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Chapter 2461 - Revitalizing the Chessboard

The attack incident that happened to Bai Xiaosheng has attracted great attention from various high-level parties.

The business group leadership immediately engaged in negotiations with Lekram and sent an internal memo, urging everyone to pay attention to safety. Upon learning of the incident, Lu Yun, Jia Chengshan, Dong Tianlu, and others promptly contacted Bai Xiaosheng to offer their regards.

Lekram has placed immense importance on the matter, actively communicating with the business group, and continuously expressing condolences to Bai Xiaosheng, the person involved, isolating all attackers, and forming a dedicated investigation team to handle the case.

With Lekram's high-intensity investigation, it is believed that soon, every attacker will be thoroughly investigated, possibly even revealing whose apple they stole as a child or when they jaywalked.

However, externally, after communicating with the Huaxia Business Group, Lekram has chosen to handle this matter discreetly, and it has not appeared in the media.

Bai Xiaosheng and the others were immediately put under extremely tight protection on the same day they were sent to the business group residence, receiving a wave of visitors who came to visit, express condolences, and offer comfort.

Bai Xiaosheng was not harmed by the attackers, but was utterly exhausted by the influx of visitors.

It was not until nine in the evening that Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying were able to meet privately with Bai Xiaosheng and the others.

"Xiaosheng, the place we're staying has armed guards, and even patrolling soldiers," Lin Weiwei remarked to Bai Xiaosheng as if sharing an amusing story about the exaggerated security.

Bai Xiaosheng gave a wry smile, "You don't know, if I hadn't strongly refused, there probably would have been guards at my door."

"Really? That's too exaggerated!" Lin Weiwei couldn't help but glance at Lei Ying in surprise.

Lei Ying chuckled, "Exaggerated? The Huaxia Business Group has brought significant commercial cooperation to Lekram in just a few days. They've almost treated us like gods of wealth. If the bringers of wealth are harmed and cancel some cooperation or leave early, it would be a considerable loss. Now do you still think it's exaggerated?"

Lin Weiwei shrugged, agreeing with Lei Ying's words.

"I just don't know how the interrogation is going now, if those people who tried to attack us have started talking..." Lin Weiwei mumbled to herself.

The details of the inquiry are currently unknown.

However, it was truly surprising that during the attack today, Cilio personally appeared.

Previously, Bai Xiaosheng took them to visit each entity to stimulate those behind the scenes, targeting Tike and Cilio's problematic enterprises one by one, unexpectedly leading to an attack in which even big fish like Cilio showed up.

Nevertheless, Lin Weiwei had yet another question in her mind. One group was certainly Cilio's, but who were the others?

The attack, from the number of people to the location, seemed overly prepared, not like a spur-of-the-moment decision.

Just a little stimulus, and they'd take the risk and arrange everything so comprehensively?

That's what confounded Lin Weiwei.

It seemed like those people already had plans to intercept them...

While mulling this over, Bai Xiaosheng calmly said, "You want to know about the interrogation progress? I know."

"Hmm." Lin Weiwei, hearing this suddenly, nodded quickly, then looked at Bai Xiaosheng in shock, "What... you know?"

Lei Ying also looked at Bai Xiaosheng in surprise.

Bai Xiaosheng took his tablet, opened a folder, and handed it to them, explaining, "I am a direct victim, so I have the right to know. Also, as a member of the Huaxia Business Group, my identity is somewhat special. The person in charge of the investigation at Lekram left my place just half an hour ago, promising to inform me of the investigation progress and results immediately. These are what their people sent me, and future updates will be sent here. This includes today's afternoon to evening interrogation videos and transcript images. Of course, don't expect anything involving secrets; they won't give us those."

Lin Weiwei curiously took the tablet to check the contents while Lei Ying leaned over.

"Wow, this Mr. Cilio is quite straightforward, saying whatever he knows?" Lin Weiwei murmured while viewing the video materials and transcript photos, "He said he suspects Xiaosheng, you are intentionally targeting his father and him in the workplace, submitting black materials to the group headquarters to deal with them? Recently, he received an email saying they saw your second-stage investigation report submitted to the headquarters?!"

At this point, Lin Weiwei couldn't help but look at Bai Xiaosheng in astonishment, "What he said, could it be the one we made not long ago?"

Lei Ying also turned to Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng nodded, acknowledging it was indeed that.

"Wasn't it directly submitted to the headquarters? How did it end up with someone else? Even if it landed in outsider's hands, wouldn't it at least go to Brown? How did Cilio get it!" Lin Weiwei exclaimed in surprise, "Who gave it to him?! Brown?!"

"A father knows his son best. Brown knows Cilio's temperament; if he really obtained our report from elsewhere, he wouldn't provoke his son, right? Besides, his son is already suspended; showing him that now would be pointless except to provoke him," Lei Ying muttered.

Bai Xiaosheng shrugged and pulled a face.

Continuing her reading, Lin Weiwei said, "Cilio admitted that Xiaosheng's actions here, and the losses caused to him and his father, made him extremely displeased, prompting him to beat you up... to vent his anger? And he wanted to see if the so-called evidence we submitted to the group was fabricated?"

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Lin Weiwei had not only watched the video of Cilio's questioning but also seen the transcript images, and the content was all like that.

"This Mr. Cilio intercepted us with people for this, and planned to get rough, that's quite the explosive temper," Lin Weiwei muttered, "As the Deputy Executive President of such a grand regional group, how can he be so impulsive, so... simple?"

It seemed a bit unbelievable.

Lin Weiwei had witnessed leaders of subordinate companies who were all cunning figures, so it was hard to believe that Cilio was so "simple."

Lei Ying pondered, "Having his position knocked down to the bottom, and his father implicated without a way to retaliate in the workplace, venting his private anger is indeed a normal human reaction..."

"But wasn't it all of his making, wasn't it his own selfishness that caused all this mess!" Lin Weiwei snorted coldly.

If they argued about such a matter, it would never end. Lei Ying didn't reply and just pursed his lips, "What about the inquiry records of the other group?"

Apart from Cilio's people blocking the back route, there was another group of people blocking the way in front at that time.

Lin Weiwei hurriedly went to check,

there were many videos and photos later, unlike Cilio, with no special identity to be singled out, so looking through them would take some time.

Bai Xiaosheng saw this and said directly, "Let me give you a one-sentence reveal: the initial group of people was hired by Fiewood."

"Fiewood?!"

This statement surprised Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying quite a bit.

"How could it be him?" Lin Weiwei exclaimed, "He's just a company head, not some big shot behind the scenes. How dare he use such means!"

Lei Ying also had some doubts, "Could it be he acted on his own without anyone's instructions?"

"Still under investigation," Bai Xiaosheng said, "but I think this Fiewood possibly acted alone this time. I guess because he provided us with some new clues, which accidentally got his company involved, he got fearful. The person behind him probably got angry with him and even put pressure on him, which led him to take the risk. When I was at their company, I took out many documents from the briefcase; he might have thought I had other substantial paper evidence, so he was eager to snatch it."

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying couldn't help but nod at these words.

They felt what Bai Xiaosheng said indeed seemed reasonable.

"But, that's not right either," Lin Weiwei suddenly realized, "Besides our sudden visit to Yorko Company today catching Fiewood by surprise and agitating him, how did he know we still had other evidence? Even if Xiaosheng took it out of the file bag then, ordinary people would think it was some other document."

"Could it be..." Lei Ying frowned.

Lin Weiwei tapped her fingers and spoke, "Did he also get a message in advance? Our report mentioned evidence! Could it be, he also saw our follow-up investigation report!"

What's going on here! The report documents that reach the high levels of the monitoring department, how could they be leaked so easily, almost reaching everyone?

"Could it be..." Lin Weiwei's eyes narrowed, her gaze turned somber, decisively giving a hypothesis, "Mr. Wen Yan is indeed the person behind Fiewood, the mastermind!"

With this sentence, Bai Xiaosheng and Lei Ying both were stunned, giving Lin Weiwei an odd look.

"Seems unlikely, huh," Lin Weiwei stuck out her tongue upon seeing their expressions.

"Judging from the current situation, the person behind Fiewood is either Caroline or Tike," Lei Ying frowned, "If it's Caroline, even if Tike gets involved due to our investigation, causing heightened conflict here, she would just benefit from being a bystander, not intervening. She wouldn't pressure Fiewood, let alone push him into desperation. From this, the simplest and most direct might actually be the truth: the person behind Fiewood is Tike!"

What seems plainly obvious is, in the complicated workplace, business wars are often easily doubted, but it doesn't mean it can't be the truth.

"Using his own people to provide us with information, then getting himself involved, if it really is Tike, it sounds... not very smart," Lin Weiwei muttered.

Bai Xiaosheng chuckled softly, murmuring, "Whether he's smart or over-smart depends on what his next move is!"

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Meanwhile.

Tike had just received a call from Mr. Brown, to be precise, he got scolded quite harshly.

Mr. Brown was fuming with rage, gasping for breath, even occasionally mixing up his words, insulting Tike while not forgetting to curse Cilio.

Tike was already aware of the situation since Fiewood had been summoned.

For Fiewood's action of directing people to block halfway, intending to seize the documents from Bai Xiaosheng, Tike internally cursed him as foolish three thousand times.

Yes, he wanted Fiewood to think of ways to obtain the evidence from Bai Xiaosheng, but not to use such a clumsy method.

Even if you use this way, don't get caught!

At the very least, don't get tangled up with Cilio and let people catch you.

Tike also wanted to curse Fiewood out aloud, but unfortunately, there was no chance.

Mr. Brown scolded Tike over the phone for employing the wrong person, asking him to quickly investigate the cause and effect of the situation, and simultaneously questioned him about what role he was playing here.

Tike barely managed to dismiss Mr. Brown over the phone, hung up, and furrowed his brows into a knot while pacing the room.

"This bastard, truly a complete waste! I was already walking a tightrope by using him to provide Bai Xiaosheng with clues, and what does he do? He jumps right onto the tightrope. Suicidal, and he got caught!"

Tike was truly troubled.

Fiewood was indeed his confidant, loyal to him, and unlikely to betray him easily, but not absolutely.

This time, the Lekram Senior Investigation Team was a gathering of capable people, and they might soon extract the truth from Fiewood.

Tike paced around in circles, suddenly stopping, his eyes cold and calculating.

"However, getting mixed up with Cilio is also an opportunity!"

"If I'm willing to pay dearly, I could even ruin Cilio!"

"If Old Brown gets implicated and even resigns, wouldn't I be the absolute winner!"

Tike mused to himself, his excited eyes shining, and he picked up the phone to make a call.

He called Fiewood's lawyer.

As Yorko Company's direct representative, when a subordinate manager had issues, it was naturally his responsibility to intervene, even sending a lawyer.

The lawyer Tike arranged for Fiewood was a top expert in the industry, and more importantly, one of his own, someone he could completely trust.

"James, go see Fiewood now and tell him this..." Tike instructed over the phone.

Facing the current situation, instead of gambling or blocking, it's better to take an unconventional approach.

Tike decided to make Fiewood push all the blame onto Cilio!

At first glance, it sounds absurd, especially since the two groups didn't know each other.

But that's fine, just say Cilio had bribed Fiewood early on. With his father's power, it wouldn't be difficult to do.

Moreover, Cilio had also bribed a large number of people not under his command, many of whom were Tike's subordinates.

Cilio, with his clear record of corruption, wouldn't surprise anyone even if he did these things.

This time, Bai Xiaosheng's second investigation posed a significant threat to Cilio's interests, prompting him to take the risk and scheme...

Tike straightened out this "plot" and planned to arrange a large number of corporate leaders, first being confessed by Fiewood, then those people would jointly frame Cilio!

In this way, how could Old Brown defend himself? He might even be forced to resign.

However, sacrificing such a large number of confidants meant Tike was bleeding heavily. Of course, if he could take down Old Brown and his son by killing a thousand enemies while losing eight hundred of his own, this deal was absolutely worth it!

The confidants Tike decided to sacrifice were all high-ranking and influential, but as long as he promised them great benefits, they would agree.

After all, once successful, when Tike took charge of the Africa division, they would still have opportunities to be reinstated.

It's only with those highly positioned true confidants that Tike could be at ease. Their positions would lend strong credibility.

Under Tike's guidance, the lawyer agreed wholeheartedly.

After hanging up, Tike immediately contacted others to make arrangements and perfect the details.

It's safe to say, he didn't sleep at all that night.

By dawn, all the witnesses and evidence were rapidly "born," and Tike sat in his study without a hint of fatigue, watching the sunrise almost burst out of the horizon, a faint smile playing on his lips.

He wanted to win against the odds and turn the game around!

If this gamble pays off, the Zhenbei Group's Africa division will undoubtedly undergo a transformation. He, Tike, will become the true New Sun!

Chapter 2463 - Please Help Me With Something

On the second day after the attack, at noon, Hou Yuncheng came to Bai Xiaosheng's residence to relay the latest developments in the investigation.

The investigation team of Lekram surely informed Hou Yuncheng, the head of the business group, of the results first, and then Bai Xiaosheng. At noon, Hou Yuncheng had nothing to do, so he said he would tell Bai Xiaosheng, letting the messenger return as well, and that he wanted to have a brief exchange with Bai Xiaosheng about it.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying, Bai Xiaosheng's most trusted people, stayed back, and Hou Yuncheng knew the situation, so he didn't ask them to leave.

"Fiewood finally admitted, under the powerful questioning from Lekram's investigation team, that he was instigated by others, and he is willing to expose the mastermind," Hou Yuncheng told Bai Xiaosheng.

This news was quite explosive.

"Oh?" Bai Xiaosheng was intrigued, and Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying perked up their ears.

"Fiewood said he had long been bribed by the former Deputy Executive President of Zhenbei Group's Africa region, Cilio, who planned this attack," Hou Yuncheng said, "Not only that, but he also confessed to some serious commercial issues, mentioning eight or nine names. These are key figures at major companies, some comparable to Yorko, but all are wholly-owned subsidiaries under Zhenbei Group. Fiewood confessed that those people were also bribed by Cilio, secretly embezzling a large amount of the Group's assets. It's said that Cilio's father, Brown, is the Business President of Zhenbei Group's Africa region, their superior, and they were compelled, for their careers, to comply with everything. This attack was also due to coercion."

"Did he really say that?" Bai Xiaosheng clicked his tongue in wonder.

Hou Yuncheng then said, "Of course, those other matters are unrelated to this attack, the investigation team will notify your group for self-handling."

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying exchanged a glance.

Rather than saying Fiewood confessed, it was more like he shifted away his responsibility. After all, this attack stirred up such a commotion that it might land him several years in prison. Such a confession turns the guilt into merit, reducing the sentence.

Only if Cilio's guilt is confirmed will he bear all the consequences.

Even if Brown could protect him from the corporate level, when it involves legal matters, there is nothing he can do, and he might face criticism from some group executives, forcefully retiring early...

"This is indeed an unexpected confession," Lin Weiwei murmured.

It's surprising that the person behind Fiewood is Cilio, but on second thought it's not entirely impossible.

"Did the investigation team believe Fiewood put all the blame on Cilio?" Bai Xiaosheng asked.

Hou Yuncheng smiled, "I know what you are worried about, fearing that Fiewood might lie and shirk responsibility. But rest assured, Lekram's investigation team is state-level, they aren't easily fooled. This notice is only a routine notice; they will verify and individually question those people mentioned by Fiewood. They won't let him get away so easily."

Bai Xiaosheng nodded.

"Well, I've told you all I know; I just wanted to see how you were doing. If there's nothing else, I won't stay long," Hou Yuncheng said as he began to get up.

Bai Xiaosheng quickly cleared his mind and rose to see him out.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying also stood up.

"I'll be out this afternoon; if there's any more news, someone will deliver it directly to you. After all, you are the involved party," Hou Yuncheng said one last thing to Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng nodded, escorting him out.

After seeing off Hou Yuncheng, the three returned to the room.

Lin Weiwei couldn't help but say, "I never expected it! We thought the one behind Fiewood might be Caroline or Mr. Tike, but it turned out to be Cilio. Why did he organize the attack with two separate teams to look like two sides were involved? What's he trying to do?"

Bai Xiaosheng remained silent.

Lei Ying said, "If you want a logical explanation, maybe — it's a scapegoat move. Fiewood is the head of a company directly under Mr. Tike. His involvement would immediately make us suspect Tike. Maybe they purposely let things slip to lead us to Fiewood, thus pointing the finger at Tike."

Lin Weiwei clicked her tongue, "Too bad they didn't know Xiaosheng foresaw the potential threat and reported to the police early, who then took it very seriously."

Up until now, Lin Weiwei still thought Bai Xiaosheng's precaution was remarkable.

"So, do you really believe the mastermind is Cilio?" Lei Ying suddenly asked, glancing at Bai Xiaosheng.

Lin Weiwei was taken aback, "Huh?"

Bai Xiaosheng also spoke, "Even if Fiewood was truly instructed by Cilio, he's trying to reduce his own guilt by just accusing Cilio alone. Why would he suddenly expose eight or nine corporate leaders? He's being 'too proactive' in confessing. Revealing those names would only serve as corroborative evidence to reduce his sentence, isn't that too unnecessary?"

Lin Weiwei looked at Bai Xiaosheng and Lei Ying, tentatively, "So what do you mean... Is Fiewood trying to drag others down with him because he's unlucky?"

Bai Xiaosheng gave no definite answer, and Lei Ying also pondered silently.

"What are you really thinking, what's the issue here?" Lin Weiwei couldn't help but ask.

"What, are you eager for answers?" Bai Xiaosheng laughed, "Wait, don't rush, let's see how things unfold."

Saying this, Lin Weiwei nodded reluctantly.

In the afternoon, Bai Xiaosheng received news again that upon investigation, all those business bigwigs and heads of enterprises confessed privately admitting what Fiewood said, that they were all under Cilio's command.

Some of them operated directly under Mr. Tike, and some directly under Brown within Zhenbei Group's Africa region.

Their statements further established the severity of Cilio's issues.

Bai Xiaosheng also learned that the investigation team informed Zhenbei Group headquarters of their findings and contacted Brown,

Brown, well-known in African commerce and Cilio's father, deserves a notification as well.

Due to Brown's special status, Lekram also paid considerable attention to him.

The investigators also stated they informed Cilio of the findings, hoping for a candid confession. Instead, Cilio reacted fiercely, showing strong anger and resistance, insisting he was framed, and requested to confront Fiewood face-to-face. Currently, the investigation is ongoing.

The investigators hoped Bai Xiaosheng could attend a closed hearing tomorrow.

Others being invited included people from Zhenbei Group, including Brown and Mr. Tike.

Regarding the invitation, Bai Xiaosheng naturally agreed.

That evening, Bai Xiaosheng heard Hou Yuncheng had returned and immediately went to find him for a chat about this matter.

When Hou Yuncheng heard Bai Xiaosheng came, he naturally welcomed him, serving fine tea.

Behind closed doors, it's just Bai Xiaosheng and Hou Yuncheng.

Holding a teacup, Bai Xiaosheng said seriously to Hou Yuncheng, "Director Hou, I'd like to ask for your help."

"Oh? You rarely ask for my help, so say, what is it?" Hou Yuncheng, surprised yet very interested, smiled at Bai Xiaosheng.

In Hou Yuncheng's eyes, though young, Bai Xiaosheng is very sensible and knows his limits, rarely making any requests over work or big matters.

This request for help from Bai Xiaosheng surprised Hou Yuncheng.

Hou Yuncheng assumed Bai Xiaosheng wanted official support on this matter. Bai Xiaosheng was caught up in a troublesome situation within his Group, and pursuing personal accountability would affect his identity within the Group, especially when the main suspect, Cilio, is Brown's son. But if the business group seeks something, it wouldn't possess such concerns.

Hou Yuncheng asked Bai Xiaosheng what he wanted help with, and Bai Xiaosheng explained it all.

Hou Yuncheng originally held his teacup intending to sip while listening to Bai Xiaosheng. But as Bai Xiaosheng spoke, Hou Yuncheng forgot to take a sip, eventually getting so engrossed he didn't move an inch, just holding the cup.

"Is this really what you want me to do?" Hou Yuncheng asked incredulously, "Are you serious?"

Bai Xiaosheng nodded sternly, "Director Hou, listen as I explain slowly, I won't ask for anything that violates regulations or laws."

Hou Yuncheng nodded slightly.

Bai Xiaosheng elaborated meticulously, and Hou Yuncheng put down the cup altogether, listened with a furrowed brow, fingers gently tapping the table in thought.

Bai Xiaosheng finished speaking, not pressing, patiently waiting.

"This matter is truly..." Hou Yuncheng muttered, "But, indeed it doesn't violate anything."

Hou Yuncheng gave his answer, "If you insist, I'll agree."

Bai Xiaosheng suddenly smiled, expressing gratitude.

Hou Yuncheng laughed, "As long as it doesn't violate the regulations, higher-ups will agree. You, with your grand commercial vision in Bichi City, strengthening inter-country, inter-city corporate cooperation, holds immense significance, very valued by the leaders."

Saying this, Bai Xiaosheng felt greatly honored, joking with Hou Yuncheng, "Isn't it all because of your wonderful leadership?"

"Stop flattering me, I don't deserve it." Hou Yuncheng laughed, "Come, have tea!"

Bai Xiaosheng smiled while sipping tea, eyes gazing into the void.

The preparations for tomorrow's hearing are complete, and he's quite eager to see it unfold!

Chapter 2464 - The Show Begins

Mulango City, High Court, at 8 a.m., courtroom number six was on high alert. Even those within the court only knew there was a closed-door trial taking place, but nothing more.

Bai Xiaosheng arrived at around 9 a.m. with several leaders from the Huaxia Business Group, including Hou Yuncheng.

As for the other members of the Huaxia Business Group, they did not accompany them.

This trial was held to the smallest scale possible. Besides the accused, Cilio and Fiewood, and the victim, Bai Xiaosheng, the only attendees were a few leaders from the Huaxia Business Group, representatives from the Zhenbei Group, and a key figure in the local business community, Mr. Brown, who was also Cilio's father.

Only these few people were present.

When Bai Xiaosheng and his group arrived, the representatives from the Zhenbei Group were already there, led not by anyone else, but by Wen Yan.

In addition, Mr. Brown was present, as well as the African Regional Executive President, Mr. Tike.

Bai Xiaosheng and Hou Yuncheng acknowledged the group, approached, and greeted Wen Yan and Mr. Brown.

"Mr. Bai, glad to see you're unharmed. Headquarters takes this matter seriously and specially assigned me to attend the trial. I will also promptly deliver the relevant decisions once the verdict is out."

Besides expressing his concern for Bai Xiaosheng, Wen Yan also clearly stated his purpose for coming.

If Mr. Brown were not present, these words would have been fine.

But with Mr. Brown there, and knowing that his son Cilio was part of the trial, Wen Yan's words carried a deeper meaning to the discerning ear.

Tike couldn't help but glance cautiously at Mr. Brown.

Mr. Brown showed no expression, acting as if he hadn't heard Wen Yan's words, with no reaction at all.

In fact, Mr. Brown really had nothing to say. Even a dead tiger remains intimidating, he was just putting on a brave face.

"I appreciate your effort, Mr. Wen Yan, for coming all this way." Bai Xiaosheng sincerely expressed gratitude for Wen Yan's presence.

"The achievements of Mr. Bai here, I will recommend to Headquarters to be duly rewarded," Wen Yan said with a smile.

These words seemed even more inappropriate in front of Mr. Brown.

After all, this was Mr. Brown's region under full control, and issues arising here indeed tarnished his reputation.

By complimenting Bai Xiaosheng's investigation skills, Wen Yan was clearly ridiculing him in public.

Saying such things in public was, undeniably, a signal.

Mr. Brown's expression remained unchanged. Tike's face, however, showed a hint of discomfort, though he was actually quite pleased inside.

Does this mean that the Group headquarters has decided not to tolerate Mr. Brown any further, and intends to take this opportunity to remove him?

If so, Tike truly felt inwardly elated.

"Mr. Wen Yan, you flatter me, I just did what was expected of me." Bai Xiaosheng responded modestly.

Bai Xiaosheng also seemed to find talking about this in front of Mr. Brown inappropriate, so he smiled at Wen Yan and then turned to Mr. Brown to steer away from the awkward topic.

"Mr. Brown." Bai Xiaosheng greeted warmly, showing no resentment or dissatisfaction toward Cilio's actions against him.

"Mr. Bai." Mr. Brown stared at Bai Xiaosheng, without revealing what he was thinking, simply nodding with no expression.

Mr. Brown felt neither guilt for his son's actions towards Bai Xiaosheng nor did he harbor hostility since Bai Xiaosheng 'hurt' his son; there was only an air of ordinary, yet distant coldness, clearly showing he didn't want to engage in much conversation.

This attitude created an awkward atmosphere.

Wen Yan remained silent.

Tike, however, offered a brief apologetic smile to Bai Xiaosheng but didn't say much because Mr. Brown was present.

At this moment, many people began to enter the courtroom, from judges to court clerks, it was fully staffed.

Additionally, high-level political figures appeared, immediately engaging in discussions with Hou Yuncheng and others.

"It seems about to begin." Bai Xiaosheng remarked, "Mr. Wen Yan, Mr. Brown, my seat is over there, so I shall go ahead."

Both Wen Yan and Mr. Brown nodded.

Bai Xiaosheng then smiled at Tike before turning to leave.

Wen Yan watched Bai Xiaosheng walk away, then smiled at Mr. Brown with a "please" gesture and returned to his seat.

"Mr. Brown, what do you think about this trial?" Wen Yan seemed bored of waiting, casually chatting with Mr. Brown.

"Law is merciless, what are facts and what will be the result, how could my opinion influence them." Mr. Brown responded, neither cold nor warm.

This old man, even to Wen Yan he refused to bow, could it be he sees no hope and has lost heart?

Tike stood silent beside, thinking darkly.

This sudden group accusation from Fiewood and several other business leaders, the old man maintained no suspicion, did he really believe his son could gather a large group of corporate executives like this? Did he never suspect that there was a problem behind this, not even... himself?

Tike was always wary of Mr. Brown.

Yet, even if Mr. Brown had suspicions, "facts" speak louder than words. Fiewood's staunch allies wouldn't betray him lightly, especially since he had dirt on them. So long as they accused Cilio, the court's recognition of Cilio's issues would make everything conclusive.

No matter how stubborn Mr. Brown was, it was useless!

Moreover, it seemed Wen Yan no longer offered him any face; does this imply the end of Mr. Brown's era, and the rise of the great Tike era?

Tike's excitement began to overshadow his concerns.

Mr. Brown, who had been passive, suddenly began speaking to Wen Yan, "After this trial, is Mr. Wen truly going to immediately issue a decision? No delay?"

Wen Yan nodded, "Headquarters' decision, it's my duty, regardless of who the issue involves this time, I have the authority to make immediate decisions."

Mr. Brown said nothing, merely nodded.

Tike glanced surreptitiously at them, then turned his gaze toward the courtroom, unable to resist a subtle smile.

Soon, the trial officially commenced.

The first to come forth was Fiewood, who firmly testified that his actions were under Cilio's instructions, even being able to provide eyewitnesses to their meetings.

Following him, Fiewood brought in eight or nine company heads as witnesses; despite Mr. Brown's presence causing some visible unease, they consistently accused Cilio of buying them off, and clandestinely committing acts for personal gain, corroborating Fiewood's claims.

They could also furnish some compelling evidence.

"Nonsense, all of you are talking nonsense!" Cilio, also present, furiously roared.

The presiding judge immediately issued a stern warning, stating that further outbursts in court from Cilio would incur more severe penalties.

Ultimately, Cilio was left to seethe in silence.

All these testimonies and evidence had been meticulously arranged by Tike, with no room for error.

Judging purely by this incident, Fiewood's actions could lead to several months in jail in Lekram; his other business misconducts would require separate investigations.

Below, Wen Yan instructed his entourage to note, "Fiewood must be suspended and thoroughly investigated, and those corporate heads who testified all have questions surrounding them and must be scrutinized."

Beside him, Tike internally scoffed.

He was fully prepared and coordinating from behind the scenes; further investigation would only incriminate Cilio further!

Shortly after, Cilio was brought to the witness stand.

He was the main focus of today's trial; if he had impulsively attacked Bai Xiaosheng, it would result in several months of imprisonment. If he had orchestrated two assaults, it would be considered premeditated, changing the nature of the charges.

Additionally, he was also suspected of attempting to frame others.

With multiple charges, at least five years would be the minimum sentence.

When Cilio appeared, everyone turned their attention towards him, with varied expressions and myriad thoughts.

Tike's eyes shimmered with a cold smile, "You were arrogant and humiliated me numerous times, now I'll let you pay it all back!"

Bai Xiaosheng also looked at Cilio, his eyes briefly flickering.

Beside him, Hou Yuncheng suddenly leaned over and whispered something to Bai Xiaosheng, "I conveyed your request. They agreed."

Though Bai Xiaosheng had anticipated this, he still smiled and replied softly, "Thank you very much! As a return favor, I'll treat you to a good show! Look, it's already underway!"

Chapter 2465 - Situation Reversal

That's not true, Cilio would naturally not admit to what he hadn't done, but faced with the accusations of numerous "witnesses," the situation he faced was quite unfavorable.

There was suspicion of resisting and not pleading guilty.

Moreover, in his outrage, Cilio couldn't help but roar in court. He was already classified by the judge as disrupting the order with his courtroom rants. His subjective points took a nosedive, and if no evidence favorable to him appeared, his situation might really become desperate.

Brown furrowed his brow, clenched his fist, and placed it on his knee, muttering only two words.

"Impulsive!"

Wen Yan sat there seemingly nonchalant, as if he was only waiting for the final result. He showed no concern for the situation before the verdict was reached.

"When did Cilio start associating with these people, even leaving behind so much evidence, alas!"

Beside Brown, Tike appeared quite distressed, pounding his leg in regret, seeming to affirm the witnesses' testimonies.

Brown glanced at him lightly without saying a word.

In reality, to organize so many high-level officials from the group's African division to jointly accomplish one task, only three people in the entire African division were capable.

Brown, Cilio, and Tike.

Cilio was the accused, and Brown, being Cilio's father, couldn't possibly push his son towards jail.

The remaining Tike was very likely manipulating things behind the scenes.

Not to mention, he intentionally spoke like this at the moment.

However, even if he was suspected, there was no way to prove it now, and it wouldn't help Cilio who was being interrogated.

Tike had actually noticed Brown's glance at him with the corner of his eye, but he didn't care at all.

What if the old guy was suspicious? If he had the ability to publicly find evidence to substantiate his suspicion, this is a courtroom, where evidence speaks.

Tike smirked inwardly.

A moment ago, the reason he spoke carelessly was to put Cilio at a disadvantage in front of Wen Yan.

Even though it may not have a significant effect, as long as it made Wen Yan's already not-so-good impression of Cilio firmer, it was enough.

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The people who testified for Fiewood were each led away after making their appearances.

Whether Cilio was involved in professional misconduct or had committed embezzlement had no relation to today's trial.

The series of appearances from those individuals were merely corroborations.

The judge wanted to know whether there was any connection between Cilio and Fiewood, whether Fiewood's blocking of Bai Xiaosheng had anything to do with Cilio.

This concerns whether Cilio's actions were impulsive, constituting "impulsive crime," or whether it was a premeditated crime of intentional harm, which would require different sentences and punishments.

In the court, the next phase began.

Fiewood was brought up again for a confrontation with Cilio.

"Mr. Cilio mentioned to me long ago that Bai Xiaosheng would often target his father at the Zhenbei Group's headquarters. Upon arrival here, Bai Xiaosheng immediately exercised his authority to make things difficult for their father-son duo. Mr. Cilio mentioned multiple times that he wanted to stage an attack to teach Bai Xiaosheng a lesson, or even resolve this trouble. He also instructed me to arrange for someone to use force and 'send' Mr. Bai Xiaosheng home, as long as he doesn't die. He said he would make an appearance at the scene as well, which would ironically help clear him from suspicion." Fiewood actually said this publicly.

Instantly, it sparked a flurry of shocked discussions among the audience.

"You're talking nonsense!" Cilio exploded in rage across from Fiewood, wishing he could leap over and slap the self-righteous person framing him.

This was a premeditated script, with a semblance of truth to it.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled calmly, watching Fiewood speaking with seriousness.

"Order in the court!" The judge banged the gavel heavily, frowned at Cilio, then raised his voice to Fiewood, "Defendant, can you guarantee your words are accurate and are you willing to bear all responsibilities?"

"Yes." Fiewood responded briskly.

The judge continued, "Do you have evidence to prove that Mr. Cilio indeed instructed you in such a manner?"

"Do you have evidence!" Cilio echoed angrily.

"Mr. Cilio, please remain quiet. I've reminded you for the fifth time now. If you continue this way, I will take measures to evict you from this courtroom. All investigations and the trial will proceed in your absence!" The judge said sternly.

This was more than just a warning.

Cilio promptly closed his mouth, although his eyes continued to glare angrily at Fiewood.

Fiewood smirked inwardly, raised his voice, "Honorable judge, when Mr. Cilio and I communicated, we didn't use our personal phones because that would make it easy to trace each other. Therefore, we used the phones of subordinates to communicate."

This explanation sounded quite convincing.

Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but twitch the corner of his mouth.

It seemed that within such a short period, someone had prepared thoroughly.

No, it might not have been last-minute preparation. There could have been plans long in place, or some things coincidentally came together and were being used now.

Wen Yan watched with interest, while Brown remained expressionless.

"I wonder if there will be evidence, if it will make Cilio's situation even worse." Tike murmured.

This was possibly aimed at Wen Yan, or intended to provoke Brown.

However, neither of the two showed any reaction.

"Do you have evidence, Mr. Fiewood?" The judge indeed asked.

Cilio glared angrily at Fiewood across the way, his expression was clear—

Even if they used subordinates' phones to communicate, there should be records, prove it if you can!

"Naturally, there is!" Fiewood loudly declared.

Chapter 2466 - Situation Reversal (Part 2)

Fiewood's lawyer immediately petitioned to have the witnesses enter the court, and the judge nodded in assent.

Two figures appeared at the entrance.

"It's him!" When Cilio saw one of them clearly, his eyes went wide in shock.

He even forgot the gag order the judge had given him earlier.

One of the witnesses was none other than one of Cilio's most trusted secretaries; many of his past decisions had been made after taking this man's advice, and many matters had been entrusted to him.

He never imagined that at this moment, the one coming out to testify and accuse him would be this very person!

From afar, the man spotted Cilio and immediately shifted his gaze away, not daring to meet his eyes.

Cilio's body swayed; he grabbed the stand with his hand, feeling a bout of dizziness.

The man's appearance dealt him an enormous shock.

From the time he graduated university and started at the bottom up until now, regardless of whether his career had gone smoothly or not, no one had ever dared play dirty tricks on him. After all, he had entered the Zhenbei Group system, and his father was the top person in charge of this major region. In the workplace, what Cilio saw was people's capability and drive; he had rarely seen the ugliness in human nature.

So he had no ability to read people's hearts; the ones around him were not truly "his people."

And so many things took place right under his nose, yet he knew nothing of them.

"Your Honor, this is my assistant, and that is Mr. Cilio's secretary. The two of them had a phone call the other day that was in fact a conversation between me and Cilio—in precise terms, it was Mr. Cilio issuing orders to me. This attack was premeditated, and Mr. Cilio decided to frame someone else for it..." Fiewood spoke with righteous indignation. "It's just that none of us expected the matter to blow up to this extent. From the moment the highest-level investigator from Lekram appeared before me and tried to persuade me with reason and emotion, I suddenly repented and decided to reveal the truth!"

Fiewood sounded utterly sincere, every detail vivid.

As for the so-called "persuasion" he had received, everyone present knew perfectly well that it must have been a pressure Fiewood could not bear.

The printed call records were handed directly to the judge.

After browsing them, the judge passed them to the person beside him, then looked sternly at Cilio. "Mr. Cilio, do you have anything to say to this?!"

Between the lines, he was already asking Cilio whether he would plead guilty.

In the gallery, Hou Yuncheng, having watched up to this point, couldn't help leaning toward Bai Xiaosheng and whispering, "This is the 'show' you wanted me to see? We've reached this stage already; it seems your earlier request had me running around for nothing?"

"Just keep watching. Right now, the outcome is far from decided." Bai Xiaosheng glanced that way, a faint, ambiguous smile on his lips.

Hou Yuncheng unconsciously shifted closer to Bai Xiaosheng to better read his expression. "Why do I feel like you're completely calm, strategizing in your tent, as if you're very sure of how this will end?"

Anything more would be inappropriate to say at this moment.

Bai Xiaosheng chuckled and jerked his chin toward the front. "Director Hou, watch."

Hou Yuncheng gave Bai Xiaosheng an extra look, then turned his head back.

While they muttered briefly on their side, on the other, Tike also spoke up beside Brown.

"Mr. Brown, the evidence this time is conclusive. Together with those earlier corroborating testimonies, I'm afraid our Mr. Cilio really is going to face the punishment he deserves." Tike said with a faint, mocking smile, and he actually said this directly to Brown.

His words were clearly meant to provoke Brown, to make this old man's heart give out ahead of time.

Brown turned his head to look at Tike, his gaze deep and heavy.

On any other day, Tike would surely have shown a fearful demeanor, but today he met Brown's eyes head-on, his gaze steady and unflinching, with a hint of pride and a touch of cold sneer deep within.

"I once thought..." Brown said to Tike, "that you were someone who could really keep his composure."

"Oh, not at all, not at all. Compared to you, I'm nothing. Wouldn't you say so, godfather?" Tike replied cheerfully.

Many things did not need to be spelled out; the clues were already obvious.

That final form of address from Tike was also meant to needle Brown.

Brown ignored Tike and turned his gaze forward.

Old man, let's see if you can still keep your composure once the verdict comes down!

By then, Wen Yan from the supervisory department will be kicking you and your son while you're down. You'll be finished!

Tike sneered to himself.

Originally, he could have continued to hide his intentions; that would have been safer. But as events unfolded, it became extremely difficult to conceal anything from Brown, and Tike himself could no longer suppress the urge to express his true feelings.

All these years, his "repression," his "grievances," had been far too great!

Wen Yan glanced back, her expression blank, looking at Brown and then at Tike, before turning back again.

The judge had already instructed someone to set up the projector and play the call recording, then had the two witnesses take the stand.

Fiewood's assistant spoke first, and what he said was exactly the same as Fiewood's account, without the slightest discrepancy.

Cilio listened, his face turning a sickly green.

Then Cilio's secretary took the stand. Cilio stared straight at him, eyes nearly splitting; if looks could kill, he would have stabbed the man seven or eight times over.

The judge motioned for the secretary to give his statement.

"At the time, it was my phone that was connected on that call, and I was also present at the scene..." the secretary said.

If the call record counted as physical evidence, then he was the witness; with both witness and physical evidence in place, no one could deny the facts.

Cilio's face was filled with despair.

In the gallery, Tike couldn't help breaking into a knowing smile, feeling as if the dawn of victory was right before his eyes.

"However, that call was about me privately arranging a meal with Mr. Fiewood's secretary; Mr. Cilio had no idea about it."

Chapter 2467 - The Tables Turned (3)

The secretary followed up with this sentence, which instantly silenced the entire room. Even the judge raised his head, looking at him with suspicion.

What did he say? Tike's smile froze on his face as he stared at the secretary.

Not only him, but even Fiewood and Fiewood's secretary had the same expression.

"Your Honor, I am willing to bear the consequences of everything I've said. At the time, I was merely arranging a meal over the phone with the other party; it had nothing to do with Mr. Cilio!" Cilio's secretary reiterated.

The situation suddenly took a dramatic turn!

Anyone could tell that the appearance of Cilio's secretary was a preparation by Fiewood's side, extremely unfavorable to Cilio.

But unexpectedly, the person suddenly changed his stance.

"With you talking like that, you better think about the consequences!" Fiewood on the stand couldn't help but shout in surprise.

"Objection! Mr. Fiewood is using threatening language to interfere with the witness!" Cilio's lawyer immediately shouted.

"Objection sustained." The judge soberly looked at Fiewood, "Mr. Fiewood, please mind your words!"

Fiewood continued to stare at the secretary, bewildered.

This person was not only one of their own, but they also had leverage over him, trusting he wouldn't act recklessly, thus assigning him such an important role.

How could he now betray them?

Wasn't he afraid that his affairs would be exposed?!

Fiewood's shock and confusion mirrored Tike's.

At this moment, Brown turned to look at Tike, his expression calm, nonchalantly saying, "There are many ways to intimidate or bribe someone to obey, and even more to make someone change their stance. Little Tike, I really should teach you well in these matters, as the methods I know are countless times more!"

Tike stared wide-eyed, astonished at Brown.

Brown turned away, comfortably leaning back, fingers interlocked, saying, "Whatever tactics you have, just use them."

Tike's eyes revealed a trace of dread as he looked at Brown in front of him.

This evidence was quickly overturned, and Fiewood rapidly adjusted his mood to present evidence again.

However, next, whether it was witness testimony or physical evidence, everything they had prepared went wrong.

It was incredibly terrifying, like having laid a trap for others, only to find that the trap location had mines planted by the opponent.

The most frightening part wasn't this, but during the second half of the trial, Wen Yan proactively submitted evidence to the judge, proving that all the previous corporate heads, those so-called witnesses, had falsified testimonies and evidence.

Seeing this scene, Tike tensed up completely.

Even if, at the start of the entire trial, Wen Yan publicly announced an investigation into those people, meaning the group's headquarters' Investigation Department was involved, it was impossible to have completed the investigation so quickly before this trial ended!

Problems were found with the testimonies and evidence...

It can only be said that they had already obtained a detailed list of personnel and started the investigation!

Wen Yan's previous declaration was only to mislead people, causing them to relax.

Thinking of this, Tike truly felt a chill throughout his body, as if falling into an ice cave.

Many things connected, sending thoughts racing a thousand miles, and Tike, not a fool but exceedingly shrewd, had an epiphany, turning at once to Bai Xiaosheng's place.

Who attended to testify today was previously disclosed through Fiewood to the investigation team, so aside from the authorities and Tike's covert maneuvers, no one else should know.

The Lekram investigation team notified the Zhenbei Group but wouldn't provide detailed content.

Brown, even less, could have known.

But now thinking back, not only did Wen Yan's side produce investigation results too quickly, even Brown was unfazed upon seeing those people, as if...

He already knew in advance!

Who would know beforehand and inform them!

Tike figured it out.

Rumors already stated that the Lekram investigation team, to assure the startled Bai Xiaosheng, would show him every interview transcript.

Bai Xiaosheng could be the one who knew!

Did he pass it to Wen Yan, even to Brown?!

But why?

Wouldn't this help him eliminate Brown and his son, benefiting him?

Why would he instead aid the enemy?!

Tike's heart was suddenly in turmoil, and he remembered receiving Bai Xiaosheng's second-stage investigation report to be sent to the headquarters but appeared in his email, with no knowledge of who sent it.

Bai Xiaosheng evidently didn't know that private email of his, Wen Yan might find it, but it wasn't necessary.

Brown had a more convenient means to know!

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Tike only felt an icy wind down his spine.

Some thoughts are indeed terrifying!

Bai Xiaosheng, Brown, Wen Yan, these three seemed like a tangled mess, filling his head, making it almost impossible to think.

"The court announces all evidence nullified; Cilio's intent to attack was impulsive and doesn't constitute premeditation," the judge loudly declared.

At this moment, Cilio sighed with relief, nearly sliding to the floor.

Tike suddenly lifted his head, looking with dissatisfaction at the judge, noticing someone whispering beside the judge.

Then, the judge loudly continued, "Mr. Bai Xiaosheng and the Huaxia Business Group both express this was an impulsive act by Mr. Cilio, and they request no accountability. Given that Mr. Cilio caused no impact or loss, this court now declares a six-month jail sentence, suspended for six months for Mr. Cilio."

Suspended sentence, meaning no prison?!

This outcome practically blew up Tike, as he abruptly stood up, shouting, "I refuse to accept this verdict!"

Everyone involuntarily looked towards Tike.

Bai Xiaosheng's eyes were filled with empathy, Brown knowingly sneered, and Wen Yan stretched lazily.

The judge, extremely displeased, looked up at Tike, coldly saying, "Sir, if you disrupt the court order, I will sentence you!"

Indeed, there's no more order; today's trial has seen much disruption.

If there isn't exemplary punishment, where is the dignity of the court!

Chapter 2468 - The Old Fox and the Young Fox

In the case of Bai Xiaosheng, Cilio was determined to have acted out of impulse and not with premeditated violence or framing, and the judge gave a suspended sentence in court.

This result made Cilio almost collapse into his seat.

He almost thought he was going to jail, even feeling halfway there just moments before, which would have been a devastating blow to his life.

At last, at the final moments, he obtained redemption.

The result of this verdict left Cilio without time to react, as someone had already shouted in shock.

Naturally, it was Tike.

For Tike, the latter half of the trial felt like a rollercoaster.

Life's ups and downs were too quick.

One moment he was confident of victory, even smugly revealing his true self in front of Mr. Brown.

The next moment, the situation reversed, and he lost completely.

This result was something Tike found utterly unacceptable. So, he instinctively shouted "unfair."

However, Tike's reaction only brought the judge's reprimand and a full room of surprised, puzzled, and amused gazes.

Though Cilio heard the verdict and felt all his strength drained away, seeing Tike's ferocious outburst, he still felt a chill of realization.

The person he always thought was a coward, a puppet of his father, now exposed such a vicious side in front of his father, Wen Yan, and everyone present!

Considering the collective testimony from Fiewood and his people, Cilio realized belatedly what was happening.

This was undoubtedly Tike's handiwork!

It was him who wanted to push Cilio into the abyss of no return, dragging his father down with him!

Even though his father had previously strongly supported him to take the position!

Cold-blooded, ambitious as a wolf!

Cilio, with shock and anger, felt a chill down his spine.

Someone could hide silently for so many years, meticulously planning everything in the dark, appearing as a loyal dog until one day revealing their wolfish fangs.

How terrifying!

The workplace is not just a clash of talent and ability; it's also a battlefield of good and evil hearts!

At this moment, Cilio suddenly comprehended the advice his father had given him in the past and his painstaking efforts.

Without parental protection, if he moves too high with his current mindset, he might not even know how he would meet his demise.

At this moment, Cilio suddenly understood.

Tike came to his senses, not knowing how he stood up or why he shouted.

Tike looked around in confusion, seeing Mr. Brown coldly staring at him and Wen Yan looking at him with amusement, feeling as if he had fallen into an icy pit, his heart growing cold.

He had risked many trusted aides, making a gamble.

The result, a total loss!

The face he shouldn't have shown was exposed to the most inappropriate people, as if all his disguises were torn off, laid bare.

He was done for!

Over ten years of hard work, gone to waste.

More than a decade of ambition for the future, desires hidden deep within his heart, all turned to dust in this moment.

Old Brown would never let him off, and Wen Yan, just by seeing this scene, would become suspicious and investigate him thoroughly.

Tike felt waves of dizziness.

He frowned as he thought hard, trying to figure out how he ended up losing everything and where exactly he went wrong.

All the evidence he had prepared, Brown had already prepared counter-evidence. Brown wasn't a god, he didn't predict the future, but because he knew in advance who would testify and had prepared accordingly. Perhaps, some of the witnesses were bought over before today to turn against him.

For Brown to accomplish this, he must have obtained the list of witnesses in advance, which naturally was provided by someone—

Bai Xiaosheng!

Moreover, although Cilio was proven not to have premeditated the assault, just his impulsive attempt to attack people from the Huaxia Business Group had international repercussions that could have led to a severe sentence.

But in the end, Cilio actually received forgiveness from the assaulted, the Huaxia Business Group, sparing him from imprisonment.

The core of all this was still—

Bai Xiaosheng!

Tike's head began to throb like a drum.

He couldn't understand why Bai Xiaosheng would act this way. Previously, wasn't it found that Bai Xiaosheng had multiple conflicts with Brown, with Brown retaliating several times, making Bai Xiaosheng's businesses fail? How could they suddenly come to some cooperation?

Did Brown compromise with Bai Xiaosheng before the trial?

Impossible, there wasn't enough time. So, they must have come together earlier?

When? Why did Tike know nothing about it!

Tike frowned tightly, straining his already blurry eyes, trying to spot that figure.

Finally, he found it.

That exceptionally young face was calmly looking at him, with eyes filled with regret.

Despite the distance, Tike's mind interpreted what those eyes wanted to say, "You lost!"

In his mind, Tike seemed to hear a woman's voice, Caroline's voice.

"That Bai Xiaosheng is difficult to deal with. Be cautious, if you make a wrong step, he will trap you!"

Caroline had told him this about Bai Xiaosheng more than once.

He had heard it so many times but never paid attention.

How could a mere child be feared?

Would he be defeated by him? Absurd! Even someone as cunning as Mr. Brown had been deceived by him for over ten years!

Chapter 2469 - Old Foxes and Young Foxes (Part 2)

The thought came to this point; Tike vaguely heard Brown's voice, "Mr. Wen Yan, I believe you've made a decision, right?"

Soon, Wen Yan's voice, carrying a smile, rang out, "Someone, take note."

"Former Deputy Executive President of the African region, Cilio, was momentarily agitated and sought personal revenge, a personal act of willfulness without serious consequences. Since he is currently suspended and caused no reputational damage to the group, the group will not intervene in private matters. Therefore, no action will be taken."

This was clearly Wen Yan excusing Cilio, shameless, truly shameless, evidently taking their side!

Tike only felt a blockage in his chest.

"The heads of companies such as Fiewood, collectively accused of defamation, violated ethical norms, and indeed have issues of factionalism and private interest. A thorough investigation will be conducted immediately. As for the masterminds behind it, regardless of their position, they will not be tolerated!"

These words were clearly directed at him.

Tike felt like a fish thrown ashore, even finding it difficult to breathe.

"Thank you, Mr. Wen Yan, for your wise decision," Mr. Brown said with a smile, "And also, thanks to Mr. Bai Xiaosheng!"

Brown's last sentence confirmed what Tike suspected.

Tike glared at Bai Xiaosheng, amidst the anger and Brown and Wen Yan's words, his mind buzzed, unable to take in a single word.

"Tike, are you satisfied with this result?" Brown asked with a smile, turning to look at Tike, "Do you have anything else to say, any other path to take?"

"Bai Xiaosheng!" Tike suddenly shouted these three words, his face twisted.

Then, he staggered and collapsed directly.

First, he shouted, disturbing the court. Under the judge's rebuke and the crowd's comments, he furiously shouted Bai Xiaosheng's name and finally collapsed to the ground.

Tike, in his anger, passed out.

This sudden incident caused a slight commotion on the scene.

Many people shouted for a doctor, but this was a courtroom, no doctor was available, and staff hurriedly called an ambulance.

The judge also rushed over to ask if anyone on the scene knew any medical skills and could provide emergency first aid to Tike.

Among those present, there were no medical experts, only officials and businessmen with clerical aides, no one proficient in this area.

At this moment, Bai Xiaosheng spoke up, "Let me, I have learned first aid, let me have a look."

The crowd quickly made way, allowing Bai Xiaosheng to pass through.

Bai Xiaosheng was genuinely willing to help. After all, no matter how intense the workplace battles or grudges, rescuing someone comes first.

The crowd scrambled to move Tike to a spacious area.

This Mr. Tike was indeed quite hefty, needing three strong men to lift him, those with less strength couldn't manage.

After Bai Xiaosheng approached, he conducted a rather professional check.

Though not a medical student, Bai Xiaosheng had Red Lotus, a super artificial intelligence, as assistance. Looking up some medical first aid knowledge wasn't difficult.

After the check, Bai Xiaosheng confidently told those around him, "Mr. Tike is of the obesity body type and has hypertension. This fainting was due to a moment of severe stimulation. We don't have antihypertensive drugs or equipment to check the specific situation, so we can only lift his head slightly for postural hypotension. Turn his head to one side to prevent suffocation."

Given the limited conditions on site, that was all they could do.

The judge couldn't help wiping the sweat off his forehead, murmuring, "So, being fat and having high blood pressure is this dangerous..."

This judge didn't seem lightweight either...

In fact, many foreigners love high-calorie, high-fat, and sweeter foods, naturally resulting in more obesity...

Bai Xiaosheng patiently explained to them, "Obesity and hypertension, many people think they aren't diseases, but they're actually very dangerous. If they exceed a certain limit and are subjected to external stimuli, sudden symptoms can occur. Timely, effective medication and exercise can save them, otherwise, it could indeed be the end."

Bai Xiaosheng's words in his temporary role of a medical person inspired frequent nodding among the judge and others, but no one noticed that Tike, after being tossed around, had taken a breath and woken up.

As a result, he vaguely saw Bai Xiaosheng looking at him and saying something like "the end," seeing the judge and Wen Yan, one shaking his head regretfully, the other nodding.

Tike felt a sudden "thud" in his heart, an immense fear rushed to his head, his eyes rolled back, and he passed out again.

"Mr. Bai Xiaosheng, it seemed he woke up and fainted again, what happened?" someone saw it, couldn't help but ask in shock.

Bai Xiaosheng paused, looking at Tike,

"Ah, this might be related to one's state of mind. A calm mind suits a robust body, a robust body suits a calm mind. This means everyone should always maintain a calm heart and act according to their true intentions. Otherwise, you see, once they are stimulated, they're more susceptible to disease..."

Bai Xiaosheng simply switched roles from a temporary doctor to a life coach.

In an instant, all the dignitaries around seemed to have had an epiphany, nodding frequently.

They indeed believed him.

Wen Yan smiled without speaking.

Brown, standing beside Bai Xiaosheng, looked at him and whispered, "Thank you."

This "thank you," Bai Xiaosheng knew what it was for, so he smiled, whispering back, "You're welcome."

The trial thus came to a halt.

Later, Tike was taken to the hospital.

Wen Yan was to go directly from the courtroom to the airport, returning to headquarters to discuss what had happened here with the vice directors. So, he said goodbye to Bai Xiaosheng at the courtroom door.

Bai Xiaosheng was to return to his place, Brown immediately expressed his wish to take him personally, inviting Bai Xiaosheng to his car.

Bai Xiaosheng instantly turned to Hou Yuncheng to inquire, after all, he had come with Hou Yuncheng's car.

Chapter 2470 - Old Fox and Young Fox (Part 3)

Mr. Brown immediately laughed heartily with Hou Yuncheng, "Mr. Hou, I've had many misunderstandings with Mr. Bai Xiaosheng before, and now I'd like to take the opportunity to say a few words. Please make it convenient for me. Previously, my subsidiary refused a few business deals with your trade group, but I will agree to them all soon, and the terms will be very favorable. I'd also like to discuss various cooperation aspects with Mr. Bai Xiaosheng."

Mr. Brown's words immediately ignited a spark deep in Hou Yuncheng's eyes.

This Mr. Brown oversees over a thousand enterprises in Africa under the Zhenbei Group. He holds high prestige in the African business community. If we can facilitate many collaborations with him, it could be more rewarding than visiting two or three countries previously.

"In that case, Sheng, you should have a good conversation with Mr. Brown." Hou Yuncheng agreed.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled and was invited into Mr. Brown's car.

Before getting into the car, Bai Xiaosheng also saw Cilio about to get into another car, who noticed him too.

From a distance, Cilio's expression was complex, but finally, he managed to force a smile at Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled back slightly before getting into the car.

On the road, Mr. Brown again thanked Bai Xiaosheng, as Bai Xiaosheng disregarded past grievances and helped his son avoid punishment.

Their cooperation actually began after the first clash, when Mr. Brown did indeed seek revenge against Bai Xiaosheng. Bai Xiaosheng also indeed had thoughts of retaliating. However, subsequent events made them realize someone was trying to manipulate things behind the scenes.

These two, an old fox and a young fox, dislike most being used as pawns by others.

So they established contact through Wen Yan.

Bai Xiaosheng sent the second phase of the investigation to Wen Yan and Mr. Brown.

As for the version sent to Cilio and Tike, it was Mr. Brown's doing.

Mr. Brown intended to provoke those two with his plan and informed Bai Xiaosheng.

As for Tike, there were many indications previously, all related to him. The report implicated Yorko Company and Fiewood to lure him out.

Regarding Cilio, Mr. Brown knows his son too well, knowing he would act impulsively, thus creating a situation that looks like he's being framed.

If someone really wants to take Cilio down in the workplace, they'll have to pay a hefty price, especially since Mr. Brown still heads the group in Africa. To implicate Mr. Brown as well would require significant effort.

Mr. Brown, being seasoned and cunning, anticipated the opponent might hurt themselves trying to take down their enemy.

After all, fishing requires bait, and the bigger the fish, the stronger the bait.

"Mr. Bai once asked me how I can be so sure the other party will follow my lead in handling matters," Mr. Brown said with a smile, "I've always liked to rely on my instincts when doing business, and I believed in this approach, so I took a gamble, and it turned out right. Following the thread, I ferreted out more people, capturing those who dared form cliques under my nose. If I know one person, I have ways to uncover ten more!"

Bai Xiaosheng chuckled and gave a thumbs-up, "From the moment you orchestrated everything, leading Tike's people to defect in a day, I knew you were extraordinary. Such extraordinary methods, indeed, only you can afford to use!"

Your strategy was truly ruthless; no wonder you're called a thousand-year-old fox, using your own son as bait.

Bai Xiaosheng marveled in his heart.

Mr. Brown shook his head, "To be honest, I'm ashamed. Perhaps it's due to oversight; Tike deceived me for over a decade, and I even thought about promoting a guy like him. I'm old and my eyesight has dulled."

Before Bai Xiaosheng could respond, Mr. Brown looked at him meaningfully and smiled, "However, now, I still want to make another gamble!"

"What do you want to bet on?" Bai Xiaosheng asked curiously.

"I want to use the last bit of my career to bet on you! From now on, I and the African district will fully support you in our dealings!" Mr. Brown said, "Will you disappoint me? Also, I have an unreasonable request, wishing to add a small condition!"

