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Chapter 2381 - Why Am I Always the Unlucky One? (2)

This car belongs to the deputy mayor of the neighboring city, Tori. It's likely that Mr. Tori's driver won't let this matter rest.

Through the car window, Bai Xiaosheng saw the official who came to handle the incident being pulled aside by their car's driver. The driver seemed to be indicating the identity of the vehicle, and the official's previously stern demeanor turned to one of surprise.

Bai Xiaosheng wasn't interested in what was being said or how things were being handled over there.

He merely smiled at Lin Weiwei and said, "We should be able to leave soon."

As if confirming Bai Xiaosheng's judgment, indeed, their driver quickly came over, knocked on Lin Weiwei's side of the car window, and with a smile, said to Bai Xiaosheng and the others, "Dear guests, please transfer to the car in front. My colleague will take you to your destination. I sincerely apologize for the delay in your journey!"

"Thank you for your effort!" Bai Xiaosheng responded with a slight smile.

"It's my duty! It's my duty! I'm just sorry to have kept you waiting here for some time. I hope you can forgive us." The driver replied respectfully.

Afterward, Bai Xiaosheng and the others got out of the car and walked to the car in front.

On the other side, Jenny looked at Bai Xiaosheng and company with anger, even pointing at them while arguing with the official, her voice vaguely audible, "Why can they leave? They are also involved."

The official replied coldly, "Sorry, ma'am, if you have any complaints, you can file them against me. But right now, I'm in charge! Given your attitude, I'm now accusing you of not cooperating with the investigation and attempting to resist the law. Please come with me for an investigation."

Jenny's angry words unnecessarily got her into more trouble.

This was still considered mild; if it were in America, it would have been far more severe.

Bai Xiaosheng and the others completely ignored the situation over there and got into the car.

The car then started and drove away.

Lin Weiwei, seeing the situation through the rearview mirror, said with a bit of schadenfreude, "Looks like she won't be leaving anytime soon!"

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On the way, Bai Xiaosheng asked the driver to take them to a hotel in the East District to stay.

It was already late today. With the traffic accident earlier, there was no time to visit the Zhenbei Group's African division company.

Fortunately, they still had half a day tomorrow morning, which should be enough for a visit.

Bai Xiaosheng intended to use the identity of the Huaxia Business Group instead of his position in the group to visit the company, thinking it might make the other party less guarded and more revealing.

Of course, in terms of specific operations, the three of them needed to deliberate further once they arrived at the hotel.

The driver naturally had no objection to Bai Xiaosheng's request. Being familiar with Dilu City, he directly took them to the largest local five-star hotel...

Outside the hotel, the driver bade farewell, and Bai Xiaosheng expressed his gratitude to Mr. Tori.

After checking in at the hotel, Bai Xiaosheng and the others went to their rooms.

On the way to the room, Bai Xiaosheng asked Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying to drop off their things and come to his place, as they needed to prepare for their early trip to the Zhenbei Group's "Green Sky" company the following day.

While Bai Xiaosheng and his companions returned to their rooms, Jenny and her group were at the police station being questioned.

Fortunately, she quickly adopted a humble attitude, accepting the penalties and compensations fully.

The officer in charge of the case was quite satisfied with Jenny's attitude. After seeing her fill out all the forms, he said to her, "Miss Jenny, do you have a guarantor here? If you do and they pay the bail, you can leave."

Faced with the inquiry, Jenny forced a smile and said, "I've already called my friends. I'm sure they'll arrive soon."

As she said this, Jenny was secretly reluctant.

If not for the fact that she didn't want to spend the night in a "single room" here, she really didn't want to trouble the people here. She came all the way from America to discuss business, not to have someone bail her out of the police station. It made her lose face, and also embarrassed her boss back in America.

Just then, someone gently knocked on the office door.

Subsequently, a police officer poked his head in and said to the officer opposite Jenny, "Chief, there's a lawyer outside to see you. He says he's Miss Jenny's guarantor."

The officer looked at Jenny, nodded, and said, "Let him in."

Then, the door opened, and a man in a suit, wearing gold-rimmed glasses and carrying a briefcase, entered with a smile. He first smiled at the chief, then nodded and smiled at Jenny.

"Hello, Chief. I'm here to pay the fine and handle the procedures for Miss Jenny. I'm from the legal department of Green Sky Company."

Upon hearing this, the chief eyed the visitor with some surprise, "Green Sky, a company under Zhenbei Group? I didn't expect Miss Jenny to have such a background."

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Jenny and her fellow travelers left the police station with the lawyer, but she couldn't help but frown as she glanced back.

This time her visit certainly made her quite a sensation, requiring someone to bail her out of here...

She'd lost face!

The lawyer said to Jenny with a smile, "Knowing that you were coming, we had already prepared a room at the best hotel. I'll take you there now. Have a nice bath and a good night's sleep, and all the day's unpleasantness will soon disappear. You'll be in a good mood when you visit the company tomorrow."

Jenny turned, smiled at him, and nodded.

Then, they got into two cars parked by the roadside.

The cars sped towards the hotel.

Under the nightfall, the East District of Dilu City was quite bustling. However, to Jenny, who came from a big city in America, it still seemed somewhat cold and desolate.

At that moment, all Jenny wanted was to get back to the hotel, take a nice bath, enjoy a hearty dinner, and then sleep soundly, completely forgetting today's disastrous experience and those damned Huaxia people.

An hour later, they arrived at the hotel.

The lawyer helped arrange the check-in and then left.

Jenny returned to her room. She would have dinner sent up later, not even bothering to go downstairs again.

Once in the room, Jenny found the hotel setup to be quite comfortable. The room even had high-end audio equipment, which improved her mood somewhat.

She kicked off her high heels and went to the minibar to pour herself a glass of red wine, drinking one glass and then another.

Then, Jenny wandered over to the sound system and played a piece of soothing symphonic music.

With music and wine, the feeling was indeed rather pleasant.

After listening to the symphony, Jenny got the mood, put down the wine glass, and pulled out a pair of hard-soled shoes from her luggage. Changing to a piece of vigorous dance music, she began to perform a self-created fitness dance combining elements of tap, rumba, and cha-cha.

Accompanied by the stimulating music, she threw off her public facade and expressed her wild nature. With great vitality and effort, Jenny danced energetically.

The sound of hard soles hitting the hotel room's floor produced a crisp sound, giving her a sense of exhilaration.

In her imagination, that damned Huaxia person was like the floor beneath her feet, being trampled upon. It made Jenny feel satisfied, and she couldn't help but say, "Don't let me see you again! Or I'll make you regret it!"

At this moment, Bai Xiaosheng and the others in the room downstairs were disturbed by the noise from above, forced to halt their discussion and look up at the ceiling.

"What's going on upstairs?" Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but ask.

Lin Weiwei frowned, "Judging from the noise, someone is dancing. It's really just a mess late at night!"

"Do you need me to go take a look?" Lei Ying inquired.

Bai Xiaosheng waved his hand, "No need, just call the front desk and let them handle it. Besides, judging by that noise, the person upstairs won't last long."

Possibly confirming Bai Xiaosheng's words, shortly after Lin Weiwei called the front desk, the noise upstairs ceased.

Lin Weiwei couldn't help but mutter, "I bet the person upstairs must be an uncultured, chubby foreign lady, at least two hundred pounds!"

Chapter 2382 - Throw Him Out!

The next morning, Bai Xiaosheng and his two companions went to the hotel restaurant for breakfast. Jenny, who stayed in the room above them, did not come down and, as usual, ordered room service. Otherwise, they might indeed have run into each other.

The hotel restaurant was elegantly decorated and very quiet. The diners were all people of status who paid great attention to etiquette. Even if they conversed, it was in hushed whispers, so low that even those at the next table couldn't hear.

Bai Xiaosheng and his companions naturally kept their voices down as well.

Several men who were with Jenny were also staying at this hotel. They came down for breakfast shortly before or after Bai Xiaosheng and his companions, and their seats were only separated by a decorative screen.

Yet this screen kept both parties unaware of each other's presence the whole time.

During breakfast, Bai Xiaosheng instructed Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying, "This morning, we're going to visit Green Sky Company. Try not to use the group identity. Avoid any related information in speech or actions. Just mention we are from the business delegation."

Lei Ying nodded while taking large bites of breakfast, indicating he would comply.

"But back when Green Sky didn't accept Dilu City's proposal to host our business delegation, if we go there rashly under the business delegation's identity, won't we be turned away?" Lin Weiwei said worriedly.

Yesterday, Bai Xiaosheng analyzed the information he gathered from all aspects, concluding that Green Sky Company likely declined the proposal from Dilu City to maintain a low profile, thereby concealing Zhenbei Group's upcoming moves in Africa from the public media.

However, could missing out on such a business opportunity really be explained solely by "keeping a low profile"? Or is there something more unusual going on?

This is what particularly intrigued Bai Xiaosheng.

Following that line of thought, it was indeed likely that the other party would decline their visit, making them hit a soft wall, or even get turned away.

Of course, if Bai Xiaosheng insisted on visiting, with his identity as the second-in-command of the group's headquarters oversight department, the other party wouldn't be able to refuse, not even the business president of Zhenbei Group's African region could stop him.

It's just that things haven't reached that point, and it isn't certain that there's actually any issue on their part.

One of Bai Xiaosheng's purposes in coming to Africa was to cooperate with others, barging in and causing trouble right away would obviously be inappropriate.

Bai Xiaosheng recalled the African business president, a stern black elder known for not taking sides in the past internal conflicts at headquarters, neither with the "Western faction" like Vice Chairman Morgan and North America representative Caroline, nor with the "Eastern faction" like Cheng'an and Li Yunyuan. His stance was neutral and variable.

Frankly, Bai Xiaosheng didn't want to offend such a figure and might need his support in future group affairs.

Considering all this, they indeed needed a "knocking brick" to visit the "Green Sky" company today.

Bai Xiaosheng finished the borscht in front of him, scooping it up with bread, and seeing the two had finished breakfast and were looking at him, he wiped his mouth and smiled, "Let's go. It's not convenient to call Deputy Mayor Samba here."

Was Bai Xiaosheng planning to utilize his friendship with Deputy Mayor Samba?

Hearing this, Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying exchanged glances.

After finishing breakfast and returning to their room, Bai Xiaosheng already had the phone number for Deputy Mayor Samba's office on his phone.

Upon returning, he closed the door and personally made the call.

"Hello, may I speak with Deputy Mayor Samba..."

"I don't have an appointment. Please tell Mr. Samba that a friend from the Huaxia business delegation would like to speak with him..."

Holding the phone, it didn't take long for a smile to appear on Bai Xiaosheng's face as he spoke, "Is this Mr. Samba? Was yesterday's cooperation satisfactory?"

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Bai Xiaosheng chatted with Mr. Samba for about ten minutes before he ended the call himself.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying, beside him, could both sense Mr. Samba's enthusiasm over the phone.

"Soon, Deputy Mayor Samba will send someone to 'Green Sky' company with us. With the authority of Dilu City's government, they will mediate on our behalf. 'Green Sky' will ultimately open a business locally, and while it may be able to ignore the city's face once, it won't do so a second time. Businesspeople are the least likely to sever relationships," Bai Xiaosheng said.

Upon hearing this, Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying both nodded immediately.

The three of them calmly waited in the hotel room.

Half an hour later, a government car pulled up to the hotel entrance, the same type as the ones that had driven Bai Xiaosheng and his party to Nalinta City yesterday.

Today, Deputy Mayor Samba sent this car to pick up Bai Xiaosheng.

In front of this car was a seven-seat business vehicle facing the hotel entrance.

The car door was open, and a woman was getting in, followed by several men.

If Bai Xiaosheng and his companions saw, they would certainly recognize Jenny and her group.

When Jenny and her team had left, the car sent by Deputy Mayor Samba moved forward slightly, and the driver then called Bai Xiaosheng and his companions.

Soon after, Bai Xiaosheng and his companions came downstairs.

The person sent by Deputy Mayor Samba warmly and respectfully greeted Bai Xiaosheng and his companions.

After all, these were the honored guests Deputy Mayor Samba had repeatedly instructed to be cautiously received.

This time, although only one person was sent by Deputy Mayor Samba, the driver was actually his chief secretary, whose status was not the same as those from the previous day.

The reason just one person was sent was not because Deputy Mayor Samba was less enthusiastic about Bai Xiaosheng and his companions today compared to yesterday. It was because Bai Xiaosheng had previously arranged with Deputy Mayor Samba that there was no need for many people, just someone to greet them would suffice.

This was in accordance with Bai Xiaosheng's wishes, so the deputy mayor's chief secretary came alone.

After greeting them, the person respectfully invited Bai Xiaosheng and his companions into the car.

Afterward, the car left the hotel and headed directly to the Green Sky Company. They left almost simultaneously with Jenny and her group, without much delay between them.

Bai Xiaosheng had already learned that the hotel is not far from the Green Sky Company, just about a half-hour drive.

On the road, Bai Xiaosheng chatted with the deputy mayor's secretary about some situations regarding "Green Sky."

From the senior secretary, Bai Xiaosheng learned that last time, Deputy Mayor Samba personally went to persuade Green Sky to participate in this inspection sequence, but it coincided with Green Sky saying there was an issue and they needed to carry out some so-called internal rectification, making it inconvenient to open to the public. The person in charge apologized in thousands of ways, politely declining the goodwill of Dilu City's government.

It sounded very much like an excuse.

The situation was pretty much what Bai Xiaosheng had anticipated before.

It seems that Mr. Samba's previous visit was not pleasant, and this time "Green Sky" had to show some courtesy.

"Mr. Bai, when we get there, we'll make contact and say you're Mr. Samba's friend visiting privately, so they won't have any excuses!" The deputy mayor's senior secretary said.

Bai Xiaosheng nodded and said, "Okay."

Afterward, the two talked about other things.

The conversation made the journey pass quickly.

The car carrying Bai Xiaosheng and his companions drove into the parking lot of a building, and through the glass window, Bai Xiaosheng saw the huge "Green Sky" English name and logo on the building.

Everyone got out of the car and headed straight for the building's entrance, entering the building and directly going to the reception desk.

Since entering, Deputy Mayor Samba's senior secretary separated from Bai Xiaosheng and the others, walked quickly over, and greeted them first.

The secretary of Deputy Mayor Samba is well-known here, having been seen last time, and as soon as they saw her, they immediately put down other tasks to help contact the general manager's office.

Bai Xiaosheng and his two companions waited patiently at the lobby entrance.

Just then, a group of people came pouring in from outside the lobby.

Leading the group was a man and a woman, surrounded by numerous secretaries and clerks.

The "Green Sky" employees in the lobby saw the man among the group, instantly standing respectfully, while looking at the woman with curious scrutiny.

The two walked as they talked and laughed.

"Not only did Mr. Zack send a car for me, but there was also a welcoming ceremony in the parking lot; I'm truly flattered," the woman said with a laugh.

The man named Zack, a middle-aged white man with some elegance, smiled and said, "Miss Jenny is an important envoy from America, and we should naturally show our hospitality. Unfortunately, Mr. John has urgent matters to attend to and entrusted me as the vice president to welcome you. The welcoming ceremony was somewhat simple, but it represents our company's sincere welcome to you."

The woman was none other than Jenny.

At this moment, dressed in professional attire, she exuded competence and the urban white-collar beauty's infinite charm.

"I'm truly undeserving," Jenny said with a graceful smile.

While speaking, Jenny sensed someone ahead and instinctively looked up.

Jenny's smiling face instantly froze.

Coincidentally, Bai Xiaosheng saw her too.

She saw an incredibly familiar, unforgettable face.

"It's you again!" Jenny couldn't help but exclaim in surprise, anger, and slight madness in public.

Instantly, the image of the white-collar beauty shattered.

Even Vice President Zack was dumbfounded, looking at Jenny and then at the Huaxia man opposite.

Everyone present was stunned, watching the suddenly crazed big white-collar from America, confused.

"Nice to see you again, Miss Jenny..." In such a setting, what could Bai Xiaosheng do? He could only smile like a gentleman and greet the woman whose name he'd just heard.

"Why are you here, what are you doing here?!" Jenny entirely ignored the many people present, angrily shouting at Bai Xiaosheng.

She utterly detested this Huaxia man, going red at the sight of him.

Vice President Zack looked increasingly curious at Bai Xiaosheng.

Why did Miss Jenny react so strongly upon seeing this man? Could it be that there was something between the two...?

Vice President Zack had no idea that what Miss Jenny had with Bai Xiaosheng was just a "deep-rooted hate" and "fear."

Wherever Bai Xiaosheng went, she was unlucky!

Facing Jenny's questioning and the attention from the Green Sky Company's newly met vice president, Bai Xiaosheng calmly stated his purpose, "I'm here to meet Mr. John."

To be discreet and conceal his identity, Bai Xiaosheng deliberately used a respectful address.

Vice President Zack was about to speak.

But Miss Jenny exploded first, "You're not welcome here! Mr. Zack, please have someone throw him out for me!"

Chapter 2383 - I'd Like to See Who Dares Stop Me!

The Vice President of Green Sky Company, Zack, looked somewhat surprised at Miss Jenny beside him. He really didn't expect such an elegant woman to shout and yell in public without any consideration. You know, Jenny was here as a visitor, and it's not appropriate to lose composure like this on the first meeting.

Unless, the man from Huaxia across from her had driven her to such a point of anger that she lost her composure.

Confident that the outburst was not due to emotional entanglement, Zack couldn't figure out what Bai Xiaosheng had done to so deeply offend Jenny.

Men often feel pity in the face of a beautiful woman, unless the man is a straight-laced person who doesn't understand tender feelings.

Zack thought Bai Xiaosheng might be that type of person, and he was precisely the opposite.

"Miss Jenny, please calm down, let me handle this," Mr. Zack gallantly reassured Jenny and then turned to Bai Xiaosheng, his smile slightly restrained, and said loudly, "Sir, you mentioned you were here to visit our General Manager John. May I ask who you are?"

As the Vice President, Zack knew all the major partners of his company, and none of them were Huaxia people. This gave him some confidence to stand up for Jenny.

Looking at this young man from Huaxia, so incredibly young, seemingly ordinary. Even if his family background was extraordinary, it was far away in Huaxia and of no concern to them here. Thinking of this, Zack felt even more confident.

Recalling Bai Xiaosheng's previous polite words, Zack felt more comfortable.

If this Huaxia man couldn't present any significant identity, Zack wouldn't hesitate to bluntly and firmly escort him out, thinking it wouldn't be a big deal.

Especially if he could leave a good impression on a beauty like Jenny, strengthening both public and private relationships, there was nothing to lose.

So when Zack spoke, though soft, his words carried hidden barbs.

With Zack's question, Jenny glared coldly at Bai Xiaosheng, and those around also looked at him.

"We are from the Huaxia Business Group, here to visit your company," Bai Xiaosheng replied with a smile.

"Huaxia Business Group?" Jenny frowned and murmured.

Jenny had heard about the Huaxia Business Group back in North America, but only in passing.

However, someone from the Huaxia business community had previously given her boss quite a headache. Her visit was indirectly related to that person.

Zack raised an eyebrow at this.

At first, the Deputy Mayor of Dilu City, Samba, personally persuaded them to become one of the inspection points for the Huaxia Business Group, and he was present.

However, due to certain reasons, General Manager John declined.

Zack was unclear about the reasons but was well aware of the outcome.

Now, those they rejected had come knocking.

This proactive visit made Zack even more dismissive.

"Sir, I'm truly sorry, our company is currently undergoing internal renovations and it's inconvenient to open to the public. General Manager John is very busy and has refused visitors. I'm afraid you've made a wasted trip, please leave!" Zack directly issued an order for their departure in front of everyone.

Jenny had just mentioned driving them away, and then Zack's expulsion order came, clearly trying to make them leave.

Surrounded by people from Green Sky Company and those Jenny brought, they all looked at Bai Xiaosheng and his two companions as if watching a farce.

"Mr. John doesn't even know we're here yet, and Vice President Zack is already issuing an expulsion order, isn't that inappropriate? What if Mr. John decides to see us?"

Before Bai Xiaosheng could speak, Lin Weiwei behind him voiced her discontent loudly.

Lin Weiwei knew Bai Xiaosheng's status; he was the deputy head of the group's headquarters' surveillance department!

Visiting in person, and yet a small company officer dared to refuse, it was simply outrageous!

However, to others, Lin Weiwei's words seemed extremely "arrogant."

What do you mean "Mr. John wants to see us?"

"Truly absurd," Zack thought, believing they were relying on their Huaxia Business Group identity, finding it amusing, and waved dismissively.

Green Sky Company's security stepped forward immediately.

Standing beside Zack, Jenny sneered at Bai Xiaosheng, "Mr. Zack, you're being too polite. You should have directly ordered them to be kicked out. Who are these people from the Huaxia Business Group? Just some beggars for cooperation who dare to speak arrogantly! Kicking them out would be merciful!"

Finally, gaining the upper hand against those from Huaxia and kicking them out.

Jenny felt immensely satisfied.

Being treated like this in front of so many people, let's see where your dignity is!

Serves you right!

This is the consequence of "hurting" me!

Jenny couldn't help but feel a sense of relief.

However, not completely satisfied...

If only they could be violently driven out, beaten and kicked in public, that would be even more satisfying...

But as a visitor, Jenny knew she couldn't request too much and had to maintain her image.

After all, the other party did have some background, and Green Sky couldn't push things too far...

Understanding these things, Jenny let it be.

However, with Jenny's subtle gestures, those she brought along began to sneer and mock Bai Xiaosheng and his companions—

"These people are truly absurd, rushing over to visit. I think they're here to spy on business intelligence!"

"If they have to visit, at least send someone decent. Just three people, and the leader is so young, what kind of influential figure could he be."

"Probably just riding a tiger's might, pretending to be someone important here, really embarrassing Huaxia people!"

Chapter 2384 - I'd Like to See Who Dares Stop Me! (Part 2)

More and more people were pointing at Bai Xiaosheng and the other two.

Lin Weiwei's face was white with anger.

Lei Ying also furrowed his brows.

Bai Xiaosheng's smile faded a bit.

Seeing their expressions, Jenny instead smiled, her face showing satisfaction.

Just as the security was about to move in, someone suddenly ran over shouting, "Stop! What are you doing?"

The person immediately halted the security present.

The one who came over happened to be the chief secretary of Deputy Mayor Samba. He had been at the front desk handling matters, feeling a bit anxious while waiting, he thought of going to the bathroom, and upon returning saw Bai Xiaosheng and the others being "surrounded."

This is no good!

Mr. Samba would not be pleased if he knew about this.

The chief secretary immediately rushed over.

"Mr. Keke?" Vice President Zack was momentarily stunned upon seeing him.

This was Samba's chief secretary, whom he had met before.

Jenny heard Zack's astonishment and couldn't help but look at him, inquiring, "Who is that?"

"The deputy mayor's chief secretary!" Zack's gaze flickered as he looked at the person over there, lowering his voice.

He hadn't expected these Huaxia people could invite Mr. Keke to come along, so it seemed they had quite the background!

Jenny also furrowed her brows.

Whether at the Luto Checkpoint or during the series of accidents, she knew the other party had connections here.

No matter what Jenny thought inwardly, outwardly she still sneered, "In such a tiny city, just a deputy mayor's secretary. Your Green Sky moved from a metropolis, are you afraid of him?"

Coming from a world-class metropolis and not managing here, her attitude was naturally high.

"At least show respect, since the company has relocated here..." Hearing Jenny say this, Zack couldn't help but murmur.

Once, their Green Sky was indeed a renowned enterprise in a big city, sent to this small city, still holding some arrogance...

That's why General Manager John dared to reject Deputy Mayor Samba's proposal to his face...

"Vice President Zack, what are you doing!" Mr. Keke, Samba's chief secretary, exclaimed loudly as he approached.

"It's Mr. Keke." Vice President Zack forced a smile and greeted him.

Mr. Keke nodded formally as a gesture of response, then pointed at Bai Xiaosheng, "This gentleman is Mr. Samba's friend. I brought him here. I don't know what just happened, but I want you to take us to see Mr. John now!"

The chief secretary's tone was stern.

Last time, Green Sky coldly rejected Mr. Samba, and now they made his guests embarrass themselves here. What was their intention?

The chief secretary was quite irate.

Zack was about to speak.

Jenny first spoke with a smile, "Mr. Keke, your Dilu City government is really impressive. Disregard the company's preferences and bring people over to inspect directly. Is this appropriate? Who will dare invest in Dilu City if this spreads! If you hurt our Green Sky's feelings and make us feel unwelcome here, forcing us to move to other cities like Lin City, wouldn't it be a lose-lose situation?"

Jenny's sharp remarks caught Mr. Keke off guard, making him pause and look at Jenny with some surprise.

Zack looked at the woman beside him with a bit of admiration. People from the big city were indeed different.

Even Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but silently praise, "She really has a sharp tongue."

Jenny's words were full of threat but irrefutable.

"Moreover, Mr. John has been busy lately, not seeing anyone. So—" Jenny chuckled and glanced at Bai Xiaosheng, speaking to Mr. Keke, "Please take these people and leave."

The way you came is the way you go back.

Mr. John isn't seeing guests; you can't force him.

Jenny's words made Mr. Keke's face look a bit unpleasant.

He squinted at Jenny, saying, "May I ask, miss, if Mr. John won't see guests, then who are you? I see Mr. Zack is accompanying you. Are you not with Green Sky?"

Mr. Keke countered.

Facing Mr. Keke's question, Jenny gave a charming smile, "I'm sorry, Mr. Secretary, although I'm not from Green Sky, I'm from the same group — Zhenbei Group! So you see, I'm indeed family! Mr. John isn't seeing guests, but could he ignore family?"

Her words left Mr. Keke stunned and even made Bai Xiaosheng raise his eyebrows, looking at Jenny.

This woman turns out to be from the group as well?

A person with a Ganande accent, fluent in the local dialect, part of the group!

Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but take interest.

Why was Green Sky Company so interesting to Bai Xiaosheng? Because it had an unusual background in the African region, being the second-in-command company under the African Regional Executive Director, with only about ten enterprises in the entire region. Green Sky was not just a local company or a building, but it had a long list of collaborations and affiliated enterprises behind it.

As the iceberg's tip showed, the submerged part was colossal.

Such an entity showing signs of unusual behavior naturally caught Bai Xiaosheng's attention.

Additionally, this company unexpectedly welcomed guests from America's North American region.

Things were getting more interesting!

In the face of Jenny's statements, Mr. Keke, the deputy mayor's chief secretary, was momentarily at a loss for words in front of the people present.

Chapter 2385 - Let's See Who Dares to Stop Us!

Lin Weiwei couldn't help but look at Bai Xiaosheng, wondering if they could speak up and help.

Bai Xiaosheng slightly shook his head, his eyes telling her to wait a bit longer.

"So, Mr. Zack, are you really not even giving Mr. Samba some face?" Secretary Mr. Keke said in a heavy tone to Vice President Zack with a somber expression.

Vice President Zack immediately put on a smile, "Mr. Keke, what are you saying? I haven't said anything yet. Whether he sees you or not is up to Mr. John. Let me go announce your arrival, but I must trouble you to wait here for a moment."

Mr. Keke's face looked unpleasant, "When Mr. Samba came, he went directly inside for a discussion, but now you're making us wait here."

Before Zack could speak, Jenny laughed and said, "Isn't it because your Vice Mayor isn't here?"

"Do they think they can just go to Mr. John and get an answer in person?" Jenny mocked as she looked at Bai Xiaosheng.

This was another kind of humiliation.

Mr. Keke looked at Jenny angrily and opened his mouth.

Before he could speak, a voice came, "What this young lady says makes sense. However, now that I'm here, can I not meet Mr. John directly?"

The voice was loud, with a tone of heavy dissatisfaction, coming from outside.

Zack, Jenny, Keke, and others couldn't help but turn around.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying looked up, one with surprise and the other with wonder.

Bai Xiaosheng, however, showed a smile.

It seems there's no need for me to step out and steal the spotlight; the person to help has arrived!

A crowd surged in from outside the hall, led by Vice Mayor Samba.

However, at that moment, the elderly man who always wore a smile had an iron-blue face.

After all, Samba being the second in command at the city government, his arrival commands many people's respect, even reducing the sneering expression on Vice President Zack's face to a more respectful one.

Ultimately, when superiors confront each other face-to-face, they exert a kind of pressure on those in the business world.

"Mr. Samba, why have you come?" Vice President Zack said, grinning, after a moment of silence.

Vice Mayor Samba merely glanced at him, gave a symbolic nod, and then took big strides towards Bai Xiaosheng. When he walked past Jenny, his eyes slightly narrowed as he glanced at her up and down.

Jenny also offered a smile.

Disrespect might occur behind the scenes, but face-to-face, no one dares to act impudently.

Mr. Samba left the others behind and, in front of everyone, strode up to Bai Xiaosheng. His previously icy face melted into a spring-like warm smile, "Mr. Bai, I still think your matters are more important. I hurried over after clearing up my work. It's not right to keep you waiting here."

Everyone present held their breath, looking at Bai Xiaosheng with astonishment.

The commanding presence of Mr. Samba, showing such regard for this young man?

What is his background that he carries such weight?

Mr. Samba continued, "On the way here, I received a call from the Mayor. The Mayor is not in the city, but upon learning of your presence, he specifically instructed me to ensure I accompany you well!"

Even the city's Mayor holds him in such regard!

The crowd was taken aback once more.

"I consider Mr. John a friend of this city. Now, I'll take you to see Mr. John, and let's see who dares to stop us!" Mr. Samba said loudly.

He is actually going to lead the way personally.

Everyone looked at Bai Xiaosheng with disbelief.

The previously imposing Secretary Mr. Keke immediately felt emboldened and led the way.

They strode inward with large steps.

Vice President Zack seemed deflated, leaving Jenny behind, hurriedly followed up. His entourage followed suit.

Suddenly, Jenny turned into someone no one paid attention to.

However, at that moment, Jenny frowned, "What did that Vice Mayor just call that man? Mr. Bai?"

Chapter 2386 - The Person Behind the Scenes

With Vice Mayor Samba personally leading the way, who would dare to stop Bai Xiaosheng and his group? Even Vice President Zack was following them closely on either side, greeting them with a smile.

At this moment, Vice President Zack had none of the boldness or bravado he had shown earlier in the hall.

In the hall, what Jenny had said surely lifted their spirits; they came from a metropolis, were worldly, and the leaders of a small place like Dilu City weren't worth mentioning. If pushed, they could just move their business elsewhere, and so on.

That was just bluffing and intimidation.

In reality, when a tiger leaves its territory and a dragon hides in the depths, one must respect the local rules and revere the local leaders wherever they go.

Otherwise, it would only bring trouble and possibly even a bloody head.

Additionally, the establishment of "Green Sky" in Dilu City was indeed a blessing for the city, but using this as leverage to threaten moving away was not something Dilu City truly feared. Especially since Bai Xiaosheng had brought several major investors from Huaxia, significantly changing the situation here.

Even if we took a step back, even if they really wanted to move, it wasn't a decision that Vice President Zack or even General Manager John could make; it would have to come from higher up.

Moreover, relocating a large company's site is no trivial matter. The cost is so high that even the top management wouldn't make such a decision lightly.

Furthermore, even if they really moved, the reason for moving would be a hidden threat. If cities like Nalinta City found out that they moved from Dilu City due to coercion, would Nalinta City or other cities still easily accept them?

Today, they can threaten Dilu City; tomorrow, wouldn't they threaten Nalinta City?

Indeed, any city government has an urgent need to attract businesses and boost local economic development, but no one would welcome such a "bigshot" company.

Even if they did agree to accept them, there would be many restrictions imposed.

Jenny's words gave Vice President Zack a moment of confidence, but when facing Vice Mayor Samba himself, that confidence had vanished without a trace.

Vice Mayor Samba didn't pay any attention to Zack along the way, only conversing and joking with Bai Xiaosheng.

For a moment, Vice President Zack was truly anxious.

Jenny always followed behind, carefully observing Bai Xiaosheng's every move.

Between Easterners and Westerners, there often exists a barrier of "face blindness." Of course, movie stars and singers don't count; their high exposure makes them well known. Those famous in particular circles all have distinctive features, and there's no face blindness involved.

Bai Xiaosheng was a typical Easterner, with an ordinary appearance, attractive but not excessively so, and fell into the category of face blindness.

Jenny was flipping through her phone while checking Bai Xiaosheng's face from behind, bit by bit.

She wanted to confirm something.

Was the "Mr. Bai" she had just heard the same person as "that one" in her mind?

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Soon, the group got into the elevator, including Jenny. Before getting on the elevator, Jenny also put away her phone, almost certain of her suspicions.

Even though she didn't look directly at Bai Xiaosheng, her breathing was noticeably more rapid for a minute or two.

As Bai Xiaosheng, Vice Mayor Samba, and Jenny got into the elevator, none of them said anything. However, Bai Xiaosheng was very close to Jenny, occasionally glancing at her.

In such a crowded environment, others might not notice whose breathing was heavier, but with the aid of the Red Lotus system, Bai Xiaosheng could keenly detect it.

During this time, Jenny also glanced at Bai Xiaosheng and Vice Mayor Samba. Although she didn't apologize publicly, her face carried a sweet smile.

She was a woman, and she firmly believed: a beautiful woman is always the easiest to be forgiven by men.

With a "ding" sound, the elevator stopped, and they reached the floor of the General Manager's office.

As the elevator doors opened, even before they stepped out, they saw the "Green Sky" employees outside already lined up to welcome them.

Facing the elevator doors stood a black man in a suit, flashing a set of neat white teeth with an incredibly warm and bright smile.

This was the General Manager of Green Sky Company, John, or should be called Old John.

Bai Xiaosheng had looked up the information before coming, so he naturally recognized him.

Presumably, everything that had happened downstairs was known to Old Mr. John.

Vice Mayor Samba led them out of the elevator first, followed by Bai Xiaosheng and the others. Mr. Samba's expression was not looking too good.

"Mr. Samba, I didn't expect you to have time to come over today. I only just received the message from the front desk, so I hurriedly brought people here to welcome you. Why didn't you notify us in advance? I would have gone to the entrance to wait for you," Old John said with a warm smile.

His attitude was far more enthusiastic than when Mr. Samba initially came.

While speaking, John casually glanced at Bai Xiaosheng, his eyes filled with scrutiny.

This Mr. John truly knew how to speak, and combined with his sincere demeanor and warm words, it was hard for anyone to be annoyed with him, thought Bai Xiaosheng.

"I heard that Mr. John was busy and didn't want outsiders to disturb him," Vice Mayor Samba said with a chuckle.

Following behind, Vice President Zack instantly grew nervous, fearing that Mr. Samba might take his anger out on him.

"Yes, I said that, but that was for others. For you and your friends, I naturally would make the time to see!" Old John admitted frankly, easily defusing the situation with a smile.

Hearing Old John say this publicly, only then did Vice Mayor Samba's expression lighten slightly.

Chapter 2387 - The Mastermind Behind the Scenes (Part 2)

"Mr. John, you are too kind," Mr. Samba chuckled and gestured to Bai Xiaosheng, introducing him to the old John, "This is Mr. Bai from the Huaxia Business Group, a friend of mine. I've brought him to visit our Green Sky Company today. Is this a convenient time for you, Mr. John?"

"Pleasure to meet you!" Old John smiled at Bai Xiaosheng, warmly shaking hands.

"Pleasure to meet you, Mr. John!" Bai Xiaosheng replied with a natural smile.

Old John, having profound experience, observed that this young Huaxia person's eyes were bright yet restrained, showing no sharpness, but upon closer inspection, revealed a subtle aura of authority that was unusual for ordinary people, especially young people.

This person is not simple!

This was Old John's first impression of Bai Xiaosheng.

Then, Old John smiled at Deputy Mayor Samba and said, "Convenient indeed. We have just resolved some internal issues, and I regret not accepting your suggestion earlier. Unfortunately, it's too late now. But luckily, our esteemed guests have arrived, and I will personally guide both of you for a tour later. Feel free to see anything."

Hearing this, the last bit of dissatisfaction in Deputy Mayor Samba's heart vanished, and a smile appeared.

"Please, both of you, come to my office; let's sit down and talk slowly." Old John made a 'please' gesture.

Deputy Mayor Samba nodded, also gestured 'please' to Bai Xiaosheng, who politely nodded and walked forward together.

As Old John fell slightly behind, Jenny seized the moment to approach him and whispered, "Mr. John!"

Old John's eyes twinkled slightly; he nodded to Jenny with a smile, then signaled Vice President Zack to attend to Jenny. He said nothing more and stepped quickly to catch up with the two people ahead.

It was not the right time to talk.

It was not due to Old John's negligence.

Jenny, being smart, understood this principle well, and she wasn't convenient to linger in front of Deputy Mayor Samba and Bai Xiaosheng.

Firstly, it would affect their mood; secondly, Jenny needed to confirm something along the way and urgently report it to her boss, requiring a private space.

Watching Old John accompany Deputy Mayor Samba and Bai Xiaosheng leave, Zack approached Jenny with a grin, "Miss Jenny, you see Mr. John is tied up right now; would you like me to take you to the lounge to rest for a while?"

Jenny instantly flashed a charming smile at Vice President Zack, "That would be so kind of you, Vice President Zack."

This smile made Vice President Zack feel a tingle all over, warming his gentleman-like smile.

"Please, this way!" Vice President Zack said enthusiastically.

Leaving the other side aside, Vice President Zack escorted Jenny to a tastefully decorated small lounge, ordered tea, water, fruits, and even intended to personally accompany her for conversation, showing utmost courtesy to Jenny.

"Mr. Zack, I think you should head to Mr. John's side first. Just in case anything requires your attention, I'll sit here for a while on my own," Jenny said with a smile from the sofa, "We can chat once you're done over there."

This beautiful woman is not only pretty but truly understanding and considerate.

Zack thought it over, found it reasonable, and immediately said with a smile, "Then, I'll go check. If Miss Jenny has any needs here, feel free to let them know; I've arranged for someone to wait outside."

Jenny immediately smiled and nodded.

Only then did Zack turn and leave after instructing those outside, heading towards General Manager John's side to stand by for directives.

Actually, Vice President Zack also wanted to show himself.

Not long ago, he nearly caused trouble downstairs, and if he didn't perform well now to make up for it, it wouldn't be good.

Seeing Zack leave, Jenny waited for a while, confirmed nobody would interrupt, and then took out her phone, dialing a number.

Once connected, Jenny promptly said eagerly, "Miss Caroline, this is Jenny, I have something to report to you!"

This Miss Jenny was, in fact, sent by Caroline, the head of Zhenbei Group's North American region!

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Back then, Bai Xiaosheng made things very difficult for Caroline in North America, even costing her the chance to compete for Mayor of Ganande City and enter the political arena.

Caroline harbored deep hatred towards Bai Xiaosheng and firmly sided with Vice Chairman Morgan.

Whether Bai Xiaosheng intended it or not, his actions inadvertently strengthened the Zhenbei Group headquarters' 'East Faction', which, led by Vice Chairmen Lu Cheng'an and Li Yunyuan, would certainly not easily agree to move against Bai Xiaosheng.

Vice Chairman Morgan and Caroline waited like hunters for their chance while beginning to pull together any forces that could help them.

The African region's career president became ill recently, potentially stepping down; the African region has both a principal and deputy executive officer, either could ascend. However, the principal is more inclined to a neutral stance, and the deputy executive officer has close ties with Morgan's group.

Caroline dispatched many envoys, ostensibly exploring cooperation possibilities between the two regions, but actually trying to cooperate extensively with companies directly under the deputy executive officer, enhancing his performance, to gain the capital necessary for high-level competition soon.

Moreover, they maintained some undisclosed collaborations between each other.

That's why Jenny came to Green Sky for cooperation, causing Green Sky to abandon the chance with the Huaxia Business Group. Business is limited, cooperation opportunities are few; gains and losses, fish and bear's paw, cannot both be achieved.

Chapter 2388 - The Person Behind the Scenes (Part 3)

The Vice Executive of the Africa region is naturally more inclined to cooperate with the developed North American region, not just to gain performance but also to receive more benefits under the table.

Therefore, "Green Sky" politely declined Dilu City's suggestion, using internal reorganization as a guise.

Despite all their calculations, they hadn't anticipated that Bai Xiaosheng would be part of the Huaxia Business Group, and his accidental discovery of the situation here sparked his intense curiosity.

At this moment.

"What, you said you saw Bai Xiaosheng at Green Sky? He visited Africa with the Huaxia Business Group and ended up there?" Miss Caroline was shocked after hearing the report over the phone.

"However, he still doesn't know that I'm the one you sent, nor does he know any information about me." Jenny reassured Caroline confidently.

Caroline said in a deep voice over the phone, "Then you, be sure to conceal your identity. As for old John... forget it, I know that old John from Green Sky Company, he's an old fox, he knows what to do."

Then, Caroline wondered, "What is Bai Xiaosheng doing at Green Sky Company? Didn't Green Sky arrange not to engage with the Huaxia Business Group?"

Facing Caroline's inquiry, Jenny quickly said, "Yes, even old John declined the local Deputy Mayor's invitation, yet Bai Xiaosheng somehow found his way there. So, should I continue the private discussions with old John?"

Bai Xiaosheng is quite famous in the North American region, even Caroline suffered a big loss under his hands, so it's impossible for Jenny not to be afraid.

Moreover, she didn't want any problems that would cause Miss Caroline's wrath to fall upon her, there have been plenty of precedents...

So Jenny reported this to ask for Caroline's guidance.

The line fell silent, and Jenny didn't dare to disturb it, waiting quietly.

Until Caroline's affirmative voice came through the phone, "Stick to the original plan and await further instructions from me."

"Understood!" Jenny replied promptly.

Caroline's voice on the phone softened, speaking kindly, "Jenny, tell me, how do you think I've treated you?"

Jenny was momentarily stunned upon hearing this, then quickly laughed and said, "You've treated me better than my own sisters! You've given me everything!"

"And what if I needed you to make a small sacrifice for me?" Caroline asked slowly.

This made Jenny's hair stand on end, making her breathe a little faster, "What kind of sacrifice, Miss Caroline?"

On the other end, Caroline laughed heartily, "I was just joking with you."

"Even if I did ask for a sacrifice, I'd make sure what you gain is far greater than what you lose! When have I ever treated anyone unfairly?" Caroline added.

"True, true." Jenny replied with a quick laugh.

"Alright, just stay vigilant and proceed with the original plan, I'll get back to you later." Caroline's voice was gentle.

The call was then hung up.

Jenny held onto her phone, maintaining the pose for several seconds before lowering her hand and setting the phone down, looking at the darkened screen with a complex expression.

Her forehead was slightly shiny from sweat due to the conversation earlier.

"If I'm required to make sacrifices, and I refuse, it's probably a dead end for me." Jenny murmured, "Miss Caroline, I hope you were joking!"

"It's really frightening!"

Far away in Ganande, America, Caroline gazed at the phone on the table with an expressionless face, elegantly sipping her coffee.

"Bai Xiaosheng, this man, the slightest negligence would lead to a fatal mistake, so I must make proper preparations." Caroline muttered to herself and suddenly smiled like a crafty fox spirit, "What if I turned all the pieces into a trap for Bai Xiaosheng, making that side into a big bomb, so that Bai Xiaosheng knows it's dangerous, yet he must kick it. Then, boom—"

Caroline suddenly giggled, "Just thinking about it is quite amusing!"

Chapter 2389 - Fruitful Gains

Bai Xiaosheng and Vice Mayor Samba were invited into the office of 'Green Sky' company's General Manager, Mr. John.

The office was tastefully decorated, featuring quite a few Huaxia calligraphy and ceramics, as well as green plants.

However, Mr. John's desk appeared somewhat cluttered.

Regarding this, Mr. John apologized to Vice Mayor Samba with a smile, "I was working for a while before you arrived, it's a bit messy here, please don't mind."

Vice Mayor Samba laughed heartily, "Mr. John, your desk may be messy, but your entire office is tidy. There's nothing wrong with this, productive people are like this. My desk is also messy when I work."

Bai Xiaosheng also chuckled and nodded.

"How can I be compared to you? You are busy with numerous pressing affairs."

Mr. John smiled, gestured a 'please', and led Bai Xiaosheng and Vice Mayor Samba to the sofa, then casually tidied his desk before giving up.

From the moment Bai Xiaosheng entered, he examined the office's layout, noticing a human-height writing board in the corner.

The board was spotless, likely freshly wiped.

People who keep such boards in their offices usually write important content on them for reflection. Given it's the General Manager's office, without permission, unrelated individuals can't enter, and even if they did, they might not understand any highlighted phrases. Is it really necessary to wipe it so clean?

If General Manager John were a clean freak or had OCD, the clutter on his desk would contradict that notion.

It seems something was erased before we came upstairs, deliberately not wanting us to see it, Bai Xiaosheng thought.

After Mr. John seated Vice Mayor Samba and Bai Xiaosheng, he busily arranged tea and coffee, ensuring everything was proper before sitting opposite them.

"This is... Mr. Bai, right?" Mr. John smiled at Bai Xiaosheng, pronouncing the Chinese character with slightly broken intonation.

Bai Xiaosheng held his coffee, nodding politely with a smile.

"Mr. Bai, being so young yet accompanying the Huaxia Business Group on visits, is quite impressive," Mr. John smiled warmly.

From Mr. John's perspective, given his age and current status, saying this to a young businessman was perfectly appropriate.

Unfortunately, he didn't realize that Bai Xiaosheng's true identity and position far surpassed his own by more than just one level, and they were not on the same tier at all.

Vice Mayor Samba, knowing some of Bai Xiaosheng's capabilities, felt uneasy but couldn't intervene. He promptly looked at Bai Xiaosheng, watching for his reaction. If Bai Xiaosheng was unhappy, he would step in to ease the situation.

Yet, Bai Xiaosheng maintained a smile, and courteously said to Mr. John, "Mr. John, you praise me too much, I'm undeserving. I've heard that the 'Green Sky' company you manage is renowned in the African business sector, so I was particularly eager to visit and learn this time."

Since he couldn't reveal his identity with Zhenbei Group, Bai Xiaosheng downplayed his posture.

Anyway, interacting like this with an experienced manager wasn't degrading.

In the future, when his identity is disclosed, it would instead show his humility and respect for seasoned business figures.

"Mr. Bai is truly humble!" Vice Mayor Samba couldn't help but commend before Mr. John could speak.

Mr. John assumed Mr. Samba's eagerness to compliment was intentional, given Mr. Bai was with the Huaxia Business Group, and he didn't take it to heart, merely denying with a "not at all".

"I read a report about 'Green Sky' in Huaxia a long time ago. Your company has been thriving in the northern big city of Naliya, akin to another Banjiao City. Why would 'Green Sky's headquarters relocate to Dilu City?" Bai Xiaosheng feigned surprise, slightly confused, then looked at Vice Mayor Samba with a smile, "Or do you feel our Dilu City has great potential in terms of location and various resources? Beneficial for our new business development?"

Mr. John's smile hesitated for a moment but quickly returned to normal. He replied vaguely, "A bit of everything. Brother Bai, you know, 'Green Sky' is under Zhenbei Group. The top leadership has a strategic vision, and we employees naturally follow their directives, going wherever ordered."

Maybe finding it improper to express being forced to move to this "backwater" with Vice Mayor Samba present,

Mr. John, after glancing at Mr. Samba, hastily added, "Of course, we also believe Dilu City will undergo tremendous development over the next decade, with limitless potential. Surpassing Banjiao City is foreseeable!"

"It still requires the strong support of you business magnates," Vice Mayor Samba laughed heartily.

Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but smile faintly.

Having Vice Mayor Samba present is indeed beneficial. Even if Mr. John doesn't want to divulge, he has to speak more on certain matters. Of course, the extent of useful information shared depends on the

one questioning, employing skill. Facing such shrewd businessmen, though easy to say, it's exceedingly tough to execute.

However, Bai Xiaosheng had encountered many equally or even more outstanding figures before, accumulative of considerable experience. With the additional help of Red Lotus in organizing questions, making them more logical and rigorous, extracting information became a breeze.

Chapter 2390 - Great Gains (Part 2)

Even if we take a step back, even if General Manager John does not want to answer and evades the topic, or even says something completely contradictory, it won't matter.

Because Bai Xiaosheng is adept at microexpression analysis, and if he pays attention, he can discern the true answers and inner thoughts of the other party without fail.

By probing in this manner, layer by layer extracting information, Bai Xiaosheng believes that this meeting will be very fruitful.

Next, Bai Xiaosheng initiated this purposeful and intentional "dialogue", guided intentionally by him, even Vice Mayor Samba inadvertently played a "helpful role", actively asking questions on certain matters.

Old John had to respond to everything, both truthfully and deceptively.

Thus, the three of them chatted for more than two hours, with coffee and tea having been replaced twice.

Old John noticed that he had talked quite a lot today, and laughingly said to the two guests, "You both are esteemed guests, since we have been sitting for so long here, how about we take a look around? Although this is just the headquarters building, it's also the core for coordinating all the work from various sides. Once all the factories, production lines, and other businesses move here later on, this will truly become the command center of 'Green Sky'."

Old John felt that walking around would save him from having to say more. He realized he had spoken quite a lot today, and he understood the principle that speaking too much could lead to mistakes.

Bai Xiaosheng had talked enough and was also considering taking a stroll around, so he smiled at Vice Mayor Samba and said, "I have no issues, but Samba, being a local official, probably has many affairs to handle. Coming here to look around with us, would it delay your work and matters?"

Old John couldn't help but look at Vice Mayor Samba, hoping for this gentleman to excuse himself.

After all, with Samba around, he would have to speak even more...

However, Vice Mayor Samba directly laughed with Bai Xiaosheng, "Today, I am entrusted by the Mayor to stay here and accompany you, an esteemed guest from afar, from Huaxia across the ocean. There is no matter bigger than this, for you are a friend of the city since Huaxia is a friend of Naliya!"

Bai Xiaosheng's smile deepened upon hearing this, immediately expressing his politeness.

Vice Mayor Samba staying here naturally provided Bai Xiaosheng more "flexibility to act".

Old John felt a little disappointed when he heard that Vice Mayor Samba wasn't planning to leave.

"Well, it's almost noon now, today let's just interrupt Mr. John for a meal. I know your gathering is at two o'clock, it's timely, and I'll arrange for a car to take you then," Vice Mayor Samba enthusiastically suggested to Bai Xiaosheng and John.

Do we really have to stay until then!

Old John's heart sank a little bitterly, but his face was immensely welcoming, "Yes, yes, you both must stay for lunch! Let 'Green Sky' extend our hospitality!"

"I'll go arrange it now!" To illustrate his enthusiasm and initiative, Old John stood up and walked out of the office hurriedly.

However, once he stepped out, Old John couldn't help but show a disheartened face, letting out a sigh of dullness, casting a complicated glance back at the office before turning away. It could be said that he came out as much to demonstrate proactivity as to take a breath of fresher air.

In the office, Vice Mayor Samba continued to laugh, "Look, Mr. John is really hospitable."

Bai Xiaosheng smiled and nodded, "That is because of Samba's influence."

"No, no, it's the presence of you, the esteemed guest, that's significant," Vice Mayor Samba laughed heartily, with a trace of pride on his face.

The dissatisfaction hidden in Old John's eyes, Vice Mayor Samba might not have noticed it, but Bai Xiaosheng did. He just did not mention it.

After exchanging pleasantries with Samba, Bai Xiaosheng glanced at the green plants in the office, couldn't help but stand up and walk over, "I didn't expect Mr. John to have such a taste for horticulture."

Vice Mayor Samba also stood up, slightly moved his body, and laughed, "Their 'Green Sky' business spans from food to automotive manufacturing, covering a wide range, yet they all focus on green and ecological themes. It seems such philosophies are ingrained in them. Hence, Mr. John might simply enjoy green plants."

While speaking, Vice Mayor Samba couldn't help approaching and inspecting those displayed porcelain items, muttering, "These are quite interesting."

Seeing this, Bai Xiaosheng also smiled and surveyed the paintings on the wall, eventually standing beside a corner where a whiteboard was used for writing.

Seemingly checking the painting, in reality, Bai Xiaosheng was observing that whiteboard.

Any whiteboard that has been written on will show traces, no matter how cleanly it's wiped, especially if wiped hastily. While others might not see much even if they look closely, Bai Xiaosheng glanced over,

and Red Lotus replicated all the traces in his mind, continuously eliminating interfering factors and restoring the content.

Finally, Bai Xiaosheng gathered the bits and pieces of information there.

Bai Xiaosheng's eyebrow couldn't help but rise.

It was information about 'Green Sky' company using the move to a new location to undergo business restructuring, with certain crossed-out businesses likely to be removed.

But based on their earlier conversation, Old John did not express any of that meaning.

"'Green Sky' plans to leverage some projects to obtain policy support from Dilu City, then operate differently, cutting those businesses short term while starting new ones. With adequate operation, Dilu City wouldn't be upset about it, but amidst this series of operations, there will be ample opportunity to garner huge profits." Bai Xiaosheng thought quickly about this point, secretly frowning, "Is this also an arrangement made by that responsible individual within this company?"