

Two Trillion 2271

Chapter 2271 - Ending It All

The fifth day after the Bai Xiaosheng incident, at three in the afternoon, Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying returned, weary and rushed into Wen Yan's office.

Each of them was responsible for their own share of the work, involving several enterprises across different cities and even different states. They had barely slept for two days and nights, running around frantically and driving Wen Yan's people just as hard. Originally, the people under Wen Yan were workaholics too, but over the past two days, about a dozen of them had complained to Ruan Yu and Huang.

After Wen Yan found out, he instructed his subordinates to report on Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying's actions and methods, one by one.

This morning, Wen Yan received the report and spent the entire morning reviewing it.

Ruan Yu heard Wen Yan exclaim sincerely, "These two people, I'd be willing to trade twenty of my best and brightest for them!"

An evaluation that high, even for his own subordinates, had never been seen before.

Afterward, Wen Yan handed the report to her and Huang, insisting they should diligently read, ponder, and learn from it.

Now, with Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying's return, bringing things that were originally supposed to take another three to five days, Ruan Yu was truly astonished.

For Bai Xiaosheng, those two indeed risked their lives.

"Mr. Wen Yan, we've accomplished our mission. We've obtained a lot of evidence. You have to negotiate with Caroline right away, to make her stop framing Mr. Bai!" Lin Weiwei said anxiously.

On the way, she had already sensed how precarious the public opinion was and learned from Lin Ke that the situation at home had taken a sharp downturn.

Lin Weiwei also knew that the Luo Family in Europe, the Qin Family in South America, several domestic enterprises, and major families in Xianggang had experienced fluctuations.

The commercial alliance that Bai Xiaosheng had painstakingly formed was once again on shaky ground.

Immediate action was necessary; otherwise, it would indeed be too late.

In Lin Weiwei's view, the only way to end all this now was for Caroline to back off.

Lei Ying, his eyes bloodshot, also stared at Wen Yan, expecting him to act immediately.

At this moment, Wen Yan examined the items they brought, nodding approvingly.

"Mr. Wen Yan, say something! If you delay, it really will be too late!" Lin Weiwei urged impatiently.

Wen Yan finally looked up, smiling at Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying, "Who said I would use these things to threaten Caroline into sparing Bai Xiaosheng?"

This stunned Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying.

Isn't that the case?!

So what were their frantic efforts, their 48 hours of sleepless work for?

"Mr. Wen Yan, what do you mean by this!" Lin Weiwei's voice rose sharply with excitement, "If not for saving Mr. Bai, then what was the point of us doing all this!"

Lei Ying also glared at Wen Yan, his jaw tensed and fists clenched.

"Don't shout at Mr. Wen Yan!" Ruan Yu also scolded.

Wen Yan gestured for Ruan Yu to stop, smiling at the two, "Do not lose faith in me. Think, even if I used this evidence to threaten Caroline, wouldn't that just guide her to destroy the evidence? Even if she agreed, she could come up with excuses to delay a few more days, and your Mr. Bai would be finished."

The color drained from Lin Weiwei's face at this revelation.

Lei Ying's eyes briefly froze as well.

Concern had clouded their judgment, and they hadn't thought deep enough, only focusing on completing Wen Yan's task, believing Bai Xiaosheng would get a breakthrough that way.

But they never expected such a result.

Lin Weiwei staggered back two steps, her face pale, muttering, "How could it come to this... How could it be! So now, what way is there? Is there anyone... who can save my Xiaosheng!"

Despair showed in Lin Weiwei's eyes.

Beside her, Ruan Yu suddenly felt a bit of sympathy for her.

"There is." Wen Yan smiled gently, "There is someone who can save Bai Xiaosheng."

This surprised Lin Weiwei, Lei Ying, and even Ruan Yu, who all looked at Wen Yan in astonishment.

"Who is it?!" Lin Weiwei asked urgently, a glimmer of hope igniting in her eyes.

Lei Ying also breathed a little faster, watching Wen Yan.

"It's Bai Xiaosheng himself," Wen Yan laughed. "Give Bai Xiaosheng a call, tell him my preparations here are almost complete! Now, it's his turn to stir things up!"

His words were truly astonishing.

However, it was clear to everyone that Wen Yan wasn't joking; he was serious.

With slightly trembling hands, Lin Weiwei dialed Bai Xiaosheng. Previously, she had restrained herself from contacting him, afraid of not knowing what to say, afraid of not being able to help, afraid of a bad outcome.

Now, she had to make this call herself.

Wen Yan, Ruan Yu, and Lei Ying all understood how she felt at that moment and agreed she should be the one to make the call.

When the call connected, and she heard Bai Xiaosheng's voice, Lin Weiwei almost felt a bit dizzy.

"It's me, Weiwei," Lin Weiwei forcefully controlled her emotions. "We're with Mr. Wen Yan. Yes, we're back. Mr. Wen Yan says his preparations are complete!"

After speaking, Lin Weiwei nervously awaited Bai Xiaosheng's response.

A second felt as long as a century.

"Thank you for your hard work, Weiwei," Bai Xiaosheng responded, his voice carrying a hint of laughter. "Pass on my thanks to Lei Ying and Wen Yan for me."

"It's time to end this situation!"

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After hanging up, Lin Weiwei still felt like she was dreaming.

"Mr. Bai said it's time to end all this!" Lin Weiwei announced to everyone, smiling as she spoke.

Five minutes later.

Xiahou Qi received a call from Bai Xiaosheng, collapsing into his chair, smiling, and said, "You nearly wore me out, old man. Finally, can we wrap this up?"

Ten minutes later.

At the Luo Family in Europe, someone came calling, introducing himself as Zheng Honghu from Zhenbei Group's Greater China Region, representing Bai Xiaosheng. At the five leading families in Xianggang, someone named Li Haofeng appeared, also representing Bai Xiaosheng. At the Qin Family in South America, another representative of Bai Xiaosheng—Chen Yucheng—arrived...

At this moment, Bai Xiaosheng's envoys appeared in different locations, holding confidential talks with various business partners. The subject of these discussions remained unknown to outsiders...

Bai Xiaosheng needed to stabilize his commercial alliance before breaking the stalemate.

Feng Li, Lin Ke, and the others, who had been silent, depressed, and low-spirited, suddenly received messages from all sides. All the issues that had troubled them suddenly vanished into thin air...

The thirty people exchanged bewildered glances, speechless.

Lin Ke dashed towards Xiahou Qi's office to report the good news.

However, as Lin Ke pushed open the door, he heard snoring, and at a glance, saw Sir Xiahou Qi slouched in his chair, fast asleep, with a smile on his lips.

Lin Ke backed out, also smiling.

That night, a major piece of news erupted out of nowhere, reigniting the slightly calming public opinion in an instant!

Chapter 2272 - Big News

Ganande Times, a well-known major media outlet in M, holds a significant position in the global media industry.

In the Bai Xiaosheng incident, Ganande Times maintained a neutral stance.

Of course, there are reasons for this. The Morgan family and the Wei Family are both important partners of Ganande Times...

The neutrality of Ganande Times is not neutral in the general sense, but rather a confrontation of opinions from two renowned teams.

One team follows the mainstream to criticize Bai Xiaosheng, while the other emphasizes the suspicious nature of the incident and calls for rational thinking.

The confrontation between the two sides allows for a multi-angle objective view of matters, giving the appearance of being objective, fair, and neutral.

This kind of internal competition is not uncommon in the history of Ganande Times. On one hand, it reflects the spirit of free expression, and on the other, it attracts attention. Even if one side's remarks are criticized, it still draws traffic.

This time, the head of the media team responsible for criticizing Bai Xiaosheng is the famous Luka.

Opposing him is another famous figure, Kyle.

Interestingly, whether intentionally or not by the upper management of Ganande Times, Luka and Kyle are natural rivals, competing for the annual best award and vying for higher positions.

Coincidentally, they are also neighbors. Of course, the housing is arranged by the company.

However, as neighbors, their relationship is quite strained, even hostile.

There have been many disputes, like when one household was too noisy at night, or their dogs caused trouble in the yard, resulting in numerous calls to the police and confrontations.

This time, in the ongoing battle, Luka had a significant advantage, leading substantially with a trend of overwhelming Kyle.

Naturally, Mr. Luka wouldn't miss the opportunity to be a nuisance.

These days, Luka always finds ways to run into Kyle unexpectedly, always with an irritatingly cheerful smile, excitedly greeting him, asking, "Hi, Kyle, how are you?"

It seems that Kyle has been provoked by Luka and is not far from physically attacking him.

Of course, this is intentional on Luka's part.

Just imagine, if someone of Kyle's status dared to take action, could he still achieve being the best of the year? That honor and position would fall into his own hands.

In upper society, even mind games come with a mix of all sorts of tactics.

On the fifth day of the Bai Xiaosheng incident, Luka already felt he had the victory in hand. Bai Xiaosheng no longer had any chances, and neither did Kyle!

Luka couldn't help but feel refreshed. After work, he deliberately went to the company's underground parking lot, waiting by his car for Kyle, intending to annoy him.

Kyle's car was parked right next to his.

As it turned out, despite waiting and waiting, Kyle never showed up, while other colleagues from various teams left after work.

Luka saw someone from the office next to Kyle and deliberately asked about Kyle.

"Mr. Luka, didn't you know?" That person looked at Luka with a peculiar expression, "Mr. Kyle is probably working late tonight!"

"Working late?" Luka was momentarily stunned, then burst out laughing, "What ideas does he have to dig up and justify the Bai Xiaosheng incident? I think he's just stubbornly holding on, doing futile work, how ridiculous..."

That person seemed ready to say something.

But Luka's phone suddenly rang, and he waved to that person, going to answer the call.

The person shrugged, took a deep look at him, and turned to leave.

The call was from Luka's assistant. As soon as Luka picked up, on the other end came a torrent of words like a storm, "Mr. Luka, where on earth are you? You haven't been replying to messages, and we couldn't get through on the phone. Finally connected, you need to come back to the office; there's a situation here! Hey, did you hear that? Come back, now, immediately!"

Luka stared at his phone in astonishment.

His assistant was actually using a commanding tone, shouting, seemingly fearing the call would be disconnected if delayed.

"I'll be right there. Whatever it is, we'll talk when I arrive!" Luka shouted, and the call was cut.

Damn the parking lot, the signal is extremely poor.

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Luka hurriedly took the elevator back to his office. Outside the office, he saw his team gathered around a large screen, pointing and discussing intensely.

Luka strode forward, pushing through the crowd, frowning and asking, "What's going on? What are you all watching?!"

The crowd parted as soon as they saw him.

An assistant quickly rewound the video to the relevant key information part.

Luka stared at the screen.

The camera was focused on three people.

One Caucasian, two Asian faces, two men and one woman.

Luka was extremely familiar with these three faces because, not only had he been watching them these days, but he had also specifically interviewed the three of them.

Nick, Ma Weiqian, and Jin Yunxuan.

Why are they in this video?!

Luka was momentarily stunned, a vague sense of something wrong crept into his heart.

Could it be that these three gave some kind of interview?

To hell with it, wasn't it agreed that all interviews with these three had to have the others present?

Whether it was Ganande Times or any other media interview, it had to be the case!

Luka focused on watching.

At that moment, on screen, with a face bearing scratches and torn, shabby clothes, Jin Yunxuan was talking to the camera with an expression of triumph.

There wasn't a trace of a victim's sorrow and pain, clearly an air of a triumphant villainess.

Luka's heart sank; just this expression was enough to create immense aversion in viewers.

"Mr. Bai, I now understand why you've been so calm. It turns out you were thinking of using your resources to save yourself. Don't you think it's a bit late! Since Miss Caroline wants to take action against you, would she easily change her mind because of these?"

Luka was stunned watching this scene, unable to believe that Jin Yunxuan would say something like that.

Does this foolish woman even know what nonsense she's spouting!

In the footage, Nick shouted at Jin Yunxuan, "Shut up, Jin Yunxuan you're crazy, what does Miss Caroline have to do with this!"

What should've been the victim, Jin Yunxuan, showed no signs of misery in the footage, instead showing disdain toward Nick. "Mr. Bai Xiaosheng was right, this room's soundproofed, outside are our own people, what's there to be unsaid, anyway we three are deeply involved, who on earth could speak out."

Ma Weiqian in the footage also said, "Certainly, no one!"

Jin Yunxuan continued, "No wonder Mr. Bai can't stand you, Mr. Nick, your caution is overdone!"

"Mr. Bai, is this the message you want to send Miss Caroline, just begging for mercy? Well, I'll certainly pass it along, but I can't guarantee that it'll make her spare you."

The video continued, the surrounding crowd was completely silent, all eyes on Luka.

Luka's face turned green, his fists clenched.

He didn't hate himself for trusting the wrong people. He didn't even care about what kind of conspiracy might be behind this matter; he just felt a furious rage.

This isn't an interview, this is a recording.

Why would those idiots in the footage allow themselves to be filmed, and why would they dare say such things to the camera!

Most infuriatingly, why was he on their side!

Damn it, it's abominable!

These incompetent teammates!

Luka was shaking with anger.

"Arthur, has this video been doctored?" Luka suddenly turned to a video editor in the team and shouted.

"No!" Arthur answered briskly, then added in a low voice, "Previously there was a video, verified by senior technician Donnie at the station, proving no editing or splicing, real and valid."

Luka's complexion turned from green to white in an instant.

That Donnie not only works at the station but is also a certified expert recognized by the police.

His words carry weight.

"Has this video already been aired?" Luka, clinging to the last sliver of hope, asked a question to which he already knew the answer.

Everyone nodded.

Someone whispered, "We also downloaded it from the internet. Mr. Kyle over there is rushing to write up a piece..."

There was no need to say more, and Luka couldn't help but lean on the table.

Outside the door, someone hurried past, suddenly stopped, looked inside, and spotted Luka in the crowd, smiling, "Hi, Luka."

Luka looked in bewilderment, and it was indeed Kyle.

At this moment, Kyle's face was beaming with an unprecedented smile, warmly saying to him, "Luka, how are you?"

Chapter 2273 - All the Credit, All the Blame

On the eve of the Ganande Daily Kyle team obtaining a sensational video, Vice Chairman Morgan was on a call with Caroline, and neither of them was aware of the situation yet.

"Yesterday, I found the tenth vote in favor of disposing of Bai Xiaosheng, and I wanted to take him down today. This morning, I contacted Wen Yan, but he wasn't in the office, and his whereabouts were unknown. His people wouldn't even tell me, the Vice Chairman, and I couldn't reach him on his phone. You know, that department has always been like this."

Vice Chairman Morgan said to Caroline, somewhat displeased, "In the afternoon, I had people tie me up with reports until evening before I had free time. I heard that around two in the afternoon, Wen Yan returned but didn't take the initiative to contact me. Of course, you know how he is! Though he's polite to us Vice Chairmen, he's not afraid of us at all, and I can't really do anything to him!"

Vice Chairman Morgan said sullenly, "So, tomorrow morning, I'll contact him and ask him to hold a meeting to dispose of Bai Xiaosheng."

On the other end of the call, Caroline quickly consoled him and then said, "How about you try calling Wen Yan again later? It's unlikely that he's still busy at this hour and not answering your call; that doesn't make sense. Once you set a time for tomorrow with him, you won't have to worry about him being elusive again!"

Caroline seemed to think that, one way or another, Wen Yan had a bit of a tendency to lean toward Bai Xiaosheng.

"Hmm, you're right," Vice Chairman Morgan accepted Caroline's suggestion and laughed, "Actually, this call wasn't mainly about this. I heard that today your election votes have already surpassed the opponent, and the gap is still widening. It looks like winning the election is just around the corner. I'm calling to congratulate you."

Caroline quickly laughed, "How can I deserve this, Mr. Morgan? I owe it all to your help today!"

The two laughed and chatted for a while before hanging up the phone.

Vice Chairman Morgan was content, thought for a moment, and then dialed a call to try and contact Wen Yan.

Meanwhile, Caroline sat on her sofa, her smile fading, and she snorted coldly, "That old Morgan, helping me and hinting repeatedly, his favor, I fear I'll have to return it someday!"

Caroline was silent for a while, looking out at the night that had fallen, and began to laugh.

She was in a great mood; not only was she on the verge of winning the election, but Bai Xiaosheng was finally about to be finished.

Caroline smiled and murmured, "I really want to know how he will react when he finds out about his impending fate!"

To destroy a strong enemy and not witness or hear their anger, despair, and wailing would take away so much of the fun!

Caroline held her phone, found a name, and dialed it.

Such "joy" is best shared with someone else.

Over at Vice Chairman Morgan's side, he quickly got through to Wen Yan's cell phone.

This time, it was exceptionally smooth.

"Vice Chairman Morgan, what can I do for you?" Wen Yan said politely after some pleasantries.

"Haha, I sent someone to look for you this morning," Vice Chairman Morgan reminded.

Wen Yan was suddenly surprised, "Really, you sent someone to look for me? I had no idea! My subordinates actually overlooked such an important matter; I'll be sure to reprimand them heavily later! Well, they've been quite busy lately, and some of them went out this afternoon."

Wen Yan spoke with a convincing air.

Vice Chairman Morgan laughed, "It's fine, you were busy in the morning, and I was busy in the afternoon. Today just wasn't meant to work out, but one more day won't hurt."

"Vice Chairman Morgan, you're too gracious!" Wen Yan replied cheerfully over the phone, "By the way, what did you need me for?"

Are you really clueless, or are you just pretending to be naive!

Vice Chairman Morgan smirked internally, suspecting that Wen Yan was unwilling to easily deal with his own department's second-in-command, as it would be embarrassing.

However, this matter is beyond his control!

"Here's the thing, recently quite a few people have been giving me feedback, saying that Bai Xiaosheng's reputation is in tatters, and if we don't handle him, it'll negatively impact the company's reputation. Initially, I didn't want to get involved and even tried to calm them down. But in the end, some of the other vice chairmen also suggested dealing with Bai Xiaosheng, and when I tallied it up, there were eight in agreement. This meets your requirement of a majority for dealing with Bai Xiaosheng, so I wanted to give you a heads-up. To avoid any dissent, how about you hold a meeting tomorrow to gather everyone at headquarters and announce the handling of Bai Xiaosheng?"

Vice Chairman Morgan spoke very eloquently.

On the other end, Wen Yan couldn't help but laugh silently.

He had dodged Vice Chairman Morgan all morning and used tactics to keep Morgan's people busy reporting to him all afternoon.

Ultimately, Vice Chairman Morgan couldn't resist until the night.

Wen Yan glanced at the wall-sized screen in front of him, which was showing a broadcast with no sound, coincidentally about the video involving Nick, Ma Weiqian, and Jin Yunxuan.

Wen Yan couldn't help but chuckle.

Bai Xiaosheng, that "bad" guy, truly cunning, had somehow tricked those three and recorded this. He had provided Bai Xiaosheng with some special equipment, including a button-style camera and recording gear, and didn't expect it to be used so swiftly.

No wonder Bai Xiaosheng came to him immediately after an incident occurred.

Bai Xiaosheng had also told him about a great collaboration—in which Bai Xiaosheng would act as bait to draw fire and then covertly investigate Caroline's associated businesses.

They had also agreed that anything unearthed from the investigation would be credited to Bai Xiaosheng since Wen Yan wanted to avoid direct conflict with Caroline and Vice Chairman Morgan.

Meanwhile, Wen Yan could take the opportunity to weaken Vice Chairman Morgan and Caroline's influence.

This time, Bai Xiaosheng was set to gain all the benefits and take the blame as well.

Wen Yan agreed to all of this also with the intention of helping Bai Xiaosheng a bit.

After all, upon taking a new post, one needs to make a grand statement, and his deputy's first bold move hadn't yet ignited, so this was the perfect opportunity to establish authority.

Wen Yan's favor was something Bai Xiaosheng could repay slowly over time.

At this moment, it seemed that Vice Chairman Morgan was still in the dark.

They thought their scheming had succeeded, not realizing Bai Xiaosheng and Wen Yan had turned the tables, executing a counter-plot.

Having a "partner" like Bai Xiaosheng made Wen Yan increasingly feel his anticipation was justified.

"So, Wen Yan, what do you think?" Vice Chairman Morgan asked immediately upon noticing the prolonged silence.

Wen Yan laughed, "I have no objections; even if you want to hold a meeting now, I'll comply by your word."

These words were impeccably diplomatic.

Even Vice Chairman Morgan felt quite pleased upon hearing them.

"It's just that, Vice Chairman Morgan, I'm watching TV right now. Haven't you been watching? There's an explosive piece of news being broadcast right now!" Wen Yan said with a hint of meaning.

"Watching TV? Such entertainments aren't my style." Vice Chairman Morgan initially dismissed it lightly.

Wen Yan laughed, "It's about Bai Xiaosheng. The media has a bombshell report, and I'm utterly shocked watching it. If you hadn't called me, my eyes would have been glued to it. Many stations are broadcasting it; it might impact the meeting you mentioned."

Wen Yan's exaggerated claims gave Vice Chairman Morgan pause, making him feel a sense of surprise, "Really? Then I'll take a look later."

The call soon ended, and Vice Chairman Morgan also rose to the living room to turn on the long-unused TV.

After flipping through some channels, he indeed found news about the Bai Xiaosheng incident.

Vice Chairman Morgan only watched for two minutes before his eyes went wide, and he shrieked, "How could this happen!"

Chapter 2274 - Sarcasm and Ridicule

Just as Vice Chairman Morgan let out a startled cry, Caroline was talking to Bai Xiaosheng. To avoid being recorded, Caroline didn't call Bai Xiaosheng directly, but instead contacted an associate of hers.

This associate was sent by Caroline to keep an eye on Bai Xiaosheng.

Since Caroline had told Vice Chairman Morgan that she would be closely monitoring Bai Xiaosheng, she really had someone tail him.

Under Caroline's direction, the associate found Bai Xiaosheng and informed him of the reason.

Bai Xiaosheng agreed to talk to Caroline and also allowed that person to stay and watch him take the call.

After all, he had quite a few things he wanted to say to Caroline.

Upon hearing Bai Xiaosheng's voice, Caroline, who was basking in the success of her campaign and career, felt an unprecedented sense of pleasure and a strong desire to flaunt.

The object of her flaunting was Bai Xiaosheng, which made her even more delighted.

"Mr. Bai, I'm truly sorry to hear about your situation," Caroline said with a laugh in her voice. "A standout man like you, no matter how strongly attracted to a woman, shouldn't be in such a predicament, should you? Look, the whole world knows now, you're famous!"

Initially, Caroline intentionally teased Bai Xiaosheng this way.

She wanted to hear Bai Xiaosheng fly into a rage.

However, to her slight disappointment, Bai Xiaosheng responded calmly, "Famous? I'd prefer to keep a low profile without so much drama. Unlike you, Miss Caroline, who is so ambitious. I imagine you're about to become a household name, right?"

Bai Xiaosheng's words were meaningful and had a double entendre.

Caroline thought he was referring to her smooth campaign, the one on the verge of a win, and she chuckled softly with complacency, "Mr. Bai, despite your troubles, you still pay attention to news of my impending success. I really must thank you!"

Bai Xiaosheng smiled slightly under the watchful eye of Caroline's associate but said nothing further.

"Previously, thanks to your antics, I almost lost my campaign! But in the end, God still favored me!" Caroline laughed, "If I do become the mayor of Ganande City, I will need to act on behalf of the people. Even if we are colleagues and friends, I'm afraid I would have to tell the local chamber of commerce not to collaborate with businessmen like you. I hope you can understand that."

Caroline's voice was light and cheerful.

Since she was using her agent's phone and had her own person monitoring the call, she felt no pressure in speaking.

"Of course, I understand!" Bai Xiaosheng laughed over the phone, "Should I congratulate you in advance on successfully becoming Mayor Caroline?"

"Ah—" Caroline sighed theatrically with a regretful laugh, "Actually, a promising young talent like you originally had unlimited potential. Who would have thought you'd make a misstep and face a calamity? But speaking of which, we all choose our own paths, and you have no one to blame!"

Caroline was also hinting at Bai Xiaosheng.

Thinking of how Bai Xiaosheng must look at this moment, with a livid expression or gritted teeth, brought a tingling comfort to her.

She really should have someone record Bai Xiaosheng's expression at this moment!

Caroline felt a bit regretful, but she continued to laugh softly as she spoke.

Bai Xiaosheng quietly listened to her laughter without interrupting.

Once Caroline finished laughing, Bai Xiaosheng spoke, calmly and unhurriedly, "To be honest, Miss Caroline, you've chosen your people well this time, and your setup is indeed thorough. It's just—"

"You picked the wrong opponent!"

"Their acting is good, but I've got a keen eye!"

"From the moment I first engaged with Ma Weiqian and Ye Liena, I sensed they were hiding something from me. Ma Weiqian is both a clever move and a fatal flaw. He can act, but poorly. Frankly, I've never trusted him."

"Nick, who knows so much insider stuff about you, how could such sensitive information easily slip into a third person's ears? Even if Ma Weiqian overheard accidentally, it's just too unreasonable, don't you think?"

"And as for Jin Yunxuan, her acting skills are truly impressive, surpassing that of an average actress. I've even come to admire her a bit. To make everything look believable, she even let herself get bruised and battered for real, and she cried genuinely. It's a pity, though, that this woman has a sense of smugness after fooling others, something I'm sure she didn't learn from you. That glint of smugness in her eyes revealed her true colors to me."

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Bai Xiaosheng spoke calmly as if he had seen through everything from the start and had deliberately fallen into the trap, allowing Caroline's people to believe they had ensnared him.

Caroline almost found it laughable to listen to him.

In her view, Bai Xiaosheng was like a stubborn, dying duck refusing to acknowledge defeat.

If he truly saw through everything, would he find himself in such dire straits now!

She thought he was just putting on a brave face and wondered how long he could hold up!

Caroline wanted to see Bai Xiaosheng in despair, anger, hurling insults, or even begging, not listening to his calm voice. She decided to up the ante.

"Even though I have no idea what Mr. Bai is talking about, and certainly won't say anything I shouldn't on this call, you say you've seen through everything and yet ended up like this?"

"Oh, there's something I forgot to tell you!" Caroline added, "I've heard from Vice Chairman Morgan that more than half of the upper management in the group now strongly disapprove of your conduct. They are strongly demanding action against you. Vice Chairman Morgan has no choice. He's probably discussing it with Mr. Wen Yan right now, and there's likely going to be a meeting tomorrow. You might be temporarily suspended, and if the court ruling is even slightly unfavorable, you could face demotion or dismissal."

Caroline laughed as she said, "What a pity, to have come so far only for it to end like this."

"I'm afraid I won't have the chance to discuss cooperation with you again!"

"But don't worry, over in the Greater China Region, there's always someone else. Our negotiations will surely be quite pleasant!"

This kind of news, Caroline thought, would surely cut deep with Bai Xiaosheng.

Unexpectedly, on the other end of the line, Bai Xiaosheng remained as unmoved as a clay or wooden figurine.

"Is Vice Chairman Morgan really on a call with Mr. Wen Yan right now?" Bai Xiaosheng's focus was strangely on this point.

"That's good, Miss Caroline, you should keep an eye on developments over there. If there's news, remember to let me know." Bai Xiaosheng seemed to chuckle.

Caroline couldn't help but take a glance at her phone, as if she could see Bai Xiaosheng's expressionless face.

This man, he won't believe it until he sees his own tombstone!

Caroline initially wanted to vent her satisfaction, but dealing with a tough nut like him left her feeling quite unsatisfied.

"Alright, as soon as there's news, you'll be the first to know!" Caroline snorted coldly, ready to end the conversation.

Just then, Caroline felt a vibration from her phone.

She took a look and saw it was Vice Chairman Morgan calling.

Could it be good news!

Caroline was instantly delighted and said to Bai Xiaosheng, "Sorry, Vice Chairman Morgan is calling me. Can you guess what the news might be?"

"Good news, I suppose." Bai Xiaosheng said with a smile.

Caroline had no interest in speaking with him further and was about to hang up the phone.

"Wait a moment." Bai Xiaosheng suddenly stopped her.

Bai Xiaosheng added just one more sentence, "Your associate, Ye Liena, is quite decent. She didn't join the others in their schemes and even warned me about Ma Weiqian. Please thank her on my behalf."

With that, Bai Xiaosheng ended the call himself.

Caroline was taken aback, casually hummed, her eyes narrowing slightly, "Why did Bai Xiaosheng mention Ye Liena and say such things... trying to sow discord, holding a grudge against her? Naive!"

On the other side, Bai Xiaosheng returned the phone to Caroline's subordinate.

The person took back the phone, bowed slightly to Bai Xiaosheng, and then exited.

Once the door closed, Bai Xiaosheng smiled faintly and muttered to himself, "Someone as paranoid as Caroline, just by mentioning Ye Liena's name directly, she'll come up with a thousand scenarios. With just a seed of doubt, she won't trust Ye Liena anymore."

Back then, Bai Xiaosheng had asked Lei Ying to investigate the person who sent a message warning him about Ma Weiqian, which turned out to be Ye Liena.

Ye Liena had used a subordinate's phone to send the message, deleted it afterward, and even blocked Bai Xiaosheng's number to prevent tracking.

However, with Lei Ying's past experiences, his tenure as an Affairs Officer, the support from Mr. Wen Yan, the Taylor Clan, and other resources, investigating this matter was a piece of cake.

After interacting with Ye Liena, Bai Xiaosheng had come to admire her capabilities more and more.

Perhaps to Caroline, there were many capable subordinates, and one Ye Liena didn't amount to much.

But Bai Xiaosheng was always on the lookout for talent!

Moreover, Ye Liena's manner of handling things was not in line with Caroline and her group's ways.

Especially since Ye Liena had warned him previously, Bai Xiaosheng was very pleased with that fact.

Therefore, he directly told Caroline about Ye Liena's actions, confident that Caroline wouldn't let it slide.

If Caroline doesn't shove her away, how can Bai Xiaosheng bring such a person under his wing!

Bai Xiaosheng intended to recruit Ye Liena as his own!

Chapter 2275 - Caroline Goes Berserk

After ending the call with Bai Xiaosheng, Caroline dialed Vice Chairman Morgan. She had missed the previous call.

To her surprise, Morgan picked up almost immediately.

What could possibly make the Vice Chairman so anxious? Not just the meeting planned for tomorrow to tackle Bai Xiaosheng, right?

Caroline was curious.

"Caroline, did you get the news?!" The moment the call connected, Morgan's voice was brisk and urgent.

"What news?" Caroline was momentarily stunned.

Morgan's voice on the other end was heavy, "Turn on the TV right now, switch to the fifth channel in Ganande, no, just use your phone and search for something like 'shocking developments in the Bai Xiaosheng incident'!"

Morgan's rapid and urgent tone made Caroline realize that something was unusual.

"Alright, Mr. Morgan, I'll check right now. I'll hang up first." Caroline said.

Instead, Morgan hung up the call first.

At this moment, Morgan was watching the TV with a grim face, observing the intense discussion among legal experts about this matter.

Once this video was broadcasted, it wouldn't just clear Bai Xiaosheng's name or sway the jury; even by falling into the public's view, it could ignite anger, but this time it wasn't directed at Bai Xiaosheng, but at Nick, Ma Weiqian, and Jin Yunxuan.

And Caroline!

The mention of the name "Caroline" by those three would spark a huge uproar, likely surpassing Bai Xiaosheng!

As a result...

Caroline's election might not succeed!

Morgan couldn't help but clench his fists, his brows furrowed tightly.

For the Morgan family, the future Mayor of Ganande City was no small resource.

In the beginning, there were voices in the family to support Caroline's opponent, but he argued vehemently to redirect resources towards Caroline.

Just as success was in sight, to encounter such an event was unexpected!

"Foolish!" Morgan couldn't help but curse furiously.

He was naturally cursing Caroline.

Initially, Morgan thought Caroline's move was brilliant, but now he truly felt that this woman had made a complete blunder!

Trying to trick others, she ended up trapping herself.

If this isn't foolishness, what is?

"It's over; there won't be a Mayor Caroline!" Morgan sighed deeply.

At this moment, Caroline, after finishing her conversation with Morgan, was checking online news.

As the written content reached Caroline's eyes, she, even in her usual composure, was so shocked that she stood up abruptly.

The article contained a video, which Caroline clicked to reveal Jin Yunxuan's smug face as he spoke revealing words.

Caroline was dumbfounded.

The five-minute edited video made Caroline tremble all over, her face a mix of shock and anger.

She didn't have the mind to ponder how those three were fooled by Bai Xiaosheng into saying such things.

At the moment, winning or losing against Bai Xiaosheng was no longer important.

Because this video could completely destroy her!

Public criticism would overwhelm her.

The massive resources her family invested and the promising position she was about to secure would collapse. Thereafter, Caroline would vanish from the political scene.

Without even stepping over the threshold, she was finished before realizing her ambitions!

She wondered how her family would treat her and how the executives of the Zhenbei Group would handle such betrayal against a colleague...

Caroline suddenly felt a sense of vertigo.

The matter involving Bai Xiaosheng had been blown out of proportion, and as a result, she had become a target, and even she couldn't bear it!

Caroline recalled the message Bai Xiaosheng had left for her through those three in the video.

At the time, she hadn't received it, and even if she did, she might have dismissed it with a laugh.

Yet now, it was a perfect irony!

"Did he foresee this back then?!" Caroline bit her teeth in horror.

Caroline then thought of what Bai Xiaosheng had just told her over the phone, seeing through all her arrangements, to which she had responded with ridicule.

But now, she was slapped hard by reality from all sides!

Bai Xiaosheng had truly seen through everything!

He was clearly mocking her during that call!

"Impossible, you can't be this strong!" The overwhelmingly proud Caroline couldn't help but unleash a piercing scream that shook the heavens and earth.

The study door was knocked urgently, and a servant outside called out, "Miss Caroline, do you... need help?!"

Caroline's scream was loud enough to penetrate walls, floors, and even the night sky outside.

At this moment, Caroline bit her lower lip, twisting the flesh on her thigh with a hard grip to cool herself down with pain.

She marched over and flung the study door open.

Outside, several secretaries and servants stared in horror at the twisted face of Miss Caroline.

"Go, call my entire election think tank here, now!"

"Get everyone responsible for crisis management in front of me in ten minutes!"

"Summon all the media liaison personnel quickly!"

...

Caroline's eyes were bloodshot as she screamed out one command after another.

The people in front of her were in a fluster.

Just then, a secretary's phone rang urgently. He quickly checked it and reported anxiously to Caroline, who glared back with bloodshot eyes, "Miss Caroline, it's-it's Jin Yunxuan..."

Hearing that name pushed Caroline over the edge. She grabbed the phone and hurled it against the wall, shattering it to pieces, "Go and kill her! And Nick, and Ma Weiqian! Go, all of them, die!"

Everyone in front of Caroline ran away in terror.

They had never seen Miss Caroline so violent and deranged.

Meanwhile, over at Bai Xiaosheng's place.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying were going through the latest online news.

More and more media were shifting their narrative, suddenly becoming seekers and guardians of truth, eager to clear Bai Xiaosheng and condemn the despicable trio of Nick, while calling for the police to conduct a thorough investigation into the entire matter, restoring the truth in public opinion.

The online voices began to drastically change, with more people attacking the trio, and many more aggressively "exposing" Caroline's involvement in the incident.

Bai Xiaosheng, on the other hand, was somehow marginalized and faded out.

"Bringing disaster upon herself, she brought it all on her own head!" Lin Weiwei watched with excitement, almost clapping in celebration.

"Now, I guess Caroline's campaign is finished." Lei Ying murmured, "I suppose we've become her archenemies too."

"She deserves it! Who told her to try and ruin us!" Lin Weiwei coldly laughed.

Bai Xiaosheng remained indifferent, leaning back against the sofa, neither happy nor sad, "It's been exhausting these past few days, but now I can finally have some peace."

Lin Weiwei looked at him, blinked her eyes, and couldn't help but ask, "Xiaosheng, did you plan everything from the beginning? Why didn't you tell us and let us worry so much for nothing!"

This girl showed a bit of discontent and a bit of grievance.

"It was a bit much indeed, making us run around everywhere." Lei Ying also snorted coldly.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled wryly, "I told you from the start not to worry, that I had everything planned. Besides, could I have covered everything for you? It's easier with Lei Ying, but Weiwei, wouldn't you give me away right off the bat? If I told only Lei Ying and not you, wouldn't you blame me even more? Your anxiety and anger made it less suspicious to the opposition, I needed your acting skills!"

With Bai Xiaosheng's explanation, Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying felt somewhat relieved.

"Let me apologize, okay? I was wrong, big brother, big sister, forgive me for my mistakes, alright?" Bai Xiaosheng pleaded shamelessly.

Lei Ying couldn't help but laugh.

Lin Weiwei chuckled and generously said, "Alright, alright, we forgive you!"

Chapter 2276 - The Outcome of the Game

The Kyle team from the Ganande Times, on the night it released what could be called the "turnaround" video, published at least twenty major articles. It should be noted that usually one major article could take a mature journalist several days to write. Yet these twenty articles were indeed an "astonishing achievement."

In fact, it was the chief editor of the Ganande Times who temporarily bolstered Lucas's team.

This is the interesting aspect of working in media. The writers who previously denounced Bai Xiaosheng vehemently, with a mere shift in pen, became steadfast supporters of Bai Xiaosheng.

Of course, for those who had previously voiced opposition, writing in favor comes easier...

Nonetheless, the whole team worked through the night, reportedly damaging over a dozen keyboards...

Similarly sleepless were Caroline and her team.

This was a race against time.

However, Caroline's outcome was predetermined; she couldn't win, nor did she expect to. Her objective was to minimize the impact before the situation spiraled out of control.

Of course, that was just a beautiful dream...

As for Bai Xiaosheng, he slept peacefully through the night.

The next day, the reversal of Bai Xiaosheng's situation became the talk of the town.

This unexpected reversal was well navigated by the media, which always guided public opinion.

Bai Xiaosheng's negative image melted away quickly like snow under the sun. Not only that, he was praised by the media as a rational and principled gentleman, a man wronged yet always maintaining rationality, dignity, faith in justice, and belief in fairness.

It's worth noting that this narrative was promoted by the media resources of the Wei Family and Bai Family.

The masterminds behind this were Wei Xuelian and Bai Yuefeng.

Upon Bai Xiaosheng encountering trouble, Bai Yuefeng contacted him immediately and strongly recommended to her father within the Bai Family to dismiss any opposing opinion and to trust and support Bai Xiaosheng.

To this day, this gamble proved to be right.

And Bai Xiaosheng certainly recognized Bai Yuefeng's kindness.

Currently, Wei Xuelian and Bai Yuefeng, these sisters, seized the chance, tapping into the public's sense of guilt, to reshape Bai Xiaosheng's image, aiming to elevate him to a higher level.

They aimed to compensate double for the losses Bai Xiaosheng suffered!

Initially, there were those who wanted to terminate their cooperation with Bai Xiaosheng, such as certain members among the fifteen North American families, but seeing the situation reversed the next day, they actively sought Bai Xiaosheng's enterprises, increasing cooperation and offering profits, and expressed significant regret for their previous actions.

This resulted in Bai Xiaosheng gaining substantial profits again.

After understanding the crisis Bai Xiaosheng faced in South America and personally witnessing the current North American unrest, those involved became wary of hastily making decisions concerning Bai Xiaosheng.

All those who had previously collaborated with Bai Xiaosheng felt the same.

It can be said that after this crisis, the commercial resources surrounding Bai Xiaosheng have become even more stable.

On that day, Wen Yan convened a high-level meeting following Vice Chairman Morgan's "suggestion."

Of course, Caroline was absent, as she was preoccupied.

She wasn't the only one awake all night; her electoral opponent was awake too.

The opposite camp naturally wouldn't miss such a golden opportunity.

In one morning, Caroline's public support plummeted to rock bottom, and given the current circumstances, her election prospects are bleak. Despite her clever strategies, public opinion and the populace will not easily accept someone tainted by scandals.

After a day and night of turmoil, Caroline clearly recognized this.

However, having prepared in advance, she was mentally prepared.

Besides, the situation doesn't allow her to dwell on emotional setbacks.

The current tide of opinion resembles a vortex or black hole that has firmly gripped her. If she can't resolve this situation properly, not only are her political aspirations at risk, but her reputation might also turn notorious, even leading to her exclusion from high society.

The worst outcome might even see her family suffering due to her actions!

Remember, a family will never make significant sacrifices for an individual, not even for the Clan Leader. Individuals are expected to sacrifice for the family.

If Caroline becomes a severe burden and a source of negativity for the family, she might be discarded by them. It's possible that those leading the charge against her might even come from her own family.

This isn't cruelty but the survival rule of family continuation!

During the meeting that day, Bai Xiaosheng was also absent; it was reported that he had gone to the police station to handle procedures.

Nowadays, everything is speeding up in efficiency, and Ganande City, as a major North American metropolis, is no exception.

The Ganande police station promptly received new evidence and noticed the opinion shift, immediately proceeding with investigations.

Previously, there was evidence proving Bai Xiaosheng's alleged act of violence to be unfounded.

Bai Xiaosheng's biggest issue was with the accusations of improper intentions towards Jin Yunxuan; this was indeed difficult to substantiate. With public opinion relentlessly fixated on it, the Ganande police station had initially postponed issuing statements.

However, with today's change in public sentiment and new evidence, the Ganande police station verified the facts, swiftly dismissing monitoring of Bai Xiaosheng, even announcing in a press conference their intent to pursue justice for him...

Nick, Ma Weiqian, and Jin Yunxuan were all taken for investigation.

They faced accusations of infringing on Bai Xiaosheng's reputation rights, false accusations, and other charges...

Returning to Wen Yan's circle, during the headquarters high-level meeting he organized, neither principal figures Bai Xiaosheng nor Caroline was present, yet the meeting proceeded as planned.

Chapter 2277 - The Outcome of the Game_2

This time, Wen Yan changed from his usual friendly demeanor and publicly criticized Caroline for her poor personnel management. Her people intended to frame the senior management of Zhenbei Group and deserved condemnation.

Whether it was Nick, Ma Weiqian, or Jin Yunxuan, none of them were part of the Zhenbei Group system, yet they all were Caroline's people.

Wen Yan sternly suggested that the group should file a lawsuit and must help Bai Xiaosheng restore his reputation.

Towards Caroline, Wen Yan only condemned her and did not blame the entire conspiracy on her.

Even though video evidence had already emerged.

Wen Yan knew that merely relying on that, even the police could not conclude that Caroline was involved.

Since they couldn't make a case against Caroline, they had to settle for less.

Wen Yan only blamed Caroline for her poor judgment of people.

Thus, Caroline could count herself lucky not to face the group's charges and could remain silent on the following matters!

Vice Chairman Morgan remained silent in the face of Wen Yan's statement.

In fact, he really had nothing to say and didn't want to be implicated in this matter to avoid being caught off guard. It wasn't worth it.

"Regarding those who framed Bai Xiaosheng, I guess it's because Bai Xiaosheng was investigating some of the group's subordinate companies, affecting their business and interests!" Wen Yan shifted his tone and spoke sternly.

This statement surprised everyone present, who looked at him in shock.

They didn't know what prompted Wen Yan's words.

"During Bai Xiaosheng's time in North America, he was exercising his supervisory authority, investigating some enterprises here. Among them were several companies that sold the group's interests to cooperate with Ambray." Wen Yan stated solemnly, "Unexpectedly, just as he uncovered some leads, he was framed! This is simply a provocation. I don't believe no one in our group helped! Our headquarters' supervisory department, our group, cannot sit idly by!"

As Wen Yan spoke, he even slammed the table in front of the Vice Chairmen and the business presidents, his eyes full of indignation.

This was his first time doing so.

Those present looked at each other in surprise, yet no one accused Wen Yan of being impolite.

Vice Chairman Morgan's eyes flickered as he looked at Wen Yan.

"What on earth is going on?!" Vice Chairman Li Yunyuan, who had newly returned, asked sternly.

"Ladies and gentlemen, Vice Chairmen and business presidents, look at this!"

Wen Yan stood up and turned on the projector beside him.

On the big screen, there were pictures of the organized evidence.

"This is the evidence Bai Xiaosheng found during his investigation!" Wen Yan said in a deep voice.

As the slides played one by one, everyone present, regardless of the truth, gasped.

A total of seven North American subsidiaries of the group had serious problems, with conclusive evidence.

"This is simply outrageous!"

"These parasites!"

"Daring to do such things right under our noses!"

"Lawlessness, absolute lawlessness!"

The Vice Chairmen present expressed their anger one after another.

No matter their thoughts, upon seeing these during the meeting, they needed to show a unified attitude.

"Remove all these parasites!"

Vice Chairman Morgan also wore an angry expression and shouted loudly, even louder than others.

Caroline was already in trouble, and she couldn't manage everything over there, and they still wanted to protect these people?

Especially with such abundant evidence?

Vice Chairman Morgan wasn't a fool and certainly wouldn't do anything stupid or oppose everyone.

"Since the Vice Chairmen are so determined, our supervisory department cannot tolerate these people either!" Wen Yan looked seriously at everyone, his gaze sweeping past Vice Chairman Morgan, then took out a pre-drafted handling opinion to announce.

"I now announce the following actions against BL Technology's Chief Executive Officer, Ye Liena..."

Wen Yan announced the handling results one by one, starting with Ye Liena.

This was also Bai Xiaosheng's intention.

Bai Xiaosheng worried that Caroline was too busy to handle Ye Liena, so he acted on her behalf.

Bai Xiaosheng's thoughts about Ye Liena were unknown even to Wen Yan.

After all, BL Technology indeed had numerous issues and had long been under investigation.

All the enterprise leaders mentioned would partially be dismissed, while most would be prosecuted.

As for the new leaders, Wen Yan announced that they would be selected, recommended, and assessed by the supervisory department from the group headquarters' talent pool.

This, unknowingly, significantly weakened Caroline's power.

Caroline wasn't present at the meeting, so she had no way to oppose.

Vice Chairman Morgan wanted to speak, but this involved not just one or two leaders' changes but a whole batch.

The headquarters' supervisory department indeed had this power.

As the saying goes, it's better not to speak too much during times of turmoil; it's already good enough not to hold Caroline accountable and add to their woes...

Morgan also feared that if he intervened, Lu Cheng'an and Li Yunyuan would seize the opportunity to attack and hold Caroline accountable.

Opposite him, Lu Cheng'an and Li Yunyuan had been watching him and, seeing him remain silent, they too kept quiet.

In any case, in their view, this matter was heartening.

Weakening Caroline and Vice Chairman Morgan's power within the group was a good thing.

The credit was indeed due to Bai Xiaosheng, a newcomer who injected a new vitality into the years of stagnation.

As for Caroline, Lu Cheng'an and Li Yunyuan knew that this matter wouldn't harm her much. If pursued relentlessly, Morgan would likely retaliate.

The accountability of those corporate leaders could then become problematic.

Rather than that, it was better to remain silent.

These two Vice Chairmen also didn't make a sound.

In this world, when people reach a certain level of status, the contest between them lacks overt clashes or heroic vindications.

Chapter 2278 - The Outcome of the Game (Part 3)

There was only ebb and flow, like a dull knife cutting through flesh.

Wen Yan, during the meeting, unequivocally attributed all the credit to Bai Xiaosheng, and correspondingly, pushed all the underlying "resentment" onto him.

At first glance, Wen Yan seemed not to benefit, but the individuals referred up by the Monitoring Department, those spheres of power, were indeed tangible...

Wen Yan gave Bai Xiaosheng such a significant merit so clearly; however, those present were no fools. Had Bai Xiaosheng, who had only taken office for a few days, managed to investigate so much?

One could only say the Monitoring Department was acting through his hands...

Seeing through it but not exposing it, those present were characters seasoned and wise, naturally not uttering a single word more.

Besides, Bai Xiaosheng may not necessarily have played an insignificant role.

To speak solely of the newly released evidence, it was completely shot from Bai Xiaosheng's perspective, suggesting he had been long prepared, even calculated...

In this murky game of charades, it must be said, Bai Xiaosheng is not only the most dazzling presence but also the one with exceptional shrewdness.

Many vice-chairmen and business presidents secretly lamented, truly, Bai Xiaosheng, this young man, should not be underestimated!

He truly has the qualifications to be a business president!

Unintentionally, everyone unanimously acknowledged Bai Xiaosheng's disposition, abilities, no longer discounting him.

It must be said, this was another "gain" Bai Xiaosheng hadn't anticipated, that is, the sense of acknowledgment.

Such a thing is intangible, yet of utmost importance!

In time, if Bai Xiaosheng were to rise further, attaining the rank of vice-chairman, what he would need most is not a forced appointment, but the acknowledgment of others.

Currently, those present have different thoughts, no need to say more.

However, two individuals were especially pleased.

One was Lu Cheng'an, the other was Li Yunyuan.

Bai Xiaosheng, from Huaxia like them, and so capable, brings new vitality to the group's headquarters, both are happy.

Lu Cheng'an even regretted inwardly not standing by Bai Xiaosheng's side promptly, not offering him more support.

However, going forward, Lu Cheng'an resolved in his heart to give Bai Xiaosheng substantial support, striving to "compensate" for his previous "indecisiveness".

This meeting ended with the unanimous passage of the resolution.

The heads of those offending enterprises were dealt with the same day, even prosecuted in court.

The efficiency of action was unprecedentedly swift.

Subsequently, for several consecutive days, Caroline was at the center of the storm, the one being condemned, no matter how she tried to devise a plan, all to no avail.

However, this Miss Caroline was indeed ruthless.

She first proactively admitted her poor management, publicly apologized to Bai Xiaosheng, then actively withdrew from the election, declaring she would not engage in politics for twenty years.

This move to retreat as a form of advance was decisive, played beautifully.

Even Bai Xiaosheng, upon knowing, couldn't help but sigh.

This woman, hard on herself, able to turn adversity into opportunity, is feared to be more difficult to deal with in the future.

Elsewhere, Nick, Ma Weiqian, and Jin Yunxuan at the police station straightforwardly took responsibility for all the affairs.

They stated it was because Bai Xiaosheng's investigation into business cooperation affected their interests, hence the drastic measures, even deliberately dragging Miss Caroline in, attempting to cloud perception, and so forth.

Of course, what was said later was obviously according to a script.

These three had no choice but to shoulder everything.

Otherwise, Caroline wouldn't let them off easily.

Not to mention others, Ma Weiqian must be the one regretting the most, facing a year-long imprisonment, likely spending the year in prison reflecting on why he provoked Bai Xiaosheng.

This storm that shook the North American business world, garnering global attention, after the fervor, finally began to calm.

And at this moment, Bai Xiaosheng was already contemplating one thing—

Leaving.

Chapter 2279 - Score Calculation

During this time, the outside world was bustling. The media unleashed an avalanche of scorn and criticism. The public strongly condemned and intensely focused on the matter.

Although the overall heated discussion had eased compared to the previous days, it would still take time to completely cool down.

At this moment, Bai Xiaosheng, the central figure in the event, was lying on the deck chair on his balcony, enjoying his share of tranquility and leisure.

Bai Xiaosheng's eyes were slightly closed, in a state between sleeping and waking.

Red Lotus, on the other hand, was calculating an account for him in his mind.

"In your capacity as Executive Vice President for the Greater China Region of the Zhenbei Group, you established business cooperation with fifteen major families in North America, including the Taylor Clan, promoting the transcontinental and transnational business development of the group's affiliated enterprises, accelerating the pace of internationalization of over thirty group subsidiaries in the Greater China Region, significantly increasing the region's revenue, and boosting corporate competitiveness..."

As always, Red Lotus first provided a list of reasons that added points.

Bai Xiaosheng listened with a smile.

The reason he first had those fifteen families establish cooperation with the group's Greater China Region was that, firstly, those families valued his resources in Huaxia and the reputation of the Zhenbei Group. Cooperating with the group's Greater China Region could be seen as a "basic cooperation." Subsequently, Bai Xiaosheng would involve other business partners, including all of his own enterprises, in cooperation, considering it as "extended cooperation." In this way, the cooperation would be long-lasting and stable, further creating Bai Xiaosheng's ideal global business alliance.

Secondly, Bai Xiaosheng was also doing it to earn points for an upgrade.

Currently, he was at the "Business President" level of the Zhenbei Group. The next step was to become a Vice Chairman, and above Vice Chairman, there was the Group's Chairman and Chairman of the Board, which was the ultimate goal of this succession journey for Bai Xiaosheng!

Hence, Bai Xiaosheng never forgot to seize every opportunity to earn points and advance.

Listening as Red Lotus praised him for two full minutes, Bai Xiaosheng was pleased, thinking that this time the points would definitely not be too few!

"To sum up, congratulations on earning five points. You are currently at Business President level with five points, needing ninety-five more to reach Vice Chairman level."

Red Lotus's crisp report of the points made the smile on Bai Xiaosheng's face freeze suddenly, even prompting him to open his eyes and sit up.

"Why is it only five points?!" Bai Xiaosheng immediately questioned in disbelief.

"At the Regional Business President level, exercising the identity and authority of a Regional Executive Vice President to obtain points is inevitable."

Red Lotus explained to Bai Xiaosheng with a tone of inevitability.

Bai Xiaosheng felt choked.

This damn artificial intelligence, explaining things so logically...

"Now, it's time for the second item of score evaluation!"

While Bai Xiaosheng was somewhat grumpy and slightly disappointed, Red Lotus's voice rang out again.

Bai Xiaosheng was momentarily stunned.

There was a second score evaluation?

Oh, right!

Bai Xiaosheng was still concurrently holding the position of second-in-command of the headquarters' Inspection Department of the Zhenbei Group.

In this incident, through discussions with Wen Yan, he claimed all the credit for the investigation.

Bai Xiaosheng's spirits were immediately lifted.

Got to say, sometimes having a concurrent position has its perks!

"In your capacity as the second chair in the headquarters' Inspection Department, you found severe issues in seven of the group's enterprises in North America, with sufficient evidence and clear facts. This had a substantial warning effect on the internal senior management, purged the internal conduct of the group, and now merits a reward. The specific issues involving the seven enterprises are as follows..."

Red Lotus again listed and described things to Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng listened for a full five minutes without hearing the end, and suddenly felt a bit impatient.

"Can we keep it short, can we skip this explanation?" Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but ask.

Anxious to hear the points, he was getting a bit restless.

However, Red Lotus was a rigorous artificial intelligence and strictly followed the process!

Bai Xiaosheng thought that she wouldn't agree to his request.

"Okay, now entering the points calculation stage directly!" Red Lotus said in her crisp voice.

Bai Xiaosheng froze again.

So, this could be skipped...

And I was almost done listening...

Bai Xiaosheng felt a bit sulky.

Red Lotus, truly an AI that didn't play by the rules, no wonder she was set in a woman's image...

Of course, that's what made her adorable.

Bai Xiaosheng had no intention of bad-mouthing women in general.

"For the second evaluation, the basic points obtained are seven. Including phase reward bonuses and the addition for first-time exercise of authority, the total score obtained is ten points!"

"The total score obtained under both roles is fifteen points!"

"The current level is Business President with fifteen points, needing eighty-five more to reach Vice Chairman!"

The final score given by Red Lotus was finally somewhat acceptable to Bai Xiaosheng.

Although the points were still not very high, considering it was for reaching the Vice Chairman level, earning fifteen points in one go wasn't exactly slow!

"Please continue your efforts!"

In the end, Red Lotus even encouraged Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng shrugged slightly, sighed with a smile, "Thanks for the encouragement, I'll do my best."

After finishing the score calculation with Red Lotus, Bai Xiaosheng got up and stretched lazily.

Just then, there was a knock on his door.

Outside, Lin Weiwei's voice came, "Xiaosheng, let's go eat."

It was already lunchtime.

Bai Xiaosheng went to open the door. Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying were standing outside.

After the three gathered, they went downstairs together to the hotel restaurant.

While taking the elevator, Bai Xiaosheng specifically reminded Lin Weiwei to arrange a banquet here in the evening, inviting Bai Yuefeng and other friends in North America for dinner.

Because tomorrow, they were officially setting off to leave.

Bai Xiaosheng had already informed Wen Yan, who also agreed.

Knowing when to advance and retreat was the mark of a wise person.

Wei Xuelian had also returned to Europe yesterday, as there was still a huge pile of matters awaiting her there.

The Wei Family had significantly helped Bai Xiaosheng during this incident. For Wei Xuelian's absence from duty, the Wei Family Patriarch Wei Changzun and Sir Wei Tianhe pressured matters to be set aside, showing their support for this girl and for Bai Xiaosheng.

Being someone who knew how to appreciate favors and valued loyalty, Bai Xiaosheng told Wei Xuelian that everything was fine on his end and urged her to prioritize her family duties.

Nevertheless, Wei Xuelian insisted on staying until yesterday to leave.

During these days, Wei Xuelian not only utilized media resources to regain Bai Xiaosheng's reputation and enhance his image but also took great care of him, even personally cooking for him. This career woman's cooking was excellent, reportedly learned especially for Bai Xiaosheng.

These days indeed made Bai Xiaosheng extremely happy and content.

Bai Xiaosheng became more determined to establish the global business alliance concept, allowing the Wei Family to reap great benefits, so he could redeem Wei Xuelian's future as a Family Head, and the two could be closely united sooner.

This was also a significant driving force pushing Bai Xiaosheng to work even harder.

At this moment, the three arrived at the hotel's Michelin restaurant, ordered dishes, and chatted while waiting.

Just then, someone appeared at the restaurant entrance, glanced around, and immediately spotted Bai Xiaosheng and the others.

The person instantly looked angry and marched toward Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng was talking with Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying, noticing someone approaching, he turned his head to look.

The person stood in front of Bai Xiaosheng, angrily began to speak, "Bai Xiaosheng, I meant well for you, why did you harm me!"

Chapter 2280 - Why Did You Betray Me

The one who walked over and angrily accused Bai Xiaosheng was none other than Ye Liena. At this moment, Ye Liena's face was cold and frosty, looking very angry, and she showed not a trace of fear towards Bai Xiaosheng's status and position.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying, witnessing this scene, were also extremely surprised.

They knew that Ye Liena had once warned Bai Xiaosheng, so they weren't considered enemies.

At least, that's what they thought.

Why would Ye Liena come and criticize Bai Xiaosheng like this? Was it because Bai Xiaosheng submitted the group's issues regarding BL Technology, causing her departure?

Even so, Ye Liena shouldn't have this attitude.

After all, her managing company had corruption and was rightfully investigated, it's not someone else's fault...

However, Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying couldn't find it in themselves to dislike Ye Liena.

Seeing Ye Liena's expression, Bai Xiaosheng suddenly laughed, shrugged his shoulders, and said innocently, "Miss Ye Liena, what do you mean by that? Besides, is this your proper attitude towards your superior?"

As Bai Xiaosheng said so, Ye Liena seemed even more angry.

"I've already severed all ties with your Zhenbei Group. You being the chairman means nothing to me!" Ye Liena said angrily.

Indeed, someone who has no desires can be strong.

"Alright, alright, let's all calm down a bit," Lin Weiwei quickly stood up with a smile, trying to mediate, "Let's talk nicely."

Ye Liena had actually tried to help them before and took action. Whether it was Bai Xiaosheng or Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying, they were all the type to repay kindness with gratitude, naturally not getting truly angry over a few emotional words.

In fact, aside from the position factor, Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying quite admired Ye Liena and were impressed by her.

This woman had such dedication to her career that she was willing to give up everything, not even getting married, throwing herself wholeheartedly into the business world.

What persistence!

Ye Liena's conversation, insight, and abilities gave off a sense of being "very strong".

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying even regretted at times, wondering how someone like her could end up being used by the Caroline Family — it's a waste.

"Miss Ye Liena, whatever we have to say, let's sit down and talk slowly, okay?" Lin Weiwei warmly made room for her, persuaded, "Come on, sit down. Has Miss Ye Liena eaten yet? I'll order another meal for you."

As she spoke, Lin Weiwei waved her hand to call the waiter.

With Lin Weiwei being so tactful, Ye Liena's anger was somewhat appeased, she took a deep breath, no longer showing such fury.

After Lin Weiwei finished giving instructions to the waiter, she sat down beside Ye Liena and spoke on behalf of Bai Xiaosheng, "Miss Ye Liena, we all know you were the one who sent the warning message to us, and we are very grateful for your reminder. It's just that Mr. Bai, in his role within the group, had to handle some matters in a certain way, I hope you can understand."

Lin Weiwei thought that Ye Liena was enraged and irrational after being fired by the group, which led to this confrontation.

But actually, that shouldn't be the case.

Even if Ye Liena was dismissed by the group, joining Caroline, backed by the Caroline Family, could she still not find a suitable position?

With Ye Liena's capabilities, Lin Weiwei felt that managing a super large company wouldn't be a problem for her at all.

Involving business management, even in a different industry than before, wouldn't pose any problem for a manager of Ye Liena's caliber.

At this moment, Ye Liena, guided by Lin Weiwei's approach, suddenly felt aggrieved, her eyes reddened as she glared at Bai Xiaosheng and gritted her teeth, saying, "If it were because BL Technology had problems that this guy discovered and reported to the group, causing my dismissal, I would accept it. I am not trying to absolve myself; those issues already had detailed operation procedures before I took office, whether to continue or terminate wasn't up to me alone to decide! But ultimately, since there were problems during my tenure, I take responsibility, I accept it without complaint. I would never think that my previous warning to you would buy me leniency!"

Ye Liena's words were very rational, greatly exceeding Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying's expectations.

So, how could such a "reasonable" person come knocking at the door, repeatedly saying Bai Xiaosheng "harmed her"? If it weren't for this issue, what else could it be?

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying were somewhat perplexed.

That day, when Caroline's confidant came with a phone to talk with Bai Xiaosheng, the two of them went out for a while, avoiding hearing Bai Xiaosheng's disclosure of Ye Liena's warning to Caroline.

"But he, he actually told Caroline that I was leaking information to you, saying I was a traitor!" Ye Liena was extremely aggrieved, "Caroline was already stressed at that time, and when she saw us meeting with her, she was already furious, she even called me an ungrateful traitor to my face, told me to get lost, and said I would never find a place in the Ganande business circle... Later, I found out through others that it was all because of Bai Xiaosheng..."

As Ye Liena spoke, she couldn't help but clench her fists tightly, her face filled with shame and anger.

She was indeed a woman with strong self-esteem!

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

This was getting a bit excessive.

Still, they understood Bai Xiaosheng's intentions, Bai Xiaosheng recognized this woman's talent, which is why he "informed".

Looking at it that way, Ye Liena had a valid reason for coming to complain.

Ultimately, Bai Xiaosheng had "dug a pit" for her, and only for her.

The point is, she even once tried to help him.

Who wouldn't be angry enough to confront him?

"Cough," Lin Weiwei cleared her throat, looked at Bai Xiaosheng, and murmured, "About this matter, actually, Mr. Bai, he has his reasons..."

"Otherwise, you might as well tell her directly," Lei Ying rubbed his forehead, turned his head, and whispered to Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng "framed" Ye Liena to throw an olive branch, now that he got what he wanted, it's better to be straightforward. No point waiting around to get scolded.

Bai Xiaosheng looked into Ye Liena's eyes, smiled, and spoke straightforwardly, "You got kicked out by Caroline? Such good news, why didn't you come tell me sooner!"

Upon hearing this, Ye Liena almost lost her temper, wanting to grab the dishes and plates in front of her to smash them onto Bai Xiaosheng's face.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying were speechless.

A perfectly good matter, Bai Xiaosheng made it sound so infuriating.

Just as Ye Liena was about to angrily get up, planning to leave, Bai Xiaosheng spoke, "If she didn't chase you away, how would you come to me?"

Ye Liena's expression immediately darkened, wanting to firmly say "not interested."

But Bai Xiaosheng spoke first, "Here's the deal, I'll offer you a business to manage, twenty times the scale of your previous one, and I'll even give you shares. How does that sound?"