

Two Trillion 2151

Chapter 2151 - Extremely Modest

Mr. Cooper smiled at him and deliberately raised his voice, "Mr. Han, your timing is impeccable, and you're just in time!"

Jack Han saw a table in front of Cooper with a glass vessel holding his 'Masterpiece' level purple clay teapot, surrounded by layers of guests, many of whom had familiar faces from TV.

Jack Han's eyes revealed a hint of unease.

"Mr. Han, I'll talk to you later with pleasantries," Cooper, oblivious to the subtle changes in Jack Han's eyes, excitedly pointed to the purple clay teapot and then to Bai Xiaosheng, raising his voice, "Regarding this rare item, tell this gentleman in front of everyone, whether it's part of a set, and whether it's all made by Mr. Li Ni!"

As long as Jack Han, the "seller," admits it, whatever Bai Xiaosheng says is useless!

With this, I win!

Cooper was full of anticipation.

Jack Han first glanced at the purple clay teapot, his eyes troubled, then he looked up at Bai Xiaosheng and froze, his entire expression turning to one of surprise.

Although Jack Han didn't know that Bai Xiaosheng was the real behind-the-scenes boss of Li Ni Workshop, he did know that Mr. Li Ni had repeatedly told him that once the items arrived, they should be personally delivered to this person. Li Ni had provided him with a recent photo of Bai Xiaosheng.

Jack Han had looked at it countless times and could naturally recognize Bai Xiaosheng at a glance.

The items to be delivered, Li Ni had said, were the best masterpieces he had personally crafted in the past six months.

This was what truly shocked Jack Han.

Outsiders only knew that Li Ni Workshop had three grades: "Masterpiece, Ingenious Hand, and Exquisite Craft," but they didn't know there was a fourth grade, "Unmatched," meaning "peerless," with each piece being something even Mr. Li Ni believed was hard to surpass.

Several pieces of "Unmatched" purple clay teaware, each one worth a fortune, with prices unavailable even if money was offered. Just the shipping insurance on them was enough to make one's jaw drop!

So many rare items given to one person showed that this person was not ordinary at all, but rather unfathomable!

Suddenly, Jack Han wanted to confirm the identity with Bai Xiaosheng, disregarding even Cooper.

"Mr. Han, have the items that Mr. Li Ni entrusted to you for me arrived?" Bai Xiaosheng's casual question immediately assured Jack Han that this was indeed the person in the photo Li Ni had sent him.

Jack Han immediately displayed a most reverent smile, ready to greet Bai Xiaosheng.

"Let's not talk about that first. Tell me about this set of purple clay teaware," Bai Xiaosheng promptly stopped him, then pointed to the table.

Jack Han knew Bai Xiaosheng's identity was extraordinary and didn't want to make a scene in public, so he held back his curiosity.

Beside them, Cooper looked suspiciously at Jack Han. Since a moment ago, he'd felt that this person's demeanor was off, inexplicably peculiar...

The guests also felt the same.

"This set of purple clay teaware..." Jack Han, upon seeing the items on the table, couldn't help but look at Cooper, filled with apology, and said, "I came here to clarify some things and apologize."

Cooper was instantly stunned.

"This set of purple clay teaware is actually not a complete set," Jack Han said apologetically. "This purple clay teapot was made by a master of Li Ni Workshop, while these cups were made by Mr. Li Ni himself. So you see, the textures and meanings don't completely match, but they can still be explained. One of my employees confused it with the store's treasure and said the wrong thing. I wasn't present at the time, so I came specifically to apologize. But Mr. Cooper, you can rest assured because the value of this mismatched set, with the cups made by Mr. Li Ni himself, exceeds ten million US dollars. Your money wasn't wasted! Regarding this set, we can offer you a replacement, a refund, or compensation! Li Ni Workshop is willing to communicate with esteemed guests with the utmost sincerity and take responsibility for our mistake!"

Jack Han's words were like a bolt from the blue.

They left Cooper dumbfounded and the entire venue silent!

What Bai Xiaosheng said was actually correct.

The items were indeed mixed up!

"How is this possible!" Cooper's face turned pale with anger.

What mattered to him wasn't the money, but the bet!

This time, he lost again!

And it was a loss with no room for maneuver!

This means he couldn't entangle with Bai Yuefeng!

Cooper was unwilling!

Jack Han said apologetically, "We can offer you a replacement with a piece crafted by Master Li Ni himself, a non-sale treasure far exceeding this one in value, or a refund. If you feel our compensation is too low, you can go through the legal route, and we'll definitely compensate as per your demands, satisfying our honored guests..."

Without a doubt, Jack Han's attitude exhibited absolute sincerity.

But Cooper had no mind to listen, his face turning livid.

"This time, we've won again!" Bai Yuefeng laughed joyfully, "Two out of three, there's no need to continue. Mr. Cooper, I'm afraid I have to decline your kind offer today!"

Bai Yuefeng showed no signs of regret, clearly delighted.

Cooper was silent. Jessica was also speechless.

Meanwhile, Lin Weiwei turned to ask York to fulfill his promise to eat the table, only to find that the fellow had already slipped away at some point...

"How do you know so much about the purple clay teaware?"

Cooper suddenly looked up at Bai Xiaosheng, gritting his teeth and asking.

Something was off. No ordinary person could possess such detailed knowledge; most would only know public information. Bai Xiaosheng's commentary just now included many descriptions unique to Li Ni Workshop's experts!

He couldn't possibly know!

Unless he had connections with Li Ni Workshop!

Faced with Cooper's question, Bai Xiaosheng shrugged and smiled, "Actually, I also ordered a few sets of treasures from Li Ni Workshop, which should not be inferior to this set, so I've learned about them. I'm also going to give two sets to the Feng Family."

"Have they arrived today?" Bai Xiaosheng asked Jack Han with a smile beside him.

"They've already arrived," Jack Han answered Bai Xiaosheng respectfully, standing with hands at his sides.

"Several sets? How is this possible!" Cooper shouted at Jack Han, "You told me this 'Masterpiece' purple clay teaware is the only set remaining! Are you saying your Li Ni Workshop is deceiving me?!"

Instantly, all the guests looked at Jack Han.

The latter explained to Cooper with a smile, "'Masterpiece' level, except for the store's treasure, is indeed the only set remaining in the past six months."

"However, what this gentleman ordered is a priceless non-sale item handcrafted by Master Li Ni himself, an 'Unmatched' grade purple clay teapot exceeding 'Masterpiece'!

A priceless non-sale masterpiece crafted personally by Master Li Ni...

Cooper and everyone present looked at Bai Xiaosheng in disbelief.

Who is this person, and what is his relationship with Li Ni?

"A friend, simply a friend, giving a face," Bai Xiaosheng explained with a smile.

Very modest. Not arrogant at all.

Chapter 2152: Another Banquet

Bai Xiaosheng once again triumphed over Cooper in this round of evaluating the Zisha teapots. Thus far, with three rounds and two victories, there's no need for further competition. Cooper's pursuit of Bai Yuefeng in this farce has come to a complete end.

Faced with Jack Han's mention of compensation, Cooper had no intention of overthinking it and hastily agreed to the refund plan.

After expressing gratitude to Cooper, the host, Jack Han respectfully turned to Bai Xiaosheng to inquire where the newly arrived "goods" should be sent.

Bai Xiaosheng told him to get in touch later, so naturally, Jack Han did not ask further, agreed respectfully, and left after bidding farewell to Cooper.

Cooper, though selected as the future head of a prominent family, showed no sign of disappointment or anger despite losing two rounds publicly. He quickly put everything behind him, called in the servants to tidy up the scene, and faced Bai Xiaosheng, Bai Yuefeng, and the crowd with a calm smile.

"I didn't expect Mr. Bai to be so accomplished in music and appreciation. I must make friends with you; let's exchange more in the future."

Cooper smiled warmly at Bai Xiaosheng, his gaze sincere, displaying remarkable tolerance.

At least, that's how it appeared to others.

Bai Xiaosheng could naturally perceive the true emotions hidden in Cooper's heart but genuinely admired him.

Being able to endure is an essential trait for those who achieve great things.

From this aspect, Cooper is not to be underestimated in the future.

“Yuefeng, today it seems my confession has failed, but it’s okay, it’s not the first time,” Cooper joked with Bai Yuefeng.

His face showed no trace of awkwardness.

Cooper even warmly invited Bai Yuefeng, “It’s my birthday today, and many friends are here. There will be many impromptu performances later, so don’t rush off, stick around for a few more drinks; it shouldn’t be a problem.”

“Okay.” Bai Yuefeng readily agreed.

Though normally carefree, Bai Yuefeng knows how to restrain and socialize, especially as a member of a prominent family.

Besides, since Cooper was so magnanimous, Bai Yuefeng wouldn’t risk being too petty.

After all, it is his birthday party.

Jessica, a good friend, approached with Bai Yuefeng’s arm, laughing, “We haven’t seen each other for a while; we should catch up later.”

Bai Yuefeng discreetly withdrew her arm and smiled at Jessica, “It has been a while; your change... is quite significant!”

Jessica, knowing she had gone a bit overboard this time, could only smile sheepishly and remain silent.

The atmosphere suddenly became “harmonious.”

The guests also broke into smiles, tacitly ending the discussion about the competition.

After all, it was Cooper, the host, who lost two rounds earlier, and further discussion would be inappropriate.

Now, the party could continue.

Stars were gathering, and the excitement was inevitable.

The stars, who received substantial appearance fees, were invited to showcase their talents.

Performances were plentiful, with applause and cheers ongoing.

Compared to Cooper, Bai Xiaosheng was surrounded by just as many people. Many stars personally approached Bai Xiaosheng to chat warmly and exchange business cards.

Initially, Bai Xiaosheng displayed his expertise in vocal and instrumental skills with the intent to collaborate.

But later, when Bai Xiaosheng managed to acquire Li Ni Workshop's limited edition treasures that even prominent families couldn't buy, the perception of his value changed!

Mr. Cooper could only buy the "Masterpiece" Zisha teapot set from Li Ni Workshop, worth millions of dollars.

Each of Bai Xiaosheng's sets was even more valuable and not available in the market!

Could someone like this have a low net worth?

Even randomly selling a set of rare teapots could make him a millionaire!

Therefore, all those stars sought closeness, hoping to discern this person's true background.

Actually, not only them, but all the guests present shared the same thought.

Gradually, more people surrounded Bai Xiaosheng than Cooper, the host.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying were busy dealing with the crowd next to Bai Xiaosheng.

Cooper observed this, and despite maintaining a calm demeanor, felt increasing frustration.

However, Cooper didn't believe Bai Xiaosheng's status was truly profound. After all, his family was a prominent one, though weaker than the Bai Family and Wei Family, they were in the same league. Cooper was reluctant to believe Bai Xiaosheng's background significantly outshone his.

If such a person existed, they wouldn't have been unheard of or unseen before.

Cooper thought Bai Xiaosheng being friends with Li Ni was probably true, and perhaps their relationship was unique, which allowed him to acquire treasures that wealthy families could not.

It just so happened that this person was also skilled in music, and Cooper lost today due to luck.

But what Cooper constantly remembered and couldn't let go of was finding an opportunity to overshadow Bai Xiaosheng in front of Bai Yuefeng and reclaim his pride...

However, such opportunities might not be easily found...

"Speaking of which, there's still an important matter to attend to later." As Cooper looked at the lively scene, he didn't forget the crucial task and glanced secretly at the time.

It was about time.

Originally, Cooper planned an unconventional public proposal to win Bai Yuefeng's heart but didn't anticipate sudden changes, delaying this matter.

Having watched the performances for so long, much time had been consumed.

Now, it was time to proceed and handle the important task!

Cooper thought of this and first greeted the two elders from his family attending the banquet.

These two were firm supporters of Cooper, very courteous to the future family head, otherwise, they wouldn't have condoned Cooper's outrageous actions.

After greeting them, Cooper watched as a singer finished performing and smiled as he walked over, taking the microphone and signaling everyone to be quiet.

As the host, Cooper made his appearance again, and the guests stopped chatting, holding their glasses and looking over.

"Apologies, everyone! Today, I have another important matter to attend to," Cooper said with a smile to the audience.

The guests looked curiously.

Cooper continued, "Everyone knows I have just taken over an important family business in the pharmaceutical industry."

The guests nodded.

"And today, at this moment, downstairs, there's another banquet being held, organized by the North American Medical and Pharmaceutical Association." Cooper smiled, "I have to leave for a while to talk about an important collaboration with a key person!"

“If successful, it will be my best birthday present!”

As Cooper spoke, his eyes sparkled.

The guests realized that a lucrative opportunity awaited Cooper downstairs.

The guests promptly raised their glasses with smiles—

“Mr. Cooper, please go ahead and tend to the important matter!”

“If you secure a major collaboration today, it will truly be a double blessing!”

“Today is Mr. Cooper’s lucky day; all will go smoothly, and any partnership will surely succeed!”

“Wishing Mr. Cooper success!”

The guests offered their blessings one after another.

Cooper smiled, “Thank you all for your kind words. I’ll be leaving for a while; you all enjoy yourself here, and if all goes well, I’ll be back soon!”

The crowd readily agreed with smiles.

On the other side.

Lin Weiwei couldn’t help but exchange glances with Lei Ying and whispered to Bai Xiaosheng, “The North American Medical and Pharmaceutical Association, why does it sound so familiar to me...”

Bai Xiaosheng smiled and replied, "Of course it's familiar; remember? Cui Chen and Cui Xuexue siblings came to attend their conference!"

Lin Weiwei realized and quickly asked, "So they're downstairs?"

Unexpectedly encountering acquaintances here?

It's rare!

"Whether they are or not, who knows; maybe we'll have to go downstairs to find out." Lei Ying said with a smile.

"Then let's go take a look!" Bai Xiaosheng decided with a smile.

Seeing the three of them whispering, Bai Yuefeng couldn't resist moving closer and curiously asked, "What are you guys talking about?"

Bai Xiaosheng looked at Cooper about to leave and smiled, "We are also interested in the banquet downstairs, thinking of going down to have a look!"

"Ah?" Bai Yuefeng looked at him in surprise.

Bai Xiaosheng is interested too?

Are medical professionals' banquets so attractive?

Chapter 2153 - The Impossible Attendee

Cooper, accompanied by his assistant, left the hall under the watchful eyes of the crowd. Bai Xiaosheng and Bai Yuefeng quietly followed suit. Since they were all heading to the banquet hall downstairs, it was inevitable to meet, so there was no need to deliberately avoid each other.

Cooper, after walking a distance, was reminded by his subordinate and turned back to find Bai Xiaosheng, Bai Yuefeng, and the others, his expression suddenly filled with surprise.

"Yuefeng?" Cooper asked curiously, "Why are you..."

Cooper didn't understand why Bai Yuefeng and the others were following him.

He then glanced at Bai Xiaosheng.

"Mr. Cooper, I am personally very interested in the medical field. Could we go together to see the medical banquet?" Bai Xiaosheng smiled at Cooper.

"Haha, is that so? It turns out you're interested too. However, that's not appropriate, is it?" Cooper replied with a smile, implying his refusal.

Bai Yuefeng hurriedly said, "I'd like to take a look too."

Cooper looked at Bai Yuefeng with surprise and immediately nodded, "Alright, Yuefeng, if you want to see it, I'll take you over!"

This time, Cooper agreed readily.

"What about these friends of mine?" Bai Yuefeng pointed to Bai Xiaosheng and the others.

"Then... let's go together." Cooper didn't want to disrespect Bai Yuefeng.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled and thanked him.

Everyone descended the stairs together.

In the elevator, Cooper still smiled as he asked Bai Yuefeng, "Yuefeng, how did you become so interested in the medical and pharmaceutical field?"

"Ah?" Bai Yuefeng was taken aback, somewhat speechless.

Why would she be interested in medicine and pharmaceuticals?

She too wanted to know...

Cooper seemed to have expected this, his eyes flickering, as he smiled and said, "Is it because Mr. Bai is interested in this industry and wants to invest in this field?"

Cooper was quite imaginative.

"Yuefeng, I'm currently in charge of this part of the business for our family, so if that's the case, feel free to let me know. I can report to the elders in the family, and we will certainly be sincerely willing to cooperate with your Bai Family!"

Cooper was clearly under some misunderstanding, but he spoke with genuine enthusiasm.

To avoid getting entangled in this topic, Bai Yuefeng nodded and vaguely said, "If our family really plans to invest in this business, I'll definitely ask my dad to consider yours more."

Unintentionally said, but intentionally heard.

A simple "consider more" made Cooper believe that the Bai Family was indeed planning to develop in this direction and had already started plotting for collaboration partners.

"Is that so? Well then." Cooper said with a smile, paused for a second, and couldn't help but add, "Yuefeng, you may not be familiar with our industry. In the pharmaceutical field, across North America, our family's business ranks within the top eight! If we include your Bai Family's resources and influence,

once we join forces, we could break into the top five in this field! At that time, Claude Pharmaceuticals, Ambray Pharmaceuticals, would be insignificant!"

Cooper's words revealed quite a bit of excitement.

Meanwhile, Bai Xiaosheng, Lin Weiwei, and Lei Ying exchanged glances.

In Cooper's excited dialogue, they heard a familiar company name—Ambray.

Wasn't that the company Ma Weiqian was keen on collaborating with during the trip, which also belonged to Carolyn, the overall head of their Zhenbei Group's North American division?

Mentioning Carolyn caused Bai Xiaosheng a slight headache.

Even though he and the lady had not officially met, nor seen each other at the company today, there were quite a few "misunderstandings" between them... and many.

At this moment, Bai Xiaosheng was pondering if Miss Carolyn might appear at the medical association's banquet downstairs...

"Probably not." Bai Xiaosheng thought silently.

After all, Miss Carolyn, busy with the election, encountered issues during yesterday's speech. She was too engaged in "firefighting" to have the time to attend such a banquet.

Furthermore, Carolyn is just a shareholder at Ambray Company, does she need to personally attend?

Even if Ambray ranks within the top five in the North American pharmaceutical industry, it's not much of anything significant to Carolyn and her family.

Surely, she wouldn't attend.

Thinking of this, Bai Xiaosheng secretly breathed a sigh of relief.

At the very least today, he certainly didn't want any more trouble, hoping for some peace and quiet.

While Bai Xiaosheng was contemplating these matters, Cooper continued relentlessly, sharing with Bai Yuefeng about their family's strong and potential pharmaceutical business.

Bai Yuefeng was clearly evasive, but Cooper's enthusiasm was unwavering.

Meanwhile, excitement filled the medical association's banquet hall, the destination Bai Xiaosheng and others aimed for.

In contrast to Cooper's birthday party upstairs, which had been going on for a while, the gathering here had just begun.

Many experts and scholars in the medical and pharmaceutical fields gathered in groups, exchanging academic insights. But the most attention-grabbing figures in the room were none other than the siblings Cui Chen and Cui Xuexue, surrounded by numerous people.

Many renowned individuals were zealously conversing with Cui Chen.

The reason was because Cui Chen's research achievements were astonishing, developing drugs and therapies with exceptionally effective treatments for numerous major illnesses.

From a distance, many people pointed and whispered endlessly in discussion.

"Dr. Cui's research is truly a blessing for humanity, also containing immense business opportunities, already eyed by many large enterprises."

"Look, more than half of the top ten pharmaceutical companies in North America sent senior executives to engage with Dr. Cui, all eager to negotiate collaborations."

"Yes, I even saw a vice president from a major company! Truly impressive!"

"Who knows what other big-shots might show up!"

The crowd marveled in admiration.

At this moment, in the hallway downstairs, indeed a significant "big-shot" was arriving with their entourage.

No other than the very person Bai Xiaosheng thought would never come—Carolyn!

Currently, beside Carolyn, following closely, was Ma Weiqian, his expression filled with cautious respect, a broad smile plastered across his face.

For today's banquet, Ma Weiqian fought hard for an opportunity to attend, determined to achieve something significant, to secure Cui Chen.

Unexpectedly, he received a sudden notification from the company that Miss Carolyn would be attending together.

Following this, the company's top leaders who could attend would also come.

Ma Weiqian couldn't help feeling anxious.

Actually, Ma Weiqian's position wasn't low, he already held a manager position in the sales department, having encountered many big figures too.

Yet seeing Carolyn, she particularly instructed him to stay by her side.

This rendered Ma Weiqian both awe-inspired and overwhelmed.

"Miss Carolyn, I really didn't expect you to come this time!" Ma Weiqian said while walking, accompanied by a smile directed at Carolyn.

To gain favor from this lady would ensure his standing in the company wouldn't be underestimated!

Even if he failed to secure the business today, the reprimand wouldn't be severe.

"My election roadshow indeed encountered some minor troubles. But it's not a big deal." said Carolyn as she walked, maintaining proper etiquette even facing someone like Ma Weiqian, demonstrating her personal cultivation.

"Today's attendance isn't for business, but because my campaign mantra includes supporting medical research and promoting medical welfare." Carolyn stated.

Currently, she faced no "minor troubles," but significant challenges, with substantial loss of votes, necessitating full efforts to seize every chance for compensation.

Today, the medical association banquet too was an opportunity!

"Indeed, Miss Carolyn's concern for the people is truly a blessing for Ganande's inhabitants." Ma Weiqian enthusiastically replied with a smile.

Carolyn glanced at him before nonchalantly uttering words that sent a chill through Ma Weiqian.

"I've heard, that Dr. Cui Chen you're following up with, has thus far achieved nothing!"

Chapter 2154 - She Really Came!

To Caroline, it was just an offhand remark, but it was enough to make Mr. Ma feel like he was plunged into an ice cave.

Even this major shareholder, this big shot, knows I failed in the matter concerning Dr. Cui Chen?

Mr. Ma couldn't believe it, yet he was filled with fear.

Seeing Caroline glance at him again, Mr. Ma hurriedly said, "There was a reason for this, Miss Caroline! You can't blame me entirely!"

"Oh?" Caroline looked ahead, her steps unbroken, humming lightly with a hint of derision.

Outsiders only knew that Caroline held a significant share in Ambray, but they didn't know that Ambray was basically one of the most important businesses for her family, and now she was in charge of it.

All the surface information about Ambray was merely a cover.

Caroline was concerned and well-informed about every aspect of Ambray's business.

Mr. Ma, feeling uneasy, quickly said, "Actually, in Huaxia, I've had several... good interactions with Dr. Cui Chen. During the journey, I even had quite pleasant conversations with him, mentioning collaboration that just awaited the right moment..."

Mr. Ma was lying with his eyes wide open.

Now was not the time for him to be honest. If Miss Caroline thought of him as useless, he would have no future in the company.

"But, just as I was about to persuade Dr. Cui Chen to cooperate with us, who would have thought, who would have thought..." Mr. Ma's thoughts were racing.

"Who would have thought what?" Caroline asked lightly.

Mr. Ma tried hard to stay calm, "Who would have thought, someone interfered! Using the opportunity to help Dr. Cui Chen and his sister with a small favor, they took the chance to make them consider collaboration with another family!"

Upon hearing this, Caroline's eyes narrowed slightly, her beautiful eyes flashing a sharp light, glancing at Mr. Ma.

Currently, she couldn't stand hearing about being preempted.

"Is it true? Who is that?" Caroline asked lightly.

Mr. Ma hurriedly said, "It's a Huaxia person, surname Bai, seems to have some background, though not as much as yours. He was accompanied by a man and a woman, the man was tall and burly, the woman very beautiful..."

Just as Mr. Ma said this, he suddenly noticed Caroline stopping her steps.

He didn't respond in time, almost bumping into the person in front.

"A Huaxia person, surname Bai, accompanied by such a man and woman?" Caroline's eyes narrowed.

Her memory was exceptionally good. She recalled seeing three similar individuals on stage when the incident happened yesterday.

And according to Robert, those three were the reason he fell and got injured, also causing his speech to fail.

If so, things wouldn't be simple!

The other party kept disrupting her business as if knowing Ambray was her venture and that she was at a critical point in the election!

And the Bai Family, they're involved as well. Is there really no connection...

Who is Caroline? Meticulous and calculating.

In her eyes, nothing is absolutely isolated. As the saying goes, everything has its reason!

Mr. Ma didn't know there were so many things behind it. At the moment, he was watching Caroline carefully, his eyes shifting.

For him, the most important thing was to clear himself of responsibility.

What harm in blaming others? Besides, that Bai hasn't called in a few days.

Thinking back to their "parting," his "kind words of advice," monetary temptation, and the business card given were all for naught, wasted effort.

However, Mr. Ma didn't care a bit.

The most important thing was letting that person take the blame for him!

Anyway, at the moment, Miss Caroline couldn't verify the information with anyone...

Caroline pondered for two seconds, then resumed walking, her face emotionless, indeed deeply shrewd.

Even Mr. Ma secretly admired her.

Truly worthy of a noble family background, a woman of high standing, running for mayor, her every word and action seemed unfathomable!

"Mr. Ma, this banquet is your chance—your last chance! If what you said is true and you get along well with Dr. Cui Chen, then secure him and show me; otherwise—" Caroline smiled at Mr. Ma, "I think Ambray doesn't keep idle people."

Such words from Caroline instantly terrified Mr. Ma.

Was this a death order?

Damn, the high-level representatives of major pharmaceutical companies present today must all have come for one purpose, to collaborate with Dr. Cui Chen!

Not only had Mr. Ma failed to leave a good impression with Dr. Cui, but he also made him extremely annoyed, even saying he didn't want to cooperate with Ambray.

His presence would certainly irritate the other party, leading to a public refusal...

My career is over, with property taxes and various taxes...

Mr. Ma was filled with fear.

Caroline had no time to worry about a minor person like Mr. Ma, continuing her steps towards the banquet hall.

As they approached their destination, the crowd grew larger, and Caroline no longer spoke to Mr. Ma. She maintained a dignified posture, with more and more people recognizing her and greeting her.

Caroline returned all greetings with smiles, composed and elegant.

Even if Mr. Ma felt bitter, he dared not show it; he grit his teeth and followed, thinking of how to persuade Dr. Cui.

But after much thought, he had no strategy.

Mr. Ma was feeling a bit desperate.

As he walked, Mr. Ma unintentionally looked up and accidentally saw several people coming his way, and he froze.

He saw, opposite, the three incredibly familiar figures.

Weren't they the Bai folks who took the business from him!

Not only the Bai one, but there was also Cooper beside them!

Being from the same circle, Mr. Ma recognized Cooper immediately.

Then Mr. Ma saw another incredibly familiar, pretty girl.

Wasn't that Bai Yuefeng, the lady of Chinatown's top Bai Family?

Mr. Ma was shocked, unconvinced, trying hard to identify.

Contrary to Mr. Ma's observation order, Caroline first recognized Bai Yuefeng, given her unusual relationship with the Bai Family.

Then, Caroline clearly saw Cooper.

Cooper was also a future Family Head of a major family.

Caroline also saw Bai Xiaosheng and the two with him, her pupils narrowing slightly.

A Huaxia person, accompanied by a man and woman, the man tall and burly, the woman beautiful and charming...

She had glanced unnoticed at the backstage doorway the previous day.

Robert had mentioned them, and today Mr. Ma brought them up again!

No mistake, they were the same group!

Caroline's eyes immediately darkened.

So, these three Huaxia people were part of the Cooper Family. Presumably, it was the Cooper Family trying to seize this business. No wonder there were rumors of Cooper pursuing Bai Yuefeng, hoping to use this opportunity to ally with the Bai Family and expand their influence in the pharmaceutical domain!

Such ambition!

They dared to tread on my territory!

Caroline couldn't help but smile, fleetingly cold and sinister, before hiding it.

"Yuefeng!"

In an instant, Caroline switched to a smile, slightly raising her hand, greeting Bai Yuefeng from afar.

Bai Tianyu of the Bai Family sharply invested real capital, genuinely supporting her; Bai Yuefeng couldn't undermine her own family. Caroline believed that their presence was Cooper's scheme, meant to sow doubt.

She couldn't fulfill their wish.

With Caroline's call, Bai Xiaosheng's group immediately looked up her way.

"Miss Caroline?!"

Bai Yuefeng and Cooper were momentarily surprised.

They thought of the setting and anticipated Caroline's appearance.

Yet the two combined couldn't match Bai Xiaosheng's shock.

Bai Xiaosheng felt a bit of a headache.

Caroline really showed up!

Chapter 2155 - One More Misunderstanding Won't Matter...

Life is sometimes so strange that the more you don't want something to happen, the more likely it is to happen.

Just like now, Caroline has appeared.

Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but feel a bit helpless and a bit of a headache.

Bai Xiaosheng originally thought he would find an opportunity tomorrow to specifically visit Caroline and explain the "small misunderstanding" between both parties.

Unexpectedly, they met now.

Not to mention clearing up the misunderstanding, even revealing their identities to each other might be a bit awkward.

Bai Yuefeng saw Caroline greeting her and immediately separated from the crowd, quickly stepping forward with a smile.

No matter how much she disliked Robert, or disliked being pursued by this Miss Caroline's brother.

Currently, their family is on good terms with the Caroline Family, even supporting Caroline's candidacy.

So in front of others, she naturally should have a certain demeanor.

"Miss Caroline!" Bai Yuefeng approached, greeting warmly and respectfully.

Caroline, like an elder, smiled and nodded at Bai Yuefeng, "Yuefeng, I didn't expect to see you here."

"Are you here with your friends?" Caroline spoke naturally while looking at Cooper, and incidentally glanced at Bai Xiaosheng.

But obviously, her attention was more on Cooper.

Subconsciously, Caroline regarded Bai Xiaosheng as Cooper's person, so her attention was naturally focused more on the "master" than the "servant".

Moreover, at first glance, Bai Xiaosheng seemed quite ordinary.

So much so that Caroline chose to selectively ignore him.

"Yes, Miss Caroline, Miss Yuefeng came with me." Cooper responded politely without waiting for Bai Yuefeng to reply.

He then greeted Caroline with a smile, adhering to proper etiquette.

Cooper was completely unaware that Caroline currently had many misunderstandings and hostility toward him and his family.

And the one responsible was Bai Xiaosheng beside him.

Caroline, while smiling, gave Cooper a deep glance, responding politely to his greeting yet thought in her heart, "This Cooper, appearing so composed in front of me, without any flaw! Not simple at all, it seems I underestimated these young ones!"

If I confirm that you intentionally sabotaged my efforts with your family!

Even if it means mutual destruction, I won't let you off easily!

Caroline thought to herself while amicably smiling at Cooper.

Bai Xiaosheng beside Cooper was secretly amazed.

With his perception, he naturally noticed things others might not.

Why does this Miss Caroline seem to hold such deep grudges against Cooper...

Bai Xiaosheng thought to greet Caroline himself but restrained his thoughts.

At this moment, Caroline was talking to Bai Yuefeng and Cooper, leaving no time for him.

Ma Weiqian beside Caroline, however, was nervously fixated on Bai Xiaosheng, quite surprised to meet him here and worried if Bai Xiaosheng might strike up a conversation with Caroline.

His deception might be unraveled, and then he would be in deep trouble!

At this moment, Ma Weiqian also suddenly realized, the medical company Bai spoke of, was indeed owned by the Cooper Family.

As a result, Ma Weiqian snickered inwardly, thinking how could the puny Cooper Family's pharmaceutical group compare with Ambray!

Although ranking-wise, one is fifth and the other is eighth, seemingly not much different.

But in reality, the difference is like heaven and earth!

Knowing who we are competing against makes it all the easier! I can find an opportunity to have a good chat with Dr. Cui Chen, starting with comparing our strengths and then uncover some of Cooper's dirt! I believe Dr. Cui Chen would detest them even more! As long as I can ruin that Bai's image in Dr. Cui Chen's eyes, then I'll have an opportunity! As long as I can secure our cooperation with Dr. Cui Chen! Then my lies wouldn't be a problem!

Ma Weiqian thought to himself.

Over there, Caroline had already had a pleasant chat with Bai Yuefeng and Cooper, and the three of them headed inside.

During this time, Caroline only glanced at Bai Xiaosheng a few times, still not saying much.

However, she hadn't forgotten the grudge from Robert being hurt! Caroline Family members are not to be insulted!

Bai Xiaosheng helplessly noticed Caroline's gaze carried ill intent towards him.

But what could he do? It wasn't even the right time or place to talk.

He could only seek another opportunity inside. Bai Xiaosheng thought to himself.

The crowd swarmed into the hall, and with Caroline's fame, status, and identity, she naturally drew much attention, being surrounded by people.

Caroline also greeted everyone with a smile.

Bai Yuefeng and Cooper followed Caroline, while Bai Xiaosheng was left outside the crowd, somewhat neglected.

However, Bai Xiaosheng didn't enjoy being in the limelight.

At this moment, a familiar face approached—Ma Weiqian.

"We meet again, Mr. Bai!" Ma Weiqian looked at Bai Xiaosheng with a half-smile.

He deliberately left Caroline's side in the chaos, eager to make some "amends".

"Mr. Ma Weiqian." Bai Xiaosheng looked at him with a smile, "We meet again."

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying didn't have a good impression of Ma Weiqian and didn't greet him, while Ma Weiqian clearly didn't have time to greet them either.

"Could I have a word with you?" Ma Weiqian invited Bai Xiaosheng aside.

Seeing his urgent expression, Bai Xiaosheng had no intention of refusing.

"Mr. Bai, you mentioned that you have a friend who also owns a large pharmaceutical company, that friend, is Mr. Cooper, right?" Ma Weiqian spoke to Bai Xiaosheng with absolute certainty.

Bai Xiaosheng was taken aback, wanting to deny it.

But seeing Ma Weiqian's expression, even if he didn't admit it, Ma Weiqian would still believe it.

Thinking that appearing with Cooper made this misunderstanding quite deep...

However, Bai Xiaosheng didn't really mind.

Seeing Bai Xiaosheng's silence, Ma Weiqian continued, "Mr. Bai, wouldn't your emergence during the journey already be planned? Cooper Family is also eyeing Dr. Cui's achievements, weren't you hired by him?"

Ma Weiqian was very sure, speaking assertively.

But Bai Xiaosheng wanted to laugh, given his status, could Cooper even afford to hire him?

"Not at all," Bai Xiaosheng said calmly.

He was speaking with a double entendre, denying having any premeditation, and denying being in league with Cooper.

"No need to explain, it's useless. Our Miss Caroline has already determined that it's you and you all disrupting our business!" Ma Weiqian sneered repeatedly.

He was giving Bai Xiaosheng a heads-up first to prevent Bai Xiaosheng from revealing this matter and giving him trouble.

The Bai who sabotaged our cooperation, that's what Miss Caroline said, not me telling Miss Caroline so.

That's what Ma Weiqian wanted Bai Xiaosheng to think.

"Mr. Bai, actually, I advise you that rather than cooperating with Cooper, it's better to cooperate with us, Ambray is not just a little better than Cooper's pharmaceutical company!" Ma Weiqian said with a cold smile to Bai Xiaosheng, "Once the chips are laid out for Dr. Cui Chen, the outcome will be clear, plus their dirty history which Dr. Cui Chen loathes. At that time, your image might also be greatly damaged, which truly isn't worth the loss!"

Ma Weiqian seemed to be in Bai Xiaosheng's best interest, advising him to change sides.

Bai Xiaosheng was unmoved.

Ma Weiqian seemed to feel Regret deeply, pouting, "Actually today if you and Mr. Cooper attend, and the opponent is me, you might actually win. But look—"

Ma Weiqian pointed to Miss Caroline, surrounded by everyone, his smile confident.

"Our Miss Caroline is here in person; you are no match; you are bound to lose!"

Ma Weiqian confidently made a decisive statement.

In his view, Bai Xiaosheng and Cooper had "no chance of winning."

"Is Mr. Ma so confident that I will lose?" Bai Xiaosheng suddenly smiled, asking. He was too lazy to explain to Ma Weiqian, preferring to let him misunderstand, "Then why don't we just wait and see?"

Bai Xiaosheng didn't want to waste more words with Ma Weiqian.

As the saying goes, "A thousand cups of wine are too few when drinking with a confidant, half a sentence too much when words do not agree."

"Then let's wait and see, today Dr. Cui Chen's partner can only be us, it will only be us, it won't be anyone else, and definitely not you!" Ma Weiqian quit talking too much to Bai Xiaosheng, after giving a heads-up, sneering once, leaving a contemptuous glance, a confident smile, and left.

"What an arrogant guy." Lin Weiwei muttered.

"And very conceited." Lei Ying sneered.

Bai Xiaosheng stroked his chin, murmured, "Didn't expect Miss Caroline to be so keen on this cooperation... To foster goodwill, should I facilitate cooperation between Cui Chen and Ambray?"

That no doubt would be extremely helpful in easing his relationship with Caroline.

"However, as pharmaceutical merchants, Ambray's conduct I very much dislike! Betraying a friend for profit is not in my style as Bai Xiaosheng!" Bai Xiaosheng glanced at Caroline, surrounded by people, murmuring, "Then I'm sorry, Miss Caroline, I might not as you wish."

"Anyway, one more misunderstanding doesn't make a difference..."

Chapter 2156 - Mutual Hostility

Because of a misunderstanding, Caroline was wary of Cooper, even harboring some hostility, and it was the same the other way around.

However, Cooper's hostility towards Caroline had another origin.

The fact that Caroline was the true owner of the Ambery Company was unknown to the public, but the Cooper family was aware of it.

In the past two or three years, the Ambery Company had rapidly expanded, swallowing up various markets and indeed taking away a lot of business from the Cooper family.

In business, taking away someone's livelihood is considered a severe enmity.

During the election campaign, Caroline proposed reforms in the local medical field, including "improving the welfare of local pharmaceutical industry workers" and "providing cheaper medicines to the city," slogans that promised more benefits to the local pharmaceutical industry.

However, for the Cooper family, which had numerous large factories in Ganande, this was extremely disadvantageous.

Internally, the Cooper family had already secretly considered these as deliberate targeting by Caroline!

Because of this, even though the Cooper family did not openly oppose Caroline's family, they provided covert help to her election opponents.

And of course, Caroline was aware of this situation.

The secret hostility between the two sides inevitably deepened.

This is also why, when Caroline saw Bai Xiaosheng with Cooper, she suspected that it was all the Cooper family's manipulation behind the scenes.

There had long been a rift and grievance between the two parties.

Of course, compared to the Caroline family, the Cooper family was still lacking in strength.

That's why Cooper was particularly eager to pursue Bai Yuefeng, hoping to gain the support of the Bai family and at least weaken the Bai family's political support for Caroline.

At the moment, Cooper was watching Caroline at the medical banquet, talking and laughing with everyone, expounding on her beliefs, and felt even more displeased.

"Is Caroline really here just to garner votes, or is she also eyeing Dr. Cui Chen and his results?"

Cooper suddenly thought of this and was startled.

If Caroline personally steps in, her influence would naturally outweigh his; if she were to snatch Dr. Cui's contract.

What should he do then!

"Caroline, don't overdo it! Dr. Cui has been our family's target from the beginning. With your status, you still personally step in to snatch him; it's shameless to the extreme. If that's really the case, how could I let you have your way!" Cooper secretly seethed.

Signing with Dr. Cui was also the first major deal for him as the head of the family's crucial business, and it couldn't be ruined.

What Cooper was thinking, we'll set aside for now.

Over there, Ma Weiqian had already found Cui Chen, who was surrounded by a crowd of people from academic and corporate sectors, all with significant statuses. These people weren't particularly interested in Caroline, but the news of her arrival still paused their enthusiastic interaction with Cui Chen.

No matter what, this was a high-level banquet, and it was necessary to meet a celebrity who had just arrived.

As the saying goes, leave some room for a future encounter.

Thus, those people politely excused themselves to greet Caroline.

This made the surroundings of Cui Chen temporarily less crowded, giving Ma Weiqian the chance to approach.

"Dr. Cui Chen, we meet again." Ma Weiqian bowed, grinned, and spoke with overflowing warmth to Cui Chen.

His expression and attitude were exceptionally respectful.

"Mr. Ma. You again?" Seeing him, Cui Chen couldn't help but frown.

This person had been pestering him ever since Huaxia, like a haunting specter.

Cui Xuexue also noticed Ma Weiqian, and immediately her face sank, mumbling, "So annoying..."

Ma Weiqian pretended not to notice the attitude of the Cui siblings and remained enthusiastically persistent, "Dr. Cui Chen, Miss Cui Xuexue, I've come this time with great sincerity and the most favorable conditions, guaranteed to be more satisfying than any other company's offer, please hear me out."

As he spoke, Ma Weiqian noticed the eyes of Cui Chen and Cui Xuexue light up, thinking that his words were having an effect, only to find that the siblings were looking past him, at someone behind him.

"Long time no see, Mr. Cui Chen, Miss Cui Xuexue." A warm voice said.

"Didn't expect to see you here!" Cui Chen said, smiling with delight and stepped past Ma Weiqian.

Cui Xuexue, also full of smiles, walked over, almost like a changed person.

Ma Weiqian didn't even need to look to know who it was behind him—

Bai Xiaosheng!

Nonetheless, Ma Weiqian's expression darkened slightly as he turned around to look.

Bai Xiaosheng and Cui Chen's siblings reunited, both sides were very happy.

Cui Chen even shook hands with Bai Xiaosheng, beaming with joy.

This scene was naturally noticed by everyone around.

They were all astonished.

Earlier, Dr. Cui Chen had been quite reserved, restrained, and somewhat unsmiling.

How come now, it was as if he had become a different person?

"Who are those people, to make Dr. Cui so enthusiastic?"

"Are they friends? They all seem unfamiliar, not like people in the industry."

"Huaxia faces, could they be Dr. Cui Chen's relatives?"

"We definitely need to get to know them later!"

Bai Xiaosheng and his group instantly etched into people's minds.

Seeing this, Ma Weiqian's face turned even more unpleasant.

Again with this Bai family name!

Relying on a few instances of aid to the Cui siblings in South America, he always managed to snatch deals!

Enough is enough!

Ma Weiqian resolutely approached Cui Chen's side, glanced at Bai Xiaosheng with full hostility, and smilingly interjected, "Dr. Cui, you might not know yet, but the company your friend intends to broker for you is really something out of the ordinary!"

Cui Chen frowned and gave Ma Weiqian, who suddenly interrupted, a look, wishing he could politely ask him to "go far away."

But before he could say anything, Ma Weiqian hurriedly said, "This person is speaking on behalf of that Mr. Cooper over there! It's not a chance encounter on your journey, but with a hidden agenda! Naturally, it's for your research achievements! Mr. Cooper's company—Kele KE Pharmaceutical Group, I'm sure you've heard of them. They've set 'records' with overpriced drugs in the past few years, and there were problematic medicines just last year! Would you feel comfortable entrusting your results to them, for the risk is the loss of reputation, failing the patients!"

Ma Weiqian, ignoring all else, openly attacked Cooper's side.

In short, he couldn't let Bai Xiaosheng succeed!

Ma Weiqian's words left Cui Chen shocked and surprised.

Thinking his words had an impact, Ma Weiqian spared no effort in exposing Cooper's dark past.

Cui Xuexue gave a peculiar look at both Ma Weiqian and Bai Xiaosheng.

What on earth was this? The company Bai Xiaosheng recommended to them was his personally owned Feisheng Biotechnology Pharmaceuticals, known for its good reputation, what did it have to do with Cooper's pharmaceutical enterprise?

When did Bai Xiaosheng ever act as a spokesman for them?

Bai Xiaosheng shrugged and smiled at the Cui siblings.

Just treat it as Ma Weiqian being crazy.

The Cui siblings immediately understood that there might be some misunderstanding here.

"Stop!"

While Ma Weiqian was diligently exposing someone's dirty laundry, an angry shout suddenly came from behind him.

Ma Weiqian instinctively turned his head and was scared into a jump.

Unknowingly, Cooper was standing behind him, his face extremely gloomy.

"What kind of a creature are you, daring to set up my family's enterprise right in front of Dr. Cui! You, presumptuous!"

Cooper's anger surged.

FUCK!

One does not expose someone else's shortcomings so blatantly in front of others!

This minion of Caroline was simply bullying intolerably!

If it was indeed instructed by that woman...

Cooper gritted his teeth and clenched his fists, apparently unable to tolerate it any further today.

Chapter 2157 - Escalating Emotions

Mr. Ma never dreamed that his undermining words would be heard in full by the hurriedly arriving Mr. Cooper.

Just now, Mr. Cooper noticed Mr. Ma huddled together with Dr. Cui Chen, suspecting that Caroline was intentionally delaying him to allow her people the opportunity to act, which prompted him to quickly excuse himself and rush over, just in time to hear Mr. Ma's words, naturally leaving him both surprised and pissed off.

Business competition is just that—a competition. You make an offer, I make an offer, and Dr. Cui naturally determines the collaboration by who offers the most!

Who reveals others' shortcomings to their face, undermining them directly!

That's low, shameless! Completely without principles!

If it comes down to digging up dirt, Ambray isn't much better off either, inciting disdain!

Mr. Cooper, already bearing deep wariness of Caroline's arrival, is determined to win the cooperation with Dr. Cui—for it represents his initial step in managing the family's core business. Not only does he need to complete it, but it must be done beautifully in order to secure prestige within the family, making his position as future Family Head even more secure!

Moreover, Mr. Cooper and his family have always harbored animosity towards Caroline deep in their hearts.

After all, it is that woman and the family behind her that significantly harmed their interests.

Had there not been such a disparity presently between the two or a suitable opportunity for action, they would have already retaliated.

However, for now, they've reached their limit of tolerance.

With such fresh and old grudges, coupled with the urgency of collaborating with Dr. Cui, Mr. Cooper's aura was striking.

"Oh, it's Mr. Cooper." Mr. Ma becomes visibly flustered upon seeing Mr. Cooper, masking his embarrassment with a forced smile.

Mr. Cooper strides over, glaring angrily at Mr. Ma but restrains himself in front of Dr. Cui, not delivering the slap he wants to and merely asking in a stern voice, "What did you just tell Dr. Cui Chen?"

"It's nothing really," Mr. Ma laughed awkwardly, hoping to cover up his inappropriate actions moments ago.

Mr. Ma thought to himself, even if Mr. Cooper heard, would he really make a fuss over someone like him in front of all these esteemed guests?

Mr. Cooper scornfully glanced at Mr. Ma, ignoring him, and instead turned with a different demeanor, nodding politely yet warmly at Dr. Cui Chen.

"Hello, Dr. Cui, we've met before. I'm Cooper from the Kele KE Group." Mr. Cooper said with a smile, extending his hand.

"Hello, Mr. Cooper." Without revealing any emotion, Dr. Cui shook hands with Mr. Cooper.

It was then that Mr. Cooper noticed Bai Xiaosheng was also present, surprised by the sight.

"A friend." Dr. Cui gestured between Bai Xiaosheng and himself.

This Huaxia man named Bai is actually friends with Dr. Cui?

Mr. Cooper was indeed shocked, but upon further contemplation, he felt pleased.

From his perspective, Bai Xiaosheng was a friend of Bai Yuefeng, and Bai Yuefeng was considered his friend. With this connection, his confidence in the purpose of his visit grew even greater.

Seeing Dr. Cui laughing and chatting with Mr. Cooper, calling Bai Xiaosheng a friend, and the atmosphere harmonious, as if they were about to sign the deal, Mr. Ma grew somewhat anxious.

Bai Xiaosheng noticed Mr. Ma's reaction but didn't bother explaining anything to him, instead a small mischievous thought emerged in his mind.

"We were having a pleasant conversation earlier, but Mr. Ma Weiqian's words made it seem like Mr. Cooper's company has some..." Bai Xiaosheng shrugged, leaving the sentence unfinished.

Bai Xiaosheng indeed intended to stir things up a bit.

With someone like Mr. Ma, buzzing around like a fly, constantly being obtrusive, Bai Xiaosheng found him quite annoying.

He decided it best to leave the task of driving him away to Mr. Cooper, using Mr. Cooper's hand to deal with him.

Mr. Cooper initially planned to make acquaintance with Dr. Cui, but upon hearing Bai Xiaosheng's remark and noticing Dr. Cui's face turn slightly displeased, he recalled Mr. Ma's recent attempt to dig up dirt on his family company, sparking his anger again.

Mr. Cooper immediately turned around, wearing a grim expression, and looked at Mr. Ma.

The latter instinctively looked at him, clearly showing a much weaker demeanor, somewhat shrinking back.

"Mr. Ma, what did you just say to Dr. Cui?" Mr. Cooper asked with a sinister smile, his voice slightly eerie.

"Just some old news from the media, nothing new, really." Mr. Ma feigned calmness and smiled.

Facing Mr. Cooper, Mr. Ma indeed felt somewhat intimidated, but watching Dr. Cui conversing happily with Bai Xiaosheng and Mr. Cooper stirred a strong sense of envy within him.

What Mr. Ma implied in his words was directed at Dr. Cui—

He didn't say anything wrong, it's all verifiable news, and Kele KE Group indeed had multiple scandals, the kind Dr. Cui particularly despised!

Seeing Mr. Ma dare to play tricks in front of him, Mr. Cooper was both astonished and enraged, finally becoming so angry that he laughed, "I wonder how much the senior sales manager of Ambray, Mr. Ma, knows about your own company's old news. Why don't you tell Dr. Cui about it!"

Mr. Cooper deliberately corrected himself, saying loudly, "Oh, really sorry, I misspoke. That's not old news, because last month you guys had a hot topic—a batch of your expensive drugs had problems, was found out internally, yet you had the nerve to intentionally hide it and sell it elsewhere. Bravo to your team!"

During this, Mr. Cooper glanced over at Dr. Cui.

Dr. Cui furrowed his brows, his expression unpleasant, whispering with his cousin Cui Xuexue.

Miss Cui Xuexue was holding her phone, jotting something down.

They were certainly recording it for assessment!

Mr. Cooper was secretly pleased.

In evaluating suitable partners, companies must consider various factors.

If dirt can be dug up instead of competing financially, allowing the primary competitor to fall, Mr. Cooper felt inclined to pursue it.

"Mr. Cooper, you shouldn't say it's that serious..." Mr. Ma tried to counter Mr. Cooper, although with noticeably lacking confidence.

Nearby, a group of people had already gathered, attracted by the content of Mr. Ma and Mr. Cooper's words, pointing and discussing fervently.

"Am I making it up, and it's not significant for you?" Mr. Cooper sneered repeatedly.

Mr. Cooper now felt exhilarated by attacking his opponent!

Isn't it just exposing the dirt? Ambray has far more than his company!

"If you think it's not significant, let me tell you a few more things!" Mr. Cooper decided to dispense with politeness.

After all, it was Mr. Ma who started it!

Even if it caused a fallout, he held reason!

Mr. Cooper, confident, casually pointed out a few things concerning Ambray—all having appeared in the media—yet with his few words hinting at directions for imagination, letting bystanders click their tongues in admiration.

Bai Xiaosheng found it interesting to listen to.

Dr. Cui and Cui Xuexue immersed themselves in discussion, seemingly lowering the evaluation on collaborating with Ambray once more.

Mr. Ma, witnessing this scene, saw others pointing fingers, realizing not only might he lose the collaboration opportunity but his reckless words could trigger dire trouble. He grew somewhat fearful.

Mr. Ma attempted repeatedly to stop Mr. Cooper from continuing in vain, becoming increasingly anxious and frenzied.

"Mr. Cooper, you've got plenty of dirt yourself, don't think I don't know!" Mr. Ma haphazardly began sparring with Mr. Cooper, "You talk, and I'll talk!"

As their verbal sparring grew fierce, more people gathered to watch, catching the attention from afar.

Bai Xiaosheng observed leisurely.

He hadn't expected a casual "provocation" would lead to hearing such insider information—truly a worthwhile experience, as these two engaged in such a dogfight were quite entertaining.

Seeing Dr. Cui's frowning reaction, he seemed quite dissatisfied with both companies.

So it appeared that Dr. Cui's scale should tilt more towards his own—Feisheng Biotechnology Pharmaceuticals.

Bai Xiaosheng was not eyeing Dr. Cui's research outcomes but didn't wish for predatory companies to profit from them either.

Watching Mr. Cooper and Mr. Ma becoming increasingly agitated, Bai Xiaosheng reflected on the extensive amounts of dirt on these guys!

Contrasted to them, his company seemed like a model of virtue!

If someone as upright as Dr. Cui ultimately chooses Feisheng Biotechnology Pharmaceuticals, Bai Xiaosheng felt it would largely be because of that saying—

Relied entirely on the comparison with peers...

Chapter 2158: Silver-Tongued Caroline

Cooper and Ma Weiqian were tearing each other apart, attracting more and more onlookers. Finally, even Caroline, who was fervently giving speeches and soliciting votes, along with Bai Yuefeng beside her, noticed.

These two saw that the ones “arguing” were Ma Weiqian and Cooper, and they were instantly full of suspicion.

As they walked over, they happened to witness the most “intense” moment of the argument.

Upon hearing those things, Caroline’s face suddenly became extremely unsightly.

How did it end up like this?!

Has Ma Weiqian gone mad? Or has Cooper gone mad?

Those words, can they be said in public?

Caroline immediately hurried over.

“Shut up, both of you! You’re being incredibly rude in this setting!” Caroline unceremoniously separated the two and angrily rebuked them publicly.

The agitated Cooper and Ma Weiqian were forcibly separated and only then did they realize that they were surrounded by people watching them.

Their overheated brains suddenly cooled down, and they realized they had clearly said a lot of things they shouldn’t have.

Those “unspeakable” words, once spoken, would cause trouble, and they said so many. At the thought of the possible consequences they might face afterward, Ma Weiqian’s face drastically changed, he was practically in a state of panic.

Cooper's heart also felt quite troubled.

If this matter reached the family, he wouldn't be able to explain it well.

The candidate for the future Family Head isn't the Family Head yet, and even if he were, he can't act recklessly!

This matter can't be described as me and Ambray's employee publicly tearing each other apart and exposing dirt, or my trouble would be huge!

Cooper's mind raced, his thoughts clearer than ever.

Suddenly, inspiration struck.

This matter can be explained from a completely different angle—

He was defending the family's reputation and interests, daring to confront the arrogant Ambray!

Imagine, a mere Ambray sales manager daring to act so outrageously, publicly tarnishing their family's name — wouldn't it be right for him to step up?

Doesn't this perspective also precisely prove how much Caroline and her side look down on his family?

This angle, this narrative is simply excellent!

By then, people in the family might even hail him as a hero!

Cooper immediately decided to frame himself in such a way.

So, facing Caroline, Cooper also displayed a righteous demeanor, pointing fearlessly at Ma Weiqian and declaring, "Miss Caroline, you came just in time!"

"This person, working at Ambray where you hold shares, falsely accused my family's industry reputation and honor in order to compete for cooperation with Dr. Cui!"

"He started this incident, and those words were first said by him! The family's name cannot be humiliated. If I can't firmly retaliate, then I'm unworthy of being one of the family." Cooper spoke justly and surveyed the surrounding people, "Friends around us can testify for me!"

Cooper immediately took the moral high ground and struck preemptively.

Caroline glanced at Ma Weiqian with a shifting gaze, and Ma Weiqian immediately shrank back.

Caroline then looked at Cooper and, with a faint smile, said, "Oh, is that so?"

Under Caroline's smile, it's clear she didn't acknowledge it.

After asking, Caroline surveyed the surrounding people.

Most people around were holding a mindset of watching the commotion. Stand out to testify for Cooper? What good would it do? It would only offend Caroline and her family!

Those interested in the spectacle weren't that foolish, and those who weren't afraid wouldn't get caught up in it.

Suddenly, Cooper was left in an awkward spot, looking around for voices of support but finding none.

Cooper realized no one was responding and frowned, feeling a mixture of anger and frustration.

My colleague here is indeed formidable! Bai Xiaosheng observed and mused internally.

Caroline's control over the scene and her eloquence is truly impeccable.

"You two are of different ranks." Caroline gracefully looked at Cooper and said with a faint smile, "Cooper, I heard you just took over important family business, so how can you come here to publicly engage in trivial squabbles with a mere manager and say random things, aren't you afraid of being laughed at?"

Caroline effortlessly downplayed the matter of Cooper and Ma Weiqian exposing each other's flaws earlier while punctuating it with a jab at Cooper.

"I..." Cooper was naturally unwilling to be criticized and immediately wanted to respond.

Caroline raised a finger to stop him and continued, "I haven't finished yet. Please maintain the proper courtesy in front of a lady! This is the minimum quality for someone who will be a future Family Head!"

With just one sentence, Caroline shut Cooper's mouth.

Cooper could only grit his teeth without saying a word.

Then Caroline politely nodded and smiled at Cui Chen, "Sorry to let you witness this, Dr. Cui."

Such dignity, such poise, truly a heroine among women.

Even Cui Chen smiled back at Caroline, saying that it was no big deal.

"To be honest, Dr. Cui, as well as everyone here," Caroline surveyed the crowd and spoke calmly, "I am indeed a major shareholder in Ambray, holding quite a few shares, and my words carry weight within the company."

“In recent years, Ambray indeed has various problems, and I don’t deny it.” Caroline smiled sincerely, “Which business dares guarantee having no problems? The fear lies not in having issues but in lacking the heart to face and solve them.”

These words made sense, and the surrounding people nodded one after another.

This statement was flawless, even Cooper couldn’t pick faults.

Bai Xiaosheng watched Caroline stealthily.

“I have decided!” Caroline suddenly proclaimed loudly, “If I succeed in being elected, the first thing I’ll do is reform the industry. However, regardless of whether I succeed or not, the first thing I’ll do when I return today is to urge Ambray to rectify its flaws! Let Ambray start in Ganande as a pilot and comprehensively lower the drug prices in the city and even Benzhou, and establish a sound supervision mechanism to enhance the responsibility awareness a large enterprise should have.”

These words were beautifully spoken!

The surrounding guests couldn’t help but nod frequently, their expressions moved and full of admiration.

Even Cui Chen stared at Caroline, his gaze approving.

Bai Xiaosheng listened without any particular feeling.

He had seen too many people and heard too many nice words, only trusting the final result, those pleasant words beforehand were useless.

Bai Xiaosheng looked at Cooper.

This person couldn’t even get a word in, completely suppressed by Caroline.

If this continues, there's no telling if Cui Chen might be swayed by Caroline's speech.

Ultimately, what Cui Chen was averse to was the past Ambray, but if Caroline promises a whole new cooperation approach that benefits patients, there's a possibility Cui Chen might be drawn in.

But once the contract is signed, how things operate afterward is a matter for the businessmen; these researchers can't manage it. By then, even if Cui Chen regrets, it's futile.

Can't just watch and do nothing... Bai Xiaosheng thought to himself.

Then apologies in advance, Miss Caroline!

Bai Xiaosheng felt he had to be the bad guy here; there were already many misunderstandings between him and Caroline, one more wouldn't make a difference.

After all, the more lice don't bite, and more debts don't worry...

Caroline was speaking energetically when suddenly she heard the sound of applause.

Only one person was clapping, clear and loud.

Caroline immediately looked over with suspicion, and the people around also looked over following the sound.

Even Cui Chen turned his head to look.

The one clapping was, of course, Bai Xiaosheng.

"Miss Caroline's words are truly wonderful, I'm deeply moved!" Bai Xiaosheng, seeing he had attracted the attention of the crowd, said sincerely and earnestly.

Caroline looked at Bai Xiaosheng in astonishment, her eyes slightly narrowing.

He's moved?

Isn't he on Cooper's side?

Cooper couldn't even utter half a word, yet he dared to speak at this moment, even...supporting her?

Chapter 2159 - When the Snipe and the Clam Compete

Bai Xiaosheng applauded publicly, praising Caroline's speech and saying that it moved him, which undoubtedly surprised the audience.

Not only Caroline, but even Cooper looked at Bai Xiaosheng in surprise, not understanding why he suddenly agreed with Caroline.

Going with the flow, currying favor?

Other guests also looked at Bai Xiaosheng in astonishment.

They were amazed at how this person of unknown identity could react in such an exaggerated way. Plus, who is he?

Cui Chen, Cui Xuexue, and Bai Yuefeng also looked on with astonishment.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying exchanged a glance, for they somewhat understood Bai Xiaosheng and were waiting to see what he would say next.

After praising Caroline, Bai Xiaosheng continued with a smile, "As a pharmaceutical company, especially a large one, it should have its corporate conscience and assume its responsibilities."

Bai Xiaosheng looked at Cui Chen with a smile and said, "I've actually discussed this many times with Mr. Cui Chen. Mr. Cui Chen acknowledges this kind of corporate value and such partners!"

Cui Chen seized the opportunity to address everyone present, "That's right, when choosing a partner this time, besides strength, I will also consider the corporate conscience."

Discussing corporate conscience with businessmen who primarily pursue profits might get someone laughed at as a fool.

But when Cui Chen said it, everyone nodded with smiles, appearing agreeable.

However, what caught everyone's attention was the implication of Bai Xiaosheng's words.

Can he have had multiple exchanges with Dr. Cui Chen?

Moreover, Dr. Cui's attitude towards him was clearly that of a friend!

The guests now viewed Bai Xiaosheng differently, directly regarding him as Cui Chen's spokesperson.

Caroline and Cooper had mixed feelings.

"If we discuss the strength of the enterprises present here, surely all of you meet Dr. Cui Chen's criteria for cooperation, so let's see whose terms align more with Dr. Cui Chen's compassion for healers," Bai Xiaosheng further clarified, "In short, Dr. Cui's research results aim to treat more patients, reducing the suffering caused by diseases on humanity, and hoping more people can benefit! Can you all achieve this?"

Bai Xiaosheng once again brought the discussion back to the level of cooperation.

Including Caroline, Cooper, and other company representatives, immediately felt invigorated.

Cui Chen appreciated Bai Xiaosheng articulating his inner thoughts on his behalf.

"Dr. Cui!" Caroline, ever the strategist, immediately smiled and said, "I promise as the largest shareholder of Ambray, if you cooperate with Ambray, you'll see a satisfactory answer!"

Beside her, Cooper also loudly declared, "Dr. Cui, our Kele KE Group will only do better!"

Caroline glanced at Cooper with a slight laugh, her eyes hinting at mockery.

This isn't a child's fight for candy where the loudest wins, is it?

Faced with these statements, Cui Chen simply said "Good," as if setting the whole scene ablaze.

"Our company can also satisfy you, Dr. Cui!"

"Our company will definitely not set the prices too high!"

"And we will give back more to the patients and society!"

Suddenly, the corporate representatives on the scene jostled to speak, unwilling to be outdone.

Even Cui Chen and Cui Xuexue were taken aback.

Caroline and Cooper looked around, only to realize they were just one of the many contenders in the entire room.

In the center of the crowd, Bai Xiaosheng raised his hands with a smile, gesturing for them to quiet down, acting like the host, "Everyone, calm down!"

Bai Xiaosheng, who stirred the situation, naturally had an influence when he spoke.

The room quickly quieted down.

"Everyone, I understand your eagerness to cooperate with Dr. Cui Chen. I believe in your promises to give back to the patients and society," Bai Xiaosheng said calmly with a smile, "However, what I think Dr. Cui wants to see more is not slogans, but sincerity!"

"What is sincerity? Sincerity is not ambiguous or vague; it must be specific, clear, and effective!"

Bai Xiaosheng continued, "For instance, what concrete plans can your companies propose in cooperating with Dr. Cui Chen, ensuring corporate profits, the interests of Mr. Cui and his team, and allowing patients to afford the medication without being bankrupted by illness? How do you coordinate these three aspects!"

Bai Xiaosheng glanced at Cui Chen while speaking, to which Cui Chen secretly gave him a thumbs up.

Cui Xuexue also revealed a slight smile.

These were the critical points! They were precisely what they were evaluating!

In Cui Xuexue's eyes, this Bai Xiaosheng, who liked to boast, was indeed saying something valuable this time.

Upon hearing Bai Xiaosheng's words, everyone on the scene froze collectively.

Most of them had come for initial negotiations, bringing some terms of profit-sharing for substantial earnings.

They hadn't considered the levels of ensuring corporate gains, Cui Chen's benefits, and societal benefits.

Thinking about it now, it seemed too late.

What's more, such significant matters, even if satisfactory terms were thought out, they would need approval at multiple levels, which couldn't be achieved in time.

Caroline and Cooper were the only ones on site who could make immediate decisions.

Listening to Bai Xiaosheng's words, they were both alarmed and delighted.

"This Huaxia person must know Cooper just took over the family business here, thinking only he could make decisions about his own affairs on the spot, believing this is advantageous for Cooper!" Caroline couldn't help but feel happy inside, "Little did he know, in Ambray I'm not only the largest shareholder but the actual person in charge! I can also make the final decision!"

Beside her, Cooper couldn't help but think, "As expected of Yuefeng's friend, clearly he's trying to help me!"

Cooper glanced at Caroline, secretly frustrated, "Unfortunately, he doesn't know Caroline is the true head of Ambray!"

In their 'excitement,' their minds raced, trying to think of points for a plan coordinating the three-party interests to win over Cui Chen.

In Caroline and Cooper's view, Bai Xiaosheng's words were almost like slogans, seeking profits and safeguarding reputation.

They thought that no matter how much the public was compensated, the corporate and team benefits must come first.

With this approach, however, combining fame and profit wasn't so bad!

Cooper, hoping to reverse the declining reputation of the family business, and Caroline, campaigning for the current election, were both quite supportive of this point.

"Dr. Cui, at the Ambray shareholders meeting, I strongly advocated for giving back to society. This is also my campaign's policy." Caroline, ever the dominant figure, quickly thought of several key points and was the first to speak, "Ambray has long adopted my suggestions. My attendance this time is to discuss those plans with you, including cooperation methods, drug pricing, and feedback plans..."

Caroline elaborated on each of the points she mentioned, organizing them clearly with feasible plans.

To come up with these in a short time is truly remarkable.

Ambray's 'generosity' in letting profits go made the audience gasp.

Everyone knew Ambray as a renowned manufacturer of 'sky-high price' drugs.

Beside them, Ma Weiqian listened in astonishment, puzzled as to when the company became so generous, unaware of it...

Caroline's words made Bai Xiaosheng and Cui Chen frequently nod.

The surrounding company representatives, busy contacting their superiors without success, felt anxious and disheartened at this scene.

They were far behind!

Could it be destined that the deal will fall to Ambray this time?

After Caroline finished speaking, she saw Cui Chen's attitude and smiled immediately.

"Our Kele KE Group will offer an additional five percent discount on this basis, no, ten percent!" Though Cooper didn't have Caroline's foresight, his cunning emerged in anxiety, shouting this offer.

Caroline's eyebrows furrowed tightly, glaring coldly at him, "Cooper, what do you mean by this?"

Caroline's eyes flashed with irritation.

Cooper, having steeled himself, fearlessly met her gaze.

At this point, he also crossed a line in his heart, determined to contend with this woman.

He was determined to clinch this deal!

"Actually, I also have a cooperation plan. Would you two like to hear it first?"

As Caroline and Cooper were about to clash, a leisurely voice came from beside them.

Bai Xiaosheng, who had been silent all along, finally spoke.

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Caroline, representing Ambray, offered a significant concession to win over Cui Chen. Cooper wasn't about to back down and simply countered with a strategy: "Whatever you concede, I will concede too, but I'll concede a little more."

Their exchange was tense, and the atmosphere was tinged with hostility.

At this moment, Bai Xiaosheng suddenly announced that he had "figured out a cooperation plan," which left Caroline and Cooper momentarily stunned, looking at Bai Xiaosheng in surprise.

Having attracted everyone's attention, Bai Xiaosheng didn't rush to speak. Instead, he leaned in to whisper to Cui Chen with a smile, "In this setting, representing my company to announce a plan and join the competition, would that be okay?"

Cui Chen responded in a low voice with a smile, "Honestly, after today's thorough review, your company has become my top choice for collaboration!"

Cui Chen added, "After my family understood the situation, they fully agreed to cooperate with you!"

Cui Chen's implication was crystal clear—it's almost as if they'd already "internally decided" to go with Bai Xiaosheng. Even if Bai didn't say anything publicly, he would secure the cooperation.

If it weren't for the fact that this was a medical conference dinner, where it was inappropriate to act, Cui Chen might have already signed a contract with Bai Xiaosheng.

"It's a great honor, but I think the cooperation strategies and terms I have in mind must be stated publicly, to show my sincerity." Bai Xiaosheng whispered with a smile.

Stating them publicly signifies a commitment to honor the agreement without backing out—a gentleman's demeanor!

Cui Chen naturally agreed, nodding with a smile.

Beside him, although Cui Xuexue didn't hear what the two were saying, she knew that Cui Chen must have informed Bai Xiaosheng about his intention to collaborate, and she couldn't help but smile. The more she attended these meetings, the more she appreciated Bai Xiaosheng. At least he was pleasant to look at!

Of course, if Bai Xiaosheng could stop boasting and talking big, it would be even better.

However, Cui Xuexue recalled that Bai Xiaosheng had already become a major district head at the Zhenbei Group, with boundless prospects. Things like the International Corporate Alliance might not be unattainable for him in his lifetime—even if it's just a goal, it's far from boasting...

She felt that Bai Xiaosheng seemed beyond reproach...

Everyone watched as Bai Xiaosheng and Cui Chen whispered to each other, both smiling, curious about what they were discussing.

Caroline observed this, unable to suppress her doubts.

That person was clearly very close to Cooper, and she assumed he belonged to Cooper. How come he seemed to have such a strong relationship with Cui Chen, almost like a friend?

If that's the case, wouldn't it mean Cooper was assured of securing the cooperation, and arguing with me publicly would be unnecessary?

Could it be that I was mistaken?!

A thought flashed in Caroline's mind.

She seemed to have jumped to conclusions without realizing it!

With that thought, Caroline scrutinized Bai Xiaosheng again, finding that this seemingly unremarkable young man had an aura about him in his demeanor.

This aura was not the kind that ordinary people have!

Why didn't I notice this before? Caroline wondered silently.

Cooper also watched Bai Xiaosheng, his mind in turmoil.

"Now that things have escalated with Caroline to this extent, there's no way I can face those conservative old fogeys back at home. To avoid blame, I must fight to the end and secure Cui Chen and his achievements!" Cooper steeled his resolve, willing to risk it all.

Bai Yuefeng and the surrounding enterprise representatives and academics also watched Bai Xiaosheng, their eyes filled with curiosity.

"This gentleman, since you have a suitable plan, and I see Mr. Cui Chen seems very satisfied, why not disclose it? If there's no unexpected situation, I think Ambray would gladly accept." Caroline smiled as she raised her voice to Bai Xiaosheng.

No matter what, she wanted to hear Bai Xiaosheng's so-called plan.

If it's not too extreme, it might be acceptable.

"Yes, I want to hear it too. If it's suitable, our group would accept." Cooper asserted.

These two dared to make such statements, but the remaining enterprise representatives lacked such courage, yet they were eager to listen, ready to report to their superiors.

There's always a chance for approval.

"Is that so? Since both of you have expressed such intentions, well, I'll speak then." Bai Xiaosheng looked at Caroline and Cooper with a smile.

Caroline had been paying attention to Bai Xiaosheng, and meeting his gaze, again, she had a silent sense of surprise, "His eyes are so profound and bright; he's no ordinary person!"

Someone with such gaze and expression cannot be subordinate under Cooper.

Caroline's gaze became complicated.

She felt Bai Xiaosheng had a more intricate identity and background, and she kept finding Bai Xiaosheng familiar the more closely she observed him.

Where have I seen him? Caroline pondered, yet she couldn't remember.

Bai Xiaosheng spoke slowly and with deliberation.

Bai Xiaosheng's content originated from ideas formed during the journey with Cui Chen, later refined into a comprehensive cooperation plan.

While ensuring a certain degree of corporate revenue and Cui Chen's team interests, the plan maximizes concessions to patients while implementing more innovative sales channels, conducting extensive communication and collaboration with governments across various regions to reduce costs, compensating for low-profit margins of low-price medications with longer-term gains beyond monetary profits.

Bai Xiaosheng's explanation left everyone present stunned.

Even Caroline and Cooper were at a loss for words.

Let's not mention how far-fetched those ideas might be—just the setting of medicine prices so low and the enormous labor and energy costs to cooperate with local governments globally and sell medications cheaply to patients already went against their "concept."

What's the difference between that and philanthropy!

After Bai Xiaosheng finished speaking, Caroline and Cooper looked at him as if he were crazy.

To earn less for the sake of cooperation is understandable, but is this matter of earning less?

"Are you sure this isn't charity work!" Caroline questioned in a heavy tone.

"It's better than pure philanthropy. Non-profit long-term benefits such as reputation and new channel establishment, and policies can't be measured with money," Bai Xiaosheng responded with a smile.

Caroline restrained her urge to curse.

Crazy!

When they could leisurely earn significant money, why bother with such laborious work?

The so-called long-term benefits ultimately need to be converted into money, don't they? If so, why make things so complicated!

Her company, Ambray, simply doesn't care for the so-called "benefits" in Bai Xiaosheng's words!

The other enterprise representatives were also whispering among themselves, pointing and discussing.

Nobody agreed with Bai Xiaosheng's plan!

He's practically crazy, thinking he's indulging in charity work!

Cooper felt the same.

He now believed Bai Xiaosheng wasn't helping him but setting him up.

"If there's an enterprise willing to adopt such a plan, I'd be willing to collaborate with them." Beside him, Cui Chen said with a smile.

Caroline found it almost laughable as if hearing a fantasy, asking, "The key is, Dr. Cui, are there such enterprises?"

Cooper wore the same expression.

Those enterprise representatives had more or less the same reaction, shaking their heads.

"There is." Bai Xiaosheng affirmed, looking at Caroline and Cooper with a smile, "If you both think this approach is a loss, I do happen to have one."

Bai Xiaosheng's words immediately shocked Caroline and Cooper as they stared at him.

"Well, I'd be interested in hearing which minor enterprises dare do such things!" Caroline sneered.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled.

"Feisheng Biotechnology Pharmaceuticals—does that count as a small enterprise?" Bai Xiaosheng asked softly.

Caroline's eyes narrowed in disbelief.

Feisheng Biotechnology Pharmaceuticals, currently among Europe's top five pharmaceutical companies, and in this industry, they are their biggest competitors there!