

Two Trillion 2031

Chapter 2031 Resolution in the “Blackboard House” (Part 3)

Jiang Kuo suddenly felt ashamed, deeply ashamed.

Even after being the business president for so many years, when expressing an opinion, he was stuttering and didn't know how to continue.

Truly not manly!

Jiang Kuo even saw a few executives looking at him with interest, and some even with a slight hint of mockery in their eyes.

DAMN. Damn it!

I. DAMN. Damn it!

Jiang Kuo's heart suddenly filled with anger, cursing vehemently in his mind, cursing those watching him, cursing Bai Xiaosheng—

Bai Xiaosheng, you. damn. it! Can't you stop causing me trouble!

Cursing Bai Xiaosheng made him feel better, relieved.

"I believe the group's reputation is very important!" Speaking again, Jiang Kuo suddenly regained his confidence, his speech coherent, his voice assertive.

Many people showed a mocking look that said "knew you would say that".

"But! Is the honor, the reputation of us executives unimportant?"

This follow-up statement from Jiang Kuo shocked everyone, and suddenly many people's eyes turned sharp.

Jiang Kuo was not afraid, even spoke louder than usual, "For the group, for the business, we executives have surely contributed our youth, wisdom, and sweat, if not risking our lives! Even if for personal career and wealth, our achievements cannot be denied! This group's building, this skyscraper, was built by us step by step! Now, with such a big issue with Bai Xiaosheng, anyone can see there's a problem! How is it possible for so many issues to explode all at once! If that's not a problem, then what is! Bai Xiaosheng, even if he were a villain, couldn't be so stupid to expose himself completely, right! I just ask, dare any of you pat your chest and say you believe it!"

Jiang Kuo looked at the executives present with a fearless gaze, "Our supervisory department, with their exceptional vision, can't they see the problem. Opening with sacrificing individuals for the group without any investigation!

"I ask you, without individuals, where is the group!" Jiang Kuo even angrily pounded the table, exclaiming, "Randomly sacrificing someone who made outstanding contributions is what's really smearing the group!"

These words expressed all of Jiang Kuo's heartfelt thoughts.

How exhilarating!

The executives present looked at Jiang Kuo coldly, not touched at all.

Yet, many were slightly surprised; to them, how dared the usually soft Jiang Kuo act so boldly in front of them!

Had they recently wielded their power too little, or had Jiang Kuo grown too bold!

Some even started scrutinizing Jiang Kuo, looking at him with interest.

"Mr. Jiang, your emotions are agitated." Wen Yan said indifferently, with his hands folded and chin resting, "This is my supervisory department, are you dissatisfied with me for pounding my table."

This sentence immediately made Jiang Kuo's face look unpleasant.

Wen Yan was not just the head of the supervisory department; his background was quite unusual, temporarily holding power here.

Not even Jiang Kuo, nor anyone from the six major departments, nor even Landvo dared to act rashly in front of him.

"I didn't mean that." Jiang Kuo quickly replied.

Wen Yan smiled, "I was just joking with you, Mr. Jiang, don't take it seriously."

Joke?

That was truly a joke that no one could laugh at...

Jiang Kuo dryly smiled.

Wen Yan surveyed everyone and slowly said, "I'm very pleased that everyone places the group's interests first, it proves you are worthy of the group's cultivation and fit for your positions."

Everyone looked at Wen Yan and showed a smile.

Praise from this person made them feel quite honored, gaining face.

However, Jiang Kuo felt a chill in his heart.

With this man's statement, Bai Xiaosheng's fate was sealed, even the vice-chairman's objection probably couldn't change it!

In the end, I can't help him!

Jiang Kuo suddenly felt a deep sense of helplessness and powerlessness.

"But!" Wen Yan's tone shifted, eyes flashing an unprecedented chill, "I remind our supervisory officers present, what you uphold is the group's justice, the company's conscience, not interests for the sake of interests! The group's interests, also include the hearts and reputations of those executives!"

"A group that can't protect its own people is not a good group!"

Wen Yan's final words made everyone shiver inside.

No one expected these words.

Perhaps only Wen Yan dared to speak this way.

Jiang Kuo also looked in amazement at Wen Yan, never expected such a statement from him.

This situation seemed very different from his anticipated direction...

An unexpected joy?

"I know Bai Xiaosheng, I understand him, I believe this large-scale news outbreak is a deliberate frame-up by someone!" Wen Yan stated in a deep voice, filled with majestic anger, "This is a challenge to us, to my supervisory department! I think Bai Xiaosheng should not be treated like this! I want you to go full force and investigate the South American region!"

"Also, today's meeting, keep it confidential!"

"If anyone dares to indiscriminately leak any details, the consequences, you know!"

Wen Yan's eyes shot a cold light, sweeping the room, making everyone nervous.

"Meeting adjourned!"

Chapter 2032 Fanning the Flames!

Jiang Kuo left the "Blackboard House" of the headquarters' Inspection Department and returned to his own department, still feeling a bit dazed and even a bit unsteady on his feet.

He still couldn't quite believe that he actually slammed the table at those guys whose job it was to nitpick, all for Bai Xiaosheng. Even more unbelievable was that Wen Yan would stand by their side when everyone else opposed them.

It seemed that Wen Yan had great trust in Bai Xiaosheng.

It was almost like a dream!

Jiang Kuo returned to his office, calmed himself down for a moment, and then picked up his phone to call Bai Xiaosheng.

Wen Yan had mentioned keeping it confidential, but Jiang Kuo believed that Bai Xiaosheng wasn't included in that confidentiality. Telling Bai Xiaosheng shouldn't count as leaking information.

Even if it did, he'd accept the consequences.

As he waited for the call to connect, Jiang Kuo's heart was still in turmoil.

"Hello, is this Mr. Jiang?" The call finally connected, and it was Bai Xiaosheng's voice.

The moment he heard Bai Xiaosheng's voice, Jiang Kuo felt quite excited.

"Sheng, it's me, Jiang Kuo!" Jiang Kuo said urgently, "I just attended a meeting, one with the headquarters' Inspection Department! I know everything about the situation in the South American Region now! There has already been a resolution here!"

"Oh, the Inspection Department is already involved?!" Bai Xiaosheng heard this with some surprise.

He had just agreed with Qin Yunfeng to counterattack in the media realm, and it hadn't even started yet, and the headquarters' Inspection Department has already held a meeting?

And there's already a resolution?!

Bai Xiaosheng was amazed.

The efficiency is truly remarkable!

Currently, Bai Xiaosheng's biggest worries were the unstoppable course of public opinion, and the attitude from headquarters.

Moreover, there was the stability of the Greater China Region.

Just now, Bai Xiaosheng spoke with Xiahou Qi. Upon learning the situation, Xiahou Qi was anxious and remorseful, blaming himself for not considering all aspects for Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng consoled Xiahou Qi, asking him to stabilize things "at home." Xiahou Qi readily agreed.

No sooner had he hung up than Jiang Kuo's call came in.

"What's the Inspection Department's attitude?" Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help asking.

Even he felt a bit tense.

If the Inspection Department deemed that he needed to make a "sacrifice," and reported it to the top management, he could very well be suspended soon.

That would have a terrifying impact.

If the Qin Family knew that Bai Xiaosheng was no longer serving as the Executive President of the Greater China Region and couldn't provide effective cooperation, then that support might end before it even started...

Bai Xiaosheng was anxious to know the headquarters' attitude.

"The Inspection Department has decided to immediately conduct a thorough investigation into the affairs of the South American Region for your sake!" Jiang Kuo said excitedly, "The highest authority in the department, Mr. Wen Yan, strongly advocated for you!"

"The highest authority in the department, Wen Yan?!" Bai Xiaosheng said in surprise.

Bai Xiaosheng had always thought that Wen Yan was just a high-level official in the Inspection Department.

He had no idea Wen Yan was the highest authority!

"Sheng, if you need any help from me, just say it, I'll do my best to assist you!" Jiang Kuo said straightforwardly.

Jiang Kuo didn't seek credit for himself, even though he spoke up righteously, his personal opinion truly was of no help.

It was entirely due to Wen Yan's influence and Bai Xiaosheng's relationship with Wen Yan.

"Mr. Jiang, please help Elder Xia stabilize our Greater China Region!" Bai Xiaosheng couldn't afford to be surprised anymore and said directly, "Since this issue arose because of me, let me be the one to resolve it!"

Hearing Bai Xiaosheng remain calm and composed at the heart of the storm, even Jiang Kuo was deeply impressed.

"Alright! Leave things at home to me!" Jiang Kuo immediately responded.

"Thank you, Brother Jiang!" Bai Xiaosheng finally said, dropping the "Mr." and using "Brother," which deeply moved Jiang Kuo.

After speaking with Jiang Kuo, Bai Xiaosheng felt more at ease.

At present, he had the support of the Qin Family, giving him the capital to wage a publicity war. With Wen Yan's support at headquarters, his position was secure. Furthermore, with Jiang Kuo and Xiahou Qi holding the fort at the back, he had no worries about his rear.

Only then could Bai Xiaosheng focus completely on battling it out!

Meanwhile, Bai Xiaosheng felt fortunate for having established connections with both Wen Yan and Madam Qin a long time ago, and for having deep friendships and ties with both. Without these connections, he could very well have suffered greatly in this scheme, even possibly losing his wings in South America!

Just then, a call came in.

To his surprise, it was from Catherine.

Bai Xiaosheng was quite taken aback.

At this moment, what was Catherine calling him for, to discuss cooperation? To make friends?

Given the situation as it had developed, it was impossible to stop; Catherine should be aware of this, and neither party could withdraw!

Could it be, she was calling to gloat? Bai Xiaosheng thought to himself.

But then, Bai Xiaosheng shook his head in denial.

That woman wasn't the type.

After a brief moment of hesitation, Bai Xiaosheng answered the call, calmly saying, "Hello, is this Ms. Catherine?"

On the other end of the line came a man's voice.

The voice carried a hint of amusement, "Are you Bai Xiaosheng? I am Landvo!"

Landvo, it was actually him!

Bai Xiaosheng felt slightly surprised.

With all that's happened, the two had yet to meet.

Their first exchange was over the phone.

Bai Xiaosheng chuckled lightly, "Mr. Landvo, what prompts you to call me now?"

"I should be asking you, Bai Xiaosheng, how do you have the mood to take this call?" Landvo laughed, "Now, I'd really like to know what's on your mind!"

Landvo's way of speaking, did he call just to stir up emotions?

Chapter 2033 Fanning the Flames!

Bai Xiaosheng picked up his phone, silently activated the recording function, then pressed play and said in a deep voice, "As you can see, I'm not in a good mood!"

Bai Xiaosheng said, "Mr. Landvo, don't you think you and your wife have gone too far this time? There's a conflict between us, and you deliberately arranged for someone to frame me. I've just arrived in South America, how could I possibly be involved in so many cases! On the contrary, you have been operating here for so many years, arranging this wouldn't be difficult!"

Bai Xiaosheng waited for the other side to respond.

"I don't know what you're talking about," Landvo chuckled from the other end, "You're not recording, are you?"

Both have been around the block, so this little trick was no surprise.

Bai Xiaosheng chuckled, straightforwardly saying, "It's off now."

Landvo didn't believe it, chuckling.

"It doesn't matter if it's on or off, it has nothing to do with me! I just feel regretful, you know, the youngest executive president in our company's history, how can you be involved in so many cases, needing to clarify to so many departments, and all those incidents have both human and material evidence against you. If you can't explain yourself, you won't be able to leave South America! Investigating all this should take at least six to seven months, maybe even a year or two, depending on the efficiency of different departments, so you better be mentally prepared!"

Bai Xiaosheng said calmly, "I am prepared to face any provocation! Anyone, bring it on!"

"That's good, that's good," Landvo said with a laugh, "However, during your investigation period, someone still needs to take care of the Greater China Region, right? All the work can't wait for when

your troubles are resolved. Tsk, tsk, there might be an acting executive president taking the position. Once an acting president comes, they're not easy to replace! Such a change is really unfortunate for you. After all your hard work making the Greater China Region so successful, now someone else gets to benefit just like that."

Landvo claimed to feel regretful, but his tone was light and full of amusement.

Bai Xiaosheng listened silently.

This only made Landvo even more delighted.

In Landvo's mind, Bai Xiaosheng's heart must be seething with rage, maybe even on the verge of spitting blood.

I just want to infuriate you, you bastard!

Landvo sneered coldly in his heart.

Everyone was making money just fine, and yet, they had to mess with him out of nowhere. Isn't that just courting death!

Not making this call to sneer a bit would not sit well with Landvo.

Seeing Bai Xiaosheng remain silent, Landvo continued in a light voice, "Hey, the outside media is almost in an uproar! I've come across reports from twenty or thirty different media outlets, and I'm genuinely worried! You know, you Bai Xiaosheng causing trouble is one thing, but outsiders might think it implicates our group! Tarnishing the group's reputation like this, it's really inappropriate! I think the headquarters wouldn't want to see the situation worsen!"

"I think the headquarters will make the right decision!" Bai Xiaosheng replied meaningfully.

Jiang Kuo had said that the situation was kept confidential, and even if Landvo had someone at headquarters, they wouldn't know the Monitoring Department's decision this quickly.

Once they find out, who knows what expression Landvo and Catherine will have!

"Then let's see if the top management will prioritize the bigger picture or strive to clear your name!" Landvo sneered again and again.

To him, Bai Xiaosheng's trust in the company's top management seemed so naive!

"Oh right, since you've got so many issues, how about I help you get a lawyer or something? Or maybe find a small newspaper to publish a statement to clear your name." Landvo laughed without any restraint, "At worst, you might as well have your side in the Greater China Region arrange to send a legal team over, familiar with the laws here, or let your media start a verbal fight across the ocean with this side. I'm quite looking forward to it!"

Landvo was deliberately putting pressure on Bai Xiaosheng, pointing out the media issue, the headquarters' response, and the potential impact on the Greater China Region.

"Thanks for the reminders, Mr. Landvo, I believe you'll soon see my actions!" Bai Xiaosheng replied calmly.

Pretending calm!

In fact, your mind must be a tangled mess by now.

Landvo puffed his cigar, silently sneering.

Catherine, standing beside him, sipped her red wine and smiled silently.

This call was clearly made with the intention to taunt.

Catherine also wanted Bai Xiaosheng to believe this, to think Landvo was overconfident.

The taunting wasn't just about venting pleasure, but also an attempt to unsettle Bai Xiaosheng.

Catherine thought that Bai Xiaosheng was someone not easy to deal with; if he wasn't unsettled, he might just be able to think of a way to get out of this predicament.

On that side, Landvo, having said all he wanted to, had not heard Bai Xiaosheng say a single word of submission, which displeased him.

There's a saying in Huaxia, as his wife often pointed out, you don't cry until you see the coffin!

This Bai Xiaosheng hasn't reached the end of his rope yet; he's really able to endure!

When the time comes, and he can't take it anymore, he might even call to beg for leniency! Landvo thought to himself.

"If there's nothing else, I'll hang up. I'm busy here, so let's not waste each other's time, Mr. Landvo."

On the phone, Bai Xiaosheng's voice still sounded hard, much like an indestructible iron pea.

This statement displeased Landvo a bit; he wanted to retort but didn't expect Bai Xiaosheng to end the call abruptly.

"That bastard!" Landvo slammed his phone down and cursed, "Even like this, and he still won't bend to me!"

Beside him, Catherine let out a cold smile, took a sip of red wine, and leisurely said, "Don't worry, let's see how long he can remain arrogant!"

Chapter 2034 Stirring Up the Waves!

To Catherine, what Bai Xiaosheng could do was simply contact the major media, take a few interviews, or hold a press conference or something like that.

Right now, with the situation causing such an uproar, who would speak up for him? Moreover, why would the media here in South America speak for a Huaxia person? They're not that kind-hearted!

A Huaxia person, far away across the ocean, creating so much trouble here, once it is proven true, that would be news. There's no media that wouldn't look for a hotspot rather than diffuse it.

Bai Xiaosheng would also go to various government departments to clarify things. Each department's investigation would cost him a lot of time. The most effective way is to hire a team of lawyers, but the top teams are not easy to hire; it requires money, appointments, and matching their schedules.

Once these matters ferment, the group would have to consider their reputation and cut ties with Bai Xiaosheng like a warrior severing his own arm!

Of course, with the situation making such a splash, the group might likely investigate this side later.

By then, find a way to muddle through! Catherine thought to herself.

That's all manageable.

"Bai, even if he is a crossing dragon here, he wouldn't be able to make waves!" Catherine said.

Hearing his wife's words, Landvo's lips curled into a sinister smile.

He could already foresee Bai Xiaosheng's fate!

Now, the thing to do is wait.

"Waiting" is one of the most tormenting things, but the joy after "waiting" is irresistible!

Landvo got up to pour a glass of red wine, walked in front of his wife, and shared a knowing smile with her.

Then, the two crystal glasses clinked, as if celebrating their victory in advance.

However, by late afternoon, the situation changed!

While still scrolling through the news and following updates, Landvo suddenly spotted an article published by a mainstream media outlet –

"The Top Ten Uncertainties in the Bai Xiaosheng Incident from Huaxia!"

This was the first mainstream media voice, which had an audience tens of times bigger than small and medium outlets.

And their perspective of analysis seemed to greatly favor Bai Xiaosheng!

"Catherine, look, what's going on!" Landvo couldn't help but call his wife over.

"This media belongs to Qin Corporation Media!" Catherine also slightly frowned and checked the media's homepage.

Seeing it, Catherine was astonished.

The entire article discussed the matter, and among South America's ten renowned writers, five participated. Although their interpretation seemed objective at first glance, ultimately, it guided the audience's view, questioning the event, and voicing for Bai Xiaosheng!

"What is going on? Why would Qin Corporation Media support Bai Xiaosheng!" Landvo shouted angrily.

Catherine couldn't explain.

However, Catherine knew that these opinion leaders might steer the public opinion in a direction she most didn't want to see!

Catherine immediately went online to see what impacts the opinion guidance caused, and to her amazement, found many articles surfacing like mushrooms after the rain.

They were all released by major mainstream media in South America!

Mainstream media finally raised their voices on a large scale!

And those media that should've reported objectively and prudently were now rallying behind Bai Xiaosheng, pointing out issues with the events, acting as public detectives.

"How could this be?!" Landvo watched with surprised anger.

Even if Bai Xiaosheng threw money to buy all the heads of major media, it couldn't happen so quickly!

"Someone is helping Bai Xiaosheng!" Catherine said, surprised, sternly murmuring her judgment, "It's the Qin Family!"

The initial report began with Qin Corporation Media from the Qin Family!

The South America's Twelve Countries may seem vast in territory, but the media circle is just so big. Qin Corporation Media is acknowledged as the leader, also the one with the broadest connections!

If they fully reached out to others, naturally, no one would refuse to give face!

However, what virtues or capabilities does Bai Xiaosheng have to earn the Qin Family's full support!

Upon hearing the name of the Qin Family, Landvo's face also changed drastically.

Just then, a call came in, reaching Landvo.

The call was brief, just a few words, but it left Landvo's face looking extremely grim!

"What happened?" Catherine couldn't help but ask.

"The message from headquarters." Landvo couldn't help but take a breath, "The oversight department strongly supports Bai Xiaosheng, wanting to thoroughly investigate the issues here!"

These words left Catherine dumbfounded.

How could it be!

Even the oversight department strongly supports Bai Xiaosheng?

"Who is supporting that Bai Xiaosheng now!" Catherine gritted her teeth and said, "We underestimated him!"

"Then what should we do now?" Landvo frowned and asked.

Catherine suddenly revealed a wicked cold smile, "Since the public opinion now so supports this Bai Xiaosheng, then let's give him a push, add fuel to the flames!"

"Guide the public opinion to pressure those relevant departments. By doing so, that person will come forward! As long as he stands out, keeps an eye on Bai Xiaosheng, then this matter will not be resolved easily!"

Catherine sneered, "The group's oversight department? Haha, ultimately not a power institution! I want to drive the tiger to swallow the wolf!"

Chapter 2035 Formidable Figures

For several days in a row, the media circles across South America have been abuzz with one name—Bai Xiaosheng.

Almost all mainstream media and renowned commentators have joined forces to voice support for him.

The Qin Family even enlisted over thirty of their "exclusive" lawyers to advocate for Bai Xiaosheng across various countries and departments, using legal maneuvering to ensure that Bai Xiaosheng has ample freedom to explain his case without being overwhelmed or in a state of disarray.

In the end, though there is ample testimonial and physical evidence against Bai Xiaosheng, there are still doubts, and the different laws across countries and regions make it difficult for others to navigate. However, in the eyes of senior lawyers, there are multiple provisions to "maneuver around"!

After all, there's no shortage of strange legal stipulations from the West here either...

Zhenbei Group's headquarters dispatched four waves of investigators to South America to conduct thorough investigations of companies affiliated with Zhenbei Group.

This seems to be of no help to the Bai Xiaosheng incident, but it exerts invisible pressure on the Landvo Couple.

Jiang Kuo and Xiahou Qi are doing their utmost to stabilize the situation in the Greater China Region. Led by Tengyun, influential families like Beifeng, Haoyu, and Xianggang have pooled all media resources to voice support for Bai Xiaosheng.

Moreover, the Luo Family in Europe and the Wei Family in North America have also been closely monitoring the situation, frequently communicating with the Qin Family to provide necessary support to ensure Bai Xiaosheng remains unharmed.

With the concern of these two influential families, Qin Yuntian and the Qin Family are naturally completely focused, even setting aside all other affairs to ensure Bai Xiaosheng's safety.

Even the Huaxia officials have begun to voice strong opinions, expressing great concern over the incident, indirectly supporting Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng's matter has indeed attracted "global attention," something that the Landvo, Catherine couple might not have anticipated.

However, the couple is not sitting idle either; on one hand, they are actively mobilizing resources to negotiate with the people from the Monitoring Department.

It's worth noting that in the headquarters and across South America, Landvo's connections and resources are not to be underestimated. Even with the Monitoring Department dispatching four waves of personnel, it's not simple to easily bring them down if they skillfully use all their means!

Wen Yan applied pressure but did not immediately report Landvo to headquarters, considering Bai Xiaosheng's well-being, so as not to overly provoke the Landvo Couple, which could complicate Bai Xiaosheng's situation.

On the other hand, under Catherine's planning, all their media resources stopped opposing the mainstream media and smearing Bai Xiaosheng. Instead, they quietly switched sides, "helping" to voice for Bai Xiaosheng. Not only "helping," but they also vehemently accused various countries and departments of inaction, starting from the perspective that Huaxia is a major trade partner of South American countries, urging all departments to consider the "international impact."

This kind of "openly assisting, secretly sabotaging" approach indeed allowed Landvo's relatively weaker media resources to play an unexpectedly effective role, leading mainstream media to have to divert their efforts to respond.

Of course, the purpose of the Landvo, Catherine couple is not just to confuse the public and create trouble!

They are aiming to attract one person's attention!

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Kediya, the smallest inland country in the lands of the Twelve Countries of South America, is known as the Switzerland of South America.

In Kediya's capital, Domori, there is a special academy.

Like the special forces training centers that are common in films and TV shows, known as the Hunter Academy, special forces from various countries train, exchange, and refine tactical skills there.

The academy in Domori is similar in nature but doesn't train special forces; rather, it is the Twelve Countries of South America's joint training base for national investigation and detective personnel.

Established long ago, the most respected instructor there is addressed with respect by the heads of police and politics from various countries, with no one daring to show any disrespect.

This academy is also recognized as an international organization by the Twelve Countries of South America, holding the authority to guide and supervise various cases.

At this moment, in the highest level of this academy, inside the dean's office.

Opposite the desk, sits a person with a short crop hairstyle, draped in a long white windbreaker, fiddling with the dean's tablet, reading the news.

The person with the short crop posture is perfectly straight. Both the hairstyle and the robust physique are quite mismatched with his age. His hair is not black but grizzled, his face bears the lines carved by time like knives, with a Huaxia face, expressionless, eyes sharp like an eagle.

The middle-aged dean of the academy personally serves him tea.

"Teacher, your tea." The white dean said respectfully, pushing the teacup forward with both hands.

"Hmm." The White-haired Elder nodded and continued to browse the news.

"This Bai Xiaosheng is involved in numerous cases. Apart from a few exceptions, they have all been transferred to the police systems of various countries. Following the Twelve Nations Police Accord, we are also paying attention to this matter, assisting and supervising transnational coordination." The middle-aged dean reported as if to a superior.

This person is not an ordinary figure, being the chief instructor of the first ten terms of the academy, and the lifetime director-general of the Twelve Countries as recognized—a unique honor for a Huaxia person in South America's police and politics, with special inquiry rights, truly unparalleled!

The very dean of this academy is his student, and the bigwigs of the police systems in different countries have to give him face. The number of medals he has received is enough to cover the white windbreaker with insignia, turning it into a bulletproof vest.

Have you ever seen an elderly person in their seventies or eighties still walking like the wind, with a muscular build, just from this point, it indicates he's undoubtedly a formidable person.

Chapter 2036 Formidable Character (Part 2)

At this moment, Yun Guangzhi watched the news one by one, snorting coldly, "This matter is really escalating, those media and reporters seem quite knowledgeable about politics. Look at them, all shouting about 'international impact'!"

"Professor, indeed these matters are questionable, and the Qin Family is rallying support. Considering the media's voice, all parties are quite troubled," the middle-aged director said cautiously.

Yun Guangzhi is Chinese, and that Bai Xiaosheng is also from Huaxia. Given their past relationship, emotionally, he leans a bit towards them.

The middle-aged director naturally spoke with some caution.

"Hmph, the Qin Family," Yun Guangzhi snorted. He's never been interested in these powerful clans.

The Qin Family's business extends across the Twelve Countries of South America, possessing the most powerful media voice. With money, power, and the right to speak, it's hard for various countries and departments to ignore them.

"You have all the relevant files here, don't you? Let me have a look! If after investigation, witnesses and evidence are not in doubt, regardless of the Qin Family, I will call the senior police officials and urge them to decide to supervise the case! If he is indeed a criminal, he's also tarnishing Huaxia's reputation, giving me more reason to investigate this scoundrel!" Yun Guangzhi's eyes narrowed slightly as he said in a deep voice, "I still have some prestige; if the higher police officials don't want to listen, I'll speak to the political heads. In any case, we must unite to handle this case well!"

Seeing Yun Guangzhi's sure tone, the middle-aged director quickly nodded, leaving the office to arrange for the files to be brought in.

As long as it doesn't involve secrets, cases like this that involve multiple countries will have collaborative investigation needs, requiring the academy here to coordinate, naturally, with backup files.

Soon a stack of files was brought in, delivered to the director's desk, and Yun Guangzhi began reviewing them one by one, with the director waiting for instructions by his side.

Yun Guangzhi skimmed through things quickly, looking only at key evidence, skimming over each file rapidly, scanning pages swiftly cutting down the stack of files, neatly stacked to the side.

But as fast as he was, it still took more than an hour.

After reading, Yun Guangzhi stood up, walked to the floor-to-ceiling window of the office, looked far into the distance, resting his tired eyes.

"Have you read all these?" Yun Guangzhi asked.

"Yes, I have." The middle-aged director stood behind Yun Guangzhi, saying, "I've even reviewed the investigation process."

"What do you think?"

The middle-aged director hesitated momentarily before saying, "There is conclusive evidence from both witnesses and physical evidence, especially fingerprints on the physical evidence, and the suspect's whereabouts are without a doubt! Moreover, the investigation process wasn't all smooth, it took some effort."

"Catherine's arrangement was 'crystal clear,' deliberately adding some twists later on to make the investigation seem reasonable."

"Honestly, if these things hadn't been exposed overnight, there's something unusual about that, but no other doubts are necessary," the middle-aged director said. "Maybe someone purposely stirred these things up..."

The middle-aged director did not continue as Yun Guangzhi turned to look at him.

"Do you really think there's not even a little problem here?" Yun Guangzhi asked softly.

With that question, the middle-aged director dared not answer.

During his student years, this instructor was known to ask such gentle questions, only to later prove you wrong and then punish.

Even though the middle-aged director had long graduated and climbed to this position, faced with such a question from Yun Guangzhi, he still felt uneasy, afraid to answer.

Yun Guangzhi laughed, patted the middle-aged director's shoulder, turned, and walked out without saying more.

This made the middle-aged director relax, feeling very relieved.

The middle-aged director quickly turned around and, watching Yun Guangzhi about to leave his office, hurriedly asked, "Professor, where are you going?"

"You don't need to worry about that," Yun Guangzhi replied, "Please issue a directive to all senior police officials in each country to supervise their police departments to expedite handling the case. Don't let public opinion hijack it! Be swift and strict!"

"Oh, okay!" the middle-aged director quickly responded.

Their academy, recognized by the Twelve Nations as an international institution, had the authority, and all parties recognized that.

Yun Guangzhi walked out of the director's office alone, down the corridor, recalling the middle-aged director's unanswered question.

Is there not even a little problem?

Yun Guangzhi smirked, muttering softly, "Sure enough, those lacking professionalism can become leaders..."

Yun Guangzhi stroked his chin, pondering, "I'd like to meet that Bai Xiaosheng, what kind of person can cause such a commotion?! And who's trying to use public opinion to destroy him?!"

Yun Guangzhi silently walked out.

A day later.

Police units in various countries suddenly became more assertive during media interviews, demanding Bai Xiaosheng account for various details reasonably and submit to an investigation, or else they would take enforcement actions within twenty-four hours.

Under this fierce influence, even the lawyer team sent by the Qin Family was ineffective!

Originally, Bai Xiaosheng had to visit different cities and departments every day for a week for investigation; now it was reduced to half a day, and if he didn't clarify things clearly, he would be detained, and other departments would also penalize him for not appearing within the effective time!

This situation was reported to Lin Weiwei, who was rushing around explaining to different departments, and it shocked her tremendously.

How did pressure escalate suddenly from various countries and departments! What are they to do!

Even Bai Xiaosheng frowned, feeling increased pressure.

Originally, with Catherine and others using media resources to "fan the flames" on this matter, Bai Xiaosheng felt uneasy, but there was no good way to counter it. They could only have their media speak out in response to reduce the impact. However, as it turned out, senior police heads from various countries and regions noticed and, as Catherine wished, issued a supervisory order.

Chapter 2037 Formidable Character (Part 3)

The current situation is really extremely unfavorable for him!

Lei Ying is not with them but went to investigate those events, looking for evidence to clear Bai Xiaosheng's name, and there's still no news.

Now, this situation arose again.

Even Bai Xiaosheng feels a bit tortured.

Some celebrate while others worry; Bai Xiaosheng and Lin Weiwei are extremely depressed, while Landvo and Catherine have received this "good news" too.

The two of them opened a bottle of champagne to celebrate.

Catherine smiled with pleasure, saying affirmatively, "It must be that person, Yun Guangzhi! It's his concern! That's why the police in various countries are simultaneously speaking out for a strict investigation!"

"Right now, Bai Xiaosheng is making all the police departments exert pressure, resulting in more and more violations, and those violations are like cobwebs entangling prey, making things more troublesome for him!"

"When this trouble becomes a bundle, big enough, the Qin Family might have no choice but to let go! After all, they intervened only because of the benefits Sheng's identity could bring them!"

"And over at headquarters, I don't believe they can continue to steadfastly support that Bai Xiaosheng! My dear, haven't you also been spreading words at headquarters?"

Catherine smiled brightly, "We are just dragging it out with Bai Xiaosheng now, to see who can outlast whom! As long as Bai Xiaosheng falls before us, we win, and by then, sacrificing some interests to cut off all ties, there's no need to fear that group from the supervisory department!"

All of this has been happening as per Catherine's plan so far.

Landvo is in ecstatic spirits, brimming with a smile, "Dear, thanks to you for this! I am going to settle this irreverent Bai Xiaosheng once and for all!"

After speaking, Landvo looked regretful, "Pity I can't see Bai Xiaosheng's expression firsthand now; how despairing and dejected he must be! When he goes to prison, I must visit him personally! I want to see what kind of look he'll have when he sees me!"

"Rest assured, that day will come!" Catherine said with a cheerful smile.

The two of them clinked their glasses lightly, celebrating their impending victory.

On the other side, Bai Xiaosheng arrived at Lanling Fort West District Police Station, to be questioned.

However, this time, the lawyer was unexpectedly barred outside, and their protests were to no avail.

Lin Weiwei, not knowing the situation, couldn't follow in, and was left anxious.

Bai Xiaosheng was taken alone into a room.

The furnishings in that room were extremely simple, with only a table and two chairs in the center.

On one of the chairs, someone was already sitting.

A person with graying buzz cut hair, wearing a trench coat, looking quite aged.

It was Yun Guangzhi.

Yun Guangzhi easily got Bai Xiaosheng's schedule, and specifically came here today to wait.

Bai Xiaosheng looked at Yun Guangzhi with surprise; he had never seen such an elderly staff member.

Yun Guangzhi was also looking at Bai Xiaosheng.

Their eyes met briefly, even Bai Xiaosheng's pupils contracted slightly, feeling surprised.

This person's gaze is sharper than mine, almost able to see through my thoughts! Is his insight stronger than mine? Is this a monster!

Bai Xiaosheng found it unbelievable.

Yun Guangzhi, too, was surprised by Bai Xiaosheng's gaze.

"You must be Bai Xiaosheng? Come, sit!" Yun Guangzhi gently signaled Bai Xiaosheng to sit opposite him, then looked up at Bai Xiaosheng, "I am Yun Guangzhi; today, I'm here to question you!"

Yun Guangzhi showed a slight smile, saying, "Are you ready, young man!"

This little guy looks quite interesting; having a confrontation with him should be fun!

Chapter 2038 The Clash Between Two People

Bai Xiaosheng sat across from Yun Guangzhi, his demeanor calm and collected, showing no signs of arrogance despite the public support and backing of the Qin Family, nor any agitation from being wronged. He appeared entirely composed and genuinely sincere about discussing the matter at hand.

Seeing this, Yun Guangzhi nodded secretly to himself.

With his keen perception, he could easily tell that Bai Xiaosheng was not putting on a front; he truly wasn't the least bit restless or insecure!

This young man is quite something! Regardless of whether he's done anything wrong, just this level of composure alone makes him far superior to those fools I've taught by more than a few times over! Yun Guangzhi nodded internally.

Of course, it's best if Bai Xiaosheng hasn't done anything wrong. If he has, it would definitely be something major! If a villain could achieve this young man's level, who could ever handle him in the future!

While Yun Guangzhi scrutinized Bai Xiaosheng, Bai Xiaosheng was also examining him.

Judging by his appearance, this elder seemed to be a Huaxia person, appearing at least seventy or eighty years old, yet his spirit was so lively, his build as upright as ever, those muscles sturdy—no less than someone in their forties or fifties, and those eyes possessing an unparalleled penetrating gaze.

Bai Xiaosheng didn't believe he was part of the police force here; it just didn't seem like it, plus he wasn't in uniform either.

But to be able to sit here, surely meant he was not a person of ordinary standing.

"Elder, how should I address you?" Bai Xiaosheng asked politely.

"Yun Guangzhi," Yun Guangzhi replied, neither warmly nor coldly.

Yun Guangzhi. Bai Xiaosheng's interest was piqued, and Red Lotus quickly searched his background. Upon "seeing" this figure's resume, even Bai Xiaosheng was taken aback.

Historically, there was a period when South America faced rampant problems, prompting the Twelve Nations to join forces to establish an international organization and a training school—the Twelve Countries Police Alliance, which could be considered the Hunter Academy of the police investigation sector, and this Yun Guangzhi was the chief instructor for the first ten terms, holding a lifetime position as Executive Director!

Besides this, Yun Guangzhi possessed an array of titles that would take up a four to five hundred-word page if stacked, and his honors and medals could cover an entire wall, with world leaders holding him in high esteem.

This person is truly a significant figure!

"Have you heard of my name?" Yun Guangzhi asked mildly, observing Bai Xiaosheng's reaction.

Bai Xiaosheng's surprise, though momentary, did not escape Yun Guangzhi's keen eyes.

"You're extremely well-known!" Bai Xiaosheng admitted.

A Huaxia individual, achieving such honors in this realm, inherently commands great respect. Moreover, Yun Guangzhi, being of Huaxia origin, has always been fervently devoted to Huaxia, consistently rallying for donations and aid whenever natural or man-made disasters occur domestically.

Bai Xiaosheng holds great respect for someone who never forgets their roots!

"As it stands, you are even more famous now." Yun Guangzhi remarked with a chuckle, making a joke with Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng was quite the "man of the hour"; this week, he had made headlines across major media outlets.

"I'd rather not have this fame. People often say fame brings woes; I've been traveling back and forth these days and it's truly exhausting." Bai Xiaosheng replied with a wry smile.

The young man still had room for humor. Yun Guangzhi found this unexpected.

However, Yun Guangzhi's impression of Bai Xiaosheng improved slightly.

Soon after, Bai Xiaosheng looked at Yun Guangzhi and asked, "Do you need me to recount everything I know because I can start right now..."

Before Bai Xiaosheng could finish his sentence, Yun Guangzhi gestured for him to stop.

"You must have said those things ten times already, if not more. If you repeat them, you'll tire yourself out; I've reviewed all the case files, and frankly, I'm tired of hearing them too. Let's talk about something else," Yun Guangzhi said with a smile.

In Yun Guangzhi's view, a smart person like Bai Xiaosheng, having explained things ten or so times, would have precisely covered everything without any slips. Asking more questions would be pointless. It's better to chat about various topics without a fixed subject, guiding Bai Xiaosheng's words to perhaps catch him in a slip during an unthought-out moment.

Moreover, Yun Guangzhi was keen to determine what kind of person Bai Xiaosheng truly was.

Is he loyal yet treacherous, or treacherous yet loyal?

This mattered greatly.

Yun Guangzhi was aware that some were manipulating public opinion, deliberately framing Bai Xiaosheng, yet he still had the academy urge various countries' policing departments to expedite the situation, succumbing to those individuals' wishes, effectively adding pressure on Bai Xiaosheng.

Through facing pressure, one's defenses might falter, revealing their true nature.

Bai Xiaosheng candidly said, "Since Elder Yun wishes to discuss other topics, apart from inconvenient privacies, I'm open to discussing with you."

Yun Guangzhi nodded with a smile, satisfied with Bai Xiaosheng's attitude.

"Huaxia's development has been impressive in recent years; I haven't been back in a few years. I've seen many astonishing infrastructure projects and new developments online; are these examples of certain regions, or is it a widespread trend..."

Yun Guangzhi started to discuss seemingly unrelated topics.

"Alright, let's discuss this." With Red Lotus, Bai Xiaosheng naturally "knew much," and immediately began conversing with Yun Guangzhi.

Yun Guangzhi frequently posed questions, and Bai Xiaosheng responded by following his lead.

The topics weren't fixed; they talked wherever the conversation led them.

However, Bai Xiaosheng soon discovered that during their idle chat, Yun Guangzhi would suddenly incorporate some very subtle and random questions.

Speaking of construction engineering, Bai Xiaosheng was involved in a "bribery" case, which pertained to an infrastructure project.

"This old guy, actually beating around the bush with me!" Bai Xiaosheng suddenly realized.

To cover up a lie, you have to tell a hundred more lies to patch up the loopholes.

Yun Guangzhi was casually chatting, interspersing various questions, trying to find loopholes!

Naturally, Bai Xiaosheng wasn't afraid; a clear conscience fears no accusation, speaking the truth would suffice.

However, Bai Xiaosheng truly admired this method of inquiry. Using the most casual conversation and least significant questions to make the other party lower their guard, indirectly probing, employing a strategic detour. This requires the person leading the conversation to have top-notch control over topics, and also the ability to dissect countless topics, weave around them without getting confused themselves.

In comparison, Bai Xiaosheng had previously used similar conversational skills, but compared to him, it was like a novice in the presence of a master.

Is this the method of the Chief Instructor of the Twelve Countries Police Alliance Training Academy?

Bai Xiaosheng was both shocked and a little excited.

Yun Guangzhi couldn't just use this one technique for chatting and investigating Bai Xiaosheng; he then involved various conversation skills, all at his fingertips.

Some Bai Xiaosheng could detect immediately, while for others, he needed to ponder the conversation to understand.

Simply amazing!

The more Bai Xiaosheng chatted, the more interested he became; he directly asked Red Lotus to assist in recording and was learning stealthily while conversing.

Gaining some knowledge from a person like Yun Guangzhi already made Bai Xiaosheng feel greatly benefited.

This was something Yun Guangzhi himself perhaps had not anticipated. While investigating Bai Xiaosheng, this kid was actually "learning" from him.

The more Yun Guangzhi talked with Bai Xiaosheng, the more he was convinced that this kid was honest and straightforward, not a great criminal or villain!

Yun Guangzhi trusted his own judgment and intuition a lot; without these skills, how could he have served as the Chief Instructor of the Twelve Countries Police Alliance for ten terms?

For those cases, this little guy was most likely framed. Yun Guangzhi thought privately.

Witnesses can be falsified, physical evidence too, fingerprints, with some effort, are not difficult to obtain in this era.

In fact, before he came, Yun Guangzhi had already investigated for a while and knew about Bai Xiaosheng's incident at Andeliao Castle.

Yun Guangzhi deduced that Bai Xiaosheng's matter being exposed was entirely orchestrated by Landvo, and in reverse-tracing those fueling the situation in the media, he also found traces of Landvo.

Obviously, Landvo intended to deal with this Bai Xiaosheng.

Before coming, Yun Guangzhi thought either Bai Xiaosheng had issues which were exposed, or he was innocent and framed.

Now, it seems the latter is the more probable.

At the end of their conversation, Yun Guangzhi concluded that Bai Xiaosheng was not likely to be problematic, but still, he didn't want to immediately help Bai Xiaosheng clear his name; instead, he preferred to remain silent for the moment, using this opportunity to investigate Landvo.

Landvo is a cancer, with many illegal activities in South America. Yun Guangzhi had been eyeing him for a long time, but had never had the chance.

This time, Yun Guangzhi wanted to employ a strategy of "fisherman profiting from the fight between the sandpiper and the clam".

Of course, this meant that Bai Xiaosheng would have to endure some grievance and sacrifice.

But compared to removing a cancer, Yun Guangzhi was willing to play the villain for once.

About this, Yun Guangzhi felt no issue at all, much less guilt.

Living to his age, having seen too many things, he had long hardened his heart.

At the end of their conversation, Yun Guangzhi stopped talking, instead stretched lazily and said to Bai Xiaosheng languidly, "We've been talking for two or three hours, right? I'm actually a bit tired, what time is it, I think we can wrap it up here."

Bai Xiaosheng's mouth was dry too, so he immediately nodded and said, "Alright."

As he spoke, Bai Xiaosheng raised his wrist to check the time. He was wearing the watch gifted to him by Sebastian, the old shop owner of Hugo's Home.

"Quarter past eleven." Bai Xiaosheng reported the time to Yun Guangzhi.

Sitting opposite Bai Xiaosheng, Yun Guangzhi, who seemed laid back, inadvertently saw Bai Xiaosheng's watch and was suddenly taken aback.

Then, Yun Guangzhi's expression changed, grasping Bai Xiaosheng's wrist and pulling it toward him, his gaze fixed intensely on Bai Xiaosheng's watch.

"Where did you get this watch!" Yun Guangzhi asked urgently.

There was an additional hint of excitement in his eyes!

Chapter 2039 Returned to Its Owner

Yun Guangzhi suddenly reaching out startled Bai Xiaosheng. Seeing that Yun Guangzhi was interested in his watch, Bai Xiaosheng was taken aback again.

"This, was given to me at a European watch shop by the owner," Bai Xiaosheng replied honestly.

"I once had such a watch too," Yun Guangzhi looked at it with mixed emotions, "or rather, it was from the same batch, the first batch after Huaxia's founding! Ah, how many years it's been! Ah!"

Yun Guangzhi was filled with emotion, then he noticed it was inappropriate to be holding someone's wrist and released Bai Xiaosheng, offering an apologetic smile.

In his hurry, Bai Xiaosheng's wrist was left red and purple, with five distinct finger marks.

"Elder Yun, you've got quite the grip," Bai Xiaosheng remarked with a wry smile as he rubbed his wrist.

"Take good care of it, watches like this are rare these days!" Yun Guangzhi seemed lost in memories, muttering to himself, "My watch, my father passed it down to me, and I held it dearly. When I was young and in the army during peacekeeping, I had a European friend. We saved each other's lives. When he went on a mission, I gave it to him. Later, I heard he was wounded on his return, and it's said that the watch saved him by stopping a bullet. Even though it was destroyed, I was still gratified."

Yun Guangzhi, filled with memories, couldn't resist sharing this story with a stranger for the first time.

Yun Guangzhi didn't see Bai Xiaosheng watching him with a strange, incredulous look as he recounted his story.

When Yun Guangzhi looked up and saw Bai Xiaosheng's expression, he was taken aback, "Why are you looking at me like that?"

Bai Xiaosheng calmed his surprise and said to Yun Guangzhi, "Elder Yun, was your friend's name Sebastian?!"

Yun Guangzhi gave Bai Xiaosheng, who was filled with urgency, an odd look and responded, "No."

No?

Bai Xiaosheng was taken aback. From Sebastian's earlier descriptions and Yun Guangzhi's words just now, it seemed like they were talking about each other. How could it not be!

Yun Guangzhi suddenly understood what Bai Xiaosheng meant and looked incredulously at the watch he was wearing.

Bai Xiaosheng suddenly remembered the brass plaque describing the store's history outside "Hugo's Home" watch shop. It stated that only someone who inherited the family craft and officially took over the watch shop could inherit the name Sebastian, and old Sebastian's former name was—Milo!

"Was your friend's name Milo?!" Bai Xiaosheng asked.

Yun Guangzhi's eyelashes fluttered slightly, then he spoke in a deep voice, "Can you let me see your watch again?!"

Bai Xiaosheng didn't hesitate, taking off the watch and handing it to Yun Guangzhi, adding, "This watch was damaged by a bullet and later repaired, though not completely restored, by the old owner Sebastian at 'Hugo's Home'. It was modified to commemorate that crisis and his friend!"

Yun Guangzhi listened to Bai Xiaosheng's words without reacting, focusing intently on examining the watch, even taking out a monocle from his pocket to carefully inspect the edge of the dial.

After some searching, Yun Guangzhi seemed to find what he was looking for, and his expression became excited, "'To my husband, Yun Yicheng'—this is Huaxia master-level microlithography, the words my mother gave to my father... this is the watch!"

The usually calm Yun Guangzhi was so moved that he nearly lost his composure, his eyes moist, holding the watch as if it were the most precious treasure on earth, "After all these years, I've finally seen it again!"

Witnessing such genuine emotional release, even Bai Xiaosheng was deeply moved.

No matter how strong a person is, no matter how tough their heart like steel, there will always be a tender spot.

Bai Xiaosheng waited quietly, giving Yun Guangzhi time to reminisce about the past.

Yun Guangzhi stroked the watch face, visibly emotional, then suddenly looked up at Bai Xiaosheng, "Are you saying Milo is still alive?!"

Bai Xiaosheng nodded.

"Still alive! He's at a European watch shop named 'Hugo's Home', having inherited the family surname and now goes by Sebastian!"

"Good, good, good!" Yun Guangzhi exclaimed three times, his joy apparent.

"He said he tried to find you but couldn't," Bai Xiaosheng said.

"After that, I went to South America. How could he find me! I also sent people to his hometown to look for him, but we couldn't find him either!" Yun Guangzhi was quite regretful, but then he broke into a broad smile.

In one's lifetime, nothing is more joyful than hearing that an old friend is still alive.

"Would you let me buy this watch? I'll pay any price!" Yun Guangzhi decisively asked Bai Xiaosheng.

This watch held extraordinary meaning for him.

"Since it belongs to Elder Yun, it should naturally go back to its owner," Bai Xiaosheng smiled.

He was deeply moved by the cross-border friendship between Yun Guangzhi and Sebastian.

Returning the item to its original owner was a beautiful thing.

"Young man, I can give you money, any amount. Just name a price!" Yun Guangzhi stared intently at Bai Xiaosheng, saying in a deep voice, "But don't think of gifting me this item just to gain anything from me, you might be disappointed!"

Yun Guangzhi was warning Bai Xiaosheng not to hope to leverage the watch to have him resolve any issues.

Bai Xiaosheng laughed, "Elder Yun thinks I'm using this to exchange for something, to have you help me with my current troubles? I wouldn't go that far, nor would I foolishly think you're that kind of person!"

These words came out quite pleasingly.

Yun Guangzhi regarded Bai Xiaosheng, nodding subtly.

"To be honest, I didn't spend any money on this watch!" Bai Xiaosheng admitted.

"Oh?" Yun Guangzhi's eyes narrowed slightly, raising the watch in his hand in surprise, "You got this without spending a penny?!"

Bai Xiaosheng nodded, "It was given to me by Mr. Sebastian, probably because he saw I was Huaxia. He said the watch represents his friendship with you. He might not find you or be able to return to Huaxia to fulfill his wishes. But this watch should return! It holds his gratitude and friendship! He hoped I'd bring it back to Huaxia!"

Bai Xiaosheng's words struck a chord with Yun Guangzhi.

"Milo! Milo!" Yun Guangzhi murmured softly, "My brother!"

Recalling the life-and-death moments shared with his foreign friend amidst the flames of war, Yun Guangzhi assessed Bai Xiaosheng once more, saying in a deep voice, "He gave you this watch just because you're Huaxia? There must be many Huaxia people he's met, but he only gave it to you! Just what... makes you special?!"

Bai Xiaosheng, faced with such a question, didn't want to boast about how different he was from others.

"Perhaps Mr. Sebastian thought I was more agreeable," Bai Xiaosheng deflected Yun Guangzhi with a simple excuse.

Yun Guangzhi looked deeply at Bai Xiaosheng.

The question was intended to give this young man a chance to present himself, and he surely realized it but chose not to take it!

Really foolish!

Just like Milo back then!

"Humph, I'll ask you one more time, do you want money?" Yun Guangzhi said, "Or any other benefits!"

In his words, the "other benefits" held many implications.

Bai Xiaosheng shook his head directly.

Yun Guangzhi maintained a cold expression, said nothing further, fastened the watch on his wrist, cast a glance at Bai Xiaosheng, and got up to leave, "You may go now."

Throughout the entire interaction, Yun Guangzhi never said a word of thanks.

Bai Xiaosheng called out to Yun Guangzhi's departing figure with just a single word.

"Alright."

Chapter 2040 - Joint Investigation

Although Bai Xiaosheng returned the watch given to him by Sebastian to Yun Guangzhi, he did not expect the elder to repay him or to actually help him with his matter.

When chatting with Yun Guangzhi, Bai Xiaosheng noticed that the old gentleman seemed to have a "cold disposition towards everything."

People like Yun Guangzhi have a very hard heart.

This hardness is not because he is not a good person or lacks a sense of justice, but because he can make cold-blooded choices without remorse.

For example, in the commonplace ethical dilemma, "a train is rushing and cannot be stopped, staying on the current track may kill five innocents, switching tracks may kill one innocent," how should one choose.

An ordinary person may find it easy to choose from behind a screen, but would struggle in reality. Yun Guangzhi, however, would decisively make the choice that causes the least sacrifice for the maximum rescue without any hesitation or guilt.

Simply put, Yun Guangzhi is a man with a heart of stone and great integrity.

When Yun Guangzhi was an instructor, he led a team to rescue hostages, shooting through a hostage's body to kill the bandit intending to detonate the bomb, thus saving hundreds at the cost of severely injuring one.

Bai Xiaosheng believed that compared to clearing his own name, once Yun Guangzhi realized there was something bigger at play, involving an immense criminal underworld, he would rather use Bai Xiaosheng as bait to catch the mastermind.

It's impossible to expect anything from such a person.

Besides, Bai Xiaosheng didn't think offering a watch and some information would earn Yun Guangzhi's gratitude, as the watch symbolized the relationship between Yun Guangzhi and Sebastian, which had nothing to do with him.

Bai Xiaosheng's biggest contribution was merely bringing over the watch and the information.

Bai Xiaosheng clearly understood this, without high expectations, there was no room for disappointment.

A police officer came in to escort Bai Xiaosheng out, and the attitude was noticeably more polite.

It seemed that Yun Guangzhi wasn't entirely indifferent; he must have given some instructions at least.

Bai Xiaosheng left the interrogation room and walked out.

In the hallway, Bai Xiaosheng met Lin Weiwei and the legal team.

They had all been waiting outside for a long time.

Lin Weiwei, who was deeply attached to Bai Xiaosheng, was anxious without him around.

The legal team also showed loyalty, waiting all this time without leaving, visibly relieved to see Bai Xiaosheng.

"Xiaosheng, are you okay? You've been in there for so long, I was worried sick." Lin Weiwei approached Bai Xiaosheng.

She was more than worried; there was a hint of tears in her eyes.

As Bai Xiaosheng was taken in, forcibly separated from everyone, Lin Weiwei feared something might happen to him inside and worried she couldn't help, not even knowing, worrying herself sick.

Had Bai Xiaosheng not come out soon, Lin Weiwei would have been calling for help.

"I'm fine, I'm really okay, I just went in for routine questioning." Bai Xiaosheng smiled to reassure her.

The legal team members also walked up, the leader expressed their concern.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled again and reassured them it was just standard questioning.

"Everyone must be hungry, it's almost noon now, let's all have a good meal on me." Bai Xiaosheng smiled at them.

They all exhaled in relief and realized they were indeed hungry.

Traveling with the young Bai Xiaosheng was quite tiring, but he was generous and polite, leaving a great impression on everyone.

Just as Bai Xiaosheng was about to leave with everyone, suddenly came a call, "Mr. Bai, please wait!"

Bai Xiaosheng stopped, surprised, and looked over.

A short, stout, dark-skinned middle-aged man hurried over with two officers; he was the one who called out.

This stout middle-aged man was none other than the police chief—Peter.

It was Xiaosheng's first time, having met him before.

"Mr. Bai, no need to leave in a rush, can we have a word?" Peter smiled politely, a sharp contrast from his official tone before.

Seeing the lead lawyer ready to intervene, Peter raised his hand to reassure him and explained with a smile, "It's about personal matters, just a few words with Mr. Bai."

Assured by Bai Xiaosheng, the lawyer stepped aside.

Bai Xiaosheng followed Chief Peter to a secluded corner.

"Before Elder Yun left, he asked me to tell you there's no need to hurry to the next police station; you can continue at your previous pace, visiting one place a day. The information released is just for the public; actually, Elder Yun is coordinating with various parties for you. This is the least he can do for you." Peter glanced around and said in a low voice, "At my place, if you really don't have time to present your case, just a phone call is fine."

Peter's last sentence left Bai Xiaosheng dumbfounded.

Not having time and just calling—

Is this a leave request? This is supposed to be part of the investigation!

Seeing Bai Xiaosheng speechless in surprise, Peter gave him a knowing smile and winked.

Afterward, Peter signaled his men to leave.

Bai Xiaosheng quietly went back to join Lin Weiwei and the others.

"Xiaosheng, what did Chief Peter say to you? You seem a bit...distracted," Lin Weiwei asked, unable to hold back.

The lawyers also looked at Bai Xiaosheng curiously.

"Nothing much, just a casual chat," Bai Xiaosheng returned to his calm demeanor and replied with a faint smile.

With so many people around, it wasn't convenient to say much.

Lin Weiwei immediately understood and asked no more.

The lawyers were also sharp, knowing what to ask and what not to ask.

Bai Xiaosheng led them out for a meal.

That evening.

In the Zhenbei Group's South American regional headquarters office, Landvo had just seen off a group from the headquarters' inspection department. These people were returning to the headquarters in America with evidence they found, expecting to punish three to four senior executives in the South American region.

While dealing with them, Landvo appeared deep in regret, seemingly heartbroken over his subordinates' misconduct.

However, behind closed doors, Landvo started to laugh.

The people found by the inspection department were prepared by him and his wife Catherine, specifically "sent" for this purpose.

The families of these sacrificial "lambs" were controlled by Landvo's men, given enough money to ensure a comfortable life. All they had to do was take the blame, face demotion, and at most, ten years of imprisonment.

Landvo was confident they wouldn't and wouldn't dare to turn against them!

"Cutting off a limb to save the body. This way, everyone has a satisfactory explanation!"

Just as Landvo felt relieved, Catherine quietly slipped in, locking the office door behind her.

"Did they leave? Everything went well?" Catherine inquired.

With Landvo's confirmation, she also smiled.

"Here's more good news!" Catherine waved her phone, smiling, "The Twelve Countries Police Alliance has again pressured for strict and swift handling of the Bai Xiaosheng case. They've announced through the media a joint investigation to take place a week from now, with various countries, entities, and police departments joining in. An official joint trial of Bai Xiaosheng is about to start!"

Landvo's eyes sparkled with excitement, a sinister grin on his face, "I would love to see what expression Bai Xiaosheng wears at that time!"

"You won't miss the chance!" Catherine replied with a grin, "I just received an invitation from the Twelve Countries Police Alliance. Because of Bai Xiaosheng's 'involvement' with our subsidiary companies, they've invited you to attend as part of the observing party!"

This news thrilled Landvo, making him want to burst into laughter.

"Wonderful! I must attend this joint 'trial.' I want to see how Bai Xiaosheng meets his doom!"