

Two Trillion 2311

Chapter 2311 - New Ally (Part 2)

When Jia Chengshan spoke these words, the others also looked at Bai Xiaosheng, their eyes filled with anticipation.

Bai Xiaosheng looked a bit troubled, furrowing his brows and smacking his lips as he said, "Oh dear, this is a bit tricky. I've heard that in the past, you've also adopted rather aggressive competitive actions against Tengyun, Beifeng, and Haoyu. Now they're just learning from you. Is there anything illegal or in violation about their methods? If not, why stop them? Moreover, business investments are not child's play; it is a great taboo to change strategies arbitrarily. Even if I have a good relationship with them, how could just a few words from me put a stop to it? You must think too highly of me. How would I compensate them for any resulting losses?"

Bai Xiaosheng did not refuse to help, but only pointed out the difficulty of the matter and emphasized the "principle" involved.

Jia Chengshan hurriedly said, "We are well aware of these things! Of course, we wouldn't just ask Mr. Bai to say a few words and expect Mr. Lu and his team to stop legitimate competition. We only ask to cooperate together in developing the areas in which they have gained the advantage along with all of us. In the areas where we hold the advantage, it would be the same! We have control over several resources, including a few plots of land and some exclusive policies, and we are willing to share these benefits with them. What do you think of this?"

Jia Chengshan earnestly wished to open the door to collaboration, and naturally, the others had no objections.

Bai Xiaosheng pondered in silence, lifting his teacup to take small sips.

Jia Chengshan and the others kept their eyes fixed on him, awaiting his response.

"You seem to be asking me to be a mediator." Bai Xiaosheng put down his teacup and said with a smile.

"No!" Jia Chengshan replied earnestly, denying the notion as he continued, "We are more interested in collaborating with Mr. Bai's Zhenbei Group and your friends from the global business community! If you

help us in this matter, we will not forget it. Here, on behalf of everyone present, I promise you that we will offer the highest level of benefits in collaborations with your side without any additional conditions. We also hope to stand by you in the long term of commercial cooperation without betraying you!"

Jia Chengshan's words were spoken with absolute sincerity. He even looked around and added solemnly, "Anyone who disagrees or acts duplicitously at the front and back should never think of cooperating with the rest of us again!"

Everyone present had a stern look, nodding in agreement, "That's right, Mr. Jia is correct, that is certain!"

"We won't collaborate with two-faced people!"

"In the future, we are willing to follow Mr. Bai's lead without any additional conditions!"

Seeing everyone express themselves with such urgency and sincerity, Bai Xiaosheng felt it was about time.

These people were well-known figures; if such statements were not reliable, then nothing else would be guaranteed.

It's best to seize the opportunity.

Bai Xiaosheng stood up sincerely and said to Jia Chengshan and the others, "You all are too kind; settling conflicts amicably and making money through cooperation is a win-win, and that couldn't be better. I'll take on this matter and strive to mediate without letting you down. At the same time, please rest assured that if you cooperate with us or with my introduced friends, I guarantee you won't be at a disadvantage!"

In the business world, no one is foolish; mutual benefit is the key to longevity.

Bai Xiaosheng's words were sincere and reasonable. Although his strategic move had caused some setbacks for everyone, he knew when to stop, was neither arrogant nor haughty, and kept a low profile while being reasonable, earning heartfelt admiration from everyone present.

Even Jia Chengshan felt a sense of admiration: If this young man becomes a business alliance hierarch, he would accept it!

Jia Chengshan stood up and earnestly cupped his hands, "Thank you, Mr. Bai."

The others also stood up in succession, echoing, "Thank you, Mr. Bai!" "Thanks for your trouble!"

With the conversation reaching this point, it could be considered a conclusion. Bai Xiaosheng asked Jia Chengshan and the others to go back and wait for news, saying he would start working on it immediately.

Receiving Bai Xiaosheng's promise, Jia Chengshan and the others felt somewhat relieved and took their leave.

Bai Xiaosheng accompanied them all the way to the courtyard gate, displaying thorough courtesy.

Once Jia Chengshan and his group left, Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying couldn't help but gather around Bai Xiaosheng to inquire about what happened.

Upon learning the details of the conversation, Lin Weiwei broke into a beaming smile, "These guys, showing off to us before, have now completely bowed their heads, understanding Xiaosheng's prowess! Hmph, if they had known, why bother with their previous attitude?"

"Without this turn of events, how would those experienced individuals be subdued by a young man like Xiaosheng?" Lei Ying said with a smile.

"That's not entirely accurate," Bai Xiaosheng replied with a smile, "Such words are exaggerated! These big figures are guided by interests, putting profits first, and they were just minimizing their losses. There is no deep-seated hatred between us, no need to fight to the bitter end. Otherwise, if they were to fight

to the death, Mr. Lu Yun and his group might not be unscathed, possibly even severely damaged, and that would be counterproductive! Allowing these people to recognize our strength and attitude is a blessing for them and for us!"

Bai Xiaosheng remained neither arrogant nor impatient, clearly recognizing the reality and speaking with a high level of wisdom.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying repeatedly nodded in agreement.

Bai Xiaosheng took a deep look in the direction where Jia Chengshan and his group left, then turned around. He still needed to liaise with Tengyun and the others to properly handle the competitive and cooperative relationships between them.

Later in the evening, Dong Tianxiu came to see Bai Xiaosheng and was delighted to learn about the situation, saying he would return home from Huajing today.

Dong Tianxiu invited Bai Xiaosheng to visit their home again at his convenience, and Bai Xiaosheng smiled and agreed.

Tomorrow, Bai Xiaosheng and his team would also leave to return to the Greater China Region Headquarters.

With matters settled, things ended satisfactorily.

In the evening, Bai Xiaosheng personally communicated the intention to reconcile and cooperate with Tengyun to Jia Chengshan and the others.

Subsequently, the two parties would meet again to discuss cooperation details. Bai Xiaosheng was no longer involved in that.

Jia Chengshan and the others were extremely grateful to Bai Xiaosheng and insisted on hosting a banquet for him in the evening. Bai Xiaosheng had no reason to refuse, but just as he was about to agree, his phone rang.

Glancing at the phone, Bai Xiaosheng found that it was an extraordinary individual calling.

Immediately, Bai Xiaosheng apologized to Jia Chengshan and the others and stepped outside to answer the phone.

"Director Hou, how do you have the time to call me?"

The caller was Director Hou Yuncheng. Although his position didn't seem very high-ranking, the department he was in was of national importance, exceptional, managing the economy internally and trade externally, extremely powerful.

Previously, when Bai Xiaosheng experienced turmoil in South America and North America, causing many disruptions to his businesses at home, Director Hou significantly helped in maintaining stability.

After all, Bai Xiaosheng and his team were involved with numerous enterprises across various industries, and they couldn't afford chaos.

Bai Xiaosheng had met Director Hou Yuncheng several times and got along well with him.

"Bai Xiaosheng, Mr. Bai, you're in Huajing? I only just found out! I must show some hospitality as your host. How about having dinner at my place tonight?" Director Hou chuckled, "Additionally, I have a little work-related matter to discuss with you, our major entrepreneur; can you make it?"

This Director Hou was honest and dedicated to the public good, and Bai Xiaosheng admired him quite a bit.

Faced with his invitation, Bai Xiaosheng naturally agreed.

"Sure, I wouldn't want to trouble you." Bai Xiaosheng smiled.

Director Hou told Bai Xiaosheng his home address and time and chatted a bit more before ending the call.

Bai Xiaosheng returned to Jia Chengshan and his group, who were still enthusiastic, inquiring about having dinner together in the evening.

Bai Xiaosheng regretfully said, "This evening I really can't make it; I have an important appointment, not to disregard everyone. When you visit me for an inspection, I will host a banquet for all of you!"

Seeing this, Jia Chengshan and the others did not press further.

With their business done, Bai Xiaosheng left with Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying.

On the way, upon learning that Director Hou Yuncheng wanted to meet them, Lin Weiwei was quite curious, "I wonder what the Director wants to discuss when he said it's work-related. What could it be?"

Bai Xiaosheng pondered briefly and then replied with a smile, "Don't speculate wildly; we'll find out when we meet in the evening!"

Chapter 2312 - Attending the Banquet

That evening, Bai Xiaosheng, along with Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying, went to Hou Yuncheng's house for a dinner party as promised. Hou Yuncheng lived in an old residential area, but the surroundings seemed decent. At the entrance, there was an elderly man with a red armband drinking tea. People coming and going greeted him, and he responded kindly, looking like the gatekeeper.

As Bai Xiaosheng and the others entered, they naturally greeted the elderly man. Upon hearing they were looking for Hou Yuncheng and learning they were from a company rather than a government office, the elderly man frowned and turned a bit cold, asking many detailed questions without allowing them to pass.

Back and forth, the elderly man almost drove Lin Weiwei mad, aggravating her in the process.

When visiting someone, Bai Xiaosheng and the others naturally brought some gifts, but it was just some seasonal fruits, nothing important.

The elderly man wanted to check them, and Lin Weiwei was stubbornly refusing despite persuasion from Bai Xiaosheng and Lei Ying.

That young lady could be as stubborn as the elderly man.

In the end, Hou Yuncheng came to fetch them.

Facing the elderly man, Hou Yuncheng respectfully called him "old leader" with a smile on his face.

Finally, Bai Xiaosheng and the others let the elderly man examine their items before proceeding.

Throughout the process, Hou Yuncheng was extremely respectful to the elderly man, who seemed to have an even larger presence than Hou Yuncheng himself.

Once the misunderstanding was clarified and it was known that Bai Xiaosheng and the others weren't there to deliver gifts, the elderly man even apologized to Lin Weiwei, leaving her a bit embarrassed.

Seeing how respectful Hou Yuncheng was to the elderly man, Lin Weiwei, on her initiative, picked some fruits meant for Hou Yuncheng and left them for the elder.

Before the elderly man could react, they quickly left.

As Hou Yuncheng led Bai Xiaosheng and the others inside, he couldn't help but mention the elderly man at the entrance, "Here, the housing is allocated by the unit, and most of the residents in this area are civil servants. The elderly man at the entrance is my former director, an old revolutionary, a very upright man. After retiring, he could have had better benefits but chose to guard the entrance of this area."

Hou Yuncheng paused, exclaiming, "The old leader once told me that he's not guarding the gate, but the last line of defense for the people living here!"

Hou Yuncheng pointed at the fruits Lei Ying was carrying and smiled, "So when you mentioned being from a company and bringing gifts, he naturally had to strictly check if there were any hidden items."

Bai Xiaosheng and the others were filled with respect upon hearing this.

"I was really impolite just now," Lin Weiwei felt increasingly guilty hearing this.

"But in the end, you did well!" Hou Yuncheng smiled, giving Lin Weiwei a thumbs up.

Only then did Lin Weiwei smile, feeling slightly better.

"Next time, don't be so impulsive. Once you're mad, even Lei Ying and I can't persuade you," Bai Xiaosheng laughed, trying to ease the tension.

Lin Weiwei quickly nodded.

"You're a very reasonable leader," Hou Yuncheng joked with Bai Xiaosheng with a smile.

Everyone laughed.

As they chatted, Bai Xiaosheng and the others learned that Director Hou had recently been promoted to a deputy director position.

The three quickly congratulated him, but Hou Yuncheng joked that with the promotion only came more responsibilities, and he dreamt of having a day to sleep in peacefully.

Amidst laughter and conversation, they finally arrived at Hou Yuncheng's home.

It was a three-bedroom apartment, not big, but elegantly and warmly decorated. Hou Yuncheng's wife was a middle school teacher, with a wall full of honors. She was a gentle and intellectual woman. The

couple warmly welcomed Bai Xiaosheng and the others. Lin Weiwei went to help Hou Yuncheng's wife prepare dinner, and the two women quickly got acquainted, liking each other.

Seeing Bai Xiaosheng and Lei Ying being well-spoken, the elder sister-in-law was quite impressed as well.

And so, they enjoyed a simple yet sumptuous dinner together.

Laughter continued throughout the meal.

After dinner, Lin Weiwei proactively helped Hou Yuncheng's wife clean the kitchen.

Lei Ying was interested in the flowers on the balcony and the floral books in the living room since his wife, Zi Yue, also liked them. The Hou couple told him not to be formal and feel free to read and admire the plants.

Meanwhile, Bai Xiaosheng was invited by Hou Yuncheng to the study to discuss some business matters.

In the study, with the door closed, Bai Xiaosheng and Hou Yuncheng each held a cup of tea, sitting opposite each other.

"Sheng, you caused quite a stir going to South America and North America recently, especially your North American trip made global news," Hou Yuncheng humorously remarked.

In private, they could speak more freely, and since Hou Yuncheng was older, Bai Xiaosheng invited him to call him "Sheng" for a more intimate touch.

"Yes, it was quite the uproar, all business troubles, but fortunately, everything was resolved," Bai Xiaosheng replied with a smile.

"You gained a lot, I've heard. You brought back a lot of big trade deals, benefiting not only your Zhenbei Group but also a large number of companies like Tengyun, Beifeng, and Haoyu who will share the benefits!" Hou Yuncheng chuckled, "You could say, Bai Xiaosheng, that you contributed significantly to

the development of many companies and industries. As someone working in economic development, I should thank you!"

Bai Xiaosheng chuckled, "I can't take all the credit for that! I'm just doing my job. If it can also benefit society and industries, it is my honor!"

Bai Xiaosheng spoke sincerely, from the heart.

Hou Yuncheng nodded appreciatively, "That's the attitude a successful person should have!"

Vision determines height, but it's important not to speak just hollow words. This is why Hou Yuncheng appreciates Bai Xiaosheng.

"Sheng, I asked you here to discuss something with you." Hou Yuncheng's smile slightly faded as he spoke seriously, "At the end of this month... well, in just over half a month's time, I will lead a group of domestic entrepreneurs to several African countries for inspections and to promote business cooperation. I would like to invite you to join us. What do you think!"

Bai Xiaosheng was surprised.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!

"Once your company establishes cooperation with African enterprises, we can offer you more favorable policies. However, you must ensure that the products or services you provide are top-notch. You represent not just yourself, but the image of our country!" Hou Yuncheng spoke solemnly to Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng put down his teacup, straightened his posture, and earnestly said to Hou Yuncheng, "You can rest assured, sir. In cooperation, trustworthiness is my cornerstone!"

Bai Xiaosheng rarely appeared this serious.

Seeing Bai Xiaosheng like this, Hou Yuncheng laughed, "I trust you, otherwise, I wouldn't have invited you to my home to talk."

Bai Xiaosheng smiled brightly.

"Sheng, you are a unique entrepreneur. Not only do you have Zhenbei Group's resources, but you also have alliances with top companies like Tengyun, Beifeng, Haoyu, and even several major families in Xianggang. I've come to understand your character, which I find very credible. That's why you were the first person I thought of. I am very much looking forward to working with you!" Hou Yuncheng said sincerely.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled, "If you're talking about my allies, they are not just Tengyun and the others now. My current allies also include Jia Group, Ziyu Group, Wanhua Group... and I dare say, I can rally them to do things together!"

Currently, in certain fields, Bai Xiaosheng has undoubtedly become a leader in the business world!

"All those companies have formed alliances with you?!" Hearing this, Hou Yuncheng couldn't help but look at Bai Xiaosheng with amazement.

Those are all top-tier companies like Tengyun!

This young man, with a calm demeanor, spoke astonishing words.

It's truly incredible that such a young person like Bai Xiaosheng can become a leader in the business arena!

Hou Yuncheng felt a sense of admiration and joked, "It seems that this meal I've arranged is quite simple; at the very least, it should have a few more dishes to match your current status."

"There's always a next time." Bai Xiaosheng joked.

The two exchanged a hearty laugh.

After the laughter subsided, Bai Xiaosheng said to Hou Yuncheng, "Actually, to be honest, even without this opportunity, I planned to seek more cooperation in Africa! Because our Zhenbei Group is established there, and there are numerous enterprises, the opportunities are plentiful. I just visited South America and North America, thinking of taking a short break to digest the major deals from the Americas trip."

"Then, does this disrupt your plans?" Hou Yuncheng asked.

Bai Xiaosheng shook his head, "Not really, it doesn't. When I returned, I inadvertently established contact with the Jia Group and others, and I thought of sharing some collaborations with them to strengthen our alliance relationship. Additionally, it's more suitable for them to take on some industry-business, making it a win-win situation."

Bai Xiaosheng's remarks earned Hou Yuncheng's admiration, as he nodded in agreement.

A businessman without a broad vision is doomed not to go far.

Someone as young as Bai Xiaosheng, who still possesses such foresight, truly has limitless potential!

"Come on, let's chat casually; we can discuss any industry, trends, or directions. Even if it's just exploratory communication. But rest assured, my lips are sealed. I won't reveal a single word of things I shouldn't say." Hou Yuncheng said with a smile.

Despite speaking casually, this person is well-versed in the national and even global economic trends—a conversation with him will undoubtedly be enriching.

Bai Xiaosheng immediately perked up and began to chat with Hou Yuncheng.

The conversation lasted for two hours.

As night fell, Hou Yuncheng still had work to attend to, and the topic came to a close.

Though Bai Xiaosheng didn't gain much inside information, his perspective was elevated to a new level.

Hou Yuncheng also enjoyed the conversation.

Finally, the two emerged from the study, and Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying were already waiting in the living room.

Bai Xiaosheng bid farewell, and Hou Yuncheng and his wife accompanied them downstairs to wave goodbye.

When Bai Xiaosheng and the other two left the community, Lin Weiwei specifically apologized to the gate elderly.

The elderly man laughed heartily and told the young girl that the fruit was sweet and that she's welcome to bring more next time, as he would never refuse.

The elderly man said this deliberately to ease Lin Weiwei's sense of guilt.

Lin Weiwei's mood indeed improved, and she nodded vigorously.

Bai Xiaosheng and the two others bid farewell to the elderly with smiles and then left.

On the way, Bai Xiaosheng informed the two about the African trip at the end of the month, and Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying were filled with anticipation.

Bai Xiaosheng laughed and said, "Tomorrow, we'll return to headquarters to quickly handle things there. Also, we need to take some time off for a vacation, and each of us should visit our respective families. It's been a while since we've been reunited with our families!"

Chapter 2313 - Someone's Got Their Eyes on You Again

Before leaving Huajing, Bai Xiaosheng, out of courtesy, greeted Jia Chengshan, Lu Tiandao, Zhang Qinglin, and the others. As a result, early in the morning, they came with their entourage to Bai Xiaosheng's residence, insisting on sending him to the high-speed train station.

Bai Xiaosheng politely declined, but Jia Chengshan and the others insisted on sending him off, neither side willing to back down.

Since they had just formed an alliance, Bai Xiaosheng did not want to slight them over something so trivial, so he eventually agreed.

Then, it became lively, even beyond Bai Xiaosheng's expectations.

Bai Xiaosheng experienced an unprecedented spectacle.

Four cars led the way, followed by the stretched Lincoln they were riding in, with at least five more cars trailing behind. The cheapest car in the convoy was still a luxury car worth over two million.

Reportedly, this was the reduced number after considering traffic conditions, intending to keep a low profile as much as possible.

If the entire entourage of these business moguls were to come out, the seven of them might block two streets with their cars.

Seeing this display, Bai Xiaosheng was speechless, wondering if his understanding of "low profile" differed from theirs...

Bai Xiaosheng initially wanted Jia Chengshan and the others to cut down by two cars, but they found it difficult because several of them had other matters to attend to after sending him off. Since that was the case, Bai Xiaosheng could not insist, and in the end, not a single car was reduced.

Bai Xiaosheng had no choice but to give up.

Thus, the grand convoy set off onto the street, spectacular and drawing great attention along the way.

Fortunately, there were privacy windows and curtains in the car, so people outside couldn't see who was inside.

Bai Xiaosheng chatted with Jia Chengshan and the others in the stretched Lincoln about future cooperation. The club wasn't far from the high-speed train station, and the traffic wasn't too congested. In an hour and a half, they arrived at the station square.

In the car, Bai Xiaosheng bade farewell to everyone, asking them not to get out to see him off. This time, Bai Xiaosheng was determined, and they had to comply.

Just before getting out, Bai Xiaosheng smiled and said, "I've already spoken with Mr. Lu Yun on their side, so you can arrange to meet and discuss cooperation soon. From our Zhenbei Group, Mr. Xiahou Qi will contact you. Rest assured, before long, you'll be facing an overwhelming number of international deals, and they will only increase. I wish you all thriving businesses and great fortune in advance!"

Jia Chengshan immediately beamed, "I also wish Mr. Bai smooth sailing and a broad business path!"

The others also offered their well-wishes.

Bai Xiaosheng thanked them all, then pushed the car door open and got out.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying were already waiting outside with the luggage.

Bai Xiaosheng beckoned them, and they headed towards the station.

The line of luxury cars was parked outside, with those inside watching the people outside.

People in the square were curious, gossiping as they looked at the luxury cars.

Even though Bai Xiaosheng and the others got out of one of these cars, it only drew attention for a moment. Later, no one paid them much mind, much less connected the three young people with those luxury cars.

As Bai Xiaosheng and the others approached the high-speed train station, an elderly man couldn't help but ask them, "Young man, you came from over there, do you know which important person is visiting, with such a grand spectacle!"

Bai Xiaosheng glanced back and smiled at the old man, "Not sure, didn't see."

"Tsk, must be some wealthy businessman showing off," the old man scoffed, "Wealthy folks don't know what green travel means."

"Indeed," Bai Xiaosheng nodded in agreement.

The old man, finding the young man insightful, chatted a bit more with him. Bai Xiaosheng and the old man ended up complaining together about the extravagance of the rich...

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying, who were listening behind, struggled to hold back their laughter.

Lei Ying also pursed his lips and looked elsewhere.

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Without much effort, Bai Xiaosheng and the two others passed security and entered the station. Their train was already boarding, just in time.

Bai Xiaosheng, Lin Weiwei, and Lei Ying queued in order, following the crowd forward.

In front of Bai Xiaosheng were two black men, the one directly ahead was bald, as tall as Lei Ying, robust and muscular, with bronze muscles on his exposed arms, carrying a mountain-sized backpack. He also held two large suitcases. Despite all this, he handled everything with ease, looking completely relaxed.

Bai Xiaosheng observed the large man for a moment, even Lei Ying behind Bai Xiaosheng took an extra look at him.

It was clear the bald black man was trained, perhaps in boxing or something like martial arts.

Behind the bald man, next to Bai Xiaosheng, was a young black man, younger than Bai Xiaosheng, dressed fashionably, looking around while recording the bustling crowd with his phone. He appeared to have no luggage.

The two seemed to be together, Bai Xiaosheng thought.

Encountering two foreign friends was nothing unusual. However, when the young black man casually turned and glanced over Bai Xiaosheng's face, his eyes immediately turned serious upon seeing Bai Xiaosheng's rear. Excited, his eyes suddenly lit up as he exclaimed "Wow," and started filming Bai Xiaosheng's surroundings with his phone.

Initially, Bai Xiaosheng didn't care, but then he suddenly remembered that Lin Weiwei was right behind him.

Could it be that this young black man was filming Lin Weiwei, a young lady, in public?

That was over the line!

Bai Xiaosheng raised his hand to push away the phone, adopting an unfriendly gaze, and said coldly, "Please queue properly!"

The young black man was momentarily puzzled, yet rather than feeling annoyed, he smiled at Bai Xiaosheng, shrugged, and turned back to queue.

It was indeed their turn to board the train at that moment.

Bai Xiaosheng glanced back; Lin Weiwei was talking to Lei Ying, unaware of what just happened.

Understandable, with this kind of situation, Lin Weiwei was not known for her patience.

It was then Bai Xiaosheng's turn to board, and he finally withdrew his gaze.

After checking the tickets, the three of them proceeded to the platform.

The high-speed train had already arrived, but Bai Xiaosheng noticed the two black men standing not far away, with the young black man looking around eagerly.

Could it be he was still waiting to film Weiwei here?

Bai Xiaosheng frowned, feeling a bit annoyed.

Upon seeing a beauty, admiration is one thing, but to blatantly film and linger in the way is really crossing the line.

Bai Xiaosheng cast an unfriendly stare.

The young black man's eyes lit up again when he glanced behind Bai Xiaosheng, raising his phone once more.

Bai Xiaosheng, feeling irritated, strode over.

Their carriage entrance coincidentally happened to be where these two black men stood.

However, before Bai Xiaosheng could approach, the young black man put away his phone and entered the carriage with his burly companion.

They're in the same carriage as us?!

Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but furrow his brow.

What a coincidence.

"What's wrong, Xiaosheng, why are you walking so fast... your expression looks off," Lin Weiwei remarked as she looked at Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng glanced at her irritably.

"I say, girl, did you not notice, yet again, someone has their eyes on you!"

Chapter 2314 - Bai Xiaosheng's Breaking Point

Lin Weiwei looked at Bai Xiaosheng with a face full of confusion. She really hadn't noticed anyone targeting her. Beside her, Lei Ying was also looking around, but even he hadn't noticed. After all, there were so many people in such a public place. If there was no obvious malicious intent, it was impossible for Lei Ying to notice, as he wasn't a god.

Bai Xiaosheng saw their reactions and was both amused and exasperated. He told them, "Stop looking, that person already went into the carriage."

"Is he in the same compartment as us?" Lin Weiwei couldn't help but glance over and teased, "Is he handsome?"

Bai Xiaosheng stepped towards that direction, his voice came, "He's an international friend with dark skin."

"Ah, well, handsome would work too." Lin Weiwei followed behind, grinning.

Lei Ying shook his head with a chuckle as he carried the luggage.

The three of them entered the carriage and searched for their seats. They had tickets for business class, which was spacious and comfortable with a wide aisle in the middle.

Bai Xiaosheng looked at his ticket and compared it with the signs, finally finding his seat, which was next to the aisle.

But when Bai Xiaosheng looked at his neighboring seat, he froze for a moment.

The seat by the window was occupied by an "acquaintance," the young black man who had been taking sneak photos of Lin Weiwei outside.

Bai Xiaosheng's eyes instantly turned a bit cold.

The other party was quite polite, giving Bai Xiaosheng a smile that revealed his white teeth.

Then, the young black man lowered his head and started fiddling with his phone.

The seat behind Bai Xiaosheng was Lin Weiwei's, and further back was Lei Ying's.

Lin Weiwei's neighbor was a fashionable girl, with crossed legs, flipping through a beauty magazine.

Lei Ying's neighboring seat was the bald black man who was with the young black man. Sitting side by side, they looked quite fitting, one black and one white, like two contrasting iron towers, drawing frequent glances from people around.

The bald black man sat upright, gave Lei Ying a brief look, then stared out the window.

Lei Ying, being a man of few words, also remained silent, scrolling through his phone, forming a taciturn pair with the bald man.

Bai Xiaosheng used his peripheral vision to see the young black man beside him playing with his phone, seemingly browsing a live stream. As he was behaving himself, Bai Xiaosheng ignored him.

Sitting behind, on hearing Bai Xiaosheng say that the person sneakily watching her was a black man, Lin Weiwei glanced around.

In the carriage, there were only two black men she could see. One was sitting with Lei Ying, muscular and brawny, resembling a half black tower, which gave Lin Weiwei a bit of a fright just at a glance.

The other one was sitting with Bai Xiaosheng, but she could only see the back of his head, unable to make out his appearance.

Lin Weiwei didn't have much hope.

Soon, the high-speed train reached its departure time and set off, with the scenery outside quickly retreating.

The young black man beside Bai Xiaosheng instantly became excited, holding up his phone to capture the speed displayed in the carriage and the scenery outside the window. He even took out a coin and placed it on the windowsill. Seeing the coin stand steadily, he exclaimed, "Oh wow, a new high-speed train at 400 kilometers per hour, and it's this stable! Impressive!"

Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but glance at him, not because of his surprise, but because he spoke fluent Chinese.

The girl reading the fashion magazine behind him was startled by the noise. Seeing it was a black foreigner, she actively said, "Wow, your Chinese is really good. Are you an international student?"

The young black man turned to see that the speaker was a beauty, immediately smiling, "Yes, I've been studying for many years. I can't bear to leave."

"Are you from America?" The beauty sat up straight and started chatting with the young black man with a smile.

Bai Xiaosheng, sitting nearby, couldn't avoid overhearing.

The young black man was from Africa but came from a prominent family. The girl behind immediately became interested, asking many questions about African customs and probing about the young man's family's situation.

True wealth cannot be faked.

From the young black man's answers, Bai Xiaosheng could also deduce that the young man's family was indeed very wealthy, far beyond the average sense of wealth.

Such wealthy foreigners seemed to be particularly popular with some girls...

As they chatted, the young black man suddenly turned his gaze towards Lin Weiwei's direction and openly smiled, "Friend, I've actually noticed you for a while. I'd like to invite you to my home. If you're willing, I can even offer you a high-paying job that won't be too taxing. How about it, are you interested?"

Immediately, the young black man added with a smile, "I've taken some photos of you for interview purposes, what do you think?"

As he spoke, he waved his phone in his hand.

Bai Xiaosheng immediately frowned deeply.

In his view, the guy's tone was very "improper" when he said this.

The girl who had been chatting with the young black man seemed to consider it a rare opportunity and couldn't help but smile with interest, "Is it your family business that's hiring? Hey, what do you think of me? I'm studying e-commerce and have always been an excellent student."

The young black man cheerfully said to Lin Weiwei, "You can state any conditions you want, I can fulfill them all for you."

Hearing this, Bai Xiaosheng immediately furrowed his brows.

He found it intolerable for this guy to dare to flirt with Lin Weiwei right next to him!

Behind him, Lin Weiwei remained silent, probably feeling angry!

Although Bai Xiaosheng wasn't someone to easily get angry, the matter involved Lin Weiwei being flirted with right in front of him, and he erupted in anger.

"Enough!" Bai Xiaosheng shifted his body, glared at the young black man, and pressed a hand on his shoulder, snatching the phone from him and angrily said, "Friend, don't go too far!"

As Bai Xiaosheng spoke, he exerted pressure with the five fingers on the young black man's shoulder, causing the young man to cry out in pain, with a pained expression.

"Hey, what are you doing to him?" The woman sitting behind the young black man instantly shouted at Bai Xiaosheng, as if Bai Xiaosheng had attacked not someone she just met a few minutes ago but a longtime friend.

"This guy is not a good person, he's harassing my friend!" Bai Xiaosheng said coldly.

"What are you talking about? What harassment? How did he harass?" The woman shouted at Bai Xiaosheng.

In the back, seeing his companion being restrained by Bai Xiaosheng, the bald black man immediately had a cold gaze and made to stand up.

A strong arm reached over, pressing down on the bald man's shoulder, making it impossible for him to move.

The bald man glared angrily to the side, while Lei Ying, expressionless, held him down, coldly meeting his gaze.

"Xiaosheng!" Lin Weiwei couldn't help but call out.

"Weiwei, don't be afraid. If he dares to harass you again, I'll throw him out!" Bai Xiaosheng said firmly.

"But..."

"No buts!" Bai Xiaosheng said resolutely.

"But, that gentleman wasn't talking to me just now." Lin Weiwei said urgently.

Bai Xiaosheng was suddenly taken aback and looked at Lin Weiwei.

"He was talking to Lei Ying." Lin Weiwei mumbled, pointing at Lei Ying.

The young black man, who was still wincing from the pain in his shoulder, said, "Big brother, I was talking to your big guy friend, indeed abruptly! I want to hire him as a bodyguard! Look, the photos on my phone are actually of him!"

Chapter 2315 - An Exceptional Chen Feiqiu

The explanation from the black guy left Bai Xiaosheng stunned. He said he had been secretly photographing Lei Ying the whole time, not Lin Weiwei?

Bai Xiaosheng didn't believe it. He held the guy's phone in his hand and immediately asked him to unlock it for verification.

The black guy readily unlocked the phone for Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng saw that the photos captured only a small part of Lin Weiwei's body, while Lei Ying was in the center of the frame!

After flipping through several photos in succession, Bai Xiaosheng noticed that in some pictures, Lin Weiwei wasn't even in the frame, but Lei Ying definitely was.

Bai Xiaosheng squinted his eyes slightly, looking at the black guy with suspicion and curiosity.

Is this person's orientation questionable? Ignoring a stunning beauty to focus on photographing a big man!

Bai Xiaosheng immediately felt a chill, with goosebumps rising.

The black guy saw Bai Xiaosheng's expression and immediately realized he had misunderstood. He quickly waved his hands, saying, "Whoa, whoa! Don't get it twisted, I'm male and interested in females, not into anything else!"

Then, the black guy pointed at Lei Ying, his eyes gleaming as he said, "I just see your friend as tall and mighty, strong like my Gan. If he could be my bodyguard, it would make me feel very proud!"

The black guy feared Bai Xiaosheng and Lei Ying might misunderstand and think being his bodyguard was a low-level job and hurried to explain, "Of course, I wouldn't shortchange him on compensation. Whatever he earns now, I'll offer double! He wouldn't need a job, wouldn't need to work, just accompany me on my studies and travels worldwide, all expenses covered, mostly just handling luggage."

Listening to this, the compensation... not bad!

The girl sitting behind the black guy's eyes instantly lit up.

Double salary, if originally a senior manager or something, could instantly double!

No need to work, just travel around, globetrotting without spending her own money!

This is virtually a dream career!

The girl couldn't help but want to ask the black guy if she could apply.

Upon hearing this explanation, Bai Xiaosheng accepted it, returned the phone, and laughed, "You're quite confident, thinking you can really afford to double my friend's salary!"

Lin Weiwei was also intrigued, watching the black guy with amusement.

Meanwhile, Lei Ying appeared utterly uninterested, releasing his grip on the bald black man's arm.

The bald black man named "Gan" couldn't help but stare coldly at Lei Ying.

Earlier, this giant managed to suppress him easily, which isn't simple!

Gan felt a surge of competitive spirit and couldn't resist clenching his large hands, making his knuckles crackle.

Although previously suppressed, he was ready for a counterattack, but had not acted without the young black man's approval to prevent any injury or complications, especially in Huaxia, being a considerable hassle, thus he held back, feeling dissatisfied.

Lei Ying didn't even glance at the guy beside him.

Muscles? So what, thinking it makes you strong?

People like this, he had killed over a dozen in the past!

Over there, the black guy, facing Bai Xiaosheng's question, was unfazed and laughed, pointing to the bald "Gan," saying, "Do you see him? Gan used to be a super-master in unlimited fighting back home; I hired him for one million US Dollars a year."

The black guy spoke casually, without boasting.

The girl behind him immediately widened her eyes, surprised and covering her mouth with her hand.

A million US Dollars annually for a bodyguard, how wealthy must one be!

"Are you looking for a secretary, little brother!" The girl immediately laughed charmingly at the black guy.

The black guy shook his head apologetically to her.

The girl was instantly disappointed but quickly adjusted her smile.

"Are you so sure that one million US Dollars is enough to hire my friend?" Bai Xiaosheng smiled faintly, speaking to the black guy.

Naturally, Bai Xiaosheng could see that the black guy was not lying. He recognized him as a genuinely wealthy individual, but Lei Ying currently had assets counted in billions, not to mention his growing shares yearly; would he care about a mere one million US Dollars a year?

Upon hearing this, the black guy couldn't help but glance at Lei Ying.

Lei Ying crossed his legs, focused on his phone without a hint of interest in what was said just now.

Seeing this, the black guy's gaze brightened even more, calling out to Lei Ying, "Friend, I can offer more money!"

Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but laugh, and Lin Weiwei found it amusing too.

The girl sitting next to Lin Weiwei couldn't help but swallow, looking at the black guy with bright eyes.

This is indeed a truly wealthy person!

Hearing the black guy say he could offer Lei Ying more money, Gan was immediately unhappy, glaring fiercely at Lei Ying.

Lei Ying noticed the glare, returning it coldly.

The two were instantly filled with tension.

At that moment, a train police officer arrived. Earlier, there was commotion here, and he was instructed to check it out.

"Excuse me, what happened between you two?" The train police addressed Bai Xiaosheng and the black guy seriously.

"This guy was causing trouble for my friend, deliberately picking a fight earlier!" The girl behind the black guy suddenly got excited, pointing at Bai Xiaosheng and shouting.

Before the parties involved could speak, someone already jumped in, causing the train police to look at the girl.

"Nonsense, what do you mean 'deliberately picking a fight'?!" Lin Weiwei immediately interjected, frowning at the girl.

This woman speaks presumptuously, and since when did the black guy become her friend?

"Hey, how am I talking nonsense? Everyone saw it was him who first smeared my friend! Doing this to a foreign friend and not apologizing should get him arrested!" The girl aggressively pushed to argue with Lin Weiwei in front of the train officer.

The train police officer frowned, "Passengers, please remain quiet and follow me to the office to continue this, alright?"

"Fine, let's go!"

"Who's afraid?!"

Lin Weiwei and the girl were both not convinced.

Now that the misunderstanding had been cleared up, there was no need for further drama. Bai Xiaosheng immediately stood up to explain, but the young black man stood up before him and said to the train police officer with a smile, "Officer, this was all a misunderstanding. We're fine now, we're friends now."

While speaking, the young black man grabbed Bai Xiaosheng's hand and shook it, grinning, "We were a bit noisy earlier. We sincerely apologize to the friends in this carriage and thank you for coming over. We're really sorry for the inconvenience."

Bai Xiaosheng was stunned, looking at the young black man.

Such fluent Chinese, and such a good way with words.

The train officer was also staring at the young black man, a bit dazed by his smooth speech.

The officer glanced at Bai Xiaosheng, who also smiled and nodded, "Exactly, thank you for your trouble."

Since the involved parties had spoken, the sharp-tongued girl fell silent, and Lin Weiwei couldn't be bothered with her.

The officer looked at the two girls, nodded, warned Bai Xiaosheng and the young black man a couple of times, then turned and left.

"The law and order in our country is really good." The young black man showed a set of white teeth and smiled, trying to get chummy with Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled and nodded slightly.

By now, he had come to appreciate this guy, especially since this kid didn't deliberately cause trouble under the guise of a foreign student and instead turned hostility into friendship, which was commendable.

"Let's get to know each other again. Since we're friends now, we should introduce ourselves." The young black man grinned, reaching out his hand again, "I'm called Chen Feiqiu, what's your name?"

Chen Feiqiu?

The name made Bai Xiaosheng, who was also reaching out his hand, pause in surprise.

Someone actually calls themselves "Feiqiu" (Fat Ball)?

He doesn't look fat at all.

Could it be "Feiqiu" (Flying Ball)?

As Bai Xiaosheng was pondering, the young black man took the initiative to explain with a smile, "Don't you know 'Feiqiu'? In online games, it refers to the person with the worst luck, especially dark-skinned, becoming the unluckiest one. Back in university, I was terrible at games, and besides, look at my face, it's really dark."

Hearing him talk about himself like this, Chen Feiqiu seemed quite happy.

Lin Weiwei, who was originally very angry, almost laughed out loud from behind.

"So how did you get the surname Chen?" Bai Xiaosheng held back a laugh and changed the topic.

"Oh, my roommate's surname is Chen. He generously let me use his surname. He also gave me the name Feiqiu," Chen Feiqiu chuckled. "Not until I learned Chinese well did I realize, what generosity, what surname borrowing, it was just him getting a laugh at my expense."

Bai Xiaosheng didn't know what to say.

Though Chen Feiqiu complained, his demeanor was not angry at all; instead, it felt like banter between friends. Such an open-minded attitude is rare in modern times. A person like this, with such a generous mindset, makes a worthy friend.

Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but nod quietly.

"But I actually quite like this name, you know—" Chen Feiqiu said with a smile, "my father is really a chieftain, an African chieftain! If nothing goes wrong, I'll inherit that position, so being called Chen Feiqiu is absolutely fitting!"

Hearing this, Bai Xiaosheng wasn't sure how to respond.

"I think your open-mindedness is really admirable," Bai Xiaosheng could only say so, and then introduced himself, "My name is Bai Xiaosheng."

"That's a nice and memorable name. It's a pleasure to meet you, Bai Xiaosheng!" Chen Feiqiu complimented with a smile.

As he spoke, they shook hands.

Chen Feiqiu looked at Bai Xiaosheng, a gleam in his eyes.

The Huaxia man in front of him was clearly no ordinary person; the big guy listened to him, and upon hearing he was the son of a chieftain, with wealth beyond measure, he wasn't moved at all...

A person like this is definitely worth making friends with!

Chen Feiqiu was also a smart guy.

The girl sitting behind Chen Feiqiu had been eavesdropping on their conversation. Upon hearing about Chen Feiqiu's family background, her eyes lit up instantly.

So he was from a chieftain's family, no wonder he's so rich, just like royalty from that side!

The girl immediately leaned in, greeted Chen Feiqiu warmly and enthusiastically, "Let's get to know each other. I'm Ma Xiaoxiao! It's a pleasure to meet you!"

Despite her obvious intentions, Chen Feiqiu showed no disdain or dismissiveness but nodded with a smile and shook her hand.

Ma Xiaoxiao was instantly cheerful.

"Chen Feiqiu, are you traveling to Linshen?" Bai Xiaosheng asked.

"Yes. I plan to visit five cities in half a month, to take some photos of the scenery, the development, and the technology here, to show my family." Chen Feiqiu said with a smile, "To let them know that Huaxia is truly the future of the world! Mobile payments alone are way ahead of the West!"

Such a passionate guy, enthusiastic about promoting Huaxia culture, made Bai Xiaosheng's impression of him even better.

"Oh, by the way, Chen Feiqiu, what's your real name?" Bai Xiaosheng asked.

Calling him by his Chinese name felt a bit strange and awkward, so Bai Xiaosheng wanted to use his real name.

"My real name? Well, it's a bit long," Chen Feiqiu scratched his face.

"No problem, my English is excellent, and I even understand some African languages," Bai Xiaosheng said confidently.

With Red Lotus's help, he could remember even a rare language's name.

Hearing this, Chen Feiqiu nodded and began to speak with a smile, "My real name is Haruko Niluohaya Yokehana Brabie Diackge Yoxiat Milan Duo Xifilia Temod Shihadoli..."

Chen Feiqiu recited over twenty names in one breath and was about to continue.

Bai Xiaosheng was dumbfounded, murmuring, "I asked for your name, not your... family tree!"

"That's my name," Chen Feiqiu said with an innocent expression, "That's just a quarter of my full name."

Bai Xiaosheng looked at him, stunned.

"Then I'll just call you Chen Feiqiu. That name's pretty good!" Bai Xiaosheng quickly changed his approach.

Chen Feiqiu nodded swiftly, "Alright!"

Chapter 2316 - Return to Linshen

During the seven-hour journey from Huajing to Linshen, except for a break of more than an hour at noon, Chen Feiqiu remained energetic, chatting non-stop with Bai Xiaosheng.

Chen Feiqiu recited the humanistic customs, scenic spots, and delicacies of the various cities in Huaxia like a treasure trove, speaking comprehensively. Bai Xiaosheng, who was a Huaxia person himself, was full of admiration, feeling inferior.

Saying Chen Feiqiu is a Huaxia expert doesn't do justice to his vast knowledge; he's more Huaxia than a Huaxia person.

If it weren't for the powerful search ability of Red Lotus, Bai Xiaosheng might have had a hard time keeping up with the conversation.

Moreover, Chen Feiqiu also effortlessly mentions the scenery and cuisine of different countries around the world, and has unique insights into the economy and culture of various cities.

"Reading ten thousand books is not as good as traveling ten thousand miles," Bai Xiaosheng gained a new understanding of this saying.

This future African chieftain, with such insights, has limitless prospects ahead.

Ma Xiaoxiao, who sat behind Chen Feiqiu, also remained energetic throughout, occasionally interjecting with comments, or exclaiming from the side. She looked at Chen Feiqiu with a face full of admiration, occasionally adding a coquettish remark.

"You have so much knowledge!" "Wow! You're amazing, you know all this!" "Tell me more, it's so interesting!"

Chen Feiqiu wasn't particularly averse to Ma Xiaoxiao.

And with Bai Xiaosheng's tolerance, he didn't mind this woman at all.

Sitting next to Ma Xiaoxiao was Lin Weiwei, who didn't seem to like her much. She plugged her ears with earphones, reclined her seat, and took a beauty nap throughout the journey, avoiding any annoyance by not seeing her.

Compared to Bai Xiaosheng and Chen Feiqiu's lively conversation, Lei Ying and the bald African Gan barely exchanged a few words, and the atmosphere between them was somewhat delicate, with Gan holding a grudge against Lei Ying for suppressing him during a conflict.

During the journey, Gan said a few provocative words to Lei Ying, all with a sullen voice full of hostility.

"I don't fight you because my master didn't instruct me, not because you are formidable!"

"We can try it out sometime, then you'll know how formidable I am. I used to be an unlimited-level combat expert!"

"I've knocked down a hundred opponents of your build! Did you know that, a full hundred!"

Lei Ying never responded to him, adopting the demeanor of a master, "Let you be arrogant, a gentle breeze brushes the mountain ridge."

Unfortunately, Gan, not being Chen Feiqiu's master, couldn't grasp this level of understanding, mistakenly thinking his words had frightened Lei Ying, smiling disdainfully with a bit of pride.

In the afternoon, approaching the station, Bai Xiaosheng and Chen Feiqiu exchanged contact details.

Then, Bai Xiaosheng asked with a smile, "Have you booked a place to stay? I have resources and can arrange accommodation for you."

Chen Feiqiu shook his head with a smile, "Forget it, I don't like those star-rated hotels detached from the local life, nor do I like pre-arranged plans, that's so boring! I prefer to find a homestay myself, it's more interesting!"

Bai Xiaosheng understood this preference, immediately laughed and nodded, "Alright, I won't disturb your interests then. During your stay in Linshen, if you need anything, you can reach out to me. I won't decline help if I can provide it!"

Bai Xiaosheng's words were really friendly.

"Alright," Chen Feiqiu grinned widely, showing his snow-white teeth, "If you visit my place, I'll make sure to show you the warmth of the African people."

Bai Xiaosheng nodded with a smile.

While they were talking, Ma Xiaoxiao approached again eagerly, saying to Chen Feiqiu, "Chieftain, how about I act as your guide? My home is within the second ring of Linshen City, and I'm very familiar with Linshen!"

Chen Feiqiu looked at Ma Xiaoxiao and thought for a moment before finally nodding, "Well, that's good. I'll trouble you then! However, I have a habit, I can't let people work for free. For acting as my guide for a day in Linshen, I'll pay you ten thousand, it's not much, has no other meaning. If you refuse, then I can't accept."

Indeed, Chen Feiqiu is generous, paying ten thousand for a day's guiding!

Ma Xiaoxiao swallowed secretly and smiled, "Well then, I can't refuse your offer."

Thus, the matter was settled.

Bai Xiaosheng gave Ma Xiaoxiao a deep look.

As the woman sat back joyfully, Bai Xiaosheng beckoned Chen Feiqiu closer, whispering advice, "Be careful of this woman, I don't think she is as innocent as she appears."

"Don't worry, I'm smart too. She wants money, I'll give her money, it's simple as that." Chen Feiqiu laughed nonchalantly, "As for other things, I'm aware, besides I have Gan, why would I fear a woman with ill intentions!"

Seeing that he was well informed, Bai Xiaosheng said no more.

Half an hour later, the high-speed train entered Linshen station.

Bai Xiaosheng bid farewell to Chen Feiqiu and got off the train with Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying.

Meeting such a friend, Bai Xiaosheng felt quite novel and interesting.

The station was crowded, and as soon as they separated, they each quickly faded into the sea of people.

Bai Xiaosheng and the others made their way out, seeing the people who came to greet them.

Wow, quite a crowd, even Xiahou Qi came personally.

Bai Xiaosheng quickly walked a few steps ahead to greet everyone, and smiled at Xiahou Qi, "Elder Xia, you came too!"

"I came to welcome you. Since I have nothing to do right now, thought I'd come out too." Xiahou Qi said with a cheerful laugh.

The elder carried a cane; even though he was healthy, his age had inevitably weakened his legs a bit.

Bai Xiaosheng felt touched and nodded with a smile to Zheng Honghu, Li Haofeng, Chen Yucheng and other seniors behind Xiahou Qi, accompanying him out.

Everyone clustered around the elder and the youth.

Outside, cars were ready. Everyone got into their respective vehicles, heading towards the Greater China Region Headquarters of the Zhenbei Group.

On the way, Bai Xiaosheng shared some anecdotes and insights from his experiences in South America and North America with Xiahou Qi and the others.

Xiahou Qi also discussed the recent work progress here with Bai Xiaosheng.

The journey wasn't long enough, and everyone continued chatting once back at the company.

In the evening, Xiahou Qi gathered all the senior management at the headquarters for a welcome banquet for Bai Xiaosheng.

After the lively dinner, Bai Xiaosheng gathered Xiahou Qi and other trusted high-level individuals to discuss his alliance with Jia Chengshan and others in Huajing, and also mentioned Hou Yuncheng's invitation for an African visit.

Xiahou Qi and the others were all invigorated upon hearing this.

Xiahou Qi even made a public commitment on behalf of everyone to Bai Xiaosheng, "This is a national-level opportunity, we must seize it firmly!"

"Sheng, you go ahead and do it! We are your staunch supporters!"

Chapter 2317 - An Unexpected Reunion

Bai Xiaosheng spent two days going over all the important matters that needed attention from various aspects.

The related work of Zhenbei Group's Greater China Region, thanks to the presence of capable people like Xiahou Qi, Li Haofeng, Zheng Honghu, and Bai Xiaosheng's reform, didn't have many urgent matters.

Now, any outside cooperation or exchanges can be swiftly and properly handled, with very few matters that require Bai Xiaosheng, the top leader, to personally handle.

Moreover, Bai Xiaosheng is not the type to exercise power arbitrarily, which also greatly reduces the workload that requires his attention.

During these two days, Bai Xiaosheng also greeted the nine enterprises he owned, and there wasn't much to deal with.

After all, any major affairs that need Bai Xiaosheng's attention from those companies will be promptly reported to Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying to handle directly, without delay. Monthly reports are submitted to ensure nothing is overlooked.

Furthermore, superfamilies such as the Luo Family in Europe, the Qin Family in South America, and the Wei Family in North America, Bai Xiaosheng also communicated with them over the past two days. All parties are as positive as ever about cooperation.

Also, Mr. Lu Yun talked with Bai Xiaosheng, and the initial meeting with Jia Chengshan and his team went smoothly, with pleasant exchanges and rapid progress.

Bai Xiaosheng naturally knows that Jia Chengshan and his people are eager to cooperate and improve relations with Tengyun, Beifeng, and Haoyu, so he believes there won't be any major mishaps.

In just two days, Bai Xiaosheng diligently and methodically handled all matters.

Of course, it's also thanks to Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying's diligent assistance and help.

These two days, the three of them were quite exhausted.

So on the third day, Bai Xiaosheng decided they should take a holiday, buy some things, and then go home to visit their elders.

After all, with only ten days left until the end of the month, they are scheduled to travel to Africa with Hou Yuncheng.

This trip means a long period of not being able to reunite with family.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying certainly agreed with Bai Xiaosheng's arrangement.

Early in the morning, Bai Xiaosheng greeted Xiahou Qi and others, not going to work but going out shopping instead.

Xiahou Qi knew the three had done a lot of work and contacted many people over the past two days, and were indeed tired and worn out, so he didn't say much.

In the morning, Bai Xiaosheng and his team bought many expensive gifts and sent them home via courier.

In the afternoon, Lin Weiwei suggested that now they had bought all the big items, they could get some local specialties from Linshen to take home; it didn't need to be expensive, just unique.

Bai Xiaosheng and Lei Ying thought this was a reasonable suggestion, and both raised their hands in agreement.

Thus, in the afternoon, the three wandered through streets and alleys, looking for unique smoked and braised delicacies and handmade crafts known only to locals.

Although these are not expensive gifts for their family, they are thoughtful and quite nice.

During this time, Bai Xiaosheng relied on Red Lotus's powerful search function to act as a good guide.

After walking around for more than four hours in the afternoon, they saw that they had almost bought everything and were ready to go back.

Bai Xiaosheng learned from Red Lotus that there was a nearby old pastry shop with historical recipes passed down from the royal court, with many rare and delicious pastries.

Bai Xiaosheng thought it would be a pity not to buy from there and immediately suggested it to Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying, and both readily agreed to go check it out.

So the three of them found their way there.

Bai Xiaosheng held his phone, with the map open, but followed the route given by Red Lotus. When they finally arrived, they entered an area of old factories about to be demolished, dating back to the 1960s and 1970s, with workshops, residences, and streets. Due to impending demolition, there were hardly any people around.

Suddenly, passing through a secluded alley, Bai Xiaosheng heard a vague curse floating over—

"You despicable bunch, is this how you conduct yourselves? If you have the guts, let him go and face us openly..."

A moment later, the voice screamed, "Help! Someone, help! Murder!"

Another voice followed, a woman's, "No use shouting, in broad daylight, not even a ghost is around!"

A man's voice followed, "I think we should gag him; we don't want someone passing by to cause trouble."

Then there was silence.

Bai Xiaosheng's expression turned strange as he exchanged glances with Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying.

In broad daylight in Linshen, it was indeed incredible they encountered such a thing, but what was even more incredible was that the initial cries for help were quite familiar to them.

"Chen Feiqiu?" Lin Weiwei couldn't help but voice her judgment to Bai Xiaosheng and Lei Ying.

"It's him!" Lei Ying confirmed confidently.

This Huaxia expert, though fluent in Chinese, had a uniquely distinctive voice.

Bai Xiaosheng's gaze became serious, he looked in the direction of the sound, and said solemnly, "Let's go, find out!"

Currently, in a deserted courtyard, Chen Feiqiu and Gan were tied up like dumplings.

Four burly men held sticks, looking at them.

There was also a woman smiling at the two of them, it was Ma Xiaoxiao who enthusiastically offered to be Chen Feiqiu's guide that day.

Chen Feiqiu's mouth was gagged, making muffled sounds, angrily glaring at Ma Xiaoxiao.

Ma Xiaoxiao still smiled and said to him, "Brother Feiqiu, I didn't want this either, you see, it's all because you have so much money. I wanted to develop a deeper relationship with you, but you didn't want me. My brother owes a huge debt, tens of thousands, no choice, so we thought to borrow a bit from you. If you give us the money, we guarantee not to harm you, isn't this a good deal!"

Chen Feiqiu made muffled noises, constantly signaling with his eyes for them to remove the gag so he could speak.

"If I take it away, you better not shout, or putting it back might be uncomfortable." Ma Xiaoxiao laughed and removed the gag from Chen Feiqiu's mouth.

"How much money do you want?" Chen Feiqiu spat out the residue from his mouth and asked.

The leading man hastily said, "Two million!"

"I'll give it!" Chen Feiqiu answered straightforwardly.

The man was stunned, looked at Ma Xiaoxiao.

Ma Xiaoxiao immediately glared at her companion, seemingly blaming him for being too quick, asking for too little.

"Per person!" The man quickly added.

"Alright." Chen Feiqiu agreed without hesitation.

Ma Xiaoxiao glared at the man again.

The man pondered for a moment then solemnly said to Chen Feiqiu, "I'm talking about US Dollars!"

"Ah, weren't we talking in US Dollars?" Chen Feiqiu asked, perplexed.

Ma Xiaoxiao speechlessly slapped her forehead, then smiled at Chen Feiqiu, "Brother Feiqiu, his words don't count, I set the price; we're not in a hurry, let's negotiate slowly..."

Chen Feiqiu suddenly became angry, "You shameless bunch, can you not decide on a definite price!"

"How dare you insult me!" The man who first spoke flushed with anger, ready to lay hands on Chen Feiqiu.

At this moment, suddenly a low roar sounded.

Gan, who was originally tied up, suddenly broke free from the ropes and sent one of the four men flying with a kick.

Chen Feiqiu was delighted to see this and laughed heartily, "You're done for, Gan, beat them up!"

Gan, living up to expectations, let out a beast-like roar, charging at the remaining men.

Within two minutes, the four men formed a circle, sticks raining down, pummeling Gan into submission.

The man in the lead laughed and cursed while beating, "You're loud! Trying to fight us four empty-handed?!"

"Beat him!"

Chapter 2318 - Rescuing Chen Feiqiu

African Baldhead Gan is indeed tall and muscular, once quite a fighter. But after all these years of living comfortably at Chen Feiqiu's side, he's become just an empty shell; his reflexes and resistance have drastically diminished. After all, without practice for even three days, there's a marked difference. Yet, even so, Gan can still handle two or three ordinary people.

But capturing Chen Feiqiu and Gan, the four men are all street thugs, seasoned fighters who know where to strike to cause maximum pain and suffering, not to mention they're armed with thick steel pipes and hard wooden sticks.

Thus, after Gan broke free from the ropes and exploded with rage for two minutes, they surrounded and beat him into submission.

Chen Feiqiu stared blankly, then couldn't help but curse, "I say, Gan, you useless idiot, you're really no good!"

Even if Gan wanted to defend himself, he couldn't find the words.

Ma Xiaoxiao chuckled, glancing over there, and said to Chen Feiqiu, "Earlier, were you happy? Thinking you were rescued? I advise you, don't dream. You think your guy is tough, but my brother's group isn't easy to deal with either. Two of them have even fought in Black Fist matches. Even if one or two can't match that big guy, can four together not bring him down? Do you really believe anyone can fight against four people alone? That's just in TV shows, tricking kids!"

Chen Feiqiu's face turned pale hearing this, but as he thought about it, it seemed true. He felt somewhat defeated, thinking perhaps Gan really isn't to blame entirely.

At this moment, Gan had collapsed to the ground, motionless as if he had fainted.

"Stop, that's enough. One more hit and this big fella will become a meat pancake." Ma Xiaoxiao's brother raised his hand and shouted to stop the beating.

Finally, the others stopped.

Yet, someone couldn't resist and added two more kicks, but Gan didn't react at all.

"Hope you didn't really break him. Go check him out." Ma Xiaoxiao's brother frowned and pointed to one of the men.

Although they seemed fierce earlier, they were actually mindful and controlled, not enough to kill or maim.

One man squatted down in front of Gan, checked him over, and looked up saying, "Brother, it's fine, he's just fainted."

Ma Xiaoxiao's brother instantly felt relieved and nodded.

"Come on, tie him up, yes, use the chains over there. Let's see how he escapes this time!" Ma Xiaoxiao's brother sneered coldly.

Someone immediately responded to fetch the chains.

"See that." Ma Xiaoxiao looked at Chen Feiqiu with a sneer, "You can't escape, not on your own. Plus, it's broad daylight here without a soul around, not even a ghost! Your cries for help earlier didn't work at all. You better cooperate with us. Once we get the money, we'll let you go without giving you a hard time. Otherwise..."

Ma Xiaoxiao's eyes sharpened.

Chen Feiqiu said in frustration, "I never said I wouldn't pay, but you're not giving me an exact amount. What am I supposed to do?"

Ma Xiaoxiao's smile stiffened slightly.

There was an interruption earlier, she indeed forgot the problem wasn't on their side, but that her people hadn't provided an accurate figure...

No wonder, facing a super-rich person, their demand felt petty...

"Well, wait a moment, I'll discuss with my brother." Ma Xiaoxiao could only say this.

"Alright, but hurry up. Being tied up is really uncomfortable." Chen Feiqiu muttered.

Ma Xiaoxiao felt like the last two lines became awkward, a bit off and showing weakness...

She nodded hastily and went to discuss with her brother.

But just then, the large iron door outside was suddenly knocked on.

This unexpected sound truly startled everyone inside.

"Isn't this place supposed to be empty during the day?" Ma Xiaoxiao's face changed, "What's going on?!"

Getting caught like this would be dangerous!

"How should I know!" Ma Xiaoxiao's brother's face also changed.

The others were suddenly panic-stricken.

"Help! Kidnapping! Murder!" Chen Feiqiu shouted with desperation, tearing his throat.

"Make him shut up!" Ma Xiaoxiao's eyes were full of terror.

Her brother rushed over in panic, raising the baton as if to knock Chen Feiqiu unconscious.

"I'll shut up!" Chen Feiqiu quickly sealed his mouth shut.

He wasn't losing anything, if there was someone out there, they'd definitely hear.

Facing the quick-to-submit Chen Feiqiu, Ma Xiaoxiao's brother hesitated, wondering if it was still necessary to strike.

Ma Xiaoxiao nervously watched the direction of the door.

The knocking outside had stopped; they didn't know if the person was still there!

"You two go look, if there's someone, capture them!" Ma Xiaoxiao hurriedly directed two accomplices and urgently said to her brother, "We better hurry and move them! It's not safe here!"

At critical times, a woman's mind is meticulous.

Ma Xiaoxiao's brother nodded immediately.

But before he could speak, a voice was heard outside the door saying, "Chen Feiqiu, you're inside, right!"

Ma Xiaoxiao and her brother were shocked by this statement, "How do they know Chen Feiqiu! Damn! It must be someone familiar!"

Chen Feiqiu was also stunned, then suddenly realized whose voice it was.

After all, he didn't have many friends in Linshen, except the one he met during the journey.

That person, Bai Xiaosheng!

"Bai Xiaosheng, it's me, I'm here, help!!" Chen Feiqiu's hoarse voice once again rang out.

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Ma Xiaoxiao's brother glared at him angrily, and Chen Feiqiu immediately shut his mouth tight, casting him a timid glance.

Backed down in no time.

"I can't believe you! I should have shut your mouth earlier! No, I should have knocked you out!" Ma Xiaoxiao's brother looked at Chen Feiqiu and felt his anger rising, thinking it might not be too late to mend things now.

However, Ma Xiaoxiao hurriedly said, "Forget about him, bring that person from outside in!"

Hearing this, Ma Xiaoxiao's brother immediately saw the sense in it and quickly called his brothers to head to the gate.

But before they could reach it, the rusty, battered iron gate suddenly made a loud "thud."

In front of their eyes, the iron door dented inward, deforming.

The sudden occurrence startled Ma Xiaoxiao's brother and the other men.

"What the hell is happening outside? Is someone ramming the door?"

Though the iron gate looked old and battered, it was quite sturdy, how could it be rammed?

Before they could think further, a second "boom" followed, further deforming the door.

Inside, Ma Xiaoxiao, her brother, the other men, and even Chen Feiqiu were dumbfounded, as if imagining some kind of monster outside.

Suddenly, it went silent outside, for several seconds there was no sound at all.

Those inside couldn't help but exchange glances, wondering why the noise had stopped.

"Bam..."

The battered iron door fell with a piece flying inside, shocking everyone.

Then, three figures walked in from outside.

Leading was a tall man, followed by a man and a woman.

"It's you guys!" Ma Xiaoxiao's eyes suddenly lit up; even she recognized them.

They were the three people met on the car to Linshen!

Chen Feiqiu looked at the three in disbelief, then his face turned ecstatic, shouting, "Help..."

The word "help" caught in his throat as he noticed Ma Xiaoxiao's brother glaring at him.

Chen Feiqiu immediately acted cowardly again, though hope gleamed in his eyes.

Ma Xiaoxiao's brother and the other men glanced behind Bai Xiaosheng and his group, looking for more people.

Bai Xiaosheng immediately smiled, "No need to look, it's just us three, you guys sure have some fun going on! What kind of game is this?"

Bai Xiaosheng spoke casually, nonchalant expression.

Chen Feiqiu froze, a sweat mark on his forehead—

Game?

Buddy can't you see? I'm already a fish on the chopping block here! You still have the heart for jokes! Can't you save me fast!

Chen Feiqiu almost screamed again.

Ma Xiaoxiao and her brother exchanged glances, understanding each other without words.

Just these three, no one else?

No way they could let them go!

"Yes, we're just having some fun here... friend, don't leave, join us." Ma Xiaoxiao's brother grinned, holding a stick, secretly signaling to his brothers to surround them.

Bai Xiaosheng and his group seemed oblivious, as if not noticing the other's intent, "foolishly" not running away.

Chen Feiqiu realized, his expression changed immediately.

It's like this, and you still can't see the problem here?

Are you really stupid or just pretending, run!

"Run! Call the police!" Chen Feiqiu shouted regardless.

"Too late!" Ma Xiaoxiao's brother sneered viciously.

His two brothers had already taken the back way around behind Bai Xiaosheng.

"These three, none of them are getting away!" Ma Xiaoxiao shouted.

Seeing this, Chen Feiqiu's eyes immediately fell into despair again.

At this moment, Bai Xiaosheng led Lin Weiwei aside, heading not outside the courtyard, smiling, saying, "What, are you going to fight? Then you hit, the lady and I will stay out of it."

Lei Ying also took two steps forward, gesturing at the four men.

"Come!" Lei Ying said just one simple word, his expression extremely provocative, seemingly not regarding the four men at all.

At the sight, Ma Xiaoxiao's brother fumed, sneering coldly, "Ho! Another tough guy showed up! Brothers, show him how we welcome guests!"

Seeing Bai Xiaosheng, Lin Weiwei not escaping, Ma Xiaoxiao's brother put his attention entirely on Lei Ying.

The other three men holding sticks burst into mocking laughter.

"Can't believe we keep meeting these clueless guys today!"

"Let's teach him a lesson when we hit later!"

"Fellas, see that black figure lying on the ground? He was tougher than you." Humoring and laughing, these people paid no mind to Lei Ying.

Ma Xiaoxiao stood by Chen Feiqiu, arms crossed, sneering, even mocked, "Weren't you happy earlier, a savior finally came!"

"But it turns out, just a bunch of fools!" Ma Xiaoxiao sneered continuously at Lei Ying.

Who could fight four at once, especially armed, in a surrounding situation?

Even giants won't manage against that many!

"Enough talk, do it!" Ma Xiaoxiao's brother urged, noticing his brothers were only bantering, "Let's get this sorted fast, don't know where these people come from, dressed nice, maybe another bunch of 'fat pigs'."

The four men, when it came to fighting, seemed quite coordinated, moving forward, swinging their sticks at Lei Ying.

In their mind, such an attack from all sides, no escaping, a big guy enduring a round, then another till he can't take it, eventually ending like that black figure on the ground, unable to rise.

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No one expected the result.

Four sticks were aimed at such a large target, yet inexplicably, three missed in a bizarre fashion.

The big man didn't make any big moves; just a slight sidestep and shift allowed them to clearly miss.

Only Ma Xiaoxiao's brother's iron pipe did not miss, but it was grasped by the big man, essentially "striking" into his hand.

Lei Ying smoothly pulled Ma Xiaoxiao's brother, who was already leaning forward, directly into Lei Ying's arms, and Lei Ying's foot hit his abdomen.

This is a man who could kick open an iron door with three kicks; the force is imaginable!

Ma Xiaoxiao's brother, weighing almost 200 pounds, was forced by that kick to fly ten feet away and collapsed on the ground unable to rise.

The entire process flashed like lightning, and when the other three men realized it, they saw their "leading brother" on his knees.

The three stared blankly, somewhat at a loss.

The previously smug Ma Xiaoxiao and the hopeless Chen Feiqiu now had the same expression: eyes wide and speechless looking at the scene before them.

They all pondered the same question in their minds—"Just now, what happened..."

At that moment, the entire scene fell silent.

Lei Ying held Ma Xiaoxiao's brother's iron pipe, casually swung it a couple of times, feeling it quite handy.

Then, Lei Ying pointed the pipe at the three men, speaking softly, "Come on, stop staring, all of you come at once!"

The three gritted their teeth, coordinated effortlessly, and charged at Lei Ying.

Then, they received a lesson from Lei Ying.

Lei Ying taught them on-site how to use such a short stick.

Ma Xiaoxiao and Chen Feiqiu watched dumbfounded as Lei Ying, wielding an iron pipe, chased the three all over the courtyard.

The scene was too surreal to behold...

The two just felt that those three men were too miserable...

In the end, one of the three men ran frantically into a tree, knocking himself unconscious. One sprained his ankle and surrendered his weapon. The last, panicked, suddenly spotted Bai Xiaosheng and Lin Weiwei and darted over. In his view, the big man was a threat, but the fair-faced man and the delicate beauty were easy targets; capturing them might make the big man hesitate!

Ma Xiaoxiao over there almost wanted to applaud this brother; her brother chose these three men, and at least one had a functioning brain!

Ma Xiaoxiao had wanted to remind them to target the fair-faced man and that woman, but before she had a chance to speak, two of the three were defeated.

Bai Xiaosheng and Lin Weiwei watched as the man approached, not dodging or retreating.

Chen Feiqiu, seeing this, was outright anxious.

But the subsequent scene stunned Chen Feiqiu and froze Ma Xiaoxiao's smile...

Bai Xiaosheng delivered a precise and elegant whip kick, sending the attacker flying.

The man fell to the ground like a sack, instantly losing consciousness.

A master!

Turns out, he is also a master!

Ma Xiaoxiao and Chen Feiqiu were speechless about what they had witnessed.

However, Ma Xiaoxiao, indeed a remarkable woman, suddenly snapped back, picked up a sharp piece of iron from the ground, and shouted, "Don't move, anyone!"

As she spoke, she lunged at Chen Feiqiu, intending to take him hostage.

But at that moment, Gan, who had been lying unconscious, suddenly sprang up, seized Ma Xiaoxiao's wrist, and shouted, "Master, don't worry! Gan will save you!"

Chen Feiqiu stared blankly at this loyal servant who should have been unconscious but suddenly jumped up.

Immediately, Chen Feiqiu understood and cursed, "You bastard, you were pretending to be knocked out just now!"