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Chapter 2171 - Xiya Family Crisis_2

Xiya continued, "One day, my father was far away in Europe, yet received a notification from that company. Their representative would return for one day and leave the next, so they could sign the contract with us. My father, being across the ocean, naturally couldn't make it in time. So, he asked my uncle White to sign on his behalf."

Bai Xiaosheng nodded slightly, indicating for her to continue.

"The intention to cooperate had already been reached beforehand, and it was simply a matter of signing, which shouldn't have gone terribly wrong," Xiya said in a deep voice. "Speaking of my uncle White, he is indeed capable and holds a significant position in the family business, but he has many flaws, some even considered as vices. He's addicted to alcohol and had delayed important matters before."

"My father repeatedly told him over the phone to ensure there would be no complications and not to get drunk during social gatherings when he went to sign the contract," Xiya said and sighed heavily.

Bai Xiaosheng, Lin Weiwei, and Lei Ying exchanged glances. From her sigh and the current crisis facing the Xiya family, it seemed likely that Uncle White had disregarded the warning.

"That day, my Uncle White didn't return, and we couldn't contact him," Xiya said, her eyes carrying both anger and embarrassment. "The next day, we saw him in the newspaper!"

"He was caught by reporters in a hotel, lying in bed with a... a woman of that kind, and they took pictures. He brought shame to our family, and this incident, later fueled by certain individuals, caused our family's stock price to plummet!" Xiya said gloomily. "And that wasn't even the worst part!"

Bai Xiaosheng raised his eyebrows.

The Xiya family was already in trouble, and the stock price plummeting wasn't the worst of it, so there must be a bigger crisis.

Bai Xiaosheng had Red Lotus search for information about the decline in stock prices and was aware of White's scandal; he also knew the connection between the two but didn't expect such deep waters behind it.

"What could be worse than this?" Lin Weiwei couldn't help but ask.

Xiya sighed, gritting her teeth, and said, "My Uncle White, while drunk, signed a full six unfair contracts with that big company! As a result, we've fallen into a deadly trap! Afterward, my father questioned Uncle White sternly, but he said he couldn't remember anything! He claimed he was tricked into signing while drunk!"

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying gasped in shock.

This was adding fuel to the fire, a double whammy, facing a dead end!

"That company had multiple exchanges with your father, Mr. Taylor, and reached an agreement. Since Mr. Taylor saw it as an opportunity, it must have seemed genuinely promising. But in the end, they signed multiple unfair contracts. The other party must have had this planned all along, even timing the signing for when Mr. Taylor was in Europe, which was all part of their scheme," Bai Xiaosheng said in a deep voice. "It seems they thoroughly investigated Uncle White, even knowing his vices inside out."

Bai Xiaosheng paused briefly and continued, "There's even reason to believe that the calculations your family suffered before could also be partly attributed to that company!"

The company did everything possible, setting traps step by step, to take over the Xiya family's business.

Bai Xiaosheng truly wanted to meet that company's representative; calling them a cunning wolf wouldn't be an exaggeration.

No matter what, the other side succeeded in obtaining what they wanted, forcing the Xiya family into a corner.

Even if Xiya's father was extraordinarily capable, he couldn't escape the grasp of the other party.

"Such a scheme in business could definitely be described as ruthless!" Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but say, "I almost thought it was an act of revenge."

"What kind of grudge could there be!" Xiya declared with absolute certainty, "Otherwise, why would my father have no sense of caution?"

Bai Xiaosheng nodded.

It was purely to swallow up the Xiya family's business for the sake of profit.

The Xiya family business indeed had a strong position in several fields.

If the other party could absorb them, it would mean gaining the Xiya family's market share and channels, undoubtedly leading to rampant growth.

However, such a "devouring" usually occurs in a big fish eating a small fish scenario.

If the Xiya family could be considered a "small fish," then what kind of entity was the opponent to have such an appetite!

Bai Xiaosheng suddenly grew intensely curious about the other party's identity.

It occurred to Bai Xiaosheng that Xiya, throughout her narrative, never mentioned the name of that company, deliberately or unintentionally avoiding it.

Why was that?

Beside him, Lin Weiwei couldn't resist asking, "Since it was Mr. White who was tricked into signing the contract while intoxicated and extremely unfair, why didn't you file a complaint?"

A family like Xiya's could afford renowned lawyers to file lawsuits and complaints; it's not something they must accept.

Lin Weiwei couldn't understand.

Xiya smiled bitterly, "Of course, we did that, but for every lawyer team we hired, they brought in even more. Moreover, such lawsuits often drag on for years without resolution, and until a formal judgment declares the contracts void, we still have to fulfill them. Considering the current circumstances, it's uncertain if our business can hold out until we succeed in appealing..."

Even Xiya felt deeply despondent when she mentioned it.

Lin Weiwei suddenly had nothing more to say.

"Media," Bai Xiaosheng suddenly said.

Everyone instinctively turned to look at him.

Bai Xiaosheng continued, "In this age of information explosion, why not leverage the media and fight a public opinion battle! If used properly, even if it can't turn the tide, it would cause significant trouble for the other party."

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This is another thing that puzzled Bai Xiaosheng.

He had Red Lotus search for information, but the information seemed fragmented, as if something was missing.

Any information appearing on the internet would leave traces, and Red Lotus would always find them.

But this time, the search was incomplete.

Xiya let out a heavy sigh, "In fact, we've been deliberately avoiding media knowledge of those unequal contracts. The elders in the family collectively believe that the matters previously reported about Uncle White caused a terrible impact, leading to a stock market plunge. If those contracts were exposed, our stock might face a—crash!"

If that happens, the Xiya Family would fall into an irrecoverable state of disaster.

"So, our family goes to great lengths to prevent this from hitting the press," Xiya said, "And the other party seems to be low-key about it as well, not using those contracts to attack us. We also believe they don't want the influence to spread."

Revealing this matter was a turning point, but it was just an opportunity, and the consequences could cause the family stock market to crash completely, ending the family.

"Choosing the lesser of two evils," the Xiya Family didn't want media coverage, which was a helpless act.

After all, not everyone can play the media game to Bai Xiaosheng's level.

The mutual understanding between both parties led to the media finding it difficult to obtain information, and it also made Bai Xiaosheng unable to find relevant content.

Bai Xiaosheng nodded slightly, understanding why even Red Lotus couldn't find it.

Because many pieces of information were never uploaded, no matter how divine Red Lotus was, it was powerless.

Even if the media route was blocked, Bai Xiaosheng saw that there were still many countermeasures.

Mr. Taylor, Xiya's father, ran the family for so many years, and through storms and stress, his experience and cunning were beyond ordinary, he wouldn't have no countermeasures at all.

Is he merely watching the family's destruction dispiritedly?

Bai Xiaosheng became curious about this point again.

"Currently, our family is at a dead end and can only sign some 'flesh-cutting' contracts with third-party companies to bring some funds back to maintain cash flow, to cope with that big company's unequal contract," Xiya said, "Those are the contracts and checks I went to get today. And then, as you know, I was attacked on my way back."

"I have reason to believe, this is also orchestrated by that company! No one else would scheme against us like this!" Xiya said solemnly, staring at Bai Xiaosheng, "Xiaosheng, I know you must be thinking why, when we've reached this point, we aren't using some extreme means to retaliate against the opponent, especially since we have confirmed the enemy, at worst, go down with them."

Seeing Xiya say this, Bai Xiaosheng nodded slightly and asked, "Why not?"

"Because of fear!" Xiya struggled to say, "That company's background is terrifying, if we take extreme measures, it might... render the whole family unable to stand in Ganande!"

Hearing Xiya say this, Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying were deeply shocked.

The opponent is that fearsome?!

"What kind of background do they have that makes you so fearful?" Bai Xiaosheng also couldn't help but ask curiously.

When it has come to a life-and-death crisis, they're still wary of the opponent?

It's evident how extraordinary the opponent is.

Not opting for extreme measures could severely damage or bankrupt the business, but taking them might provoke the opponent, leaving the Xiya Family with no place to stand here!

What kind of background could that be!

Xiya made up her mind and told Bai Xiaosheng.

Word by word, she said, "Xiaosheng, that company is affiliated with Zhenbei Group!"

Chapter 2173 I'm Definitely Taking Charge of This Matter

Xiya's words truly shocked Bai Xiaosheng and the others; they never expected that the entity repeatedly targeting the Xiya Family, forcing them to the brink of survival, was actually their own group's company!

The saying goes well, even a rabbit doesn't eat the grass around its burrow.

The group headquarters is in Ganande, yet a subsidiary has taken action against its "neighbor"!

Even if not all of Xiya Family's business is local to Ganande, their family headquarters is ultimately here. Acting like this really doesn't make sense.

Xiya sighed deeply and looked at Bai Xiaosheng, saying, "If we used extreme measures against your group's subsidiary, causing a huge uproar, it would be tantamount to declaring war on the entire Zhenbei Group!"

With some panic, Xiya added, "My family couldn't dare to do such a thing!"

If Zhenbei Group were to get angry, the Xiya Family might not even have a place to stand in Ganande!

Bai Xiaosheng finally understood why the Xiya Family was so "timid"; even in such dire circumstances, they remained "restrained" and were unwilling to launch a strong counterattack.

The crux of the issue lies here!

Bai Xiaosheng also understood Xiya's earlier gaze—why it was filled with expectation and entangled with conflict...

Xiya continued, "Xiaosheng, I know you're also part of Zhenbei Group. Before I spoke, I actually considered asking for your help. But, I know that's too difficult! You're the head of your group's Asia division, and even you can't... reach here, especially being in the workplace, where caution is needed in your actions. Asking you to mediate is a bit too demanding. Moreover, business affairs involve a 'profit' aspect; to ask the other party to give up a 'profit,' one must at least offer an equivalent 'profit,' which our family cannot currently afford, making this another difficult matter. If you intervene, you'll only bring a lot of trouble upon yourself."

Xiya's words were sincere, clearly having abandoned her initial plan.

This girl was ultimately too kind. Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but feel heartwarming.

Bai Xiaosheng also felt quite moved by Xiya's honesty.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying looked at Bai Xiaosheng.

Xiya only knew part of the story; Bai Xiaosheng was no longer just the Greater China Region's Executive President; now he had the capability to handle this matter.

However, Xiya's thinking wasn't entirely wrong.

Intervening in this matter would only harm Bai Xiaosheng without any benefit!

Caroline might not be involved directly, but ultimately, the company in question is hers to manage.

Currently, Bai Xiaosheng's relationship with Caroline is "delicate" as they are negotiating a collaboration.

If Bai Xiaosheng were to act against her subordinate company now, it would undoubtedly worsen the conflict between them.

A failed collaboration would be the least of it; if it provoked intense opposition from Caroline, the losses would be too great.

Furthermore, even if that group company had acted excessively, from a profit perspective, it benefited the group. Legally speaking, they haven't been deemed unlawful.

If Bai Xiaosheng intervened to stop it, wouldn't he be opposing the group's interests?

The senior management, including Vice Chairman Morgan, might... use this as an opportunity!

Then Bai Xiaosheng would find himself in bigger trouble at the group's headquarters...

Emotionally and rationally, Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying felt the company targeting the Xiya Family was excessive. They both wanted Bai Xiaosheng to help Xiya while deeply worrying about Bai Xiaosheng's own situation.

Despite their complex feelings, they knew, given Bai Xiaosheng's character, he would never stand idly by!

True enough.

Bai Xiaosheng earnestly said to Xiya, "Xiya, I'll definitely help you with this matter!"

Even if it brings trouble to himself, even if it angers Caroline.

What Bai Xiaosheng can't tolerate, and if he thinks something is wrong, he'll inevitably intervene!

This is his current duty, and it's also his future obligation to inherit the entire group!

Bai Xiaosheng's words made Xiya feel joyful, moved, and worried—mixed emotions indeed.

"Xiaosheng, actually, you don't need to..." Xiya opened her mouth to say half a sentence but couldn't continue.

Seeing Bai Xiaosheng so devoted to his friends made her extremely touched.

Seeing the situation, Bai Xiaosheng comforted her, "I won't intervene just because you're my friend. They have crossed the line, and this is for the group's consideration too. Business also has its principles that must have a baseline. I can't let them tarnish the group's reputation."

Upon hearing Bai Xiaosheng's official statement, Xiya thought he was being polite and felt even more moved.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled, "You really don't need to feel you owe me anything. I'll go home with you now, talk more with Mr. Taylor, and see how best to resolve this issue!"

Even though Bai Xiaosheng made every effort to show he wasn't helping out of personal feelings, Xiya was still filled with gratitude.

Xiya immediately and resolutely instructed Bai Xiaosheng, "Xiaosheng, you have to promise me that if you're going to help my family, it must be without implicating yourself, otherwise, I won't agree!"

Facing such a stubborn girl, Bai Xiaosheng smiled, "Don't worry, I'm fine. I just need to understand more of the details, and ideally, sit down and talk with your father. Actually, there are other ways to resolve this matter. For example, injecting massive capital into your family sufficient to tide over all troubles. I do know many large investment firms and have connections."

"Regardless of whether it's money or other means, I must take charge of this matter!" Bai Xiaosheng emphasized repeatedly.

This also served to reassure Xiya.

Xiya was deeply moved, and though she had countless words in her heart, what came to her lips were just two words, "Thank you..."

"It's expected, no need to thank me." Bai Xiaosheng smiled.

His "expected" line was both a sincere affirmation of friendship and in line with his new responsibilities.

But Xiya wasn't aware of these meanings; she only thought Bai Xiaosheng was taking considerable risks to help, which made her even more touched.

Xiya nodded firmly upon hearing this.

Every word of this man seemed to carry a magical power that made others feel remarkably reassured upon hearing them.

While speaking, the vehicle they were in had already slowed down and finally stopped.

The Xiya Family home had arrived.

"This is my home, come on, folks, let's get off," Xiya collected her emotions, smiled at Bai Xiaosheng and the others, and got out of the car first.

Bai Xiaosheng and the other two followed her out of the car.

The entrance to the estate was quite beautiful and imposing; beyond it were expansive gardens and vegetation, with a cluster of villa buildings faintly visible in the distance.

This was Xiya's home.

Bai Xiaosheng and his companions were accustomed to larger and grander estates and castles; hence they didn't feel anything too special about this place.

As Xiya appeared, the servants at the entrance approached, respectfully greeted them, and the leader promptly arranged for a vehicle to take them there.

After all, the entrance was a substantial distance from the villa cluster, and walking would likely exhaust them.

The group changed vehicles and headed inside.

Along the way, the Xiya Family's servants paused, bowing slightly and respectfully watching their car pass by.

For a family facing turmoil, achieving such stability was truly commendable!

Bai Xiaosheng nodded with approval.

It showed that Xiya's father, the clan leader, had undeniable prestige and deeply held the loyalty of the people.

Before long, Bai Xiaosheng and his companions arrived at the villa cluster, and Xiya led them to disembark and head towards the central building.

"My father is at home today, but he's likely discussing business with his uncles at the moment," Xiya said.

Mentioning this, Xiya's expression turned somewhat gloomy, "Due to these continuous issues, they have become displeased with my father as the clan leader."

Upon hearing this, Bai Xiaosheng nodded.

It seemed the Xiya Family faced not only external troubles but also internal issues.

At times when crises occur, the first to fall apart is often internal.

The current situation in the Xiya Family seemed to confirm this point.

Regarding this, Bai Xiaosheng was hesitant to comment.

After all, this was someone else's family affair, and it's better to remain cautious with one's words in their home.

Of course, Bai Xiaosheng had great respect for Mr. Taylor, the clan leader.

Just as Xiya was leading Bai Xiaosheng and the others into the hall, suddenly a group of people burst out from inside. These young men and women, regardless of their attire or demeanor, were not ordinary; they seemed to be young members of the family, of the same generation as Xiya.

The leader of the group was talking as they walked.

"Right now, troubles are increasing, and our family is getting more difficult. Besides all of us needing to be united and stay closely aligned with me to maintain stability, I still believe that Clan Leader Taylor should resign and give the clan leadership to my father! Wouldn't you agree?"

Chapter 2174 - Such Peers

Leading the group of men and women pouring out from the villa's first-floor hall was a young man with an arrogant demeanor, who always spoke with his chin lifted, giving an intangible sense of conceit and pride.

Most surprisingly, this person openly criticized the Clan Leader within the family, in front of everyone.

He even dared to say the Clan Leader should step down, which is simply unimaginable!

The most absurd thing is that the men and women around him kept echoing his statements.

"Yeah, Taylor as Clan Leader only keeps retreating. People have bullied us at our doorstep, yet he doesn't want to fight back. There's simply no backbone!"

"Right, I heard the family is signing some flesh-slicing agreement with a third party, exchanging it for a bit of pitiful funding to fill the gaps on their side. That's just too pathetic!"

"I've said it all along, Taylor as Clan Leader is too lenient. He really isn't fit to lead a big family like ours..."

The chattering filled the air, seemingly unconcerned about the Clan Leader being a taboo subject.

This is unimaginable in other families.

To dare to criticize the Clan Leader like this is a major crime, deserving severe punishment.

After all, the Clan Leader's prestige is not to be insulted!

Bai Xiaosheng and the others exchanged a peculiar glance upon hearing these words.

They had heard from Xiya that her father was lenient and benevolent. At that time, they didn't take it seriously, thinking it was just Xiya, as a daughter, describing her father.

Now it seems this Clan Leader is not just lenient; he's exceedingly benevolent!

Otherwise, how could these youngsters dare act like this?

Of course, it might also be that Xiya's father hasn't reached that imagined point, but rather that the person leading the group is "getting carried away."

From the meaning in that person's words just now, his father is joining forces with several family elders to "stage a coup," seemingly with great confidence. No wonder, as his son, he has become so reckless!

That young leader continued talking to the surrounding people, "My father has already gone with several uncles to the Clan Leader to talk. It's time somebody stood up and re-led the family..."

In the middle of speaking, he suddenly noticed Xiya, his voice paused, his eyes narrowed, and he appeared a bit unnatural.

The others also saw Xiya and immediately closed their mouths, their eyes showing some apprehension.

In their eyes, Xiya is a fierce woman.

At this moment, Xiya stood there cold-faced, looking at those people coldly, and said unhurriedly, "Speak up, why did you stop!"

The people remained silent.

"Xiya, why did you only come back now?" The young leader naturally refused to be intimidated by this girl, took a deep breath, acted sternly, and somewhat questioned her, "I heard the Clan Leader arranged bodyguards and a convoy for you to fetch an important contract and check. Yet, you left quietly on a motorcycle alone? That's simply willful! Let me ask you, if something really happened and you lost those things, how is the family supposed to proceed! Do you know how important the things you're fetching are to the family! If there's even a slight mishap, can you bear the responsibility?"

He actually criticized Xiya.

If anything really happened, he didn't even mention the safety of Xiya, a young girl.

Xiya looked at him coldly, speaking slowly, "Kaiden, I am running around for the family; what have you contributed?"

Xiya then looked at the people next to Kaiden, saying coldly, "You, besides using your tongues here, can you do anything useful!"

Her words immediately displeased those people, who spoke out in anger.

"Xiya, how can you talk like that!"

"Exactly, not only do you care for the family, we also worry about it."

"What makes you think your family is the only one making efforts..."

"What a remarkable ability to monopolize credit—like father, like daughter..."

The crowd started chattering.

Kaiden also wore a sullen face, raised his chin, and shouted, "Xiya, what you said is too much! Most of us here are your brothers and sisters; how can you be so disrespectful, breaking the rules!"

Kaiden pointed at Xiya, lecturing her, "I think the Clan Leader spoiled you, leaving you utterly rude, lacking the necessary etiquette of a grand family!"

Upon Kaiden's words, those around him echoed him once more.

"Exactly, how are you speaking to us!"

"Have you forgotten the lessons in family etiquette?"

"Speaking to us without any title of respect, and she's the Clan Leader's daughter."

"Simply overindulged!"

The crowd eagerly criticized Xiya.

Kaiden seized the opportunity to say to Xiya, "Did you bring the things back or not? Quickly deliver them to the Clan Leader; all the uncles are waiting. For you, since you've been away for years, not following any grand family rules, we will let your rudeness slide!"

Kaiden's words sounded so "generous."

However, asking Xiya to deliver things to the Clan Leader, yet saying all the uncles are waiting, as if the Clan Leader is no longer in charge.

He also talked about forgiving Xiya's rudeness.

Truly, people have two tongues; they can say anything.

Bai Xiaosheng and the others felt annoyed yet amused.

Xiya was unwilling to waste more words with Kaiden and the others, snorted coldly, "Then get out of my way!"

The people were displeased when they heard Xiya's rude remark.

Xiya ascended the steps, practically ignoring those people, and proceeded straight through.

"Hold on!"

Suddenly, Kaiden stepped forward again, blocking the way.

His eyes scrutinized Bai Xiaosheng and the others, one by one, with an evaluative glance. He just glanced quickly at Bai Xiaosheng and Lei Ying but lingered on Lin Weiwei with slightly bright eyes.

Lin Weiwei completely ignored him.

Lei Ying glared at him coldly.

Bai Xiaosheng's eyes also turned unpleasant.

Xiya stood blocking Kaiden's line of sight, frowning and shouting, "What are you staring at? Staring at my guests like that, do you have any manners!"

Bai Xiaosheng and the others were Xiya's friends and had saved her life. Now they were even planning to help save her family.

This jerk Kaiden boldly stared at one's female companion like that, simply going too far!

"Who are these people?" Kaiden retracted his gaze, seriously pointing at Bai Xiaosheng and Lei Ying.

"As I've said, my friends!" Xiya replied simply and coldly, "Besides, why do you care!"

Being repeatedly retorted by Xiya in front of his peers, Kaiden couldn't help but feel his temper rise.

"Of course I care! I'm the most anticipated among the younger generation in this family. Who knows, the future Family Head might be me!" Kaiden said, undisguised and smiling coldly, "So tell me, do I care!"

So arrogant, yet without any wisdom.

If such a person were to become the future Family Head, this family would be finished.

Bai Xiaosheng thought.

Xiya felt utterly ashamed, gritting her teeth, glaring, and said, "Get lost!"

This time, Kaiden didn't yield but shouted, "Currently, it's a turbulent time for the family, and you have the leisure to invite some people of unknown background into the house. I don't approve! If you want to let them in, you must tell me their identities!"

Kaiden assumed a righteous posture, receiving immediate support from those around him. But his gaze repeatedly glanced at Lin Weiwei.

He's being driven by ulterior motives.

He's showing off for Lin Weiwei.

Without waiting for Bai Xiaosheng and Lei Ying to express dissatisfaction, Xiya rolled up her sleeves and walked towards Kaiden, gritting her teeth audibly.

"You want to feel the taste of my fists, right? My father is still the Clan Leader!"

Chapter 2175 - Son of a Sinner

Faced with Kaiden's annoying expression, Xiya finally couldn't hold back, rolled up her sleeves wanting to publicly teach that guy a lesson, and threw out a "domineering" declaration: Her father is still the Clan Leader!

The implication was, even if she beats Kaiden, it's for nothing!

Using one's father in this way, truly no one else does that.

Bai Xiaosheng and the other two couldn't help but suppress their laughter.

Kaiden listening to Xiya say this, seeing her coming at him with hostility, was instantly alarmed.

Xiya, though sometimes domineering, usually reasons things out. A decade ago when she was still a little girl, she was truly the Chaos Demon, leveraging being the Clan Leader's daughter and the elders' affections, acting with impunity, causing mischief as she liked, bullying whoever she wanted.

Back then, Kaiden truly suffered at her hands.

Once, when angered to the extreme, Kaiden dragged his father to go and "sue" Xiya, only for his grandpa, who was still alive then, to criticize him for being too delicate for a boy.

That time, not only was Kaiden humiliated, but afterward, he was miserably tormented by Xiya for a significant period.

Since then, Kaiden dared not provoke her, nearly being left with childhood trauma.

Laid against the years, girls change remarkably, Xiya changed not only in appearance but also in temperament, especially after entering the academy, moving more towards a "gentle" disposition. So much so that in his hubris, Kaiden forgot—

She used to be a Devil!

Now, Kaiden remembered.

Understanding how frighteningly crazy this woman could be, Kaiden somewhat felt intimidated.

However, the surrounding brothers and sisters began to clamor.

"Xiya, what are you trying to do?!"

"With such an expression, do you dare to make a move on Kaiden?!"

"How dare you, just because you're the Clan Leader's daughter! You're too reckless!"

"You may soon not even be the Clan Leader's daughter, how dare you act so arrogantly!"

"Stop, did you hear?!"

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The crowd voiced their rebukes one after another, seemingly intolerant of Xiya's behavior, as if they weren't afraid of this girl at all.

Yet, they clearly retreated quietly, jeering from a safer distance, pushing Kaiden's position further forward...

These people hadn't forgotten how fearsome Xiya used to be...

But indeed, they gathered around Kaiden, they had to bolster his position.

Kaiden suddenly found himself put on the spot by those around him, unable to maintain face.

After all, he still had to "lead" everyone, considering his reputation in the family.

Thinking of this, Kaiden immediately steadied himself, puffing up his chest confronting Xiya.

"Xiya, stop right there! If you dare act like this, it won't end well for you, grandpa is no longer here!" Kaiden shouted.

Xiya said nothing, taking another step forward.

Kaiden's expression changed slightly, retreating a step, pointing at her, throwing down a big hat, "Xiya, if you dare act recklessly, you'll be letting down the family's cultivation!"

Xiya remained silent, took another step forward.

Kaiden retreated two more steps, his face visibly changed, his voice turning sharp, "If you do this, you're humiliating the Clan Leader!"

Kaiden's reprimands grew louder with each word, entirely outwardly fierce but inwardly timid...

Xiya paid no heed to his words.

Those behind Kaiden retreated while loudly criticizing Xiya.

Xiya ignored them all.

Today, she was determined to beat Kaiden, no one could stop her!

Bai Xiaosheng and the other two kept silent watching, thinking Kaiden indeed deserved a beating, Xiya's move was just right.

After all, they were guests.

As for whether Xiya would get into trouble by hitting the guy, that isn't an issue.

Bai Xiaosheng would back her up!

Who's dared not to give face to the person who could save the entire Xiya Family!

"Wait, Xiya!"

Just then, suddenly someone called out loudly, running out from the hall straight between Xiya and Kaiden, separating the two.

The person who came running was a remarkably dignified young man, who could be described as handsome in appearance.

Seeing him, Xiya's expression finally softened a little, "Moke."

Bai Xiaosheng and the other two couldn't help but exchange glances.

They'd heard this name before, in the car on the way here, spoken by Xiya.

Moke was the son of her White uncle, who caused a scandal by drinking foolishly, leading to a family stock plummet!

Originally, Moke was being groomed by the family, only second to Kaiden in attention. After his father's incident which implicated the family, his status plummeted, not only ridiculed and scorned by peers but subjected to unanimous family elder decisions revoking many privileges and benefits.

Moke sank into depression for a long time; it was said he even fell gravely ill once.

At that time, Xiya even called to console him.

Xiya mentioned Moke to Bai Xiaosheng and the others, quite regretfully. Moke was described as handsome, talented, capable, who once helped her, his little sister, take blame more than once, not that it was necessary given Xiya's favor, but in the end it was brotherly affection that she remembered fondly.

Seeing Moke come out to intervene, Xiya stopped her steps.

"Xiya, don't act rashly, the Clan Leader needs your help, not more trouble!" Moke earnestly persuaded.

Because of him, because of those words, Xiya listened.

"If it wasn't for Kaiden's obnoxious mouth, I wouldn't bother with him, with them." Xiya coldly glanced at Kaiden and the others, finally speaking.

This speech signified that Xiya didn't necessarily need to act.

Moke's expression softened, looking at Xiya with brotherly affection, gently said, "Don't delay here any longer, the Clan Leader is likely waiting for you, go quickly, he's quite busy, needing those things to discuss with the uncles."

Moke spoke while looking at Kaiden's gang.

His implication was that Taylor the Clan Leader was being pestered by peers, needing Xiya to take those contracts and checks to the rescue.

Upon hearing this, Xiya nodded slightly, glaring at Kaiden.

Those who rallied elders to hassle her father were probably Kaiden's dad!

Father and son, nothing good!

Kaiden dared not meet Xiya's gaze but looked gloomily at Moke.

In Kaiden's eyes, what did Moke count for?!

His dad was just a useless waste, a sinner who drove the family into such dire straits!

What is he, a sinner's son, who gets to grab attention in front of the crowd?!

Especially his words stopped Xiya's moves while his many words were ignored by Xiya as nonsense.

In full view of everyone, he was eclipsed by the sinner's son!

Kaiden was utterly unable to accept this.

Yet, due to Xiya's presence, Kaiden held his tongue.

Facing Moke, Xiya softened her expression, pointed at Bai Xiaosheng and the other two, telling him, "These are my friends, now I'm taking them to see my father."

Moke was slightly surprised upon hearing.

Knew her Clan Leader father was overwhelmed, yet still brought these young guests to meet?

It proved they were extremely unusual!

Moke glanced at Bai Xiaosheng and his companions, briefly smiled, and nodded amicably.

Bai Xiaosheng and his group also smiled and nodded politely.

Examining this man, even Bai Xiaosheng found him with quite a distinctive aura.

"Since it's so, then bring them over quickly." Moke smiled at Xiya, "When I'm done, I'll find you; we can go together. Let's see what I can assist with over at the Clan Leader's place. After all, I'm part of the family."

"I'm willing to contribute everything for the family!"

As he spoke, Moke's expression darkened slightly, murmuring, "Just consider it atoning some of my father's mistakes..."

Xiya nodded deeply, then she led Bai Xiaosheng and the other two without a glance at Kaiden's gang, walked straight past.

Upon bringing Bai Xiaosheng and them into the hall, Xiya then apologized to Bai Xiaosheng, "Xiaosheng, sorry for the spectacle."

"No worries, who doesn't have a few family woes." Bai Xiaosheng laughed.

Just as they were speaking, suddenly a peculiar sound was heard faintly.

"A slap?" Lei Ying wondered.

The group was taken aback, looking back vaguely hearing some curses coming from afar, notably unpleasant.

"You think you can play the good guy with me? Your dad's a waste! Your dad's a bastard! Your dad's a sinner! And who do you think you are!"

Chapter 2176 - For the Family

Bai Xiaosheng and the others, even Xiya, were filled with disbelief as they turned to look at the distant entrance of the hall. Just now, those insults were an immense humiliation, a vicious personal attack!

The voice belonged to Kaiden, and the content of the abuse was clearly aimed at Moke.

Kaiden not only insulted Moke publicly but also slapped him across the face?!

This is simply outrageous, is this something a human would do?!

Xiya was instantly taken with shock and anger.

Even Bai Xiaosheng frowned deeply.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying also glared indignantly.

"That bastard Kaiden went too far! I should go twist his head off!" Xiya furiously ignored her image and marched towards the hall entrance, determined to deal with Kaiden.

Bai Xiaosheng did not stop her.

That Kaiden really deserved a harsh lesson!

Before Xiya could reach them, the crowd outside quickly dispersed, clearly Kaiden deliberately let Xiya hear how he humiliated Moke, knowing that he couldn't afford to provoke that woman when she went berserk, so he swiftly "fled" with his men.

When Xiya got close to the entrance, Moke was just pushing the door open to come in.

Seeing Xiya approaching head-on, Moke even gave her a gentle smile.

However, Moke's cheek was clearly red from being slapped.

"Moke, did Kaiden hit you?" Xiya gritted her teeth, rolled up her sleeves, and said, "I heard everything... that bastard, I'm going to take care of him right now! I'm going to beat him to a pulp!"

As Xiya was about to bypass Moke to rush out, Moke suddenly stepped sideways, blocking her path again.

"It's nothing, what just happened is no big deal." Moke said with a peaceful smile.

"Moke!" Xiya couldn't help but raise her voice.

Moke's personal humiliation, his father's humiliation, how can he say it's nothing!

Even if Moke's father committed a grave mistake, it was not Kaiden's place to demean them as a person.

"As I said, it's nothing!" Moke asserted.

Xiya was rendered speechless with anger.

"It's a challenging time for the family right now, and we shouldn't be fighting internally. We should unite and face external threats together! For the sake of the family, I can endure any hardship, I can swallow any insult!" Moke said earnestly, "The Clan Leader is waiting for you. His situation isn't great either, as several uncles have initiated accountability against him, with other elders tacitly supporting them. Let's quickly deliver the goods there and help ease tensions. Right now, only Clan Leader Taylor can save our family!"

Moke mentioned Xiya's father, his eyes filled with trust.

Such a high-minded Moke, willing to sacrifice for the family, deeply moved Xiya.

"Alright, we'll go right now!" Xiya said, "Moke, you should come too."

Moke immediately nodded.

The two then walked back towards Bai Xiaosheng and the others.

From afar, Moke looked at Bai Xiaosheng and the other two, couldn't help but lower his voice and ask, "Can these three really help our family?"

"Absolutely!"

Xiya affirmed without hesitation, her expression softening into a gentle smile.

Seeing such an expression from her, it seemed those three were extraordinary, Moke was similarly comforted and couldn't help but focus on observing Bai Xiaosheng and the others.

From a distance, Bai Xiaosheng also exchanged a look with Moke.

The two scrutinized each other, maintaining smiles.

Perhaps, people with outstanding mental abilities naturally attract one another.

"This is Moke, my cousin. Moke, this gentleman is..." Xiya took the initiative to introduce the two.

But before she finished, Bai Xiaosheng extended his hand, interrupting with a smile, "You can call me Mr. Bai."

"Xiya, in front of everyone, just call me 'Bai'," Bai Xiaosheng smiled again at Xiya.

Why change from "Brother Sheng" to "Bai"?

Xiya immediately understood, perhaps calling him that sounded more formal.

Didn't even Lin Weiwei use "Mr. Bai" in front of outsiders?

Xiya nodded.

The name "Brother Sheng" was fine to use privately, it was his own gentleness. For these cousins, she always called them by their full names.

"Mr. Bai." Moke smiled and shook hands with Bai Xiaosheng, without any signs of discomfort due to his slightly swollen cheek or the humiliation he had just suffered.

When Bai Xiaosheng saw this, he secretly nodded.

To be able to handle things and let go, that is a true man.

Such a person would be akin to a hero in ancient times.

"I've heard from Xiya that Mr. Bai can help our family cope with the current crisis, and I want to express my sincerest gratitude!" Moke shook Bai Xiaosheng's hand firmly, speaking with great sincerity.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled lightly and said, "Xiya is my friend, I'm only doing my part, it's only right."

Moke smiled and nodded, looking deeply at Bai Xiaosheng.

The family is facing an unprecedented crisis, Xiya is full of confidence in this man, and this man speaks so calmly and casually.

This proves his extraordinary background, and he must play a surprising and impactful role in the current situation!

However, no one would make such a massive "help" effort for nothing, this person must have some intentions.

Still, Moke didn't know what Bai Xiaosheng's intentions were.

Seeing Xiya's gaze seemed to carry a fondness for him, but this Mr. Bai may not feel the same, especially since he has a stunning beauty by his side, whose appearance and temperament surpass Xiya.

If not for romance, then friendship alone doesn't seem enough.

Even adding romance, it's still inadequate.

After all, their family isn't small, solving this crisis would require significant investments of funds and connections.

This person is so young, he certainly can't be the decision-maker of his family, even if he steps in for friendship, his family wouldn't agree, unless... there's an agenda!

"Please." Moke smiled, gesturing politely to Bai Xiaosheng.

He said not a word more.

Bai Xiaosheng acted as if he hadn't noticed Moke's speculations about him, smiling slightly, nodding, and stepping forward.

As he moved, Moke followed behind.

Lin Weiwei, Lei Ying followed behind.

Xiya was oblivious to the unusual interaction between the two just now, walking on the other side of Bai Xiaosheng.

The group headed towards the Clan Leader, and on the way, Moke spontaneously engaged Bai Xiaosheng in conversation, Bai Xiaosheng also chatted with him with a smile.

In the eyes of Xiya and the others, the two seemed to be having a great conversation.

"Mr. Bai, there's something I don't know whether I should mention or not."

Towards the end of the chat, Moke shifted the topic, tentatively asking.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled in response, readily saying, "Mr. Moke, if you have anything to say, any questions, just speak freely. I'm not that complicated and don't have many taboos."

Moke glanced at Xiya again before speaking to Bai Xiaosheng, "I'm just not sure how Mr. Bai plans to help my family overcome this tough spot!"

This question, in fact, was something Xiya was always concerned about.

After all, this is a matter of life and death for the family!

Just that Bai Xiaosheng didn't mention it proactively, and Xiya has never asked.

Not sure if it's the right time for Bai Xiaosheng to reveal now.

"That's what you're asking." Bai Xiaosheng laughed, retorting, "How do you think, Mr. Moke, your family can overcome this crisis?"

Bai Xiaosheng threw the question back to him.

Facing this question, Moke pondered slightly before slowly responding, "From what I see, either through financial strength or connections!"

"Oh, how so?" Bai Xiaosheng asked with a smile.

Xiya couldn't help but look at Moke.

"For the former, through financial strength, it means injecting a massive amount of funds into my family, helping us to fill all the gaps in one go, plugging all the business loopholes, so that the opponent's attack will collapse on its own!" Moke explained slowly, then said heavily, "However, the amount of funds... is

quite startling! And it cannot be slowly infused, it must inundate like tidal waves, leaving the opponent no chance to re-adapt."

Bai Xiaosheng remained calm, nodding slightly, asking with a smile, "And the second method?"

"The second..." Moke was about to speak, but then hesitated, shaking his head with a bitter smile, "I'm afraid that's impossible!"

Chapter 2177 - Solution

Moke had clearly thought of two solutions to their family's crisis, but when he talked about the second one, he said it was impossible.

This made Xiya a bit anxious to listen, and she couldn't help but say, "Why is it impossible? Moke, you should at least tell us first!"

Moke glanced at Xiya, saw that Bai Xiaosheng was also looking at him, hesitated for a moment, and then continued, "This second solution relies on connections. It is divided into two categories: the first is to find someone to mediate and persuade the other side to back off. For this 'persuade' to succeed, the intermediary must be extraordinary, someone whose advice the other party cannot ignore and must accept!"

At this point, Moke sighed, "The opponent is a company under the Zhenbei Group; who they'd give face to... is hard to say. I think it's hard to choose an intermediary. If our family had such connections, we would have used them already."

Xiya remained silent.

Moke continued, "The second type within this second solution is to find a leader directly affiliated with that company, one above the manager, to order that company to back off from us..."

Moke smiled wryly, "It seems even less likely!"

Xiya couldn't help but glance at Bai Xiaosheng.

As for this so-called connections path, Moke felt it was impossible to find a suitable intermediary. Little did he know that Bai Xiaosheng fit both roles perfectly...

However, would it make things difficult for Bai Xiaosheng?

Moke didn't notice Xiya's subtle look just now, and continued, "Do you know who is the direct person in charge of that Zhenbei Group company?"

Xiya couldn't help but look at him; this, she truly didn't know.

Bai Xiaosheng remained silent.

"That person is currently in the spotlight; she is—" Moke took a deep breath, slowly exhaled, and finally said, "Miss Caroline!"

"The one running for mayor right now, Miss Caroline?" Xiya said in surprise.

Moke nodded affirmatively, "It's her!"

Subsequently, Moke also looked a bit serious, and said solemnly, "From all the information that can be gathered, that Miss Caroline is a formidable figure in the workplace; her style is tough, swift, and decisive, rarely being influenced by others! If the issue with our family is just a private action of that company, it could be handled; but if, if..."

Moke gritted his teeth and finally voiced his worst fear, "If she is the mastermind behind it, then not only is the connections path unworkable, the trouble we face would increase by tenfold!"

Xiya felt a chill down her spine as she listened.

Catherine's name, Xiya had also heard of, and Catherine's family was very formidable; she herself worked in a world-class conglomerate.

The more she thought, the more it felt like a heavy stone was pressing on her heart, weighing it down.

Even if Bai Xiaosheng steps in, Miss Caroline may not necessarily give him face...

Xiya felt a bit anxious.

"Mr. Bai." Moke earnestly said to Bai Xiaosheng, "I am dull and can't currently think of more or better solutions; only these two paths can help us. But for the former, a huge amount of funds is needed to be available simultaneously! The latter path of connections is several times more difficult! I know you want to help us, but I also want to ask you to think it over carefully, would this bring you trouble? Our family does not want to put friends in a difficult position!"

These words were spoken sincerely by Moke.

Xiya couldn't help but become conflicted upon hearing them.

She indeed wanted Bai Xiaosheng to help their family, but she was also afraid of implicating him.

"Mr. Moke is warning me of the risks before I even make a move, suggesting that perhaps I should step back in time." Bai Xiaosheng smiled slightly, "However, I am a person whose word is as good as a bond; I will not back out halfway."

Bai Xiaosheng's words moved Xiya greatly.

And made Moke nod with gratitude in his eyes.

"Actually, my initial thought was to find a powerful partner for you, to join forces in business, and they would provide substantial capital to help you through the crisis," Bai Xiaosheng smiled, "Don't worry, the partner I introduce won't be a vampire, nor will they sign an unfair contract; they should invest by purchasing shares."

Bai Xiaosheng's words truly surprised Moke and filled his face with joy.

Xiya as well.

"Let's do it this way, I'll arrange for them to send representatives, just... tomorrow! Tomorrow, they'll go to inspect some of your factories and depots," Bai Xiaosheng said to Xiya with a smile, "This is just a necessary formality, as long as you maintain your current stable and orderly work state, show them your strong organizational ability even in difficulty, it will be enough. As for more matters, once we see Clan Leader Taylor, I'll discuss it with him. I'll arrange for a phone call during the meeting to have them give some conditions, rest assured, I will never let your family suffer a loss."

Bai Xiaosheng spoke confidently, with absolute certainty.

This truly encouraged Xiya and Moke.

If substantial funding indeed comes in, it could solve the current crisis, and even if it doesn't solve everything, solving sixty percent would bring about a definite turnaround for their family.

By then, with Clan Leader Taylor's steady approach, leading the family out of the mire would not be difficult!

"In that case, I must thank Mr. Bai on behalf of our family!" Moke smiled happily.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled, leaned closer to Moke and Xiya, and said in a low voice, "However, what I said earlier, you just listen, but keep it confidential."

Xiya's face subtly changed upon hearing this.

She thought of her experiences today, and remembered what Bai Xiaosheng said about their home having spies for opposing enterprises, feeling extremely uncomfortable!

If I find out who it is, I will not spare him! Xiya thought angrily to herself.

In fact, she had already suspected some people around Kaiden.

Bai Xiaosheng also said, "Kaiden, and the people around them, especially mustn't let them know, too many people knowing can lead to trouble!"

"Okay!" Moke nodded, agreeing very much with what Bai Xiaosheng said.

While talking, they had already reached a door.

That room was where Clan Leader Taylor received guests, and also one of his usual office spaces.

"Bai, please wait outside for a moment, I'll take the stuff in to end my dad's meeting earlier," Xiya said.

As she spoke, she looked a bit apologetic.

After all, Bai Xiaosheng was supposed to be there to save them but still had to wait outside.

"Go ahead," Bai Xiaosheng smiled.

"Then I'll stay with Mr. Bai, waiting outside for a while," Moke said to Xiya.

Currently, those elders at home might not want to see him, and even if they did, they probably wouldn't give him any friendly look.

Xiya nodded, walked over, gently knocked on the door, and after receiving a response, turned back to smile at Bai Xiaosheng and Moke before she pushed the door open and entered.

The door then closed.

"Apologies for making Mr. Bai wait here," Moke said to Bai Xiaosheng, not without a touch of sincerity.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled and replied, "It's alright."

The two of them talked in low voices outside, having a conversation here and there.

A dozen minutes later, the door opened again.

Coming out was not Xiya but some middle-aged men and women, each with a somewhat sullen face, seeming displeased, casting cold glances at Moke and Bai Xiaosheng as they left.

Moke, with great politeness, went to greet the elders, but none of them seriously responded to him, just a perfunctory "hmm" or "huh" from their noses at most.

Moke didn't mind at all, and still smiled and politely greeted each elder seriously.

Lin Weiwei couldn't help but feel a bit awkward for him.

Soon enough, everyone was gone.

The door "rested" for a few more minutes, and finally, with a sound, Xiya came out.

"Bai, my father wants to see you," Xiya said, her beautiful eyes fixed on Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng nodded and stepped toward her.

Xiya watched as Moke, Lin Weiwei, and Lei Ying followed, and immediately said somewhat sheepishly, "My father only wants to see him alone."

Moke stopped immediately, smiling, "Is that so? Then I'll wait outside."

Xiya smiled, "Actually, I can't go in either."

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying naturally said no more.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled, stepped through the door, and before going in, left a message for Xiya—

"Believe, I will have a pleasant chat with Clan Leader Taylor, and by the time we come out, there will be no more problems to worry about!"

Chapter 2178 - An Unbelievable Request

Bai Xiaosheng walked into Xiya's father's office—Taylor's office. The furnishings were not as luxurious as imagined, but they looked comfortable.

After Bai Xiaosheng entered, a middle-aged man sitting inside stood up and walked over with a smile.

Although he had a Western appearance, he exuded a certain Eastern sage-like charm. By today's standards, he belonged to the handsome uncle category—a man with great appeal.

"You must be Mr. Bai Xiaosheng." Clan Leader Taylor smiled and proactively extended his hand, his tone extremely courteous.

The Xiya Family is facing an unprecedented crisis, and Clan Leader Taylor has just been "forced" by his own people. Saying things weren't going well and he was overwhelmed wouldn't be an exaggeration. However, Bai Xiaosheng did not see any anxiety or agitation on his face, only composure.

Just based on Taylor's current mountain-like calm aura, one couldn't help but admire him.

"Hello, Clan Leader Taylor!" Bai Xiaosheng smiled and shook hands with Taylor.

Taylor had been sizing up Bai Xiaosheng ever since he walked over.

This young man, according to his daughter, was the one who could help their family. His identity was also surprising—

Executive President of Zhenbei Group's Greater China Region!

To be honest, before actually meeting Bai Xiaosheng, Taylor was still a bit skeptical. On one hand, his daughter wouldn't lie to him; on the other hand, a young man of similar age to his daughter holding such a high position was unimaginable! Even compared to Miss Caroline, he was only slightly lesser! Simply incredible!

Now, Taylor just made a polite greeting with Bai Xiaosheng and found Bai Xiaosheng's deep eyes, restrained aura, and presence so imposing that it made him feel subconsciously oppressed.

In almost an instant, Taylor acknowledged Bai Xiaosheng's identity.

People like them, who hold leadership positions in large groups, can often affect the prospects and fate of many with a single decision. They typically have an innate sense of similar or higher-level beings.

However, Taylor only learned about Bai Xiaosheng's identity from his daughter, Xiya. Plus, Bai Xiaosheng currently holds the position of Executive President of Zhenbei Group's Greater China Region, which is quite misleading.

Taylor did not know that the young man before him was not just slightly lesser than Caroline.

He was actually on par with Caroline!

Moreover, Bai Xiaosheng, due to his concurrent position as the second-in-command of the Zhenbei Group's headquarters supervisory department, had a functional aspect that even surpassed Caroline!

Of course, even if he only considered Bai Xiaosheng as the Executive President of Zhenbei Group's Greater China Region, Taylor was still amazed and delighted.

This was certainly a person capable of helping the family!

If Bai Xiaosheng stepped in, the family's predicament would be solved smoothly!

"Mr. Bai, please!" Taylor welcomed Bai Xiaosheng over to the sofa with the posture reserved for the most distinguished guests.

"Clan Leader Taylor, please!" Bai Xiaosheng also smiled and walked over with Clan Leader Taylor.

This Mr. Taylor is truly an extremely clever person!

Communicating with such a smart person is indeed trouble-free.

Bai Xiaosheng glanced at Taylor and silently noted.

This was something Bai Xiaosheng had anticipated earlier, after all, someone who becomes the leader of a distinguished family like the Xiya Family, must have good vision, insight, and ability!

Such a character is extremely difficult to deal with in the business arena.

The Zhenbei Group enterprise that trapped the Xiya Family didn't succeed easily; it was meticulously laid out over a long period with multiple enterprises collaborating step by step to trap them in a quagmire, then delivered a decisive blow utilizing Xiya's uncle, White, hitting their vital point.

However, even with such measures, thoroughly crippling the Xiya Family would still require a very long time and great cost.

During this process, if there is any opportunity, they might turn the tables!

This is the conclusion Bai Xiaosheng derived from comprehensive analysis of the situation.

If not, Clan Leader Taylor wouldn't be so composed.

Unfortunately, too few people understand his way of operating.

The foolish members of the Xiya Family even wanted to overthrow him, truly foolish!

Clan Leader Taylor invited Bai Xiaosheng to sit on the sofa and personally brewed tea for him.

"Mr. Taylor, you're too kind." Bai Xiaosheng accepted the teacup with both hands, smiling humbly, "Xiya and I are friends, from that perspective, I am considered your junior, not worthy of such treatment."

Taylor's smile was sincere, "I heard from Xiya that Mr. Bai is here to help our family through the crisis. So Mr. Bai is my family's benefactor; no matter how courteous I am, it can hardly express even a fraction of my gratitude!"

In the end, both of them exchanged a smile and sat across from each other.

"Mr. Bai, it is admirable that you've secured a realm of your own at such a young age in the Zhenbei Group!" Taylor mentioned Bai's identity and couldn't help but sigh.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled without correcting his job status change, "Mr. Taylor, you overpraise."

Taylor continued, "This time, there's been some friction between our family and companies under your Group; I would appreciate your mediation, Mr. Bai."

Taylor sincerely said, "Afterward, our family will never forget the kindness. Right now, I have an idea to give Mr. Bai 15% of the business shares in our family! How does that sound!"

There's no free lunch in this world; if someone rescues you from dire straits, proper compensation is warranted!

Taylor is a businessman and naturally understands this logic.

Moreover, if Bai Xiaosheng held shares in their family business, imagine the enterprises under Zhenbei Group still targeting them in the future.

Taylor also had this intention.

Bai Xiaosheng remained unmoved, neither agreeing nor refusing.

Taylor noticed, smiled, and continued, "If Mr. Bai is not satisfied, we can certainly negotiate."

"Additionally, we won't make it difficult for Mr. Bai. Our contract with the Zhenbei Group company won't be entirely canceled but will retain most of its effective content. Even if it means cutting losses and not profiting for three years, it's fine."

Opening up the conditions to this extent was truly sincere.

Apparently, Taylor only seeks for the family to escape the whirlpool of trouble, and to be content with a few years of rest and recuperation afterward.

Bai Xiaosheng held the tea, watching the leaves floating in the water and the steam rising from the rim.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled.

"Clan Leader Taylor, you've offered me such generous compensation. Would your family agree?" Bai Xiaosheng asked with a smile without raising his head, "I heard that those in your family holding major positions... if I may speak frankly, came to 'force the palace' earlier!"

Bai Xiaosheng revealed the situation in a single statement.

Taylor's expression suddenly tensed, his eyes showing a trace of fatigue, which quickly dissipated.

Taylor smiled at Bai Xiaosheng and said, "I do not hide this from you."

"Indeed, they think my style is too soft and flexible, which is due to my character; I have nothing to say."

Taylor continued, "Regarding your compensation, Mr. Bai, please rest assured, no one will be an obstacle! You are the benefactor of our family; they must acknowledge this! If necessary, I'll relinquish my position as Clan Leader to gain their acquiescence."

Taylor, smiling as he said these words, even offering to step down as Clan Leader to ensure Bai Xiaosheng's benefits, was truly sincere!

Bai Xiaosheng lifted his head, looking at Taylor's face, smiled, and said, "Clan Leader Taylor, can you really sacrifice so much to save your family?"

Even the coveted position of Clan Leader, would you relinquish it without hesitation?!

Taylor looked directly at Bai Xiaosheng, without flinching, "Naturally!"

"If I say I purely want to help Xiya without any compensation, I doubt you and your family would feel assured," Bai Xiaosheng calmly said, "We are businessmen, speaking business is the simplest; profit is always the greatest motivation."

Taylor also agreed with this statement, nodding slightly.

"Then let me propose a precondition for helping you," Bai Xiaosheng said with a smile.

"Please do!" Taylor's eyes gleamed.

He was not afraid of Bai Xiaosheng discussing compensation; he was afraid Bai Xiaosheng wouldn't say anything.

In this world, debt in the form of favors is the hardest to repay; better not to owe it.

Bai Xiaosheng looked into Taylor's eyes, smiled, and said, "If I help your family out of the quagmire, Mr. Taylor, I want you—"

"To step down as Clan Leader!"

Taylor, focused and listening intently, was deeply shocked by Bai Xiaosheng's last sentence, staring at Bai Xiaosheng in disbelief.

What kind of demand is this!

Chapter 2179 - Should I Trust You?

To be honest, when Taylor heard Bai Xiaosheng asking him to step down, he was truly a bit shocked. Although he had told Bai Xiaosheng that to ensure Bai's profits, he could use his position as Clan Leader to silence the clan members, it didn't really go to that extent.

He has his own means to calm the clan's emotions.

Yet Bai Xiaosheng outright stated that the primary condition for helping them is that upon success, he should step down from the position of Clan Leader!

Taylor looked surprised.

He couldn't figure out whether Bai Xiaosheng was saying this to test his sincerity, or if he actually meant it.

If it's the former, it's understandable. If it's the latter, then why is Bai Xiaosheng insisting on him stepping aside?

Taylor, the Clan Leader, narrowed his eyes slightly and remained silent.

"I believe Taylor Clan Leader is not someone who doesn't keep his word or is indecisive. You must be wondering why I'm proposing this condition now, right?"

Bai Xiaosheng sipped his tea, nodded slightly, and smiled, "At the same time, you should be questioning my true motive."

"Am I truly trying to help Xiya and your family as a friend...?"

"Or is my appearance a part of a conspiracy!" Bai Xiaosheng emphasized, his words growing colder.

"If this family is in Mr. Taylor's hands, even if surrounded by enemies, you could still support it to not collapse. But if you relinquish your position, then the people in your family will no longer adhere to your principles. Therefore, while temporarily avoiding a crisis, your family may face the possibility of true demise!"

Bai Xiaosheng's words made Taylor's eyes contract sharply, watching Bai Xiaosheng cautiously.

These worries were indeed the ones he feared the most!

Taylor stared at Bai Xiaosheng, scrutinizing him.

Bai Xiaosheng bowed his head to drink tea, silently awaiting Taylor's decision.

Taylor's expression shifted complexly, and after several seconds, he slowly said, "I just don't understand why the condition for helping us is my stepping down from the Clan Leader position! If I'm not the Clan Leader, Mr. Bai, who do you think is more suitable?"

Bai Xiaosheng smiled at him, "Why? Naturally, it's the payment for my help this time."

Bai Xiaosheng spoke very straightforwardly and directly.

Taylor was increasingly bewildered, completely puzzled.

"Is there someone in our family who has offered you a price to want me out of this Clan Leader position?" Taylor asked tentatively.

He couldn't think of any other possibility.

Bai Xiaosheng didn't answer this question but looked into Taylor's eyes, seriously asking, "Mr. Taylor, how much are you willing to sacrifice for your family?"

Confronted with this question, Taylor's expression turned somewhat solemn, staring at Bai Xiaosheng, and said deeply, "For my family, I am willing to sacrifice everything—including myself!"

"Well said." Bai Xiaosheng applauded with laughter, "Then, I just want you!"

Want me? Taylor paused.

Bai Xiaosheng continued, "I will help your family through this crisis, and ask the Clan Leader Taylor to step down and work for me for ten years! That's what you have to pay, that's the reward I want!"

This sentence completely stunned Taylor.

What kind of reward is this?

Having him, a Clan Leader, go work for someone?

Bai Xiaosheng continued, "I want Clan Leader Taylor to manage an enterprise for me for ten years. I will offer you the highest salary and annually increasing shares."

Taylor's expression turned peculiar as he looked at Bai Xiaosheng, "This is what you save our family for, and you need me to pay? Really... this simple?"

Even the shares he just promised weren't worth his attention, he simply wanted him to work for him?

Taylor thought that despite his managerial talents and experience, his value is limited, especially compared to the entire family business.

This young man, pursuing this kind of compensation?

Taylor found it hard to believe.

"Are you asking me to join Zhenbei Group?" Taylor suddenly thought of this and asked.

Bai Xiaosheng has yet to reveal which company he wants to put him in charge of.

Bai Xiaosheng simply shook his head and smiled, "No, where I want you to go is to my private enterprise."

Bai Xiaosheng added, "Even in Zhenbei Group, high-level personnel are allowed to hold external positions. Inclusion and acceptance may be one of the reasons the group has become a world-class consortium."

Taylor agreed and nodded.

"Also, I've saved you this time, but what about next time, or the time after that, will you truly remain safe from further attacks? If my help only works this time, what if I return home and they come again?" Bai Xiaosheng asked with a smile, "Mr. Taylor, wouldn't you consider long-term protection for your family, or perhaps give your family a chance to climb higher?"

"As long as you accept my partnership invitation!"

Taylor's eyes flickered, indicating he had been deeply moved.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled, "Concerning me, Mr. Taylor, I guess you've heard that I am currently forming a business alliance, worldwide, globally scoped. Wouldn't you consider taking advantage of this proximity for your family's long-term plans?"

Bai Xiaosheng spoke in a most enticing manner.

Taylor pondered for a moment before lifting his head to look at Bai Xiaosheng, "What you're saying, is it true! You don't want our family's business shares, just me to work for you?"

That would be the best.

"I never deceive in partnerships." Bai Xiaosheng's eyes carried an aura of his own pride.

Suddenly, Taylor felt a strange emotion towards this young man—admiration!

"Should I trust you?" Taylor asked.

Bai Xiaosheng nodded.

"If you indeed can save us from this crisis and provide further protection, I am willing to work for you!" Taylor sincerely said, "I, too, am someone who keeps promises. If you don't believe me..."

Bai Xiaosheng raised a hand to stop Taylor from saying more, smiled, and said, "Mr. Taylor's family is known for its integrity, so you don't need to promise anything further. If one day Mr. Taylor were to forsake us, then we can terminate our partnership; I wouldn't retaliate against you."

Actually, Bai Xiaosheng wouldn't need to retaliate, losing Bai Xiaosheng's connection would mean the enterprise wouldn't let go of this ripe opportunity.

There's only a thousand days to act as a thief, not to guard against one for a thousand days. By then, their family would be completely finished!

Moreover, Bai Xiaosheng promised to grant their family great opportunities, which was truly enticing!

"Where did you intend for me to work?" Taylor's words implicitly acknowledged Bai Xiaosheng's request.

"No need to rush." Bai Xiaosheng said, "The company hasn't been established yet."

Taylor was suddenly surprised, looking at Bai Xiaosheng peculiarly.

What, the company hasn't been established yet, and he's already booking him?

This indeed is too...

Should I trust you...Taylor thought again, but this time purely as a joke.

Seeing Taylor had agreed, Bai Xiaosheng immediately smiled, raised his teacup, "Come, let's celebrate me hiring a Clan Leader to work for me."

Taylor smiled wryly and clinked cups with this young man to drink tea.

"I don't know how you're going to help my family, are you going to communicate with Miss Caroline?" Taylor couldn't help but ask.

Bai Xiaosheng chuckled and shook his head, "My relationship with Miss Caroline isn't great, there are many misunderstandings. You know, her promotional event accident is related to me. Her brother also suffered a fracture because of me..."

Bai Xiaosheng's words completely stunned Taylor.

From the sound of it, Bai Xiaosheng doesn't just not have a good relationship with Caroline, he has a deep enmity!

Even Taylor was really doubting, "Should I be partnering with you..."

Chapter 2180 - Problems That Can Be Solved With Money

After Bai Xiaosheng thoroughly understood the situation faced by the Xiya Family and met with Clan Leader Taylor in person, he set his sights on this Clan Leader.

This clan leader is truly remarkable!

During the turbulent times for their family, he managed to remain calm and maintained the order of family businesses, minimizing losses significantly. He decisively gave up some interests, trading interest margins for survival time, and sought every opportunity for reversal, with sharp insight into the situation. Such a person is truly extraordinary!

Those in his family mistaken his actions as weakness, but in reality, it reflects great wisdom!

Initially, Bai Xiaosheng intended to recover his expenses through normal business cooperation with the Xiya Family.

But by the end of the conversation, Bai Xiaosheng changed his mind.

He realized the clan leader's personal value far exceeds that of business!

Thus, Bai Xiaosheng tentatively proposed a kind of employment approach to negotiate with Clan Leader Taylor.

Of course, the clan leader has his own pride and dignity, and wouldn't agree easily.

Bai Xiaosheng prepared for two outcomes, ready to revert to his original plan if the other party was unwilling.

Nonetheless, he was determined to offer his help.

However, the fee for helping is necessary.

When doing business, one must talk business. Without discussing compensation, it wouldn't reassure the other party.

Moreover, Bai Xiaosheng's investment this time was bound to be significant. Helping itself was already benevolent, so seeking reasonable remuneration was thoroughly justified.

Unexpectedly, Clan Leader Taylor was really a straightforward personality, considering the survival of the family, he agreed to Bai Xiaosheng's terms.

Bai Xiaosheng was greatly delighted.

"But I wonder, Mr. Bai, what method will you use to help my family?" Taylor asked.

Initially hearing Bai Xiaosheng's words, his and Caroline's relations seemed to be doomed entanglement and enmity.

However, Bai Xiaosheng added, the two were establishing cooperation terms.

Of course, Caroline's conditions hadn't been proposed, and he might not agree completely.

Hence, the relationship between the two was fragile and delicate...

Taylor thought, given the circumstances, Bai Xiaosheng might struggle to handle this matter using his identity and connections.

Facing Taylor's question, Bai Xiaosheng smiled and said, "We have a saying, and I think it suits your query."

Taylor looked at Bai Xiaosheng with puzzled eyes.

Bai Xiaosheng leisurely said, "The saying is, 'Any problem that can be solved with money is not a problem!'"

Was Bai Xiaosheng intending to use money to solve their family's crisis?!

Taylor was somewhat shocked and hurriedly said, "That would be a huge sum! Do you have a way to gather such funds?!"

Bai Xiaosheng claimed no family background, even being high-up in Zhenbei Group didn't necessarily mean he had such wealth!

To this, Bai Xiaosheng chuckled, softly speaking to Clan Leader Taylor, "If I said I am very wealthy, and my funds are sufficient to buy all your family's businesses, do you believe me, Mr. Taylor?"

Bai Xiaosheng didn't show boastful posture or arrogant tone, instead he spoke in a calm, normal manner, as if mentioning a trivial, insignificant matter.

Taylor's eyes slightly narrowed.

His family in North America was of top second-tier, equivalent to quasi-first-tier strength at their peak!

This Bai Xiaosheng nonchalantly said he could buy all their family businesses...

Is this really not a joke!

Does he truly have such wealth?!

Taylor couldn't help but breathe rapidly.

"Actually, there's no need for such an exaggeration, I was just casually speaking, joking, if any offense, Mr. Taylor, don't take it seriously." Bai Xiaosheng saw the reaction and smiled apologetically.

Taylor's expression quickly calmed down, and he smiled too.

However, Taylor definitely didn't think Bai Xiaosheng was joking!

Earlier, Bai Xiaosheng's eyes were serious, he truly possesses such strength!

Taylor believed in his heart.

Bai Xiaosheng's joke was half-truth, wanting Taylor to acknowledge his strength, but wouldn't easily reveal his entire foundation. After all, they weren't close enough, unlike with Zhengdong Province and Ron.

Still, letting the other party know his power is necessary.

After all, no one wants to work for a weak boss, for someone inferior to themselves.

"Personally, I can invest a portion while having friends invest a little, which should suffice. In fact, I just spoke with the Xiya group outside about sending my friend's inspection team to your factory dock tomorrow to look around." Bai Xiaosheng smiled.

The more Bai Xiaosheng understated, the more unpredictable his strength seemed.

Taylor's assumed deep financial pit was spoken like a shallow puddle by him.

This demeanor made Taylor truly admire him slightly.

"Alright, I'll immediately start arrangements, and ensure Mr. Bai's friends see a real and remarkable us!" Taylor's spirits were lifted.

To collaborate with someone like Bai Xiaosheng and his powerhouse backing, Taylor was pleased.

Their family could not only escape peril but also encounter unprecedented tremendous opportunities!

For Taylor, he previously heard of Bai Xiaosheng's name.

After all, Bai Xiaosheng orchestrated a business alliance spanning Europe, Asia, and North America over the past year, frequently making headlines with numerous reports.

Joining such a network, making money alongside super families, is an unbeatable opportunity.

"Mr. Taylor, in private occasions don't call me Mr. Bai, it seems too distant, and also considering Xiya, I count as a junior." Bai Xiaosheng smiled, "Call me Sheng, my friends and some elders address me so."

"This..." Taylor hesitated upon hearing Bai Xiaosheng's suggestion.

Such a form of address seemed too disrespectful, after all, this Mr. Bai might be his future 'boss.'

"This is also one of my conditions." Bai Xiaosheng emphasized with a smile.

Hence, Taylor ceased to worry.

"Alright, Sheng, privately I will call you that." Taylor wasn't one for pretenses, and promptly agreed.

With the family crisis finally facing resolution, Taylor was pleased and invited Bai Xiaosheng for lunch.

Bai Xiaosheng gladly agreed.

"Mr. Taylor, there is actually one more thing I must tell you." Bai Xiaosheng said, "Earlier, your family encountered successive traps, Mr. White was manipulated to sign unfair agreements, Xiya faced attacks. I believe there may be an informer or spy within your family. That person must be found!"

Taylor listened to Bai Xiaosheng, his expression gradually turned serious, he sighed earnestly, "To be honest, I have noticed too, even arranged investigations. First, many family affairs, second, that person is well-hidden, no results yet. I now intend to entrust my daughter, she is an excellent graduate from the South American Twelve Nation's Police Academy, I trust she won't disappoint me!"

Talking of his daughter, Taylor couldn't hide his pride and admiration.

"With Xiya's mind and wit, I believe in no time there will be clues." Bai Xiaosheng smiled, "But we don't have to wait long, I will find him myself."

"You?" Taylor was surprised.

"Hmm, didn't Xiya tell you something?" Bai Xiaosheng smiled.

"What?" Taylor curiously asked.

"I am a teacher at the Police Academy, I was her tutor. She received her first failing grade from me." Bai Xiaosheng teased.

This statement left Taylor dumbfounded.

Wasn't Bai Xiaosheng the executive director for Zhenbei Group's Greater China Region, when did he become a teacher at the academy and failed his daughter?

"When I served as an instructor, it was briefly reported, but later I requested the academy to cover it."
Bai Xiaosheng explained with a laugh, "Not the business section, Mr. Taylor may not have paid attention to such news across the ocean."

Taylor swallowed, nodding.

Bai Xiaosheng leaned closer, lowering his voice, "Concerning the spy, I need your assistance!"