Ye Fan's order was like giving Shin Yu-Xiang an imperial sword which gave him the right to kill.

Very quickly, a storm swept throughout Mufan Group's Fenghai branch.

That very afternoon, Shin Yu-Xiang reported everything to Ye Fan.

"Fan, according to my investigations, a total of 46 employees were hired through the backdoor. Three of them are upper management, eight of them are middle management, and 35 are normal employees."

Ye Fan sat in the room quietly as he listened to Shin Yu-Xiang's report.

His two uncles, Ye Tian and Ye Ya sat in the room with him.

The main leaders of the Fenghai branch were the two of them.

Other than them, Ye Fan called Ye Jian over too.

Since there was no point trying to keep this



low-key, it would be better for him to speak openly.

He didn't care about their feelings.

Why should he care about their feelings since they did the wrong things and abused their power?

"What is the meaning of this investigation? Do you think your uncles have been lining their own pockets using the company? Since we are in desperate times, we have to use unusual methods. Those employees work well for us, so it makes total sense for them to get promoted, right? Didn't you hire Shin Yu-Xiang and make him upper management too? In any case, all the people we hired have proven their worth. Also, we only made exceptional promotions for the sake of the business."

"Rules are dead, so we have to be flexible. What's wrong with making exceptional promotions if they are talented? Your cousin was wrong to interfere with the hiring process, but it's understandable for him to take care of his childhood friend, right? You can punish him for his mistakes, but do you have to destroy his livelihood? Right, Fan?"



Ye Ya probably felt threatened by Ye Fan, so he felt anxious. Shin Yu-Xiang had barely started talking and Ye Ya started talking to Ye Fan in a displeased voice and a frown on his face.

He also took the chance to defend his son. He had clearly caught wind of the matter from Ye Jian.

"Precisely! Rules are dead, so we have to be flexible. It's normal for some exceptional promotions to happen. It's also normal for people to get fired if they've committed mistakes in the company," Ye Jian chimed in.

Ye Tian looked worried and upset too, but he remained silent the entire time.

Ye Fan replied with a smile on his face, "You are right. Exceptional promotions happen all the time. But does it make sense for a thug to become middle management in a multimillion-dollar empire and receive a paycheck worth hundreds of thousands? Similarly, is it normal for the general manager to end up being the janitor?"

However, his calm tone often felt even more







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# threatening.

Ye Jian instantly turned paler when he heard what Ye Fan said and didn't sound as confident.

"Huh? What do you mean? Do you mean we hired a thug?" asked Ye Ya in surprise.

Ye Fan didn't bother explaining. He picked up his tea and took a sip before he said, "Calm down. Let's hear what the general manager has to say."

Ye Fan turned to Shin Yu-Xiang and indicated for him to go on after he had calmed Ye Ya down.

Shin Yu-Xiang nodded before he continued, "These people consisted of Ye Tian, Ye Ya, and Ye Xi-Lan's relatives and friends. Also, eight of them are Ye Jian's friends. They belong to the same online gaming team, and have an average education level of elementary school education. Before they started working for the company, they were jobless and played video games at an internet café all night. They were all exceptionally promoted after joining the company for three months to become



# middle management."

"They simply play video games with Ye Jian day in day out, but their salary is a lot higher than the average worker. Also, we've received feedback that Ye Jian has embezzled funds, abused his power as deputy HR manager, and attacked people he didn't like."

Ye Ya was already having trouble sitting still from his anxiety, and his face turned crimson when he heard what Shin Yu-Xiang said.

Since Ye Ya felt so worried, Ye Jian must have been even more afraid.

Ye Ya couldn't bear to listen to this anymore. He turned to glare at his son and asked sternly, "Is it true?"

"Dad, it's bullshit! Don't listen to his nonsense. He is out for revenge and he's just angry that I made him a janitor, so he's throwing accusations at me now!" Ye Jian sounded anxious as he explained.

"Accusations? Ye Jian, do you still refuse to admit to your actions? Do you really want



me to check the HR records? Then everyone in the company will know about what you have done," said Shin Yu-Xiang as he smiled coldly.

"Damn you! If you go on spouting nonsense, I will kill you!"

Ye Jian couldn't let it go.

He stood up and cursed Shin Yu-Xiang to his face with reddened eyes.

He even ran over to Shin Yu-Xiang and wanted to hit him.

Shin Yu-Xiang didn't give him the chance to attack him. Instead, he kicked Ye Jian in the belly.

He had tolerated Ye Jian's actions on account of Ye Fan in the past.

Now that Ye Fan was willing to punish him, Shin Yu-Xiang didn't bother holding back.

"AH! That hurts! How dare a servant of the Ye family kick me? I'm going to kill you!" After Shin Yu-Xiang kicked him in the stomach, Ye Jian felt even more furious, so



he scolded him like a rabid dog.

Ye Ya slammed the table as he stood up and slapped Ye Jian on the face.

"Shut up, you little bastard! Haven't you disgraced yourself enough? How could a man like me have a son like you? It was one thing if you hired Yang Xiao this way. He was from Jiangdong University, one of the top 20 universities in the country, so I could still help you pull connections. How could you hire a bunch of hooligans who've barely graduated from primary school? How could you even make them middle management in the company? You certainly are loyal, aren't you? I am going to beat you to death!" Ye Ya was outraged.

Even Ye Ya couldn't stand hearing about his son's deeds.



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Ye Ya wanted to plead for his son and help him keep his job at the company, but he no longer had the cheek to do it.

Even though Ye Jian was his son, he couldn't stand hearing what he did, let alone Ye Fan.

"Fan, I have failed to educate my son. I will wash my hands of this matter, so you can do as you please with him."

After scolding Ye Jian, Ye Ya didn't have the cheek to beg Ye Fan.

In the end, he could only leave it to Ye Fan to punish Ye Jian.

"It's not that I don't want to help, but he has gone too far. If I don't punish him severely, how can we lead the company? Also, these weren't the only things he did. He has even broken the law. If he is sent to the police, he will probably get a few years' prison time." Although Ye Fan spoke calmly, Ye Ya's face turned ghastly pale while Ye Jian panicked when they heard what Ye Fan said.

"Since we are relatives, I won't go all out on him, so don't worry. I will let bygones be bygones. However, Ye Jian no longer has a

place in Mufan Group. Do you have anything to say about my decision?" Ye Fan smiled and spoke as though it were an open discussion. However, Ye Ya and Ye Tian both knew they didn't have the right to make an opinion.

"Oh yes. There's one more thing I need to update you about. Since my mother isn't in Fenghai, there is no one leading the Mufan Group branch. Before she comes home, I will let Shin Yu-Xiang lead the company, so you have to report to him on all major company matters. Also, he has the final say."

# What?

"Fan, are you making him the chairman?"

"How could you make an outsider the chairman?"

Ye Tian and Ye Ya were startled.

Even Ye Tian broke his silence and frowned as he expressed his displeasure.

No one could blame them for reacting so strongly. After all, Ye Fan was effectively taking away Ye Tian and Ye Ya's power by



making Shin Yu-Xiang chairman.

The Ye family used to call the shots in Mufan Group, but now Shin Yu-Xiang had become the leader of the branch office.

Since it would affect Ye Tian and Ye Ya's interests, they were incapable of staying calm.

"Fan, this is an important role we are talking about here. How can you appoint someone so rashly? I suggest that we call a family meeting and decide after having a discussion with the clan," suggested Ye Tian deeply.

"There's no need for that since I have already decided on it. That's all. I'm tired now. If you have nothing else to report, then get back to work." The moment Ye Fan finished his words, he sent them away. Since Ye Fan had already decided on that, Ye Tian and Ye Ya were incapable of persuading him otherwise.

Even though Ye Tian and Ye Ya wanted to convince him to change his mind, they shut up and left angrily.







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"Fan, that was incredible. Even though you are their nephew, you didn't give them any room for negotiation and took all their power. I reckon they must be going mad now."

Shin Yu-Xiang sat down on the couch and laughed without restraint after Ye Tian, Ye Ya, and Ye Jian left.

Ye Fan shook his head and laughed softly. "It was time to whittle their power down anyway. Otherwise, the Mufan Group that Mu-Cheng worked so hard to build would end up belonging to the Ye family. My mother was careless. Even if she wanted to let the Ye family work in the company, she should have put some restrictions in place. I will have to trouble you to take care of the company for now. This will put you in a tight spot and give you very high stress, and I'm worried that you can't take it."

Ye Fan had reasons for giving Shin Yu-Xiang power.

He wanted to restrict the Ye clan's power and keep an eye on both his uncles, but this move had its risks.



Shin Yu-Xiang had graduated from a good university, but he didn't have enough experience for such a high position.

But this wasn't a difficult problem to resolve. He just needed to find Shin Yu-Xiang a good assistant to help him.

"Fan, don't worry. With you behind me, who do I have to fear in the company? Moreover, Ye Tian and Ye Ya and didn't do anything unusual. I investigated carefully and found that even though they hired a lot of their relatives to work in the company, they were given jobs like driving, sales, and nothing of importance. Even if they gave anyone exceptional promotions to high positions, it was for people with talent. They didn't behave as recklessly as Ye Jian."

Ye Fan nodded. "I agree that my uncles know better. That's why I didn't fire them, even though I initially wanted to kick all the Ye family members out of the company. But people change, so I have to keep them in check since they might make mistakes in the future. Just keep a close eye on them."

After talking about work, Ye Fan asked Shin Yu-Xiang about his mother.



He had learned from his uncle that his mother was taken away to Yunzhou several months ago.

"Do you know what happened? Why has she gone for months?" asked Ye Fan.

Shin Yu-Xiang shook his head. "I don't know either. I don't even know when she left."

"Never mind. Go on with your work. I will go to the Ye estate."

Ye Fan stopped probing since Shin Yu-Xiang didn't know either.

Ye Fan wasn't so worried at this point in time.

After all, it seemed normal for his mother to go stay at his place in Yunzhou.

In any case, if something happened in Yunzhou, his uncles would have told him about it by now and wouldn't have stayed quiet.

Ye Fan left the company and headed to the Ye estate to visit his grandfather before returning to Yunzhou.



Shin Yu-Xiang stayed in the company to swiftly purge all the parasites leeching off the company that Ye Jian hired.

At the Ye estate.

"You again? Are you about done? Didn't I already tell you that your mother isn't here? Go on and make yourself scarce!" said the security guard fiercely when he saw Ye Fan.

Ye Fan ignored him and smiled before he raised his head and shouted deeply into the villa, "Grandpa, I'm here to see you. Are you well?"



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