

Two Trillion 2301

Chapter 2301 - I Want to See Him Beg Us!

Bai Xiaosheng stayed for the time it takes to drink a cup of tea, then got up to leave, making it clear that he would participate in the land auction tomorrow and intended to acquire the piece of land.

Jia Chengshan and the others tried to persuade him to stay, but seeing Bai Xiaosheng's determination, they didn't insist and got up to send off Bai Xiaosheng one by one.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying were outside, and upon seeing Bai Xiaosheng coming out, they immediately got up to greet him.

Jia Haoran and Cheng Xuanbei naturally got up quickly and followed. Seeing their contemporary, whom they once wanted to humiliate, now chatting and laughing with a group of business bigwigs, as if those bigwigs were there to accompany him, made Jia Haoran and Cheng Xuanbei feel a bit sour inside.

Bai Xiaosheng chatted with Jia Chengshan and the others for a while, then suddenly caught sight of Jia Haoran and Cheng Xuanbei. Half-jokingly, half-seriously, he said to Jia Chengshan, "These two really have a natural arrogance; businessmen should have a bit of pride, but being too impetuous is not good, it's easy to suffer losses and cause trouble!"

Jia Haoran and Cheng Xuanbei heard Bai Xiaosheng's elder-like comment on them, which seemed more like he was causing trouble for them, and their faces immediately changed.

"Mr. Bai is right. I will teach them properly about today's matter!" Jia Chengshan responded politely, glaring fiercely at the two of them.

Cheng Baida was even more surprised to hear this, looking at his son who seemed to be gritting his teeth.

If the family loses an opportunity because of his son, it would be too unworthy!

Today, Jia Haoran and Cheng Xuanbei wanted to publicly confront Bai Xiaosheng, making things very embarrassing. If it were them in Bai Xiaosheng's position, they wouldn't let it go easily either!

They now needed something from Bai Xiaosheng, so the matter had to be addressed! Otherwise, it would be difficult to explain to everyone!

Cheng Baida directly stood up and yelled in anger, "Xuanbei, why aren't you apologizing to Mr. Bai!"

Cheng Baida, usually low-key and reserved, suddenly acting like this, really surprised everyone.

Seeing his father's reddened eyes, with the expression not faked, Cheng Xuanbei trembled all over and quickly bowed slightly to Bai Xiaosheng, "Mr. Bai, I was blind to greatness today, I hope you can forgive!"

In front of everyone, Cheng Xuanbei behaved "obediently."

Bai Xiaosheng slightly nodded without expression.

Seeing this, Cheng Baida knew that an apology was not enough, and shouted again, "Now go straight home, I will ground you for three months, and copy the family precepts a hundred times!"

Cheng Xuanbei dared not refuse, and respectfully replied, "Yes, father."

This father-son duo performed a whole show in front of everyone, whether real or fake, they gave Bai Xiaosheng enough face.

Bai Xiaosheng also smiled, "When you're done, feel free to send it to me. Master Cheng should be honest; don't hire someone to write it for you, otherwise I might doubt the Cheng Family's business ethics!"

Bai Xiaosheng's words made Cheng Xuanbei secretly grimace.

This punishment, which originally might not have been enforced, would now definitely have to be carried out because of Bai Xiaosheng's words, even if just for the family's sake!

One hundred copies of family precepts...

The mere thought made Cheng Xuanbei's head ache.

While Cheng Baida and his son set an "example" in public, Jia Haoran was the one feeling the most tormented, with a bad premonition rising in his heart.

Soon enough, after talking about Cheng Xuanbei, Bai Xiaosheng turned to him.

Jia Chengshan sighed internally and said sternly, "Haoran, you should do the same!"

Upon hearing this, Jia Haoran turned pale.

Unlike Cheng Xuanbei's small family, the Jia Family was a large clan, and their family precepts were a book!

Copying it a hundred times? It would kill him!

Jia Haoran opened his mouth, wanting to speak, but his father gave him a fierce glare, and he immediately wilted like a frost-beaten eggplant.

Jia Haoran was too ostentatious, causing trouble, and Jia Chengshan felt that if he let it continue, it would ruin him. He decided to take advantage of this opportunity to keep his temperament in check!

Seeing this, Bai Xiaosheng didn't make things any more difficult. After all, he hadn't suffered any loss, and leaving the mild punishment to their fathers was enough.

Bai Xiaosheng then bid farewell, leaving with Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying.

Watching the back of Bai Xiaosheng and his group, Jia Chengshan and the others remained silent.

Jia Haoran and Cheng Xuanbei also slunk off to the side, not daring to stay longer for fear of further rebuke.

With no one else around, Jia Chengshan's people couldn't help but exchange thoughts.

"What exactly did Bai Xiaosheng mean by that, trying to play mysterious? How could Tengyun, Beifeng, and Haoyu not urgently need the resources we hold!"

"We've held several meetings for this, how could our conclusions based on investigation data be wrong? I think Bai Xiaosheng is purposely spouting nonsense!"

"That cunning little fox must be playing psychological tactics with us!"

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Everyone chimed in with different opinions.

Lu Tiandao couldn't help but lean close to Jia Chengshan and said, "Mr. Jia, what do you think about what Bai Xiaosheng said about Lu Yun and their movements... Should we make arrangements to monitor them overnight?"

This point concerned him the most.

"Even if we arrange to monitor now, isn't it too late, and where would we even find Lu Yun's trace!" Zhang Qinglin, overhearing, couldn't help but mutter.

Jia Chengshan squinted his eyes, looking in the direction Bai Xiaosheng left, and said in a deep voice, "This young man, his mind works like a demon, you all saw it. His thoughts are not only clear but agile, and tight-lipped. He might be deliberately leading the topic to distract us!"

Jia Chengshan's words made Lu Tiandao and Zhang Qinglin exchange glances.

"Mr. Jia, you mean, Bai Xiaosheng brought up this topic on purpose to capture our attention and divert our energy?" Zhang Qinglin said in astonishment.

"That's possible!" Lu Tiandao pondered briefly, but fully agreed with Jia Chengshan.

After hearing this, Zhang Qinglin also fell silent.

Bai Xiaosheng always gave them the feeling that he was guiding the topic, and if it were really important, how could he just be rambling on.

Jia Chengshan said in a grave voice, "It's too late to investigate Lu Yun's movements now, and Bai Xiaosheng is going to participate in the land auction tomorrow, determined to acquire that land. Perhaps he wants to distract us. His words, true or false, must be taken seriously, but we must not be misled!"

Lu Tiandao and Zhang Qinglin nodded immediately upon hearing this.

Suddenly, Jia Chengshan's mouth curved into a smile, "I judge that Bai Xiaosheng genuinely wants that land tomorrow, even if he didn't, Lu Yun needs it urgently. Entrusted by others, he has to fulfill their business! So we can't let that land slip away!"

"Absolutely!" Lu Tiandao also smiled coldly, "We need to make Bai Xiaosheng understand that cooperating with us is only beneficial, otherwise, they will face big trouble."

Zhang Qinglin also added with a sinister smile, "Huge trouble!"

Jia Chengshan looked at the two beside him and also laughed, "This Bai Xiaosheng certainly showed off a bit in front of us today."

"Tomorrow, I'd like to see him begging us fervently!"

Chapter 2302 - Bidding War

Bai Xiaosheng, accompanied by Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying, said goodbye to Jia Chengshan and his group, left the tea house, and headed back.

Since the celebration, Dong Tianxiu hasn't gone with Bai Xiaosheng and the others to the tea house, and no one from Jia Chengshan's side noticed him. As Bai Xiaosheng had instructed earlier, Dong Tianxiu went off to report this matter to Lu Yun and Dong Tianlu.

On the way, Bai Xiaosheng also sent a message to Dong Tianxiu, giving him a heads-up about the situation here.

After pocketing his phone, Bai Xiaosheng asked Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying if they wanted to continue watching the celebration.

Of course, Bai Xiaosheng himself couldn't go.

Not long ago, he had just been surrounded by Jia Chengshan's group; the "exposure rate" was too high. Going again to attract attention might be troublesome.

If Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying still had interest, them going wouldn't be a problem.

"Forget it, it's just a bit of festive hustle and bustle, whether I watch it or not doesn't matter," Lin Weiwei said indifferently.

Lei Ying was even more unconcerned, shaking the bag he had been carrying and said, "All the interesting trinkets I've taken. I even brought a share for you guys, so there's no need for me to go back.

Hearing their words, Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but laugh, "Then let's go back and rest early, catch up on some sleep."

"There's a big show waiting for us tomorrow," Bai Xiaosheng said with a hint of a smile.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying exchanged glances; they naturally knew Bai Xiaosheng was referring to tomorrow's land auction.

Bai Xiaosheng, on a whim, wanted to participate personally, also to counter Jia Chengshan's group.

"Xiaosheng, did you change your mind? Are we determined to win that piece of land?" Lin Weiwei couldn't help but ask.

If that was the case, they'd need to prepare early.

Acquiring a piece of land isn't so simple; you need to prepare funding, estimate the final transaction price, assess the development value. In short, a lot needs to be prepared in advance.

Lei Ying also looked towards Bai Xiaosheng, inquiring with his gaze.

"You don't need to worry about it, just go back and sleep." Bai Xiaosheng had a carefree expression.

Perhaps Mr. Lu Yun and the others had already discussed the situation with Xiaosheng, and he had it under control, Lin Weiwei couldn't help but think secretly.

Actually, for Bai Xiaosheng, with the financial strength of his several companies now, even acquiring a pricey piece of land on a whim posed no pressure. To say something reckless on the off chance, even obtaining it and letting it sit undeveloped wouldn't be a concern. That's the confidence of abundant funds.

Moreover, that piece of land held "strategic" value for the development of Tengyun and their several companies.

However, the land was also of significant interest to other major domestic companies, so the attendance of major corporate representatives at tomorrow's land auction would surely be many.

Bai Xiaosheng and the other two returned to their residence and rested.

That night passed quietly.

The next day, early in the morning, Dong Tianxiu came to join Bai Xiaosheng and his group for breakfast.

Just halfway through eating, Jia Chengshan and his seven companions walked in, their eyes swept around and spotted Bai Xiaosheng's group, came over to greet them, and sat at the adjacent tables.

Perhaps Jia Chengshan, Lu Tiandao, and Zhang Qinglin had instructed the others beforehand that mealtime was just for eating. No one talked about today's land auction nor disturbed Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng and the four others quietly enjoyed their breakfast, occasionally chatting, not related to work.

In this mutual understanding fashion, both sides finished breakfast, nodded to each other as a greeting, and then departed separately.

At nine in the morning, Dong Tianxiu, with Bai Xiaosheng and the three others, drove to the Huajing East District Land Management Bureau.

Today, several pieces of land would be auctioned, among which the one with the largest area and highest potential was the one everyone was paying attention to, the potential "Land King," already pre-crowned by the media.

En route to the land management bureau, Bai Xiaosheng's group went through security checks, following instructions to a building, where a long queue had already formed, with staff and security maintaining order.

Bai Xiaosheng and his group joined the end of the queue, taking a quarter of an hour to pass through, and went with the crowd to the auction hall.

The hall was large, with hundreds of seats divided into several bidding zones and a viewing area, facing a huge wall of display screens, and an auction platform set in front of it with staff adjusting equipment.

Bai Xiaosheng and his group took their seats based on the allocated numbers.

Before long, Jia Chengshan's group arrived too, seated in a nearby area, nearly level horizontally with Bai Xiaosheng's group.

Jia Chengshan's group didn't just come with seven people, but over twenty, in addition to the seven core moguls, the rest were a think tank.

Snagging a piece of land with the potential to be a Land King isn't simple; it necessitates on-the-spot team evaluations of the final transaction value, including analyzing a competitor's bid frequency to ascertain their base price, suggest bidding strategies and recommendations.

Other major buyers also brought their think tanks.

By comparison, Bai Xiaosheng, with his identity, only brought along three people, and those three were completely out of their depth, having done no prior homework, making them seem quite sparse.

Today, Bai Xiaosheng intentionally "dressed up," coupled with being youthful, sitting in non-core, slightly remote seats, resulting in little attention being paid to them.

Conversely, Jia Chengshan and his group had high notoriety and exposure, attracting numerous corporate moguls and company representatives to greet them upon arrival, bustling with activity, further accentuating the solitude on Bai Xiaosheng's side.

Chapter 2303 - Bidding War (Part 2)

However, Bai Xiaosheng was happy to be idle and even deliberately hid himself, so as not to be noticed by Jia Chengshan and his group.

The commotion around Jia Chengshan and his people settled down right before the auction began, and when Jia Chengshan saw Bai Xiaosheng, the host on stage had already asked everyone to be seated, ready for the auction to start.

With their distinguished identities, Jia Chengshan and his group naturally adhered to the rules, sitting in central seats surrounded by others, making it inconvenient to greet Bai Xiaosheng directly. Bai Xiaosheng merely nodded and waved at them from a distance, as a courtesy.

Jia Chengshan and his group had no choice but to let it go.

However, knowing Bai Xiaosheng's location, Jia Chengshan naturally ordered the team of advisors he brought with him to keep a close watch on him.

The advisors were puzzled and surprised to see that among all the notable figures present, Mr. Jia paid no mind to anyone else, but specifically instructed them to monitor a young man.

Nearby, other attendees were amazed to see Bai Xiaosheng greeting Jia Chengshan and his group from afar.

Shortly after, their attention was captured by the host.

"Ladies and gentlemen, esteemed entrepreneurs, representatives of enterprises, our auction ceremony is about to begin. Please set your phones to silent mode..."

The host, full of smiles, spoke warmly to the audience with politeness.

Approximately five minutes later, the host announced the official start and invited a leader to give a speech. The leader spoke with great skill, being concise, lively, and humorous. His ten-minute speech was met with enthusiastic applause.

Subsequently, the official auction began.

A screen covering the whole wall facing the audience displayed detailed information about the land plots and their starting prices.

The first land plot was commercial in nature, well-positioned, and held high potential value, immediately sparking bidding competition among thirteen or fourteen companies, with half an hour of continuous paddle-raising.

Bai Xiaosheng was quite moved watching this; considering the competition for this plot, the showdown for the highlighted "Land King" will be a true "bloodbath."

The auctions continued throughout the morning, resulting in four land plots being sold, and of course, some plots went unsold.

Jia Chengshan and his group managed to acquire a plot, and according to Bai Xiaosheng's mental calculation, the price was nearly at its peak.

Throughout the entire morning, Bai Xiaosheng and his team didn't speak a word nor raised their paddle once.

This frustrated Jia Chengshan's side; the advisors assigned to watch Bai Xiaosheng felt rather annoyed—

Their eyes were tired from watching; at least raise your paddle once!

Choosing not to bid when prices are high is understandable, but not bidding even at low starting prices is too subdued!

No movements at all, leaving them nothing to analyze!

Fortunately, Jia Chengshan and his people didn't say much, causing the advisors to become increasingly lax towards monitoring Bai Xiaosheng's side.

By noon, Bai Xiaosheng and his team had the privilege to visit the agency's cafeteria for a working meal.

The leaders and representatives from these large enterprises, who accompanied them, were exceptionally courteous, making the dining experience harmonious and orderly.

After the meal, everyone returned to the auction hall.

With a short rest, the auction resumed.

During the two auctions commencing in the afternoon, Bai Xiaosheng and his team merely gathered together to whisper while watching others raise their paddles.

The advisors on Jia Chengshan's side "waited eagerly" but couldn't see any movement from Bai Xiaosheng, leading to boredom.

Finally, at three in the afternoon, the final highlighted land plot came on stage. Nearly all the large enterprise representatives, including Jia Chengshan and his seven members, lit up with eager eyes, ready with their paddles.

As soon as the bidding began, numerous enterprises raised their paddles frequently. Jia Chengshan's advisors suddenly noticed that the target who had been silent as if asleep, that young man, raised his paddle three times in a row.

"Quick, quick, note this down!" urged the leader of the advisor group.

The price range at which bids were made, how many times the paddle was raised, and the unit price of the land at each bidding were crucial reference data.

Someone beside them was jotting down notes, another was typing on the computer for analysis.

These seasoned individuals, with sufficient data and information, could even infer the target's available funds and speculate on the target's psychological price point, adjusting their assessments in real-time and reporting to Jia Chengshan's group.

The bidding was intense, and Bai Xiaosheng, with a smile, raised his paddle repeatedly, knowing the final selling price would far exceed the current offers.

Regarding being monitored by Jia Chengshan's advisors, Bai Xiaosheng had long been aware.

They had been watching him all day, he had to give them something to work on.

During the first phase, Bai Xiaosheng actively raised his paddle, and when the second phase began, he tossed his paddle to Dong Tianxiu and her team, "I've bid so much my arm aches, it's your turn, don't stop and just keep raising."

Amidst the excitement, Bai Xiaosheng's group was also highly active, occupying two-thirds of Jia Chengshan's advisors with constant new data being relayed to Jia Chengshan.

Jia Chengshan, Lu Tiandao, Zhang Qinglin, and others couldn't help but cast frequent surprised glances towards Bai Xiaosheng's side.

"This Bai Xiaosheng really has set his sights on this plot!" Lu Tiandao, although expecting this, couldn't help expressing astonishment.

"Heh, the more eager he is, the more determined we are to acquire that plot." Zhang Qinglin remarked with excitement.

Their present confidence justified the correctness of their investment!

Even Jia Chengshan's eyes brightened with enthusiasm.

It seemed this plot was of significant weight to Bai Xiaosheng and his team, prompting them to secure it even more!

Once the plot was secured, it would become a crucial bargaining chip for them!

"Let's bid till the end; although Bai Xiaosheng has vast connections, formidable business resources across regions, backed by a world-class consortium, he is still restrained in the corporate field and

cannot fully take charge of personal business endeavors. Mobilizing liquid funds isn't as easy for him! Our seven families and enterprises can independently make decisions and have greater flexibility in fund mobilization than him! This plot is destined to be ours! Then, he'll have to approach us for collaboration!" Jia Chengshan silently vowed.

Thinking about how Lu Yun, Dong Tianlu, and Wang Xuantian, who held Bai Xiaosheng in high esteem, would be thwarted by him today filled Jia Chengshan with indescribable pride and satisfaction.

After a fierce second round of bidding, two-thirds of the competing enterprises reluctantly withdrew.

The final showdown was about to begin, and Bai Xiaosheng looked at the three beside him with a smile, "Tired of bidding? Let's take a break."

Dong Tianxiu and her team always followed Bai Xiaosheng's lead, so during the third stage of paddle raising, they simply sat and relaxed, drinking tea while watching others participate.

This left Jia Chengshan's advisor group bewildered; based on their professional assessment, Bai Xiaosheng and his group had much more funds and intended final price than shown; why did they...stop?

With no data for a long time, Jia Chengshan and his people couldn't help but urge the advisors, "What's going on? Why no analysis data? Are you taking a break?"

The lead advisor wore a bitter expression, quickly responded, "Mr. Jia, you see over there, they've suddenly stopped bidding, we want to analyze but, but there's nothing to analyze."

Jia Chengshan and his group looked over at Bai Xiaosheng and his team, indeed, they were leisurely drinking tea.

Jia Chengshan's gaze turned dark, decisively saying, "This is a distraction, ignore them, let's continue bidding!"

Eventually, only four groups, including Jia Chengshan's, remained in the bidding.

Soon after, it reduced to three.

Then two.

Ultimately, Jia Chengshan's quote undercut everyone else, with the countdown already starting on the screen.

Suddenly, the countdown vanished, replaced by scrolling text: 108 offered...

Jia Chengshan and his group were about to relax, but their hearts jumped instantly.

Number 108 was precisely Bai Xiaosheng and his team!

Chapter 2304 - Birth of the Land King

Originally, everyone in the auction hall thought the auction was about to be finalized, and that the best piece of land would fall into the hands of Jia Chengshan and his associates.

The people present already began whispering to each other.

"I just knew that if anyone could take that piece of land, it would have to be Jia Chengshan and his group. Didn't you see their seven companies coming together for this? Seven companies uniting, such a formidable formation! Tsk, tsk..."

"Yes, I think so too. There are plenty of big enterprises here, but they're the only ones teaming up like that. It seems their funds are indeed abundant!"

"Some mogul in the circle previously estimated that their final bid for that piece of land would about reach this amount, which is already a ceiling price. Going higher, it might be difficult to develop."

"At this price, it already qualifies to be this year's 'Land King', right?"

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The people were chatting excitedly.

Just as the auction was nearing its end, unexpectedly, someone placed another bid at the last moment.

When the bidding information started scrolling on the big screen, someone with sharp eyes saw it at a glance, confirming it with a sudden exclamation, "Oh my! Someone just placed another bid!"

This shout immediately shocked everyone present.

Many people raised their eyes to the big screen and indeed saw the bidding information.

"Which company is this?"

"Who placed this bid?"

"Is there someone bidding even higher?!"

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Surprised exclamations rose and stirred the entire venue.

"Number 108, who is number 108?!" someone exclaimed in surprise.

The whole room simultaneously searched around, and finally, they found the seat.

All eyes focused on Bai Xiaosheng, beside whom Dong Tianxiu sat. For a moment, Dong Tianxiu was under the spotlight.

Feeling a bit uncomfortable with everyone pointing at him, Dong Tianxiu whispered to Bai Xiaosheng, "Next time, can you not make me hold up the paddle? I'm getting all this attention, while the person who truly deserves it is you."

Bai Xiaosheng chuckled and muttered to him, "Come on, we're like family. A little attention isn't going to hurt you."

Dong Tianxiu fell silent with extreme resignation, enduring all the "attention."

On Jia Chengshan's side, they naturally knew the bidder was Bai Xiaosheng. No matter who held up the paddle among the four, Bai Xiaosheng was behind it all — that fact wouldn't change.

Jia Chengshan's eyes glistened with determination, Lu Tiandao looked surprised, and Zhang Qinglin frowned tightly.

The rest showed varied expressions of shock in their eyes.

The leader of Jia Chengshan's think tank, taken aback, exclaimed, "What, what price is he bidding now! This price is already the ceiling!"

Bai Xiaosheng's bid had exceeded this analyst's estimation.

At this moment, Jia Chengshan's gaze was grim as he shouted, "Raise the paddle!"

The one responsible for raising the paddle was so astonished that for a moment, they didn't react.

Seeing the countdown start on the big screen, Jia Chengshan, in his haste, snatched the paddle and raised it himself.

The renewed bid information appeared on the big screen.

Another exclamation rang out, "There's another bid!"

All eyes swiftly focused again on Jia Chengshan.

Over there, Bai Xiaosheng expressionlessly told Dong Tianxiu, "Raise the paddle."

"We're still bidding?" Dong Tianxiu was also quite shocked.

The current price had already exceeded the predictions of both media and experts. If Bai Xiaosheng persisted and Jia Chengshan's side decided not to bid further, this piece of land would fall into their hands at an inopportune price.

"Just go ahead and raise it boldly. Unless I tell you to stop, don't stop," Bai Xiaosheng assured Dong Tianxiu, glancing decisively at Jia Chengshan.

Bai Xiaosheng's perceptiveness had become exceptionally sharp, allowing him to gauge Jia Chengshan's unacceptable price limit through micro-expressions.

He had a plan in mind.

Accepting Bai Xiaosheng's resolve, Dong Tianxiu could only comply and raised the paddle in his hand.

"Another bid!" someone exclaimed.

All eyes turned back toward Bai Xiaosheng and his group.

This time, before more surprised voices could be heard, Jia Chengshan immediately raised his paddle again.

The two sides were undoubtedly locked in a standoff!

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And so, Bai Xiaosheng's side and Jia Chengshan's side launched into a price tug-of-war. The entire audience had transitioned from gasps of surprise to complete silence, their gazes filled with disbelief.

During this time, many people were constantly sending out information on their phones.

Media personnel in the observation area couldn't resist taking photos and compiling reports. Today's scenes were an unexpected scoop; major media outlets hurriedly inserted independent news articles and short videos into their live broadcasts, striving to capture the headlines and heat as quickly as possible.

Dong Tianxiu's hand jumped nervously with each paddle raise, knowing every raise meant an astronomical sum. Even as a scion of a great family, he found such extravagance and wastefulness hard to bear.

Jia Chengshan's face turned ashen with each raise of the paddle, and beside him, Lu Tiandao, Zhang Qinglin, and the other bigwigs couldn't help but feel their blood pressure rising.

At this point, the money they were throwing in had gone too far!

The land was valuable, but developing it at such a high price would make it difficult to profit, leading to substantial financial losses.

The members of Jia Chengshan's think tank calculated frantically, feeling dizzy and making repeated "miscalculations," leaving them even questioning their expertise.

The leader of the think tank couldn't help but repeatedly remind Jia Chengshan:

"Mr. Jia, it has now exceeded the peak price by ten percent!"

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"Mr. Jia, it has now exceeded the peak price by twenty percent, please be cautious!"

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"It has now exceeded thirty percent, we can't add any more!"

This top analyst was already trembling in voice and hands.

The bidding war had escalated into a bare-knuckle fight. Jia Chengshan, having been swept up in the frenzy, was ready to risk everything.

Beside him, Lu Tiandao and Zhang Qinglin had turned pale, and as Jia Chengshan raised the paddle once more, their hands moved in unison.

One held down Jia Chengshan's hand, while the other attempted to snatch the paddle away.

"We can't go any higher, Mr. Jia!"

"Mr. Jia, calm down!"

The others almost wanted to join in holding Jia Chengshan down.

The auction's premium would eventually be shared among everyone, and during this time, they had been "competing" with Tengyun, throwing out massive amounts of capital.

The original price of this piece of land had already stretched their cash flow, and such a high premium wasn't just costly but catastrophic!

If anyone's financial chain was jeopardized due to this, it would be a crippling blow.

With everyone restraining him, Jia Chengshan calmed down a bit. Seeing the land's price showing a 35 percent premium, he grew apprehensive and resolved not to bid further.

However, the current price still showed as Jia Chengshan's, and the whole crowd, filled with anticipation and bright eyes, watched Bai Xiaosheng's side for a new high.

In the end, there was no movement from Bai Xiaosheng's side.

They didn't intend to bid any further!

Bai Xiaosheng had taken the paddle from Dong Tianxiu with a smile, gently setting it down on the table.

It was time to stop.

The hall was exceptionally quiet, almost silent enough to hear a pin drop.

The audience's necks grew sore from watching, yet Bai Xiaosheng's side remained utterly still.

Time ticked by until the countdown on the big screen ended.

With the sound of a prompt, the deal was struck.

Jia Chengshan and his group secured the land with a 35% price premium at the peak price.

The "Land King" was born!

Chapter 2305 - This Isn't Screwing Them Over

When the final result was presented, the venue erupted, and everyone witnessed the birth of a "Land King." How could they not be excited? It was unclear who started it, but a thunderous applause filled the room as everyone congratulated Jia Chengshan and his team.

Bai Xiaosheng also smiled and clapped his hands.

After all, he had also played a part in the emergence of this new "Land King."

In contrast to the burst of enthusiasm from the crowd, Jia Chengshan and his team had slightly forced smiles and mixed feelings. However, under the gaze of all the enthusiastic onlookers, they could only put on a brave front so as not to lose face.

As the host announced the end of the auction, journalists swarmed forward, eager to interview Jia Chengshan's team first. Other participants also wanted to talk to them, making the scene lively as Jia Chengshan and his group found themselves in the spotlight.

In comparison, Bai Xiaosheng and his group received some attention, but to a much lesser extent.

Bai Xiaosheng, along with Dong Tianxiu, Lin Weiwei, and Lei Ying, quietly left the venue amid the commotion.

Once they left the land auction hall and were on their way back in their car, Dong Tianxiu couldn't help but express her astonishment.

"What we did really made Jia Chengshan's team suffer a heavy loss, having to invest so much extra money. Listening to it, I feel bad for them," Dong Tianxiu couldn't help saying to Bai Xiaosheng. "Isn't what we did a bit too much?"

Before Bai Xiaosheng could respond, Lin Weiwei sneered from the side, "Who told them to follow? If they hadn't, that high-premium land would have ended up in our hands!"

Dong Tianxiu thought for a moment, clicked her tongue, and mumbled, "Well, it's better that it ended up with them!"

"But does this mean that we have now made enemies with them?" Dong Tianxiu couldn't help but glance at Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying, wondering if they agreed with her assessment.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying remained silent and looked toward Bai Xiaosheng.

At that moment, Bai Xiaosheng came out of his deep thought, smiled at the three of them watching him, and said, "Are you thinking that I was deliberately causing trouble during the land auction?"

The three of them were noncommittal, though their eyes all implied a hint of "yes."

"How could you see me like this?" Bai Xiaosheng sighed.

Lin Weiwei quickly smiled, intending to ease the situation, when she heard Bai Xiaosheng mutter, "Hmm... there's indeed a bit of that intention."

Lin Weiwei was immediately stunned, not knowing how to respond.

Dong Tianxiu and Lei Ying were also momentarily speechless.

Bai Xiaosheng chuckled, "That Jia Chengshan and his group clearly wanted to cooperate with us, but they insisted on making it seem like we were begging them. Naturally, I wouldn't stand for it! I needed to knock down their arrogance and confidence, to make them suffer a hidden loss! Also, tying up their liquid funds prevents them from causing us trouble elsewhere."

The way Jia Chengshan's team followed up on Tengyun, Beifeng, and Haoyu was really annoying.

"Besides that, you only saw that they invested so much more money and felt they lost. But! The birth of a new 'Land King' and the advertising value generated by its influence and attention are astonishing. If you think in terms of advertising, is it really a loss?" Bai Xiaosheng smiled. "Whether it's a loss or not depends on how you look at it, how you calculate it."

What Bai Xiaosheng said made some sense.

Lin Weiwei and the others nodded in succession.

In any case, Bai Xiaosheng's move was truly shrewd and ruthless. It remained to be seen whether Jia Chengshan could stomach it.

Bai Xiaosheng leaned back, his gaze distant, murmuring, "Now, we'll see how Mr. Lu Yun's side reacts. Tianxiu, I'll trouble you to spread the word that we're leaving the day after tomorrow. No need to do it deliberately, just ensure we handle our hotel check-out in advance."

Upon hearing this, Dong Tianxiu nodded her head and agreed.

A faint smile appeared on Bai Xiaosheng's face. To be honest, he was interested in collaborating with the Jia Group, Wanhua Group, Ziyu Group, and a few other families and enterprises. After all, the more powerful allies joined, the faster and earlier his Global Business Alliance plan could be realized.

However, he didn't need unruly allies, at least not ones who didn't hold Bai Xiaosheng in reverence.

Within a day or two, Jia Chengshan and his team might undergo a "transformation."

He hoped it would be the change Bai Xiaosheng anticipated.

A new "Land King" had emerged in Huajing. That very day, the news was pushed by major media outlets, making headlines online and attracting widespread attention and heated discussion from all sectors.

At this moment, somewhere, Lu Yun was browsing through this news, a smile tugging at the corners of his mouth.

"It's been a while," he thought, "and Bai Xiaosheng has grown to the point where he can toy with people like Jia Chengshan. Truly impressive for the younger generation!"

A trace of reminiscence appeared on Lu Yun's face as he recalled the young man he had met years ago.

He had once believed that within ten years, this young man would soar to great heights and transform into a dragon.

Time proved he wasn't wrong, yet also not entirely right, as Bai Xiaosheng grew much faster than expected.

Even Lu Yun couldn't help but feel a tinge of admiration for such rapid advancement.

After his reflection, Lu Yun pressed his hand on the desk before him, stood up, and with a smile, muttered to himself, "Now it's my turn to make a move. After all, this was Bai Xiaosheng's request and arrangement!"

Meanwhile, Dong Tianlu and Wang Xuantian's reactions were similar to Lu Yun's.

On Jia Chengshan's side, two hours after the auction ended, they finally managed to "break out" and took a car to "escape" the media siege and return to their place of residence.

Inside Jia Chengshan's stretch Lincoln, the seven bigwigs were silent, with not a hint of joy, and a rather tense atmosphere.

After all, they had spent an exorbitantly high premium just to gain the attention they received.

Frankly speaking, no one wanted that.

Finally, Lu Tiandao broke the silence, speaking gravely to Jia Chengshan, "That Bai Xiaosheng was indeed bold enough to compete with us until the end. If we had placed one less bid, it would have been them taking that high-priced land!"

Zhang Qinglin said gloomily, "But in the end, it was us who took that land!"

Lu Tiandao frowned and looked at Jia Chengshan, "With so much at stake, can we finally have a proper discussion with Bai Xiaosheng? I believe he was genuinely intent on acquiring that land back then."

Jia Chengshan nodded, asserting confidently, "With this leverage, I'm sure we can achieve our wishes and secure a satisfactory cooperation from Bai Xiaosheng."

Then, looking encouragingly at everyone, he reinforced, "Rest assured, we'll certainly succeed!"

The group returned a forced smile.

At this point, there was nothing left but to support Jia Chengshan.

Jia Chengshan's gaze was distant and eager, silently repeating to himself, "This time, we'll definitely succeed!"

Chapter 2306 - Rolling Thunder

Having obtained the plot of land that Bai Xiaosheng had been bidding for repeatedly, Jia Chengshan felt a great surge of confidence, believing that with this bargaining chip in hand, he could reopen negotiations with Bai Xiaosheng regarding their cooperation.

Additionally, regarding whether Bai Xiaosheng had deliberately raised the price in that land auction to increase their acquisition costs, Jia Chengshan was unwilling to admit it, but in his heart, he indeed had such suspicions.

If Bai Xiaosheng really did raise the price deliberately, it posed a significant risk—if the price went too high and Jia Chengshan's side didn't follow through, Bai Xiaosheng would have to bear the consequences himself, acquiring the land at an excessively high price.

If he indeed meant harm in such a matter, Bai Xiaosheng himself would be the one closest to danger.

Would he do it?

"Is he naturally inclined to take risks and harm others, or does he truly want that land badly enough to pay any price...?" Jia Chengshan couldn't help but keep thinking about this matter.

But, he wasn't a worm in Bai Xiaosheng's stomach, so he couldn't ascertain Bai Xiaosheng's thoughts.

After the land auction ended, they were surrounded by reporters. When Bai Xiaosheng was leaving, Jia Chengshan caught a glimpse of the expression on Bai Xiaosheng's face at that moment.

Neither happy nor sad.

There was no smugness from having succeeded in a cunning plan, nor was there any disappointment from failing to get the land, displaying a calmness not typical for a young man.

Even now, when Jia Chengshan recalls that expression on Bai Xiaosheng's face, there's still a kind of... awe.

It's truly incredible that at his age, he would feel such intense apprehension toward someone as young as his own son.

In that stretch Lincoln, not only Jia Chengshan, but everyone was silent, each with their own thoughts.

Finally, it was Lu Tiandao who spoke up, breaking the silence.

"Gentlemen." Lu Tiandao suddenly spoke, drawing everyone's attention.

"Don't laugh at me, but after this land auction, I suddenly have a sort of..." Lu Tiandao suddenly paused, unable to find the right words, or perhaps finding the words he initially thought of unsuitable to say.

"A sense of apprehension!" Zhang Qinglin, standing by, continued the sentence with a serious gaze.

Lu Tiandao looked surprised at this Zhang boss, who voiced what he himself was too embarrassed to say.

People of their status being driven to apprehension by a young man was not something to be candid about.

The others glanced at the two, their gazes flickering.

Their thoughts were unknown, but no one made fun of it.

Lu Tiandao continued, "This Bai Xiaosheng daring to engage us in a price war, doesn't it seem like a frightening matter to you? We could stop bidding at any time, and that highly overpriced land would become his hot potato. Does he not fear this? Can he easily mobilize that much capital, and purchase land at such a high premium without constraints? Just how deep are his background and strength... this really shifts my understanding. Bai Xiaosheng only handed that nearly exploding package to us at the last moment; his judgment, decision-making, and composure make me feel quite uneasy..."

Lu Tiandao's voice was a bit hoarse, "I don't know if any of you noticed his expression, but I kept my eyes on him the whole time. He remained calm from start to finish, with no confusion, conversing as if he had everything under control. This young man's psychological quality is terrifying! And this quality is essential for anyone aiming to climb high! I imagine no one would disagree with that, right?"

Everyone remained silent, but there was no dissent in their eyes.

Jia Chengshan said nothing, as he somewhat agreed as well.

Beside him, Zhang Qinglin sighed, "Regardless of whether he's fearless or just audaciously threw the dice with us, he has managed to lock up our available liquidity. Adding to our past investments, I'm left with not much liquidity to spare."

Zhang Qinglin had no plans to continue increasing his investment.

"Same here." Lu Tiandao said calmly.

Seeing this, others also began to speak up.

"Yes, funds are tight on my side too, several companies are pressing for money, and reports are chasing us. If my funding chain breaks, it'll be disastrous."

"I'm in the same boat, actually considering asking you all for some bridge funds."

"Isn't everyone? We've stockpiled so many resources, but if they don't liquidize, they're just a heavy weight on our heads."

Each of the business magnates present began to vent their grievances.

Whether true or not, they did not intend to continue playing with real money.

This is how alliances in the business world are; everyone has their own considerations, things go well with the wind, but when things are tough, they consider their own interests first.

Jia Chengshan also felt troubled.

Today's land auction was overdone, following bids as if money were no object.

It's impossible for everyone present to not have opinions.

"I think perhaps from the beginning, we got our approach to cooperating with Bai Xiaosheng all wrong." Lu Tiandao said to Jia Chengshan.

Finally, the topic Jia Chengshan feared was brought up.

It was a very awkward issue.

After all, it was Jia Chengshan who had initially proposed using this method to establish cooperation.

No one commented, but they all stole glances at Jia Chengshan.

Jia Chengshan's eyelids twitched slightly, then he smiled, "Leave this matter to me, I'll ensure a satisfactory outcome for you all. Don't worry, once I go back, I'll seek out Bai Xiaosheng."

Chapter 2307 - Rolling Thunder (Part 2)

Speaking of this, he looked at Lu Tiandao and Zhang Qinglin, saying, "This time, not everyone needs to go. Just Lu and Zhang come with me to meet Bai Xiaosheng, the others can take a break."

This suggestion didn't meet with any objection from Lu Tiandao and Zhang Qinglin, and the other four executives kept silent, giving some face to Jia Chengshan.

However, Jia Chengshan noticed the varied expressions among the group, likely indicating differing thoughts.

This isn't a good sign; it means his prestige is waning, and the group isn't unified anymore!

"It seems, the small alliance I've formed won't last long!" Jia Chengshan kept a calm exterior, but inside he was anxious, "It's all because of Bai Xiaosheng's appearance, and his performance has shaken the stance of our group. Whether intentional or not, that young man is truly formidable! No wonder he can navigate all sides, even gaining the submission of someone like Lu Yun. I... underestimated him!"

This conversation in the car didn't last long, and soon the group fell silent again.

When they arrived at their lodgings, getting out of the car, Jia Chengshan hurriedly led Lu Tiandao and Zhang Qinglin straight to the courtyard where Bai Xiaosheng and his team were staying.

As it turned out, they found only an assistant named Lin Weiwei there; Bai Xiaosheng was out visiting friends, with no set time for returning.

Jia Chengshan and the others had no choice but to leave.

By past ten in the evening, thinking Bai Xiaosheng should be back, they returned again.

And once more, they found nothing.

The assistant Lin Weiwei told them Bai Xiaosheng might come back tonight, or he might not.

Disappointed, Jia Chengshan and his companions left again.

Repeated attempts to find Bai Xiaosheng too frequently were inappropriate; it would make them seem overly eager for the collaboration, giving the other side leverage. That's not a wise negotiation strategy.

Moreover, going again would mean heading over at eleven or twelve at night, which isn't suitable timing for discussions.

On the way back, Jia Chengshan could feel that both Lu Tiandao and Zhang Qinglin were somewhat downcast.

It's understandable; didn't the ancients say that sometimes you must "seize the moment," otherwise "try again you may falter, and thrice you may exhaust"? Despite being figures like Lu Tiandao and Zhang Qinglin, they're still only human, subject to emotional currents.

Could this be Bai Xiaosheng's strategy, anticipating that we'd seek him for negotiations today?!

At this thought, Jia Chengshan felt a chill down his spine.

Could Bai Xiaosheng's grasp of situations and psychology truly be this frightening?

"Gentlemen, don't be disheartened; this might be Bai Xiaosheng's intentional move," Jia Chengshan said, warning Lu Tiandao and Zhang Qinglin, sharing his thoughts with them.

Lu Tiandao and Zhang Qinglin, both sharp-minded, immediately understood, nodding their heads, adjusting their moods.

"Can't meet him today and can't talk, so what? There's always tomorrow; waiting another night isn't a big deal," Jia Chengshan reassured them.

"We understand that, but how should we explain it to those four? Will they get agitated?" Lu Tiandao muttered, "We can't guarantee that!"

Not having those people with them was both an advantage and a disadvantage.

In the absence of full information, individuals might harbor various speculations.

Zhang Qinglin said, "We can only go back and explain to them more."

But over-explaining could lead to wild guesses and unnecessary suspicions.

In summary, it is a troublesome issue.

What these three would say when they returned, we won't mention for now.

In any case, that night, everyone involved with Jia Chengshan was in a rather bad mood.

The night passed without further incident.

By early next morning, Jia Chengshan had already sent someone to keep an eye out, so they could head over as soon as Bai Xiaosheng returned.

Truth is, whether Bai Xiaosheng was there or not, or if he had returned, they weren't sure since barging into someone's room to check wasn't an option. If he was deliberately avoiding them, all they could do was wait outside.

By around nine in the morning, there was still no news back from the person Jia Chengshan had stationed there.

Jia Chengshan then had someone call for Lu Tiandao, Zhang Qinglin, and others to discuss the whole matter.

Before those people arrived, Jia Chengshan's personal assistant rushed over in a flurry, almost stumbling.

Something had happened!

Upon hearing the assistant's report, Jia Chengshan stood up suddenly, his eyes wide with shock.

A short while ago, the Tengyun Group's Lu Yun held a press conference, announcing several major strategic plans which would, directly or indirectly, impact the Jia Group's business!

For a long time, Lu Yun had no "leisure" to counter the Jia Group. This time, he took action, suddenly and without warning!

"How can this be!" Jia Chengshan was genuinely incredulous upon hearing the news.

Though he'd been wary and somewhat prepared for Lu Yun's counterattack, he never imagined Lu Yun would free his hands specifically to take on the Jia Family so forcefully that it would severely impact their business.

Soon after, Jia Chengshan received a call from home, bringing more details.

The Jia Family was full of capable people; Jia Chengshan's brothers, currently managing affairs at home, had taken measures to stabilize the situation, so it hadn't become too dire yet.

After issuing more instructions, Jia Chengshan felt slightly relieved.

Just as Jia Chengshan finished the call, hurried footsteps approached from outside; from the sound, it wasn't just one person coming.

Chapter 2308 Rolling Thunder (Part 3)

It was Lu Tiandao and Zhang Qinglin's people who arrived.

Jia Chengshan's eyes flickered, he turned his phone to silent and put it in his pocket.

The matters at home, no matter how urgent, couldn't be rushed; nor could they be revealed in front of his "allies," as it would disrupt the "morale."

Jia Chengshan believed that everything had its priority and sequence.

As long as he could facilitate the cooperation with Bai Xiaosheng today, then Tengyun would be an indirect "ally" of the Jia Family, and by then, wouldn't all problems be resolved?

Thinking of this, Jia Chengshan calmed down. He didn't forget to instruct the assistant, "Later, don't make a sound, don't show any emotions, everything at home... is fine!"

The assistant immediately understood, nodded, and composed himself.

While still speaking, the people outside had already briskly entered.

Leading the group was Lu Tiandao and Zhang Qinglin, followed by several other allies.

Jia Chengshan instantly put on a pleasant expression, showing no emotion, and looked up with a smile, "Everyone, you came quickly..."

"It's not good, Jia!" Lu Tiandao looked anxious, skipping the pleasantries and getting straight to the point.

"What happened?" Jia Chengshan was taken aback.

He then noticed that everyone's expressions seemed somewhat unsatisfactory.

"I just received news that Dong Tianlu from Beifeng has targeted my business." Lu Tiandao's face was dark, "I'm short on cash flow, and it could be quite a problem!"

"Such a thing!" Jia Chengshan said in surprise.

The Lu Family was also facing retaliation?

If it were just Tengyun Group's Lu Yun retaliating against the Jia Family, it could be seen as a sudden incident, but now it seemed that theirs was organized!

"Lu, don't be anxious, perhaps the situation isn't that bad." Jia Chengshan comforted, though he secretly blamed Lu Tiandao.

The situation with the Jia Family might be several times worse than the Lu Family's crisis, yet he kept silent; how could Lu Tiandao disturb the "morale" at such a critical moment? Lu Tiandao wasn't one to lack a sense of the bigger picture.

"Jia, I was also targeted by Haoyu Group's Wang Xuantian!" Zhang Qinglin hurriedly blurted out.

Upon hearing this, Jia Chengshan was stunned, exclaiming, "Even you..."

"And me, all my companies are surrounded by enterprises cooperating with Tengyun!"

"I received news this morning too..."

"I just got the news as well..."

Not just Lu Tiandao and Zhang Qinglin, the rest of the people chimed in one after another.

The serious expression on their faces wasn't out of concern for others; it was the troubles in their own houses causing their worries.

And before coming, they had already exchanged information.

The partners within the region, not just Tengyun, Beifeng, and Haoyu, included numerous SMEs rallying around them, even capable of coordinated actions.

Seeing everyone vying to voice their concerns, Jia Chengshan was momentarily stunned.

"This matter is related to Bai Xiaosheng, certainly related to him!" Lu Tiandao suddenly shouted, "Before he appeared, there was no trouble. When he arrived, our problems came along!"

Lu Tiandao's words instantly resonated with everyone.

Jia Chengshan watched on and felt a headache.

Everyone's minds were already chaotic, and Lu Tiandao's words further stirred "panic" regarding Bai Xiaosheng.

Not that the thoughts of influential figures remain untouched; it depends on the issue, especially when it concerns their own lives, the rise and fall of their families; they're still just humans.

In fact, Jia Chengshan also felt that there was something fishy about these matters and suspected it had something to do with Bai Xiaosheng.

That young man had tricked them yesterday, and today, he's gone even further!

Jia Chengshan felt a cold chill in his heart.

"Everyone, let's not panic!" Jia Chengshan barked, quieting them, and then picked up his phone, "I'll ask the person I've sent to keep an eye on them, see what the situation is over there, whether Bai Xiaosheng is there, if he is, we can find him to discuss. It's negotiable; big troubles won't arise."

Upon hearing this, everyone exchanged glances and finally calmed down.

Jia Chengshan steadied himself and called the person he had sent, relaying the information he heard loud enough for everyone to hear.

"Bai Xiaosheng hasn't returned? There's no set time for his return?" Jia Chengshan frowned upon hearing this.

This wasn't good news.

Lu Tiandao and his cohorts instantly looked somber.

Soon after, Jia Chengshan's expression changed drastically, exclaiming, "You asked the front desk this morning, and Bai Xiaosheng is checking out and leaving tomorrow morning?!"

This final sentence was like a rolling thunder, shocking them to the core!

Lu Tiandao, Zhang Qinglin heard it and couldn't help but change their expressions.

This matter wasn't settled, and if Bai Xiaosheng left?

Then what would they do!

Chapter 2309 - Requesting an Audience

The previous day's "Land King" contest, Jia Chengshan and his associates believed they had a slight edge. Even among similar plots, the price of that "Land King" was considered the top prize, drawing tremendous attention and causing the media to swarm the scene for interviews.

Today, when they took the "Land King" as a bargaining chip to discuss cooperation with Bai Xiaosheng, they realized it wasn't as simple as they thought!

As everyone's liquid assets became tightly constrained, Tengyun, Beifeng, and Haoyu spearheaded enterprises to jointly strike at their family businesses!

The opposition used legitimate and lawful business competition tactics, hitting them hard at their most vulnerable moment.

This was no coincidence! It was certainly not a fluke!

This was a premeditated, planned business war!

Jia Chengshan and these experienced business moguls were utterly caught off guard!

By the time they realized what was happening, they were all flustered.

They were eager for collaboration with Bai Xiaosheng. But when they met him in person, they subconsciously felt this young man was not worthy of such respect, harboring a slight disdain for Bai Xiaosheng.

At present, Bai Xiaosheng gave them a solid lesson, teaching these renowned figures—

In business, success and failure are all that matter, not age!

In a commercial battle, it's all about win or lose, not about seniority!

"So what do we do now?"

Hearing that Bai Xiaosheng was not present while he would be leaving the next day, Lu Tiandao grew restless and anxious, looking at Jia Chengshan and couldn't help but ask.

"We must act quickly, or it will be too late!" Zhang Qinglin stated solemnly.

Their words instantly stirred the room into chaos.

"I've committed a huge sum of money there, and I'm short on liquidity. I need to pull back my funds to at least stabilize the situation and prevent any opportunities for others to take advantage!"

"We're all allies here, and I know some of you have supply channels I need. At times like this, we need to help each other out!"

"I have even more trouble on my side. I beg everyone, please deal with my crisis first..."

Everyone rushed to seek help, continuously lamenting their situations.

The scene was chaotic, with everyone shouting, making Jia Chengshan's head throb.

Were these not the very business moguls who ruled the commercial world? Now they appeared like a ragtag group! Outsiders would surely laugh their heads off!

People only saw their extravagant glory but never this petty, mundane side of theirs.

"Everyone, calm down, don't panic!" "There's always a way to resolve issues!" "Don't let this unsettle you!" Jia Chengshan repeatedly tried to calm them down.

It was useless.

At the crisis moment, who would listen to reason and control themselves with just a word?

Even Lu Tiandao and Zhang Qinglin were getting flustered.

In the end, Jia Chengshan truly got angry, smashing the tea set on the table beside him to the ground with a loud "crack," shouting with all his might, "Everybody shut the hell up!"

If a tiger shows no threat, do you think it's a sick cat!

If Mr. Jia doesn't curse, do you think I'm a pushover!

In Jia Chengshan's rage, the scene was immediately brought under control.

Everyone looked in astonishment at the furious Jia Chengshan.

After regaining his composure, Jia Chengshan's stern gaze swept across each face before he spoke, "The situation is not as bad as you think, don't panic! Your problems are also my problems! Right now, I have Lu Yun targeting me, have I said anything?"

The crowd was astonished, even Lu Tiandao and Zhang Qinglin exchanged surprised glances.

The fact that the Jia Group was being targeted by the Tengyun Group was news to them.

But thinking about it, it made sense, after all, they were each being targeted individually.

Jia Chengshan said solemnly, "We are a whole; we won't abandon or lose anyone. But when faced with problems and troubles, we can't just solve them one at a time, reacting to each issue as it arises. We need to think about where to start in order to resolve all the predicaments."

Everyone looked at each other.

The answer wasn't that hard to figure out.

"Mr. Jia means... Bai Xiaosheng!" Lu Tiandao voiced the answer.

In fact, they had been discussing Bai Xiaosheng from the beginning, but upon hearing that Bai Xiaosheng was not present and would soon leave, they panicked and turned their focus back onto themselves, each crying for help and losing their focus.

"I believe as long as we reach a cooperation with Bai Xiaosheng, we can also reach an understanding with Tengyun, Beifeng, and Haoyu, and all troubles can be resolved," Jia Chengshan stated solemnly.

"But he's not here now!" "I don't know when he'll be back!" "He's leaving first thing tomorrow morning!"

Everyone started speaking at once.

Jia Chengshan raised his hand and motioned for everyone to calm down, then coldly smiled, "What were we just talking about? This whole matter relates to Bai Xiaosheng from beginning to end! I even suspect... he is the master planner behind our troubles! Do you really believe, he's visiting friends?"

"Even if he is, I will wait for him until I meet him!" Jia Chengshan said fiercely.

The dignified clan leader of the Jia Family, the chairman of the Jia Group, going to wait outside someone's door until they returned would shock everyone.

But there was no choice; desperate times called for desperate measures.

"I'm going too!" Lu Tiandao immediately said.

"Count me in!" Zhang Qinglin added.

"I'm going too!" "We are all going!"

The rest echoed in unison.

This time, Jia Chengshan didn't stop them, as everyone was already anxious, and no one could wait for updates.

"Then we'll go together," Jia Chengshan said.

Under Jia Chengshan's lead, the group set out straight for Bai Xiaosheng's residence.

Upon their arrival, Jia Chengshan spotted two people standing at the entrance from afar, a man and a woman, who seemed to be Bai Xiaosheng's companions.

The man was likely named Lei Ying, and the woman, Lin Weiwei.

The two seemed to have anticipated their arrival and were waiting there with smirking faces.

Was this part of Bai Xiaosheng's arrangement, predicted down to such precise timing!

Jia Chengshan felt chills in his heart upon seeing them.

At this point, not only did he not dare underestimate Bai Xiaosheng, but he also felt a kind of dread towards him.

As the saying goes, young talents are to be feared.

The fear Bai Xiaosheng instilled was at a level of "fear" and "respect."

Upon approaching, Jia Chengshan composed himself, his demeanor softened, and he smiled kindly at Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying, politely asking, "Excuse me, when will Mr. Bai be back?"

Facing the courteous Jia Chengshan, Lin Weiwei responded with equal propriety, smiling, "Our Mr. Bai has already returned."

Jia Chengshan was taken aback by the news, and behind him, the others showed signs of joy.

"When did he return?"

"Just now." Lin Weiwei responded naturally, her face sincere without a trace of deceit.

I don't believe you, tricky young folks!

Cursing inwardly, Jia Chengshan maintained a laugh, "Then please let him know we... have something to discuss!"

Chapter 2310 - New Allies

Jia Chengshan, with his status, actually used the words "seek an audience" when asking Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying to relay a message to Bai Xiaosheng. This was both due to the situation and a way to convey to Bai Xiaosheng a sense of lowering his status.

Lu Tiandao, Zhang Qinglin, and others were all moved when they heard this.

Jia Chengshan was kind of lowering himself for everyone's sake, and they had to acknowledge this favor.

In doing so, Jia Chengshan was doing everyone a good turn, and invisibly helping their small team regain some cohesion.

Lin Weiwei politely asked everyone to wait for a moment and went inside to pass on the message.

The people behind Jia Chengshan had mixed feelings, thinking that Bai Xiaosheng knew they were coming and still had two of his subordinates guarding the door. What kind of thing was that!

This was called putting on a show!

In a while, Bai Xiaosheng might have his female secretary come out to "escort" them in, which made everyone feel somewhat uncomfortable.

After all, they were considered figures of some importance. Even if they had made a mistake, they shouldn't be subjected to such humiliation.

Many people couldn't help but feel a bit of resentment towards Bai Xiaosheng in their hearts.

Not long after, Lin Weiwei came out.

Unexpectedly, Bai Xiaosheng followed right behind her.

Bai Xiaosheng, upon seeing everyone, quickly walked a few steps, with a smile on his face, speaking in an extremely polite tone, "Ah, Mr. Jia, everyone! Why didn't you give me a heads-up before coming, so I could personally come out to greet you! Look at this situation, keeping you all waiting outside, please come in quickly."

Bai Xiaosheng was courteous, his demeanor humble, and even the most critical people couldn't find fault with him.

The little resentment in everyone's heart was unknowingly dissolved by him.

Even Jia Chengshan couldn't help but sigh in his heart, this Bai Xiaosheng really understood human relations and gave them enough face!

Jia Chengshan smiled broadly, nodding politely to Bai Xiaosheng, "We also came on short notice to disturb you!"

"How could it be a disturbance! Everyone, please come in!" As he spoke, Bai Xiaosheng warmly invited Jia Chengshan and others inside.

Everyone entered the small courtyard together and proceeded to the central hall, where they each took a seat on the sofas.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying served tea and snacks to everyone before they left.

In the living room, only Bai Xiaosheng, Jia Chengshan, and the others remained, without any outsiders, making it convenient to talk.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled as he picked up a teacup, saying to Jia Chengshan and others, "This isn't tea from the club, it's a gift from a friend, quite rare. Everyone, have a taste."

Jia Chengshan nodded and responded, raising his teacup to take a sip.

Lu Tiandao and Zhang Qinglin also followed suit and picked up their cups.

The others were restless, not in the mood to drink tea, holding their cups while looking expectantly at Jia Chengshan, waiting for him to start.

Jia Chengshan was truly patient, taking a sip of tea and then giving Bai Xiaosheng a nod and a smile, "It's indeed nice, this quality, probably worth a couple of gold for just a bit of tea leaf."

"My friend said the same thing. I thought he was exaggerating, but it's reassuring to hear Mr. Jia confirm the tea's value!" Bai Xiaosheng laughed and said.

Seeing these two not talking about business and instead chatting about tea, someone couldn't help but cough to remind Jia Chengshan.

As it turned out, more than one person had this in mind, including Lu Tiandao and Zhang Qinglin.

Several coughs sounded one after another, creating a rather odd atmosphere.

The coughing people couldn't help but exchange startled glances, with eyes clearly saying, "Why... are you coughing too..."

Jia Chengshan glanced at everyone and was speechless, thinking to himself, "Why can't these people be patient! Listen, they're urging me."

Bai Xiaosheng laughed, "It seems the tea is too hot and choked everyone. Be careful, all of you."

Everyone gave a couple of dry laughs to cover their embarrassment.

Zhang Qinglin couldn't help but say, "Mr. Bai, the tea is good, but we're not in the mood to drink. To be frank, we're here to ask for help..."

Lu Tiandao quickly pulled Zhang Qinglin aside, subtly.

Right now, Jia Chengshan was essentially everyone's spokesperson, so it was best for him to bring up any issues. Zhang Qinglin's interruption disrupted Jia Chengshan's rhythm.

Originally, with Zhang Qinglin's savvy, he wouldn't have done this, but at the moment, the trouble on his end was the greatest, with the family business facing a potential chain-effect collapse.

It seemed that Old Zhang was truly anxious this time!

In fact, others were not without their own pressing issues, or they wouldn't have hurriedly come as a group to find Bai Xiaosheng.

With Zhang Qinglin taking the lead, everyone else couldn't hold back either and started chiming in.

"Indeed, let's get down to business quickly."

"The tea is good, but we're not in the mood for it now!"

"Yes..."

With everyone talking all at once, Jia Chengshan was at a loss.

That's what's meant by 'concern leading to confusion' and 'those involved losing their perspective'."

Indeed, no matter how significant a person, when it comes to their own interests, even life and death, they can't remain calm and collected.

"What is everyone saying?" Bai Xiaosheng asked with a surprised expression, smiling.

Zhang Qinglin couldn't help wanting to speak, but Jia Chengshan coughed to stop him.

"Let me speak," Jia Chengshan said with a more assertive tone to Zhang Qinglin.

Zhang Qinglin opened his mouth, noticing Jia Chengshan giving him a deep look, and finally closed his mouth.

Jia Chengshan let out a slight sigh and said to Bai Xiaosheng, "Here's the situation: not long ago, we received news that a business alliance led by the three major groups Tengyun, Beifeng, and Haoyu launched an offensive against our businesses. I won't hide it from you, Mr. Bai; this is a big problem for us. It may not be a complete victory for them either, and if things go awry, it could lead to mutual

destruction. As merchants say, peace brings prosperity. Mr. Lu Yun, Miss Dong Tianlu, and Mr. Wang Xuantian are all your friends, so we want to ask if you could mediate to prevent such intense business conflict."