

Two Trillion 1631

Chapter 1631 Settling the Trouble (Part 2)

Also, Dyson heard about it.

The reason Soruns abandoned the Hawk Family, with whom they had been friendly for a long time, was all because the Hawk Family unknowingly offended a giant from the East, a young man.

That person belongs to the Zhenbei Group and presides over all Zhenbei Group's business in the East!

Their status is no different from Soruns!

Just now, Feng Xiangnan said two sentences, one mentioned Soruns's name, and the second...

Dyson looked at the young man still making a phone call, his eyes narrowed to the extreme.

It's him!

He is that giant from the East!

No wonder, that young man had an aura that made even him feel intimidated!

No wonder Soruns could take calls and negotiate with Feng Xiangnan!

Everything was clear!

Dyson looked at Bai Xiaosheng, his eyes involuntarily rising in awe.

This young man, so young, yet he has such status and power.

That can only mean that the strength behind him is like a deep abyss and vast ocean, beyond their speculation!

Now comparing again, what a load of crap about being a Great Master, it's like an ant!

Dyson was shocked, amazed, and instantly understood what he had to do.

"Master Owen, just now, we have only listened to your one-sided story. Now, we understand clearly, that competition, it was you who lost!"

"And you, still refusing to admit defeat, actually slandering this gentleman for cheating! It's disgraceful, and we will not tolerate it!"

"None of us can sit back and ignore your vile conduct!"

Dyson suddenly stood beside Feng Xiangnan, his face full of righteousness, shouting at Master Owen.

The White Family, turned against!

Master Owen stared wide-eyed, unbelievably looking at the second decisive "turncoat," turning back to accuse himself, unable to speak again.

Those who came with Feng Xiangnan and Dyson saw the situation, exchanged glances, no longer remained silent, and spoke one after another.

After all, no one is foolish. If you can't see what's going on, how can you mix in the business world?

"I just felt like this matter was strange, how could someone cheat under the watchful eyes of the public!"

"Yes, with so many eyes watching, it's impossible to cheat."

"Mr. Owen must have lost to a young man, unable to let go of pride, hence this situation. Alas, it's understandable, after all, a Great Master losing to a young man..."

"Who says a Great Master must be undefeated, and who says a young person can't beat him!"

Suddenly, all these people's stances changed.

Still, that saying goes, these people don't really care about the truth; they care about interests.

In the eyes of ordinary people, being opportunistic is a derogatory term.

In the eyes of merchants, this is "rationality," sailing at sea requires adjusting the sails to the wind; going against the wind brings no benefits, isn't that foolish?

Aligning with the Feng Family and White Family's stance is always right!

Otherwise, going against these two big families, what does that even mean!

As voices rose over here, the guests in the hall suddenly became emotionally charged.

"We saw that scene just now, indeed it was the young man who won! The Master cannot bear to lose face, resorting to shameless tricks, look at him, bringing shame upon himself!"

"As an authority, you must stand by your words and deeds, even the President of the Alcohol Industry Association has consulted the younger generation, why must Master Owen enshrine himself as invincible."

"I wanted to uphold justice earlier, questioning the Master, but didn't have the chance. Now, finally, there is an opportunity."

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Suddenly, as the wall crumbled, everyone pushed. Master Owen became the target of everyone's "hit."

Everyone pointed fingers at him, expressing contemptuous voices.

Master Owen, seeing himself facing finger-pointing from thousands, suddenly his face turned pale, retreating step by step, murmuring in horror, "You all, you all..."

"Mr. Owen, causing such an ugly scene now, it's all your fault, you can't blame anyone else!"

"I think, this can no longer be solved by a single apology!"

Feng Xiangnan was unrelenting, scolding Master Owen harshly.

"I think, we no longer need you to be an eyesore here, you can leave!"

Feng Xiangnan even issued an expulsion order.

Master Owen looked at him in disbelief.

"I will inform the President of your Alcohol Industry Association about today's matter, asking him to make sure to intervene, giving us, and this gentleman, a satisfactory answer! Otherwise, we will not let it rest! Membership fees and sponsorships in the future, you can forget about!" Feng Xiangnan snorted coldly, "As for the new wine... My daughter is also half a developer, it's not all your credit. The wine would be fine without you!"

"Moreover, you signed an agreement with us, resisting our takeover is useless!" Dyson also spoke coldly, "We will sue you until you are bankrupt! Further, we will have you expelled from this industry!"

With the two Clan Leaders expressing such statements, Master Owen listened as his face turned as white as paper, his body shook.

Feng Xiangnan and Dyson weren't joking with him, just their two families bringing the crowd to express and pressure.

The Alcohol Industry Association wouldn't protect him!

Master Owen looked desperately at the ruthless Feng Xiangnan and Dyson, then at the young man behind them who was pushing him into oblivion.

Bai Xiaosheng had already finished his call, put away his phone, his cold gaze fixed on Master Owen, without a trace of mercy.

To someone who tried to cunningly harm him, Bai Xiaosheng never had a shred of compassion.

Master Owen met Bai Xiaosheng's gaze briefly, shrank his neck in fright, withdrew his gaze. The thought of begging for mercy also shattered.

In truth, he didn't have the courage to wag his tail in front of the crowd and beg the opponent.

Chapter 1632: Wrapping Up Troubles (Part 3)

After all these years as a master, with an aura bestowed, once it is shattered, he will never have the face to stand in the circle again.

Ultimately, Owen couldn't withstand the ridicule and disdainful looks from the entire crowd and fled in panic.

Upon leaving, he didn't even leave a word behind, not even a whisper.

The most worrying matter for him, however, was yet to come.

The guests, witnessing Master Owen depart in disgrace, although they fueled the situation, still felt astounded.

Such a renowned Great Master was driven away like a dog!

The guests couldn't help but look at Bai Xiaosheng.

That single phone call made the clan leaders of the two great families lower their heads and even change sides for the sake of a young man, whose origins are unknown.

But certainly, he overshadowed the entire scene!

Everyone was curious about Bai Xiaosheng's identity, but they were fated not to learn it today.

Feng Xiangnan and Dyson are not fools.

They knew Bai Xiaosheng could keep a low profile at this party for so long and even sparred with Master Owen without revealing his identity.

So it seemed he deliberately concealed his identity.

The two tacitly agreed not to expose him.

Antonio, the host of the winery, stared blankly at the scene before him and suddenly regretted it immensely, pinching his thigh hard.

Even with mental preparation, that pinch made Antonio gasp in pain.

However, compared to physical pain, Antonio felt more heartache. Though he lived rather reclusively, unsure of Bai Xiaosheng's true identity, he had forgotten Bai Xiaosheng's name due to the lapse of two years.

But he witnessed Bai Xiaosheng's immense power firsthand at that moment!

"If only, earlier, I was a bit bolder, even helping Owen plead on his behalf, it would have counted as leaving a favor. Why did I... Alas! It seems I'm destined to remain just a small winery owner!" Antonio thought with some dejection, feeling he had missed a tremendous opportunity.

Feng Moyu and Feng Moyan watched, their eyes glazed.

This dramatic reversal felt dreamlike to them.

Looking at Bai Xiaosheng now, neither dared to meet his gaze, feeling even more panicked inside.

Even if they were foolish, they understood.

They were fundamentally on different levels, not people of the same rank!

It's laughable, they even thought they could harm him.

Even Feng Moyu, driven mad by emotion, felt as though a bucket of ice water had been poured over him, knowing fear.

"Feng Moyu, Feng Moyan!"

While the sibling pair contemplated maintaining a low profile and blending into the crowd to diminish their presence, they suddenly heard a stern voice calling.

The voice carried great authority and was extremely familiar.

Feng Moyu and Feng Moyan nearly jumped out of their skin.

Feng Xiangnan was looking at them, his gaze very cold.

Ordinarily, handling one's juniors in public might seem unbecoming, inviting derision.

But Feng Xiangnan wasn't an ordinary person; he wanted to deal with the two openly, giving Bai Xiaosheng a statement.

Feng Moyu and Feng Moyan had previously done their utmost to disparage Bai Xiaosheng in front of everyone, and without even having to think, Feng Xiangnan knew there must have been previous conflicts between the sides.

So he couldn't just let it go!

"Clan Leader..."

"Actually, there's nothing to do with us in this matter."

The two stammered and came forward with frightened faces.

How could Feng Xiangnan listen to their explanations? He immediately said in a deep voice, "Your mistake today will be dealt with according to the family rules for 'disrespecting the superior, defying the elders.' You are stripped of your shares in the family's industry. You shall not involve yourselves in the family's business in the future, and your monthly allowance is revoked..."

Feng Moyu and Feng Moyan were dumbfounded upon hearing this.

This punishment was too severe, amounting to cutting off their financial income, almost akin to being banished from the family!

Moreover, how did it become a crime of ‘disrespecting the superior, defying the elders’...

The pair instantly pleaded for mercy.

Feng Moyan even teared up.

Feng Xiangnan looked towards Bai Xiaosheng; his stern expression turned gentle and asked with a smile, “Do you think such punishment is adequate?”

Bai Xiaosheng smiled back at him, “This is the Feng Family’s private matter; how can I, as an outsider, intervene in it? Mr. Feng shall decide.”

Bai Xiaosheng made no further requests nor pleaded for them.

What Feng Moyu and Feng Moyan publicly attempted to ruin his reputation was undeserved, serving them right.

Bai Xiaosheng never intended to play the role of a kind-hearted fool.

“Then let’s settle it like this first. If you find it unsatisfactory, I will punish them further!” Feng Xiangnan said with a smile, then glanced at Mo Xin over there and added, “My young daughter is your friend; if you have time, please do come to the Feng Family as a guest.”

At this moment, Feng Xiangnan sincerely felt grateful that his beloved daughter was a friend of this distinguished gentleman!

If this led to befriending him, no one in the family would dare to speak ill of his daughter!

“That can certainly be arranged.” Bai Xiaosheng glanced at Mo Xin and smiled at Feng Xiangnan.

This attitude made Feng Xiangnan incredibly joyful.

“You are also friends with my son; please come to the White Family as a guest when you have time,” Dyson hurriedly added with a smile.

“Sure, Allen is also my friend,” Bai Xiaosheng replied with a smile.

Feng Xiangnan, however, couldn’t help but roll his eyes at Dyson, his face showing a “What’s with you everywhere” expression.

The two clan leaders of the major families referred to Bai Xiaosheng affectionately as “you,” inviting him warmly to their homes with the intention of befriending him through their children, leaving the other guests secretly surprised and adding another layer of reverence for Bai Xiaosheng.

“Brother, we really didn’t intend to offend; please, help us plead for mercy!”

Suddenly Feng Moyu appealed to Bai Xiaosheng.

“Big brother, I truly bear no malice!”

Feng Moyan implored Bai Xiaosheng, tears flowing.

Bai Xiaosheng ignored them, stepping towards Mo Xin and Allen.

Feng Xiangnan’s gaze turned stern; he waved to call his attendants and instructed impatiently, “Take them back home, stop embarrassing us here!”

Pleading and crying, Feng Moyu and Feng Moyan were forcibly carried away.

Seeing Bai Xiaosheng approach, Mo Xin and Allen were still in a daze, not having recovered from the earlier scene.

“How could he be so strong!” Mo Xin murmured.

“What’s your background!” Allen asked, bewildered, to Lei Ying.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying exchanged a glance and smiled slightly.

Compared to visiting the Wei Family or the Zhenbei Group, this was just a minor episode.

From start to finish, neither of them took it to heart, knowing well it would end this way.

Feng Xiangnan and Dyson, the two family clan leaders, quickly caught up with Bai Xiaosheng, accompanying him by both sides, chatting and laughing.

All around, the guests secretly marveled, each speculating on Bai Xiaosheng’s identity.

Meanwhile, Antonio no longer hesitated and ran over.

“You were startled at my winery.” Antonio said, somewhat embarrassed to Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng looked at Antonio with a smile, “It’s nothing, Mr. Antonio.”

For now, Bai Xiaosheng maintained a good attitude toward him, and Antonio felt relieved.

Subsequently, Antonio, with gestures from Feng Xiangnan and Dyson, loudly announced the official start of the party.

However, the excitement had reached such a climax that the party was rendered somewhat meaningless.

All felt excitement from that earlier scene and curiosity about Bai Xiaosheng's identity, which served well in whetting their appetite.

Regardless of what common guests thought, Bai Xiaosheng was surrounded by Feng Xiangnan and Dyson, heading straight to the second floor, followed by Mo Xin, Milos, Allen, Lin Weiwei, and Lei Ying.

Milos took the opportunity to greet Feng Xiangnan and Dyson, and the two clan leaders returned the courtesy with a smile tinged with surprise.

Especially as Bai Xiaosheng allowed Milos to follow along, piquing their interest.

After all, the Hawk Family had suffered disasters because they offended Bai Xiaosheng, so Milos appearing here seeking forgiveness was understandable.

But why did Bai Xiaosheng still allow her to accompany him?

Even Feng Xiangnan and Dyson were puzzled by this.

They ascended together towards the private room.

Halfway up, Bai Xiaosheng specially called Milos to his side, smiling as he spoke to Feng Xiangnan and Dyson.

"At this moment, the heads of the three families are gathered. Soon, I want to discuss with you all a—"

"A topic you're interested in!"

Bai Xiaosheng's words first made the three hesitate.

Then, the eyes of Feng Xiangnan and the three brightened.

Chapter 1633 - Bai Xiaosheng's "Cooperation" Proposal

Bai Xiaosheng, Feng Xiangnan, Dyson, and Milos, under the personal guidance of the Ferro Winery owner Antonio, went to the most comfortable and luxurious room on the second floor and took their seats in order.

Antonio knew that they were not here to taste wine but to discuss matters, so he instructed people to arrange drinks, tea, and seasonal fresh fruits, and then excused himself, leaving winery staff stationed at the door to ensure these honored guests had any further needs.

Antonio himself went to host the actual wine event.

Even though the wine event had reached a point of little interest, as guests were more enthusiastic about discussing Bai Xiaosheng's mysterious identity and today's lively event, he, as the host, had to keep it organized and carry it through from start to finish.

The followers brought by Feng Xiangnan and Dyson naturally left the room as well, all waiting outside.

Ultimately, the room only had Bai Xiaosheng, Feng Xiangnan, Dyson, Milos, Mo Xin, Allen, Lin Weiwei, and Lei Ying.

In total, eight people.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying did not stand behind Bai Xiaosheng but sat down at Bai Xiaosheng's signal.

"These two are nominally my assistants, but they are actually my best friends and helpers," Bai Xiaosheng, seeing Feng Xiangnan and Dyson glancing at Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying, immediately smiled, "When cooperating with various parties, their presence is equivalent to my personal attendance."

Bai Xiaosheng, being careful, feared that Feng Xiangnan and Dyson might assume arrogance, interpreting Bai Xiaosheng letting "servants" sit down as a slight towards them, hence patient explanation was given.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying immediately nodded and smiled at Feng Xiangnan and Dyson.

This trust and reliance from Bai Xiaosheng also made Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying feel a touch of warmth in their hearts.

Upon hearing Bai Xiaosheng's words, Feng Xiangnan and Dyson felt relieved, and their gazes towards Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying became more enthusiastic.

Mo Xin had known from the start that their identities were unusual, thus wasn't surprised.

Allen increasingly admired Bai Xiaosheng's sincerity and straightforwardness towards those around him.

Milos deeply studied Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying, mentally storing their images, deciding to warn the Hawk Family members afterward absolutely never to treat them as servants and never to slight them again!

"It's getting late, let's get straight to the point," Bai Xiaosheng said with a smile.

Thus drawing everyone's attention back to himself.

"Earlier outside, Mr. Bai mentioned discussing something of our interest. I wonder..." Feng Xiangnan smiled, his eyes bright, "Is it related to cooperation among us all?"

Feng Xiangnan was a shrewd businessman, his thoughts quick and meticulous.

Bringing Milos along meant the three wine giants were now gathered.

Moreover, talk of topics of interest to them.

The intersection of interest among the three must be business and money!

It wasn't hard to deduce that Bai Xiaosheng wanted to discuss cooperation with them!

Dyson thought so too.

As Feng Xiangnan mentioned it, Milos's eyes lit up instantly. If this was true, her being allowed inside meant Bai Xiaosheng had accepted the Hawk Family and wasn't planning to target them anymore!

This was truly great news!

Milos felt a sense of happiness arriving too suddenly.

She hadn't even pleaded with Bai Xiaosheng or shown any "sincerity," and it was already a done deal?

Simply unbelievable!

All these days she's been following Bai Xiaosheng for what, if not to get Bai Xiaosheng's forgiveness!

As for cooperation, she dared not think about it, at least not in the short term.

However, upon hearing there was a possibility of cooperation now!

Milos was deeply surprised, to say the least.

Mo Xin and Allen looked at Bai Xiaosheng in amazement.

While Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying had already known that Bai Xiaosheng had plans for "cooperation."

But "previously," it didn't include the Feng Family and White Family.

It now seemed that Bai Xiaosheng was considering expanding the "scope" of cooperation.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying mutually brought out their small tablets, starting to record, as it was their responsibility.

"Mr. Feng is right." Bai Xiaosheng smiled at Feng Xiangnan, agreeing.

Feng Xiangnan immediately laughed, "This is indeed something that we all eagerly anticipate!"

Speaking, Feng Xiangnan also felt a bit amazed.

This Zhenbei Group's Greater China Region Executive President really has a big appetite!

Not sure if it was a spontaneous decision or long planned. With the three wine industry giants present, plus the wine businessmen they brought in the hall outside, seven or eight channels of the European wine market are all here!

Once collaborative, Bai Xiaosheng is cooperating with all channels here!

Feng Xiangnan admired greatly.

Even those European giant families might easily deal with any of the three families, but still haven't minded the entire wine market idea!

Speaking of "cooperation," previously, the Feng Family, Hawk Family, White Family had united before, but the scope and depth of cooperation weren't significant.

After all, none of the three families yielded, and business-wise, channel-wise, there were overlaps, involving interests, and none would take any loss.

Perhaps they passionately discussed cooperation one moment, and the next had disputes over profits.

Once involving decisions requiring three families jointly, it was even more lively.

The three families kept holding meetings for consultations, and as discussions prolonged, interest waned.

Much like the European Union, some issues had been discussed in meetings for years or even decades.

Chapter 1634: Bai Xiaosheng's "Cooperation" Proposal_2

The business world here naturally has a touch of "culture"...

Feng Xiangnan isn't particularly interested in working together with everyone; what he's concerned about is the role the Feng Family will play in collaboration with Bai Xiaosheng's Eastern enterprises, and the force behind Bai Xiaosheng.

What he cares about is the "individual interests" of his own under this collective cooperation.

Dyson shares a similar mindset.

Dyson, with an eager face, isn't much concerned about the overall cooperation between Bai Xiaosheng and their three parties; he focuses on what his own side can collaborate on.

If he's not satisfied today, he might privately contact Bai Xiaosheng's side for a separate negotiation to seek another deal independently.

When Bai Xiaosheng saw the excited looks in the eyes of Feng Xiangnan and Dyson, he smiled instantly.

These two are old foxes.

But in Bai Xiaosheng's eyes, their thoughts at this moment are completely transparent.

After all, Bai Xiaosheng has been engaging in intelligent battles with people over the years, not gaining experience in vain, and he has specialized in micro-expressions, with Red Lotus correcting any errors.

Furthermore, at the Zhenbei Group headquarters, Bai Xiaosheng has witnessed the pinnacle demeanor of the world-class consortium's vice chairpersons, Lu Cheng'an and Li Yunyuan, and can somewhat deduce the thoughts of these two shrewd businessmen in front of him.

"Cooperation is cooperation, but what I mean by cooperation might differ a bit from what Mr. Feng and Mr. Dyson have in mind," Bai Xiaosheng said with a smile.

Saying this, Bai Xiaosheng picked up a glass of wine beside him, tasted it, and even praised Mo Xin, "This wine is not bad, it's a new one, right? Once it enters the market, it might cause quite a sensation!"

Mo Xin, focused on listening to Bai Xiaosheng's business talk, was taken aback by the unexpected question and then smiled and nodded.

The new wine is truly a masterpiece co-created by her and Master Owen!

In fact, both have equal mastery of the complete set of brewing techniques, and even if Master Owen lets go, there's no slightest impact at present.

Feng Xiangnan and Dyson were startled, looking at Bai Xiaosheng tasting the wine, and even exchanging glances.

"I wonder what kind of cooperation Mr. Bai is talking about?" Feng Xiangnan politely inquired.

Dyson, Milos, Mo Xin, Allen, even Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying focused intently on Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng put down the wine glass, smiled, glanced around at the crowd unhurriedly, and said, "You are not outsiders, so I won't beat around the bush with you. This time, I want to establish a new wine industry group in Europe! With all channels spearheaded by your three families, we'll engage in channel sharing!"

Establish a new wine industry group in Europe? And even share channels!

Feng Xiangnan was immediately stunned.

Isn't Bai Xiaosheng representing those under his authority, the Zhenbei Group's wine industry enterprises in the East, to discuss cooperation with them?

Establish a new wine industry company here?

What's this all about!

Even in the European division of Zhenbei Group, which is under Soruns, there are few wine industry enterprises, so Bai Xiaosheng stepping over boundaries can count as crossing the line...

"A new wine industry enterprise, in this European market?" Dyson spread his hands and laughed, saying, "Mr. Bai, you're quite the joker!"

Immediately, Dyson adopted a sincere, open and honest demeanor, speaking to Bai Xiaosheng, "Bai Xiaosheng should know the market here is too competitive and nearly saturated. Even Mr. Soruns has no interest in launching a new company, and we've set our sights on the East!"

Feng Xiangnan also laughed, "If you said to open a new wine company in the East and cooperate with us, that would make more sense, a win-win situation."

Dyson nodded repeatedly.

Milos, Mo Xin, Allen also looked at Bai Xiaosheng with surprise.

They presumed Bai Xiaosheng couldn't have overlooked those factors.

Even if the three giants give face and try not to create barriers.

The new wine industry group is still a threat to their interests!

Even if the three families don't specifically antagonize it, as long as they hold tight onto channels, the new wine industry group won't be able to get a foothold, leading to a dead end.

Facing the crowd's doubts, Bai Xiaosheng smiled, "I haven't finished my words."

Feng Xiangnan and others immediately quieted down, waiting for Bai Xiaosheng to continue.

"The new wine industry group I want to establish in Europe doesn't have any affiliation with the Greater China Region of Zhenbei Group; it exists independently. You may consider it to belong personally to me," Bai Xiaosheng smiled.

Currently, the Greater China Region of Zhenbei Group is undergoing reforms, and old enterprises haven't been fully reorganized, so it's naturally impossible to launch new homogeneous enterprises in the short term.

Moreover, there's no lack of cooperation from that side, as Bai Xiaosheng's business consortium is fervently engaging in large-scale contract signings here in the European region with Soruns.

Both sides are passionate and proactive.

Additionally, enterprises under Soruns here don't involve the wine industry, so aspects of cooperation don't include this market.

Since Bai Xiaosheng's clash with the Hawk Family, he has had some ideas, wanting to expand investment here and let Zunbai Zhisheng and Xue Lian Wan He go out and make money from foreigners.

However, at that time, Bai Xiaosheng's vision was quite small, only thinking about setting up a company under Xue Lian Wan He to cooperate with this side.

When attending this wine party, seeing Mo Xin, seeing Feng Xiangnan, Dyson, a thought formed in Bai Xiaosheng's mind.

With Red Lotus's assistance, Bai Xiaosheng quickly sorted out the ideas, even relying on Red Lotus to make initial plans.

Now, Bai Xiaosheng wants to put forth his ideas!

When Feng Xiangnan and Dyson heard Bai Xiaosheng wanting to personally invest in a wine industry group here, they were immediately stunned.

But soon after, they were relieved.

They had long believed Bai Xiaosheng, being so young, capable of matching Soruns' presence, must have very strong backing behind him.

Chapter 1635: Bai Xiaosheng's "Cooperation" Proposal

Just like Soruns, the family behind him is not something they can covet.

This thought instantly "rationalized" Bai Xiaosheng's legitimacy in solely investing in a group company.

In their view, the new company would undoubtedly be astonishing in scale.

However, with this move, it seemed Bai Xiaosheng was setting them up with a competitor in the area, taking away their business and territory.

Feng Xiangnan and Dyson both looked troubled.

Milos was also quite surprised.

However, she did not see it as a bad thing.

If it was destined to be unstoppable, then if the Hawk Family cooperates proactively, perhaps it could win Bai Xiaosheng's favor.

Could this open the door for partnerships between the new company and Bai Xiaosheng's enterprises in the East!

With this in mind, it wasn't impossible to accept.

Feng Xiangnan and Dyson, being more shrewd than Milos, despite their initial reservations, wanted to grit their teeth and accept it.

"No need to be tangled up, no need to feel troubled, I haven't finished speaking, please listen further," Bai Xiaosheng said with a smile.

What else was there to say?

Everyone looked at Bai Xiaosheng again in surprise.

"The three of you will be my major shareholders in the New Wine Industry Group!" Bai Xiaosheng said, smiling, while pointing with his hand.

The people he pointed to were none other than Mo Xin, Allen, and Milos!

Feng Xiangnan and Dyson were taken aback.

Mo Xin, Allen, and Milos were also taken aback.

Bai Xiaosheng continued with a smile, "In the New Wine Industry Group, I will provide the capital, and the initial investment will not be less than 500 million euros. Note, this is just the first investment!"

“My ‘Encounter’ will be exclusively operated by the group. Of course, your three families will be collaborators and will enjoy the benefits of ‘Encounter’ as well as the sales of new wines in the future.”

“Mo Xin will be the Vice President and Chief Technology Officer of my new group, with her new wine technology as her equity contribution.”

“Allen will be the Vice President and Technical Officer of my new group, and I will also grant him shares.”

Bai Xiaosheng intended to reclaim “Encounter”. Not collaborating with his New Wine Industry Group would mean losing the rights to distribute this popular new wine!

He further brought Mo Xin and Allen into the group, awarding them shares and high positions!

This was also a way to monopolize Mo Xin’s new wine today!

“Are you two willing?” Bai Xiaosheng asked Mo Xin and Allen with a smile.

Mo Xin’s eyes lit up and she almost immediately responded, “I’m willing!”

Allen nodded frequently. He had a knack for business but was more interested in studying fine wines. He always felt intimidated by his father, yet resisted in his own way. But if he joined Bai Xiaosheng’s new group, he could both enter the business world and have ample free time to indulge his interests — a perfect solution!

Upon hearing Bai Xiaosheng’s words, Feng Xiangnan and Dyson were momentarily stunned!

This Bai Xiaosheng was ruthless, immediately tying their children to his cause!

The key was that those two were more than willing and excited about it.

Feng Xiangnan knew Mo Xin wouldn't listen to him, and moreover, he had no reason to refuse.

Getting closer to Bai Xiaosheng was something he was pleased to see.

This collaboration represented countless possibilities for cooperation in the future.

Even though Bai Xiaosheng's new company was based in Europe, could it not expand to the East?

In Europe, with the Feng Family providing Bai Xiaosheng channels and markets, the Feng Family could easily access Eastern markets through Bai Xiaosheng's new company in the future.

This was a win-win!

Feng Xiangnan quickly straightened out this thought.

Upon seeing his son filled with joy, Dyson thought about how difficult it was for him to study business at home, leading to a tense father-son relationship. Now, with such an opportunity for him to actively gain experience, perhaps in ten years, his son might become a qualified Family Head for the White Family.

For this reason alone, Dyson felt he could accept it.

As for the long-term interest of the family, he thought similarly to Feng Xiangnan.

As long as they were involved with Bai Xiaosheng, wouldn't there be cooperative opportunities in the future!

The most important thing was that the benefits the family lost, with Bai Xiaosheng's company making money, a significant amount would end up in his son's pocket, effectively flowing back to the family.

“Moreover, I could inject funds so that Allen can secure more shares!” Dyson mused silently.

“What about us, Mr. Bai, our Hawk Family...” Milos, standing nearby, couldn’t help but ask anxiously.

Bai Xiaosheng glanced at her, “As for Miss Milos, I welcome you to join the mid-level management of the group. If you perform satisfactorily, I wouldn’t hold you back from entering upper management and even offer you equity rewards. However, the Hawk Family’s previous dealings with me were marked by mistrust. I assume you’d be keen to invest in our new group, but I’m not forcing you.”

Milos was far from reluctant, nodding repeatedly like a pecking chicken, “Not reluctant, not reluctant, we will definitely invest in your new group.”

“We will invest too!” Feng Xiangnan and Dyson also voiced.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled.

With the endorsements of these three giants, they could lead the charge to rally the small businessmen, and the European wine channels would completely open up to Bai Xiaosheng’s new company!

Additionally, with the transforming Kelson taking the helm of promotions, they would develop and grow together!

Later on, they could even involve the Li Ni Workshop to provide Eastern-style wine vessels, making the most of this opportunity to expand and strengthen together!

Bai Xiaosheng had everything planned perfectly.

“What should we name our new group?” Mo Xin asked with some excitement.

Everyone looked at Bai Xiaosheng, waiting for him to decide.

Bai Xiaosheng thought for a moment and suddenly smiled, "Why not name it after our first patented wine 'Encounter', and call it 'Encounter Wine Group'!"

"Great!" Mo Xin's eyes sparkled like the bright moon, nodding immediately.

'Encounter' Wine Group! It was also Bai Xiaosheng's privately owned, fifth company!

Chapter 1636 Someone Like That Is Truly Terrifying!

The "Encounter" Winery Group, after being officially named by Bai Xiaosheng, was considered to be initially founded under the witness of everyone.

According to Bai Xiaosheng, Mo Xin from the Feng Family and Allen from the White Family would serve as vice presidents and technical officers. Milos from the Ke Family would start in a mid-level position, with future roles depending on performance.

Subsequently, when Bai Xiaosheng spoke about acquiring shares through investment, Milos showed exceptional enthusiasm.

She wanted to fight for an equal starting point with the other two families for the Hawk Family, even if it meant investing heavily!

At that moment, Bai Xiaosheng was quite surprised by Milos' decisiveness and determination.

Such a proud and willful young lady, when serious, actually had this side to her.

It seems that people are the most complex creatures; you can never only look at one side!

Bai Xiaosheng even sighed to himself.

Of course, Bai Xiaosheng wouldn't really allow the Hawk Family to expand their shares without restriction just by investing money; otherwise, he would become merely an employee.

Moreover, the Feng Family and White Family also wanted to invest and expand their shares.

This needed balance!

Bai Xiaosheng divided the shares proportionally: the Hawk Family would invest four hundred million euros, the White Family four hundred million euros, and the Feng Family three hundred million euros.

Each of the three families would hold sixteen percent of the shares.

Bai Xiaosheng himself would later invest the remaining funds, making the winery group have a total value of 2.5 billion euros, with him holding fifty-two percent of the shares.

Kindness doesn't manage troops, benevolence doesn't manage finances.

Bai Xiaosheng did not allow the White Family to invest less just because Allen was his friend.

Of course, he gave Allen preferential treatment in terms of position.

Dyson understood that his son just met Bai Xiaosheng today; now that Allen could hold a position on par with Mo Xin, it exceeded his expectations. After all, Mo Xin had been friends with Bai Xiaosheng for a long time. Dyson compared this with the Hawk Family, which invested the same amount as him, and seeing that Milos could only be in a mid-level position, he was even more pleased.

Dyson had no dissatisfaction with this decision!

Milos was pleased to see that she obtained Bai Xiaosheng's "understanding" without any extra expense, even reaching cooperation, and that the Hawk Family's investment was no more than the White Family. With this reference, Milos was also very pleased.

Milos had no dissatisfaction with this decision either!

Feng Xiangnan, seeing that only the Feng Family invested the least, and Bai Xiaosheng also gave Mo Xin one of the highest positions, clearly felt that the Feng Family held the most significant weight in Bai Xiaosheng's heart and was equally delighted.

Feng Xiangnan had no dissatisfaction with this decision either!

One has to say, Bai Xiaosheng played this hand beautifully, making all three parties happy.

Seeing everyone accept happily, Bai Xiaosheng explained to them publicly.

After all, it's better to speak out early; it won't hurt feelings, and it won't cause problems later if unclear.

"Regarding the general manager of the 'Encounter' Winery Group, I've decided to leave it vacant temporarily because I also don't have a suitable candidate," Bai Xiaosheng said.

"Mo Xin, who likes research and loves freedom, I won't force anything on her in daily management. She can be nominal if she wants and can fully enjoy research resources without necessarily being in the office. Of course, if she is willing, I would especially welcome her to try management work." Bai Xiaosheng smiled at Mo Xin.

Mo Xin smiled gladly.

Just now, she was worried that once the company was established, she would be busy and lose many past joys. It now seemed that Bai Xiaosheng had already thought it through for her.

Mo Xin's heart was also sweet and warm.

Feng Xiangnan couldn't help but smile, glancing at his daughter and then at Bai Xiaosheng.

This Mr. Bai Xiaosheng indeed thought thoroughly about his daughter and took good care of her.

"Just wondering if this Mr. Bai is married or not!" Feng Xiangnan couldn't help but have a fervent thought.

In terms of age, they were similar. His daughter, beautiful, kind, and talented, and Bai Xiaosheng, needless to say, with his identity, status, and charisma, was the top existence Feng Xiangnan had encountered over the years.

Moreover, seeing their very good relationship, is there a possibility...

Feng Xiangnan couldn't stop his endless imagination.

"As for Allen, I hope that while you study fine wines, you also pay attention to management, as you might find different pleasures," Bai Xiaosheng smiled at Allen.

Allen couldn't help but smile widely, "As long as I'm not forced to give up my interests immediately, I am quite willing to try new things."

Bai Xiaosheng nodded, "Although you're named vice president, I hope you still start with mid-level affairs and take it slow."

Allen naturally nodded.

He was a straightforward person and accepted Bai Xiaosheng's advice entirely.

Dyson listened beside them and was also relieved.

His son was to inherit the family business in the future, yet he had always been "not doing his proper job!"

To say Allen was meek would be accurate, yet he was stubborn on this matter, and Dyson, as a clan leader and father, naturally wouldn't negotiate and compromise with him, always enforcing, leading to

Allen's resistance and unwillingness to cooperate, even adopting a feigned ignorance attitude towards learning the business.

Now with such an opportunity letting Allen learn slowly, Dyson was very happy and even felt an additional sense of gratitude towards Bai Xiaosheng.

"Milos," Bai Xiaosheng turned to Milos, "we had a rather unpleasant start between us, but I hope you use your efforts in the mid-level position to change that impression."

Milos nodded repeatedly.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled at everyone, "Seeing it this way, none of you are currently suitable candidates for the general manager, so it will remain vacant initially. If there are any matters, you three can consult and decide. If it's very important or uncertain, you can contact me."

Chapter 1637 Such a Guy Is Truly Frightening! (Part 2)

Mo Xin, Allen, and Milos nodded simultaneously, gladly accepting the suggestion.

Bai Xiaosheng continued, "As for the company's location, I think it should be here. Regarding the necessary premises and equipment, I'll leave it to the three families to handle. I will also dispatch a batch of elite management personnel."

Bai Xiaosheng planned to send over some of the elite from Zunbai Zhisheng and Xue Lian Wan He. Of course, in the long run, it's crucial to find and cultivate talent locally in Europe.

In this regard, Kelson can help.

Besides, Ron and the others are originally Europeans, more familiar with this place, making operations presumably more convenient.

Later on, Zunbai Zhisheng and Xue Lian Wan He can also open branches here.

Additionally, it's necessary to contact Li Ni to expand business here. They can also develop exquisite national style drinking vessels, using improved purple clay materials, which can definitely be used across sectors.

Bai Xiaosheng believed that an opportunity shouldn't be seen in isolation. It's best to involve every company he owns to share the development and "hitch a ride."

"Mr. Bai, rest assured. The 'Encounter' Beverage Group has just been established, and our Feng Family will naturally offer full support. Elite talents and technical personnel can all be arranged!" Feng Xiangnan said enthusiastically.

Just moments ago, in his mind, this turn of events had seemed unlikely, yet now he genuinely wanted to contribute more.

"That won't do, Mr. Feng. This company belongs to Mr. Bai, how can we let the Feng Family monopolize the personnel input!" Dyson immediately opposed, "Our White Family can also provide all the high-level talents!"

Their children serve as high-level executives in the 'Encounter' Beverage Group, and they both wanted to make a good impression on Bai Xiaosheng, sparing no effort to help.

"The Hawk Family too!" Milos insisted, not wanting to fall behind.

Even though Old Hawk was absent, she could not let the other two families outdo them.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying exchanged a quiet glance, unable to suppress a chuckle.

With the enthusiasm and drive from the three great families, the new company seemed to be standing at the pinnacle of the industry from its very inception!

It wouldn't take long for its assets to surpass a billion!

By then, Bai Xiaosheng's personal fortune would once again skyrocket!

The two were equally excited and pleased.

"In terms of personnel selection, apart from those sent by Sheng, I mean Mr. Bai, the remaining talents needed will be selected from the three families, with the best chosen from the best, overseen by the three of us!" Mo Xin suggested.

Mo Xin was certainly inclined toward Bai Xiaosheng, and she trusted Allen's character.

As for Milos, Mo Xin believed neither she nor her Hawk Family would harbor any ill intentions.

After all, the Hawk Family was nearly ruffled by Bai Xiaosheng, leaving them with a lasting impression and deterrence.

This suggestion by Mo Xin was agreed upon by everyone.

The group continued discussing numerous aspects regarding company registration and operations.

The three families promised to provide full assistance, allowing Bai Xiaosheng to be relaxed and at ease.

The conversation concluded satisfactorily, and everyone dispersed contentedly.

Starting tomorrow, the preparatory work for the new company would officially begin.

However, Bai Xiaosheng wouldn't show up, and nobody would know he was actually the boss behind the scenes.

That night, after everyone parted ways, they were eager to start working even overnight.

At Bai Xiaosheng's side, Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying began coordinating communications and notifying various parties as per Bai Xiaosheng's instructions, before going to sleep.

Zunbai Zhisheng and Xue Lian Wan He provided financial, informational, and personnel support.

Kelson would join the publicity team, undertaking all external promotion work, which was also an opportunity to contact major media and expand his influence.

Even Li Ni Workshop needed to send people for potential cooperation investigations.

The two followed Bai Xiaosheng's arrangements meticulously, with their own companies cooperating fully.

Bai Xiaosheng didn't idle either. He personally contacted Zhengdong Province and Lu Qingfeng. Once the company was established here, domestic collaborations should also be scheduled, not only selling quality red wine domestically to strengthen the 'Encounter' brand and foundation but also exporting domestic liquor to earn foreign currency.

After all, the new company covers all the channels here. Not doing something grandiose would seem like a waste to Bai Xiaosheng.

Feng Xiangnan and Dyson, upon returning, also made overnight arrangements, preparing funds and personnel.

With their children holding shares in Bai Xiaosheng's new company, it was equivalent to them holding shares, making them exceptionally invested. Within their families, they exercised confidentiality.

Mo Xin and Allen prepared in their own ways.

As for Milos, she flew back to Brussels City overnight.

At dawn, both Old Hawk and Andrew received her at the airport.

Learning that Bai Xiaosheng forgave the Hawk Family and even began cooperation with them, the father and son felt mixed with surprise and joy, eagerly agreeing to the conditions Milos accepted from Bai Xiaosheng, seeking to reverse the declining trend.

In summary, everyone was busy.

The next day, all parties activated simultaneously, while Bai Xiaosheng quietly departed.

Adhering to a low-profile principle, Bai Xiaosheng instructed the three families to keep his status as the owner confidential.

Halfway through his departure, Bai Xiaosheng received a call from Soruns.

Soruns mentioned he would wait for Bai Xiaosheng in the next city to accompany him in inspecting local key enterprises.

Bai Xiaosheng agreed gladly.

After Soruns ended the call, news from the commercial group arrived, indicating the new wave of cooperation concluded with twenty major contracts, involving forty large enterprises across both regions.

This marked the third concentrated signing wave.

At this pace, by the time Bai Xiaosheng left Europe, it could reach a hundred significant cooperation agreements or contracts.

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Judging by the numbers alone, these contracts don't seem numerous, given that each side has hundreds, if not thousands, of subsidiaries.

However, every single one of these contracts is a partnership between the top two hundred companies under each party's control.

This is quite impressive!

Because among those big companies, one alone can be worth several ordinary small and medium-sized enterprises!

In terms of clauses, Soruns has offered considerable concessions, making the business group negotiations incredibly smooth.

Otherwise, it would have been impossible to sign so many agreements in such a short time.

Bai Xiaosheng once served as the Zhongjing Media General Manager, and back then, the collaboration between Zhongjing Media and Ron was achieved after prolonged negotiations.

The bigger the company, the more cautious the negotiations are, and the harder it is to see results.

Nowadays, this rule seems obsolete.

Bai Xiaosheng thinks that since this was his first visit, Soruns wished to establish a lasting, stable, and good cooperative relationship with him, hence the significant goodwill gestures.

However, due to this, Bai Xiaosheng truly owed him a favor.

At the very least, the value of growth performance delayed by the reforms in the Greater China Region was greatly compensated here.

Although Jiang Kuo, the Greater China Region's Business President, promised him the freedom to act, in the end, stabilizing growth allowed for better accountability to the Group's headquarters.

"Soruns is quite an outstanding person," Bai Xiaosheng remarked while sipping coffee, speaking to Lin Weiwei beside him on the journey.

Lin Weiwei naturally nodded in agreement.

"It's just that sometimes, I... can't quite figure him out," Bai Xiaosheng murmured.

Bai Xiaosheng's discernment abilities have become extremely refined, to the point where he can even discern the intentions of business magnates like Feng Xiangnan and Dyson.

Of course, primarily, Bai Xiaosheng is not their "enemy," so those two naturally do not remain fully guarded.

Secondly, Bai Xiaosheng's youthful appearance is misleading, causing others to inadvertently let their guard down.

Those two acknowledge Bai Xiaosheng's high position and power but don't believe his insight is particularly sharp.

If Bai Xiaosheng were a sixty or seventy-year-old man, full of worldly experience and cunning, they wouldn't have been so easily seen through.

Yet, on the same foundation, Bai Xiaosheng always felt that when with Soruns, he couldn't see through him.

Bai Xiaosheng always felt Soruns' eagerness to get close to him was excessively sincere to the point of seeming somewhat ulterior, yet not quite.

In conclusion, Bai Xiaosheng himself couldn't quite articulate what that feeling was.

"Xiaosheng, what do you mean... exactly?" Lin Weiwei asked, more confused than ever.

"Never mind, never mind. Nothing." Bai Xiaosheng laughed, gazing into the distance.

At this moment.

Having just hung up the phone with Bai Xiaosheng, Soruns was having coffee with someone in a study.

Behind the opposite party stood a beautiful woman dressed in a maid outfit.

If Bai Xiaosheng saw the man, he would undoubtedly recognize him — "Wen Yan."

And the maid behind him was always present — "Ruan Yu."

Wen Yan was also a distinguished figure at the Zhenbei Group headquarters, independent of the six major business divisions, within the Supervision Department!

"For now, I've tried my best to help him. However, Bai Xiaosheng is truly shrewd, so I can't be too obvious about it, fearing he might resist," Soruns said, holding coffee, smiling at Wen Yan, "and fearing that suspicion might breed caution and hostility."

Wen Yan nodded, leisurely stirring his coffee.

"Nevertheless, I will follow up in secret, allowing him to benefit more on his side as much as possible under normal circumstances! Helping him achieve better first-year performance as the newly appointed Greater China Region President!" Soruns laughed.

Wen Yan looked up, returning a smile, "It's hard work for you. This might affect your performance in the Europe region, I suppose."

"No problem." Soruns shrugged, laughed, "Anyway, no matter how well I do here, I won't be number one, and no matter how poorly, I won't drop out of the top three."

Soruns' easygoing honesty made Wen Yan nod in agreement with a smile once again.

However, after a moment of hesitation, Soruns couldn't help but ask, "Do you really hold him in such high regard? Although he's smart and seems very capable, even with potential. But after all, you and I know, his starting point was quite low, and it's hard to say if he might have limitations in terms of ambition and perspective. I'm afraid he won't be able to get into the headquarters and take on more important positions in just a few years!"

They were providing assistance to help Bai Xiaosheng progress faster and climb higher.

Wen Yan looked at Soruns with a smile, "Does origin or starting point really matter that much?"

"Can't a person who was originally a teacher become the richest man years later?"

"The starting point is important, but growth is even more crucial!"

"Bai Xiaosheng is very impressive!" Wen Yan smiled with certainty, "I've leveraged some resources to gather information on his actions in the Greater China Region; would you like to see my analysis?"

"On the surface, his actions seem like straightforward, bold reforms, but in fact, beneath the blazing reforms, there's a series of strategic steps, hiding several medium and long-term 'plots'!"

Soruns showed a bit of surprise in his gaze.

Compared to Bai Xiaosheng's subtle 'hidden plots,' of which he was unaware, Soruns was more astonished by Wen Yan's earnest praise of a person, with even the light in his eyes shining with admiration.

"Bai Xiaosheng is like a brilliant chess player, crafting a large, complex game. Initially aggressive or even reckless, but deeply intricate and detailed, you can't realize how fascinating it is beneath the chessboard until the very end!" Wen Yan marveled, "I further admire his control over the entire game! That requires a broad vision! From what I've observed, I admire him more and more, and believe he's capable."

"Moreover—" Wen Yan genuinely laughed, "such a person is formidable!"

Chapter 1639: How Could a Person's Dreams Grow Old!

In the eastern part of UE Country, there's a city called Ladoga, belonging to Europe.

Every city has its own character, and Ladoga is no exception.

From the architecture to the scenery, and even to the way people dress, everything here exudes the "personality of the city." Rugged yet delicate, peaceful yet passionate. Historic and artistic buildings are everywhere, giving the city an artistic flair.

In the center of Ladoga City, inside a coffee shop at the corner of the main street.

Bai Xiaosheng sat by the window, savoring the local specialty coffee while listening to Lin Weiwei across from him giving a quiet report.

"Just now, our 'Encounter' Wine Group officially opened. The Hawk Family, Feng Family, and White Family took the lead in inviting many big names from the business and political circles to attend. Many media outlets have been extensively covering it." Lin Weiwei couldn't hide her excitement.

Despite her excitement, Weiwei still kept her voice low, trying not to disturb other customers, as it is basic etiquette.

"Zunbai Zhisheng, Xue Lian Wan He, Li Ni Workshop, and Kelson's elite staff were all present; everything is running smoothly!" Lin Weiwei said as she showed Bai Xiaosheng the various reports and photos she received on her tablet.

Bai Xiaosheng glanced at them and nodded with satisfaction.

In fact, they had left there a week ago.

Throughout that week, Bai Xiaosheng and his team visited six cities consecutively without paying much attention to the preparation of the 'Encounter' Wine Group.

Now it seems there was no need for them to worry at all, everything is progressing well over there.

"We just need to find a qualified general manager to send over, and then I can fully relax and become just a hands-off supervisor." Bai Xiaosheng said with a smile.

Currently, there is still no suitable candidate to send over.

According to Bai Xiaosheng's idea, the general manager of the 'Encounter' Wine Group should ideally have mature management experience and sufficient wisdom to coordinate all parties.

It sounds simple, but it's actually quite difficult.

The three major families are not easy to deal with.

Across from Bai Xiaosheng, Lin Weiwei also nodded and tentatively suggested, "How about letting Ron, Li Qiushan, and Kevin help in finding and recruiting one."

Bai Xiaosheng chuckled and shook his head.

The general manager of the 'Encounter' Wine Group would be on the same level as Ron, Li Qiushan, and others, so asking them to recruit would be highly inappropriate.

It's better to find a solution himself.

"Anyway, there's no rush, I'll slowly look for someone later." Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but stretch lazily.

“This week has been really exhausting, let’s not schedule anything today. Let’s disappear from Soruns’ sight for a day and have a good rest.” Bai Xiaosheng said lazily.

Lin Weiwei nodded with a smile.

Indeed, this week, Bai Xiaosheng has been busy and tired enough.

Now, they have quietly left Soruns’ sight and came to Ladoga, treating it as a day off.

Lei Ying sat across from Bai Xiaosheng, next to Lin Weiwei. With Lin Weiwei giving the report, he didn’t need to chime in and focused on reading a newspaper silently.

To all appearances, he seemed to have already transitioned into a state of relaxation and leisure.

In the contemporary East, electronic products are prevalent, and with the convenience of mobile phones and tablets, information is readily and effectively accessible, making books and newspapers seem outdated.

However, over here, reading books and newspapers remains a preferred means for many to connect with the outside world.

Some coffee tables here even provide the latest newspapers of the day.

Other guests in the café are also holding newspapers, reading and skimming through them.

Many are holding pencils provided by the café, jotting down notes; some are gathering information while others are doing crossword puzzles to pass the time.

Lei Ying, rather than just browsing through information, is improving his language skills.

He used to be a mercenary, even a special forces soldier, mastering multiple languages for infiltration operations.

In his professional life, Lei Ying's language skills have proven invaluable, and beyond his daily work duties and physical training, he diligently continues to learn, which is indeed commendable.

While listening to the report, Bai Xiaosheng glanced at Lei Ying and felt a sense of admiration.

This rugged man, Lei Ying, at first glance seemed rough, yet he knows multiple languages, can knit sweaters, and even cook!

Sometimes, among the three of them, Lei Ying is the one who ends up being the "nanny," cooking and preparing meals.

Lin Weiwei reported for an hour, and Lei Ying had been flipping through the newspaper for an hour too.

When Lin Weiwei finished the report, Lei Ying folded the newspaper and set it aside.

"Today's time is completely ours, think about where you want to go for fun today." Bai Xiaosheng looked at the two and asked with a smile.

This week, he was exhausted, and Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying were not idle, even busier at times.

Bai Xiaosheng is very caring and considerate towards his people.

"Where to have fun, let me check it out!" Lin Weiwei eagerly took out her phone to search for guides.

Lei Ying raised his coffee cup, took a sip, and with a smile, tapped the newspaper with his other hand, "I just saw somewhere interesting to go."

"Oh?" Bai Xiaosheng and Lin Weiwei looked at him curiously.

"Tonight, there's a symphony concert at the Ladoga Grand Theater." Lei Ying said.

"Symphony?" Bai Xiaosheng's eyes showed surprise.

Lei Ying enjoys listening to this?

They came to Ladoga, the nearest city as a getaway, also because they heard it is rich in scenic spots and known as the Gourmet Capital.

Moreover, classical music and symphony are very popular here.

However, Bai Xiaosheng laughed at himself, saying he lacked the refinement to specifically come to listen to music.

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Unexpectedly, Lei Ying became interested.

This big man, besides knitting sweaters and cooking, is also passionate about music, truly a waste of all those muscles, practically a literary young man.

Lin Weiwei widened her beautiful eyes, looking Lei Ying up and down, teasingly said, "My goodness, your interests are really broad and cultured!"

Lei Ying put down the coffee cup, looked helplessly at the two, and said directly, "It's not that I particularly like it, but tonight's symphony is organized by an old acquaintance of ours!"

Old acquaintance?

Bai Xiaosheng and Lin Weiwei were taken aback, exchanging surprised glances.

Lei Ying picked up the newspaper, flipped to that page, and showed it to Bai Xiaosheng and the others, "It's Mr. Yegor's band!"

Yegor?

Bai Xiaosheng was naturally familiar. Lin Weiwei immediately remembered, tapping her fingers, "Xiaosheng discussed their story with us in detail."

Bai Xiaosheng took the newspaper, "So, they've come here to perform, this is an advertisement."

Lei Ying shook his head silently.

Bai Xiaosheng browsed through the article, his smile fading, eyes slightly narrowed,

Lin Weiwei, not understanding UE language, could tell Bai Xiaosheng and Lei Ying's reactions were off.

She couldn't help but ask Bai Xiaosheng, "What does it say up there?"

Bai Xiaosheng looked up at her, pushed the newspaper away, "It's a review article; one of UE Country's top ten bands, the Sharvey Band, their leader Viktor is fiercely criticizing Yegor's band, saying they don't deserve to stay in Ladoga."

"Sharvey Band, isn't that the band Yegor's band once belonged to? You said that Viktor used despicable means against Mr. Yegor's group, and Sharvey Band's leader's son, named Sedor, is a real scumbag!" Lin Weiwei exclaimed, "But the conflict between the two sides should be about three years ago. Back then, you helped Yegor and his team escape from danger; how has it ignited again?"

Bai Xiaosheng sighed lightly, denying Lin Weiwei's words, "No, it hasn't really flared up."

"Really hasn't flared up?!" Lin Weiwei said.

Both sides are already sparring in the media.

Lei Ying shrugged with a helpless smile at Lin Weiwei, "Xiaosheng is right, the Sharvey Band is 'beating' Yegor's band unilaterally. What you're talking about is a mutual brawl, but clearly, Yegor's band is not capable of that! You see, even highly reputed newspapers, which should offer unbiased reviews, are obviously siding with Sharvey Band's Viktor! That says a lot. The reason is clear from a single sentence inside — Viktor is a senior member of the UE Country Music Association! In other words, a prominent figure in the mainstream music scene here!"

Lin Weiwei was astonished, "That influential!"

Her impression was that the Sharvey Band leaders were sly and petty men. Back then, the Sharvey Band was small, and Bai Xiaosheng was able to force Kelsonn Kevin's hand to make them release Yegor and his band.

Unexpectedly, in these two or three years, their influence has grown immensely.

"Having wealth and power, and acting unscrupulously, is always faster and higher compared to those with mere talent. This is true globally!" Bai Xiaosheng murmured.

Lin Weiwei was speechless.

Listening to this, it does seem like a very realistic 'truth'.

"Tonight's concert is a bet between Sharvey Band and Yegor's band, a wager on the quality and number of attending guests!" Lei Ying said, "The specifics of the wager are unclear, not revealed. However, if Yegor's band loses, they must — leave Ladoga!"

"That serious!"

Lin Weiwei was startled, "Would Mr. Yegor even accept this?"

Bai Xiaosheng chuckled softly, shaking his head slightly.

"If he doesn't accept, do you think Yegor has a choice? The other side represents the 'orthodox' 'mainstream' voice of the UE Country Music Association!"

Lin Weiwei was speechless once again.

But soon after, she looked at Bai Xiaosheng.

Lei Ying did too.

Bai Xiaosheng raised his coffee, under their anticipation, taking a leisurely sip, calmly said, "Since we're encountering this, we obviously have to lend support!"

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying exchanged smiles instantly.

They knew Bai Xiaosheng wouldn't sit by and ignore his friends in distress.

Even if he isn't in Ladoga, as long as he hears the news, he will certainly step in!

As the three of them spoke, a father and son at the adjacent table stood up to leave.

The eight-year-old child was still holding a strange handicraft, made from the newspaper on the table.

As this pair of father and son left, someone just happened to pass by.

The person approaching was dressed in a suit, carrying a briefcase, both suit and case were clean and tidy, free from any mess, but both had a slight old-fashioned feel.

This person was Caucasian, not very tall, looking quite old, his whole face covered with a frost-like pallor, hair all gray, beard clean and tidy, at first glance resembling an elderly person almost sixty, yet his eyes were exceptionally bright, declaring to everyone who looked into them that he was still middle-aged.

Upon seeing the father and son walking toward him, he smiled, stepping aside to let the child pass first, even giving a kind smile to the little guy during the process.

The little guy, however, was not appreciative, sticking out his tongue fiercely, making a face at the person.

The person wasn't annoyed, just smiled.

This scene happened to be noticed by Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng also observed him.

The two exchanged polite smiles.

Afterward, the person went directly to the empty table that the father and son had occupied, sitting down.

He first placed his briefcase properly, then raised his hand to check the time on his wristwatch.

Soon after, he requested a coffee, reached out for the newspaper, and only then realized the newspaper was gone from the table.