

Chapter 6939

Anyone with a discerning eye could see that the local media suddenly began exposing Bertnard's past scandals,

Because he had refused to speak out about the White Horse Island incident.

While everyone understood the tactics,

After the revelations, many people began to feel somewhat dissatisfied with him,

Or even their admiration for him waned.

In reality, this new move was a veiled conspiracy.

Everyone knew he was the one exposing the scandal,

But so what?

Once the scandal is exposed, people's attitudes are bound to change.

However, no one could have imagined that Bertnard would be so hardcore,

Shutting down thousands of stores for dozens of his brands over a single disagreement.

Considering that the market generates tens of billions of dollars in annual sales and billions in net profits!

He simply abandoned it.

What a ruthless person!

The officials have been watching the live broadcast of the press conference,

Intending to wait for the reporters to ask questions,

To see how he would respond, which would definitely embarrass him.

But he never expected that before the reporters even started asking questions,

The old man would start yelling!

The round-faced aide next to him was also dumbfounded.

He muttered, "Is this... is this old guy crazy?!"

"He's going to close all the stores tomorrow?"

"It's just a small matter, is he really that serious?!"

The chief was also confused:

"Yeah... no matter how you look at it, this is not a suitable business deal..."

"It feels like I accidentally f@rted and hit him,"

"But he threatened to chop off one of his legs if I didn't apologize..."

"This is completely fcuking insane!"

"He needs intervention from a brain surgeon and a psychologist!"

The aide asked awkwardly,

"Then what should we do now?"

"This old man has made the situation a bit too passive."

"We just threatened him and said we would ticket his car."

"But he just gave up his car."

"If he really closes all the stores,"

"Then the outside public opinion will definitely turn to his side..."

"I don't know what to do now!"

The chief cursed in anger.

"This is bull@hit! Absurd!"

"We were supposed to give each other a break and let this matter go,"

"But this old ba5tard won't even give me face."

"Now I'm about to discredit him, and he's just quitting..."

After Bertnard announced his decision,

Reporters at the scene raised their hands to ask questions.

This time, Bertnard prioritized AFP.

A reporter from AFP asked him,

"Mr. Arno, as far as I know, your group's net profit in this market is about 20 to 30 billion dollars each year, or even more."

"You are suddenly going to close all your stores here."

"Is this not a bit too much of a loss for you?"

Bernard said without hesitation,

"The loss is a bit large, but it doesn't matter."

"What I care about now is whether justice can be served."

At this point, he looked at several other media reporters in the audience and smiled,

"My journalist friends present should all know that your media started to dig up some of my past behaviors and deeds dozens of minutes ago."

"I also admit that in the process of accumulating original capital,"

"I, like many businessmen who have made it to the rich list,"

"Have more or less original sins."

"I admit this."

"I won't deny it, and I can't deny it."

"All I can do now is give back to society to the best of my ability through concrete actions,"

"Paying for the mistakes I made back then."

"Everyone makes mistakes,"

"But some never admit them, let alone pay for them."

"But I'm different."

"I admit them, and I'm willing to bear the consequences."

Upon seeing this, the crowd's attitude toward Bertnard instantly changed:

"Although the old man did a lot of dirty things in the past,"

"He's now a prodigal son."

"To uphold justice, he's even given up billions of dollars in annual net profits."

"What's wrong with being a bit shady in the past?"

"Huh? What's wrong? Answer me! Look me in the eye and answer me!"

The reporters at the scene were also convinced.

The old man's attitude and words had formed an iron wall,

And from then on, he was invulnerable.

Of course, this presupposes that he resolutely implements the decision to close the store,

Rather than just making a false move and playing tricks on the public.

Some reporters, unconvinced he would make such a huge sacrifice, asked him,

"Mr. Arno, are you sure all stores will be closed this morning?"

"Or are you just playing tricks on us?"

"Every store will naturally close at midnight,"

"But they'll reopen the next morning."

"I'd like to ask, after closing this morning,"

"When will all your stores across the country reopen?"