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Chapter 1761 - Want to Hear My Advice? (Part 2)

"Don't worry, I have my plans. You just need to follow my lead." Bai Xiaosheng smiled at her, responding to all her worries with just this one sentence.

Grace had more to say, but seeing Bai Xiaosheng's confident and warm smile, she involuntarily swallowed back her words.

No matter how this trip turns out, she was willing to go with Bai Xiaosheng...

The two of them entered the city hall building and walked all the way to the reception desk in the hall.

Standing behind the Haru Municipal Government's reception desk were all beautiful women wearing sweet smiles and with great attitudes.

"Excuse me, is there anything I can help you with, sir?" one of the beauties asked with a smile as Bai Xiaosheng approached.

"I'd like to see the mayor." Bai Xiaosheng said politely.

"Oh, do you have an appointment?" the beauty asked again.

Bai Xiaosheng shook his head directly and answered with a smile, "No."

Bai Xiaosheng spoke so plainly and straightforwardly that Grace, who was behind him, felt a bit embarrassed.

The beauty who was about to get the registration book was momentarily stunned by Bai Xiaosheng's answer, but then courteously said to him, "Sorry, sir, without an appointment, you can't see the mayor. How about this, please give me your identity and the purpose of your visit. If it meets the requirements, I can schedule an appointment for you, but it will likely be in two weeks..."

"I'm afraid I can't wait that long. I have something very important to discuss with Mayor Gordon right now." Bai Xiaosheng interrupted the beauty, speaking seriously yet with a smile.

Listening to Bai Xiaosheng, Grace felt a wave of helplessness. She thought Bai Xiaosheng had some special connections to see the mayor, only to realize he was determined to meet by force of will.

This could only end in failure!

The beauty's smile slightly faded, as if indicating she couldn't help Bai Xiaosheng.

"Please call your supervisor. I'd like to speak with them," Bai Xiaosheng said.

"Sir, if you insist on this, I'll have to call security!" The beauty assumed Bai Xiaosheng was causing trouble and her expression darkened.

At this moment, a middle-aged woman in a business suit, wearing a name badge on her chest, walked over, looked at Bai Xiaosheng, then at the beauty, and asked, "What's going on?"

"Miss Lauren, this man insists on seeing the mayor without an appointment!" the beauty said.

Lauren, the middle-aged woman, looked at Bai Xiaosheng and asked expressionlessly, "Is that so, sir?!"

"More or less," Bai Xiaosheng smiled and, before Lauren could respond again, reached out a hand to pass something over. "Please give this to the mayor. I believe he will want to meet me after seeing it."

Lauren frowned as she looked at what Bai Xiaosheng handed over. It was a yellowish item, about the size of a coin.

As Lauren took it, she felt it was quite heavy in her hand. The material was unusual; it was made of gold.

Looking closely, she found the emblem on the front exquisite beyond words, and in the center was actually a royal insignia!

Grace, behind Bai Xiaosheng, only saw him hand something over to Lauren, unclear on what it was. As she stretched her neck to see better, she noticed Lauren's expression drastically changed, full of surprise and disbelief.

"What could it be that causes such astonishment?" Just as Grace was wondering, she heard Lauren respectfully return the item with both hands to Bai Xiaosheng and say in an extremely polite tone, "Sir, please come with me! I will take you to see Mayor Gordon!"

What is going on?!

Seeing the supervisor's attitude, Grace's eyes widened in disbelief.

The beauty at the reception desk also had her eyes wide open, her mouth forming an "O" shape, as if it could fit a small egg.

"Thank you." Bai Xiaosheng retrieved the medal, smiled at Lauren, and waved for Grace to follow along.

In fact, Bai Xiaosheng himself was quite surprised that a supervisor was able to recognize the emblem.

It seems its convenience in use is highly effective and not necessarily limited to prominent figures.

Even though Haru City and London City are geographically apart, they belong to the same country. The state where Haru City is located is practically an enclave.

Upon learning this information, Bai Xiaosheng was instantly relieved.

Henry, Gian didn't stand behind Berman and feared no threats.

This time, it should be Mayor Gordon who steps in. I believe Mayor Gordon wouldn't refuse!

"If I'd known earlier that even a mere supervisor recognizes this medal, I would have given it to Henry and Gian to see. Wouldn't it have been equally effective?" Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but ponder this matter and then shook his head quietly, "Forget it, since we're here."

Bai Xiaosheng and Grace followed Lauren, taking the private elevator upstairs, heading straight to the mayor's office.

On the way, Grace couldn't help wanting to ask Bai Xiaosheng about the thing he took out and how it was so effective!

But Grace never found the opportunity.

Finally, they arrived outside the mayor's office.

"I need to borrow your medal. I have to show it to Mayor Gordon," Lauren spoke very politely.

Bai Xiaosheng nodded, took out the medal, and handed it over to her.

After receiving it, Lauren smiled, knocked on the mayor's office door, and only entered after obtaining permission.

Once the door closed, Grace couldn't help but lower her voice and eagerly ask, "What is that thing you have? Why is it so effective?!"

Bai Xiaosheng smiled, not hiding it as he leaned closer to tell Grace, "That's the Y Royal Golden Knight Medal!"

Grace blinked, seemingly not having heard clearly, "You said, Y Royal... Golden Knight Medal!"

Bai Xiaosheng smiled and nodded at her.

Grace suddenly comprehended, completely stunned in place.

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At this moment, a flurry of hurried footsteps was heard, and then the door to the mayor's office was suddenly pulled open. A stout, slightly balding middle-aged man with handsome facial hair and a strong presence appeared in front of Bai Xiaosheng and his companion.

"Sir, is this the medal you possess?" The man asked with a hint of excitement, sizing Bai Xiaosheng up and down courteously.

Though Bai Xiaosheng was young, he held the same rank as Soruns, overseeing hundreds of medium and large enterprises in the Greater China Region for the Zhenbei Group. Small enterprises were as numerous as fish crossing the river, and holding a high position was the best way to hone one's aura.

Thus, even before Bai Xiaosheng spoke, the man had already determined his unusualness based on his demeanor.

"Yes, this medal is mine." Bai Xiaosheng answered with a polite smile, "You must be Mr. Gordon."

"Yes, I am Gordon, the mayor of Haru City!" Gordon replied with a smile as he returned the medal.

Bai Xiaosheng received it with care.

"Please come in!" Mayor Gordon warmly invited Bai Xiaosheng.

Holding the Royal Golden Knight Medal meant he was a friend of the royal family, someone not to be taken lightly!

Bai Xiaosheng entered the mayor's office with Grace, and behind him, Mayor Gordon instructed Director Lauren, "Bring the best tea and coffee here, delay all meetings, I have things to discuss with our guest, do not let anyone disturb us!"

Bai Xiaosheng wouldn't come to see him for no reason. Though Gordon didn't know his purpose, he knew there must be something important.

Lauren nodded in agreement and hurriedly left.

After giving his instructions, Gordon returned to the office and invited Bai Xiaosheng and Grace to take seats in the sofa area.

Soon, Lauren returned with tea and coffee, setting them down before retreating again.

"May I know how to address you?" Mayor Gordon sat opposite Bai Xiaosheng, smiling and asking courteously.

"You can call me Bai." Bai Xiaosheng replied politely.

For foreigners who didn't understand Chinese, telling them the full name would likely result in just being called by the last name, so it was better to directly give a simple name.

"Bai." Mayor Gordon repeated the name, smiling and asking, "What brings you to see me?"

Beside him, Grace couldn't help but look at Bai Xiaosheng, her eyes sparkling.

Up till now, she had no worries at all, and completely trusted Bai Xiaosheng's capabilities.

A friend of the royal family!

To think that their friend from the Ryan Team had such a remarkable identity!

“In your jurisdiction, there is currently a matter happening that is greatly related to me.”

Bai Xiaosheng began, quickly explaining the situation with Lai Yin and the others to Mayor Gordon.

“Such a thing is happening!” Mayor Gordon appeared shocked and incredulous, as if he knew nothing about it.

Bai Xiaosheng did not reveal the truth, choosing to believe he was unaware.

“The departments managed by Henry and Gian are so inefficient!” Mayor Gordon exclaimed with some frustration, “I will urge them to expedite the process immediately!”

“As for Mr. Berman, it’s quite troublesome.” Mayor Gordon changed his expression, smacking his lips and saying, “After all, he is a city council member and a Justice of the Peace, with the right to report without liability, even I cannot blame him...”

It seemed that Mayor Gordon intended to smooth things over!

Grace couldn’t help but look at Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng leisurely drank his tea, indifferent to the probing gaze from Mayor Gordon.

As Mayor Gordon couldn’t hold back and was about to ask Bai Xiaosheng for his opinion, Bai Xiaosheng set down the teacup and spoke to Grace, “Grace, please step out for a moment. I have some private matters to discuss with Mr. Gordon.”

Grace was momentarily stunned, then nodded and got up to leave.

Mayor Gordon watched her leave his office and close the door before turning his gaze to Bai Xiaosheng to see what he had to say.

“Mr. Gordon, are you willing to yield to Berman?” Bai Xiaosheng smiled, “Or do you want to regain public support and continue to be re-elected? Perhaps, I have a good suggestion for you!”

Chapter 1763 - If We're Doing It, Let's Make a Spectacle!

Mayor Gordon of Haru City stared at Bai Xiaosheng in front of him, his gaze surprised and complex.

This young man with an Asian face holds the Golden Knight Medal, which is secretly reserved by the royal family, symbolizing that he is a “friend of the royal family”. It is precisely because of the royal family’s face that Gordon treats him with such courtesy and enthusiasm.

Actually, Gordon already knows what Bai Xiaosheng is talking about.

After all, he is still the mayor of Haru City and hasn’t retired, holding the highest level of power. Even with Henry and Gian both being heads of their respective departments, how could they possibly control every person within those departments?

Gordon naturally has his own sources.

However, regarding the matter involving Berman, Gordon genuinely doesn’t want to get involved.

First of all, Gordon’s public support has already hit rock bottom; thinking about “re-election” is essentially a moot point.

Unless he can achieve some astonishing feat in a short time to dramatically increase the city’s employment rate, enhance Haru City’s statewide reputation, and attract capital attention.

But for such things, even if he threw his entire business into it, he probably couldn’t achieve it.

Besides, he’s unwilling to bleed himself.

Secondly, Berman's election as the next mayor of Haru City is almost a certainty; Gordon doesn't want to conflict with Berman and even hopes to maintain a long-lasting "friendly" relationship, which would be more beneficial to his business's development.

Moreover, while Berman may privately act out of personal resentment, publicly he still carries the flag of maintaining social safety, a cause the public often supports without question. If Gordon staunchly opposes it, it would undoubtedly hasten his departure.

From this perspective, whether considering short-term or long-term interests or chances of success, Gordon feels he cannot get involved.

Just now, Bai Xiaosheng, a man holding the Golden Knight Medal, mentioned this matter and said Berman was making trouble for his people, and Gordon's heart skipped a beat, feeling he was standing on the brink of big trouble.

Gordon was afraid Bai Xiaosheng would use the royal family's name to force him to deal with Berman.

Though the royal family is awe-inspiring, to borrow a saying from Huaxia, "the sky is high, and the emperor is far away". Fighting Berman would ultimately hurt Gordon himself, and whether he could even win is a different matter.

At that moment, Gordon's mind was racing, desperately thinking about how to refuse tactfully without angering this young man named "Bai".

After all, he still has to consider the royal family's face!

However, to his great surprise, Bai Xiaosheng didn't ask him to help deal with Berman but instead asked if he was willing to concede defeat to Berman and whether he wanted to continue as mayor of Haru City!

Gordon stared into Bai Xiaosheng's eyes, confirming the other wasn't joking, feeling instantly uneasy.

Of course, he wants to be re-elected!

Of course, he doesn't want to give up his position to that bastard Berman!

If Berman counted as anything!

It's just that he has no means to do so!

Could it be that this young man before him... really has a plan?!

Gordon sensed Bai Xiaosheng's supposed "advice" was meant to offer him a strategy to turn things around.

He might really consider listening to it!

In Gordon's eyes, although the young man looked youthful, his actions and speech were extremely seasoned, his mind transcendent, and with the "royal friend" identity, he was able to assist him.

At present, the young man's willingness to be so "open and candid" was already a stance.

Shouldn't he also be somewhat honest?

Gordon's mind raced.

Having been moved, yet struggling to make a decision? Bai Xiaosheng, with keen insight, naturally read Gordon's thoughts from his face, stood up with regret, and said, "It seems Mr. Gordon is not interested in this topic, so I shall take my leave."

The tactic of playing hard to get.

A ploy habitually used by Huaxia strategists down to small-stall vendors, always particularly effective.

Gordon hurriedly stopped him, saying, "Wait a moment, Mr. Bai! I am willing to hear your suggestions!"

Bai Xiaosheng stopped, looking at him with a half-smile, "Then shall we chat?"

Let's chat!"

Sitting down again, Gordon personally poured tea for Bai Xiaosheng, assuming an attentive posture.

First of all, I must emphasize." Bai Xiaosheng looked at Gordon and said, "My friend Lai Yin and his team have developed drugs that meet regulations and safety standards. Mr. Gordon can send people to investigate Haru Medical College. It's only because of their private disputes with the college that the college refuses to acknowledge. Legally, we stand firm! We can withstand scrutiny!"

Bai Xiaosheng emphasized this first, to inform Gordon he's not using the royal family's reputation to distort facts, but to rectify the situation.

Gordon smiled, "Just for you holding the royal family's Golden Knight Medal, in this matter, there won't be any ambiguity."

Furthermore." Gordon smiled meaningfully, "I really have investigated this matter!"

Regardless of whether he can leverage this incident to overthrow Berman, Gordon must first grasp the situation's truth and causes immediately!

That's good, then I can continue." Bai Xiaosheng looked deeply at Gordon, nodded.

Gordon truly is an exceptionally outstanding leader, at least in terms of information handling, which Bai Xiaosheng greatly appreciates.

Next, I want to talk about my suggestion and my approach." Bai Xiaosheng said.

Mayor Gordon immediately concentrated on listening.

My suggestion is our collaboration proposal. I will help you regain public support, allowing you to continue in office, and I only ask for Lai Yin's team to be released, to smoothly process legitimate procedures. In the future, I ask Mayor Gordon for support, ideally backing. After all, if their research is commercialized locally, it will create companies that stimulate local economic growth, benefiting the residents of Haru!" Bai Xiaosheng said.

Chapter 1764 - If We Do It, Make It Grand! (Part 2)

Mayor Gordon nodded, "These demands are not excessive at all! They are reasonable and just! If I am re-elected, I will naturally increase my support for them."

Mayor Gordon's tone particularly emphasized the word "re-elected," and after he finished speaking, he looked earnestly at Bai Xiaosheng.

First of all, he must win against Berman; that is the premise of everything.

In this regard, Bai Xiaosheng must help him first!

It's just not clear how Bai Xiaosheng will do it.

Bai Xiaosheng looked at Gordon, full of expectations, and smiled, "I have read several analytical articles about you, Mr. Gordon. The reason your approval rating has plummeted is simply that your initial promises were not fulfilled. Not only did you fail to raise the city's employment rate, but you also let the unemployment rate increase, raising social instability, causing Haru City's tourism rating to be affected, and the business investment recommendation index to fall to a low point in Benzhou..."

Bai Xiaosheng continued as Gordon's face reddened, quickly interrupting, "You know, in these past two years, not only Haru City but the economy of the entire Benzhou has been declining and is in a slump. Even the overall momentum in Europe isn't that great..."

Gordon was more acutely aware than Bai Xiaosheng of the reasons for the drop in public support.

Gordon didn't want Bai Xiaosheng to repeat it, as it would undoubtedly be rubbing salt in his wounds...

"How do you plan to help me? Is it by attracting large companies to invest here, directly providing jobs?" Gordon couldn't help but ask.

This is the fastest way to improve employment rates and garner public goodwill, but it comes with significant issues.

When large companies set up here, they need buildings that meet their standards, such as factory areas, workshops, and headquarters buildings. However, constructing those requires time, and in the West, it's not like in Huaxia, where they can instantly "max out" the construction skills. Just the construction time itself is very long, and by then, who knows if he'll still be in office!

Inviting construction companies from Huaxia to expedite progress is possible, but hiring "outsiders" instead of using local companies and personnel would likely cause his public support to hit rock bottom...

Moreover, even factories now operate mechanized and are no longer labor-intensive, especially in the costly Western labor market. The question arises, what kinds of enterprises can provide enough jobs?

If there are too few, it won't help at all!

If there are too many, how many more can it be?

Gordon himself felt a bit of a headache just thinking about it.

Bai Xiaosheng looked at Gordon, smiling calmly, and spoke his thoughts slowly, "To my knowledge, European wine culture is prevalent, especially here being geographically close to UE Country. I plan to establish a large wine festival in Haru City. By then, we can promote it to achieve a sensation, attracting attention from across Europe. A massive influx of tourists will enter Haru City. You can make arrangements in advance, learning from the Eastern inn model, turning Haru City residences into inns, while widely organizing the service and handicraft industries to join in, guiding all of Haru City's citizens to participate and share a piece of the pie! This not only puts Haru City's name on the map but also

boosts its economy and greatly increases local employment rates. Would this not resolve all issues? What do you think?"

Bai Xiaosheng's words left Mayor Gordon dumbfounded, not with astonishment but with a "I was all ears, but what's the big idea?" expression.

"Mr. Bai, you want to emulate UD Country's beer festival, but... how many years of tradition do they have? Moreover, how many large brewing conglomerates support it? Regarding our wine festival, even starting from the date, how do you decide?" Gordon furrowed his brows, shaking his head involuntarily.

He thought this royal friend had some novel ideas, but this?

It was truly a bit disappointing!

"As for the festival date and theme, we can choose a day and add some pretext. For example, our Huaxia's Singles' Day shopping festival originally did not exist." Bai Xiaosheng explained.

Gordon looked at Bai Xiaosheng with a wry smile, opting to say what was left unsaid, "The most crucial part is how many brewing corporations can join in. If there are too few, it might not work. If the weight is too low, it won't work either... To attract Europe's attention and create a sensation, it would require heavyweight enterprises, and it can't be just one or two!"

Inviting major brewing corporations alone would take a significant amount of time.

Gordon feared that by the time Bai Xiaosheng had secured the guests, he would be out of office.

Also, how many renowned groups could actually come remains doubtful...

Could this young man have oversimplified things, Gordon wondered.

Although he always felt Bai Xiaosheng was no ordinary person, after hearing this, he wondered if his instincts were wrong...

“The number of brewing corporations participating is hard to say.” Bai Xiaosheng pondered, “However, I can have the Hawk Family, Feng Family, and White Family bring a few more, and if necessary, they can collectively step in.”

Bai Xiaosheng’s remark left Gordon in a state of shock.

He looked at Bai Xiaosheng in disbelief, his eyes widening to their limits.

Hawk Family, Feng Family, White Family!

“Are you referring to the three giants of the brewing industry?” Gordon asked through gritted teeth, eyes gleaming.

“Yes, precisely them.” Bai Xiaosheng smiled slightly and said, “What, Mr. Gordon doesn’t believe me? I can immediately contact any of the three families to communicate with you.”

“No, no!” Gordon quickly shook his head.

No need for proof!

Bai Xiaosheng is a man who holds the Royal Golden Knight Medal, and it was he who hadn’t grasped the situation!

Chapter 1765 - If We Do It, Let's Make It Grand! (Part 3)

A person with such status, even if they propose the simplest and most straightforward plan, it is bound to be effective!

Strength decides everything!

If the three giants of the wine industry announced a wine-themed festival to be held on a certain day in Haru City, it might really cause a sensation across Europe!

Mayor Gordon's heart began to burn with passion.

At this moment, he truly felt a turning point!

"Just having the three giants of the European wine industry seems a bit lacking in novelty. Well, I'll also bring in a few famous Baijiu companies from Huaxia for you." Bai Xiaosheng said, touching his chin.

Mayor Gordon couldn't help but click his tongue.

In his view, being able to share the stage with the three giants of the European wine industry must also mean they are Oriental wine industry giants!

The convergence of Eastern and Western wine cultures in Haru City could alone attract worldwide attention!

Bai Xiaosheng's proposal came from a sudden inspiration.

If it's to be done, why not make a grand spectacle!

Taking the opportunity, let the strong wine companies under his Greater China Region march overseas and appear alongside world-class wine groups!

In this way, it can instantly boost the reputation and benefits of those companies!

Once Bai Xiaosheng wants to expand, he is unwilling to waste any "opportunities".

He even secretly decided to have Li Ni Workshop provide all the wine vessels and use this chance to promote Zisha products!

Incidentally, also let Zunbai Zhisheng and Xue Lian Wan He see if they can hitch a ride!

“Regarding promotion, Mr. Gordon, you can also leave it to me, I guarantee that every cent you spend here will have the greatest effect.” Bai Xiaosheng said.

He was planning to involve Kelson as well!

Of course, not to earn that little money from Haru City, but merely by being the main media for this grand event, Kelson would earn considerably!

“Good, good! Then, please take care of the various aspects!” Mayor Gordon said excitedly, repeatedly.

Since Bai Xiaosheng could summon the Eastern and Western wine industry giants, naturally, he could also promote it worldwide!

“In this way, once Haru City flourishes completely, Mr. Gordon, as long as you handle the follow-up well and engage the whole city, won’t the city’s economy soar? Your support rate is sure to rise sharply, overshadowing Berman!” Bai Xiaosheng said.

Upon hearing this, Mayor Gordon was so excited that his cheeks flushed slightly. He looked directly at Bai Xiaosheng, rubbing his hands, “I... I’m not dreaming, am I? Mr. Bai, you’re not painting me an illusory picture, are you...”

Gordon was afraid that Bai Xiaosheng was giving him a smokescreen, and once he resolved the issues on the Rhine side, completely offending Berman, Bai Xiaosheng wouldn’t facilitate the cooperation, leaving him at a massive loss.

In the end, although Gordon firmly believed in someone who held the Royal Golden Knight Medal, when it came to his own success and failure, he had no choice but to be a bit cautious.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled and took out his phone, “Then Mayor Gordon, please wait a moment.”

In the next few minutes, Bai Xiaosheng typed on his phone, seemingly chatting with someone.

Mayor Gordon felt a surge of restlessness in his heart, but out of politeness, he couldn't peek and could only endure the wait.

Finally, Bai Xiaosheng put away his phone and smiled at Gordon, saying, "Let's wait a moment. The outcome will become clear soon."

After speaking, Bai Xiaosheng started drinking tea leisurely.

Gordon was puzzled, not understanding what they were waiting for. He wanted to ask Bai Xiaosheng but felt it would make him seem impatient, so he only continued to wait with patience.

Shortly after, the door of the mayor's office was knocked on urgently.

Gordon glanced at Bai Xiaosheng, answered, and the door was pushed open. His secretary came in with an excited look.

"Mr. Gordon, I have important news to report to you!" the secretary said, unable to resist glancing at the outsider Bai Xiaosheng.

Seeing Bai Xiaosheng did not seem inclined to avoid, Gordon gritted his teeth and said loudly, "What's the matter? Feel free to speak up."

In any case, if it were very confidential, he would interrupt the secretary.

The secretary was visibly excited, unable to suppress a grin as he said, "Just now, the three giants of the European wine industry sent letters saying they want to discuss cooperation issues with us here!"

Gordon abruptly stood up, then turned his head in disbelief to look at Bai Xiaosheng.

Even if he had greatly magnified Bai Xiaosheng's abilities, he couldn't believe that after just making contact, the three giants of the wine industry would all send letters for cooperation?!

This wasn't just about reputation; it was as if he were an uncrowned king, commanding his allies!

Gordon felt there was no problem with the authenticity of the letters as his secretary dare not report without verifying the facts.

If he lacked this ability, he shouldn't be working under him.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled at Mayor Gordon and said softly, "Consider this a small gesture of sincerity from me in advance. Is Mayor Gordon satisfied?"

"Satisfied, I'm very satisfied!" Mayor Gordon replied quickly, then added, "Then I'll immediately help you resolve the issues with Mr. Rhine and the others!"

He also wanted to show his sincerity to Bai Xiaosheng!

Chapter 1766: You're in Big Trouble!

Berman, Henry, and Gian walked together once more towards the interrogation room to meet Lai Yin.

It wasn't because Berman had anything left to say to Lai Yin, but he wanted to use his display of power over Lai Yin to "reassure" his two allies.

He wanted them to know he wasn't at all afraid of that man named Bai.

After Bai Xiaosheng's perfunctory "warning" and departure, all three were left uncertain. When Berman stopped thinking about it, he noticed his two allies looked uneasy, as if worried about the trouble Bai Xiaosheng might cause them.

Berman thumped his chest and assured them not to worry, that Bai Xiaosheng was merely bluffing, and he hadn't even paid him any mind.

However, it was clear that these words had little effect.

Berman was silent at the worst possible moment, leading Henry and Gian to assume that he, too, had reservations about Bai.

Once this feeling sets in, it's hard to dispel.

So Berman thought, why not throw his weight around in front of Lai Yin to show these two that he didn't care about Bai at all!

Berman's way of thinking is indeed quite unique...

Returning to the interrogation room, they expelled the questioning personnel inside.

Berman sat arrogantly in front of Lai Yin, coldly sneering, his expression exaggerated.

"Mr. Berman, are you alright?" Lai Yin couldn't help but frown and ask.

How come it seemed that after going out, this person seemed to have a few screws loose...

"I'm here to specifically tell you that your friend, that Bai fellow, has left!" Berman sneered.

Lai Yin's eyes flickered, and he snorted coldly, "You won't even let us meet? As expected, Mr. Berman, you're afraid of him!"

Berman was caught off guard before he could show his authority, and he retorted with a frown, "Afraid? Afraid of him? In Haru City, I'm the next mayor, don't you know that! In Haru, no matter what his background is, he's the one who should fear me!"

Berman was infuriated by the notion that he was afraid of Bai Xiaosheng.

He wasn't there to hear that, on the contrary, he was there to dispel such an "absurd" thought.

A young man from Huaxia, thinking he can run rampant in Europe?

He'll have to bow to me, in Haru City, I'm the biggest! Berman was filled with this notion.

"If you're not afraid of him, why are you so agitated?" Lai Yin taunted Berman with a smile.

Berman's eye twitched, "Where do you see me agitated?"

Unable to handle the surname Bai, and now being mocked by Lai Yin, Berman was utterly frustrated.

Lai Yin smiled silently, stoking Berman's anger to the limit.

"It was that Bai fellow, he left after saying a few things! At least he's self-aware, even if he wanted to see you, we wouldn't have agreed! He's too naive, thinking he can threaten us with words? Ridiculous, absolutely ridiculous! Honestly, I think he got scared! Otherwise, why would he run off!" Berman shouted angrily.

"Mr. Berman, you say you're not agitated, but you're practically shouting." Lai Yin, instead, laughed, tilting his head to look at Berman and the others, "That guy never wastes words, but every word he says comes true. Do you think he left to put his threat into action? Have you thought about..."

Lai Yin leaned forward, getting closer to Berman, and affirmed with a smile, "He said he'd do it! You, and those two over there, you have big trouble ahead!"

Berman held his breath, glaring fiercely at Lai Yin.

He was there to flaunt his power, not to be warned, educated, or intimidated!

Behind Berman, Henry and Gian both had visibly unpleasant expressions.

Lai Yin saw it and laughed coldly in his mind, feeling satisfied.

He didn't know exactly what Bai Xiaosheng had said, but it was clearly a threat, and Berman's group was obviously shaken; otherwise, they wouldn't have come to him to throw their weight around.

Let's see if I can't scare you!

Lai Yin cheerfully looked at the three of them.

Despite being a highly educated person, he also had a sharp tongue and a malicious side.

Berman was almost ready to flip the table, but seeing Lai Yin's gloating face, he suddenly realized they'd been played by the man in front of him.

Lai Yin wasn't stone or wood; he was a living person and wouldn't just sit there waiting to be intimidated.

"Mr. Lai Yin, if you have such confidence in him, then keep it up! With my status, position, and wealth, if a few words from him scare me, I'll admit defeat!" Berman calmed himself, looked at Lai Yin with a sullen gaze, and coldly sneered, "Didn't he talk about throwing money, hiring the best lawyers, investigation teams, getting the media involved to stir up trouble... So what! We can still keep you locked in here, seal off your lab, we can afford to drag this out, but can your experiments, those specimens, afford it?!"

Berman fought back.

Lai Yin finally understood what Bai Xiaosheng intended to do to save him, but according to Berman, they planned to withstand the pressure and drag it out on their side.

Lai Yin felt a sudden tightness in his chest, his gaze passing over Berman and landing on Henry and Gian's faces, solemnly asking, "Is this your plan too, to withstand public pressure?"

Henry and Gian exchanged a glance.

At this point, even if they were worried, did they have a choice?

"The next mayor will definitely be me!" Berman interjected confidently, "Once I take office, even if Henry and the others are demoted, I'll ensure they're promoted again, with even higher positions!"

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With this promise, Henry, Gian's eyes lit up.

Yes, they are now a community of interests!

Only by ensuring Mr. Berman's success in the election can they have a future, isn't that exactly what they seek?

Besides, is it certain that the one surnamed Bai will trap them in a quagmire?

With Mr. Berman's financial resources and connections, he can completely withstand it!

"The next mayor?" Lai Yin frowned, coldly staring at Berman, and reminded, "Mr. Gordon is still in office and he will also participate in the election! Mr. Berman is so confident you will definitely win? If Mr. Gordon intervenes in this matter, are you still so confident?!"

Faced with Lai Yin's "threat," Berman laughed heartily.

"Lai Yin, you don't understand politics, you don't pay attention to the realities of the election, are you using Mayor Gordon to scare me?"

Behind Berman, Henry and Gian also sneered continuously.

The mayor likely knew about the situation here long ago, but he has remained silent up until now.

Isn't it obvious, he won't intervene at all.

Previously, the two even heard Mr. Berman mention that Gordon had privately chatted with him, saying he would support him in taking office and that they should maintain "friendliness."

This represents the attitude of Mayor Gordon on this matter.

Lai Yin's words not only failed to make the two feel uneasy, but instead made them realize their previous worries were completely unnecessary.

In Haru City, even the current mayor avoids the sharp edge of Mr. Berman, could an outsider really turn things upside down?

"If the mayor sends someone to say to release you, then we'll comply. After all, it's the mayor!" Berman joked deliberately.

Henry and Gian also laughed along.

Lai Yin's face turned extremely unpleasant.

At this moment, the door of the interrogation room was knocked on urgently.

Berman and the others looked over, their laughter subsided.

Henry walked straight over to open the door, initially intending to scold whoever was the fool knocking so urgently.

Outside the door, the guard raising his hand to continue knocking was startled.

Henry glared angrily, but found behind the guard stood a few people.

The lead was none other than Mayor Gordon's secretary, Joseph.

Why is he here!

Henry was momentarily stunned seeing Joseph.

However, upon seeing him, Joseph instead smiled.

But compared to his usual courtesy, Joseph's expression seemed a bit indifferent.

"So it's Mr. Joseph, what's the matter with your visit?" Henry asked politely.

After all, the other party is the mayor's secretary, some respect should be given.

Joseph's smile seemed slightly indifferent, his voice still amicable, "I was sent by Mayor Gordon. The mayor requests—"

"Release Mr. Lai Yin!"

Joseph's last sentence was spoken decisively and straightforwardly.

Henry's smile stiffened, he looked at Joseph somewhat bewildered.

Behind him, in the interrogation room, Berman, Gian, and Lai Yin all heard this sentence.

Berman suddenly stood up, his face full of disbelief.

Gian was dumbfounded.

Even Lai Yin was stunned.

The Mayor Gordon, with low popular support and about to step down soon, who had become the presence of a good gentleman in recent months, why suddenly changed style today, and intended to intervene in this matter!

Why?!

Berman and the others were truly puzzled.

“Mr. Joseph, regarding the matter of Lai Yin’s team, our two departments are collaborating on the investigation, it’s compliant and legitimate, the investigation isn’t over yet, how can we release people so easily!” Henry said.

“Yes, releasing people requires a reason, even the mayor cannot intervene arbitrarily in the specific affairs of independent departments!” Gian also approached and said.

Joseph’s face still carried a faint smile, calmly said, “It’s like this, a gentleman surnamed Bai recently provided Mayor Gordon with conclusive evidence, Mayor Gordon also organized a high-level hearing, and it was believed that there are indeed issues here, so I was sent to return Mr. Lai Yin his freedom.”

This remark immediately froze Henry, Gian, and Berman in place.

Lai Yin was also incredulous.

In such a short time, Bai Xiaosheng convinced the mayor to intervene in this matter?

The mayor even decisively ordered, directly releasing them?!

Mayor Gordon is also a formidable figure, how could he be persuaded so easily!

“High-level hearing? Then why don’t we know!”

Berman, with a solemn face, stepped out.

He could no longer remain silent!

This matter already involves the mayoral contest between him and Gordon!

“Yes, why don’t we know!”

“We are the heads of important city departments, how come no one notified us!”

Henry and Gian shouted along.

Joseph still calmly, with a peaceful smile, waited for the three to finish speaking, then said, “Currently, Mayor Gordon is holding a press conference to explain to the public about the matter involving Lai Yin. Haru Medical College there has also issued evidence at the mayor’s request, confirming that Lai Yin’s research only encountered procedural issues. As for why Mr. Henry and Mr. Gian weren’t invited to the high-level hearing...”

Joseph smiled and took out a letter of appointment and dismissal signed by the mayor, “Perhaps it’s because the two of you are no longer heads of your respective departments!”

Henry and Gian's expressions turned somewhat grim hearing the previous words, and the last sentence hit them like a thunderbolt.

They saw the letter of appointment and dismissal in Joseph's hand, their eyes wide open, full of disbelief.

Henry even grabbed the piece of paper, eyes bulging, quickly scanned, after reading, his face turned pale as paper.

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Gian beside Henry also grabbed it, and after looking, was similarly stunned.

Gordon listed their various issues during this period on the appointment and dismissal order and directly used a special mayoral power to remove them!

Berman also hurried over, took the order, glanced at it, and was also filled with a mix of shock and anger.

Gordon must have planted his own people in their departments, still close to Henry and Gian, otherwise, how could he have gotten hold of solid evidence!

However, none of that matters now, the key question is, where did Gordon get the audacity to suspend two department heads at once, especially those closely tied to himself!

Could it be, he wants to break ties with me?!

When he steps down and I'm in charge, doesn't he want to be "friendly" anymore!

Berman's eyes were filled with murderous intent.

"What is Mayor Gordon thinking!" Berman pushed them aside, shaking the order in his hand, and shouted angrily at Joseph.

Henry and Gian watched with despair and simultaneously looked at Berman.

“What the mayor wants to do, I don’t know!” Joseph said lazily, glancing at Berman, “Mr. Berman, you haven’t even moved into city hall yet, and the mayor’s decision doesn’t require your opinion! Besides, you have no authority to be here! Please leave!”

Joseph, Gordon’s secretary, was actually expelling Berman!

Henry and Gian were shocked.

As Joseph’s voice fell, the staff behind him swarmed forward, taking a stance.

“Mr. Berman!”

“What do we do!”

Henry and Gian were pulled aside, crying in despair.

Berman’s anger was barely concealed, his face twisted in rage.

However, he also knew well that no matter how violently he reacted now, it would be useless, and would only provide others with a reason to attack!

“Let’s wait and see!” Berman glared at Joseph fiercely, ignoring Henry and Gian’s pleas for help, and strode away.

The two of them were immediately filled with despair.

The promised mutual benefit, in a blink, they were already on separate paths.

The politicians' words indeed cannot be trusted!

Joseph waved his hand, having people take away Henry and Gian, then walked into the interrogation room with a smile.

Lai Yin was so shocked he was speechless.

What on earth did Bai Xiaosheng say to Mayor Gordon to make him so determined, breaking ties with Berman just to save himself?

It's simply unbelievable!

"Mr. Lai Yin, I'm sorry you had to endure this here, the city hall is very apologetic! Please come with me, your friends are waiting for you!" Joseph's attitude and tone towards Lai Yin were exceedingly polite, a treatment even Berman and the others hadn't received.

Lai Yin felt like he was dreaming, his heart full of admiration for Bai Xiaosheng.

Next, Lai Yin was taken by Joseph to the mayor's office, where he met Bai Xiaosheng and Grace.

Bai Xiaosheng greeted him with a reassuring smile.

Grace's face was full of surprise and joy.

"Mayor Gordon is going to a press conference, he might not have time to see us, so we should head back first." Bai Xiaosheng said with a smile.

Joseph, despite his eager attempts to keep them, in the end personally arranged for a car and personally sent them back.

When Bai Xiaosheng, Grace, and Lai Yin returned to their station, Lai Yin's Team went wild. Joseph, who had sent them back, clearly stated that the closed laboratory could be reopened at any time, further thrilling Lai Yin's Team.

The new laboratory equipment could extend the preservation of samples unattended from twenty-four hours to a week, but still, time was an issue. This was the most worrying aspect for the researchers.

Joseph stayed for no more than two minutes before saying goodbye to Bai Xiaosheng and the others and leaving.

After seeing Joseph off, Lai Yin's Team surrounded Bai Xiaosheng, almost ready to revere him.

However, faced with everyone's curious inquiries, Bai Xiaosheng smiled but remained tight-lipped, only mentioning that Mayor Gordon would be re-elected, and that they would receive support from the mayor.

This left everyone deeply impressed.

"I'll stay for another day, and the day after tomorrow I'll return to London City, I'm too busy there." Bai Xiaosheng said to Lai Yin and the others.

The reason he was staying another day was because the big three would send someone over for a joint press conference the next day, and Bai Xiaosheng wanted to ensure that Mayor Gordon felt at ease.

While Lai Yin and the others were celebrating, Berman was at home smashing things in anger after managing to reach Gordon. He wanted to voice his fury, but Gordon righteously reprimanded him for his misconduct first.

After hanging up the phone, Berman was utterly enraged.

"Gordon, you bastard, how dare you play me!" Berman shouted, clenching his fists after smashing things, "I'll make sure you step down early, then deal with that Bai!"

Chapter 1769 - Public Opinion Is a Battlefield

To celebrate Lai Yin's safe return and the reopening of the laboratory, Lai Yin's team prepared a table full of delicious food, and they also opened red wine and champagne. Everyone decided that they would not leave until they were drunk tonight.

Bai Xiaosheng naturally accompanied them so as not to dampen everyone's spirits.

This time, Bai Xiaosheng created an unbelievable "rescue" record. Not only did he bring Lai Yin back on the same day, but he also won the full support of Mayor Gordon.

According to Lai Yin, even the two supervisors from the Drug Administration and the city's security department were dismissed because of this matter, which was really shocking.

Grateful and admiring, everyone had a few more drinks with Bai Xiaosheng.

Confronted with the enthusiasm of six people, even with champagne and red wine, Bai Xiaosheng got drunk.

The next day.

Bai Xiaosheng was awakened by a knocking sound when the sun was already high in the sky.

Half-asleep, Bai Xiaosheng reached for his phone to check the time. He hadn't gotten up this late for the past six months. He had drunk too much last night, so he slept in his clothes. After tidying up a bit, he went to open the door, finding Grace standing outside.

Grace was holding a tray in her right hand, topped with aromatic coffee, scrambled eggs, toast, and fried sausages. She had brought breakfast for Bai Xiaosheng.

"Sorry to wake you. You drank a lot yesterday, so I came to check on you and brought you breakfast," Grace said softly, sounding much more feminine than when they first met.

Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but take a couple of extra glances at her, making Grace's cheeks blush slightly.

"Thank you, it's really kind of you. Come in," Bai Xiaosheng said with a smile, taking the tray and inviting Grace into the room to sit.

Subsequently, Bai Xiaosheng went to the bathroom for a quick freshen-up, then returned to the table to eat the breakfast Grace had brought.

Grace sat next to him, watching him.

"Where's Lai Yin?" Bai Xiaosheng asked.

"He came to see you this morning, but seeing you hadn't woken up, he didn't disturb you, possibly wanting you to rest more. Then he went to the laboratory," Grace replied, "But once he immerses himself in research, he forgets everything else."

In fact, Grace was the same. Everyone in Lai Yin's team had such a disposition.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled faintly, knowing this from the start.

These researchers all saw their work as a second life.

"By the way, this morning while browsing the news, I found many local news articles related to Mayor Gordon and us. You said Berman wouldn't let it go. Look, this should be him stirring up trouble behind the scenes," Grace couldn't help taking out her phone, finding the news to show Bai Xiaosheng.

"Is that so," Bai Xiaosheng took her phone and started browsing the online information.

Of course, this action was just a façade for Grace to see.

In his mind, Bai Xiaosheng commanded Red Lotus, “Red Lotus, find all the news about Haru City’s Mayor Gordon and Lai Yin’s team from last night till now, analyze, classify, and also trace the sources of the key news.”

“Understood!” Red Lotus’s voice crisply echoed in his mind.

A few moments later, all related information was sorted and imprinted in Bai Xiaosheng’s mind.

On the surface, Bai Xiaosheng appeared to be checking the phone, but in his mind, he was reading the information provided by Red Lotus.

As expected, the local news in Haru City had already caused an uproar, and even many media outlets in Benzhou were showing concern.

Grace sat across from Bai Xiaosheng, watching him flip through the phone, and couldn’t help sharing all she knew with him, “Many media outlets are commenting that Mayor Gordon abused his power, first forcibly intervening in our incident and then looking for supplementary evidence. They’re questioning the professionalism of Mayor Gordon’s use of power, and criticizing his arbitrary use of special dismissal rights. Moreover, they ultimately insinuate that such irregular actions are not the first time for Mayor Gordon, not even just once or twice, questioning his capability in governing.”

Bai Xiaosheng listened in silence, nodding slightly.

Grace was mainly concerned about Lai Yin’s team, so the news she paid attention to was naturally related to them.

In his mind, the news found by Red Lotus was even more comprehensive.

Currently, numerous media outlets both in the city and the entire Benzhou, as well as local branches of major media, were not only discussing the Lai Yin team incident to guide public opinion but were also bringing up old grievances, enumerating Mayor Gordon’s campaign promises, accusing him of having made no contributions to Haru City in recent years.

Even, many commentators were calling out, urging Gordon to step down.

Honestly, Gordon wasn't incapable, nor was he unwilling to act, but he just happened to be facing a tough economic situation.

But ultimately, the public only believes what they see with their own eyes.

It seems that we truly upset Berman yesterday; he's obviously trying to accelerate Gordon's downfall so that he can take the position early!

Then, he could deal with Lai Yin's team, and me!

Bai Xiaosheng kept a calm demeanor, secretly thinking, with a cold smile appearing at the corner of his mouth.

"Is there something funny about this?" Grace asked in astonishment, seeing Bai Xiaosheng's reaction.

She was entirely worried about their team getting caught up in the turmoil.

"Are you worried?" Bai Xiaosheng, with sharp insight, immediately glimpsed Grace's concerns.

Grace nodded, not hiding it, "I am quite worried. You see, thanks to you meeting Mayor Gordon and getting his help, we temporarily got rid of the trouble. I'm afraid if he gets caught in the vortex of public opinion, we'll also get dragged into it!"

Even now, Grace still believed that Mayor Gordon was Bai Xiaosheng's friend, or that they had some connection, which was why he helped out.

Chapter 1770 - Public Opinion Is a War, Part 2

If Mayor Gordon can't protect himself, then on our side, it's like a fire at the city gate affecting the fish in the moat.

“If we ignore it, are we going to be in trouble?” Grace couldn’t help but ask again.

Bai Xiaosheng stuffed the last piece of toast into his mouth, took a large sip of coffee, and then said, “Yes.”

“Then what do we do!” Grace, who now had immense faith in Bai Xiaosheng, immediately became nervous at his words.

If there is trouble this time, it would be enormous trouble, especially since public opinion is involved.

What is public opinion? Sometimes, it’s a war!

“Leave your concerns to me, rest assured! I’ll handle everything!” Bai Xiaosheng smiled as he put the coffee cup back on the tray, and couldn’t help but burp, “So full!”

Hearing this, Grace felt inexplicably reassured, as if any problem Bai Xiaosheng intervened in was no longer a problem.

In fact, Bai Xiaosheng had long anticipated the current situation; it’s also one of the reasons why he stayed in Haru City for a day!

Haru Municipal Government, Mayor’s office.

Joseph also received the news and hurriedly rushed to report to Mayor Gordon.

The first article in the barrage of public opinion was actually released in the early morning, then one became two, two became three, and spread rapidly across the entire internet.

Local and Benzhou media are very enthusiastic about this matter. Even branches of the major media are reprinting reports.

One after another, commentary articles are increasing rapidly.

“The mastermind behind this is Berman; this is beyond doubt! Not only have the media that have always been close to him joined in on the criticism against us this time, but even the local and Benzhou media that were originally friendly toward us have turned their backs. They must have been secretly persuaded! I fear they see hope in his appointment and are currying favor in advance!” Joseph said anxiously, “Mr. Gordon, what do we do now?”

Gordon’s face was clouded over.

He wasn’t angry at Berman’s sudden move, but rather furious at those media that used to be friendly now turning against him without a word.

His family had spent no small fortune to draw in those media resources, only to find now that some people are truly unreliable.

“Berman really wants to put me in a deadlock this time!” Gordon said harshly, “Don’t think I have nothing up my sleeve here! Release everything, send it to the media that still support us! Also, count in all the media that can publish articles, and release them all together!”

“If I go down, he shouldn’t think he’ll have an easy time either!” Gordon said angrily.

Joseph nodded, but his expression remained grave.

As it stands, they have already lost the initiative in public opinion!

The other side has already planted seeds of impression in the minds of the people; reversing this impression will be extremely difficult.

Just then, someone rushed in to report, saying that there were demonstrations appearing successively in the city center and other places.

Those people were protesting against Mayor Gordon's inaction, demanding his immediate resignation!

Joseph couldn't help but look at Gordon, whose eyes were already bloodshot.

"Berman, you're truly a ruthless person! When you strike, it's both online and offline, going straight for the kill!"

"Mayor!" Joseph couldn't help but look at him with concern.

"No worries, I can actually control it now!" Mayor Gordon's face showed a grim smile, "Besides, we have a trump card now!"

The most aggressive attack Berman made was saying he was inactive, didn't fulfill numerous promises made back then, and hasn't brought development to Haru City!

A few days ago, Gordon would have been at a loss for words to refute, but now, it's different.

The three giants of the wine industry are coming to Haru City to hold a large wine festival, expected to explode across all of Europe!

Although it was Bai Xiaosheng who facilitated it, the credit is listed under his name!

Once this news is out, local citizens will surely be shocked to know that Gordon isn't completely inactive!

If this is operated well, he might even suppress Berman!

"The most crucial thing now is for us to find a strong, large enough media outlet to promote this matter!" Gordon frowned and muttered.

Preferably, it should be a national-level media!

However, time is tight, and making a solo announcement may not be credible, so he must contact the three giants and get approval for the news to be published.

Just as Gordon was pondering this, his phone suddenly rang.

He picked up the phone and saw the name displayed, immediately feeling energized, and quickly answered the call.

The caller was Bai Xiaosheng.

“Mr. Bai!” Mayor Gordon greeted with a smile, his tone extremely courteous.

Bai Xiaosheng is not only a friend of the royal family but can easily bring in the three giants of the wine industry and effortlessly create a wine festival that shakes Europe!

Mayor Gordon naturally dared not delay.

“You have seen the news, right, Mayor Gordon?” Bai Xiaosheng asked with a smile on the phone, “Berman has indeed hit hard.”

Bai Xiaosheng’s cheerful voice put Gordon at ease.

“Thank you for your concern, I am actually planning a counterattack,” Mayor Gordon said with a smile, “He’s ruthless, but I won’t be weak either!”

“So what are you going to do on your end?” Bai Xiaosheng asked.

To Gordon, Bai Xiaosheng unexpectedly turned out to be a benefactor, and what’s more, he has conflicts with Berman.

Gordon didn't hide from Bai Xiaosheng and immediately said, "I will be announcing Haru City's cooperation with the three giants of the wine industry to defeat Berman's offensive against me, and then release the problems we collected about him for a counterattack."

The war of words, in terms of content, plays on sensationalism and reversal.