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In the evening, Nan Chen headed over to Yunfeng Hill.

This was the most challenging crisis Nan Chen had ever encountered ever since he took over Nanshi Corporation.

The project in Vietnam served as the benchmark for a series of modular projects that would be implemented. Its success possessed the potential of being replicated throughout the region as long as the project made it through the initial phase of development.

Nevertheless, the entire plan would fall apart if they weren't able to complete the construction of South City in Vietnam.

The project, which had been deemed to be flawless, got caught up in a series of miseries.

Nan Chen was determined to turn the tables and ensure the success of the project. He had no choice but to brace himself through the challenge to prove himself accountable.

He couldn't allow anything to go wrong with the project as it was the first major project he had been tasked with. The outcome of the project would determine the success of Nanshi Corporation in the upcoming decade.

Nan Chen wasn't a wimp. Hence, he would rarely drop by his grandfather's place. However, it was a serious incident.

It would be vital for him to discuss his next best course of action with his reputable grandfather. After all, his grandfather was a veteran corporate player who had spent half of his life in the corporate world.

In other words, he would be a good mentor to Nan Chen. Since he might be of aid, Nan Chen decided to pay his grandfather a visit.

By the time Nan Chen reached his grandfather's place, it was already getting late.

Nan Zhengde ordered someone to serve Nan Chen a set of vegetarian meal since his grandson had yet to have his dinner.

Nan Chen finished his meal in a serious manner and gulped down the food within a few minutes.

Nan Zhengde ran his fingers through his beards as he praised, "Great!"

"What are you talking about, Grandpa?" Nan Chen was confused by his grandfather's sudden compliment.

"That's the way to go! You're an exceptional man since you're able to consume your food as usual, although you have been baffled by a huge challenge!" Nan Zhengde laughed wholeheartedly as he was proud of his grandson.

"Grandpa, are you aware of the incident that has occurred?"

"You're right because Nan Xing has given me a call beforehand. You shouldn't blame him because someone else is behind this particular incident. Nan Xing isn't the one at fault."

Nan Zhengde pointed at the pot of tea, signaling Nan Chen to serve him a cup of tea.

"Grandpa, do you think someone is behind this?"

"Of course! I have been keeping an eye on the project since its initial phase of preparation. You did a great job laying the groundwork. Therefore, it goes without saying that someone is hiding in the dark, orchestrating the entire incident."

Nan Zhengde reached for the glass of tea Nan Chen served him and took a sip.

"Actually, that's what I thought as well."

Nan Chen took a sip of tea he had served himself and noticed it had a hint of bitter-sweet scent to it.

"Why don't you share your point of view with me?" Nan Zhengde suggested.

"I think it's necessary for me to make a trip to Vietnam in order to have a better grasp of the situation."

"No," Nan Zhengde rebuked his grandson's suggestion without a second thought.

"Why?"

"Vietnam isn't safe due to the ongoing protest that's going on. If the person behind the scene is aware of your presence, your life will be in danger."

"I'm sure everything will be fine if Qiao Zhan and his men tag along with me, right?"

"That won't be necessary because it's merely a project we're talking about. Although it's a crucial one, you shouldn't go there yourself. It's equally important to remain neutral. Otherwise, things are going to get messier at the end of the day," Nan Zhengde stated. Nan Chen gave it a thought and nodded because he had figured out the meaning behind his grandfather's words.

It wasn't necessary for Nan Zhengde to make himself clear; he was certain his wise grandson would figure out the rationale behind his suggestion.

Since someone was behind the incident, they must be keeping an eye on the progress.

As soon as Nan Chen headed over to Vietnam, the people behind the scene would figure out his whereabouts and launched a series of countermeasures.

If that were the case, Nan Chen would get himself stuck in a nastier situation. Therefore, he would have to remain neutral and stay out of it.

"If that's the case, I shall return at once, Grandpa." Nan Chen got up and was about to bid farewell to his grandfather.

"Sure."

"I'll get Jiang Zhe to make a trip instead. He's a quick-witted man. I think he's the best candidate for the job," Nan Chen told his grandfather.

"That won't be necessary," Nan Zhengde stated.

"Huh? Who should I send to get to the bottom of the incident?"

"You shouldn't poke your nose into the incident anymore," Nan Zhengde announced a seemingly unbelievable option.

Nevertheless, Nan Chen wasn't surprised. "I have thought of it, but I'm afraid that's not going to work."

"It's going to work out just fine," Nan Zhengde assured his grandson.

"I should think of a proper solution before going after the mastermind. Is that the plan you have in mind, Grandpa?"

"Yes." Nan Zhengde nodded.

Nan Chen, who had brought himself up, took a seat once again.

"Aren't you going to return home?" Nan Zhengde stared at Nan Chen as he asked.

"It feels like this isn't the end of our conversation."

"What else do you want to talk about?" Nan Zhengde took another sip of tea after he finished his sentence.

"The mastermind seems to be pretty familiar with the operation of the entire project. Therefore, I think the person is affiliated with the corporation," Nan Chen voiced out his suspicion.

"You're right."

"He wants the project to fall apart because he's coming after me. The mastermind wants to ruin my career."

"That's pretty much on point."

"As long as he's able to get the better of me, he may get move up the corporate ladder. Thus, he may be someone of an equal position. Perhaps he's someone who holds a grudge against me," Nan Chen added.

"That's right."

"I believe the possibility of him being someone of an equal position is greater." Nan Chen ruled out the possibilities of the mastermind's identity. "If you're dragged down by your foes, who do you think will take over your position?" Nan Zhengde asked.

"Nan Xing."

"Exactly. That's the idea most of the onlookers have in their minds since Nan Xing is the person in charge of the project. Therefore, I think rumors regarding both of you being in a conflict will soon spread around. The person behind the scene is trying to sow discord amongst both of you," Nan Zhengde notified his grandson with a smile.

"If he gets to sow discord amongst us, he will achieve his goal of turning the Nan family upside down. In short, outsiders are the only ones that stand to gain something out of the incident."

"I'm sure you're not going to let the mastermind down since you're aware of his plan, right?" Nan Zhengde asked rhetorically.

Nan Chen nodded and asserted, "Yes, Grandpa. I definitely won't let him down."

Finally, he stood up and informed his grandfather, "I'm going to leave for real this time."

"You should really get going." Nan Zhengde nodded as he beckoned his grandson to take his leave.

An intense fight broke out at Nanshi Corporation Headquarters the next day.

The entire conversation could be heard by others as Nan Chen left the door of his office open.

"Chen, are you suspecting me? I'm your twin brother! Literally, we resemble one another in terms of look!" Nan Xing yelled hysterically.

"We may resemble one another, but we're never the same!" Nan Chen replied in a callous tone.

"How could you say this?"

"You have to bear the consequences of your neglect since you're the person in charge of the project. From today onwards, you're being suspended until further notice," Nan Chen replied indifferently.

"You know what? I have no intention to stay around either! Grandpa was the one who wanted me to stay by your side! He was the one who forced me to stay in the company! Otherwise, I would have long spent my time with the girls, having the best time of my life! Do you really think I enjoy reading all these dull documents? How can you suspect me when I have tried my best to follow you in your footsteps? I swear! Even though things turn out to be the other way round, I have given everything I have to offer! I don't mind being demoted at all, but you shouldn't have doubted me!"

Nan Xing's heart shattered into a million pieces due to his brother's harsh remarks.

"You're the only one who's aware of the things you have done! Get out of my office immediately!" Nan Chen beckoned his brother to leave.

"Chen..."

"Get out!" Nan Chen raised his volume and yelled at his brother.

"Chen, you're going to regret your decision!" Nan Xing warned.

"Immediately!"

"Chen, I'm not the one you should be coming after..." Nan Xing turned around and told his brother once more the moment he reached the door of Nan Chen's office. Immediately, Nan Chen reached for a file and cast it in his brother's direction. Nan Xing evaded the file in the nick of time. Consequently, it hit Jiang Zhe, who was on his way into the office.

Jiang Zhe crouched and held on to his face in pain.

Even though he could barely resist the racking sensation, he had no choice but to pick up the folder and return it to Nan Chen.

His eyes brimmed with tears as he walked towards Nan Chen's side, placing the folder on his table.

Immediately after Nan Chen retrieved the folder, he cast it in his brother's direction again.

Again, Jiang Zhe headed over to pick up the folder and brought it back to Nan Chen.

Although it seemed to be an intense fight, Jiang Zhe, who had been by Nan Chen's side throughout the years, felt a sense of relief as he noticed his supervisor wasn't as infuriated as he had been.

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In the meantime, Ning Ran was finally discharged.

Actually, she had long recovered, but Nan Chen instructed her attending physician to keep her hospitalized for another day.

Since Ning Ran had been confined to the hospital, she couldn't wait to get out of it.

Therefore, the moment she figured out she would be discharged soon, she jumped for joy and got changed immediately.

After she walked out of the ward, she felt a strong urge to yell with all her might to express her joy.

"Mimi!"

As soon as Ning Ran turned around, she caught a glimpse of Ouyang Qi, who had shown up out of nowhere, with a bouquet.

Excuse me? What is he doing here? Does that mean he has been staying around for the past twenty-four hours? Doesn't he need to return home and get some rest?

Frowning, Ning Ran asked, "Why are you here?"

"Since you're going to be discharged today, I'm here to pick you up! Hopefully, you won't fall ill anymore in the future!" Ouyang Qi handed over the bouquet he had brought along to Ning Ran.

Although there was something odd about Ouyang Qi, he had never once hurt Ning Ran before. He seemed to be sincere about his words as well.

Therefore, Ning Ran decided to be courteous. Otherwise, Ouyang Qi might resort to something extreme if she refused to accept the bouquet he had bought her.

She expressed her gratitude once she took over the bouquet from him.

He was delighted and announced, "I'm so happy! Thank you for accepting the bouquet!"

Suddenly, the bodyguards sent by Nan Chen approached Ning Ran and asked, "Ms. Ding, do you want us to chase him away?"

"How dare you try to chase me away? My father is Ouyang Duo! He's filthy rich!" Ouyang Qi warned them.

Oddly, he didn't bother to hold back at all when he raised his volume against the bodyguards. It seemed as though he couldn't be bothered by others' opinions.

On the other hand, Ning Ran, who was beside Ouyang Qi, felt embarrassed and told him, "Can you please lower your voice?"

"Why? What are you afraid of? My father is a wealthy man! As long as Nan Chen is willing to sell the hospital, my father will definitely take it over!" Ouyang Qi raised his volume once more.

Ning Ran dragged him away immediately. "Let's go! Stop embarrassing ourselves in front of others!"

They were approached by a bunch of people with a huge bunting the moment they walked out of the hospital.

Congratulations, Ms. Ding! Wishing You A Speedy Recovery!

What the hell? I'm merely being discharged from the hospital! What's with the bunting? What's going on?

"We love you, Ms. Ding! You must have been working pretty hard lately. You must take good care of yourself!" The crowd repeated the sentences over and over again.

It was evident they had been hired by Ouyang Qi.

Ning Ran felt greatly ashamed due to the absurdity of Ouyang Qi's plan. She reprimanded him, "What exactly are you up to? Stop it! It's embarrassing!"

She would bury her head in the sand if she could.

"Hahaha! Although this is old-fashioned, it's worth it since I manage to put a smile on your face!" Ouyang Qi chuckled in return.

"Can you please be mindful of your actions? This isn't befitting of your identity as the heir of a wealthy family at all! Can you please put some effort into your plan?"

Ning Ran reached for her face mask and put it on to avoid embarrassing herself further than she already had.

"Alright, guys! That's enough! It's time to go because Ms. Ding has had enough of the poor acting skills!" Ouyang Qi dismissed the bunch of people he had hired.

"You should stop following me because I'm about to return home as well. If you insist on following me, I'll get in touch with the cops immediately," Ning Ran warned Ouyang Qi.

"No! Please! I don't mean any harm! I have reserved a table for us! Can you please join me for a meal to celebrate this occasion which you have been discharged from the hospital?"

"Thanks, but no thanks. I'm pretty full. Now! Stop following me!" Ning Ran warned Ouyang Qi for one last time.

"Why are you turning me down when it's merely having a meal together? I have everything in place for you! You need to get something to eat once you're home, right? Why don't you join me for a meal? I can't possibly do anything to you under broad daylight! Why can't you give me a chance?"

Ouyang Qi put on a pitiable front as he finished his sentence.

Although it seemed to be superficial, he was upset for real.

All of a sudden, a man's shout could be heard, yelling as he made his way over, "Ouyang Qi! It's you again!"

Upon detecting Nan Xing's presence, Ouyang Qi took cover behind Ning Ran's back and warned him, "Hey! Stay away from me! I have come prepared today!"

"Have you no shame at all? How dare you annoy us over and over again?" Nan Xing bellowed.

As he had yet to vent his anger after the intense fight he had with Nan Chen, he could barely resist the urge to teach Ouyang Qi a lesson.

Initially, he had dropped by the hospital to visit Ning Ran because she needed someone to talk to, but he spotted Ouyang Qi the moment he reached the hospital.

All of a sudden, he found a good target for him to vent his anger. Thus, he was determined to teach the brat a lesson.

"Look!" Ouyang Qi pointed at the bunch of people he had hired.

There were at least twenty of them. Although they didn't seem to be professionally trained bodyguards, Ouyang Qi's men had the upper hand as they had outnumbered Nan Xing's bodyguards.

"Do you think I'll be afraid of you because I'm outnumbered? You know what? I don't care! I'm going to beat you up now!" Nan Xing dashed over to Ouyang Qi's side once he finished his sentence.

"Hey! We're right in front of the hospital! Let's not fight! Otherwise, we're going to embarrass ourselves if someone get the cops over!" Ning Ran got in Nan Xing's way and stopped him in the nick of time. "She's right! You're not a match for the man I have hired! Don't you dare to get ahead of yourself!" Ouyang Qi held his head high as he stated.

"[-]..."

Nan Xing insisted on throwing a punch at Ouyang Qi, but Ning Ran urged, "That's enough! Can you please behave yourself the way an adult behaves?"

"Okay!" Ouyang Qi, who was beside Ning Ran, replied.

Excuse me? I'm not talking to you! Please stop interrupting our conversation!

Finally, Nan Xing regained composure over himself and asked, "Why didn't you inform me you would be discharged today?"

"Why would she want to inform you when she has me?" Ouyang Qi broke the silence, replying before Ning Ran could respond to Nan Xing's question.

"I want you to get lost at once!" Nan Xing pointed at Ouyang Qi and demanded.

"Please leave me alone. I'll go home on my own," Ning Ran announced.

"Let's head over for a meal!"

Interestingly, Ouyang Qi and Nan Xing broke the silence simultaneously, suggesting the same thing.

"Hey! I was the one who had brought it up first! In fact, I have reserved a table in advance!" Ouyang Qi announced arrogantly.

"Since you have reserved a table, let's go then," Nan Xing said.

"What?" Ning Ran was confused.

"He has offered to buy us a meal, right? Since he has reserved a table in advance, we can't possibly turn him down, right? Let's go," Nan Xing invited.

"H-Hey—" The dumbfounded Ning Ran stuttered. She was at a loss for words.

"We need to have lunch, right? Since we're here, we might as well have lunch together," Nan Xing suggested.

"Hey! I have never said I'm going to buy you a meal! I'm only going to foot Mimi's bill!"

Ouyang Qi had a great plan to spend some quality time with Ning Ran over the meal. He didn't want anyone to get in his way, interrupting his blissful session.

"If that's the case, let's go, Ning Ran. I can always reserve a table at another restaurant. Please let me know the food you're craving in Flower City," Nan Xing assured Ning Ran.

"Are you trying to show off?" Ouyang Qi was irritated by Nan Xing's boastful remark.

"Why would I want to show off when everyone is aware I'm a wealthy man?" Nan Xing provoked Ouyang Qi in return.

"What? My father is Ouyang Duo! Do you really think you're a match for me in terms of wealth?" Ouyang Qi rebuked.

"Hey! That's enough! Aren't you the one who has offered to buy me a meal? If you refuse to foot his bill, I won't join you!" Ning Ran told Ouyang Qi.

He gave it a thought and stated, "Fine! Since the Nan family is closely acquainted with the Ouyang family, this will be my treat!"

"Huh? Are you serious? Why does it sound as though we're heading over to a cheap restaurant? I don't take cheap food, okay?" Nan Xing scoffed.

"Excuse me? Can you stop looking down on me? I'm the heir of a wealthy family as well!" Ouyang Qi rebutted.

Ning Ran found Ouyang Qi's behavior hilarious. Usually, the heir of a wealthy family would hide the fact that they had been living off their family, but Ouyang Qi was the exact opposite. He seemed to be proud of it.

"We may be the heir of two different wealthy families, but we're definitely not the same! Isn't it obvious? Look at you! Do you really think you're able to compete against me in terms of look?" Nan Xing snorted contemptuously.

"I definitely look better than you!" Ouyang Qi claimed, holding his head high.

"Are you serious? Do you really consider yourself a match for me in terms of look?" Nan Xing couldn't believe his ears.

Truth be told, Ouyang Qi was aware of the truth but he refused to admit he was inferior to him in terms of look.

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Finally, they headed over to the restaurant Ouyang Qi had reserved. It was a fairly high-class Western restaurant that was considered one of the best in Flower City.

As an ostentatious heir who enjoyed flaunting his wealth, Ouyang Qi had reserved the entire restaurant for himself since he would be having a meal with his crush.

Otherwise, he wouldn't qualify to proclaim himself as the heir of a wealthy family.

There wasn't anyone else in the restaurant. The moment they walked into the restaurant, the staff of the restaurant greeted them.

However, there were only two chairs available. Nan Xing grabbed the opportunity and took a seat as soon as possible.

Since Ouyang Qi took the remaining seat, there wasn't any seat left for Ning Ran.

She told them before turning around to leave, "Great! Please enjoy yourselves! I'll see you when I see you!"

"Wait!" Nan Xing and Ouyang Qi stopped Ning Ran simultaneously.

They ordered one another to leave, "Why don't you go away!"

"You're the one who's supposed to leave!"

"No! You're the uninvited one!"

The heirs from two different wealthy families engaged themselves in another round of intense debate. They refused to give in.

"Actually, that won't be necessary because I'm leaving. Please enjoy your meal. Bye." Ning Ran turned around once again once she finished her sentence.

"Don't do this!"

The duo brought themselves up and dashed over to Ning Ran's side to stop her.

Ouyang Qi decided to give in and offered, "Fine! I'll go get them to bring us an additional chair! Please take my seat, Mimi. I'm not as shameless as a certain someone."

"Are you talking about yourself?" Nan Xing rebuked Ouyang Qi immediately.

He walked over to Ning Ran's side and brought her over to his seat. "Please take my seat instead. I think the chair he has sat on has been contaminated. You should stay away from it."

"How the heck is my chair contaminated? Why does it sound as though something's wrong with my butts?" the enraged Ouyang Qi bellowed in return.

"No one knows what sort of lifestyle you have been living all this while. Who knows if you have AIDS, right?" Nan Xing made a sarcastic remark.

"You're the one who has AIDS! AIDS isn't contagious either!"

"Are you sure? Who knows if you have been contaminated with contagious AIDS, right? Just forget about it. Excuse me. Please serve us the dishes." Nan Xing ignored Ouyang Qi and instructed the waiter.

Ouyang Qi was about to lose his cool because he had been rendered speechless by Nan Xing's statement. In the end, he asked the waiter to bring him another chair and placed it beside Ning Ran.

"You're not supposed to sit here! Return to your original seat at once!" Nan Xing pointed in the direction of Ouyang Qi's initial seat.

"Never! Since I'm the one who's going to foot the bill, I deserve to sit by Mimi's side!" Ouyang Qi announced arrogantly.

He was delighted because he finally got the better of Nan Xing for once.

"Are you sure you're not going to return to your seat?" Nan Xing asked.

"Never! Why don't you take over my initial seat? It seems like you have a thing for it, huh?"

Since Ouyang Qi finally got the better of Nan Xing, he would never let him off easily.

"Are you sure you're not going to change your mind?"

"Nope!" Ouyang Qi replied determinedly.

Since Ouyang Qi refused to move, Nan Xing walked over and brought the chair with him, placing it by Ning Ran's side as well.

Consequently, Ning Ran was surrounded by two different men at each of her sides.

The waiter, who had been waiting for them to sort things out, found the scene hilarious, yet he dared not laugh.

On the other hand, Ning Ran behaved nonchalantly as though she couldn't be bothered by them at all. She had no intention to poke her nose into their business either.

Once the scrumptious dishes were served, Ning Ran started savoring the dishes because it had been a few days since she last had such delicacies.

Over the past few days, she had been consuming bland food.

Halfway through her meal, she got increasingly irritated because the two men refused to stop arguing.

As she couldn't hold back her irritation anymore, she put her cutlery aside and yelled at them, "That's enough! Can both of you stop for a minute? Do you guys know that you sound like two annoying flies buzzing around me while I'm trying to enjoy my meal!"

"Did you hear that?" Ouyang Qi and Nan Xing started pointing fingers at each other again.

"That's it! If we're going for another round of debate, I'm out of here! I'll leave both of you behind to enjoy yourselves!" Ning Ran warned them.

"You should keep your mouth shut!" The irritated duo blamed each other for one last time.

Thereafter, they finally stopped arguing.

Ning Ran heaved a sigh of relief because she could finally enjoy her meal quietly.

However, after a minute of peace, Nan Xing got up from his seat and offered, "Ning Ran, you should try this."

Ouyang Qi wasn't going to allow Nan Xing to outshine him. He got up from his seat and served Ning Ran another dish. "Try this instead!"

"Sit down!" Ning Ran shouted.

Since Ning Ran had made herself clear, none of them dared try anything reckless anymore.

She had enough of their childish behavior. Therefore, Ning Ran requested the waiter's aid to move her chair on her behalf.

In the end, the waiter moved her chair to the seat opposite the two men.

Since the men were left behind, they wanted to move over to Ning Ran's side again, but she stopped them by giving them a warning, "If anyone of you moves over to my side, I'm going to leave for real!"

Finally, she managed to subdue the irrational duo who had been fighting since they met.

Ning Ran chuckled, "Great! Look at the sheer amount of similarities between both of you! Why can't the most renowned dandies in town get along with one another?"

"She's right! Why can't we get along when we're both the heir from wealthy families? We have been living off our family all this while. Why are you trying to behave as though you're superior to me?" Ouyang Qi asked sincerely.

"We're not the same, okay? I'm a talented man while you're merely a foolish man who comes from a wealthy family," Nan Xing remarked scornfully.

"Are you serious? How dare you consider yourself a talented man?" Ouyang Qi scoffed in return.

"You can't tell the difference because you're a foolish man!"

"Hold it right there! Are you guys going to start another round of fight?" Ning Ran decided to interfere yet again.

Thankfully, her words worked like a charm. Finally, she managed to finish her meal peacefully.

Nevertheless, the men encountered another issue after they finished their meal. In order to decide who would get to send Ning Ran home, they were about to fight again.

"Excuse me? Who else can it be other than me? I must ensure my guest reaches home safely after taking her out for a meal!" Ouyang Qi announced.

"Are you kidding me? How can I hand her over to you? She's affiliated with the Nan family. I will send her home as a member of the Nan family! You're merely an outsider! Please move aside!"

"She's affiliated with the Nan family? How? Has she gotten married to the heir of the Nan family?"

"Are you stupid? How is she not related to the Nan family when she's the parent of the youngest heirs of the family?"

"Enough! That's the end of the conversation! I don't need anyone to send me home; I'll take a cab home on my own!" Ning Ran had more than enough of the irritating duo.

Immediately after they heard Ning Ran's words, they decided to keep their mouths shut.

Nan Xing suggested, "We'll stop arguing, but can you get one of us to send you home?"

Without a second thought, Ning Ran said, "If that's the case, I'll have you send me home."

Ouyang Qi was frustrated. He confronted, "Why? Why does he get to send you home?"

"Isn't it obvious? She's part of the Nan family! You're merely an outsider!" Nan Xing answered on Ning Ran's behalf.

Although Ouyang Qi was displeased, he couldn't defy Ning Ran's words since she had made up her mind.

Once Ning Ran and Nan Xing got into the car, he started behaving differently as he seemed to have lost his spirit.

Ning Ran was confused with his sudden change of behavior. "What's wrong with you? Where has the Nan Xing with high morale gone?"

Nan Xing leaned against the seat and heaved a long sigh of despair. "Actually, I had a bad day, but all this while, I have been putting on a strong front due to Ouyang Qi's presence."

Ning Ran resisted the urge to laugh because it seemed to be a serious matter. "Really? It must be tough to put on a strong front, isn't it?"

"Please stop teasing me because I'm serious. I'm in a foul mood because I had a fight with Chen in the morning." Nan Xing felt dejected. It was written all over his face.

"Are you serious? You had a fight with your brother?"

"It doesn't sound possible? However, we had an intense fight!"

"I think you have misperceived my words. It's impossible for you to have a fight with your brother because I'm pretty sure you were the one being scolded, right?"

"Excuse me! Why do you have to pick on my sore spot? Can you please keep that between us? You're so annoying!"

"Did I hit the bullseye? I'm pretty sure it was a one-sided fight, right? You're the one that had been tormented by your brother," Ning Ran continued teasing Nan Xing.

"Whatever! You're such a heartless woman! I have dropped by because I needed to talk to someone, but you're doing the exact opposite, giving me a hard time, making me feel worse!"

"If that's the case, why don't you pull over and drop me off at a nearby bus station?"

"Wait! Ugh! If you're having a great time hurting me, so be it!" Nan Xing held on to his chest as he stated.

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Nan Xing had always been a sprightly man. But, he seemed to be dejected after the fight he had with Nan Chen.

Truth be told, Nan Chen had always been strict with his brother. He set high standards for him because he had high hopes for him.

Although the bar was higher than the ones for the management level's employees, Nan Xing knew it was for his sake.

Hence, he had never once blamed Nan Chen. However, he couldn't take it because Nan Chen thought he should be blamed for the mess that had occurred in Vietnam.

Nan Xing wasn't a fool either. He knew he had been used as a comparison to Nan Chen all along.

Although they resembled one another in terms of look, Nan Xing was aware that he wasn't a match for Nan Chen in any aspect.

Nevertheless, Nan Xing was never jealous of his brother, despite being inferior to him.

He didn't mind being the inferior one amongst his siblings. In fact, he had always been proud of his brother for his exceptional achievements in everything he did.

Even though he had never enjoyed dealing with the tasks that had been assigned, he tried his best to execute them so he could be of aid to Nan Chen.

He was dejected because Nan Chen suspected him since the project fell apart. His brother had implied he was the one behind the downfall because he seemed to have an ulterior goal.

He was very hurt.

Ning Ran did an outstanding job, playing the role of a listener as she sat by Nan Xing's side silently, while the man told her everything he had been keeping to himself.

She couldn't fathom the commercial aspects of the project Nan Xing had brought up in front of her due to its complex nature, yet she thought something seemed to be odd about the entire incident.

As soon as Nan Xing finished his orated speech, he turned around and stared at Ning Ran with a pitiable front. "What should I do to earn Chen's trust again?"

Ning Ran nodded and stated, "Thanks for this information with me. It means a lot to me because it shows that you think that I'm a trustworthy friend of yours."

"Huh? What are you talking about? You're not a friend of mine because you're a freaking family member of mine, okay?" Nan Xing corrected Ning Ran.

"Alright. If that's the case, I'm going to tell you my point of view. Actually, I think something's wrong."

"What's wrong then?"

"Did you have the fight with your brother in his office?"

"Yes."

"Was there anybody around back then? Did they hear the content of the fight?"

"I think so? The door of Chen's office wasn't shut tight. By the time I made my way out of his office, I caught a glimpse of a few people checking on me. Therefore, I think there were a few who were aware of the fight."

"There you go! Think about it. Your brother is such a smart guy. If you're the one who has messed up the entire project, you'll put the entire family to shame. Do you think he's going to expose your fault in front of others? Judging by his overprotective personality, I'm sure he's going to keep everyone else in the dark and talk to you in private. Why would he summon you to his office and teach you a lesson in front of others? Do you really think that's how Nan Chen work" Ning Ran asked in return.

Upon hearing Ning Ran's words, he exclaimed, "You're right!"

"I'm pretty sure the fight has been intended because it's a show for others," Ning Ran assured Nan Xing.

Nan Xing managed to figure out the meaning behind Ning Ran's words immediately.

"Does that mean he's trying to put on an act to deceive others?"

"Exactly!"

"Why would he go to great lengths to put on a show in front of others? What exactly is he up to?"

"I have no idea because it's an internal affair in your family. Since I'm merely an outsider, I can't figure out his actual intention either."

"In other words, Chen isn't suspecting me at all?"

"I think so. You're the one he trusted the most; he will never fight with you over a mere project. This doesn't seem like something he would do."

"If that's the case, I need to figure out the rationale behind his action!"

"No! I don't think that's very wise of you because I'm certain he's going to keep you in the dark for the time being."

Halfway through their conversation, Nan Xing received a call.

The moment he hung up the call, he asked, "Mr. Wang, a member of the board of directors, asked me to join him for a cup of tea. Do you want to tag along with me?"

"Have you lost your mind? Why would I want to tag along when I'm merely an outsider?" Ning Ran dissed.

"He's trying to figure out the reason behind the fight that had occurred in the morning. What should I tell him?"

"If he's trying to poke his nose into this particular incident, you have to behave as though you're infuriated for real! Since your brother wants others to know that both of you are fighting, you have to play along with him and deceive them," Ning Ran explained.

Nan Xing showed Ning Ran a thumbs up and complimented, "You're so smart! No wonder you're my sister-in-law!"

"Has something gotten into you?" Ning Ran reprimanded Nan Xing.

Wang Shoucai was a member of Nanshi Corporation's board of directors.

He had a relatively chubby built and had always shown up in front of others with a bright smile.

Usually, he would hold a pair of steel balls in his hands.

Wang Shoucai had always been considered a friendly man amongst the board of directors. He would always greet others with a bright grin politely, despite the difference between their position within the corporation.

Playing the role of a middleman, Wang Shoucai would play the role of a moderator whenever he was part of an important conference.

In short, he was popular amongst others.

Finally, Nan Xing reached the designated location. As soon as he entered the private suite, he detected an aromatic fragrance of tea.

Since he was a young man, he had never taken a liking to tea because his favorite beverage was alcoholic drinks.

He had always deemed drinking tea as an old man's favorite pastime. Thus, he didn't bother to figure out the philosophy associated with tea drinking.

"Hello, 4th Young Master!" Once Wang Shoucai spotted Nan Xing, he got up from his seat and greeted him enthusiastically.

"Hello, Mr. Wang. Please address me as Nan Xing instead."

"Please have a seat! What sort of tea do you like?"

"I have never been a fan of tea because I'm used to drinking alcoholic beverages. Please suit yourself, Mr. Wang." Wang Shoucai chuckled, "Oh! You're right! Do you want to head over to another place for a few drinks?"

"That won't be necessary, Mr. Wang. Please enjoy yourself and pay no heed to me. I don't think I should be drinking when it's not even evening yet. Besides, I don't think I will be here for long."

"Sure. Let's talk over a cup of tea. This cup of tea is not half bad. Why don't you give it a try? If it's not to your liking, I'll get someone else to get us another pot."

Although Nan Xing had never enjoyed drinking tea, he was, after all, the heir of a wealthy family.

Thus, he could tell the quality of the tea.

He took a sip and noticed the cup of tea was indeed a premium one.

"It's not half bad, but what brings you to me, Mr. Wang? I'm sure you didn't reach out to me just for a cup of tea, right?" Nan Xing didn't bother to beat around the bush.

"I heard some rumors. Therefore, I'd like to clarify a few things with you," Wang Shoucai stated his objective.

"What is it about, Mr. Wang?"

"I heard that something's wrong with the project in Vietnam. Lately, someone got in touch with Mr. Chen and told him you were the reason the project had fallen apart. It seems as though they were trying to drive a wedge between you and Mr. Chen."

"I'm surprised, Mr. Wang. How did you manage to get your hands on the news so soon? You have quite an impressive connection, huh?" Nan Xing raised his eyebrows and expressed his surprise. "Naturally, I have my own informants scattered throughout the corporation since I'm a member of the board of directors. You're not going to blame me, right?"

Nan Xing nodded in return. "It's an elephant in the room; everyone is aware every member of the board of directors has their own informants."

"Therefore, it isn't odd for me to get my hands on this particular news, right?"

"Actually, it's not a rumor because we had a fight. I can't believe Chen is suspecting me! Speaking of which, I can't wait to figure out the person who's trying to drive a wedge between us. Do you have any idea, Mr. Wang?" Nan Xing wondered.

"Please forgive me, but I don't have any intel regarding the identity of the mastermind. However, I have the perfect solution to get you out of this nasty situation." Wang Shoucai offered.

"Oh? Really? That's such wonderful news! Why don't you tell me about it? What should I do to get myself out of this nasty situation?"

"He started suspecting you because the construction of the project had been brought to a halt, right? If you're able to turn the tables, I'm sure he won't doubt you anymore! If you're able to get everything sorted out on your own, I'm sure Mr. Chen will stop suspecting you!"

"That sounds like a brilliant idea! What exactly should I do?"

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Nan Xing refused to believe he had got lucky because he found the timeline of their meet up to be too much of a coincidence.

The fight occurred just this morning, but someone showed up out of nowhere in the afternoon and told him he would be able to get everything sorted out for him.

"I'm afraid I'm not capable of resolving the issue," Wang Shoucai told Nan Xing after he took a sip of tea.

Nan Xing put on an anxious front upon hearing Wang Shoucai's reply.

"Are you trying to fool me, Mr. Wang?"

"I believe you have misunderstood my words. Although I'm not capable of resolving the issue, a certain someone possesses the capability to help you."

"Who are you talking about?"

"Ouyang Duo," Mr. Wang replied with a bright grin.

"Are you talking about Ouyang Duo from Sunshine Corporation? The father of that insolent brat, Ouyang Qi, right?"

Wang Shoucai was taken aback by Nan Xing's statement because he had brought Ouyang Qi up when they were talking about Ouyang Duo. In fact, Nan Xing addressed Ouyang Qi as the brat. What exactly is going on?

"Yes. Although there may be hundreds and thousands of Ouyang Duo throughout the entire globe, the one and only Ouyang Duo who's capable of resolving the issue is none other than the one from Sunshine Corporation."

"How is he supposed to resolve the issue? Why don't you tell me about it, Mr. Wang?"

"The reason behind the entire incident was the assessment report, right?"

"Yes! Those so-called experts and authorities turned their back against us and denied the authenticity of the report! They told the public we forced them into submission back then! However, the report had been produced through legitimate means! We have long passed the environmental assessment since years ago!" Nan Xing assured Wang Shoucai.

"Exactly! Once the assessment issue gets sorted out, the construction will definitely get the green light to proceed, isn't it?"

"Theoretically, you're right."

"The minister from the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Resources Preservation of Vietnam used to study abroad back in the day. Previously, he was a close friend of a particular figure from China. They were considered brothers from different mothers. Throughout the years, the duo still stays in touch."

Nan Xing finally figured out the relationship between the parties involved. "The figure you're talking about is Ouyang Duo, isn't it?"

"Yes. As long as Ouyang Duo procures the aid of the said minister, I'm sure the issue will be resolved in no time," Wang Shoucai reassured Nan Xing.

"Do you think Ouyang Duo will do me the favor?"

"I'm pretty sure he will because the Ouyang family has always been on good terms with the Nan family. Didn't the members of the Ouyang family attended your grandfather's birthday banquet?"

"Oh! Right! How did you manage to figure out their relationship?" Nan Xing asked in return.

"I used to be their schoolmate back in the day. Thus, I'm aware of their relationship as well," Wang Shoucai replied with a bright grin.

"Alright! Thanks, Mr. Wang! I need to talk to my brother before making the decision. If there's nothing else, I shall leave now."

"Sure. I'll see you again. I'll finish my cup of tea before leaving." Wang Shoucai got up from the couch and showed Nan Xing the way out of the suite.

Once Nan Xing walked out of the store, he called Nan Chen.

Nan Chen told Nan Xing to meet him at the stadium. His brother wanted him to get changed into a set of sports attires before heading over because they would have a round of football soon.

Nan Xing had no intention to make a trip home. He headed over to the stadium as instructed and got someone to deliver him a set of sports attires and a pair of shoes.

He had been playing on his own for a little more than an hour before Nan Chen showed up in the stadium.

It was a spacious stadium, yet both of them were the only ones available. They could talk about all sorts of things without the concern of being eavesdropped on.

"Chen, you scolded me in front of others deliberately. Am I right?"

"No! I have always wanted to teach you a lesson!" Nan Chen replied callously before launching the ball in his brother's direction.

Nan Xing intercepted the ball and kicked it back in Nan Chen's direction.

"Does that mean you're suspecting me? Do you really think I'm the one who's trying to drag you down?"

"I'm pretty sure you're not the one because you're a person without any ambition. In fact, you're a kind person who would never do that to me."

"If that's the case, why did you scold me?"

"You're the person in charge of the project. Since everything has fallen apart, who else should I take things out on?" Nan Chen asked him in return.

"I don't mind bearing the consequences of my neglection, but you shouldn't have accused me of orchestrating the plan!"

"That's merely an act to deceive our foes. Let's put that aside for the time being. What did Wang Shoucai tell you?"

Nan Xing was taken aback by Nan Chen's words because he had never mentioned anything about his meeting with Wang Shoucai. "How did you know he was the one who had approached me? Did you send someone to tail me?"

"I didn't send anyone to tail you, but I have sent a few to tail Wang Shoucai."

"Huh? Why do you want to tail him?" Nan Xing was shocked.

"Grandpa and I think a key figure of the corporation was the one behind the entire incident. Therefore, I have sent a few of my men to keep an eye on the members of the board of directors, especially the ones who have engaged themselves in suspicious activities. There wasn't anything suspicious about the others, but Wang Shoucai was the only one who had approached you," Nan Chen explained.

"Oh, God! Grandpa and you are such capable men! How did both of you manage to hit the bullseye? I must say I'm impressed!"

"We ruled out the possibility based on the evidence we could get our hands on. What did Wang Shoucai tell you?"

Nan Xing thought of something interesting and asked, "Since you're such a smart guy, why don't you take a guess?"

Nan Chen signaled Nan Xing to take over the role as a goalie as he would attempt to shoot the ball.

"Why am I the goalie again? Shall we finish the conversation before carrying on?"

Nan Chen narrowed his eyes and replied, "He has presented a solution to you and wants you to regain my trust through resolving the issue. If he achieves his goal, you're going to have to do him a favor in the future. Indirectly, he's trying to win you over."

"Oh, God! How did you manage to figure out the content of our conversation?" Nan Xing's jaw dropped open.

"Isn't it obvious?" Nan Chen enunciated.

"Hell no! That's impossible!" Nan Xing screeched.

"Why? Isn't it a piece of cake after ruling out the possibility?"

"How did you figure out the content of our conversation?"

Nan Chen orated, "The minute the news about our conflict becomes widespread, everyone within the corporation will be aware of the incident. I'm sure you're aware of the power of the internet, do you? Since Wang Shoucai had approached you, I'm pretty sure he wasn't there to comfort you. Hence, it would be safe to assume that he has asked you out because he wished to present a solution to you. If he didn't have a perfect solution, he would never have approached you when you were in such a foul mood unless he had a kink for being scolded in the face. He has always been known as a cunning man. Do you think he'll resort to such a foolish action? Therefore, isn't it a piece of cake?"

Although Nan Xing found Nan Chen's words logical, he refused to acknowledge it was a piece of cake to rule out the possibility to the complexity behind the entire incident.

Chen might be the only one capable of ruling out the possibility as though it was an easy task. If anyone else including me had been put in his position, we would never have figured out the content of the conversation! Undeniably, there's a huge difference in terms of our capabilities.

"Chen, I'm going to be impressed if you're able to figure out the solution Wang Shoucai has presented to me!"

"If I'm able to figure out the solution he has presented to you, I want you to take things in hand and resolve it. Do we have a deal? "

"Sure!" Nan Xing agreed without a second thought.

"I need you to take it seriously!" Nan Chen requested.

"No problem, Chen! I'll definitely take it seriously!" Nan Xing assured his brother.

Nan Chen nodded and told his brother, "Did Wang Shoucai tell you about the relationship between the Minister of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Resources Preservation and Ouyang Duo? He told you to get in touch with Ouyang Duo because he can solve the issue on your behalf. Am I right?"

Nan Xing was utterly dumbfounded. His eyes widened in disbelief as he asked, "How did you figure that out?"

"This isn't a mere guess anymore. I have gotten my men to run a background check on the suspicious parties involved and figured out their relationship after a series of investigations."

"Are you serious? How did you figure out Ouyang Duo used to be the schoolmate with the minister from Vietnam?" Nan Xing expressed his confusion.

He felt as though his brother was a capable fortune teller since he managed to foresee the things that would be in store for the parties involved.