

Upon arriving at the Olympic Sports Center, Lu Chen was surprised to find that only Chen Churan was there.

“Where’s your father? Hasn’t he arrived yet?” he asked.

His response had made Chen Churan upset. “What, are you afraid that I’ll bite you?” she asked.

Lu Chen was in no mood to crack jokes with her. He said with a shrug, “Let’s get inside then. The soccer game will begin soon.”

He headed toward the main entrance as he spoke, thinking that Chen Churan probably used Chen Guangxing as a cover.

“What a nerd!” Chen Churan stared at Lu Chen’s back as she gritted her teeth in displeasure. *Never have I met a guy as unromantic as he is*, she thought.

She stamped her foot quietly and followed after him.

The skybox was good, but it was far from the soccer field; people with nearsightedness might not be able to

recognize the soccer players on the field.

The stadium was packed with around fifty to sixty thousand people; the crowd was boisterous, but that was the atmosphere and sensation needed for watching a soccer game.

Although the Chinese soccer team had mediocre capabilities, there were still many Chinese soccer fans. It was a pity that the stadium was a bit too small for such a game on a national level. Even if there were another ten thousand or so seats available, they might have been taken up as well.

Now that the soccer players were leaving the field after warming up, the game would begin soon.

Following that, the match began and time slipped away as Lu Chen watched the game while chatting with Chen Churan.

However, when the game ended, the Chinese national team didn't score even once, whereas the Korean national team had scored three goals. This frustrated all the Chinese soccer fans.

Honestly, Lu Chen was upset while watching the game as well, especially during the final moment when the Korean players stuck their pinkies up toward the stand amid the jeers of the Chinese soccer fans. Their act was simply an insult to them.

*"Sigh. I wonder when will our national team get on its feet,"* said Chen Churan exasperatingly as they were leaving the stadium.

"It wouldn't take long. They'll surely rise in ten years," answered Lu Chen firmly.

Chen Churan's eyes lit up at his answer. She asked, "Do you want to invest in soccer?"

"Well, I do have that intention." Lu Chen nodded.

Seeing that the national soccer team was lagging so far behind other countries, he felt that it was time to do something about it.

Just the act done by the several Korean soccer players earlier was a good enough reason for him to think of a way to revive

China's soccer.

"Are you going to acquire a soccer team, or are you...?" asked Chen Churan curiously.

Lu Chen didn't answer her as he was absorbed in his own thoughts.

"By the way, the Chongqing SWM Soccer Team's owner joined the Chamber of Commerce as well. Their team didn't perform well this year and ended up in the relegation zone. I've heard that they're interested in selling the team," said Chen Churan.

Being a hardcore soccer fan, she watched every home match of the Chongqing SWM team even though their performance was weak.

"Inform everyone that we're having an early meeting tomorrow morning," instructed Lu Chen to Chen Churan.

"Alright." Chen Churan didn't know what Lu Chen was up to, but she guessed that the meeting he had set up tomorrow should have something to do with soccer.

Everyone knew the reason why China's

soccer was weak; it wasn't because the Chinese people didn't like soccer, but they didn't have the necessary infrastructure.

In addition, some parents believed that kids should spend all their time studying, whereas other activities would be a waste of time. Because of that, China was unable to nurture outstanding young talents in the field of soccer.

Of course, the main cause of the issue was the problem with China's soccer system.

The next day, Lu Chen came to the Chamber of Commerce's headquarters well-prepared.

The Chamber of Commerce's members stared at him curiously, wondering why he had suddenly called them for a meeting. It would take another two months before Yi Qi Technology was going to introduce its next project; could it be that the government was coming up with some important task?

With this assumption in mind, everyone got excited at once, since only a huge project could alert Lu Chen.

As everyone was making guesses in their heads, Lu Chen finally announced his purpose of having the meeting.

He said frankly, “Everyone, I would like to set up a soccer foundation to aid the development of our nation’s soccer. I made an estimated budget last night; the foundation would need at least 10 billion to start running. I set up this foundation not to make money, but for the sole purpose of improving our nation’s soccer as quickly as possible. Since the Soccer Association is unable to do that, I’ll do it myself.”

Everyone fell silent upon hearing Lu Chen’s words.

They understood the meaning behind what Lu Chen said. Lu Chen was asking them to invest money into the foundation, but the investment would basically have no return. In other words, the foundation would not be much different than a charity foundation.

Lu Chen then continued, “I’ll donate three billion first. You’re free to decide how much you want to donate, but every member of the Chamber of Commerce

must make a donation even if you're donating only a buck. Otherwise, whoever doesn't make any donation will be stripped of the Chamber of Commerce's membership immediately."

Lu Chen knew that it was impossible to raise the donation amount to 10 billion and above with the Chamber of Commerce's donation alone. Besides, 10 billion was not sufficient to develop China's soccer industry.

Even so, the foundation would be able to build soccer training bases in many big cities with the initial 10-billion donation. Furthermore, he believed the foundation would receive a lot of donations once it was set up, since many people in China hoped to see their nation's soccer grow as soon as possible.

As the largest sport in recent times, soccer has reached all over the world. There wasn't a soccer fan who didn't wish for their nation to dominate the soccer world.

"The Chen Family will donate a billion to the foundation." As the Chamber of Commerce's vice chairman, Chen Guangxing became the second person to

show his stance.

The Chen Family had made quite a lot of money from maintaining a healthy collaboration with Yi Qi Technology over the past half year. Even though donating a billion was quite a pain to the family, Chen Guangxing had always liked taking part in such charity events to boost the Chen Family's reputation. Hence, he gritted his teeth and decided to donate a billion.

Of course, there were several reasons why he dared to donate a billion to the foundation. Firstly, he wanted to show his support to Lu Chen, so that everyone in the Chamber of Commerce knew that the Chen Family would follow Lu Chen's lead. Secondly, he believed that Lu Chen wouldn't let the Chen Family down since he cooperated with him so readily. Thirdly, Chen Guangxing also hoped that China's soccer would get on its feet deep down inside his heart.

Li Qingcheng became the third person to make a stand. "I'm going to donate a billion as well."

Everyone was surprised upon hearing she was going to donate that much. Although



the Li Family had recently secured a big order from Yi Qi Technology, they had barely pulled themselves together in the past few years after having tottered previously.

The fact that Li Qingcheng was able to donate this much to the foundation showed that the Li Family had gotten on its feet, which showed how capable the Li Family was.

Following that, many members followed suit and made donations. Several companies donated 100 million, whereas other companies donated between a million to ten million or so.

They had no other options, for they must be willing to pay if they wanted to make money together with Yi Qi Technology.

If they gave face to Lu Chen by following his lead today, he would sure repay them with even more benefits in the future.

That was what nearly everyone in the Chamber of Commerce had in mind.

Honestly, for any large-scale project, the largest share of profits would always go to

the few big companies. However, the smaller companies could also earn a lot of money by doing subcontract work for these big companies, which was better than not having a share at all.



Rate the Translation to Get 2 Pearls.



Wait! I Have Something to Say!



Send a Gift to the Writer!