

Two Trillion 2501

Chapter 2501 - A Minor Complication (Part 3)

Regarding this, Dong Tianlu didn't have much of a competing mindset, just reminded Bai Xiaosheng, "Our so-called business alliance currently only exists in words. In the Huaxia business community, there are many business associations, of which I've joined seven or eight, serving as a permanent director for two or three of them. If we want to establish a big business alliance, it has to be a real organization."

This issue wasn't something Bai Xiaosheng hadn't considered, even Xiahou Qi had reminded him multiple times.

"No rush, I'll get started on this after returning to the country," Bai Xiaosheng said.

Dong Tianlu didn't say much more.

The journey was smooth, and soon Bai Xiaosheng and his group reached their destination, a transport company called Maiwen.

With the head of Aisha Emirate's business department clearing the way, Bai Xiaosheng and Dong Tianlu didn't spend an extra minute and met the general manager of Maiwen Transport Company—Mr. Maiwen.

Upon learning the purpose of Bai Xiaosheng and Dong Tianlu's visit, the middle-aged man in his forties to fifties smiled like a blooming flower.

Wasn't this like a big order landing on your lap while staying at home?

However, Mr. Maiwen's smile seemed to freeze as if he remembered something afterward.

"What's wrong, Mr. Maiwen, is there something amiss?" Bai Xiaosheng noticed and quickly asked.

Dong Tianlu looked curiously at the other party as well.

Why the sudden change in expression despite the initial delight?

Mr. Maiwen glanced at the business department head who came along and politely said to Bai Xiaosheng, "We can handle your order, but to carry it out, it would have to be postponed for a few months, even half a year."

"What do you mean?" Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but exchange a glance with Dong Tianlu, looking curiously at the other party.

"The thing is, our company has a batch of vehicles specialized for transporting your products, which are due for an upgrade, have been checked and stored, and listed for trade online. Let me declare first, those vehicles have absolutely no issues, it's just about upgrading," Mr. Maiwen said, "The new vehicles we've ordered will arrive in batches, originally it wouldn't delay operations, but your order stretches our current vehicle capacity thin; we can't wait for the new ones to arrive and then transport in batches, I fear you wouldn't accept that."

Bai Xiaosheng and Dong Tianlu were taken aback.

Unexpectedly, there really was a problem.

"From what you're saying, the original transport vehicles have no issues. Can't you just retrieve them for now and not sell them?" Dong Tianlu asked.

"But we've already signed agreements with third parties, unless someone buys them, we can't take them back," Mr. Maiwen explained while spreading his hands.

This indeed posed a problem.

Bai Xiaosheng and Dong Tianlu furrowed their brows.

"How about, I make a suggestion and see what you think," Mr. Maiwen cautiously said, "If you have sufficient funds, you could first purchase these vehicles, and then entrust them to us for use. After the completion of transport, you can resell those vehicles, you won't lose money."

Such a proposal indeed tempted Bai Xiaosheng and Dong Tianlu somewhat.

The sooner they secured cooperation with the transport company, the sooner they could collaborate with the Yang Corporation, and thus the sooner they could profit; any delay would mean a loss.

The two walked aside for a discussion, sent messages to consult others, and finally reached a decision.

Bai Xiaosheng came back and gently said to Mr. Maiwen, "We can follow Mr. Maiwen's suggestion to purchase that batch of second-hand transport vehicles first."

Mr. Maiwen was instantly delighted at these words, but immediately showed a hint of embarrassment.

Bai Xiaosheng had noticed him being evasive earlier, immediately said, "Mr. Maiwen, if there's anything else, please feel free to say it."

Mr. Maiwen, appearing somewhat awkward, grinned and said to Bai Xiaosheng, "I forgot to mention, we can provide a ship to transport your products, but one of them... is also sealed for sale."

"Otherwise, would you... consider buying a ship as well?"

Chapter 2502 - Solutions Outnumber Difficulties

How about you buy another second-hand cruise ship? Mr. Maiwen, the general manager of Maiwen Transport Company, said just one sentence that made Bai Xiaosheng's breath catch.

Even so many major players in the business world couldn't achieve this, yet he did it with just one sentence.

It's really interesting to come to Maiwen Transport Company to discuss cooperation. First, we need to buy a large batch of second-hand transportation vehicles from Maiwen Company to ensure land transport, and now we need to buy a cruise ship to ensure sea transport.

This is a bit over the top!

Even the person in charge of the Aisha Chieftaincy State Business Department looked at Mr. Maiwen with a strange expression, and his eyes seemed to say, "Are you kidding me?"

"Mr. Maiwen, is this how your transport company collaborates with others, by first selling them transportation tools?" Dong Tianlu couldn't help but ask.

They were here to discuss cooperation, not to purchase equipment.

Bai Xiaosheng also frowned on the spot.

"No, no, I'm not trying to sell you these things!" Mr. Maiwen quickly waved his hand, smiling as he explained, "These things have already been mortgaged to a third-party company in exchange for working capital. They are currently listed on the auction website, including your Huaxia's Shenbao Net. You can go online and check. We are definitely not trying to sell them to you now; it's just a suggestion! Although the cruise ship is hard to sell, there have been some inquiries, but the price is still being negotiated. I think this business is huge, and with our current transportation capacity, it's probably not going to be enough."

"Can't we just rent a cruise ship from another company?" Bai Xiaosheng replied.

Mr. Maiwen immediately gave a bitter smile and said to Bai Xiaosheng, "Well, all the cargo cruise ships available for rental domestically have been signed by another company, which is currently collaborating with a major enterprise from America."

Bai Xiaosheng remembered that they had talked about this before coming here.

"If we go for international leasing, the process of sailing across the sea, customs inspections, and a series of procedures would be extremely time-consuming even if special procedures are taken, given your need within one to two months. I'm afraid that's not feasible."

While speaking, Mr. Maiwen also glanced at the accompanying official from the Aisha Chieftaincy State.

The official nodded and told Bai Xiaosheng, "Yes, Mr. Bai. Even with all green lights from above, it still requires a review, and two to three months is out of the question."

The reality is right here, and Bai Xiaosheng understood.

Failing to ensure sea transport means limiting the total volume of product transactions, failing to meet the demands of more than a dozen companies. Shipping in batches, prioritizing one over the other, would cause constant conflict.

Alternatively, letting the products stay at the port would multiply the costs absurdly.

In any case, every outcome promises significant trouble.

But buying a cruise ship because of this seems exaggerated. A large-tonnage cruise is no small expense, especially since there's no need for long-term possession...

And purchasing the cruise ship, sharing the costs, would also dissatisfy those dozen companies...

Bai Xiaosheng initially thought there wouldn't be any issues, but now here they were.

"Mr. Maiwen, do you have any other solutions? If not, then forgive us; we can't proceed with further talks at this moment. We need to discuss things back home. There is, of course, a great chance our cooperation will regretfully fall through." Bai Xiaosheng spoke candidly to Mr. Maiwen.

Bai Xiaosheng believed there are always more solutions than problems, you just need to push a little.

Dong Tianlu nodded too, showing signs of getting ready to leave.

Mr. Maiwen instantly panicked.

This business's scale, he could tell upon hearing it, was definitely an international big deal, how could he watch it slip away?

"Mr. Bai, Miss Dong, don't be in such a hurry to leave. Give me some time, give me some time to find a solution, right away!"

Mr. Maiwen quickly stopped the two and smiled apologetically, "The person responsible from the third-party company we've entrusted is also a friend of mine, there are still ways."

Hearing Mr. Maiwen say this, Bai Xiaosheng paused in thought, then nodded, seeming to agree.

Seeing Bai Xiaosheng nod, Dong Tianlu had no more to say.

"Then we'll trouble Mr. Maiwen." Bai Xiaosheng smiled.

"No trouble at all, no trouble at all, please all honored guests, hold on for a moment." Mr. Maiwen chuckled, got up, and left the venue with his phone.

Bai Xiaosheng and Dong Tianlu couldn't help but exchange glances, a hint of amusement in their eyes.

When buying clothes at a stall domestically, if bargaining too hard and the other side doesn't agree, just by putting up the stance of leaving, it often works wonders.

This tactic taken abroad, taken to collaborations worth billions, seems effective as well...

Bai Xiaosheng and Dong Tianlu chatted casually with the official from the Aisha Chieftaincy State as they waited.

Not long after, Mr. Maiwen returned.

His face was adorned with a smile, indicating he had some outcome, likely a favorable one.

After waiting for Mr. Maiwen to sit down, Bai Xiaosheng asked, "Mr. Maiwen, is there a solution to this issue?"

This time, Mr. Maiwen smiled widely, "Mr. Bai, I just discussed with the third-party company's person responsible, and they said you can pay a deposit to temporarily lease the cruise ship, but the usage agreement notes a few restrictive conditions. For example, if overdue returning the ship, or failing to pay the usage fees on time, causing credibility issues, you would have to buy the ship."

From purchasing to renting, this counts as a slight concession from Maiwen, but it still didn't match Bai Xiaosheng and Dong Tianlu's expectations.

Chapter 2503 - There Are More Solutions Than Difficulties (Part 2)

The two of them exchanged a glance, sharing their thoughts through eye contact.

"Then we'll go back and think it over," Bai Xiaosheng said indifferently.

The implication was that they were not satisfied; when they said they would consider it, they meant there was a high possibility they would discuss changing the transportation company.

After all, Mr. Maiwen didn't know that Bai Xiaosheng and his partner approached them at the request of their partner, Yang Corporation, and it would be best to cooperate if possible.

Mr. Maiwen only saw Bai Xiaosheng's lack of interest and Dong Tianlu's impatience, eager to leave, which made him anxious.

If this big order slipped away, he reckoned he'd spend the next six months living in regret, possibly even scolding himself awake in his dreams.

"Mr. Bai, how about this? You sign with them, and we'll cover the rental fee!" Mr. Maiwen gritted his teeth and said, "If you're not reassured, we can pay you all the rental fees upfront!"

With his words, it practically meant they could use the ship for free, which was a big offer coming from a transportation company.

If they further bargained, Mr. Maiwen might lose his sanity.

Bai Xiaosheng glanced at Dong Tianlu, who nodded, indicating it was fine.

Bai Xiaosheng then turned to Mr. Maiwen, smiled brightly, and said, "Since Mr. Maiwen is so sincere, there's no need for us to go back and reconsider. Let's discuss the cooperation terms."

Hearing this, Mr. Maiwen beamed with joy and nodded frequently.

Right there at Maiwen Transport Company, Bai Xiaosheng, Dong Tianlu, and Mr. Maiwen sat together to discuss the terms of the cooperation.

The head of the Aisha Chieftaincy State Business Department, who had come with Bai Xiaosheng, had to leave early due to an urgent matter.

In fact, his appearance showed the department's attention to the matter, ensuring Mr. Maiwen wouldn't dare treat it lightly. Whether he stayed or left was of no consequence now.

To show their gratitude, Bai Xiaosheng and Dong Tianlu escorted the business department head out, and naturally, Mr. Maiwen warmly invited him to visit again next time for work guidance.

After seeing the official off, everyone returned to the negotiation table.

Mr. Maiwen not only called his core team to study the terms but also requested representatives from the third-party company responsible for the sale of transport vehicles and the ship to come over.

Upon hearing about the matter, the third party also showed great importance, specially sending a vice president with several subordinates to arrive.

From morning until afternoon, with barely any time spent on meals, they fully committed to analyzing the terms.

In the end, both sides finally reached an agreement.

With the freshly printed, still warm contracts, Bai Xiaosheng and Dong Tianlu signed their names.

They were fully entrusted to handle this matter, and later, the chamber of commerce would transfer the funds to them, avoiding complicated hurdles.

With the signed contracts in hand, Mr. Maiwen was visibly pleased, tapping the contract with his finger and exclaiming, "It's done!"

Bai Xiaosheng and Dong Tianlu gathered their contracts and didn't notice Mr. Maiwen's expression.

Upon hearing this, Bai Xiaosheng looked up and said, "Mr. Maiwen, please make all necessary preparations on your end. At that time, the transportation will depend on you."

Bai Xiaosheng spoke politely, but in reality, if there were problems in the transportation process, Maiwen Transport Company would be responsible and compensate Bai Xiaosheng and his team.

Hearing this, Mr. Maiwen grinned at Bai Xiaosheng, saying, "Rest assured, we'll make sure vehicles and equipment are checked, and all transit permits are prepared. We are professionals at this. However, you'll initiate the transportation process in three weeks, right? If the cargo isn't ready by then, we can delay by a few days, but not too long. Keeping personnel, vehicles, equipment, and even the ship on standby incurs high costs."

Bai Xiaosheng nodded with a smile and replied, "Okay."

Bai Xiaosheng naturally understood that maintaining a massive fleet of vehicles and drivers on standby, along with various loading and unloading machinery and the ship docked at the port, resulted in large expenditures. Any delay meant the transportation company would incur significant costs.

Therefore, in their contract with the company, if delays were due to Bai Xiaosheng and his team, they would have to compensate the transportation company.

Before signing the contract, Dong Tianlu had actually whispered to Bai Xiaosheng, saying that given Yang Corporation's good cooperation record in the past, such terms were mostly symbolic, and the transportation company wouldn't earn this compensation fee.

Now that the contract was signed, and there were no other matters, Bai Xiaosheng and Dong Tianlu bade farewell to Mr. Maiwen and the vice president of the third-party company.

Mr. Maiwen personally escorted Bai Xiaosheng and Dong Tianlu out of the company, saw them into their car, and watched them leave.

After their car disappeared from view, Mr. Maiwen couldn't help but smile at the third-party company's vice president beside him, as they shook hands.

"Happy cooperation."

"No, it should be said, happy collaboration!"

The two exchanged a knowing smile, their expressions full of deeper meaning.

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On the way back, in the car, Bai Xiaosheng and Dong Tianlu both breathed a sigh of relief.

The matter was finally settled, and they didn't need to make a second trip, which was quite reassuring.

"This time, we can take these transportation contracts and proceed to sign the remaining contracts with Yang Corporation." Dong Tianlu said with a relaxed smile, looking at Bai Xiaosheng, suddenly giving a charming smile, teasing, "Who would have guessed, Mr. Bai, someone so serious, would be full of small tactics during negotiations with Mr. Maiwen, using street bargaining strategies so skillfully."

Chapter 2504 - Solutions Always Outnumber Difficulties (Part 3)

Those words left Bai Xiaosheng both amused and exasperated.

The two of them had had zero communication beforehand yet cooperated seamlessly, and now from Dong Tianlu's mouth, it sounded like he was the only scheming one back then.

"I'm the one who's surprised." Bai Xiaosheng laughed. "I grew up poor, so of course I'm very practiced at all the little tricks of daily life. But you—you're a family-business heir groomed by a rich clan. Even if you don't touch street goods, how come you're so good at this set of skills too?"

Dong Tianlu said with a smiling lilt, "All women love shopping. Haggling with people—the fun isn't about how much money you save, it's about the contest between people. I treat it as a way to relax!"

There are actually people who take this as a way to relax?

Bai Xiaosheng was genuinely at a loss for words and muttered, "I really can't figure out how rich people think."

"Listen to you, as if you're some poor guy." Dong Tianlu rolled her bright eyes playfully and said with a smile.

Having signed a cooperation deal with the transport company, they'd basically completed the "pre-mission" for the partnership with Yang Corporation. Both of them were in a great mood, chatting and laughing, completely at ease.

"Right, Mr. Bai, have you considered joining us in the crude oil and petrochemicals business?" Dong Tianlu started off joking, then suddenly shifted to the main topic. "We've already analyzed the international landscape. In the next one to two years, there'll be a window of opportunity—huge profits. You've got resources in Europe and the US, we've got domestic channels. Scaling up won't be an issue. If you come on board, the earnings from this business will increase by at least another big chunk!"

Hearing that, Bai Xiaosheng immediately laughed. "If I join this business, wouldn't I be taking a slice of your cake? Your Dong Family might not care, but what about the others? I'd be making some money while offending friends—a bad trade. Besides, there are tons of industries in this world, and plenty make as much or more than this. Why should I jump in right now and grab a piece? If what you want is customer resources, I can give them to you for free."

Dong Tianlu's brows arched slightly.

Bai Xiaosheng said it so lightly, but that was a ton of money we're talking about—he's really not tempted?

Dong Tianlu stared at Bai Xiaosheng and clicked her tongue in admiration. "No wonder you're so young and already serving as regional executive president of Zhenbei Group, while building ties with major business tycoons all over Tiannan and beyond, at home and abroad. That kind of mind and vision, I truly respect!"

Faced with Dong Tianlu's lavish praise, Bai Xiaosheng simply smiled.

Letting others make money—that's where trust begins.

But that didn't mean that Bai Xiaosheng only collected goodwill and not actual benefits.

Of course Bai Xiaosheng knew exactly how big the business opportunity Dong Tianlu mentioned was, and he also knew those dozen or so companies weren't just sourcing from Yang Corporation; they were also buying from other countries and regions. Put together, the total business volume far surpassed what a single Yang Corporation could provide.

If he could help them find bigger buyers, the business would snowball even more!

Bai Xiaosheng had already thought it through.

The Luo Family in Europe, the Qin Family in South America, the Bai Family in North America, and most importantly the Wei Family—all had dabbled in related businesses. He was going to connect Dong Tianlu and her people with those major families.

That way, both sides would profit.

And Bai Xiaosheng would receive reciprocal favors from those families.

Among them, the key was the Wei Family. Bai Xiaosheng could trade all this for the youthful years of his future wife, Wei Xuelian. That mattered far more than money.

In fact, those major Chinese-origin families all knew each other. The older generation were even close as brothers. When Bai Xiaosheng visited Sir Wei, he had met Luo Yuefeng of the Luo Family, Madam Qin of the Qin Family, and Bai Yuefeng of the Bai Family.

By rights, their businesses could directly connect. But in reality, most of their cooperation was "small-time stuff," with no truly large-scale dealings.

Bai Xiaosheng had looked into it. The older generation, in order to preserve their relationships, had made an agreement: when it came to each family's lifeline businesses, they would not engage with one another, and would even avoid contact, so as not to have a "king-meets-king" situation.

Because where there's profit, there's conflict, and if you end up tearing each other apart for profit, you both lose.

It's like lions and tigers—they don't team up to hunt.

Better to keep their distance and stay safe.

It was precisely because of that kind of relationship that when Bai Xiaosheng positioned himself as a transfer hub, brokering business between those families, he actually became even more welcome.

Of course, Dong Tianlu had no idea that under Bai Xiaosheng's broad-minded stance, he wasn't losing out on profits at all.

Just as Dong Tianlu was still enthusiastically praising Bai Xiaosheng, his phone rang.

Dong Tianlu instantly stopped talking.

Bai Xiaosheng gave her an apologetic smile, took out his phone, and saw that the caller was actually Chen Feiqiu. He immediately picked up and put it to his ear.

On the other end came Chen Feiqiu's roar—

"Where the hell did you run off to again! You brushed me off yesterday, and today you're gone without a trace! We're doing skewers tonight, you coming or not?!"

Chapter 2505 - Beer and Barbecue

Bai Xiaosheng and Dong Tianlu returned to the business group's residence; it was already five in the afternoon. The two of them gathered the other ten entrepreneurs who signed with the Yang Corporation to detail the signing situation at Maiwen Transport Company.

Actually, during the negotiations with Mr. Maiwen, Bai Xiaosheng and Dong Tianlu informed everyone of crucial terms through chat software. What they were to discuss now was just a supplement.

Everyone was quite satisfied with the final result and expressed their thanks to Bai Xiaosheng.

In this back-and-forth exchange with everyone, another hour slipped by.

As they finished and dispersed, Bai Xiaosheng received another phone call.

The caller was naturally Chen Feiqiu.

Bai Xiaosheng talked to Chen Feiqiu while briskly walking, and under his urging, he called Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying, then went out together to catch a taxi, following the address given by Chen Feiqiu.

There are night markets abroad too.

And at this time, it's not too late.

The taxi carrying Bai Xiaosheng and the others stopped near the destination, at the street entrance, as the driver indicated he could not go further inside without getting stuck.

Looking inside, the street appeared narrow, crowded with people, and no cars could be seen. Indeed, driving further inside would probably cause a deadlock.

The three of them got out of the car and walked inside.

Walking around and searching, they finally found the store Chen Feiqiu mentioned after walking down half the street. Actually, there was no need to look for it deliberately since the white smoke there wafted in the air, and the scent reached them from afar.

It's the aroma of barbecue.

"Wow, the feeling hits me right away. My stomach is already growling!" Lin Weiwei couldn't help but exclaim excitedly.

"Restrain yourself, be restrained," Bai Xiaosheng smiled at her.

His words made it seem like being with him meant not having a decent meal or affording meat.

"We haven't had dinner yet, and now the smell of meat hits me. You're asking me to be restrained?" Lin Weiwei shook her head, "I can't do it."

"Anyway, don't get too excited. You're drawing too much attention by shouting," Lei Ying humorously reminded her.

There were women on the street, but they were all bundled up tightly. Bai Xiaosheng made Lin Weiwei change into sportswear when they left, a non-revealing outfit. He also gave her a hat to wear, considering safety and convenience.

At the moment, Lin Weiwei's walking was normal and didn't attract much attention. But her voice and excitement drew many examining glances around them.

She might attract some misbehaving fellows and cause trouble.

"What's there to fear," Lin Weiwei wasn't concerned, "With you two by my side, no one on the whole street dare to mess with me."

Bai Xiaosheng and Lei Ying exchanged amused glances.

It turned out this girl took them as her confidence.

They approached the barbecue place, where many people were already gathered. A three-meter-long grill roared at the wide entrance, with red-hot coal and pieces of meat sizzling and glistening with oil, the smell and smoke permeating the senses, enticing one's taste buds and tempting the stomach.

Bai Xiaosheng and Lei Ying also suddenly felt hungry; Lin Weiwei, being a meat-lover, had her beautiful eyes gleaming, staring eagerly.

Bai Xiaosheng led the two through the chaotic waiting crowd in front of the grill to the side where a tent was set up, with tables and number plaques corresponding to the seating arrangement.

Bai Xiaosheng scanned around, searching for Chen Feiqiu.

"Unexpectedly, the barbecue stall at this night market has such a sophisticated seating arrangement. It looks quite clean here, and it's spacious inside. Why does it seem like there aren't many people? Others are crowding in front of the stall, I see many people eating there," Lin Weiwei curiously remarked.

Lei Ying looked around and affirmed, "Because here it costs money!"

"How do you know?" Lin Weiwei asked, surprised.

"It's written on a sign there," Lei Ying motioned with his lips, "These are two businesses: one selling barbecue, the other renting out tables."

"Is that even a thing?" Lin Weiwei widened her eyes incredulously.

While they were talking, Bai Xiaosheng spotted Chen Feiqiu, who had also seen him and stood up, waving with a smile.

"This guy knows where to sit, under the lights, or else it would be hard to find him in this environment," Bai Xiaosheng chuckled, making a small joke.

Actually, no matter how dark the environment and despite Chen Feiqiu's dark complexion, Bai Xiaosheng could swiftly locate him with Red Lotus's help.

The three walked over.

Chen Feiqiu greeted them with a wide grin, showing a set of neat white teeth, "It's so hard to invite you guys, Mr. Bai is either too busy to meet or too busy for me to reach."

"But you got us now. Don't worry, we'll eat so much you'll be scared to invite us again," Bai Xiaosheng teased.

"Then you'll have to treat me," Chen Feiqiu chuckled.

In conversation, the four took seats. Someone came over, respectfully bowed, then handed out menus to each person, all written in Chinese with various types of barbecue, beef, lamb, camel, and some local poultry and livestock meat, even lobster and oysters.

"Is the service here this good?" Lin Weiwei watched as the person who delivered the menu stood respectfully by, and couldn't help but whisper behind the menu to Bai Xiaosheng, "And there's a menu in Chinese!"

Bai Xiaosheng wasn't surprised, he merely smiled, continued perusing the menu, "Money can achieve anything."

Chapter 2506 - Beer and Barbecue (Part 2)

"I hired him to bring us the barbecue. Otherwise it'd be a pain standing over there waiting and we wouldn't enjoy eating." Chen Feiqiu directly explained to Lin Weiwei. "I also prepared the menu, and I brought part of the ingredients myself."

So that was it, no wonder.

Lin Weiwei shrugged.

When they were ordering, Chen Feiqiu kindly reminded them that the skewers here were big, so everyone should start with two, try the taste and how well it was grilled, see if the spices suited them, and then order more after they finished.

Bai Xiaosheng and Lei Ying both accepted his suggestion.

"I'm starving, I can't wait." Lin Weiwei ordered ten skewers straight away.

Ordering two by two felt way too stingy to her.

Chen Feiqiu burst out laughing on the spot, but didn't say anything.

Bai Xiaosheng and Lei Ying naturally didn't think much of it either.

When the skewers came up, Lin Weiwei's eyes went wide, and Bai Xiaosheng and Lei Ying were also stunned.

These weren't the small lamb skewers back in China; they were chunks of meat strung on the stick, each piece about as big as Lin Weiwei's fist.

Ten skewers piled on one plate, stacked up like a little mountain.

And that was just one type of meat.

Lin Weiwei had ordered several kinds.

The guy hired by Chen Feiqiu ran back and forth several times, and soon there wasn't a single empty spot left on the table in front of Lin Weiwei, just heaps of meat mountains.

Lin Weiwei was completely dumbfounded.

Seeing this, the other three burst out laughing.

"No more, don't bring any more!" Lin Weiwei cried out in shock, frantically waving at the waiter bringing dishes.

Chen Feiqiu also told the guy to stop serving, and even had him take away two plates to clear some space on the table.

"Come on, taste our African barbecue. This is a locally secret spice mix—dip it in that and it's even better."

As he spoke, Chen Feiqiu also asked the guy to bring beer.

Locally brewed beer that had been chilled in the fridge in advance, ice-cold and with a great mouthfeel.

Beer with barbecue—one of life's great pleasures.

The three of them and Chen Feiqiu tucked in heartily, chatting about fun stories from all over the world as they drank.

Once they had something in their stomachs, the four of them started playing finger-guessing games and other little drinking games, laughter ringing out again and again.

By the end, they were all slightly tipsy.

Patting Bai Xiaosheng, Chen Feiqiu slurred, "I more or less... should head home now. Consider this our last drink before I go. I saw the news, I know the next few countries your Huaxia Business Group is going to visit... you'll pass by my home. When you get there, I—I'll treat you again, to some really good booze!"

"I'll be... waiting." Bai Xiaosheng, also a bit tongue-tied, replied, "And while we're at it, let me say goodbye—wish you a smooth journey!"

Chen Feiqiu thumped Bai Xiaosheng on the shoulder, taking it as thanks.

"Chen Feiqiu, where exactly is your hometown?" Lin Weiwei asked from the side.

Chen Feiqiu stared straight at her, thought blankly for a while, then said, "For...got. But you guys will pass by there..."

"Then what's your real name?" Lei Ying asked as well.

Scratching his face, Chen Feiqiu wailed a little, "I think... I forgot that too."

You can forget that as well?

With a "thunk," Lin Weiwei slammed the beer bottle down in front of him. "Forgot? You, three drinks as punishment!"

They joked and laughed, and time flew by.

The once-boisterous street was starting to empty out.

Unlike back in Huaxia, here it started to quiet down after nine, and after ten there were hardly any people around.

Just as the four of them were about to wrap things up, several people walked into the tent.

At the front was a young Black man dressed very fashionably, and the few following behind him all looked like trouble.

As soon as they came in, they started hollering loudly.

"Didn't expect there'd still be a barbecue place open here! Don't all the shops around here usually close around nine?"

"Must be they stayed open just for us—perfect, I'm starving!"

"Once we've eaten and drunk our fill, let's go find a few pretty chicks. It's gonna be a great night!"

Their words were accompanied by unrestrained laughter.

Aside from Bai Xiaosheng's table, the people at the other two tables, seeing these guys were bad news, hurriedly got up and left.

Which left the four of them suddenly standing out.

"Oh? Yellow skin, Asians." The young man in the lead snapped his fingers.

The few at Bai Xiaosheng's table ignored them.

Among those newcomers, someone went to the barbecue shop to ask for food, but came back cursing, saying there wasn't much left.

The guy hired by Chen Feiqiu happened to be carrying out a big box of raw meat and seafood.

Generous as he was, and also pretty kind, Chen Feiqiu was giving away a large amount of the leftover ingredients to him. The guy was delighted, saying he'd bring them home for his wife and kids, and thanked them over and over.

Before these people arrived, he had already carried off one box, and now he was coming for the second.

But the newcomers saw this, and one of them immediately jumped out to block his way.

"Isn't that meat, and seafood too! Where are you taking that?!" the man demanded, eyes wide.

The hired guy gave a fawning smile. "Sir, I don't work for the barbecue place. This is my own stuff, I'm taking it home..."

"Sell it to us!" The Black man in the lead pulled out some cash and slapped it on the table.

The hired guy kept smiling nervously. "It's not for sale..."

"Cut the crap!" The one blocking his way was already impatient. He snatched the box away in one grab, and someone else picked up the money on the table and tossed it at him.

"It really isn't for sale!" The hired guy was getting anxious now and lunged to grab it back, but a big burly man from their group stepped in, blocked him, and gave him a hard shove.

The man staggered forward and was sent stumbling, just as Bai Xiaosheng and the others were lifting their glasses for a final farewell drink—he crashed right into Chen Feiqiu's back.

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So Chen Feiqiu and the table, along with the leftover scraps, ended up crashing to the ground.

Bai Xiaosheng and the other two stared dumbfounded at the mess, quickly tossing aside their glasses and helping Chen Feiqiu up.

Chen Feiqiu's forehead, who knows where it got scraped, was bleeding.

Lin Weiwei quickly wiped it for him.

Though Chen Feiqiu was somewhat drunk, the pain woke him up, and he became furious, glaring at the person who bumped into him.

The man was also frightened, kept apologizing, and pointed at the people over there, saying, "They grabbed my stuff and pushed me over. Mister, it's not my fault."

Chen Feiqiu and Bai Xiaosheng's group immediately looked toward that crowd.

That group had a nonchalant attitude, even jeering, as if enjoying the spectacle.

"I'm so angry! I still have to go home, and now my face is messed up!" Chen Feiqiu fumed.

"Calm down first, we'll take care of it!" Bai Xiaosheng urged.

Anger is bad for your health, especially after drinking so much, it's crucial to stay calm and restrained.

Bai Xiaosheng and his group spoke in Chinese, those people couldn't understand, but all eyes suddenly focused on Lin Weiwei.

"Oh, it's a woman!"

"Such a fair chick, a Huaxia woman!"

"Coming out so late at night, she sure has guts!"

"Obviously not decent, able to hang with them, why not hang with us? We'll pay you double!"

Those guys got excited like a bunch of alley cats, starting to whistle.

Earlier in the chaos, Lin Weiwei's hat fell off, her waterfall-like black hair stood out under the lights, not to mention she had drunk a fair bit too, with a rosy blush on her cheeks, looking incredibly charming.

Their calls grew increasingly excited, some even making obscene gestures towards Lin Weiwei, laughing recklessly.

Lin Weiwei was furious, ready to head over.

Bai Xiaosheng grabbed her, nodded towards Lei Ying, "Teach them a lesson!"

There's no point in being calm now, no room for restraint!

Lei Ying looked at Chen Feiqiu, "Earlier you asked me how much Huaxia Kung Fu I know, let me show you,"

Chen Feiqiu got excited instantly, clapping in approval.

Without another word, Lei Ying turned and ran towards those guys.

"Whoa, this Huaxia guy wants to fight us!"

"Haha, what's he thinking, one versus six!"

"That's hilarious."

Those people laughed recklessly.

But within five minutes, they were no longer laughing, lying askew on the ground, moaning and wailing.

The leader, a young black man, directly hid under the table, holding his head.

Lei Ying didn't give them much thought, finished them off and returned.

Chen Feiqiu watched with delight, his head had stopped bleeding, not a big deal.

"It's about time, we should go," Bai Xiaosheng patted Chen Feiqiu's shoulder, "Next time we pass by your place, we'll drink again."

"Definitely!" Chen Feiqiu patted Bai Xiaosheng's back.

The four of them exited the tent, Chen Feiqiu pointed in a direction, saying to Bai Xiaosheng and the others, "You head out that way, you can get a cab outside. I'll leave from this side, it's closer."

Bai Xiaosheng glanced back at the people down on the ground in the tent, insisting that Chen Feiqiu leave first.

After watching Chen Feiqiu disappear from view, Bai Xiaosheng and the other two finally left.

However, just after Bai Xiaosheng's group left, Chen Feiqiu returned again.

At this moment, those previously downed people were just supporting each other to stand, each grimacing.

One with keen eyes saw Chen Feiqiu staggering back alone, immediately shouted, "That guy's back again!"

The crowd all looked over, each with a sinister look in their eyes, seeming to have found a way to vent their anger.

Earlier, that Huaxia man was really formidable, practically like a beast in human form, scaring them.

But now, that Huaxia big guy is not here!

This grudge, seems like it may soon be resolved!

"I'm... here to... tell you," Chen Feiqiu slurred, "you guys are really pathetic!"

"Get him!" The crowd immediately growled lowly.

Chen Feiqiu shook his head and sighed.

Behind him began to appear one figure after another.

The crowd who wanted to vent their anger on Chen Feiqiu immediately looked dumbfounded.

With a frown, Chen Feiqiu drunkenly said to them, "Look at you lot, causing a scene, messing up my last drink, making me neglect my friends, and you even broke my head. Before leaving, I can't let this slide!"

Chen Feiqiu waved his hand, saying to the people behind him, "Teach them a lesson."

"To what extent?" Someone respectfully asked.

Chen Feiqiu pondered hard, then smiled broadly, "Just leave them breathing."

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On the day Bai Xiaosheng and Dong Tianlu went to Maiwen Transport Company to discuss cooperation, the rest of their business group wasn't idle; they continued as planned, examining the remaining enterprises of Yang Corporation in the Aisha Emirate.

However, it was just a cursory inspection, and no contracts were signed.

Previously, Yang Xiaoyun had mentioned that initially, they would sign about a fifth of the cooperation contracts. Then, they would wait for Bai Xiaosheng and the others to secure the transportation contracts to resolve transportation issues before signing the rest, to avoid insufficient transport capacity that would hinder cooperation.

This was quite reasonable.

The day after Bai Xiaosheng and Dong Tianlu secured the transportation company contract, the cooperation conditions with Yang Corporation were more or less reached. The two began to contact Yang Xiaoyun on behalf of the business group, preparing to sign the remaining contracts and quickly initiate the first phase of cooperation.

However, when Bai Xiaosheng called, Yang Xiaoyun's side could never be reached.

Dong Tianlu contacted other people in Yang Corporation and received the reply that Mr. Yang had urgent matters, was on the way back to the group headquarters, and was likely on a plane. They promised to convey the messages as soon as contact was made.

Bai Xiaosheng, Dong Tianlu, and the group waited from morning to noon, then from noon to evening, but no message came from the other side.

Dong Tianlu contacted Yang Corporation again for inquiries and was told that as soon as they could reach Yang Xiaoyun, they would reply.

Actually, the contract signing with Yang Corporation was off to a good start, and there was no need to rush or worry too much since it was a big company that had previously cooperated with many of their people.

So Bai Xiaosheng and Dong Tianlu decided not to reach out again that day.

After all, they had proactively contacted twice in one day, and calling again might appear too anxious and lacking in composure.

Others felt the same way.

The next day, according to the original plan, the group visited other enterprises in the Aisha Emirate, remaining busy all day until returning to their base at dusk.

Bai Xiaosheng and Dong Tianlu tried to contact Yang Corporation again, and the response was no different from the previous day.

Was Yang Xiaoyun still on the road, and could it be that the Yang Corporation headquarters was on Mars with such a long journey?

The two couldn't help but feel suspicious.

"Is something going on with the Yang Family? Yang Xiaoyun returns but is unreachable, and we can't get in touch. If we can't reach him, how do we explain to others? Everyone was enthusiastic, thinking they'd soon sign a big deal with the Yang Family, and have even begun to activate clients and channels on the domestic side. Now there's no word, who can stand it?!" Dong Tianlu frowned as he spoke to Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng frowned and remained silent, searching for news on his phone.

In fact, the speed of information search in Bai Xiaosheng's mind was even faster.

Recently, there was no explosive news about the Yang Family. At most, it was about their head currently participating in the Europe-America Chamber of Commerce, meeting some business magnates, or having friendly exchanges. Nothing major had happened.

Yang Xiaoyun being unreachable probably wasn't related to the Yang Family...

Dong Tianlu continued to speak to Bai Xiaosheng, "The batch of second-hand vehicles from Maiwen Transport Company has already arrived and is being reconditioned. The second-hand cruise ship has also left the home port for inspection and will soon head to the designated port. Although the chartering cost isn't ours to bear, the docking costs are, and those aren't small amounts. The third-party auction company has formally handed over a document, reiterating breach of contract issues. If they occur, we'll have no choice but to buy the cruise ship."

Bai Xiaosheng nodded repeatedly.

"Don't stay silent. What do you think about this matter?" Dong Tianlu demanded from Bai Xiaosheng, arms crossed.

"Let's wait a bit longer. It might just be a coincidence that we contacted him while Yang Xiaoyun was busy these past two days. Don't overthink. See if any news comes tomorrow."

Bai Xiaosheng reassured Dong Tianlu with a smile.

Dong Tianlu looked slightly relieved and nodded.

The higher the position, the more one should remain calm when encountering issues. Without concrete information, one shouldn't speculate wildly or worry unnecessarily. In this regard, Bai Xiaosheng did well, earning silent praise from Dong Tianlu.

Another day passed.

As noon approached, Bai Xiaosheng was preparing the next trip in his temporary office when he heard hurried footsteps approaching.

Then, his office door was suddenly pushed open, and a figure rushed in, shouting loudly—

"Bai Xiaosheng, something's happened!"

The shout startled Lin Weiwei, who was beside Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng recognized the visitor—Dong Tianlu, who now held a phone, clearly looking both angry and shocked.

"What's the matter?" Bai Xiaosheng stood up in surprise.

In his impression, Dong Tianlu was always a composed woman of great capability, never behaving in such a manner.

What could have agitated her?

Taking quick strides, Dong Tianlu approached, and Lin Weiwei quickly made way for her to reach Bai Xiaosheng.

"Look at this, this is news from half an hour ago!" Dong Tianlu handed her phone to Bai Xiaosheng, letting him see the content on it.

Dong Tianlu's face was stern, teeth gritted, "Yang Corporation signed an energy trading agreement with several large American companies, claiming they would achieve transport within a week. The involved Yang Corporation enterprises are precisely those in the Aisha Emirate that we visited days ago! Originally set to cooperate with us!"

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Lin Weiwei was wide-eyed with disbelief at the words.

Lin Weiwei had also learned from Bai Xiaosheng about all cooperation matters with Yang Corporation, including the collaboration with Maiwen Transport Company.

"Isn't Yang Corporation supposed to do business here with us?!" Lin Weiwei exclaimed in amazement.

"But we have only signed a very small part of the contract with them until now!" Dong Tianlu gritted her teeth in anger, "They also gave us conditions regarding transportation, asked us to sign with the transport company, and then couldn't be contacted. They even ran to sign cooperation with the Americans. These bastards!"

Lin Weiwei hurriedly said, "Miss Dong, don't rush, maybe they just sold part of the production capacity to North America..."

Dong Tianlu looked at Bai Xiaosheng browsing the news, suppressed the anger in her heart, and told Lin Weiwei, "In the news, their transactions with American companies account for ninety percent of the production capacity here, leaving almost nothing for us! We investigated the production capacity here before, so we know!"

Lin Weiwei was speechless.

"Could it be that Yang Corporation wants to collaborate with us on products from other countries and regions?" Lin Weiwei suggested.

Yang Corporation's related industries also exist in other countries.

Dong Tianlu's face turned somewhat pale, "If that's the case, why would we use Maiwen Transport Company in Aisha Emirate!"

In Dong Tianlu's view, there was no misunderstanding; the Yang Family was just feigning interest, leaving them aside, and seeking another partner.

"Do they really dare to abandon so many Huaxia partners? To give up the Huaxia market?!"

Lin Weiwei couldn't help but gasp, a little unbelieving.

Dong Tianlu didn't speak, Bai Xiaosheng already lifted his head to answer her question, "Yang Corporation released a strategic report two months ago, where their chairman mentioned shifting the strategy with a new focus on the European and American markets. I just didn't expect them to act so swiftly. It seems, if they can open the Western market with the existing business, in their eyes, it's worthwhile."

Dong Tianlu couldn't help but become very angry, "But sacrificing our interests isn't right! Even if they want to replace us with other partners, why did they engage with us beforehand, sign parts of the contract, and have us run the transport channels, which aren't important to them? They should know we've invested significantly in preparation over these days, from channels to the market and clients. This is commercial fraud!"

Before Bai Xiaosheng could respond, footsteps were heard outside the door.

"Mr. Bai, there's trouble!"

"Mr. Bai, Yang Corporation signed with someone else!"

"How could the Yang Family do this!"

Along with clamorous voices, Lu Tiandao, Zhang Qinglin, and others pushed the door open, each of them filled with righteous indignation.

It seemed they also received the news.

Dong Tianlu and Lin Weiwei looked toward Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng bypassed the desk and came forward to face those people.

"Everyone, please calm down and don't rush, we will contact the Yang Family immediately!" Bai Xiaosheng frowned slightly, speaking in a deep voice, "I want to ask them clearly!"

This time, instead of calling Yang Xiaoyun himself, Bai Xiaosheng contacted through Hou Yuncheng, relaying calls through the Aisha Chieftaincy State Business Department.

Finally, he reached Yang Xiaoyun.

"Mr. Yang, I heard your corporation signed with European and American companies to sell products there, is this true?" Bai Xiaosheng asked directly, his voice cold, "Then what does that mean for us?"

On the other end of the phone, Yang Xiaoyun was neither surprised nor angry, cheerfully explaining to Bai Xiaosheng, "Oh, Mr. Bai, you see, this matter wasn't decided by me. I was following the board's arrangements. Besides, the contract we signed isn't problematic; we will fulfill whatever we've signed. Our cooperation is just somewhat less compared to previous years."

Just less?

For this, Bai Xiaosheng and his team purchased a large number of specialized transport vehicles, even if they were second-hand, each costing millions, the total was a significant investment.

Moreover, they signed for a second-hand cruise ship.

"Mr. Yang, we complied with your transportation conditions. Were you just using us to fulfill your commitments in Aisha Emirate?" Bai Xiaosheng asked in a deep voice.

Beside him, Lu Tiandao and the others were visibly angry and voiced their condemnations.

"The Yang Family is too much!"

"This is commercial fraud!"

"Not cooperating with us and deceiving us, disgraceful!"

These voices were loud, surely audible to Yang Xiaoyun.

In fact, Bai Xiaosheng heard Yang Xiaoyun let out a soft laugh, with a tinge of mockery.

He was laughing at them!

Bai Xiaosheng's expression became even colder.

"Mr. Bai, regarding the previous matters, I am very sorry. Maybe there were some communication issues between us. Now, we will fulfill the agreements according to the contract, completing what we've signed. Even if you resort to legal action, we have no fault. Signing with the transport company was merely accepting my personal verbal suggestions. Without written constraints, you can't hold us accountable."

Yang Xiaoyun became quite impolite.

Indeed, the contracts and agreements Bai Xiaosheng and his team had with the Yang Family, the actual signed parts were limited.

Any unapproved agreements between both parties were null and void, mere scraps of paper.

Bai Xiaosheng's voice turned serious, "Mr. Yang, are you really going to do this? I can tell you solemnly, you are angering me, and pissing off everyone involved! The losses that will result from this will far exceed your estimates! This is my solemn warning!"

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Bai Xiaosheng's words were echoed by those around him.

Dong Tianlu, Lu Tiandao, Zhang Qinglin and the others were really furious.

If Bai Xiaosheng had helped everyone close the deal, they would have thanked him, but not felt this united against a common enemy.

The Yang Family truly, unintentionally, brought everyone together around Bai Xiaosheng.

"Are you trying to scare me, Mr. Bai." Yang Xiaoyun chuckled on the other end of the phone, "We haven't done anything wrong. Even if you take us to the international court, or engage with us through the Aisha Emirate, we're not afraid. A contract is a contract, we're merely abiding by it! If you have other means, go ahead and use them! The Yang Family doesn't fear!"

Yang Xiaoyun made her stance clear.

We're deceiving you, if you have a way, bring it on.

Who says those who do big things don't play dirty?

"Fine!" Bai Xiaosheng replied with just one word.

"If there's nothing else, forgive my absence. I have to negotiate business with clients from America." Yang Xiaoyun chuckled and hung up the phone.

Bai Xiaosheng put down the phone, his gaze darkening.

Thousands of miles away, Yang Xiaoyun put down her phone, her smile filled with delight.

Beside her, Yang Yishan sneered, "Those people even contacted us through the Aisha Chieftaincy State Business Department. It's ridiculous, they are all as stupid as pigs, who's to blame!"

Yang Yishan laughed again, "You used to say Bai Xiaosheng was quite special, making you somewhat apprehensive, but now he's just angrily staring with no solution."

Yang Xiaoyun smirked at the words.

"Before this, I was only worried he might notice something amiss and create trouble. When I was dominating the business world, he was still playing in the mud somewhere. You think I would really fear him?"

Yang Xiaoyun laughed, "Now it seems nothing more than that. This mocking is quite satisfying, I really want to see the look on that young man's face now."

"He's definitely fuming." Yang Yishan grinned.

"Hmph, judging by his tone, he wants revenge against our Yang Family." Yang Xiaoyun laughed, "He doesn't yet know how big the trouble he's about to face!"

Bai Xiaosheng, mocked by this father and daughter, was currently surrounded by people, listening to their indignant voices.

"Mr. Bai, there's another piece of news!" Lin Weiwei suddenly exclaimed in surprise.

Everyone couldn't help but turn to look.

Lin Weiwei read out the news to everyone, "Maiwen Transport Company has formally signed an acquisition agreement with Yang Corporation, being acquired by the Yang Corporation..."

With just one sentence, everyone, including Bai Xiaosheng, was shocked.

Then immediately furious.

The Yang Corporation used them to reach an agreement with the Aisha Emirate. Not only that, Yang acquired Maiwen Transport Company, surely planned all along, and tricked them into buying all the second-hand vehicles, making them help upgrade the equipment.

Their intentions are truly reprehensible!

Everyone present was about to explode with anger, even the most composed businessmen began angrily cursing.

"Everyone!" Bai Xiaosheng suddenly shouted.

Everyone stopped and looked at him.

"Now it seems, this issue doesn't just harm our interests, it insults our dignity!" Bai Xiaosheng said coldly, "We can't let anyone think we Huaxia businessmen can be easily bullied and manipulated!"

"Now, I want all of you to follow my lead!"

"I want to make Yang Corporation beg for cooperation, regret their decision!"

For the first time, Bai Xiaosheng spoke tough in front of everyone.

Everyone looked at each other.

Dong Tianlu said through gritted teeth, "If we don't get over this anger, I'll be upset inside, I'm willing to vent my anger along with Mr. Bai!"

The big businessmen present suddenly released their emotions—

"Me too!"

"I'm in as well!"

"This anger must be released!"

