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Chapter 2201 - Tomorrow's Appointment

At eight o'clock in the evening, Bai Xiaosheng received a call from Caroline, who stated over the phone that they would meet tomorrow morning at ten to discuss collaboration matters.

This call really made Bai Xiaosheng "overthink".

The Taylor Clan Leader had agreed on a negotiation time with the "BL Technology" company for tomorrow morning at ten.

Caroline's suggestion of that time inevitably made Bai Xiaosheng suspect that she knew something!

However, why didn't Caroline speak directly and instead pretended to be unaware? It really sparked imagination.

Was she thinking of leaving a piece of goodwill for both sides?

Of course, if Caroline truly intended to obstruct Bai Xiaosheng's efforts to save the Taylor Clan, Bai Xiaosheng would not agree, and tearing face is possible, so what's the point of goodwill?

Finally, Caroline actually claimed that she would be going to the negotiation site, insisting that she was heading there for collaboration between the North America Region and the Greater China Region.

This made Bai Xiaosheng ponder deeply.

Caroline's refusal to mention that matter yet insisting on being present — was this a subtle inform or a hint to himself?

Would a woman like her need to discuss this matter so indirectly?

If not, could it be that she still doesn't know about the Taylor Clan's negotiation with "BL Technology" tomorrow?

Or perhaps, could it be that Caroline is truly unaware of "BL Technology" targeting the Taylor Clan?

For a moment, numerous questions emerged in Bai Xiaosheng's mind.

Bai Xiaosheng had specialized in micro-expression analysis and also extensively studied identifying emotions through voice to discern true intentions.

To this day, Bai Xiaosheng could proudly say that this skill of his was close to being "perfect".

But listening to Caroline's tone, there was clearly no deliberate, hidden emotions.

Unless Caroline's mental fortitude had reached far beyond Bai Xiaosheng's ability, otherwise it shouldn't be so invisible...

Actually, tomorrow morning at ten, the Taylor Clan Leader originally planned to host Ye Liena, CEO of "BL Technology," at home for a showdown.

But at the last minute, Ye Liena actually called to inform him of the changed location, and the meeting was arranged at a third-party hotel.

Bai Xiaosheng himself analyzed that Ye Liena feared "fighting" in the Taylor Clan's main territory and losing out from both the environment and psychological aspects.

The Taylors were indifferent to this and agreed to the request, then informed Bai Xiaosheng, who was even more indifferent.

True confidence wouldn't be altered by external circumstances.

Moreover, the hotel was very close to where he lived, making it convenient.

However, now Caroline also proposed to attend, saying it was on her way...

If there wasn't something else in mind, was she really so eager to sign a contract with him? Bai Xiaosheng thought secretly.

"What's the matter, Mr. Bai Xiaosheng, do you find it inconvenient?" Caroline noticed Bai Xiaosheng's silence and immediately asked on the phone.

"Well, not really..." Bai Xiaosheng murmured.

Honestly, since he was facing the enterprise leader under Caroline's management, he wasn't afraid of Caroline knowing, facing her wouldn't be an issue.

Moreover, collaborating with the Taylor Clan and the North America Region are legitimate and lawful, do legitimate collaborations need to be hidden?

Caroline seemed to perceive Bai Xiaosheng's oddity but didn't think much of it, just assuming Bai Xiaosheng found her a bit too hasty.

Caroline deliberately explained to Bai Xiaosheng, "It's not that I'm too rushed and can't wait, it's really because I'm too busy recently with campaigning and fear delaying our collaboration. If you have to leave North America and return, wouldn't it be a pity to miss the chance for a face-to-face discussion? Therefore, I thought I'd go at that time; if I'm early, it's fine, I could wait nearby."

With words to this extent, what more could Bai Xiaosheng say? He immediately laughed on the phone, "Tomorrow, I'll be waiting for Miss Caroline. Rest assured, you won't have to wait long, we'll be quick on our end... I hope."

"I can also go a bit later to let you handle your matters first," Caroline laughed too.

The final few exchanges between the two were quite "harmonious".

"Alright, then we'll discuss after we meet tomorrow," Bai Xiaosheng laughed.

Caroline also agreed with a smile.

Soon, both parties hung up the call.

After hanging up, Caroline seemed to realize something, frowned, "I forgot to ask which company Bai Xiaosheng is negotiating with."

If it was a major Ganande enterprise, she would naturally know.

Immediately, Caroline shook her head, "Forget it, the call's already ended, it's not worth calling back for such a trivial matter. Anyway, I'll find out tomorrow."

Caroline didn't take it to heart.

She had no idea that tomorrow's meeting would pit Bai Xiaosheng and Taylor against her two main generals — Ye Liena and Melanie!

And they would discuss matters she had been secretly monitoring for a long time, even personally orchestrating.

She never imagined that her carefully-prepared plan over a long time to target the Taylor Group and seize technology would be disrupted by Bai Xiaosheng.

Actually, it's understandable that Caroline still didn't know about this matter until now.

Firstly, she'd been too busy lately, and secondly, Ye Liena and Melanie had been trying to fix things, having some concealment...

After hanging up, Bai Xiaosheng was also filled with confusion, pondering whether Caroline's disguise was too good or if his "skills" had failed, as he genuinely felt Caroline was unaware.

"What's the matter, Xiaosheng, Caroline is going to Suger International Hotel tomorrow too? Why the expression?" Lin Weiwei beside him couldn't help but ask.

Lei Ying also looked at Bai Xiaosheng in confusion.

Bai Xiaosheng looked at both and shared his confusion.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying found it very strange too.

But soon, Lin Weiwei boldly laughed, "Why think so much? We're meeting tomorrow anyway. No matter how much scheming Caroline has, will it make Xiaosheng change his mind?"

With such words, Bai Xiaosheng also laughed.

"True, regardless of the opponent's plots, my decision in this matter remains unchanged, no need to overthink. Whatever move she makes, we'll take it, countering every step," Bai Xiaosheng laughed openly.

Then the three chatted about the new company.

The new company belonged entirely to Bai Xiaosheng, but no outside announcement was made. It was invested under the name Kelson, with the Taylor Clan Leader serving as the CEO under a shareholding agreement.

Regarding the "Blue Serenity" restructuring collaboration, Bai Xiaoshen further discussed with Taylor. The stake of Tengyun remains the same, while his Greater China Region investment accounts for five percent. Taylor naturally agrees, as associating with Zhenbei Group offers a layer of protection, making any move by Zhenbei's subsidiaries in North America hesitating.

Besides discussing these matters, Bai Xiaosheng decided on the new company's name himself — "Qidian Power".

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying both thought of it as just average, but as long as you appreciate it.

Bai Xiaosheng naturally found it excellent.

His eighth company officially had a name!

Chapter 2202 - The Time of the Meeting

Suger International Hotel is considered quite renowned in the Ganande hotel industry, ranking among the top ten.

Interestingly, it doesn't primarily focus on accommodations but on business negotiations.

This hotel not only has well-equipped conference rooms of various sizes and specifications, but also various auditoriums, academic rooms, and even "small coffee business lounges."

These are essentially private rooms facing floor-to-ceiling windows located on the hotel's top floor.

The glass material of those private rooms' floor-to-ceiling windows is special; it ensures translucency while filtering dazzling light and ultraviolet rays, making sitting inside extremely comfortable with a broad view.

It's said that conducting business here promotes an open and cheerful mindset, greatly increasing the success rate.

This leads many businessmen to favor collaborating here, with those small business lounges booking up yearly.

Of course, for the Taylor Clan, securing a room today is hardly challenging. They have their ways.

Around 9:50 am, Bai Xiaosheng, along with Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying, promptly met Taylor and Xiya at the hotel, thereafter heading to the booked small private room.

This time, Taylor brought a large entourage comprising lawyers, finance personnel, and assistants, numbering twenty to thirty. There's a lounge next to the business private room where those people went. Just with a word, they'd provide any onsite calculations, drafting, and whatever else needed—a huge convenience.

Clearly, Clan Leader Taylor came thoroughly prepared this time, intending to resolve all entanglements with "BL Technology" today.

Bai Xiaosheng fully agreed with this approach.

The funds arranged for the Taylor Clan were set to be transferred later in the afternoon, but for "certainty," Bai Xiaosheng had already transferred the first installment to the Taylor Clan this morning.

A neat figure of ten billion US Dollars.

Such a hefty sum is no small number, yet Bai Xiaosheng spoke about transferring it with such ease that it left Taylor astounded.

This young future boss is indeed imposing!

With this sum backing them, Clan Leader Taylor's confidence has soared.

Currently, Bai Xiaosheng and Taylor were in this business lounge sipping coffee, waiting for the representative from "BL Technology" to arrive.

By now, it was already five minutes past the scheduled time, and they hadn't shown up yet. Presumably, they'll be a bit late.

Some say Westerners have a strong sense of time, but that's not entirely accurate, considering the vast range of countries in the West with varied customs.

Arriving early, on time, or late, nothing is fixed.

Moreover, in business, being late might be used as a strategic method to wear down the opponent's patience and disrupt their confidence.

However, neither Bai Xiaosheng nor Taylor were bothered by this.

With a clear plan in mind, there was no panic.

Taking this opportunity, Bai Xiaosheng shared news with Taylor—

Caroline will also be coming!

"Though she might be late by half an hour to an hour," Bai Xiaosheng smiled.

"Miss Caroline will also be joining!" Clan Leader Taylor and Xiya were both startled, looking at Bai Xiaosheng in surprise.

"BL Technology" belongs to Zhenbei Group, directly subordinate to Zhenbei Group's North America region, and its direct person-in-charge is Caroline!

That lady is currently a popular candidate in the elections, her family significantly powerful, far surpassing the Taylor Family.

Learning that she'll be attending, Taylor and his daughter couldn't help but become tense.

"Sheng, did you invite Miss Caroline... to mediate at the negotiation?" Taylor asked.

Soon, Taylor frowned slightly, "Then what's her... stance on this matter?!"

Caroline's status is special and her forceful nature leaves Taylor somewhat cautious and even anxious.

Upon learning their family was being targeted by "BL Technology", along with their background, Taylor wondered if Caroline was aware or perhaps involved, but without solid evidence, dared not speak rashly.

If she's truly interested in the Taylor Family, then...

Taylor is quite concerned about whether Bai Xiaosheng, the executive director of the Greater China Region, can persuade the North America Region business director to relinquish their interest!

Taylor understands Zhenbei Group's upper structure, where executive directors rank below business directors!

Will Caroline show Bai Xiaosheng any regard? It's really hard to say!

If she doesn't, what would Bai Xiaosheng do?

Will unexpected troubles arise when they're seemingly extricated from their predicament?

Taylor momentarily worried again, and Xiya felt likewise.

Observing their concerns, Bai Xiaosheng offered a reassuring smile, "Rest assured, Caroline is coming to discuss cooperation with me. It's under the broader framework of Zhenbei Group, cooperation between our Greater China Region and their North America Region. As for whether she's aware of the situation here or received news of my involvement, I can't say for sure. But I believe there's no problem."

Despite Bai Xiaosheng's optimism, Taylor and his daughter couldn't find complete peace of mind.

The issues between their family and BL Technology, coupled with Bai Xiaosheng and Caroline's collaboration, undoubtedly complicated the entire situation.

Hopefully, Caroline will refrain from intervening due to Bai Xiaosheng's cooperation...

This is what Taylor and his daughter hoped for, finding it hard to let go of their concerns.

Bai Xiaosheng, seeing his reassurance wasn't fully calming the father and daughter's anxieties, also understood merely speaking wouldn't dispel their worries easily. Moreover, he wasn't certain if any unforeseen events might unfold.

Thus, Bai Xiaosheng didn't continue to waste words persuading them.

His intention in informing them was to prevent Caroline's arrival from causing panic and confusion.

Fortunately, both Taylor and Xiya weren't ordinary figures. After briefly feeling anxious, they managed to regain composure.

Instead of worrying about potential crises, it's better to focus on what needed to be done now.

Worrying unnecessarily is foolish.

At that moment, someone knocked on the business room's door, drawing everyone's gaze.

Upon Taylor's vocal acknowledgment, someone opened the door and leaned in.

It turned out to be a secretary assigned by Taylor to wait outside.

"Mr. Taylor, Miss Ye Liena, the CEO of 'BL Technology' has arrived," the person reported.

Taylor exchanged a glance with Bai Xiaosheng, stood up, and called out, "Please let Miss Ye Liena in!"

The secretary promptly nodded, opened the door, and courteously invited in the person outside.

Bai Xiaosheng and Taylor then saw two women, blond with blue eyes and tall, though in their late thirties, they looked impeccably maintained, more tender-skinned than young girls, both exuding an aura of longstanding high positions.

Following them were about twenty entourage members.

Taylor Clan Leader had encountered Ye Liena before and immediately stepped forward with a smile, "Miss Ye Liena, so we meet again!"

"Clan Leader Taylor, long time no see!" Ye Liena smiled and entered the room with Melanie.

Those accompanying Ye Liena, needless to say, were guided to relax in the neighboring room by Taylor's secretary.

The business room's door was subsequently shut, isolating outside noise.

Seeing that Ye Liena's companion Melanie seemed more of an equal than a subordinate, Taylor curiously asked, "Who might this be?"

"She is Miss Caroline's personal assistant, Melanie!" Ye Liena introduced with added emphasis.

Melanie's identity linked to Caroline was introduced to intimidate this Clan Leader Taylor.

Ye Liena intended to inform him that someone influential like Caroline could be behind them, ensuring whatever plans he had, he must always keep in mind their connection!

Upon learning of Melanie's identity, Clan Leader Taylor's eyes briefly narrowed before regaining his usual composure.

Regardless of Caroline's involvement today, her presence, or whether she appears, the Taylor Family was prepared to go all out and shake off their immense troubles!

Resolving himself, Taylor became a bit more composed, greeting Melanie with a smile, "Ah, so it's Miss Melanie, a pleasure to meet you!"

"Clan Leader Taylor, glad to meet you," Melanie responded with an exceedingly polite smile.

Having been sent by Caroline, Melanie was there to assist Ye Liena with the task, revealing her identity only as a contingency measure against unexpected issues, unexpectedly used right from the start.

At this moment, Ye Liena's gaze swept past those behind Taylor, not having seen Xiya before, yet knowing from attire she's likely a close relative of the Taylor Clan, not a mere staff.

The sight of a burly figure and a Huaxia beauty also held her attention.

However, Bai Xiaosheng captured Ye Liena's interest the most!

He was the only man casually seated in the entire room!

Ye Liena couldn't resist frowning slightly.

Even upon her arrival, Taylor got up to greet her, yet why did this man sit so calmly!

Ye Liena scrutinized Bai Xiaosheng, who remained composed facing her, feeling increasingly frowning as she did.

Why did this man seem oddly familiar, as if... she'd seen him before!

Chapter 2203 - So It Was You!

As soon as Ye Liena entered, she fixed her gaze on Bai Xiaosheng, not only because, amidst the room full of people, he sat there with an air of pompous confidence, but also because she found him increasingly familiar, yet couldn't recall where they had met before.

The more she couldn't remember, the more Ye Liena tried to recall, her beautiful eyes wandering over Bai Xiaosheng.

Until others noticed the scene.

Melanie also frowned at Bai Xiaosheng.

This man sat there so firmly; when they came in, even Taylor had to greet them with a smiling face and polite words, yet he didn't even stand up—so arrogant and rude!

Under the watchful eyes of the two women, Bai Xiaosheng smiled at them, warmly saying, "Welcome, both of you. Please, have a seat."

Bai Xiaosheng was cordial as if addressing ordinary friends.

Ye Liena and Melanie heard this, their eyes filled with disbelief.

What kind of status do they have!

Doesn't this man know, how dare he greet them like this?!

Rude!

Who does he think he is!

How dare he act with such an attitude!

Ye Liena's face slightly darkened, and Melanie also looked displeased.

Next to them, Lin Weiwei, Lei Ying, and even Xiya watched silently.

From the standpoint of corporate positions, although Bai Xiaosheng was not directly above these two women, he was still their leader!

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying knew even better that Bai Xiaosheng was on the same level as Caroline.

If his identity were made clear, it would be these two women who should take the initiative to greet him.

Of course, if today's meeting weren't a formal negotiation and Caroline weren't appearing, Bai Xiaosheng would likely have stood up with Taylor to greet them politely, without any pretension.

He's also an easygoing and relaxed person.

But today's situation is special; Bai Xiaosheng has to consider his identity and demeanor, he can't undermine his own aura, especially with the possibility of needing to be assertive with Caroline in public later.

At present, Bai Xiaosheng's polite invitation for the two women to be seated was already giving them tremendous face.

Beside them, Taylor understood the nuance but couldn't just watch in silence. He smiled and smoothed things over, introducing Ye Liena and the others, "This is Mr. Bai. Thanks to his kindness, we were introduced to several major capital sources for our family. As for the contract issues between us, I think we have enough capacity to resolve them, so we can sit down and talk. Let's resolve the issues properly today!"

Taylor didn't disclose Bai Xiaosheng's identity, thinking that if the moment were right, Bai Xiaosheng would speak for himself, and didn't need him to say more.

Today's main discussion is the contract dispute between the Taylor Family and BL Technology, which can be solved with money and doesn't need unnecessary complications.

"Oh?" Ye Liena, hearing Taylor say this, narrowed her eyes slightly, looking at Bai Xiaosheng with a faint smile, "So, this gentleman is so capable that he can bring sufficient funding to patch up the financial hole in our contract issues. Then, I'd like to know, sir, your name and identity!"

Melanie also looked coldly at Bai Xiaosheng.

One of their main purposes here was to find out who invested in the Taylor Family and who dared to meddle in matters that concerned their future!

Unexpectedly, it didn't require much effort, nor did they need to inquire indirectly, for the main person was sitting right here!

No wonder he is so arrogant; it turns out he's so self-assured and unafraid, not taking the two sisters seriously!

Now, they must hear what his background truly is!

Melanie scrutinized Bai Xiaosheng coldly, finding him more ordinary-looking the longer she looked, without any air of nobility.

While waiting for Bai Xiaosheng to respond, Ye Liena also sized him up, assessing his character.

His appearance suggested he was either of Chinese descent or a Huaxia person.

Ye Liena pondered if he were of Chinese descent, with the surname Bai, could he be related to Ganande Bai Family?

If that were the case, it would actually be easier, since even the Bai Family Patriarch supports Miss Caroline's candidacy. This young man couldn't outrank the patriarch in the Bai Family, so at the right moment, a word from Bai Family Patriarch Bai Tianyu would make him step out of this matter obediently.

If he were from Huaxia...

Then he'd be even easier to deal with!

How dare a mere Huaxia person stir up trouble on Ganande's turf without knowing his place!

By then, they'd use their connections and means to make him understand that money alone can't cause a stir here!

Ye Liena, being in charge of a powerful enterprise like "BL Technology," naturally had her own unique flair, quickly analyzing everything and just waiting for Bai Xiaosheng to announce himself.

She had this thought process, which Bai Xiaosheng comprehended thoroughly.

"My surname is Bai, Miss Ye Liena, you can just call me Mr. Bai." Bai Xiaosheng said with a smile.

This made Ye Liena pause.

She had asked for his name and identity, his background, not how to address him.

As for the address, didn't Clan Leader Taylor already say?

Ye Liena couldn't help wanting to tell Bai Xiaosheng—

Do you not understand the implication of my question? Was I asking how to address you?

Melanie also raised an eyebrow, feeling that this young man in front was irritatingly provoking, making her want to lash out...

"Mr. Bai, my intention..." Ye Liena wanted to ask again but found Bai Xiaosheng looking at her with a half-smile, mischief in his eyes.

This young guy knows what I'm asking!

He just won't say it!

Even if I ask again, the answer will probably be uninteresting!

Ye Liena immediately understood, closed her mouth, and stopped asking.

She then walked over to sit across from Bai Xiaosheng, looking at him with her chin raised.

"Mr. Bai here, are you aware of how many contracts we have with the Taylor Family, have you read them thoroughly, or know how much compensation is required if defaulted?!" She coldly laughed, "I must remind you, young sir, that the compensation is not divided into many installments, and the initial payment has a set minimum amount that isn't low!"

Ye Liena glanced at Clan Leader Taylor, smirking, "If the Taylor Family had to come up with the money itself, I'm afraid a half of its businesses would face breakdowns in their financial chain, resulting in halted operations and production!"

Ye Liena turned to Bai Xiaosheng again, "I don't know how much funding you brought to the Taylor Family, thinking it would solve this problem. And what you hope to gain from this! Perhaps cooperation, business. Then let me tell you, the losses won't be worth it! In this matter, you're only stepping into a money-sucking whirlpool!"

Ye Liena said scornfully, "Young handsome boy, you're still too young; meddling in such a big business dispute might swallow you up, leaving not even a bone behind!"

"In the business world, sister here knows better than you! Because my experience is there, I manage a company that isn't inferior to any family in power!"

Ye Liena spoke haughtily, feeling rightfully proud of her credentials!

Next to them, Lin Weiwei, Lei Ying, Xiya, and even Taylor felt extremely awkward.

Ye Liena preaching like this, if she knew Bai Xiaosheng's true identity, one wonders what she'd feel...

Ultimately, Ye Liena is just a responsible for a company within a major district under Zhenbei Group, not on the same level as Bai Xiaosheng.

What's more, even if Ye Liena had once come across Bai Xiaosheng's data or photos, she still couldn't recognize him.

This involved the foreigner's often inability to distinguish between Huaxia faces, along with Bai Xiaosheng's ability to control micro-expressions, creating a disparity between his media photo and real self. Such a difference between photo and person is not uncommon in everyday life.

Unable to recognize Bai Xiaosheng, she naturally dared to speak as she did.

Melanie, feeling slightly impatient, moved over to sit next to Ye Liena, unceremoniously took out a cigarette, lit a slim lady's cigarette for herself, blew out a puff of smoke, pointing at Bai Xiaosheng with two slender fingers holding the cigarette, "Young brother, I advise you to stay calm and rational. If you want to invest, there are plenty of opportunities. This matter isn't something you can meddle with!"

"That's exactly what we mean, you're not capable of intervening in this!" Ye Liena affirmed, staring straight at Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng looked at the two women with a smile, nodding slightly, "I've long heard that Miss Ye Liena acts decisively, speaks directly, and as for handling things... just like the car you drove yesterday, taking others' paths, leaving no way for others. But you should also know that not following the rules means that there might be people who will regulate you ahead on the road!"

Bai Xiaosheng was referring to yesterday's car overtaking controversy, where at that time, his car window was down, and he had a fleeting encounter with Ye Liena, recognizing her then. Otherwise, she wouldn't find him familiar.

Today, as soon as Ye Liena entered, Bai Xiaosheng recognized her.

In Bai Xiaosheng's words, he hinted at Ye Liena not following the rules with a traffic ticket issued by the police, and moreover, that she had gone too far in her actions, implying that he, the Group Headquarters' deputy head of the monitoring department, was indeed someone who governs her actions!

However, it seemed that Ye Liena did not grasp the deeper meaning.

At this moment, Ye Liena widened her eyes, staring at Bai Xiaosheng, suddenly gritting her teeth and snapping, "Oh, so it was you who cut my car off yesterday! Such a small world for enemies!"

Chapter 2204 - Negotiation or Threat

Bai Xiaosheng, with just a few words, managed to enrage Ye Liena. This woman, who originally placed great emphasis on her demeanor, now furrowed her brows angrily, gritting her teeth, visibly furious.

Beside them, everyone was stunned.

Taylor and Melanie had confused expressions; they had no idea what was meant by "playing the game of cars" between the two.

Xiya, Lin Weiwei, and Lei Ying suddenly realized, surprised that the one playing the car game with them yesterday was Ye Liena!

Who would have thought that Ye Liena, a chief executive officer of a large enterprise, would have such a fiery temper when driving!

Her anger now seemed just as intense as it was then.

Was it because Bai Xiaosheng publicly mentioned the matter, making her feel embarrassed?

This reaction was truly explosive...

"Ye Liena, what exactly is going on?!" Melanie regained composure and asked Ye Liena.

Ye Liena narrowed her eyes, looking hatefully at Bai Xiaosheng in front of her, and said to Melanie, "Yesterday, I was in a hurry to return to my company, and their car intentionally blocked mine on the road, almost causing me an accident! I was upset and played the game with them. As a result... they sped up and then slowed down, tricked me, caused me to be chased by the police, and got a ticket!"

At this, Melanie was taken aback and couldn't help glancing at Bai Xiaosheng.

There was actually such a matter!

Ye Liena added angrily, "BL Technology is a famous company in the industry, and as the CEO, what an identity that is! If yesterday's incident were known by the media, I'd be on the front page news! Even a tiny bit of negative news would be magnified infinitely by those with intentions, damaging my reputation, and causing Miss Caroline to be disappointed in me! That would be a huge loss for me!"

Ye Liena spoke in grave terms, amplifying Bai Xiaosheng's responsibility to the extreme, sounding exaggerated yet reasonable, leaving others speechless.

Upon hearing this, Melanie was also extremely angry, glaring fiercely at Bai Xiaosheng before turning to Taylor, speaking sharply, "Mr. Taylor, what is this supposed to mean! The person you brought is trying to openly harm Ye Liena! This is no longer a normal business negotiation! What are you trying to do, threaten our safety!? We will resort to legal means for a thorough investigation! And inform the media, let them see what kind of family the Taylor Family really is, and what kind of partners you are!"

Melanie raised the issue to a highly severe level at once.

Upon hearing this, Taylor's face changed.

Resorting to legal measures would involve some investigation procedures at most and wouldn't have serious consequences.

The matter itself wasn't a big deal, just a misunderstanding.

But if it were to be disclosed to the media as Melanie suggested, then it wouldn't be a small issue!

The Taylor Family's business is currently barely holding on; the stock of the listed company has been trending towards decline, and if such a "destructive" negative news were to happen, it would collapse in an instant!

The subsequent problems would snowball, becoming increasingly larger, eventually becoming uncontrollable!

Taylor most dreaded such a scenario occurring.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying couldn't help but frown as they listened, exchanging a glance.

Neither of them could listen to it anymore.

Ye Liena and Melanie absolutely had intentional parts; this is too exaggerating!

Xiya's face changed too, unable to resist stepping forward, saying to Ye Liena and Melanie, "It was me driving yesterday, Miss Ye Liena, it was a misunderstanding. If you two have any anger, direct it towards me, don't escalate the matter to my family, and it has nothing to do with Mr. Bai!"

Xiya wanted to take responsibility.

"Who are you?" Ye Liena asked coldly, looking at Xiya.

"I am the daughter of the Taylor Clan Leader, my name is Xiya!" Xiya replied.

Melanie sneered from the side, "Well, look, finally admitted! Even the daughter of the Taylor Clan Leader is implicated in this matter, attempting wrongdoing against Ye Liena. And you say there was no plot, that this matter is simple?!"

Melanie's exploitation of this opportunity left people bewildered.

"You can't say that, I said it's a misunderstanding, and if there is any fault, I will bear it alone!" Xiya said angrily.

"You can't bear it alone! You did it and now you're afraid of people finding out?!" Ye Liena sneered.

These two women echoed each other, and Xiya wasn't a match for them, suddenly feeling aggrieved.

"Shut up! Xiya, stop talking! Don't be rude to Miss Ye Liena and Miss Melanie!" Taylor hurriedly stopped Xiya from speaking.

The more you talk, the more wrong it gets.

Then, Taylor looked at the two women, his expression sincere, "Miss Ye Liena, Miss Melanie, regarding this matter..."

"You want to call the police, then call the police, want to tell the media, then tell them, why threaten here pointlessly."

A voice cut in, directly interrupting Taylor's words, taking up this thread.

The voice was steady, confident.

Taylor paused, unable to help but look over.

Ye Liena and Melanie, hearing these words, instantly felt a mix of shock and anger and looked over.

Bai Xiaosheng held a coffee cup, sipping gracefully.

"What do you mean by this?!" Ye Liena angrily said.

"You want us to call the police, and tell the media?" Melanie shouted, "Are you treating us as a joke, thinking we don't dare?!"

The two women, upset, each took out their phones, seemingly ready to call the media at any moment, and even stood up.

Xiya suddenly became a bit anxious.

Taylor suddenly became somewhat flustered.

Neither father nor daughter was one to lose composure easily; both were smart people.

However, humans are emotional creatures; when the matter doesn't concern themselves, they can be meticulous and have all eventualities covered, but once it involves something they care about, they might lose their composure.

That's also why there is this saying, "the person involved is blinded."

Chapter 2205 - Negotiation or Threat_2

It concerns the entire family, and they can hardly remain calm.

Meanwhile, the father and daughter are extremely frustrated, feeling uneasy.

The funds were already secured; the family could have been freed from their constraints today. However, due to unexpected events, a minor misunderstanding yesterday made negotiations impossible...

One can only say, the heavens are not kind.

Moreover, Bai Xiaosheng spoke twice, also causing a stir for the other party.

Of course, the Taylor father and daughter wouldn't blame Bai Xiaosheng. After all, Bai Xiaosheng provided their family with a chance to survive a critical situation and helped them resolve internal chaos.

If blame is placed, it's only because things didn't go as planned.

"Please, both of you, stay calm. Whatever you want to resolve this issue, I will agree!" Taylor steeled his heart, blocking Ye Liena, as Melanie accompanied with a smile.

If compensations could make this personal grievance end, he accepted.

Ye Liena and Melanie exchanged glances.

Ye Liena snorted coldly, "If this matter goes public, your family's business losses will certainly be significant. You need to understand, what you sacrifice is to save yourselves!"

Ye Liena pondered and said, "The mental intimidation and loss you brought me...how about increasing the penalty fee by thirty percent."

Taylor and Xiya were startled by these words.

Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but raise an eyebrow.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying were incredulous.

Ye Liena has the nerve to demand such an amount, raising the penalty fee by thirty percent all at once!

Why doesn't she just resort to robbery!

"Exactly, let them pay dearly; this is already considered cheap," Melanie sneered. "Otherwise, if media exposes this, your losses will be greater!"

"But isn't this a bit too much!" Taylor gritted his teeth.

The enormous penalty fee, increasing by one-third due to a minor issue, was unbearable for them.

What's crucial is the frustration, even a little grievance.

Just because of a road rage incident, does it warrant such compensation!

"Consider this; you intended to crash into a company's CEO with your car! If the media reports this, what situation will you face!" Melanie sneered.

From that angle, many stories can be spun!

Sufficient to ruin a person or a family!

Taylor and Xiya's eyes narrowed sharply.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying couldn't help but frown.

These two women indeed embellish!

One is the CEO of a large enterprise, and the other is Caroline's personal assistant, so aggressively pressing their advantage.

"This matter was truly just a misunderstanding! However, I ask you both to sit down; I will certainly provide you with a satisfactory explanation! Let's discuss a mutually acceptable solution!" Taylor's tone softened, "The penalty fee issue can also be negotiated!"

Xiya, disheartened, remained silent.

Seeing Taylor willing to "take the punishment," Ye Liena and Melanie exchanged glances, their eyes subtly gleaming with pride.

The situation, on the verge of collapse, eased again as a voice calmly came through.

"Increasing the penalty fee by thirty percent? Heh, you dare say that, why don't you just rob it!"

The speaker was still Bai Xiaosheng.

At this moment, Bai Xiaosheng looked at Ye Liena and Melanie, speaking each word clearly, "The penalty fee will only be paid as per the original terms; not a penny more! What the Clan Leader agrees, I will not agree!"

Bai Xiaosheng spoke again and again, causing Ye Liena and Melanie, who had calmed slightly, to become furious again.

"Who do you think you are, meddling here!?" Melanie pointed at Bai Xiaosheng and Taylor, "I see this matter is not negotiable unless you kick him out!"

"This is an issue between you and us, indeed no need for an outsider to interfere. Clan Leader Taylor!"
Ye Liena also spoke in a deep voice.

With difficulty, they made Taylor bow down and accept punishment, then held the initiative in negotiations, intending to leverage Taylor Family to surrender some technology; unexpectedly, a boy from nowhere kept interrupting, truly a disruptive presence!

The key is Taylor, and Xiya father and daughter tolerated him repeatedly, even seeming particularly obedient.

This person cannot stay here, or too many changes will happen!

Ye Liena and Melanie's view on Bai Xiaosheng remarkably concurred.

Taylor glanced at Bai Xiaosheng, remained silent for a moment, then spoke to Ye Liena and Melanie, adopting a "hard" tone for the first time, "That won't do; Mr. Bai must be present!"

Seeing how highly Taylor regarded Bai Xiaosheng, likely to heed his advice next, making negotiations problematic.

Melanie exclaimed, "Then indeed, nothing can be discussed. We're leaving!"

Ye Liena also went to pick up her bag.

"How long are you going to keep pretending?"

Bai Xiaosheng suddenly spoke.

This prompted people to look at him, their eyes confused.

Pretend, what's the meaning?

Bai Xiaosheng placed down his coffee cup, smiling faintly towards Ye Liena and Melanie, "From the beginning, yesterday's small misunderstanding was nothing. But Miss Ye Liena, you seem overly agitated, far beyond a normal reaction. Was it really due to threats, afraid of police punishment and media exposure? I noticed you seemed indifferent when mentioning informing the media."

"In my opinion, your performance went overboard." Bai Xiaosheng sighed and said, "I suppose before I arrived, Miss Ye Liena and Miss Melanie already colluded, irrespective of the excuse; you would trouble the Taylor Clan, and then coordinated to exacerbate the issue, making it impossible for Taylor Clan to compensate or resolve! Forcing them to negotiate reparations; I imagine your ideal scenario involves demanding technology related to graphene battery innovations and compensation far exceeding the contract limits, right."

Chapter 2206 - Negotiation or Threat_3

Bai Xiaosheng's words immediately made Ye Liena look at her with astonishment.

Melanie's eyes widened too.

How could this man know such things!

Did he just figure it out?

He must be a monster!

Taylor, Xiya, Lin Weiwei, and Lei Ying were all stunned and then looked at the two women with peculiar eyes.

"One is the head of a major corporation, and the other is a senior assistant, using such shrew-like tactics; it seems the ones truly anxious are you."

Bai Xiaosheng rubbed his chin, muttering, "The pressure on you must be from someone more powerful, someone superior... hmm, is it Miss Caroline? Then it seems she's involved too. Hmm, you surely didn't expect that the Taylor Clan could still bring in funding and pay compensation, right?"

Bai Xiaosheng's leisurely words changed the expressions in Ye Liena and Melanie's eyes, looking at him as if they were looking at a monster.

From start to finish, besides provoking them with words and watching their "performance," Bai Xiaosheng carefully observed their subtle expressions, as if he had already deduced everything.

"Absurd!" Ye Liena shouted, but her tone and eyes were not convincing.

"You're just babbling nonsense; it won't work!" Melanie also retorted dryly.

With their response, Taylor and Xiya already believed Bai Xiaosheng's words.

Xiya felt admiration mixed with shame, acknowledging the vast difference between herself and Bai Xiaosheng. When it involves her, she loses her composure, which is hardly effective.

Taylor had a similar sentiment.

"I think you two should save your efforts; in front of Mr. Bai, your schemes are worthless," Lin Weiwei said with a smile.

"According to the contract, we'll pay the compensation we owe, don't even think about anything extra," Lei Ying added.

Being strategically outflanked by Bai Xiaosheng and mocked by two "subordinates," Ye Liena and Melanie's pride and self-esteem were hard to bear.

"Compensation, you definitely have to pay! No matter how this turns out, if we take it to court, you'll still have to pay massive breach fines," Ye Liena said to Bai Xiaosheng through gritted teeth. "If I really tell the media about yesterday's incident, don't think you'll escape unscathed. I want to see how you break this deadlock!"

Melanie also looked at Bai Xiaosheng with cold sarcasm.

This matter is about fervor; who outside actually cares about the truth!

Doesn't this man look like he sees through everything? Let's see what he can do in this situation!

The two women looked at Bai Xiaosheng with cold sarcasm.

This situation seems heaven-sent for them!

At this moment, Bai Xiaosheng no longer smiled but looked at them coldly.

"If you really plan to do this, I'll also accept media interviews," Bai Xiaosheng said calmly. "If a Zhenbei Group senior far above your status gets involved in what you're talking about and proves you're lying, do you think your rumors will still be believed?"

This sentence directly stunned Ye Liena and Melanie, who wanted to see Bai Xiaosheng speechless.

A Zhenbei Group executive far above their status?

Who?

Him?!

The two women couldn't believe it.

"Mr. Bai is currently serving as the Executive President of Zhenbei Group's Greater China Region!" Lin Weiwei said calmly from the side.

This almost made Ye Liena and Melanie lose their voices, their beautiful eyes widening.

He's the Executive President of Zhenbei Group's Greater China Region?

That Bai Xiaosheng!

Both had heard of Bai Xiaosheng's name.

However, neither knew that Bai Xiaosheng's position had advanced significantly.

But since Bai Xiaosheng also serves as the second seat in Zhenbei Group's headquarters inquiry department, all his appointment information was frozen!

It's no longer publicly announced within the group!

This is also due to the special requirements of his position.

If Ye Liena and Melanie knew Bai Xiaosheng's other identity, they would likely be terrified.

However, even if they only consider Bai Xiaosheng as the Executive President of Zhenbei Group's Greater China Region, the two women still felt slightly startled and panicked.

"Knowing who I am, are you still going to use such crude tactics?" Bai Xiaosheng asked solemnly.

His presence spread, making people awe-struck.

Taylor and Xiya looked at Bai Xiaosheng with a respectful gaze.

"You truly are..." Ye Liena wanted to ask but didn't.

Lin Weiwei took out Bai Xiaosheng's identity badge and showed it to them.

Although Bai Xiaosheng isn't their direct superior, he's still their boss.

As Bai Xiaosheng said, if he testifies, their tactics won't work.

"However, Mr. Bai, ultimately, you're just the Executive President of Greater China Region; you're overstepping, aren't you? We're directly under Miss Caroline, and she's the Business President of the North American Region!" Melanie regained composure and said.

The Business President is the boss of an Executive President!

This sentence also made Ye Liena's eyes brighten.

Taylor and Xiya couldn't help but look at Bai Xiaosheng with concern.

They worried that if Bai Xiaosheng offended Caroline, even if she personally intervened, Bai Xiaosheng would be in trouble.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled lightly, and suddenly his phone rang; he glanced at it and showed it directly to the two, "What a coincidence, Miss Caroline you mentioned is here! She'll be arriving shortly. Shall we meet together?"

Chapter 2207 - What, You're Here Too!

Ye Liena and Melanie were startled by something Bai Xiaosheng said.

Miss Caroline is coming?!

How come they had no information at all! Is this true!

The two women uncontrollably glanced at Bai Xiaosheng's phone.

"No need to look, Miss Caroline will be here soon." Bai Xiaosheng smiled as he put away his phone.

Seeing the Greater China Region's executive president of Zhenbei Group wasn't joking, Ye Liena and Melanie's faces changed slightly.

Why would Miss Caroline come? Could it be about the Taylor Clan's matter?

The two immediately dismissed this idea.

Impossible, Bai Xiaosheng's identity alone is enough to force them to compromise, no need to involve Miss Caroline to make such a big fuss.

Moreover, if Miss Caroline knew it involved the Taylor Clan, she wouldn't agree to come.

Right now, Caroline is in a critical phase of her campaign, and she needs to avoid suspicion, preventing herself from falling into unnecessary trouble.

Then there's only one possibility, Miss Caroline is coming for Mr. Bai, specifically for the cooperation between North America and Greater China.

Why now, why here?

Does Miss Caroline know they are also here, dealing with the Taylor Clan's matter, does she know Bai Xiaosheng is involved, they've been outmaneuvered by Bai Xiaosheng...

Ye Liena and Melanie's minds were in turmoil, unable to analyze the situation.

Everything they were thinking about was inevitably heading in one direction, that is...

How would Miss Caroline view their stupidity and incompetence...

Ye Liena and Melanie's hearts were flustered, they were practically unable to sit still.

"Miss Caroline is coming, shouldn't you go and greet her?" Bai Xiaosheng asked with a smile, observing the two women's reactions.

"Ah!"

"Yes!"

Ye Liena and Melanie thought it was reasonable and sprang to their feet.

Then, looking at the people present, they hesitated deeply.

Should they go to greet her, or... slip away.

Having messed up this situation so badly, they would surely face accountability. Meeting privately with the Greater China Region's executive president without reporting, would it lead to bigger misunderstandings and troubles...

If Miss Caroline suspects or questions them, their future would no longer be straightforward.

For a moment, Ye Liena and Melanie felt they've never been so conflicted before.

It was obvious to Taylor and the others that these two women were in distress, and they felt that this situation was difficult for them to explain.

However, no one sympathized with them, instead, they felt somewhat satisfied.

Previously, they were so aggressive, now they are so embarrassed, doesn't it just prove the saying, "The wheel of heaven turns, and repercussions cannot escape."

"Mr. Bai, do we need to avoid this?" Taylor couldn't help but ask Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled at him, saying meaningful words, "No need, maybe meeting her will make your issues easier to resolve."

Taylor immediately understood his meaning, and asked again, "Then should we go to greet her?"

Upon hearing Bai Xiaosheng and Taylor speak like this, Ye Liena and Melanie steeled themselves.

The situation had developed beyond their control.

Now, they could only brace themselves to greet Miss Caroline.

Miss Caroline, what kind of person is she, she would not tolerate any sand in her eyes.

Just now, they dared to think of such cowardly and evasive measures, that was a path to self-destruction!

It's better to be honest, even if it means receiving a scolding, it would bring peace of mind.

Anyway, dealing with the Greater China Region's executive president from Zhenbei Group, they aren't competitors, nor is it their fault.

If there are issues, just push them onto Bai Xiaosheng!

Having sorted this out, the two women quickly calmed down.

"Mr. Bai, let's not delay here any longer, let's go down to the lobby and greet Miss Caroline together."
Ye Liena suggested to Bai Xiaosheng.

Melanie looked at Bai Xiaosheng, she meant the same.

"Feel free." Bai Xiaosheng smiled.

The implication being, if they wanted to greet, they could go, he would wait here.

Ye Liena was stunned by his words.

Seeing Bai Xiaosheng being so "clueless about protocol," Melanie couldn't help but remind him, "Mr. Bai, although you are the executive president of the Greater China Region, you should know that Miss Caroline is a career president and ranks higher than you. When a superior arrives, you should go to greet them!"

Earlier, Bai Xiaosheng had pressed the two with his rank, now a higher-ranked person has arrived, how could Melanie miss such an opportunity to vent.

Taylor also looked at Bai Xiaosheng, as he had already asked, should we greet her, now it all depends on Bai Xiaosheng's attitude.

Bai Xiaosheng considered for a moment, turned to Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying, "Then you two go with Miss Ye Liena and Miss Melanie to greet Miss Caroline for me?"

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying nodded in agreement.

Currently, Bai Xiaosheng was here to assist in negotiations, this wasn't his territory, naturally, there was no need for guest reception.

Caroline insisted on coming to find a time to discuss matters, so let her come.

He was of the same rank as Caroline, and from a post perspective, Caroline was even a notch below him, there was no reason for Bai Xiaosheng to greet her.

Furthermore, if some keen observer saw Bai Xiaosheng, the second-in-command of the headquarters monitoring department, actively greeting a career president, it might lead to all sorts of conspiracy theories.

Bai Xiaosheng's new role hadn't set off fireworks yet, but trouble had come, it would be a joke.

Therefore, Bai Xiaosheng decided not to greet.

This isn't intentionally showing off, but rather a deep consideration.

But his attitude appeared in the eyes of the uninformed Ye Liena and Melanie as arrogant, even dismissive!

Faced with a leader of higher rank visiting, he only sent his assistants to greet, wasn't this arrogance!

It was already heard that this executive president of the Greater China Region was an extraordinary person, and now it seemed that even if the vice-chairman came, he would still keep his stance!

Ye Liena and Melanie looked at Bai Xiaosheng incredulously, truly puzzled by how he could act like this, dare to act like this.

However, the more Bai Xiaosheng acted like this, the more it showed his dominance, indicating that he was oppressing them in this matter.

Let's have Miss Caroline see how arrogant he is!

Redirect Miss Caroline's anger towards him!

Ye Liena and Melanie exchanged glances, each understanding the other's thoughts.

Bai Xiaosheng caught a glimpse and knew what they were thinking, he smiled without speaking.

His identity, his considerations, didn't need explanation to them.

Ye Liena and Melanie decided to go greet Miss Caroline, Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying were about to join them. But before they could move, they heard the conference room door being urgently knocked.

"Come in!" Taylor Clan Leader shouted.

Taylor had previously arranged for an assistant, who once again poked in, looking a bit unusual, "Taylor Clan Leader, Miss Caroline is here!"

Everyone was stunned, Ye Liena and Melanie's expressions changed.

Miss Caroline actually arrived so quickly, so quick that they didn't have time to greet her!

Taylor Clan Leader calmed himself and shouted, "Open the door! Welcome Miss Caroline inside!"

The assistant nodded swiftly and pushed the door wide open.

Standing outside were many people, facing them at the front was a woman, elegant and noble.

It was none other than Miss Caroline!

Caroline was keenly observing here, she hadn't known until she arrived that this was booked by the Taylor Clan!

Are they negotiating with Bai Xiaosheng?

Caroline was surprised and serious, extremely puzzled.

How is Bai Xiaosheng connected to the Taylor Clan!

If Bai Xiaosheng is negotiating with the Taylor Clan, will it ruin her long-term plans...

Additionally, she didn't know what kind of cooperation they were discussing, in case it involved new graphene battery technology, what to do!

Caroline had many doubts, even worries, and was eager to meet Bai Xiaosheng, to understand the situation here.

When the door opened, Caroline saw the situation inside, saw the people present, and her eyes narrowed slightly.

"Miss Caroline!"

Ye Liena and Melanie simultaneously called out respectfully.

At this point, they could only brace themselves to greet Miss Caroline.

Seeing them, even Caroline was startled, then her eyes slightly contracted, finally speaking in a low voice, "Why are you here, too!"

Chapter 2208 - Who Is it That Oversteps Their Bounds?

To Ye Liena and Melanie, Caroline was the queen, a sovereign who controlled their future and destiny.

The two women were nearing forty, and reaching their current positions was no easy feat. Seeing their careers poised for even greater heights, they were particularly cautious.

They held deep reverence and fear for Caroline's arrival, dreading even the slightest displeasure or misunderstanding from her.

At this moment, Caroline frowned and questioned why they were there. Ye Liena and Melanie's hearts trembled.

"Miss Caroline, we were discussing the contract with Mr. Taylor; it was their invitation. We didn't know who else would be here before we came!" Ye Liena hurriedly explained, fearing any delay might cause misunderstanding.

Melanie quickly added, "Yes, we didn't expect Mr. Bai Xiaosheng, the Executive President of the Greater China Region, to be here either!"

The two were now in trepidation at Caroline's every reaction.

Caroline's expression returned to its usual calm, and she simply uttered an "oh" before smiling and walking in.

"Miss Caroline, a pleasure to meet you!" Clan Leader Taylor promptly stepped forward, greeting with a smile.

"A pleasure, Clan Leader Taylor!" Caroline responded gracefully, smiling radiantly.

Bai Xiaosheng now stood up and smiled, "Just now, we were talking about welcoming Miss Caroline, didn't expect you to come so quickly."

"Indeed, I seem to have come at an inopportune time," Caroline smiled at Bai Xiaosheng, her words bearing a hint of deeper meaning.

Bai Xiaosheng hadn't mentioned to her that Ye Liena and Melanie were part of this business negotiation.

Otherwise, Caroline wouldn't have been so surprised.

Was this intentional?

Caroline shot him a deep glance.

Ye Liena's BL Technology's attack on the Taylor Clan was a plot orchestrated personally by Caroline, supported by her multi-faceted coordination.

By this time, enough time had passed, and Caroline believed the Taylor Clan had reached the end of their rope.

Thus, Melanie was sent by her to assist Ye Liena in wrapping up this matter.

Seeing it about to bear fruit, Bai Xiaosheng suddenly barging in, what was the situation here? What was the point?

Was it deliberate or accidental?

The crucial question was, did Bai Xiaosheng have a deeper intent with his actions?

Caroline wasn't an ordinary person; her mind was as sharp as a knife.

She quickly associated Bai Xiaosheng's arrival at Ganande with causing numerous troubles for her!

Among these, ruining her campaign presentation and plunging her into a dire predicament was the most unforgivable!

Could all these happenings truly be mere coincidences, with no underlying conspiracy?

Caroline knew very well that she and Vice Chairman Morgan were long aligned, often causing problems for old-timers Lu Cheng'an and Li Yunyuan of Huaxia. And this Bai Xiaosheng was very close to them. According to Vice Chairman Morgan, Lu Cheng'an and Li Yunyuan held Bai Xiaosheng in high regard! So, could Bai Xiaosheng have been scheming against her all along?

Caroline's eyes grew slightly cold, but she quickly regained her composure.

Concealing internal emotions was a skill she was well-versed in because of her position.

Facing such an opponent, Bai Xiaosheng's skill in micro-expression analysis would be significantly hindered.

However, Bai Xiaosheng still noticed Caroline's fleeting unusual emotion. He promptly said, "Miss Caroline, we've discussed almost everything here; your timing is perfect, a coincidence."

A coincidence, rather than just in time.

Caroline responded to this subtle choice of words with a faint smile.

Clan Leader Taylor quickly added, "Since Mr. Bai and Miss Caroline have matters to discuss, perhaps we should step aside?"

In Taylor's view, whatever Bai Xiaosheng and Caroline were discussing should be major internal affairs of their group, unsuitable for outsiders to overhear.

"Yes, yes," Ye Liena and Melanie hurriedly concurred.

Even though they were part of the group, their level and status couldn't compare to Bai Xiaosheng and Caroline, making it inappropriate to eavesdrop.

"I sensed from your earlier words, it seemed like you weren't quite finished your discussions yet?" Caroline smiled and asked Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng replied with a smile, "We were just a tiny bit short."

"Since I'm already here, let's not leave that tiny bit unfinished," Caroline responded with a smile, "You and I, along with Clan Leader Taylor and Ye Liena, can wrap up this matter quite nicely."

"As for everyone else," Caroline turned her head and looked at Xiya, Lin Weiwei, Lei Ying, and kindly said, "Would you mind waiting outside for a moment?"

Xiya, Lin Weiwei, Lei Ying, and even Melanie nodded immediately and walked out in turn.

Melanie, being the last to leave, even closed the door behind her.

Right now, in this room, there isn't a single idle person.

Caroline smiled and said, "I'm actually quite aware of the matters between BL Technology and the Taylor Family. I just haven't gotten involved. It's good that there's a resolution now. To what stage have your discussions progressed?"

Caroline directed her last question to Ye Liena.

Ye Liena didn't dare delay and quickly whispered, "Mr. Taylor wants to terminate the contract with a penalty fee, which was the funding brought in by Mr. Bai Xiaosheng."

"Oh?" Caroline responded, smiling as she glanced at Taylor and then looked at Bai Xiaosheng.

"Mr. Bai said he was here to discuss cooperation. I thought perhaps the Greater China Region was negotiating with someone, and I wanted to help if I could. But it turns out you are concerned about matters between our enterprise and the Taylor Family. Surely, you wouldn't be advocating on behalf of our company; we couldn't possibly afford your services. By the way, Mr. Bai, what is your relationship with the Taylor Family?"

Although Caroline spoke with a smile, Ye Liena and the Taylor Clan Leader couldn't help but feel a slight chill.

Bai Xiaosheng maintained his composure, smiling as he said, "Miss Caroline, as you know, I was severely taken advantage of by Landvo in the South America Region. By heaven's grace and with some help from friends, I managed to get out of trouble and owed a great debt. I taught over seventy or eighty hours of classes at a special academy in South America and gained a lot of students. Mr. Taylor's daughter, Xiya, was one of them. On this trip to Ganande, it was a fortunate encounter, and during my visit to the Taylor Family, Mr. Taylor and I had quite a pleasant conversation. When I learned that the Taylor Family encountered some minor troubles, I thought to come over and see if I could help. To my surprise, I happened to meet with a company under our Group, what a coincidence! So, I've been mediating ever since."

Ye Liena couldn't help but secretly observe Bai Xiaosheng.

He says things nicely!

But you couldn't interpret them literally!

Bai Xiaosheng recounted the story, smiling as he assured, "Miss Caroline, rest assured, I would never let our Group's company suffer losses. Mr. Taylor wishes to breach the contract, so I'll make sure they pay the highest penalty. I'm confident that this result will satisfy you. After all, you're currently preoccupied with campaign matters and might not have the time to deal with such trivial issues. If such matters distracted you or let outsiders gossip, affecting the campaign, it would truly be a losing proposition!"

Bai Xiaosheng had already said everything, and Ye Liena was even more aggrieved.

Though her position was below Bai Xiaosheng, Bai Xiaosheng was still under Miss Caroline. Was he going to be allowed to end it all with just a word?

Ye Liena gritted her teeth in anger.

Ye Liena summoned her courage, relying on Caroline's presence, and, after Bai Xiaosheng finished speaking, immediately said, "Mr. Bai, ending the contract with a penalty is just Mr. Taylor's wishful

thinking. We don't accept it. And, what's your intention, mentioning the campaign influence—is that a threat to Miss Caroline! Don't forget, you are merely an executive president, while Miss Caroline is the business president! Isn't it overstepping for you to meddle in our North American Region affairs?"

Ye Liena seemed to have an intention to show Bai Xiaosheng up in front of Caroline, "You are acting insubordinately! According to protocol, you have no right to intervene in this matter!"

Ye Liena spoke very bluntly.

Beside her, Taylor felt his heart tighten.

He hadn't expected the first to tear the face would be Ye Liena.

What would this mean for Bai Xiaosheng's exit!

Taylor glanced at Bai Xiaosheng nervously and then at Caroline.

Bai Xiaosheng looked at Ye Liena and calmly asked, "Miss Ye Liena, do you think I shouldn't be involved in this matter?"

"You shouldn't!"

Having spoken, Ye Liena was emboldened.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled without speaking.

Ye Liena thought he was scared and couldn't help but press on, "You need to first understand your identity! Matters in our North American Region are beyond your jurisdiction!"

Ye Liena felt immense satisfaction at this point!

Just now, Bai Xiaosheng had used his status and power to pressure her and Melanie. Now she wanted to let this man taste what that felt like!

Seeing Bai Xiaosheng's silence, Ye Liena was immediately pleased.

Suddenly, there came a stern reprimand, "Ye Liena, you're out of line!"

The one who spoke was none other than Caroline.

Ye Liena was immediately taken aback and looked at Caroline.

Caroline, with a stern gaze, looked at Ye Liena, angrily saying, "How dare you question Mr. Bai Xiaosheng, the Deputy Director of our Zhenbei Group Headquarters' Monitoring Department!"

"Not to mention he has the right to intervene in this matter! Even if he found fault with you and dismissed you, he wouldn't need my approval!"

Caroline's words left Ye Liena astonished.

Could Bai Xiaosheng have such authority?!

Caroline looked at Bai Xiaosheng, her gaze inscrutable, "Even for me, he has the power to initiate a direct impeachment!"

These words left Ye Liena in shock.

She looked at Bai Xiaosheng, her eyes filled with fear.

Wasn't Bai Xiaosheng merely the Executive President of the Greater China Region? How could he wield such power?

Even having the ability to directly impeach Miss Caroline?!

Chapter 2209 - Showing Respect

Ye Liena was harshly reprimanded by Caroline in front of Bai Xiaosheng and Taylor, yet she did not feel dejected or embarrassed at all, because she was utterly shocked by the power Bai Xiaosheng held!

Miss Caroline naturally wouldn't lie, nor did she have any need to exaggerate in front of outsiders to elevate someone whose rank was below hers.

This is the undeniable truth!

Ye Liena watched Bai Xiaosheng smile throughout. Even now, there was no sign of pride or arrogance, shaking her to the core more than hearing about Bai Xiaosheng's power.

How did this man reach such a level at such a young age!

Why can he maintain a calm state of mind to this extent!

Now, Ye Liena finally understood why when they came, Bai Xiaosheng stayed composed and steady where he was, and why when Miss Caroline came, he didn't feel the need to greet.

It's not arrogance, not pride, because he has that confidence!

Turns out, was it my vision that was too narrow...

Ye Liena felt a slight suffocation, took a deep breath, her red lips slightly parted, slowly exhaling a breath of turbid air.

Always priding herself as a prodigy, feeling she would be the next Caroline, Ye Liena, for the first time, felt a sense of inaccessibility toward her peer, yet strangely she also felt a vague thrill.

Someone like her, who is infatuated with the corporate world, feels an uncontrollable attraction when facing strong individuals.

Not only Ye Liena, Taylor beside her was also looking at Bai Xiaosheng with surprise.

Originally, knowing from his daughter Xiya that Bai Xiaosheng was the Executive President of Zhenbei Group's Greater China Region was already surprising enough.

Now, Bai Xiaosheng's power even exceeds Caroline's!

This made him even more incredulous.

Taylor's eyes were filled with respectful admiration for Bai Xiaosheng.

To follow such a remarkable young man, he felt utterly joyful and happy.

Although becoming someone else's "employee" seemed to lower his stature, it could bring unprecedented opportunities to the Taylor Clan!

After all, this young man has an infinitely aspirational future!

Even Taylor felt that even if Bai Xiaosheng were not in Zhenbei Group, losing his current power and position, his personal potential would still be unparalleled!

At this moment, Caroline glanced at Ye Liena, seeing her staring foolishly at Bai Xiaosheng, immediately felt a bit annoyed, frowned, "What are you daydreaming about!"

Ye Liena suddenly snapped back to reality, seeing Caroline was unhappy, immediately lowered her head, in a posture of submission and acknowledgment of fault.

Caroline snorted lightly, "Now you know, right? Once Mr. Bai appears, you all have no other choice!"

This sentence, though not wrong, somewhat felt bizarre to hear.

It was purely something Caroline said deliberately.

Caroline glanced at Bai Xiaosheng again, smiled leisurely, "If he thinks there's a problem with the enterprise under your jurisdiction, whether internal or external cooperation, he has the right to intervene! Even I don't have the right to resist or oppose!"

Caroline reiterated Bai Xiaosheng's powerful authority.

She's right, but there's a premise—Bai Xiaosheng really doesn't spare any face and forcefully exercises his power.

Ye Liena and Taylor were once again shocked by Bai Xiaosheng's scope of authority.

"Miss Caroline overstates the matter. Actually, BL Technology does have some issues, but nothing as severe as you mentioned! So, I didn't follow procedure but mediated instead. Clan Leader Taylor also agreed to pay the maximum penalty fee to satisfy BL Technology. Isn't that great, everyone is happy." Bai Xiaosheng said with a smile.

Caroline's claim that she couldn't stop this matter was true, because BL Technology was suspected of unfair competition, which, although minor, could impact the group's reputation, so Bai Xiaosheng had grounds to handle it.

However, if things can avoid becoming so tense, it'd be best.

And Caroline had her own considerations for saying so.

With Bai Xiaosheng's involvement, the Taylor Family's new graphene battery technology couldn't flow through BL Technology to the Caroline Family, as the possibility of under-the-table dealings was gone.

Caroline now decided to abandon this scheme, no matter how much time and effort it cost her over the years.

The reason she emphasized Bai Xiaosheng's authority so strongly was to retain some dignity in front of Ye Liena and Melanie, as well as to let Bai Xiaosheng know she made yet another concession, so he should "repay" her in their cooperation later.

Seeing Bai Xiaosheng speaking up, Caroline took advantage of the situation and addressed Ye Liena, "Aren't you going to thank Mr. Bai for not holding you accountable and helping you secure benefits."

Upon hearing this, Ye Liena hurriedly thanked Bai Xiaosheng, "Thank you, Mr. Bai!"

Seeing this capable beautiful manager being so respectful, Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but feel a bit embarrassed, paused, and then smiled, "You overpraise."

"Clan Leader Taylor, could you go with Lady Ye Liena to handle the paperwork? I need to use this business room to discuss some matters with Miss Caroline." Bai Xiaosheng took the opportunity to tell Taylor with a smile.

To avoid prolonged uncertainty, it's best to finish early.

Taylor nodded quickly, smiling, "Alright, I'll go with Lady Ye Liena to finalize the contract, so as not to disturb you two."

With that, Taylor gestured invitingly to Ye Liena, asking her to leave together.

Ye Liena respectfully saluted Bai Xiaosheng and Caroline before leaving with Taylor.

Once the two left and closed the door, only Bai Xiaosheng and Caroline remained in the room.

"Thank you, Miss Caroline, for giving me this face." Bai Xiaosheng smiled, gesturing invitingly toward the sofa for Caroline.

"Haha, how could I dare not give you face, Mr. Bai? Even I am under your supervision!" Caroline walked over, saying as she walked, "Besides, this isn't about face, it's about... official business!"

Caroline's words still carried traces of emotion.

Bai Xiaosheng understood.

The moment he identified Caroline's involvement, Bai Xiaosheng knew what she was seeking, having planned for so long, breaking it so abruptly would naturally leave some resentment no matter how deep one's scheming or how good the pretense is, something would show through.

"Anyway, the matters are resolved, no need to mention it further, Mr. Bai. Now let's talk about our cooperation. There are vast prospects for cooperation between the Greater China Region and North America." Caroline said as she sat down, smiling.

Her spirits seemed lifted, as if her previous emotions had completely vanished.

Bai Xiaosheng walked over, sat across from her and smiled, "Indeed, our cooperation is the key; even the Caroline Family can be involved, and I'll certainly offer the highest extent of advantages."

Not only is Bai Xiaosheng the deputy head of the headquarters' oversight department, but he is also the Executive President of the Greater China Region, with the authority to coordinate enterprises under his jurisdiction with external enterprises and groups, offering varying degrees of benefits.

Caroline, hearing Bai Xiaosheng's words, was immediately pleased, smiled, and handed a stack of printed documents from her handbag to Bai Xiaosheng.

"Mr. Bai must be busy, so I prepared the contract in advance. Have a look, if it's all good, sign it as is!"

Chapter 2210 - A Shocking Presence

The head of the Taylor Clan walked out of the business room with Ye Liena. Outside, Melanie, Xiya, Lin Weiwei, and Lei Ying were waiting. As soon as they saw them come out, they surrounded them.

"Why so soon? What did Miss Caroline say?" Melanie pulled Ye Liena aside and urgently asked in a low voice.

Since Miss Caroline left Ye Liena to handle the matter, Melanie was more concerned about whether Miss Caroline was angry and disappointed with them rather than the result.

Melanie had also considered the possible outcomes while she waited outside.

Miss Caroline would not easily give up the advanced technology of the Taylor Clan. After all, she had been planning this for a long time with significant investment, even personally handling much of it herself. How could she just change her mind because of a Bai Xiaosheng?

Yes, Bai Xiaosheng was the Executive President of the Greater China Region, an esteemed position, but Miss Caroline was still the Chief Executive!

Higher than him by one level!

Moreover, could the Chief Executive stationed at headquarters be the same as those in the North America Region?

Melanie, with her innate pride as a local, believed that the Chief Executive of the North America Region was of higher status than those from other regions!

What qualification did Bai Xiaosheng have to make Miss Caroline concede?

However, Melanie thought again and realized that since Bai Xiaosheng was an area's Executive President, he would have to be given face. Besides, Miss Caroline seemed intent on discussing cooperation between the two regions with him and would consider his position somewhat.

Therefore, Melanie believed that today's matter would likely be postponed. At most, Miss Caroline would lightly instruct Ye Liena to consider the opinion of that Bai person for the final resolution.

And that would already be giving a lot of face!

That was why Melanie asked what Miss Caroline had said instead of the final result when Ye Liena came out.

Meanwhile, Taylor was pulled to the side by Xiya and others, also being urgently questioned.

The resolution of today's matter was extremely important to both parties.

Ye Liena glanced at Taylor's side before lowering her voice and quickly telling Melanie, "Miss Caroline has already made the final decision!"

Melanie didn't want to hear this and immediately said, "I know, it must be 'temporarily shelve it, discuss it another day', right?"

What Melanie said was full of confidence and certainty.

"No!" Ye Liena firmly denied it.

"No?" Melanie was stunned, murmuring, "You came out so quickly, and it's not to discuss later? Could it be that Miss Caroline didn't give face to that Bai Xiaosheng!"

Melanie said this with some admiration.

Miss Caroline indeed acted with such domineering power, fearlessly dismissing Bai Xiaosheng, the Executive President of the Greater China Region, as an insignificant bug!

What if she didn't give him face!

"No!" Ye Liena denied again.

"Not that either?" Melanie was taken aback.

From a distance, Xiya suddenly let out a gasp of surprise, her voice filled with astonishment and delight.

This made Melanie unable to resist glancing back, and Ye Liena also looked that way.

Believing that the result had already been communicated to Xiya by Taylor, Ye Liena needed to be quick, knowing she still had to wrap things up shortly.

Not wanting to keep any suspense, Ye Liena directly told Melanie, "Miss Caroline agreed to terminate the contract with the Taylor Clan with a breach penalty."

"What!" Melanie nearly jumped up.

How could this be!

Miss Caroline had been planning for so long, would she just give up?

This didn't align with her style at all!

Seeing Taylor looking over, Ye Liena knew she couldn't delay any longer and urgently said to Melanie, "Do you know who that Bai Xiaosheng is! Our information is too closed. We only know he is the Executive President over the Greater China Region. However, he is not only the Executive President of the Greater China Region; he holds other authority as well!"

Melanie was puzzled, her eyes filled with confusion.

Ye Liena couldn't help but lower her voice, filled with awe, "His additional authority comes from the headquarters' mysterious oversight department. I'm sure you've heard of them!"

Melanie's eyes involuntarily widened with shock.

The oversight department at headquarters! Of course, she had heard of it—they were mysterious and powerful!

Even Miss Caroline would become serious whenever she mentioned them.

Unexpectedly, Bai Xiaosheng was actually a part of that department!

"But there's no official announcement from the group," Melanie couldn't help but murmur.

She felt this truth was like a dream, somewhat surreal.

Logically, people from the headquarters' oversight department shouldn't hold high positions locally, should they?

Ye Liena said softly, "Perhaps Mr. Bai is here to report this time! Anyone entering that department might even have their career information in the group's records disappear. You still expect to see an announcement? What are you thinking! Do you expect them to announce themselves when they come to investigate your company?"

With that, Melanie had nothing to say.

"Not only that, but do you know his exact role in that department?!" Ye Liena added, her eyes clearly lighting up as if filled with admiration.

Melanie looked at her in surprise. The last time she saw such a look in Ye Liena's eyes, it was because of Miss Caroline.

Before Melanie could ask, Taylor called out from afar, "Miss Ye Liena, shall we leave?"

"Yes." Ye Liena immediately responded with a smile to Taylor, becoming much more courteous to him because of Bai Xiaosheng.

After all, Taylor had managed to enlist Bai Xiaosheng's help!

Just for that, Ye Liena was immensely impressed.

"That Mr. Bai Xiaosheng is the second-in-command in the headquarters' oversight department, a deputy chief!" Ye Liena quickly told Melanie, "He could even initiate an impeachment against Miss Caroline, forcing her to undergo an investigation!"

Ye Liena's words left Melanie stunned and speechless.

Bai Xiaosheng was that powerful!

This is...

Previously, they dared to confront him so boldly. Wasn't this like a deer posing arrogantly in front of a lion, courting doom?

Melanie was left utterly dumbfounded.

Ye Liena didn't have time to indulge in the shock any longer. She left Melanie there with a smile, heading towards Taylor.

Next, they still had contract matters to deal with.

Melanie stood there blankly, watching as Ye Liena and the head of the Taylor Clan left. She glanced over and saw that Xiya had a similar expression—unbelieving, as if this were all a dream.

However, the difference was Xiya's face was filled with joy, her mouth unable to stop smiling...

Melanie immediately followed Ye Liena, too embarrassed to linger any longer.

Meanwhile, those inside the business room were unaware of what transpired outside.

At this moment, Bai Xiaosheng was holding the draft contract that Miss Caroline had given him.

The contract was a thick stack, involving multiple stages, dozens of industries, and hundreds of companies. Extremely comprehensive.

Bai Xiaosheng read quickly, scanning only the core parts. He skimmed through each page rapidly and set them aside without a ripple in his calm expression.

Caroline watched him with a smile.

For someone like her, this document would take over an hour to thoroughly read. The brief time spent with a group of assistants correcting the text was because she had previously gone through it countless times, well-versed in every aspect.

Bai Xiaosheng, seeing it for the first time, yet reading so quickly, must only be getting an impression, Caroline thought.

In her view, Bai Xiaosheng was glancing through it out of a sense of obligation and would inevitably sign smoothly.

If he signed without hesitation, she might forgive him somewhat. When Vice Chairman Morgan takes action against him, she could act together with him instead of targeting him in advance.

Caroline was musing when Bai Xiaosheng put down the documents, having browsed through them all.

"What does Mr. Bai think, is it ready to sign?" Caroline asked with a smile.

Bai Xiaosheng opened his eyes, smiling at her.

Just when Caroline thought everything was fine.

Bai Xiaosheng, seemingly joking, said, "You want me to sign this contract; I'm afraid I can't do that, brother!"