

Chapter 826 Bribery Banquet

Elian heard Liam's words, glanced at him with a cold stare, and then said with disdain, "You're the one who ruined my son's engagement banquet, right? How is it that after hiding for five years, you become so stupid? Do you really think the Haynes family can't secure cooperation with Red Murray Group?"

Liam sneered, "Why should I believe you? Let me clarify. The Red Murray Group's collaboration partner will undoubtedly be Julie's Pearl company!"

After a brief pause, Elian erupted into laughter, treating Liam's statement as a colossal joke.

"This is really amusing! Considering the size of the Pearl company, dreaming of collaborating with Red Murray Group is preposterous. Just wait and witness the outcome. It's bound to be a humiliating failure!"

Julie furrowed her brow, puzzled by Liam's assertions. She lacked confidence in this endeavor, yet Liam appeared confident, as though the decision had already been made.

At his moment, a cannon salute heralded the official commencement of the banquet.

Onstage, the host beamed and announced, "Esteemed entrepreneurs of Salem, I am thrilled to have you all here tonight. Tristan Murray, the president of our Red Murray Group, has organized this grand event to boost Salem's economic growth and identify the most outstanding partners!"

The initial words were largely pleasantries, leading to the introduction of the event's rules.

Brandishing an envelope, the host continued, "For companies interested in partnering with our group, kindly submit your intentions, collaboration areas and advantages by placing letters in the mailboxes on your tables. You may now proceed to the registration desk to collect your envelopes."

This announcement animated the room.

For the attendees, the banquet proceedings were primarily superficial. Their singular aim was to forge partnerships with Red Murray Group.

Success in Salem seemed within grasp as long as they could align with this prestigious entity.

Tristan understood their intentions, thus setting up a scenario akin to a bidding session.

As the host finished speaking, a large mahogany box, brimming with envelopes, was wheeled out from the registration desk.

Julie hesitated, observing the long queue forming at the registration desk, mainly consisting of influential entrepreneurs in Salem. Doubts crept in, and she felt a lack of confidence.

Against these formidable competitors, the Pearl company's scale appeared minuscule.

After forming a collaboration with Joy International Media, there'd be a fighting chance for her company. But with the recent signing of the contract, the Pearl company didn't have the time to develop. It couldn't measure up to the others in the room.

Nevertheless, spurred on by Liam's encouragement, Julie, adopting a mindset of giving it a shot, picked up an envelope and started detailing her company's fundamentals and strengths.

Just as she finished writing and was about to seal the envelope, Yesenia, who had been discreetly observing, exclaimed, "I saw Elian slipping a bank card into the envelope!"

Liam also noticed Elian's action.

In fact, except for Julie's, all companies' envelopes contained various gifts.

Liam had now fully grasped the situation. This business banquet was essentially a form of bribery!