

Two Trillion 2141

Chapter 2141 - Don't Get Any Funny Ideas!

Bai Yuefeng said she came to the birthday party of a "friend's friend" at the invitation of a "friend," and it seems that the "friend" she mentioned refers to the mixed-race girl Jessica, while "friend's friend" is Cooper. Is Cooper the handsome guy leading the group over here?

Bai Xiaosheng looked at the person across from him; indeed, he had a face that girls would find appealing.

If he's the host of today's party, his family must be extraordinary.

Ganande is one of the most developed and affluent cities in America, a world-class metropolis, hiding powerful families in both the city and its surrounding areas.

Thinking about it this way, it's not surprising.

At this moment.

Faced with the good-natured matchmaking of her friend and classmate, Bai Yuefeng's face showed a bit of helplessness, whispering to Jessica, "I don't like him. Isn't this kind of thing supposed to be about how you feel? Can it be forced?"

Jessica, however, seemed indifferent to Bai Yuefeng's words, whispering back, "Marriage, what does liking have to do with it? If he's handsome and his family is rich, isn't that enough? His family matches yours. I really don't understand why Mr. Bai spoils you so much. Several of our classmates have arranged marriages for their families. Our class president, known as the class beauty, married an ugly, older man..."

While speaking, Jessica glanced curiously at Bai Xiaosheng beside them, and then whispered to Bai Yuefeng.

"I've never seen this guy around you!"

"He's a friend of mine."

"You brought a male friend here! Unbelievable! Oh my God! Could it be that you like him..."

"Don't say nonsense, he's just a friend!"

The two girls whispered quickly.

Bai Yuefeng couldn't help but glance at Bai Xiaosheng, her cheeks flushed slightly.

Bai Xiaosheng looked at the people coming from afar, seemingly not hearing a thing.

Only then did Bai Yuefeng feel relieved.

In fact, although the two women's whispers were very low, Bai Xiaosheng heard them clearly. If he wanted to listen, Red Lotus would enhance his hearing, allowing him to "amplify" the slightest sounds from any corner of the hall.

By this time, the handsome man had already approached with his group, looking Bai Xiaosheng over with a gaze that had a hint of wariness and hostility.

Bai Xiaosheng concluded that he must be Cooper, the one with a crush on Bai Yuefeng. Otherwise, how could there be hostility in his eyes when everyone was meeting for the first time without knowing each other?

"This girl Bai Yuefeng, is she really here just to have fun with us, or am I being used as a shield..." Bai Xiaosheng wondered, glancing suspiciously at Bai Yuefeng.

The more he thought about it, the more it made sense.

As Cooper and others approached, Bai Yuefeng and Jessica ceased their conversation and looked at them.

"Hi, Yuefeng!" Cooper greeted Bai Yuefeng with a smile, full of sunshine.

"Cooper." Bai Yuefeng smiled back politely, confirming Bai Xiaosheng's guess.

He was indeed Cooper.

"I'm so glad you could come to my birthday party," Cooper said with a smile.

He was already very handsome, and when he smiled, it was so gentle and warm, making women who saw it intoxicated by his smile.

Even Jessica couldn't help but be a bit starstruck.

But not all women were like that; Bai Yuefeng and Lin Weiwei seemed "immune," showing no reactions, no feelings.

Bai Yuefeng smiled calmly, "I promised Jessica I would come, so I'm here. Happy birthday, Cooper."

"Thank you!" Cooper smiled again, then naturally looked at Bai Xiaosheng and said, "Who's this?"

"He's my friend!" Bai Yuefeng laughed, "And so are those two; I brought them to join your birthday party."

Bai Xiaosheng immediately smiled at Cooper, "Happy birthday, Mr. Cooper."

"Thank you." Cooper extended his hand to shake Bai Xiaosheng's.

As for Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying, who appeared more like Bai Xiaosheng's attendants in their attire, they simply nodded politely at Cooper.

Cooper nodded back courteously at them.

When looking at Lei Ying, Cooper's gaze showed a bit of admiration.

This big guy is quite imposing!

When looking at Lin Weiwei, Cooper's eyes brightened.

What a beautiful and elegant Oriental woman!

Lastly, Cooper looked at Bai Xiaosheng again, smiling a gentle and sincere smile.

But Bai Xiaosheng noticed more caution and hostility in those handsome eyes.

Clearly, Bai Xiaosheng was perceived by Cooper as a "potential rival."

"Alright. This isn't the place to talk, let's go upstairs," Jessica said with a smile.

Cooper, as polite as ever, made a gesture of "please" to Bai Yuefeng, Bai Xiaosheng, and the others, saying, "Let me escort you."

Beside him, Jessica aptly said to Bai Yuefeng, "Yuefeng, actually Cooper is here to greet two important guests; they're arriving soon. Look, as soon as you arrived, Cooper even left his duties to greet you. He really values you."

This Jessica was truly bending over backward to match the two of them.

However, Bai Xiaosheng detected a hint of jealousy towards Bai Yuefeng and admiration for Cooper in her gaze.

Interesting, Jessica clearly likes Cooper herself, yet she's trying to match him with Bai Yuefeng...

Bai Xiaosheng speculated that perhaps Cooper liked Bai Yuefeng too much, and due to the importance of marrying into the Bai family, he maintained a rational distance from Jessica.

Jessica, acting out of admiration, was helping him, looking foolishly generous but actually hiding ulterior motives.

This kind of friendship often makes the girl let her guard down, and over time, there's a chance it could evolve into a special relationship even after marriage...

This kind of plot isn't unheard of in soap operas.

You can't say it doesn't happen in reality because, after all, even crazier things happen in this world...

"No need, Cooper. You stay here to welcome the important guests, and we'll head up ourselves," Bai Yuefeng said, naturally declining.

However, Cooper insisted.

Their conversation had only started when a servant came rushing over to report to Cooper that the important guests had arrived.

With Bai Yuefeng's persistent urging, Cooper had no choice but to give up his insistence and return to greet the honored guests.

Before leaving, Cooper made a point of smiling broadly and nodding at Bai Xiaosheng.

However, once he turned his head, his smile quickly vanished, and his handsome eyes revealed a hint of coldness.

Bai Yuefeng never brought a male companion to any event; why bring one today?

This relationship must be special!

As Cooper left, his mind was filled with imbalance, "Is he handsomer than me, does he have a more prestigious family than mine? I only knew Robert was like a toad wanting to eat swan meat, confident that Bai Yuefeng wouldn't take a second look, but now another one has appeared!"

After Cooper left, Bai Yuefeng couldn't help but breathe a sigh of relief.

Jessica affectionately took her arm, leading her inside, intending to take the elevator to the banquet venue.

Bai Xiaosheng followed with Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying.

During this time, Jessica seemed to casually glance back at Bai Xiaosheng twice, her eyes full of scrutiny.

She even lightly whispered to Bai Yuefeng while walking, "Your accompanying male friend seems pretty average, quite ordinary. You know, Cooper is really outstanding. He's the best at everything he does!"

Jessica's expression was like that of a fangirl.

Bai Yuefeng couldn't help but glance at Bai Xiaosheng, her eyes full of laughter, and she raised her voice slightly, "Oh, I didn't know Cooper was so outstanding, is he really the best at everything he does?"

Coincidentally, Bai Xiaosheng is too.

Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help giving Bai Yuefeng a glance, warning her with his eyes.

Telling you, don't have any "bad ideas" about me!

Chapter 2142 - Cooper's Two Goals

Under Jessica's guidance, Bai Xiaosheng, Bai Yuefeng, Lin Weiwei, and Lei Ying arrived at the banquet venue. The hall was extremely spacious, with elegant and luxurious decor. The live piano music was soothing and melodious, reportedly performed by a renowned musician with his team for entertainment.

The people coming and going were all well-dressed and behaved elegantly.

Among them were no shortage of handsome men and beautiful women, dazzling with charm, and they were all popular movie and music stars currently in the limelight.

"Is that Allen, the lead actor from the movie 'Legend of Power,' the newly rising A-list star?"

"Andrew! The leading actor in the hit dramas 'Game of Confusion' and 'Angel's Hymn,' it's really him!"

"York, my favorite electronic music singer!"

"The versatile actress Miranda, is she here too?!"

Lin Weiwei couldn't help but exclaim softly.

In her leisure time, she, like many other girls, enjoyed watching dramas and naturally had a list of favorite Western actors.

From Lin Weiwei's amazement, Bai Xiaosheng could easily deduce the scale of this banquet.

Is it really necessary to be this extravagant for just a birthday party, with all these top-tier big names gathered!

Bai Xiaosheng shook his head silently.

With his wealth, he could afford to have these stars on a yearly contract if he wanted, but that held no interest for him.

Even with Lin Weiwei's current personal wealth, she could organize such an event, but she simply wasn't inclined to do so.

"This is quite the spectacle, I say, it's just a birthday, and it's such a grand event, that Cooper guy is too showy." Bai Yuefeng couldn't help but express to Jessica with astonishment.

Even she found it somewhat exaggerated.

There were more than a handful of A-list movie stars, singers, and comedians present, far exceeding the lineup of just some minor stars she originally anticipated.

Jessica smiled brightly, saying, "This birthday is unlike any other, it holds significant meaning, and Cooper wants more people to witness it."

Jessica's words piqued Bai Yuefeng's curiosity, "How is it different from usual, what are they witnessing? This birthday hasn't marked Cooper's entry into middle age yet, has it?"

Jessica chuckled, nudging Bai Yuefeng, "Listen to you, Cooper isn't that old."

Bai Yuefeng laughed at herself.

"I don't know the details very well, but Cooper is celebrating in such a high-profile manner for two reasons," Jessica responded to Bai Yuefeng, "The first is that recently, the Cooper Family entrusted him with managing significant business, which in his big family means something you surely understand!"

Bai Yuefeng nodded upon hearing this.

Being from a super family herself, she naturally understood.

In a large family, the heir is not determined by age or seniority, but by ability over inexperience.

Her good friend Wei Xuelian's family, the famous Wei Family, even groomed a girl to be head of the family, which speaks volumes!

Every family member groomed to be the future head of the family, before becoming the head, must handle important family business as a final test.

It was said that Cooper had already gained the family's approval, and taking over important family business was his last test before becoming the head.

Of course, the test period could be very long.

This news, added to the birthday.

It's only natural to celebrate this grandly.

"And the second reason?" Bai Yuefeng asked, seeing Jessica not elaborating further.

"The second reason..." Jessica smiled, shaking her head, "I'm not sure."

"If you're not sure, why bother teasing, making me think you knew everything." Bai Yuefeng reproached teasingly.

Bai Xiaosheng glanced at the smiling Jessica, his eyes flickering.

He could naturally tell—

This woman wasn't being entirely truthful!

She knew the second reason, but for some reason, she deliberately didn't tell Bai Yuefeng.

Bai Xiaosheng certainly wouldn't stoop to the indignity of telling Bai Yuefeng "your friend actually knows but isn't telling you." That would be beneath him.

While they were talking, they stepped into the hall.

Many in the hall recognized Jessica and Bai Yuefeng; after all, their extraordinary backgrounds and beauty made many people approach them, smiling and greeting the two.

Even Bai Yuefeng had to socialize first.

No matter how independent one might seem outside, in such a setting, Bai Yuefeng had to show the decorum expected of a lady from a wealthy family.

"I'll take Yuefeng to meet some friends. Feel free to make yourselves comfortable," Jessica said with a smile, tossing a sentence to Bai Xiaosheng.

To this, Bai Xiaosheng gave a faint smile, nodded, and said, "Alright."

Bai Yuefeng wanted to remind Bai Xiaosheng of a few things, but Jessica forcefully dragged her away, and with so many friends surrounding them, she momentarily couldn't split her attention.

Bai Yuefeng looked at Bai Xiaosheng helplessly and apologetically.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled at her, waved, indicating that she could go socialize without minding them.

Only then did Bai Yuefeng feel at ease and began socializing with Jessica.

In such a setting, the two bodyguards Bai Yuefeng brought couldn't possibly stick to her side.

Those two went to a corner of the hall, standing with their backs to the wall, keeping their eyes on their young lady to ensure her safety.

With Jessica taking Bai Yuefeng away, Bai Xiaosheng, Lin Weiwei, and Lei Ying received less attention. Even if someone glanced over, they only scrutinized quickly before moving on.

After all, Bai Xiaosheng and the others were quite unfamiliar, neither aristocrats nor big stars.

Not being overly noticed made Bai Xiaosheng and his companions comfortable; they got a drink from a waiter and went to enjoy the performance of the musician's team.

Occasionally spotting a star of interest, Lin Weiwei would go over to chat, not to chase stars but purely out of curiosity.

There were also people who came over to greet Lin Weiwei from time to time.

Among them were countless noble heirs, movie and music stars.

Lin Weiwei's looks and demeanor were already enriched with Oriental charm, and after frequenting high-level workplaces, she exuded a unique aura that naturally attracted much attention from men.

Lin Weiwei treated them politely but kept her distance, treating movie and music stars the same way.

After all, Lin Weiwei's interest in stars was only about their on-screen personas; chatting for a bit to satiate her curiosity was enough without engaging further.

The people themselves were not ordinary, and naturally realized that this beauty was polite yet distant.

The sensible ones naturally wouldn't presumptively disturb further—it would be pointless.

But in this world, there is never a lack of those who can't take a hint.

For example, right now, an extremely ordinary-looking guy, covered in freckles, boasting about his extraordinary background, was sticking around Lin Weiwei with a grinning face, speaking without pause.

His name was York.

Lin Weiwei responded half-heartedly, and York didn't care at all. Seeing whom Lin Weiwei was interested in, he gossiped about them with her.

"That guy comes from a mining family, with abundant resources since his debut, but on a talk show, you know what he said? He claimed to be from an ordinary family and relied on his effort alone, it was laughable. Some said that group of judges were blind, but actually they're just blinded by money..."

"That one, completely relies on plagiarism, any good song from Huaxia, I assure you, he'll translate it into English in no time, tsk tsk, such a person should be investigated..."

"This one, this one is amazing, really, his singing and dancing are truly outstanding, but unfortunately, he's never made it big..."

This York was practically a live "encyclopedia" of the guests present.

This annoyed Lin Weiwei's ears, yet she couldn't resist her curiosity, so she didn't coldly drive him away.

York wasn't just revolving around Lin Weiwei but also enthusiastically chatting with Bai Xiaosheng and Lei Ying.

Lei Ying, as usual, listened without reacting, drinking alone.

But Bai Xiaosheng chatted with him, smiling, even proactively inquiring about certain people.

York, seeing his Huaxia friend Bai Xiaosheng sharing a connection with him, was happy to chat more.

At this moment, a commotion arose at the entrance of the hall, and Cooper accompanied a distinguished guest inside.

Everyone present saw this and immediately turned their attention with interest; many even approached with smiles to greet them.

"How much do you know about Cooper?" Bai Xiaosheng suddenly asked York beside him with a smile, "I've heard that this unprecedented banquet today has some significant reasons behind it!"

"Do you know about them?"

Chapter 2143 - If You Can Defeat Him

Bai Xiaosheng saw Cooper coming, and became curious about the "second reason" for the grand banquet that Jessica had deliberately concealed. He asked York, the "little encyclopedia" beside him.

This York had said a lot earlier, but others could not verify the truth of his words.

But Bai Xiaosheng could determine the credibility of his words through micro-expressions.

When York heard Bai Xiaosheng asking about Cooper, and seeing that Cooper had already arrived, he quickly shook his head and lowered his voice, saying, "Brother, it's not wise to say too much here! It's very impolite to talk about Mr. Cooper at his banquet!"

After saying this, York looked at Bai Xiaosheng, hoping he would "understand."

Bai Xiaosheng looked at him with a half-smile, not pushing further or speaking.

"If you don't know, just say you don't know, don't find excuses." Lei Ying glanced at his wine glass and said casually.

The implication was clear, and York couldn't help but frown.

Lin Weiwei also frowned and said with a mocking smile, "Mr. York, do you not know or are you just too afraid to say? I didn't expect you to be so cautious—"

Lin Weiwei drew out her words, her tone full of sarcasm.

York immediately wanted to defend himself.

"Hey, don't talk like that!" Bai Xiaosheng seemed to be about to refute Lin Weiwei, but then he said, "Everyone knows about Mr. Cooper. Mr. York feels that making things up about this matter would easily be seen through by us."

The implication was that York's fabrications about others wouldn't be easily discovered.

The implication was that everything York had just said was untrustworthy.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled kindly at York, "Just pretend I never asked."

Those words and that expression from Bai Xiaosheng were nothing short of ruthless.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying cooperated, giving York a mocking glance.

York suddenly "exploded."

"Who says I don't know? Of course I know!" York exclaimed in a low voice, "This banquet is so grand for a reason. Only a handful here know it, including me! Now, I'll let you in on it!"

"First, Mr. Cooper has been favored by the family and attained control over the family's most important business—the pharmaceutical business!"

"Secondly, Mr. Cooper intends to publicly..."

What York said before was trivial, but the last sentence left Bai Xiaosheng and the others stunned.

Then, the three of them began to look for Bai Yuefeng with their eyes.

Whether that girl realized it or not...

At this moment, Bai Yuefeng had already been pulled over by Jessica and was surrounded by many people, with no time to spare.

Though the three saw her, they knew they might not even get close to her if they tried to squeeze through.

After York finished speaking, he felt relieved.

However, seeing Bai Xiaosheng and the others looking over at Bai Yuefeng, and realizing they were brought by Bai Yuefeng, York's face changed slightly.

He felt like he had been a bit too quick to speak this time.

"You guys must not leak this early, definitely don't ruin Mr. Cooper's plan! And definitely don't say it was me who told you!" York nervously glanced left and right, exhorting Bai Xiaosheng and the others with concern.

Bai Xiaosheng shrugged, looked at York, and pointed to Bai Yuefeng, "Even if we wanted to tell Miss Bai, see, can we get there? Besides..."

Bai Xiaosheng glanced at Cooper over there and muttered, "Do you think Mr. Cooper would wait until the end of this banquet to do what he plans? He will definitely announce it before any changes can occur!"

While they were talking, Cooper had already respectfully invited the VIPs to everyone's presence.

"Turned out the elders from the Cooper family are here to attend this kind of birthday banquet, indeed VIPs." York stretched his neck to look, muttering to himself.

As Bai Xiaosheng looked over, Cooper had already picked up a microphone and gently tapped it twice.

The venue quickly quieted down.

Holding the microphone, Cooper swept his gaze around and began to speak with a smile, "Thank you all for honoring me with your presence at my birthday banquet!"

Then, Cooper respectfully signaled to the VIPs beside him, showing them to everyone, "Special thanks to the elders from my family for coming, which is a tremendous honor for me."

Beside Cooper, two elderly men nodded with smiles.

"The main purpose of today's banquet is to gather everyone to strengthen our connections," Cooper smiled, "and also to share some news about myself."

The crowd immediately focused their attention on him.

"Thanks to the family's love!" Cooper's expression was both serious and proud, "A few days ago, the family decided to entrust me with the core business of Clark Pharmaceutical Group!"

Cooper's words caused an uproar throughout the audience.

"Clark Pharmaceutical Group, isn't that one of the top ten pharmaceutical groups in North America!"

"Has it already been handed over to Mr. Cooper? Unbelievable!"

"Clark Pharmaceutical Group's ranking in North America is not just in the top ten, that was two years ago, I'd estimate this year it ranks in the top five!"

"Incredible, Mr. Cooper is so young to take on such a heavy burden!"

Among the crowd, the discussions were endless, full of amazement.

Yet Bai Xiaosheng caught some key information. Cooper mentioned that the "core business" of Clark Pharmaceutical Group was entrusted to him, not the entire management.

However, the crowd naturally assumed Cooper had full control over the entire company.

Is this to build his reputation, using external voices to influence the family's decision?

Bai Xiaosheng pondered, looking at the two elders beside Cooper.

He thought they must be among the family members supporting Cooper, invited to confuse the public.

Imagine, having the elders already present to tacitly approve Cooper's public announcement, the convincing effect would surely be significant.

Sometimes, thinking about it, these family heirs end up living out their lives like the main characters in palace dramas, always calculating, and they're quite capable.

Over there, Cooper continued loudly, "Every guest here is either well-connected or highly regarded, and I hope you can help spread the word and provide opportunities for collaboration. I will surely not let you leave empty-handed."

This guy invited so many stars, probably aiming for this kind of "unadvertised advertisement" purpose too.

Bai Xiaosheng suddenly found himself admiring him a bit.

As long as the outside world acknowledges Cooper, the family will be somewhat influenced. At the very least, as long as he doesn't make huge mistakes, Cooper will become the family's inevitable choice.

Now, he's probably going to talk about that second matter. Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but squint his eyes slightly.

Bringing up that matter in such a setting, is Cooper brave and romantic, or just recklessly impulsive?

Just as Bai Xiaosheng was thinking, Cooper emotionally said, "Today is the most important birthday of my life. On this day, I'm making a decision that may be reckless, or immature, but I still hope all my friends and elders can witness it and allow me to express my infatuation."

As he spoke, Cooper raised his hand.

Romantic music suddenly played, the whole venue darkened, a spotlight shone straight down, enveloping Bai Yuefeng, followed by a flurry of petals.

In another spotlight, Cooper looked at Bai Yuefeng with emotion, loudly declaring, "Miss Bai Yuefeng, I have long admired you. Now, I formally, in front of everyone, express my love for you!"

In the darkness, the entire venue was in an uproar, many women screaming.

It was so romantic, such a handsome, wealthy, and talented young man openly expressing his love, many women around couldn't handle it.

"Say yes!" Jessica suddenly shouted.

The group of moved women scrambled to shout, "Say yes!"

Even the men present began to shout.

This kind of group emotion can significantly influence a person's decision.

In the darkness, Bai Xiaosheng watched Bai Yuefeng, his eyes calm.

In the end, Cooper took Bai Yuefeng as an ordinary woman, unaware that she was also a "heroine" who could achieve anything!

Sure enough, after a period of astonishment and daze, Bai Yuefeng suddenly smiled and reached for the microphone.

Someone had already prepared it and handed it over.

Bai Yuefeng tapped the microphone, and the echo quieted the entire venue.

Cooper watched Bai Yuefeng with eager eyes.

Bai Yuefeng did not look at him, smiling at everyone, saying, "I very much appreciate everything Mr. Cooper has done for me, but whether I can date him requires some testing. The man I fancy must be truly exceptional, surpassing all others."

Bai Yuefeng glanced in Bai Xiaosheng's direction briefly, then looked at Cooper and said, "So, Mr. Cooper, I will find someone to compete with you in talent, knowledge, ability, anything. If you can completely beat him, I will consider dating you!"

Chapter 2144: Can't You Make It a Bit Harder?

On the way to the banquet, Bai Yuefeng heard from Lin Weiwei about how impressive Bai Xiaosheng was.

She had also personally witnessed how skilled Bai Xiaosheng was in martial arts, and she knew he had risen to a high position in his career in just two years, something even a formidable woman like Caroline took ten years to achieve!

Furthermore, she had read reports about what Bai Xiaosheng had done in South America.

Wei Xuelian had also frequently mentioned how exceptional Bai Xiaosheng was.

In short, everything Bai Yuefeng had seen and heard combined to give her immense confidence in Bai Xiaosheng.

So she intended to use Bai Xiaosheng to deal with this Cooper.

However, at this moment, Cooper was staring at Bai Yuefeng with eyes full of eagerness and excitement.

In the past, his advances were all rejected by Bai Yuefeng. This time, after consulting a love expert who suggested that many women couldn't resist romance and encouragement, he decided to try confessing publicly. It turned out to be surprisingly effective.

Bai Yuefeng did not reject him outright but instead set a condition, asking him to publicly prove his excellence to win her favor.

Cooper naturally agreed!

He was quite proud and narcissistic, and he didn't mind showing off in front of a crowd. He himself was immensely accomplished, holding four bachelor's degrees! He had confident skills!

Cooper didn't believe there was anyone among the peers present, any man, who was more outstanding than he was!

To both pursue the woman he desired and showcase his extraordinary talents in front of everyone, it couldn't be more perfect!

"Honored by Miss Yuefeng's high regard, I accept this bet!" Cooper declared loudly.

With the bet established, everyone in the room also became excited.

"I didn't expect to see such a lively scene today, how interesting!"

"I thought seeing some celebrities was worth the trip, but seeing Mr. Cooper successfully pursue Miss Bai, that's even more worthwhile!"

"Indeed, what a delightful surprise."

"I heard Mr. Cooper has four bachelor's degrees; he's so knowledgeable, who can compare to him!"

"Right, perhaps Miss Bai has long secretly admired him, and this is just to show how exceptional her chosen boyfriend is in front of all of us!"

"Does Mr. Cooper's excellence need anyone to highlight it? I wonder who would dare to compete with him..."

Everyone was competing to make light remarks.

Among those people, some indeed knew how formidable Cooper was, while others deliberately flattered him, as guests generally had to praise the host.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying immediately knew who Bai Yuefeng meant by “finding someone” – Bai Xiaosheng.

At the moment, everyone was praising Cooper, overshadowing the person Bai Yuefeng intended to mention, which made Lin Weiwei very unhappy.

“As if he’s so great, I think someone is much stronger than him!” Lin Weiwei couldn’t help but mutter.

“Beauty, you can’t say that,” York nearby couldn’t help but interject. “Mr. Cooper is genuinely outstanding. Those four bachelor’s degrees are just well-known highlights. In fact, his talents in many areas have been recognized by more than one master!”

Lin Weiwei heard this but still wasn’t convinced and quietly glanced at Bai Xiaosheng.

Lei Ying said indifferently, “Oh, a master, huh.”

At this point, Bai Xiaosheng felt quite frustrated.

The previous “bad” feeling had turned into reality. He, once again, was being pushed into the spotlight.

He pursues you, you reject him, why drag me into it?

Bai Xiaosheng was very helpless.

Where is this? Ganande! It’s right at the entrance of Xuelian’s house. If the Wei Family finds out I’m standing up for the Bai Family’s eldest daughter, blocking other suitors, how can I explain...

Thinking about this, Bai Xiaosheng didn’t want to step out.

However, he couldn't avoid helping, or else he'd leave Bai Yuefeng in an awkward situation, losing face by admitting defeat.

Yet he had no choice but to step out.

The "helpless" Bai Xiaosheng felt a bit grumpy, a little complaint, and decided to hide behind Lei Ying for the moment, staying silent.

A small "lesson" for that Bai Yuefeng girl, teaching her not to push others to take the blame.

Over there.

Cooper had already raised his voice to Bai Yuefeng, "Since we've agreed, Yuefeng, invite your friend to come out and compete against me, I'm willing to have a contest with him."

After speaking, Cooper continued with sincere enthusiasm, "But, Yuefeng, even for you, I won't lose!"

Cooper was tall and handsome, with a family background second to none. His heartfelt words publicly sparked a frenzy of women's screams.

Bai Yuefeng, however, felt nothing, casually nodded, searching for Bai Xiaosheng with her eyes.

After glancing around twice, Bai Yuefeng still couldn't see Bai Xiaosheng anywhere. Lei Ying saw him though, and Lin Weiwei was there too, yet Bai Xiaosheng was nowhere to be seen.

Bai Yuefeng thought he had gone elsewhere and widened her eyes to carefully discern every face.

Unfortunately, the lights were dimmed, making it impossible for her to see.

“Ahem, Bai, could you come over here for a moment?” Bai Yuefeng called out into the microphone, closely watching the whole room.

The reason she didn’t call Bai Xiaosheng by his full name was that she knew he liked to keep a low profile, and “Bai” was sufficient to identify him.

However, after waiting for a long while, not a sound was heard.

Bai Yuefeng thought Bai Xiaosheng hadn’t heard and shouted again, but still, no one responded.

Instantly, Bai Yuefeng felt a pang of anxiety.

Could Bai Xiaosheng already not be here, could he have left...

Leaving just upon arrival and not greeting me?

It seemed unreasonable.

Could it be he was upset for being used as a shield, or perhaps doubted his certainty to win, and therefore escaped...

Chapter 2145: Can You Make It a Bit Harder?_2

Bai Yuefeng absolutely did not want to see any situation like this.

If Bai Xiaosheng left, she’d be utterly doomed. Was she really going to fulfill the agreement and become Cooper’s girlfriend?

She glanced at that handsome, charming face, and was one hundred and twenty percent unwilling.

Here in North America, people like Cooper are called playboys; in Huaxia, he’d be a heartbreaker!

Bai Yuefeng wasn't having it.

Cooper watched as Bai Yuefeng called out twice without anyone answering, then looked at him as if she couldn't find someone to confront him. He immediately smiled, "Yuefeng, if no one comes to face me, does that mean I win? Then you..."

While showcasing one's talents in front of others is enjoyable, seeing an opponent withdraw before a fight is equally impressive.

Cooper was entirely satisfied.

Guests all around praised—

"Mr. Cooper is indeed formidable; who dares to come out and embarrass themselves."

"Even losing to him isn't shameful, but one should have enough self-awareness; knowing it's impossible, why come out at all?"

"Exactly, Mr. Cooper could be considered the top among the younger generation here."

Jessica seized the opportunity to shout, "If Cooper wins, Yuefeng, you have to agree to him!"

Cooper, Jessica's words, and the reactions of those around made Bai Yuefeng a bit anxious. She immediately picked up a microphone and shouted, "Turn on the lights for me!"

It's too dark; it's hard to find anyone.

Bai Yuefeng didn't believe Bai Xiaosheng really left?

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying were clearly still here!

Cooper, hearing Bai Yuefeng's words, also waved to signal his people, who promptly complied.

Suddenly, the hall became brightly lit again.

Cooper smiled looking at Bai Yuefeng, but she was too busy to pay him any mind, her gaze quickly searching.

Next to her, Jessica couldn't help but laugh, "Yuefeng, what are you looking for? Is there really someone who can stand up against Cooper? Forget it, Cooper is indeed versatile and outstanding!"

Bai Yuefeng didn't pay attention to her.

Meanwhile, York was saying similar things to Lin Weiwei, "I know Mr. Cooper's talents, saying he's versatile is no exaggeration. Anyone trying to compete with him is just asking for humiliation..."

Before York could finish, he saw Bai Xiaosheng reluctantly coming out.

"What are you doing?" York couldn't help but ask in surprise.

"I'm the one who's being reckless." Bai Xiaosheng replied sullenly, then raised his hand to signal Bai Yuefeng that he was here.

At that moment, Bai Yuefeng felt like she'd found a lifesaver, extremely delighted.

Cooper and the others noticed Bai Yuefeng's response and immediately looked in the direction she was looking.

Under everyone's gaze, Bai Xiaosheng walked over.

Along the way, the crowd parted on both sides, making way for him and sizing him up.

This young man with black hair and black eyes didn't seem to have any imposing presence; was Bai Yuefeng really letting him compete with Mr. Cooper?

Many people weren't optimistic about Bai Xiaosheng at all.

Cooper couldn't help but squint, looking Bai Xiaosheng over; he guessed that the person Bai Yuefeng would introduce was likely one of the people she brought along.

So it was him.

However, no matter how Cooper looked at him, he didn't think Bai Xiaosheng could outshine him, causing him to smile faintly with a hint of disdain.

When Bai Xiaosheng reached Bai Yuefeng, she whispered happily, "You're still here, you came out after all!"

Then, Bai Yuefeng angrily said, "Where were you just now? Why didn't you come out!"

This woman is too changeable...

"Should I lose to him instead?" Bai Xiaosheng lazily threatened in a low voice.

"Don't you dare!" Bai Yuefeng was startled, immediately staring him down, "You better believe, if you dare lose today, tonight I'll call Wei Xuelian and tell her I'm going to steal. Her. Man!"

Bai Yuefeng can be ruthless when she goes crazy.

Bai Xiaosheng instantly backed down, “Alright, alright, don’t get excited. I’ll help you, alright.”

“Just beat him, right.” Bai Xiaosheng muttered, looking up at Cooper, speaking lightly.

Although their muttering wasn’t heard clearly by others, everyone thought Bai Xiaosheng was acknowledging defeat, discussing surrender with Bai Yuefeng.

Even Cooper on the other side thought the same.

Unexpectedly, Bai Xiaosheng smiled broadly and, in front of everyone, said politely to Cooper, “Well then, Mr. Cooper, I’ll compete in three rounds with you. If I win, it seems I’ll upset your carefully arranged evening.”

Bai Xiaosheng actually dared to issue a challenge?

That surprised everyone present.

Cooper was caught off guard too.

“You make the challenges, you’re the host and I’m a guest, as you wish.” Bai Xiaosheng smiled, “Any challenge is fine, I’m not picky.”

Upon Bai Xiaosheng’s words, countless guests nearly gasped.

This guy is arrogant!

Giving up his advantage and letting Cooper make any challenge, he’s okay with it?

Does he think he’s invincible?

Many looked at Bai Xiaosheng with peculiar expressions.

Cooper was taken aback, then squinted slightly, eyes revealing a sharp glint.

This person is so conceited!

Bai Yuefeng next to Bai Xiaosheng also jumped in surprise, couldn't help but look at him, whispering, "You won't really risk everything, right? Are you crazy, giving the advantage to Cooper!"

York next to Lin Weiwei was also dumbfounded, murmuring, "Is this person with you sure he's sane? I planned to help you all out by letting you know Mr. Cooper's strongest fields so you could avoid losing too badly. Why is he running directly into the line of fire!"

Lin Weiwei didn't pay York any attention, gazing confidently at Bai Xiaosheng.

Lei Ying was also completely at ease with Bai Xiaosheng.

Chapter 2146: Could You Make It a Bit Harder_3

In the entire room, I'm afraid only Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying have any faith in Bai Xiaosheng.

Nobody else believes in Bai Xiaosheng.

"Good, good, good!" Cooper gave a dry laugh and repeated the word three times.

In that case, let's begin!

I will make you understand that you are worlds apart from me! Cooper was determined to utterly defeat the opponent.

Bai Xiaosheng walked towards Cooper, and the surrounding guests instinctively stepped back, forming a circle with the two of them in the center.

Eventually, Bai Xiaosheng stood facing Cooper.

“I’ll pose the challenge, anything goes?” Cooper said proudly with a smile, “Sir, I must tell you in advance, I have four bachelor’s degrees! In classical music, business, management, and art appreciation, I have significant accomplishments, is that okay with you!”

Cooper meant that he could afford to be lenient and let Bai Xiaosheng have a slight advantage, which would also enhance his own reputation in front of everyone.

When it came to the real challenge, he wouldn’t hold back at all!

“It’s no problem, do as you please.” Bai Xiaosheng continued to smile, his expression calm, and even politely advised, “Just pick what you’re good at.”

This statement was nothing less than a provocation, an arrogant challenge.

The crowd was in an uproar.

Cooper was momentarily stunned, then his eyes showed anger.

From the start, he saw this brat was arrogant, but he didn’t expect him to be this arrogant.

Cooper decided not to hold back and turned to walk towards the stage.

There was a piano set up by a well-known musician, worth five hundred thousand US dollars.

“My music degree was obtained from the Ganande Central Conservatory of Music, and my piano level is grade nine.” Cooper said as he walked to the piano, “It’s not that I couldn’t achieve a higher level, but that the highest level there is only grade nine!”

“But their grade nine ranking is special, and the repertoire far exceeds the tenth-grade level outside.”

As he spoke, Cooper had already seated himself at the piano and turned his head to look at Bai Xiaosheng, “For such an occasion, let me play a piece! Later, as long as you can use any instrument available here to perform my piece, even at half the level, I’ll count it as your win!”

Cooper had his own pride too.

While speaking, Cooper prepared to play.

The next second, his ten fingers began to fly across the keys, smooth and rapid, his technique overwhelming to the eye.

The entire audience fell silent.

Bai Xiaosheng was also momentarily surprised, then his expression turned peculiar.

This was just “Flight of the Bumblebee,” wasn’t it? He remembered someone had used this to provoke him once, and he had played it before—why did everyone who wanted to show off choose this piece?

Cooper’s finger movements changed rapidly, dizzyingly fast.

The audience indeed seemed to hear a swarm of bees buzzing around their ears.

The invited musician couldn’t help but open his mouth to praise.

Even Bai Yuefeng couldn’t help but be amazed, recognizing Cooper’s mastery of the piece as sublime.

But at that moment, suddenly, a buzzing sound emerged.

It was as if hundreds or thousands of bees suddenly descended, circling above the crowd, buzzing around their ears. Like a swarm ready to attack at any moment.

“There’s a swarm of bees!” someone shouted in panic, and the color of everyone’s faces changed sharply.

Cooper, who was playing, was startled, and his fingers faltered and stopped. Even he couldn’t help but rise to search for the source of the swarm.

There wasn’t a hint of a bee swarm in sight.

But the audience distinctly heard the buzzing, fluttering and rolling, and each of them realized that the sound matched the tune just played by Cooper.

Eventually, the crowd discovered the source of the sound, and were left gaping, full of disbelief.

Bai Xiaosheng was whistling.

No, it wasn’t a whistle, it should be called voice. mimicry!

A truly amazing voice. mimicry!

Just a moment earlier, Cooper had said Bai Xiaosheng could choose any instrument.

In this moment, Bai Xiaosheng, using only voice. mimicry, had perfectly performed the piece.

It even made people think there was a real swarm of bees!

The comparison made it clear who stood superior!

Onstage, the musician couldn't help but look at Bai Xiaosheng in awe, his lips quivering, and only two words escaped, "Divine skill!"

Without needing to say it, everyone else had the same thought.

Bai Yuefeng was filled with amazement, his eyes shining brightly at Bai Xiaosheng.

On the other side, Cooper's face turned extremely sour.

He, a distinguished student of Ganande Central Conservatory of Music, was actually dazzled by someone using whistling.

This was tantamount to defeat!

Cooper clenched his fists tightly, filled with unwillingness.

Bai Xiaosheng's whistling ceased, and the bee swarm seemed to disappear into thin air.

The room remained silent for a good minute before erupting into thunderous applause.

For art, for extraordinary skill, these foreigners were becoming enthusiastic.

"My humble attempt." Bai Xiaosheng extended his hand towards Cooper with a "please" gesture, "Please present the next challenge."

Bai Xiaosheng did not forget to add, "If possible, could it be a bit more difficult?"

Chapter 2147: He Doesn't Count as the Winner!

Cooper was fully confident just now, performing a high-speed rendition of “Flight of the Bumblebee” in front of everyone, intending to show off his skills and leave Bai Xiaosheng utterly defeated.

In the end, Bai Xiaosheng emulated “Flight of the Bumblebee” using beatboxing, not only syncing with the melody but also making everyone present believe a swarm of bees had arrived, causing a panic.

The difference in skill was apparent.

Nonetheless, Cooper felt extremely unwilling in his heart.

Bai Xiaosheng even asked him to continue challenging, suggesting he make it harder, which made Cooper almost spew blood in frustration.

The most maddening part was that Bai Xiaosheng showed no hint of pride or arrogance on his face, as if his beatboxing was nothing to boast about.

His subtle flair was the most lethal, making Cooper grit his teeth in hatred.

Bai Yuefeng saw this and wished she could applaud. Yet, she had to restrain herself and maintain her graceful appearance.

Bai Yuefeng merely smiled broadly and secretly muttered, “I never knew Bai Xiaosheng was so skilled at beatboxing, it’s truly splendid. It’s a pity I didn’t record it. Oh well, I’ll definitely ask him to teach me later!”

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying also exchanged smiles.

They had heard Bai Xiaosheng whistle and perform beatboxing during leisurely moments when everyone was relaxing.

What they didn't expect was that Bai Xiaosheng chose to defeat Cooper with beatboxing rather than suppress him with musical performance.

Unexpected, yet brilliant!

Even York couldn't resist showing excitement in his eyes, saying to Lin Weiwei, "Your friend is amazing. Has he ever thought of entering the entertainment industry? I can introduce him to some friends. With so many celebrities present, I bet they also want to collaborate with him. Look, that person, and that one, they're all whispering to their assistants, pointing at your friend. I bet they all want to work with him."

To this, Lin Weiwei smiled slyly.

Those people really have wishful thinking!

Collaborate with the business president of Zhenbei Group? Bai Xiaosheng's wealth could buy out their contracts for decades.

Just as everyone was praising Bai Xiaosheng, suddenly someone shouted, a voice particularly discordant!

"I don't think this counts as a win!"

This sharp voice made everyone suddenly pause and look over.

Bai Yuefeng was also stunned, looking beside her.

It was none other than Jessica who spoke.

Bai Xiaosheng's much-discussed beatboxing was not appreciated by her. Instead, she furrowed her brows deeply.

In her heart, Cooper was perfect, and his performance of “Flight of the Bumblebee” reached a concert-level standard, to be outdone by mere whistling? She didn’t agree!

Cooper looked at Jessica, surprised, yet hope flared in his eyes.

Of course, he was unwilling, feeling they were at most tied, not defeated.

However, he couldn’t publicly declare he didn’t lose; that would make him appear ungentlemanly, especially when everyone else acknowledged Bai Xiaosheng’s beatboxing. Stubbornly refusing to accept defeat would appear ungentlemanly.

Hence, at this moment, he needed someone to stand up and lead the debate.

He didn’t expect it would be Jessica.

Bai Xiaosheng looked calmly at Jessica.

Bai Yuefeng couldn’t help but say, “Jessica, what are you saying? How is it that Bai hasn’t won! Using beatboxing to simulate ‘Flight of the Bumblebee’ and making it indistinguishable from the real thing, I think he’s the superior one!”

Bai Yuefeng was quite unhappy with her best friend.

She didn’t believe Jessica was unaware of today’s events yet said nothing, leaving her in a passive situation, pretending it was all for her good—she didn’t like it at all.

Now, Jessica was speaking up again, denying Bai Xiaosheng’s victory, making her even angrier.

Facing the puzzled gazes of others and Bai Yuefeng’s questioning, Jessica pointed directly at Bai Xiaosheng and sharply said, “Earlier, Cooper mentioned that he should find an instrument among those available in the venue to perform the piece, reaching Cooper’s level with about thirty to forty percent, only then counts as winning!”

“But what did he do? Whistling doesn’t count as instrument performance!” Jessica sneered, “In elegant occasions, can whistling replace musical instruments? Absurd!”

Jessica’s words immediately stirred up the crowd.

“Yes, the bet was about instrument performance, not using beatboxing!”

“Exactly, I didn’t react in time, it was indeed meant to be an instrument challenge!”

“Yeah, that makes sense, Mr. Cooper didn’t lose, so he... indeed didn’t win either!”

The crowd was abuzz, and the group’s attitude quickly shifted.

Whether it was Bai Yuefeng, Lin Weiwei, or Lei Ying, they all frowned at the surrounding people.

These were guests invited by Cooper, naturally biased towards him. Though they were initially impressed by Bai Xiaosheng’s skills, upon reflection, they began making excuses for Cooper.

Bai Yuefeng felt like scolding everyone, scolding Jessica.

Cooper intentionally asked an experienced musician, “What do you think?”

The musician’s face showed some embarrassment but had to admit, “According to the agreement, indeed, that gentleman should have competed in instruments.”

Even that renowned musician believed so, prompting Cooper to smile broadly. He looked at Bai Xiaosheng and said loudly, “Sorry, friend, if that’s what everyone thinks, then perhaps you didn’t truly win...”

As he spoke, Cooper noticed Bai Xiaosheng striding towards him, moving with speed, expressionless.

Cooper's smile froze slightly, becoming cautious.

He thought Bai Xiaosheng was dissatisfied and was coming to argue, maybe even planning to fight.

Unexpectedly, Bai Xiaosheng approached closely and merely smiled before sitting down at the piano in front of them as Cooper cautiously stepped back.

Bai Xiaosheng glanced at the guests who had just echoed each other, then looked at Jessica.

"You want to hear instrument performance? No problem." Bai Xiaosheng smiled at them, not even looking at the piano keys, his hands lightly dancing on them.

A lively rendition of "Flight of the Bumblebee" instantly resounded.

Clearly faster and smoother than Cooper's, and Bai Xiaosheng never once looked at the piano keys throughout.

The sensation of "bumbees swirling around" reappeared in everyone's mind.

This piece came alive!

The musician looked at Bai Xiaosheng in surprise, raising his hand as if to applaud but hesitated, afraid of disturbing Bai Xiaosheng.

This had already perfectly surpassed Cooper!

Beside him, Cooper's complexion changed dramatically, looking at Bai Xiaosheng in disbelief.

How... how could he play better than himself!

Over there, Jessica was speechless, unable to utter a word.

The surrounding guests were the same.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying chuckled coldly.

These people...

Why not just admit defeat gracefully, rather than losing so thoroughly!

York stupidly watched Bai Xiaosheng, muttering one sentence, "Your friend is truly amazing!"

Bai Xiaosheng played a segment, stood up, walked to the side, and took a flute from a stunned musician, performing another segment, clearly a flute yet transformed into a piano version of "Flight of the Bumblebee"!

But it didn't end there, Bai Xiaosheng acquired a violin...

After several performances, Bai Xiaosheng put down the instruments and smiled at Cooper, saying, "Mr. Cooper, do you find this sufficient?"

This statement carried no sarcasm, yet it was incredibly ironic.

Cooper began hating Jessica, wondering why she had to speak!

Under everyone's gaze, Cooper's face turned unpleasant, yet he forced a smile, "Enough!"

"I admit, this time... you won!"

Chapter 2148 - The Second Match

Cooper forced himself to be gracious and admitted that Bai Xiaosheng had won the first round. The guests present, led by the musician, once again gave Bai Xiaosheng a warm applause.

Genuinely impressed!

Bai Yuefeng glanced at Jessica. This time, Jessica was silent, her head down.

Bai Yuefeng couldn't help but feel delighted.

You wouldn't acknowledge that Bai Xiaosheng won with his vocal skills, insisting he use instruments according to the rules. Well, now he's performed every piece for you, whether it's legitimate piano music or played on various instruments.

Cooper probably can't even do that!

Is she helping Cooper or does she just think Cooper isn't embarrassed enough...

Bai Yuefeng really wanted to interview her "good" friend.

"Can we proceed to the second round, Mr. Cooper?" Bai Xiaosheng smiled and asked Cooper as everyone watched.

Cooper's eyelid twitched slightly involuntarily before he forced a laugh, "Sure! But this time I won't hold back!"

That sounded as if he had gone easy on Bai Xiaosheng earlier.

Bai Yuefeng couldn't help but roll her eyes at him.

Lin Weiwei had already rolled her eyes.

Beside her, Lei Ying snickered.

"Mr. Cooper seems to be provoked, he's going to be serious," York couldn't help but say to Lin Weiwei, "Mr. Cooper is highly talented. If he gets serious, your friend is probably in for a tough time. This time, he's bound to lose!"

Even now, York was still optimistic about Cooper.

Lin Weiwei was not convinced by these words, looking at him with a frown, "Mr. York, would you care to bet with me?"

"Bet on what?" York was immediately pleased to get the attention of this Huaxia beauty.

"I'll bet my friend wins, you bet on Cooper. Whoever loses has to eat that table!" Lin Weiwei glared at him, "Good for shutting that blabbering mouth of yours!"

York's smile froze, but he still chuckled lightly, muttering, "I might not lose..."

Lin Weiwei simply ignored him.

On the other side, Cooper was contemplating.

He had underestimated the difficulty of the first test, thinking that such a high level of musical ability wasn't something everyone had, not expecting that the guy's vocal prowess would surpass his own.

"This is just a coincidence! This time, he won't be so lucky! And I won't let that kind of luck fall on him again!" Cooper calculated his areas of expertise in his mind.

He had four bachelor's degrees; music and appreciation were acquired to complement his high society status, while business and management were for handling the family business.

Cooper prided himself as a business prodigy, a highly skilled manager.

But how could he compete with someone in business and management?

With a market and big data analysis?

A challenge in talent management and utilization?

These aren't suitable for public competition.

Normal business and management concepts and views don't really have a clear winner; a result is needed to determine victory, but that can't be achieved in the short term.

As Cooper hesitated, he inadvertently saw Bai Yuefeng and suddenly had an idea.

He had another degree in "art and art appraisal," and just so happened to have something suitable!

Cooper waved over a trusted aide, whispered a few words, and that person nodded repeatedly before quickly leaving.

"I have something I'd like this gentleman to appraise. If he can do so to my satisfaction, admitting I'm wrong, then I'll concede," Cooper smiled and said.

Bai Xiaosheng raised an eyebrow but said nothing.

However, Lin Weiwei couldn't hold back and said loudly, "How would you define 'to your satisfaction'? How can it be considered that you agree? Mr. Cooper, if you're both participant and judge in this bet, isn't that unfair!"

To Lin Weiwei, this bet seemed utterly ridiculous.

No matter how thoroughly Bai Xiaosheng spoke, if Cooper just said it was wrong, would it still count as his win!

Facing Lin Weiwei's frank questioning, even York couldn't help but admire her.

This beauty truly dared to speak the truth publicly.

The guests all glanced at Lin Weiwei, then at Cooper, whispering amongst themselves.

In fact, when Cooper said those words, many people had similar thoughts, just not daring to voice them.

Facing Lin Weiwei's question, Cooper wasn't angry but smiled, "I haven't finished yet, please be patient and listen, miss."

Lin Weiwei maintained a cold expression and said nothing.

"As for this item, of course, I'll make my own evaluation, but since it belongs to me, there's a bias, so I'd like to speak last."

"If this gentleman's explanation is perfectly accurate, saying what I intended to say, then naturally there's no need for me to speak and I'll admit defeat."

"If our explanations differ and no one can judge whose appraisal is more accurate, no matter, I can contact the seller of the item. They'll provide an authoritative appraisal to determine whose words are most fitting!"

Cooper smiled, "Of course, you might say I still have an advantage, after all, who buys something without prior knowledge."

"So I emphasize again, if this gentleman can say something that I agree with, leaving me speechless, he wins!"

Cooper repeated this painstakingly for everyone to hear, aiming to ensure all recognized that he wasn't at an advantage in this matter.

However, it still made it hard for people to fully believe.

Lin Weiwei opened her mouth to speak, but then she heard Bai Xiaosheng say, "Mr. Cooper, I agree with your method. Let's bring it out."

Bai Xiaosheng agreed!

From the beginning, Bai Xiaosheng displayed an unconcerned demeanor, seemingly indifferent to fairness of the method or content, which was rather surprising.

Actually, to Bai Xiaosheng, the greatest unfairness lay with him, not Cooper.

After all, he had Red Lotus as a strong assistant, while Cooper was truly "open and aboveboard"...

Unfortunately, others didn't know.

Many still thought Cooper had the advantage, and admired Bai Xiaosheng's "fearless" display while also casting sympathetic glances at him.

York, too, smacked his lips, looking at the table as he said to Lin Weiwei, "Such a large table, it must be hard to swallow. I do cherish beauty, so if you lose, don't eat the table; I'll treat you to a drink instead."

Lin Weiwei ignored him.

Before long, Cooper's trusted aide returned.

He held a square box covered with a red velvet cloth and even had a high table specially brought over.

The aide placed the box covered in the cloth firmly on the table, then stepped back respectfully.

Cooper walked over, looked at the item in front of him, and smilingly said to Bai Yuefeng, "Actually, this time, to express my admiration for you, I prepared a gift, which is this item! It's for the elders in your family!"

Cooper then looked at everyone and unhurriedly said, "I know that ordinary jewelry is too clichéd, and Yuefeng wouldn't like it. So this item is something I acquired with great effort!"

"It is from Huaxia, a top-tier craft, representing the highest level of a Great Master!"

"I spent a whopping ten million US Dollars to get it!"

Cooper spoke with grandeur and mystique.

The crowd immediately showed respect.

It was well-known that Mr. Cooper frequently visited auction houses, so it was assumed that this item was also purchased at auction!

Everyone couldn't help but be eager to witness the treasure hidden under that red cloth.

Seeing all eyes turned towards him, including Bai Yuefeng's own curious gaze, Cooper was thoroughly pleased.

He reached out and pulled the red cloth off the box.

Everyone instantly focused their gaze.

Bai Xiaosheng seeing the item beneath it, suddenly froze, with a peculiar expression.

This, is the item Cooper is holding in such high regard?

Chapter 2149:

Cooper tore off the red cloth, revealing the object underneath—a square glass box.

Inside the box was a beautifully crafted, captivatingly lustrous item—a Yixing teapot!

Around the teapot, several exquisite little Yixing tea cups were arranged.

Bai Xiaosheng took one look and immediately recognized it; it was unmistakably a masterpiece from the Li Ni Workshop!

The unique luster reflected off the teapot's body was the effect only achieved by the clay material used exclusively by Li Ni.

The formula for that clay material has been patented by Li Ni Workshop both in Huaxia and internationally.

This quality of Yixing teapot—let alone others—their production isn't even allowed to be sold even if they manage to make it.

Last year, several major imitation lawsuits won by Li Ni Workshop silenced the counterfeiters.

Because of their unique technology, Yixing pottery from the Li Ni Workshop is especially valuable, categorized into three levels: 'Masterpiece', 'Ingenious Hand', and 'Craftsmanship'.

Not every Yixing utensil from Li Ni Workshop can sell for millions of US dollars, only those at the 'Masterpiece' level hold that price, with only about twenty sets produced annually.

'Craftsmanship' and 'Ingenious Hand' cater to the upper-middle market and are the most profitable products.

Interestingly, Cooper's current set of Yixing teapot is a replica of the one that Bai Xiaosheng and Li Ni spent a long time making at the workshop, but the authentic original is now stored in Wei Xuelian's grandfather Wei Tianhe's study.

Even this crafted replica sold for a million dollars!

Bai Xiaosheng felt at ease after just one glance.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying exchanged a surprised look.

Even they found the Yixing teapot set familiar and soon recalled it was their own product.

At the scene, as Cooper unveiled his mysterious gift, the guests buzzed with discussion, intrigued by this set being valued at a million dollars.

"What is this, an artifact from Huaxia, an antique perhaps, fetching such a high price?"

"It seems like it, maybe it's something from many years ago!"

"Tsk tsk, artwork, relics, it looks truly beautiful!"

"Is this from Huaxia, suggesting Huaxia people might have an advantage in appreciation..."

Everyone had their own opinions.

“Ladies and gentlemen!” Cooper smiled and raised his voice when he saw the atmosphere heating up, “I can tell everyone, this is not an antique! It is a ‘Masterpiece’ level treasure from Huaxia’s Li Ni Workshop!”

One sentence, and the whole room was astonished.

“It’s not an antique, yet so expensive?”

“Modern product, at such a high cost?”

Some were puzzled.

However, many in the room were knowledgeable.

York, beside Lin Weiwei, was one of them.

At this moment, he looked incredulously at the teapot, first swallowing before exclaiming in surprise, “Li Ni Workshop, a rising star in the luxury goods industry, has become renowned in recent years—they supply only to noble families! Their prices are exorbitant! It’s already become a luxury brand from Huaxia!”

Seeing someone knowledgeable, everyone looked to York.

Cooper also looked at him with approval, encouraging him to continue.

“Indeed, I’ve heard of them, my family even bought a batch of Li Ni Workshop’s utensils, the elders loved them!”

“My family has some too, bought at a high price!”

Several people chimed in.

Seeing himself the center of attention from Cooper and everyone, York became spirited, explaining to the crowd, "Speaking of Li Ni Workshop's products, they're divided into three categories: 'Masterpiece', 'Ingenious Hand', 'Craftsmanship', and even a single 'Craftsmanship' piece is already jaw-droppingly expensive, 'Ingenious Hand' needs a six-month pre-order, as for 'Masterpiece'..."

York teased, seeing the anticipation in everyone's eyes, before delightfully saying, "Only twenty sets are produced annually for the global market!"

The crowd was startled.

"Ladies and gentlemen, considering just over twenty sets are produced globally, you can imagine how rare and precious this item is. After all, even in our state, there are more than twenty wealthy families! Such hot commodities are truly priceless!" York clicked his tongue in admiration, "Each piece is worth over a million dollars!"

As York spoke, his gaze at Cooper was filled with reverence, as if obtaining this Yixing teapot was a symbol of Cooper's connections and strength!

The guests on site all exclaimed in surprise, looking at Cooper with the same reverence.

Basked in the limelight of all the guests, Cooper became even more smug.

"Wow, is it really that amazing..." Bai Yuefeng couldn't help but glance at the Yixing teapot, murmuring with dissatisfaction.

But with such praise, this item must not be simple. In terms of appraisal, it must be exceedingly difficult.

Can Bai Xiaosheng handle it this time?

Bai Yuefeng became a bit uneasy.

Meanwhile, York flirted mischievously with Lin Weiwei, saying, “Beauty, don’t forget our bet. If you lose, even if you plead with me, I wouldn’t mind helping out... within reason, of course.”

Lin Weiwei didn’t pay any attention to him.

Bai Xiaosheng walked over, standing in front of the table, examining the Yixing teapot set.

“No hurry, take your time, is five minutes enough, if not, I can...” Cooper graciously smiled at Bai Xiaosheng.

“This piece is indeed a rare treasure.” Bai Xiaosheng interrupted Cooper.

As it was a product of his own enterprise, Bai Xiaosheng once again leaned forward to look closely at the teapot, first praising it, “The cups and saucers match, the form is full and robust, the craftsmanship superior, the detailing minute and delicate, appearing full of life...”

Chapter 2150: Exceptionally Humble_2

Cooper smiled without speaking; if Bai Xiaosheng only gave such a superficial evaluation and merely praised, he wouldn’t be able to defeat him or convince the crowd.

Bai Xiaosheng’s gaze suddenly froze, landing on several zisha cups next to him, and he frowned.

“However, these matching cups are quite inappropriate...”

Bai Xiaosheng’s words made everyone stretch their necks to look at those small cups. They appeared to have the same sheen as the teapot and seemed well-matched.

The crowd didn’t know what was inappropriate.

Cooper lightly wrinkled his brow and laughed, "Oh, do you have any insights!"

Bai Xiaosheng stroked his chin.

"The clay ratio and craftsmanship details of these cups should be the work of Mr. Li Ni, but the teapot is not. This set of tea utensils does not match, although the value of the cups is higher than that of the zisha teapot."

Upon Bai Xiaosheng's words, Cooper and the others hurried to examine those cups.

"Everyone, please take a look..."

Bai Xiaosheng calmly and methodically analyzed what he knew for everyone to hear.

Bai Xiaosheng had studied zisha teapots with Li Ni and knew him well, so he was naturally familiar with many details.

The guests had never heard of what Bai Xiaosheng described, and all listened intently.

Even Cooper was a bit surprised initially.

Cooper was astonished that Bai Xiaosheng even understood the intricacies inside, mentioning some points casually that were virtually identical to what the North American representative from Li Ni Workshop had said.

However, Cooper also detected that Bai Xiaosheng's remarks were incorrect in some aspects!

Cooper instantly smirked, feeling confident of victory.

"Alright." Cooper was too lazy to listen any further and said loudly.

He wanted to stop Bai Xiaosheng from stealing the spotlight.

However, his words were initially ignored by the crowd.

“I said, that’s enough!” Cooper shouted, finally interrupting Bai Xiaosheng’s explanation.

Bai Xiaosheng looked at him calmly. The crowd also turned to look at Cooper.

Cooper sneered repeatedly, “Your words do have some interest. But, unfortunately, what you said is incorrect!”

“Not only the cups are the work of Mr. Li Ni, but the zisha teapot is also his creation! Moreover, you claim the value of these cups surpasses that of the zisha teapot? That’s pure nonsense! It seems you don’t understand at all!”

“Just these two points show how poor your appraisal skills are! You lose!”

Cooper even announced Bai Xiaosheng’s defeat on the spot.

“Really? Mr. Cooper is so confident.” Bai Xiaosheng remained emotionally unaffected and replied with a smile.

“Of course!” Cooper sneered, “I have... studied it. The clay ratio used for this zisha teapot and cups is identical, and both are creations by Master Li Ni! You were simply wrong earlier, yet you can keep bluffing!”

Cooper was extremely confident because the person who sold him this expensive set of zisha tea utensils clearly explained everything and he even memorized all the information regarding this set, preparing to showcase his profound knowledge and love for Huaxia culture when presenting it to the Bai family’s elders.

From the start, it wasn't a fair competition.

Cooper knew the standard answers!

Only Bai Xiaosheng didn't know when to give up and insisted on accepting this challenge.

From the moment he agreed, Cooper was convinced he would win for certain.

"Make a phone call." Bai Xiaosheng suddenly said with a smile.

Make a phone call, but to whom?

The others were puzzled.

"You mean to call the person who sold me the zisha teapot, the North America representative from Li Ni Workshop?" Cooper sneered.

He could purchase this expensive item, indicating he was the esteemed major client of the other party, and a phone call would surely be answered!

Even though it wasn't office hours now, he would undoubtedly provide testimony that Cooper was correct!

"Alright, I'll let you lose with clarity. I can video call him and have the people here as witnesses to prevent you from saying that I'm deceiving you!"

Cooper appeared exceedingly confident.

Seeing Cooper's expression, the guests also felt he was certainly holding the winning hand.

Bai Yuefeng was also somewhat concerned about Bai Xiaosheng's remarks.

In the sight of everyone, Cooper took out his phone, about to speak with the North American representative of Li Ni Workshop in front of them.

At that moment, a servant suddenly came hurriedly, seeming to have urgent news.

This kind of occasion, where Cooper needs to be informed, must not be a small matter.

Cooper paused the call and listened attentively.

After hearing the servant's words, Cooper's eyes suddenly lit up, and he shouted at that person, "Quick, invite him in!"

The guests exchanged glances, not knowing what had happened, their eyes filled with confusion as they watched the hurriedly departing servant.

Cooper smiled at Bai Xiaosheng and said, "Sometimes you have to believe that everything is arranged by fate! I don't need to make a call to the North America representative of Li Ni Workshop because he's here!"

This statement surprised all the guests.

Even Bai Xiaosheng was astonished.

Bai Yuefeng was even more surprised as he looked in the direction the servant left.

How could it be so coincidental?

The representative from Li Ni Workshop in Benzhou was also invited?

Cooper glanced at the entrance direction, smiled, and pointed it out to everyone.

Everyone present looked over in unison and saw Cooper's servant leading a tall, thin man with glasses approaching.

Those who recognized him immediately introduced him to the person next to them, "Yes, yes, he's the head of Li Ni Workshop's business channels in North America, his name is Jack Han."

Actually, there was no need for others to introduce; Bai Xiaosheng, even Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying knew.

After all, Bai Xiaosheng had asked Li Ni to prepare gifts, needing a specialist here to interface with them.

As Mr. Jack Han approached, he had not yet seen Bai Xiaosheng. He just smiled broadly at Cooper.