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Chapter 2161 - It's All a Misunderstanding, Do You Believe It...

Bai Xiaosheng is not one of Cooper's people; rather, he is a completely independent third party, aiming to secure this collaboration for Feisheng Biological Technology Pharmaceutical Company!

By the time Caroline figured this out, it was already too late.

Initially, the collaboration plan Bai Xiaosheng proposed in public seemed to greatly satisfy Cui Chen, who declared it would be followed to the letter.

From Caroline's perspective, expecting her to agree to those terms and turn Ambray into a "charity" was impossible!

Caroline believed that not only would she refuse, but so would every business representative present, including someone as eager as Cooper; no one would be foolish enough to sign such a detailed contract with no profit motive.

Isn't that essentially equivalent to sitting on a mountain of gold and eating dirt?

Caroline couldn't believe that any major company would agree to do such a thing!

However, Bai Xiaosheng asserted that there was one.

When the name Feisheng Biological Technology Pharmaceutical Company was mentioned, Caroline was genuinely stunned.

Feisheng Biotechnology Pharmaceuticals is an emerging pharmaceutical company in Europe, with unknown powerful figures behind it orchestrating deals that bridge East and West, continuously signing joint ventures with world-renowned brands, making headlines every month, and has now soared to become one of the top five in Europe by pharmaceutical sales. It was even set as a competitor in the European pharmaceutical market by Ambray, the established company she manages.

They would agree to such a collaboration plan?

Caroline's first reaction was disbelief, but seeing Bai Xiaosheng's composed demeanor as he confidently announced this, she couldn't help but believe it!

Cui Chen's smile seemed to declare his complete agreement with this collaboration.

Caroline felt her heart sink.

It seemed that today's collaboration with Cui Chen was destined to be out of reach for her, Cooper, and everyone present, only to fall into the hands of the overseas company...

Caroline squinted, scrutinizing Bai Xiaosheng.

Only then could she see the extraordinary nature of this young man and the aura of unremarkable demeanor he exuded!

She and Cooper were like the crane and the clam struggling against each other, yet the beneficiary turned out to be this guy.

It turned out he was the one who had been lurking the deepest.

But what exactly is his background? A senior figure at Feisheng Biological Technology Pharmaceutical Company?

Why would they agree to a non-profit collaboration like this?

For reputation?

To open channels worldwide?

The person behind them truly thinks differently, taking a path untraveled by others.

Caroline's gaze at Bai Xiaosheng was complex.

Cooper's gaze at Bai Xiaosheng was equally complex.

He also realized that Bai Xiaosheng was never there to help him from the start!

He had foolishly forgiven this guy too quickly for ruining his plans to pursue Bai Yuefeng.

However, the situation has two sides.

Even if Cooper clashed head-on with Caroline, he might not have secured the collaboration with Cui Chen.

Even if he did secure it, Caroline's temperament would have cost his side dearly.

But the circumstances left him no choice but to gritted his teeth and fought on.

At present, indeed, Bai Xiaosheng caused him to lose this business, but it also meant Caroline didn't get it either.

Moreover, Feisheng Biological Technology Pharmaceutical Company is not a small enterprise, and their business in the pharmaceutical industry is comparable to Ambray's.

Of course, it can't compare with the entirety of Ambray, since Ambray is involved in many sectors, including military and mining industries.

However, losing to a competitor like Feisheng Biotechnology Pharmaceuticals with such stringent conditions doesn't seem too disgraceful.

Cooper wasn't overly disappointed; in fact, he felt a bit relieved.

He also became interested in Bai Xiaosheng's identity.

The "Bai" person Bai Yuefeng brought who doesn't belong to the Bai Family, what is his background?

Unlike Caroline, while Cooper pondered Bai Xiaosheng's identity, the business representatives present were all talking fervently about this collaboration.

The name of Feisheng Biological Technology Pharmaceutical Company spread quickly among the crowd and prompted lively discussions among experts and scholars in the pharmaceutical field.

With a medical mission at heart, these people in the medical field are also extraordinarily compassionate and praised Feisheng Biotechnology Pharmaceuticals for their humanitarian cooperation.

Bai Yuefeng looked at Bai Xiaosheng with admiration, after getting over her surprise and shock.

The girl always has a gentle heart.

Cui Xuexue was no different.

Cui Chen was exceptionally satisfied.

If, at first, Bai Xiaosheng was just an intention, then the detailed cooperation plan this time represents his sincerity in thinking these things through.

Collaborating with someone like this, Cui Chen felt assured and pleased!

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying exchanged a smile; they knew once Bai Xiaosheng took the stage, he'd leave others "defeated."

In the crowd, Ma Weiqian, after recovering from his shock, was full of confusion.

Turning such a big business into charity—this man surnamed Bai must be crazy!

Cui Chen agreed, so he must be crazy too!

If Feisheng Biological Technology Pharmaceutical Company agreed, they'd be equally crazy!

What kind of thinking do these people have, is it an enmity against money?

Ma Weiqian felt utterly unable to comprehend.

Bai Xiaosheng's words were like an earthquake, sending the entire room into turmoil.

Finally, it was Caroline who first spoke again.

Before speaking, her mood had already calmed down. After all, a woman in high office and eligible for election has a mind tempered with experience.

A lost collaboration couldn't disturb her composure and mindset.

Moreover, she came this time also to garner votes in the medical world, and losing poise publicly would outweigh the benefits.

"Since it is Feisheng Biological Technology Pharmaceutical Company willing to cooperate under such conditions with Dr. Cui Chen's knowledge and agreement, then this is indeed a splendid affair." Caroline smiled at Bai Xiaosheng and Cui Chen as she spoke.

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This sentence also means that she is no longer involved in this competition, Ambray has abandoned this collaboration!

After smiling and expressing his gratitude, Cui Chen glanced at Bai Xiaosheng, "I also believe this is going to be a great collaboration."

Bai Xiaosheng returned a smile to Cui Chen, affirming, "It will be."

Cooper also caught on, smiling and congratulating Cui Chen, "Being able to find a suitable partner for collaboration is a wonderful thing, congratulations Dr. Cui."

Cui Chen likewise expressed gratitude to Cooper.

With Caroline and Cooper leading the way, other business representatives and academics also stepped forward to extend their congratulations.

The scene immediately became lively.

Cui Chen was once again surrounded, overwhelmed with exchanges and interactions.

Of course, how many of those blessings are genuine and how many are insincere, is unknown.

The crowd was too large, so Bai Xiaosheng had to greet Cui Chen first, then hastily explained some things to Cui Xuexue before taking Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying to "escape" from Cui Chen, this "hot zone."

However, because Bai Xiaosheng had clearly expressed his friendship with Cui Chen, and made such a display earlier, he was also surrounded warmly by many people.

Amidst such bustle, Bai Xiaosheng kept smiling, repeatedly saying courteous words, feeling even more exhausted than mentally sparring.

After struggling out of the crowd, Bai Xiaosheng noticed that Caroline was in a similar situation, being surrounded.

But she dealt with it with ease, like a fish in water.

No wonder she's running for election, smiling all the way like this, don't her face muscles ever cramp...

Feeling wistful, Bai Xiaosheng noticed that Bai Yuefeng and Cooper were also surrounded by people talking.

"Xiaosheng, where are we going now?" Lin Weiwei couldn't help but ask.

Bai Xiaosheng decisively whispered, "Let's go over and greet Yuefeng, then we're getting out of here."

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying nodded in agreement with Bai Xiaosheng without hesitation.

Bai Xiaosheng took the two to finally get over to greet Bai Yuefeng.

Bai Yuefeng also wanted to leave but found it difficult to slip away since she had to go back to attend to the banquet upstairs; just leaving wouldn't be appropriate.

Bai Yuefeng had a car and bodyguards here, with no safety concerns, and Bai Xiaosheng and the other two felt reassured.

They declined Bai Yuefeng's offer to send a car, and the three quietly and swiftly left the banquet hall.

Upon leaving the banquet hall, the three let out a long sigh.

"I've attended more than one or two events of this scale, but being surrounded by so many people and overwhelming enthusiasm always makes me feel somewhat uncomfortable," Bai Xiaosheng sighed.

He is after all a young man with thoughts that might adjust in a few years.

"How about, Xiaosheng, you go back in to experience more, maybe you'll get better at it," Lin Weiwei teasingly suggested with a smile.

Lei Ying decisively said, "I'll be waiting for you outside."

With the two saying this, Bai Xiaosheng walked forward without looking back.

"Anyone who wants to go can go, I'm leaving anyway."

Today there were quite a lot of things happening, drank barely any alcohol, ate hardly any dishes, it was all about mental sparring. Overthinking aside, dealing with social niceties was simply torture.

Bai Xiaosheng naturally wouldn't comply.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying exchanged smiles and followed along.

Their departure also caught the attention of some people, such as Cui Chen's siblings, Cooper, and Caroline.

Once Bai Xiaosheng and his companions left, Caroline called one of her subordinates over and whispered something to him.

The subordinate nodded, then immediately left.

Caroline took a deep look at the entrance of the banquet hall before resuming her conversation with others with a smile.

Elsewhere.

After Bai Xiaosheng and the two took the elevator downstairs and walked into the hall, they were greeted by a group of bodyguards dressed in black suits, wearing sunglasses, and appearing serious.

"Please wait!"

One Caucasian among the leading bodyguards courteously addressed Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng looked at the person in surprise, wondering, "You're calling me? Do you know me?"

"You are Mr. Bai, aren't you? Our young lady wishes to invite you to get in the car and have a chat." The person spoke again courteously.

"Your young lady?" Bai Xiaosheng was taken aback.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying also showed surprised expressions.

Where does another young lady suddenly come from?

Before Bai Xiaosheng could refuse, the person continued, "It's Miss Caroline."

It was only then that Bai Xiaosheng realized.

Turns out these are Caroline's people, and by the sound of it, from the family; otherwise, they wouldn't refer to Caroline as the young lady.

Still, given Caroline's not-so-young age, hearing such a title has some oddness to it.

"But I just saw Miss Caroline upstairs," Bai Xiaosheng wondered, "Could she be faster than us and already downstairs?"

The head bodyguard shook his head, "No, the young lady is still upstairs, but she'll be down in half an hour at most. She invites you to wait in the car for a while."

Caroline must have seen me leaving and notified her people downstairs to wait for me via phone. Bai Xiaosheng understood.

However, Bai Xiaosheng had been wanting to find an opportunity to chat with Caroline.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled and nodded, "Alright then, lead the way, I'll wait for Miss Caroline for a while."

The head bodyguard nodded respectfully, took a half-step back sideways, bowed, and made an inviting gesture.

The bodyguards following behind him also stepped aside, bowing slightly.

These people were clearly well trained in etiquette.

Bai Xiaosheng didn't hold back, leading Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying to walk outside.

Guided by the bodyguards, Bai Xiaosheng saw Caroline's convoy, business vehicles at both ends with a sedan in the middle, a costly customized model.

Bai Xiaosheng was invited into the middle sedan, while Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying were taken to other vehicles.

It is unknown how these people communicated and coordinated with the building management, but the convoy parked in a section of the front plaza, waiting.

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Bai Xiaosheng inquired the driver and learned that the building also has significant shares owned by the Caroline Family, which explains the special treatment.

Bai Xiaosheng leaned back on the comfortable car seat, fiddling with his phone, taking the opportunity to contact the person in charge over at Feisheng Biotechnology Pharmaceuticals, making the wait not seem dull.

Previously, Bai Xiaosheng had informed them about Cui Chen's matter, including Lai Yin's Team, and they were quite welcoming to the collaboration.

Bai Xiaosheng reported the situation again, without needing too much detail.

After about twenty minutes, the window on the other side was gently tapped, bringing Bai Xiaosheng back to his senses as he looked over.

Outside the car stood a group of people, and Bai Xiaosheng caught sight of Caroline.

The conversation with Feisheng Biotechnology Pharmaceuticals was nearly over, so Bai Xiaosheng put away his phone and waited quietly.

The car door opened, a fragrant breeze blew in, and a graceful figure stepped into the car.

The newcomer was Caroline.

After getting inside, Caroline first spoke to the driver, "Let's go."

The car started and moved forward.

"I had a bit of a social engagement just now, was delayed, kept you waiting." Caroline turned her head to Bai Xiaosheng, smiling faintly, her gaze still assessing him.

"No problem." Bai Xiaosheng smiled and told the driver the location of his hotel.

The driver sought confirmation from Caroline through the rearview mirror.

"Let's go there." Caroline nodded.

The journey was long enough for them to chat.

As they spoke, Caroline glanced at Bai Xiaosheng again.

Ordinary people rarely caught Caroline's eye, let alone shared a car with her.

But today, she was quite willing to accompany this young man for a conversation.

Not only because Bai Xiaosheng is a friend of Cui Chen, with significant ties to Feisheng Biotechnology Pharmaceuticals, but also because of Bai Xiaosheng's performance tonight.

He is truly the one who controlled the situation tonight, unnoticed even by herself!

In this regard, Caroline acknowledges Bai Xiaosheng.

Seeing Caroline still observing him, Bai Xiaosheng smiled immediately and said to her, "Actually, I also want to chat with Miss Caroline."

"Oh?" Caroline turned slightly to look at him, with a playful smile, "What do you want to talk to me about?"

"About a small misunderstanding," Bai Xiaosheng said honestly.

Caroline thought for a while, and smiled faintly, "Including the conflict with my brother Robert, causing him to fall from the stage, and... ruining my campaign roadshow?"

Caroline attributed all this to Bai Xiaosheng, although she spoke without visible anger, even maintaining a faintly smiling expression.

Even now, they could sit calmly in the same car.

Yet Bai Xiaosheng could still read a chill and a sense of menace from her gaze and casual tone.

This woman probably doesn't forgive easily!

Bai Xiaosheng immediately had a certain degree of judgment about Caroline's temperament, and truthfully, this was the type of person he found most troublesome.

However, Bai Xiaosheng couldn't avoid trying to explain.

"If I say those were misunderstandings, even those were not my fault, especially regarding the accident during your campaign speech, that was caused by your brother, would you believe me?" Bai Xiaosheng said helplessly.

Speaking like this seemed like shirking responsibility, and lacked a convincing tone.

Caroline continued to stare at Bai Xiaosheng, her deep blue eyes unfathomable.

Suddenly, she smiled.

Even close to middle age, Caroline's smile was as stunning as a youthful girl's, with a particular charm.

"You want to clarify those things were misunderstandings, tell me there were reasons?" Caroline asked.

Bai Xiaosheng immediately nodded, "Exactly!"

He really wanted to praise Caroline's understanding and her reasonable side.

There's cause and effect, everything needs reasoning, including the Chinatown speech incident, completely your brother's doing, fate turned against him, truly having nothing to do with me, once investigated thoroughly, it'll become clear.

Bai Xiaosheng wanted to say this.

"You want to reason with me, to dissolve the misunderstanding. Right?" Caroline smiled again.

Bai Xiaosheng nodded once more, thinking maybe he was too subjective, this person could indeed understand reason, could be communicated with.

"But why do you think I need to know the cause?" Caroline's eyes suddenly showed a sharp intent, her voice intensified, "What impacts me is the result! And I only look at the result! I don't inquire about the cause!"

Caroline's words instantly froze Bai Xiaosheng's desire to explain the misunderstanding.

"Do you think I am an unreasonable woman?" Caroline sneered repeatedly, "So, you see, don't try to reason with a woman!"

"My brother is lying in bed, my speech ruined, and now, I haven't even got this collaboration. You're telling me there are reasons, for me to understand, not to take it to heart, isn't that naïve thinking?"

"Mr. Bai Xiaosheng!"

## Chapter 2164 - How Will You Make Amends

Miss Caroline mentioned Bai Xiaosheng's name, though she should not have known his true identity before, or else she wouldn't have acted that way in the banquet hall.

Bai Xiaosheng was slightly stunned, then smiled and said, "Miss Caroline, I haven't officially introduced myself to you, have I?"

Caroline shrugged and smiled lightly, "Actually, I always felt your face was familiar, but I shouldn't have seen you. Until the last moment, I remembered that our executive president of the Greater China Region... oh, no, now he should be the business president, such a young and talented Huaxia person! Just downstairs, I specially looked at your photo on the intranet."

Caroline chuckled slightly and said frankly to Bai Xiaosheng, "Not very much alike."

Even if Bai Xiaosheng's photo didn't look like him, it's really not easy for her to recognize Bai Xiaosheng.

Before, she should have seen Bai Xiaosheng's information, or else she wouldn't have had any impression.

"The photo wasn't taken well," Bai Xiaosheng said self-deprecatingly, "Maybe I'm just not photogenic."

Caroline laughed, covering her mouth, "Mr. Bai is quite the jokester."

"However, in the two days you've been reporting at Ganande, you've really caused me a lot of trouble!" Caroline raised her eyebrows, "Just now, you made me lose a big business deal again!"

Without waiting for Bai Xiaosheng to respond, Caroline said with a playful smile, "It seems like you've been deliberately opposing me. Would you say this is a misunderstanding too?"

Caroline said these words with a smile, and there was no anger in her expression, but Bai Xiaosheng felt this woman's words were filled with a sense of threat.

This is a woman who can joke with you in person and then turn around and kill you!

In ancient times, such a woman might play the role of a queen.

A person like this, in terms of grace, can be very indifferent, but grudges must be avenged!

With such characters, if the relationship is clearly defined as enemies, it's easier to handle, but the fear is when it's neither enemy nor friend, and yet you can't break ties.

Bai Xiaosheng was also quite troubled.

He really didn't want to provoke someone like Caroline, but in these two days, unintentionally, "misunderstandings" kept occurring.

Punching her brother, indirectly causing her roadshow to fail, and "having to" snatch today's big business deal.

Just saying "misunderstanding," Bai Xiaosheng himself felt it was a bit dry.

"Miss Caroline, I'm truly sorry for those things," Bai Xiaosheng said earnestly, "For me, there are reasons beyond my control, but as you've said, the reasons don't matter to you, the results do. Therefore, I'm willing to make some amends. Coming to North America, I also want to collaborate more with you."

Caroline turned her head forward, a curve appearing at the corners of her mouth, "Mr. Bai is quite interesting, using our company's business cooperation to make amends to me personally, that's not something a business president should say. Besides—"

"Can this make amends?" Caroline turned back to Bai Xiaosheng, her gaze sharp and unfriendly.

Even Bai Xiaosheng's thoughts were momentarily frozen.

What do you want then?

Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but want to ask.

But at this moment, Caroline suddenly laughed, "Perhaps it can."

Bai Xiaosheng choked on his words, wordlessly looking at this woman.

If it can, then why speak that way, are you happy now...

Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but mentally retort.

"By the way, I didn't know Mr. Bai has such vast connections, even with external enterprises in Europe. That is Soruns' domain!" Caroline said with a smile, "Feisheng Biotechnology Pharmaceuticals, in the pharmaceutical field, is a strong competitor for us Ambray in Europe! But I'm more interested in the capital behind them, does Mr. Bai know anything?"

Bai Xiaosheng smiled, shrugged and said, "I'm just acquainted with their company leader, considered as friends. They've participated in some joint business cooperations that I've led; as for the substantial capital behind them, I'm not quite sure."

Naturally, Bai Xiaosheng wouldn't tell Caroline that he is the real owner of Feisheng Biotechnology Pharmaceuticals.

Caroline might not believe Bai Xiaosheng's words.

But since Bai Xiaosheng didn't want to elaborate, she didn't ask more.

Caroline smiled again and said, "I also heard that in the past year, Mr. Bai has made the Greater China Region develop very successfully, having close business relations with Soruns' European Region, the Luo Family of Europe, and the Wei Family of North America, doing business with prosperity that makes even

me envious. I wonder what business cooperation plans Mr. Bai has upcoming, why don't we chat more, my side is thinking of developing with you, whether it's company jurisdiction or family business."

Caroline indeed knew quite a bit, but still not everything, especially at the current moment.

In Bai Xiaosheng's business alliance, not only are there his own seven companies, not only the European region of Soruns, not only Bai Xiaosheng's Greater China Region, but also the Luo Family, Wei Family, and a plethora of top Huaxia enterprises, including Tengyun, Beifeng, Haoyu, and several major families in Xianggang.

Not long ago, Bai Xiaosheng also established business ties with the Qin Family in South America and had cooperation with some major enterprises in the group's South American region.

The business alliance is unprecedentedly strong.

This time, Bai Xiaosheng targeted the North American Region.

After all, currently speaking, although Huaxia is gaining momentum, North America, especially America, remains one of the strongest economic forces.

Although the Wei Family is large, in this area, there are many entities of equal status. Collaborating with Caroline's side, with her family's side, can mobilize further commercial resources in this field.

Bai Xiaosheng's envisioned world business alliance aims for a fusion of East and West, starting to take shape.

Since Caroline had asked, Bai Xiaosheng shared what he could with her.

Caroline listened very attentively, frequently nodding and occasionally asking questions or giving her perspective.

Bai Xiaosheng, through her brief words, could also sense the ambition and hunger of this woman.

Unnoticed, the vehicle slowed down until it stopped. They had arrived at the place Bai Xiaosheng mentioned. And Bai Xiaosheng had mostly finished saying what he could.

Caroline glanced out the window, then looked at Bai Xiaosheng and smiled, "I have preliminarily understood Mr. Bai's thoughts, indeed exciting!"

This sentence was a sincere compliment from Caroline.

Bai Xiaosheng and her brother Robert were of similar age, but in terms of vision or courage, he surpassed even herself!

Such an outstanding man, even she felt incredibly impressed!

"I need time to digest numerous details and then I'll carefully consider them once I return, later I will come up with a cooperation plan with Mr. Bai." Caroline said, "It's getting late, and you have reached your stopping place, so I won't disturb you further."

Bai Xiaosheng smiled, courteously said, "Thank you, Miss Caroline, for escorting me here, see you later."

Bai Xiaosheng greeted, smiled, pushed open the door, and got out of the vehicle.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying were already waiting outside.

Afterward, the three watched Caroline's convoy depart.

"This woman, tricky." Bai Xiaosheng mused while gazing at the taillights of the convoy.

Meanwhile.

In the car, Caroline's smile faded and she murmured, "This man, how many things is he still hiding!"

"Misunderstanding? Apologies? If the cooperation doesn't satisfy me, I won't let it go easily!"

#### Chapter 2165: Bai Xiaosheng's Busy Days

Bai Xiaosheng returned to the hotel with Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying. Just after he got back to his room, he received a phone call from Bai Yuefeng. She had just finished her social engagements and was on her way home.

In her family's car, with a heap of bodyguards, there was naturally no need to worry about safety issues. Bai Xiaosheng simply advised her to go home and rest early.

Bai Yuefeng was quite grateful to Bai Xiaosheng for helping her out tonight.

Although Cooper, like Robert, frequently pursued her, he wasn't always persistent and pestering. After today's incident, he should quiet down for a while. Besides, since he recently took over the family's important business, he would be getting busy.

Speaking of Robert, Bai Yuefeng had news. It was said that Robert suffered severe bone fractures in his foot and might not be able to go out for two to three months.

From Bai Yuefeng's tone, she seemed quite pleased, as if she would finally get some peace and quiet.

Bai Yuefeng further expressed gratitude to Bai Xiaosheng for giving her father the purple clay teapot, adding that her father now knew Bai Xiaosheng's identity and said he would invite him over when he had the time.

Bai Xiaosheng gladly accepted.

The Bai Family, not only a prominent family in Ganande's Chinatown but also a senior member of the North American Chinese Alliance, building cooperation with them was as significant as collaborating with Caroline in the North American region along with her family.

After thanking Bai Xiaosheng and inviting him, Bai Yuefeng finally hung up the phone.

Bai Xiaosheng also went to freshen up and prepare for rest.

Today was indeed busy enough.

Before bedtime, Bai Xiaosheng contacted Wei Xuelian, and the two had a sweet exchange over the phone.

Bai Xiaosheng mentioned he would visit the Wei Family tomorrow. On the phone, Wei Xuelian sounded like a little woman in distress, saying she was still in Europe and couldn't return anytime soon.

Bai Xiaosheng naturally comforted her, saying that during this period, he had greatly improved the Wei Family's business. His visit this time was partly to meet the elders and partly to "settle accounts." Extending the redemption period as family head for Wei Xuelian would bring their carefree days together one step closer.

After finishing their phone conversation, Bai Xiaosheng was exceedingly exhausted and fell asleep immediately.

The night passed without a word, and he slept very soundly.

The next day, Bai Xiaosheng handled some procedures at the Group in the morning and then hurriedly carried the purple clay teapot to the Wei Family.

Though it was only his second visit to the Wei Family, the servants there were surprisingly familiar with this future son-in-law, likely having been informed and "trained" in advance.

Wei Xuelian's father, Wei Changzun, her mother, Yue Yingran, and that spectacular brother-in-law, Wei Xueqi, were all not at home.

However, upon hearing Bai Xiaosheng was visiting, they left word to treat him well and suggested that Bai Xiaosheng stay for two days without constraint.

Bai Xiaosheng naturally appreciated these words.

After all, they were to become family; familial warmth is always comforting.

Before Bai Xiaosheng reached the Wei family's villa area, Wei Xuelian's grandfather, Wei Tianhe, sent someone to escort him over.

Being personally sent for by the old gentleman was an honor not easily attained by ordinary people.

Thus, under the respectful gaze of the Wei family's servants, Bai Xiaosheng proceeded directly to the sacred ancestral residence of the Wei Family.

Upon meeting Wei Tianhe, despite the old age, he was still very spirited, wearing a snow-white exercise suit, resembling an immortal figure.

Seeing Bai Xiaosheng, the old man was particularly pleased, inviting Bai Xiaosheng for tea and catching up, asking detailed questions about his recent experiences.

Bai Xiaosheng, who lost his grandfather early, felt a grandfatherly affection from Wei Tianhe, which he genuinely enjoyed.

Bai Xiaosheng presented the three sets of purple clay teapots to the old gentleman for appreciation. These three sets were superior works by Li Ni, a notch above the one given to Bai Yuefeng's father.

Only now did Bai Xiaosheng have the time to savor them carefully.

Grandfather and grandson praised the craftsmanship of Li Ni, chatting animatedly.

At lunchtime, while eating at Wei Tianhe's place, Bai Xiaosheng specifically mentioned the redemption period concerning Wei Xuelian.

Wei Tianhe responded humorously and with a hint of exasperation, pointing at Bai Xiaosheng, saying, "You little rascal, it's been such a short time, and you're here to settle accounts again. Didn't we initially agree on a redemption period of seven years? Isn't that enough for you? You want my granddaughter to abandon the family soon to be with you? Impossible, there's no such good fortune!"

Bai Xiaosheng persisted with charming flattery and ingratiation, "Sir Wei, I've drawn many collaborations for the Wei Family; you can't disown them. I'm even planning to establish a Global Business Alliance in the coming years, ensuring our Wei Family enjoys business resources worldwide..."

"Oh, tell me about it," Wei Tianhe's eyebrows arching in interest, replied with a smile.

Bai Xiaosheng immediately shared his plans for the Global Business Alliance, detailing current collaborations in Europe, Asia, and South America.

Wei Tianhe listened attentively, occasionally offering some suggestions.

Intrigued by Bai Xiaosheng's grand plans, the old gentleman fully acknowledged them.

Bai Xiaosheng took the opportunity to persistently plead, "Sir Wei, Xuelian is your granddaughter too; seeing her happily married is your wish. Also, I've brought the highest quality purple clay teapot for you; surely, you must give me, this junior, a little token in return?"

Bai Xiaosheng, discussing his ambitious business vision, exuded vibrancy, more luminous than any young talent Wei Tianhe had ever seen, and when he switched to sly tactics, none could match him.

Wei Tianhe chuckled, "Boy, having your mouth on you doesn't go to waste; you talk quite beautifully."

Bai Xiaosheng grinned, taking it as a compliment.

“However, you must understand that our Wei Family stands on par with your Zhenbei Group, the benefits you bring are not so easily garnered. I previously cut you a lot of slack. Any more, and it’d be hard to justify within the family,” Wei Tianhe remarked, though he paused in thought, adding, “Given your dedication, filial piety, and foresight, I’ll reduce one more year. That should be quite fair, right?”

Bai Xiaosheng beamed, expressing his gratitude repeatedly.

He was already very satisfied to gain an additional year for the Red Lotus deduction.

Counting, Wei Xuelian has had an eight-year reduction in her tenure as family head, their days of living freely together are within reach.

Both grandfather and grandson were delighted, continuing their tea drinking and calligraphy studies into the afternoon.

Noticing the old gentleman was getting tired, Bai Xiaosheng finally took his leave.

The “results” from this visit to the Wei Family were immediately shared with Wei Xuelian, who was equally pleased.

After the visit to the Wei Family, Bai Xiaosheng spent two days tirelessly commuting to the Group headquarters.

During these two days, Bai Xiaosheng busied himself with handling various procedures, learning different protocols, meeting numerous people, bustling about, feeling incredibly fulfilled.

However, in recent days, Caroline hadn’t contacted him again. When they met once at the Group, they exchanged courteous greetings, but Caroline didn’t mention anything about the cooperation between the two areas.

Bai Xiaosheng heard that Caroline’s election wasn’t going smoothly, with a significant possibility of defeat.

Reflecting on their last meeting at the Group, where Caroline's demeanor bore a trace of irritability, Bai Xiaosheng believed the rumors were very likely true.

Bai Xiaosheng also met Soruns, who secretly informed him about Caroline's keen calculative nature upon learning of Bai Xiaosheng's intention to discuss cooperation.

Soruns feared Bai Xiaosheng wouldn't stand to gain anything.

Bai Xiaosheng naturally didn't disclose to Soruns that he felt indebted to Caroline by several counts, not only failing to gain an advantage but likely having to bleed profusely...

Bai Xiaosheng increasingly sensed a foreboding feeling.

If Caroline didn't broach cooperation terms, it was fine; otherwise, it might be difficult to fully accept...

Bai Xiaosheng consoled himself, saying, "Let's hope it won't be as bad as my worst assumptions!"

Chapter 2166: Troubles

On the fifth day in Ganande, in the morning. Bai Xiaosheng took a break from his busy schedule. Instead of going to the headquarters, he invited Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying for a coffee.

Along the way, they also talked about the current situation on various fronts.

"Everything is normal back home, all the work is orderly, basically, unless there's a major incident, Xiaosheng, you can totally be a hands-off manager," Lin Weiwei reported the phase overview of the Greater China Region and joked with Bai Xiaosheng.

In the early stages of the reform and restructuring of Zhenbei Group's Greater China Region, Bai Xiaosheng spent a lot of effort and painstakingly built everything up, personally overseeing it all the way.

Now everything ran smoothly, and there were rules to follow.

From grassroots employees to middle management to senior management, all were screened thoroughly, so ninety-nine percent of work did not require Bai Xiaosheng, the top leader, to worry.

For the remaining one percent, Bai Xiaosheng only needed to give it a little attention.

Thus, talents were used to their fullest, and resources were utilized optimally.

Not pushing everything upstairs also greatly improved efficiency and saved resources.

This was what Bai Xiaosheng had always strived for.

He was quite satisfied with this.

“Our seven companies are currently doing extremely well, relying on the European and Asian markets, along with the Wei Family’s market in North America, developing rapidly. They have already drafted plans to use our opportunities gained in South America to enter that market, and they’ll be sent to you soon,” Lei Ying smiled and said.

Currently, each of Bai Xiaosheng’s seven companies was a rising star in their industry, not to be underestimated even by giants in the field.

Just like how Ambray Company in the pharmaceutical field identified Feisheng Biotechnology Pharmaceuticals as their rival in the European pharmaceutical market.

It could be said that with just these seven companies, Bai Xiaosheng could stand shoulder to shoulder with some small family businesses, comparable to Tengyun’s market value two years ago!

This naturally pleased Bai Xiaosheng, as he nodded with a smile.

“Also, Elder Xia suggested pulling Li Haofeng, Zheng Honghu, and Chen Yucheng together to form a group to help you build a coordination team for the Global Business Alliance, balancing all parties and handling information, ensuring our new partners won’t descend into chaos,” Lin Weiwei added.

This showed Elder Xia’s thoughtfulness!

Bai Xiaosheng nodded, “Elder Xia mentioned it to me!”

This was a good thing, but currently it relied on the framework built around Zhenbei Group’s Greater China Region.

In the future, Bai Xiaosheng hoped that both the Global Business Alliance plan and this management group would be centered around him rather than the group.

It’s not that Bai Xiaosheng was overly self-centered or didn’t want the group to do well.

After all, as the potential heir of Zhenbei Group, how could he not wish for his group’s further success?

But as he delved deeper into headquarters, Bai Xiaosheng increasingly felt that the internal relations of a group were too complicated; many things were too rigid and regimented, potentially exhausting one’s passion. So, Bai Xiaosheng wanted to build something separate.

This also felt like a great accomplishment.

Bai Xiaosheng didn’t know when it started, but he even felt more accomplished with an empire he built with his own hands than the one inherited!

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying finished reporting to Bai Xiaosheng and saw him in thought. Lin Weiwei couldn’t help but ask, “How long do we need to stay in North America, Xiaosheng? Has Miss Caroline still not mentioned cooperation to you?”

Lei Ying also looked at Bai Xiaosheng, inquiring with his eyes.

Bai Xiaosheng took a sip of his coffee and looked out at Ganande's street view through the large window of the coffee shop before speaking to them, "It only takes two or three days to finish the trivial processes at headquarters. I ran into Caroline at headquarters, but she didn't mention anything about cooperation. However, I believe she's definitely working on the cooperation framework!"

In a global setting where big businessmen gather for cooperation, Caroline and her family couldn't be indifferent.

Bai Xiaosheng put down his coffee cup and murmured thoughtfully, "But working with her might be... a bit troublesome."

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying exchanged a glance.

"Are you worried she'll take advantage of any unintentional mistakes on our part to demand exorbitant terms under the guise of smoothing relations?" Lei Ying asked.

"If it's too excessive, we can't agree. After all, it's all group business, not our personal one. We have reasons to refuse. Besides, what right does she have to ask for the moon? It was her brother's fault," Lin Weiwei muttered.

Bai Xiaosheng shook his head, "The trouble isn't just with Caroline."

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying were taken aback by this revelation.

What other trouble could there be?

Bai Xiaosheng sighed and said, "Yesterday, Wen Yan and I had another talk."

"He told me that Vice Chairman Morgan has significant influence in North America, both outside and inside the group. Vice Chairman Morgan holds animosity towards our Greater China Region, often voting against us in past decisions. He will surely interfere with this cooperation. Caroline can't be unaffected..."

Could Vice Chairman Morgan really be so hostile towards them?

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying thought to themselves.

“Vice Chairman Morgan’s obstruction isn’t confined to North American cooperation; it could affect group-external enterprises too,” Bai Xiaosheng said with a frown.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying were speechless.

How much enmity does Vice Chairman Morgan have against the Greater China Region to block them internally and externally? Is he a group Vice Chairman or an external competitor and enemy?

Even outsiders wouldn’t be this ruthless.

“It seems that sometimes insiders act harsher than enemies,” Lin Weiwei even murmured.

Lei Ying glanced at her and truly wanted to praise her.

Clearly perceptive!

Bai Xiaosheng rested his chin in his hand and said in a muffled voice, “The trouble isn’t just this.”

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying immediately looked at him.

“If Vice Chairman Morgan stands against us, then Wen Yan might be opposed to him,” Bai Xiaosheng murmured, “Wen Yan told me that as the second-in-command of the group’s supervisory department, it’s not an idle position and I must fulfill my duties, which is to investigate issues in subsidiary companies. It’s a bit like we’re back doing affairs officer work.”

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying, hearing this, indeed got that feeling.

However, this time their position carried the authority of group headquarters, allowing them to investigate problems in subsidiary companies worldwide!

Moreover, Bai Xiaosheng could hold individuals of the same rank accountable, meaning if there were someone like Landvo again, Bai Xiaosheng could initiate an investigation directly!

This was quite significant!

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying couldn't figure out why Bai Xiaosheng saw this as trouble.

Bai Xiaosheng glanced at them with a bitter smile, "Wen Yan suggested that as a new officer, I should metaphorically light three fires to establish my position. You know what that means, right? It means finding and addressing some problematic companies in a short period."

This wasn't a mere suggestion; it was more like Wen Yan, as a direct superior, assigning work.

But where should Bai Xiaosheng target these "three fires"?

The home base had already been reorganized by Bai Xiaosheng.

Europe? Bai Xiaosheng and Soruns were partners with a good relationship, not suitable.

South America? The group companies there had already been turned upside down by Bai Xiaosheng.

Australia? Africa?

Bai Xiaosheng was still planning to establish initial contacts and discuss friendly cooperation.

While Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying were pondering, Bai Xiaosheng directly provided the answer.

“Wen Yan said, since I’m in North America, why not start here!”

Chapter 2167 - This Is a Trap

Bai Xiaosheng told Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying about the advice he received from Wen Yan, which left them momentarily stunned.

Wen Yan suggested that since Bai Xiaosheng was already here, he might as well fulfill his new duties in North America.

Wouldn’t that mean causing trouble for Caroline?

After all, Caroline was the President of the North American Region and the overall head of all the local enterprises.

Investigating her enterprises would only escalate the conflict between both parties.

"Since Mr. Wen Yan knows about your potential cooperation with Caroline, is this... his way of preventing us from collaborating with her?" Lin Weiwei couldn’t help but ask.

"Given Caroline’s character and our previous conflicts, if we move against her enterprises, it might elevate to the level of rivalry," Lei Ying reminded.

If Bai Xiaosheng weren’t planning to discuss cooperation with Caroline, and hadn’t had previous interactions, it wouldn’t matter.

But now, cooperation with the North American Region is one of Bai Xiaosheng’s key objectives. It’s best to avoid conflict.

Bai Xiaosheng sighed lightly.

"Wen Yan knows I plan to cooperate with Caroline, but told me that once a partnership is established, it might displease Vice Chairman Morgan. After all, Caroline aligns herself with Vice Chairman Morgan, and cooperating with me might appear as undermining him. Wen Yan said I shouldn't consider his words as orders or directives and should make my own decision. I'm only starting out, and it's not necessary to be so aggressive right away. He also mentioned, Caroline, being in allegiance with Vice Chairman Morgan, cannot disregard his feelings. Even in cooperation, she might present unreasonable demands."

Bai Xiaosheng continued, "Wen Yan's suggestion was that I could turn the investigation of these enterprises into leverage, making my role in the Group's Surveillance Department a more advantageous bargaining chip!"

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying exchanged a glance and exhaled in relief.

So that's it, Mr. Wen Yan is quite considerate!

This matter actually allows Bai Xiaosheng to decide whether to act or not.

In fact, from Wen Yan's admonitions and warnings, it appears that within the corporate factions, Wen Yan and Vice Chairman Morgan are not united, and may even have conflicts or opposing stances, though not yet intensified. Currently, it's unclear.

If Wen Yan and Vice Chairman Morgan were indeed adversaries, Bai Xiaosheng would be someone Wen Yan values, positioned as his second-in-command, so it wouldn't be surprising for Wen Yan to ask Bai Xiaosheng for allegiance. Yet, he still grants Bai Xiaosheng the freedom to choose.

One can only say that Wen Yan treats Bai Xiaosheng with real generosity!

"So, Sheng, what do you think?" Lin Weiwei couldn't help but ask.

Honestly, from their beneficial standpoint, it's currently best not to disturb the enterprises under Caroline's jurisdiction.

Wait until Bai Xiaosheng secures his position and the cooperation progresses, then consider it—it best aligns with interests.

Lei Ying also looked at Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng stretched lazily and smiled at them, "Is it your first day knowing me? Don't you really know what I'll choose?"

When has Bai Xiaosheng ever feared anyone!

If there really is a problem, he won't tolerate it!

He's equally fearless towards Vice Chairman Morgan.

And to Caroline, he owes nothing; negotiating cooperation isn't genuinely to remedy anything.

If Caroline suggests any unreasonable cooperation terms, he won't agree. Moreover, if there's a problem with the enterprises under Caroline, he's determined to conduct a thorough investigation and will not condone it!

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying, upon this reflection, relaxed.

Actually, once you are open-minded about these troubles, none of them pose a problem!

By sticking to principles and staying true to oneself, everything ceases to be an issue.

If worse comes to worst, come what may, they will tackle it head-on!

"Let's go; we've finished our coffee. It's time to take another tour around the headquarters." Bai Xiaosheng pushed his coffee cup away.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying nodded in agreement.

The three stood up in succession, ready to leave.

At that moment, a shadow swiftly passed by outside the café's large floor-to-ceiling windows.

Bai Xiaosheng and his companions instinctively looked up.

Seated in the best spot by the window, a person moving outside naturally caught their attention.

Nevertheless, the three only paused rather than grasping the situation; they weren't overly concerned.

Then, another shadow rushed by, accompanied by the clear, crisp shout of a woman, "Stop, don't run!"

This time, the trio not only saw the pursuer clearly but also heard her voice.

Suddenly, they all froze.

Lin Weiwei looked at Bai Xiaosheng in surprise, naming the pursuer, "Is that Xiya?"

She was the top student and crisis response specialist, saved by Bai Xiaosheng, a girl from the Twelve Nations Police Union Academy's elite class—Horn Class.

Why was she here?

"When we left, the academy announced a break for students. Xiya's family resides in North America."  
Lei Ying rationalized.

By this reasoning, it indeed seemed to be Xiya.

However, who is Xiya chasing?

"Let's go and have a look!" Bai Xiaosheng decisively said, "Lei Ying, you go first!"

Lei Ying immediately nodded and swiftly departed.

Bai Xiaosheng and Lin Weiwei also got moving, following closely.

Ten minutes later.

In a secluded alley, several burly men lay on the ground, groaning in pain, some unconscious.

A graceful figure stood amongst the fallen, her expression cold—it was Xiya.

At that moment, Xiya approached one of the kneeling men with a stern expression, snorted coldly, kicked him over, and picked up a lady's handbag from the ground.

"You must be blind to wreck my Harley bike and snatch my bag. You are nothing but waste, making a scene in Ganande! You truly lack self-awareness!" Xiya berated.

As she spoke, Xiya opened her bag to check its contents, exhaling deeply in relief.

Her handbag contained important documents and several checks, all critical items.

In her haste to get these items home, she decided against driving and instead rode a Harley motorcycle.

Everything went smoothly until she encountered a group of young skateboarders blocking her path.

While trying to avoid one of the young girls, Xiya crashed into a nearby pole, tumbling and scattering her belongings.

The leader of the group took her things and fled, while others surrounded her.

But Xiya was an elite student from the Twelve Nations Police Union Academy's top class and managed to break free from the crowd and pursued them here, catching the one who took her bag.

Then, these brutish thugs appeared.

Yet it was evident that they had underestimated Xiya's abilities.

She turned the tables in just three to five minutes.

"This was a premeditated plan; there were accomplices on standby. It's as if they anticipated my pursuit and knew my skills well. Moreover, the affair itself is laden with suspicion! I need to leave quickly!"

After checking her belongings, Xiya sensed the complexity of the situation, clinched her handbag, intending to depart immediately.

But as she turned around, her expression changed.

Nearby, from a side path, two figures silently emerged, both wearing hoodies with hats pulled down low. They appeared simultaneously, facing her and brandishing weapons, dark muzzles aimed directly at her.

Seeing this, Xiya's heart sank.

She had been careless! In the end, she underestimated them!

This group was not some rabble; it was an orchestrated trap aimed at her!

Chapter 2168: In Dire Straits

Xiya, having retrieved her belongings and preparing to leave, suddenly realized her escape route was blocked. Facing two armed individuals, her heart skipped a beat, knowing things were not going well.

“Damn it, what kind of crisis management expert am I? I clearly sensed something was wrong but still failed to steer clear of danger. I’ve been too careless! If Instructor Bai were here, he’d surely mock me!” Xiya was filled with frustration, inexplicably recalling how Bai Xiaosheng had dealt with Loki’s gang.

Bai Xiaosheng would never give the opponent any opportunity.

It had only been a few days since they separated, and she, his “student,” had made such a rookie mistake.

In reality, Xiya was not entirely at fault; who would have thought their opponents had a backup plan?

“Don’t move, keep still!” The tall one warned Xiya in a deep voice.

“Cheeky woman, you’re quite something!” The shorter one cursed angrily, looking at their moaning comrades scattered on the ground.

None of the men were a match for this one woman; it was infuriating to watch.

Fortunately, the two brothers were waiting here to subdue this woman.

“Quit the chatter, the important thing comes first.” The tall one whispered to his companion, then shouted at Xiya, “Raise your hands, let me see them!”

“Yeah, raise your hands! Quickly! Bring the bag over!” The short one seemed more volatile, waving the gun in his hand, pointing it at Xiya, seemingly ready to fire at any moment.

“Don’t get excited!” Xiya calmly observed them, shouted back.

She obediently raised her hands, showing the bag to them, then slowly walked forward.

Facing two armed men fifteen meters away, provoking them would be foolish and courting death.

Only by getting closer would there be a chance!

Xiya was trying to find an opportunity.

However, she seemed to have underestimated her opponents.

“You! Stop, don’t move! Throw the bag over!” The tall one, extremely alert, shouted instantly.

Xiya took two more steps forward.

“Didn’t you hear what he said?” The short one shouted, waving the weapon in his hand.

“Don’t be rash, I can give you the bag...”

Xiya stopped, then tossed the bag from her hands, but with minimal force, landing not far in front of her.

As long as one of them came over to pick it up, she would have a chance!

“Didn’t you eat? Only throwing it that far? Cheeky woman!” The short one yelled angrily and was about to pick it up.

Xiya's eyes gleamed, subtly hopeful.

The tall one, however, grabbed his companion, "Idiot, don't go over, she can attack you from there."

The short one, suddenly realizing, stopped in his tracks, pointed his weapon at Xiya angrily, "Filthy woman, you're not being honest! Back off, retreat to the alley's end, or I'll shoot you dead!"

Xiya frowned but complied, retreating slowly with small steps.

However, as she retreated, she kept watching them, continuously asking, "Who hired you to steal my stuff? Who's your employer?"

The two stood their ground, advancing steadily, weapons pointed at Xiya, not dropping their guard.

"How much is he paying you? Tell me, maybe I can offer more!" Xiya continued.

They remained silent.

"Actually, even if you don't tell me, I can guess who it is," Xiya said calmly, locking eyes with them, "It's not hard to guess, is it? Also, do you know who I am, and my profession? Taking this job for such a small price, I can tell you, it's not worth it! I could offer you more if you're willing..."

Xiya was trying to persuade them.

"\*\*\*\*! Shut up!" The short one shouted.

"Save it, we're not going to be swayed by you." The tall one scoffed coldly, "We're definitely taking this item today, no matter what you say. Don't try to use those people on the ground as leverage; their lives mean nothing to us! And if you make any sudden moves, we absolutely will open fire, don't test me. Your life should matter to you!"

The tall one surprisingly turned the persuasion back on Xiya.

This person was very tricky—calm, smart, and with clear goals. His words weighed heavily on Xiya's mind.

It seemed destined this time that the item would be taken by them. Xiya envisioned the worst outcome.

In the lost items were crucial checks of substantial amounts and important contracts.

To Xiya's family, losing such items would typically mean significant losses.

But at this critical moment, it meant a crisis of survival!

It's obvious that the ones hiring these people to steal were the ones currently targeting her family in business!

Thinking about her family's current plight and the consequences of losing those items, Xiya couldn't help but halt.

Personal safety was a major concern, but so was the survival of the family.

Xiya realized she couldn't retreat anymore!

This decision didn't align with what she had learned, an extremely erroneous action.

Yet, Xiya stood her ground.

The tall one across immediately became alert when he saw Xiya stop, pulling his companion back and addressed Xiya in a serious tone, "What are you doing?!"

The short one, frustrated beyond measure, exclaimed, "This woman has no self-preservation instinct, such trouble, and danger, I'm honestly fed up with her!"

"If she moves, we fire!" The tall one decided decisively.

"No, let's cripple her right now!" The short one insisted firmly.

Xiya was taken aback, never expecting such a resolute decision from just her slight move.

She was still over ten meters away, with high walls on either side offering no cover, any movement was indeed suicidal.

Realizing the current situation, Xiya felt a deep sense of despair, regretting her impromptu, planless actions.

Could it be that I, a crisis management expert, am destined to fail this time?

Xiya, watching them preparing to fire, felt an unprecedented emptiness and despair for the first time.

But then, suddenly, Xiya was stunned, eyes wide, staring in surprise at them.

"What are you looking at?" The short one shouted upon seeing her expression.

"She's looking behind us, probably signaling us to believe someone is behind us." The tall one sneered.

What kind of crisis management expert, every move of hers was seen clearly. The tall one felt contempt for Xiya's tactics.

"She's not looking at you; she's looking at me," a voice said softly, surreal yet real, with a hint of ethereal mystery, echoing just behind them.

They could even feel the breath from the speaker brushing against the fine hairs on the back of their necks.

Instantly, they shuddered involuntarily.

Someone was indeed behind them!

How could there be someone? When did they appear? How come there wasn't any noise at all?

In an instant, their hairs stood on end, heart shaken as if seeing a ghost, frantically trying to turn around.

Unfortunately, they were destined not to have a chance.

As the voice spoke, two massive hands, each grabbed a face, big enough to "grip" them. Without allowing any struggle, the hands smashed their heads together.

The duo felt any force they tried to muster was useless against those large hands.

Then, their heads collided, to others, it might have just sounded like a dull "thud."

But to those two, it felt like a "boom," sky dimmed and vision filled with white.

The pair slumped directly.

Standing behind them, Lei Ying, seized the weapons from their hands as they fell, casually throwing them aside.

"Instructor Lei, why are you here!" Xiya finally exclaimed, full of surprise and joy.

Nobody expected to encounter Lei Ying here.

Still less did they foresee her life-or-death crisis would be resolved this way.

Lei Ying just smiled at Xiya, stepping aside to reveal the path behind him.

“Not only is he here, we are too,” a voice followed slowly.

Xiya looked over to see a man and a woman approaching, the man calm and unhurried, the woman graceful and charming.

It was Bai Xiaosheng and Lin Weiwei.

Seeing Bai Xiaosheng, Xiya’s eyes lit up with excitement and joy, “Instructor Bai!”

Chapter 2169: Fortunately I Met You

Seeing Bai Xiaosheng, Lin Weiwei, and Lei Ying again, Xiya was truly delighted and surprised. Bai Xiaosheng and Lei Ying were both people she admired, and she even had a vague affection for Bai Xiaosheng.

When they parted ways, Xiya only knew Bai Xiaosheng and the others came to Ganande, but that was many days ago, and they might have already left.

She didn’t expect them to still be here, and even more unexpected was their reunion under these circumstances.

Bai Xiaosheng and the others had already saved her life once in South America, and now once more, they protected something crucial to her family’s survival.

Filled with surprise, Xiya was overwhelmed with gratitude.

Lei Ying walked over, picked up Xiya's bag, and handed it to her, earnestly saying, "No matter how important the item is, if your life is lost, it's useless."

Xiya took the item, her face reddening with shame, "Yes, Instructor Lei!"

"The more important something is, the more it confuses us, but to protect important things, we need to stay calm! Lost things can be found again, but a lost life can't!" Bai Xiaosheng approached and sternly advised, "Next time you're impulsive, try to calm down for three seconds and think about this sentence."

Xiya nodded earnestly and said, "Yes, Instructor Bai!"

"Come on, she didn't lose anything, why are you lecturing her? We're not in the academy." Lin Weiwei said somewhat reproachfully.

Then, she smiled and went over, pulling Xiya, "Xiya, you're too serious. We're not in the academy, and they were just temporary instructors then. They're not instructors now."

Xiya smiled and seriously said to Lin Weiwei, "But what they said makes sense! Moreover, once an instructor, always my instructor!"

This girl took it seriously.

Lin Weiwei smiled helplessly.

Bai Xiaosheng also smiled, "Actually, what we said was just to prevent you from acting impulsively during future danger. Remember it and that's enough. Let's leave here."

Xiya nodded immediately.

Ignoring the people lying all over the ground, everyone left the alley.

"Instructor Bai, Instructor Lei, Sister Weiwei, are you still on a business trip in Ganande? If you have time, why not come to my house!" Xiya warmly invited.

"Is your home in Ganande City?" Bai Xiaosheng asked.

"No, it's in the new southern city. It's one of Ganande's satellite cities." Xiya replied and quickly added, afraid Bai Xiaosheng would feel it's too far, "It only takes two hours by car, it's very close."

Bai Xiaosheng pondered briefly.

Currently, they didn't have any urgent matters, but traveling for two hours to visit Xiya's family was indeed quite far.

Xiya was eager for them to go, and seeing Bai Xiaosheng's hesitation, she quickly said, "I'm going to deliver something very important, and there might be other dangers on the way. Why don't you accompany me back?"

Xiya looked at him with pleading eyes.

"Yes, she's a girl who just experienced danger. Leaving her alone isn't safe." Lin Weiwei supported.

Lei Ying also looked at Bai Xiaosheng.

"Alright, we'll escort you back and visit as well." Bai Xiaosheng agreed with a smile.

Xiya immediately rejoiced, "Thank you, Instructor Bai."

Bai Xiaosheng said, "Don't call me Instructor anymore. I've said before, we're all friends. Just call me by my name."

In South America, Xiya was a very aloof girl, usually reserved, but succumbed to Bai Xiaosheng's charm and showed this little girl attitude.

Actually, in the academy, after getting familiar, privately, Xiya stopped calling them "Instructor this, Instructor that." Only just now, when she "made a mistake" and was criticized by Bai Xiaosheng and Lei Ying, she instinctively fell back into the training mindset.

"Then I'll call you Brother Sheng." Xiya seized the moment, also calling Lei Ying "Brother Lei."

Though age-wise, this girl was a bit younger than Lin Weiwei, everyone accepted it gladly.

They flagged down a car, Xiya told the driver the destination, and everyone set off towards Ganande's southern new city.

In the car, Bai Xiaosheng learned Xiya went alone to retrieve very important contract documents and checks, which made him curious.

At the farewell party in South America, Bai Xiaosheng already knew Xiya came from a notable family.

Bai Xiaosheng even had Red Lotus "investigate."

If Xiya's family were to be compared with the many families Bai Xiaosheng had encountered, Wei Family and Bai Family were super families, Caroline Family and Cooper Family were first-tier, and Xiya's family might be a bit lesser, belonging to the second tier, but still holding substantial wealth and status.

In recent years, they've even reached quasi-first-tier status.

Here, one couldn't help but marvel at Ganande, this international metropolis, surrounded by satellite cities, with numerous families of all scales.

America has long been the world's strongest economy, so Ganande, the most developed city in America, being full of hidden talents is understandable.

Of course, the state where Ganande is located is an economically strong state relying on commerce, unlike some agriculturally focused states or provinces, which combined might not have as many family enterprises of renown as this city.

Back to the topic.

Xiya's family is not small, and for such important items, she as a princess should have had an entourage and a car.

When Bai Xiaosheng asked, Xiya didn't hide, saying, "Originally, a convoy and guards were dispatched for me, but I found it troublesome, so I went alone on a motorcycle, thinking of going directly to save time, not expecting to be targeted!"

"Who were those people then? Aren't they after money?" Lin Weiwei couldn't help asking.

Xiya shook her head, "No..."

Beside her, Bai Xiaosheng thoughtfully said, "Xiya went to retrieve important items by motorcycle, with no delays on the road. With her meticulous thinking and superb skills, usually no one could snatch her bag. Moreover, after snatching, they had many people supporting and guarded against her. This proves it was a well-planned plot, and the opponent knew her very well. Xiya's bag contained no cash, only documents and checks, which generally people wouldn't desire..."

Bai Xiaosheng looked at Xiya, "I think this was an attack aimed at your family, and there are spies from the opposing side in your family!"

Such analysis left Lin Weiwei extremely surprised.

Lei Ying nodded, agreeing with Bai Xiaosheng's words.

"Brother Xiaosheng, you're amazing!" Xiya gave a thumbs up in admiration, "Indeed, I encountered a planned attack..."

Xiya briefly recounted her attack experience.

Then she solemnly said, "Recently, my family indeed faced business sniping! To protect ourselves, we signed some painful contracts with third parties, exchanged for a few cash flows to weather this difficulty. Honestly, even with these funds, it's still..."

Xiya sighed heavily.

Originally a very cheerful person, she seemed a bit downcast.

Even if she wasn't deeply involved in business, she knew this time, even with regained cooperation and these funds, it might not be enough.

The family business sacrificing to save itself was truly a desperate act, even if they overcame the crisis, they'd never fully recover.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying couldn't help but look at Bai Xiaosheng.

With Bai Xiaosheng's current private capabilities, he indeed had the ability to lend a hand.

Moreover, Bai Xiaosheng had vast resources and connections in the business world.

Bai Xiaosheng remained calm and nodded.

"Actually, I've been wondering why my whereabouts were discovered, even if there's a spy or mole at home, it shouldn't be possible." Xiya puzzledly said, "I didn't tell anyone how I'd travel, and my motorcycle route was via navigation."

Bai Xiaosheng smiled slightly, "Because of the navigation, your route could be locked."

Xiya was taken aback, her pupils constricted.

Smart as she was, she naturally understood.

"Your phone might have a virus implanted, which can report your location in real-time and send your navigation route to the enemy." Bai Xiaosheng explained, "To have such access to your phone, it couldn't be someone from outside!"

Xiya's eyes glinted.

Then, she felt immensely relieved and said to Bai Xiaosheng, "Fortunately, I met you guys! Fortunately, I met you again!"

Chapter 2170 - Xiya Family Crisis

"Xiya, if it's convenient, could you talk to me about the troubles your family business has been facing?" Bai Xiaosheng said to Xiya.

Actually, Bai Xiaosheng had already asked Red Lotus to search his mind and had gained some understanding.

The Xiya Family's businesses span multiple sectors, and all of their companies are large and quite reputed. Their entanglement in a predicament naturally became significant news.

Numerous commentators have been interpreting this from various perspectives.

In fact, the Xiya Family has been facing a crisis for more than just a year—it's been extended!

Recently, however, things seem to have become "intensified."

Having known this information, Bai Xiaosheng also felt that there seems to be some "gaps" in the information.

The reason Bai Xiaosheng asked was also to hear something different from Xiya's mouth.

Moreover, if he starts talking as if he knows everything, it wouldn't be easy to explain to Xiya.

"Sure." Xiya said immediately.

Actually, Xiya knows Bai Xiaosheng's real identity; she knows he is the Executive President of the Greater China Region of the Zhenbei Group.

It's precisely because of Bai Xiaosheng's special status that Xiya has more expectations.

Within this, there are even some special reasons...

Xiya even silently thought that if Bai Xiaosheng could help, perhaps her family's crisis might encounter a turning point...

She even felt a sense of "excitement" in her heart.

But before speaking, Xiya controlled her emotions.

She was also afraid her words might put Bai Xiaosheng in a difficult position.

With Bai Xiaosheng's perceptiveness, he naturally saw Xiya's inner dilemma.

Bai Xiaosheng secretly wondered, thinking, "This girl seems to be hiding something—what could it be, making it so hard for her to speak..."

He remembered Xiya as an extremely cheerful and carefree girl.

Not the kind to be pretentious or scheming against friends.

Curious, Bai Xiaosheng listened as Xiya started speaking, detailing her family's crisis from the beginning to the present, telling Bai Xiaosheng everything.

Initially, Xiya didn't care much about the family's business dealings; she had no interest in it, thinking those intrigues were a mental drain.

But this time, after returning, knowing her family's unprecedented crisis, and facing the possibility they couldn't overcome it, she wanted to contribute. So, in recent days, she'd learned everything she could.

Now that Bai Xiaosheng asked, she naturally detailed it.

Bai Xiaosheng listened silently, grasping many details.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying listened and analyzed earnestly. By now, they had become seasoned in the professional field—their worldview and abilities were exceptional, each day showing sharper insight. Having been with Bai Xiaosheng for long, they possessed even stronger insight abilities, often able to see through appearances and directly hit the core in business matters.

In Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying's view, when the crisis first appeared, Xiya's family seemed to have been targeted by someone, step by step being led into a layered business trap. The opponent's goal didn't seem to be just short-term gains but rather to swallow the entire Xiya Family's business!

That appetite is indeed enormous!

The Xiya Family's decision-makers, under the opponent's endless calculations, responded reasonably but were still ensnared, gradually falling into a tight financial state. Yet even so, they managed a stable year.

"Who is the Clan Leader managing your family's business now?" Bai Xiaosheng suddenly asked.

Xiya replied, "It's my father, Mr. Taylor!"

Even Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but praise, "The opponent goes to great lengths to set up such interconnected schemes, yet your father, Mr. Taylor, still manages to navigate every step, dragging on until now without letting the opponent succeed—truly impressive!"

This level of control over the situation isn't something just anyone possesses.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying agree very much on this point.

In the battle of experts, the word "steady" is the true measure of skill.

In adverse conditions, ability shines through.

Xiya's father, that Mr. Taylor, is not an ordinary person.

Faced with the appreciation from Bai Xiaosheng and others, Xiya was happy but couldn't help a sigh.

"Unfortunately, while our family sought turning points, it eventually fell into immense trouble, which is the true reason for today's situation!" Xiya said this, couldn't help but bite her lip.

Even she showed a face of reluctance.

Bai Xiaosheng was immediately intrigued, asking, "What happened?"

Just now, they were praising Xiya's father Taylor's steadiness, but listening to Xiya's meaning, her father also committed errors he shouldn't have?

Bai Xiaosheng was inevitably curious.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying were likewise curious, exchanging glances and then focusing on Xiya with intrigue.

As a family leader, a clan chief, in crucial cooperation, one must exercise utmost caution, not to mention Xiya's father being a character known for steadiness and caution.

Faced with the curious gazes from everyone, Xiya sighed heavily and said, "To be precise, the fatal mistake was made by my uncle, White!"

Bai Xiaosheng and the others remained silent, listening further.

Xiya continued, "My father has been secretly seeking a breakthrough, quietly contacting some large enterprises, attempting to use their partnership funds to break through the family's crisis in one stroke."

"He indeed found a suitable collaborator." Xiya said, "My father believed that establishing a deep cooperation with that company, using the obtained funds and their strength, not only could resolve the previous crisis but also elevate the family business to new heights. He had multiple engagements with them, and they were very sincere about cooperating with us. They even reached a cooperative understanding and were about to sign the agreement, but unfortunately, the head of the other enterprise has never been in Ganande."