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Chapter 2021 - Killing Intent Aroused

Catherine, who was originally ready to leave after finishing the discussion, was in a bad state after receiving a call from Meifu.

The notion that Bai Xiaosheng used himself as bait to direct her full attention while covering for a servant to steal evidence sounded absurd and unbelievable.

Yet it actually happened!

How could that fool Meifu allow a servant to access confidential documents!

Catherine was furious, but there was no time to dwell on it now; she was not in the mood.

At this moment, Catherine stared at Bai Xiaosheng, waving her disconnected phone, "Mr. Bai, what's going on? What do you mean by this!"

"What's going on?" Bai Xiaosheng feigned surprise.

"Daisy stole something important from us. Did you instruct her?" Catherine's gaze became sharper as she revealed her accusation.

"Did that happen?" Bai Xiaosheng looked astonished. "Since your household has lost something so important, why not call the police."

Bai Xiaosheng offered a suggestion.

"!" Catherine was really infuriated by Bai Xiaosheng.

Could they call the police without their family's secrets being exposed to the public!

"I hope this was a decision you made before I arrived, Mr. Bai, and after our conversation, we no longer fight against each other!" Catherine said in a deep voice. "Since Daisy is someone you've helped, if you still wish to cooperate with us, I'd like to ask your help to recover the originals of the documents we lost! This way, it benefits both you and me..."

Bai Xiaosheng nodded slightly, a non-committal response.

Catherine nodded expressionlessly in return, then turned and left.

Bai Xiaosheng watched Catherine's back as she walked away.

With her back to Bai Xiaosheng, Catherine's face was extremely grim.

After Catherine left, Bai Xiaosheng raised his hand, called the café manager over, and ordered another cup of his favorite freshly ground coffee.

"Aren't you leaving..." The café manager was a bit surprised and tentatively asked.

"The coffee here is pretty good; why should I leave?" Bai Xiaosheng laughed. "By the way, your boss is a friend of mine. Shouldn't you comp the coffee for me?"

The café owner, "..."

After exiting the café, Catherine, with a cold expression, didn't speak to anyone and took the lead, walking briskly away alone.

Catherine's subordinates, seeing this, didn't dare to speak and quietly followed her at a slight distance.

Once out of the café's visible range, Catherine dismissed everyone, took out her phone, and made a call.

"Dear, it's me!" Catherine's contact was, of course, Landvo.

"How did it go? Did that Bai Xiaosheng agree to become friends with us?" came Landvo's deep voice from the other end.

"I've told him everything and agreed that he will reply before midnight tonight," Catherine said.
"However, I feel he's probably not planning to be our friend!"

After speaking, Catherine informed Landvo about the situation with Meifu.

Landvo was shocked and furious upon hearing it.

"Bastard! Is Meifu an idiot or simply blinded by lust! How could he allow an outsider, a servant, to access something so important!" Landvo shouted angrily.

Catherine completely agreed with her husband's view that Meifu was indeed a fool!

To Catherine, even if Meifu were her real brother, she wouldn't hesitate to give him this evaluation if he made such a mistake, let alone Meifu being just a half-brother.

"Don't worry, Landvo. What Meifu had there was only a small part of our business, and only some documents were stolen, which can be remedied." While Catherine said this, it was only to comfort Landvo.

They still didn't know what was taken and needed to figure it out immediately. The worst part was that although the amount was not much, it was intricately connected with every aspect, especially internally.

If only one or two, or even seven or eight companies encountered an issue, Catherine could fill the gaps and fix them, but if it were this situation, she might even be helpless.

As long as Bai Xiaosheng decides to investigate or takes it to the group headquarters, if the headquarters is determined to investigate, they'll face tremendous trouble and passivity, possibly even endangering their survival!

"Tell me how to remedy this!" Landvo coldly replied, "Unless..."

Catherine had foreseen a crisis scenario with him, although not this exact one, but still caused by Bai Xiaosheng.

Should it come to that point, it wouldn't be about filling gaps any longer.

But preemptive action!

If the trouble couldn't be solved, then eliminate the troublemaker!

That's the way!

"I've been preparing for that plan these days!" Catherine said. "But seeing Bai Xiaosheng today, I realized he's a very frightening guy! Calm, wise, and with a quality that deeply unsettles me! I really don't want to be enemies with someone like him. I'm afraid if we can't trap him here, it will surely leave a major threat behind!"

Landvo was also surprised to hear Catherine rate Bai Xiaosheng so highly, "That young man, is he really that formidable?!"

Catherine said in a serious tone, "So I think, if my original plan fails, we must, by any means, prevent him from leaving peacefully!"

"We have to root out the problem, eliminating future troubles!"

Catherine, not one to advocate violence, now harbored killing intent.

Just what kind of figure was the Greater China Region Executive President!

Landvo remained silent for a few moments, then simply replied, "Alright!"

After finishing the call with Landvo, Catherine pondered and then called Meifu with a stern face.

This matter, the fool Meifu couldn't escape blame!

But the most crucial thing now was to find out what had been taken, so they could have an understanding.

At the very least, make the worst possible plan...

The phone only rang twice before being answered, and Catherine immediately scolded, "Meifu, what are you doing! Why would you let a servant exploit a loophole!"

On the other end, Meifu said in a panic, "Sister Catherine, it's truly not my fault. That wench has been with us for so long, staying by my side for so long, she knows all my habits and preferences. She might even guess my set passwords; how was I to know she dared to do this!"

"Enough, don't tell me all this!" Catherine interrupted Meifu angrily.

Meifu couldn't help but say, "I've already sent people to look for her, and I believe..."

"Bring your people back; the stuff is no longer with her. It's not worth wasting energy on a lowly traitor. Right now, you have more important matters to handle!" Catherine said. "What exactly did you lose?"

Upon being asked by Catherine, Meifu once again hesitated, saying the items were so piled up that he had forgotten many, and Daisy had taken documents irregularly, requiring a process to sort out, which couldn't be done quickly.

The meaning being, Meifu lost important documents but didn't know which ones. Now he was like a headless fly!

Catherine was about to explode with rage.

How could such a foolish half-brother exist, and if he weren't reliable, she wouldn't have used this useless person!

The more Catherine thought about it, the angrier she got, unable to stop herself from growling furiously into the phone, "You, take a few confidants and investigate right now!"

"No meals, no sleep; if by tomorrow morning I still don't know what was lost..."

"Then go to Siberia and dig coal for me!"

Chapter 2022 - That Wen Yan

After Catherine left, Bai Xiaosheng ordered another cup of coffee, sipping leisurely and enjoying the rich aroma of hand-ground coffee in the quiet afternoon.

What he needed to do was wait.

Daisy's side indeed provided an unexpected surprise. The things Daisy brought out had already been scanned into electronic documents and sent to Xiahou Qi's side. The base camp was organizing manpower to analyze them one by one.

It takes time to thoroughly analyze those disjointed documents, trace them to find problematic companies and incidents.

Such analysis requires professionals for detailed dissection and inference, and even subjective thinking and judgment. Bai Xiaosheng relied on Red Lotus for these tasks, which were not his forte. If he forced himself to analyze them, he feared his brain would overload and he would suffer from excessive mental exertion. And now, he cannot afford that; he must stay clear-headed and vigilant to face his opponents at all times.

Especially after meeting Catherine today, Bai Xiaosheng felt a tinge of caution.

Judging by the look in her eyes when she left, she hardly seemed hopeful that he would agree to cooperate, and her gaze flickered with malice and a hint of murderous intent.

"I fear that Catherine intends to harm me!" Bai Xiaosheng thought to himself.

On the surface, he showed no emotion, calmly holding his coffee while drinking.

"In the previous conversation, she even threatened that if I continued to fight against them, I would be doomed in South America!"

"With her demeanor and actions, she must be prepared, sharpening her knives waiting to deal with me!"

Bai Xiaosheng was never afraid of any opponent, nor did he underestimate anyone.

At this point, there was no choice.

After all, reporting Landvo had become his promotion task!

"Evidence is necessary, but just having evidence isn't enough. It also needs to reach the group headquarters' executives to make a high-level decision! After all, Landvo is no ordinary figure!" Bai Xiaosheng looked at the sunlight outside the window, frowning in thought.

But through whose hands could it be delivered?

Should he rely on some meeting at the headquarters, where he openly denounces?

That would probably be the last resort.

Bai Xiaosheng thought of Jiang Kuo, his superior, who was on the same level as Landvo.

Would Jiang Kuo be willing to deliver the evidence and collaborate against Landvo?

Bai Xiaosheng had a good impression of Jiang Kuo, but he had strong doubts whether he would help him in this matter.

For Jiang Kuo, this issue only brought trouble, with no benefits. Why would he clash with someone of the same rank just to help the group eradicate internal problems? He probably wouldn't be so noble.

If Jiang Kuo wasn't feasible, then who?

Bai Xiaosheng pondered.

Executives from headquarters like Fang Beijun, Yu Xingyao, Chu Ruolan, Ryan, Sophia—lower positions, even more impossible.

When he visited headquarters, Bai Xiaosheng was fortunate to meet two vice presidents but never interacted further. It was utterly impossible to deliver anything directly...

After thinking for a long time, Bai Xiaosheng's eyes suddenly brightened.

He thought of someone—someone he'd met a few times, who had even helped him in cooperating with Soruns—the man accompanied by maid Ruan Yu and old butler Huang, Wen Yan!

According to Soruns, Wen Yan was a high-ranking official of the Monitoring Department, a seventh department independent of the six major business divisions at headquarters!

Soruns didn't mention Wen Yan's specific position, but he was quite affirmative and approving of Wen Yan!

Soruns once said that Wen Yan even clashed with a vice president while investigating top executives at headquarters. That was impressive!

Recalling his encounters with Wen Yan, no matter how sharp Bai Xiaosheng's insight, he could never fully understand that person, more puzzling than Catherine!

But Wen Yan had always shown great kindness to him, and consistently exhibited righteousness.

With a favorable impression of Wen Yan, and Soruns' excellent evaluation, Bai Xiaosheng decided he really could try contacting Wen Yan!

Having made up his mind, Bai Xiaosheng's eyes flickered with excitement.

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The café owner had been watching Bai Xiaosheng all along, seeing him "spacing out" for two hours grew tiresome, so he went to the restroom. Upon his return, the café owner noticed Bai Xiaosheng's seat was empty.

"Where is he?!" The café owner hurriedly asked the attendant.

"He left." The attendant answered nonchalantly.

The café owner glared at the attendant, dashed outside to look, but Bai Xiaosheng was nowhere to be found.

Disappointed, the café owner returned inside.

He had hoped to keep an eye on him for any developments to report to Ms. Catherine for a reward.

Apparently, he was overthinking.

"Where the hell did he go?" The café owner muttered frustratedly.

At this moment, Bai Xiaosheng, carrying his bag, leisurely walked down a quiet street. First, he called Lei Ying to confirm everything was fine, then dialed Lin Weiwei's number.

"Weiwei, how's the progress on your side?"

"Very effective, I was just about to report to you!" Lin Weiwei replied excitedly.

From her tone, things were progressing well. Bai Xiaosheng felt slightly better.

Daisy was an unexpected joy, while Lin Weiwei's side was strategically planned, part of Plan C.

"No need to report to me, I'm on my way there now," Bai Xiaosheng said.

"Really, that's great!" Lin Weiwei was thrilled.

Working alone for three days, she finally had remarkable results to report to Bai Xiaosheng face-to-face.

Bai Xiaosheng continued chatting with her, heading to the nearby station.

Actually, Bai Xiaosheng was leaving the city to meet Lin Weiwei.

Catherine had demanded an answer from him before midnight, even leaving him a contact number.

He had promised to reply, but never said he'd be at Lanling Fort when he did.

After this brief meeting, it's likely the real conflict would begin.

Let's see if Catherine's schemes are more potent, or if Bai Xiaosheng can dismantle and counter them more skillfully!

Having finished talking with Lin Weiwei, Bai Xiaosheng located the contact number Wen Yan had left him from his nearly unused directory.

Bai Xiaosheng dialed it, patiently waiting and contemplating how to talk to Wen Yan—he needed to be cautious, perhaps test the waters first.

After all, he still didn't know Wen Yan's stance towards Landvo.

With the commotion Landvo had been causing here without any action from the headquarters' Monitoring Department, wasn't there something suspicious...

Finally, the call connected.

A gentle voice came through, teasing, "Is that Bai Xiaosheng? I'm Wen Yan. You finally called me, I've been waiting eagerly."

"Mr. Wen Yan, it's been a long time," Bai Xiaosheng smiled as well.

"You're a star and a busy man—it's understandable. I was wondering when you'll visit headquarters for a report, so I could invite you for a drink," Wen Yan chuckled lightly.

Bai Xiaosheng replied, "It would be a while before I report to headquarters, and I'm not in Huaxia right now—I'm in South America."

"South America? Planning another major collaboration there?" Wen Yan asked with a laugh.

Bai Xiaosheng hesitated, then said, "Actually, I heard someone bad-mouthing Mr. Landvo, but of course, I don't believe it..."

Bai Xiaosheng tried to gently probe.

Silence fell on the other end immediately; Bai Xiaosheng waited patiently.

After a few seconds, Wen Yan's voice returned, but what he said took Bai Xiaosheng by surprise.

"Bai Xiaosheng, are you investigating those rumors about Landvo!"

Chapter 2023 - Wen Yan's Words

To Bai Xiaosheng, Wen Yan seemed to belong to the exceptionally intelligent type. Despite not having many interactions, Bai Xiaosheng had a profound understanding of him.

While Bai Xiaosheng was attempting a subtle inquiry, Wen Yan had already deduced, from a few words, that Bai Xiaosheng was investigating Landvo.

Bear in mind, Landvo and Bai Xiaosheng are both high-ranking, one being the Business President and the other the Executive President.

Daring to speak such words directly, Wen Yan could be considered "extremely irresponsible," but it was also quite audacious.

It was precisely because, someone as clever as him, could speak to Bai Xiaosheng so "irresponsibly," indirectly revealed an attitude—he trusted Bai Xiaosheng, believing their relationship was close enough to speak openly!

Wen Yan had mentioned early on that he was willing to be friends with Bai Xiaosheng and initially offered assistance, facilitating cooperation between Bai Xiaosheng and Soruns, between the Asia and European regions.

Even just as friends, achieving this level was enough.

Bai Xiaosheng is no fool, he could clearly think of this.

Holding the phone, Bai Xiaosheng pondered for a moment and decided that since he contacted Wen Yan, he trusted him and would tell the truth.

Even if Wen Yan had issues, and to take an extreme step back, if Wen Yan was indeed bought by Landvo and deceived him, it would only result in losing some original evidence, merely increasing the difficulty of dealing with Landvo.

After all, with Bai Xiaosheng's cautious nature, he wouldn't submit all evidence at once.

Compared to the consequences, recognizing whether Wen Yan was genuinely friendly or harbored ill intentions was equally important for Bai Xiaosheng.

With that in mind, Bai Xiaosheng frankly said over the phone, "You're right, Wen Yan, I am indeed investigating dirt on Landvo, and I already have some... solid evidence!"

Bai Xiaosheng even omitted the "Mr." when addressing Wen Yan, sending a signal to the other party.

From the other end, Wen Yan also sensed this subtle change and chuckled, "From what I know about Bai Xiaosheng, once you know there's an issue, you will thoroughly investigate to get a clear understanding! When you were Senior Affairs Officer in the Asia region, I already noticed your hatred for evil and your strong investigative abilities. Honestly, if you weren't in such a powerful position as Executive President, I would have tried everything to recruit you to my side!"

Wen Yan seemed to have an unparalleled admiration for Bai Xiaosheng.

Hearing him say this, Bai Xiaosheng also gave a light laugh, "So, it seems I unknowingly lost an early chance to advance to headquarters."

Wen Yan laughed heartily at that.

"Come on, even if we transferred you, your position wouldn't be very high, and certainly not comparable to Executive President." Wen Yan said.

With a few words, their relationship seemed to have become even closer.

"Let's talk business, Sheng, how much evidence have you gathered against Landvo? If it's irrefutable, I will help present it to the higher-ups and advocate for a group investigation against Landvo!" Wen Yan confidently assured Bai Xiaosheng, making a promise.

Landvo isn't just an ordinary person but the head of one of the group's six business divisions, truly high-ranking!

Even though Wen Yan is a senior executive of the headquarters' seventh department, the Monitoring Department, moving against Landvo would at least require the decision of the vice directors.

Wen Yan's offer to help submit the evidence already showed significant support.

"As of now, I have gathered substantial evidence here..." Bai Xiaosheng shared some of the solid evidence with Wen Yan.

Those pieces were important, but they were certainly not the most crucial information they currently held.

Firstly, the more important pieces needed further confirmation; secondly, Bai Xiaosheng, adhering to his prudent principles, planned to disclose them to Wen Yan gradually.

"How long have you been investigating this?" Wen Yan suddenly asked.

"Less than a week, five or six days maybe." Bai Xiaosheng replied honestly.

The other end, Wen Yan, immediately expressed admiration, "In just five or six days, you've found this much, impressive!"

Subsequently, Wen Yan said seriously, "However, being able to talk to me about Landvo's issues, this probably isn't enough. Does it mean you still have a large amount of evidence that hasn't been confirmed? I believe what you've disclosed is just the beginning, the key part comes later!"

Wen Yan could clearly sense this, which did not surprise Bai Xiaosheng.

I already said, he's an intelligent person, particularly so!

"Indeed, I do have a batch of unverified evidence, and I can't speak recklessly. I need time to investigate, but not too much time!"

"If my evidence can initiate a formal investigation of Landvo at headquarters, I believe your gains will be even greater!"

"Given Landvo's position, he represents a significant performance! Taking him down could elevate you, Mr. Wen, even further!"

Bai Xiaosheng's last statement was half-jokingly said.

The reason Bai Xiaosheng mentioned this was because everyone does things for certain gains. Relying solely on momentary zeal, it's sometimes difficult to persist to the end. If you encounter setbacks, original intentions might change.

Bai Xiaosheng was making this matter profitable for Wen Yan.

"To elevate me, huh? Let's not. This discovery is thanks to your investigation, Bai Xiaosheng, any credit should be attributed to you." Wen Yan replied with a laugh.

"I don't deserve that." Bai Xiaosheng also laughed.

Nevertheless, if Wen Yan truly shared some credit, Bai Xiaosheng would not refuse.

Adding some accomplishments to the path of advancement would make him happy. After all, the legacy journey has already been six years, and the road ahead is bound to be even more arduous.

"In any case, ensure things are steady on your end. Try to expedite the investigation as much as possible. I will send you my private encrypted work email shortly, you can send things to me there. For safety's sake, electronic versions are sufficient; for physical evidence, I'll need you to come to the headquarters and present it to the vice directors in person!"

Wen Yan's words were open, providing reassurance to Bai Xiaosheng.

He was clearly conveying that he wouldn't appropriate the original evidence.

"Alright." Bai Xiaosheng immediately responded.

"Also, be careful in South America!" Wen Yan specifically added as a reminder.

Landvo's reputation hasn't been great, and in South America, he acts like a local overlord. Coupled with issues of occupation and operating gray industries, if cornered, he might act unconstrained.

"Thanks a lot!" Bai Xiaosheng expressed gratitude.

However, Bai Xiaosheng then asked Wen Yan, "Doesn't your department have any grasp of Landvo's actions?"

Actually, during the conversation with Wen Yan, Bai Xiaosheng could sense that Wen Yan was aware of Landvo's situation, regardless of extent, he certainly knew something.

There was a moment of silence on Wen Yan's end, then he candidly admitted, "We do have some evidence against him! With yours added, we should be able to initiate an investigation! Previously, we didn't want to alert him prematurely, but with your involvement, there's no need to wait now."

Wen Yan's frankness led Bai Xiaosheng to smile in relief.

I knew it; Landvo's actions couldn't have gone unnoticed by them!

On the phone, Wen Yan earnestly said, "Bai Xiaosheng, I look forward to handling him with you!"

Chapter 2024 - Not My Achievement Alone

America, Zhenbei Group Headquarters Skyscraper, Surveillance Department, in Wen Yan's office.

Wen Yan finished his call with Bai Xiaosheng and was just putting down his phone.

Beside him were the maid-dressed Ruan Yu and the white butler Huang.

Wen Yan trusted them a lot and did not avoid them when making this call.

"That Bai Xiaosheng, is he in South America investigating the Landvo?" Ruan Yu asked.

From Wen Yan's conversation with Bai Xiaosheng, she and Huang heard the general situation.

"Yes, he is really capable. In just a few days, he has uncovered a lot, even turning the Landvo family's maid Daisy to his side to steal extremely important evidence from Meifu, Landvo's brother-in-law!" Wen Yan said with a smile, "I truly admire him more and more!"

Bai Xiaosheng hadn't mentioned anything about Daisy during their conversation, yet Wen Yan knew!

The Surveillance Department personnel are everywhere, and their monitoring level on targets is terrifying.

However, Wen Yan only received this report this morning.

"Such a thing happened, we were also planning to start with Meifu but they beat us to it. Won't this alarm them and affect us?" Huang couldn't help but say.

The investigation and evidence collection on Landvo are a long and secure process. They could complete this within a two-year period without alarming anyone.

But now, with Bai Xiaosheng's intervention, it seems like a rather abrupt disruption.

Ruan Yu also frowned, seemingly thinking Bai Xiaosheng's actions were reckless.

"But it's fine, this is our last year, the last few months of investigation. Letting Bai Xiaosheng speed things up isn't a bad thing," Wen Yan said with a laugh.

Saying this, Wen Yan stood up and walked inside, with Ruan Yu and Huang following behind.

Inside the room, there were rows of custom safes like white walls, equipped with the highest level of security technology.

"Where is Landvo... I remember it was number ten, right?" Wen Yan walked straight inside.

"If we help pass the evidence Bai Xiaosheng found, isn't that dealing with Landvo in his name?" Ruan Yu couldn't help but say, "Then he would just be sitting back and enjoying the credit!"

In this matter, they were the ones who had put in the most effort. Seeing the reward at hand, it felt uncomfortable to have it go to Bai Xiaosheng.

Huang also looked at Wen Yan.

Wen Yan finally arrived at a wall-like safe, standing in front of locker number ten, smilingly reached out and lightly touched the surface.

While acting, Wen Yan replied to Ruan Yu, "Investigating a Landvo can elevate one to great heights. Is it really inappropriate for me to gift this achievement to Bai Xiaosheng? Are you really that upset?"

"I wouldn't dare!" Ruan Yu quickly replied.

Under Wen Yan's touch, the cabinet's surface rippled like water; the front was actually a touchscreen.

Then, the door of the cabinet, one person's width and two meters high, opened, revealing various documents inside.

All about Landvo!

Bai Xiaosheng thought they possessed evidence powerful enough to move Landvo.

Landvo and Catherine thought the same.

But what Wen Yan had here is what could truly bring Landvo down!

This enormous evidence would, without surprise, make someone rise to great heights.

Of course, that person must be someone Wen Yan trusts.

For now, it was to support an outsider like Bai Xiaosheng.

Ruan Yu looked at those documents, unable to hide regret.

Huang, on the other hand, seemed completely unfazed. As long as the man he supported was willing, he had no objection to sharing more credits, as he believed Wen Yan must have his own considerations and plans.

Huang firmly believed that Mr. Wen Yan was truly someone who could become a dominant ruler.

Wen Yan sifted through the documents, from time to time taking some out, and browsing a bit.

As he looked, a smile played on the corner of Wen Yan's mouth, muttering to himself in a voice only he could hear, "Bai Xiaosheng, you're even more capable than I thought. I really look forward to working with you at headquarters, and this time, I'm willing to give you a hand!"

To fight Landvo without someone at headquarters with strength and resources and without this cabinet of ironclad evidence wasn't that simple!

Bai Xiaosheng originally intended to leverage a small lever to move a large object yet was unaware that the other end of his lever was already tied with a thousand weights.

On the other hand, Bai Xiaosheng finished the call with Wen Yan and walked to the high-speed rail station, spending over two hours to finally reach another city—Bruleila!

A burgeoning city adjacent to New Orleans!

These days, in the first half, Lin Weiwei, Lei Ying, and Bai Xiaosheng were out running around, while in the latter half, Lei Ying stealthily returned to New Orleans to handle Daisy's matter, and Lin Weiwei came here.

Someone as burly as Lei Ying stood out heavily domestically but blended in perfectly among the black and white big and tall figures here, not conspicuous at all. Plus, with his makeup skills, he could transform himself into "another" Huaxia person, or a black or white person, making actions naturally easier.

When it comes to makeup, Lin Weiwei is even more excellent than Lei Ying, after all, for girls, that's an innate talent...

Additionally, there's the "lighting effect" of being overlooked in plain sight.

With Bai Xiaosheng and the others being far away, it instead causes the location to become lax.

After leaving the station, Bai Xiaosheng took a car straight to the Qin Family.

Indeed, Lin Weiwei had gone to the Qin Family!

To deal with a local serpent, one must find a powerful and capable presence familiar with the other; no one was more suitable than the Qin Family.

The Qin Family had the network, the resources, and even conducted ample private dealings with the Landvo Couple.

From this angle, it was much more convenient to proceed.

Once Madam Qin and Qin Xiaoyao returned from their trip and connected with Bai Xiaosheng, he initiated the "C Plan" from this angle!

Of course, no matter how close Madam Qin and Qin Xiaoyao were with Bai Xiaosheng privately, it wouldn't be without cost, or unconditional, to help him tackle a local tycoon, especially when justifying it within the family.

Fortunately, Bai Xiaosheng proactively communicated by "interests," enough to silence any dissent from the Qin Family, turning them into his steadfast "allies"!

Presently, the European Luo Family and the North American Wei Family flowing and flourishing with profits in their cooperation with Bai Xiaosheng's business alliance.

To say the Qin Family was unaware or not envious would be impossible.

Simply having the Luo Family and the Wei Family side by side was immense, and adding Bai Xiaosheng and the Huaxia Business Alliance's dominant Asian market was an immensely tempting pie!

So when Bai Xiaosheng extended an enthusiastic invitation to join, offering significant concessions, the Qin Family readily agreed, and completely accepted Bai Xiaosheng's request for support, acting with full force and speed.

For Bai Xiaosheng, what he lost was just short-term interests, but his gains were immensely rich.

Not only did it add another ally to his Global Business Alliance plan,

but it also brought a significant fierce support in dealing with Landvo.

When he arrived at the Qin Family estate, Bai Xiaosheng stood outside the grand gate as Qin Xiaoyao and Lin Weiwei led a group to welcome him.

With a smile, Bai Xiaosheng walked forward.

Seeing Lin Weiwei's beaming smile and looking at the grand gate of the Qin Family, Bai Xiaosheng secretly sighed with genuine emotion, "Landvo, your downfall is inevitable, and you shouldn't feel wronged. Bringing you down is not just the work of me, Bai Xiaosheng alone!"

Chapter 2025 - That Woman Is Ruthless!

Bai Xiaosheng arrived at the Qin Family, receiving an exceptionally warm welcome. Of course, this warmth wasn't grandiose but rather very "low-key" and in a small circle. After all, the only ones who had "relations" with Bai Xiaosheng were Madam Qin and Qin Xiaoyao; anyone else being present would feel inappropriate to the old lady.

Moreover, at the moment, Bai Xiaosheng was using the Qin Family's resources to investigate Landvo. Though the Qin Family did not fear Landvo, reducing troubles was always preferable, and Bai Xiaosheng's side needed confidentiality to avoid alarming the enemy.

Thus, upon arrival, Bai Xiaosheng went to Madam Qin's courtyard to be with the grandmother and granddaughter.

Even at dinner, there were only five people at the table: Bai Xiaosheng, Lin Weiwei, Madam Qin, Qin Xiaoyao, and one other person.

The fifth person was Madam Qin's eldest son, a distinguished-looking middle-aged man, and also the Family Head of the Qin Family—Qin Yuntian.

Qin Yuntian, while appearing extremely authoritative, was very amiable in private.

Bai Xiaosheng and Qin Yuntian had a pleasant conversation and seemed to get along well.

Both of these individuals were titans in their own fields, so there's no need to talk about minor matters like social etiquette. Engaging with someone of a high status means that even without common topics, common ground can be found.

Of course, Qin Yuntian was genuinely amazed and full of admiration for Bai Xiaosheng.

After all, becoming a "warlord" under the Zhenbei Group at such a young age, and being able to organize the alliance cooperation of the Luo Family, Wei Family, and many strong enterprises in the Asia-Pacific Region, was indeed remarkable, showing great promise!

In fact, given Qin Yuntian and the Qin Family's status, Bai Xiaosheng's current position was still somewhat lower, not warranting Qin Yuntian's special company.

Qin Yuntian's presence was partly for the large cooperation team Bai Xiaosheng organized and partly for his mother's sake. He had heard that Bai Xiaosheng might become the Wei Family's son-in-law, infatuated with their candidate for the family head, and was extremely curious. Naturally, it also concerned giving face to the Wei Family.

However, after meeting and engaging in a conversation, Qin Yuntian came to strongly recognize Bai Xiaosheng!

Bai Xiaosheng's vision, eloquence, thinking, and philosophy were highly appreciated by Qin Yuntian.

Qin Yuntian even believed that if Bai Xiaosheng had enough opportunities and support, if the wind was favorable for him, he might surpass his peers in the future, achieving feats on par with his own generation.

This evaluation could be considered sky-high, and Qin Yuntian showed even greater enthusiasm towards Bai Xiaosheng.

After dinner, Madam Qin engaged Bai Xiaosheng in a discussion about the knowledge of calligraphy and Yixing clay teapots. Meanwhile, Qin Yuntian had a large amount of business to handle, bid farewell to Bai Xiaosheng, and left first.

Although Madam Qin was energetic and full of spirit, she was still elderly and accustomed to early sleep, and Qin Xiaoyao's routine was in tune with the old lady's.

Therefore, Bai Xiaosheng spent an hour with the grandmother and granddaughter before heading to the guest room.

In the guest room, Bai Xiaosheng listened to Lin Weiwei's progress in detail.

Ultimately, even though Landvo was a local tyrant, it was no match for the Qin Family; they weren't in the same league at all.

After all, the Qin Family could be considered at the level of the Zhenbei Group!

When not conflicting with Landvo, the Qin Family didn't find them an eyesore.

It's like lions and hyenas on the African savanna; as long as they maintained a certain distance, there would be peace.

However, considering Bai Xiaosheng's identity, connections, and the benefits he could bring, the Qin Family acted decisively, dealing a "blow" to Landvo.

Since they had no fear, the Qin Family was highly cooperative with Lin Weiwei's needs.

Many of Landvo's private businesses were linked to the Qin Family, the true local ruler, making it extremely convenient to investigate certain matters from their side!

Listening to Lin Weiwei's report, Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but nod frequently, a smile appearing on his face.

In just a few days, with the Qin Family's support, the evidence they obtained exceeded what Daisy had provided!

"All the evidence combined is already enough to pose a complete threat to Landvo!" Bai Xiaosheng thought silently.

As they were talking, Lei Ying returned.

Seeing him, Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but ask, "Has Daisy left? Is everything settled over there?"

By "over there," Bai Xiaosheng referred to Huaxia.

Daisy's brother had managed to escape Ruby's people and contacted his sister. Daisy wanted to reunite with her brother and bring the incriminating evidence against Landvo to Bai Xiaosheng and the others. Naturally, Bai Xiaosheng also thought of properly settling the siblings.

In Huaxia, Bai Xiaosheng found what he believed to be the most secure company—Zhongjing Media, under the Greater China Region, for Daisy and her brother to work.

First, it could ensure their livelihood, and second, this was also a form of protection.

Zhongjing Media was practically Bai Xiaosheng's "direct" enterprise, managed by Gao Dazhi, one of Bai Xiaosheng's most trusted people.

"Don't worry, everything is arranged." Lei Ying smiled confidently at Bai Xiaosheng and assured him.

With Lei Ying handling matters, Bai Xiaosheng was at ease, nodding with a smile and not asking further.

"With the initial findings from the three of us, the evidence Daisy provided us, and the real evidence the Qin Family helped us obtain, combining these three sources, we already have Landvo's lifeline. Now, all we need to do is finalize everything and submit it." Bai Xiaosheng plainly told the two, "And I've already contacted the person who will help us submit the evidence to the group's senior management!"

"Is it Mr. Jiang Kuo?" Lin Weiwei couldn't help but ask.

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Lei Ying thought so too.

Besides Jiang Kuo, they couldn't think of anyone else.

"It's not Jiang Kuo, it's someone you know but would definitely be surprised by!" Bai Xiaosheng smiled mysteriously.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying couldn't help but exchange a curious glance.

Someone they know, yet would be surprised by?

Soon after, Bai Xiaosheng, without keeping them in suspense, shared the results of his conversation with Wen Yan with the two.

"Wen Yan!"

"It's him!"

Upon hearing this, Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying were quite surprised.

"In such a big matter, can Wen Yan be trusted?" Lin Weiwei couldn't help but ask.

"He is... a person not easy to see through!" Lei Ying also said seriously.

After all, they had too little interaction with Wen Yan, so it was normal not to feel reassured.

In response, Bai Xiaosheng smiled, "Use people without doubt, and don't use people when doubting; anyway, the contact has been made. However, to be safe, we can first send up half of the ironclad evidence. Even if I misjudged and trusted the wrong person, isn't it good to recognize a person through this?"

Hearing Bai Xiaosheng say this, Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying couldn't help but nod.

That's true. If through this matter, Wen Yan is indeed confirmed to be trustworthy, they would have a stronger connection at headquarters in the future!

Next, Bai Xiaosheng discussed with Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying to decide to send the things they had investigated themselves, along with the ironclad evidence provided by Daisy, to Wen Yan first. With this, the higher-ups of the group could conduct a serious investigation into Landvo!

What Lin Weiwei found out with the help of the Qin family was not urgent.

First, it still needed a bit more time to organize.

Second, it could be their ace in the hole, in case of unforeseen circumstances.

Both Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying agreed with Bai Xiaosheng's decision.

Having reached a conclusion through discussion, Bai Xiaosheng immediately contacted Wen Yan via email, sending over parts that could be immediately sent and noted in the email that more would be sent in the next two days.

Bai Xiaosheng also specifically mentioned that there would be more important investigations to come later.

Wen Yan couldn't possibly respond immediately, and Bai Xiaosheng wasn't in a hurry, not making a call to urge.

It was almost midnight, and all three felt extremely exhausted, given they hadn't had a moment of rest all day.

Bai Xiaosheng told Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying to go back and rest, and the two followed this arrangement, each leaving.

With the door closed, Bai Xiaosheng didn't hurry to wash up and sleep, but instead sat on a chair in the room, calming his mind.

Before sleeping, he had one more thing to do.

And that was to tell Catherine his decision!

Even if Bai Xiaosheng didn't take the initiative to inform her or lied, it would be useless! A woman like Catherine wasn't easy to fool!

Moreover, given Bai Xiaosheng's status, doing so would be lowering himself.

It's better to be straightforward and bright!

Once he calmed his mind, Bai Xiaosheng picked up the phone and directly dialed Catherine's number.

After a few rings, the call connected.

A calm woman's voice came through, tinged with mockery, "Mr. Bai Xiaosheng, you finally called me! It's already 11:55:30, I thought you forgot!"

Catherine spoke with a cold indifference.

"How could I? I promised to tell you, so I won't break my word." Bai Xiaosheng said with a smile.

The voice on the other end became serious, "So, what is your decision?"

Bai Xiaosheng paused slightly, then slowly uttered two words, "I'm sorry!"

"I'm sorry" conveyed everything.

Catherine on the other end fell into a brief silence, and Bai Xiaosheng didn't rush her but patiently waited for her response.

"I see." Catherine finally spoke, her voice dry and cold.

She seemed unsurprised by Bai Xiaosheng's decision, as if she had long expected it.

Bai Xiaosheng was similarly unsurprised by Catherine's reaction.

"That's truly a pity!" Catherine on the other end let out a soft sigh, laced with a hint of resolution.

Bai Xiaosheng had studied micro-expressions and specialized in the study of people's voices.

From Catherine's tone, Bai Xiaosheng heard a decisive intent.

That woman must have already figured out how to deal with this situation and how to handle him!

But what has to come will come eventually!

Even if Bai Xiaosheng didn't say anything before midnight, maintaining deliberate silence, she would consider him an enemy, not a friend!

Even if he tried to delay, she would unhesitatingly take action!

Although Bai Xiaosheng had only met her once, he asserted that she was capable of anything!

"Tomorrow will be a nice day! So here, I wish you a good mood, Mr. Bai!" Catherine suddenly chuckled over the phone.

The sound of cold laughter sends chills down one's spine.

"Thank you," Bai Xiaosheng replies calmly.

Then, the call is disconnected.

Bai Xiaosheng sets down the phone, looks at it, and mutters, "What kind of weather will tomorrow bring? I'm eager to find out!"

No matter what comes, one must face it head-on. There's nothing to be afraid of!

Meanwhile, Landvo and Catherine sit in the living room.

Upon learning from his wife about Bai Xiaosheng's refusal, Landvo's eyes flash with cold light.

Catherine had said before that the more decisively the opponent refuses, the stronger their hand is, and the more necessary it is to launch a full-scale assault on them!

Putting down her phone, Catherine gives Landvo a cold smile, "Tomorrow, let Bai Xiaosheng taste what it means to be in a living hell!"

Landvo also curls his lips, giving a silent smile.

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That night seems peaceful, yet many things are happening in the shadows...

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The next day, at dawn, the sun shines brightly, indeed, a splendid day.

Bai Xiaosheng wakes up early, feeling invigorated and full of energy.

Just as Bai Xiaosheng, brimming with spirit, prepares to wash up and eat, his phone rings.

Seeing an unfamiliar number, Bai Xiaosheng still decides to answer.

"Hello, who's this?"

"Hello, is this Mr. Bai Xiaosheng?!" A stern voice comes through the phone, "I am from the New Orleans North District Police Station. We obtained your number from the immigration office. You're suspected of being involved in two violent incidents in our district. Please come to our station to explain immediately! Otherwise, we will take coercive measures! If necessary, we will issue a warrant for your arrest!"

Bai Xiaosheng is taken aback upon hearing this.

This seems like a domestic scam trick, but the voice sounds crisp and flawless.

Confident in his innocence, Bai Xiaosheng naturally has no fear and truly treats this as a scam call.

"Alright, I will call the North District Police Station later to ask. Thank you for the trouble," Bai Xiaosheng says with an easy smile.

After saying this, Bai Xiaosheng directly hangs up the phone.

"Could it be that Asian scammers are starting to expand their businesses overseas?" Bai Xiaosheng chuckles softly and makes a little joke to himself.

But before Bai Xiaosheng can think further, another call comes in, from another unfamiliar number.

Bai Xiaosheng answers the call.

"Are you Bai Xiaosheng! I'm from the New Orleans South District Police Station; you're suspected of involvement in a drug trafficking case. Please come to our station immediately to explain, or we will take coercive measures..."

This call makes Bai Xiaosheng frown.

Could scammers be persistently targeting him, harassing him with different numbers?

North District, South District, so will it be the East District, then the West District next? Bai Xiaosheng can't help but mockingly think.

However, the situation that follows far exceeds his expectations.

These two calls are just the beginning!

Soon, police stations, customs, and immigration management agencies from New Orleans, Lanling Fort, Bruleila... keep calling.

Involving Bai Xiaosheng in violent offenses, illegal trading, smuggling, drug trafficking...

More than a dozen charges!

Even more astonishing, not only from one country, but even other South American countries' agencies are starting to track him.

Overnight, Bai Xiaosheng has become a criminal mastermind!

It takes just one or two of these cases to be unclear, and Bai Xiaosheng will find it difficult to leave South America!

Once the situation escalates and the media catches wind, causing an uproar, Bai Xiaosheng's personal reputation is bound to suffer immensely!

If handled poorly, he might even face imprisonment, detention!

At that time, Zhenbei Group might step in to help him, but keeping him in a high position would be difficult!

Bai Xiaosheng narrows his eyes slightly, "Catherine, is this the surprise you gave me!"

Bai Xiaosheng understands, this is the opponent's method to deal with him!

If the open won't work, they'll resort to the dark!

At this moment, there's no time to delay; he must retaliate!

Bai Xiaosheng suddenly stands up, ready to find Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying.

Just then, his door is knocked on urgently.

Outside, Lin Weiwei's anxious voice comes through, "Xiaosheng, are you up! It's not good! You need to check the news now! You've already been wanted by the media!"

Upon hearing these words, Bai Xiaosheng's pupils contract sharply.

Catherine, that woman, when she makes a move, it's to ruin him!

Ruthless, absolute!

Chapter 2027 - Meet Force with Force!

Lin Weiwei always had a habit of checking news at any time, anywhere. Even when she traveled abroad, she would set up notifications for local hot news events. This morning, she received several pieces of news about Bai Xiaosheng.

"Asia's rising economic figure, Bai Xiaosheng, quietly infiltrates South America and is allegedly involved in multiple incidents!"

"Smuggling, bribery, violent crimes, drug trading—Huaxia's Bai Xiaosheng?"

"It's reported that several South American countries have initiated investigation procedures. Unveiling the true background of Huaxia's Bai Xiaosheng!"

Initially, Lin Weiwei thought it was a case of the same name, but after reading two articles, she increasingly felt something was wrong. The Bai Xiaosheng in the news was indeed their Bai Xiaosheng!

Lin Weiwei instantly realized something had gone wrong and hurriedly went to find Bai Xiaosheng. As she passed by Lei Ying's room, she hurriedly knocked on his door and shouted, "Something's happened."

Lei Ying, being quick to react, came out immediately. Sensing it was Lin Weiwei, even though he didn't know what had happened, he strode after her.

By the time Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying knocked on Bai Xiaosheng's door, Bai Xiaosheng had already received several calls and knew he was in the vortex!

Bai Xiaosheng opened the door. When the three met, everything became clear.

To link Bai Xiaosheng with multiple malicious events in South American countries—who else could it be? It undoubtedly was Catherine's handiwork!

That mixed-race woman truly was ruthless and venomous, so ruthless and venomous!

She actually started with this kind of affair to eliminate Bai Xiaosheng!

Lei Ying calmly analyzed, "All the cities we visited are on the list. In terms of our whereabouts, we entirely match the suspicious profile!"

You have to admit, that woman's mind is indeed meticulous!

The final deadline for Bai Xiaosheng is actually fraught with hidden dangers!

"But you can't convict Xiaosheng just based on this. Wherever we go, things happen, and it's all blamed on us!" Lin Weiwei said angrily.

Regarding Bai Xiaosheng, Lin Weiwei was unusually angry.

"How could it be just based on this!" Lei Ying said in a deep voice, "Landvo and Catherine own many private enterprises and numerous gray areas, involving various crimes. I wouldn't be surprised! They can easily have those thugs and hooligans testify! That way, there's even a witness! As for physical evidence, it can be entirely fabricated. Except for them, who knows the authenticity of those things!"

What Lei Ying said made people shiver even more.

With both eyewitnesses and physical evidence, it clearly leaves no room for argument!

Lin Weiwei was instantly both frightened and angry, "Are we just going to let them slander like this?!"

"It's not just slander; they're also guiding public opinion!" Lei Ying's words undoubtedly added insult to injury.

Lin Weiwei felt a chill in her heart.

The power of public opinion is self-evident! They once fought a public opinion battle, a truly bloodless killing, a tactic that left nothing but rubble!

Though back then, they were in the country, with enough resources to fight back. Now, they're in South America!

Strangers in a foreign land where others occupy the high ground!

Lin Weiwei looked nervously at Bai Xiaosheng.

Lei Ying also looked at Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng remained silent, frowning in deep thought.

"I'm afraid the bigger crisis hasn't appeared yet!" Bai Xiaosheng said in a deep voice, "The more at such times, the less panicked we should be. Soldiers come to block, water comes to cover!"

Bai Xiaosheng calmly analyzed, "The most urgent issue right now is public opinion, which could reach an uncontrollable level in a matter of hours and must be immediately intervened!"

Ordinary people would first worry about those powerful authorities' investigations, having no time to care about a few words online or in the media. Bai Xiaosheng was different; he could see the real crisis.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying felt a trace of peace with Bai Xiaosheng's rational calmness.

As long as he didn't panic, the two of them could have the confidence to face difficulties and obstacles.

"Let's go, we're finding allies now!" Bai Xiaosheng decisively said.

Right now, they were unfamiliar with the place and lacked their own resources, but they could find the strongest ally, and that ally was right in front of them!

The Qin family!

The Qin family owned newspapers, TV stations, and online media. With their support, Bai Xiaosheng would have the capital to fight a public opinion war!

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying immediately understood.

Bai Xiaosheng took Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying straight to see Madam Qin.

Upon hearing Bai Xiaosheng's intention, Qin Xiaoyao naturally shouted not to let anyone bully her Xiaosheng. Even the chivalrous Qin family's Madam Qin was angry enough to slam the table and shout, "Landvo, he dares to ridicule someone's innocence! He thinks these Twelve Countries of South America are all his territory!"

For both public and private reasons, the Qin family could not sit and watch Bai Xiaosheng face the crisis without intervening.

Madam Qin immediately called for Qin Yunfeng, who was in charge of the media business, to come.

Seeing Madam Qin so supportive, Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying let out a sigh of relief.

At least they had strong support!

Before long, a tall, thin middle-aged man hurried in, led by the butler. He looked scholarly with eyes like cold stars, more like a scholar.

Seeing several young people with his mother, Qin Yunfeng was slightly surprised, but he greeted his mother first.

Then, seeing the three young people greeting him, Qin Yunfeng nodded back warmly.

However, looking at Bai Xiaosheng, Qin Yunfeng couldn't help but take another look, feeling he looked familiar, but out of politeness, he didn't scrutinize.

Qin Yunfeng didn't recognize Bai Xiaosheng.

On one hand, Bai Xiaosheng's arrival was a secret to everyone; only his older brother, the family head, Qin Yuntian, was aware.

On the other hand, although Bai Xiaosheng had images in the media, his exposure rate was "extremely low" compared to some celebrities who wished to headline and front-page every day, while Bai Xiaosheng avoided interviews when possible, doing so at most once a quarter or half a year. Moreover, he wasn't exceptionally handsome or ugly, considered "ordinary." Qin Yunfeng, having seen many foreigners over the years, naturally had some face blindness towards him.

Furthermore, the morning reports didn't find any photos of Bai Xiaosheng that were "highly consistent."

It wasn't their fault; Bai Xiaosheng had control over his expressions and even let Lin Weiwei do some light makeup and change his hairstyle before interviews.

This resulted in those photos being real, but the real person standing in front might not be recognized immediately.

This was the case even in Huaxia, let alone in the eyes of these foreigners or Huaxia people.

"Yunfeng, are you aware of this morning's news headlines?" Madam Qin asked directly.

"Is it about that Huaxia person, Bai Xiaosheng?" Qin Yunfeng reacted, somewhat surprised.

When did his mother start paying attention to morning headlines?

"What do you think of this matter?" Madam Qin asked directly about Qin Yunfeng's opinion.

Bai Xiaosheng and the other three also looked at Qin Yunfeng.

"This incident definitely has someone fanning the flames behind the scenes. The smaller media outlets are just creating hype, using the characteristics of online media to escalate the event," Qin Yunfeng objectively analyzed, being an expert in the field. "Major media, including ours, should have received the news and are closely monitoring, but without further information, they won't rush to express opinions. However, once they receive messages from various departments, they will follow suit. By then, the entire event will explode."

As for whether Bai Xiaosheng really did something wrong, it was irrelevant to them. That was Qin Yunfeng's perspective.

After all, he still didn't know that last night, his brother had made an agreement with Bai Xiaosheng.

Just as Qin Yunfeng was about to suggest Bai Xiaosheng might be in trouble or falsely accused, he saw Madam Qin pointing to the familiar-looking young man, "He is Bai Xiaosheng."

"He..." Qin Yunfeng paused, incredulous, looking at Bai Xiaosheng.

The Zhenbei Group's Executive President for the Greater China Region, the current internet focal point, that Bai Xiaosheng?

Bai Xiaosheng smiled at Qin Yunfeng.

"He is a child I recognize, and also a major future partner of our Qin family. Your brother already confirmed this yesterday," Madam Qin added.

Qin Yunfeng's gaze changed as he looked at Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled at Qin Yunfeng, "Mr. Yunfeng, I need you and the Qin family's help this time! I'm being falsely accused!"

Since Madam Qin had spoken to this extent, and the family head also acknowledged it, what else could Qin Yunfeng say?

"Since Mr. Sheng is a friend of the Qin family, I naturally cannot sit idly by with this happening. If you need anything, just let me know!" Qin Yunfeng promised, patting his chest.

"Then I won't stand on ceremony!" Bai Xiaosheng replied with a smile.

Seeing the Qin family supporting Bai Xiaosheng, Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying let out a sigh of relief.

At least in terms of public opinion war, they now had helpers!

However, Bai Xiaosheng kept tense inside.

One problem was resolved, but the real threat still lay ahead!

Chapter 2028 - Peril at Every Step

America, Zhenbei Group, Headquarters.

In what was once the Asian Division, now the Greater China Region Division, in the President's office, Jiang Kuo was happily sitting in his seat sipping handmade coffee, feeling in a great mood.

Executive President Bai Xiaosheng had made the Greater China Region thrive, and just by reporting to the various Vice Directors, he had almost run his legs thin.

But he didn't feel tired at all, and even enjoyed it.

There was news that because of their achievements, Jiang Kuo was likely to rise further in status, so how could he not be happy, practically waking up laughing every day.

Bai Xiaosheng, you truly are my lucky star! Jiang Kuo thought delightedly.

Just as Jiang Kuo was about to finish his coffee and start working, there came two urgent knocks on his office door. Before he could say "Come in," someone pushed the door open and slipped inside.

Jiang Kuo was startled.

Who was so bold to dare to enter his office?

Just as he was about to get angry, he saw who it was and was suddenly astounded.

It was Soruns?

Currently, the Asian and European Divisions were in their honeymoon phase; the two of them met frequently at headquarters, and their conversations were delightful, almost becoming friends.

In some major decisions, they even supported each other, complementing one another.

"Oh, Soruns, what brings you here so early, come take a seat," Jiang Kuo said with a smile, standing up.

"It seems you're not aware!" Seeing Jiang Kuo's smile, Soruns said with deep meaning.

Jiang Kuo noticed Soruns' unusual behavior and was suddenly bewildered, "Aware of what?"

"Don't you follow the news?" Soruns couldn't help but say.

"I can barely manage to look at the reports being sent up, what news could I be following?" Jiang Kuo was even more perplexed.

Only now did he notice Soruns' unusual expression, and he was holding a tablet.

Soruns, a bit downcast, walked over with big steps and showed what was on the tablet to Jiang Kuo.

Under Soruns' prompt, Jiang Kuo took two minutes to browse, and his expression finally changed.

"How could this be?!" Jiang Kuo looked at Soruns in horror.

It was all news about Bai Xiaosheng in South America.

"It's impossible, I know Bai Xiaosheng went to South America, but he just got there, how could he cause so much trouble and involve so many... there must be something behind this!" Jiang Kuo exclaimed.

He would never believe that Bai Xiaosheng was a criminal mastermind and that it was all over the internet.

If Bai Xiaosheng were that stupid, how could he have accomplished what Xiahou Qi couldn't?

"I also believe that Bai Xiaosheng has been set up by someone! Although we don't know the reason yet, we must be mentally prepared for this! I believe that the headquarters' monitoring department will get involved soon!" Soruns said solemnly.

At the mention of that department, independent of the six major divisions, Jiang Kuo's expression slightly changed.

If they got involved, they would surely dig thoroughly into Bai Xiaosheng, affecting his work whether he was innocent or not.

Jiang Kuo's face immediately turned extremely ugly.

At this time, in Andeliao Castle, New Orleans, in the study, the Landvo Couple were enjoying music and red wine.

Landvo had pushed aside all work, focusing solely on monitoring the situation at home.

Catherine was naturally with him.

"The first blow, naturally, is the bloodless public opinion! No matter how big a corporation or strong a person, public opinion is the Damocles sword hanging above their heads! It takes lives and destroys foundations!"

Catherine swirled her wine glass, smiling as she spoke to her husband, "The second blow comes from our rapid-responding group headquarters monitoring department. Under that person's lead, they won't let anyone affect the group's reputation! Even an Executive President of a division! Regardless of whether the Bai in question is guilty or not, they will at least suspend him from his duties until everything is thoroughly investigated!"

"Without power, Bai Xiaosheng has no helpers, no possibilities, and no hope of winning this public opinion war abroad!"

Catherine was very sure of this.

Landvo smiled and nodded, but still maintained some caution, "But that Bai Xiaosheng is young and in such a position, he can't be without support. What if someone backs him up?"

Catherine laughed at this, "My dear Landvo, have you ever seen that person from the monitoring department being swayed by any big figure! Not even the Vice Directors could! Even if our Board Chairman Mr. Bai Zhenbei were missing, the acting Chairman wouldn't make that person give face!"

Upon hearing this, Landvo immediately smiled and nodded, "Yes, yes!"

"Even if these two strikes don't kill him, that Bai will be investigated by multiple countries' various departments! Before finding out everything, he won't think about leaving South America! This is the third strike! Moreover—" Catherine's lips curled up into a merciless smile, as she whispered close to Landvo, "Even if he can find someone to run around and mediate here. We will leak the matter to a certain person, with that person watching, Bai Xiaosheng won't be able to reach any settlements! No country's department will give face!"

Catherine whispered another name, causing Landvo's pupils to contract, and even he had some reverence in his eyes.

That person worked for an international organization, but all countries' authorities respected him!

With that person around, even with great connections, Bai Xiaosheng wouldn't be able to navigate the many South American departments, nor leave easily.

"But once that person investigates Bai Xiaosheng, won't they find out it's us!" Landvo immediately became tense.

Catherine laughed heartily, "I arranged those witnesses, all willing to risk their lives for us, they will never change their testimonies! I even had Bai Xiaosheng's fingerprints extracted at my cafe; every scene, every document has real fingerprints, that's unassailable evidence! Unless that person defies everyone and trusts Bai Xiaosheng to an unbelievable extent, overturning everything to investigate again... But would he? He'd only order everyone to strictly follow legal procedures, not to show favoritism to the Bai!"

"So in this case, aren't we sure to win!" Landvo laughed.

Each link interlocked, trapping Bai Xiaosheng into the lion's den from the start.

Catherine did not think Bai Xiaosheng could survive.

This was also because Catherine did not yet know Bai Xiaosheng's connections with the Qin Family in South America.

Additionally, she had slightly misjudged the situation at headquarters...

A special meeting was convened an hour later, and Jiang Kuo was invited to attend.

In a small conference room, sat the powerhouses of the Zhenbei Group headquarters monitoring department, each with a stern and cold expression.

When Jiang Kuo entered, he was startled by the atmosphere.

Although his level was slightly higher, there was no subordinate relationship, and those people did not show excessive courtesy.

At that moment, the main seat in the office was empty; the real leader had not appeared.

Seeing Jiang Kuo arrive, they couldn't help but start "inquiring."

"Mr. Jiang, how much do you know about Mr. Bai Xiaosheng of your Greater China Region?"

"Mr. Jiang, does Mr. Bai Xiaosheng have any personal business or investments in South America?!"

"What do you think of the online rumors?"

Jiang Kuo suddenly felt pressured, somewhat overwhelmed.

"Have you already started?" At this moment, a calm and gentle voice suddenly came from the door.

A figure appeared at the door and entered everyone's view. Immediately, all the unruly monitoring executives fell silent, their gazes filled with reverence.

Seeing that figure, Jiang Kuo's heart immediately tightened.

That was the man who didn't even give the Vice Directors face!

The opponent walked in calmly, sat in the main seat, effortlessly exuding authority that overshadowed everyone.

If Bai Xiaosheng saw this, he would surely marvel secretly.

The Wen Yan Bai Xiaosheng had previously sought to submit evidence to, whom Bai Xiaosheng had always thought was merely a high-ranking official in the headquarters' monitoring department.

Was actually the head of the department!

Chapter 2029 - The Resolution in the "Blackboard Room"

In the small offices of the Zhenbei Group headquarters' Surveillance Department, there is a two-meter square blackboard used for writing down issues or sorting through leads, and so, those rooms are referred to behind closed doors as the "Blackboard House."

It's said that the bigwigs invited to the "Blackboard House" never come out with a good expression on their faces. It's either because they themselves are under close scrutiny by the Surveillance Department and need to explain everything within a deadline, or because someone important in their department is being watched by the Surveillance Department. In the latter case, if it reaches the point where leadership has to be notified, it almost certainly means there's no escape. To alarm those bigwigs into assisting means that the people being investigated are crucial right arms or capable aides, and severing such ties is already a heavy blow to any department's reputation and morale.

And that's not all—there's a deluge of bothersome issues, interviews with board members, scoldings, and countless troubles bound to follow.

This is truly the worst.

Thus, the presidents of the six major business divisions and the heads of all headquarters departments keep a respectful distance from the Surveillance Department, and the very mention of the "Blackboard House" is enough to make them shudder.

In comparison, Jiang Kuo is fortunate. Since he took office, he hasn't had the opportunity to set foot here.

At the same time, he is also unfortunate. The first time he came here was not because any of his Executive Officers made a mistake, but because the "Deputy" Executive President had an "issue," which led to almost all the high-ranking officials of the Surveillance Department convening to preside over a meeting, especially with the famous, iron-fisted, and "cold-hearted" Wen Yan.

The pressure from this is at the absolute highest level.

Jiang Kuo sat there nervously, almost as if he was the one in trouble, desperately replaying in his mind whether he had any issues himself, even wondering if in a moment the atmosphere would shift and he would be collectively held accountable by these "corporate henchmen."

Fortunately, such a situation seemed unlikely.

As Wen Yan indicated, someone reported the news dynamics about Bai Xiaosheng in South America, with the latest report being confined to five minutes ago, demonstrating the Surveillance Department's tight grip on information with impressive accuracy.

"According to the Public Relations Department's predictions, we must respond in a timely, effective, and decisive manner within six hours to reverse the situation; otherwise, the intangible losses to the group will increase exponentially!"

After the person spoke, they particularly emphasized the reminder very seriously.

Subsequently, they looked at Wen Yan, waiting respectfully for instructions.

Wen Yan, with a blank expression, nodded slightly to signal him to sit down, then glanced at his watch, surveying the senior management at this table, and said slowly, "What are your opinions? You have ten minutes, speak in order."

Jiang Kuo immediately looked nervously at the people surrounding the table.

With ten minutes divided among them, each senior manager had less than a minute to speak!

Compared to other meetings where someone might speak for over an hour, just finishing "point one, point two," with "points three, four, five, six" yet to be "briefly explained," this was truly a meeting where every word was priceless, with each opinion taking only a few sentences.

However, this brevity only heightened the tension, and not a single word could be missed.

Jiang Kuo stood ready, ears perked up, prepared to listen intently and assess the situation carefully.

Honestly, Jiang Kuo was 120% skeptical that Bai Xiaosheng could have committed such serious offenses.

There was certainly something behind this, possibly even someone framing him!

But Jiang Kuo couldn't imagine who could be so ruthless!

Who did Bai Xiaosheng offend to such a degree!

Originally, before coming here, Jiang Kuo wanted to contact the head of the South America region, Landvo. After all, Bai Xiaosheng's issues were occurring over there, and he wanted to ask Landvo for assistance in investigating or seeing if there was any possibility of "resolution."

But Jiang Kuo was unable to do so.

First, there wasn't enough time; second, Landvo's phone couldn't be reached.

At that moment, Jiang Kuo realized something was amiss. The person framing Bai Xiaosheng was even capable of making Landvo "stand by idly," maintaining silence—that was terrifying!

Jiang Kuo's worry reached its peak.

He couldn't dare to think that Landvo might be set against Bai Xiaosheng...

"Even if it's unfounded, there's no smoke without fire! If by any chance Bai Xiaosheng really has some issues, what should I do?!" Jiang Kuo began contemplating this problem too.

Because of Bai Xiaosheng, Jiang Kuo now had the opportunity to advance further, but precisely because of Bai Xiaosheng's issues, he could be implicated, and even the entire business division could be affected!

If there's any truth to Bai Xiaosheng's issues in South America, how could there not be issues in the Greater China Region?

The group might even order the Surveillance Department to scour the entire Greater China Region for problems, potentially bringing every bit of work to a halt, impacting various cooperations!

It's not impossible for the Greater China Region to experience a backward trend!

"For my sake, for the entire Greater China Region, what should I do?!"

Jiang Kuo's hands underneath the table couldn't help but clench tightly.

It was a difficult choice.

In the past two years, Jiang Kuo had grown increasingly fond of Bai Xiaosheng; that young man had a drive, decisiveness, and vision that he himself lacked, and would certainly surpass him in time!

Jiang Kuo didn't see Bai Xiaosheng's success as a threat to himself. On the contrary, he looked forward to it. After all, they belonged to the same business division, and as his people rose higher, he would feel proud and gain more connections and benefits.

Besides, Jiang Kuo actually admired Bai Xiaosheng quite a bit.

Bai Xiaosheng accomplished things he himself couldn't achieve.

However, Bai Xiaosheng was ultimately still a young man.

Chapter 2030 - Resolution in the "Blackboard House" (Part 2)

The temptations and choices faced by the young are too many, and a momentary misstep is really not uncommon.

"If he simply made a momentary misstep and committed some wrongs, what should I do then?"

Jiang Kuo truly felt lost, even at a loss for what to do.

For someone of his status and position, such confusion was unprecedented...

Wen Yan asked everyone present for their thoughts, and some had begun to speak one after another.

"According to reports from our investigators, Mr. Bai Xiaosheng had conflicts with Mr. Landvo, the head of the South America Region, and privately visited and investigated some enterprises in the South America Region, which is already considered to be an overstep!"

The first person who spoke pulled Jiang Kuo back to reality.

This matter shocked Jiang Kuo, even making him feel horrified.

Bai Xiaosheng privately intervened in South America Region's affairs and even had conflicts with Landvo!

This, this...

No wonder Landvo would turn a blind eye...

Wait!

Could it be that the real person targeting Bai Xiaosheng from behind is Landvo himself!

Jiang Kuo suddenly thought of this, and his whole body tensed up.

If this is really the case, then it's too terrible!

Jiang Kuo did not know much about Landvo, but he knew he was a very tricky existence, with deep connections at headquarters, and in the South America Region he was akin to a local emperor. Even Jiang Kuo did not want to provoke such a person.

The second person also spoke, "According to the information we have, multiple cities and departments in South America have issued accusations against Bai Xiaosheng, all with witnesses and evidence! Even if so many things breaking out at the same time seems suspicious, would anyone dare to create something

out of nothing and challenge the competence of all authoritative figures in the departments! Of course, I'm not saying everything is true or false, but personally, I believe that at least some of Mr. Bai Xiaosheng's problems should... exist!"

The third person followed immediately, "The most pressing issue now is the public opinion issue, rather than investigating which matters are true or false, the public won't give us much time to investigate. I think we can first impose limited actions against Mr. Bai Xiaosheng, let him cooperate with the local investigation, suspend his work, which is also to figure out the situation! If it's eventually determined that Mr. Bai Xiaosheng is wronged, we can return his innocence later!"

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The executives of the supervisory department continued one by one, even those who had doubts about the incident itself, advocated to first curb the situation.

Even if it means somewhat "aggrieving" Bai Xiaosheng a little.

If one is upright, they fear no shadow, if Bai Xiaosheng really has no issue, treat it as a wake-up call. If he really has no issue, he could later be "cleared of wrongdoing" with even some compensation from headquarters. Believe that he would understand.

In any case, everyone believed that Bai Xiaosheng should not be allowed to affect the Group's reputation!

The influence brought by such a senior executive is serious, and once it affects the stock market, the evaporated assets are not a small amount!

Seeing that all the executives present advocated sacrificing a pawn to save a king, Jiang Kuo's face turned somewhat pale.

Originally he wanted to speak up for Bai Xiaosheng, but now he was deeply hesitant.

How, should he, Jiang Kuo, sing a different tune against all the executives of the supervisory department and disregard the group's interests?

Such a heavy hat is not a joke!

Jiang Kuo considered he could not bear it.

With his mind in chaos, Jiang Kuo didn't hear a single word from the ensuing statements of those supervisory department executives.

"If I speak up to support Bai Xiaosheng, I'll get into big trouble myself!" Jiang Kuo thought to himself, "But if not even I support Bai Xiaosheng, he'll truly have no backing, truly have to bear everything, even if he is innocent..."

Which path should I take...

Jiang Kuo had never felt that decision-making was so tough.

Several times, he resolved to "abandon" Bai Xiaosheng, convincing himself it was for the bigger picture, for the group, for the Greater China Region, for himself...

Yet several times, he silently negated that thought...

"Mr. Jiang, what is your opinion?" At the moment when Jiang Kuo was agonizing, a gentle voice inquired.

Momentarily, Jiang Kuo didn't regain his senses.

It wasn't until that voice asked again for him.

Everyone turned to look at Jiang Kuo, and only then did Jiang Kuo come to his senses.

The person speaking was, of course, Wen Yan.

"Ah, I! Me?!" Jiang Kuo met each pair of sharp eyes and saw the only gentle gaze at the host's seat.

That gaze was gentle, yet it made one feel even more pressure.

Wen Yan, the head of the supervisory department, was seeking his opinion.

He, Jiang Kuo, what should he do?

Jiang Kuo felt his throat constrict.

The entire situation was unclear, Bai Xiaosheng's issues remained undetermined, even if not all, a few problems represented issues nonetheless; if his own stance was wrong, he could later be caught out by what was said; the group of people from the supervisory department could very likely keep entangling with him...

Jiang Kuo had always been very adept at self-preservation, never letting himself fall into a dilemma.

But this time, he was like falling into a quagmire, wanting to extricate himself, yet feeling increasingly trapped.

Or rather, he inherently didn't wish to "extricate" himself from the situation.

Wen Yan calmly looked at Jiang Kuo, waiting for his opinion, it seemed that as long as Jiang Kuo said something ambiguous, like for the group, leaving it to the supervisory department's decision, Wen Yan could immediately snap his finger and issue a disposal plan for Bai Xiaosheng, reporting it to the vice chairman.

"I..." Pressured by the burden from Wen Yan, Jiang Kuo finally spoke. But one "I", and Jiang Kuo was startled by his own voice, feeling the duck-like voice didn't sound like his own voice.

"I, Jiang Kuo think, I... the group, this reputation, this..."