

Chapter 161: Shocking\_1

"What?" MA Xiong cried out. MA Xiong was really shocked by the number. He quickly put down the piece of white truffle and continued to rummage through the box. After searching for four pieces in a row, the biggest giant truffle was finally found. MA Xiong's eyes were filled with disbelief as he placed the White truffle, which was the size of a basketball, on the coffee table carefully. He rubbed his eyes hard and almost threw himself onto the truffle. After a long time, MA Xiong said loudly, "Zhiming, quickly inform Mr. Lawrence to come over!" Ma Zhiming was also in shock. He only came back to his senses after hearing MA Xiong's words. He quickly got up and walked out of the living room with his phone. Xia ruofei simply took out all the truffles from the tidying box and arranged them neatly on the Super large coffee table in the living room. There were so many truffles, and each of them was of excellent quality. There were even five extra large truffles. The largest white truffle and black truffle could undoubtedly break the world record. The visual impact was extremely strong. MA Xiong stared at the truffles for a long time before he muttered, "This is unbelievable, unbelievable ... Xia Sheng, where did your friend find such high – Quality truffles? This is the taste of Pure Italy truffle!" Xia ruofei smiled but did not answer MA Xiong. MA Xiong immediately came back to his senses. He smiled in embarrassment and said, "I'm being presumptuous ..." "Xiasheng," he quickly said, "if your friend has any truffles of similar quality, Hengfeng will take them all!" MA Xiong did not mention the purchase of the truffles because he knew that no one would be willing to sell such high – Quality truffles directly. The only way to maximize the profit was through an auction. "I can ask, but it's the end of truffle season now. Even if there are, there shouldn't be many left." Xia ruofei said with a smile. "No matter how many there are, I'm taking them all!" MA Xiong said without any hesitation. Xia ruofei smiled and nodded. After a while, Ma Zhiming led the head chef of the hotel's top – Floor restaurant, the Michelin star chef, Mark Lawrence, into the living room of the Presidential Suite. As soon as Lawrence walked into the living room, he smelled the unique smell of top – Quality truffles in the air. Then he saw the neat rows of truffles on the coffee table. Lawrence's mouth was wide open, and his eyes were filled with disbelief. He shouted, "Oh! God! What am I seeing? Mr. MA, could it be that the stingy Grao family has already given you their auction item in advance?" "Of course not!" MA Xiong chuckled and said, "Lawrence, let me introduce you. This is my friend, Xia ruofei, Mr. Xia. He's also the owner of this batch of truffles!" "Hello, Mr. Lawrence!" Xia ruofei smiled and said, "I've already tried your cooking yesterday. It's super good!" "Thank you for your compliment, Mr. Xia!" Lawrence absent – mindedly thanked Xia ruofei for his praise. Then, he quickly asked, "if I didn't hear wrongly, Mr. MA said ... You're the owner of this batch of truffles?" "To be precise, I'm the representative of the truffle's owner." Xia ruofei smiled and said, "but I have full authority to deal with this batch of truffles!" "Lawrence," MA Xiong said, "I invited you here to take a look at the quality of these truffles." "Mr. MA, even if you didn't ask me, I would still have to take a good look." Lawrence immediately said, "God ... Is this really white truffle? I've never seen such a huge white truffle before ..." As he spoke, Lawrence began to carefully observe every detail of the truffles, especially the few extra large truffles. He looked at them repeatedly for a long time. "Mr. MA," he said, raising his head, "there is no doubt that the truffles are of the best quality. Even the most picky chef can't find any flaws!" "Yes," Lawrence continued, "I'm sure that the truffles that the Grao family is auctioning tonight will definitely pale in comparison to this batch!" MA Xiong was already an expert in truffles, and now that he had the opinion of a Top Chef, his judgment was further confirmed. "Thank you, Lawrence!" He smiled and nodded. "I should be the one thanking you, Mr. MA!" Lawrence said, "if

you didn't invite me here, how would I have the chance to see such a perfect top truffle?" Lawrence suddenly thought of something and quickly said, "Mr. MA, since these truffles are not going to be auctioned tonight, can you buy them directly? The top – Floor restaurant was in urgent need of such high – Quality truffles! Especially the biggest piece of white truffle, it fits Hengfeng Jiahua's position as the top luxury!" "Lawrence, I understand how you feel," MA Xiong said with a smile. "But I can't let xiasheng's friend suffer a loss. This truffle must be auctioned!" Then, MA Xiong said to Xia ruofei, "Xia Sheng, it's not appropriate for us to get involved in the Grao family's auction. However, I can contact the guests who will be attending tonight's auction right now and choose some of the more powerful and high – Quality customers. After the Grao family's auction, we will immediately hold a small – scale auction to auction your batch of top – grade truffles. What do you think?" "That's great!" Xia ruofei said happily, "old Mr. MA, thank you!" MA Xiong had spared no effort in helping Xia ruofei. Even if he had to hold a small auction after the auction of others, it was still a taboo. After all, those customers were invited by the Grasso family to participate in the auction. It wasn't easy for MA Xiong to achieve this. "Xia Sheng, you should keep these truffles in the cold storage first!" MA Xiong said, "it's not good to be exposed to the outside for a long time ..." "Yes, yes, yes, quickly put it away!" Lawrence quickly said. Everyone packed the black truffle and white truffle into the respective boxes, and Xia ruofei and the others put them back into the refrigerator. Lawrence looked at the refrigerator reluctantly, as if he suddenly had x – ray eyes that could see through the refrigerator door and see the truffles inside. MA Xiong needed to visit his business friends who were also participating in the auction and promote Xia ruofei's small auction. Therefore, the three of them quickly took their leave. In the evening, Xia ruofei ordered dinner and brought it to the Presidential Suite. After he was done, he went to the dressing room and changed into a full suit. All the clothes here were prepared in advance, and they were all top brands. For example, the dark gray suit that Xia ruofei was wearing was from the high – end Italy men's clothing brand Brioni. Although it was not tailor – made, it was still sold for more than 5000 dollars. Clothes make the man. Xia ruofei, who had absorbed many exotic flower petals, had a natural affinity with nature. After he put on the Brioni suit, he looked even more handsome and charming. After changing into a formal suit, Xia ruofei strode out of the Presidential Suite in high spirits. He couldn't help but feel excited. Tonight was destined to be a night of harvest for him!

## **Chapter 162: It's actually her (1)**

Xia ruofei took the special elevator to the third floor. Tonight, the Grao family's truffle auction would be held in the grand banquet hall on the third floor of the hotel. The elevator reached the third floor and Xia ruofei strode towards the banquet hall. Along the way, the decorations were magnificent, and precious works of art could be seen inadvertently. The crystal lamps everywhere were all custom – made from Czech Republic, and only Hengfeng Jiahua Hotel had them in the world. Xia ruofei had stayed there for more than a day and was already immune to the luxury that was everywhere. He did not stop along the way. Xia ruofei walked along the corridor paved with Jade and colored glass. After turning a corner, he saw a huge Hall. The auction hadn't started yet, but the well – dressed guests were standing in the hall and talking. "Brother RUO Fei!" Xia ruofei heard a clear child's voice. He looked in the direction of the voice and saw Huanhuan waving at him with a happy face. Huan Huan was wearing a custom – made cheongsam with a blue and white porcelain pattern on it. Tian Huixin, who was beside her, was also wearing a cheongsam of the same style. It was obvious that they were wearing a mother – and – daughter outfit. When the two of them stood together, they immediately exuded a strong Chinese style. Lu You was also with Tian Huixin and her daughter. Tonight, she was wearing a black off –

Shoulder evening dress. Her beautiful collarbones were faintly visible, and a pure – colored Emerald on her white chest exuded a charming Halo. Her tall black hair was in a perfect match with her beautiful Swan – like neck. Her slender waist was tightly wrapped in the fitting long dress, outlining an alluring curve. It was Xia ruofei's first time seeing Lu You in a formal suit. This kind of noble and cold temperament made him take a deep breath and take a second look. Lu You also felt Xia ruofei's gaze and turned to look at him. Xia ruofei quickly looked away and subconsciously tidied his clothes to hide his embarrassment. Lu You saw Xia ruofei's actions, and her lips curled up into a beautiful smile. Xia ruofei took a deep breath and adjusted his emotions. Then, he walked towards Huanhuan with a smile on his face. "Huanhuan, you're so beautiful today!" Xia ruofei said with a smile. "Thank you, brother ruofei!" Huan Huan said happily. Then, she asked, "brother ruofei, who do you think is more beautiful, sister Youyou or Huan Huan?" A few uncles came over to talk to Sister Youyou just now and praised her for her beauty!" "Uh ..." Xia ruofei couldn't help but be stunned. Tian Huixin chuckled as she watched the show from the side. Lu You also revealed a half – Smile as she glanced at Xia ruofei. "You two are both beautiful!" Xia ruofei had no other choice but to give a mediocre answer. "Sister Youyou is a great beauty, and Huanhuan is a little beauty. When Huanhuan grows up, she will become a great beauty!" He added. Lu You's pretty face couldn't help but blush slightly as she spat. "Really?" Huan Huan asked happily. "Of course! When has brother ruofei ever lied to you?" Xia ruofei said with a smile. "En!" Huan Huan nodded heavily. "Xia Sheng!" Not far away, MA Xiong waved at Xia ruofei. Xia ruofei greeted Tian Huixin and Lu You and walked towards MA Xiong. MA Xiong even walked up to them personally and introduced Xia ruofei to his business friends. Anyone who could stand beside MA Xiong and Exchange pleasantries with him was no ordinary person. Anyone here was worth billions. Since MA Xiong valued Xia ruofei so much, these people would not neglect him. They all smiled and greeted Xia ruofei. Xia ruofei did not have stage fright and responded to them in a neither humble nor arrogant manner. These people were all curious about Xia ruofei because it was rare for MA Xiong to pay so much attention to a young man. However, MA Xiong had only introduced Xia ruofei as a friend from the mainland. He did not go into details, so it was not convenient for them to ask. After some small talk in the hall, it was almost time to enter. Everyone walked into the largest banquet hall of the Jiahua Hotel. The banquet hall was about 700 square meters in area and had a column – less design. Anyone in the hall could see the main stage in front of them. The banquet hall was eight meters high and had a 180 – degree river view. At the front, it was equipped with an 82 – Square – meter super high – definition LED screen and a high – end B& Q Sound system. The giant crystal lamp on the ceiling was also a custom – made product from Czech Republic. As the owner of Hengfeng Jiahua and one of the biggest buyers of the past truffle auctions, MA Xiong naturally had the best seats. The five seats in the middle of the front row were reserved for MA Xiong and his team. Xia ruofei followed MA Xiong and everyone sat down. MA Xiong sat in the middle while Ma Zhiming and Xia ruofei sat on either side of him. Tian Huixin carried Huan Huan and sat beside Ma Zhiming while Lu You sat beside Xia ruofei. Xia ruofei could feel a faint fragrance entering his nose. He felt his body stiffen and he couldn't help but look straight ahead. Xia ruofei, who could joke around with billionaires like MA Xiong, now felt a little nervous. Fortunately, the large LED screen in front of them began to play the promotional video of the truffle auction. The truffle hunter and the truffle dogs stepped on the morning dew and walked into the oak Forest. Pieces of truffles with the fragrance of the earth were dug out from the ground. Then, the image flashed, and the truffles appeared on the table, along with the intoxicated faces of the guests ... Xia ruofei gradually relaxed and focused on the promotional video. After a very well – shot promotional video, the host in a formal suit came on stage. "Welcome, distinguished guests, to the Grao family's truffle auction! I'm your

host, Johnson!" The host was also speaking in English, but each seat was equipped with a simultaneous interpretation headset, which could be used to choose different languages through the multi – function button on the armrest. Xia ruofei was not using his headphones. He realized that Lu You, who was beside him, was not wearing headphones either. It seemed that her English listening and speaking skills were not weak either. After a simple self – introduction, the host said in an infectious voice, ""Next, let us welcome the third in line successor of the Grasso family, the Senior Vice President of the Grasso group, Ms. Monica Grasso, to the stage for her speech!" In the midst of everyone's applause, the spotlight shone at the entrance of the stage, and a slim figure appeared. She was wearing a sapphire blue evening dress inlaid with crystals, and her white and slender feet looked as gentle as Jade under the contrast of the black string high heels. Monica Grasso walked up the stage leisurely. Her dress glowed brightly under the spotlight. Every step she took had a kind of swaying beauty, and her white and charming legs seemed to bloom with silent temptation. When Xia ruofei saw the successor of the Grasso family, he opened his mouth wide in shock and almost stood up from his seat. It was her ...

### **Chapter 163: The heated auction (1)**

Xia ruofei really could not associate the sexy lady in the three – point sportswear at the gym this morning with this noble, generous, and alluring heir of the Grasso family. But that was the truth. Monica Grasso was the same sexy Caucasian woman who had chatted with Xia ruofei in the gym this morning. In fact, Monica noticed that Xia ruofei's seat was too eye – catching as soon as she got on the stage. It was almost the center of the first row, and beside him was the world – Class billionaire, MA Xiong. When Monica saw Xia ruofei, she was also slightly surprised. However, she was in a much better state than Xia ruofei. When they had bade each other goodbye at the entrance of the gym today, Monica had seen Xia ruofei walk towards the Presidential Suite's elevator with her own eyes. At that time, she had a feeling that Xia ruofei's identity was not ordinary. Monica's beautiful dark blue eyes glowed. Her gaze stopped on Xia ruofei for a moment and even gave him an elegant smile. Then, she looked around the audience. Monica's sexy red lips opened slightly as she said, ""Ladies and gentlemen! "Thank you, everyone, for taking the time out of your busy schedules to attend our Grao family's truffle auction. Our Grao family has always attached great importance to the Chinese market. This time, we have specially placed the finale of this season's truffle auction in China. The Grao family has been managing truffles for more than 150 years, and we have always adhered to ..." Monica spoke with fervor and assurance on the stage, exuding the innate confidence of a noble. With such an eye – catching beauty standing on stage, everyone naturally wouldn't be impatient. Furthermore, Westerners were not used to giving long speeches. Monica briefly introduced the truffles at the auction and handed the microphone to the host. Of course, she didn't get off the stage. Instead, she walked to a chair at the side and sat down. Monica sat down and tidied up her dress. She looked up at Xia ruofei and smiled charmingly. Xia ruofei nodded back at her. At this moment, Lu You, who was standing beside Xia ruofei, moved closer to him and asked in a low voice, ""You know that Caucasian girl?" Xia ruofei was stunned for a moment. Although he had "exchanged glances" with Monica on the stage a few times, he thought that they were very secretive. He did not expect Lu You to discover him so quickly. Xia ruofei turned to look at Lu You and said, ""We met at the gym today." There was no need to hide this. He was open and honest, and he had not done anything wrong. "I'll tell Jiang Yue when we get back!" Lu You pouted. Xia ruofei was confused. He was even stunned for a second or two before he remembered that Jiang Yue was the college student he had saved, Lu You's best friend from the same dormitory. Xia ruofei smiled bitterly, "why did you suddenly mention Jiang Yue?" What does this have to do with her?" "You're playing dumb," Lu You said

indifferently and then sat up straight. Xia ruofei felt as if ten thousand alpacas were running over him. This lady's thoughts were too erratic and she was not willing to speak clearly. It was so difficult to communicate! However, it was obviously not appropriate to ask anything at this time. He could only ask after he came down. The auction had already started. In all fairness, the quality of the truffles that the Grao family had air – flown to China for auction this time was actually very good. For example, the White truffle on the stage now weighed about 300 grams. Once the transparent lid was lifted, the unique and rich fragrance of the White truffle immediately filled the air. This year, the price of white truffle was about 5000 dollars per kilogram. However, when the 300 – gram white truffle was put up for auction, the buyers were very enthusiastic. The starting price of 1000 dollars was quickly raised to 5000 dollars, which was more than three times the market price. Of course, the quality of the truffles that the Grao family had brought for auction this time was very good, so it was natural that the price would be higher. Furthermore, the Grao family's tradition was that they would donate 5% of their profits from each auction to charity. This time, the money from the auction in China would be directly donated to the Chinese Charity Foundation. Those who were invited to such an auction were all business elites with considerable net worth. Some of them were particularly fond of truffles, and with the intention of doing charity, they didn't particularly care about the price. In the end, the 300 – gram truffle was sold for 5888 dollars. From the final price, it could be seen that the buyer was a Chinese. A middle – aged man in his early forties, dressed in a suit and leather shoes, won the bid for the truffle and went to the staff to pay for it with a smile on his face. He had also brought a good start to the auction. The following auction went smoothly. More than a dozen truffles were sold for more than 5000 dollars. These truffles generally weighed about 300 grams. Most of the buyers were from Huaxia. Of course, some of the truly important tycoons had yet to bid. Most of the bidders were small and medium – sized enterprises or food and beverage industries. As the auction went on, the truffles taken out became heavier and heavier. White truffles above 500 grams also began to appear. Everyone's enthusiasm was completely aroused, and some chefs of famous Western restaurants also began to participate in the auction. A white truffle like Yingying could definitely become the treasure of a Western restaurant. Although it would only last for two or three days, it could definitely bring great popularity and a loud reputation to the restaurant. The price also rose rapidly, and soon, a 580 – gram white truffle was sold for more than 10000 dollars. However, some people noticed that as a loyal fan of the White truffle, MA Xiong did not even bid once. He just sat there with a smile on his face. It was understandable that MA Xiong didn't bid. After all, as a super – rich person, he had very high standards. The truffles on auction might be very precious in the eyes of others, but MA Xiong might not even think much of them. However, even the chef of the French restaurant on the top floor of Hengfeng Jiahua Hotel, Mark Lawrence, had no intention of participating in the bidding at all, which made everyone a little puzzled. By right, at this stage of the auction, the competition between those high – end Western restaurants should be the fiercest! Of course, many people only felt that it was a little strange. The auction atmosphere in the hall was very lively, and everyone's attention was still more on the stage. As the auction continued, Xia ruofei did a rough calculation. The total price of the truffles should have reached about 300000 USD. Finally, the auctioneer used an extremely infectious tone and exaggeratedly said, "Ladies and gentlemen, up next is today's grand finale! This was also the largest single white truffle collected by the Grao family in this truffle season. It weighed 1.45 kg! This is a weight that almost sets a world record!" As soon as the auctioneer said this, the crowd instantly boiled over ..

#### **Chapter 164: Stealing the limelight (1)**

As if a bomb had been thrown into the calm water, a buzzing sound was heard in the venue. For a moment, various languages were spoken at the same time. "Oh my God! It's actually 1.45 kg ..." "I didn't hear wrong, did I?" "Oh my God ... This is a miracle!" "I swear, this is probably the biggest truffle I've ever seen in my life ..." He said. .... The auctioneer was also very experienced. He stood on the stage with a professional smile until everyone's discussion gradually died down. He then continued, "This truffle was found 18 hours ago in the Alba region of Italy. It was just in time for the flight to China, so it was actually added to the auction at the last minute!" After that, the auctioneer gestured, and a lady in a cheongsam walked up to the stage with a large tray. She placed the tray on the display stage in the middle of the stage, and the auctioneer walked over and tore off the red silk covering it, revealing the huge truffle. Everyone, including Xia ruofei, looked over. They saw a white truffle the size of a volleyball in a sealed container. The huge truffle was visually striking under the spotlight. The auctioneer continued to lift the transparent cover. Instantly, the hall that was already filled with the fragrance of truffles seemed to be filled with this special fragrance. The Grao family's reputation was undoubted, and this was no doubt a top – grade white truffle. Even MA Xiong couldn't help but be moved. The auctioneer smiled. "This is the biggest white truffle of the year. The starting price is 100000 dollars, and each bid must be no less than 5000 dollars. Interested friends may start bidding!" This level of white truffle obviously couldn't be measured by the average market price. The starting price of \$100000 seemed very expensive, but almost no one present would take it seriously. This was the biggest white truffle of the year. Just the name alone was worth the price. Therefore, almost as soon as the auctioneer's voice fell, someone below raised his sign and reported the price. "110000 dollars!" "This friend, number 59, bid 110000 US dollars!" The auctioneer said quickly. "115 thousand!" "125000!" "130000!" The bids came one after another, and the auctioneer didn't even have time to repeat the bids. Very soon, a new bid would be announced. The price continued to rise, and it soon broke through 200000 dollars. Many people looked at MA Xiong, thinking that such a big piece of truffle should be enough to catch his eyes. Moreover, this was also today's grand finale. If he still didn't make a move, it would be equivalent to coming here to do nothing. However, MA Xiong still sat firmly in his seat and had no intention of bidding. At this moment, a voice came from the right side of the third row. "250000 dollars!" Xia ruofei felt that the voice was familiar. He could not help but turn around and look at the source of the voice. He immediately revealed a strange smile. It turned out that the person who had raised the price by 50000 dollars was Blake, who had competed with Xia ruofei in the gym this morning and had crippled himself. Blake's bid immediately stopped the bidding. A one – time increase of 50000 dollars was a bit intimidating. "Number 23, Mr. Blake, bids 250000 dollars!" The auctioneer took the opportunity to repeat Blake's bid loudly. Obviously, \$250000 was far from what many people wanted, so the bidding only stopped for a moment. "260000 dollars!" Someone quickly added. "270 thousand!" Blake raised the price without any hesitation. The other party thought for a moment, but before he could speak, someone from the other side of the hall made a new bid. "275000 dollars!" Blake calmly raised his board and said, "300000 dollars!" Another 25,000 bid was raised, and the auctioneer immediately repeated, "Mr. Blake has bid US \$300000. Is there any higher bid?" Blake stood up and said with an elegant smile, "Monica, this top – grade truffle is just as mesmerizing as you. I'm determined to get it!" Monica kept a polite smile on her face and did not respond to Blake's words. However, Xia ruofei could see a trace of disgust in her eyes. Blake's bid made the atmosphere even more heated, as the price was basically close to the limit. There was no clear price for this rare truffle. In 2007, a 1.497 – kilogram white truffle was sold for \$330000. In 2014, a 1.89 – kilogram white truffle was sold for \$60000. This was the largest white truffle found so far. Someone once offered \$1 million to buy it, but it

was rejected. So, the deal price of \$60000 was not enough to explain the problem. The truffle today weighed 1.45 kg, and it was a very high yield year, so it was reasonable to use the auction price of 2007 as a reference. Blake's bid was now close to the final price of the 1.49 kg white truffle. Some of the entrepreneurs and top chefs who were eager to compete also began to weigh the pros and cons. It wasn't that they couldn't afford it, but rich people wouldn't be willing to be a spendthrift. " 305 thousand dollars!" Finally, someone made a higher bid. The smile on Blake's face froze, but he also knew that he could not hesitate at this moment, so he immediately followed up with a bid, " 310 thousand dollars!" Increasing the price without any hesitation after the other party had made a bid was also a psychological strategy to show one's determination to win. Sure enough, when Blake's bid was out, the other party shrugged and sat down, obviously not going to compete anymore. After the auctioneer asked a few times, he finally began to count down. In fact, the price had already exceeded their expectations. " 310000 dollars going once!" ..... " 310000 dollars going twice!" At this moment, MA Xiong, who was standing beside Xia ruofei, suddenly raised his sign and said unhurriedly, " 320 thousand dollars!" Xia ruofei was shocked. He quickly turned around and asked in a low voice, "Old master Ma, why did you ..." MA Xiong knew that Xia ruofei was going to auction off a batch of white truffles. He had seen the truffles with his own eyes. There was no doubt that Xia ruofei's batch of truffles was of a higher quality. Furthermore, they were generally heavier than the ones sold by the Grasso family. There was no need for MA Xiong to compete for the White truffle at such a high price. "Xia Sheng, it's fine. I just don't like him ..." MA Xiong smiled. "Ah?" Xia ruofei was even more surprised. MA Xiong's eyes were still fixed on the White truffle on the stage in front of him. He said with a faint smile, "Because this kid wants to steal your woman, Xia Sheng. Of course, I can't let him be in the limelight. A few hundred thousand dollars is nothing." Xia ruofei's face darkened and he was completely speechless ...

#### **Chapter 165: The beginning of a good show (1)**

Of course, MA Xiong was not so bored as to care about Xia ruofei's gossip. However, he valued Xia ruofei very much, so he personally told the hotel to provide all the services and to report to him if anything happened. The hotel did not dare to delay the matter of Xia ruofei beating up Blake in the gym. They immediately reported it to MA Xiong as it was a small conflict after all. Besides, when Monica went on stage just now, she made eye contact with Xia ruofei a few times and even smiled at each other. Even Lu You sharply noticed it, and the experienced MA Xiong naturally saw it clearly as well. Xia ruofei forced a smile and whispered to MA Xiong, "Mr. MA, I have nothing to do with Monica. It's none of my business how Blake is in the limelight. You don't have to waste this money." "It's just a few hundred thousand US dollars, it's nothing!" MA Xiong laughed. Xia Sheng, I bought this truffle for a reason. Jiahua's top floor French restaurant is preparing for a truffle feast, and it'll come in handy. " Xia ruofei smiled bitterly and shut his mouth. He knew that MA Xiong was just making an excuse. It was true that the French restaurant needed truffles, but they could have waited for Xia ruofei's truffle to be brought out before they participated in the auction. There was no need to spend so much money on this truffle. However, since MA Xiong had decided to participate in the competition, Xia ruofei knew that he could not persuade him to back out now. On the other side, Blake's facial muscles twitched when MA Xiong made the bid. He naturally recognized the world – Class tycoon MA Xiong. What made him even more nervous was that he looked in the direction of the voice and saw Xia ruofei sitting beside MA Xiong. The two of them were still conversing in low voices. In terms of financial resources, Blake's group was far inferior to Hengfeng group. Moreover, Blake was not the head of the group, so he couldn't offer a high price as he

pleased. If he bought the truffle with a price that was far beyond the actual value, he would definitely be unable to explain it to the Hengfeng group when he went back. MA Xiong, on the other hand, didn't have such concerns. He was the boss of the group, and as long as he was willing, no one would dare to say anything even if he took out 100 million dollars to buy it. Of course, this was just an extreme example. In reality, it was impossible for such a situation to happen. MA Xiong was not an idiot. "Thank you for your generosity, Chairman MA of Hengfeng group! Chairman MA has bid 320000 US dollars!" The auctioneer was so excited that his face was a little red. "Is there anyone who would like to bid a higher price? If not, the biggest truffle of the year will go to Chairman MA!" Blake's expression kept changing. He was struggling with his thoughts. After a long time, he gritted his teeth and raised the sign, shouting, "330000 dollars!" This price was basically the same as the final price of the 1.49 kg white truffle in 2007. However, MA Xiong didn't hesitate at all. He raised his sign as soon as Blake finished his words and said calmly, "350 thousand dollars!" A one-time increase of 20000 dollars, and it was such a high price at that, Blake immediately sat back in his seat like a deflated ball. This price was beyond his authority. Moreover, he knew very well that even if he continued to raise the price, he would not be able to compete with MA Xiong if he was determined to buy it. As a matter of fact, Blake had thought of raising the price, but he didn't do it to buy the truffle. He just wanted MA Xiong to spend more money. However, he did not have the courage to do so in the end, especially when he saw Xia ruofei and MA Xiong whispering to each other. He did not dare to take the risk. If MA Xiong gave up after he raised the bid, he would be in trouble. Seeing that Blake had given up, the auctioneer started the countdown. Unsurprisingly, the 1.45-kilogram giant white truffle was bought by MA Xiong at a sky-high price of 350000 US dollars. The audience burst into a warm round of applause. MA Xiong stood up with a smile and waved to the guests behind him. Monica stood up and walked to the front of the stage. She smiled and said, "Thank you, Chairman MA of Hengfeng group, for your generosity!" Although Monica was thanking MA Xiong, she was looking at Xia ruofei with a faint smile. Xia ruofei returned her a bitter smile. As the gavel fell on the sky-high white truffle, the Grao family's truffle auction came to an end. Monica then expressed her gratitude to all the guests who had participated in the auction. At the same time, she also gave a preview of several business exchanges that the Grasso group would be having in Shen Cheng city in the next two days. As the third-in-line successor of the Grasso family, she naturally did not come to China just for the auction that only had a total transaction amount of 600000 to 700000 US dollars. The Grasso group had also arranged other business activities during their trip to China. At the same time, Monica also announced that she would donate 5% of the total transaction amount, which was about 35000 US dollars, to the Huaxia Charity Foundation. This was also a tradition of the Grao family. Although it wasn't a lot of money, there was no big or small difference in charity, so the audience still gave a warm applause. After the auction ended, MA Xiong and the others left the banquet hall and went to a medium-sized banquet hall on the same floor. It was about 200 square meters in size. They had already made all the preparations for Xia ruofei's truffles. All the guests who had been notified in advance also went to the banquet hall to meet MA Xiong's invitation. Naturally, no one would reject it. At this moment, Monica walked over quickly. She looked at Xia ruofei with a smile and said to MA Xiong, "Mr. MA, I heard that you're going to hold an auction soon. I wonder if I have the honor to attend?" MA Xiong was stunned for a moment before he replied, "Miss Grasso, to be honest, this auction I've prepared for my friend is also for truffles. I don't think you'll need to buy it, right? However, if you wish to participate, we will naturally welcome you!" Monica was slightly stunned. She obviously didn't expect truffles to be auctioned as well. However, she quickly chuckled and said, "Then, thank you, Mr. MA!" Then, she naturally walked side by side with Xia ruofei towards the medium-sized banquet

hall. Lu You, who was at the side, could not help but frown slightly when she saw this. However, she bit her lower lip lightly and did not say anything. She just silently followed them. When they arrived at the medium – sized banquet hall, the guests took their seats. The invited guests were about a third of the people from the previous auction. When MA Xiong and Xia ruofei saw Blake, they were stunned. However, their expressions quickly returned to normal. Ma Zhiming was the one who invited the guests. Except for a few people who had similar status in the business world as MA Xiong, MA Xiong personally greeted them. The rest of the guests were selected by Ma Zhiming according to their economic strength and social status. Blake's group was quite well – known in the global food and beverage industry, so it was not surprising that Blake was invited. In fact, other than MA Xiong, Xia ruofei, Ma Zhiming, the head chef of the French restaurant on the top floor, Mark Lawrence, and Monica, who had just found out about the situation, the others, including Tian Huixin and Lu You, did not know the specific content of this press conference. MA Xiong and Xia ruofei looked at each other and walked up to the stage together.

### **Chapter 166: a big move (1)**

After the two of them walked onto the stage, the sound of small talk and conversation in the venue suddenly quieted down. Everyone's eyes were focused on the stage. MA Xiong picked up the microphone and said with a smile, "Thank you, everyone, for your love. Today's auction was decided on the spot, mainly for my little friend Xia ruofei, Xia Sheng. Thank you for your support! I believe that no one will regret coming to this auction!" After he finished speaking, MA Xiong passed the microphone to Xia ruofei and cupped his hands at everyone. He walked off the stage and sat down in an empty seat in the first row. Tian Huixin and Lu You, who were at the side, were very curious. Tian Huixin couldn't help but turn to her husband and ask, "Zhiming, what is Xia going to auction?" "You'll know soon enough!" Ma Zhiming said with a smile. Xia Sheng is always full of surprises, and this time will definitely be no exception!" "Uncle, why are you still keeping us in suspense?" "What good things can that guy have for auction?" Lu youjiao asked. Even if he were to sell his entire farm, that bit of money wouldn't be enough to catch the eyes of these rich people!" Ma Zhiming laughed and said, "Youyou, don't look down on Xia Sheng!" My dad is also looking forward to the auction!" Lu You looked at Xia ruofei who was on the stage and pouted. "I don't believe you ..." Xia ruofei was dressed in a well – ironed Brioni suit, looking rather suave. Under everyone's gaze, he didn't have stage fright at all. He raised his hand slightly to the side of the stage, and a row of tall and beautiful ceremonial ladies, each holding a tray, walked up to the stage in a row. Just like the auction just now, the items on the trays were covered with red silk. The waitresses placed the trays neatly on two rows of long display tables and then left in an orderly manner from the other side. Xia ruofei picked up the microphone and said with a smile, "Hello, everyone. I'm the CEO of paradise Corporation, Xia ruofei. Thank you for your presence, and thank you for old Mr. Ma's unreserved support. Thank you, Jiahua Hotel, for providing me with such a great venue and service." Then, Xia ruofei said directly, "The guests who have come today are all from the Grao family's truffle auction. I'm sure everyone is a loyal fan of truffles. Our paradise Corporation also happens to have a batch of very good truffles, so we hope to take this opportunity to hold an auction. Friends who didn't manage to get the Grao family's white truffle just now, don't miss this opportunity!" As soon as Xia ruofei finished his sentence, the guests started to discuss among themselves. Many of them looked disappointed. They had come for MA Xiong's name, but they did not expect that the person in question was a young man, and the item was truffles. What truffles could be of a higher quality than grazo truffles? The people present were all very picky, and ordinary goods simply wouldn't

catch their eyes. Moreover, the owner of the truffle on the stage was Chinese. Chinese truffles were not very popular internationally, and their prices were even ten to twenty times lower than authentic Italy truffles. To put it bluntly, they were cheap goods, and these upper – Class people would definitely not buy them. Most of the people were still whispering, but Blake, who had been defeated by Xia ruofei twice, stood up immediately. He had a teasing smile on his face and asked loudly, “Mr. Xia, do you think these people here are enough to buy the cheap Chinese truffle in your hands? I suggest you cancel the auction! Otherwise, if all the items were to be left unsold, that would really be the biggest joke in the world!” Xia ruofei’s expression did not change. He looked at Blake and said, “Mr. Blake, what makes you think that I’ll be auctioning cheap truffles? We haven’t even seen the auction item yet, do you have x – ray eyes?” “Is there a need to see?” Blake said contemptuously, “Huaxia truffles are just trash that can’t be shown on stage! The Western mainstream market doesn’t even recognize China truffle!” Although many people had the same thought as Blake and did not think highly of Xia ruofei’s truffle, they were still very confident. Although what Blake said was mostly true, all the Chinese people present couldn’t help but feel angry when they heard Blake’s contemptuous tone toward the truffle. On the other hand, Xia ruofei was still very calm. He said unhurriedly, “Due to the time taken to collect truffles and the environment it grows in, it doesn’t suit the taste of Europeans and Americans, so it’s a fact that the price is low. But no matter what, truffles are a top – Class ingredient, a gift from God. Why is it garbage in Mr. Blake’s mouth? Is this how Blake’s F & B group treats precious ingredients?” Blake’s expression changed slightly. Most of the people present were rich, and many of them were Chinese. Xia ruofei’s actions would not be good for Blake’s restaurant group’s reputation. “I didn’t ...” He quickly said. “Moreover ... I’ve been talking about paradise brand truffles from the beginning to the end. I don’t think I’ve ever said that our company’s truffles are produced in China, right?” Xia ruofei did not give Blake a chance to explain and interrupted him. “How did Mr. Blake come to the conclusion that I was going to auction the Huaxia truffle? Or are you just talking nonsense?” Xia ruofei’s voice became sterner and sterner as he spoke, and his eyes turned cold. In the audience, Monica’s eyes were shining. She was the first to applaud. The rich Chinese people in the audience also applauded, secretly cheering for Xia ruofei’s series of wonderful counterattacks. Blake’s face turned even uglier when he saw Monica clapping first. He sneered and said, “where else can it be produced if not Huaxia?” Could it be Italy? France? The traditional truffle production areas are all monopolized by a few large groups, including the Grao family. The annual production of truffles in the world is limited, so where are you going to find these so – called high – Quality truffles?” “This is our business secret, no comment!” Xia ruofei’s lips curled up as he spoke. Then, he looked around the room and said loudly, “as the saying goes, ‘what you hear is false, but what you see is true’. I believe that not everyone is as ignorant as Mr. Blake! The next little segment should be able to let everyone make the correct judgment!” With that, Xia ruofei walked to the long display stand and pulled down the red silk at the edge. A transparent sealed container appeared in front of everyone. There was a large piece of white truffle in it. Xia ruofei opened the transparent cover and took the White truffle to a small display stand in the middle of the stage. An electronic scale was already placed there. Xia ruofei placed the White truffle on the scale, and the reading was quickly displayed. One of the hotel staff took a video camera and took a picture of the reading. The next moment, the big screen showed the video. 512 grams. Everyone in the audience saw this number through the big screen at the same time. The sound of discussion immediately rang out. The truffles of Huaxia were usually relatively small, but this white truffle was already more than half a kilogram. It was even bigger than the dozen truffles that the Grasso family had brought out at the start of the auction. This was indeed beyond the expectations of many people. Blake’s expression changed slightly, but he quickly comforted

himself, This must be the biggest truffles he had in this batch! Although China truffles were trash, it wasn't impossible for them to produce one or two larger truffles every year ... Xia ruofei said unhurriedly, "an old leader of Huaxia once said: Practice was the only standard to test the truth! So ... The quality of truffles can only be known by personally experiencing it. " With that, Xia ruofei clapped his hands twice and the doors of the banquet hall were pushed open at the same time. Rows of tall and beautiful waitresses filed in. Each of them was holding a tray with three to four plates on it. The waiters shuttled back and forth in the venue like butterflies, handing out plates to every guest. Soon, everyone received a copy. Xia ruofei smiled. "Now, everyone has received an egg roll made by the head chef of the French restaurant on the top floor, Mr. Mark Lawrence. But please don't be in a hurry to eat it. Because...The good show is yet to come!" Xia ruofei nodded to the side of the stage. The Michelin star chef, Mark Lawrence, walked up to the stage in a white chef's uniform and a tall chef's hat. He came to Xia ruofei and turned to look at Xia ruofei with a questioning look. Xia ruofei nodded. After getting Xia ruofei's confirmation, Mark Lawrence immediately picked up the large piece of truffle on the electronic scale and walked down the stage to the guests' seats. Xia ruofei stood on the stage and said with a smile, "Yes, everyone's right. Next, I'll invite everyone in the banquet hall to taste this white truffle!" As soon as Xia ruofei finished speaking, the crowd was in an uproar!

### **Chapter 167: unparalleled (1)**

Such a large piece of truffle was directly divided and eaten? Everyone was in disbelief. One had to know that at the Grao family's truffle auction, that 580 – gram truffle had been sold for 10000 US dollars! This truffle was also more than 500 grams, but Xia ruofei had actually taken it out for everyone to share! Regarding the preciousness of white truffle, someone had once described a scene: In a Western restaurant with an elegant environment, a truffle fanatic sat upright and still, and beside him stood an Italy chef with a serious expression. There was a bowl of Italy in front of the customer. He reached out and gestured to the chef. The chef took a piece of white truffle and used the truffle to peel off four pieces of truffle that were as thin as paper. Then, the chef said expressionlessly, "100 dollars, Sir!" The customer's facial muscles twitched. He took a deep breath of the strong smell of the truffle and gestured again. The chef then scraped off another four light truffle slices and said, "200 dollars, Sir!" The special truffle slices could cut the truffle into extremely thin slices. These four pieces of truffle were almost weightless, and they cost 100 dollars in Western restaurants. The preciousness of white truffle could be seen clearly. And Xia ruofei had actually taken out a whole truffle of more than 500 grams for everyone to taste for free. How generous was that? Everyone thought of one possibility, and that was that the remaining truffles still covered under the red silk on the stage would not be any lighter than this piece. However, everyone felt that it was a little unbelievable. Even at the auction held by the Grao family, it was impossible to make all the truffles more than 500 grams. Such a large truffle was usually hard to come by. How could so many of them appear at once? "This Mr. Xia is really generous!" "My God ... 512 grams of white truffle, free to taste ..." "I'm suddenly filled with anticipation for this auction!" The guests were discussing spiritedly. At this time, the Michelin star chef, Mark Lawrence, had already arrived below the stage. He first came to MA Xiong, took out a small truffle from the pocket of his chef's suit, and continuously peeled six or seven pieces of truffle and put them on MA Xiong's plate. The truffle came to the crowd at a close distance. Especially after it was cut open, the special smell immediately permeated the crowd. The gluttons sniffed at the same time, and then revealed an intoxicated look. In terms of appearance, quality, and fragrance, Xia ruofei's truffle was not inferior to the Alasuo family's Alba truffle. In fact, it might even be better. At first, some people had the same idea

as Blake. They thought that even if Xia ruofei's truffles were heavy, they were not as good as the grazo truffles. Many people even thought that Xia ruofei's truffles were the so – called cheap Chinese truffles. Now, these people's thoughts had begun to waver. Blake's face was getting more and more unsightly. Mark Lawrence's movements were very skillful. He quickly added truffles to MA Xiong, Ma Zhiming, Tian Huixin, Lu You, and even Huan Huan's plates. Then, he shuttled through the guests without stopping and added pieces of white truffles to everyone's plates. The unique smell of the White truffle was getting stronger and stronger, and the entire banquet hall was filled with this special fragrance. Soon, Mark Lawrence came to Blake. Mark Lawrence's movements were smooth and natural, but he stopped when he reached Blake. Mark Lawrence shrugged and said, "I'm sure Mr. Blake wouldn't want to taste such cheap truffles!" After that, Mark Lawrence walked past Blake and went to the next guest. Seeing this, the guests from China all laughed. Lu You even took the lead to applaud. Although Lu You often did not like Xia ruofei, when Xia ruofei was taunted by Blake on the stage just now, Lu You was extremely angry and almost stood up to scold Blake without caring about her image. Mark Lawrence's actions made Lu You and the Chinese people present feel very relieved. Blake's face turned extremely ugly. He put down the unsightly plate and was about to leave the table in anger, but he sat back down with a livid face after a few changes of expression. Blake gritted his teeth and said in his heart, I'd like to see how much this cheap truffle of yours can fetch! Under everyone's mocking gaze, Blake refused to leave. He still stubbornly believed that Xia ruofei's truffle was not presentable. Other than Blake, the entire Hall was filled with a happy atmosphere. Soon, everyone was given six or seven truffles. Mark Lawrence still had half of the truffles left, so he didn't hesitate and started the second round of distribution. In the end, all the truffles were distributed, and everyone got about ten truffles on average. Everyone saw that the White truffle slices cut by Mark Lawrence had marble – like patterns on the surface. The unique fragrance of the top – grade truffle was extremely rich. After adding a few pieces of truffle to an ordinary omelet, it had the effect of Turning Stone into gold, making all the gluttons drool with desire. "Please enjoy the taste!" Xia ruofei said with a smile. There were at least a hundred people in the entire Hall. Everyone was tasting a piece of white truffle together. The scene was spectacular, especially in the midst of the rich truffle fragrance. Everyone revealed an intoxicated expression. Many people picked up their plates and took a deep breath first. They started to taste the White truffle omelet amidst the strong aroma. Soon, the hall was filled with gasps of admiration. "An unparalleled pure flavor!" "I swear to God that this is the most delicious white truffle I've ever tasted in my 20 years of being in the industry!" This was the sigh of a chef from a top Western restaurant. "What an incredible taste!" "I feel like my taste buds are going to explode ..." "This white truffle is definitely a top – grade item ..." The rising and falling praises made Blake's face turn uglier and uglier. In his eyes, this was absolutely impossible. Blake's face turned green as he thought, "could it be that these people were hired by that kid?" Of course, this thought only flashed through her mind for a moment. Anyone with even a little bit of rationality would know that this was absolutely impossible. Everyone in the room was a super – rich and famous chef. No one in the world would be able to buy all of them over. Soon, this "small segment" was coming to an end. Xia ruofei saw that everyone was almost done eating and smiled. He walked straight to the two long display tables and pulled down the red silk cloth covering them one by one, leaving only five truffles in the middle. The rest of the truffles were revealed. Looking at the huge truffles neatly arranged on the stage, the guests were all silent. It was as if they had stopped breathing

## **Chapter 168: unusually hot**

Even though some people had guessed this before, when they really saw the truffles on the stage, it was still a very shocking visual impact. There were a total of 12 truffles, seven of which were white truffles, each of which was no smaller than the one that everyone had just shared. The remaining five black truffles were not much smaller than the White truffle. If the organizer of the auction was a traditional truffle dealer like the Grao family, perhaps everyone would be less surprised. However, Xia ruofei was just an unknown young man, and the Paradise Corporation was even more so a small, unknown company. It was really unbelievable that they could produce so many huge truffles at once. Moreover, many people had noticed that in the middle of the display stage, there were five sealed containers covered under the red silk, not directly seen to everyone. This also made people's imagination run wild. The truffles displayed in front of everyone were already big enough, could the remaining pieces be even bigger? According to normal thinking, this was definitely the case. Good stuff sank to the bottom! However, everyone felt that this was too shocking. For a time, the sound of discussion was endless. Everyone's anticipation for this auction was getting stronger and stronger. Xia ruofei smiled and said, "I'll start with the auction of these 12 truffles." I can guarantee that all the White truffles come from the same place, and the black truffles are of the highest quality!" With that, Xia ruofei gestured to the side, and a professional auctioneer strolled onto the stage. There were specializations in every field, and professional things should be left to the professionals. Xia ruofei walked down the stage and sat beside MA Xiong. "Xia Sheng, the effect is very good!" MA Xiong laughed and gave him a thumbs up. "To be able to come up with such a complete marketing plan in just a few hours, xiasheng is really good at business!" Xia ruofei smiled humbly and said, "It's all thanks to Mr. Ma's rich resources. Otherwise, I wouldn't be able to realize my ideas no matter how much I wanted to!" As the two of them chatted, the auction, which had attracted a lot of attention from the beginning, finally officially began. The first item up for auction was the 5 pieces of black truffles. The auctioneer picked up a piece and placed it on the electronic scale. Then, he smiled and said, "Ladies and gentlemen, the next Black truffle is 356 grams. The starting price is 300 dollars, and each increment must not be less than 50 dollars. Please place your bids!" The price of black truffle was generally lower than that of white truffle. It was one – fifth or even one – tenth of the price of white truffle. The price of an authentic France black truffle was about 500 US dollars per kilogram. However, Xia ruofei's Black truffle weighed more than 300 grams and was of high quality. Hence, the starting price was not considered expensive. Of course, compared to the truffles that would be auctioned later, this was only an appetizer. Perhaps the tasting session was too exciting, but in fact, when everyone was sharing the White truffle, the price was more than 300 dollars in a high – Class Western restaurant, so everyone's enthusiasm for bidding was quite high. In the end, the black truffle was sold for 800 dollars, which was far more than the market price of black truffle, and it was a good start to the press conference. The next four truffles gradually increased in weight. The heaviest truffle reached 538 grams and was sold for more than 1000 dollars each. The black truffle that was more than 500 grams reached 1500 dollars. The five pieces of black truffles brought Xia ruofei nearly 6000 dollars in income. Of course, this amount of money was nothing to Xia ruofei. What he valued more was the enthusiasm of everyone. Seeing the black truffle's popularity, Xia ruofei's heart was completely at ease. Next up was the auction of the White truffle. There were a total of eight pieces of white truffle. The lightest piece had already been shared with everyone for free in the previous segment, and the remaining seven pieces were all over 512 grams. The first piece of white truffle, which weighed 520 grams, was auctioned first. "Ladies and gentlemen, next up is the exciting white truffle auction!" The auctioneer said in a very infectious and exaggerated tone, "I believe that everyone has already tasted the incomparable taste of white gold just now. Just now, I was also very honored to have a share in the

audience. It was really an unforgettable experience! This is the first time I've ever hated my job so much. If I wasn't the auctioneer today, I would be able to sit in the audience and participate in the bidding like everyone else. In order to taste the wonderful white truffle again, I'm willing to give up everything!" The auctioneer's exaggerated expression caused the guests to laugh out of goodwill. At this time, the auctioneer's face turned serious and said,""Okay, let's get back to business. This 520 grams of white truffle has a starting price of 5000 dollars, and each bid must be no less than 300 dollars! Please place your bids!" " 5500 dollars!" " 5800 dollars!" " 6188 dollars!" Perhaps it was because they had just tasted the same white truffle, but everyone's bids were much more enthusiastic than before. The competition for the first piece of white truffle was extremely intense, and the price quickly reached 8000 dollars. After 8000 dollars, the bidding momentum began to slow down a little, but it was still increasing bit by bit. Of course, MA Xiong and the other super – rich people didn't touch the truffles. Their target was the bigger truffles under the red silk. In the end, the first piece of white truffle was sold for 9600 US dollars. It was won by the boss of a restaurant chain from the capital. The following six pieces of white truffles were auctioned off. Everyone was bidding enthusiastically, and the final price did not disappoint Xia ruofei. Each piece was more than 10000 US dollars. Especially the last piece of 878 grams of white truffle, which was sold for 50000 USD. It was far beyond Xia ruofei's expectations. The explosive scene was also beyond Xia ruofei's expectations. The seven pieces of white truffles brought Xia ruofei a total income of 130000 US dollars. On the stage, the auctioneer smiled."Thank you for your enthusiasm. The auction for the first batch of truffles has ended. Next, let's welcome the CEO of the Paradise Corporation, Mr. Xia ruofei!" A round of applause immediately broke out in the auction hall. The auction of the first batch of truffles had completely stirred up everyone's enthusiasm, and everyone was full of anticipation for the next truffles. Xia ruofei walked on stage with a smile and took the microphone.""We'll be auctioning four truffles for the second batch. I'm sure you won't be disappointed!" Xia ruofei didn't say much and directly walked to the long display stand. Other than the largest sealed container in the middle, Xia ruofei had removed the red silk cloth covering the other four containers ...

### **Chapter 169: Breaking the records in a row (1)**

Two white truffles and two black truffles. Each piece was huge. Before Xia ruofei could speak, there were already gasps from below. Even Monica's face was filled with disbelief. This was because just by looking at them, those two pieces of white truffle were not inferior to the final piece of truffle at the Grao family's truffle auction. The White truffle on the right was even slightly bigger than the one they had. It was the same for the two black truffles. The black truffles were smaller than the White truffles, but these two truffles were probably more than 1000 grams. Any of these four truffles would cause a sensation at an auction, but they all appeared at the same time today. Besides, Monica also noticed that there was an even bigger sealed container beside Xia ruofei. The red silk on it had not been removed. It was obvious that it was the finale of the press conference. She couldn't help but cover her mouth with her hand. As expected, Xia ruofei smiled confidently and said,""Ladies and gentlemen, the second batch of items will be these four truffles. I hope that we will not disappoint you. Of course, even if these four truffles can't satisfy your needs, it's fine. I believe that our grand finale will definitely surprise everyone!" After that, Xia ruofei handed the microphone to the auctioneer and walked down the stage. The auction for the giant truffle officially began. The first item on the stage was a 1100 – gram black truffle with a starting price of 10000 dollars. Black truffles of this size were very rare, so the price skyrocketed at the beginning of the auction. Many people who felt that they could not compete for the

White truffle focused their attention on the two black truffles. In a short while, the price of the black truffle had reached 30000 dollars. In the end, the black truffle was sold for 33000 dollars. The second piece of black truffle weighed 1300 grams, and the final price was as high as 50000 dollars. After the two black truffles were sold, the auction for the White truffle finally began. The auctioneer placed the first piece of truffle on the electronic scale. The big screen displayed the scale's reading in real – time, "1.46 kg!" It was exactly 0.01 kg heavier than the one the Grao family had auctioned off previously. With a boom, the audience immediately boiled over. "God, the record for the largest white truffle of the year was broken again in just half an hour!" "Unbelievable, this is simply unbelievable!" "I can't believe what kind of record will be set in the subsequent auctions!" ..... The experienced auctioneer waited for everyone's exclamations and discussions to gradually die down before he said, "1.46 kilograms of premium white truffle. The starting price is 100000 dollars, and each bid must be no less than 5000 dollars. Let the bidding begin!" The auctioneer didn't say any provocative words, because he knew very well that there was no need for him to incite at this moment. Everyone's enthusiasm had completely boiled over. Sure enough, as soon as his voice fell, the bidding sounds rang out one after another. "150000 dollars!" "180 thousand dollars!" "Two hundred thousand!" Although the minimum bid was 5000 dollars, the guests who had just gone through the last auction raised the bid by tens of thousands. It was not until the price reached 300000 dollars that the momentum of the bidding began to slow down. After all, in the last auction, the price of the White truffle was a little high. However, at this moment, MA Xiong made his move again. He raised the sign in his hand and said, "350 thousand dollars!" Then, he smiled and explained, "At Ms. Grasso's auction just now, I offered \$350000 for a white truffle of the same weight. Xia Sheng is my good friend, so I can't favor one over the other!" MA Xiong's words caused a burst of laughter. Many people looked at Xia ruofei enviously. This young man must be very lucky to have the support of a world – Class rich man like MA Xiong! After MA Xiong made this bid, everyone gave him face and didn't raise the price any further. In fact, this was the limit of the price. If they raised it any higher, they would be seen as a spendthrift. As a result, the first piece of white truffle, which weighed 1.46 kilograms, was successfully sold for \$350000. When the auctioneer went to get the second piece of truffle, Xia ruofei picked up the microphone and said with a bitter smile, "Mr. MA, can you take a break for the next auction and not bid? You've already gotten two pieces of top – grade white truffle today, shouldn't you leave some for others? You see, once you bid, no one else dares to compete with you!" The guests in the audience burst into laughter. Many of them felt that Xia ruofei had spoken their minds. With MA Xiong's wealth, no one could compete with him if he was determined to compete. "Sure!" MA Xiong laughed. Xia Sheng, if it doesn't reach your ideal price, you can't blame me anymore!" "Thank you, thank you!" Xia ruofei cupped his hands and said, "I definitely don't blame you ..." In fact, Xia ruofei was very grateful. He knew very well that MA Xiong had set a benchmark. The price of the first piece of white truffle was the same as the one from the Grasso family. In MA Xiong's mind, Xia ruofei's truffle was not inferior to the one from the Grasso family. With such a standard, the following auctions would have a reference. Besides, Xia ruofei did not want MA Xiong to spend any more money. With MA Xiong's wealth, it would be easy for him to buy his truffles at ten times the price. However, it would lose the meaning of the auction and would be a favor to him. This was not the result Xia ruofei wanted. The auctioneer placed the second piece of white truffle on the electronic scale. From the outside, it looked slightly bigger than the first piece, so everyone was waiting for the result with anticipation. Sure enough, the reading of the electronic scale was displayed on the big screen: 1.53 kg. He had once again broken the record for the largest white truffle of the year. However, by now, everyone had already developed a certain level of immunity. Although they were still exclaiming in

surprise, at least there were no more exaggerated exclamations. "That's right," the auctioneer said with a smile. "This white truffle weighs 1.53 kilograms. It's also the largest truffle produced this year so far." The auctioneer emphasized the word "currently". Many people could hear it, and the answer was obvious. Everyone's eyes fell on the only sealed container on the stage that was covered by red silk. The auctioneer quickly announced the price of the truffle. "The starting price is 150000 dollars, and each increment must not be less than 5000 dollars. The bidding starts now!"

### **Chapter 170: Unbelievable (1)**

"200000 dollars!" Someone directly added \$50000. The previous truffle had been sold for 350000, so everyone knew that this truffle would not be lower than that price, so they decided not to increase the price any further. And most of the people in the hall knew that this was the only chance they had today to buy the best truffle. As for the last item, although MA Xiong had clearly stated that he would not participate in the bidding, there were at least three other people who were as rich as MA Xiong. They had not made a single bid so far, and it was obvious that they were all after the truffle. "250000 dollars!" As soon as the bid of 200000 dollars was called, someone immediately added another 50000 dollars. "280 thousand!" "300000 dollars!" "330000 dollars!" "340 thousand!" The bids were quickly called out one by one. The auctioneer did not even have time to repeat their bids. In a short time, the price of the White truffle had reached 340000 US dollars, which was very close to the price that MA Xiong had bid for the last truffle. Finally, a voice said loudly, "350 thousand dollars!" This was a Chinese man. Many people present knew him, Chen Haosheng, the president of the Golden cauldron group, a rich man with a net worth of more than 5 billion. "360000 US dollars!" A crisp voice rang out. This time, it was a beautiful young woman in her early thirties who was also famous. Her name was Yuan Qingqing, the owner of the fair Lady health club. This health club was a high-end health and beauty agency that specialized in female customers. Yuan Qingqing was also a rich man with a net worth of billions. As soon as these two bid, many people gave up. Chen Haosheng thought for a moment, then raised his sign again and shouted, "370 thousand dollars. President Yuan, why don't you take a step back? After I bid for this truffle, I can invite you to share it with me. It's absolutely free!" Many guests revealed a smile of understanding. Yuan Qingqing could be considered a great beauty, and a woman in her early thirties had a mature charm. Moreover, she was also a rich man, who wouldn't want to get close to her? "400000 dollars!" Yuan Qingqing's expression didn't change as she directly added another 30000 dollars, and then said lightly, "I'm sorry, I don't lack money, and I like to enjoy the good things alone!" Chen Haosheng laughed embarrassedly and shrugged his shoulders, "A gentleman doesn't take what others like. President Yuan, I give up." Yuan Qingqing's bid was too fierce, and Chen Haosheng directly gave up the competition. Only a glutton who loved truffles would spend a lot more than its value on a truffle. Businessmen were rich, but it was the most rational to weigh the pros and cons. "Boss Yuan bid 400000 US dollars!" Seeing this, the auctioneer said, "Is there anyone else who wants to bid? Four hundred thousand dollars going once ... Four hundred thousand dollars going twice ... Four hundred thousand dollars going thrice!" With a clang, the gavel fell, and the 1.53 kg white truffle was sold for 400000 US dollars. So far, Xia ruofei had earned nearly 970000 US dollars. There was still a giant truffle that was not auctioned. Today was destined to be Xia ruofei's Day of profit. As Xia ruofei walked up the stage, the guests held their breaths, waiting for Xia ruofei to reveal the final answer. Xia ruofei didn't beat around the bush. He picked up the microphone and said with a smile, "I believe everyone has been waiting for this moment for a long time. Then ... I announce that the last round of the auction has officially begun. Our final item is ..." At this point, Xia ruofei tore off the last piece of red silk cloth and pointed at the

giant white truffle in the sealed container. ” “This giant white truffle weighs 2.05 kg!” He said. As soon as Xia ruofei finished speaking, the crowd went into an uproar. Some people even stood up and stretched their necks to look at the stage. “Oh my God, this is unbelievable! Is this the biggest white truffle ever found?” “The world record! It was definitely a world record! We’re actually witnessing the birth of a world record today!” “This is indeed the biggest surprise! This trip was really worth it!” ..... Everyone was excited, except for one person, Blake. Blake felt like he was being slapped in the face when he saw the truffles that Xia ruofei took out being sold at such high prices. When the truffle was revealed, Blake felt as if he was struck by lightning. “This is impossible!” Blake suddenly stood up and shouted, “ it must be fake! White truffles can’t grow to this size, it must have been forged with other similar fungi!” MA Xiong snorted and stood up. He turned around and said to Blake coldly, “ ” Young man, it’s not a good habit to speak without thinking. This batch of truffles was personally guaranteed by me. Are you saying that I, MA Xiong, am lying to everyone? ” ” I ...” Blake was at a loss for words. He had completely lost his mind just now, and now he was starting to regret it. More and more people started to criticize Blake. Some of them had successfully bid for the White truffle, while others were empty-handed. However, they had all tasted the White truffle that Xia ruofei had given away for free, so they all stood up to speak for him. All the accusations were like arrows that were shot at Blake. He stood there with a pale face and couldn’t say a word. In the end, Blake chose to leave the studio with his tail between his legs. No matter how thick-skinned he was, he couldn’t stay there any longer. Just as Blake reached the door, Xia ruofei said loudly, “ ” Everyone, before the official auction, I will invite a few guests to the stage to appraise this white truffle. Paradise corporation’s reputation can not be slandered. If there is no problem with our truffle, I hope to see Mr. Blake’s apology on the mainstream media in Shen Cheng city. Otherwise, you will soon receive our lawyer’s letter! ” Blake’s footsteps stopped for a moment. He snorted coldly with an ashen face and left the auction site. Although Xia ruofei was still smiling, the way he looked at Blake’s back had become cold. Soon, the representatives selected by the guests came to the stage. They were either famous Western chefs or business leaders, all of whom were highly respected. When everyone was on the stage, Xia ruofei opened the lid of the giant truffle. The group of people surrounded the truffle and looked at it carefully for a long time. The final conclusion was unsurprisingly that it was a whole piece of white truffle. The quality was top notch and could be called the best! Xia ruofei said in the midst of the applause, “ ” I now announce that the auction for this 2.05 kg white truffle will officially begin!”