

Two Trillion 2651

Chapter 2651 - The First Strike Wins

On the Huaxia internet, when it's not convenient to let yourself appear as the "main character" in a story, people usually swap in a classic persona instead—that is, "my friend." The whole "my friend" series of stories has always been wildly popular, a classic that keeps getting passed around and never goes out of style.

Right in front of Brady, Bai Xiaosheng pulled this little gag. He described the business he was in charge of as if it belonged to "his friend."

Unfortunately, Brady clearly didn't know this meme. He even frowned and fell into thought, his suspicious gaze fixed on Bai Xiaosheng.

What Brady was thinking was: just who on earth is that friend of Bai Xiaosheng's, to actually have that kind of clout, enough to be mentioned in the same breath as Hogson, Anlos, and himself? If Oshan also acknowledges that person's weight, then he's definitely no ordinary character!

The fact that Brady was seriously pondering all this was, in itself, hilarious.

As someone well-versed in Huaxia ways, Chen Feiqiu of course understood what Bai Xiaosheng meant. Seeing Brady instead putting on a straight face and thinking it over, he could barely hold back his laughter.

Bai Xiaosheng's expression was half smile, half not, and beside him Chen Feiqiu was also suppressing a laugh. Even though Brady didn't know what was going on, he still felt as if he'd been "played."

His brows knit slightly as he stared coldly at Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng hadn't meant to keep teasing Brady over this kind of casual little thing. He immediately straightened his posture and said seriously, "Mr. Brady, what we just discussed can be compiled into a document right here on the spot. As a preliminary cooperation, the terms on all fronts are already very good. I can even responsibly tell you that the deals Hogson and Anlos signed aren't even as favorable as what you've got here."

"Then I should be thanking you!" Brady said in a deep voice, an indescribable chill in his tone.

If looks could kill, Brady would've turned Bai Xiaosheng into a sieve by now.

Bai Xiaosheng acted as if he didn't notice and said, "If you agree, then everything goes smoothly. If you don't want to sign... then I'm afraid you won't be able to enter the Oshan business world for a short time. The loss will be even greater. I don't think Chief Ogade is going to waste too much energy on something like this. Without Keruoge, in order to ensure the stability of the Oshan business scene, Oshan will have no choice but to bring in other partners from outside. You'd better think it through."

This was, without question, Bai Xiaosheng speaking out of goodwill.

Even if he couldn't stand Bai Xuanyu and didn't get along with Brady, at the end of the day this was Zhenbei Group's business.

As the group's heir, this also counted as his own wealth. There was no way he'd slam the door on it.

Unfortunately, Brady didn't understand any of that.

Brady took what Bai Xiaosheng had just said as a threat!

If he agreed to what they'd just discussed, his original plan would be severely discounted, down to less than sixty percent.

If he refused, he'd be completely kicked out.

Brady felt a bit powerless, as if he were being forced into a choice rather than making a decision of his own.

He even felt a certain sense of humiliation.

"I..." Brady weighed it for a full minute before finally forcing out a word through clenched teeth: "Sign!"

That one word "sign" practically drained half his energy.

As the helm of Keruoge, a company so rich it could rival a nation, Brady had never felt such frustration and humiliation.

This was a feeling he hadn't experienced in nearly ten years!

But he really couldn't not sign. His plans for the past three years had all revolved around using Oshan as the core to expand Keruoge's business. He'd been laying groundwork in secret for too long, and this was the key final link. If he gave up now, the losses would be staggering.

That was something he simply couldn't afford!

Brady felt that he hadn't been forced to bow his head by Bai Xiaosheng, nor even by Oshan itself, but by his own actions.

Brady's final calculation was: sign first, then later find an opportunity to talk face-to-face with Oshan and Chief Ogade, to fill in the rest of his plans!

That was Brady's plan at this moment.

Hearing Brady agree, Chen Feiqiu stood up, nodded to him, and said, "Then please wait here for a moment, Mr. Brady. I'll arrange for someone to prepare the new documents right away, then we'll submit them for Chief Ogade to review. Once the Supreme Chieftain has confirmed them, this matter will be settled, and I'll be able to inform you of the result today."

Brady gave Chen Feiqiu a slight nod, and the latter walked straight out.

Once Chen Feiqiu left, only Bai Xiaosheng and Brady were left in the room.

When the door clicked shut and he glanced around to confirm they were alone, Brady could no longer hold himself back. He leaned forward, both fists braced on the coffee table, glared furiously at Bai Xiaosheng, and snarled with a twisted expression, "What exactly are you trying to do?!"

"What am I trying to do?" Bai Xiaosheng looked at him quite calmly and shot back.

"Do you have any idea you're helping outsiders tear down your own house?! Like this, you still count as the old chairman's blood relative?!" Brady hissed in fury. "You're biting the hand that feeds you!"

Brady had been holding in his resentment toward Bai Xiaosheng for a long time. Now that there were finally no outsiders present, he exploded.

Letting all that emotion out was really no easy thing!

You have to understand, Brady was the man running a company as rich as a country, stronger than some chaebol families. If not for the pressure of the situation, he wouldn't even easily bow to a country like Oshan.

Someone like that can bury his anger and hostility very deep; he might not show a crack until he's already taken his enemy down, and can keep up a friendly smile the whole time he faces them.

It was only because Bai Xiaosheng had provoked him again and again that Brady couldn't hold it in anymore and finally exploded.

"Brady, you need to get one thing straight."

Bai Xiaosheng fixed his gaze on him and said, enunciating each word, "No matter how we negotiate, in the end all of this has to be submitted for Chief Ogade to review. Only if he agrees does the contract count as a contract. Otherwise, it's just a stack of scrap paper."

Chapter 2652 - Strike First to Gain the Upper Hand (Part 2)

"I am well aware of what Hogson and Anlos have signed, and naturally, I know what you can ultimately obtain won't be significantly higher than those two parties."

"The conditions I'm negotiating might not be what you ideally want, but they are precisely what Chief Ogade favors and can most likely be passed."

Though Bai Xiaosheng doesn't care for Brady and the Bai Xuanyu behind him, he also doesn't want to argue here, so this statement is made while suppressing his emotions in explanation.

Unfortunately, Brady isn't listening at all right now.

"So I should thank you, huh!"

Brady looked at Bai Xiaosheng with a slightly fierce gaze and said harshly, "What I see is you tirelessly suppressing my offer from beginning to end. No matter how nice you say it, facts are facts! Instead of explaining to me, you should think about how to explain this to the upper management headquarters! I will report your actions here truthfully! You'll be investigated and held accountable!"

Brady is not threatening but solemnly conveying his anger and counterattack to Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng squints slightly at Brady, then after two seconds, slowly responds with a sentence, "I'll be waiting."

In Brady's view, this response is tantamount to provocation, a disdain for his earlier anger.

Brady, extremely angry, laughed, nodded repeatedly, and sat back.

And Bai Xiaosheng's expression finally turned unpleasant.

It's not just because Brady, blinded by "hatred," misunderstood his painstaking intentions and ignored his sincere explanations; more importantly, Bai Xiaosheng is about to make a big play in Oshan, and indeed lacks the mental energy to deal with the company's upper management's troubles.

Since the other party insists on stirring up a storm, Bai Xiaosheng isn't someone without a temper, and despite the silence, he is already making some plans in his mind.

The two sat in silence, just sitting there, but fortunately, Chen Feiqiu pushed the door in and hurried back.

Following Chen Feiqiu were professional experts, including a butler.

Next, those people are going to revise and produce a new proposal.

Given so many plans, the final result will definitely be in book form.

When Chen Feiqiu approached, he actually noticed the atmosphere was somewhat subtle.

Regardless of whether it's Bai Xiaosheng or Brady, their expressions are somewhat unpleasant, seeming to have just had a dispute.

Chen Feiqiu pretended not to see, and immediately organized people to get busy.

During this period, Brady chatted with Chen Feiqiu about Chief Ogade's recent health condition and expressed his desire to meet Ogade personally.

"What a coincidence, both Hogson and Anlos want to meet Chief Ogade too."

Chen Feiqiu smiled politely, "We are very much aware of your urgent aspirations, and willing to meet your request. However, in the upcoming one to six months, Chief Ogade will drastically reduce receptions. But Mr. Brady, rest assured, once Chief Ogade is in good health, you will be the first to be seen by him."

With Chen Feiqiu's words, Brady felt a bit better, smiled, and was about to say something.

Chen Feiqiu gave him a "knock over the head," "At the same time, Chief Ogade will also meet with Mr. Hogson and Mr. Anlos. You three should be meeting Chief Ogade together."

Together?

Brady was momentarily stunned and then speechless.

He wanted to meet Chief Ogade for private talks, to make up for the deals he couldn't close today.

If Hogson and Anlos were also present, how could he negotiate?

Presumably, they have the same intentions as himself!

Facing Chen Feiqiu's gaze, Brady could only manage a smile, nod reluctantly, and say nothing more.

Chen Feiqiu smiled slightly and turned to attend to other matters.

While people were busy over there, Bai Xiaosheng sat leisurely on the sofa, slowly sipping tea.

He seemed to be carefree!

Brady inadvertently glimpsed Bai Xiaosheng's relaxed demeanor, and a sudden burst of anger filled his gut.

But in front of so many people, unable to vent, he can only ignore Bai Xiaosheng.

By noon, Bai Xiaosheng and others joined Brady for lunch.

Brady ate without any joy of signing a successful contract.

However, fortunately, the style of the dishes was more conducive to quiet enjoyment...

After the meal, Brady thanked Chen Feiqiu verbally, almost ignoring Bai Xiaosheng and turned to leave.

Chen Feiqiu escorted Brady out, returned, and leaned close to Bai Xiaosheng, saying, "The way Brady looks at you, is full of naked hatred; no wonder some say that hatred between colleagues is the deadliest."

Bai Xiaosheng and Brady are indeed "colleagues" within the Zhenbei Group.

Bai Xiaosheng glanced at Chen Feiqiu, "Where did you hear that? I've never heard it before."

"Looks like you haven't listened to much cross talk in Huaxia." Chen Feiqiu muttered, "I just embellished the original saying slightly, adapted to fit your current situation."

Bai Xiaosheng chuckled, held the cup, walked to the window, and gazed outside.

Chen Feiqiu followed.

"Why aren't you leaving? Shouldn't you deliver these documents to Chief Ogade and ask for his decision?" Bai Xiaosheng said disdainfully, "Stop bothering me."

Chen Feiqiu was being disliked in his own home, yet didn't get angry, giggling, "Alright, I'm on it. This afternoon, let's go fishing to relax."

Bai Xiaosheng gave Chen Feiqiu a gloomy look; only then did Chen Feiqiu turn and leave.

As soon as Chen Feiqiu left, Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying came over and stood by Bai Xiaosheng.

"How was the conversation with Brady, Xiaosheng? Why do I feel something's off with your mood?" Lin Weiwei couldn't help but ask.

Lei Ying also looked at Bai Xiaosheng.

"The negotiations went relatively smoothly." Bai Xiaosheng muttered, "Just that Mr. Brady is quite displeased."

"Just displeased? That can't be it." Lei Ying said in a deep voice.

Bai Xiaosheng's demeanor clearly shows some contemplation.

Staring outside, Bai Xiaosheng uttered slowly, "It turns out I've been warned, Brady plans to escalate this issue to the corporate headquarters to trouble me."

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying couldn't help but exchange glances.

"We won't have the time to deal with that with all the busy days ahead!"

"I didn't expect Brady would play such a trick!"

Even these two feel the situation isn't optimistic.

"Is there no way to stop him?" Lin Weiwei asked while looking at Lei Ying.

Lei Ying shrugged, tentatively said, "How about I put him in the hospital?"

Of course, this was a joke, teasing Lin Weiwei as if seeking his advice, like he has any solution.

"Alright, go ahead, good luck." Lin Weiwei rolled her eyes at Lei Ying.

This joke was actually meant to lighten Bai Xiaosheng's mood, who remained silent, surely stressed by this matter.

"I actually have a way to keep Brady too busy, though it might not be entirely aboveboard." Bai Xiaosheng murmured.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying exchanged a glance.

"As long as there's a way, Xiaosheng, share it!"

"Ethics aside, if he makes a move, we naturally must strike back."

These two are quite supportive.

Bai Xiaosheng immediately shared his idea softly, leaving the two stunned.

"This plan..."

"...is feasible!"

Lin Weiwei and the others instantly agreed, seeing no issue with the idea.

"If it's feasible, let's proceed."

Bai Xiaosheng smiled at them, then made the decision.

With that, Bai Xiaosheng looked out the window again, silently pondering—

"However, this might lead to further conflict with Bai Xuanyu."

"Forget it, why should I fear him?"

"They were the ones intending to make a move!"

"Then I'll make the first move to gain advantage!"

Chapter 2653 - "Persuading" Brady

After returning to the company headquarters from Chief Ogade's residence, Mr. Brady grew more and more infuriated. After handling some pressing business tasks, he began organizing the content of his conversation with Bai Xiaosheng, emphasizing Bai Xiaosheng's disregard for the group's interests and his actions of 'betraying the group'.

Though Bai Xiaosheng hadn't committed acts that harmed the group's interests, obstructing Keruoge from obtaining greater benefits from Oshan was itself a crime!

After organizing the information, Brady planned to send this 'report' straight to the group headquarters.

On one hand, he wanted Bai Xiaosheng to be punished, allowing him to vent his anger.

On the other hand, he hoped to force Bai Xiaosheng to change his stance and assist Keruoge in securing benefits from Oshan.

As for how Bai Xiaosheng would persuade Chief Ogade to offer advantages to Keruoge again, regardless of any difficulties in the process, Brady didn't care.

"To push Bai Xiaosheng over the edge on this issue, Xuanyu can't be involved. He's busy, and his status isn't suitable to show up. We need someone with longstanding grievances against Bai Xiaosheng, someone whose interests conflict with his, and who would be willing to use 'extreme' measures."

Brady contemplated for a moment and then found a suitable candidate.

"I heard that Vice Chairman Morgan has always had a few criticisms of Bai Xiaosheng. He couldn't be more suitable!"

Having chosen his target, Brady typed even harder on the keyboard.

Effortlessly, hundreds of words appeared on the screen.

Recalling Bai Xiaosheng's infuriating face, Brady found his words flowing like a river, unstoppable.

At that moment, the door to his office was knocked on.

Brady's thoughts were temporarily interrupted. He frowned and looked toward the door, speaking in a deep voice, "Enter!"

The office door was pushed open, and the secretary leaned in. Seeing Brady's somewhat displeased expression, she quickly said, "Mr. Brady, you have visitors."

"Who is it?" Brady asked, frowning, "Didn't I say I'm not seeing anyone today?"

Even so, Brady knew that his secretary understood his temperament. If the visitor were anyone ordinary, she would have politely turned them down and not come to report.

The secretary hastily added, "They are from the group and specifically requested to see you. Their status is special, and we didn't dare stop them or inquire further."

Brady's eyes showed a hint of intrigue.

Visitors from the group?

And of special status?

"Show them in," Brady mused for a moment before speaking.

The secretary nodded quickly and withdrew.

A moment later, the office door was knocked on twice more and then was pushed open by the secretary.

Two people walked in, one behind the other.

Brady was surprised at the sight of these two and looked at them with a gaze full of bewilderment.

"It's you two?!"

The visitors, a man and a woman, were not strangers but were the two 'attendants' often seen beside Bai Xiaosheng.

Brady had met them before.

However, why were they here, claiming to be people from the group?

What's going on here!

Brady assumed it was related to Bai Xiaosheng and felt a surge of anger.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying nodded politely at Brady, adopting an official stance.

In fact, they were formally dressed, with badges on their chests indicating their special status within the group.

It was this that convinced the secretary of their identity.

"Mr. Brady, hello," Lin Weiwei began, smiling at Brady. "We are the highest-level inspectors from the headquarters Supervision Department, Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying. We are here to conduct a review of the Keruoge company."

Seeing that high-level secrecy was involved, Brady's secretary dared not listen in and quietly exited, closing the door from outside.

Lin Weiwei's official tone made Brady's eyes narrow slightly.

Firstly, the Zhenbei Group's headquarters' Supervision Department always operated covertly. Most of the time, investigations were completed and reports sent to headquarters without the relevant companies even being aware.

They never showed up openly to announce, "I'm here to investigate you."

Secondly, Keruoge is a company directly under the chairman, now under acting chairman Bai Xuanyu. The Supervision Department usually 'avoided' them.

Are they setting a precedent today?!

This seems to be the first time someone has come under the banner of the Supervision Department.

And then, there was the timing.

Brady had just returned from his meeting with Bai Xiaosheng, furious with him, and right away, Bai Xiaosheng's people were here saying they wanted to investigate Keruoge!

This was clearly to disrupt his report, here to cause trouble!

Brady understood it all, grinding his teeth.

Bai Xiaosheng was indeed abusing his power! Sinister intentions, truly reprehensible!

Brady was seething with rage, but even if Bai Xiaosheng sent Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying to investigate, they were exercising legitimate authority, as Keruoge couldn't ignore the regulations.

Back when Brady clashed with Bai Xiaosheng, he wasn't worried about any negative impact on business with Oshan, as Chen Feiqiu was also a witness, and it wasn't feasible for Bai Xiaosheng to simply say no cooperation, and that would be the end of it.

So, Brady wasn't afraid of what Bai Xiaosheng might do, and even faced his threats.

But he hadn't expected Bai Xiaosheng to play this card.

"Bai Xiaosheng, you scoundrel!" Brady gritted his teeth while glaring at Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying. In a hoarse voice, he said, "Did Bai Xiaosheng send you here? If I report his vile deeds, he sends you to disgust Keruoge, isn't that right?!"

Lin Weiwei smiled at his words, responding politely, "Mr. Brady, you misunderstand. We are merely following normal inspection procedures, not targeting anyone. If you're busy, we'll just take a brief look around. But if you insist on doing things outside your authority... we won't stop you, which would imply you have plenty of time, so please cooperate with our detailed inspection!"

Chapter 2654 - "Persuading" Brady (Part 2)

Lin Weiwei's words were subtle, yet understandable to others.

Basically, if Brady refrains from causing trouble for Bai Xiaosheng at the group's headquarters, things can be simple and straightforward.

If Brady insists on causing trouble, they would have to stir up quite a bit in Keruoge.

"If you think you can brush us off and let us leave, only to continue engaging in unnecessary actions after a few days, we will come back frequently and even request to have more personnel assigned," Lei Ying calmly said, "At that time, even the acting chairman will be bothered by this."

Their words were practically a threat!

Brady, seeing himself being openly threatened by Bai Xiaosheng's two "attendants," couldn't help but feel his lips tremble.

Infuriated!

"Alright! You even know that Keruoge belongs directly to acting chairman Mr. Bai Xuanyu! And you dare to speak so boldly about investigating!"

Brady furiously said, "Fine, go ahead and investigate, I'll let you investigate as much as you want!"

"However, about Bai Xiaosheng, I won't let go until he's punished!"

"Let's see who can outlast whom!"

Brady was determined and reckless.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying exchanged a glance, both surprised at the extent of Brady's aggression.

Bai Xiaosheng's first attempt at "persuasion" seemed to have backfired.

"Even if you report this, Mr. Bai Xiaosheng hasn't done anything against his conscience, hasn't violated any company regulations; at most he would spend a bit more time explaining to the top management. His actions are all to integrate Keruoge faster into Oshan's business world. What's your reason to cling onto this?"

Lin Weiwei said in a conciliatory tone, but seemed to have softened.

Brady felt he had outpowered the two and became increasingly reckless, smirking at them and slowly said, "You think punishment requires justification, but let me tell you, as long as the majority of the

upper management feels Bai Xiaosheng is wrong or distasteful, when it comes time to deal with him, there will be plenty of reasons. In your Huaxia there's a saying, 'If you want to condemn someone, you can always find a crime for it.' That saying fits perfectly in the corporate world. No more discussion needed, we'll see what happens!"

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying both frowned.

"Does it really have to come to this, Mr. Brady?" Lin Weiwei politely asked.

"Now, get out!" Brady pointed towards the door.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying exchanged a glance one last time, with a trace of helplessness on their faces.

Brady coldly watched them, even with a hint of satisfaction, as if saying—

Aside from these small tactics, what other moves does Bai Xiaosheng have up his sleeve?

Lei Ying said nothing, turned around, and pulled open the office door.

So they're just going back defeated! Brady saw this, sneering and raising his chin.

Unexpectedly, Lei Ying didn't step out but invited someone in from outside instead.

Upon seeing the person, Brady was stunned, his furious demeanor instantly arrested and vanished.

The person entering was none other than Chen Feiqiu.

Bai Xiaosheng truly didn't want things to become ugly with Brady, but unfortunately, Brady insists on treating him like an antagonist, openly saying he would report to the group for revenge.

Bai Xiaosheng was worried that his future work would be affected, thus resorting to this measure, letting Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying "remind" Brady—he is still the second in command of the investigation department, if Brady tattles, he could justifiably "exercise authority," by then everyone would be troubled.

Yet Bai Xiaosheng thought, this may not necessarily deter Brady.

Brady was too arrogant, relying on his special status, special management enterprise, and possibly even disregarding the investigation department.

He might view Bai Xiaosheng's actions as humiliation, might become even more unhinged.

So, Bai Xiaosheng arranged for Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying to take another person along—Chen Feiqiu.

Bai Xiaosheng had also touched base with Chen Feiqiu about possible scenarios, letting him prepare in advance.

At this moment, seeing Chen Feiqiu, Brady's face turned dramatically.

In his position, the prior shouting and yelling were nothing short of embarrassment.

The key was his words were extremely improper for Chen Feiqiu to hear!

"Mr. Awak Wak Lakla, you... how could you be outside." Brady forcibly changed his expression to a smile and spoke to Chen Feiqiu.

"Mr. Brady, I heard your conversation just now. When your secretary closed the door, I left a gap." Chen Feiqiu apologized, "Listening to others' conversations is extremely rude, please forgive me."

Brady hurriedly waved his hand with a smile, "No problem, no problem at all."

Brady wasn't fine, his heart was troubled.

Those things he said weren't fit for the other party to hear!

Chen Feiqiu apologized, raised the proposal in his hand, and said to Brady, "This cooperation document has been reviewed by my father, and he has no objections."

It turns out this son of the Supreme Chieftain came to deliver documents.

This kind of thing should be done by a subordinate!

Brady was about to exchange a few polite words, when Chen Feiqiu said, "My father highly praised Mr. Bai Xiaosheng for being fair and impartial. He said that if he had given Keruoge special treatment, we would implement a stricter review system on Keruoge. It can be said that it is Mr. Bai Xiaosheng who made Keruoge more smoothly gain my father's approval."

Brady's smile slightly froze.

"And I just overheard a conversation that made me uncomfortable." Chen Feiqiu said solemnly, "I heard someone complaining about our impartial business consultant employed by Oshan, dissatisfied with his impartiality towards Oshan! This I cannot understand!"

"At the same time, I am extremely displeased with those who seize upon this point and make unreasonable trouble!"

"I will report the truth to my father and suggest that such a partner who hopes for favoritism and special treatment is not a good partner for us!"

Chen Feiqiu said coldly, "I will take back this cooperation document, and we will reconsider our cooperation with Keruoge!"

Chen Feiqiu's words were reasonable and well-founded, calm and unhurried, more impactful than harsh words.

Brady's face suddenly changed upon hearing this.

Neither he nor Keruoge could afford to miss out on business with Oshan.

If things went wrong, even Bai Xuanyu would be implicated!

Could his resentment against Bai Xiaosheng really lead to such consequences!

Brady's heart sank into a deep abyss, seeing Chen Feiqiu about to turn around and leave, he suddenly shouted, "Mr. Awak Wak Lakla, please stay!"

"What I just said was out of personal anger, I was speaking nonsense!"

"How could I be dissatisfied with Mr. Bai Xiaosheng's fairness and express it to the group? No one would pay attention to it, it's completely illogical!"

"Our Zhenbei Group is a world-class company, how could such an absurd thing happen!"

Brady spoke repeatedly.

As assertive as he was earlier, he was just as submissive now.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying exchanged glances and also "helped" stop Chen Feiqiu, continually persuading him.

"Mr. Awak Wak Lakla, we also believe that Mr. Brady wouldn't trouble Mr. Bai Xiaosheng over this issue."

"Going forward, Mr. Bai Xiaosheng will be busy for Oshan, causing him trouble would be causing trouble for Oshan..."

These words were meant more for Brady than for persuading Chen Feiqiu.

Brady felt bitterness in his heart.

After much persuasion, Chen Feiqiu accepted Brady's remarks and handed over the cooperation document he brought.

"Mr. Bai Xiaosheng will continue to help us at Oshan, none of us want him to face unnecessary trouble. Well, Mr. Brady, I should be going now and won't disturb you any longer." Chen Feiqiu bid farewell to Brady.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying also left along.

Brady promised repeatedly, personally seeing Chen Feiqiu into the elevator.

After sending off the guests, returning to his office, Brady sat down heavily, looking at the computer screen with a complex and weary expression, where every word was typed by him.

"You win!" Brady gritted his teeth and deleted his little report with one click.

He completely gave up on making an issue of this matter.

Afterwards, Brady, with reddened eyes, muttered to himself, "Your road in the group is long, Bai Xiaosheng!"

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying followed Chen Feiqiu into the car and drove away.

On the road, Lin Weiwei said to Chen Feiqiu with relief, "It's so fortunate that you came along, otherwise we could never have handled it."

Lei Ying also commended, "What you said earlier was very powerful."

Chen Feiqiu, faced with the praise, smiled modestly and waved it off.

"Don't praise me."

"Taught by Bai Xiaosheng..."

Chapter 2655 - Mysterious Gift

After handling the matters with Brady, Chen Feiqiu, along with Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying, first took a car and then a plane, returning all the way to the palace. By the time they returned, it was already five in the afternoon, and considering going to the beach or out to sea was clearly too late.

"You guys go see Bai Xiaosheng; I won't go right now. I'm going to report back to my father."

Chen Feiqiu greeted them briefly and then went his separate way.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying returned to their residence, found Bai Xiaosheng, and told him the situation in detail.

Bai Xiaosheng also sighed, "Ultimately, we had to resort to threats. But there was no other way; we couldn't just let the situation worsen, which would be even more troublesome."

At least during this period in Oshan, Bai Xiaosheng hoped to minimize troubles as much as possible to complete his business layout here.

That is crucial; the less resistance, the better.

"Alright, don't think too much about it, Xiaosheng. Anyway, it's fine now," Lin Weiwei saw Bai Xiaosheng sigh and quickly comforted him.

But then, Lei Ying murmured from the side, "Although it's temporarily suppressed, the other party definitely won't let it go. I think Mr. Bai Xuanyu will thus harbor stronger hostility towards Xiaosheng."

Bai Xiaosheng pondered silently, not responding.

Lin Weiwei couldn't help but shoot Lei Ying a look, raising a finger to indicate that this wasn't the time for such worrying talk.

Lei Ying also understood that Bai Xiaosheng probably knew what he said and didn't need a reminder from him, so he fell silent.

Bai Xiaosheng, after contemplating, returned to his senses and gave a slight smile to the two, "But luckily, for now, we've completed the first stage we anticipated: negotiating with the three big shots for Oshan."

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying also nodded in agreement.

Bai Xiaosheng further remarked, "I actually still need a dialogue with the three of them, a kind where we sit together and communicate."

Bai Xiaosheng was using the signboard of "friends" to become a fourth commercial giant here.

In the future, he would inevitably interact with Hogson, Anlos, and Brady. Bai Xiaosheng hoped for more cooperation and less resistance from those three.

Thus, the dialogue Bai Xiaosheng mentioned is indispensable.

"Then find an opportunity to talk." Lin Weiwei casually suggested upon seeing this.

If it were that simple, Bai Xiaosheng wouldn't have such an expression. Lei Ying thought.

Sure enough, Bai Xiaosheng slightly shook his head, "There's still a missing element... something that doesn't rely on the official deterrence of Oshan but links everyone's interests."

"You want those three to be tied to us, linked by interests, missing such an opportunity?" Lei Ying asked.

Bai Xiaosheng nodded, confirming.

"For an opportunity, linking interests, but we didn't set such an interest point during this negotiation. Even if we did, Oshan might not approve, so how could we link interests with the three?" Lin Weiwei grumbled, "Also, Keruoge is a group company directly under Bai Xuanyu. Wouldn't forming a close connection with them expose your private strength, Xiaosheng?"

Bai Xiaosheng privately owned those dozen or so companies, all being behind-the-scenes investors, not suitable to reveal publicly.

He had mentioned this long ago.

After this conversation, the three fell silent, and the atmosphere became somewhat heavy.

Finally, Bai Xiaosheng broke the solemnity.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled and said, "Alright, let's not think about it for now. Let's ponder what to eat tonight. It's getting late, and it's almost time for dinner. We've been exhausted these days; time to relax and reward our stomachs."

With Bai Xiaosheng's words, Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying both perked up.

They had lived here for some time, tasted many exquisite dishes, and naturally wanted to try some again. It wasn't difficult; just a word with the manager would suffice.

The three immediately started discussing what to eat tonight.

Before reaching a conclusion, Chen Feiqiu arrived.

"Great, another one to join the discussion." Lin Weiwei joked, "This will push back the time to reach a result."

"What are you guys talking about?" Chen Feiqiu asked curiously.

Lin Weiwei explained the plan for dinner.

Chen Feiqiu grinned, "No need to discuss it, I'll solve it for you. Tonight, my father has arranged a banquet for you all; just enjoy it."

Chief Ogade hosting a banquet?

Bai Xiaosheng and the three exchanged glances.

Was it because the matter with Brady was settled, and all three giants were negotiated?

"Is this a celebration feast?" Lin Weiwei couldn't help but ask.

"Whether it is or not, I don't know; we'll find out when we go." Chen Feiqiu shrugged and added, "There really are no outsiders this time, just you three, plus me, my parents, just us six, feel free."

Chen Feiqiu grinned again, "My father's chef has excellent skills. I specifically told him your taste preferences, so there's much to look forward to in tonight's meal."

Bai Xiaosheng and the three nodded upon hearing this.

Indeed, there was no need to stress about what to eat tonight.

Seeing that it was about time, Chen Feiqiu invited the three to set off with him, suggesting they go early as Chief Ogade wanted to chat with them.

Since Bai Xiaosheng diagnosed Chief Ogade's problem last time, the Supreme Chieftain adopted conservative treatment and hadn't met the group again, suggesting he was likely in good mental and physical condition today.

The group traveled out of the building where they lived, walking for a full ten minutes until they entered another castle-like building.

Chapter 2656 - Mysterious Gift (Part 2)

This is the residence of Chief Ogade.

Upon entering the hall, the tables and chairs were already set up, covered with snow-white tablecloths, and exquisite silver tableware reflecting an elegant glow under the soft lighting.

The chief steward welcomed Bai Xiaosheng and his party, pulled out their chairs for them, and invited them to take a seat, mentioning that Chief Ogade would arrive shortly.

After taking their seats, everyone engaged in casual conversation.

Soon, Chief Ogade and Lady Daliya appeared in the hall.

Chief Ogade was still seated in a wheelchair, pushed by Lady Daliya, but he looked in excellent spirits, his smile overflowing.

Everyone immediately stood up to welcome them.

"Sit, sit, don't be polite, don't be restrained, you are not guests of Oshan; you are family!" Chief Ogade cheerfully addressed Bai Xiaosheng and the others.

Then, Chief Ogade held Bai Xiaosheng's hand and softly said, "Sheng, my gratitude to you, Oshan's gratitude to you, is eternal. Today I won't call you Mr., just your name. Considering my age, I'll call you Sheng. Is that okay? I asked Awak Wak Lakla, who said that calling you this way feels friendly. What do you think? If you don't like it, I can change the name."

Chief Ogade's words revealed his heartfelt gratitude to Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng not only diagnosed the illness that put him at risk but also helped Oshan solve issues with three troublesome partners, which is indeed worthy of such gratitude from the Supreme Chieftain.

Beside them, Lady Daliya wore a serene smile, not finding her husband's words inappropriate.

Chen Feiqiu was grinning broadly.

It's indeed a proud moment when one's friend receives recognition from the Supreme Chieftain, his father.

"Chief Ogade, there's absolutely no issue with you calling me that; I like it very much." Bai Xiaosheng also replied with a smile.

"Come, come, let's sit down and talk." Chief Ogade nodded with a smile and invited everyone to take a seat.

After everyone was seated, Chief Ogade smiled at Bai Xiaosheng and said, "These days, I've read your business ideas completely, from Oshan to West Africa to the entire continent, and I wholeheartedly endorse your ideas. I eagerly wanted to discuss it with you, but my medical officer and Daliya wouldn't allow me to focus too much on work. Now I finally have a chance to communicate with you face to face. I have some questions and want to discuss them with you now."

Bai Xiaosheng immediately smiled, "Please go ahead."

With no outsiders present, there was no need for reservations; Chief Ogade directly began discussing some matters with Bai Xiaosheng.

Some of Bai Xiaosheng's insights made Chief Ogade and Lady Daliya nod frequently.

Beside them, Chen Feiqiu, Lin Weiwei, and Lei Ying listened intently, marveling at Bai Xiaosheng's strong reasoning.

Soon, the head steward inquired if they could start serving the meal, and with Chief Ogade's consent, a series of dishes were brought out.

While savoring the delicacies, Chief Ogade didn't forget to continue his discussion with Bai Xiaosheng.

"We've talked quite a bit. Are you here to dine with Sheng or discuss work?" Beside him, Lady Daliya commented with a smile, slightly teasing her husband.

Following Chief Ogade's change of address, Lady Daliya also changed her address for Bai Xiaosheng.

Faced with his wife's critique, Chief Ogade offered an apologetic smile and said to Bai Xiaosheng, "Look at me, once I get the chance, I just keep talking. Don't blame me."

"Not at all, speaking with you is also an opportunity for learning," Bai Xiaosheng replied with a smile.

This was not flattery. Through conversation, Bai Xiaosheng discovered that the perspective of this Supreme Chieftain was far beyond ordinary, and even a casual remark could potentially open new directions, offering Bai Xiaosheng great insight.

"You're a child who knows how to talk, come, let's have a drink together." Chief Ogade, in good spirits, raised his wine glass.

Currently, the state of Chief Ogade's health doesn't allow for alcohol, so he drinks low-alcohol fruit wine, which is akin to a beverage.

Bai Xiaosheng raised his glass, and everyone else lifted their cups.

Amidst the clinking of glasses, the atmosphere seemed quite harmonious and warm.

Afterward, Chief Ogade ceased the work talk and shared some amusing anecdotes, including some funny stories from his younger days, with laughter constantly echoing.

As the drinking continued into the third round and the food through the fifth flavor,

Chief Ogade patted Bai Xiaosheng's hand and said with a smile, "Sheng, you saved my life. I haven't rewarded you for this gratitude. Don't mention verbal promises; they don't count and don't suit my character. Besides, considering the great assistance you provided to Oshan, we owe you a commission, which we won't omit."

Bai Xiaosheng modestly replied with a few polite words.

Chief Ogade directly interrupted him, "What I have spoken, you mustn't refuse, or else I'll be unhappy!"

"That's right, Sheng, this represents our heartfelt goodwill." Even Lady Daliya chimed in.

Bai Xiaosheng had no choice but to stop refusing.

Nearby, Lin Weiwei couldn't help but get excited, thinking Chief Ogade would soon ask Bai Xiaosheng what he desired or wished for.

She was also curious about what Bai Xiaosheng might want.

As it turned out, Chief Ogade did not offer a wish, but instead smiled mysteriously at Bai Xiaosheng and said, "Out of gratitude and as a reward, I have prepared a gift for you, but I can't show it to you now. Tomorrow, I'll take you to see it!"

Upon hearing this, even Bai Xiaosheng was momentarily stunned, unclear about what Chief Ogade's gift could possibly be.

Having already graciously accepted, Bai Xiaosheng smiled slightly and said, "Then I must thank you in advance."

Chief Ogade nodded in satisfaction.

Soon, the dinner was finished. After chatting for a while, Chief Ogade, feeling a bit tired, smiled at Bai Xiaosheng and said, "I must go for some treatment soon, so I can't accompany you further."

Bai Xiaosheng also smiled and said, "Please take care and get plenty of rest."

At this point, Lady Daliya wheeled Chief Ogade away, and everyone rose to see them off reverently.

After sending off the Supreme Chieftain and his wife, Chen Feiqiu also offered to escort Bai Xiaosheng and the other two back.

On the way, seeing no one else around, Lin Weiwei asked Chen Feiqiu curiously, "Do you know what the gift Chief Ogade mentioned for Xiaosheng might be?"

Bai Xiaosheng and Lei Ying also looked toward Chen Feiqiu.

Chen Feiqiu shrugged his shoulders immediately and said, "Don't ask me, I only heard about it at the table like you guys."

Getting no information from Chen Feiqiu, Lin Weiwei was a bit disappointed, but her anticipation only grew.

After sending Bai Xiaosheng and the other two back to their accommodation, Chen Feiqiu stayed for a moment before taking his leave.

As it was getting late, Bai Xiaosheng also told Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying to go rest.

That night passed without any talk.

The next day, Chen Feiqiu came to find the three of them, and the four had breakfast together.

After breakfast, a steward approached them.

"Mr. Awak Wak Lakla, Mr. Bai Xiaosheng, Chief Ogade instructed that after breakfast, you are to go to the airfield," the steward said.

This statement left the four of them stunned.

Wasn't Chief Ogade supposed to give Bai Xiaosheng a thank you gift? Why go to the airfield?

Could it be that the gift was air-freighted in?

"To the helicopter pad?" Chen Feiqiu asked the steward.

"No, it's to the jet airfield," the steward quickly emphasized, "the one at the foot of the mountain. I've heard that Chief Ogade will also be going there shortly."

The steward's words made everyone even more curious.

Chen Feiqiu asked about other matters, but the steward was clueless.

After all, the head steward hadn't mentioned anything, and he dared not inquire further.

Seeing that he truly knew nothing, Chen Feiqiu gave up and waved him away.

After the steward left, Chen Feiqiu planned to call the head steward to ask but was stopped by Bai Xiaosheng.

"We'll find out when we get there, and since Chief Ogade is also going, why rush?" Bai Xiaosheng said with a smile.

Chen Feiqiu relented.

Afterward, Chen Feiqiu led Bai Xiaosheng and the other two out of the castle, driving down the mountain.

Half an hour later, they arrived at a formal airfield complete with a runway.

Of course, it wasn't owned by an airline, but was private property of the Supreme Chieftain.

Under the staff's guidance, they boarded a small jet, which was furnished like a luxurious living room, with everything one could need.

However, nothing inside seemed like a gift.

As everyone puzzled over this, Chief Ogade and Lady Daliya boarded the plane as well.

Chief Ogade seemed to be in high spirits, and as soon as he boarded, he smiled at Bai Xiaosheng and said, "I'm now going to take you to see the gift we have for you."

The gift wasn't here and required traveling by jet plane to see?!

Hearing this, even Bai Xiaosheng was filled with curiosity.

What could that gift be?!

Chapter 2657 - An Unbelievable Gift of Thanks

The plane that Bai Xiaosheng and the others were on flew for about two hours. During this time, Bai Xiaosheng and Chief Ogade continued the conversation they hadn't finished yesterday.

However, today, their exchange included discussions about the future development of Oshan's commerce.

In this regard, Chief Ogade, needless to say, is a "veteran" with deep insights.

And Bai Xiaosheng, young and smart, with a flexible mind, offered fresh and novel viewpoints, especially with Red Lotus as a super assistant who could quickly gather enlightening opinions from various sectors of the Oshan network. The conversation was never lacking in perspective.

Such a collision of ideas between the two was exceptionally interesting.

On the side, Lady Daliya, Chen Feiqiu, Lin Weiwei, and Lei Ying listened with great interest, completely absorbed.

So much so that even the head butler who came to report the situation found no opportunity to interrupt.

In the end, it was Bai Xiaosheng who noticed and looked towards the head butler.

Chief Ogade also paused the conversation and looked at the head butler, smiling as he asked, "Have we arrived?"

The head butler immediately smiled and replied respectfully, "Yes, Supreme Chieftain, we have arrived above Eisenlag Airport."

Chief Ogade nodded with a smile.

Eisenlag?

Bai Xiaosheng heard it and felt a stir in his heart.

Eisenlag is not an ordinary city. Oshan Chieftaincy has six major economic center cities, and it is one of them. Moreover, it is the most economically developed among the six cities, and with its advantageous geographical location, it would not be an exaggeration to call it Oshan's economic core.

Bai Xiaosheng clearly remembered that at least one-third of the original business plans of Hogson, Anlos, and Brady revolved around the open and covert contention for the resources of this city.

Why did Chief Ogade take them on a plane to Eisenlag so early?

Before this trip, Chief Ogade said he wanted to give a gift to him.

So what exactly is this mysterious gift? Is it related to Eisenlag?

Even Bai Xiaosheng was still in the dark.

Aside from Lady Daliya, everyone else was also full of doubts.

Soon, the plane they were on landed at an airport.

After getting off the plane, they realized they were in the outskirts, with a gentle breeze and a refreshing environment. Looking far to the east, they could faintly see the city skyline.

Originally, they thought they would quickly drive to Eisenlag, but unexpectedly, the head butler came running and said to Chief Ogade, "Chief Ogade, the helicopter is ready."

Chief Ogade nodded with a smile, "Good, let's make the transition then."

Hel, i, copter?

Bai Xiaosheng and the others looked at each other.

They had just gotten off the jet plane, and now they were going to get on a helicopter?

Does that mean they will take the helicopter to Eisenlag?

With that thought, Bai Xiaosheng and the others, along with Chen Feiqiu, accepted it.

A large helicopter was prepared for Chief Ogade, with an incredibly heavy fuselage that even prompted Lin Weiwei to mutter if it was the legendary armed helicopter.

Bai Xiaosheng had some military knowledge and knew that Lin Weiwei, as a military novice, couldn't discern it. Armed helicopters are "rather slim" with mounted weapons.

This helicopter, with a large belly like a dragonfly, was for carrying people.

It seemed to be a custom model, prepared by the manufacturer for heads of state, equipped with thick armor and a series of safety measures, and appeared to be modified.

Once everyone boarded the helicopter and just before takeoff, they heard a great commotion around them. They saw two other helicopters with a rugged and incredibly futuristic appearance, taking off first, each with missiles hanging under the belly.

Without guessing, those two were the real armed helicopters, escorting Chief Ogade.

After everyone boarded the helicopter, it indeed flew towards Eisenlag.

However, the closer they got to the edge of the city, the slower the helicopter flew, until it finally hovered over a vast piece of land, no longer advancing.

Then, inside the cabin, the head butler activated some switch. One side of the cabin door silently slid open, and everyone was surprised to find there was another layer of glass curtain, blocking noise and wind and offering a clear view of the scenery outside.

Lady Daliya pushed Chief Ogade's wheelchair to the glass curtain, with Bai Xiaosheng on one side and Chen Feiqiu on the other.

Chief Ogade pointed to the land below and smiled at Bai Xiaosheng, "This is the western outskirts of Eisenlag, look at this vast land. Perhaps in five to ten years, it'll be dotted with high-rise factories, becoming a new driving force for Oshan's entire development."

"This is where the new industrial strip and business district will be planned in the future, right," Bai Xiaosheng said.

On the plane before coming, they had already discussed Eisenlag and the development future of this most important city in Oshan.

Chief Ogade also emphasized the planning of various directions in Eisenlag.

Hearing Bai Xiaosheng still remembered, Chief Ogade nodded and smiled, "There will be four such regions in Eisenlag, but none as important as this one. The entire scale of Eisenlag will double over the next fifteen to thirty years!"

This indeed was an amazing blueprint!

Bai Xiaosheng overlooked the vast plain beneath him and couldn't help but sigh internally.

"Those closer to the old city will become business zones, a little farther will be industrial zones, with high-tech and environmental industries prioritized." Chief Ogade's finger wandered along as he finally pointed into the distance and said to Bai Xiaosheng, "What do you see at the end?"

Chapter 2658 - An Unbelievable Gift of Gratitude (Part 2)

Bai Xiaosheng gazed into the distance, and almost at the horizon, he noticed the silhouettes of some mountains.

"There, lies a wealth of mineral resources," Chief Ogade pointed out, "we hope to proceed with systematic development, minimizing pollution while promoting growth."

Upon hearing this, Bai Xiaosheng nodded repeatedly.

"These resources will bring unprecedented growth to Oshan, but the fact that you also consider environmental protection is a blessing for Eisenlag and Oshan."

This is not merely flattering words.

As the head of a nation, valuing environmental protection while developing the economy is truly commendable.

Chief Ogade smiled, and with his finger, he once again "glided" across to the distant mountains, saying, "This vast land nurtures boundless wealth and commercial opportunities, enough to make any entrepreneur go mad. In the original plans of Hogson, Anlos, and Brady, they hoped to build factories here and even participate in energy development over there in the distant mountains."

When Bai Xiaosheng, Chen Feiqiu, and the three big shots negotiated cooperation, they also requested the original versions of their plans, which were handed over to Chief Ogade for comparison.

It seems Chief Ogade must have carefully read those original plans.

"Sheng, before you discussed with them, you spoke to me first. I told you, focusing on Eisenlag, all development matters are not to be negotiated with them. Subsequently, Oshan will reach out to them. So, when you negotiated again, you rejected those relevant contents, didn't you?"

Bai Xiaosheng nodded.

"Now it's time to address Eisenlag's planning," Chief Ogade said with a smile to Bai Xiaosheng, "Aren't you curious? I mentioned to give you my personal gift and Oshan's gratitude?"

Bai Xiaosheng shrugged.

Chief Ogade, nodding towards the window, laughed, "From here to the distant mountains, this land is yours."

This statement left Bai Xiaosheng stunned.

Around him, Chen Feiqiu, Lin Weiwei, and Lei Ying were equally shocked.

What was Chief Ogade saying?

"Bai Xiaosheng, I now appoint you as the seventh chieftain of Oklandt in Eisenlag City, Oshan. Your domain is this land, and under the unchanged overarching planning direction, you have the right to choose any developers and partners. You don't need to change your nationality; as long as you live, you're the master of this land and enjoy all chieftain powers. This appointment can't be refused, gifted, or inherited."

Chief Ogade's solemn words stunned Bai Xiaosheng and others into a state of shock.

In Oshan Chieftaincy, chieftains are collectively forming the highest council to manage the country, but all matters reverence the Supreme Chieftain, who can appoint minor chieftains on certain lands.

Now, Bai Xiaosheng has been appointed as the "Chieftain" of this land, and it's the best land in Oshan.

This news might even make the top council's big chieftains envy Bai Xiaosheng!

After initial surprise, Chen Feiqiu's eyes gleamed, suggesting Bai Xiaosheng should quickly accept.

As Bai Xiaosheng's friend, he naturally hoped his friend would form close ties with Oshan.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying couldn't help but gaze in amazement at Bai Xiaosheng.

Little did they expect that Bai Xiaosheng would receive such a blessing one day.

Lady Daliya wore a serene smile, having known about this earlier.

"Bai Xiaosheng, are you unwilling?" Chief Ogade looked at the dazed Bai Xiaosheng and sternly said, "You have no right to refuse this!"

Recovering from the shock, Bai Xiaosheng regarded the serious Chief Ogade, respectfully saluting using Oshan's etiquette.

"Your kindness, Bai Xiaosheng will always remember. I will fulfill my duties as domain chieftain, not disappointing your expectations!"

Seeing Bai Xiaosheng accept, Chief Ogade laughed heartily, patting Bai Xiaosheng's arm and pointing outside, "Come, have a good look at your domain."

Bai Xiaosheng straightened and looked out the glass facade, his gaze traveling from the city's edge to the distant mountains.

Vast, boundless, fertile, and vibrant, the morning sun seemed to imbue the land with infinite power.

Bai Xiaosheng's heart and eyes ignited bit by bit.

This will also be his starting point toward new heights in life!

Chief Ogade also instructed the head steward to command a helicopter to fly from here to the distant mountains, allowing Bai Xiaosheng to properly inspect this domain.

The helicopter flew across the mountains, making a small circle over the lush mountain range.

"Later, I'll have someone bring you the official appointment along with the map. I'll also gift you a helicopter, giving you plenty of time to observe and plan its future well." Chief Ogade laughed heartily, speaking to Bai Xiaosheng.

Chief Ogade appointed Bai Xiaosheng as the chieftain of this territory both as appreciation and recognizing Bai Xiaosheng's talent and ability.

Such talent is not accepting migration or marriage, so the only way is to give him other reasons to stay here and contribute his skills.

"Thank you!" Bai Xiaosheng expressed gratitude again for Chief Ogade's generous gifts.

After inspecting Bai Xiaosheng's "domain", the helicopter flew towards Eisenlag.

Finally, the helicopter landed at a local 'Walking Palace' belonging to Chief Ogade.

After disembarking, Chief Ogade and Bai Xiaosheng exchanged a few simple words before leaving for conservative treatment.

Chen Feiqiu accompanied Bai Xiaosheng and the others to their new residence; with the domain, Bai Xiaosheng needed to settle here.

Fortunately, living in the nearby city of Oklandt is no different from living in Eisenlag; it's only a two-hour flight...

When Bai Xiaosheng and his companions arrived at their residence, the head steward came, bringing many things, surprisingly their personal belongings.

"Mr. Bai, we regret moving your belongings onto the plane without your knowledge. We're now bringing them back to you. Please check that nothing is missing." The steward apologized sincerely.

Bai Xiaosheng naturally had nothing to say, smiling graciously, "Grateful that you brought them to us."

The steward waved repeatedly, smiling, "Chief Bai Xiaosheng, your words humble me."

After the steward left, Chen Feiqiu joked with Bai Xiaosheng, "Chief Bai Xiaosheng, what a title! Seems I need to salute you; I have no official status here."

Bai Xiaosheng smirked coldly, "If you become the Supreme Chieftain, don't expect me to salute you."

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying were beside them, fighting the urge to laugh, enduring with difficulty.

Chief Ogade's Walking Palace was vast, resembling a large "castle" with modern fittings inside.

The room where Bai Xiaosheng and his friends stayed was, of course, the best.

After settling in, Chen Feiqiu said, "I'll first check on my father's situation, then join you for lunch."

Bai Xiaosheng nodded.

Chen Feiqiu also greeted Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying before leaving.

Once he left, Lin Weiwei immediately cheered, inspecting Bai Xiaosheng, giggling, "Didn't expect we're close to a chieftain; shouldn't Chief Bai give us a position?"

Lei Ying also watched Bai Xiaosheng with a smile.

"So which maiden title do you think suits you?" Bai Xiaosheng asked, laughing.

"Can't I be a concubine..." Lin Weiwei blurted out, then seeing Bai Xiaosheng and Lei Ying's meaningful gaze, her face flushed, retorting, "I resign! I quit!"

Lin Weiwei made a hurried escape, leaving Bai Xiaosheng and Lei Ying laughing heartily.

Then, the two men exchanged glances.

Bai Xiaosheng asked, "Do you want to be a grand steward?"

"Get lost!" Lei Ying spat, leaving without looking back.

Leaving Bai Xiaosheng alone, he chuckled, then stretched lazily, walking to the window to gaze outside.

Gradually, Bai Xiaosheng's eyes focused.

A full minute later, a smile surfaced on his face, murmuring, "Now I can chat properly with Hogson, Anlos, and Brady!"

"Finally, I have the leverage for negotiation!"

Chapter 2659 - Brady's Reluctance

On the night Bai Xiaosheng settled in Eisenlag, Chief Ogade sent formal identity documents and a detailed map of the territory.

It seems these items were prepared well in advance.

After Bai Xiaosheng received them, he invited the arriving butler to the side, seemingly having something to say.

The butler, on the other hand, proactively smiled and said, "Mr. Bai Xiaosheng, Chief Ogade also asked me to inquire about your chieftain appointment ceremony. When would it be convenient for you, so we can make it grand?"

"I was just about to speak to you about this," Bai Xiaosheng said. "Could you please convey to Chief Ogade if the ceremony could be postponed."

The butler looked at Bai Xiaosheng in surprise and then smiled, "It's not that it can't be done... but why?"

Bai Xiaosheng lowered his voice to share a few reasons, asking the butler to pass them on to Chief Ogade.

The butler nodded repeatedly, smiling, "I have remembered, I'll go back and tell Chief Ogade."

Bai Xiaosheng thanked him once again.

After the butler left, Chen Feiqiu came to find Bai Xiaosheng, wanting to take him around Eisenlag's night market together and enjoy some fresh beer and barbecue to celebrate his attainment of the chieftain position.

Upon hearing that Bai Xiaosheng wanted to delay the inauguration ceremony, Chen Feiqiu was also quite curious.

Bai Xiaosheng's explanation to him was that he wanted to keep the impact of this news to use in business negotiations.

Chen Feiqiu smiled at this and did not dwell on the topic, pulling Bai Xiaosheng and the others out of the "Walking Palace" and heading to Eisenlag's bustling district...

On the other side, Chief Ogade received Bai Xiaosheng's reply just after completing a treatment session.

Lady Daliya was massaging his shoulders, relaxing his muscles.

"Alright, understood. Then we'll delay the ceremony and keep the news confidential until Bai Xiaosheng says it's okay to proceed," Chief Ogade said, dismissing the butler with a wave.

Lady Daliya smiled, "It seems our new chieftain is already dedicated to the development of the territory."

Chief Ogade reclined against the backrest, eyes closed, and smiled, "Isn't that wonderful? It seems I just need to offer silent support without any interference."

Lady Daliya also smiled gently.

Bai Xiaosheng had actually anticipated their attitude; otherwise, he wouldn't have asked the butler to convey the message on his behalf.

The matter was thus set aside for now.

Two days later.

In the general manager's office at Keruoge Corporation, Brady was on the phone with one of his confidants.

"Where is Mr. Hogson? Is the front hall arranged? Tell the administration to send unrelated people away, and try to ensure no one sees him. When he arrives, please have him take the private elevator directly to me."

As Brady instructed, he got up to fetch a tea set, intending to brew a good pot of tea in anticipation of the guest— Mr. Hogson.

These days, Brady had been contemplating matters related to Oshan and Bai Xiaosheng.

Toward Bai Xiaosheng, Brady harbored enduring resentment and was annoyed not only because Bai Xiaosheng disrupted his layout in Oshan, putting him behind Hogson and Anlos, but also because Bai Xiaosheng's "friend" was about to enter Oshan's business circle, becoming a fourth force!

Brady felt his concern was well-founded.

Although Bai Xiaosheng currently served Oshan with fairness and impartiality, who could predict the future!

With Bai Xiaosheng's resources in Oshan, if he later supported his so-called friend's competition from behind, who could compete with him!

Brady considered himself prudent, preparing in advance against future trouble.

In his view, there is a kind of person who is the most terrifying in this world— those considered "one's own." It's when one's own people deal with each other that it's the most defenseless.

This time, didn't Bai Xiaosheng give special "treatment" to him, a colleague from Zhenbei Group?

Should there be another conflict in the future, Bai Xiaosheng, as "one's own," would undoubtedly be harsher on his side than on outsiders!

Brady believed precautions must be taken!

However, he clearly forgot that he was the one who initially held animosity toward Bai Xiaosheng...

Currently, with Bai Xiaosheng on the rise in Oshan, Brady's contingency plan involved forming an alliance to protect his interests.

In Oshan's business community, there are four major external forces; excluding him and Bai Xiaosheng's "friend," only Anlos and Hogson remain.

Anlos had been friendly with Bai Xiaosheng from the beginning, with Milo being Bai Xiaosheng's friend. Now that Bai Xiaosheng was flourishing in Oshan, it seemed unlikely to persuade Anlos to take action against Bai Xiaosheng.

Thus, Brady targeted Hogson.

The Hogson family suffered great business losses because of Bai Xiaosheng, forced to concede to Oshan and Bai Xiaosheng, losing both face and dignity. To say they harbored no resentment toward Bai Xiaosheng was impossible.

Furthermore, the past competitions between Keruoge Corporation and the Hogson family were not intense and lacked conflicts of interest.

Moreover, Brady and Hogson had neither long-standing nor recent grievances.

This foundation for cooperation was quite favorable.

Moreover, there was a rare opportunity before Brady's eyes today— Mr. Hogson was visiting this city.

Brady seized the opportunity, instructing his confidant to invite Hogson over to discuss a potential alliance.

To ensure Hogson had no worries, Brady instructed his subordinates to avoid attracting attention, thus making the gesture evident to Hogson.

Never underestimate these minor details, as people of their standing actually attach great importance to small issues.

Chapter 2660 - Brady's Reluctance (Part 2)

After waiting quietly for a quarter of an hour, Mr. Brady heard a knock on his office door.

The "guest" had arrived!

Brady stood up and walked over to open the door himself to show how much he valued this meeting.

Outside the door stood Brady's trusted aide, and beside him, Hogson himself.

Hogson had only brought one attendant, who was clearly a trusted aide as well.

"Mr. Hogson, you're finally here! Please, come in!" Brady showed an enthusiastic smile and gestured for Hogson to enter.

Hogson nodded with a smile and stepped into the office.

Pointing at the man Hogson had brought with him, Brady instructed his own aide, "Take this gentleman to rest, and make sure he's well looked after!"

The aide immediately nodded.

After giving his instructions, Brady closed the door behind him.

Facing Hogson again, Brady extended his hand warmly and shook hands with him.

"Mr. Hogson, welcome to my office as a guest!"

Hogson also smiled and nodded. "I'm honored to be here and to have a face-to-face talk with you."

The opening was suffused with a peaceful air, which Brady found very satisfying.

Smiling, Brady made an inviting gesture. "Let's sit over there and talk. I know Mr. Hogson likes Huaxia tea; I happen to have some top-grade leaves a friend gave me. Why don't we taste them together?"

Hogson nodded and, accompanied by Brady, walked over to the sofa area.

On the coffee table there was a full set of Huaxia Kung Fu Tea ware, and the fragrance of tea was wafting through the air.

At the sight, Hogson nodded approvingly and sat down facing Brady.

Since they were tasting tea, Brady started the conversation from tea. He was also fond of it and knew quite a bit, while Hogson was even more adept.

The two of them talked for a full ten minutes, truly hitting it off.

Once the mood was set, Brady brought up the fact that both sides were going to invest in Oshan and that they would have lots of business dealings in the future and should take care of each other.

Hogson naturally expressed his agreement.

They talked for a full half hour about the direction and trends of Oshan's commercial development.

On many points their views and opinions were very similar; as the back-and-forth continued, there was a strong sense of mutual appreciation, like heroes recognizing heroes.

Seeing that they had talked about so much, and the conversation had gone so well, Brady felt it was about time to bring in the real topic.

"Mr. Hogson, in fact, not long ago I heard a bit about what your family went through in Oshan, and I feel deeply indignant on your behalf."

Brady said, "That kid Alger, even if he was momentarily confused and got involved in some things, it was still out of youthful impulsiveness. When you think about it, it's understandable. That Bai Xiaosheng is not necessarily blameless either."

"It's not as if your Hogson Family was trying to go after him, yet he actually made you pay a price in the business arena. That was really completely out of line!"

"Although Bai Xiaosheng and I are in the same group, in fact, he's the one I can't stand the most!"

"In order to curry favor with Oshan, this guy didn't hesitate to damage my side's interests. You know he and I belong to the same group; we're colleagues. And he still did that! That tells you everything you need to know about what kind of person he is!"

Between the lines, Brady's words clearly carried dissatisfaction with Bai Xiaosheng.

Hogson's brow twitched, then his expression smoothed out. He picked up the Cup and slowly took a sip of tea.

Despite their lively chat just now, in fact Hogson had been waiting all along for Brady to reveal the real purpose of this meeting.

From the moment he entered this building, Hogson had noticed how few people there were along the way. Anyone who looked over was immediately driven off by Brady's people, making the whole thing look extremely secretive.

Avoiding prying eyes meant there was certainly something they didn't want others to know.

So Hogson had been waiting—for Brady to speak up.

These words from Brady immediately made Hogson understand his intention.

Who was Hogson? Like Brady, he was the head of a financial conglomerate, with a razor-sharp mind.

Brady had invited him here to deal with Bai Xiaosheng together!

Hogson raised his head and grinned, but what he said was, "All that is in the past now. Aren't things good at present? Our cooperation with Oshan satisfies both sides, it's pleasant for everyone, and it will only get better."

Seeing that when he brought up "grudges," Hogson tried to smooth things over with him, Brady thought he still didn't trust him.

Brady simply spoke bluntly. "How can that be in the past? How can we just let it go!"

"Your family lost real money in Oshan, and so did we!"

"Let me tell you something else, Mr. Hogson: Bai Xiaosheng is also bringing friends in to intervene in Oshan's business community. That means they'll be grabbing food from the same bowl as you and me!"

"The cake is only so big, and now it has to be shared with another party. Are you really okay with that? And you and I both know about his relationship with Oshan. If one day we end up in conflict with their side, the businesses we've invested real money in will be in danger!"

Brady exaggerated the risks, aiming his blade straight at Bai Xiaosheng.

Looking calmly at Brady, Hogson said, "Then Mr. Brady, what exactly are you proposing?"

Since things had already been said to this extent, Brady didn't mind being even more explicit.

"We should advance and retreat together to deal with the unknown risks coming from Bai Xiaosheng!" Brady said in a low, deliberate voice.

Hogson remained silent.

Brady went on, "In fact, there is currently no conflict between your business and mine. If we join forces, it'll be a strong alliance with only advantages and no drawbacks. At some suitable time in the future, we

might even squeeze Anlos and Bai Xiaosheng's two parties out of the game. Then the future Oshan business will be ours alone!"

As he said this, the murderous intent in Brady's words fully emerged.

After speaking, he stared at Hogson, his gaze filled with anticipation.

Hogson seemed somewhat moved, somewhat stirred, as if on the verge of agreeing.