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Chapter 1751 - Creator of Miracles

Leaving the Luo Family, in the car, Bai Xiaosheng didn't discuss much with Soruns about his collaboration with the Luo Family. After all, everything was still in the intention and framework stage, and turning it into a formal contract would take a long road ahead, so there wasn't much to say in advance.

Soruns understood this well, so he didn't ask more.

However, Soruns still congratulated Bai Xiaosheng in advance, expressing that if he ever needed help from his side in the future, Bai Xiaosheng could feel free to ask.

Bai Xiaosheng was naturally very grateful for this.

After all, this visit to the Luo Family was all thanks to Soruns. Without his initiation, Bai Xiaosheng wouldn't have known about this collaboration, let alone gained coincidences leading to connections with Prince Charlie, the Qin Family, and the Luo Family.

Today's outing, the collaboration with the Luo Family was just one aspect of the harvest. Another huge gain was the Golden Knight Medal gifted by the royal family in Bai Xiaosheng's pocket.

This kind of medal is not awarded publicly, nor does it have explicit effects or functional descriptions, but its significance is profound!

Even the Luo Family is envious, which says a lot!

Believe that in the future, this medal will also come in immensely useful.

However, regarding the medal, the prince, and the royal family, Bai Xiaosheng didn't plan to tell Soruns.

After all, everyone has their own secrets.

"Sheng, are you planning to stay in London City for a few more days?" Soruns asked in the car.

The collaboration with the Luo Family is not a trivial matter; even Soruns' side had experienced a long time of countless negotiations and amendments before finally achieving it.

This time, Soruns, while celebrating, also signed the next phase of specific collaborations with the Luo Family.

Although Bai Xiaosheng can leverage their existing "template," he still needs to make adjustments according to his own situation. While it might not be as troublesome as theirs, it won't be easy either.

That's why Soruns asked the question.

"I do need to stay a few days since this collaboration is extremely important for us." Bai Xiaosheng smiled and said, "Our business team was originally going back to our country this week after finishing our matters, but I intend to call them over here. But don't worry, Elder Xia is in charge over there, managing everything for our collaboration. Once I finish here, I'll head back immediately to ensure our cooperation proceeds smoothly. I might not have the chance to say goodbye to you before I leave, please understand. Fortunately, our partnership is so deep, so when you visit Huaxia, I'll host you!"

Bai Xiaosheng spoke with great sincerity.

Soruns smiled and said, "There's no need to talk about understanding or not. You're being too formal with me. But I will definitely visit Huaxia, and then it will be your turn to help me out."

Bai Xiaosheng nodded with a smile.

"Since I might not have time to see you off when you leave, let's have another drink now!" Soruns said as he opened the car's fridge, taking out his treasured red wine, and pouring a glass for Bai Xiaosheng and himself.

Bai Xiaosheng accepted the wine with a smile, clinked glasses gently with Soruns, and they enjoyed the wine together.

Chatting all the way, Soruns directly drove Bai Xiaosheng and his party back to the hotel, not getting out of the car, he bid farewell and left.

Returning to the hotel room, Bai Xiaosheng called Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying over to tell them about the day's events at the Luo Family.

"What! That little girl named Qin Xiaoyao is actually from a prominent family too!"

"What! That little boy named Charlie is actually a prince!"

"What! Even Princess Aisha showed up, and the royal family gave you a medal, Xiaosheng!"

Lin Weiwei listened in surprise, her eyes shining.

She and Lei Ying were in a side hall, waiting with the confidants and attendants of various important figures, partaking in the gathering, eating when needed.

Those people were all aware of each other's unusual status, so they all appeared humble and courteous. Apart from idle chatter, few pried where they shouldn't.

In their section, the entire banquet seemed calm and uneventful.

Yet, Bai Xiaosheng's side turned out to be so exciting!

"So, the Luo Family agreed to fully collaborate with us, and the conditions they're offering are even better than we originally imagined!" Lei Ying also had gleaming eyes, unable to hold back his excitement.

"That's right, so we have a lot of work ahead. Fortunately, we had already discussed many things in advance." Bai Xiaosheng laughed and told Lin Weiwei, "Tell the business team not to return yet, have

them all come over in the next two days to work with us on completing the contract with the Luo Family!"

Although Bai Xiaosheng, Lin Weiwei, and Lei Ying had discussed many things, and with the help of the Red Lotus, Bai Xiaosheng could formulate a collaboration plan and its details. However, this time is an immensely broad and profound collaboration, involving the Luo Family, whose strength is only slightly less than the Zhenbei Group. Bai Xiaosheng couldn't be careless.

Lin Weiwei immediately nodded and noted down what Bai Xiaosheng said.

"We should also inform Elder Xia." Lei Ying thoughtfully reminded.

After all, temporarily keeping the business team would disrupt the arrangement at home.

Bai Xiaosheng nodded and looked at the time, "It's midnight there now, and Elder Xia is asleep. I'll tell him tomorrow morning."

Lei Ying nodded at this.

The three of them chatted for a while, all feeling tired, so they bid each other farewell and returned to their rooms.

In his room, Bai Xiaosheng took a bath and lay comfortably on the bed, closing his eyes to meditate.

In Bai Xiaosheng's mind, "he" sat on the ground, with numerous floating light screens filled with text and image information.

This was a new function enabled with Bai Xiaosheng's upgrade, essentially a transformed application of the original virtual AR function. This method doesn't consume points, so Bai Xiaosheng was happy to use it.

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After all, this feels quite sci-fi and quite exhilarating.

“The Greater China Region and the European Region have signed a total of 112 collaborations so far, involving more than three hundred of our enterprises, all of which are medium to large in scale. Initially, our estimated funds exceed one trillion RMB...”

Faced with these numbers, Bai Xiaosheng was quite moved.

Back then, four years ago, when Situ Yin, the trusted steward of his uncle, first found him, he reported a group valuation of two trillion, using either US Dollar or Euro as the unit to avoid intimidating him. Four years later, Bai couldn't believe he was now handling trillion-level funds, though the currency differed...

But this is merely an initial fund estimation; subsequent investments are still unpredictable.

A trillion, to an average person, is simply unimaginable.

Yet Bai Xiaosheng knew that, despite its daunting appearance, the figure wasn't as exaggerated as it seemed. Those super giant real estate enterprises in the domestic market could still sell several hundred billion a year even during the cold season, not to mention their heydays.

This amount is really not that much.

After “seeing” the general information about the collaborations, the scopes, and the industries involved, Bai Xiaosheng casually glanced at his score growth.

Compared to the inspiring scale and the funds of the collaborations, Bai Xiaosheng felt like the growth in his score was a bucket of cold water, making him really unhappy.

Currently, he holds a score of 48 at the regional president level, which increased by six points since he last checked.

And now, it's nearly the fifth month since he has held office.

“Do I really have to wait for those collaborations to yield results, achieve substantial profits, for my score to rise?” Bai Xiaosheng sighed in silence, “Looks like it’s going to be a wait.”

However, this collaboration with the Luo Family far exceeds that with Soruns and even those external collaborations.

Presumably, the scores will be different!

Who knows, the scores might explode!

In anticipation, Bai Xiaosheng stayed hopeful.

After checking his scores, Bai Xiaosheng also skimmed through the recent financial reports of those few enterprises he privately owned.

Zunbai Zhisheng, Xue Lian Wan He, Li Ni Workshop, Kelson, are all showing great momentum, just needing a bit more time to earn back substantial funds.

Eventually, the biological pharmaceutical company over at Lai Yin will be able to launch.

Bai Xiaosheng was extremely satisfied with all of this.

Coming to Europe, he hasn’t done much else besides throwing money around, to the extent that it’s probably being tossed by the ton.

One can only imagine the spectacular sight of a ton of money laid out in front of him...

“The fatty hasn’t contacted me much recently.” Bai Xiaosheng suddenly recalled Zhengdong Province, especially since Shengsheng International still has a large amount of his shares.

Thinking of Zhengdong Province led Bai Xiaosheng to Tengyun. Thinking of Tengyun, Bai Xiaosheng recalled Ma Tianqing of Yuema Group, whom he had slapped dizzy.

The battle of Tengyun Yuema has long stirred a buzz online with all sorts of debates flying all over, comments from finance experts flooding in, siding with various parties, gathering those bits of information is useless.

“Seems like when I return, I’ll have to contact Uncle Lu to see if I can be of any assistance.” Bai Xiaosheng thought quietly.

Having “looked” through all this information, gradually, Bai Xiaosheng grew tired and truly fell asleep.

He slept well without dreaming that night.

The next day, Bai Xiaosheng, accompanied by Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying, went for breakfast and called Xiahou Qi.

“Everything is fine here at home; you don’t need to worry. If I couldn’t handle things for over a month, I’d truly be failing in my old age.” Xiahou Qi’s voice was full of energy, laughing with Bai Xiaosheng over the phone.

Currently, Xiahou Qi holds an advisory title, handling affairs but not officially the leader. Naturally, he has less mental burden, every day being fulfilling yet not tiring, truly feeling comfortable never before.

Additionally, Bai Xiaosheng had tidied up the entire Greater China Region. Those who needed dealing with were mostly sorted. The remaining ones barely surviving, without momentum, are gradually replaced by suitable candidates. This saves the energy and effort, avoiding scheming and conflict, leading to a somewhat harmonious state.

Followed by Bai’s request, any results emerging from reforms in the Greater China Region lead to prompt implementation of incentives, bringing about significant benefits. Naturally, those benefiting from it are full of zeal, while others, fueled by envy, understand how to gain money, power, and status, naturally pouring their energy towards it. Unprecedented vitality is flourishing everywhere.

Seeing all this, Xiahou Qi couldn't be happier all day.

"But you need to look after your health, use those around you to get things done, treat it as an opportunity for them to gain experience. Also, remember to take your medicine on time." Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but remind him with a smile.

"Alright, alright, I know. You're even more nagging than Wang Mubei." Xiahou Qi laughed and scolded.

But Xiahou Qi felt incredibly warm from Bai Xiaosheng's concern.

"I've reviewed the contracts sent back by our consortium; I didn't expect Soruns to be so generous, with most cooperation being favorable to us. Wow, during my tenure, I didn't see him act like this." Xiahou Qi laughed, "I've arranged for swift promotion beneath, without delaying reform!"

Given that Xiahou Qi was in charge of these, Bai Xiaosheng naturally felt reassured.

After all, Sir Xiahou Qi had been an executive president for many years.

"By the way, I heard the consortium abruptly changed its mind, deciding not to return first, but to switch to London City instead. What's happening?" Xiahou Qi wondered over the phone.

"It's a long story." Bai Xiaosheng laughed and explained the cooperation with the Luo Family.

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Of course, he only talked about how he met the Luo Family through the Wei Family and facilitated the cooperation with Soruns. As for other matters, he didn't say much.

It's not a matter of trust, but rather unnecessary.

"My God! You rascal, you're incredible!" Upon hearing the news, Xiahou Qi couldn't help but exclaim, "Even when I was in office, I never dared to hope to negotiate a cooperation with a powerhouse like the Luo Family, and you managed to get it done in just one trip to Europe!"

Xiahou Qi naturally knew what kind of powerhouse the Luo Family was.

"As long as we can establish a broad cooperation with the Luo Family, it would be an excellent start! Xiaosheng, on our side, we'd rather sacrifice some benefits to make this happen!"

On the phone, Xiahou Qi's voice was extremely eager.

"The general framework of the cooperation has actually been settled," Bai Xiaosheng said with a smile over the phone while sipping his coffee. "The business group coming over is just here to help work out the details."

Xiahou Qi couldn't help but ask eagerly, "What kind of cooperation framework is it?"

Though some interests could be sacrificed, it shouldn't be too much...

Bai Xiaosheng did not hide it and briefly explained to the elder.

After he finished speaking, the phone remained silent for a long while.

Bai Xiaosheng thought it got disconnected and couldn't help but say "hello" a couple of times while checking his phone screen.

Then, on the other end, Xiahou Qi exploded with a scream, "You, you, are these things you said all true?!"

The loud voice scared Bai Xiaosheng into a big jump.

"How did you manage to negotiate so much cooperation, making them bleed so heavily, and that's the Luo Family!" Xiahou Qi's voice was becoming more and more excited.

Bai Xiaosheng had to quickly calm him down, advising him not to get too excited to prevent any harm to his health.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying, who were beside Bai Xiaosheng, couldn't help but exchange a smile.

Look, even Elder Xia has times when he loses control of his emotions...

After finally calming Xiahou Qi down, Bai Xiaosheng said, "The business group will return a few days later, so back home, please keep an eye on things for me."

"Rest assured, if the manpower is insufficient, I will deploy another batch there. The family will spare no effort and fully support the work over there!" Xiahou Qi shouted.

"That's really not necessary to go to such lengths," Bai Xiaosheng quickly said.

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After finally finishing the call with Xiahou Qi and hanging up, Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but mutter, "This old man was so excited like a child...it's a bit exaggerated!"

"It's not Elder Xia exaggerating, it's Xiaosheng, you being too capable of creating miracles," Lin Weiwei said with a glance at Lei Ying and smiled at Bai Xiaosheng. "We're used to the unbelievable things you bring about, so it's better for us, but Elder Xia couldn't handle it."

Lei Ying also grinned and nodded in agreement.

Indeed, even such events as inadvertently saving a prince and becoming a royal guest happened to Bai Xiaosheng. He could definitely be described as a person of chance encounters.

And it seems that any miracle can be achieved by him!

Bai Xiaosheng is simply a miracle creator.

"Am I to blame then?" Bai Xiaosheng knew Lin Weiwei was joking, and he couldn't help but tease back.

Just as they were talking, Lin Weiwei's phone rang, it was a call from the business group, saying that the people had been divided into groups and would arrive in London City within the next two days.

Lin Weiwei accordingly informed the other side of the hotel information. Anyway, they were all staying at hotels under the Zhenbei Group, and with Soruns' instructions, everything was simple.

After a brief communication, Lin Weiwei hung up the phone.

The three of them continued eating breakfast, but before they finished, Lin Weiwei's phone rang again.

"Oh, it's Grace?" Lin Weiwei exclaimed in surprise when she saw the caller ID.

Come to think of it, those researchers were all night owls, working late into the night, and not waking up at any consistent time in the morning. Whenever they had energy, they would go straight to the studio and rarely called.

Moreover, generally speaking, Grace wouldn't call this early in the morning unless it was something personal.

Could it be something happened on Lai Yin's side?

Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but put down his coffee cup, and Lei Ying also put down his knife and fork, both men looked at Lin Weiwei.

Lin Weiwei also sensed something unusual and quickly answered the call, directly saying, "Grace, it's Lin Weiwei. Is there something wrong?"

As the call progressed, Bai Xiaosheng and Lei Ying noticed that Lin Weiwei's expression changed noticeably, with a mix of surprise, seriousness, and even a hint of anger.

Something happened on Lai Yin's side!

Judging from Lin Weiwei's expression, Bai Xiaosheng was almost certain.

Sure enough, after hanging up the phone, Lin Weiwei immediately said to Bai Xiaosheng.

"Xiaosheng, Lai Yin and the team have encountered trouble!"

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Lai Yin's Team was settled quite comfortably by Bai Xiaosheng, in a place that Bai Xiaosheng owns. They don't lack research funding and aren't under anyone's jurisdiction. It's basically like "burying themselves at home, working on R&D freely"; how could they possibly encounter trouble?

Is it really a case of disaster striking from the skies while sitting at home?

"What exactly is going on?" Bai Xiaosheng asked Lin Weiwei, "What happened over there? Why didn't Lai Yin contact me directly?"

Judging from Lin Weiwei's reaction, this matter seems quite significant.

If that's the case, Lai Yin has Bai Xiaosheng's number and could have contacted him directly.

This isn't some daily trivial matter; why did Grace call Lin Weiwei?

Lei Ying also had similar doubts and looked at Lin Weiwei.

“Grace said the Haru City Pharmaceutical Administration Bureau and the security department sent people to take Lai Yin away, and they sealed their lab, claiming they are suspected of illegal research on uncertain safe drugs and wanted to investigate. The details are still unclear; Grace and the others are still protesting at the municipal government,” Lin Weiwei said.

Bai Xiaosheng and Lei Ying exchanged a shocked look.

“Didn’t Lai Yin’s research project start early, and didn’t they conduct research at Haru Medical College for a long time? What was Haru Municipal Government doing earlier, and why suddenly investigate now, even taking people away and sealing the lab?” Bai Xiaosheng murmured, frowning.

“Not sure, Grace didn’t have time to explain, the call was noisy, it seems they are protesting to the relevant departments. Xiaosheng, shall we go over and take a look?” Lin Weiwei said anxiously.

She discerned that Grace’s voice was very anxious, the situation was not good.

Bai Xiaosheng pondered briefly, nodded, and said to Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying, “You two stay here and wait for the business group. Based on our discussed content, let them draft the cooperation content first. I’ll borrow Soruns’ private jet and fly over to check things out!”

Lei Ying nodded in agreement.

“Xiaosheng, are you going alone? How about one of us stays here, and the other goes with you?” Lin Weiwei suggested.

Bai Xiaosheng shook his head, “The matter won’t be solved with more people; I’m enough on my own. Cooperation with the Luo Family is a big deal here, it’s crucial! I trust better with you both here.”

After Bai Xiaosheng explained, Lin Weiwei didn’t pursue the matter further.

Then, Bai Xiaosheng contacted Soruns to borrow his private jet.

Soruns said over the phone that even though he was not in London City, his private jet happened to be there.

Soruns readily agreed to Bai Xiaosheng's request, without even asking why he was going to Haru, stating they could depart in an hour.

Bai Xiaosheng was eager to go and see the situation with Lai Yin, so he set the appointment to fly in an hour with Soruns.

After hanging up, Bai Xiaosheng went back to his room to pack, with Lin Weiwei helping him. Lei Ying began organizing their discussions, so that they could immediately start working once the business group arrived.

After Bai Xiaosheng finished packing, within an hour, someone came to the door, it was an assistant from Soruns, driving him to the airport.

The subsequent events were uneventful; Bai Xiaosheng went to the airport and successfully boarded Soruns' private plane, flying directly to Haru City.

On the plane, he ate a rather lavish lunch.

Upon arriving in Haru City, Bai Xiaosheng stepped out of the airport and saw that Grace was already waiting outside. She waved from afar and hurried over.

"You're finally here! Weiwei said you'd arrive around this time, so I came to pick you up. I waited and waited, and when you didn't show up, I almost called her to verify!" Grace exclaimed with some relief.

"Let's go." Bai Xiaosheng smiled at her, "Tell me what's really going on along the way!"

A few minutes later, Grace drove, Bai Xiaosheng sat in the passenger seat, rushing back to their building.

There, only the lab was sealed; other places could be used normally.

On the way, Grace told Bai Xiaosheng what she knew.

“Before picking you up, we tried every means to find out that it was Mr. Berman causing trouble! He’s the one who reported us!” Grace said angrily.

Berman? Bai Xiaosheng remembered. Ma Tianqing was at Berman Manor at that time, also taking Lin Weiwei and Grace there. He and Lei Ying took down a group at Berman Manor, even made Ma Tianqing’s face swollen like a pig.

Later, Ma Tianqing left quietly, and Mr. Berman didn’t take any action.

“I thought this matter was over, didn’t expect Mr. Berman would catch us off guard!” Bai Xiaosheng couldn’t help but scoff coldly.

“As a city councilman and Justice of the Peace, Berman’s voice must be taken seriously by the two departments of the municipal government.” Grace said indignantly.

She was a bit upset, “Also, I found the attitude of those department officials annoying today; not only did they brush us off, they also told us they’d thoroughly investigate, but it would take a month or even several months, urging us to prepare mentally. What a waste of taxpayer money with their inefficiency, utterly detestable! Lai Yin is detained, and they plan to seal our lab for so long that our experiments will be totally ruined!”

Bai Xiaosheng’s expression darkened.

Grace really thought it was those departments’ inefficiency?

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Perhaps Berman has already made arrangements with them, asking them to drag things out!

Back then, I heard that Berman was highly favored in the race for the city's mayorship, and could likely become the next Mayor of Haru City.

Facing someone who might become the future mayor, how could the heads of those two departments not be "obedient"!

However, under the "separation of powers" system, the municipal government has independent oversight departments, so they can't all be swayed by Mr. Berman's influence.

"Didn't you file a complaint with the relevant oversight department?" Bai Xiaosheng asked.

"Yes, we lodged a complaint today." Grace said, somewhat dejected, "But the Pharmaceutical Administration and the City Safety Department presented evidence against us and silenced the oversight department directly."

"What adverse evidence?" Bai Xiaosheng inquired in surprise.

Grace looked rather uncomfortable, "Those two departments cited our unauthorized development of biopharmaceuticals as a potential threat to society and took coercive measures against us."

"Our project was initially managed by Vice President Logan, but he didn't complete the formal procedures. You know he's always wanted to claim our results as his own, which offers the most room for manipulation. After the incident, Logan was absolutely unwilling to speak for us, and our only recourse was to obtain recognition from the college, admitting that there was a mistake in their work and that we were a legitimate research project, in order to refute the allegations."

Grace spoke through gritted teeth, "But the college refused to acknowledge it! They even claimed we misused college resources for unauthorized research and were suspected of infringing on Vice President Logan's research content! It's infuriating!"

In her anger, Grace's hands gripping the steering wheel turned pale with tension.

So, these were the adverse allegations!

Bai Xiaosheng understood that Haru Medical College, concerned for its reputation and backed by Ma Tianqing, the new major shareholder, had given unfavorable testimony. Those two departments used this as evidence to silence the oversight department, smoothly proceeding with accusations and investigations against Lai Yin's Team.

They played their cards well! Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but nod.

Furthermore, was the cause of this entire incident Mr. Berman's retaliatory action against them trespassing the estate, or was it prompted by Ma Tianqing's instruction?

Bai Xiaosheng now felt that it was a combination of both.

Mr. Berman, being a big businessman, a senator, and a Justice of the Peace among other identities, could not simply forbear such affront without any anger.

That Ma Tianqing might have quietly bid his time, but he likely instigated Berman, using him like a pawn!

"However, if you're bold enough to trouble me, don't blame me for being ruthless!" Bai Xiaosheng's eyes turned steely.

Even though this was a foreign land, and he was facing a local figure like Berman, he still intended to make them realize another saying from the East, "a fierce dragon cross a river", in addition to "a strong dragon cannot suppress a local snake".

"Grace, we're not going back to the base, we're heading straight to the municipal government!" Bai Xiaosheng declared.

Grace couldn't help but glance at him, "Aren't you going to put your things down and rest a bit first?"

In her view, the situation here was very troublesome, not something that could be resolved in a day or two. Their research team had even prepared for a protracted battle, thinking that Bai Xiaosheng would

arrive and discuss it with him, for in handling such issues, the collective wisdom of their researchers was likely not even comparable to a single finger of Bai Xiaosheng.

Thus, several members of their team were waiting at home.

“I’m going to meet Lai Yin.” Bai Xiaosheng said calmly, “And bring him back!”

Bai Xiaosheng’s words nearly caused Grace to hit the wrong pedal. She looked at Bai Xiaosheng in surprise.

Lai Yin had just been taken this morning, and even intervention by the oversight department had been fruitless. Yet Bai Xiaosheng had just arrived and claimed he would bring him back that very afternoon?

Had it been someone else saying that, it would have been completely irrational and unscientific.

Grace might have given them a disdainful look, showing her scorn.

But it was Bai Xiaosheng who said it, and Grace couldn’t help but believe it.

After all, Bai Xiaosheng had surprisingly helped them before.

“Alright, we’re going to the municipal government right now!” Grace said, turning the wheel.

Once the car was smoothly on the road, she couldn’t help but look at Bai Xiaosheng and asked, “Sheng, are you telling the truth?”

Bai Xiaosheng looked at Grace, smiled, and told her word by word, “I never brag!”

In the Safety Department of the Haru Municipal Government, inside an interrogation room.

Lai Yin looked at the two interrogators before him with great displeasure, as their questioning just now had practically treated him like a criminal.

"I am a researcher, and my research, conducted at Haru Medical College for several years, is legal and safe. You can investigate it. Even if they won't admit it, you can find out from others." Lai Yin said loudly.

A slightly plump Caucasian investigator looked at him with indifference, lazily saying, "Why are you yelling? Do we need you to teach us how to do our job? You'd better explain your own issues!"

His tone entirely treated Lai Yin like a criminal!

"My issues? I don't have any issues! You baselessly accused me from the start!" Lai Yin shouted angrily.

"Don't waste our time, you bastard!" said a sallow-faced colleague of the Caucasian investigator impatiently, even adding threateningly, "If necessary, we can give you a hard time!"

"Then try it!" Lai Yin retorted fiercely.

Just then, the door to the interrogation room opened, and three people walked in from outside.

Lai Yin looked over, his eyes narrowing as he recognized them.

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There was a man in uniform, short and stout, with sharp eyes and a faint smile on his face, none other than the head of the department, Mr. Henry.

Another person was slightly thin, wore gold-rimmed glasses, and had a serious demeanor. He was the head of the Pharmaceutical Management Bureau, Mr. Gian.

The last one was dressed in a suit and leaning on a cane, Mr. Berman.

The two investigators, seeing the presence of these three, did not dare to slack off, quickly stood up with smiles and greeted them.

"There's nothing for you to do here, you should leave." Mr. Henry said politely to his subordinates with a faintly sinister tone.

The two did not dare to be negligent, nodding and smiling, they hurriedly left.

Everyone knows, although their boss seems to have a good temper and always smiles, he is definitely a Smiling Tiger, and demands strict compliance from his subordinates. If they are slow to leave, they might get into trouble.

Mr. Gian, with his gold-rimmed glasses, casually pushed the door shut.

Mr. Henry meanwhile smiled and gestured "please" to Mr. Berman beside him.

Mr. Berman nodded, with a half-smile walked over.

"Mr. Henry! Mr. Gian! Mr. Berman! What exactly do you want!" Lai Yin couldn't help but frown, raising his voice.

In one day, he had met Mr. Henry and Mr. Gian multiple times. Although it was Mr. Berman's first appearance, due to the incident involving Lin Weiwei and Grace's capture, he was not unfamiliar with Mr. Berman.

Mr. Berman, unhurried and unabashed, walked directly opposite Lai Yin, and sat down.

Mr. Henry and Mr. Gian waited at a slightly distant place.

"Do you know me." Mr. Berman asked with a half-smiling look at Lai Yin.

"I didn't know at first, but thanks to your hospitality towards my friends, how could I not know Mr. Berman!" Lai Yin mocked, "And this time, thanks to you, Mr. Berman! I am here because of you!"

Mr. Berman laughed, leaned back into his chair and said leisurely, "That's good, that's good! I wouldn't want to have gone through all the trouble sending you in here and you not knowing it was me, nor why I did it. That would have made me very unhappy! You caused a scene at my manor, I had to give you some payback!"

Mr. Berman openly said these things. Lai Yin pointed at him immediately, looking towards Mr. Henry and Mr. Gian, exclaiming, "You both heard what he said, it's all his scheme! I'm innocent, our research project is innocent!"

Mr. Henry and Mr. Gian exchanged a smile and completely ignored Lai Yin's accusations, casually discussing other matters.

Lai Yin's expression was one of shock and anger.

He wasn't too naive; although he had initially suspected they might be untrustworthy, this blatant collusion with Mr. Berman was really arrogant.

"Look at you, yelling for nothing. You researchers are so naive. You expect them to expose me when they are pillars of the city elected after I became mayor!" Mr. Berman said, fingers interlaced as he rested his hands on the table with a smile.

Mr. Henry and Mr. Gian couldn't help but glance over with a laugh.

Lai Yin's face turned extremely dour.

"Actually, if your team had cooperated with Mr. Ma earlier, you wouldn't be in such a predicament now! People would be out of trouble, and your experiment wouldn't have been abandoned halfway!"

Mr. Berman looked regretful, seemingly pitying Lai Yin's team.

"Such a shame, you in pharmaceutical research should know there's no regret medicine in this world! Even if you now want to cooperate, there's probably no chance anymore. And I will extinguish your research while it's still in the cradle!" Mr. Berman said, drawing closer, lower his voice with a sinister look directed at Lai Yin, "Daring to cause trouble at my manor, daring to attack people at my manor, especially my most esteemed partner, you are too audacious! If I don't deal with you, who am I to deal with!"

It was clearly a retaliatory action by Mr. Berman, of course, also under the instructions of Ma Tianqing.

If things were accomplished, Ma Tianqing would be greatly thankful.

"This Haru City has been ruined by pests like you in capital!" Lai Yin glared at Mr. Berman.

"Before capital, pests are also kings. Unlike you, not even pests." Mr. Berman sneered.

Lai Yin was too furious to speak.

"I don't know why Mr. Ma was rushed to return abroad, nor why he couldn't find Mr. Bai's address, otherwise I could deal with you all together. If Mr. Bai dares to let me catch sight of him, I would surely make you good companions! Letting you know, there are some people in this world you can't provoke, provoking them will lead to big trouble!" Mr. Berman said with pride.

Lai Yin coldly stared at Mr. Berman, suddenly chuckled.

"Do you want to meet him, that Mr. Bai? You will achieve your wish, but don't regret it later!"

Hearing Lai Yin, Mr. Berman seemed to have heard something amusing, and laughed heartily.

In Haru City, in his own turf, an outsider could make him regret?

Before Mr. Berman could taunt further, the interrogation room door was knocked, and then a guard poked his head in, respectfully addressing the three big figures, "Gentlemen, someone is here to visit Lai Yin."

"Who?" Mr. Henry asked offhandedly.

The guard's response froze all four people in the room to look at him.

"He says his surname is Bai."

Chapter 1757: Negotiations Break Down

Bai Xiaosheng, he's here! Lai Yin's eyes lit up like torches when he heard the guard speak to Berman and the other two.

Even though he had anticipated Bai Xiaosheng would come, he was still pleasantly surprised by the speed of his arrival.

"Bai?!", Berman, seated across from Lai Yin, abruptly stood up as he heard this, his voice sharp.

He had just been talking about teaching that Bai a lesson, lamenting the difficulty of tracking him down. And now, Bai had delivered himself right to the door?!

"Bai?" Henry looked at Mr. Berman, clumsily repeating the pronunciation of the character in Chinese, and then turned to the guard, "What does he look like?"

The guard quickly responded, "He is an Asian man, looks very young, has a well-proportioned build, black hair, black eyes, oh, and his eyes are very bright!"

Gian looked at Berman, his eyes inquiring.

"There's no mistake, it's him! He really came!" Berman's eyes flashed coldly, a sinister smile stretched across his lips as he confirmed.

Although he had never met Bai Xiaosheng, he had heard the servants describe the man's physical characteristics.

"What do you suggest we do, Mr. Berman?" Henry asked with a smile.

"Have that Bai go to the small reception room, we'll meet him there!" Berman instructed.

Henry gave orders directly to the guard, who nodded and left immediately.

"Mr. Lai Yin, aren't you thrilled now?" Berman shot a glance at Lai Yin, who was sitting there, and asked with a cold smile.

"Believe me, you don't want to mess with him; even if you're a councilor and a Justice of the Peace, he can still deal with you," Lai Yin snorted coldly.

Bai Xiaosheng is no pushover!

"This is Haru City Hall, not outside!" Berman laughed mockingly, pointing at the ground and then gesturing toward the two, "Besides, I'm not alone here! You're so confident that he's not landing himself into a trap!"

Henry and Gian exchanged smiles.

They too were eager to see who this person was that Lai Yin trusted so much and who could supposedly handle Mr. Berman!

Would he really dare to make trouble in Haru City Hall!

Lai Yin couldn't help but glance at Henry and Gian, his once calm gaze now wavering.

Against Berman alone, he did believe Bai Xiaosheng had a way to handle it.

But, what about adding in the two department heads in the city hall!

Lai Yin couldn't help but worry about Bai Xiaosheng; his changing expression did not escape Berman's eyes.

"See, this is the convenience brought by our status and power. Even if he has wealth and family backing, he still has to bow before privilege!" Berman chuckled triumphantly.

"Parasite!" Lai Yin couldn't help but curse through gritted teeth at Berman's expression.

He was detained here, unable even to meet Bai Xiaosheng, let alone warn him about the collusion among these three!

Unaware, Bai Xiaosheng might suffer a loss!

Seeing Lai Yin's anger, Berman laughed loudly and swaggered off.

Gian shot a cold glance at Lai Yin, snorted silently, and followed Berman.

"Let's see if I can let you all meet inside. Because your friend is also deemed responsible by us!" Henry said cheerfully to Lai Yin before closing the door.

With that, the interrogation room door shut with a "bang".

Lai Yin stared blankly at the doorway, his expression shifting between fury and shock, he rose to his feet, slamming the table, cursing further, "Fuck you!"

Meanwhile, in the hall, Bai Xiaosheng, having waited briefly with Grace, was led by the returning guard to a reception room.

The reception room was small; apart from tables and chairs, the decor was simple—only a green plant in the corner and a large map hanging on the wall.

Bai Xiaosheng glanced at the map briefly, not examining it closely.

“Please wait a moment, our head will be here soon,” the guard said before stepping out.

Bai Xiaosheng couldn’t help but laugh and said to Grace, “Look, our influence is quite substantial; the department head is attending to us without an appointment.”

Grace, not in the mood for jokes, couldn’t help but worry, whispering, “So what should we do? Protesting is useless! Unless we meet the mayor to protest. But without an appointment, the mayor won’t see us!”

Even if we did meet, Bai Xiaosheng thought silently, Haru’s mayor probably wouldn’t help! On the way here, Bai Xiaosheng had heard from Grace that this year Mr. Gordon, the mayor of Haru City, failed to meet a series of pre-election promises regarding employment promotion, leading to a plummet in public support. He had no chance against Berman for the next mayoral term, and others had even less support than Mr. Gordon.

Originally, Mr. Gordon was at odds with Berman, but recently the winds had changed, with Gordon making great efforts to mend their relationship.

Rumor had it that Gordon aimed to secure support for his business in Haru City post-Berman’s election...

Under such circumstances, it seemed implausible for Mayor Gordon to help them at the cost of breaking with Berman.

Grace frowned in distress, unable to think of any feasible plans and could only place hope in Bai Xiaosheng, looking eagerly at him.

“Don’t worry, leave it to me,” Bai Xiaosheng smiled reassuringly at Grace’s anxiety.

In Bai Xiaosheng's view, the matter was very simple.

Soon, he would negotiate directly, demanding they release their people.

If they refused, he would invoke Chen Mingli's name and let them choose—

Since you detained Lai Yin and sealed the lab under “legitimate” reasons, I'll bring over the best legal teams and investigation teams from all over Europe and bring full media attention to this matter. Let's see if you can withstand it!

Chapter 1758: Breakdown of Negotiations (2)

It's nothing more than spending money.

But once things get out of hand, you people need to consider the consequences clearly!

When the time comes, if it becomes uncontrollable, you might have to resign!

Bai Xiaosheng plans to use this method to “move them emotionally, explain logically,” to persuade the two heads not to side with Berman, and not to claim impartiality and do wrong!

This is also the fastest way to solve the problem in extreme situations.

However, Bai Xiaosheng is genuinely reluctant to take substantial action.

The time, energy, monetary, and various costs are enormous. Even if he wins in the end, it will affect Lai Yin's experiments, delaying matters on Bai Xiaosheng's side.

Needless to say, precautions would have to be taken against any further moves from the other side.

“The two supervisors, since they are so close to Berman and even help him, are just seeking long-term career paths. Such people are easily ‘persuaded’ by this method. So let’s first solve the current issue,” Bai Xiaosheng thought.

“But what if, what if they really hold firm...”

Bai Xiaosheng pondered.

In fact, if the other side truly doesn’t accept his well-intentioned “persuasion,” he also has methods.

It’s just the matter of time costs, energy costs, and monetary costs again.

Bai Xiaosheng pondered as he casually examined the map, since there wasn’t much to look at in this room.

After thinking for a while, Bai Xiaosheng came up with an alternative plan.

It’s not particularly good, but at least it’s an option.

“Let’s try this first, and if it doesn’t work, then we’ll see,” Bai Xiaosheng thought.

The other side is acting unlawfully under the guise of legality. He is also taking a legitimate route, using a team of lawyers and media for confrontation; it’s a fair and proper duel.

With a decision in his heart, Bai Xiaosheng drew his attention back, his gaze suddenly landing on the position of Haru City, and he suddenly noticed that the entire state containing Haru City was outlined in red, isolated from its surroundings. The surrounding areas had no detailed geographical information, whereas the continent across the sea was marked in great detail.

What’s going on?

Bai Xiaosheng wondered, and Red Lotus immediately retrieved the related administrative information.

“The state containing Haru City is actually an ‘enclave’?!” Bai Xiaosheng exclaimed in surprise.

As he traveled across various countries and regions in Europe, Soruns helped handle all the permits, with Lin Weiwei doing the coordination, allowing him to act as a carefree manager, hence he was unaware.

Beside him, Grace has been watching Bai Xiaosheng. Upon hearing this, she was taken aback, “Yes, didn’t you know?”

As for “enclave,” this concept actually originated in the Middle Ages, with complex historical causes, which won’t be elaborated here.

It can refer to land under the jurisdiction of a certain administrative region but is not contiguous with it.

It can also refer to a piece of land belonging to one country within the territory of another country!

Bai Xiaosheng didn’t respond to Grace, his eyes locked on the map, with bright eyes, and a slow smile forming at the corners of his mouth.

It seems the alternative plan... has a better choice!

Grace didn’t know what Bai Xiaosheng was thinking to have such an expression. She considered asking, but before she could speak, a sound of footsteps was heard, and then the door of the reception room was opened, and several people walked in from outside, led by three individuals.

Grace looked over, and her eyes immediately narrowed.

She recognized them!

“Mr. Henry!”

“Mr. Gian!”

“And... Mr. Berman!”

Grace exclaimed softly in astonishment.

Bai Xiaosheng also turned his head to look over. On his way here, he had learned about Henry and Gian’s positions and names from Grace, and further searched their relevant information via Red Lotus.

However, Berman was also present, and seemingly held a central leading role between the two men.

Bai Xiaosheng’s eyes suddenly became meaningful.

He initially thought the heads of the two departments were bribed by Berman, but now it appears not so simple. These two are likely ardent supporters of Berman!

“Everyone, please leave, do not let anyone disturb us,” Henry spoke, directing the accompanying subordinates.

Those people nodded respectfully and withdrew.

“Miss Grace, we also request you to leave, as we’d like to speak with this gentleman privately,” Gian spoke politely to Grace.

Why do I have to leave? Grace couldn’t help but want to ask.

However, before she could speak, Bai Xiaosheng stopped her.

“Leave this to me, Grace, would you mind waiting outside? I think it will end soon,” Bai Xiaosheng said to her with a smile.

Grace was a bit reluctant but ultimately nodded and walked out.

The door to the reception room was closed afterward.

“The soundproofing here is excellent, Mr. Berman, you can speak freely with Mr. Bai,” Henry said politely to Berman, then glanced at Bai Xiaosheng, “Do I need to introduce Gian and myself to you?”

“No need, Mr. Henry,” Bai Xiaosheng replied with a slight smile.

Henry’s smile grew, “I could tell from the lack of surprise in your gaze that you likely know something about us.”

“Mr. Henry is indeed smart,” Bai Xiaosheng casually gave a thumbs up.

Henry smiled slightly.

Gian said nothing, studying Bai Xiaosheng.

Berman approached Bai Xiaosheng, looking him over thoroughly.

Being able to violently attack Yuema Group’s young director Ma Tianqing in his manor, this young man is bold. He has heard his skills are good too.

However, Berman has investigated, and neither in Huaxia nor in Europe has he heard of any major family with the Bai surname! This person of unknown background, no one knows where he emerged from!

Chapter 1759 Negotiations Break Down (Part 3)

After Ma Tianqing left, he said on the phone that he needed to return home urgently due to family matters, but he would certainly seek revenge, and asked him to keep an eye out.

Ma Tianqing seemed to be unconcerned about the background of Bai, only upset because his subordinates were useless and got beaten.

Even if Bai has a background, he's in Huaxia, ten thousand miles away from me, and we don't have any entangled interests, so why should I fear his background!

Mr. Berman looked at Bai Xiaosheng, and seeing Bai Xiaosheng looking at him, suddenly sneered coldly, "Young man, we finally meet. You caused a scene at my manor, yet I, the host, didn't get to see you, what a pity!"

Bai Xiaosheng, faced with Berman's enthusiastic gaze, looked uninterested and glanced at him, "I have absolutely no interest in meeting Mr. Berman, whether back then or now! This time, I mainly want to seek advice from Mr. Henry and Mr. Gian..."

Bai Xiaosheng's gaze brushed past Berman and fell on the faces of those two, frankly stating, "You arbitrarily detained my friend and sealed his laboratory, what's the reason!"

Seeing Bai Xiaosheng seemingly intent on ignoring him, Berman's expression immediately darkened.

Henry and Gian, confronted directly by Bai Xiaosheng, were also surprised that Bai Xiaosheng wasn't speaking with Berman but went straight to them.

"We came completely according to the regulations; there isn't any issue with any of the procedures," Henry laughed.

"We do not accept the accusation of 'arbitrary.' Furthermore, we heard that someone colluded with Lai Yin and others, secretly set up a lab, and is suspected of infringing on the achievements of Vice President Logan of the Haru Medical College. That person's surname is Bai, it must be you. So please cooperate with our investigation!" Gian responded coldly.

Seek them?

They haven't even sought him yet!

This young man from Huaxia, where does he get the courage to come here and question!

"The real situation, if you really want to investigate, you could clarify in half a day. However, you turn a blind eye, detain my friend under the guise of investigation procedures. Is this what you call acting with a clear conscience? Can I assume you're targeting me and my friend together with Mr. Berman?" Bai Xiaosheng stated frankly.

The two shared a glance and shrugged, plainly indicating that if you want to think that way, go ahead, we neither confirm nor deny it!

"I really didn't expect you to be so arrogant! Just lay it all out right away!" Berman looked at Bai Xiaosheng and grinned viciously, candidly asserting, "Yes, I am indeed targeting you. There's no need for doubt about that! If you hadn't come, I would have dealt with Lai Yin and the others for sure! Now that you've appeared, you should forget about leaving! Soon, the investigation procedures against you will commence! Rather than worrying about Lai Yin and the others, you'd better worry about yourself, worry about the accusations you might face!"

Berman wasn't afraid of being recorded by Bai Xiaosheng because his words contained no "issues"; a Justice of the Peace is meant to combat all problematic figures, targeting those with issues.

Thus explained, it makes sense anywhere.

Berman sneered, looking at Bai Xiaosheng, wondering what else he would do.

Bai Xiaosheng lifted his gaze to Berman, his eyes unmoved.

Under their gaze, the room's atmosphere seemed to be filled with the scent of gunpowder, ready to explode at the slightest trigger.

"I can hire the best European lawyers, the finest private investigation institutions, and let the mainstream media focus on this, aren't you afraid of causing a huge scene?" Bai Xiaosheng voiced again, his tone filled with a hint of threat.

Henry and Gian exchanged glances without speaking, looking instead at Berman to see what he would say.

Berman, being publicly threatened by Bai Xiaosheng, couldn't possibly back down; if he recoiled from a few sentences, Henry and Gian wouldn't support his bid for mayor?

Besides, when it comes to spending money, he's truly unafraid.

"You want to spend money to counter this investigation? Great, I, Berman, am never short on money! Let's have a mutual spend-off then!" Berman grinned savagely, "However, after battling for a year or so, even if you win, Lai Yin and the others will be done for! You better think it through!"

Upon hearing Berman's words, Henry and Gian both sneered, looking at Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng's words were mainly directed at Henry and Gian. If Berman was absent, he might have succeeded, but with Berman disrupting, failure became inevitable.

Bai Xiaosheng nodded, said nothing, and walked out, saying calmly, "Then I have nothing more to say."

Berman initially thought Bai Xiaosheng would escalate the threat, but unexpectedly, the opponent simply died down? It puzzled him.

Henry and Gian were also surprised by Bai Xiaosheng's sudden change in demeanor, feeling it was illogical and bewildering.

However, Henry stepped forward to block Bai Xiaosheng and directly said, "Mr. Bai, since you are in the city, I hope you won't leave on your own before the investigation order comes down, otherwise, don't blame us..."

"Don't worry, I'm not leaving until the matter is resolved!" Bai Xiaosheng looked at him calmly, then turned his gaze to Berman and Gian, solemnly declaring, "I'm awaiting your investigation order!"

Berman looked at Bai Xiaosheng, eyes fierce.

Gian's face was also dark.

"Can I leave now?" Bai Xiaosheng turned back, looking at Henry calmly.

Henry frowned before stepping aside.

Bai Xiaosheng walked straight out.

Outside the door, Grace waited anxiously, seeing the door open and Bai Xiaosheng walking out with a cold demeanor, she hurried to meet him.

Grace also saw the unfriendly expressions of the three inside and Bai Xiaosheng's lack of joy, feeling her heart sink.

Bai Xiaosheng walked out silently, and Grace hurriedly followed.

Walking a bit further, Grace noticed Bai Xiaosheng's pace quickening and couldn't help but ask, "No breakthrough? Where are we going now?"

A faint smile devoid of disappointment appeared on Bai Xiaosheng's face, "I have Plan B!"

Chapter 1760: Want to Hear My Advice?

Berman spoke firmly, driving Bai Xiaosheng away. By rights, he should feel quite pleased. However, at this moment, there wasn't a trace of satisfaction in his heart, but rather a vague, inexplicable irritation.

All because Bai Xiaosheng's reaction was simply too strange.

Bai Xiaosheng's harsh words were just like going through the motions, as if he said his piece and then left?

Berman felt something was off, like something was missing.

He was almost certain that after leaving, Bai Xiaosheng would definitely not take this lying down and just wait around for their investigation into him.

Berman knew that Bai Xiaosheng would take action next, but he couldn't guess what it would be, nor could he understand why Bai Xiaosheng left so swiftly, and this left him feeling unsettled.

Besides, he couldn't talk to Henry or Gian about this; if he did, he would reveal a less confident side of himself.

So on the surface, Berman still wore a nonchalant expression.

"This Huaxia guy Bai is really arrogant, daring to threaten us here!" Henry approached Berman, sneering.

While speaking, Henry turned his face to look out the door, giving a mocking look even though from this angle, Bai Xiaosheng's figure was completely out of sight.

Gian also came over, chiming in, "Threatening the two of us in front of Mr. Berman, how audacious! He probably underestimated Mr. Berman's connections and wealth, not knowing what respect really means!"

Berman didn't respond as they spoke, seeming distracted, which left them both stunned. They exchanged glances.

Based on what they knew about Mr. Berman, when facing someone they could easily crush who didn't know their place, he would certainly laugh at them.

But today, in response to that strangely speaking Huaxia kid who left abruptly, Mr. Berman's reaction...

...was a bit strange!

Henry and Gian communicated silently with their eyes, astonished.

Mr. Berman had said that the person caused quite a scene in his manor and even assaulted his esteemed guest?

At the time, Mr. Berman was also in the manor, so why didn't he come forward to apprehend that guy named Bai?

Later, why didn't Mr. Berman report it to the police immediately to handle this matter?

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These incidents, both had heard of, were already full of curiosity.

Having encountered that guy named Bai and threatened by him, they at least knew that the young Huaxia man was incredibly wealthy!

This made things a bit tricky!

In this world, as long as you're willing to spend money, many things can be done, including causing them significant trouble!

So, after communicating with their eyes, Henry and Gian simultaneously looked at Berman.

“Mr. Berman, we’ve always been on your side; you must help us fend off any adverse influences!” Henry said.

“Exactly, especially concerning this matter, we really have left incriminating evidence in people’s hands!” Gian chimed in.

Only then did Berman come to his senses, understanding their concerns. He knew they might be worried about their positions and hurried to reassure them.

However, once worry arises, it’s not that easy to dispel with just a few words...

Meanwhile, Bai Xiaosheng, accompanied by Grace, was walking through a corridor, not slowing his pace. Grace followed closely, her eyes fixed on his back.

Having been rescued by Bai Xiaosheng before, Grace held immense trust towards him, believing he could deliver on his word and bring back Lai Yin today. Even later on, when Henry and Gian, heads of the Pharmaceuticals Administration and the City Safety Department respectively, showed up, and even Berman arrived, she still believed Bai Xiaosheng could handle it.

However, the outcome was harsh—Bai Xiaosheng was seemingly “defeated” this time.

Truth be told, at that moment, Grace’s heart sank.

But before she could feel disappointed, Bai Xiaosheng told her they were now going to implement “Plan B.”

Grace was truly taken aback, slowing her pace. Seeing Bai Xiaosheng walking further away, she hurried to catch up and asked in a voice only the two of them could hear, “Do we really have a Plan B?!”

In fact, she didn’t even know what “Plan A” was...

“Yes, we do.” Bai Xiaosheng glanced back towards where they had come from, then looked at Grace with a mysterious smile, “I originally didn’t want to use excessive means, but they wouldn’t listen! So, they can’t blame me!”

Bai Xiaosheng’s words left Grace dumbfounded, increasingly feeling like she couldn’t understand him.

“Anyway, don’t ask too much for now, just follow me.” Bai Xiaosheng said with a smile.

Since Bai Xiaosheng told her not to ask, Grace really didn’t, even though she was somewhat impatient by nature.

Grace followed Bai Xiaosheng out of the municipal office building, crossed the street, and walked along the road for a while. Curious, she observed Bai Xiaosheng’s steady pace, as if he was quite familiar with the area. Where was he taking her?

In Bai Xiaosheng’s mind, with Red Lotus, searching maps and landmarks was as easy as pie, and the destination wasn’t far.

“Here we are, follow me.” Bai Xiaosheng led Grace to a stern and imposing building in appearance; they entered without hesitation.

Grace looked up in astonishment at the building, surprisingly, “Isn’t this... the municipal building?”

The place where the mayor’s office is!

What was Bai Xiaosheng doing bringing her here? Could he really be planning to appeal to the mayor?

That’s not going to work!

Moreover, without an appointment, they’re likely to never even see the mayor of Haru City.

Grace saw Bai Xiaosheng already entering and hastily followed, whispering urgently, “Hey, wait up!”

Catching up to Bai Xiaosheng, Grace quietly voiced her worries.