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Chapter 2111 - Bai Xiaosheng's "Arabian Nights"

The event involving Ambray Company's exorbitant drug prices, which Cui Chen mentioned, was also found when Bai Xiaosheng asked Red Lotus to search for information.

This issue even sparked intense controversy and protests worldwide at the time.

It's not just one drug; Ambray Company holds numerous patents for several critical disease medications, and their drug prices are notoriously high, making ordinary people look up in awe.

Moreover, Ambray Company's global pricing strategy varies significantly, with local and overseas prices differing greatly, sometimes even doubling!

At this moment, when Cui Chen brought up the issue of Ambray's drug prices being exorbitantly high in Huaxia, Ma Weiqian dismissed it with a laugh, saying, "Market conditions differ, so naturally, the company's pricing is also different."

After a feigned shot, Ma Weiqian said to Cui Chen, "Rest assured, if you sell your results to our company, we definitely won't let you suffer a loss. If you don't want a one-time buyout, we can sign a partial profit-sharing agreement. What do you think?"

As Ma Weiqian said this, he leaned closer to Cui Chen with genuine interest, rubbing his fingers warmly, "Imagine, no matter where it's sold for a sky-high price, the more money there is, the more you'll earn. You'd be sleeping on a mountain of gold and silver! Oh my, what a great deal!"

Ma Weiqian had an enthusiastic attitude.

Cui Chen's expression darkened slightly.

Cui Xuexue looked up at Ma Weiqian, sneering with a hint of sarcasm, "So you mean to let my cousin sell his results from Huaxia, and then have them go around and return with a foreign drug's label at a higher price? Making a profit off our own people's blood and tears? Mr. Ma, you're really harsh on your fellow compatriots!"

Cui Xuexue's tone was obviously unfriendly.

From what Cui Xuexue said and Cui Chen's expression, it was clear that the two hadn't been blinded by the sudden access to immense wealth; instead, they felt some level of resistance and disgust.

They had very upright principles.

Bai Xiaosheng suddenly felt a great increase in goodwill towards this highly educated brother and sister pair.

Alongside him, Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying also felt a strong liking for them.

In the face of Cui Xuexue's sarcasm, Ma Weiqian maintained a smile, raising his eyebrows with a smile towards Cui Xuexue, sitting back slightly before saying, "Miss Cui, well, I've already obtained American citizenship."

"So I am no longer considered a Huaxia person," Ma Weiqian shrugged with a smile, "I don't accept your accusations."

Cui Xuexue was taken aback, let out a cold snort.

Ma Weiqian seemed quite proud, "Citizenship in a free country is great, and if you need it, our company would be happy to help you obtain it!"

"No thanks!" Cui Xuexue crisply declined, "I'm straightforward; I don't carry cash when I go out, just like using my phone. And I love eating pancakes and fried dough sticks; can you scan to buy fried dough sticks in America? I also like ordering delivery and shopping online, but in these areas compared to our country, yours is so backward."

A well-directed string of hidden barbs.

Ma Weiqian found no rebuttal and let out a chuckle.

"Well said, it's not all good outside," Lin Weiwei couldn't help but brighten her eyes and muttered.

That Cui Xuexue quite suited her taste.

Bai Xiaosheng and Lei Ying exchanged glances, smiling slightly.

On the opposite side, not wishing to bicker with a young lady, Ma Weiqian turned to Cui Chen, smiling, "Dr. Cui, let's continue our previous conversation. I know you, as a pharmaceutical researcher, carry a benevolent heart, and that's certainly valuable!"

Ma Weiqian raised his thumb with admiration, "People like you are rare nowadays, truly rare, and I, Ma, admire you!"

"However, the issue of high pricing isn't solely the company's responsibility; the patent rights for drugs last only twenty or thirty years, with some drugs requiring billions in investment just to be developed. We won't even mention those with even more exaggerated research investments. The manpower, time, and resource costs are all real gold and silver; companies are there to profit, they're not charities; they need to recoup their costs, they need to make money, can they not price things high?"

Ma Weiqian continued, "Allowing pharmaceutical companies to profit enables them to invest more in researching the next drug, only then can more diseases be conquered. Otherwise, if the developed drugs are sold at low prices at a loss, and companies keep closing down, no one would be willing to develop new drugs anymore. Would that be satisfying? Moreover, reducing drug prices ties into tariffs, health insurance, and other major governmental issues that we cannot control."

After finishing his statement, Ma Weiqian noticed Cui Chen's silence and chuckled, looking at Cui Xuexue, and speaking in a tone as if enlightening a child naive to worldly matters, "What do you think, Miss Cui?"

Cui Xuexue couldn't think of a better retort, she snorted coldly, frustrated.

Seeing that he had silenced Cui Xuexue, Ma Weiqian smiled smugly.

"Dr. Cui, your new drug investment wasn't cheap either. I heard that initially, you couldn't find investors, so your family funded it. Surely, you can't let your family bear so much expense for free, would they have no complaints?" Ma Weiqian smiled kindly, cajoling, "Sell it to us, or we can collaborate. I promise to talk to the higher-ups to ensure in terms of pricing... in global pricing, Huaxia's entry costs will not be higher, how about that?"

Cui Chen contemplated for a moment, just about to speak when he heard a soft cough.

Immediately, someone spoke up, "Gentlemen, can I have a word?"

Ma Weiqian was stunned for a moment, then looked up.

Cui Chen, Cui Xuexue, and even Ma Weiqian's assistant Xu also looked over.

Across from them, two men and a woman, the young man in the middle had a remarkable demeanor, clearly not an ordinary person; on either side of him sat a man and a woman. The man was tall and sturdy, exuding authority, while the woman was extraordinarily beautiful and charming, with an ethereal quality; both had extraordinary presence.

Chapter 2112 - Bai Xiaosheng's "Arabian Nights" (Part 2)

The one who spoke was naturally Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled at the people across from him and put down his coffee cup.

"Actually, Mr. Ma's remarks on the costs and benefits of pharmaceutical research and development do have some validity." Bai Xiaosheng said.

Upon hearing that someone agreed with him, Ma Weiqian immediately smiled at Bai Xiaosheng and pointed at him with his finger, saying, "Tsk ts, you see, there are rational people everywhere."

Cui Chen and Cui Xuexue couldn't help but scrutinize Bai Xiaosheng, though there was a bit of coldness in their eyes.

Although Ma Weiqian's words had some reason, the siblings still did not agree.

Doctors have a parental heart, and those from a family of pharmaceutical research and development have an innate ideal of helping the world, hoping that their lives will be meaningful by saving more people.

This kind of thinking might be thought of as unrealistic by many today, or that such noble people do not exist.

But this society is indeed not lacking in unsung, willing-to-contribute noble individuals. Thanks to them, humanity has gradually escaped hunger, poverty, and hardship, and things are getting better.

Bai Xiaosheng's agreement with Ma Weiqian's words naturally made them feel resistant.

"It's understandable for companies to consider efficiency, profit, and cost recovery." Bai Xiaosheng continued, ignoring the cousins' disapproval.

Upon hearing this, Ma Weiqian was almost ready to applaud Bai Xiaosheng, his face full of smiles.

"However, I am referring to most companies in the world." Bai Xiaosheng said, "Pharmaceutical companies, due to their unique nature, must balance profit with conscience!"

Bai Xiaosheng's shift in conversation stunned Ma Weiqian.

Cui Chen and Cui Xuexue's expressions also changed somewhat.

Bai Xiaosheng continued, "There is always money to be made, but life is singular. As humans, everyone understands the value of their own life, and this should extend to others. Respecting life is what makes a person qualified! Pharmaceutical companies should also share this humanistic aspect."

These words made Cui Chen's eyes light up a bit.

Cui Xuexue also looked at Bai Xiaosheng with much more friendly eyes.

Ma Weiqian looked Bai Xiaosheng up and down, retracting his praise, and sneered slightly, "This gentleman is quite altruistic, having a bit of a saint's heart. It's easy to speak when you don't feel the pain! If your family made medicine, would you give it away for free?"

Ma Weiqian had a mocking expression.

Beside him, Xu also looked at Bai Xiaosheng with a sneer.

Faced with such contemptuous glances from the two, Bai Xiaosheng paid them no mind and smiled, "Mr. Ma may not have understood my meaning. I was talking about compatibilizing profit with conscience!"

"Then I'd like to hear how you propose to balance the two!" Ma Weiqian snorted coldly.

The Cui siblings were also listening.

Bai Xiaosheng said calmly, "Indeed, the cost of developing a new drug is extremely high, and there is a limited patent protection period. Once expired, generic drugs may rush to seize the market like mushrooms after a rain. However, with high initial prices, can profits really be recouped? If patients can't afford the drugs and even watch life slip away, don't you think the company suffers no loss?"

Bai Xiaosheng said deeply, "If there are no people, then whom are you going to sell the drugs to!"

Facing this question, Ma Weiqian narrowed his eyes slightly and frowned, "So according to you, should we price drugs so that everyone can afford them, even if it means we won't recoup costs?"

To Ma Weiqian, this topic seemed to be going in circles, pointless.

Bai Xiaosheng shook his head, "What I mean is, companies can creatively come up with ways to both survive and maximize drug availability for patients. For example, pharmaceutical companies can collaborate with insurance companies to offer relevant insurance coverage. They could work with banks to loan funds for R&D, reducing costs, and sell drugs through installments or loans to ensure patients' basic livelihood. They could also liaise with the government for support, to extend patent duration and protection, thus reducing pricing costs. Of course, these are some divergent thoughts."

Bai Xiaosheng's words left Ma Weiqian and the Cui siblings stunned.

This young man indeed had quite the imagination.

"Unrealistic, fantasy! We can make money easily, why bother with such trouble!" Ma Weiqian directly scoffed, "It's not our role to think about these things; there are officials for that."

Bai Xiaosheng sighed.

It's not a matter of whether it's possible, but whether there's a willingness.

"Recently, I've often thought about the establishment of a broad Global Business Alliance. In the pharmaceutical field, I wonder if we can have pharmaceutical companies from different countries exchange their unique drug patents within a trustworthy alliance, cooperate to lessen the impact of drug pricing on a single company, and even engage in joint research and development to reduce costs, thus maximizing the potential to lower drug prices while ensuring more patients can afford medication." Bai Xiaosheng said thoughtfully.

These were the thoughts that arose from the discussion before him, and he couldn't help but voice them.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying naturally knew that Bai Xiaosheng had this ability and mindset, and they looked at him with admiration.

On the other side, Ma Weiqian and Xu were directly stunned.

Cui Chen and Cui Xuexue were also extremely astonished.

This young man, despite his young age, initially had some surprising insights, though there were some points worth discussing.

Listening to him talk about this, it sounds so nebulous, and the Global Business Alliance, my goodness...

Isn't he too young, who does he think he is, what's the use of thinking about these things, isn't this craziness?

Ma Weiqian was stunned for a moment, then clapped his hands and laughed heartily, bending over backwards with laughter.

"Well, well, this young man truly dares to dream. Then go on, keep dreaming. By the time you become the UN President, maybe these things won't be a problem at all. War, disasters, disease, you'll solve them all single-handedly. I have faith in you!" Ma Weiqian said, wiping the tears of laughter from his eyes.

"I thought he had some thoughts at first, turns out he just loves to brag unrealistically..." Cui Xuexue was also deeply disappointed, muttering to herself.

Cui Chen was also a bit disappointed.

However, he admired Bai Xiaosheng's concern for those who suffer and therefore said nothing, even smiled at Bai Xiaosheng.

People, after all, should have some ideals, because what if they come true.

But in this case, even a 'what if' seems too slim, it's more like one in a million...

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying saw the expressions opposite them, naturally knowing that no one took Bai Xiaosheng seriously, but they also couldn't reveal Bai Xiaosheng's identity to force them to believe.

Neither of them had the heart for that.

After some thought and coming back to his senses, Bai Xiaosheng saw the reactions opposite and just smiled, saying, "Sorry, I said a bit too much."

Cui Chen smiled and said, "This young gentleman is young but extraordinary in bearing. Surely, he is not an ordinary person, and having such a heart to serve the world is always good!"

This was the first time Dr. Cui spoke in praise.

Even Ma Weiqian couldn't help but feel a bit jealous.

This kid who talks off the cuff, is actually more appreciated by Cui Chen than I am, what's the reason!

I've said nothing but good things and came with mountains of gold and silver, yet I'm not favored...

I don't know how the Cui siblings think, isn't having money good, living life freely with gold and silver mountains?

Other people's suffering, is it really that important?

While feeling frustrated, Ma Weiqian heard Bai Xiaosheng and Cui Chen laughing, "I have friends in this industry too, so I have some insights."

"Is that so!" Cui Chen praised, "Seeing your perspective, your friend must also have a compassionate heart."

Hearing this, Ma Weiqian suddenly became wary, raising his eyes to reexamine Bai Xiaosheng.

Isn't this just a fellow competitor!

Could it be that he heard our conversation and is interested in Dr. Cui's research results as well?

Just then, the VIP room broadcast sounded, announcing security check and boarding.

Cui Chen smiled with Bai Xiaosheng and stood up.

As a result, he was surprised to find Bai Xiaosheng standing up as well.

"Young brother, are you on this flight too?" Cui Chen exclaimed in surprise.

"Yes, my seat is..." Bai Xiaosheng glanced at his boarding pass, smiling as he told the others.

Cui Xuexue beside Cui Chen immediately exclaimed, "Isn't that right next to us?"

"Haha, great, I was worried about the lonely journey." Cui Chen laughed.

He had a great impression of Bai Xiaosheng and felt they could chat together.

"What a coincidence indeed." Bai Xiaosheng smiled as well.

Similarly, he found Cui Chen to be quite a person.

The two hit it off right away.

Lin Weiwei, Lei Ying, and even Cui Xuexue felt it was great.

Only Ma Weiqian looked especially wary, watching Bai Xiaosheng with a guarded expression.

"I must be on guard against this Asian kid, he might really be here to steal business!"

Chapter 2113 - The Conversation Takes a Turn

Bai Xiaosheng and his group, along with Cui Chen, Cui Xuexue, Ma Weiqian, and Ma Weiqian's assistant Xu, went through security one after another and boarded the plane.

However, after boarding, they ended up in different sections. Bai Xiaosheng and the Cui siblings were in business class, while Ma Weiqian and his assistant were in economy class.

It wasn't because Ma Weiqian and his assistant couldn't afford business class. In the waiting room, Xu mentioned that they hastily booked their tickets to catch this flight with the Cui siblings, which involved some trouble, and they only managed to get economy class.

However, without Ma Weiqian buzzing around like a pesky fly, Cui Xuexue was quite happy.

By coincidence, Lei Ying's seat was next to Cui Chen's. Bai Xiaosheng then exchanged seats with Lei Ying.

Cui Chen found Bai Xiaosheng's conversation in the waiting room quite to his liking, and after sitting down, he smiled at Bai Xiaosheng and said, "We chatted for a while in the waiting room, but I still don't know your name?"

Bai Xiaosheng smiled, reached out his hand to shake Cui Chen's, and introduced himself, "Bai Xiaosheng."

The name "Bai Xiaosheng" is quite well-known in South America at the moment, so much so that during security checks, Bai Xiaosheng noticed people looking at him and whispering, recognizing him.

At security, the inspectors recognized him too, showing extra enthusiasm to this "hero" of South America.

So Bai Xiaosheng was ready for Cui Chen to suddenly realize, saying things like, "Oh, it's you!"

However, to Bai Xiaosheng's surprise, Cui Chen didn't show any reaction to his name but simply smiled and introduced himself, "I'm Cui Chen, in the field of pharmaceutical research."

In pharmaceutical research? This Dr. Cui is really quite humble.

After Cui Chen spoke, noticing the slightly puzzled look in Bai Xiaosheng's eyes, he hesitated and then asked with a smile, "What's wrong?"

"You, don't recognize me?" Bai Xiaosheng tentatively asked.

Saying it that way seemed a bit arrogant.

"Should I know you, Mr. Bai, are you famous..." Bai Xiaosheng's words left Cui Chen puzzled, and he couldn't help but cautiously say, "Actually, I just arrived in South America a couple of days ago and don't pay much attention to news outside my industry, so I might..."

Not recognize your name. That was Cui Chen's underlying message.

Oh, that explains it!

Bai Xiaosheng laughed. Not being recognized was fine, easing the conversation.

"It's nothing, I was just in the news for some minor matter, so I made a fool of myself in front of you, Dr. Cui." Bai Xiaosheng said freely, without the slightest embarrassment.

Cui Chen smiled.

He was inwardly modest but quite liked candid and straightforward people.

Bai Xiaosheng suited his taste well.

On the other side, Cui Xuexue couldn't help but glance over at Bai Xiaosheng, even rolling her eyes.

Initially, she had a good impression of Bai Xiaosheng, at least he had a kind heart and wasn't as annoying as Ma Weiqian, and he had some small charm.

However, later in the conversation, when Bai Xiaosheng mentioned the Global Business Alliance and getting pharmaceutical companies from different countries to collaborate, she found it annoying.

Cui Xuexue most detested guys who bragged endlessly, especially the type who couldn't stop once they started.

At this moment, hearing Bai Xiaosheng declaring himself as a celebrity in front of her cousin, she sneered more, and her impression of Bai Xiaosheng dropped further.

However, seeing her cousin Cui Chen chit-chatting with Bai Xiaosheng happily, she rolled her eyes again, choosing to ignore them.

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When men talk, if the topic is right, it's easy to warm up to each other. Sports, fitness, games, fishing, there are many topics to discuss.

Bai Xiaosheng and Cui Chen chatted for a while and found common interests.

Cui Chen, a pharmaceutical research expert, turned out to be a fitness enthusiast, and Bai Xiaosheng, propelled by Lei Ying, has also been into fitness for the past two years, with professional guidance from Red Lotus.

The two chatted endlessly about their shared hobbies.

Starting from fitness, their conversation extended far and wide, covering a wide array of topics.

The more they talked, the more Cui Chen realized Bai Xiaosheng, much younger than him, was quite remarkable, knowledgeable and professional, even proficient in multiple languages.

Immediately, Cui Chen became more invigorated!

Talented individuals are always attracted to even more outstanding individuals.

Bai Xiaosheng also truly found Cui Chen to be a great person.

Indifference was only Cui Chen's exterior. When he met a likable friend, he could be quite passionate.

In the business class cabin, where talking loudly was not favored, the two had a quiet conversation.

However, two grown men whispering together were bound to attract attention.

After listening to some music, Cui Xuexue raised her head, seeing this scene, and slightly frowned, muttering under her breath, "What's with my cousin today, chatting so animatedly with another guy? Could his interests have undergone some adverse chemical reaction in his monotonous research?"

Her line of thinking was quite unique...

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying, sitting further away, saw Bai Xiaosheng chatting happily with Cui Chen and merely smiled. One put on headphones to listen to music, and the other took a nap.

After takeoff, Bai Xiaosheng and Cui Chen continued their quiet conversation.

Half an hour later, someone from economy class peeked into business class; it was none other than Ma Weiqian.

After searching for a moment, Ma Weiqian quickly spotted Cui Chen, his eyes lighting up immediately.

Then he saw Bai Xiaosheng talking and laughing with Cui Chen, his gaze changing instantly.

Back in the waiting room, Ma Weiqian was worried that Bai Xiaosheng might be there to compete. After all, Bai Xiaosheng mentioned having friends in the pharmaceutical industry. In Ma Weiqian's view, Bai Xiaosheng might be someone from a major institution sent deliberately, also eyeing Dr. Cui Chen's research achievements.

Seeing Bai Xiaosheng now chatting warmly with Cui Chen, Ma Weiqian felt a tightness in his chest.

He rushed over to connect with Cui Chen, not because Ambery Company had no other people but because his status as a former Huaxia person and his better grasp of the situation gave him an advantage. Only then was he sent for preliminary engagement.

Once the plane lands, many coworkers will likely come to compete for this opportunity.

Already quite worried, Ma Weiqian felt even more troubled seeing this scene.

He immediately attempted to step in.

"Sir, I'm sorry, you cannot enter here." A slender, long-legged blonde flight attendant stopped him.

"I have a friend in there, I just want to say a few words..." After being refused, Ma Weiqian continued to plead, "I'm a senior VIP with your airline... just let me in for a few minutes!"

Despite Ma Weiqian's persistence, two flight attendants blocked his way.

However, this incident attracted the attention of some people in business class, including Bai Xiaosheng and Cui Chen.

"This Mr. Ma is really not sparing any effort," Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but remark.

Cui Chen snorted, unimpressed with Ma Weiqian. The fact that he represented Ambery Company already made the collaboration undesirable.

"I heard you said your friend is also into pharmaceutical research and sales, which company is it?" Cui Chen remembered something Bai Xiaosheng had mentioned.

In response to Cui Chen's inquiry, Bai Xiaosheng smiled.

"They mostly work on immune-enhancing drugs, the company is—Feisheng Biotechnology Pharmaceuticals, have you heard of it, Mr. Cui?"

This answer left Cui Chen momentarily stunned.

"It's actually them!" Cui Chen furrowed his brows, with a hint of displeasure in his eyes.

Seeing his reaction, Bai Xiaosheng was taken aback.

That tone, seems off...

Chapter 2114 - Cui Chen's Knot

Bai Xiaosheng and Cui Chen were having a pleasant conversation on the plane. On one hand, the topic suited Bai Xiaosheng's taste, and he felt that Cui Chen seemed like a decent person.

Besides, Bai Xiaosheng was genuinely interested in enhancing the business of Feisheng Biotechnology Pharmaceuticals.

If he could facilitate the collaboration between Feisheng Biotechnology Pharmaceuticals and Cui Chen to provide relatively affordable medications for patients, Bai Xiaosheng believed it would be a good deed.

It would also fulfill his desire to heal and help others.

Bai Xiaosheng had Red Lotus investigate, and found that Dr. Cui Chen successfully developed not just one medication, but several, and this research is currently groundbreaking. It's not just a medication, but a completely new therapy capable of treating various severe diseases, enabling patients to see astonishing effects in the short term, alleviate symptoms in the long term, and extend their lifespan.

To achieve such results with a medication is truly extraordinary.

It is precisely because of this achievement that the North American Medical Association even specially invited Cui Chen to participate in an academic exchange. The attendees are top-notch experts and scholars from the medical and pharmaceutical academic fields, including leading figures.

This shows how astonishing Cui Chen's research outcomes truly are.

Before bringing it up, Bai Xiaosheng thought that although Feisheng Biotechnology Pharmaceuticals was not as famous as Ambray, it was still an emerging global enterprise. By sufficiently rewarding Cui Chen and offering affordable medications, Cui Chen would likely consider the partnership.

However, unexpectedly, when Cui Chen heard the name Feisheng Biotechnology Pharmaceuticals, he seemed very displeased, even a bit hostile.

Is there a problem here?

Bai Xiaosheng was instantly curious.

"Mr. Cui seems to quite dislike that company?" Bai Xiaosheng asked tentatively.

Cui Chen's expression softened a bit, and he replied to Bai Xiaosheng, "It's not really a grudge, just that back when I was struggling with research funds, I had secured an investment intent, but before signing, the investor withdrew and redirected funds to the more lucrative Feisheng Biotechnology Pharmaceuticals."

Speaking about it, Cui Chen's tone was gloomy.

Bai Xiaosheng was aware that Feisheng Biotechnology Pharmaceuticals launched fundraising initiatives in both Eastern and Western regions. It wasn't just about needing funds, but also about establishing ties with major businessmen, opening sales and market channels, and incorporating significant investors—a strategic move.

However, thinking about it, Cui Chen must have been in a very difficult situation at the time, and having the investment snatched away would naturally leave him resentful.

Bai Xiaosheng decided to offer some comfort and reassurance to him.

"Having an investment taken away doesn't constitute a major grudge..."

"After that, I left the lab and sought countless connections over two months to secure two sponsorships, which were eventually also diverted to Feisheng Biotechnology Pharmaceuticals..." Cui Chen continued gloomily.

"Uh..." Bai Xiaosheng was taken aback, momentarily at a loss for words, murmuring, "That was going a bit too far..."

Cui Chen sighed, "Ultimately, it was my family who supported me, redirecting all the money they could to me, and even sold an old house in the city center to continue my research."

Cui Chen remarked with a full heart, "That old house had been with our family for decades, practically a veritable inheritance! The family unexpectedly sold it for my research! And later when I inquired, the buyer didn't intend to sell again, even double or triple the offer wouldn't change their mind!"

Cui Chen spoke with an expression of regret.

"But thankfully, I finally succeeded, otherwise I'd really have let my family down!" Finally, Cui Chen breathed a sigh of relief.

After expressing his sentiments, Cui Chen smiled apologetically at Bai Xiaosheng, "Sorry for letting you witness my—pettiness. Actually, it's the investor's liberty to fund whoever they choose; it's none of others' business. Feisheng Biotechnology Pharmaceuticals isn't deliberately opposing me."

Even as Cui Chen spoke these words, there was still a hint of reluctance in his tone.

No one is a sage nor a deity, always grappling with taking and letting go.

Cui Chen possesses both a selfless heart to heal the world and guilt towards his family; perhaps this complexity truly reflects human nature.

Bai Xiaosheng earnestly apologized to Cui Chen, "I'm sorry!"

Cui Chen immediately burst into laughter, "Why apologize? It's not your company, but your friend's. Moreover, this matter wasn't about right or wrong, and no one owes an apology."

As Bai Xiaosheng gazed at him, Cui Chen finally shrugged, "Alright, I am somewhat reluctant to let go..."

"Hard to part with is what makes it genuine." Bai Xiaosheng laughed, "Tell me more about that ancestral house, I'm actually quite fond of studying architecture myself..."

Bai Xiaosheng smoothly shifted the topic, as discussing a business partnership at this moment would be quite foolish.

Upon hearing Bai Xiaosheng had such an interest, Cui Chen immediately laughed and began chatting with Bai Xiaosheng.

Meanwhile in the economy class, Ma Weiqian restlessly tried twice to access the business class, both attempts unsuccessfully. He even got targeted by the flight attendant and was "strictly guarded."

Eventually, Ma Weiqian gave up on trying.

After Bai Xiaosheng chatted with Cui Chen for about an hour, both felt a bit tired, greeted each other, and closed their eyes to rest.

This flight from New Orleans to America's Ganande lasted twenty hours, requiring a transfer in the northern South American city of Gaditya.

Coincidentally, just as Bai Xiaosheng took a nap, the plane broadcast announced the landing.

"Gaditya is a nice city, I've been here, and the local beer is really distinctive, unlike other cities. We have a few hours for transit, and we can wander around; I'll treat you to a drink." Seeing Bai Xiaosheng awaken, Cui Chen suggested with a smile.

"Sure." Bai Xiaosheng stretched lazily and accepted the invitation with a grin.

Shortly thereafter, the plane stabilized and passengers began disembarking.

After disembarking, Bai Xiaosheng found a reason to part from the group, saying he needed to make a call.

Finding a relatively quiet corner, Bai Xiaosheng directly called his good friend Zhengdong Province.

"Zhengdong, I need you to do something for me, to buy an old house, yes, the location is..." Bai Xiaosheng set his priority on this matter.

To have Cui Chen let go of his resentment and be willing to cooperate, this knot must be resolved.

That old house was a family inheritance, having it returned is only right, it would move him more than any amount of money.

"No matter the cost, you have to buy it for me, if money doesn't do it, use any connections you can!"

Bai Xiaosheng rarely spoke with such resolute, even commanding language with an old friend.

Zhengdong Province was confused but understood the unusual importance of this matter, immediately responding, "Don't worry about it Bai, I'll handle it superbly!"

With his friend's promise, Bai Xiaosheng felt reassured, hung up the call, and headed back.

Just as Bai Xiaosheng rounded a corner, he heard someone making a phone call.

It was Ma Weiqian.

Ma Weiqian's call was equally resolute.

"I don't care what method you use, upgrade my seat, yes, otherwise the business will be snatched away..."

Is this guy trying to upgrade seating?

There shouldn't be any seats left in business class.

Bai Xiaosheng suddenly chuckled, the remaining journey on this flight was only seven to eight hours, and moving to economy class wouldn't be a bad choice, plus it could facilitate communication better.

After all, the quiet environment in business class didn't make for engaging conversation.

Maybe I should discuss with Cui Chen about downgrading our seats? Let old Ma have an upgrade?

Considering this, Bai Xiaosheng's lips curled into a smile.

Seems like a good idea...

Chapter 2115 - The Trouble with a Glass of Wine

Bai Xiaosheng, Lin Weiwei, and Lei Ying, led by Cui Chen and his sister, exited Gaditya's international airport.

According to Cui Chen, they've visited this city twice and are quite familiar with the area. There's a bar nearby where they can sip a few drinks.

Cui Chen's suggestion is to try the locally brewed beer, but avoid the hard liquor.

Naturally, Bai Xiaosheng agrees to this.

Just as they flag down a taxi to leave, Ma Weiqian and Xu chase after them.

Seeing Cui Chen and the others drive off, these two hurriedly flag down another car.

Once in the car, Ma Weiqian tells the driver to follow the car ahead.

At this moment, Ma Weiqian is practically burning with anxiety, fearing that Bai Xiaosheng, this mysterious figure who suddenly appeared, might mess up his big business deal.

When Bai Xiaosheng and Cui Chen find a bar and sit down, their beers have just been served when Ma Weiqian and Xu show up, casually sitting at the next table.

"Oh, Dr. Cui, we meet again," Ma Weiqian says, with a smile, warmly greeting Cui Chen while casting a cautious glance at Bai Xiaosheng.

Cui Chen casually nods at Ma Weiqian, his face not too unpleasant either.

Bai Xiaosheng, facing Ma Weiqian's hostility, also shows no reaction, as if completely unaware.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying just cast a light glance at Ma Weiqian.

Cui Xuexue, however, frowns and mutters, "Annoying! This is endless!"

Ma Weiqian ignores this remark, continuing to smile.

"Dr. Cui, what would you like to drink? It's on me!" Ma Weiqian says generously, patting his chest.

"Just a few beers, I can afford that," Cui Chen says calmly.

"Of course, of course." At the response, Ma Weiqian nods and laughs, "If you collaborate with our company, even the world's most expensive liquor would be like water to you, right Xu?"

Ma Weiqian's assistant Xu nods enthusiastically and agrees.

"Xu, go to the bar and bring out the best and most expensive liquor in the house, only this would be fitting for Dr. Cui Chen," Ma Weiqian says, "no matter the cost!"

Xu hurriedly gets up to handle it.

Ma Weiqian considers this money spent under Cui Chen's name, so even if Cui doesn't drink, he would still owe him some favor.

Even someone as calm and composed as Cui Chen can't help but frown at this kind of scheming and says to Ma Weiqian, "Mr. Ma, why bother with this? I don't like it!"

Ma Weiqian remains with a smiling face, "Mr. Cui, Dr. Cui, I'm just trying to show as much goodwill from our company as possible. Think about it, there's really no better company for collaboration than ours..."

Ma Weiqian continues with his eager persuasion.

Cui Chen, finding it tiresome, simply looks aside with a cold expression.

Ma Weiqian manages to keep his composure and continues to chat as if nothing happened, still smiling.

This person truly is quite a hand at doing business.

Bai Xiaosheng sees Ma Weiqian's behavior, feeling compelled to reflect.

What's the secret to success in business? Online advice says it's simply three things: persistence, shamelessness, and persistent shamelessness.

Ma Weiqian thoroughly embodies this wisdom.

Bai Xiaosheng glances at Cui Chen and notices him watching the TV in the bar, so he follows his gaze and is surprised.

The TV airs a semi-philanthropic advertisement from Feisheng Biological Technology Pharmaceutical Company.

This ad calls on people to care for the environment, stay fit, as these are the secrets to longevity. Their produced longevity medicine is merely supplementary.

Bai Xiaosheng finds the ad quite novel.

Wonder which genius in the company came up with such an unconventional idea.

Next, a news interview airs, featuring a high-ranking executive from Feisheng, discussing their global investment in schools and promotion of philanthropy. This executive encourages everyone to care for the education of the next generation, without mentioning their drugs.

Bai Xiaosheng is aware of Feisheng's philanthropic efforts and supports them.

Sometimes companies should think beyond making money and allocate part of their profits for social responsibility.

This practice actually also boosts company reputation and enhances its image.

Cui Chen watches with interest.

Noticing Cui Chen's reaction, Ma Weiqian realizes something's amiss and looks up, just in time to see Feisheng promoting philanthropy.

Seeing information from a competitor and Cui Chen's interest, Ma Weiqian instantly responds with disdain, "Such grandstanding, clearly just a show. Mr. Cui, don't be misled by the flowery tactics of these business people!"

Coming from Ma Weiqian's mouth, this actually sounds quite "interesting"...

Already irritated by Ma Weiqian's endless chatter, Cui Xuexue rolls her eyes and sarcastically says, "Your company could also use philanthropy to grandstand. Why haven't I heard any news about this from Ambray Company, instead it's only sky-high drug scandals one after another."

"Well... our company does donate to charities, we're just low key, low key..." Ma Weiqian says with a chuckle.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying find it amusing, reluctant to poke holes in his words.

Cui Chen withdraws his gaze and looks at Bai Xiaosheng, "I'm not one to watch much television, didn't expect an ad from a pharmaceutical research company to contain such honesty, urging people to protect the environment and improve health through exercise, much less arrange global philanthropic activities."

It's apparent that Cui Chen finds Feisheng Biological Technology Pharmaceutical Company's approach quite intriguing.

Chapter 2116 - Trouble Over a Glass of Wine (Part 2)

Even the previous resistance and reluctance greatly eased.

Ma Weiqian's noise made Cui Chen, who already had a poor impression of Ambery Company, dislike it even more. However, a segment on TV accidentally increased his favor towards Feisheng Biotechnology Pharmaceuticals.

Perhaps in contrast, the good impression became better, and the bad impression became worse.

Bai Xiaosheng hadn't anticipated such a change.

"I think if Feisheng knew that fundraising affected your research benefiting humanity, they'd surely feel guilty," Bai Xiaosheng teased at the right moment.

Cui Chen immediately laughed, his resentment dissipating quite a bit, and even remarked, "Just because of their insistence on charity, they are indeed a company to love."

With that, Ma Weiqian became vigilant.

"Dr. Cui, it's all just for show, a marketing tactic, you shouldn't take it too seriously..."

Ma Weiqian hurriedly tried to expose the other's shortcomings to Cui Chen.

Just then, a hand patted Ma Weiqian's shoulder.

Annoyed, Ma Weiqian rudely shook it off.

He thought it was Xu returning.

"No manners! How dare you pat my shoulder!" Ma Weiqian angrily turned his head and shouted.

Seeing who was behind him, he froze.

Standing behind him were two South Americans, one tall and bald, with tattoos on his face, the other shorter, somewhat skinny, with triangular eyes and a fierce look.

The one who patted his shoulder was the shorter one.

"What did you just say?" The shorter man, although not understanding Ma Weiqian's previous Chinese words, knew the tone was rude and glared with triangular eyes and scoffed.

Originally, they intended to be "polite", but didn't expect such a brash Asian face.

"Sorry! I mistook you for someone else!" Ma Weiqian noticed their hostility and quickly apologized with a smile.

However, obviously, his attitude couldn't revert them to being "polite."

The bald man coldly told Ma Weiqian, "Hey, Foreigner! This isn't your seat, get out!"

Suddenly being expelled, especially in front of Cui Chen, was highly embarrassing for Ma Weiqian.

Although there were two of them, they didn't look particularly tall or strong, so Ma Weiqian boldly said, "This table isn't marked reserved, whoever comes gets it, why should I leave!"

Bai Xiaosheng and Cui Chen naturally saw that the two were troublemakers, but they had no obligation to help someone like Ma Weiqian. Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying felt the same, and Cui Xuexue wished for a commotion.

"This table is ours!" The triangular-eyed short man said coldly to Ma Weiqian, "We drink here every day, it's always been ours!"

Ma Weiqian was unnerved by their gaze and thought about giving up the seat, but looking around, he saw no other free seats nearby.

If he gave up his seat, he'd either stand drinking or leave.

He wasn't willing to do either.

After all, he was sent by Ambery to discuss business with Cui Chen and couldn't afford to lose face in front of him.

"You should follow the rules, I'm...an American!" Ma Weiqian boldly blurted out.

In his mind, such an identity was universally recognized, symbolizing superiority.

"American?" Baldhead and Triangular Eyes were taken aback, looking at each other.

As Ma Weiqian thought this might work, the two sneered, and Baldhead stepped forward, grabbed Ma Weiqian's collar, and lifted him, "Even if you're the white-skinned kind of American, this is South America! Leave now, or I'll throw you out!"

They suddenly moved toward him.

Ma Weiqian's face changed in panic; he was a man used to office life and had never seen such a scene.

Seeing this from afar, Xu, who had fetched the drinks, was too frightened to approach.

"Let go of me! Can't you see, we have more people, all these people are with me." Ma Weiqian said haphazardly, pointing at Bai Xiaosheng and the others to threaten them.

Baldhead and Triangular Eyes followed his gesture to see Bai Xiaosheng and the others.

With similar Asian faces and sitting close together, they instantly believed him.

"Are you going to stand up for him?" Baldhead asked menacingly.

Bai Xiaosheng, Cui Chen, Lei Ying, Lin Weiwei, and Cui Xuexue all shook their heads.

The others might be one thing, but Lei Ying, being a big guy, immediately "distanced himself," making Baldhead and Triangular Eyes relax, deeply disdainful—they'd always heard Asian people were timid, and now seeing it proved true...

Seeing this, Ma Weiqian turned pale, and cried out, "You can't say that, we're of the same origin, our own people!"

In trouble, he claimed them as kin, where was his previous pride in his new citizenship?

Bai Xiaosheng and others couldn't be bothered.

Seeing a table full of Asian faces being silenced by just two of them, Baldhead and Triangular Eyes gained confidence. Especially Triangular Eyes, who suddenly turned his gaze to Lin Weiwei and Cui Xuexue.

Asian women are inherently beautiful, and these two girls stood out even more, coupled with the "timid" Asian men at the table, he developed improper thoughts.

"Ladies, may I invite you for a drink?" Triangular Eyes approached Lin Weiwei and Cui Xuexue with a lecherous smile.

Baldhead was momentarily stunned, but quickly joined in the laughter, "When Mr. Bass invites you, you should agree, or you won't be able to leave here! We are not just two people in this city."

His words carried a threatening undertone.

People drinking nearby had noticed the commotion from the start and now began whispering hearing these words.

Chapter 2117 - A Glass of Trouble (Part 3)

"It's those Mole Gang guys."

"I know them, that Bass is a tough guy!"

"Those foreigners are in trouble."

"They'd better behave."

Some of the drinkers were quite familiar with Baldhead and Triangular Eyes, craning their necks to watch the drama unfold.

This scene made Cui Chen frown, his expression angry, and Cui Xuexue felt the same.

Lin Weiwei, on the other hand, acted as if nothing was happening, going about her business.

Bai Xiaosheng and Lei Ying also remained motionless, expressionless.

Their lack of reaction was seen by Baldhead and Triangular Eyes as a sign of cowardice.

"We want to invite your companions, you don't mind, do you?" Triangular Eyes saw Cui Chen's fierce reaction as an indication he was about to lose his temper and suddenly wrapped his arm around Cui Chen's neck, asking with a smile.

Despite looking skinny, Triangular Eyes' exposed arms were quite muscular.

Cui Chen, caught off guard, found himself unable to break free, unable to stand up, struggling in vain to loosen Triangular Eyes' grip, his face turning red.

"You don't mind either, do you?" Triangular Eyes, still gripping Cui Chen, spoke to Bai Xiaosheng and Lei Ying, then glanced at Lin Weiwei and Cui Xuexue with a threatening look.

Seeing this, Cui Xuexue's face turned pale, crying out in shock.

"Let him go," Bai Xiaosheng looked at Triangular Eyes, speaking calmly, "I won't say it a second time."

Triangular Eyes almost laughed at the sight of a scholarly guy daring to order him, teasing, "I'd like to hear you say it again!"

But soon Triangular Eyes couldn't laugh.

He felt his arm around Cui Chen's neck being gripped like a vice, instantly numbing and aching, as if it could snap at any moment.

Triangular Eyes' face changed instantly, crying out in pain.

Lei Ying, who had been silent, sat alone on the edge of the table, sipping beer from one hand, while effortlessly pulling apart Triangular Eyes' arm with the other, as if he was handling a stick, seemingly without effort.

"You'd better take his words seriously!" Lei Ying looked at Triangular Eyes, smiling as he exerted more force.

Everyone watched as Triangular Eyes' arm bent into an arc.

Triangular Eyes screamed, twisting his body to keep his arm from breaking.

Cui Chen suddenly broke free, coughing violently, stunned into silence at the scene before him.

Cui Xuexue also covered her mouth in disbelief, watching Lei Ying.

Other tables' patrons looked on in surprise.

"Fuck!" Baldhead snapped out of it, shoving Ma Weiqian aside, launching at Lei Ying with a punch aimed at his face.

But before Baldhead's fist could reach Lei Ying, a beer cup shattered over his head, beer spraying everywhere.

Baldhead immediately calmed down, holding his head as he squatted down.

"Why so violent," Bai Xiaosheng frowned, saying, "Hey, you guys, better see a doctor now!"

The crowd found Bai Xiaosheng's 'concern' for the other side somewhat absurd.

"My boss has spoken, you heard him, right?" Lei Ying said to Triangular Eyes, "Get lost! Don't make me say it again."

Triangular Eyes, in pain, nodded vigorously, showing he understood.

Lei Ying let go, Triangular Eyes clutching his arm, retreating, using his only functioning arm to help Baldhead, who crouched, cradling his head in regret, struggling to move away.

After they had taken several steps, Lei Ying shouted coldly, "Stop!"

At his words, the pair shivered, halting, looking back in fear.

"Pay for the cup, and get me another drink," Lei Ying said.

Triangular Eyes dared not refuse, nodding swiftly, grabbing some cash from his pocket to hand to the bartender, then hastily assisted Baldhead in fleeing.

Cui Chen, Cui Xuexue, Ma Weiqian, and others stared dumbfounded at Lei Ying, none had expected this big guy to be so formidable, effortlessly handling two people!

After a while, Cui Xuexue's eyes lit up, "Amazing!"

Cui Chen thanked her repeatedly.

Lei Ying smiled, politely pointing to Bai Xiaosheng, "No need to thank me, it's what I should do. Besides, the boss gave the order."

Cui Chen went on to thank Bai Xiaosheng, who smiled and waved his hands.

At that moment, the surrounding crowd began to react, murmuring.

However, few were excitedly discussing Lei Ying's prowess; many whispered instead—

"These foreigners are causing trouble!"

Chapter 2118 - Big Trouble Arrives

Bai Xiaosheng spoke up, and Lei Ying stepped in to intimidate and drive away Baldhead and Triangular Eyes, effectively breaking Cui Chen's siege. Aside from being amazed by Lei Ying's skills, Cui Chen and Cui Xuexue naturally kept expressing their gratitude to Bai Xiaosheng and his group.

Mr. Ma, however, was looking around.

The surrounding patrons were pointing and talking about them, saying things about the trouble they'd gotten into.

Mr. Ma's expression changed a little.

In this foreign land, getting involved with the wrong people could have serious consequences.

"Mr. Ma, here's the wine you wanted," Xu timidly approached at that moment.

Mr. Ma first gave him a glare.

The useless guy had just stood by and watched, not coming to his rescue, which was quite annoying.

Xu knew he was in the wrong and gave an embarrassed smile.

"Go return the wine," Mr. Ma instructed in a low voice.

"Huh, return it?" Xu was surprised and then looked troubled, "This, this might not be possible..."

"If you can't return it, you'll pay for it," Mr. Ma sneered, poking Xu's shoulder.

Xu suddenly wore a mournful expression, as if he'd eaten something unpleasant, and turned back with the wine.

At this moment, a hotel waiter came over, bringing Lei Ying another beer and swiftly cleaning up the debris on the floor with impressive efficiency.

As soon as the waiter left, Mr. Ma leaned over to Bai Xiaosheng's table, and in a low, urgent voice, said to Cui Chen, "Dr. Cui Chen, we should leave quickly. Listen to what everyone around is saying... Those two just now are not to be messed with!"

Cui Chen frowned and looked at Mr. Ma.

Bai Xiaosheng and the others also looked at him.

"Listen to them, those two are quite influential here," Mr. Ma said, not without resentment, turning to Lei Ying, "I say, you big guy, you were too reckless. How could you just hit someone here?! This is their turf; you're getting us into trouble!"

"And you!" Mr. Ma pointed at Bai Xiaosheng, looking quite irritated as he said, "Young man, too hot-headed, using harsh words to provoke people—it's harming both physically and in terms of face... Sigh, how should I advise you, young man... You're just asking for trouble!"

"Ha, as they say, 'If the mouth is young, the deeds are weak'," Mr. Ma added to Cui Chen.

He was relentless in criticizing potential "opponents."

Everyone, including Cui Chen, looked at Mr. Ma with cold eyes.

Cui Xuexue couldn't help but say, "I think it's not them causing trouble for us, but you! You took that seat and provoked those two, dragging us into it! And now you have the nerve to talk like this! Mr. Ma, don't you have any shame?"

The young girl had been quite frightened earlier. Thanks to Bai Xiaosheng and Lei Ying's brave help in driving those two away, she finally felt relieved. Seeing Mr. Ma trying to incite trouble again, she got so angry that she spoke bluntly, leaving him with no dignity.

"Well, Miss Cui, I don't appreciate hearing that from you, and I'm just... forget it. In any case, I'm thinking about your and Dr. Cui's safety now, so let's go quickly!" Mr. Ma said, feigning generosity.

In Mr. Ma's view, since Cui Xuexue spoke so harshly, surely Cui Chen would reprimand her, sparing him the need to retort.

"Mr. Ma, what Xuexue said—" Cui Chen indeed looked at Mr. Ma, but then firmly said a single word, "Right!"

Cui Xuexue, you are right!

Mr. Ma was stunned by Cui Chen's words, looking at him incredulously.

"From now on, stay away from us! If you keep pestering, I'll—" Cui Chen pointed at Bai Xiaosheng, "cooperate with him and his friend's Feisheng Biotechnology Pharmaceuticals, which I quite fancy!"

Cui Chen, unusually, had spoken tough.

Mr. Ma's expression changed as he looked towards Bai Xiaosheng.

Indeed, he was someone sent by a competitor!

Indeed, he was here to snatch business!

Mr. Ma immediately directed his angry gaze at Bai Xiaosheng.

"Mr. Ma, I don't appreciate you looking at me like that," Bai Xiaosheng calmly said while setting down his cup, "Besides, you dragged us into trouble just now as well!"

As Bai Xiaosheng spoke, his gaze suddenly turned sharp.

In today's world, Bai Xiaosheng, who interacted with world-class financial groups, families, and magnates, held a position where one word or glance could exude an overwhelming aura.

Even someone with extensive work experience like Mr. Ma couldn't help but shiver and feel uneasy when facing him and hearing his anger-laden words.

"If you don't leave, do you wanna test the hardness of this beer cup with your head?" Lei Ying glanced at him coldly.

With Bai Xiaosheng's intimidation first, followed by Lei Ying's threat, Mr. Ma was instantly panicked.

Lei Ying picked up the beer glass, seemingly about to throw it.

Mr. Ma fled in terror.

Lei Ying took a big gulp from the glass and shrugged when seeing everyone looking at him.

He never really intended to make a move; it was Mr. Ma who was too cowardly.

Bai Xiaosheng chuckled and shook his head, saying to Cui Chen, "We've tasted this local specialty beer; it's better not to drink too much. Let's head back to the airport."

Although Mr. Ma was annoying, he wasn't entirely wrong. They had indeed taught those two a lesson, which might attract unnecessary trouble.

Bai Xiaosheng, of course, also heard the surrounding patrons' remarks.

Cui Chen understood what he meant and nodded immediately.

Lei Ying finished his drink in one go and set the glass down, agreeing as well.

Lin Weiwei and Cui Xuexue didn't have a big thirst for alcohol, so naturally, they didn't object.

While the group was talking, over at the bar counter, Xu was bickering with Mr. Ma, seemingly unable to return the most expensive wine, and Xu couldn't afford it either.

Mr. Ma was reprimanding him.

But eventually, Mr. Ma took out his card to settle the bill, and the two hurriedly left.

Bai Xiaosheng, Cui Chen, and the others saw this and waited for Mr. Ma to leave before heading to the front desk to settle their bill.

The group was too lazy to get any closer to someone like Mr. Ma.

After settling the bill, the group left the bar and was stunned by the scene before them.

Outside, at least fifteen to sixteen motorcycles were parked, with over twenty people in punk attire surrounding Mr. Ma and Xu.

Among them was Triangular Eyes.

Seeing this scene, everyone immediately understood.

Triangular Eyes had brought reinforcements!

How could it have only been a few minutes?

It must have been a coincidence that this biker gang was just outside!

Everyone's speculation was spot on; Triangular Eyes, upon coming out with Baldhead, ran into these brothers coming to drink, and after sending Baldhead away, naturally had to seek revenge.

Upon seeing this, Cui Chen and Cui Xuexue's faces changed dramatically. People like them who did research and academics had never encountered or seen such a fierce and unique scene.

Bai Xiaosheng and his group, however, had seen this kind of scene "many times" and weren't too bothered by it.

"Didn't think they'd get here so fast," Bai Xiaosheng had the mindset to joke, "I guess motorcycles really are great for mobility."

Upon hearing such fearless words, Cui Xuexue was startled and couldn't help but glance at Bai Xiaosheng, dissatisfied in her heart: How could this person be so unreliable! In such a situation, he still had the heart to make jokes?!

Now that they were faced with this, what could be done?

Could they settle this by paying some money?

Was it too late to call the police now?

Cui Xuexue held her phone, feeling very uneasy.

"The Ma guy indeed sold us out again," Lei Ying snorted, motioning to the side with his mouth.

The group looked over, and sure enough, Mr. Ma was standing in front of Triangular Eyes and a big fat guy, nodding and bowing, while pointing towards them.

Following Mr. Ma's gestures, Triangular Eyes spotted Bai Xiaosheng and his group, immediately grinning maliciously as he led the punk-styled biker gang enthusiastically toward them.

The light in Triangular Eyes' eyes shone brightly, full of confidence.

He wanted to make these utterly oblivious Huaxia people pay the price!

"You guys go first; we'll handle this here," Bai Xiaosheng smiled at Cui Chen.

This sentence from Bai Xiaosheng surprised Cui Xuexue a bit.

This man is quite something; at least he's not a coward...

Cui Chen's face turned a bit pale; he had never been in a fight, let alone against so many people.

Now this situation seemed unlikely to end smoothly.

"We're partly to blame for this trouble. How can I leave! Whatever happens today, I'll stand with you guys!" Cui Chen gritted his teeth and said.

Then he glanced at Bai Xiaosheng and forced a smile, "If we get through this today, introduce me to your friend's company!"

Chapter 2119: One Wave Settles, Another Rises

Triangular Eyes brought along that punk-style motorcycle gang, surrounding Bai Xiaosheng, Cui Chen, and the others. Instantly, numerous passersby watched from afar, and even people inside the bar peered out through the glass windows.

"We meet again!" Triangular Eyes grimaced and said to Bai Xiaosheng and the others.

He then pointed at Bai Xiaosheng and Lei Ying, and said to a tall fat guy beside him, "It's this guy who mouthed off to me! That guy hit me and even busted Baldhead's head open!"

The leader of that punk motorcycle gang was exceptionally fat, standing at a height of about 1.9 meters, with a whole body of flabby flesh, weighing two to three hundred pounds. He was practically a Bearman.

It's hard to imagine what kind of motorcycle he can ride over here.

Upon Triangular Eyes' introduction, the leader tilted his neck, forming layers of fat folds. His sullen eyes scanned Bai Xiaosheng and Lei Ying, but ultimately fixed on Lin Weiwei and Cui Xuexue, his eyes lighting up.

"Pretty," the leader said in a hoarse voice.

Just as Triangular Eyes said Bai Xiaosheng and Lei Ying had beaten them and Baldhead, he heard the leader say "pretty" and was momentarily dumbfounded, looking at him with a confused face. He noticed the leader gazing at those two Asian beauties and suddenly understood.

"Don't think you can leave here easily after beating us, you don't know who you've messed with!" Triangular Eyes threatened Bai Xiaosheng and the others.

"However, it's not like there's no solution—" Triangular Eyes pointed at Lin Weiwei and Cui Xuexue, smiling, "Let them go to a place, drink a few glasses with my big brother, and pay a large sum of money; everything will be negotiable."

That mountain-like leader heard Triangular Eyes' words and immediately laughed heartily, nodding, "Good, very good!"

The punk motorcycle gang wore evil grins, whistling one after another.

"Yeah, let the two beauties accompany our leader properly, and there won't be any big problems."

"Rest assured, our leader is a gentle person."

"They won't need to endure too much 'pressure'."

Wanton laughter spread all around.

In the distance, the still “guarded” Ma Weiqian perked his ears when he heard this, and immediately shouted, “Really? That’s a way to resolve this!”

Cui Xuexue saw this scene and was furious enough to grind her silver teeth to pieces.

Lin Weiwei also glared at Ma Weiqian in disgust.

Cui Chen was also furious and immediately wanted to stand up and scold, but was stopped by Bai Xiaosheng.

“Let me talk to them,” Bai Xiaosheng smiled at Cui Chen.

Cui Chen let out a sullen breath and slowly nodded in agreement.

He really wasn’t good at handling this kind of situation.

Bai Xiaosheng stepped forward, facing Triangular Eyes and the mountain-like leader, and said with a smile, “Gentlemen, discussing matters at the entrance of someone else’s bar isn’t great, right? If any conflict were to happen, it could affect their business. Why not discuss this somewhere private? There are too many idle onlookers here; aren’t you afraid someone might call the police?”

Bai Xiaosheng actually wanted both sides to discuss this somewhere private?

Cui Xuexue was simply incredulous and couldn’t help but frown at Bai Xiaosheng’s back.

Really don’t know what this guy is thinking!

Cui Xuexue even speculated the worst about Bai Xiaosheng: is he really planning to sacrifice the two women and handle the matter by paying money?

Judging by the expression of malintent on their faces, is having a few drinks really going to resolve this?

Today's might end up being very dangerous for them!

Cui Xuexue suspected Bai Xiaosheng was cowering.

Cui Chen couldn't help but glance at Bai Xiaosheng.

"You are very considerate," Triangular Eyes sneered continuously as he addressed Bai Xiaosheng, "but let me tell you, this is the border between the rich and poor area—few policemen on one side, quite a lot on the other. The poor area can't send anyone in a short time, the rich district doesn't consider this area within their jurisdiction, doesn't want to overstep nor intervene. So—"

"If we beat you up here and now, even kill! No one will intervene for a while!" Triangular Eyes grinned, pointing at Bai Xiaosheng, "Kid, you probably don't know who you've messed with!"

These words from Triangular Eyes changed the expressions of Cui Chen, Cui Xuexue, Ma Weiqian, and Xu dramatically.

No wonder they're so reckless, this place is very special!

Bai Xiaosheng seemed enlightened, "I see, so if something happens here, it won't pose much trouble..."

Bai Xiaosheng suggested discussing in a private area just to avoid having to file a record if a fight broke out and risk missing their flight.

While talking, Bai Xiaosheng glanced at Lei Ying.

Lei Ying immediately understood, stepping forward to line up with Bai Xiaosheng.

"You may not know whom you've offended—" Bai Xiaosheng pointed to himself, proudly saying, "It's us!"

Returning those words unchanged...

Triangular Eyes immediately frowned, looking at Bai Xiaosheng and Lei Ying, asking doubtfully, "Seems like you don't plan to agree to my proposal?"

Bai Xiaosheng and Lei Ying exchanged a smile, not saying a word.

"Looks like you're asking for a beating!" Triangular Eyes snarled.

The mountain-like leader beside him also glared viciously and waved his hand, "Take them down for me!"

The punk motorcycle gang immediately screeched, grinning viciously as they moved forward.

They love fighting, especially when they outnumber their opponents.

"Going to start fighting?" Cui Chen's face changed in shock, exclaiming in horror.

Cui Xuexue also covered her mouth, showing panic.

Although Bai Xiaosheng didn't heed their intention, he was too reckless to provoke them right into a fight.

"These foolish Huaxia people!" On the other side, Ma Weiqian inhaled sharply.

Afraid of being implicated.

Beside Ma Weiqian, Xu shivered even more.

Facing the punk gang that advanced, facing Triangular Eyes and those leaders who were smug, Bai Xiaosheng sighed, “You guys should really watch more videos online. A friend from abroad said it best, you should never fight with Huaxia people because—”

“They might know kung fu!” Bai Xiaosheng grinned.

What happened next blew everyone’s mind, including those inside the bar and passersby from afar.

It wasn’t twenty people beating up two, but rather two people thrashing those twenty!

So much so that distant passersby suddenly “understood”—this was filming a scene, or it was a TV station’s prank show.

It must be like this, or else it’s too unscientific!

Lei Ying was like a tiger; a single slap would leave one dazed and knocked out.

Bai Xiaosheng moved like a leopard; his elbows and legs quick as the wind, targeting soft spots.

These two practically swept the entire area.

Triangular Eyes and that mountain-like leader were both stunned; upon snapping back to reality, at least ten were lying on the ground, moaning painfully in various positions, while the rest huddled behind them.

Bai Xiaosheng and Lei Ying moved to the front of Triangular Eyes and the mountain-like leader, those two were wide-eyed.

“Haha.” The mountain-like leader suddenly snapped back, laughing heartily and clapping his huge hands.

Just when everyone thought he would face Bai Xiaosheng and Lei Ying, the mountain-like leader laughed then dropped a sentence, "I think I should head back for something to eat, goodbye!"

With that, he turned around and ran; his massive physique twisting and turning, surprisingly not slower than a normal person.

Triangular Eyes seemed to have expected this, turned around and ran, and so did everyone else.

Even those moaning on the ground struggled to get up and fled en masse.

Cui Chen, Cui Xuexue, Ma Weiqian, and Xu watched this scene as if dreaming, speechless in shock.

A roar of motorcycle engines followed, those people came fast, and went like the wind, unable to be quicker.

"Now it's fine, let's go," Bai Xiaosheng turned around smiling, calling Cui Chen, Cui Xuexue, Lin Weiwei.

Cui Chen siblings nodded dumbly.

But at that moment, the situation took a sudden turn.

Under the engine's roar, a motorcycle returned at high speed, rushing toward them unbelievably fast, brushing by Bai Xiaosheng, passing beside Cui Xuexue.

The rider swiftly reached out, snatching away the document bag from Cui Xuexue's hands, almost knocking Cui Xuexue over.

Everything happened like lightning.

The rider quickly left, not forgetting to turn back and flip off everyone, it was evident from the helmet cover that it was Triangular Eyes!

Everyone was shocked.

Cui Xuexue lost her voice, “Our data, it’s all in there!”

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Chapter 2120: Bai Xiaosheng Seeks Help

No one could have predicted that just when things seemed to be resolved, a new trouble would emerge!

Triangular Eyes, seeking revenge, staged a dramatic scene of snatching and took Cui Chen’s important document bag!

Upon hearing Cui Xuexue scream, realizing what had happened, even Cui Chen’s face changed dramatically.

Bai Xiaosheng and Lei Ying hurriedly came back.

Lin Weiwei was already beside Cui Xuexue, concerned, “Miss Cui, don’t rush. What exactly was stolen?”

Cui Xuexue, anxious and biting her lip, said, “Inside were my cousin’s crucial research results, data, along with our passports and documents!”

Whether data leaked or documents lost, either would be a huge problem for them.

“Not only that, but my recent important calculations and new ideas!” Cui Chen came over, his face pale, speaking in a deep voice.

The implication was that the new research hadn’t been backed up, which made it even worse.

Bai Xiaosheng and Lei Ying exchanged a glance.

They both knew, the things Cui Chen lost were not only extremely important but very troublesome.

In the distance, Ma Weiqian eavesdropped, tentatively suggesting from afar, "Shouldn't we report to the police?"

The group shot a cold look at Ma Weiqian; the thought of him being beaten was strong.

This guy was now pretending to be a nice person, yet moments ago he had betrayed them decisively, without hesitation.

Ma Weiqian noticed he had angered everyone, his neck shrank, and quickly called for Xu to leave first.

Staying would only create more trouble and exacerbate conflicts; leaving was wiser.

In some ways, he was indeed smart.

As for his suggestion of reporting to the police?

Triangular Eyes had mentioned, this place was on the border of rich and poor areas, with one side lacking police force and the other unwilling to intervene due to jurisdiction issues.

In this foreign land, at such a spot, it was fair to say the Cui siblings were extremely unlucky.

"Can you find these people?" Bai Xiaosheng whispered to Lei Ying.

"Difficult!" Lei Ying said, feeling uneasy, "Even if I can do it, it will take time, and we have less than three and a half hours before our plane takes off."

Are they supposed to stay to help?

Bai Xiaosheng furrowed his brows, nodding to show he understood.

Time was tight, indeed the biggest problem.

“There’s no other way; we have to report to the police and wait for the Gaditya police to recover the items,” Cui Chen sighed, “If it delays our journey, then... it can only be this way!”

Beside him, Cui Xuexue urgently said, “Let’s hurry! Maybe the police can find them easily. I heard someone mention the Mole Gang; that big guy and Triangular Eyes have obvious features, shouldn’t be hard to find!”

The two main characters had spoken, so Bai Xiaosheng and the others naturally followed their lead.

However, “not hard to find,” besides Cui Xuexue, no one dared to agree.

People aren’t objects, staying in one place unmoving.

If Triangular Eyes runs and hides, it requires a lot of manpower to capture them.

On the poor side, the police seem to lack manpower the most.

Upon mentioning reporting to the police, Cui Chen didn’t want to bother Bai Xiaosheng and them any more.

After all, they had just helped resolve the situation, frequently troubling them made him feel quite uneasy.

“I’m quite known in South America, have some connections, might be able to help you,” Bai Xiaosheng smiled.

Given the urgency, seeing Bai Xiaosheng insist on helping, Cui Chen didn't refuse much and thanked him again.

"Hurry!" Cui Xuexue saw them chatting and couldn't help but urge.

She couldn't resist sneaking a glance at Bai Xiaosheng.

This guy, although he's capable, can't seem to shake off the habit of boasting.

Famous in South America? Connections?

Who does he think he is!

Of course, Cui Xuexue didn't mock Bai Xiaosheng directly, as Bai Xiaosheng had just helped them.

Honestly speaking, Bai Xiaosheng's performance was impressive, leaving a great impression on Cui Xuexue.

If Bai Xiaosheng could drop the "boasting" habit, Cui Xuexue would like him more.

With the decision made, they immediately found a taxi and headed to the nearest police station.

For efficiency, Bai Xiaosheng promised the driver extra tips for speed.

This indeed fired up the driver's enthusiasm, taking shortcut paths, speeding like crazy, really fast, though the process was thrilling...

Even Cui Xuexue, who wasn't usually prone to carsickness, felt a bit dizzy from the ride.

Once they reached the police station, Bai Xiaosheng gave the driver a generous tip as promised, who left very happily, expressing gratitude repeatedly.

Everyone entered that somewhat rundown police station, stunned.

Inside, it was already overcrowded, with a long queue, people of various races loudly fussing over lost chickens, dogs, objects, fights, drunkenness, a chaotic scene.

Even two uniformed officers couldn't handle all the bustle.

"What do we do? Do we have to queue with these trivial matters?" Cui Xuexue asked, visibly worried.

"There!" Bai Xiaosheng suddenly pointed.

The group looked over, instantly happy.

A decent-looking office, marked as "Chief's Office," "Direct Access for Major Cases."

"But does our situation count as a major case?" Cui Chen hesitated a little.