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Chapter 2511 Trouble Arrives

West Africa Yang Corporation, despite being a world-class conglomerate with a renowned reputation, has behaved shamelessly this time. Not only did they break their promises, but they also exploited the commercial trust of Chinese merchants, treating everyone like fools and making them foot the bill for a series of their interests.

Knowing full well that Chinese merchants have no possibility of lodging a complaint, Yang Xiaoyun's ironic remarks further added fuel to the fire.

This immediately enraged Bai Xiaosheng and a dozen other Chinese merchants.

Everyone was filled with righteous indignation, and vowed to fully support Bai Xiaosheng in seeking justice from the Yang Corporation.

Initially, Bai Xiaosheng intended to bring everyone into his business alliance.

Unexpectedly, what brought everyone together closely beside Bai Xiaosheng was not smooth cooperation, but a united stance against adversity.

"Everyone, leave this matter to me to handle!" Bai Xiaosheng said loudly after everyone expressed their stance, "You all should head back first, calm down a bit, and prepare for the upcoming inspections. Don't let this matter harm your health or incite anger! Because in this matter, it's not about being angry with them, but about retaliating in kind, making them feel the pain! I will plan carefully, and when there's a need for you to step in, I will definitely let you all know!"

Seeking justice from the Yang Corporation isn't a matter of a moment; it can't be rushed. The stronger the opponent, the more one needs to remain calm.

We are adults, and moreover, mature merchants with notable reputations. We've weathered all kinds of storms; even if we're furious, we can quickly return to rationality.

After hearing Bai Xiaosheng, everyone immediately nodded, ceasing their clamoring.

Furthermore, everyone knows Bai Xiaosheng; he's someone who dared to stir up trouble in the South American and North American business circles alone, like Nezha stirring the sea. Everyone believes he won't let it end like this and there will inevitably be a retaliatory action. There's immense "trust," and great anticipation in this aspect.

After Bai Xiaosheng's appeasement, everyone gradually departed, but Dong Tianlu remained.

Because Dong Tianlu went with Bai Xiaosheng to handle everything, she was more exasperated than anyone else; moreover, being a woman, her emotions were even higher.

Thus, Dong Tianlu wanted to stay a bit longer to understand Bai Xiaosheng's upcoming thoughts.

After sending everyone off, Dong Tianlu chatted briefly with Bai Xiaosheng, but before getting to the main topic, someone arrived.

The one who arrived was none other than Hou Yuncheng.

"Sheng, I heard that you were tricked by the Yang Corporation?" Hou Yuncheng, upon seeing Bai Xiaosheng, didn't waste time and asked straight to the point, frowning.

Presumably, someone among the dozen peers reported the situation to Hou Yuncheng.

"You could say that." Bai Xiaosheng didn't hide anything and explained the ins and outs to Hou Yuncheng.

"This is outrageous! Absolutely outrageous!" Hou Yuncheng's face showed a trace of anger, his brows furrowed, "How can Chinese merchants let others bully us like this? I'll report upwards right now, no matter what, I must seek justice for you all!"

While speaking, Hou Yuncheng was about to leave.

Bai Xiaosheng stopped him.

"Director Hou, I don't want you to intervene in this matter." Bai Xiaosheng said.

Hou Yuncheng immediately frowned at Bai Xiaosheng, puzzled, "Why? Sheng, do you want to let it go? This not only damages everyone's interests but also undermines everyone's honor, and Huaxia is behind you all!"

Hou Yuncheng seemed genuinely angry.

Dong Tianlu couldn't help but be moved.

Being a Huaxia merchant, having such staunch support from one's own people was touching and inspiring.

"Director Hou, I don't want you to get involved, for two reasons."

Bai Xiaosheng was equally appreciative of Hou Yuncheng's attitude but still insisted on his decision.

"Tell me!" Hou Yuncheng suppressed his anger.

"Firstly, the Yang Corporation hasn't violated any commercial laws; they haven't breached contracts nor committed any crimes. Even if we resort to international courts or put pressure on someone, it ultimately won't help. They might even resort to media to turn it around. By then, they become the underdogs, the victims. We become the overly aggressive party."

Bai Xiaosheng's analysis made Hou Yuncheng's face pale with anger, yet he couldn't deny the high possibility.

Indeed, legally speaking, Yang Corporation was blameless; even if higher-ups protested and pressured, ultimately, the matter might end inconclusively.

Not being able to hurt the Yang Corporation in the slightest is the most infuriating aspect.

"Secondly." Bai Xiaosheng suddenly smiled; however, the smile was filled with coldness, "If we solve this through your channels, how do we vent our anger in our own way?"

Bai Xiaosheng's voice was eerily calm, "Wouldn't that be too easy on them!"

Speaking such words, Bai Xiaosheng exuded an aura of fierceness, making one feel awed.

Dong Tianlu, who had seen all kinds of characters, found herself involuntarily intrigued by Bai Xiaosheng, feeling a chill.

Hou Yuncheng stared at Bai Xiaosheng, but Bai Xiaosheng calmly returned the gaze.

Finally, Hou Yuncheng patted Bai Xiaosheng's shoulder, "I'm heading back; regarding this matter... I'll pretend I don't know."

Before leaving, Hou Yuncheng paused his steps, without turning his head, said to Bai Xiaosheng, "If you need anything, come to me; I'm always your support!"

Bai Xiaosheng smiled slightly, nodding slightly at Hou Yuncheng's back, "Thank you!"

Without looking back, Hou Yuncheng left.

Bai Xiaosheng turned to Dong Tianlu, "Dong Jie, what were you about to say to me earlier?"

Dong Tianlu stayed, initially to ask Bai Xiaosheng about his upcoming plans, to give him some advice; now recalling Bai Xiaosheng's fierce aura, she shrugged immediately, "Nothing. On how to retaliate, just decide for yourself. I'll be responsible for contacting others, making sure you can command everyone like an arm."

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Bai Xiaosheng nodded and smiled, "Then thank you, Sister Dong."

"We're family, no need to be polite," said Dong Tianlu.

As she spoke, Dong Tianlu was also preparing to take her leave.

But before she could lift her foot, her phone rang.

"I'll take a call first," Dong Tianlu said apologetically to Bai Xiaosheng as she took out her phone.

Bai Xiaosheng made a "please go ahead" gesture and returned to his desk.

Dong Tianlu answered the call while walking toward the corner of the room.

Lin Weiwei didn't disturb Dong Tianlu but instead handed the report she was supposed to deliver to Bai Xiaosheng.

Less than a minute later, Bai Xiaosheng and Lin Weiwei simultaneously heard an angry and shocked voice from Dong Tianlu, "What! Say that again!"

Bai Xiaosheng and Lin Weiwei exchanged a bewildered glance and looked toward Dong Tianlu's direction.

Dong Tianlu was not an ordinary person, composed and unemotional, yet she was losing her composure today.

At first, it was regarding major news from Yang Corporation, which was understandable.

But why was she now both shocked and angry?

"What you're doing...bastards!"

"You won't get a single cent!"

Under Bai Xiaosheng and Lin Weiwei's gaze, Dong Tianlu erupted into cursing.

This left the two even more perplexed.

Not long after, Dong Tianlu ended the call in a huff and walked towards Bai Xiaosheng, her expression angry.

"What happened?" Bai Xiaosheng asked.

Actually, he had already heard quite a bit of information, but it was not complete.

"Yang Corporation has played a venomous trick on us!"

Dong Tianlu said through clenched teeth, "They tricked us into buying that large batch of second-hand transport vehicles, claiming they functioned perfectly well, and yes, there was indeed no problem. But a new transport law was issued this morning in an administrative area through which they must pass during transport, and those vehicles fail to meet one of the requirements."

"Just now, Maiwen Transport Company informed me that if we want to keep using them, we must have the vehicles modified, and not counting the handling fees and time-consuming processes, the modification cost is a huge expense, almost a third of the price of each vehicle!"

"As an industry company, they must have heard the news in advance and updated their equipment accordingly, now dumping this pile of junk on our hands!"

Dong Tianlu's words made Bai Xiaosheng raise an eyebrow.

Currently, Maiwen Transport Company has been acquired by Yang Corporation, and Yang Corporation is in legal disputes with the original transport company, seemingly to establish their own transport company.

Maiwen Transport Company has, under Yang Corporation's instruction, viciously stabbed us in the back.

Now, those vehicles are ours, and we either have them modified to go on the road or be refused for not meeting local laws. Maiwen Transport Company assumes no responsibility and will claim compensation for the stoppage due to the non-compliance of our transport tools!

Well calculated!

Previously, Maiwen Transport Company paid for renting the second-hand cruise ships for us, and now, this money seems to be coming back!

Bai Xiaosheng speculated that the so-called third-party company had long made a pact with Maiwen Company.

The batch of second-hand transport vehicles in Bai Xiaosheng's hands, even if sold back, would depreciate immensely.

"Maiwen Transport Company also reminded us to activate the transport agreement as per the original plan, otherwise, they would sue us for breach of contract and demand compensation for their losses!"

Dong Tianlu, indeed, mentioned this point.

"Shameless!" Lin Weiwei couldn't help but blurt out.

"Not only that," Dong Tianlu bit her lip and continued, "the third-party company just reminded me over the phone that if the second-hand cruise ship we leased doesn't set sail by the end of this month, it will need several inspections, and since the delay is on our part, we'll have to cover the costs, including a bunch of other expenses. Also, if we don't set sail within a month, they'll file for a large penalty with the relevant departments as agreed. If we don't operate the planned route within two months, they'll sue

us, alleging through abnormal means that the other party's assets were intentionally rendered idle and unauctionable, forcing us to buy that cruise ship!"

Dong Tianlu huffed, "Even if we run an empty ship on the route, they will use all sorts of tricks to trip us up; they just want us to buy that cruise ship!"

Yang Corporation, through Yang Xiaoyun, dug no fewer than three pits for Bai Xiaosheng and his team.

First, they had Bai Xiaosheng sign on to Maiwen Transport Company, allowing Yang Corporation to fulfill their agreement with Aisha Emirate.

Even if Bai Xiaosheng didn't accept this tab, it wouldn't matter.

Because Maiwen Transport Company now counted as Yang Corporation's property, equating to Yang Corporation's Maiwen Transport Company signing a major co-op project, utilizing vast numbers of drivers, satisfying their employment commitments to Aisha Emirate.

Secondly, Maiwen Transport Company successfully sold off their second-hand vehicles and other equipment to Bai Xiaosheng, achieving financial liquidation, and updated their equipment without much loss, even offloading that second-hand cruise ship burden.

Finally, Maiwen Transport Company would accuse Bai Xiaosheng of non-compliance and pursue huge compensation through a lawsuit.

The collaboration between Bai Xiaosheng and Yang Corporation results in nothing, with not even goods available for transport, forming an unbreakable deadlock.

"It seems that not signing a contract with us was just the beginning; the troubles to exploit us are still to come!" Bai Xiaosheng said in a deep voice.

Such a mindset is venomous.

To conduct business in this manner, is truly unmatched!

"What do we do now?!" Dong Tianlu asked in a solemn tone.

Bai Xiaosheng stood, pacing aside, eyes locked on a national map on the wall.

Lin Weiwei and Dong Tianlu watched Bai Xiaosheng's back.

Moments later, Bai Xiaosheng decisively turned to face the two women.

"What needs to be done now, is to swiftly cut the Gordian knot." Bai Xiaosheng declared, "Buy that second-hand cruise ship, end the disputes with the third party! Rent a warehouse, seal off all the second-hand transport vehicles! Sever ties with Maiwen Transport Company, paying them off for breach of contract as per terms."

Bai Xiaosheng planned to decisively sever all troubles, then turn back and focus all efforts on dealing with Yang Corporation.

Fast and ruthless!

Yang Corporation's intent to bind us with these troubles will fall through.

"I agree with what you're doing!" Dong Tianlu couldn't help nodding, "Those vehicles are designed specifically for transporting special products, cannot be used for anything else, and presently can't even go on roads. Rather than letting Maiwen Transport Company harass us, doing it your way makes more sense; even if we switch to transporting crude or petrochemical products elsewhere, their transport company would still likely cause trouble, making future cooperation impossible. The third-party company's situation with the second-hand cruise ship is much the same."

"However, this is another huge expense," Dong Tianlu acknowledged, "I will contact others, and I'm sure they'll understand, each household taking a share, isn't too much."

At her words, Bai Xiaosheng shook his head.

Dong Tianlu was immediately puzzled.

"I didn't mean for everyone to share the cost; my previous words were directed at Weiwei," Bai Xiaosheng clarified, "I'll cover all the costs myself."

Lin Weiwei paused, then nodded.

Dong Tianlu looked at Bai Xiaosheng in disbelief, shaking her head, "Covering such a large sum by yourself? No way! This is all of our issue, I cannot let you bear such a heavy loss!"

On hearing this, Bai Xiaosheng smiled—

"Loss? Sister Dong, you misunderstand. I will have the Yang Family buy all these things back at a multiple of what I paid!"

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Bai Xiaosheng made a decision to bear the costs himself, breaking the contract with Maiwen Transport Company and the third-party business to buy that second-hand cruise ship, seal that batch of second-hand transport vehicles, and smooth over the current troubles.

Upon hearing this, Lin Weiwei didn't say a word and was about to go carry it out.

"No, that's not feasible!"

Dong Tianlu stopped Lin Weiwei, disagreeing with Bai Xiaosheng's decision.

"Bai Xiaosheng, these expenses are no small amount! How do you plan to cover this cost? None of Zhenbei Group's subsidiary companies participated in this cooperation, so expecting the company to cover the losses is definitely out of the question! Are you planning to pay that much out of your own pocket? Is your family a financial consortium?"

Lin Weiwei couldn't help but look at Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled at Dong Tianlu and said, "Apart from my position in the group, I actually have my own businesses..."

This was no secret, Bai Xiaosheng even believed that many people, including Dong Tianlu, should already know about it...

Sure enough, Dong Tianlu was not surprised by Bai Xiaosheng's words.

"Our Dong Family enterprise is a family business, of course, we have some partners, but we hold absolute control, and I am currently the head of the Dong Family enterprise," Dong Tianlu said to himself, "But even I, if I ask the Dong Family to absorb such a huge expenditure, would face strong opposition, not only from the partners but also from within the family; they would resist me, possibly even reproach me."

Seeing Bai Xiaosheng unmoved, Dong Tianlu urged, "Bai Xiaosheng, do you understand what I'm saying? If you want to cover such a large amount by yourself, can your own businesses even survive? If you have partners, you'll lose their trust, which will sow the seeds of trouble for you in the future!"

Dong Tianlu was emphasizing the severity of Bai Xiaosheng's decision.

"Also, this is something we all have to face together; you can't play the hero and take it all on yourself." At this point, Dong Tianlu bit her lip and said, "I signed all contracts with you, at the very least, let me share the burden with you! This way, our respective pressures will be much lower!"

Dong Tianlu's remarks were sincere and heartfelt.

Bai Xiaosheng was also very grateful.

Even Lin Weiwei was somewhat moved.

Unfortunately, Dong Tianlu did not have an accurate understanding of Bai Xiaosheng's capabilities.

Currently, Bai Xiaosheng owns over a dozen first-rate enterprises, among which seven or eight have assets exceeding tens of billions, and in all the major collaborations Bai Xiaosheng has facilitated in the past, those enterprises have always focused on "making big money silently" without seeking fame or profit.

Now, Bai Xiaosheng's personal assets were approaching those of Lu Yun and Jia Chengshan, and they were growing at a rapid pace, while his disposable funds had reached a staggering amount, even far surpassing eminent business figures like Dong Tianlu in terms of financial flexibility.

Even if Bai Xiaosheng were to take on all the breach of contract penalties and buy that second-hand cruise ship, it would indeed be no big deal.

"Sister Dong, you can rest assured about this matter. I have my calculations, and I'm really not trying to make a show," Bai Xiaosheng said to Dong Tianlu with a smile.

But no matter how Bai Xiaosheng explained, Dong Tianlu still wouldn't agree to let him alone bear the financial pressure.

Even Lin Weiwei couldn't help wanting to tell Dong Tianlu that Bai Xiaosheng's decision was completely feasible.

In the end, Bai Xiaosheng said to Dong Tianlu, "Sister Dong, it's better to resolve this matter sooner rather than later. It's better to do it quickly rather than slowly. If one side mobilizes funds to settle the matter, it will be faster and more direct, avoiding any complications or issues from the other side; otherwise, what would be the point of making sacrifices? I know you're concerned for me and worried. How about this, if my side runs into any funding problems because of this, I will ask for your help, how about that?"

After Bai Xiaosheng said this, Dong Tianlu finally had no more arguments and, after pondering for a moment, finally nodded.

"If you insist on this, I can't stop you. However, if you need help, just let me know, and I'll do everything I can to assist you!" Dong Tianlu could only say this.

"Alright," Bai Xiaosheng said with a grateful smile, nodding earnestly.

"Alright, then I'm leaving now. If you need anything, just say the word!" Dong Tianlu sighed, concluding.

Bai Xiaosheng and Lin Weiwei saw her to the door, watching her leave.

"How long will it take to mobilize the working capital from each company?"

Turning around, Bai Xiaosheng reported a figure to Lin Weiwei.

The funds needed to be ample to ensure that any further issues with Maiwen Transport Company and the third-party company could be promptly resolved.

Moreover, this money couldn't be taken from just one or two companies; at least five or six were needed to ensure there was no impact on the liquidity of each company, especially since everyone was currently preparing funds for Bai Xiaosheng's Bichi City business plan.

With her extensive experience in handling funds, Lin Weiwei quickly provided an answer, "If we start working on it right away, the fastest would be by tomorrow noon."

"Then it will be by tomorrow noon!" Bai Xiaosheng said firmly.

Lin Weiwei didn't hesitate and simply said, "Alright."

Bai Xiaosheng then returned to his desk, activated the authorization for Lin Weiwei, and drafted a plan on which enterprises should allocate how much funds, leaving it to her to handle.

As Lin Weiwei was leaving, she happened to run into Lei Ying coming back, and immediately pulled him along.

Handling this matter was already part of the plan, originally, Lin Weiwei was going to look for him.

Once everyone had left and the office quieted down with only Bai Xiaosheng remaining, he fell into deep thought.

Despite his calm appearance, Bai Xiaosheng's mind was racing.

Yang Corporation thought they had gained an advantage over him, but they would have to repay it tenfold in the future!

Chapter 2514 - Defensive Counterattack (Part 2)

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That day passed quickly, and Bai Xiaosheng's group remained calm and composed, with not a single move.

Far away in another country.

Yang Xiaoyun sat in the living room of one of his residences, drinking health soup while listening to his daughter, Yang Yishan, report.

At present, Maiwen Transport Company is under Yang Xiaoyun's management, with Yang Yishan responsible for establishing connections, including interactions with a third-party company.

Yang Yishan is also closely monitoring the activities of the Huaxia Business Group, ready to update her father at any time.

Especially today.

Because today is the proverbial showdown day, under such tension, the Huaxia Business Group might have an intense reaction.

Unexpectedly, apart from initially contacting Yang Xiaoyun through the Aisha Emirate, no official action has followed from them.

"Maiwen Transport Company and the third-party stimulated Bai Xiaosheng, and yet we haven't received any call from them, nor have we seen anyone come from there, not even a complaint."

Yang Yishan sneered, "I think they can only swallow this up without saying a word. After all, we have planned everything nearly perfectly; they have no contract, nor any leverage against us. Even if they protest, we're prepared to counteract them completely. I suppose they recognize this point; hence they are keeping quiet despite feeling wronged!"

Yang Xiaoyun listened to her daughter's report leisurely while finishing the soup, then set down the bowl, wiped the corner of her mouth with a white silk cloth, and said, "We cannot be careless! Ensure close monitoring! Simultaneously, fully utilize the contract signed with Bai Xiaosheng's group to wear them down, exhaust them. If Bai Xiaosheng's side initiates a lawsuit, all the better!"

Yang Yishan nodded at once.

Yang Xiaoyun paused and added, "This matter was handled meticulously between us, but we must guard against those people, especially Bai Xiaosheng. He's not one to be underestimated. Previously, Bai Xiaosheng stirred up quite a commotion here, even dared to encounter Brown. It's hard to say why Brown settled down afterward; perhaps because they are under the same group. But from what I know about Brown, he won't easily take a loss. Surely, he is devising a plan for revenge. This time, I want to create an opportunity for Brown. If he gets involved again to tackle Bai Xiaosheng, that would indeed be interesting!"

Yang Yishan, upon hearing this, showed a smile, saying, "Dad, you truly are clever, even considering external factors like this. I'll have Maiwen Transport Company and that third-party enterprise stir things up in the cooperation with Bai Xiaosheng's group! Let those contracts become a mire; even if Bai Xiaosheng's group doesn't file a lawsuit, we'll find ways to urge them to file one."

Yang Xiaoyun, seeing his daughter's grasp of the intention, nodded with satisfaction and added, "By the way, how's the cooperation with Europe going..."

Yang Yishan hurriedly provided another report.

Yang Xiaoyun heard that the western market expansion was progressing well, abandoning Eastern markets didn't lead to any business loss for the Yang Family but instead resulted in a small profit and even opened up fields in other western markets, and nodded with satisfaction.

Yang Xiaoyun grew weary from listening and went to the study for some peace.

The dialogue between father and daughter concluded at this point.

The next day, nearing noon, Yang Yishan came again to report to her father.

Under her guidance, Maiwen Transport Company once again provoked Bai Xiaosheng's side, but there was still no response from there.

Latest news, the Huaxia Business Group has started to continue their investigation, seemingly having no time to concern themselves with matters here.

"Do you know why I chose the timing of the Huaxia Business Group's visit to cut off business with those merchants and have them pay for us?"

Yang Xiaoyun couldn't help but express proudly to his daughter, "They are not representing individuals now but a team, with every word and deed exposed to media coverage, restricting them severely. Moreover, the official processes them in a justified manner. We haven't signed contract clauses with them, nor violated any agreements, leaving them officially with no recourse against us."

Yang Yishan, upon hearing this, instinctively gave her father two thumbs up, praising, "You truly stand out as the Yang Family's Zhuge Liang, considering all conditions comprehensively. Even Brown and the Huaxia Business Group are part of your strategy, admirable indeed! Hence, it seems their side can only drop the matter. Later, if they return to settle accounts, we won't fear them, they are oceans away."

Whatever measures they wish to employ, they can. I suppose they can only complain to the media, but daring to do so, we would sue them for defamation promptly!"

Yang Xiaoyun with a smile said, "I have always hoped Bai Xiaosheng would be spirited enough to act rashly, allowing me to counteract. Unexpectedly, he remained quiet. Understandably, anyone who can cross Brown isn't ordinary. He probably foresees the risk here. Haha, being able to make a talent who has contended with Brown lie low with me, willing to shuffle off, is the prime of honor!"

This father and daughter couldn't help but be increasingly proud.

So far, Bai Xiaosheng's "lack of action" not only made the Yang Family belittle him but also caused the dozen entrepreneurs on Bai Xiaosheng's side to be very anxious.

Even during a recess from their outings, Lu Tiandao, Zhang Qinglin, Wang Xuantian, and others approached Bai Xiaosheng to inquire what actions he would take next.

Amid the survey, there's hardly time to discuss these topics.

Bai Xiaosheng immediately halted such exchanges, firmly refusing to say more than a single word.

Chapter 2515 - Defensive Counterattack (Part 3)

This made everyone think Bai Xiaosheng had yet to come up with an appropriate solution, and they instantly felt dispirited.

Among those present, Dong Tianlu knew what Bai Xiaosheng was currently putting in, but she couldn't say anything due to Bai Xiaosheng's request, seeing Bai willing to pay the price for everyone yet be misunderstood, she could only feel unfair inside, thinking to have a good talk with everyone after returning.

Bai Xiaosheng spent an afternoon on inspection, without any results, most people felt disheartened, wondering what kind of cooperation could be discussed.

That day, around three o'clock in the afternoon, Maiwen Transport Company's general manager's office.

Mr. Maiwen was angrily scolding a young man, the young black man sat in a wheelchair, with a lazy expression of defiance. However, his head was wrapped in bandages, his arm in a sling, and his foot was in a cast, clearly he had suffered considerable injuries before.

"You fool around all day, from now on, I won't give you a dime!" Mr. Maiwen roared in anger.

The black young man in the wheelchair was his son, usually idle and uneducated, who had gotten into a brawl not long ago, resulting in this state.

Just when Mr. Maiwen was teaching his son, someone knocked at the door outside.

Mr. Maiwen was in a bad mood and irritably let the person outside come in.

The one who pushed the door open was his secretary.

"What's wrong with you, did I not say, don't bother me!" Mr. Maiwen shouted angrily.

"Mr. Maiwen, there are guests..." the secretary quickly said.

"What guests?" Mr. Maiwen glared.

Before the secretary could respond, he was pushed aside.

Following that, a man and a woman led some people in, it was Lin Weiwei, Lei Ying, with a group of people behind them.

"Who are you people?" Mr. Maiwen asked suspiciously, as he had never seen these two before.

The young black man in the wheelchair, who had lazily glanced over, suddenly widened his eyes upon seeing Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying, staring blankly.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying's attention was all on Mr. Maiwen.

"Are you Mr. Maiwen!" Lin Weiwei said firmly, "We are Mr. Bai Xiaosheng's assistants, here to discuss breach compensation with you, legal consultants and government department staff, we've brought along as well. Now, I officially inform you, our cooperation ends here!"

Mr. Maiwen was suddenly stunned.

Speaking about breach compensation with such vigor, what kind of approach is this.

"Is this compliant? Our cooperation just started!" Mr. Maiwen forced a smile.

Mr. Yang Xiaoyun will definitely not agree!

Subsequently, Mr. Maiwen saw the business department's person in charge, who had been here before, looking at him coldly, saying aloud, "We can witness that all processes this time are compliant. Unless, Mr. Maiwen, you resist!"

In an instant, Mr. Maiwen dared not make a sound.

But suddenly, he saw among the crowd, the president of the third-party company collaborating with his side was indeed present.

"Andy!" Mr. Maiwen instinctively pointed at the other party in surprise, "How come..."

The president named Andy immediately showed a reluctant smile.

"Before coming, we first spoke with Mr. Andy and have already reached an agreement." Lei Ying said indifferently.

Mr. Maiwen was stunned upon hearing this.

How did this happen, the third-party company's Mr. Andy was actually settled?

Could it be, the other party directly bought that second-hand cruise ship!

My goodness, these Huaxia people, do they have that much money!

At this moment, Mr. Maiwen simply didn't know how to describe his feelings.

During this conversation, Lin Weiwei seemed to have noticed the young man in the wheelchair, she was initially stunned, then bright-eyed, tugging on Lei Ying's clothes.

Lei Ying looked over, examined for a moment, and recognized the other party.

Isn't this the leader among those who caused trouble when eating barbecue with Chen Feiqiu, how is he here? Looking at, he has a close relationship with Mr. Maiwen, moreover, how did he get injured this severely...

"Father, it's them!"

When the young man saw Lei Ying looking over, he immediately exclaimed in fear.

To be honest, he was somewhat afraid of Lei Ying.

That big guy, that fist the size of a casserole, whoever feels it knows the pain...

This sentence made everyone's attention focused.

Mr. Maiwen was initially stunned, then understood his son's meaning—

His son meant, it was that big guy opposite who beat him!

That way, he has a reason to refuse this negotiation!

Upon hearing this, Mr. Maiwen's eyes brightened involuntarily.

"Tom, are you sure it's this gentleman, if it is, then I will stand up for you!"

Supported by Mr. Maiwen, the young black man pointed at Lei Ying, shouting, "It's him, who had a hand with me!"

Everyone immediately looked at Lei Ying.

Mr. Maiwen was instantly energized, however, before he could speak, Lin Weiwei was already communicating with the accompanying lawyer.

"Excuse me, in our Aisha Emirate, what's the punishment for brawling?"

The lawyer was stunned, replied, "Depending on the severity, the minimum is a week in jail, pay for medical expenses, plus five lashes."

"What about attempting to harass or assault women?" Lin Weiwei asked again.

"That's serious, we are a country that protects women. At least a year's sentence, thirty lashes to start!"

Lin Weiwei looked knowingly at the young black man.

The faces of Maiwen father and son suddenly changed.

Tom turned pale, instantly saying, "Sorry, I made a mistake! I absolutely don't know these people!"

Chapter 2516 - Who Did You Say That Was?!

Lin Weiwei, Lei Ying arrived with the relevant staff and lawyer, following all protocols, yet Mr. Maiwen was unwilling and had no real reason to evade.

Moreover, his own son held a weakness that could be exploited, and if accused of infringing upon a woman, it would become a major issue.

No matter how annoyed Mr. Maiwen was with his disappointing son, he couldn't bear to watch him head to prison.

Eventually, Mr. Maiwen reluctantly compromised and, together with Lin Weiwei and her team, completed the termination of collaboration procedures.

The batch of secondhand transport vehicles still parked in the Maiwen Transport Company warehouse would be driven away by the drivers hired by Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying to a rented warehouse for storage.

Between both parties, everything was settled cleanly.

Despite having received the compensation check, Mr. Maiwen's smile was more like a grimace.

This was obviously not what his new boss behind the scenes was delighted to see.

Lin Weiwei, Lei Ying, and their team left without looking back, leaving the third-party trade company's president Andy to stay behind.

Mr. Maiwen saw him off, but hesitated to make a move, stealing glances at Andy.

Mr. Andy also looked at him.

"Mr. Andy, this was discussed well in advance, how could you unilaterally settle things with them ahead of time?"

Mr. Maiwen couldn't hold back and complained to Andy.

"You also ended the collaboration with them, didn't you?" Andy looked bewildered and shrugged, saying, "They truly bought that secondhand cruise ship, why wouldn't I agree? What you gave me was a blank check, while they offered solid silver."

Mr. Maiwen opened his mouth to further accuse him but found himself speechless.

"Alright, the reason I stayed was to let you know that our cooperation ends here. Goodbye, Mr. Maiwen."

Mr. Andy was courteous enough to clarify before turning and leaving.

Mr. Maiwen watched Andy's silhouette, his expression dark, and finally turned back to his office.

His cherished son had long disappeared, likely afraid of further scolding.

Mr. Maiwen didn't care for that disappointment, pondered for a while, and took out his phone to make a call.

As the call connected, a woman's cold voice came through, "Hello, Mr. Maiwen!"

It was Yang Yishan's voice.

Mr. Maiwen immediately proceeded cautiously with her, "Miss Yang Yishan, there's been trouble on my end!"

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Yang Xiaoyun was in his study at his mansion perusing the financial reports for the business he handled when he heard a rapid knocking at the door.

Unless there was urgent business, no one would dare disturb him in such a manner.

Yang Xiaoyun immediately set aside his materials and raised his voice, "Come in."

Yang Yishan pushed open the door, his expression slightly serious.

"What happened, Yishan?" Yang Xiaoyun asked immediately upon seeing him.

"Dad, news just came in from Maiwen Transport Company." Yang Yishan was approaching as he spoke, "The Huaxia Business Group's Bai Xiaosheng sent representatives to terminate the contract with them!"

"What?!" Yang Xiaoyun was surprisingly shocked to hear this news.

"You instructed Maiwen, didn't you, that if anyone sought to terminate, he must not agree and find every excuse to delay, informing you first? Why did he agree to such a swift termination with them?" Yang Xiaoyun glared sharply.

The contracts between Maiwen Transport Company and Bai Xiaosheng were, to be honest, a noose around Bai Xiaosheng and the Huaxia Business Group merchants' necks.

To have it removed so swiftly, in just a few days!

This genuinely made Yang Xiaoyun somewhat furious.

"I heard Bai Xiaosheng sent people over, accompanied by the head of the Aisha Emirate Business Department, and even several prominent lawyers, leaving Maiwen completely unprepared with no means to delay." Yang Yishan explained.

Yang Xiaoyun's gaze darkened, exhaling heavily, "Maiwen, ultimately not someone we cultivated, lacks that die-hard loyalty, didn't even consult before untying himself from the other side!"

Yang Xiaoyun spoke these words, truly misjudging Mr. Maiwen.

Mr. Maiwen indeed considered contacting Yang Yishan, but helplessly, his son created leverage held by their opponents. If he dawdled, they might take advantage, and he had no choice.

"Now, what we can use to counterbalance the other side is only that third-party company's secondhand cruise contract, right? Call them immediately..." Yang Xiaoyun thought, quickly saying.

Yang Yishan frowned, "The third-party company terminated the contract with Bai Xiaosheng even before Maiwen Transport Company."

"Hm?!" Yang Xiaoyun heard, frowning at Yang Yishan.

"According to Maiwen, Bai Xiaosheng's side bought that cruise!" Yang Yishan said solemnly.

This statement stunned Yang Xiaoyun.

The opposite side first bought that batch of secondhand transport vehicles, then paid the breach penalty, and even bought that secondhand cruise?

Mind you, the third-party company priced that ship quite high.

These expenditures, while bearable for those eleven Huaxia enterprises, were just throwing money in without visible outcome.

Yang Xiaoyun didn't believe those dozen people were of one mind with no objections.

These collective matters, any dissent from one or two would cause postponement.

Think of Western alliances, anything major involving expenditure entails repeated meetings, without result.

Chapter 2517 - Who Did You Say That Was?! (Part 2)

How are Huaxia people so united!

"This matter was carried out by Bai Xiaosheng, he really is the one taking the lead; but how did he persuade those people to agree to spend this money?" Yang Xiaoyun was puzzled.

"I also find it very strange!" Yang Yishan furrowed his brows and said, "Even if Bai Xiaosheng could persuade the crowd, rallying the funds would require at least a dozen companies, and it would take time, right? How did such a large sum of money gather so quickly? This mobilizing ability is too incredible."

With that, Yang Yishan paused, hesitatingly said, "Could it be... the money was first put up by one company alone..."

Yang Xiaoyun immediately frowned and said, "With an issue affecting dozens of companies, who would independently put out such a large sum of money, disregarding their own company's liquidity?"

"Could it be Bai Xiaosheng..." Yang Yishan speculated.

"He's merely the executive president of a regional area under Zhenbei Group, do you really think the money is all his?" Yang Xiaoyun sneered, "If he transfers this money from Zhenbei Group, he's finished!"

Given Yang Xiaoyun's statement, Yang Yishan had nothing to say.

Yang Xiaoyun also furrowed his brows, "So where did this money come from! What is Bai Xiaosheng up to!"

Just as the Yang father and daughter received the news in surprise, Bai Xiaosheng had already returned to the base with his team and was on a call.

Bai Xiaosheng had contacted several friends early on.

This call counted as a response.

The caller was Bai Xiaosheng's future brother-in-law, Wei Xueqi, the gentle-looking, pale-faced man with a mind sharp as a devil.

"Sheng, the task you wanted done here, I got it settled for you. Both companies agreed to your proposal," Wei Xueqi said to Bai Xiaosheng in a nonchalant tone.

"Brother Xueqi, I am really grateful to you!" Bai Xiaosheng responded sincerely.

Though Wei Xueqi spoke lightly, Bai Xiaosheng knew that the matter was not that simple; those two companies were the toughest to secure among all target companies, which is why Bai Xiaosheng entrusted them to the Wei Family, his own relatives.

Unexpectedly, Wei Xueqi was the first to call and inform him that the matter was settled.

"Family doesn't distinguish between two houses," Wei Xueqi laughed on the phone, "You've brought a lot of business to the Wei family these past two years, reducing my sister's family tenure significantly, consider this our thanks to you. Besides, I'm Xuelian's brother, who else would I help but you."

Despite his words, Bai Xiaosheng continued to express his gratitude to Wei Xueqi repeatedly.

After the two ended the call, Bai Xiaosheng received another call from Bai Tianyu, the father of Bai Yuefeng, the Chinatown's big sister.

The Bai Family holds a significant position in the North American Chinese Association, particularly since Bai Xiaosheng helped establish many collaborations with Huaxia, which further increased the Bai Family's status in the association.

This time, Bai Xiaosheng also solicited Bai Tianyu's help.

After all, it wouldn't be good to bother the Wei Family with everything. Moreover, the Bai Family has its unique connections, making it more convenient to involve them in certain areas.

"Sheng, the matter you asked me to do, I got it done for you."

When Bai Tianyu, the Bai Family Patriarch, personally spoke, it was undoubtedly good news.

Bai Xiaosheng was full of gratitude at once.

"Why be polite with me? In fact, I should be thanking you. Thanks to you, our business with Huaxia is growing ever bigger, haha. When you speak, I'll greet the counterpart myself, how could it not succeed. Please don't be too polite with me; whenever you want to talk, let me know, and come by the house anytime."

Bai Tianyu, also a very busy person, ended the call with a few words.

Half an hour later, the Luo Family from Europe called.

Naturally, it was also good news.

As Bai Xiaosheng was on the call, a commotion sounded outside his office.

Dong Tianlu arrived with Lu Tiandao, Zhang Qinglin, Lin Tianyi and others, a group of renowned Huaxia business figures, shuffled into Bai Xiaosheng's office. Seeing Bai Xiaosheng on the call, they lowered their voices and waited beside him.

Nonetheless, each wore an expression of eagerness for communication, occasionally whispering to each other.

As Bai Xiaosheng concluded his call, the crowd couldn't hold back any longer and surrounded him.

"Mr. Bai, if you're really going to do that, we completely support you!"

"Yes, once Miss Dong told me, I agreed immediately!"

"We Huaxia businesspeople can't let ourselves be bullied like this. The Yang Family's grievances against us need to be returned! Otherwise, I can't eat or sleep well!"

"Yes, as people breathing to live, we must let them see reason!"

"Mr. Bai's arrangements are perfect; not only does it vent our anger, it brings great business benefits!"

"I never expected Mr. Bai to come up with such an idea; I'm quite convinced!"

"From now on, I'm willing to join hands with Mr. Bai; let's make money together!"

"Me too..."

The crowd was abuzz, their expressions jubilant.

Their words conveyed several meanings—

Agreement with Bai Xiaosheng's strategy, gratitude for Bai Xiaosheng's arrangements, willingness to cooperate with Bai Xiaosheng in future...

Bai Xiaosheng exchanged a glance with Dong Tianlu, who smiled back at him.

Upon returning from an inspection, Bai Xiaosheng asked Dong Tianlu to tell the present group about his arrangements, seeking their opinions.

Dong Tianlu had persuaded everyone.

Actually, it wasn't persuasion, as to Dong Tianlu, Bai Xiaosheng offered them a chance to vent their anger and presented them a business opportunity; the ones present not wanting it would be the problem.

Chapter 2518 - Who Did You Say That Is?!_3

To be honest, Dong Tianlu was startled when he heard Bai Xiaosheng's plan, never expecting Bai Xiaosheng to play such a hand.

The Yang Corporation has replaced the pot and added new firewood, aiming to cook a sumptuous meal.

And Bai Xiaosheng is doing only one thing—

To pull the rug out from under them!

When the Yang Corporation finds out, they should regret treating us Asian partners this way, and their biggest regret will be provoking Bai Xiaosheng! Dong Tianlu thought to himself.

Bai Xiaosheng, as an opponent, is indeed incredibly terrifying!

But as an ally, his actions are truly gratifying!

"Everyone, I've invited you here to discuss my plan. Since everyone agrees, let's discuss how to cooperate and distribute." Bai Xiaosheng said to everyone with a smile.

Suddenly, everyone's emotions soared, eager to express their attitudes.

Bai Xiaosheng observed this, feeling delighted inside.

He believed that with this matter, he would gain a new batch of members in his alliance, and with their influence, he could bring in the remaining members of the business group.

Even when he returned home, these people would convince friends to join him.

At that time, Bai Xiaosheng's Global Business Alliance plan would be considered a great success in Asia!

While Bai Xiaosheng was having a warm exchange with everyone, "guests" arrived on Yang Xiaoyun's side.

Calling them "guests" is incorrect; they should be called "blood relations."

Yang Xiaoyun and her father Yang Yishan even personally went outside the gate to courteously welcome the people inside.

The person arriving was a skinny old man, not looking kind-hearted, more like a cunning old rat, bringing a large group of followers.

If Bai Xiaosheng saw him, he would surely be shocked, because he's not unfamiliar!

Bai Xiaosheng had seen him!

And it was at Sir Wei's place!

This old man named Yang Junluo was one of Sir Wei's friends, who had come with Luo Yuefeng and Madam Qin to celebrate Sir Wei's birthday in the past.

This old man was quite something; he was Yang Xiaoyun's father and Yang Yishan's grandfather!

At this moment, Yang Junluo strolled in leisurely, appearing relaxed.

Yang Xiaoyun accompanied him with a smile, while Yang Yishan affectionately held his grandfather's arm.

"I heard from your brother that you're planning to replace the Huaxia partners and focus on the European and American markets. Is everything progressing well?" The old man was seated in the living room, raising his voice to inquire.

"Yes, Father, after this year, our Yang family's business will reach new heights." Yang Xiaoyun replied confidently with a smile.

"Why did you suddenly become interested in this matter? You even made a special trip." Yang Xiaoyun continued.

The old father had let go of the family's business for two years, usually rarely asking about business matters.

Yang Junluo replied leisurely, "I was out traveling and just happened to come here, so I decided to stop by and ask about it."

Yang Yishan had already brewed tea swiftly and brought it over.

Yang Xiaoyun personally received it and handed it to her father.

The old man liked drinking freshly brewed tea from a lidded cup, holding it in hand, using the lid to scrape the floating tea leaves on top, asking, "Those Huaxia businessmen came in groups with backgrounds. Haven't you encountered any trouble?"

"No." Yang Xiaoyun replied with a smile.

Yang Yishan laughed from the side, "Grandpa, rest assured, those Huaxia businessmen seem to have lost their minds, letting a young man lead the group. How could he be a match for my father!"

The old man casually asked, "Oh, there's such a thing. What's that young man's name?"

Yang Xiaoyun immediately replied with a smile, "His name is Bai Xiaosheng."

"Pfft!" The old man inadvertently drank the tea too quickly, burning his tongue, spraying it out, almost splattering Yang Xiaoyun.

Shocking Yang Xiaoyun and her daughter.

The old man couldn't care about much, shouting in a sharp voice, "Say that again, you said—who?!"

Chapter 2519 - An Invitation from the Yang Family

Yang Xiaoyun was startled by her father Yang Junluo's sharp voice, and even Yang Yishan, standing next to her, was shocked, staring at the old man in amazement.

Why did this ancestor of theirs have such a big reaction upon hearing the name "Bai Xiaosheng"?

The father and daughter were both utterly puzzled.

"Dad, what's wrong with you?" Yang Xiaoyun asked in surprise, coming back to her senses.

Yang Yishan also had a look of inquiry.

"The leader of the Huaxia Business Group, it's Bai, Xiao, Sheng. Listen to my accent, watch my mouth. Bai Xiaosheng, it's those three words." The Yang Family elder Yang Junluo said urgently, "Isn't he a young man, not much older than Yishan, seemingly bland at first glance, but always calm in demeanor..."

"His eyes seem incredibly deep!"

Yang Junluo's description made Yang Xiaoyun and Yang Yishan realize they were indeed talking about the same person.

"It's him!" Yang Xiaoyun confirmed.

"How could it really be him!"

The Yang Family elder acted as if he had a toothache, clicking his tongue.

"It's him, so what?" Yang Xiaoyun asked, bewildered.

"Grandfather, does this person have some background we don't know about?" Yang Yishan also asked.

Based on their current information, Bai Xiaosheng, even if he was a major regional executive of Zhenbei Group, had an uncommon identity, but it shouldn't require such a reaction, right?

"What's wrong with him?" Naturally, the Yang Family elder knew his son would conduct thorough investigations and evaluations before doing anything, but he didn't know the unknown secrets of Bai Xiaosheng.

"That Bai Xiaosheng is the beloved of my old friend Wei Xuelian, Wei Tianhe's precious granddaughter from the Wei Family — his relationship with the Wei Family is extraordinary."

The Yang Family elder solemnly revealed this unknown secret to Yang Xiaoyun and Yang Yishan.

"What!" The father and daughter were also shocked.

They certainly knew the significance of the North American Wei Family.

Wei Xuelian was even regarded as the next Family Head of the Wei Family!

Bai Xiaosheng turned out to be Wei Xuelian's beloved; from Yang Junluo's words, it seemed the Wei Family acknowledged this?

There was no information about this outside!

In their surprise, Yang Junluo sighed gloomily, "How could you guys involve him! If you give him a hard time, how could I face Wei Tianhe, my old brother!"

Yang Junluo's brows knitted in frustration, showing an incredibly gloomy expression.

Yang Xiaoyun and Yang Yishan exchanged a glance, their eyes carrying a look of "understanding."

They had previously suspected Bai Xiaosheng had a background and was here for some grooming, otherwise how could he become a team leader of the Huaxia Business Group at such a young age.

Now they understood, it's connected to the Wei Family!

"That man is indeed here for some grooming." Yang Yishan couldn't help but murmur.

"Ignore whether he's here for grooming or not. You've given him trouble, and if my old brother Wei finds out, I'll be unable to explain." Yang Family elder frowned.

"Dad." Yang Xiaoyun blinked and cautiously said, "Actually, your so-called old brother in the Wei Family, he's in North America, his business is big and well-recognized in the business world, but he hasn't helped our Yang Family enter North America, even establishing a business non-cooperation agreement with you. Why do you cherish this relationship so much? Is there a need... to give too much face to the Wei Family?"

These words had been held in Yang Xiaoyun's heart for a long time.

The Yang Family elders were closely connected with the Luo Family in Europe, the Qin Family in South America, and the Wei Family in North America, but each family dominated an area with little business exchange.

If such a sentiment can't be used for making money, is it still sentiment?

Why be too fearful!

Yang Yishan nodded along upon hearing this.

"What do you understand!" Yang Junluo spat angrily at Yang Xiaoyun, saying, "You don't know the past among these families... We don't interfere in core business; at first glance, it feels impersonal, yet it has its reasoning back then! It was initially suggested by Bai Zhenbei, and we all agreed. Of course, these ancient stories, now, seem somewhat irrational. It's fine if you find them laughable, no problem. What I'm saying now, even if it's not for maintaining good relations with the Wei Family, we should not aggravate them! You guys have no idea how protective Wei Tianhe was when he was young! Even now, he hasn't changed a bit! If you target his grandson-in-law, I'm afraid how you entered North American business would be the way you roll back home! All efforts would be in vain!"

Yang Family elder's words made Yang Xiaoyun and Yang Yishan inhale sharply.

It turned out the elder was worried about this.

The Wei Family always seemed like gentlemen of commerce, turns out they're also 'unreasonable'...

"Now that it's already happened, and Bai Xiaosheng has been dragged in, what should we do?" Yang Xiaoyun couldn't help but ask.

Yang Yishan also looked at his grandfather.

"Come, first tell me how you handled this affair. I'll see if there's anything salvageable." Yang Junluo sank onto the sofa, taking the bowl of tea from the table, uncovered it to check the temperature, perhaps finding it lackluster, he put it down again.

Yang Xiaoyun didn't dare procrastinate, she recounted in detail how she "set up" Bai Xiaosheng.

Yang Junluo pressed his temples upon hearing it.

Going by this description, that young man was terribly set up...

He might seek help from the Wei Family, perhaps Wei Tianhe already knows.

Yet, with Wei Tianhe's cunning mind, he's surely not contacting him right away, perhaps waiting for him to offer an explanation over there.

Chapter 2520 - Invitation from the Yang Family (2)

If I had never known about this matter, the Wei Family would have soon "woken" me up.

"You, give Bai Xiaosheng a call in a moment, use my name. I've met him, and he knows who I am. Invite him over for dinner at our place tomorrow," Yang Junluo instructed, "I'll send my private plane to pick him up tomorrow."

Receiving such treatment from Yang Junluo, there are likely only a handful of people in the entire African business world who could enjoy it.

Yang Xiaoyun understood that her father was giving Bai Xiaosheng due respect, and more importantly, it was a display for the Wei Family.

Yang Yishan appeared to have something to say, signaling his father with his eyes.

Yang Xiaoyun noticed this and understood her daughter's intention; actually, he was just about to address the matter himself.

"Dad, are you trying to correct our previous actions... but then, are we going to cooperate with those Huaxia businessmen again?" Yang Xiaoyun probed.

This was a difficult proposal; they had already made agreements with the Western businessmen, and the contracts were about to be signed. Shifting the business back to the previously offended Huaxia businessmen would please neither side.

Furthermore, even if the Yang Family redirected the business back to the Huaxia businessmen, could those people really act as if nothing happened...

What would their previous behavior signify then?

Were they fooling around...

"Bullshit, did I even suggest that?" As Yang Xiaoyun was lost in thought, Yang Junluo glared with his small eyes and scolded, "Do you really think your father has gone senile? Well, a smart horse never turns back on its path. How could I possibly drop the Western business to rekindle cooperation with Huaxia businessmen?"

Yang Xiaoyun was taken aback by the reprimand, and Yang Yishan dared not make a sound.

How could they forget where their cunning nature originated from...

"I just want to smooth things over with Bai Xiaosheng, just with him alone!" Yang Junluo nodded, tugging his sparse beard as he spoke, "I heard from you that in the cooperation, Bai Xiaosheng isn't involved. It means it's unrelated to his interests, just his face was damaged here... even if there's some loss, he resolved it himself. Inviting him for a meal and having a chat is showing him face, and I believe I can explain this to the Wei Family."

Yang Xiaoyun suddenly had an epiphany, nodding repeatedly.

"But what if Bai Xiaosheng still wants to reclaim the cooperation for the Huaxia businessmen." Yang Yishan couldn't help but voice this concern, "When someone receives too much courtesy, they might overstep, Grandpa, what will you do then?"

This was indeed a problem.

Yang Xiaoyun quickly added, "If Bai Xiaosheng knows you're showing him face on behalf of the Wei Family, he might indeed make excessive demands."

In response, Yang Junluo sneered.

"Are you two idiots?" Yang Junluo burst out, "I've personally stepped up to appease Bai Xiaosheng, haven't I shown enough respect to the Wei Family? Haven't I done enough? Even Wei Tianhe couldn't find any fault! If, after all this, the Wei Family still makes a move against us, I'll gather a few old friends and have a serious talk with the Wei Family!"

As Yang Junluo said this, it was as if he was standing on moral high ground, brimming with confidence.

Hearing this, Yang Xiaoyun and Yang Yishan nodded continuously in agreement, relieved.

"What are you standing around for? Hurry up and arrange it!" Yang Junluo glared at Yang Xiaoyun and commanded.

The latter quickly smiled and turned to make arrangements.

"Girl, change my tea, make sure the water is hot." Yang Junluo said to Yang Yishan.

Yang Yishan quickly approached with a smile and carried away the bowl of covered tea.

Yang Junluo sat on the sofa, his small but bright eyes squinting slightly, muttering to himself, "Bai Xiaosheng! It's been a long time since we last met! This kid, with his sharp tongue, isn't easy to deal with, even that old thing from the Luo Family has suffered a loss to him! This time, I wonder if it'll be easy to communicate with him!"

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Bai Xiaosheng, on his end, had just finished handling all the arrangements with the business group, instructing everyone to proceed quickly, when he received a phone call.

The name displayed made Bai Xiaosheng raise an eyebrow.

Yang Xiaoyun?

Why is he calling me?

Did he hear about the Maiwen Transport Company and that third-party sales company, and wants to discuss it with me?

Or to mock me for ultimately purchasing that second-hand cruise ship and repaying a huge amount of money to their Yang Family's business?

However, I'm not someone Bai Xiaosheng that you can easily fool!

Bai Xiaosheng composed himself before answering the call and putting it to his ear.

"Hello, is this Mr. Yang?"

Bai Xiaosheng's voice was calm and indifferent, with no trace of the scheming he had just completed against the Yang Family.

Although those arrangements had just been put in place and needed time to yield results, Bai Xiaosheng had asked all parties to keep it secret for now until the right moment to catch the Yang Family unprepared.

This wouldn't take long, and at the latest, they would know the outcome by tomorrow!

Until then, Bai Xiaosheng intended not to reveal anything.

"Is this Mr. Bai Xiaosheng, it's Yang Xiaoyun here." On the other end, Yang Xiaoyun's voice was friendly and filled with warmth, sounding as though he and Bai Xiaosheng were old friends and there had never been any friction between them.

Even Bai Xiaosheng couldn't help but be a bit surprised.

Bai Xiaosheng understood how to read people's micro-expressions and detect emotions in their tone, but Yang Xiaoyun seemed capable of fooling even him, making Bai Xiaosheng find it tricky to judge.

"Mr. Yang, what is it you want?"

"It's like this, my father is pleased to hear that you are the leader of our business group and also an old acquaintance, and would like to invite you for a simple dinner at our home. We've already sent a private plane over to fetch you, arriving by tomorrow, we hope Mr. Bai will do us the honor."

Yang Xiaoyun's words caused Bai Xiaosheng to be taken aback, "Your father, inviting me for dinner?"

Yang Xiaoyun's dad, inviting me for dinner?

What kind of play is this?

Do I even know your dad?

Bai Xiaosheng had looked into Yang Corporation, but only knew about their current leaders, including Yang Xiaoyun in the core circle, but never delved into the older generation.

"My father is Mr. Yang Junluo, an old friend of Wei Tianhe, and he mentioned meeting you at the Wei Family." Yang Xiaoyun explained.

Hearing this, Bai Xiaosheng recalled immediately who that name belonged to!

During his first visit to the Wei Family, coinciding with Wei Xuelian's grandfather Wei Tianhe's birthday, many elders were present, including Old Mr. Yang Junluo!

Bai Xiaosheng's mind conjured the image of that skinny, extremely shrewd elderly man and couldn't help but express admiration.

Unexpectedly, he was actually the elder of the Yang Family!

A curious feeling suddenly surfaced in Bai Xiaosheng's heart.

He had met Luo Yuefeng at the Wei Family, then clashed with the Luo Family in Europe, met Madam Qin at the Wei Family, and ended up interacting with the Qin Family in South America.

Now, he was to engage with the Yang Family elder he had met there.

It seemed his encounters were predestined...

"So it's Old Mr. Yang!" Bai Xiaosheng expressed "sudden realization" in the call, his tone growing respectful.

In any case, Yang Junluo was still a friend of Sir Wei, and as a junior, Bai Xiaosheng had to show some respect.

However, why was Old Mr. Yang suddenly inviting him for dinner—did he know Bai Xiaosheng before they clashed, or had he just found out?

Bai Xiaosheng thought it over and settled on the latter, as hinted by the change in Yang Xiaoyun's attitude.

Still, being invited to dinner at this juncture carried certain implications.

"Mr. Bai, what do you say, will you do us this honor?" Yang Xiaoyun inquired politely.

Bai Xiaosheng pondered briefly before smiling, "Since Old Mr. Yang is inviting, I will surely come!"

Bai Xiaosheng also extended this courtesy for Sir Wei's sake, to show face.

Nevertheless, his future brother-in-law, Wei Xueqi, probably knew the true identity of the Yang Family all along and still chose to support him, which means face was the only requirement, not aggravating any conflict—Sir Wei wouldn't blame Bai Xiaosheng.

And besides, his coordinate plans needed time to play out!

Bai Xiaosheng resolved that a meal wouldn't make him abandon seeking justice; that wouldn't happen!

Once his blade was drawn, Bai Xiaosheng intended to "draw blood."