

Two Trillion 1971

Chapter 1971 - Signing Contracts with the Two Great Families (Part 2)

Bai Xiaosheng's "apologetic" words immediately made Lin Tianyi sit up straight, and he became tense.

As expected, Hong Chengtian had indeed connected with Bai Xiaosheng behind his back!

Though both Hong Chengtian and Bai Xiaosheng tried their best to "conceal" it, the fact that they had each other's contact information said it all!

Was Hong Chengtian thinking about expanding the cooperation?

At the thought of this, Lin Tianyi suddenly felt an invisible pressure, as if it was pressing on him from all directions.

The pressure was immense!

"Really, my brother Hong... is in such a hurry!" Lin Tianyi forced a smile and said, "I heard about the collaboration between you two, hasn't it just begun? How come... you want to expand the cooperation now?!"

Even though Lin Tianyi's speech wasn't hesitant, the brief "pauses for breath" didn't escape Bai Xiaosheng's ears.

Faced with Lin Tianyi's probing, Bai Xiaosheng pretended to be confused, "Yes, I'm puzzled too, he suddenly called me about expanding the cooperation."

Lin Tianyi's hand holding the phone immediately showed blue veins.

Suddenly?

Could it be that old Hong sensed something from me!

I just set up the cooperation framework, and old Hong is beating me to it?

How can I be willing to let that happen!

"The terms Mr. Hong Chengtian offered are very generous, even my subordinate, Chengnan, is having a hard time holding back. So, we're very interested in expanding the cooperation, but I never expected that because of Mr. Lin's invitation, I'd come over here and haven't even reached an agreement with Mr. Lin, yet I have to sign with Mr. Hong first. They say the Lin and Hong families are like one big family, so I think you'd be happy to hear this news. Just, please understand if I show up a little late for your banquet, Mr. Lin."

Bai Xiaosheng spoke "patiently."

"Yes, we're like family, our two families... as close as one." Lin Tianyi's voice was unaffected.

However, Lin Tianyi himself was staring at the computer screen, his gaze flickering, and he seemed to make a certain decision.

"Since you understand, Mr. Lin, I'll hang up now," Bai Xiaosheng said with a smile.

Even if Lin Tianyi was extremely restrained, Bai Xiaosheng could still detect that subtle hint of surprise and anger in his voice that ordinary people couldn't discern.

Being able to master the skills of micro-expression analysis and voice emotion detection, Bai Xiaosheng found them incredibly convenient.

"Wait!" Just as Bai Xiaosheng was about to hang up, Lin Tianyi hurriedly stopped him, "I have something to discuss with Mr. Sheng. I wanted to call you earlier!"

"Oh?" Bai Xiaosheng feigned surprise in his voice, "Mr. Lin, what's the matter?"

"It's like this, I have a cooperation framework here, about the collaboration between our two sides. I'd like to invite you over to take a look, so we can discuss it. If we can reach an agreement, we can announce it at tonight's banquet! The first banquet you attend at the Lin family would be to celebrate our cooperation. Wouldn't that be wonderful!" said Lin Tianyi.

It's finally happening!

Bai Xiaosheng silently smiled on the other end of the phone.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying also heard some of it, and they exchanged a knowing glance with a smile.

Bai Xiaosheng's provocation was strong enough; Lin Tianyi couldn't hold it anymore!

That's excellent!

If Lin Tianyi wants to quickly sign the contract, he'll have to offer sufficient benefits!

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying naturally understood this point.

"But the Hong family..." Bai Xiaosheng feigned some hesitation over the phone.

"It won't affect it. I've got everything ready here. Mr. Sheng, just come over and have a look. It won't delay your meeting with brother Hong. Don't worry, if brother Hong has any complaints, you can have him talk to me!" Lin Tianyi reassured Bai Xiaosheng.

"Well, all right then! After all, I came to Xianggang because of your Lin family's invitation, so I'll head over now!" Bai Xiaosheng agreed.

"Great, great!" Lin Tianyi was undoubtedly delighted, though he kept his tone contained.

After hanging up, the three of Bai Xiaosheng exchanged looks and laughed together.

At this moment, Lin Tianyi, having let out a breath, didn't have time to ponder if Bai Xiaosheng had "played" him. He was staring at the computer screen again, frowning.

Time was tight, and he needed to revise the document!

The concessions offered were clearly still not enough...

"My brother Hong, this time you're really... but I'll make sure to get ahead of you!" Lin Tianyi secretly resolved.

About an hour later, Bai Xiaosheng once again visited the Lin family. As he declined Lin Tianyi's offer to send a car to pick them up over the phone, they took a taxi this time.

On the way, the taxi driver, upon learning that Bai Xiaosheng and his group were heading to the Lin family, was quite surprised and mentioned that he could only take them as far as the Lin family's gate. Beyond that point, strangers weren't allowed in.

Lin Weiwei smiled and assured the driver to just drive in, as the Lin family would grant them access.

This made the taxi driver take a few more curious glances at the trio.

As expected, at the entrance to the Lin family's "gate" at the foot of the mountain, the taxi was stopped.

However, after Lin Weiwei mentioned Bai Xiaosheng's name, the gatekeeper verified it and respectfully invited Bai Xiaosheng to switch to a luxurious business car worth millions for a more comfortable ride. Lin Weiwei inquired if they could continue in the taxi, and gracefully declined on Bai Xiaosheng's behalf.

The taxi continued driving in, with the expensive car leading the way and another identical one trailing behind as an escort, all the way until they were well inside the estate.

This sight excited the taxi driver immensely, and he frequently glanced at Bai Xiaosheng seated in the back through the rear-view mirror.

Facing this mysterious and exceptionally young passenger, the taxi driver imagined numerous "legendary" stories in his mind.

Chapter 1972 - Signing with the Two Major Families (Part 3)

As they escorted Bai Xiaosheng and the others to the gate of the Lin Family estate, the taxi driver was still in a daze. When he heard Bai Xiaosheng wanted to pay, he waved his hand repeatedly.

Being lucky enough to get into the Lin Family's premises was already something he could brag about for a year; he wasn't even planning on taking the money.

Finally, Lin Weiwei insisted on paying a large cash bill, the extra serving as a tip.

Only then did the taxi driver happily leave.

When Bai Xiaosheng saw Lin Tianyi again, they still greeted each other warmly.

In the same study, Bai Xiaosheng chatted with Lin Tianyi for about three to five minutes before Lin Tianyi got to the point, pulling out a cooperation framework he claimed was long prepared.

Bai Xiaosheng skimmed through it and couldn't help but smile.

The cooperation framework not only pledged full support for Tianyu International's entry into various Xianggang markets but also stressed the Lin Family's strong assistance and the sharing of most commercial channels with Tianyu International.

The framework also mentioned cooperation with the numerous Mainland enterprises under Bai Xiaosheng, offering considerable concessions in content and approach.

Those conditions were even more favorable than what Bai Xiaosheng could have accepted.

Lin Tianyi was indeed afraid that if he couldn't reach an agreement with Bai Xiaosheng, Bai would instead turn to the Hong Family. Once all cooperation needs were met there, Bai might lose interest in him, leaving little room for negotiation.

Consequently, Lin Tianyi decisively made a huge concession to win over Bai Xiaosheng in one stroke!

Bai Xiaosheng expressed satisfaction with the cooperation framework and appreciated the Lin Family's sincerity.

Urged by Lin Tianyi, Bai Xiaosheng provisionally signed the cooperation framework with him.

Seeing Bai Xiaosheng sign, Lin Tianyi genuinely felt at ease and satisfied.

Offering such concessions happily and straightforwardly was something he had never experienced before.

During the evening banquet, Bai Xiaosheng would also have a public "formal" signing with Lin Tianyi.

By then, not only would the Lin Family members be present, but Lin Tianyi also planned to invite top media writers to bear witness.

Bai Xiaosheng chatted with Lin Tianyi for a bit more, then checked the time and excused himself, saying he needed to meet with the Hong Family.

Lin Tianyi understood and escorted Bai Xiaosheng to the door.

Lin Tianyi did not make Bai Xiaosheng promise secrecy.

Firstly, Bai Xiaosheng might not listen to him, and secondly, their cooperation would eventually become public, and Hong Chengtian would find out sooner or later, making secrecy pointless.

Lin Tianyi was not afraid of Hong Chengtian calling to question him.

After all, the Hong Family had already signed several corporate contracts; what's stopping us from signing?

Bai Xiaosheng came here, after all, because of the face of the Lin Family!

Lin Tianyi felt he had plenty of arguments.

Bai Xiaosheng, along with Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying, took a car arranged by the Lin Family and returned to the city center.

After getting out of the car, Bai Xiaosheng glanced at the file bag Lin Weiwei was holding and smiled. "It seems it's time to talk with the Hong Family!"

At that moment, Hong Chengtian was also preparing a cooperation framework to reach out to Bai Xiaosheng and sign it at the first opportunity.

Hong Chengtian knew Lin Tianyi too well; in business, this man could be either frugal to the extreme or extremely generous, depending entirely on long-term benefits.

What worried Lin Tianyi, worried Hong Chengtian equally.

Therefore, Hong Chengtian made his contract terms quite attractive as well.

Upon receiving Bai Xiaosheng's call, Hong Chengtian was surprised. Upon learning that Lin Tianyi had signed a contract with Bai Xiaosheng, he was even more surprised and annoyed.

"Hong Wu is my friend, and the Hong Family signed with Tianyu International first, so I wanted to ask Mr. Hong if you're willing to sign a little more." Bai Xiaosheng asked politely.

It seemed entirely due to friendship.

Hong Chengtian readily agreed.

Thus, Bai Xiaosheng took a car to the Hong Family.

At the Hong Family, Bai Xiaosheng signed a second cooperation framework.

Bai Xiaosheng also had a pleasant conversation with Hong Chengtian.

In the end, Bai Xiaosheng left the Hong Family with the signed contract, accompanied by Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying, heading to the Lin Family for the banquet.

Including travel time, Bai Xiaosheng and his team were just half an hour late.

On the way, Bai Xiaosheng informed Chengnan of the support for Tianyu International in both contracts.

Someone as composed as Chengnan could hardly believe it, confirming repeatedly.

Something he couldn't manage for so long, not even with incentives, Bai Xiaosheng managed to have two major families so selflessly supportive right away!

My CEO is amazing!

Chengnan was almost too excited, praising Bai Xiaosheng.

Afterward, Bai Xiaosheng contacted Lin Chensheng, who, just like Hong Wu said, was filled with gratitude towards Bai Xiaosheng but indifferent towards the family and Bai Xiaosheng's cooperation.

Bai Xiaosheng encouraged Lin Chensheng, urging him to join Chengnan in making significant achievements here and shedding the label of incompetence quickly.

Overall, the two had a nice chat.

In the evening, at a welcome banquet at the Lin Family estate, facing the media, Bai Xiaosheng announced the cooperation with the Lin Family and revealed some details of cooperation with the Hong Family.

Lin Tianyi listened from the side, feeling secretly relieved.

“It’s a good thing I acted early; otherwise, how could I have signed an agreement with Bai Xiaosheng on such terms!”

“Old Hong, look at the conditions you offered; you used every means for cooperation, you’re downright shameless!”

Chapter 1973 - Journey to South America

Bai Xiaosheng successfully secured a comprehensive cooperation with both the Lin and Hong families. This trip to Xianggang yielded substantial gains for him.

That evening, after attending Lin Family’s banquet, Bai Xiaosheng immediately informed Xiahou Qi of the news and also touched base with Lu Yun, Dong Tianlu, and Wang Xuantian.

Regardless of whether it was Xiahou Qi or the trio of Lu Yun, Dong Tianlu, and Wang Xuantian, they were all utterly astonished upon learning of the agreement Bai Xiaosheng had reached with the Lin and Hong families of Xianggang. Naturally, they were also overjoyed.

The collaboration with Lin and Hong families not only brought business ventures but also introduced strong allies, along with the favorable policies and international hub conveniences in Xianggang. Even Lu Yun and the others greatly desired these advantages.

Currently, both the Lin and Hong families wish to join Bai Xiaosheng's business alliance, and the existing "members" like Lu Yun and the other three are extremely happy and willing to welcome these parties.

Of course, to Bai Xiaosheng, this was also exhilarating.

After all, this marked the beginning of expanding his business alliance!

Before coming to Xianggang, Bai Xiaosheng had an in-depth discussion with Xiahou Qi on two topics.

The first was how to solidify relationships with super families like the Luo and Wei Families, avoiding short-term, fleeting cooperations.

The second was how to navigate within Huaxia, and Asia, and even globally, to avoid becoming a target of "hidden" yet enormous business entities due to profits or infringing on certain markets.

At the time, Xiahou Qi suggested that Bai Xiaosheng could establish a business alliance within Huaxia, using extensive cooperation to mitigate competitive harm.

However, Bai Xiaosheng felt that looking even further would be better.

Why not form a multinational, transcontinental, global business alliance!

With such a global vision, Bai Xiaosheng's ambition is certainly not something an ordinary person could possess. To inherit Zhenbei Group and help his wife's family — the Wei Family — develop, he must aim higher and have greater "ambitions."

Bai Xiaosheng, being in the prime age of ambition, carried one heart full of zeal.

Daring to think, daring to act!

The Lin and Hong families are his newly absorbed allies. Adding in the three major entities of Tengyun, Beifeng, and Haoyu, at least a top-tier business alliance within Huaxia is taking shape.

Going forward, it will only grow stronger!

Of course, the idea of establishing a global business alliance was something Bai Xiaosheng gradually refined and finalized, even reaching a conclusion only upon arriving in Xianggang.

Bai Xiaosheng shared this idea with Xiahou Qi over the phone.

Xiahou Qi fully supported Bai Xiaosheng's idea. The old man was as if injected with adrenaline, talking with Bai Xiaosheng for a whole hour on this matter.

If not for his age, he might have rolled up his sleeves and joined Bai Xiaosheng in achieving this extraordinarily ambitious goal.

Magnificent, full of zeal!

Not only gathering major enterprises within Huaxia to form an alliance but also targeting overseas prominent families and large corporations.

If truly achieved, it would be like a commerce alliance leader from a martial arts novel! And on a global scale!

Just the thought of it got Xiahou Qi thrilled.

In one's lifetime, making a lot of money is just a number, but the pursuit of achievements and career is never-ending.

Accomplishing a great career and becoming renowned worldwide, what an honor that would be!

Bai Xiaosheng had to forcibly end the call with Xiahou Qi to let him rest.

As a result, Bai Xiaosheng received dozens of messages from Xiahou Qi on WeChat before going to bed.

This old man probably had a sleepless night...

In the following days in Xianggang, Bai Xiaosheng officially appeared in the media, announcing significant collaborations with Lin Tianyi and Hong Chengtian, causing a media frenzy in Hong Kong.

As events unfolded, Bai Xiaosheng further appeared alongside Lin Tianyi and Hong Chengtian in the same frame.

Lin Tianyi and Hong Chengtian maintained their “usual” intimate relationship, calling each other brothers and celebrating together, never mentioning their earlier intentions of working independently with Bai Xiaosheng, as if nothing had happened.

After all, both parties got what they wanted, and continued “friendly” and “cooperative” relations suited both Lin and Hong families’ interests.

Moreover, facing journalists’ inquiries, both Lin Tianyi and Hong Chengtian enthusiastically expressed hope that the younger generation, Lin Chensheng and Hong Wu, would soon marry, further aligning Lin and Hong families...

After the fact, Lin Weiwei marveled that those who reach the top truly embody “patience.” They can disregard others for profit but also forge bonds for mutual gain, appearing as close as brothers.

In response, Bai Xiaosheng merely smiled, having anticipated all along.

Although he used various tactics, seemingly instigating a dispute between Lin and Hong families, decades of shared interests and challenges ensured that their rift wouldn’t easily shatter in the short term.

At least, as long as Lin Tianyi and Hong Chengtian are alive, it's unlikely to happen.

Like nations engaging in conflict yet never breaking ties...

In truth, regarding Bai Xiaosheng's tactics, those families might eventually catch on, but Bai Xiaosheng believes they won't unite to vent their dissatisfaction, as both had independently decided to collaborate. Bringing it up would damage their relations.

They're unlikely to discuss it together again.

Talking too much would hurt feelings. Since they now achieved their aims, it's best to "forget"...

During these days, Bai Xiaosheng also convened a video meeting, bringing together Lin Tianyi, Hong Chengtian, Lu Yun, Dong Tianlu, and Wang Xuantian for a verbal agreement.

Chapter 1974 - Journey to South America (Part 2)

Bai Xiaosheng did this for two reasons: first, to fulfill his promise and bring the Lin and Hong families into the circle he leads. Second, to let Lin Tianyi and Hong Chengtian feel the existence of this "collective." This collective, with Bai Xiaosheng as the youngest organizer, is highly esteemed by the three parties including Lu Yun. For the Lin and Hong families to stay long in this group, they must follow Bai Xiaosheng.

So young, and such skill, to make the big three groups obey.

Bai Xiaosheng truly made Lin and Hong feel a sense of awe...

After staying in Xianggang for just over ten days, Bai Xiaosheng quietly left.

Xianggang was only the first stop for Bai Xiaosheng; his next destination was South America.

The flight from China to South America required a transfer in Europe.

While waiting for the transfer in Europe, Bai Xiaosheng received a call from Lin Tianyi.

Upon learning that Bai Xiaosheng had already left, Lin Tianyi was somewhat "displeased" and complained about not being able to see him off.

Bai Xiaosheng apologized with a smile, saying that he had already arranged everything for the Lin family to handle, and Lin Tianyi could directly contact Xiahou Qi, which made Lin Tianyi happy.

Soon after, Hong Chengtian also called, saying similar words to Lin Tianyi.

It must have been Lin Tianyi who told him the news...

After hanging up, Bai Xiaosheng felt quite emotional.

The two families were once again advancing and retreating together, "in cahoots." However, that's fine.

Subsequently, Chengnan also contacted Bai Xiaosheng, mentioning that the commercial alliance led by the Lin and Hong families was actively collaborating with them, and Tianyu International was gaining unprecedented opportunities.

Moreover, other families in Xianggang were also interested in making contact with him.

In the call, Bai Xiaosheng told Chengnan that from now on, he and Lin Chensheng would be the full representatives of the Greater China Region Headquarters in Xianggang, responsible for all engagements.

This trust and delegation from Bai Xiaosheng naturally delighted Chengnan!

Furthermore, according to Chengnan, Lin Chensheng was currently full of energy. Contrary to the outside rumors of him being a loser, he was actually quite capable and discerning!

Bai Xiaosheng naturally knew that the things Lin Chensheng did later in the Lin family should have been successful, but because they didn't align with the family's interests, they were forced to fail repeatedly. After experiencing repeated trials, Lin Chensheng matured and cherished this rare opportunity.

Additionally, with Chengnan overseeing, he should not have any mishaps.

Bai Xiaosheng gave Chengnan some instructions regarding Lin Chensheng before hanging up the phone.

After ending the call, Bai Xiaosheng joked with Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying, saying, "Chengnan and Lin Chensheng are full of energy now, and maybe, given time, these two guys can pull the other families in Xianggang into our camp! By then, we will really profit!"

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying were also quite happy to hear Bai Xiaosheng say this.

Lin Chensheng, being a member of the Lin family and a son-in-law of the Hong family, as well as Bai Xiaosheng's appointed executive, naturally commanded respect from all parties. It was entirely possible to draw in cooperation from other wealthy families!

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During the waiting time for the transfer, with nothing to do, Bai Xiaosheng took Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying to a nearby duty-free shop to browse and see if there was anything good.

Given their current wealth, luxury goods were nothing more than more exquisite and higher-quality products.

Currently, in this European city where Bai Xiaosheng and the others were located—Riggris—there were indeed many duty-free shops near the airport, with a wide range of categories.

Near the "cluster" of duty-free shops, there was also a river running through the city, making it a good view even if just for sightseeing.

The three of them strolled around leisurely, enjoying their time.

While passing by a somewhat inconspicuous small store, the three of them unexpectedly noticed that the cars stopping there were all luxury cars, and the people entering and exiting the store were all wearing exquisite clothes with proud expressions.

"What is this place?" Lin Weiwei curiously looked up to see the store sign.

"Hugo's Home," a... watch shop?

Bai Xiaosheng's eyes flickered slightly, and he spoke directly, "It's a century-old watch shop in Riggis, famous for its handmade parts. Many wealthy merchants come seeking their services. The shop owner, Sebastian, is hailed as the best watchmaker in the country!"

"Wow, Xiaosheng, how do you know so much about this place?" Lin Weiwei exclaimed in shock.

Even if Bai Xiaosheng knew a lot and was knowledgeable, it seemed impossible for him to even know about information on shops in foreign lands. Had he been here before? But along the way, everything seemed novel to him, not as if he had been here before.

Lei Ying also looked at Bai Xiaosheng with eyes full of puzzlement and curiosity.

Bai Xiaosheng chuckled. Although he had Red Lotus with him, capable of finding answers to any question anytime, he hadn't used it this time.

"Don't look at me like that; I'm not a god. It's all written right there!" Bai Xiaosheng pointed with a smile.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying looked over and saw a copper plaque embedded in the wall, which was not easily visible from their angle.

The beautifully engraved English text on it was created by the local government, specifically introducing this store.

As for the comment on wealthy merchants, it was Bai Xiaosheng's judgment based on the attire and demeanor of the people entering and exiting.

"Let's take a look too, Xiaosheng!" Lin Weiwei suggested eagerly.

Lei Ying nodded as well; he also wanted to see what was special about the store.

In addition, if there was really something good, he intended to buy it for Zi Yue.

"Let's go, take a peek!" Bai Xiaosheng said with a smile, also eagerly wanting to check it out.

The three of them walked into the store, coincidentally as several customers exited, making it seem rather quiet inside.

The small shop wasn't large, with display windows and wooden shelves on all sides, exhibiting watches, various handmade metal products, and an assortment of parts.

Chapter 1975: Journey to South America (Part 3)

Behind the innermost workbench, a figure was engrossed in work.

When Bai Xiaosheng and the others entered, the person didn't look up, apparently busy and unable to be distracted.

Bai Xiaosheng and the others held their breath, quietly admiring the various clocks and handcrafted items.

Nothing here was identical to another, yet everything was intricately crafted. Some were original, and some were secondary creations on old objects, looking quite interesting.

Lin Weiwei was captivated, eyes brimming with excitement, even Lei Ying nodded frequently.

Even Bai Xiaosheng found interest in many items.

While the three were absorbed in looking, several more people came in from outside.

Leading them was an elderly Asian woman, her face expressionless but her eyes held a hint of arrogance.

By the old woman's side was a graceful beauty, about Lin Weiwei's age, with a great figure, slightly tanned skin, and a mixed Asian appearance.

At this moment, the beauty looked around, her expression critical.

Behind them were two girls, following closely, carrying various bags, seemingly like attendants.

"This is the shop your grandfather mentioned he liked, I'll buy a few things to take back for him this time. Sweetie, help me see what your grandfather might like," the old woman said fluently in English, casually pointing around with a finger.

Her demeanor was very wealthy and imposing.

"Sure, I'm the best at picking things out," the mixed-race beauty replied cheerfully, speaking fluent English as well.

Lin Weiwei couldn't help but frown.

Entering and being so noisy broke the tranquility, how annoying!

Even the shop owner seemed to raise his head slightly, giving a glance.

Bai Xiaosheng and Lei Ying exchanged a look and shook their heads quietly.

However, they didn't have the right to tell the other party to keep quiet, especially since it was a group of women, who were hard to deal with.

If they had been men, the two might have intervened.

Considering the stereotype of "bullying men and fearing women," the two remained silent, continuing to study the items in the showcase.

Bai Xiaosheng was quite interested in an old-fashioned watch. It looked much like those produced in Huaxia in earlier times, except the dial had a different design with hollow and modified features, which looked very intriguing.

"Red Lotus, is this watch originally from Huaxia?" Bai Xiaosheng asked Red Lotus curiously in his mind.

After a search, Red Lotus informed Bai Xiaosheng that his guess was correct.

This was one of the first batches of watches produced after the founding of Huaxia, dating back to 1955.

The shopkeeper seemed to have added a second creative process, quite characteristic of Huaxia.

Also, based on the placement, it seemed very important to the shopkeeper!

Bai Xiaosheng immediately wanted the watch.

"This watch is nice, Grandma, Grandpa will definitely like it!" A small hand reached over, pointing directly at the watch Bai Xiaosheng was interested in.

Bai Xiaosheng looked up to see the old woman and her two attendants approaching.

The old lady sized up Bai Xiaosheng.

The mixed-race beauty also noticed Bai Xiaosheng, and upon seeing him still standing there, smiled, "Please step aside!"

Then, she curiously asked Bai Xiaosheng, "Are you a tourist? From UH Country or Russia?"

Bai Xiaosheng tried his best to tone down his aura, trying to appear ordinary, but the demeanor he displayed still set him apart from ordinary people.

"I'm from Huaxia," Bai Xiaosheng said softly.

This answer made the mixed-race beauty's smile freeze, showing a trace of regret in her eyes.

"Huaxia." The old lady seemed to sneer lightly, her eyes even more arrogant.

"Step aside, we want to buy this watch," the brown-skinned beauty directly said to Bai Xiaosheng, her tone lacking any reverence.

It seemed Huaxia people were beneath their notice.

Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but frown. He didn't want to bicker with women, but such rudeness really irked him.

Beside him, Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying also had their faces turn cold.

However, being abroad, arguing with an old lady would indeed tarnish the image of Huaxia people, so Bai Xiaosheng simply turned and thought to leave.

“Ha, poor people, we were so glad when we managed to escape that damned place back then!” The old lady switched languages, speaking in Portuguese to the mixed-race beauty.

Just as Bai Xiaosheng was about to walk away, upon hearing this, his eyes turned cold.

“This is the watch, isn’t it? Looks pretty nice, buy it,” the old lady said.

“I’m sorry, but I’ve taken a liking to this watch!” Bai Xiaosheng turned back and said seriously to the old lady, “With me, a Huaxia person here, you definitely won’t be able to buy it!”

Chapter 1976 - You Don't Understand Its Value

Bai Xiaosheng could tolerate the arrogance and rudeness of the old lady and the mixed-race girl beside her towards him, but he could not tolerate their mockery of Huaxia, especially when the old lady was once from Huaxia!

Bai Xiaosheng did not argue or bicker with the old lady, but expressed his dissatisfaction in the most elegant manner.

His message was clear. Our Huaxia is a land of etiquette, I am a man, I will not quarrel or curse with you.

This item, I have my eyes on it, you have yours too. First come, first served, so it’s not your turn!

With me, a Huaxia person here, you won’t get it! I am determined to have it!

Bai Xiaosheng just now spoke these words not in English, but in Chinese, enunciating every word clearly.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying stood by Bai Xiaosheng’s side, also looking coldly at the grandmother and granddaughter pair.

Traditionally, respecting the elderly is a virtue in Huaxia, and they would not have looked at an elderly person with such an expression. But a lack of respect in the elderly does not earn respect.

The old lady was already extremely arrogant, and seeing this Huaxia person, Bai Xiaosheng, speaking to her like this, and the two companions looking at her with such eyes, suddenly became furious.

“What did you say? Compete with me for something!” The old lady seemed to hear something extremely amusing and directly pointed her finger at Bai Xiaosheng’s nose, mocking in English, “I, Donna Chen, would be afraid of you, a little Huaxia brat! I can crush you with money!”

This old lady was called Donna Chen, Chen might be her original surname, “Donna” is a changed foreign name, probably a transliteration of “Donna”.

“Donna” inherently means “lady”, a respectful title used before the names of married women, though it is also used as a name by itself.

This old lady immigrated from Huaxia and changed this name, making everyone call her “lady”. How much she seeks foreign recognition and respect in her title...

Ironically, she looks down on Huaxia so much, looks down on Huaxia people, yet she retained her surname.

I suppose her ancestors would be furious with her if they knew.

Bai Xiaosheng laughed when he heard her say she would crush him with money, and Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying behind him also laughed.

Currently, who dares to say they can crush Bai Xiaosheng with money? Probably only the clan leaders of the super families like the Luo Family and the Wei Family would have such qualifications.

The mixed-race beauty beside the old lady Donna Chen, upon seeing Bai Xiaosheng and the others seemingly laugh at them, grew angrier and pointed at the three, demanding, “You, and you, what are you laughing at?!”

“A mantis trying to stop a chariot!” Lin Weiwei snorted lightly and uttered a phrase calmly.

“What did you say?!” The mixed-race beauty frowned and demanded.

Instinctively, she believed Lin Weiwei was mocking her grandmother. However, she didn’t understand.

A mantis trying to stop a chariot, overrating their abilities!

It described their attempt to suppress the opponent with money as inadequate!

Donna Chen, ultimately from Huaxia, understood at once, glaring viciously at Lin Weiwei, “A mere attendant, a worthless girl, is it your place to speak? Watch out, or I’ll tear your mouth apart!”

Lin Weiwei raised her eyebrows, instantly exuding a murderous aura.

Dare to insult her!

“Elders should also possess words and virtue!” Before Lin Weiwei could speak, Lei Ying said in a deep voice, “With a lack of virtue, how can one guide the younger generations?”

Lei Ying rarely spoke out to retort, yet even he couldn’t hold back this time.

“You!” With an attendant talking back, the old lady’s anger surged again.

“What did you say?!” The mixed-race girl felt that Lei Ying was insulting them and also grew angry. Yet she again couldn’t understand Lei Ying’s words...

“Molly!” The old lady Donna Chen said to the mixed-race girl, “Don’t bicker with these people, lowering your status! What’s the use of getting angry with these poor folks? Even if they try hard their whole lives, they won’t compare to you!”

The mixed-race beauty heard this and angrily glared at Bai Xiaosheng and the others.

“Everyone, please don’t make a commotion in my place.” Suddenly, a voice came from the side.

Everyone looked over.

An elderly white man wearing an apron walked over. His hair was graying, he had sapphire blue eyes, a neatly trimmed beard, and looked very clean and spirited.

He was the watch shop owner working behind the counter all along, Sebastian.

Seeing the shop owner approaching, the old lady Donna Chen immediately put on a “polite” and “elegant” demeanor, greeting him, “Mr. Shop Owner, I am very sorry. It’s all because of these Huaxia people making a loud noise here, lacking manners and etiquette! But people from there are all like that, so it’s not surprising after seeing it enough.”

Just now, it was the old lady and her granddaughter who were loud, yet now she was blaming others.

Bai Xiaosheng really found it amusing.

The old lady Donna Chen spoke, stretching out her hand to point at the watch in the display case, telling the shop owner Sebastian, “I want your watch, name your price!”

The old shop owner Sebastian looked at the old lady, then at Bai Xiaosheng.

Frankly, everything that happened earlier, he saw it all. These three young folks didn’t shout loudly nor did anything unseemly, they were quite gentlemanly.

On the contrary, it was this old lady who was making a ruckus.

"We also fancy this piece of work very much, so we'd like to bid against this lady." Bai Xiaosheng said kindly to the old shop owner Sebastian.

The old shop owner nodded at Bai Xiaosheng with a smile, picked up his monocle, and looked at the watch they all fancied, his eyes then slightly surprised.

"It's this watch!" Old Sebastian smacked his lips in admiration, hesitantly said, "I am fond of it, displayed here, I didn't intend to..."

"I'm willing to offer a hundred thousand US Dollars!" The old lady Donna Chen said haughtily.

Chapter 1977 - You Don't Understand Its Value_2

Displaying it but not selling? Ridiculous. You're just waiting for the right offer since you see that we're interested!

Some of the items displayed in this store are priced, and ten thousand US dollars is definitely not low, it's actually quite high.

Although this shop is a famous handcrafted watch store, not everything here is invaluable.

Donna Chen, the elderly lady, looked proudly at Bai Xiaosheng, thinking that starting with a very high price would be enough to frighten him.

Huaxia? In her view, it's a poor place.

The mixed-race girl Molly also looked at Bai Xiaosheng with pride.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled at the two of them, gently shook his head, and uttered two words, "Too low."

Bai Xiaosheng's words left the old woman stunned.

Too low?

Ten thousand US dollars, still too low?

The old shop owner couldn't help but glance at Bai Xiaosheng.

Donna Chen's face darkened.

This Huaxia person's attitude seems to look down on her!

It's not just this kid, but even the gaze of the man and woman behind him, his servants, seemed to carry a hint of mockery.

The mixed-race girl Molly frowned deeply.

"Twenty thousand!" Donna Chen didn't even blink, directly adding another ten thousand.

Raising the price like this, truly shows off wealth.

Bai Xiaosheng again smiled and shook his head.

His expression seemed to silently mock the elderly woman for being too conservative, even in raising the price.

This made Donna Chen furious, and she immediately shouted, "Forty thousand!"

This time, she directly doubled it!

Converted at the current exchange rate, it had already reached a staggering RMB 2.8 million.

Donna Chen looked proudly at Bai Xiaosheng, she didn't believe this young man would dare to say it's still low!

"At this price, even within luxury watch brands, it's not considered high. Madam, haven't you seen the news? At your age, even our Huaxia ladies coming overseas to shop wouldn't be this stingy! Those you look down on, the Huaxia people think, why not double it again?" Bai Xiaosheng said mockingly, smiling.

Donna Chen was so angry at Bai Xiaosheng's words that her face turned ashen.

The mixed-race beauty Molly was even angrier, gritting her teeth.

Lin Weiwei found it satisfying. Lei Ying smiled but said nothing.

"Alright, alright!" Donna Chen was so angry that she laughed, pointing at Bai Xiaosheng and shouting, "I'll add another hundred thousand US dollars, fifty thousand US dollars! Kid, just talking doesn't mean anything, real money is what matters! If you can put up more money than me, then come back and tell me what's high or low!"

This watch had been bid up to fifty thousand US dollars, which was actually beyond the expectations of the elderly woman and her granddaughter.

This isn't some famous brand watch, so much money spent on it might even be a joke to show others. Spending money shouldn't be done this way.

Could it be that if this Huaxia boy keeps saying the price is low, she has to keep raising it endlessly?

If this boy was intentionally causing trouble, shouting prices and then backing off in the end, leaving them stuck being ripped off, wouldn't that be infuriating!

Thus, Donna Chen stopped in time to avoid falling into that young man's "trap."

"Yeah, if you can put up this much money, then you can compete with my grandma!" the mixed-race beauty Molly "suddenly realized" and snorted coldly.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled, not competing with the grandmother and granddaughter in bidding but instead bending down to closely examine the watch.

Nearby, Sebastian, the old shop owner, listened to his item being bid up to this price but didn't react much. When some items are sold at a low price, it's only a few hundred US dollars, and the highest can reach millions of US dollars, so naturally he wouldn't get excited over a mere fifty thousand US dollars.

Guests, whether from the marketplace or aristocratic families, from the royal court, he treats them all the same.

What he sells, regardless of price, is his own hard work, this is the craftsman's attitude towards his own creations.

"What, speechless now, you can't afford this money!" Donna Chen sneered at Bai Xiaosheng, with disdain in her eyes.

She actually said this in Mandarin.

The mixed-race beauty Molly surprisingly understood, feeling smug.

Old shop owner Sebastian looked at Bai Xiaosheng, his blue eyes examining the young man.

He's lived long enough to meet many people with unusual status. He can tell with one look who is deep or shallow.

This young man, although deliberately mellowing his aura, Sebastian could still sense something extraordinary about him.

The shop owner wanted to see how Bai Xiaosheng tackled this situation.

"Madam, do you understand this watch?" Bai Xiaosheng said calmly.

Donna Chen was puzzled, then sneered, "Do I need to understand it? This thing is just a timepiece and a decorative item. I can spend so much money on it, and that's its glory, its demonstration of value!"

These words made old shop owner Sebastian wrinkle his brow slightly, his sapphire blue eyes showing a faint hint of displeasure.

"Madam, when you buy luxury brand watches, indeed, all you need to do is pay money. Those objects are adorned with gold and diamonds, and money can prove their value. Those machine-produced items don't need to be appreciated for any depth." Bai Xiaosheng continued calmly, "But here, evaluating the value of something requires not just money, but a connection, and you need to understand it."

Bai Xiaosheng's words made Donna Chen and Molly scoff, yet they made old shop owner Sebastian's eyes twinkle slightly.

Soon, the shop owner concealed his emotions and smiled as he asked Bai Xiaosheng, "Young sir, do you understand this watch?"

Bai Xiaosheng lifted his head and smiled at the shop owner, glanced at Donna Chen and Molly, and replied unhurriedly, "This was originally a fifteen-jewel mechanical watch, entirely handmade, made in Huaxia in 1955. It is said that the first watch of its kind was created by four master craftsmen over four months, bit by bit. Although it is unknown how many of this particular watch exists, its level of craftsmanship is undoubtedly excellent. Just the value of this original watch alone is beyond comparison to those mass-produced luxury goods."

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Bai Xiaosheng gazed at the watch and said, "The shop owner was very thoughtful when modifying it, preserving the Chinese characters and red star on it while integrating his own creative ideas. To me, both preservation and creation have reached a kind of extreme balance, more like a balance of yin and yang!"

For the first time, a deep emotion appeared on the old shop owner Sebastian's face as he looked at Bai Xiaosheng incredulously.

On the other side, the elderly woman Donna Chen smirked, seemingly indifferent to Bai Xiaosheng's commentary, and lazily said, "Kid, do you even have money, or are you just spouting nonsense here, talking big!"

"Exactly, all your flowery words mean nothing. You appreciate its value, but can you afford its price?" the mixed-race beauty Molly mocked.

Lin Weiwei was very annoyed looking at these two women.

Lei Ying's gaze also showed his disdain for them.

Bai Xiaosheng glanced at Donna Chen and her granddaughter with amusement, shaking his head as if he was simply playing the lute to a cow.

Bai Xiaosheng gestured to Lin Weiwei, and Lin Weiwei understood, taking out a checkbook and pen to hand over.

Bai Xiaosheng took the checkbook, opened to a page, and scribbled some lines, then tore it off and handed it to the old shop owner, saying gently, "Sir, here is one million US dollars. I want this watch!"

Bai Xiaosheng's action instantly left the elderly woman Donna Chen and her granddaughter Molly speechless.

A million US dollars?

The grandmother and granddaughter's expressions changed slightly, as if they couldn't believe it.

"Is it real?" Donna Chen pointed to the old shop owner Sebastian and shouted, "Look carefully, is this real or not! Huaxia people are the best at faking things!"

The old shop owner Sebastian took Bai Xiaosheng's check, not even looking at it, but made an unexpected move. He tore the check in half directly, then folded and tore it again, and repeated until it became fragments.

This move surprised Bai Xiaosheng as well.

The elderly woman Donna Chen laughed aloud at this and said to Bai Xiaosheng, "See, he doesn't believe you at all!"

The mixed-race beauty snickered continuously, as if Bai Xiaosheng had been greatly humiliated.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying looked at the old shop owner in astonishment.

"Forgive me for such an ungentlemanly and rude action, my young sir." The old shop owner Sebastian put the pieces into his pocket and sincerely said to Bai Xiaosheng.

Was this an apology?

Bai Xiaosheng looked at him in surprise, waiting for the old gentleman to continue.

The grandmother and granddaughter, Donna Chen and Molly, couldn't have anticipated this scene, their smiles froze on their faces, blinking as if they didn't understand what the old shop owner meant.

Even Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying exchanged puzzled glances.

Everyone watched as the old shop owner opened the showcase, carefully took out the watch, and examined it.

"This was given to me by a Huaxia friend many years ago, and I have always cherished it." The old shop owner looked at the watch with emotion, "I once served in the military, participated in peacekeeping

missions, and a piece of shrapnel should have seriously wounded me, but it damaged this watch instead, so I had it modified. Fortunately, it is still so perfect!"

The old shop owner caressed the watch, "It was originally not for sale!"

He then handed the watch to Bai Xiaosheng, "But you, my young sir, you are from Huaxia, you understand it, it should belong to you!"

The old shop owner Sebastian eagerly said, "I won't sell it, but I can give it to you!"

Not selling... giving...

Donna Chen and her granddaughter Molly looked at the old shop owner in shock.

Not even wanting real money, giving it away for free, is this foolish!

"This..." Bai Xiaosheng hesitated a bit.

"Take it! I may not have the opportunity to go to Huaxia to find my friend, but you can take it back to Huaxia!" The old shop owner Sebastian spoke to Bai Xiaosheng with great eagerness, "Huaxia is my favorite place besides my homeland, one that I admire greatly, with many people there whom I respect!"

Upon hearing the old shop owner's words, Bai Xiaosheng no longer refused and took the watch with both hands.

The old shop owner Sebastian smiled contentedly, then looked at the elderly woman with an indifferent expression, "As for you, madam, you are no longer a Huaxia person, you have the right to no longer love Huaxia but be loyal to your current country. However, you also have no right to criticize Huaxia! No right to criticize Huaxia people!"

The old shop owner's words were firm, surprisingly admonishing.

The elderly woman Donna Chen stared at the old shop owner in disbelief, clearly not expecting to be lectured.

She also wasn't accustomed to confronting a foreign gentleman.

"There is nothing here that suits you, please leave now!" the old shop owner coldly threw the words at the elderly woman, nodded to Bai Xiaosheng, and turned to walk toward his workbench.

It seemed he had been delayed too long; he needed to get back to work.

The old shop owner's steps were steady, his back straight.

There are always some people who, regardless of race or color, inspire admiration in others.

Bai Xiaosheng didn't even look at the stunned grandmother and granddaughter, pocketed the watch, and beckoned Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying, "Let's go!"

Chapter 1979 - It's All Your Fault!

Bai Xiaosheng walked out of the "Hugo's Home" watch shop with Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying. Bai Xiaosheng took the watch out of his pocket again, rubbing the dial with his thumb, inspecting it closely.

To be honest, Bai Xiaosheng really liked this watch too.

Especially since it held a deep friendship story behind it. The old shop owner Sebastian's fondness for his Huaxia friends, his goodwill towards Huaxia people, and his affection for Huaxia itself made people feel incredibly comfortable.

Bai Xiaosheng directly put the watch on his wrist.

Though not accustomed to wearing watches, he decided to give it a try.

At that moment, the elderly woman Donna Chen and the mixed-race girl Molly also walked out of the watch shop.

After all, the old shop owner had given a “push-out notice,” and they couldn’t stay any longer without losing face.

Compared to the trio of Bai Xiaosheng, Donna Chen and Molly looked rather displeased. Especially Donna Chen, who didn’t expect to be outdone by the Huaxia people she despised the most; she was absolutely furious.

Particularly since she was also criticized by a foreign old man, which made her feel utterly humiliated.

“Not spending a penny, getting a freebie, it’s really great, isn’t it? Already wearing it!” Donna Chen said, curling her lip, with a trace of bitterness, as she saw the watch on Bai Xiaosheng’s wrist.

Bai Xiaosheng ignored her, as did Lei Ying.

Even if they disliked this elderly woman, they wouldn’t stoop to arguing with her.

She might not care about decorum, but they did.

Moreover, to use a rather inappropriate analogy, victory isn’t determined by arguing. When faced with a barking dog, should a person bark back?

Lin Weiwei also glanced at Donna Chen and scoffed.

Their actions, especially Lin Weiwei’s, almost made the elderly woman curse out loud.

“Grandma, don’t stoop to their level. We should head to the airport now.” Molly, the granddaughter of the elderly woman, looked at the time and advised.

“Yes, it’s better to leave early and stay away from these eyesores.” The elderly woman Donna Chen agreed, still casually throwing a jab at Bai Xiaosheng and his companions.

Over there, Lin Weiwei also checked the time and quietly said to Bai Xiaosheng, “Sheng, let’s go too. It’s about time.”

Bai Xiaosheng nodded.

So the elderly woman Donna Chen, with her granddaughter Molly and two female attendants, headed towards the airport.

Bai Xiaosheng and his friends followed not far behind, also heading in that direction.

Along the river running through the city, both groups walked for a while.

The mixed-race girl Molly noticed Bai Xiaosheng and his friends behind, and whispered to the elderly woman Donna Chen.

The elderly woman Donna Chen also frowned, glancing back twice.

“What are you looking at? If you’re allowed to go to the airport, why aren’t we?” Lin Weiwei murmured under her breath, “As if you own the airport...”

“Forget it, let’s walk a bit faster and overtake them.” Bai Xiaosheng consoled.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying nodded, and the three of them quickened their pace.

Donna Chen and the mixed-race girl Molly noticed their actions and instead stopped altogether, adopting a wary stance.

“What are you doing? Why are you following us? Are you trying to rob us?” The elderly woman Donna Chen suddenly shouted at Bai Xiaosheng and his friends.

Molly clutched Donna Chen’s arm, looking wary, and the two attendants behind them also watched Bai Xiaosheng and his friends with caution.

The outburst drew the attention of passersby, who looked towards Bai Xiaosheng and his group.

Bai Xiaosheng, Lin Weiwei, and Lei Ying were all taken aback.

What did she mean by that? Were they planning to rob something? Misbehave?

Just walking in the same direction, does that mean malicious intent? Walking faster means ill intentions?

It was simply absurd!

Besides, Bai Xiaosheng and his friends were at least ten meters away from them.

Bai Xiaosheng noticed a hint of a triumphant smile on the face of the elderly woman Donna Chen, and suddenly understood.

This was her revenge!

Insulting one’s innocence in front of a crowd!

Too much!

Even Bai Xiaosheng showed a trace of anger on his face.

Donna Chen and Molly, on the other hand, felt a bit of glee.

In the distance, the local patrol police seemed to have been alerted and started to approach.

Just after Donna Chen's outcry, a homeless man who had been lying on a nearby bench suddenly got up and made a dash.

He collided head-on with Molly, snatching her handbag and sprinting away.

This homeless man was the one with truly ill intentions!

He had constantly been eyeing his target, already fixated on Donna Chen and Molly, recognizing these Asian faces as quite wealthy!

He didn't care that Donna Chen and Molly were no longer Huaxia nationals.

As Donna Chen deliberately shouted accusations at Bai Xiaosheng, the homeless man saw his chance!

Robbing at this moment, even if it drew the police's attention, as long as he ran fast enough, those officers would first apprehend the three Asians.

After all, the elderly woman had already shouted that they intended to rob her...

The homeless man took advantage of the situation.

At that moment, although the mixed-race girl Molly was playing along with her grandmother's act, treating Bai Xiaosheng and his friends as "bad guys," she knew they wouldn't really do that. So, she wasn't on guard and never imagined that someone would indeed rob her, and from behind.

The mixed-race girl Molly was knocked into a stumble by the harsh collision, letting out a scream and nearly taking down the elderly woman Donna Chen with her.

The two maidservants screamed and moved aside, allowing the homeless man to rush between them. After all, they were attendants, not bodyguards.

“My bag!” The mixed-race girl Molly snapped back to reality, raising her head in shock and followed with another shout, “My plane ticket!”

Chapter 1980 - It's All Your Fault! (Part 2)

The surrounding passersby also started exclaiming.

The officer, who was originally just walking over, saw that there was indeed a violent incident happening, and immediately switched to running, one hand on the gun at his waist.

Bai Xiaosheng and the two others were momentarily stunned by the sudden change.

However, with Bai Xiaosheng and Lei Ying by her side, Lin Weiwei was not scared; on the contrary, she was exceptionally calm.

The homeless man took a dozen steps forward but suddenly felt his vision darken as a towering Asian man blocked his path.

The homeless man was startled and surprised that someone would actually intervene. He hastily reached for his knife, but in his panic, it slipped from his hand, and the small folding fruit knife fell to the ground.

The homeless man's expression changed, wondering whether he should pick it up, but he was astonished to find that the big guy stepped to the side and returned to his original position.

Incredibly, he was letting him through...

The homeless man found it inexplicable and didn't even bother to pick up the knife as he sprinted away.

The one who first blocked the path and then stepped aside was, of course, Lei Ying.

His initial reaction was to block the person, but he stepped aside after giving it a thought.

He didn't want to get involved.

Besides what Donna Chen said about Huaxia in the clock store, for them to accuse and frame fellow countrymen on this foreign street—they didn't deserve help!

Lei Ying never considered himself a noble person. He preferred a saying from Sage Kong, "Returning good for evil"—the latter half of it.

"If you repay evil with good, how will you repay good?"

To put it simply, if someone treats you poorly, and you don't hold a grudge but still do nice things for them, then what do you give to those who truly treat you well?

The sage's answer was, "Repay evil with uprightness, and good with good!"

Treat others the way they treat you—repay hostility with hostility, kindness with kindness!

They don't acknowledge being Huaxia people, deny common ancestry, and publicly accuse and set up others—why should I help?

Lei Ying let the homeless man go.

And Bai Xiaosheng didn't move at all, standing quietly.

The streets were filled with distant onlookers.

In the West, personal heroism is admired, and hero movies are popular.

Hero movies are enjoyable, but life is your own...

The elderly woman Donna Chen and the mixed-race girl Molly saw the officer running over and were emboldened. The old lady grabbed an officer, shouting, "Someone stole our things! Catch them! Catch them!"

"OK, OK!" the officer responded while frowning, pushing Donna Chen's hand away, "Please keep your distance! Do not touch the officer! Do not touch my gun! Or I will not be polite!"

In her urgency, Donna Chen didn't realize her actions were inappropriate, but being sternly reprimanded by the officer, she dared not act up further.

The two officers chased after them, planning to detain Bai Xiaosheng and the others as the old lady had called them bad people.

"It's not them! It's not them! The thief is getting away!" Molly hurriedly shouted.

She wasn't helping Bai Xiaosheng and the others out of kindness; she knew they were unrelated, and letting the real thief go would be very problematic.

The two officers glanced at Bai Xiaosheng and the others, bypassing them and continued to chase down the street.

The elderly woman Donna Chen and the mixed-race girl Molly finally breathed a sigh of relief, each clutching their chests in some fright.

"Let's go, catch our flight," Bai Xiaosheng said indifferently to Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying.

They had limited time and didn't want to delay further, especially with Donna Chen and Molly, the troublesome grandmother and granddaughter.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying nodded, and following Bai Xiaosheng, they were about to leave.

Unexpectedly, just as the three were passing Donna Chen and her granddaughter, the old lady perked up upon seeing them, even widening her eyes and ordering sharply, "You three, stop!"

Bai Xiaosheng looked at the old lady in surprise and halted his steps.

The elderly woman Donna Chen actually knew that Bai Xiaosheng and his friends couldn't possibly have any malicious intent, much less be in cahoots with the thief, which is why she had the courage to command him to stop.

"Is there something you need?" Bai Xiaosheng asked.

Donna Chen surprisingly agile, far exceeding what her age should allow, pulled her granddaughter Molly to block Bai Xiaosheng and the others.

"Why didn't you stop the guy who was stealing our stuff just now?" Donna Chen questioned angrily.

Bai Xiaosheng found it amusing, "Why should we stop him?"

"He's a bad person, he stole from us!" Molly said as if it was obvious.

"The officers are already chasing him," Bai Xiaosheng replied.

The mixed-race girl Molly looked irritated, "But you could've just reached out and stopped him to help!"

Lin Weiwei behind Bai Xiaosheng practically found it funny, scoffing, "Earlier, weren't you pointing at us from meters away, saying we were the bad guys? How could you expect bad people to help?"

Lei Ying also chuckled coldly, "That person had a weapon. Do you expect us to risk our lives for your little loss?"

Molly was left speechless but still glared angrily.

"In any case, it's your fault for not helping!" Donna Chen said angrily.

She couldn't argue rationally, yet she firmly believed she was right, and Bai Xiaosheng and his friends were wrong.

If they didn't step in to help her, then they were in the wrong!

"This is the quality of Huaxia people!" Donna Chen said to her granddaughter, pointing at Bai Xiaosheng and Lei Ying, "You two big men, being so cowardly, it's truly shameful!"

Donna Chen had long harbored resentment towards Bai Xiaosheng and his friends, and seeing them not help made her even angrier, essentially venting her fury.

The mixed-race girl Molly also nodding angrily.

Bai Xiaosheng expressionless, pointed at the crowd of onlookers, "So in your eyes, did these high-quality foreign friends, those tall and strong men, step in?"