

Two Trillion 2691

Chapter 2691 - Let's End This Here!

Levante spoke grandly about these matters, while Bai Xiaosheng listened without displaying any emotion.

Jim also appeared calm, seemingly unfazed by anything.

However, Lorna's face changed repeatedly at these words—shock, anger, humiliation, confusion, desolation—in what seemed like a short span of time, she experienced every flavor of human emotion.

Being an illegitimate daughter, her father didn't wish for her existence; this was the most despairing story of all.

Originally, she thought this would be a heartwarming scene of familial recognition, but unexpectedly, even as Maiyous's illegitimate daughter, she remained an insignificant existence.

Her only value was merely as a connecting opportunity for two influential families.

Thinking of these things, Lorna felt a deep melancholy and her gaze turned confused and desolate.

Beside her, Lin Weiwei and Lei Ying listened with rising indignation.

Levante smiled and said to Bai Xiaosheng, "Mr. Bai, now that you know Miss Lorna's value, we can discuss matters concerning our two families..."

"How can you treat her like this!"

Before Levante could finish speaking, a voice of angry reprimand came from the side.

Lorna's hand was gently clasped by Lin Weiwei, warm and calming. That shout of unable-to-hold-back anger had come from Weiwei.

Lorna couldn't help but look at Lin Weiwei, feeling the warmth of her hand, inexplicably close to tears. The kind of crying that was unrestrained, loud.

Lin Weiwei's gaze held a hint of anger, fixed on Levante and Jim.

To her, this conversation had gone wrong; it was wrong from the start.

They didn't care about Lorna's feelings, treating her like an object. Like an item that a wealthy family had lost, originally dispensable, only gaining value because another wealthy family picked it up, now able to serve as a token for two families to bond.

But people should not be treated as objects!

Family ties shouldn't be like that!

Lin Weiwei's fiery nature couldn't tolerate such a flawed perspective.

Levante frowned and glanced at Lin Weiwei, in his mind she seemed to be a follower of Bai's.

How can she be so indiscreet and presumptuous!

But seeing Bai Xiaosheng silent, Levante suppressed his temper and smiled lightly, "We regard Miss Lorna as a lady of our family. This time we're inviting her back, she will have good treatment and a good life, except—she cannot acknowledge her roots and heritage!"

Jim also smiled at Lorna, but his gaze was calm and indifferent, with no semblance of sibling kinship.

"Then what difference is there from bringing back a bird, a dog to raise!" Lin Weiwei gritted her teeth and said.

"No difference, your description is extremely accurate." Levante seemed to appreciate her comment, nearly applauding Lin Weiwei's words.

This demeanor almost made Lin Weiwei furious.

Lorna also bit her lip, her complexion pale, her heart already cold as ice, holding no attachment to this supposed kinship.

"For the family, isn't that personal value? Comparatively, I might just be worth a bit more." Jim seemed to want to tell a joke.

Unfortunately, there was nothing funny about it.

Levante, seeming tired of fussing with a young lady, turned to Bai Xiaosheng, "Let's get to the point, Mr. Bai, regarding cooperation..."

This time, it was Bai Xiaosheng who ignored him.

Bai Xiaosheng addressed Lorna gently, "Miss Lorna, would you like to meet your biological father?"

Lorna bit her lip, shaking her head resolutely.

Levante frowned at Bai Xiaosheng, dissatisfied with his choice to converse with a seemingly insignificant "lady."

At this time, Bai Xiaosheng had already turned to Levante with a smile and stood up courteously—

"Since Miss Lorna does not wish to return, I believe this conversation should end here!"

Chapter 2692 - Tearing Off the Mask

The Maiyous family butler, Levante, didn't take Lin Weiwei's words seriously at all. He even decided that he would forgive the "rude" remarks of this young girl later, to demonstrate the tolerance of someone from a great family, and to give face to the Anlos Family at the same time.

In his opinion, Lin Weiwei was merely a minor figure whose opinions carried little weight, just temporarily overwhelmed by maternal instincts, speaking impulsively without restraint.

This did not represent the attitude of the Anlos Family, and surely was not a reason to ruin this meeting.

However, Levante also decided that he must inform the Anlos Family afterward, to let them manage their people properly, to avoid such indiscriminate sympathy and inattention to the occasion.

But what Levante never anticipated was that Bai Xiaosheng, the leader sent by the Anlos Family to handle this matter, would turn out to be equally... absurd!

Not only did he not chastise his subordinate, but he even stood up and declared the conversation to be over?

Levante looked at Bai Xiaosheng in disbelief, his eyes clearly seeing him as a madman.

The atmosphere was silent for a few moments, yet it seemed like an eternity.

"Mr. Bai, please, don't make this joke." Jim, standing by, spoke up at the right moment, letting out a "ha-ha" to try and alleviate the situation.

With the interests of two super families at stake, what significance could a woman hold? Not to mention Lorna being an illegitimate child, even if she were the beloved darling of the clan leader, it wouldn't matter. Besides, the Maiyous Family taking Lorna back would not mistreat her; she'd be well fed and clothed, isn't that enough? What more could they want!

Levante also quietly regulated his breathing, yet he felt a stir in his heart.

He thought, this might be Bai Xiaosheng's conversational strategy. Though it appeared irrational, it probably contained a unique approach for the subsequent negotiation.

Almost falling into the other's trap, why should I worry over mere words?

Understanding this, Levante thought to himself.

"Mr. Bai, perhaps I didn't make myself clear just now." Levante stood up and approached Bai Xiaosheng proactively.

"Today, we meet to discuss two matters: First, the cooperation between both parties, and second, the matter concerning Miss Lorna."

"We were initially discussing cooperation, and would later talk about the conditions for Miss Lorna's return. I believed putting the bigger picture first might have come off as presumptuous, making you uncomfortable. It's fine, we can discuss Miss Lorna's issue first."

Levante looked towards Lorna and said, "If Miss Lorna has grievances and wishes to request compensation from the family, there's no problem. I might even assist her in striving for it."

"As for the cooperation between the two families, even though a formal meeting requires both Mr. Anlos and Mr. Maiyous to meet face to face, exchanging preliminary intentions during our first meeting is still extremely important, isn't it?"

Levante believed that in saying this, he had given the other party enough face and explained things clearly.

However, after he finished saying these things, Levante saw Lorna looking gloomy, her head lowered in silence.

The Asian girl beside her seemed even angrier.

And the big guy nearby wore an expression of impatience.

How could these people have such a temper? Levante found it utterly incomprehensible.

Yet, it was that "Mr. Bai" who smiled at him as if he had been listening.

However, the key was with this Mr. Bai. The attitudes of the others were irrelevant.

Levante stared at Bai Xiaosheng, as Maiyous' son Jim also stood up, watching Bai Xiaosheng, waiting for his response.

"Mr. Levante." Bai Xiaosheng finally spoke.

With a soft remark, he drew the attention of everyone present onto himself.

"As I just said, the conversation ends here. Not only regarding Miss Lorna's matter, but also the so-called cooperation between the two families you mentioned." Bai Xiaosheng fixed his eyes directly on Levante, his gaze calm yet indisputable.

At this moment, the aura truly gave Levante a surprisingly oppressive feeling.

"Given your attitudes, I see no necessity to continue. Do you understand what I'm saying?" Bai Xiaosheng enunciated each word.

Levante looked at Bai Xiaosheng, astonished.

As the dignified butler of the Maiyous Family, having given enough courtesy to the other party, was this the response he received?

Even Jim beside him showed a sullen expression, his eyes narrowing as he looked at Bai Xiaosheng, visibly displeased.

Seeing that Bai Xiaosheng intended to leave with Lorna without further discussion, Levante came to his senses and quickly stepped forward to stop Bai Xiaosheng.

Levante frowned and exclaimed, "Mr. Bai, do you know what you're doing? Your actions could create irreparable rifts between the Maiyous and Anlos Families! Are you worthy of Mr. Anlos' trust, can you... handle this responsibility?"

In Levante's heart, the Maiyous Family was a half step above the Anlos Family, especially given today, having successfully defeated a formidable enemy in East Africa, soon to become the strongest family on the continent.

The person sent by Anlos to negotiate was so ignorant, unaware of the limits, provoking Maiyous' patience.

This truly incensed him to the point of being unbearable!

Bai Xiaosheng smiled faintly, "What have I ruined? You can say whatever you want. As for how I account for things with Mr. Anlos, that's none of your business. I can responsibly tell you all, your attitude today has left me and my people very displeased, so this dialogue ends here! It's that simple! Now, please step aside!"

Bai Xiaosheng's breezy attitude and indifferent words truly stunned Levante.

Chapter 2693 - Tearing Off the Mask (Part 2)

Even Jim's face grew darker.

"Mr. Bai, I think you'd better give Mr. Anlos a call and explain the situation. Acting so willfully, Mr. Anlos will not agree to this!" Jim said in a low voice.

Before Bai Xiaosheng could speak, Lin Weiwei snorted coldly and said domineeringly, "We don't have that time!"

Bai Xiaosheng's expression remained as it was.

Levante frowned deeply, glanced at Lin Weiwei, looked at Bai Xiaosheng, and was about to say something, but Bai Xiaosheng led the way out.

Subsequently, Lin Weiwei also pulled Lorna's arm and followed him.

"You can leave, but she must come back with us. She is part of our family." Seeing this, Jim immediately tried to stop Lorna.

In his view, everything started because of Lorna, and as long as they brought this woman back, there would always be a way to make her speak and work for the family.

Lin Weiwei felt Lorna's hand tightly gripping her, so she was about to stand up and angrily rebuke Jim.

At this moment, Lei Ying, like half an iron tower, stepped in from the side, separating the two sides.

"Mr. Jim, don't come any closer. Otherwise, I can't guarantee your safety!" Lei Ying looked down at Jim, proud and indifferent.

This burly man, as solid as a mountain, slightly squeezed in, and Jim nearly lost his balance and quickly retreated, looking at the other with alarm.

Just like that, Levante and Jim watched as Bai Xiaosheng and the three others walked away with Lorna.

Furious, Levante could only shout at Bai Xiaosheng's retreating figure, "You will bear all the consequences of today's actions!"

Unfortunately, Bai Xiaosheng ignored the threat and warning as if he hadn't heard it.

Watching Bai Xiaosheng and the others leave, Levante exhaled heavily and sat down with a thud.

Jim looked over there gloomily, then at Levante, "Mr. Levante, did we come all this way for nothing today, and just go back like this?"

"The Anlos Family—" Levante gritted his teeth, his breath slightly heavy, "Simply arrogant. I must report everything truthfully to Mr. Maiyous!"

Simply absurd!

Simply incomprehensible!

Just because of the trivial handling of a woman, this conversation ended?

This is not the thinking of a normal person.

Behind this reflects the arrogance and conceit of the Anlos Family!

"Could it be that they think because our family is heading eastward, they are the bosses here, and from the beginning, they haven't taken us seriously. This is provocatively looking for trouble to refuse!" Jim said in a serious tone.

There is no more reasonable explanation!

Levante thought for a moment, then nodded repeatedly, speaking in a deep voice, "Young Master Jim, your analysis is very reasonable. The Anlos Family, after we've been away for so long, has become arrogant. It's time to remind them who is the strongest family in West Africa, who is the existence they should fear!"

While speaking, Levante took out his phone, searched for a number, and dialed.

Seeing this, Jim immediately became solemn and listened intently.

Levante quickly got through on the phone and immediately showed a respectful expression, "Mr. Maiyous, this is Levante, I'm very sorry, there's been a situation..."

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On the other side, Bai Xiaosheng and his group went downstairs.

In the hotel lobby, the general manager was waiting there. Seeing Bai Xiaosheng and the others appear, he hurried over with a big smile.

"Mr. Bai... you finished your meeting so quickly? I've prepared a lunch banquet here, French, Japanese, or Chinese, here's the menu..." The hotel general manager respectfully presented the prepared plan.

"No need, we're not eating here." Bai Xiaosheng said politely.

Only then did the hotel general manager notice that, apart from Bai Xiaosheng, the others had odd expressions on their faces.

Linking to the fact that the meeting time was so short, the hotel general manager perceived something amiss and dared not speak further.

"Where is Miss Lorna currently staying?" Bai Xiaosheng asked, intending to send Lorna to her place first.

The downcast Lorna suddenly interjected, "Mr. Bai, I want to visit the orphanage."

Bai Xiaosheng looked at her.

Lin Weiwei said, "Then I'll go with you."

"No, I know you all are busy. I also want to be with my friends alone." Lorna wiped her slightly damp eyes and laughed softly, "They are also my family."

Seeing this, Lin Weiwei nodded and said softly, "Call us anytime."

Lorna responded with a "Mm," and earnestly said, "You are also my real friends!"

The hotel manager, being very perceptive, immediately said, "I'll arrange a car to take Miss Lorna over."

Bai Xiaosheng nodded upon hearing this.

They parted ways in the hotel lobby, Lorna took the car to the orphanage, while Bai Xiaosheng and the other two drove back to Walking Palace.

On the way, in the car, Bai Xiaosheng remained silent, seemingly pondering the future.

Having calmed down, Lin Weiwei sat beside him, seeming a bit uneasy, frequently glancing at Bai Xiaosheng.

"Do you have something to say?" Bai Xiaosheng came back to his senses and smiled at Lin Weiwei.

Lin Weiwei, like a little girl who had made a mistake, timidly said, "I, was I a bit too impulsive just now..."

Bai Xiaosheng looked at Lin Weiwei with a mix of amusement and exasperation and asked, "What do you think?"

"I think." Lin Weiwei thought for a moment, her voice rising, but seeing Bai Xiaosheng looking at her, she lowered her voice again, "I think, maybe a bit?"

"Who are you asking?" Bai Xiaosheng was amused by her.

Lei Ying, who was driving, plainly said, "Your intention was good, being passionate for a moment is understandable, but doing so makes Lorna's situation difficult, and it creates a rift between the Anlos Family and the Maiyous Family, which is hard to explain to Mr. Anlos."

Lei Ying's blunt remark made Lin Weiwei lose her momentum, "Why didn't you all stop me then, weren't you angry..."

"We could hold back." Lei Ying said candidly.

Lin Weiwei suddenly looked resentful and teary.

"Alright, alright, recognizing your mistake is good enough." Bai Xiaosheng saw through Lin Weiwei's fake drama and laughed, "It's also good that you made a fuss, I would have found a reason to refuse them eventually. Maybe I would have picked a fight because they entered the café with their left foot first."

With Bai Xiaosheng's comment, Lin Weiwei immediately returned to normal, looking at him in surprise.

Even Lei Ying glanced through the rearview mirror.

"What do you mean, Xiaosheng?!" Lin Weiwei felt there was more to this.

Bai Xiaosheng leaned back and leisurely said, "If today was just a family reunion, it would be fine, but the Maiyous Family truly intends to return to West Africa, to Oshan. That's not an issue. But, if they intend to ally with one side to exclude others and seize the market, that's unacceptable."

"That would be like a shark invading a peaceful sea!"

Lei Ying suddenly realized the situation, saying, "The situation here is something we've worked hard to create, promoting cooperation for mutual benefit among all parties. This is the foundation for establishing a business alliance at this place, and we certainly can't allow such an overbearing disruptor to appear, right."

Bai Xiaosheng smiled upon hearing this.

"I understand now!" Lin Weiwei also came to realize it.

"And also, I really dislike Levante's emphasis, but the annoying part is that sacrificing oneself for the family is their value, and can't be said to be wrong." Bai Xiaosheng murmured.

Lin Weiwei nodded repeatedly, then worriedly asked, "But how do we explain to Mr. Anlos..."

Lei Ying also looked at Bai Xiaosheng through the rearview mirror.

Bai Xiaosheng smiled.

"Later, I understood. Mr. Anlos might have already foreseen this, and the reason he invited me to step in is for me to make this decision."

"Now, I guess the Maiyous side is protesting to Mr. Anlos, guess what he will say."

Bai Xiaosheng's eyes sparkled, smiling as he continued.

"We must act immediately too, whether it's Anlos, Hogson, or Brady, the only way forward is to cooperate with us wholeheartedly!"

"Also, my identity will soon be known by Maiyous, and we must properly inform Oshan as well!"

"Furthermore, since I've clashed with such a powerful family, isn't this good news something Caroline should be made aware of!"

Chapter 2694 - The Troublemaker

Levante called his master, Mr. Maiyous, and truthfully reported the situation here in full detail. After speaking, Levante held his breath and respectfully waited for his master's next instructions.

There was a long silence on the other end of the phone before a deep, magnetic voice was heard.

"Understood, I will communicate with Anlos. You all stay at Eisenlag and wait for my next instructions."

Upon hearing this, Levante immediately replied respectfully, "Alright, Mr. Maiyous."

After hanging up the phone, Jim came over and asked, "Mr. Levante, what did my father say?"

Levante did not conceal anything and passed on the exact words.

Jim naturally had no objections to his father's decision and only asked, "So, Mr. Levante, do we now..."

The negotiations had broken down, and it was clearly inappropriate to remain at the Anlos Family's hotel.

Where to go would depend on what Mr. Levante decided.

Although Jim is the son of Maiyous, he knows that Levante has been his father's trusted confidant for years, even more valued than himself, and is the leading figure on this trip.

Therefore, this "superfluous question" was entirely to express respect for him.

"This hotel belongs to the Anlos Family, and staying here poses many inconveniences. Mr. Jim, I suggest we switch to another hotel and rest while awaiting Mr. Maiyous's next instructions, alright?" Levante said harmoniously.

"I leave it to you." Jim said with a smile.

The two immediately agreed and stood up.

Jim waved to call over the attendants waiting in the distance to go downstairs together.

Once they reached the hotel lobby on the first floor, the hotel manager they had seen before approached them with a smile.

"Gentlemen, are you leaving already?" The hotel manager smiled warmly and spoke sincerely.

Considering that even if both sides had not reached an agreement, the Anlos Family would still value the Maiyous Family's status and would not neglect them.

This was very likely the Anlos Family instructing people to warmly entertain or perhaps keep them.

As it was close to noon, Levante speculated they wanted to keep them there for lunch.

Of course, they did not accept this kindness, which could be seen as a small expression of discontent.

"No need to retain us, Manager. We won't be dining here for lunch," Levante said blandly.

This butler of the Maiyous Family displayed a slightly aloof demeanor, and his tone carried a hint of arrogance, truly exuding an aura of nobility.

The hotel manager rubbed his hands in regret with a smile, "That's quite a shame."

After finishing, Levante was about to leave with Jim but saw the other still standing in their way, which startled him to ask, "Is there anything else, Mr. Manager?"

The hotel manager appeared slightly embarrassed.

"But please feel free to speak," Levante said, lifting his chin.

"Um..." The hotel manager cautiously spoke up, "Could you please settle the coffee bill?"

This sentence left Levante stunned.

Even Jim beside him looked at the hotel manager in disbelief.

What? Asking them to pay the coffee bill?

When they sat down to chat with Bai Xiaosheng, someone served coffee, but they hadn't touched it.

Of course, that's not the point!

The point is, they are guests, esteemed guests from the Maiyous Family!

What kind of hospitality is this from the Anlos Family, actually asking such distinguished guests to pay for their coffee? It's simply absurd!

Is this an insult to the Maiyous Family?

Levante's expression changed dramatically, his eyes raging with anger.

Jim was the same.

"Say that again!" Levante glared fiercely at the hotel manager and shouted.

This isn't about money; it's a matter of pride, touching their dignity!

The hotel manager, facing the fury of distinguished guests, became anxious.

Although he didn't know their exact identities, with prior orders from Mr. Anlos and then Bai Xiaosheng meeting them, they must not be ordinary people, or at least not someone he could afford to offend.

So he thought it better to step back and not make things too extreme...

The hotel manager immediately bowed with a conciliatory smile, "It's fine to put it on the tab."

It would have been better if he hadn't said this, but saying it almost made Levante and Jim spit blood from anger.

Asking the Maiyous Family to pay was already an insult, putting it on the tab was even worse! How could the most powerful family on the Benzhou continent owe you money for two cups of coffee?

If word got out, would the Maiyous Family still have any face left!

Jim, with a dark face, directly took a thick stack of brand-new U.S. dollars, about ten thousand, from his attendant beside him and threw it at the manager.

"Is that enough!" Jim gritted his teeth and said.

The manager hurried to catch the money, smiling apologetically, "It's too much, would you like me to give you change or hold it under your name first."

This remark was like twisting a knife into the wound.

"The extra is for you to shut up!" Jim gritted his teeth in anger.

Levante stared coldly at the hotel manager and confirmed, "Is this Mr. Anlos's instruction?"

In his view, without the boss's orders, a mere subordinate would never dare to be so presumptuous and rude to a super family!

If it were Anlos's order, Levante felt he needed to contact Mr. Maiyous to report this "trivial" matter truthfully!

Though minor, this incident, seemingly insignificant, represented the Anlos Family's trampling on them!

It also reflected the Anlos's attitude towards the collaboration!

The hotel manager, seeing the two people whom Chief Bai had personally met getting angry, quickly laughed apologetically, "Gentlemen, this, this isn't my idea, nor Mr. Anlos's order. It's Chief Bai's requirement, please don't misunderstand, and don't make it awkward for me..."

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In fact, this wasn't Bai Xiaosheng's demand. It was Lin Weiwei who felt upset when Bai Xiaosheng and the others were leaving, and she asked the hotel manager to take money from Levante and his group, wanting to disgust those guys.

At the time, Bai Xiaosheng heard this but didn't react.

So the hotel manager thought it was the "Chief Bai's" intention and dared not disobey.

"Bai... Chief?"

Levante was on the brink of fury, but hearing this, he was suddenly stunned.

"Bai," isn't he the young Asian-faced man who spoke with them?

Him, a Chief?!

"I have never heard of such a young Asian chief in this region of Oshan." Jim was also startled.

Their gaze involuntarily turned suspiciously toward the hotel manager.

The manager was slightly shocked under their stare, but didn't dare to be negligent and quickly said, "Mr. Bai Xiaosheng was personally appointed by Chief Ogade, and he is our new chief in Eisenlag, just recently. What... you didn't know?!"

They have met the chief in person, chatted, drank coffee together, and yet didn't know the chief's identity?

The hotel manager also looked puzzled.

Levante and Jim received confirmation, their hearts filled with unstoppable surprise.

The two exchanged a glance, said nothing, and hurriedly bypassed the hotel manager, quickly walking out.

The hotel manager stood there holding ten thousand US Dollars, dazed, watching them leave.

Before stepping out of the hotel lobby, Levante had already pulled out his phone and hurriedly called Mr. Maiyous.

The situation had changed significantly; a chief was involved, making the matter quite complicated!

Especially since this chief is local to Eisenlag, where the area is currently very hot, Anlos, Brady, Hogson have all brought their businesses here, and the Maiyous Family has also focused on it, considering it an important entry point for returning to Oshan and even West Africa...

Levante's hurried call this time was not smoothly connected as before; Mr. Maiyous on the other end was busy.

"Could it be that Mr. Maiyous has already spoken with Anlos."

Holding the phone, Levante looked shocked and suspicious.

Not passing this message to Mr. Maiyous in time was seen as a major dereliction in this matter by the steward.

However, if the two giants are indeed in conversation, it would be extremely improper and discourteous for him to interrupt rashly.

After weighing pros and cons, Levante could only temporarily put it aside.

Beside him, Jim was also helpless.

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Just as they expected, at this moment, Maiyous was already on a call with Anlos.

Anlos was in Europe, not surprised to receive a call from Maiyous, as his people had informed him ahead of time that Bai Xiaosheng had parted ways with people from the Maiyous Family, seemingly unpleasantly, and Lorna, who was supposed to be taken by the Maiyous Family, had left with Bai Xiaosheng and the others.

Upon receiving the report, Anlos knew things had changed.

However, that was also within his expectations.

He believed that Maiyous would soon come looking for him.

Sure enough, it wasn't long before Maiyous called.

After a brief exchange of pleasantries, Maiyous on the other end of the call went straight to the point.

"Mr. Anlos, previously, as you and I both know, there are matters inconvenient to discuss over the phone, so I sent people over. One was to pick up someone, the other to initially communicate with your people as groundwork for our future meeting. But the result was unsatisfactory."

"Not only did your people refuse to cooperate with mine, but they also didn't want to hand Lorna over to my folks."

"Could you explain what this means?"

On the call, Maiyous' voice was as calm as a still well, with not a trace of emotional fluctuation.

Yet, the calmer the tone, the more it indicated his dissatisfaction.

"Such a thing really happened." Anlos on the call sounded surprised.

Just as if he didn't know about it at all.

"You don't know, Mr. Anlos? This is interesting, how your men act, you don't know? Do they not report to you either?" Maiyous chuckled over the phone, "Lorna is my daughter, I sent people to bring her back, surely Mr. Anlos wouldn't object to that, right?"

"Naturally!" Anlos said assertively.

"And my family wishes to cooperate with Mr. Anlos' family. Does Mr. Anlos think we are unsuitable?" Maiyous added.

"We would certainly be delighted to cooperate with the Maiyous Family." Anlos replied.

You've said all the right things, but actions completely contradict!

Are you just lying through your teeth, Anlos?

Suppressing his anger, Maiyous said, "If that is the case, why is the result as it is?"

I really want to hear how you explain this!

If your Anlos Family truly believes you are the current leader of West Africa's business scene, resisting the Maiyous Family's return, then don't blame me for being impolite!

Maiyous' words are filled with a subtle threat.

On the other side, Anlos suddenly laughed.

Hearing the laughter on the phone, Maiyous felt somewhat unhappy, "Mr. Anlos, is there something amusing in my words that made you laugh out loud?"

"Mr. Maiyous, please don't misunderstand, I think there are things you might not be aware of." Anlos contained his emotions, "Firstly, the people you interfaced with are not my own."

These words made Maiyous suspiciously go, "Hmm?"

"Originally, I was going to send trusted individuals over, but some unforeseen circumstances occurred. The people I sent were meant to wait until the matter concerning Miss Lorna was concluded before contacting yours. And hadn't your people mentioned they met three Asians, led by a young man with yellow skin? He is Bai Xiaosheng, a friend of your daughter, who upon hearing of this situation, accompanied her there." Anlos explained, "Do you know who he is?"

Chapter 2696 - Troublemaker_3

"Who is it?" asked Maiyous, puzzled by Anlos's words.

Before Anlos revealed Bai Xiaosheng's identity, he spoke in a half-sarcastic tone, "I have heard that our Maiyous Family excels in commercial investigation, is skilled in intelligence analysis, and has a strong

grasp of clues. But the person you sent this time was rather negligent, discussing matters without understanding the full picture, which possibly led to problems that shouldn't have occurred."

Though the words might sound like praise, there was a hidden mockery in them.

Maiyous fell silent for a few moments and then said gravely, "My people were incompetent."

Anlos deflected the responsibility with a chuckle, without keeping him guessing any longer.

After all, once Maiyous paid attention, he could quickly find out the truth.

"That Mr. Bai is not an ordinary person; he is a newly appointed chieftain in Oshan, personally conferred by the Supreme Chieftain Ogade, with territory at the crucial western suburb of Eisenlag."

"He also holds two other identities: one as a close friend of Mr. Awak Wak Lakla, and another as a special business advisor of Oshan!"

"Brady, Hogson, and I managed to gain entry into Oshan's business world almost without dispute, thanks to his mediation. Our current mutually beneficial cooperation is also his doing."

"So, you see, Mr. Maiyous, I do genuinely wish to cooperate with you, but I have only recently found my footing, and disrupting this situation could result in significant losses for me."

Anlos's words rendered Maiyous silent.

This unexpected news and the change in circumstances were beyond Maiyous's expectations, leaving him unable to make a decision in such a short time.

He could not believe that his illegitimate daughter was so capable, not only associated with the Anlos Family but also friends with such an important chieftain of Oshan!

No, Maiyous immediately realized there was an error in this line of thought.

Why would his illegitimate daughter earn the protection of the Anlos Family? Upon discovering she was his daughter, he thought she had some fortuitous encounter leading to her connection with Anlos.

But now it seems that it was the relationship with her chieftain friend that led to Anlos's protection.

Anlos hadn't informed him of these things beforehand, leaving his people unprepared when meeting that chieftain.

Thinking about it, the person he sent probably displeased that Chieftain Bai, leading to these changes...

Something is still not right!

Maiyous frowned in deep thought, finding it unlikely that Chieftain Bai would change his stance so swiftly and decisively, and not just because of some grievance his friend experienced?

Or maybe... his family's return to West Africa and entry into Oshan threaten to disrupt his current position, so he resists.

Alternatively, he might be forcing his family to submit to him in Oshan's business world.

Maiyous was not just contemplating Bai Xiaosheng but also Anlos, suspecting Anlos's intentions.

Wouldn't it be possible that Anlos wanted cooperation with them, fearing the loss of their current favorable situation, and also didn't want to offend them, thus using Bai's chieftain status to disrupt?

Or maybe, he wanted the family to realize that returning to West Africa and re-entering Oshan meant disrupting the current alliance, seeing if the Maiyous Family could handle an Oshan chieftain, allowing them to finalize their decision and benefit from it...

Anlos, that cunning rascal!

Maiyous couldn't help but curse inwardly.

After a long silence, Anlos spoke first on the phone, "Mr. Maiyous, I think you understand now."

His words were full of hidden implications.

Maiyous exhaled heavily and replied, "Mr. Anlos, thank you for informing me. I have some urgent matters to handle here, so let's leave it at that for now. We'll talk later. I'll hang up now."

"Alright," Anlos said with a smile on the phone.

The tone was such that both parties knew exactly what each other meant.

Suppressing his irritation, Maiyous hung up the phone.

On the other end, Anlos looked at his phone with a mocking smile.

To make such an arrogant figure lose leverage in a conversation with him was truly satisfying.

"So, now what, Mr. Maiyous? Will you lower yourself to join us, only to rank behind the Hogson Family?"

"Or will you break Bai Xiaosheng's setup, reshuffling the share of interests, offering a price that would tempt me, securing our cooperation?"

Anlos smiled and muttered to himself, "I'll be watching eagerly!"

Even though Milo was Bai Xiaosheng's friend, he too was, yet Anlos still aimed to benefit his family.

He was a businessman, and pursuing profit was his true nature.

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After hanging up, Maiyous in East Africa furrowed his brow, his gaze fixed on the globe's depiction of Oshan on his desk, lost in deep thought.

The change in circumstances was unexpected; an Asian chieftain's sudden emergence made his original plan void.

Previously, he had underestimated the situation!

He had thought that teaming up with Anlos, the two families would dominate the market, renewing West Africa's reputation for the Maiyous Family.

Afterward, he planned to gradually exclude Anlos.

Now it seems Anlos was pleased with the current situation, and Brady and Hogson weren't fighting for themselves but were united.

Even teaming up with Anlos, dealing with the cooperative Brady and Hogson wouldn't be easy.

The cost was too high.

Moreover, Anlos was deceitful.

To return to West Africa and reclaim the market, the first step is to break their alliance!

If not, they couldn't just enter Oshan, as West Africa would also be difficult to reclaim and compete for its markets!

Maiyous's eyes narrowed.

According to Anlos, the current situation was orchestrated by that chieftain with the title of "special advisor."

To disrupt their stable situation meant becoming his enemy!

Mere chieftain, Maiyous didn't find him threatening, even if he had made significant contributions to Oshan.

Once the family entered Oshan, once Oshan profited, they wouldn't pursue it further.

That chieftain wouldn't be an issue...

While pondering, a phone call came through; the caller ID showed it was Levante.

The old butler had weighed his options and decided to call his master to relay the new situation, even at the risk of shame.

Maiyous answered the phone.

On the other end, Levante, anxious, said, "Mr. Maiyous, there has been a change in the situation. The person we were speaking with is not from the Anlos Family but..."

"It's a chieftain named Bai Xiaosheng," Maiyous replied, "I already know and have been mocked by Anlos because of it."

Levante was so stunned by his words that he fell silent.

"I have to thank you for your incompetence," Levante added, "Next, I'll need you to do some things. This time, don't mess up!"

Chapter 2697 - The Busy Maiyous

In every superfamily, the clan leader will have their own exclusive think tank, and the Maiyous Family is no exception.

The core members of the Maiyous Think Tank number only a dozen people, not large, but the number of adjunct personnel responsible for collecting information, liaison, investigation, and so on is amazingly large, not less than hundreds of people!

This is an incredible scale in superfamilies, unimaginable.

After all, everyone is in business, not intelligence, and maintaining so many people for nothing always feels too exaggerated.

Maiyous is an anomaly in this regard.

But with this exaggerated lineup, as long as Maiyous gives the order, this vast group can quickly find out everything he wants to know in a very short time.

Once they have enough data and information, his think tank will give Maiyous any hypothesis he wants to know with astonishing accuracy in the shortest time.

Because of the existence of this team, Maiyous is invincible in the business world, even defeating the strongest family in East Africa.

Currently, Maiyous directs these resources towards Oshan, towards the chieftain named Bai Xiaosheng.

In just two hours, all the information about Bai Xiaosheng on the internet and information gathered through various channels from Western Africa such as Naliya, Xisuli, Lekram, Aisha Emirate, Karan Chieftaincy, and Oshan Chieftaincy was compiled into a book and sent to Maiyous' desk.

This was not only because of the large number of auxiliary investigation personnel who had long formed an effective operating method with skilled coordination, but also because Western Africa was originally the birthplace of the Maiyous Family, with pervasive connections in all aspects, making the investigation highly efficient.

Facing a pile of documents still exuding the fragrance of fresh ink, Maiyous casually flipped through them.

His think tank is currently engaged in vigorous data modeling and personality analysis of Bai Xiaosheng, to provide conclusions on whether Maiyous can achieve his objectives through non-violent means.

Actually, if possible, Maiyous also hopes to persuade the chieftain named Bai Xiaosheng with "benefits" rather than immediately undermining his position.

After all, in business, harmony is still precious.

Members of Maiyous' think tank each earn an annual salary of millions of US Dollars, possessing intelligence comparable to that of big company presidents, and within an hour, they delivered an analysis report to Maiyous.

After reviewing various analysis results, Maiyous pondered for a long time before placing the report aside.

In fact, while reviewing the raw materials, Maiyous had already determined that the young chieftain was unlikely to be "won over," and he would have to become his enemy this time, dismantling his established situation to reshuffle the power structure there, allowing the family to dominate.

This report also confirmed Maiyous' view.

"Looks like I don't need to send Levante and Jim to try and communicate with that chieftain, it's meaningless. Besides hitting a wall, there's a risk of alerting them," Maiyous muttered to himself, casually sending a message to Levante to recall them.

After sending the message, Maiyous looked at the report again, revealing an inscrutable smile.

While waiting for the report to be completed, he was already contemplating the operation if he truly needed to undermine it.

He already had a good idea!

Putting down the report, Maiyous picked up his phone and called Anlos again.

In the raw data, the Anlos Family was identified as a supporter of Bai Xiaosheng.

However, Maiyous believed that, for such a prestigious family ranked second in Western Africa, sharing market opportunities equally with the likes of Hogson, ranked fourth, must be dissatisfying!

Moreover, Anlos' previous attitude in a phone call had also hinted at a degree of "ambivalence"...

This explained everything!

Moving Anlos would be shaking the pillar under Bai Xiaosheng's constructed situation, and once the Anlos Family cooperated with his own, they would have an absolute victory.

Given this judgment, naturally, Maiyous' first move was to win over Anlos.

He didn't have to wait long; the call was connected.

It seemed that Anlos was also waiting for this call.

"Mr. Maiyous, you're calling again, is there something you need?"

On the phone, Anlos' voice, although calm, carried a profound meaning.

"I want to discuss with you about the cooperation between our two families," Maiyous said with clear confidence.

"Please speak!" Anlos replied courteously.

Maiyous slowly said, "Currently, our family needs a strong partner, a partner with whom there can be seamless intimacy, and I hope it is your family that joins hands with us."

Before Anlos could respond, Maiyous added, "At that time, through our cooperation, not only in the Western African market but also the Eastern African market, we would be willing to share!"

Maiyous believed that this statement would have a significant impact on Anlos.

The Eastern African market has always developed as a unique domain, with much promise. The Anlos Family would not lack interest, just that it was difficult to enter.

Now, with the Maiyous Family opening the field in Eastern Africa and willing to open the door for allies for free, Maiyous doubted that Anlos would remain unmoved.

"Oh? Mr. Maiyous is truly willing to share a portion!"

The voice of Anlos on the other end of the line indeed sounded intrigued.

Maiyous smiled faintly, "To show sincerity, we can first allow your energy business and transport business to enter from our channels here; I will smooth all the development paths for you!"

As Maiyous said this, he even heard the breathing on the other end of the line becoming soft and quick.