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Chapter 2681 Big News (Part 3)

Lin Weiwei shrugged her shoulders.

"The way things are escalating, it won't calm down unless something even more explosive steals the spotlight," Lin Weiwei said.

Beside her, Lei Ying chimed in with a smile, "That won't be long now."

"What?" Lin Weiwei looked at him curiously and asked.

Lei Ying gestured towards Bai Xiaosheng with his mouth, "Our Mr. Bai's coronation ceremony."

Lin Weiwei immediately clapped her fist into her palm, nodding with a smile, "Yes, yes, and it's only a few days away. Chief Ogade's presence is quite a sensation."

Bai Xiaosheng glanced at them, shook his head with a smile, and murmured, "Me becoming a chieftain is just official news. Do you really think it can outdo entertainment gossip? You underestimate the public's fondness for juicy news."

Lei Ying couldn't help but nod.

Lin Weiwei, however, wasn't convinced and clamored to make a bet with Bai Xiaosheng on which event would have more impact.

Thus, a few days passed, and the "illegitimate daughter scandal" of the Anlos Family did not diminish; instead, it intensified.

Meanwhile, Bai Xiaosheng's coronation ceremony took place as scheduled.

On the day of the coronation, Chief Ogade personally attended, joined by business giants Hogson, Anlos, and Brady, making for a grand and lively scene.

Bai Xiaosheng donned a special outfit and was personally crowned by Chief Ogade, officially becoming a chieftain of Eisenlag.

Within Oshan and the West African business circles, business people and major families were all astir and interested in the news.

However, just as Bai Xiaosheng predicted, the news was only red-hot on that day before being overshadowed by the Anlos Family's scandal.

The media always follows the public's interest, preferring to amplify certain events.

Besides, there were other factors at play.

On Bai Xiaosheng's coronation day, a media outlet directly asked Anlos if Lorna was truly his illegitimate daughter.

Anlos's reaction was not intense but rather intriguing, which reignited the whole situation's heat.

Overall, the buzz surrounding Anlos and Lorna lasted about two weeks before it gradually subsided.

And two weeks later, one day in North America, at Caroline's family.

Robert came back.

When Robert stepped into the family's ancient castle hall, a few of his cousins were walking out, chatting and laughing. Upon seeing him, they were visibly surprised.

"Well, well, who do we have here, Robert, weren't you supposed to be in West Africa? What brings you back?" someone mocked Robert as they realized it was him.

Back then, due to Robert's conduct, Caroline had proposed at the family meeting to send him off to West Africa.

This was known by everyone in the family and had become a laughingstock at the time.

Even Robert's own sister, Caroline, treated him this way, so these cousins paid him even less respect.

"Exactly, it's neither a special family day nor your allotted vacation, yet you return?"

"Miss Caroline won't be pleased to know, I bet."

"If she takes away your last bit of business authority, you'll really be nothing."

"Though, even now, you're no match for us."

They mocked Robert mercilessly.

It might be because Caroline was too domineering and unsympathetic usually, always exercising her authority as clan leader, leaving these people swallowing their grievances and unable to vent their long-standing resentment.

Although Robert was also not liked by Caroline, he was, after all, her full-blooded brother.

Thus, they found a kind of spiteful pleasure in humiliating Robert.

Robert glanced at them coldly and walked inside, saying, "I don't have time to talk with you, don't delay me from seeing the clan leader and the elders."

"I am here, after all, to bring the family great news!"

Chapter 2682 Rise of the Underdog

Robert's words, full of arrogance, left his cousins dumbfounded, momentarily leaving them speechless.

Once upon a time, Robert was synonymous with being the family's disgrace, indulging in pleasure and refusing to make any serious efforts. Even when he occasionally attempted to achieve something, it invariably ended in failure, achieving nothing at all.

Despite this, as Caroline's brother, the family resources never ceased to support him.

Among those his age, envy, jealousy, and hatred toward Robert were rampant, but no one dared to provoke him.

They eagerly awaited Caroline's decisive action against him, watching as Robert became like a lost dog, eventually fleeing in disgrace to West Africa.

These people could hardly express their delight, treating it as a ceaseless source of amusement.

Unexpectedly, Robert returned.

His current demeanor and aura were completely transformed from his former self, which truly shocked them, making them uncertain about the confidence he displayed.

However, when a group of cowardly dogs is together, they can still bark at a wild wolf, let alone a group of people.

The mere presence of the group itself strengthened their courage.

Robert's cousins were not easy to deal with; timid is not an adjective that applies to them. Although Robert's earlier display surprised them, it was only momentary.

These men began to cause trouble again.

"Pfft, what are you flaunting here? You're just an exile sent to a remote place, a worthless handler of a tiny part of the family business! Talking about some good news, and even insisting on meeting the elders in the family, it's laughable!"

Someone retorted to his face, regaining the upper hand in the situation.

The others "came to their senses" too, once again engaging in rampant ridicule.

"Robert, I think you've lost your mind. Is it from not being able to come back, that you were somehow provoked? You've become shameless!"

"I think instead of meeting the Clan Leader, he should see a psychiatrist."

"How about sharing your so-called good news with us first, and let's see if it's worthy of the elders' attention, so you don't make a fool of yourself and lose the last bit of power you have."

"If that happens, poor Robert. But when that time comes, don't be too upset, Robert. My company is short-handed. Though, you would have to start from the ground up, as a janitor, cleaning toilets. If you work hard, there's a future for you. How about it?"

"Hey, that's going too far. Maybe he really has some important good news, like a sudden surge in performance from his company, although that's impossible. Even if it did surge, it's like it didn't earn much. Haha..."

Not only did these people mock him, but they also all rushed to block Robert's path.

It seemed like Robert would have to force his way through.

But if Robert really forced his way through, these people wouldn't hold back, possibly resorting to fists and kicks.

With a group against one person, they'd certainly beat Robert into submission.

Then they'll all claim in unison that Robert made the first move, leaving Robert with no way to defend himself.

As for Caroline, she had already given up on her disgraced brother. There's even a rumor that when Robert's leg could have been saved, it was Caroline who broke it herself. This proves that there's no sisterly affection from her.

So what else were they afraid of.

Seeing his cousins surround him with ill intent, Robert also became alert.

At this moment, someone shouted, "Has Mr. Robert returned?!"

Everyone present instantly turned to look.

They saw a white elder, slim and skeletal, walking briskly towards them, almost running, yet maintaining complete dignity.

Robert's cousins couldn't help but exchange glances, curbing their earlier brazenness toward Robert.

This elder was the highly respected butler of the family, and they dared not misbehave in his presence.

While speaking, the old butler had already arrived in front of everyone, nodding amicably to Robert's cousins, "Gentlemen, having just finished the family meeting, how do you have leisure to chat here?"

Today wasn't just any day; from the Clan Leader and the elders at the top, down to the younger generation managing family businesses, all had to return for the family meeting.

The only exception, the important figure not present, was Caroline.

However, with her absence, not even the Clan Leader had a word to say.

Although Caroline had caused great loss to the family after her failed campaign, her influence never waned. Soon after, she facilitated cooperation between the family and major consortiums like the Morgan Family, instantly restoring her prestige.

Not only that, she was already considered by the younger generation as the future Family Head.

Now, the family showed her limitless indulgence.

Back to the present, hearing Stuart the old butler's inquiry, the group promptly responded.

"Mr. Stuart, we were just about to return. We saw Robert and were catching up." Someone joked.

Another commented, "But Robert isn't qualified to attend today's family meeting. By coming back today, isn't he violating the earlier agreement?"

"Mr. Stuart, you should teach our cousin Robert about the rules; he can't just whimsically return."

"Indeed, and he's making wild statements, not afraid of making a fool of himself..."

The crowd quipped in excitement.

Stuart the butler looked at Robert expressionlessly, seemingly showing dissatisfaction in his eyes.

Seeing this, the crowd immediately looked at Robert with schadenfreude.

"Mr. Stuart..."

Chapter 2683 Rise of the Useless (Part 2)

Robert started to speak, but was interrupted by the old steward raising his hand.

This could be considered an exceedingly rude act. The old steward in the family was a veteran in etiquette, the last person expected to make a mistake in manners.

The current scene was evidently deliberate.

The people present felt a secret thrill of pleasure in their hearts.

"Gentlemen, you may leave first. I will resolve this matter with Mr. Robert," Mr. Stuart the old steward said to everyone.

Some were reluctant to miss the upcoming spectacle, but given the old steward's words, insisting on staying would be disrespectful and breach proper conduct, also leading to criticism.

Weighing the pros and cons, they could only feel "regret."

"Then we'll leave first, and you have a good chat with Robert," someone said with a smile.

Others chimed in, giving Robert looks tinged with a bit of mockery.

Subsequently, these people departed and headed straight out of the hall.

From afar, they heard the old steward speaking sternly to Robert, "Mr. Robert, please come over here to talk, after all, speaking here is quite inappropriate..."

As those people left, they felt increasingly gloat.

On the other side, Mr. Stuart the old steward led Robert inside, stopping only in a deserted corridor.

"Mr. Stuart," Robert said softly.

The old steward gave him a warm smile, "Young Master Robert, I had to offend you earlier, it was necessary, there's no need to bother with those people."

This Mr. Stuart was actually a staunch supporter of Robert, ever since his childhood.

The timing of this family meeting was his suggestion.

With his assistance, Robert dared to confidently return to the family.

"Regarding your matters in West Africa, I've already arranged it so that every important figure in the clan is aware. However, all they know is that you established a connection with the Anlos Family by chance, and have significant news to report back. The rest will depend on you to narrate," Mr. Stuart the old steward said with a smile.

"Thank you very much!" Robert was immensely grateful.

"No need to say more, there are many eyes and ears here, you should head upstairs quickly. The family meeting is nearly over, it's just the right time for you to appear!" Mr. Stuart the old steward advised.

Robert nodded repeatedly.

The two walked towards the elevator. Seeing no one around, Robert asked, "Does Caroline still come back often lately?"

This is Caroline's home. She practically returns whenever she has time. Caroline's study is on par with the clan leader's status, ordinary people aren't allowed in, and it's even guarded daily by designated personnel.

Coupled with the family's tight security, capable of purchasing high-level security systems and safes, many of Caroline's secrets are hidden within the family.

"Same as before, she comes back once every two or three days when she's here," Mr. Stuart's response was filled with layers of implications, "All habits are unchanged."

This statement was quite meaningful.

They had already collected many of Caroline's behavioral habits.

Robert nodded, secretly sneering in his heart.

No matter how sharp and cunning Caroline was, in the end, there would be places that would cause her to mentally relax, which was within this family.

And Mr. Stuart, in front of others, maintained a distant and cold facade with Robert, even deliberately finding faults, which was an extremely deep disguise that even Caroline hadn't seen through.

Or to say, in this family, where she let her guard down, it didn't matter to her whether a steward favored or disfavored someone, true or false, it wasn't worth her spending much energy on.

This was essentially a typical case of "the darkest place is right under the lamp."

Robert intended to utilize these two points to achieve his wishes.

At this point, Mr. Stuart the old steward took Robert all the way up the elevator. Encountering anyone, even just a servant, he would restrain his emotions, not giving Robert the slightest friendly expression.

Shortly after, the two reached the designated conference room for the family meeting.

The bodyguards stationed at the door, upon seeing Mr. Stuart the old steward, respectfully nodded and greeted him, yet somewhat ignored Robert, the host.

Nevertheless, both Mr. Stuart the old steward and Robert were accustomed to this.

Mr. Stuart the old steward checked the time and motioned for Robert to wait.

The waiting lasted a quarter of an hour, but in the context of a meeting, such a time was naturally insignificant.

At this moment, the door opened, and someone came out, another important figure in the clan.

Mr. Stuart the old steward quickly greeted him.

Seeing Mr. Stuart the old steward, that person gave a symbolic nod, then immediately glanced at Robert.

"Uncle," Robert immediately greeted with a smile.

"Oh, Robert, you're back already." The man nodded, then seemed to recall something, flashing a smile, "I heard you've had quite the opportunity in West Africa. That's great, the family's business could use some good news this year to uplift everyone. Why don't you go and report to everyone. Stuart, you can now go and inform the Clan Leader, it's already rest time."

Robert nodded repeatedly, and the old butler Stuart also respectfully replied "Yes."

After leaving those words, the man went directly towards the restroom.

Actually, there are bathrooms in the meeting room, more than one, but sometimes they're insufficient due to the number of people.

Some people are in a hurry to use it, so they have to step out. There's nothing curious about that.

After the man left, the old butler Stuart exchanged a glance with Robert.

The reason for that person's "enthusiastic" reminder wasn't that he viewed Robert differently, but because his own business wasn't profitable this year, he probably just took a "critique." He asked Robert to go in, purely to save his own situation.

However, it's also an important signal, the timing seems just about right.

The old butler Stuart immediately stepped forward and knocked on the door, received a response, and pushed the door open to enter.

Soon, the old butler Stuart came out again and spoke solemnly to Robert, "The Clan Leader wants to see you, he's taken five minutes of his break to see you!"

This is a crucial five minutes!

If Robert can use the news he brings to capture the elders' attention, returning to the family might become possible.

Robert also immediately composed himself, adjusted his clothes, exuded self-confidence, and entered through the door.

The old butler Stuart watched the mature Robert from behind, though he appeared impassive, he was deeply gratified in his heart.

This child, whom he had watched grow up, finally has his day of growth.

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As Robert entered the meeting room, he saw the Clan Leader with a serious demeanor conversing with others on the dais, and hundreds of important family figures seated below.

Some looked at him, others continued exchanging heated discussions with those beside them, disregarding him.

Robert composed his thoughts, and stepped toward the dais.

No matter what, today is the day Robert turns his life around!

The person who had just "reminded" Robert returned several minutes later, glanced at the doorway to see only the old butler Stuart and not Robert, immediately gestured at the door and asked, "Robert went in?"

"Yes, he's already in there." Stuart replied.

The man immediately wore a meaningful smile and pushed the door open to enter.

However, the scene inside caught him by surprise.

It should have been rest time, yet everyone was seated, and there was no sound of conversation.

On the dais, aside from the seated Clan Leader, there was a young man speaking eloquently.

That was Robert?!

The scene made this person hardly believe his eyes, and outside, the old butler Stuart's eyes lit up.

Finally, Young Master Robert had his moment of stunning the family!

The meeting room door closed immediately thereafter.

Robert's arrival had made the family meeting change its agenda at its conclusion and extended it by more than an hour.

After the meeting, the old butler Stuart was called by the Clan Leader to receive instructions.

Young Master Robert is to stay in the house starting today, prepare a room for him.

Make it a good room!

That alone says everything!

That evening, Caroline returned home, first entered the study to handle some matters concerning Zhenbei Group, and then had a family confidant brief her on the day's meeting content.

Upon hearing Robert had returned to the family, her eyebrow raised slightly.

The confidant explained, "Mr. Robert, due to certain fortuitous circumstances, connected with the Anlos Family in West Africa. The Anlos Family is currently making great strides in Oshan, and wishes to find a partner here, choosing us. Mr. Robert returned with a huge order. Besides, the Anlos Family also recommended Mr. Robert to the Hogson Family in West Africa, reportedly another major potential business deal. Both parties hope Mr. Robert can manage the liaison work here in North America, and the family meeting has already approved him to stay within the family..."

"That good-for-nothing can actually be of such use."

Caroline couldn't help but laugh, then frowned, "The Anlos Family... Recently, I seemed to have read a news article, about a woman named 'Lorna' having created quite a stir with them. Lorna, isn't she that former thief with Robert..."

"So that's it, indeed some amazing 'affinities'!"

"People, sometimes, really do bump into incredible luck!"

Chapter 2684 Family Celebrities

Robert's return to the family was met with attention and preferential treatment. This news spread quickly, becoming widely known. Among the brothers and sisters of the same generation in the family, there was endless gossip behind closed doors.

Even Robert, such a failure, could turn his fortunes around, which indeed caught many by surprise.

However, there were more and more people actively visiting Robert to express their concerns and inquiries.

That's how people are; when one is down on their luck, others avoid them like the plague. But once things turn around, those who previously dismissed and mocked now emerge with extraordinary concern.

The Robert of today was not the Robert of the past. He handled these interpersonal dealings with such ease, surprising everyone once again.

No one expected Robert to have grown so much during his time in Western Africa, despite being ostracized.

When Caroline inquired about Robert from her confidant, this was also explained to her in detail.

Caroline sat on the sofa, listening with one hand supporting her chin, showing some interest.

"Why don't I summon Mr. Robert so you can meet him," suggested the confidant who was reporting, noticing her interest.

Caroline waved her hand dismissively, speaking lightly, "Let's just forget it. Even with these improvements, he's just an ordinary person in the family. If I must show such concern over this, what would I do when he actually achieves something substantial? Wouldn't I have to go out of my way to congratulate him?"

In truth, Caroline still held some disdain for her younger brother.

Actually, she wasn't just targeting Robert; to her, anyone in the family, from elders to peers, seemed utterly useless.

The confidant quickly nodded in agreement with Caroline's words.

At this moment, Caroline's study door was knocked on.

The confidant walked over, opened the door slightly, exchanged a few words with the person outside, then returned.

"What is it?" Caroline asked casually, intending to carefully read a family business report she had picked up.

"It's Mr. Robert; he wants to see you. He's waiting outside," the confidant reported. "Mr. Robert also says he has brought you an important message."

Caroline raised an eyebrow slightly, showing a smile.

"Oh, an important message for me? How interesting. Did he say the same at the family meeting?"

"Yes," the confidant nodded.

Caroline put down the report in her hand and instructed the confidant, "Go ahead and let him in. I also want to chat with him and see what progress he's made. Plus, I'm curious about the important message he brought me."

Regarding matters in Western Africa, especially in the Oshan Chieftaincy, Caroline recently felt a bit "information-blocked."

Initially, she wasn't an omniscient person specializing in intelligence gathering. Further complicating matters was Lisa's framing of Bai Xiaosheng, leading to a thorough investigation by Oshan, disturbing Caroline significantly. Even though she knew Bai Xiaosheng was there, she refrained from sending anyone over.

Adding to that, she has been busy dealing with Lu Cheng'an and Li Yunyuan, two deputy directors. So she's still unaware of Bai Xiaosheng becoming Eisenlag's Chieftain.

After all, such news appeared only in an official announcement.

Beyond that, there was nothing more.

Given Bai Xiaosheng's low-profile approach, the media didn't extensively report.

Honestly, who would care about whether an additional chieftain appeared in a cross-continental country, let alone who or what their name is?

Regarding the Anlos Family and Lorna's affair, because it dragged on for a long time and was subject to gossip, those around Caroline were discussing it fervently, which she was aware of.

With Caroline's instructions, her confidant promptly nodded and retreated.

Before long, Robert entered through the door.

Caroline remained seated, her head raised as she looked at him with a faint, seemingly amused smile.

"Caroline sister," Robert said warmly, carrying a pile of things. "It's so good to see you again! Why did you return so late? Have you had supper yet?"

In Caroline's eyes, Robert's enthusiasm lacked the obsequiousness it once had.

At the time when he was expelled from the family, he had begged, flattered, and cried — truly unmanly!

It made her feel disgusted.

Now, his demeanor and actions were much improved.

"Robert, it's been a while," Caroline smiled lightly. "You've matured quite a bit."

"It's all thanks to your guidance, Caroline sister," Robert moved forward, placing the items on a nearby table. "These are the gifts I brought for you from Western Africa: diamonds, silverware, sculptures, ceramic pieces, each one carefully selected."

Learnt how to handle social interactions and connect sibling relationships? He indeed has made progress.

Caroline chuckled, "You've truly put thought into this, Robert. At the time, I vigorously advocated sending you to Western Africa for training, purely for your own good. It seems that it has indeed benefited you, which pleases me greatly."

With those words, Caroline essentially transformed a previous malicious act into one of kind intent.

Robert looked genuinely grateful and sincere, saying, "I actually didn't understand at the time, and even felt resentment towards you behind your back, Caroline sister. But after some advice from those around me, I realized your good intentions. I'm truly thankful for the experiences I've had outside!"

Caroline smiled lightly, gazing into Robert's eyes.

Robert didn't flinch, his gaze sincere.

"Alright, let's not dwell on these things. Welcome back, my brother," Caroline said with a smile. "I heard you have an important message for me— what is it?"

Upon hearing this, Robert immediately leaned in, adopting a mysterious expression, "Caroline sister, do you remember Bai Xiaosheng? The one who caused your campaign to fail and even led to my leg being broken!"

Chapter 2685 - Notable Figures in the Clan (Part 2)

Upon hearing Bai Xiaosheng's name, Caroline's eyes narrowed instantly, and her body sat up a little straighter.

"Of course I remember him! The news you bring is related to him?!"

"Isn't Bai Xiaosheng now a chieftain in Oshan, with territory in Eisenlag? The company I manage is there, so I know. Of course, you must have known this a long time ago."

Robert originally intended to give a reminder, so he could continue speaking.

Unexpectedly, Caroline was very surprised, "What, Bai Xiaosheng, a chieftain? What's going on!"

She didn't know?

Robert also looked at Caroline in surprise at this reaction.

Logically, Caroline wouldn't pretend not to know about such an incident. Does she really not know?

She didn't even know Bai Xiaosheng had become a chieftain, doesn't she watch the news?

Under Robert's astonished gaze, Caroline urged, "Is this the news you brought me?"

"No." Robert hurriedly replied, "Actually, I have connected with the Anlos Family. Their family is doing business with Bai Xiaosheng... developing business within Bai Xiaosheng's territory. So I thought through this channel, I could learn about Bai Xiaosheng's movements! I wanted to say, if you need, Sister Caroline, I can arrange for people to monitor Bai Xiaosheng's actions!"

This statement indeed invigorated Caroline.

However, Caroline didn't immediately express anything, instead smiling warmly, and said.

"I heard about your dealings with the Anlos Family and heard it's related to a girl named 'Lorna'—tell me about it."

Caroline certainly knew Lorna, as she was the one who spent money to have the Honey Badger Gang deal with Lorna.

However, at the time, it was just a casual remark by a trusted aide. Naturally, she wouldn't let a woman of dubious identity tarnish her family's reputation, so she casually instructed someone close to her to take care of it.

Unexpectedly, that 'Lorna' actually managed to connect with the Anlos Family.

And there were many versions in the news media, each one wildly different. Listening to the party involved was more reliable.

Robert did not refuse and immediately sat down to tell Caroline the details.

Caroline nodded continuously as she listened...

Outside Caroline's study, her two confidants and some servants waited outside, ready for orders.

They originally thought Robert would come out soon, after all, Miss Caroline had said she had a lot of work today and would be busy until midnight.

Time was limited, and Robert was not someone Miss Caroline particularly liked, so the conversation should end quickly.

To their surprise, it actually lasted nearly an hour.

The people waiting outside couldn't help but be a little surprised.

Now, does this also signal that Miss Caroline's attitude toward her brother Robert has changed?!

If this matter spreads, others in the family might completely adjust their stance toward Robert...

While the people outside were speculating, the door opened.

Robert came out from inside with a broad smile.

Soon after, Miss Caroline, surprisingly smiling herself, appeared at the door.

Before others could be surprised, Caroline even smiled and said to Robert, "I'll send for you when I'm free, let's talk again."

These words might seem overly polite or distant to siblings, but here it was indeed shocking.

When had Miss Caroline ever been so "enthusiastic" to someone, even to most of the elders in the family!

Robert replied cheerfully and then turned and left.

Caroline's confidants and the servants were already dumbfounded in astonishment.

Watching Robert leave their field of vision, Caroline's smile lingered, her eyes shimmering as if she wanted to say something—

"Bai Xiaosheng, you have finally returned to my sight again!"

That night, back in his own room, with the disguise removed, Robert turned off the lights, standing in the dark, gazing at the lights outside, his eyes slightly flickering.

"Bai Xiaosheng, you're truly no ordinary person! With this tailoring, I, who was once useless, have completely turned around my image in a single day!"

"This was originally something I planned to achieve in three months!"

"And thanks to your guidance, I can remain calm and unfazed when facing Caroline!"

"You really are my benefactor!"

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In a blink, a few days flew by.

The Eisenlag Ogade Great Chieftain's Palace now belonged to Chief Bai Xiaosheng, a gift from Chief Ogade.

The coronation ceremony had been days past, aside from an official announcement on the day itself, there was no subsequent media tracking report, making the new Great Chief Bai Xiaosheng seemingly appear extraordinarily low-key.

However, this is not uncommon.

Some chieftains simply do not like being disturbed.

Of course, as a young, modern-educated chieftain, this low profile seems a bit unusual.

Nonetheless, there was still no media coming to disturb him, and even if there were, Oshan's officials would privately handle the matter.

During these days, within the palace, Bai Xiaosheng had already discreetly met with Hogson, Anlos, and Brady several times.

Sometimes all three would attend, sometimes not everyone would be there, or Bai Xiaosheng would invite only one or two of them.

Most of the time, they discussed work, various aspects of investment, development, and progress, along with any emerging issues.

Other topics were not meant for outsiders, especially those concerning Brady.

Speaking of Brady, although in the cooperation within Oshan, he reluctantly complied due to circumstances and profit, working seamlessly with Bai Xiaosheng, it was limited to just that.

On the Zhenbei Group level, he remained a steadfast supporter of Bai Xuanyu, maintaining an opposing stance against Bai Xiaosheng.

Chapter 2686 - Famous Figures in the Clan (Part 3)

This point will not change because of the current situation.

Bai Xiaosheng naturally knows this.

In fact, privately, he doesn't fully trust Brady either.

Over these days, Robert has contacted Bai Xiaosheng several times, each call lasting quite a while.

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Another day for Caroline to return home, Robert sought her out first and said he had important news.

Regarding Bai Xiaosheng, even though Caroline was busy with her affairs all day, already slightly tired physically and mentally, she still mustered the energy to meet Robert.

The news Robert brought was that the Anlos Group plans to build a high-tech factory within Bai Xiaosheng's territory.

It is said that Bai Xiaosheng also holds shares in it and has sent people to purchase a batch of high-precision instruments for the first phase.

"The Anlos Family does not completely agree on this, but given Bai Xiaosheng's power and position, they are just dissatisfied." Robert said, "Bai Xiaosheng has already dispatched several procurement teams to Asia, Europe, and North America! This is some lead I managed to gather about those buyers!"

Robert handed Caroline a sheet of paper with the information he had indirectly obtained, of course, further investigation was needed to find out who those buyers were and their whereabouts.

Caroline glanced at it and smiled at Robert, "You've done well on this matter."

"Caroline, should we give Bai Xiaosheng a blow from this angle?" Robert couldn't help but anticipate, "Just make sure it doesn't link back to us."

"You don't need to worry about this." Caroline smiled at Robert, "You go back and continue to keep a close watch on Bai Xiaosheng through your channels!"

Robert nodded in agreement, without saying much, and took his leave.

In front of Caroline, it's best to suggest less, lest she thinks you're instructing her on what to do.

These are what Robert naturally understands.

Thus, two days of calm passed before Robert hurriedly sought out Caroline for a news report.

It is said that the buyers Bai Xiaosheng sent to Europe found suitable partners but fell victim to commercial fraud, losing a substantial amount of funds.

As a result, Oshan had a stern negotiation with the relevant small European country involved, urging them to resolve the matter.

It is reported that Bai Xiaosheng was furious about this, and the Anlos Family was also quite unhappy.

However, the whole incident didn't appear much in the domestic press in Oshan. Bai Xiaosheng used his status and power to intervene and control the narrative.

"This must be Caroline's handiwork, brilliant indeed! I thought you would strike at their North American procurement, but you managed to hit them in Europe. Bai Xiaosheng might be furious enough to have a fit yet not know what hit him! Oshan's side will also blame him for his incompetence due to this failure!"

Robert was elated in front of Caroline, greatly praising her.

Caroline's smile contained a hint of pride, "This is all thanks to your information."

"Caroline, I have another matter to discuss with you this time!" Robert suddenly became spirited.

And Caroline listened with keen interest.

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Thus, within two weeks, Robert provided three pieces of information, large and small; Caroline used two, both of which covertly tripped Bai Xiaosheng, leaving him confounded.

Through this coming and going, Caroline became increasingly attentive to Robert.

More so, during a minor family business adjustment, Caroline strongly endorsed Robert to be appointed as the person in charge of a major company in North America.

And just a few days after Robert took office, he used his relations in the Anlos side to seal a remarkable deal, earning praise from the elders in the family.

Earning money was secondary; the key was Robert's business acumen was highlighted and has been recognized by the family.

Add to this his recent impressive demeanor, Robert became a hot topic within the family.

For a time, he transformed into a celebrity within the family!

Chapter 2687 - A Fateful Encounter from the Heavens

Another day arrived, with perfect weather. At dawn, the sun rose, the sky was azure blue, and white clouds floated by.

Early in the morning, Bai Xiaosheng took Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying to a small hill in the western outskirts of Eisenlag for a picnic, to relax for a day.

This hill, located on the edge of the city, had been confirmed to have no mineral resources. In future development plans, it would only become a scenic spot in a park. This would allow for more reasonable use of the land and cater to the needs of the surrounding residents.

These residents, for decades, have already taken this place as a spot to unwind.

From the top of the hill, Bai Xiaosheng and his group saw several people in groups of three or five, laying picnic blankets on the grass, lying down or sitting, enjoying themselves leisurely.

If they brought a basket of cold snacks and drinks, they could have a pleasant morning or a leisurely whole day.

Bai Xiaosheng and the others also found a good spot, laid a picnic mat, and sat there.

Lin Weiwei took out the prepared fruits and snacks, and brewed a pot of refreshing black tea.

The three of them sat there chatting comfortably in the gentle breeze and lush green grass.

During the conversation, Bai Xiaosheng gazed into the distance.

From here, in the distance, three bustling construction sites could be faintly seen, which were the projects invested and built by the Anlos Family, Hogson Family, and Brady Company, respectively.

This is just the beginning, and in the future, the three projects will gradually expand in scale and speed up progress.

From the edge of the city to the distant mountains, a new city will rise within a few years.

By then, the view will be very different from now.

While Bai Xiaosheng was sketching grand visions in his mind, Lin Weiwei refilled his tea and reported, "Xiaosheng, yesterday we lost another deal, at least several billion US dollars. This is the third one in two weeks!"

"It's really tragic," Lei Ying remarked as he shelled salted peanuts and lamented.

Bai Xiaosheng chuckled softly, pulling away from his thoughts.

The three deals were all sabotaged by the Caroline Family. It was Robert who provided the information to Caroline, who then meddled behind the scenes.

However, on the surface, there was no apparent connection to the Caroline Family. Bai Xiaosheng suffered an untraceable "hidden loss."

"Losing money is inevitable. You can't catch the wolf without sacrificing the child; you must use big bait to catch big fish." Bai Xiaosheng laughed, "Robert should have almost gained the family's trust by now."

Lin Weiwei nodded, "Indeed, there's news that he's a family celebrity now."

"Then we're almost there; let's not 'offer' any more," Lei Ying said.

Bai Xiaosheng also nodded, "Right, considering how well Caroline knows me, by now I should have been alarmed and on guard, and wouldn't make those mistakes anymore. If we continued losing money, it would look suspicious."

"Keep the information flowing," Bai Xiaosheng said, "Replace our employees with official personnel from Oshan, those with extensive experience, to avoid making mistakes again."

Lin Weiwei immediately nodded, "I'll inform Chen Feiqiu to have Oshan allocate personnel to assist."

Bai Xiaosheng nodded.

The stake on Robert had been placed, whether it wins or loses, requires time to confirm. Bai Xiaosheng wasn't in a hurry, nor did he expect a sure win.

Sometimes, when playing against an expert, even if the moves are cleverly concealed, one must remain calm and composed, never relaxing until the very end.

Just wait for the blossoming results.

After discussing this, the three of them chatted about other things.

Bai Xiaosheng was on good terms with various Chinese families, the Greater China Region of Zhenbei Group, and all his private enterprises; even if each had very few issues requiring Bai Xiaosheng's attention, cumulatively, they could be considered numerous.

Particularly since Bai Xiaosheng wanted to integrate various forces into a global business alliance, there were even more things to focus on and handle.

In the past week, Bai Xiaosheng and the three of them had been busy nonstop, hence today's rare chance to relax.

While chatting, Bai Xiaosheng suddenly let out a light "hmm" and laughed, "Didn't we come here just to relax? Why are we talking about work again?"

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying both chuckled at his words.

"It's really a habit formed by nature, adapted to the intensity of work, and even relaxation can't escape work," Lin Weiwei laughed, "Who started it, should we punish ourselves by taking a sip of tea as if it's wine?"

Lei Ying laughed, "It's unclear, I think we should all just take a sip each."

"Good suggestion, sharing blessings and hardships," Bai Xiaosheng joked.

The three laughed heartily, clinking their teacups as if they were glasses of wine.

However, just as Bai Xiaosheng brought his teacup to his lips, his phone rang before he could take a sip.

"Look, I want relaxation, but things seek me out instead," Bai Xiaosheng sighed softly. On one hand drinking tea, on the other, he checked the caller ID, and was surprised, "Anlos? Why is he personally calling me, is there something up?"

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying also had curious glances.

Yesterday, Bai Xiaosheng had just had a conversation with Anlos and nothing seemed amiss, could it be an emergency?

"Hello, Mr. Anlos?" Bai Xiaosheng put down his teacup, smiling as he answered the call, "You called me, what's the matter?"

A moment later, Bai Xiaosheng's eyes widened in surprise, "Lorna, is it something related to her?"

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying exchanged startled glances upon hearing Bai Xiaosheng's words.

Anlos personally calling, and it's concerning Lorna?

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Even if Lorna has any issues, the Anlos Family can't solve them, why do they still need to call Bai Xiaosheng?

Does Anlos need to personally call Bai Xiaosheng?

This seems a bit exaggerated.

As Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying were puzzled, they heard Bai Xiaosheng respond, "I understand, okay, we have time today, we can go over and take a look."

What matter requires them to go over there?

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying were even more surprised.

Bai Xiaosheng ended the call with Anlos, put down the phone, but his expression showed a hint of weirdness.

"What's up, Xiaosheng, what exactly happened?" Lin Weiwei couldn't help but ask.

Lei Ying also looked at Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng looked at the two, his expression odd, "You may not believe it when I say it. Someone came to the Anlos Family, wanting to recognize Lorna as a relative."

"Ah?" Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying exchanged stunned glances, then said in unison, "Didn't Miss Lorna say she had no family, having lost her parents at a young age?"

Bai Xiaosheng shrugged.

"Could it be that someone saw the news, knew Miss Lorna was connected to the Anlos Family, and came pretending to be a relative, trying to get some money?" Lin Weiwei speculated.

Lei Ying looked at Bai Xiaosheng, "If that's the case, I think the Anlos Family would handle it well, and wouldn't need to call Xiaosheng, especially not for Mr. Anlos to call personally."

Lin Weiwei also found it strange.

Bai Xiaosheng looked at them, laughed, "Actually, you might not believe it, but the person coming to recognize a relative isn't here for money. It's because they're from the Maiyous Family."

Maiyous Family?

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying were momentarily taken aback, then just as surprised, they widened their eyes.

In the vast expanse of West Africa, with its numerous countries, because of the regional alliances, their commercial sectors are closely interwoven, with shared benefits, and they are even more tightly connected than other countries or regions. In multiple joint business meetings, their commercial top ten ranks are officially recognized.

The Anlos Family Group ranks second.

The company managed by Brady, Keruoge, ranks third.

The Hogson Family Group ranks fourth.

The strength gap between the top three seats and the subsequent seven is quite large, though the Hogson Family has been rapidly closing the gap with Keruoge in recent years.

In Bai Xiaosheng's negotiations with the three parties, he was considered by Oshan to be against the three giants, but in reality, the Hogson side was still lacking. The real top three giants do not include them.

The number one commercial giant in West Africa is actually the Maiyous Family!

This time, the Maiyous Family did not participate in the commercial dispute on Oshan's side, not because they looked down on Oshan, but for some special reasons, their main force is not there.

The Maiyous Family embarked on a "commercial expedition," currently competing with the East African business giants, surprisingly winning despite being away.

They should be enjoying the fruits of their victory over there at this moment.

Bai Xiaosheng once said that he hoped to meet them one day.

Unexpectedly, the opportunity presented itself, as the Maiyous Family approached Anlos because of Lorna — a girl who once was destitute on the streets, surviving only through theft and robbery.

"This is too bizarre," Lin Weiwei was somewhat stunned, murmuring, "The identity of Lorna as a wealthy family's illegitimate daughter was something we made up, how did it become real?! I used to enjoy dramas, but not even the most outrageous soap operas dare to write like this!"

"And it's the number one family in West Africa," Lei Ying murmured, "No, now should we say it's the strongest family on the entire continent."

Bai Xiaosheng didn't speak, stood up and then said, "Anlos flew to Europe last night to discuss a business deal. Involving Lorna's matter, he is uncertain and it's not appropriate for his people to deal with it, so he asked us to meet someone from the Maiyous Family."

"Besides," Bai Xiaosheng smiled slightly, "Anlos seems to see this as a chance to forge connections. He knows I want to establish extensive close relations with the African business community. Once I achieve this goal, the Anlos Family will naturally benefit, so he suggested I use this opportunity to deeply connect with the Maiyous."

"Oh, it really does sound like a good opportunity," Lin Weiwei also stood up, smiling.

"Then let's go and meet them," Lei Ying said.

Lin Weiwei suddenly remembered something, "But do we need to go to the Anlos Family's residence now, is there still time?"

Upon hearing this, Bai Xiaosheng said, "Anlos has already sent Lorna over here, we just need to meet her at Eisenlag, and then meet with the people from Maiyous."

This matter, Anlos has naturally considered thoroughly.

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying nodded at his words.

Then, the three of them quickly packed their things, went down the small hill, and drove back to Eisenlag City.

The journey was silent.

Bai Xiaosheng and the other two soon arrived at a five-star hotel in the city, which was owned by the Anlos Family. Lorna, who had returned to Eisenlag, was waiting for them there.

As Bai Xiaosheng and the others entered the hotel lobby, the hotel's general manager, who had already been informed and was waiting there, approached them with a wide smile on his face.

Anlos had explained everything in advance, and besides, the hotel manager knew that this young Asian man in front of him was a chieftain in their locality, so he dared not be negligent.

"Chief Bai Xiaosheng!" The fifty-something black general manager, upon seeing Bai Xiaosheng for the first time, immediately intended to perform a kneeling ceremony.

This is a custom ingrained in one's blood, not influenced by the level of education.

The people behind the hotel manager were also about to follow suit.

Bai Xiaosheng was taken aback by this and quickly stopped him, urgently whispering, "I've come this time to travel incognito. The formalities can come later, absolutely not now!"

The latter half of Bai Xiaosheng's words carried a stern tone, quite befitting a chieftain's authority.

With Chief Bai speaking this way, the hotel manager dared not disobey, and to prevent the Chief from being displeased, he hurriedly turned back to stop the others from making any further moves.

"Chief Bai Xiaosheng, we will follow all your instructions!" The hotel manager said this with a serious and earnest expression.

Bai Xiaosheng immediately smiled, patting the manager on the shoulder.

This gesture made the manager feel quite honored.

"Don't call me Chief, just call me Mr. Bai Xiaosheng, keep it low-key, low-key!" Bai Xiaosheng said amiably.

The manager immediately nodded like a pecking chick, quietly passing on the chief's instructions.

Afterward, the hotel manager dismissed the others and "low-key" led Bai Xiaosheng and the others to meet Lorna by himself.

Lorna was waiting in the café on the second floor. Upon seeing Bai Xiaosheng and the others, she rose excitedly to greet them, as if seeing family.

Bai Xiaosheng and the others could be considered her benefactors and also benefactors to Robert. Moreover, the three of them naturally gave her a sense of closeness.

"Brother Xiaosheng, Brother Lei Ying, Sister Weiwei." In her early twenties, Lorna greeted everyone warmly.

She was young and had a tender face, so the three of them treated her like a little sister.

Bai Xiaosheng and Lei Ying greeted her with smiles, and Lin Weiwei went over to hold her little hand, as close as sisters.

"Mr. Manager, please pay special attention to our guests." Bai Xiaosheng politely expressed to the hotel manager.

Knowing that Anlos must have already informed him, there was no need to say anything more.

"Leave it to me, Chie... Mr. Bai Xiaosheng." The hotel manager bowed respectfully and hurriedly left.

With no outsiders present, Bai Xiaosheng and the other three returned to the café with Lorna.

The area had been specially cleared, with no outsiders, making it easier to talk and discuss matters.

Lorna spoke about how the Anlos Family had found her a new job and provided her with several professional teachers, saying she was both satisfied and grateful.

Seeing her happy smile, the three of them were also glad for her.

"I know you actually don't want to leave Eisenlag, since your little friends are all here. We sent you away to avoid media harassment. Now that the storm has subsided, you can come back if you want." Bai Xiaosheng said with a smile.

"Really?" Lorna was overjoyed to hear that.

She naturally wanted to return.

Seeing this, Bai Xiaosheng and the others couldn't help but smile.

Soon, the conversation turned to the present.

Lin Weiwei curiously asked if Lorna had any other family members.

Lorna frowned and said, "When my mother was raising me, she said my father had long passed away. After she died, I didn't see any keepsakes or anything. I don't even know why the Maiyous Family found me."

Bai Xiaosheng and the other two exchanged glances, all equally surprised.

It's odd that the one being claimed by the family is completely in the dark.

At that moment, Lei Ying motioned with his mouth towards the side and whispered, "The manager is bringing someone. They should be the 'guests' we're expecting!"

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The hotel's general manager personally led the way, bringing some people directly towards Bai Xiaosheng and his group. Among those following behind, leading the way were an elderly man and a young man.

The elderly man looked about sixty, was Caucasian, with hair and beard partially grey, dressed like a gentleman, robust and strong, even walking with a swift and powerful stride.

The young man appeared to be younger than Bai Xiaosheng, also Caucasian, handsome enough to be mistaken for a movie star, his eyebrows inadvertently revealing the pride only found in elite families.

Bai Xiaosheng and his companions observed the others, but didn't feel anything particular.

However, Lorna was clearly nervous, tightly clutching the hem of her clothes, murmuring to herself, "They've arrived!"

In truth, Lorna was quite tense at the moment, yet hopeful with anticipation.

She was eager to find out what was truly going on, whether the Maiyous Family really had her relatives.

After all, when her mother was alive, she never mentioned having any other relatives.

Rumor had it that the Maiyous Family was a prestigious family, unlikely to wrongly recognize her as kin...

As someone who was displaced at a young age with a kind and gentle nature, family ties were more precious to Lorna than any gold and silver treasures in the world.

She longed for family bonds, thus her restless mind.

Seeing the others approach, out of courtesy, Bai Xiaosheng and his companions stood up to greet them.

The hotel manager saw this scene, appeared flustered, wanted to make a gesture, but Bai Xiaosheng signaled him to stop, hesitated before withdrawing.

The elderly man and young man behind looked directly at Lorna upon arriving, then began to examine her further.

This made Lorna increasingly anxious.

The reason they identified Lorna as the one to meet was not difficult. Among Bai Xiaosheng's group, three were Asian with yellow skin, only Lorna was mixed-race, making the target easy to determine.

"Mr. Bai, your guests have arrived," the hotel manager respectfully said to Bai Xiaosheng.

"You can go now, don't let anyone disturb us," Bai Xiaosheng said softly to him.

The hotel manager heard, slightly bowed, then nodded to the elderly man and young man, before retreating.

"You two must be from the Maiyous Family, we've been waiting a long time here on behalf of the Anlos Family," Bai Xiaosheng proactively smiled at the elderly man and young man.

The young man glanced at Bai Xiaosheng, politely nodded.

The elderly man raised his gloved hand, signaling the people behind to retreat far, to avoid disturbing this side.

Once the attendants retreated, he smiled slightly at Bai Xiaosheng, introduced, "Mr. Anlos appointed three...Chinese to meet with us, very considerate, preventing this matter from being too conspicuous, thoughtful indeed."

Bai Xiaosheng and his companions were stunned by these words.

It seemed the elderly man misunderstood.

However, they didn't mind, today's focus was on Lorna, solving her issues was the priority.

As for Bai Xiaosheng's in-depth conversation with the Maiyous, it wasn't urgent at this moment.

The elderly man continued, "I am a housekeeper of the Maiyous Family, named Levante. This gentleman—"

The elderly man pointed to the young man beside him, "is Mr. Jim."

Levante's introduction stopped there, he only gave the young man's name, sounding not like the true name.

Jim smiled and nodded to everyone, full of grace and polite.

Everyone nodded in return.

Levante finished speaking, directly looked at Lorna, straightforwardly said, "Presumably, this must be Miss Lorna!"

Lorna nodded repeatedly.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled, "Indeed, this is Miss Lorna. Should we all sit down and chat slowly?"

Levante smiled, ushering Jim, and Bai Xiaosheng with his group, including Lorna, to sit around the table together.

After seating, Levante looked at Bai Xiaosheng, seemingly confirming him as the leader of the conversation.

"This gentleman, Mr. Anlos entrusted such an important matter to you, I assume he trusts you immensely, may I know your name?" Levante asked politely.

"You may call me 'Bai,'" Bai Xiaosheng replied.

For foreigners, Huaxia names are always difficult to remember, better to remember a single character, easier to pronounce.

"Mr. Bai," Levante smiled and nodded, "It seems you are a trusted confidant of Mr. Anlos."

Such words implied Bai Xiaosheng could never be Anlos's subordinate.

Lorna immediately wanted to correct.

Unfortunately, Levante didn't even glance at her, continued speaking to Bai Xiaosheng, "I heard Mr. Anlos is busy with important affairs in Europe. I guess he already entrusted you to fully represent him, anything I say can be conveyed to you?"

Levante was clearly confirming Bai Xiaosheng's authority.

Jim also focused on Bai Xiaosheng.

Bai Xiaosheng nodded, said, "You may."

Lin Weiwei, Lei Ying couldn't help but exchange a surprised look.

Except initially when Levante focused on Lorna, upon sitting down attention shifted to Bai Xiaosheng.

"Mr. Levante, what would you like to say?" Bai Xiaosheng asked.

Levante smiled openly, "I am merely a messenger, everything I say is meant from Mr. Maiyous."

"Mr. Maiyous believes, this matter is an opportunity, not between individuals, but between families, a chance bestowed upon both sides by destiny."

"We've heard the Anlos Family, Keruoge Company, and the Hogson Family in Oshan have gained unprecedented development opportunities, potentially influencing the business landscape in West Africa."

Chapter 2690 - Let's End It Here! (Part 2)

"Our Maiyous Family's expedition to East Africa coincidentally missed some opportunities. This time, we want to seize this chance to advance hand in hand with the Anlos Family."

Jim, smiling from the side, interrupted, "With our two great families joining forces, I believe we will capture a larger market and reduce our common competitors."

Levante's eyes shifted as he glanced at Jim, seemingly thinking that those words were somewhat premature, but he didn't say much more, nor did he criticize Jim for interrupting.

Bai Xiaosheng looked at the two of them meaningfully.

Levante was relatively reserved, but Jim's words were straightforward, showcasing the dominance of the Maiyous Family.

Reduce competitors?

Are they thinking of banding together with the Anlos Family to push Brady and Hogson out?

This ambition and appetite are indeed astounding.

But with the two strongest families in West Africa joining forces, they could really achieve that!

Maiyous defeated the strongest family in East Africa in business, and now wants to return here to consolidate their position. Are they really thinking of dominating the business world across the entire continent?

Surely not a regular family!

Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying also understood the implications behind those words, and could not help but be amazed.

However, they were also thinking of another issue—

With just a few words at the beginning, without confirming Bai Xiaosheng's identity and status, is it really appropriate to say this?

Seeing Bai Xiaosheng's meaningful expression, Levante smiled and said, "Mr. Jim's words were somewhat... overly straightforward, but they indeed represent our sentiments on this trip."

"Although I am merely a subordinate, within the Maiyous Family, I count as someone who can be recognized. Mr. Anlos knows of my arrival, so he must have sent someone of equal standing. In other words, treating Mr. Bai as a trusted confidant, relying heavily on him, speaking directly is not a big deal."

Levante spoke with a certain level of self-confidence.

Upon hearing this, Bai Xiaosheng felt a stir and Red Lotus quickly researched Levante's identity in his mind.

Indeed, a mere steward doesn't rank on the list of notable figures within the Maiyous Family, but as long as there is any trace online, Red Lotus can find it and instantly eliminate irrelevant information.

In a moment, Bai Xiaosheng learned about Levante's background.

This Levante is actually one of Maiyous's personal stewards!

And then this Jim...

Bai Xiaosheng also checked him out.

The results of the search made Bai Xiaosheng raise his eyebrows slightly.

Jim is exactly one of Maiyous's sons.

This is interesting, Maiyous sends his personal steward and son to acknowledge relatives?

Then Lorna's identity is almost obvious!

This outcome corroborates what Levante said.

Anlos, knowing this steward personally came, certainly guessed everything, even predicted seven, eight tenths of a possible cooperative opportunity.

He surely sent trusted confidants to connect, fully authorized.

From this perspective, Levante's thinking wasn't wrong—delving directly into confidential matters would be no issue at all.

"Mr. Maiyous is currently well-known in East Africa, having just succeeded, yet not forgetting West African development, truly diligent and admirable," Bai Xiaosheng commented first.

Simultaneously, Bai Xiaosheng's thoughts were turning.

Anlos had long known these, sending me to take over clearly to show he wasn't holding back any secrets and placed all decision-making power in my hands.

Yet, couldn't you have informed me of these beforehand? Bai Xiaosheng genuinely wanted to complain.

Levante was slightly surprised by Bai Xiaosheng's random, superficial "compliment."

It sounded somewhat mocking, but could a servant dare to be so bold?

"So, what does the Anlos Family mean?" Jim on the side couldn't help but ask.

Levante also looked at Bai Xiaosheng, waiting for an answer.

Watching these lively discussions, Lorna sat there somewhat dazed. No one had mentioned her from start to finish, as if she were an outsider.

Nevertheless, out of politeness, Lorna continued to maintain restraint.

Bai Xiaosheng glanced at Lorna, then turned to Levante and Jim, saying, "Before discussing those matters, we want to first understand Miss Lorna's lineage."

Upon hearing this, Levante and Jim's gaze turned meaningful.

In their perspective, the Anlos Family's representative very likely wanted to first assess Miss Lorna's value, perhaps to haggle when negotiating cooperation.

Levante smiled faintly, "I'm here personally, so Mr. Anlos must have a judgment. Yes, Miss Lorna is Mr. Maiyous's flesh and blood!"

This sentence made Lorna tremble, meaning her biological father is still alive!

Levante continued, "Back then, her mother was Mr. Maiyous's secretary. However, due to a... mistake that should not have existed, she became pregnant."

"Upon learning of Miss Lorna, Mr. Maiyous once arranged a handsome compensation for her mother, urging her to terminate the pregnancy."

"However, Miss Lorna's mother was remarkable, managing to disappear beyond the Maiyous Family's surveillance."

"Having been missing for so many years, Mr. Maiyous presumed she was gone. Until seeing news of Miss Lorna's striking resemblance to her mother, even her small gestures the same. Mr. Maiyous realized Miss Lorna was alive!"

"Therefore, we're here to bring Miss Lorna back, and grateful to the Anlos Family for your protective care."

"Mr. Maiyous also believes this represents a rare affinity and opportunity between the two great families. The Maiyous Family returning to West Africa requires strong support to eliminate others."