500,000 yuan to do the job. I really overestimated him."

“Although he has Sci-Tech, Wang Tianlong clearly chose the wrong person to manage it. With such a brother-in-law around, sooner or later he will be cheated to death,” Cao Xiangyu’s secretary said.

“That’s true, but it’s also beneficial to us,” Cao Xiangyu said.

“At the very least, the problem surrounding the contract manufacturing has been solved. Moreover, this is just a tentative cooperation. If there are no problems, we still need to increase the intensity of our sub-manufacturing. This will be good for Cisco.”

“But negotiating with such a fool and offering him 100 yuan a piece to sub-manufacture is a pretty good price.”

“Do you really think I’d give him so much money?” Cao Xiangyu said disdainfully.

“How are you going to escape payment?”

“Didn’t we agree just now? Throughout the contract manufacturing period, our side will pay the labor fee and settle the net profit at the end.” Cao Xiangyu flicked the ashes of his cigarette and said.

“When we settle, I will claim that the labor cost was very high. The 10 million was all spent on labor. After that, I’ll give him a few dozen thousand yuan and he will be satisfied.”

“President Cao, your methods are really good. Fortunately, I added this clause to the contract just now. Even if there is a dispute, they have no choice but to shoulder this loss.”

“That’s what I think.” Cao Xiangyu crossed his legs and said.

“Based on the current situation, Sci-Tech has already become our second factory. Moreover, we don’t have to spend a single cent more. What a wonderful deal.”

The secretary walked behind Cao Xiangyu and massaged his shoulders.

“Not only did he help us solve the problem regarding our insufficient production capacity, but Sci-Tech also has enough warehouses to store our goods. I feel that even God is helping us.”

Cao Xiangyu closed his eyes comfortably and he said in satisfaction,

“This time, I must show some achievements. I have to make my father see that I, Cao Xiangyu, am the truly capable one. The person who took over Cisco, that little b*tch, hasn’t even started teething yet. How can she compare to me?!”

“Then what should we do next? Should we inform Chairman Cao of this good news as soon as possible?”

“Not for the time being. When the time comes, I want to give him a big surprise. I want to completely take back my dominant position in the Cao family. I want to ruthlessly trample everyone else under my feet!”

“That’s a good idea. It’s won’t be too late to give him this news after all the contract manufacturing business at Sci-Tech has stabilized.”

“That’s right, that’s also what I was thinking.”

Cao Xiangyu stepped on the cigarette butt and stretched lazily.

“Call the waiter over to settle the bill. I’ve already found the hotel where you and I can have some extra ‘relaxation’.”

“Mmm, I’m a little impatient too.”

A few minutes later, the waiter walked in.

“Sir, your total bill this time is 426,800 yuan. We accept both bank transfer and card payment. Which do you prefer?”

“What did you say? This meal cost more than 400,000 yuan?”

Cao Xiangyu could not sit still.

“I calculated just now. This meal is at most 200,000 yuan. How can it now be twice as expensive?!”

“That gentleman just now took two bottles of Chateau Latour with him before he left.”