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Chapter 2341 - Traveling to Beijing

Han He also received an invitation from the business department early on, with a deputy director-level person meeting him in person.

Although their position didn't seem high, the department they belonged to was special, and their status was incomparable to others at the same level.

By the time he received the official letter, Han He had already made all the preparations for the trip.

As the number of travelers was regulated, each entrepreneur could bring a maximum of two accompanying personnel. In the end, Han He gave one spot to his son. After all, it was an exceptionally rare opportunity to connect with many top domestic entrepreneurs, learn, become familiar, expand connections and communicate with foreign businesspeople to broaden one's horizon.

Although Han He was extremely harsh and strict with his son, deep down he hoped for him to grow, quickly grasp the family business, expand and strengthen it, and bring glory to the family.

Upon receiving the letter and before setting off for the gathering in Huajing, Han He earnestly instructed Han Zizhi with several admonitions.

"This time, you are traveling with me, and the place we're going to is unlike the past. Among those traveling with us, not a single one has a lower status or capability than mine, and there are many leaders from relevant departments, so you must be cautious in words and actions. If you're uncertain, it's better to remain silent than to speak and cause trouble, do you understand?"

From the start, Han He sternly warned him.

Han Zizhi, although an adult, a mature businessman, and an entrepreneur with modest achievements, was being advised like a child, yet he dared not express any grievances. At this moment, he nodded like a woodpecker, behaving more obediently than a primary school student.

"Rest assured, even if I had a hundredfold courage, I wouldn't dare offend anyone on this trip. When it comes to speaking or acting, I will only bring glory to you and our family." Han Zizhi was eager to guarantee it.

Han He was satisfied with Han Zizhi's attitude, nodded, and continued, "This time, we will encounter that Bai Xiaosheng again. Previously, he made you lose face and made me very angry. However, now we've pressured his new business significantly, he might hold hostility. I will converse with him; do not interrupt. Whatever I say, even if it's excessive, it's okay since I'm on equal footing with him. As for you, refrain from being overly arrogant, otherwise, it will be hard for me to handle the aftermath."

These words weren't as solemn and earnest as before but seemed more like offhand advice.

"Refrain from being 'overly' arrogant," implied that he could still mock the surnamed Bai a bit...

That's how Han Zizhi understood it.

Suddenly, Han Zizhi felt a sense of eager anticipation.

To openly mock Bai Xiaosheng, he indeed felt an irresistible itch.

The surnamed Bai had embarrassed him in front of his friends, and now he could finally get his revenge.

Subsequently, Han He instructed him on other matters, and Han Zizhi readily agreed, repeatedly assuring that no issues would arise.

That day, the Han father and son duo took a flight to Huajing.

By the time the father and son arrived at the relevant department in Huajing, it was already 5 p.m.

The deputy director-level person who had previously met Han He personally received them and arranged for someone to take them to their accommodation.

The arranged lodging was a mountain-side and water-front hotel located within the second ring of Huajing, with an exceptionally serene and elegant environment, specially designed to host guests. Half of it was also a high-standard sanatorium.

In such a place, it wasn't about grandeur, but the deep and solemn atmosphere that made people unconsciously hold their breath and feel awe.

First by car, then on foot.

While walking there, Han Zizhi felt that every plant exuded solemnity and uniqueness.

Along the way, they encountered many simply dressed elders. Regardless of whether they were leading the way or it was the Han father and son, they all smiled politely and nodded in greeting.

It's possible that any of them was an eminent figure deserving great respect.

"Young man, may I ask, of the business figures traveling with us, who has already arrived?" After walking some distance, Han He, noticing no one around, smiled and amiably asked the young guide.

The guide smiled back, replied courteously, "There are already over thirty people here, including Mr. Lu Yun of Tengyun Group, Mr. Jia Chengshan of the Jia Group, Miss Dong Tianlu of Beifeng Holdings, Mr. Lu Tiandao of Wanhua Group, Mr. Wang Xuantian of Haoyu Group, and business representatives from Xianggang and other places, such as Mr. Lin Tianyi of Lin Corporation and Mr. Hong Chengtian of Hong Enterprise..."

Upon hearing more than a dozen renowned names, each a prominent figure in their domain.

Han He's eyes brightened, listening with a smile and nodding.

Han Zizhi felt even more excited and expectant. These names represented almost half of the Huaxia business community's elite. Establishing good relations or simply familiarizing himself with them would be immensely beneficial for his future.

"I didn't expect so many business friends to be here, many of whom are old friends. Zizhi, in a while, you should accompany me to pay them a visit," Han He couldn't help but laugh.

"Yes, Father!" Han Zizhi replied respectfully.

From that moment on, Han Zizhi felt the need to always be mindful of his words and actions; it was time to demonstrate his excellent upbringing and outstanding family education.

Han He nodded in satisfaction, then softly asked the young man again, "Young man, may I inquire about another person?"

"Sure," the young man responded with a smile.

"Has Bai Xiaosheng, the Executive President of the Greater China Region of Zhenbei Group, joined this trip, and has he arrived yet?" Han He inquired.

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Han Zizhi also immediately looked at the young man.

Upon hearing Bai Xiaosheng's name, he too showed concern.

"I don't know about that," the young man shook his head and said, "but so far, there's no news of that gentleman's arrival."

Han He had no choice but to nod and smile at the man.

"Could it be that Bai Xiaosheng wasn't invited?" Han Zizhi mumbled and couldn't help but show a slightly mocking smile with his father.

If that's the case, it's interesting. The guy named Bai doesn't even qualify to attend this visit!

Han He immediately glanced at his son, his eyes carrying a hint of sternness.

Han Zizhi quickly closed his mouth.

"I believe he will definitely receive an invitation!" Han He quietly affirmed.

About Bai Xiaosheng, Han He hadn't interacted with him before, all information came only from rumors, news; it's heard that Bai Xiaosheng had cooperated with many big business people and organized some business alliance, but the truth is unclear. However, today, with Zhenbei Group's strength in the Greater China Region, it's already qualified to attend, and the opportunity that allowed them to grow big originated from a reform, the direct promoter of that reform was Bai Xiaosheng himself.

Such a figure can't possibly be left out!

How could he be overlooked!

His son talked so fast in front of outsiders; evidently, he forgot the advice given before departing!

Han He decided that upon reaching their lodging, he would firmly remind Han Zizhi once more.

"Tomorrow, there will be another batch of business people coming. Bai Xiaosheng might arrive then," the young man leading the way proactively told Han and his son, "Also, tomorrow night there is a banquet hosted by Director Hou; many leaders will come to meet everyone."

Upon hearing this, Han He couldn't help but ask eagerly, "Is it Director Hou Yuncheng, the leader of this delegation's visit?!"

"Yes," replied the man, nodding.

"I've heard of his name for a long time, and I've wanted to meet him," Han He smiled, his gaze actually full of anticipation.

Han Zizhi standing by was rather curious.

He heard there would be many leaders, and they must be significant figures, but why was his father particularly keen on meeting Hou Yuncheng?

In the presence of outsiders, Han Zizhi didn't dare to ask much; he could only bury this doubt in his heart.

As they talked, they arrived at their accommodation.

It was a five-story building equipped with auxiliary facilities, including an auditorium and a fitness center.

Under the lead of the young man, Han He saw many familiar faces as they walked inside.

Han He shed his usual aloof demeanor and took the initiative to greet them, since none of those he met held a status lower than his own.

Not to mention, Han He not only greeted them but mainly introduced his son to them.

Just by passing through the first-floor lobby, Han He and the others stopped several times.

Seeing this, the young man checked the time and seized the moment when Han He and his son weren't talking to others, interjecting, "Mr. Han, we're here. Your room is on the fourth floor; here is the key. I see you're not in a hurry to return to your room, so feel free to socialize with your friends. I have other work to attend to, so I'll leave you here."

Seeing this, Han He immediately apologized to the young man, since they had made him wait several times along the way, then thanked him once more.

Han Zizhi, being articulate, also thanked the young man.

The young man handed over the key with a smile and then turned to leave.

With no one around now, Han and his son were more at ease, deciding to wander the first-floor lobby and greet people.

As a result, they indeed encountered a few heavyweight figures.

First were two middle-aged men dressed in casual wear and wearing baseball caps, seemingly returning from the gym, surprisingly it was Lu Yun from Tengyun Group and Jia Chengshan from Jia Group. Each was accompanied by someone, and they were quite conspicuous upon arrival, chatting and laughing.

Even Han He couldn't help but be a little surprised.

He had heard that these two were not on good terms; did they go exercising together?

Han He's doubts quickly faded; he didn't care about the rumors, only the immediate benefits mattered, so he led Han Zizhi over with a smile.

When Han Zizhi saw them, his eyes lit up.

Whether Lu Yun or Jia Chengshan, each was a master in their business domain, achieving the highest level of success.

If he could leave a good impression on them, it would be a great fortune.

"Mr. Lu, Mr. Jia, you both arrived early," Han He said with a smile as he went to greet them.

Lu Yun and Jia Chengshan noticed Han He and were slightly surprised, then smiled, "Mr. Han, you're here too."

"When did you arrive?"

After exchanging pleasantries, the three started to chat.

Han He took the opportunity to introduce his son to the two business moguls. Lu Yun and Jia Chengshan politely complimented Han Zizhi.

Just this brief interaction was enough to excite Han Zizhi, his face showing a hint of blush.

After discussing for five minutes, Lu Yun and Jia Chengshan wanted to return to their rooms.

But before leaving, Lu Yun smiled and said to Han He, "I heard Mr. Han is doing well with the new business expansion in the west."

"I also heard it's progressing quite rapidly," Jia Chengshan chuckled.

"Are you interested, perhaps to join in?" Han He said at the right time.

This wasn't just a polite gesture. If they could use this opportunity to form deep collaborative relationships with Tengyun Group and Jia Group, the profitability of those twenty-odd companies would be trivial.

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"Forget it. We don't have any plans to expand over there, so naturally we won't be competing with Mr. Han for the market. But you know, Mr. Han, in business, it's better for everyone to prosper together. Finding partners is the right approach." Lu Yun said with a chuckle.

Jia Chengshan also laughed and added, "Locking yourself up and eating alone is not a good habit."

When Han He heard them say this, he was taken aback and wanted to ask a few questions, but the two had already bid farewell and left, so he could only let it go.

Han Zizhi was equally baffled, unable to figure out what the two big figures meant by their words.

Just as the father and son were about to exchange thoughts, they suddenly spotted a new target.

A group headed by Lin Hong from Xianggang entered the room.

Han He and his son immediately set aside their doubts and walked over with smiles.

After some interaction, Lin Tianyi from the Lin Family Clan and Hong Chengtian from the Hong Family Clan showed interest in the new business ventures of the Han Family and even praised them for quickly capturing the market.

However, Han He and his son felt that there was something else mixed in with their praise, a strange feeling that was hard to define.

After these people moved on, Han Zizhi couldn't help but comment to his father, "How come everyone in Huaxia knows about our little venture in the west? Our recent promotions have indeed been intense, but have they become this popular in Xianggang?"

Han He also frowned slightly, shaking his head.

This setting truly wasn't the place for such discussions. As they spoke, they spotted another new target.

A captivatingly beautiful woman was walking alongside a middle-aged man, engaged in conversation.

It was indeed Dong Tianlu from Beifeng Holdings and Zhang Qinglin from Ziyu Group.

Han He and his son both noticed these two people and immediately composed themselves, approaching with renewed smiles.

After yet another round of pleasantries, the father and son realized Dong Tianlu and Zhang Qinglin seemed somewhat displeased, also hinting at matters related to their business.

Han He recalled that these two had previously called him, trying to mediate the conflict with Bai Xiaosheng, which he had deflected.

Apparently, they felt slighted, creating some grievances.

In such a setting, Han He couldn't address these issues directly to mend fences and only kept it in mind to find ways to bridge gaps in the future.

Thus, Han He and his son lingered on the first floor for over half an hour, and after meeting nearly everyone they intended to, they returned to their room.

It was a two-bedroom suite. Although the furnishings weren't luxurious and appeared somewhat old, it was very comfortable.

After traveling and interacting with various business individuals downstairs, both father and son were exhausted.

Han Zizhi was still holding up fine, as he was still in his prime.

In contrast, Han He was feeling somewhat fatigued, needing to take some calming and restorative medicine.

"Dad, when we arrived, I noticed you seemed very focused on Director Hou Yuncheng." Han Zizhi finally addressed his father once they were alone.

"Of course, Director Hou is no ordinary man!" Han He said. "I've specifically researched him; his abilities are exceptional, and he has advanced rapidly in such a special department. I speculate he'll take on important roles in the domestic and international economic fields in the future. It's beneficial for us to communicate and interact more with him, potentially more valuable than engaging with those business figures."

Saying this, Han He paused, his brow slightly furrowed.

Han Zizhi didn't pay much attention to his father's change in expression, and couldn't help but nod.

"Zizhi." Han He suddenly spoke, looking somewhat uncertain.

"Hmm?" Han Zizhi didn't know what his father wanted to say and instinctively looked over.

"Just, do you feel that the people we encountered downstairs were a bit odd?" Han He murmured.

Han Zizhi was taken aback, asking, "Who are you referring to?"

Han He hesitated slightly, then slowly opened his mouth—

"Everyone."

Chapter 2344 - Bai Xiaosheng, How Dare You!

A silent night. The next morning, Han He continued to lead Han Zizhi around, engaging in communication with bigwigs in the business world at the hotel.

Business cooperation naturally isn't achieved with just a few words; Han He merely aimed to find a cooperation intention or to probe for information in certain areas, even if he could glean some useful tidbits about an industry, it wouldn't be in vain.

But it's not that easy!

Those who can stay in this hotel are clever individuals in the business world. When Han He tries to test their responses, they are testing his as well, leaving no gaps, while outwardly everything seems harmonious.

At noon, all the business representatives were invited to dine in a hall.

The person in charge of the hotel is a deputy director level, busy hosting everyone, and once again mentioned the dinner event.

After lunch, as they returned to rest, Han Zizhi couldn't help but ask his father, "This time, did you notice anything off about those people?"

Yesterday Han He said that the tone, attitude, and content of everything spoken by everyone made him feel a bit strange.

Although Han Zizhi didn't notice anything, he still couldn't help but inquire.

Because during breakfast, his father Han He mentioned he wanted to further explore the situation.

To see if it was his illusion or if there was really something unusual!

Actually, Han He also wondered if he was being overly sensitive. After all, if three or five people had hidden meanings in their words for some reason, that might be understandable, but if everyone they met yesterday had issues, that shouldn't be the case.

Indeed, when Han Zizhi asked this, Han He shook his head, "Upon talking to them today, I didn't notice anything unusual."

"I told you, you're being too sensitive. Many of them are still Han Family's partners; why would they suddenly have issues with our family?" Han Zizhi immediately felt relieved.

Yet Han He couldn't help but take a deep breath and said slowly, "I'm not sure either. They're all very clever, and if they were to show any kind of emotion, it would only be once, not twice. So, could it be... that my feelings yesterday were true, and today, they're actually deceiving us."

Han Zizhi was speechless and couldn't help but glance at his father.

Is his father suffering from paranoia or showing early signs of dementia?

Perhaps I can inherit the family fortune two years early...

As Han Zizhi continued thinking, his thoughts started to wander...

Seeing his son's expression, Han He squinted his eyes, "What's that reaction?"

"Oh, nothing, nothing," Han Zizhi quickly replied. "I was just thinking about what you said. I feel like it can't be that way."

Han He coldly laughed, examining his son intensely, causing Han Zizhi to feel a bit guilty.

"What do you think? Your brain is worth nothing!" Han He mocked, turning to leave.

Han Zizhi secretly breathed a sigh of relief, quickly following.

In the afternoon, Han Zizhi asked his father if they should go out for another visit.

Han He gave a negative answer, instructing him to stay put in their room until the evening banquet.

After all, they were a dominant force in the business world; excessive eagerness to interact can undermine their status.

Han Zizhi thought his father made sense.

"But, we haven't seen Bai Xiaosheng yet!" Han Zizhi couldn't help but remind his father.

Without personally mocking Bai Xiaosheng, Han Zizhi felt uncomfortable.

Understanding his son's intent, Han He responded irritably, "Relax, you'll see him tonight."

The Han father and son stayed in their suite to rest, and around five in the afternoon, someone came to invite them to the banquet hall, saying it was for early seating and preparation.

After all, many prominent leaders would attend the evening banquet.

While they walked, the person responsible for notifying them specifically reminded the Han father and son to switch their phones to silent mode.

The Han father and son naturally understood this rule, and in front of the person, they turned their phones to meeting mode.

Led by the guide, Han He and his son arrived at the banquet hall.

The one greeting the guests at the door was the same person who had originally invited Han He.

According to the rules, Han He could enter the main banquet hall, whereas accompanying personnel had to go to the side hall.

"Director Zhang, this is my son. I brought him specifically for exposure; do you think he could join me inside? He doesn't need a seat, standing with the service staff in a corner would be just fine," Han He requested with a smile.

Han Zizhi also smiled along but inwardly lamented.

Others sit while he stands; others eat while he watches. It's a tough pill to swallow; his father is truly harsh.

Director Zhang hesitated briefly but then smiled and said, "Since he's Mr. Han's son, he naturally differs from the usual accompanying personnel. Inside, there's a table with a vacancy; I can arrange for Mr. Han Zizhi to sit there."

Upon hearing this, Han He thanked him repeatedly.

Han Zizhi did the same.

After everything was arranged, the Han father and son entered the banquet hall.

The tables in the hall all had corresponding nameplates, except for one table at the end, which had seats with no assigned names.

The staff leading them followed Director Zhang's instructions outside the door, indicating for Han Zizhi to sit at an unassigned seat at the last table, then proceeded to guide Han He further inside.

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The venue was already seventy percent full, with everyone engaged in low-voiced conversations and laughter.

The staff led Han He forward, and quite a few people greeted Han He as they saw him, though their status was naturally a bit lower.

Han He warmly greeted them all with a friendly face.

His seat was at a table in the middle of the front row, indeed a core seat.

As he walked over, Han He realized that the table was almost fully seated.

Lu Yun, Jia Chengshan, Dong Tianlu, Lu Tiandao, Lin Tianyi, Hong Chengtian...

Han He glanced over, unsurprised, recognizing these people as individuals with statuses similar to his, core figures in the business group.

With a smiling face, Han He walked over.

Suddenly, he noticed a somewhat unfamiliar man sitting between Lu Yun and Jia Chengshan.

The key point was, that man looked too young, about as young as his own son, making him seem somewhat out of place among those present simply by his age.

The young man sat there, chatting and laughing effortlessly with Lu Yun, Jia Chengshan, and others, exuding an aura that was not at all inferior.

Who is this?

Surprised, Han He suddenly caught sight of the nameplate on the table in front of the young man.

His eyes narrowed abruptly.

Bai Xiaosheng!

That was Bai Xiaosheng!

Han He couldn't help but be astonished, and then muttered in his mind—

This doesn't look anything like the photo in the news!

By this time, Han He had already reached near the table, and everyone noticed him.

When Bai Xiaosheng looked over, Han He saw profound eyes, with a brightness like stars in the night sky.

This Bai Xiaosheng is no simple figure!

With one look, Han He confirmed this.

"Oh, Mr. Han has arrived," Lu Yun chuckled from beside Bai Xiaosheng.

Jia Chengshan on the other side also laughed, "Just now, we were talking about Mr. Han. Mr. Han really appears when spoken of."

Others echoed the sentiment.

With a slight smile, before sitting down, Han He nodded to greet everyone present and then said, "You were just talking about me? What an honor, what were you discussing about me?"

Being talked about in such a setting, is it a good thing or a bad thing?

Han He was a bit curious as well.

"We were discussing how Mr. Han's business is growing bigger, his commercial operation skills are becoming increasingly proficient, managing with great skill!" Dong Tianlu said with a smile that didn't reach his eyes, with a hint of sarcasm between the lines.

The others also looked at Han He with varying degrees of smiles.

"From the sound of it, this doesn't seem like a compliment. Which wise guy is stirring trouble?" Han He frowned slightly in his heart, but maintained a generous smile on the surface, lifting his eyes to look at Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng met his gaze calmly with a slight smile.

"You must be Mr. Bai Xiaosheng, the Executive President of the Zhenbei Group for the Greater China Region! Truly talented at a young age!" Han He took the initiative to speak.

However, in his speech, he didn't use the respectful "Sir," but "you," phrased in a way that evaluated a junior.

The people present had subtle reactions, seemingly somewhat at odds with Han He's attitude.

"I am Bai Xiaosheng." Bai Xiaosheng seemed unfazed by Han He's address, chuckled and turned his nameplate towards Han He's direction.

As if suggesting that the elderly man might need a clearer look.

"Well, Mr. Bai Xiaosheng, not long ago, you sent people to talk about cooperation. I said I would get back soon, yet your people couldn't wait an extra day and left. Isn't that inappropriate? I've never seen such a haughty approach to discuss cooperation." Han He said with a smirk.

He counterattacked by complaining first, trying to present Bai Xiaosheng in a negative light.

Calm and unruffled, Bai Xiaosheng replied with a smile, "Yes, I told them to withdraw because there was no point in continuing. Mr. Han, you had us wait while you raced to capture the market. What were we waiting for?"

The people at the table whispered among themselves, looking at Han He.

Han He's smile faded, and he frowned slightly for the first time.

"Mr. Bai, are you accusing me, Mr. Han, without any evidence? You are slandering without any proof! What logic is that? If you come to discuss cooperation, must I wait for your side and then willingly hand over a market share? Isn't that too overbearing? Who would dare to talk about cooperation with you?"

With a sharp tongue, Han He attempted to portray Bai Xiaosheng as a terrible trading partner in front of Lu Yun, Jia Chengshan, Dong Tianlu, and others.

Even if not everyone believed it, it would create some friction and trouble for Bai Xiaosheng.

Han He looked at Bai Xiaosheng, mocking him silently.

If Bai Xiaosheng had approached with a humble posture, apologizing and explaining about his son's matter, Han He might not have been so aggressive.

But it seemed Bai Xiaosheng intended to tarnish Han He's reputation publicly!

Hadn't Dong Tianlu and the others spoken with a hint of mockery?

Han He was not one to suffer losses, thus he pointedly attacked Bai Xiaosheng.

Before Bai Xiaosheng could respond, someone behind Han He suddenly spoke, "My father is right!"

Everyone looked over in surprise.

Han He turned around to see Han Zizhi standing behind him, looking at Bai Xiaosheng with a cold smile, "All you esteemed business veterans here, Bai Xiaosheng saw our family doing well in some areas and sent people wanting a share. When negotiations failed, he started spreading rumors. Whatever you may have heard from him before, you mustn't believe it."

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After speaking, Han Zizhi looked at Bai Xiaosheng and sneered, "Mr. Bai, your companies want to pry into other people's businesses, but I think you'd better forget it. Our Han Family will not budge an inch, and we have the support of many local enterprises. Retreating is your only way out. We've been incredibly restrained; if you keep pushing, your businesses might go down the drain and become the laughing stock of the industry. I know you've got quite a reputation, Bai Xiaosheng, but if you end up shooting yourself in the foot, it won't be pretty. It'll just make the elders here laugh at you."

Han Zizhi publicly mocked Bai Xiaosheng.

"Hey, Zizhi, in the presence of so many elders, is it your place to speak? Get back!" Han He scolded with feigned formality after Han Zizhi finished speaking.

"Yes, father." Han Zizhi obediently stepped back next to his father, having said all he needed to say.

Confronting Bai Xiaosheng in front of so many significant figures made him feel a sense of "thrill."

Everyone couldn't help but look at Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled, unaffected by the words from the beginning.

"Mr. Han, have you finished?" Bai Xiaosheng looked at Han He with a smile, "I'm not good with words in disputes; I prefer action over argument."

As Bai Xiaosheng spoke, he took out his phone and placed it on the table.

The screen of his phone was lit up with messages that had just arrived.

Bai Xiaosheng glanced at it and smiled, "Mr. Han, aren't you going to check your phone? Who knows, there might be something happening at home."

Seeing Bai Xiaosheng's smile, Han He's heart inexplicably tightened.

Could it be that the companies under Bai Xiaosheng's group, which had been inactive, suddenly made a move?!

Han He felt a sudden jolt in his heart.

Those companies couldn't possibly capture the market, could they be making a last-ditch effort to cause him trouble?!

Whether or not Bai Xiaosheng was bluffing, Han He immediately reached for his phone.

It was then he realized that his phone had been vibrating non-stop, but he hadn't noticed due to the lively scene.

Han He saw numerous messages and missed calls on his phone.

What was going on?

Han He couldn't take calls at the moment, so he quickly went through the unread messages.

One after another, they were all calls for help!

Han He's face gradually turned pale.

The Han Family had over thirty companies in the eastern and southern regions of Huaxia, which had been the economic lifeline of the family.

But now, all those businesses were seeking help!

It hadn't even been an hour since he set his phone to silent; what on earth had happened?

Han He felt his mind going blank.

Seeing this, Han Zizhi picked up his phone and his face drastically changed.

Unable to reach Han He, many messages were directed to him as well.

"These past days, Mr. Han must have been watching my enterprises closely. In fact, I've been busy too, but not with those new western markets. Since Mr. Han doesn't want us involved in those new markets, I can only have the Han Family retreat from some of the old markets, letting you focus on developing the new western markets." Bai Xiaosheng said with a smile.

Han He's mind buzzed.

He understood now. Bai Xiaosheng hadn't been idle; he had been gathering strength to besiege the important markets of the Han Family in the eastern and southern regions.

But the crucial point was, how could Bai Xiaosheng achieve this with just the Zhenbei Group in the Greater China Region!

And make it so that the Han Family's businesses were unaware?

In a week's time, it seemed utterly impossible!

Han He couldn't figure it out.

Yet Bai Xiaosheng had done it!

"You all see now, right, Bai Xiaosheng is such a person! If cooperation fails, he resorts to underhanded tactics. You all absolutely must not collaborate with someone like him!" Han Zizhi, also alarmed, couldn't help but shout to Lu Yun and the others.

Lu Yun and others looked at the father and son with an amused expression.

"Mr. Han really thought I could, without any external help, put the Han Family in such a crisis in just a week?" Bai Xiaosheng said slowly.

Han He looked at Bai Xiaosheng, and at the meaningful looks from Lu Yun and the others, recalling all the strange behaviors he had noticed, suddenly he felt dizzy, his brain was inundated.

Could it be, everyone here was helping Bai Xiaosheng?!

How was that possible!

Han He felt a chill spread throughout his body, as if he had fallen into an ice cavern.

Just then, there was a clamor around.

Someone was shouting, "Director Hou is here..."

Han He, hearing this, suddenly saw a glimmer of hope.

"Bai Xiaosheng, you dare! At a time like this, when unity is crucial, you go behind my company's back, creating internal strife! Fine, fine, I'll ask Director Hou to judge this!"

Chapter 2347 - You Guys Talk

When Han He learned that Bai Xiaosheng had given up competing with him in the new market and instead went to target the lucrative businesses in his family's eastern and southern regions, his expression changed drastically.

Those businesses are the family's foundation, the lifeline for survival, absolutely not something to be compromised!

Han He also realized that among the people present, there were quite a few helping Bai Xiaosheng!

This situation made Han He momentarily furious.

Just at that moment, he suddenly heard the news that Director Hou was arriving.

Han He was immediately inspired, deciding to use Director Hou to pressure Bai Xiaosheng.

At this moment, as everyone was about to head out, this was the worst time for internal strife, especially one escalating to such a scale.

Han He believed that if Director Hou learned of this, Bai Xiaosheng would surely be criticized and forced to stop.

Furthermore, Bai Xiaosheng's "untactful move" could leave a very bad impression on Director Hou, resulting in significant intangible losses later.

Anyone supporting Bai Xiaosheng would also be "implicated" by association.

Suddenly, Han He became excited, as if he had seized a perfect opportunity for counterattack, tightening everyone's weak spot.

The initiative was back in his hands, and it felt incredibly satisfying!

Behind him, Han Zizhi also became excited.

"That's right, we must protest to Director Hou; this Mr. Bai has gone too far. Please, Director Hou, administer justice!" Han Zizhi also softly reiterated.

Upon hearing the father and son say this, the expressions of those present also changed subtly.

Everyone present had some role in facilitating or even helping Bai Xiaosheng.

After all, to target over thirty companies within a week and simultaneously strike at their supply chains, sales chains, and funding chains, causing issues from products to services and customers, only to have these "issues" suddenly erupt like an "acute illness"— this was not something one or two large groups could achieve. It was the result of collective effort. If implicated, who could escape...?

Many privately criticized Bai Xiaosheng's choice of timing.

Han He had already been strategized against by Bai Xiaosheng, but making a move at this moment was really unwise...

Doing so before the visit would displease higher-ups, not only causing a crisis for Bai Xiaosheng but making it difficult for everyone else to evade blame as well.

Dong Tianlu, Lin Tianyi, Hong Chengtian couldn't help but look at Bai Xiaosheng, while Lu Yun and Jia Chengshan both spoke to "mediate" the parties.

"Everyone here is a businessman. In the business arena, conflicts and friction are inevitable. However, there are no deep-seated grudges, as we're all after profit and gains. I suggest both parties take a step back, resolve this matter, and perhaps seize this chance to become friends—this would be a good outcome."

Lu Yun spoke to Han He, expressing a willingness to act as peacemaker.

"Mr. Lu is right. Previously, it was just business competition, albeit somewhat intense. Now that we're all here together, it's also fate. How about sharing a drink and laughing off past grievances?" Jia Chengshan suggested to Han He, urging him.

With Lu Yun and Jia Chengshan leading the way to mediation, several people present joined in agreement.

"Indeed, as business people, peace and harmony are paramount!"

"Let big issues become small and small issues disappear, bringing joy to everyone. Both parties should take a step back at the very least to prevent further escalation."

This persuasive talk brought a smile to Han He's face, while Han Zizhi behind him secretly sneered at Bai Xiaosheng.

In short, the situation is beneficial for the Han family, and these people are starting to get scared! Han Zizhi thought to himself.

Bai Xiaosheng appeared calm, even indifferent, as if not believing that Han He would dare escalate the conflict to Hou Yuncheng at this time.

Seeing this expression made Han Zizhi feel somewhat uneasy.

Han He glanced toward the entrance, noticing someone coming inside, although Hou Yuncheng wasn't yet there. But he believed that within two minutes, he'll arrive.

Turning back to Bai Xiaosheng, Han He interlocked his fingers on the table, asking with a half-smile, "Mr. Bai, how do you propose we resolve this matter?"

Bai Xiaosheng pondered briefly, then smiled, "Since everyone's suggesting reconciliation, it's best we resolve this matter between our two families swiftly. Otherwise, delaying overnight may cause significant losses for Mr. Han."

Looking at Bai Xiaosheng behaving this way, Han He felt a fire rising within.

Was he being mocked or threatened?

"What kind of resolution would be considered 'proper' resolution?" Han He asked.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled.

"Currently, our competition exists in two directions: the newly emerging markets in the west and the existing market domains in the east and south. Mr. Han, you spent considerable effort to capture the new western market, while I expended effort securing market share in the east and south. For a proper resolution, we should transform our conflict into collaboration. How about this: you retain the existing market in the east and south, and we jointly develop the western markets. My enterprises will cooperate with yours for mutual growth. You should open up your various channels to us as much as possible. How does that sound?"

Considering Bai Xiaosheng's significant investment, he did not make excessive demands, such as asking Han He to give up half of the newly acquired western market share. Bai Xiaosheng proposed joint development and channel sharing, which seemed reasonable.

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The people present couldn't help but nod silently.

This not only aims for long-term profit but also publicly gives enough respect to Han He and doesn't care about immediate gains and losses.

Truly deserving of the name Bai Xiaosheng!

The people understood it this way, but Han He didn't see it that way.

Han He thought that Bai Xiaosheng's actions were a concession, a sign of fear.

At the same time, he believed that Bai Xiaosheng's demands were still excessive!

Even if their various channels in the western regions were just being established and not strong, they were still resources solely belonging to the Han Family. Open them to Bai Xiaosheng?

How could one tolerate others sleeping soundly beside one's bed!

"Sorry, I really can't agree to this demand!" Han He immediately shook his head and said coldly to Bai Xiaosheng, "Mr. Bai, listen to my suggestion. You must immediately stop your competitive actions against the Han Family's businesses! We won't hold you accountable for the losses you've caused us. As for those new market areas in the west, you can join as investors, I'll give you shares, your company can continue, and afterward, we each develop independently without interference. What do you think?"

Han He's words were just lip service, asking Bai Xiaosheng to give up without any substantial benefit.

The people present couldn't help but frown.

If they were Bai Xiaosheng, they couldn't agree to such conditions either.

Even Han He himself probably wouldn't agree to such conditions.

In the business world, one acts not to make a move, but once they do, it's all about pursuing profit. After all that effort for nothing, who's willing?

Sure enough, Bai Xiaosheng directly shook his head.

"Sorry, Mr. Han, I can't accept your proposal either!"

In an instant, the conversation between the two reached a stalemate.

By this time, the entrance was already bustling with voices, and even the guests at the nearby tables became agitated.

The vice-director, Hou Yuncheng, had arrived.

Someone took the lead in starting to clap, and more and more people joined in, leading Bai Xiaosheng and the others to pause their conversation.

"Let's talk about this later." Han He left a remark, turned to look over there, and began to clap, showing that he had no interest in continuing the discussion.

The people noticed and had different thoughts, but they all clapped and looked over there.

Bai Xiaosheng glanced at Han He with a smile, completely indifferent.

"Talk," he welcomed.

"Fight," he was willing to accompany!

Behind Han He, Han Zizhi stole a glance at Bai Xiaosheng, his look filled with malice.

In this matter, he was determined to push his father to tell Director Hou about it, so Bai Xiaosheng couldn't just bully the Han Family!

Over there, surrounded by people, Hou Yuncheng strode over, warmly greeting everyone, incredibly approachable.

"Our real leader is behind, I'm unworthy of such applause. This time, as the team leader, I'm here to serve everyone. If you have any issues, feel free to tell me, don't be shy." Hou Yuncheng joked with everyone present, and his friendliness was praised by all.

After a simple interaction with everyone, occasionally people from businesses would go up to chat with Hou Yuncheng for a couple of sentences, and he received them courteously.

Everyone present, with their status and etiquette, knew the rules and the bigger picture, not talking for more than a minute. When someone was speaking with Hou Yuncheng, others wouldn't disturb them.

At Bai Xiaosheng's table, Lu Yun, Jia Chengshan, and others also went over to greet him.

Han He got up and walked over as well.

Before leaving, he deliberately smiled at Bai Xiaosheng.

Even Han Zizhi gave Bai Xiaosheng a smirk that was all but friendly, as if saying: just you wait!

Bai Xiaosheng acted as if he didn't see it.

Beside him, Lu Yun couldn't help but frown, leaning over to Bai Xiaosheng and saying in a low voice, "I think this Han He might really take this matter to Director Hou, you need to be mentally prepared."

Bai Xiaosheng whispered back to Lu Yun with a smile, "Don't worry, Uncle Lu, it's okay!"

After speaking to Lu Yun, Jia Chengshan also leaned over and said to Bai Xiaosheng, "Mr. Bai, given the current situation, it's not in our favor. Maybe we should give Han He an inch for now and deal with him later!"

Jia Chengshan had been quite helpful to Bai Xiaosheng, also to win more favor from him.

This suggestion was offered sincerely.

"Mr. Jia, don't worry, I know what I'm doing." Bai Xiaosheng whispered to him with a smile.

With this collaboration with Jia Chengshan and others, Bai Xiaosheng had also won them quite a few international big deals, and their relationship was gradually reaching a honeymoon phase. In business alliances, only interests could sustain long-term cooperation.

Jia Chengshan was assured, smiled, nodded, and stopped speaking further.

Sitting a bit further, Dong Tianlu and others saw Bai Xiaosheng chatting and laughing with the big players. While they couldn't hear the conversation, they knew Bai Xiaosheng had it under control and there was no need to worry.

Over there, just after finishing a chat with a major businessman, Hou Yuncheng saw Han He walking over to him.

"Director Hou, pleased to meet you! I am..."

"Han He, Mr. Han!" Hou Yuncheng cheerfully acknowledged him, proactively reaching out, "I've wanted to meet you for a long time, I even passed by your house during a business trip last time, but unfortunately missed you."

Faced with such enthusiasm from Hou Yuncheng, Han He's old face bloomed with a smile like a chrysanthemum, shaking hands with Hou Yuncheng while saying, "I have long admired your name and always wanted to meet you, but was afraid of causing inconvenience. It's a great honor to meet you now."

This conversation between the two sparked whispering among others, all marveling at how much face Han He had with Hou Yuncheng!

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Han Zizhi stood behind his father, unable to resist feeling both excited and smug, even turning around to flaunt at Bai Xiaosheng's side.

Hou Yuncheng actively engaged in more conversation with Han He.

When discussing the West Development issue, Hou Yuncheng praised the contributions made by Han Yewanhe.

Han He struggled to find an entry point, but when Hou Yuncheng mentioned it, he promptly and appropriately said, "Actually, as a company, we are willing to contribute to society while developing ourselves. It's just that now... our Han Yewanhe is facing some troubles due to market share issues."

"Oh?" Hou Yuncheng was surprised to hear Han He's words right in front of him.

"This matter isn't anyone's fault, it's just some problems caused by competition." Han He maintained a posture of tolerance.

Bai Xiaosheng and his people were paying attention to the dynamics on Hou Yuncheng's side, including Bai Xiaosheng himself.

After Han He finished talking to Hou Yuncheng, Bai Xiaosheng intended to go up and greet them, after all, he had previously troubled them as a guest.

At that moment, everyone saw Director Hou and Han He looking over, still conversing.

Suddenly, Lu Yun, Jia Chengshan, and others' expressions changed.

That Han He indeed put Bai Xiaosheng in a bad light in front of Director Hou!

This person is truly as ruthless and decisive as rumored.

Instantly, Lu Yun and Jia Chengshan frowned. Han He was clearly not giving them face and wanted to make them suffer as well.

If that's the case, after this is over, they'll have to find trouble with the Han Family.

Other attendees who had helped Bai Xiaosheng also frowned a bit upon seeing this. Is Han He determined to make things difficult for everyone?!

But right now, no matter what, because of Director Hou, whether it's Bai Xiaosheng or them, they have to temporarily bow to the Han Family to keep the peace.

This situation left everyone feeling somewhat displeased.

These people attending, all of whom are influential figures, being "forced" into such matters is what they hate the most.

Han He's blatant moves have already provoked public anger.

Over there, after listening to Han He's recount of events, Hou Yuncheng pondered for a moment, then slowly said, "Oh, that's how things are, then shall we go over and discuss this matter?"

Hearing this, Han He was simply delighted.

Hou Yuncheng was going to intervene on his behalf; this was such a great honor!

Would Bai Xiaosheng voluntarily back down?

This time his scheming backfired spectacularly!

Moreover, with this connection to Hou Yuncheng, Lu Yun and those people are bound to be wary of him.

"Great, great, please, please!" Han He responded with a beaming smile, extending an invitation.

Han Zizhi stood behind, continuously rubbing his hands in barely contained excitement.

Amidst the surprised and quiet whispers of the others, Hou Yuncheng and Han He walked toward Bai Xiaosheng's table.

Seeing Hou Yuncheng personally coming over, Bai Xiaosheng and the others stood up to greet him with smiles.

Though looking at Han He and his son, there was a trace of displeasure in everyone's eyes.

"Director Hou."

"Director Hou!"

Everyone greeted Hou Yuncheng, who also smiled and exchanged pleasantries with each of them.

Then, Hou Yuncheng turned to Bai Xiaosheng, directly addressing the issue, "Just now, Mr. Han told me that you've had a competitive conflict with them?"

"Yes." Bai Xiaosheng readily admitted.

You admitted it! Han He awaited the follow-up.

Lu Yun, Jia Chengshan, and others, seeing that Hou Yuncheng really raised the issue at hand, quickly said, "Director Hou, those are all normal business competitions."

"Yes, it's all fair competition. It's surprising it caught your attention!"

Everyone spoke simultaneously, trying to calm the situation.

Han He couldn't help but snicker internally.

What does "initial impression" mean, I had already shaped Director Hou's views, and it's impossible for them to reverse it so easily!

Now that Director Hou is involved, he's bound to see it through!

This time, Bai Xiaosheng will have to "retreat" obediently! He won't get a single cent of benefit, leaving him empty-handed!

Under the eager anticipation of Han and his son, Hou Yuncheng finally spoke.

"Oh, this is normal competition then, I won't say much about it." Hou Yuncheng glanced at Bai Xiaosheng, "You all settle it yourselves."

Han He, initially quite proud, was suddenly dumbfounded.

Director Hou, how could two sentences end the matter so quickly?!

This isn't what he imagined!

Why did he come over in the first place?

Everyone also looked at Hou Yuncheng in astonishment.

Never mind Han He, even they found the development of the situation peculiar, the turn so abrupt it left them struggling to keep up.

"I came over to tell you, Mr. Bai, that commercial bridge plan you chatted with me about last time, I think many of the ideas are quite good, we should find a time to discuss it further, I personally really appreciate your concepts!" Hou Yuncheng gave Bai Xiaosheng a warm smile, filled with earnestness.

The so-called "commercial bridge" plan is merely a rough idea Bai Xiaosheng proposed when visiting Hou's home, which Hou Yuncheng had expressed admiration for at the time.

However, it wasn't worth a special trip to mention.

Bai Xiaosheng, being very astute, immediately understood.

Hou Yuncheng was implicitly supporting him!

It seems that Hou Yuncheng is also paying attention and displeased with Han Family's exclusivity in the Western market!

Han He's attempt to manipulate the situation ended up backfiring!

The crowd, including Lu Yun, turned to Bai Xiaosheng in shock.

When did Bai Xiaosheng develop such a rapport with Director Hou?

Han He stared with wide eyes, speechless.

Han Zizhi was even more stunned into silence.

"You guys chat, I'll head over there first." Hou Yuncheng left a smiling remark and elegantly departed.

Han He was left in a daze, it only dawned on him when Bai Xiaosheng called out to him several times.

"Huh?" Han He looked at Bai Xiaosheng in confusion, not understanding what he was saying.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled at Han He and leisurely said—

"Mr. Han, as Director Hou just said, shall we continue our conversation?!"

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Han He could never have imagined that Bai Xiaosheng actually knew Director Hou! Not only did he know him, but Director Hou also held Bai Xiaosheng in high regard!

His attempt to undermine had backfired...

While others actively sought to meet with Director Hou, Bai Xiaosheng waited for Director Hou to "come to him"; the difference was immense!

Just seeing this scene explained so much.

Han He wasn't a fool; he could naturally see that Director Hou's public conversation with Bai Xiaosheng was telling everyone that he admired Bai Xiaosheng and trusted him even more.

Moreover, Director Hou knew he was invited to help with the speech but didn't say a word; did this mean he was dissatisfied with Han He?

While participating actively in the development of the Western region, Han Yewanhe indeed snatched markets and went overboard in some aspects.

Was this a hint directed at him?

Until Bai Xiaosheng spoke to him, Han He's mind was in turmoil.

Under Bai Xiaosheng's "awakening", Han He, snapping out of it, refocused on the young man smiling at him.

This Bai Xiaosheng could discuss such high-level topics with Director Hou and was quite appreciated by him. Could he possibly change the poor impression Director Hou had of him through Bai Xiaosheng...

While Han He was contemplating this, Han Zizhi, who was behind him, seized the opportunity to respond to Bai Xiaosheng, "There's no rush to talk now since Director Hou knows, he certainly wouldn't want any trouble within the visiting group before the trip. So, Mr. Bai, shouldn't you reconsider your earlier proposal!"

Han Zizhi didn't have the ability like his father to change his mind in an instant; instead, he believed that although Hou Yuncheng allowed them to communicate independently, it could also put pressure on Bai Xiaosheng.

Moments ago, Director Hou's appreciation for Bai Xiaosheng indeed surprised Han Zizhi, but afterward, he didn't think much of it.

After all, leaders focus on matters, not people. Appreciation and criticism always coexist.

Everyone present couldn't help but look at Han Zizhi, each with their own thoughts reflected in their eyes.

"Oh, there's no rush right now... In that case, let's talk later." Bai Xiaosheng glanced at Han Zizhi and smiled at Han He.

Upon hearing this, Han He's facial expression changed.

Without him noticing, his son's careless words put him in a problematic situation.

"No, no, Mr. Bai, let's talk now, as you suggested! I agree with your solution!" Han He said hurriedly.

"Dad!" Han Zizhi looked at his father in shock.

How could his father agree to Bai Xiaosheng's demands, which were to their disadvantage and risk losses?

"Shut up!" Han He frowned, turning back and said in a low voice, "Incapable fool, stop spouting nonsense here! Get back home!"

Han Zizhi was startled and didn't understand why his father was so angry publicly.

"Go... go back?" Han Zizhi swallowed hard.

Han He urgently whispered again, "Go to your room, and no dinner tonight!"

Now, Han He truly regretted bringing Han Zizhi along.

This incompetent fool has caused more harm than good. Could he not see that the situation had drastically changed?

Han He now regretted his approach to nurturing Han Zizhi, thinking that guiding him to manage his own business, with himself as the secret promoter, would instill confidence as the start of his business life.

But now it seems, having vision is more important!

And now Han Zizhi lacked even the basic ability to read the situation...

Han He regretted his methods of upbringing.

After all, he only had this one son, and it was his first time being a father, so indulgence and inexperience were inevitable...

Being publicly reprimanded by his father before so many people, Han Zizhi felt utterly humiliated, filled with shame and anger, but stubbornly refused to speak or comply, glaring coldly at Bai Xiaosheng.

"Mr. Bai, please don't listen to my son's nonsense, let's continue our talk!" Han He turned anxiously toward Bai Xiaosheng.

"No, I actually think your son's barking... words were quite right; it's indeed inconvenient to talk now." Bai Xiaosheng decisively refused to continue the conversation with Han He.

"Yes, now that Director Hou is here, and the dinner is about to start, it's not suitable to discuss private matters."

"Exactly, soon many leaders will be here, and it wouldn't be proper for us to be holding a small meeting here."

"Indeed, having not talked for such a long time, now the opportunity has passed, let's discuss it later."

"This fully illustrates that time waits for no one..."

Led by Lu Yun and Jia Chengshan, everyone at the table expressed their opinions, looking at Han He with a mixture of mockery and teasing in their eyes.

Han He realized, ruefully, that he had become isolated here; not only was Bai Xiaosheng highly regarded by Director Hou, but even these top business leaders were in accord with him, proving his incredible connections that Han He previously knew nothing about.

At this moment, Han He's impression of Bai Xiaosheng underwent a sudden change.

Accidentally seeing Han Zizhi glaring at Bai Xiaosheng, Han He immediately felt a headache, thinking bitterly that his son was truly a troublemaker and he hadn't realized it before!

Han He wanted to rebuke his son again but felt that repeatedly disciplining him in front of so many business elites of equal status was far too embarrassing.

As everyone chattered away, Han He quickly said to Han Zizhi, "Bite your tongue!"