

Two Trillion 1861

Chapter 1861: The Wang Family Father and Son's Judgment (Part 3)

And also, Dong Tianlu actually held an outdoor barbecue at home with outsiders, which... doesn't fit her personality at all!

Chen Feiyu and Zi Yue exchanged glances.

Compared to French cuisine, isn't an outdoor barbecue a bit low-end?

Was it because Bai Xiaosheng and the others had ordinary identities?

No, quite the opposite!

For Dong Tianlu to personally accompany them and deliberately eliminate any sense of distance, Bai Xiaosheng and his group's identities must be very unusual!

Chen Feiyu and Zi Yue had never attended Shengsheng International's shareholders meeting, so they naturally didn't know the identities of Bai Xiaosheng and his group.

However, after dinner, they would inquire with Dong Tianxiu, but that's a later matter.

The evening banquet began, and tossing aside the constraints of status, this group of similarly aged men and women enjoyed grilled delicacies, sipped drinks, admired the stars, and chatted freely, feeling quite at ease.

It must be said, Dong Tianlu is an incredibly smart woman.

At least in this atmosphere, between her and Bai Xiaosheng, apart from business interests, there was a subtle feeling of closeness.

While the Dong Family was hosting Bai Xiaosheng, at the Wang Family Mansion of Haoyu Group, Wang Helei, who had just flown back, hurried into his father's study.

Wang Helei's father, the true helm of the Wang Family in Haoyu—Wang Xuantian, had been eagerly waiting for his son's return to report personally.

Unlike Wang Helei, who was handsome and imposing, Wang Xuantian seemed very thin, even giving a skeletal appearance.

He was so thin that no matter how handsome he once was, it wouldn't be very appealing.

Actually, previously, Wang Xuantian had a prosperous appearance, but after a serious illness, he never regained his weight.

There was an air of scholarly elegance about Wang Xuantian; compared to his identity as a businessman, he seemed more like a university lecturer.

The most peculiar habit was that Wang Xuantian required the heads of all Haoyu Group subsidiaries to report every day's business affairs to him for nightly approval.

This felt like a teacher grading assignments, or perhaps an emperor reviewing submissions; whatever the case, it was Wang Xuantian's unique habit.

When Wang Helei entered, Wang Xuantian shifted his gaze from the documents on the desk to his son's face.

Wang Xuantian's eyes were penetrating and discerning, often able to make the right judgments at critical moments, which led Haoyu Group to grow into a formidable force.

"Sit," Wang Xuantian gestured towards the chair opposite him, smiling at his son.

Even though he was a bit controlling at work, he was very amiable towards his son.

Wang Helei sat down compliantly.

“Now tell me in detail about that person,” Wang Xuantian said.

Of course, by “that person,” Wang Xuantian was referring to Bai Xiaosheng.

He wanted his son to recount the entire conversation between them, including Bai Xiaosheng’s demeanor and reactions.

Wang Helei was familiar with his father’s habit and immediately said, “Yes.”

“I approached him as you suggested, and the situation was like this...”

Wang Helei elaborated on everything that happened, leaving nothing out, going into extensive details.

Everything Bai Xiaosheng said, including his tone and expression, were meticulously recounted.

Wang Xuantian listened attentively, not missing a word.

After Wang Helei finished, Wang Xuantian poured a cup of tea and pushed it over to his son.

Wang Helei took the tea, sipped it to moisten his throat, and continued, “Dad, I think this person is quite... special. He has presence, charisma, and a broad perspective far beyond his peers, making me feel inferior! In fact, he gives me a sense that’s almost like yours. I reckon he sincerely wants to collaborate with us, and we should consider partnering with him!”

This was Wang Helei’s appraisal.

To this, Wang Xuantian nodded slightly, stating with a smile, "To be young and able to helm multiple enterprises in the Greater China Region of Zhenbei Group is certainly remarkable! To achieve groundbreaking reforms that Xiahou Qi himself couldn't, I've studied him closely. From the start, I knew he would agree to collaborate with us!"

The father and son's judgment coincided on this point.

"From what he implied, Zhenbei Group's Greater China Region is about to engage in this turmoil and have a major joint venture with Tengyun, which will have a significant impact on us! We should prepare early," Wang Helei said.

But upon hearing this, Wang Xuantian couldn't help but laugh.

"What's the matter, Dad? Did I say something wrong?" Wang Helei was slightly puzzled by his father's laughter.

"Silly boy, you think it's soon, but how soon? How much time do we have left, a few days?" Wang Xuantian said confidently, "If he can tell you that, it means he's not afraid of the information leaking. It implies that even if Ma Zongting finds out, he won't have time to respond... I guess, they've certainly planned ahead! They might even act as soon as tomorrow!"

"Tomorrow, that soon?" Wang Helei was taken aback, murmuring, "No way."

However, after saying this, the more Wang Helei thought about it, the more likely it seemed.

"Then what should we do? To partner with Bai Xiaosheng, we must show our stance and avoid siding with Ma Zongting, maybe even make some 'pledge of allegiance'! But, if we openly oppose Ma Zongting, won't the risk be too high!"

Wang Helei couldn't help but say, "Or should we observe the situation in the early stages when Bai Xiaosheng and Lu Yun make their move, without rushing to respond. We could appease Ma Zongting, which also gives that Bai Xiaosheng a satisfactory account."

Wang Xuantian directly shook his head at what Wang Helei said, clearly disagreeing with his son's assessment.

"Then why not liaise with the Dong Family to test Dong Tianlu's intentions? I think she possibly shares similar ideas with us," Wang Helei suggested, "You don't know, when Bai Xiaosheng appeared at the venue, she didn't react at all, allowing Shengsheng International to be taken, which doesn't match her character. I guess she also has the same thoughts as us! But it's unknown if she's already reached out to Bai Xiaosheng..."

Wang Xuantian glanced lightly at his son and said, "Started or not? Hmph, if you haven't interacted with that woman a couple of times, you naturally don't know what kind of existence she is. If she wants, she might have already reached some agreement with Bai Xiaosheng."

Wang Xuantian affirmed, "That's why, once the situation changes, if we don't act swiftly, we'll be left ten thousand miles behind by that woman!"

Chapter 1862: Upheaval! Earthshaking!

Compared to Wang Helei, who left Tianhu to return home on the same day, Ma Tianqing didn't go back until the following morning to meet his father, Ma Zongting.

In the luxurious and grand living room of the Ma Family, Ma Zongting was enjoying a nourishing soup.

Contrary to the emaciated appearance of Wang Xuantian from Haoyu Group, Ma Zongting's looks formed a striking contrast.

Ma Zongting stood tall and towering at a height of 1.85 meters, with a well-maintained physique that was solid but not obese, a square face, and prominent eyebrows that exuded a natural authority.

Not only did he possess a domineering appearance, but compared to Dong Tianlu and Wang Xuantian, Ma Zongting's strategic and calculating mindset was not weaker, and sometimes even surpassed them, which is why he led among the three families.

Yet, when it came to Bai Xiaosheng, he did not give as much importance or react as swiftly as Dong Tianlu and Wang Xuantian.

There was a reason for this.

Recently, whether it was Wang Xuantian or Dong Tianlu, they were somewhat “lax,” not as active as when clashing fiercely with Tengyun Yuema. As such, Ma Zongting was even busier. As the brains of the Yuema camp, he constantly had to keep an eye on the big picture, and on Lu Yun’s moves.

A person’s energy is limited, focusing entirely on one point can inevitably lead to neglect in other areas.

Especially when facing a formidable opponent, the lesson of “one wrong move leading to the loss of the entire game” is a longstanding one.

Hence Ma Zongting kept a close watch on Lu Yun, and Lu Yun was equally focused on him, both expending great mental effort.

This was why Lu Yun overlooked or failed to see the hidden crisis at Shengsheng International.

And now, Ma Zongting had yet to realize what Bai Xiaosheng’s appearance at Shengsheng International signifies!

In fact, regarding the young Bai Xiaosheng, the proud Ma Zongting had always harbored some disdain internally.

Bai Xiaosheng, having acted personally to strike his son over two women, Ma Zongting remembered the grudge, but also felt Bai Xiaosheng’s impulsiveness, lack of sophistication, and demeaning behavior were not worth fearing.

In Ma Zongting’s view, with Dong Tianlu keeping an eye on Bai, and his son being attentive there, there was no need for him to focus intensely.

Until this morning, Ma Zongting awoke from a good night’s sleep, had breakfast, and while sipping soup, suddenly wanted to learn more about the situation there.

Of course, based on current information, Ma Zongting remained indifferent to Bai Xiaosheng.

The fact that Bai Xiaosheng is a friend of Zhengdong Province was disclosed at Shengsheng International's shareholders meeting, a detail which Ma Zongting had heard from his son Ma Tianqing during a phone report.

Ma Tianqing portrayed Bai Xiaosheng as someone ostensibly helping friends guard a company, but in fact, taking advantage, seizing control of Shengsheng International as a villain.

This slanderous report left a lasting impression on the weary Ma Zongting at the time, further solidifying his original judgment that Bai Xiaosheng was petty and not interested in the Tengyun Yuema struggle. Otherwise, Bai Xiaosheng should have prioritized the larger picture and kept a low profile.

Such blatant exposure of his presence, isn't it foolish?

Truthfully, regarding Bai Xiaosheng, Ma Zongting harbored full-blown hostility.

Bai Xiaosheng dared to publicly humiliate his son and seize Lai Yin's team, effectively robbing the Ma Family's business, which was unacceptable!

If not resolved, it would spread the belief that Ma Zongting and the Ma family are easy targets!

However, with Yuema System focused on dealing with Tengyun Series, before the final outcome is clear, Ma Zongting wished to avoid fighting on two fronts.

After much deliberation, Ma Zongting still deemed Bai Xiaosheng not formidable; should any real threat arise, Dong Tianlu would tell him, and even if she doesn't, Wang Xuantian would watch him covertly.

With two major allies monitoring Bai, what trouble could he possibly stir?

Calmly sipping red date, lotus seed, and bird's nest soup, Ma Zongting, seeing his son's return, asked without lifting an eyelid, "Is that Bai still in Tianhu, hasn't left yet?"

"Don't worry, Dad, I have someone constantly monitoring," Ma Tianqing replied confidently to his father.

Little did Ma Tianqing know that by the time he arranged surveillance, Bai Xiaosheng not only had finished his meeting with Wang Helei but even visited the Dong Family as a guest.

It's just that Ma Tianqing's subordinates were not as astute as those in the Dong Family and Wang Family.

"As the Executive President of Zhenbei Group's Greater China Region, he indeed has leisure time!" Ma Zongting sneered, setting the bird's nest soup aside and picking up a white napkin to wipe the corner of his mouth, "Running off to some company to act as their Executive Director. This Bai, how did he even get that position, with such childish behavior!"

Listening to his father mock Bai Xiaosheng, Ma Tianqing instantly agreed profoundly, "Absolutely, that kid, aside from being arrogant, I'm not impressed by him at all! I still can't fathom how he rose to such a position!"

Seeing his son disdain Bai, Ma Zongting frowned and reminded, "I might say so, but you should not underestimate your opponent! Regardless of who they are!"

Ma Zongting meant, I can be arrogant because I have the capital; you, however, do not have that privilege.

Ma Tianqing immediately nodded respectfully, acknowledging, "You're right; regardless of his nature, he holds power and wealth, and shouldn't be underestimated."

Seeing his son's obedience, Ma Zongting was satisfied this time.

Ma Zongting nodded and said, "Even if he does have some greater intentions, Dong Tianlu, and even Wang Xuantian, will keep a firm watch on him, so there's nothing to worry about."

Ma Zongting still believed the tri-partite relationship in shared interests remained solid, and the other two families were dependable and reliable.

Chapter 1863: Turning Heaven and Earth Upside Down! (Part 2)

Little did he know, Bai Xiaosheng had already secretly made his move, undermining his foundation.

Compared to the Haoyu Wang Family, Ma Zongting believed that the Dong Family's Dong Tianlu would certainly not "betray easily" because Dong Tianlu was a woman who didn't easily trust anyone. It took great effort for the Ma Family to get her to agree to cooperate initially.

Neither Bai Xiaosheng nor Lu Yun could easily sway her!

And with the Dong Family not moving, would Haoyu Wang Family forsake two powerful allies?

That was why Ma Zongting was full of confidence.

Little did he know, Bai Xiaosheng, through a series of events, was open and candid, and the Dong Family was the first to defect.

"Father, why don't you urge Dong Tianlu to take some action against that Bai?" Ma Tianqing suggested.

He was relentless in wanting to deal with Bai Xiaosheng.

"We can't act rashly, provoking Bai isn't good either. At least wait until we've taken care of the Lu Family, then it's not too late to deal with Bai." Ma Zongting said.

As the father and son were speaking, Ma Zongting's secretary hurried over with something to say.

“What’s the matter?” Ma Zongting asked.

Ma Tianqing also looked at the secretary.

The secretary hesitated for a moment and replied, “The department head you spoke with last time wants to arrange another conversation with you...”

The relevant department still wishes to mediate the Tengyun Yuema conflict.

Ma Zongting frowned, “Hmm, that department head isn’t very high-ranking, but the frequency of their involvement suggests larger mediation efforts to follow. This means we don’t have much time left.”

Ma Zongting looked up at the secretary and said, “Delay the schedule as much as possible! Apologize on my behalf to the head, saying we’ll cooperate actively and arrange accordingly!”

“And we have to speed up here, no time should be given to Tengyun; we must crush them as quickly as possible!” Ma Zongting said ruthlessly.

The secretary nodded and turned to leave.

Ma Tianqing was about to say something when suddenly Ma Zongting’s phone rang.

Ma Tianqing immediately closed his mouth.

Ma Zongting picked up the phone, saw the name on it, frowned slightly, flashed a strange look in his eyes, and murmured, “It’s Lu Yun!”

Lu Yun?!

Ma Tianqing was also startled.

Before the Tengyun Yuema conflict, Ma Zongting and Lu Yun had contact, exchanged numbers, but after the initial communication in their struggle, they never spoke again.

Ma Zongting sneered and directly pressed the speakerphone.

“Mr. Lu, what made you think of calling me?” Ma Zongting said with a smile.

From the other end came Lu Yun’s voice, still calm, as placid as a still lake, concealing any emotion. “Mr. Ma, it’s been a while, I hope you are well.”

“I am naturally quite well!” Ma Zongting laughed, “I wonder, why are you calling me? What do you want to discuss?!”

Backing down, compromising, or pleading?

Ma Zongting was already prepared with terms, waiting for Lu Yun to reach out with a call, to propose conditions that would make Tengyun bleed.

Beside him, Ma Tianqing watched eagerly, with a cold smile at the corner of his mouth.

He had seen his father’s listed terms, which were entirely about carving out flesh from Tengyun, from Lu Yun.

Now, with Lu Yun initiating the call, it signified the Ma Family’s complete victory!

“I want to talk to you, let’s stop this.” Lu Yun said over the phone.

But Lu Yun’s voice was still steady, not discouraged or powerless, even still very calm.

No wonder he's a business giant; even at this stage, he can keep his composure! Ma Tianqing sneered continuously.

"So Mr. Lu is calling to sue for peace, ah!" Ma Zongting was also all smiles, his voice incredibly smooth, "This is good, truly good! And you should have done so earlier, not waited till now. I'm a reasonable person! So, let me hear what terms you have!"

When you sue for peace, naturally you must show willingness to "cut flesh"!

Ma Zongting had even considered which markets and fields they want to monopolize, where they want to participate.

Both to make Lu Yun feel the pain and yet not anger him to the point of refusal—this is the art of negotiation.

"My terms?" Lu Yun's voice was calm, spoke slowly, "Your side should cease its current phase of aggressive competition across insurance, energy, catering, real estate, media industries in Anjiang, Hedong, Shangyun, Hexi, Yandong, Gandong provinces, and stop malicious market sniping, also withdraw from the following field disputes..."

Lu Yun's words were firm, gradually increasing in force as he listed three or four items.

The smile on Ma Zongting's face froze instantly.

Beside him, Ma Tianqing was full of disbelief.

Has Lu Yun gone mad? Is this the phone call to call for a ceasefire?

This is outright provocation!

Even with relevant department intervention, they aim for reconciliation, on what grounds does Lu Yun open his mouth demanding the Ma Family to back down, does he not understand the situation now?

He thinks, who is the current winner?

“Alright, Mr. Lu, you can stop now!” Ma Zongting directly cut off Lu Yun’s words, his voice turning cold and grim, “Do you think you’re joking, Mr. Lu Yun! This joke is not funny!”

“I thought to give Tengyun a chance, but seeing your stance, you’ve wasted all my efforts!”

“Lu Yun, do you think just because the relevant departments are involved you have confidence? I’ll tell you, we at Yuema will not stop easily until Tengyun is powerless to fight! By then, your cost won’t just be cutting flesh!”

Chapter 1864: Upheaval! Overturning the World! (Part 3)

Ma Zongting tore off his disguise, declaring his opponent’s fate with the tone of a victor.

These words electrified Ma Tianqing beside him, filling him with boundless ambition.

After this battle, Yuema’s status in the Huaxia business world will rise high, resonate throughout Asia, and hold strong on the international stage!

On the other end of the phone, Lu Yun was possibly stunned by Ma Zongting’s words, remaining silent for a long time.

But then, Lu Yun’s voice rang out again, “If you have time now, Mr. Ma, you might want to watch TV, the finance channel.”

With that, Lu Yun actually hung up.

Hearing the dial tone, Ma Zongting frowned, looking at his phone.

“What does Lu Yun mean by asking us to watch TV? What TV...,” Ma Tianqing puzzled.

Ma Zongting also furrowed his brow, speaking in a serious tone, “Lu Yun wouldn’t waste words with me at this time!”

Saying that, Ma Zongting lifted his head, motioning to Ma Tianqing, “Turn on the TV!”

Ma Tianqing nodded obediently, went to the living room, and turned on the rarely used lift-style TV that covered half the wall, tuning it to the mainstream financial channel.

In fact, several finance channels seemed to be broadcasting the same press conference.

On the selected channel, a female reporter was articulately reporting—

“Latest news from this station: Lubei Fang Real Estate, under Zhenbei Group, will inject capital into Fenghui Real Estate, a subsidiary of Tengyun, and announce a three-year cooperation framework!”

“Chenbei Fund, a subsidiary of Zhenbei Group, is providing funds to various Tengyun industries...”

“Zhenbei Jiutian Transport Group officially partners with Tengyun Langyun Group...”

...

News of enterprise collaborations were being rapidly reported one after another.

Ma Zongting’s eyes widened abruptly, staring intently at the TV screen.

Ma Tianqing was also stunned into silence.

All collaborations between Zhenbei Group Greater China Region and Tengyun?!

What's going on!

Bai Xiaosheng has joined forces with the Lu Family!

And it's a full-scale, all-around collaboration?!

Why was there not a hint of information before, how could they initiate the cooperation so swiftly!

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"Zhenbei Group Greater China Region announces major cooperation moves again: media, dining, and energy sectors will engage in deep cooperation with Tengyun Group and its partners!"

The reporter's camera focused on the stage of the press conference, the announcers were Xiahou Qi and Lu Yun's son, Lu Qingfeng.

"What's going on! How could this... how could this happen!" In shock and anger, Ma Zongting slapped the cup on the tea table, sending it flying.

The porcelain shattered and scattered on the ground, startling the secretary who rushed in.

"Chairman Ma, bad news!" the secretary exclaimed in panic.

"We already know! You come report this only now, useless!" Ma Tianqing, thinking the secretary came to report these events, immediately cursed in raging anger.

At this moment, it seems the Ma Family has been set up by Bai Xiaosheng!

Ma Tianqing's heart was storming with hatred, wildly sweeping across.

The secretary glanced at the TV, her face horrified, but still hurriedly reported to Ma Zongting, "Chairman Ma, it's not these news, it's... it's Beifeng Holdings!"

As the secretary spoke, she was even slightly stammering.

"What happened to Beifeng Holdings?" Ma Zongting frowned at the secretary.

Earlier, upon seeing the news, Ma Zongting did lose control briefly but soon regained composure.

Even with Zhenbei Group's involvement, so what!

Bai Xiaosheng and Tengyun joining forces will take time to ferment!

As long as Yuema, Beifeng, and Haoyu jointly exert strength, it might still catch them off guard.

On my side, I still hold the advantage!

Therefore, Ma Zongting's first thought was to contact his two allies, but didn't expect the secretary to report something related to Beifeng Holdings first.

Seeing the secretary's reaction, Ma Zongting suddenly had a bad feeling.

That woman surnamed Dong wouldn't be exploiting this to raise prices, taking advantage of the situation, would she!

"Multiple companies over at Beifeng Holdings have contacted us, terminating their cooperation with us!" the secretary reported panickedly.

This sentence made Ma Zongting's eyes go round, and Ma Tianqing's face turn all horrified.

Terminating cooperation?

And not seeking to impose conditions?

What exactly is Beifeng Holdings trying to do!

At that moment, another secretary came running in, stumbling.

“Bad news, Chairman Ma, just now news from Haoyu came, they’re completely ceasing cooperation with us!”

This sentence directly made Ma Zongting’s head buzz and his body wobble.

This is no coincidence!

What are those two major allies doing, are they intending to fully betray us!

Ma Tianqing’s face has already turned pale as paper, utterly speechless.

Why?

How did it become this situation!

Who is it, stirring up such upheaval!

Chapter 1865: Ma Zongting’s Struggle

As Ma Zongting and his sons watched the news, at the Dong Family and the Wang Family, Dong Tianlu and Wang Xuantian were also watching the news on television.

Yesterday, they received some information from Bai Xiaosheng, knowing that major changes would happen today.

Given the capabilities of those two, how could they wait without taking action.

Dong Tianlu and Wang Xuantian both devised several contingency plans almost overnight to respond to potential changes and activated their “observers” at Tengyun to closely watch the movements of its senior management, including Lu Qingfeng, ready to handle emergencies 24/7.

While Ma Zongting did place his people within Tengyun, his focus was clearly inadequate, and he concentrated more on Lu Yun, thus his information was naturally much delayed.

After detecting the change in the wind, Ma Zongting’s people reported to his assistant secretary, who, by the time they arrived, Ma Zongting had already seen the news hinted by Lu Yun...

Upon learning of the large-scale, high-level, widespread collaboration between Zhenbei Group’s Greater China Region and the Tengyun Series, Dong Tianlu and Wang Xuantian escalated their plans to the highest level—cutting off from Yuema and ceasing all cooperation!

One must say, in this matter, Dong Tianlu was ruthless! And Haoyu Group’s Wang Xuantian was not lagging behind!

That’s why while Bai Xiaosheng’s side was still holding the press conference, Beifeng Holdings and Haoyu Group simultaneously announced abandoning cooperation with Yuema!

This news was not only communicated to the Ma Family but also to Bai Xiaosheng! Almost a “pledge of allegiance!”

Even the watchers within Beifeng Holdings and Haoyu Group immediately relayed the information to their bosses.

Dong Tianlu of the Dong Family was somewhat surprised by Haoyu Group’s actions; she narrowed her beautiful eyes and murmured with a smile, “Didn’t expect Wang Xuantian to be so decisive this time,

following closely behind me with the same action! Haha, it seems Ma Zongting's fortune has run out this time!"

Once allies now facing masses abandoning them, Dong Tianlu felt quite amused.

At the Wang Family, Wang Xuantian couldn't help but tell his son Wang Helei, "Xiao Lei, what do you think? Didn't I say correctly? That woman Dong Tianlu is quite ruthless! Even though we did everything to the best, we're still a step behind her!"

Originally worried about their premature decision, Wang Helei was now completely at ease.

"With this, our two families are advancing and retreating together. If Ma Zongting wishes to pursue accountability, he should first confront Beifeng Holdings and find Miss Dong!" Wang Helei chuckled, followed by a frown, "Could it be, as you said, Dong Tianlu has already made some agreement with Bai Xiaosheng? Otherwise, why so decisive? In this case, aren't we, the Wang Family, falling behind!"

Now, the concern isn't about explaining to Yuema, but rather rushing to negotiate cooperation with Bai Xiaosheng.

Considering his son's concern, Wang Xuantian pondered slightly, then calmly said, "Even if that's the case, as long as we approach Bai Xiaosheng more actively, our cooperation shouldn't lag much."

Listening to his father, Wang Helei still seemed to hesitate.

"What's the matter? Speak, do you have any other doubts?" Wang Xuantian asked upon noticing.

"I just don't understand why you decisively part ways with the Ma Family this time and are so enthusiastic to cooperate with Bai Xiaosheng!" Wang Helei voiced his confusion.

Typically, his father was a cautious person.

At the very least, he wouldn't immediately reveal his stance towards Ma Zongting and create enmity.

Wang Xuantian chuckled, flinging a brief report to Wang Helei.

It was indeed a “brief report” comprising cut-out newspaper articles glued together.

Wang Xuantian not only liked his subordinates making reports for approval but also had his secretary sort the daily financial newspapers, clipped, and compiled like this.

“I’ve been constantly focusing on Zhenbei Group’s Greater China Region! Bai Xiaosheng’s reform is indeed unique and striking! I believe not just me but even that woman Dong Tianlu is paying attention!” Wang Xuantian explained.

To this, Wang Helei nodded in agreement, picking up and browsing through the brief report.

The report mainly consisted of news regarding enterprises under Zhenbei Group’s Greater China Region.

“A month ago, enterprises under Zhenbei Group’s Greater China Region increasingly started collaborating with numerous renowned European companies. To my knowledge, their business delegation is visiting in Europe, specifically targeting Zhenbei Group’s Europe Division. Therefore, I have reason to believe the two major regions are facilitating high-level transcontinental cooperation, this signifies a massive opportunity! If we join this endeavor, it will hold unprecedented significance for domestic growth and European market expansion!”

Wang Xuantian articulated sternly, “Also, recently I’ve discovered they’ve commenced business dealings with prominent Chinese families in Europe. I suspect Bai Xiaosheng’s gains in Europe are far beyond merely a big coalition with their own group’s Europe Division!”

This careful analysis astonished Wang Helei.

If so, Bai Xiaosheng is truly remarkable!

The opportunities he’s bringing to Zhenbei Group’s Greater China Region are indeed extraordinary!

If it's true, then collaborating with Bai Xiaosheng clearly presents a more promising future than working with Yuema Group!

"I see now why Dong Tianlu is so proactive!" Wang Helei suddenly realized, enthusiastically affirming Wang Xuantian, "With this perspective, your decision is absolutely spot on!"

Chapter 1866: Ma Zongting's Struggle (Part 2)

Wang Xuantian smiled with a sense of self-satisfaction, "You still have a lot to learn!"

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Ma Family.

Ma Zongting sat motionless on the sofa, his eyes fixed on the news report on the television screen.

His face was terrifyingly gloomy, as if a storm was hiding behind dark clouds.

Early in the morning, he was met with two major pieces of bad news back to back—Zhenbei Group's Greater China Region joined forces with Tengyun Series, and Beifeng Holdings and Haoyu Group had defected.

Even he found these two pieces of news hard to swallow at once.

Shock, anger, and panic!

Why did it turn out this way, how did it suddenly become like this!

To be honest, for a moment Ma Zongting's mind was a mess.

“Dad...” Beside him, Ma Tianqing spoke with a trembling voice.

Even Ma Zongting couldn't suppress his emotions, and Ma Tianqing was even more panicked, unable to control his voice.

Ma Zongting said in a stern voice, “Get out!”

His voice was one of authority, allowing no room for response. The two secretaries, well aware of Ma Zongting's temperament, quickly exited immediately. Ma Tianqing moved a bit slower and was glanced at by Ma Zongting with a look that seemed to eat him alive, even his own son was so frightened that he shivered and fled, closing the door behind him.

Ma Zongting sat there motionless, his fierce gaze flickering.

The only thing remaining in the entire living room was the sound of the news.

Ma Zongting sat silently for five minutes, suddenly picked up the expensive jade ashtray from the coffee table and hurled it furiously.

With a “bang,” the television went silent as well.

This commotion frightened Ma Tianqing and the secretaries outside the living room to shudder.

After smashing the television, Ma Zongting took a couple of deep breaths to calm himself, his expression softening as he picked up his phone and dialed Dong Tianlu's number.

The call went through immediately.

Dong Tianlu did not refuse to answer.

With things having escalated so much, avoiding it was not an option, so it was better to respond frankly.

This principle Dong Tianlu naturally understood.

“Miss Tianlu, what do you mean by this!” Ma Zongting’s voice was “calm,” but his questioning was very direct.

“Oh Mr. Ma, I was just about to call you.” Dong Tianlu’s voice on the phone was as usual, without the slightest oddity, cordial, “Did I not tell you earlier, all this time, our Beifeng Holdings has been fighting alongside your Yuema Group without regret, though it brought great benefits to both sides, it also caused numerous issues, and my elders at home had many complaints, what can I do, I could only temporarily stop the cooperation to allow our family business to recuperate, it is truly an act of helplessness.”

Nonsense, lies!

Ma Zongting cursed in his heart, not believing Dong Tianlu’s words at all, yet he still restrained his anger and said, “Even if we stop the cooperation, it doesn’t have to be right at this moment, must you stop now! After this period, it’s not like I disagree with our three families slowing down to stabilize our businesses! Right now, Zhenbei Group’s Greater China Region is cooperating with Tengyun, you wouldn’t... have known earlier, right!”

Ma Zongting highly suspected that Dong Tianlu, and even Wang Xuantian, knew about Bai Xiaosheng and Lu Yun’s cooperation, which is why they decisively withdrew from the alliance.

The reason they didn’t inform him was because Yuema Group was at the center of the storm, unable to extricate itself, especially since the opposing major union was launching a counterattack on him.

Ma Zongting thought that Dong Tianlu and Wang Xuantian were withdrawing to protect their own interests and leaving him to bear the brunt.

After all, fighting against Tengyun Series with all their might, even with Bai Xiaosheng, winning would only be a temporary victory.

After that, they would be tangled up by the opposition, stuck in a quagmire they couldn’t escape from.

Those two families are shrewd, they would never want it to come to that.

Up to now, Ma Zongting still believed that Beifeng Dong Family and Haoyu Wang Family were not traitors, he hadn't gone as far as thinking it was "treason."

Facing Ma Zongting's obviously angry questioning, Dong Tianlu remained calm on the phone, her voice even carried a hint of a smile, "Mr. Ma, you are overthinking it. I mentioned earlier, if the Shengsheng International deal didn't come through, the Dong Family would pause the collaboration. As for Zhenbei Group working with Tengyun, it happened around this time as well, so I think it might be purely coincidental. Look, to express our apology, while we are pausing the cooperation, many investments and market shares the Dong Family should take back are also handed over to your Yuema Group, isn't that some support from me, as a former ally, to your side."

Dong Tianlu was indeed saying all the right words.

"My dear Miss Dong! The things you are letting go of now, they're just small profits!" Ma Zongting finally could not contain himself, his voice slightly agitated, "At this critical moment, how can you betray us! Have you considered how our two sides will interact in the future! Whether to be foe or friend!"

Do you, Beifeng Holdings, want to become adversaries with my Yuema Group! Ma Zongting's threat was almost spoken outright.

On the other end of the line, the always gentle voice of Dong Tianlu fell silent for a moment, before it turned somewhat cold, yet fearless, "Mr. Ma, are you threatening me right now? As a woman, I, Dong Tianlu, am least afraid of being threatened! You should be worrying more about the conflict with Tengyun instead, talking to me about this now... hmm, is it appropriate!"

Ma Zongting was almost infuriated to the point of explosion by this woman, Dong Tianlu.

She was clearly, counter-threatening him.

"Miss Dong, in business and in conduct, one should not act this way!" Ma Zongting couldn't help but utter this.

“Furthermore, Wang Xuantian and you, you’re perfectly in sync, what exactly do you aim to achieve?”

Chapter 1867: Ma Zongting’s Struggle (Part 3)

A person shouldn’t be like this! Hearing these words from Mr. Ma Zongting’s mouth is actually quite amusing.

His Yuema Group has never been very upright.

Over the phone, Dong Tianlu’s voice feigns surprise, “Mr. Ma, did the Haoyu Group also cease cooperation with you? I truly didn’t expect it. I swear, we haven’t communicated about this. On this matter, you should blame them. Such actions without even a notice are too much! However, on my end, you clearly stated before that our collaboration isn’t binding, there’s no hierarchy, both sides are equal, and you even mentioned it can be terminated anytime; moreover, I indeed notified you in advance. So, what I’m doing now isn’t inappropriate.”

Ma Zongting secretly took a deep breath, realizing he truly can’t outtalk this woman!

Dong Tianlu paused, then laughed, “Why not speak with Wang Xuantian? If he agrees to cooperate for a while longer, I agree as well, how does that sound?”

Regardless of its authenticity, compared to before, Dong Tianlu’s last words seemed to noticeably soften.

In response, what could Ma Zongting do if he disagreed?

“Alright, I can give Wang Xuantian a call.” Ma Zongting agreed, yet he added, “However, I still want to discuss the matter of cooperation with Miss Tianlu first. This way, if you can rejoin the alliance now, and advance or withdraw with Yuema, I’m willing to... give the Dong Family an additional... twenty percent benefit from this dispute, how about it?”

Ma Zongting believed that regardless of why Dong Tianlu wanted to withdraw, the reason is none other than considering benefits.

He was willing to bleed to bring the Dong Family back to the alliance for a second support.

Under this “Tengyun Yuema War”, the benefits for the Dong Family could be substantial, and giving her an additional twenty percent benefit means Yuema Group’s profit would greatly decrease.

Yet faced with the current crisis, Ma Zongting was willing to “cut his flesh”!

It also seemed a bit like trying to find the last ditch effort for a dying horse.

“Such immense benefits are indeed difficult to reject!” Dong Tianlu laughed in response over the phone.

However, her voice completely lacked the feeling of being tempted.

“Mr. Ma, please first contact Wang Xuantian, if he indicates further cooperation, there should be no issue from my side.” Dong Tianlu seriously stated.

When had Dong Tianlu become someone who acts based on Wang Xuantian’s reaction, unaffected by temptations?

Ma Zongting frowned directly.

“My apologies, Mr. Ma, I still have some urgent matters to attend to, I’ll hang up now.” Dong Tianlu left this sentence and directly hung up.

Ma Zongting listened to the beeping phone and frowned.

Beifeng Holdings and Haoyu Group almost simultaneously withdrew from the alliance; apart from knowing beforehand about Bai Xiaosheng and Lu Yun’s coalition, considering their own safety, could there be something else?

Ma Zongting always felt uneasy, but he dared not be certain, so he directly called Wang Xuantian.

Compared to Dong Tianlu, Wang Xuantian was more polite in conversation.

Dong Tianlu said some family members opposed the current strategy of Beifeng Holdings, while Wang Xuantian said Haoyu shareholders were causing trouble.

Dong Tianlu responded strongly with threats, while Wang Xuantian just dodged directly with Tai Chi, not confronting him.

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Only one sentence, Wang Xuantian almost echoed Dong Tianlu, "As long as Dong Tianlu and Beifeng Holdings agree to rejoin forces, Haoyu Group will also return."

Because of this line, Ma Zongting almost threw his phone.

He's not dumb, he can hear them passing the ball!

In this way, the problem truly escalated.

"What on earth is going on! Ever since that Bai Xiaosheng appeared at Shengsheng International, Dong Tianlu, Wang Xuantian..." The angry self-talking Ma Zongting gritted his teeth, yet suddenly stopped, his eyes narrowed.

Yes, how could he overlook the primary person—Bai Xiaosheng!

His muddled mind temporarily ignored him.

"Could it be that everything is related to him!" Ma Zongting finally realized that the one he looked down upon, might be the root of all these troubles!

Thinking of this, Ma Zongting felt a chill down his spine.

Right after calling Dong Tianlu, Dong Tianxiu brought someone in, it was Lin Weiwei.

Seeing her, Dong Tianlu immediately stood up, warmly welcoming her, knowing Lin Weiwei's representation.

"Miss Tianlu, I represent Mr. Bai Xiaosheng to present a cooperation framework, please review it." Lin Weiwei formally said, handing over a document.

Dong Tianlu's eyes brightened as she flipped through it, and her smile emerged thereafter.

Bai Xiaosheng, surely didn't let her down!

These cooperations exceeded her expectations.

"Please convey to your Mr. Bai that we, Beifeng Holdings, will be one of his best partners!" Dong Tianlu said, glancing at her brother, Dong Tianxiu.

Even from a brother's perspective, her attitude towards Bai Xiaosheng's side definitely differed from Yuema Group!

"If Tengyun Yuema continues the battle, it won't be beneficial for our cooperation. If your Mr. Bai wishes to promptly end it, I'm willing to lend a hand!" Dong Tianlu even said.

Meanwhile, at the Wang Family, Wang Helei warmly led Lei Ying to the study to meet Wang Xuantian.

Lei Ying handed over a cooperation framework, and Wang Xuantian's face visibly brightened after reading it, directly saying to Lei Ying, "Haoyu Group is willing to collaboratively advance with Zhenbei Group, sign a strategic cooperation agreement, announce to the media, and make it public!"

If betrayed, reputation and fame would be damaged!

Chapter 1868: The War Began With You, but I'll Decide How It Ends!

Dong Tianlu and Wang Xuantian got Bai Xiaosheng involved in the “Tengyun Yuema battle,” preparing contingency plans overnight. Bai Xiaosheng also tailored a cooperation framework for them and sent Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying.

Lei Ying even took a car to the city where the Wang Family was located at dawn.

When Dong Tianlu and Wang Xuantian informed Bai Xiaosheng of their break with Yuema, Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying followed shortly after.

Bai Xiaosheng's swift actions impressed and satisfied the heads of both Dong and Wang families.

Today is destined to be a busy day.

Xiahou Qi and Lu Qingfeng are busy with holding press conferences.

Lu Yun is busy leading Tengyun executives in preparing cooperation and counterattack.

Dong Tianlu and Wang Xuantian are busy mobilizing resources to cooperate with Bai Xiaosheng.

As for Ma Zongting, he is busy both physically and mentally.

Only Bai Xiaosheng is leisurely sitting with Zhengdong Province and Lu Wenqian, enjoying tea.

Upon seeing Lu Wenqian again, she was no longer the plump little girl she used to be, but had become slim and beautiful, charming and touching.

It was still her who insisted on coming to thank Bai Xiaosheng.

“Xiaosheng, this time I really must thank you, you not only saved Zhengdong Province, but also helped my father a lot!” Lu Wenqian said earnestly, holding up her cup and substituting tea for wine, “With tea instead of wine, I must toast to you!”

Bai Xiaosheng hastily picked up his teacup.

“We are all family, saying that is treating Bai as an outsider,” Zhengdong Province remarked casually.

Lu Wenqian glared at him and instructed, “Join me!”

“Okay!” Zhengdong Province couldn’t defy, responding obediently, mimicking and picking up his teacup.

Seeing Zhengdong Province act like this, Bai Xiaosheng couldn’t help but smile, raised his cup to reciprocate to them, and said to Lu Wenqian, “Wenqian, actually, Old Zheng is right, we are family, no need for polite words. Moreover, my plan to cooperate with Uncle Lu of Tengyun and counterattack Yuema was merely coincidental.”

Lu Wenqian knew Bai Xiaosheng was being considerate.

If there was no Tengyun Yuema battle, then the cooperation between Zhenbei Group’s Greater China Region and Tengyun would be a win-win, but in this critical moment, Bai Xiaosheng’s financial and effort support for Tengyun was a significant favor, like a mountain or sea.

In her heart, she admired Bai Xiaosheng all the more, treating him like an older brother.

The three drank tea and chatted, occasional laughter could be heard.

Just then, Bai Xiaosheng’s phone rang.

The call came from an unfamiliar number.

Bai Xiaosheng answered, and a deep voice came from the other end, "Is this Mr. Bai Xiaosheng?!"

"I am. Who might you be?" Bai Xiaosheng asked.

"I am Ma Zongting!" The voice was somewhat heavy, spoken slowly.

"Ma Zongting." Bai Xiaosheng repeated the name, looking at Zhengdong Province and Lu Wenqian, saying it also for their benefit.

Zhengdong Province and Lu Wenqian both slightly restrained their smiles, focusing attention on Bai Xiaosheng.

"Mr. Ma is calling me for what matter?" Bai Xiaosheng asked with a smile.

It was not surprising Ma Zongting could get his number; Bai Xiaosheng even anticipated he would call, just not so soon.

The old ginger is still spicier; he quickly identified the root of the problem. Bai Xiaosheng somewhat admired him.

"Mr. Bai Xiaosheng, you really are bold, swiftly striking a comprehensive cooperation with the Tengyun Series. All your cards suppress ours, causing significant troubles for me!" Ma Zongting's voice was somewhat hoarse.

"Mr. Ma had substantial boldness initially, refusing to rest until defeating opponents, but must know, everything has its limit, things turn around!" Bai Xiaosheng smiled while speaking.

Zhengdong Province and Lu Wenqian exchanged glances, both snickering coldly.

They knew, currently, not only Zhenbei Group's Greater China Region is collaborating with Tengyun, but even Beifeng Holdings and Haoyu Group have abandoned the line, negotiating cooperation with Bai Xiaosheng.

Just earlier, upon learning that, they both nearly dropped their jaws, staring directly at Bai Xiaosheng for several minutes.

How did Bai Xiaosheng manage to poach Yuema System's two major allies within two days?

It's simply incredible, it's practically a miracle!

Even Zhengdong Province, shocked, asked Bai Xiaosheng point-blank, "Are you human?"

Lu Wenqian elbowed Zhengdong Province, making him realize he had misspoken, he added, "You're just a freak!"

Which earned him another elbow from Lu Wenqian.

Can't blame Zhengdong Province, anyone who heard would react similarly.

Though they didn't know how Bai Xiaosheng did it, the current situation, with abrupt changes and shifts in offense and defense, is undeniable.

Ma Zongting has become the one who should be most troubled!

This just adds to the excitement and joy!

Seeing Bai Xiaosheng lecturing Ma Zongting over the phone, Zhengdong Province felt thrilled and satisfied, giving Bai Xiaosheng two thumbs up.

Lu Wenqian also felt avenged.

After all, the Ma Family almost drove the Lu Family to the brink of despair.

“Mr. Bai Xiaosheng, I’m not at the point where I need you lecturing me!” Ma Zongting said repressing emotions over the phone.

He called without good intentions, harboring anger within.

Bai Xiaosheng’s words, simple yet “educational,” could provoke him to explode.

Being educated by a younger man whom he once dismissed and was the age of his son was indeed hard for him to accept.

“If Mr. Ma doesn’t want to hear this, then what did you call for?” Bai Xiaosheng asked with a smile, “Shall I comfort you a bit, saying how pitfalls are part of life, not to fear falling or such?”

Bai Xiaosheng’s words made Zhengdong Province burst into laughter unreservedly, wishing Ma Zongting to hear.

Lu Wenqian also couldn’t help but laugh out loud.

It’s simply infuriating! When Bai Xiaosheng gets mischievous, he can really drive people mad!

Bai Xiaosheng could already hear angry and heavy breathing from the other side; Ma Zongting, a formidable leader, was also struggling to restrain his emotions, indicating that under consecutive impacts, his thoughts had begun to muddle.

“Mr. Bai Xiaosheng, you publicly humiliated my son in Europe and snatched our Ma Family’s business! Upon returning, you participated in our Tengyun Yuema battle, helping Lu Yun against us! All of this, I can overlook!” Ma Zongting said through teeth, speaking to Bai Xiaosheng, “I want to know, what’s the deal with Beifeng Holdings and Haoyu Group?! Mr. Bai Xiaosheng, you should know, don’t overdo things! Our Ma Family is not easy to mess with!”

Ma Zongting's harsh words carried a threatening tone.

"Mr. Ma Zongting, I hope it's clear to you that I haven't intentionally opposed you, it was your son who provoked me first, it's you pushing my friends to the edge. All this is initiated by you! You need to clarify this!" Bai Xiaosheng replied coldly.

Would he fear Ma Zongting's threats?

A joke!

Over these years, every opponent Bai Xiaosheng faced was far stronger than him, yet he was never afraid, especially now when he was "well-prepared and equipped!"

"As for Beifeng Holdings, Haoyu Group, they are not subordinates of your Ma Family, what they do has nothing to do with you! They are not businesses on my side either, so you need not ask me! You better think about what to do next with Yuema Group!"

Bai Xiaosheng said word by word to Ma Zongting.

"Bai Xiaosheng!"

On the other side of the phone, Ma Zongting finally erupted with a suppressed angry voice, seeming about to lash out.

"You should know. You started the war, but I decide its end!" Bai Xiaosheng put down the phone, directly hanging up.

The conversation was actually pointless.

The business arena is not child's play, sometimes it's as cruel as a battlefield, once an arrow is shot there is no turning back.

No matter what Ma Zongting says, how he threatens or pleads, nothing will change.

There's no saying that one side is strong while the other yields, prompting immediate reconciliation.

To fight to the end, or to retreat.

To struggle, or to flee.

Sometimes, there's only one choice!

And now, as Bai Xiaosheng stated, you started the war, I control the conclusion.

The Ma Family.

Ma Zongting looked at the hung-up phone, angrily threw it to the ground, even stomped on it with all his might. He had never been so furious and out of control as today.

Outside the living room, Ma Tianqing even heard his father unleash a terrifying roar like a trapped beast.

That roar carried just three words, "Bai Xiaosheng!"

Chapter 1869: The Tengyun Yuema Battle, Concluded

Bai Xiaosheng hung up the phone, and smiled nonchalantly with Zhengdong Province and Lu Wenqian. The fate of Ma Zongting and Yuema was sealed, unable to reverse the situation, only going from bad to worse. Zhengdong Province and Lu Wenqian, while reveling in this, were also deeply impressed by Bai Xiaosheng's ability to control the situation.

The three chatted for a while longer, then Zhengdong Province and Wenqian stood up to take their leave.

At this moment, they too needed to return to assist Lu Yun, believing Bai Xiaosheng also had matters to attend to.

Currently, it was a season of frequent incidents; it was best to focus on handling affairs first as there would be plenty of opportunities to sit down for tea and conversation later.

Bai Xiaosheng did not insist on keeping them, seeing them off.

Several hours after the Zhenbei Group Greater China Region and Tengyun joint press conference, mainstream media financial channels released a big scoop.

Beifeng Holdings and Haoyu Group each issued statements announcing high-level collaboration talks with Zhenbei Group Greater China Region, set to hold a formal press conference soon.

Over at Zhenbei Group Greater China Region, Xiahou Qi once again held an additional press conference to acknowledge this fact.

This news instantly shocked the entire business circle of Huaxia!

The war between Tengyun Yuema had been intense, prolonged, and consistently the focus of the business world.

Beifeng Holdings and Haoyu Group, as two major allies of Yuema, almost defeated the Tengyun Series through their united effort, leaving it in shambles. Now, Beifeng and Haoyu unexpectedly announced cooperation with Zhenbei Group Greater China Region, which was simply unbelievable. Just a few hours ago, Zhenbei Group Greater China Region had announced that it had formed a strategic partnership with Tengyun.

Doesn't this equate to those two groups defecting?

In an instant, the media erupted.

Numerous commentators, media observers, economists, and online influencers swarmed in, all sorts of opinions emerged in a torrent.

Aside from a few questioning Beifeng Holdings and Haoyu Group of seeming treachery, most voices remained “objective and fair,” even focusing on uncovering the backstory—

“Why has change suddenly struck the Yuema System, internal sources have long deemed the trio in discord, sudden upheaval is surely sparked by internal reasons!”

“Yuema Group neglects ally interests, the trio has harbored grievances for long, Beifeng and Haoyu seeking new partners was within expectation!”

“The Yuema System is actually a loose coalition without any signed agreements, claims of ‘betrayal’ online are not grounded!”

“In a three-way alliance, one leaving might be due to others, but two departing means Yuema should introspect!”

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The direction of public opinion fermented rapidly, soon shifting focus to Yuema Group, making comments increasingly unfavorable for them.

This, in fact, was orchestrated by Bai Xiaosheng.

In business, face-to-face battles take time, progress is too slow.

Bai Xiaosheng intended to begin with a public opinion war, gaining initial advantage!

He aimed to damage Yuema Group’s reputation and stock value!

Bai Xiaosheng had already conveyed this strategy to Lu Yun, saying such a public opinion war typically cannot be initiated without a trigger point, but once a trigger point emerges, the effect is extraordinarily effective and astonishing!

Lu Yun's Tengyun Group itself held substantial media resources, coupled with Bai Xiaosheng sending Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying to liaise with Beifeng Holdings and Haoyu Group, it was a natural fit for those two groups to 'redeem' themselves and press Yuema down!

Consider, the joint public opinion offensive launched by Zhenbei Group Greater China Region, Tengyun Series, Beifeng Holdings, and Haoyu Group—how could Yuema possibly defend against it!

At the same time, Bai Xiaosheng did not forget to promote his own side.

After reforms at Zhenbei Group Great China Region, they would surely showcase a new formidable stance, and this was the opportunity!

In the media, voices about Zhenbei Group Greater China Region also appeared notably “explosive and rampant.”

“What charm does Zhenbei Group Greater China Region display post-radical reforms to attract both opposing factions—Tengyun Series and Beifeng Holdings, Haoyu Group—the three groups uniformly favor them, detailed analysis underway!”

“Reportedly, Zhenbei Group Greater China Region collaborates with Europe's top hundred enterprises. Will such large-scale movement spur an economic mega-linkage between Huaxia and Europe?”

“The birth of the strongest domestic economic alliance, set to change the economic outlook of the next decade!”

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The surging wave of public opinion was like one wave surpassing the previous, pushing Bai Xiaosheng, Lu Yun, Dong Tianlu, and Wang Xuantian to the forefront, receiving attention from all quarters. Yuema Group and Ma Zongting were knocked to the ground, facing utter ruin.

By the time the secretary rushed to convey these news to Ma Zongting, this generation's formidable figure sank directly into the sofa, showing a mix of shock and anger beyond control.

Now, he and Yuema Group were surrounded in all directions, as precarious as a delicate egg.

In such circumstances, let alone utilizing media resources for a counter-offensive, even preserving themselves was uncertain.

"Why is it like this, how can it be like this!" Ma Zongting was practically losing his mind.

Beifeng Holdings and Haoyu Group didn't just abandon, they betrayed, partnering with Bai Xiaosheng and even made it public!

Much of the condemnation against Yuema came from them!

What's next, would the four groups jointly siege him alone?

"That Bai, he is the orchestrator of all this, this is, is, is aiming to eliminate my Ma family!" Ma Tianqing, having learned some information from his father and hearing the fiery media comments, was on the verge of collapse, blaming everything on Bai Xiaosheng.

"Bai Xiaosheng!" Hearing his son's words, Ma Zongting's entire face twisted grotesquely, uttering this name with a hoarse shout more terrifying than a roar.

Immediately, Ma Zongting fainted.

This fainting by Ma Zongting frightened Ma Tianqing and others. They hurriedly called a doctor to revive him.

This generation's formidable figure from the Ma family, upon regaining consciousness, grabbed his secretary, eyes glaring, and shouted, "Go contact the relevant department's head, ask them to mediate, we agree to reconcile with Tengyun, agree to end this conflict!"

"Yes, yes, Director Ma!"

The secretary dared not delay, stumbling away quickly.

"Go, you go too!"

Ma Zongting shouted at another secretary, who also fled in fear.

But immediately, Ma Zongting looked desolate, "It's meaningless, it's useless! Whether or not the Tengyun Yuema war continues, we are already under their siege! All these are facilitated by that Bai! I don't believe it, I refuse to accept it..."

Ma Tianqing looked at his father frightfully hopeless, unable to find comforting words.

That evening, the financial channels were exploded once again by a news piece.

Yuema Group formally announced the cessation of disputes with Tengyun, and a complete contraction, surrendering most of its market and domain.

This message virtually declared—

Yuema, lost!

The grand, months-long Tengyun Yuema war had a resolution in just two days; originally poised Yuema unexpectedly became the loser!

This announcement once again alerted all sides.

Receiving the news, Bai Xiaosheng showed admiration, “Ma Zongting truly deserves to be a formidable figure in the business world, ruthless to others, ruthless to himself, once aware of being in absolute disadvantage, knowing protraction invites danger, resolutely decides to sacrifice to advance, indeed a formidable and ruthless character!”

“Yet, he’s no match for you, Brother Xiaosheng!” Lin Weiwei said with a smile.

Bai Xiaosheng, however, smiled and shook his head, his gaze distant and firm, seriously saying, “Luck was a major component! If one day I truly face such opponents in a fatal battle, never could there be a hint of slack—determined strike, sparing no effort, against such adversaries there must be no hesitation!”

Chapter 1870 - An Unbelievable Visitor

Two days after the "Tengyun Yuema" battle ended, two major news conferences were held in Tianhu City on the same day, in the morning and afternoon.

In the morning, there was Zhenbei Group’s Greater China Region with Tengyun Group, and in the afternoon, Zhenbei Group’s Greater China Region with Beifeng Holdings and Haoyu Group.

Both (all three) parties officially announced to the public their strategic partnership!

These two news conferences are like two heavy bombs. Although they do not have as detailed content as the previous days, when Zhenbei Group’s Greater China Region and Tengyun Group announced substantial specific cooperation to the public, their impact is equally explosive!

Because they definitively announced the birth of a stable, long-lasting commercial alliance capable of changing the current market dynamics!

Among the four companies, due to the effects of the Tengyun Yuema battle, Tengyun, Beifeng, and Haoyu did not appear together, but the public knows that they will inevitably align to form a unified alliance in the future.

Once enemies and rivals, it is amazing how quickly, within the blink of an eye, they are set to become partners. It truly confirms the business world saying, "No permanent enemies, only permanent interests." This truth is once again validated.

Among the four corporate giants, the one that serves as the link and core is undoubtedly Zhenbei Group's Greater China Region.

When it was heard that the incredibly young executive president of Zhenbei Group's Greater China Region would attend the news conference, media attention soared.

Regardless of whether it was Zhenbei Group's Greater China Region vigorously implementing reforms or sending a business delegation to Europe, initiating the wave of cooperation between the Eastern and Western business worlds, it all happened after this young executive president took office. No one believed these were unrelated to him!

And there is a scarcity of information about him in the media!

The media has been unable to track him down for an interview.

Now, he was finally about to surface, and the media was naturally very concerned.

However, the two news conferences had media attendance that was screened, and each media outlet was allowed only one reporter and one photographer inside. The Q&A session was relatively short, lasting only twenty minutes, leaving the media somewhat dissatisfied and regretful.

After the conference formally began, the media discovered that there was a bit of distance between the podium and the media seats, and with many key individuals present on the podium, they felt dazzled and overwhelmed with the desire to photograph and question everyone, which affected their focus on Mr. Bai.

After all, even the biggest star cannot dominate the entire scene.

The assembled media only saw at the center of the podium, next to Lu Yun and Dong Tianlu, where Wang Xuantian was sitting, a youthful face reminiscent of a new employee, remarkably young. He sat quietly with a smile, not drawing attention, yet matching the presence of Lu Yun and others.

Being so young and already serving as the executive president of Zhenbei Group's Greater China Region, coupled with no astonishing remarks or deeds coming to light, led some in the media to speculate that it was actually Xiahou Qi beside him who was truly driving everything.

Of course, despite this, the media cameras captured numerous photos of Bai Xiaosheng, compensating for previous gaps.

Afterward, Lin Weiwei, upon seeing the photos, curiously compared them with Bai Xiaosheng, even wondered aloud, "Xiaosheng, this is clearly you, but seeing you in person... there's something just... missing a bit from the photo."

The situation where photos don't quite match up with real-life appearances is not uncommon in everyday life.

The scientific explanation is that human expressions are vivid, whereas photos are static, capturing only a single moment.

In reality, Bai Xiaosheng deliberately controlled his micro-expressions during the news conference.

Even when appearing publicly, Bai Xiaosheng preferred his photographs to slightly differ from how he is in real life, to reduce recognition and convenience for himself in daily life and activities outside.

Otherwise, being recognized and surrounded even when eating at a street food stall would be inconvenient.

The public announcement of the strategic partnership news conference was a carefully contemplated strategic move by Bai Xiaosheng, intended to stabilize Tengyun Group's stock and image while also reassuring and ensuring genuine cooperation from Beifeng Holdings and Haoyu Group.

After all, unlike unnamed "alliances," it was a public vow of trust on behalf of their companies.

The reputation of trust is invaluable and influences future collaborations and the stability of stock markets.

Dong Tianlu and Wang Xuantian wouldn't dare to breach the agreement easily.

Furthermore, Bai Xiaosheng had another layer of intention concerning the alliance.

He also sought to contribute to Huaxia's business world.

How is this?

Bai Xiaosheng wished to share the opportunities of collaboration with Western Europe with domestic giants like Tengyun, Beifeng, and Haoyu.

Strategic partnership means collaboration through joint ventures, bringing in financial resources, advanced technology, and management experience, enhancing core competitiveness and expanding domestic and international markets, propelling technological progress, and industrial upgrade between domestic and foreign advanced enterprises.

With Bai Xiaosheng acting as the connector, those three companies will have access to extract the essence of Western enterprises, reaching higher, stronger, and integrating internationally.

Of course, Bai Xiaosheng shared these heartfelt intentions with only a few individuals.

Just for this reason, Lu Yun, Dong Tianlu, Wang Xuantian, and others truly admired Bai Xiaosheng.