

“Besides, there are already more than enough real estate agencies to serve Yunzhou, and the government has very strict controls over the land. All these things make it even harder to get the operating license. The company has been unable to open for so long because there’s one last approval that we haven’t been able to get.”

“I got news that the head of the Industry and Commerce Bureau who’s in charge of approving these things will be having lunch at Meinian Restaurant today. So whether we manage to get this final approval done and be able to start business proper or not will depend on today,” explained Qiu Mu-Cheng worriedly to Ye Fan as they headed towards the restaurant.

But Ye Fan couldn’t help frowning when he heard about this. “You haven’t gotten the operating license yet? I thought the company was already preparing to open for business.”

Qiu Mu-Cheng sighed again. “That’s right. Mr Zhang said that the folks at the Industry and Commerce Bureau are already on it and would be able to get it

done in no time. But in the end they suddenly turned around and said that we don't meet the requirements and rejected our application."

"After that I kept trying to contact the head of the department but I couldn't get him at all and they completely ignored our calls. I've finally managed to track down where he would be today, so I quickly made arrangements to look for him."

Qiu Mu-Cheng's words were heavy. This matter had completely upset the company's plans to open for business.

Without an operating license, Mufan Real Estate would not be able to dabble in real estate and so the company couldn't open for business.

But Qiu Mu-Cheng didn't notice Ye Fan's darkened eyes as she said these things.

Ye Fan was the one who got Hongqi Group's CEO, Xu Lei, to start up Mufan Real Estate back then.

Given Xu Lei's power and influence, it was impossible for her to be unable to get a license for the company to operate.

Since something like that had suddenly happened, Ye Fan was sure of one thing – someone was sabotaging the company!

“Mu-Cheng, did the company offend anyone or any corporation lately?” asked Ye Fan in a low voice.

Qiu Mu-Cheng shook her head. “Nope. We just registered the business recently and we haven’t even opened for business officially, so we couldn’t have offended anybody.”

There was silence in the car after that.

Ye Fan’s brows were still furrowed as he was still puzzled.

If there was someone trying to sabotage the company, who would it be?

While Ye Fan was still thinking about this, an Audi A6L was cruising along a road not too far from them.

The eldest brother of the Qius, Qiu Guang, was driving the car, while Qiu Mu-Ying and Chu Wen-Fei were sitting behind.

Thanks to their project with Hongqi Group,

the Qius had earned quite a tidy profit and they had even changed their car.

“Mu-Ying, Wen-Fei, you two are really big shots. I’ve been trying to ask this Wang Xing-Duo out for the longest time, but this Manager Wang refused to budge. But after you made a call, he agreed to come out.”

“Looks like Qiushui Real Estate will have to count on both of you to get our operating license,” said Qiu Guang in a placating voice.

Qiu Mu-Ying crossed her legs and leaned against her husband with a smug look on her face.

“Uncle Guang, this is just a small matter. Since you and Grandpa have decided to venture into real estate, Wen-Fei and I will give our full support. As for today’s lunch, you and Grandpa don’t have to worry either. We don’t know Wang Xing-Duo, but my father-in-law knows him well, so it’ll be easy to settle this.”

“Since we were able to remove Mufan Real Estate’s eligibility to operate, then of course we can get the license for Qiushui Real Estate! So don’t worry about this

matter. My husband and I will settle it," said Qiu Mu-Ying as she patted her chest to promise her uncle.

Of course, Qiu Mu-Ying just wanted to sound impressive. For the sake of this lunch, Qiu Mu-Ying had done a lot of homework and got Chu Wen-Fei to ask his father about Wang Xing-Duo's hobbies and other areas of interest.

They had to put in some effort into his interests since they needed a favor from him.

Once he was in a good mood, everything else would run more smoothly.

"Hoho, Dad, did you hear what your granddaughter said? Just relax. With such a promising granddaughter and grandson-in-law, our Qiushui Real Estate will definitely be able to start operations within the month!" laughed Qiu Guang merrily.

Master Qiu couldn't stop smiling either and just kept saying, "Excellent!"

Actually, Master Qiu wanted to go into real estate many years ago.

The logistics industry could only go so far and competition was stiff, so it got harder and harder to manage the business. But unfortunately, Master Qiu didn't have enough capital and so Qiushui Real Estate remained just a dream.

But now they had the investment money and a loan from Hongqi Group, so the Qius had a lot more capital than before. With this money in hand, Master Qiu's heart also started to get ambitious.

After finding out that Qiu Mu-Cheng was now heading a real estate company, Master Qiu became even more restless and didn't want Qiu Mu-Cheng to be able to earn in this area. So he decided on the spot to go into real estate too.

"But Yingying, even though Mu-Cheng is a little rebellious, she's still one of us. We played a few dirty tricks and caused Mufan Real Estate's application to fail, so do you think we've gone a little overboard?"

Master Qiu sighed a little guiltily when he thought about what happened earlier.

That's right. The reason why Mufan Real Estate suddenly couldn't get the approval was because the Qius had sabotaged

them.

Chu Wen-Fei's family was in the real estate business while Wang Xing-Duo was in charge of this industry at the Industry and Commerce Bureau, so both sides were familiar with one another. With such a connection in place, it was so easy for Qiu Mu-Ying to ruin Mufan Real Estate's application through her husband.

"Grandpa, we're not going overboard at all. That Mufan Real Estate is just some lousy company and even got a completely inexperienced woman like Qiu Mu-Cheng handle it. Their registered capital is only a few million too. This sort of company isn't eligible to enter the real estate market in the first place."

"Besides, the government is very strict on approving licenses for real estate agencies. There are only six vacancies open over the last six months and there's only one slot left. So of course it will go to the best candidate. If their company got the slot, then Qiushui Real Estate will have to wait for next year to apply again. Have you calculated how much that would cost us? The corporate world is like a battlefield, and there's no place for

sympathy between two rival companies. It's not easy to open and run a company, and only the most capable ones will get the last laugh."

"Qiu Mu-Cheng couldn't get the approval because she isn't capable enough, it's not our fault. Even if we didn't do anything, someone else would. Besides, that Qiu Mu-Cheng was really horrible. She questioned you like that over a stupid stone that day! She was so rude to you! Why should you feel guilty towards an unfilial granddaughter like her? She has only herself to blame. She shouldn't have been so ambitious and tried so hard. It's no wonder she's gotten herself into this state. She's so lousy and she still wants to open a company? What a joke," said Qiu Mu-Ying coldly. Her eyes were filled with mocking and disdain.

And deep inside her heart, she was filled with smugness.

She was sure that Qiu Mu-Cheng would never imagine that she was the one who ruined Mufan Real Estate's application!



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