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When smart people talked, even though they were just communicating through the air, they would be able to understand each other.

The crippled Brown said Jasper and him should have a long chat when Jasper went to Swallow Capital. He meant that if Jasper was busy, they would not need to chat anymore.

Meanwhile, Jasper answered that he would go over when he had time, which meant he already understood what the crippled Brown was implying. Thus, he did not have any plans to go to Swallow Capital for the time being.

“I can’t stand that guy.” Jasper narrowed his eyes slightly and he grabbed his phone to call Lord Alvarado. “What did he say?”

Lord Alvarado picked up the phone very quickly.

“I’m wondering if you know the crippled Brown,” Jasper asked straightforwardly.

It was unknown what Lord Alvarado was doing at the other end of the phone, but it was obvious that he was interested. He paused and seemed to have moved to somewhere more convenient to talk. Then, he continued, “Did you talk to him?”

“Not really. There was a middleman, which I found quite interesting.”

Lord Alvarado huffed and said, “This is exactly like him. He’s great at making something unnecessarily complicated.

“I think you should dismiss the thought of getting him involved in this.”

“Why do you say that?” Jasper asked.

“Hehe...”

Lord Alvarado chuckled and said, “You have no idea, right? This is related to the three families.”

“My family has been in business for generations. Before the founding of Somerland, my family was the largest landlord in the south.”

“The little prince’s family has links with both business and government, but in the past two decades, the higher-ups have become increasingly strict such that businessmen are no longer allowed to interfere in the system. This sentence was almost written in the clauses of the law.”

“Hence, the little prince’s family’s main focus right now is business. After all, their family history is more complex. If they continue with politics, it’d be difficult for them to make a big difference.”

“Lastly, the Browns. Let me tell you this, the roots of the Browns are in the residence, do you understand?”

“Although they do business as well, most of these businesses semi-state-owned enterprises. In short, they are very sensitive businesses.”

Jasper nodded when he heard Lord Alvarado’s explanation. He said, “That’s right. So I don’t need to contact him anymore.”

“However, the crippled Brown loves to unexpected things. No one knows what he’s thinking until the last minute.”

“Basically, the nosey people out there like to group the three of us together, but I can tell you from the bottom of my heart that I don’t like interacting with the crippled Brown.”

“I feel like if I skin him, I would find a hundred year old monster living underneath. He’s such a scheming person and he’s always so precise. You’ll feel aggrieved after interacting with him, hell, even if you’re unconvinced after suffering a huge loss, you will still feel like the result was reasonable. I have to praise him for his skills.”

“Quoting the elders from my family, the crippled Brown is even more mischievous than the imps. He suffered the wrath of the heavens so both of his legs are now crippled. This also prevented all possibilities of him gaining the right to rule the residence. After all, it’s very strange to be a general in a wheelchair.”

Jasper did not know whether to laugh or cry. He said, “He might be pissed if he heard that.”

“It’s fine. You’ll know once you see the guy. He won’t feel anything if you call him a cripple or disabled to his face. Of course, he needs to think you’re worthy of talking to him to even gain that opportunity.”

Jasper nodded and said, “If that’s the case, I’ll just leave the matter at that.”

“Lord Alvarado, I need to gather everyone involved for a meeting in two days time. Will you be free?”

“Of course, give me the time and place. I’ll go over when the time comes.”

“Okay, I’ll talk to you then.”

After Jasper hung up the phone, he looked at Henry who had just walked out of the nightclub shakily with the help of two beautiful women. He opened the door and asked with a frown, “How did this happen?”

Henry chuckled and said, “If I’m not drunk, how would these chicks stand a chance?”

The two beautiful women pouted playfully, “Young Master Law, you’re such a big meanie. You’re so mean!”

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“Fine, are you going back with me or what?” Jasper asked.

Henry heard this and pushed the two beautiful women away. He said energetically, “I’ll go with you.”

The two women had thought they would be able to spend the night with a wealthy man like Henry. At this moment, they were stunned.

“Goodbye, babes! Even though I was very happy tonight, I guess we’re not destined to be together. So, goodbye!” Henry grinned, took out a wad of cash to stuff into the two women’s shirts. Then, he waved carefreely and got into the car. The Bentley turned around slowly and left.

The two women looked at the taillights of the Bentley and stomped their feet in anger. However, when they felt the thickness of the cash in their chest, they smiled in satisfaction.

Inside the car. Henry lowered his head and played with his phone.

“I thought you were going to have fun tonight,” Jasper said.

“I did.” Henry waved his hand and said while smelling like alcohol, “Do you think I’d allow just any women to touch my body? Stop kidding, I’m very picky, okay?”

After he said that, Henry’s phone rang. Jasper looked at him.

Fine.

He finally knew why Henry was so obedient. His supervisor was here.

“Jill, it’s me. I’m going back now.” Henry picked up the phone and chuckled.

“I promise I didn’t do anything over the limit with any women!”

Jasper shook his head. Everything had a weakness indeed. If he did not see this with his own eyes, he would never believe that someone like Henry would be so obedient.

After they finished their task. Jasper did not stay in Suesville. Instead, he asked Julian to drive back to Nauritus City that very night.

Over the next two days, he flew to four cities in the country. He went to the north, the south, the east, and the west. During this process, Jasper met with the presidents of different chambers of commerce. He also met with the bosses of a few large private investment companies.

Some of these meetings went well and others did not. However, when Jasper finally got back to Nauritius City, he was satisfied with the result.

He managed to connect everybody horizontally and vertically in just a few days.

At the same time, there were 48 hours until the United States stock market reopened.

Jasper sent everyone an invitation card. On the days those invitation cards reached their destination, people from airports in multiple cities across the country flew directly to Nauritus City.

If one were to list out the identities and statuses of these people, they would find that almost all of them were the heads of the country's economic and finance sectors.

These people could essentially represent most of the power of Somerland's private capital today. Meanwhile, on this day, a foundation was officially registered and started in Nauritus City.

JW Foundation.

Its registered capital was 320 billion Somer Dollars.

On the day of registration, it became Somerland's largest domestic venture capital fund. It was so large that its accumulated capital was more than the combined value of the 2nd to 10th largest funds in the country.

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320 billion Somer Dollars was all the capital amassed by Jasper during this period. This did not include the money that the little prince and Lord Alvarado wanted to take away.

Of 320 billion, 200 billion was Jasper's own principal. He mortgaged JW to the bank, and under the acquiescence of the central bank's supervision, he received a loan of 60 billion Somer dollars. The remaining 140 billion was all of Jasper's liquid

funds and the money he had previously made on the United States stock market.

Although the money could not be taken out as the United States stock market was closed, the positions held by Jasper existed objectively, so the registration of the foundation had not been affected in the slightest. The remaining 120 billion represented the aggregate investment from other private entities.

It would be impossible to raise this amount of money during any other time.

However, one should not neglect capitalists from Somerland in this era. The top dogs here were far more well informed than in any other industry.

On a flight to Nauritus City International Airport, two impeccably dressed men were talking in the business class cabin. They were dressed in a way that made that look like they belonged in the upper class.

"Mr. Coleman, I heard Peaks International invested 6 billion in JW Foundation this time? This is not a small amount." The man in a gray-brown suit laughed.

A suit of this color was rare because most people could not carry it at all. Most would look unsophisticated wearing it, but this man perfectly represented the essence of this color. He looked mature and stable. Moreover, he also revealed a touch of eclecticism.

One could tell how stylish this man just from the occasional glances the air stewardesses was shooting him.

The man named Mr. Coleman laughed and said, "I can't take out more money now. I wanted so badly to take a loan to invest in him."

The man in the gray-brown suit said in surprise, "Are you so confident in JW Foundation, Mr. Coleman? After all, Jasper Laine is a young man and he's not in his 30s yet. It's a huge amount and can even be said to be the largest private fund since the founding of Somerland. It is also going to be used in the West to fight and Wall Street. Are you not afraid that something will go wrong?"

Mr. Coleman replied meaningfully, "You and I are toying with financial capital and we both have our own new channels to entertain ourselves with if necessary. If you are sitting here today, you must have heard some news too."

"Hence, you should know how much Swallow Capital admires Jasper. What's wrong with being young?"

"Not to mention that since ancient times, heroes started as teenagers. We really need youngsters to do something like this. They have the courage, ideas, and skills. If we old

farts were to do this, we'd be more cautious than enterprising, so we wouldn't have the courage to do so."

"Samuels, remember one thing, if you do business in Somerland, no matter in what industry, the most important thing is that you have to make the higher-ups like you."

The man in the gray-brown suit named Samuels nodded thoughtfully.

"I value this as well, so I came here immediately after I got the invitation."

"You're still too cautious. If you were not so timid last year, do you think Harmony Investments would only have net a profit of tens of millions even after being presented such a huge opportunity?"

Mr. Coleman laughed and continued, "This is a rare chance, so I advise you to work harder. Don't let this slip by. "

Samuels answered with a bitter smile, "Mr. Coleman, you think too highly of me. I've only invested 1 billion and I'm already at my limit. You must know that most of the money in my investment company either belongs to the bank or the investors. All large investments must be reviewed by the shareholders. It is very troublesome."

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“Moreover, I am worried that if something goes wrong, most of the domestic private capital will be cut off.”

Mr. Coleman replied lightly, “What are you afraid of? If the private capital has been exhausted, we still have the country’s foreign exchange reserves. How could Swallow Capital watch the hard- earned wealth of the nation accumulated over the past two decades evaporate overnight?”

“Although this is an unequal war in and of itself, the risks you mentioned are the least worrying factor in my opinion.”

“Worse comes to worst, we’ll just treat it as a long-term investment.”

“You have to keep in mind how cold Jasper is. He still has a long way to go, yet he’s already highly valued by the higher-ups.”

“After this event, he can be said to have won immunity privileges, regardless of the outcome. In the future, as long as he does not do anything that angers others and brings disaster to himself, he will be able to have a smooth and peaceful life just from this achievement alone.”

While the two were talking, the plane approached their destination.

Paul Allen was the head reporter from Southern Daily Express. He came to Nauritus International Airport today because he got the news that there was a storm coming in the domestic financial industry. It seemed that a very high-profile and mysterious party was being hosted in Nauritus City.

Meanwhile, the people that were invited to this party were all big shots from the Somerland finance industry. All of them were super-rich with more than tens of billions worth of funds under their control.

Less than half an hour after arriving at the airport, he noticed that many prominent figures of the financial industry were walking out from the passageway. Some of them were even figures whom he had always wanted to interview but never had the chance to.

Paul's heart was shivering with excitement as he took pictures frantically.

He just wanted to know what was the purpose of the party that was going to be hosted in Nauritus City and why so many financial giants were invited to this party. Since he

was an experienced reporter, he was very sensitive to any potential news. Paul realized that if he could unearth this secret, it would be a huge piece of news that would become a national sensation.

While Paul was asking around, he suddenly saw the two people coming out from the airport passage together.

“My God, Mr. Coleman from Peaks International, and Mr. Samuels from Harmony Investments!”

Paul’s eyes almost fell out of their sockets.

These two were extremely low-key super bosses in the industry. This was particularly true for Peaks International. It was established less than three years ago, yet the overflow fund they withdrew from ranked first among domestic fund products, with an annual return of 13.7%.

Even Paul himself bought a lot of overflow funds.

Just as Paul was struggling to contain his excitement and was about to interview the two big shots, his cell phone suddenly rang.

When he saw the caller ID, Paul did not dare to waste any time. He immediately answered the phone and said hurriedly, “Editor-in-chief, I have caught wind of a big piece of news now. Guess who I saw at Nauritus Airport? The boss of Peaks International and Harmony Investments!”

“Can you wait? I’m going to interview them to see if I can figure out why so many top investors in Somerland came to Nauritus City at the same time.”

On the other side of the phone, there was a moment a silence, then the editor-in-chief’s extremely serious voice was heard.

“Fortunately, my call was timely. Delete all the photos you took right now and come back immediately! Remember, you never saw such a thing, and you must never tell anyone about it, let alone report it. Even if you do, I’ll reject it.”

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When Paul heard this, he subconsciously said, “But editor-in-chief, this is breaking news. I’ve seen several people from the reporting industry including the people from Somerland Finance and Economics. They are our biggest opponents. If we don’t hurry up...”

“No one has the guts to report this. Just listen to me, delete the photo immediately and come back!”

“An old lady was missing, right? I heard that she has been found. You should report that and do it nicely. I want to see your manuscript before work starts tomorrow.”

Paul wanted to say something but the phone disconnected.

He watched as Mr. Coleman and Mr. Samuels walked out of the airport and got into a car that was waiting for them before leaving. Paul sighed helplessly. As a reporter, he could get his hands on many things. This also included some secrets that the higher-ups did not want the common people to know.

Obviously, this party with most of the financial giants in the country was one of them. Besides, judging from the attitude and response of the editor-in-chief, it was also the kind of news that he could not touch with a ten foot pole.

Shaking his head, Paul deleted the photos in his camera before he left in the car.

However, what Paul would never know was that this party was not just a party for giants in the domestic financial industry.

The heads or plenipotentiary representatives of 6 national chambers of commerce, 12 bosses in the domestic financial and investment industry, 19 millionaires in the top 30 list of richest people in the nation, and 27 heads or plenipotentiary representatives of large domestic funds.

A total of 64 people, except for the 4 guests on the way from the airport, the other 60 people have all arrived. Hill Park was the most high-end luxury villa resort in Southeast Province. It also happened to be developed by JW Real Estates. The manor house with the best location and the largest area was deliberately reserved by Jasper for holidays or when he was hosting large parties.

Coincidentally, it was put into use today.

The entire estate covered an area of 40 acres. There were three villas, with each of them worthy of being called the top villa in Somerland.

There were two gardens and one artificial lake with small bridges and flowing water underneath. The cost of construction alone was 460 million Somer Dollars. With decoration, the cost of a manor was more than 800 million Somer Dollars with an annual maintenance fee of at least 10 million.

In the upstairs bedroom of the main building, Jasper stood in front of the mirror while Wendy carefully tied Jaspers' tie for him as she reported the current situation.

Jasper raised his head so that Wendy could have easier access. Then, Jasper smiled and said, "Good. Everyone is on time."

Wendy took a small step back and looked at Jasper, who was wearing a custom Givenchy suit. Jasper had a limited-edition men's Jaeger-LeCoultre watch on his wrist. There were only three of them in the world.

Wendy exclaimed, "I didn't expect you to wear a suit so well."

The belt designed and made by the chief designer of Armani himself cost 210 thousand. A pair of leather shoes hand-made by the master of LV cost 600 thousand.

The custom-made suit from Givenchy cost 1.6 million. The limited-edition Jaeger-LeCoultre men's watch cost 18 million.

The quote 'clothes makes the man' was not wrong at all.

Normally, Jasper would dress very casually. Hence, a long time ago, Wendy prepared a set of outfits for him to attend occasions like today.

Jasper also knew he could not be low-key today. Therefore, even the hair designers here to do his hair were flown in from Harbor City.

As per Jasper's request, the designer styled Jasper's hair in a way that would be very popular during 2018. Both sides of his hair are shaved off and the hair on top was combed

back. Using some hair spray, a sharp curve that extended all the way back from his hairline was created.

The hairstyles that came from 18 years in the future shocked the designer and also caused Wendy's eyes to shine.

"Do I look handsome?"

The well-groomed Jasper turned to face Wendy and smiled.

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Wendy nodded heartily and said, “Handsome!”

Wendy was not saying that because she was his family. She was sincere.

Jasper’s did not look bad. The edges and lines of his handsome facial features were very masculine, especially ever since he was reincarnated. After all, there was a 60-year-old soul hiding under the appearance of a young man in his twenties. The vigor of a young man and the maturity of the old man were intertwined with each other.

Moreover, Jasper had held a high position over the years and the temperament that he had developed over time was simply irresistible to women.

The outfit that was worth a gold mine that he donned brought out the best in him.

Jasper walked to the window and through the shutters where he saw the cars he sent out now coming back with his guests. Even though the guest came from different places, they all shared a similar identity. They were the richest people in the country.

In truth, the circle of richest people was very small and always contained the same individuals from a few industries. Jasper had met most of them on different occasions.

Therefore, the ground floor of the manor was very lively at that moment. When everyone met the people they knew, they would greet each other and chat. On occasion, a friend would introduce a new friend to their group. They were all smart people, so they were not shy. After chatting for a while, they would become familiar with another person whom they had come to know through a mutual friend.

Meanwhile, everyone was patiently waiting for the start of the party alongside the appearance of the host.

“What a grand occasion,” Jasper said softly.

Then, he laughed at himself and said, “I wonder if this is my peak before everything is ruined.”

“Nonsense!”

Wendy snorted. She walked behind Jasper, gently stretched out her hand to wrap around Jasper’s waist, put her face on Jasper’s back, and sniffed the masculine scent coming from Jasper’s body. He smelled dignified and steadfast.

“You won’t lose.”

He placed his palm on Wendy's hands that were wrapped around his stomach. His large hand enveloped her small hands warmed them up.

"It's enough as long as you're here," Jasper said with a smile.

Jasper wanted to turn around, but Wendy said softly, "Don't turn around."

"What's wrong?" Jasper asked curiously.

Behind Jasper, Wendy's warm face was glued to Jasper's back. Her charming expression looked so tender and beautiful, but her eyes were filled with tears.

She did not want Jasper to see such a shameful look on her.

At this moment, there was a knock on the door before it was slowly opened.

When Julian saw the two of them holding each other from the door and was stunned. Then, he quickly turned around and walked out of the door as fast as lightning. He spoke through the door with his body turned to one side, "The representative from Harbor City, Kayden Langdon, Nawait's Todd Puller from Nawait Semiconductor Manufacturing, the little prince, and Lord Alvarado are all here. Henry went to welcome them."

Wendy yelped in shame and pulled her hands away. After she let go of Jasper, she turned around and ran into the other room like a spooked rabbit.

“Alright, I’ll head over now.”

Jasper replied to Julian and then to the door of the other room. After knocking, he smiled and said, “I’m going to meet the guests. Are you coming?”

“You should go first. I’ll catch up later.”

Wendy’s muffled and shy voice came from inside the room.

With a chuckle, Jasper turned around and walked toward the door.

“Let’s go. We’ll go meet them.”

Jasper walked out of the room and raised his arms to stretch a bit. The laziness and warmth in his eyes disappeared instantly and was replaced by the infinite self-confidence and the flamboyance of a young emperor who was ascending the throne for the first time.

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Inside the garden of the manor.

The long buffet table was filled with delicate desserts. The professional servers were holding their trays as they moved through the crowd with smiles on their faces.

There were about 300 people in the catering team, with this group of people existing only to serve these big shots.

At this moment, everyone suddenly started walking in the same direction through this relaxed garden setting.

Kayden was here.

Among the millionaires of the country, the J. Langdon father and son duo were the most focused upon.

When Kayden appeared, the guests who did not expect his presence that day were surprised.

However, they quickly moved to go and talk to Kayden.

Everyone who could attend this party were all top-notch big shots. So, of course, no one would start sucking up to another. However, this would not stop them from introducing themselves to Kayden. After all, it would be hugely beneficial if they ever had a chance to work together in the future.

“Hello, everyone. I’m here to represent the millionaires from Harbor City. After all, everyone knows what’s happening this time. Harbor City also belongs to Somerland, so we will not hesitate whenever our help is needed.”

Kayden smiled and said when he was surrounded by the group of people.

Cheers and praise for Kayden sounded from the crowd.

Everyone wanted to get on each other’s good side and everyone loved to hear compliments about themselves, especially during occasions like this. Hence, no fool would dare say something inappropriate at this moment.

After Kayden entertained the others, he bade farewell and left.

Everyone knew that someone like Kayden needed to go to his own circle, so they did not stop him.

Kayden smiled and greeted everyone before moving to the back of the garden.

The garden was spacious and had two sections to it, mainly the front and the back. There was a fake mountain and a wall in the middle to separate the two sections.

It could be seen that even in a party that brought together the top leaders of the domestic capital circle and the various chamber of commerces, there existed a clear distinction between the guests.

For example, the place where Kayden was headed was only open to the best of the best. The ones who were not at this level were unable to step foot inside.

Kayden walked past the wall and headed to the back garden. Compared to the noises in front, this place was quieter. There were only a few chuckles or conversations that could be heard.

When he lifted his head, Kayden saw the little prince, Lord Alvarado, Henry, and someone he knew but was not familiar with, Todd. Meanwhile, there was also a young and noble man he had never seen before.

“The VIP is here.” When Henry saw Kayden, he chuckled and said.

Kayden lifted his hand and said with a laugh, “I don’t dare to call myself a VIP in front of all of you.”

While he said that, he moved in front of everyone.

“Little Prince, Lord Alvarado.”

Kayden greeted the two first.

The little prince nodded and smiled.

Lord Alvarado lifted the wine in his hand and said, “I think the last time we met was at the auction three months ago. However, there were too many things happening back then so we didn’t get the chance to talk. Today is a great opportunity, and Jasper prepared some pretty good quality wine, so we can chat properly here.”

Kayden smiled and replied, “Everyone knows you’re the pickiest when it comes to wine, Lord Alvarado. I have to try this wine that you approve of.”

As he said that, Kayden took a glass of wine from the table and asked, “Is Jasper not here yet?”

“He’s the host so of course he’ll show up later, but I’m guessing he’ll do so soon.”

Kayden nodded and turned around to look at the only young and noble man at the venue whom he did not know. When he was about to say something, the man smiled and introduced himself softly, “Hello, Mr. Langdon. I am Dean Hall. I have no money or power, I’m just here to represent my grandpa’s Haddock Chamber of Commerce.”

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Kayden suddenly realized who the man was and extended a handshake toward Dean. He asked, “How is Old Master Hurlbutt?”

Dean held Kayden’s hand and bowed obediently to show his respect. He answered, “He’s fine. However, he’s old so he cannot move as well as he used to. That’s why he asked me to come in his place.”

“Right, once someone gets to a certain age, they need to rest more,” Kayden said.

“Yo, the host is here.”

Henry said suddenly, attracting everyone's attention.

Kayden, Lord Alvarado, the little prince, Dean, and Todd turned their heads at the same time. Then, they saw Jasper walking over from afar. When they saw how Jasper was dressed today, they were all shocked.

He was dressed in a formal outfit. His clothes and accessories were exquisite and meticulous. At this moment, it was completely unclear whether the clothes were bringing out the best in Jasper or if it was the other way around.

"I didn't know that guy was so flashy," Lord Alvarado said in a slightly jealous tone.

This was to be expected. If they were to compare looks, there was no question that Lord Alvarado would lose.

"I want to take a picture to show my sister," Henry said.

Todd and Dean only smiled and did not say anything.

The little prince laced his fingers together and said flatly, "It's time."

After some time, Jasper had walked in front of everyone.

“Thanks for coming. Please forgive me if I can’t entertain you well enough today,” Jasper smiled and said.

Kayden smiled and said, “It’s fine.”

Todd grinned and answered, “If we were not the same gender and I were a woman, I’d marry you.”

“Please don’ t.” Jasper lifted his hand and laughed. “That sounds so scary.”

Everyone chuckled.

After they chatted for a moment, Jasper said, “The most important people are all here. The party will officially start soon. Before that, there are a few regulations which I think we should talk about it internally.”

Everyone at the scene, including Lord Alvarado and the little prince became serious.

This show finally kicked off.

“I’ll talk about my arrangements.”

Jasper looked at everyone. Even Lord Alvarado and Kayden placed their wine glasses down to show their respect, Jasper said slowly, “Tomorrow is the day the United States stock market opens again. So, we have to be aware of two trading spots by tonight.”

“Because of the little prince and Lord Alvarado’s special cases, there will be one spot in Waterhoof City. The little prince and Lord Alvarado will operate themselves and I won’t interfere with their funds. However, you must act in a unified manner as per our joint decision.”

“Lord Alvarado, Little Prince, I have to tell you that this is not playing house. I’ve prepared 320 billion Somer Dollars. After conversion, it amounts to 40 billion US Dollars.”

“This money is not enough to enter the United States market, so I decided to expand my leverage. With this, the matter will become a financial war of over 100 billion US Dollars, and trillions of Somer Dollars. Hence, my decisions must be strictly followed.”

Even though they were not normal people and they were all mentally prepared, they still felt emotional when they heard the numbers coming out of Jasper’s mouth.

“This will be the largest financial war in human history,” Dean said quietly.

Jasper replied with a nod, “That’s right, so we have to be extra careful.”

As he said that, he turned around to look at the little prince and Lord Alvarado, “Guys, can you do what I said?”

“I have no comments.” Lord Alvarado was the first to speak.

The little prince nodded and answered, “That’s how it should be done.”

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After Lord Alvarado and the little prince nodded, Jasper looked at the others.

“Aside from the little prince and Lord Alvarado’s special case which is why we’re making Waterhoof City one of the spots, I also plan to set up another position in Harbor City.”

After he said that, he looked at Jayden.

“Mr. Langdon will be in charge of the funds in Harbor City. I only have one request for all of you and it’s that you have to be consistent with my decisions.”

This was what Jasper had to do.

The situation in Harbor City was quite special. The place was small, but there were many rich people. It was precisely because of this that the relationship between each power was intricate and complicated, just like the relationships between the four families. It was so complex that one might not be able to finish telling the story about their shared relationship in one sitting.

The relationship between them could never be distinguished simply by the concept of enemy or friend. Moreover, with these complex web of relationships in Harbor City, there were the Laws, who were Jasper’s die-hard allies, and the Atticus family and W. Langdons, who were dead set on going against him.

In addition to this, there was also the J. Langdons, who stood in the middle and were slightly biased toward him but were also more driven by interests.

Behind each of them, there were many families involved in some form of relationship with the rich. Hence, Jasper did not even intend to get involved in the complex relationships of Harbor City aristocrats.

The Laws were his hard-core ally so there was no need to worry about the issue of trust. Hence, Jasper would operate the Laws' funds himself while the rest would go to Kayden. There was no problem with trust regarding this matter either.

This was because Jasper and Kayden knew that when it came to people who were driven by interests like themselves, these people were often the most reliable friends if there were profits to be gained.

Besides this, the beef between Kayden and Fabian was no less than what was going on between Jasper and Fabian.

This time, in addition to wanting to make money, Kayden wanted to take the opportunity to do something to Fabian. He was the only one who knew this, and it was none of Jasper's business. If Jasper had known, he might even have been happy about this.

"It's no problem," Kayden nodded and agreed.

He had no reasons to refuse. This was a good opportunity for him to bring together the resources of Harbor City. A smart person like him would not fail to see this. Even if Jasper did not say it, he would still take the initiative to do so.

After clapping his hands, Jasper continued, "Just as I said before, there will be a spot Waterhoof City and one in Harbor City, but the center will still be Nauritus City. All our main funds are located here."

“I have specially arranged someone to prepare the venue for this. The location is on the top floor of the Southface River Tower.

“The LED screens surrounding three walls, twelve satellites, and two communication optical fibers will serve us and only us for these few days. There are a total of 120 top professional trading teams from the mainland, Harbor City, and Nawait who will treat this location as their base of operations.”

When he said this, Jasper’s mouth curled into a confident and domineering curve.
“Tomorrow, let us set off a storm and enjoy a feast. We have to let the world see the power and determination of Somerland!”

“Today we will rewrite modern economics, such that all future generations will learn and admire the battle we will launch.”

“We will challenge the dominating power of the world!”

“We’ll tell the world and make them understand that the capital of Somerland can’t be plundered!”

“And that they can’t bully the people of Somerland!”

The little prince and the others looked at each other and smiled. At the same time, they raised their hands and started clapping.

At this moment, the sound of a bell could be heard, indicating that it was 4 in the afternoon.

“It’s time that the party starts. I think our friends outside also need us to share the latest information with them. Shall we?” Jasper got up and said.

Thus, Jasper took the lead. Lord Alvarado and the little prince looked at each other.

“We’ll let him be the star on this occasion,” Lord Alvarado said with a grin.

“Of course.” The little prince nodded and smiled before following them.

Soon, Henry and Kayden also walked out in a single file. Dean and Todd were the only ones left

“Mr. Puller, please.” Dean bowed politely and asked Todd to go first.

With Todd's status, he would normally be the star no matter where he went, but today, he did not even have much to say. He had no choice. None of the people present were below him.

Therefore, Dean, who was being tactful at this moment, lifted Todd's mood.

"Let's go together." Todd smiled.

Dean nodded and said with a smile, "Nawait Semiconductor Manufacturing is the only company in the semiconductor industry in Somerland that can compete with the top Western technology. This alone can guarantee that there is almost no limit to the company's development in the future."

"Therefore, me, my grandfather, and the businesspeople from Haddock hope that we can enjoy strong cooperation with Nawait Semiconductor Manufacturing."

Todd narrowed his eyes slightly and said with a faint smile, "Of course, a collaboration is good, but today is not the right time. Why don't we talk about this another day?"

Dean immediately understood what Todd meant. He nodded slightly and said, "Of course. We'll find some other time to talk about this in detail."

Todd peered at Dean with a smile.

This guy was so mysterious, but he looked so noble and simple. Todd could not help but feel insecure around this guy.

Moreover, what the Pullers wanted the most right now was a way for them to break into the upper-class circle so that they could get rid of the equity control of the Nawait government and Flips. The Haddock Chamber of Commerce could not yet provide this.

If he were Lord Alvarado or the little prince, Todd would definitely suck up to them. However, they did not show any intention of this.

“Oh well, next time...”

Todd shook his head and strode forward.

Dean was slightly behind him, so he became the last one to leave.

This was the most evident display of status in this kind of circle.

No one stipulated who should go first, but one's status was directly linked to the right to speak and when one should step into a room. No one could bypass this unspoken rule.

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As Jasper gathered the top capitalists of Somerland for the party, a high-level closed-door consultation meeting was simultaneously being held in the headquarters of the Federal Reserve of the United States in New York on the other side of the Pacific Ocean.

The head of the meeting was Greenspaner, the chair of the Federal Reserve, while below him were the financial giants of Wall Street.

Among them were the chairman of various consortia such as Rogers and Soros from Quantum Fund, and the chairman of major consortiums like Colossal Investments, Layman Investment Bank, Morgan Financial Group and so on.

On one side of Greenspaner was Janet, the vice chair who had received the most votes as Greenspaner's eventual successor. She ascended to this position as a woman with white hair, which was a miracle in and of itself. This was enough to make countless people feel fear and admiration for her.

On the other side was a bald man. That man had a serious look on his face, but no one dared to look down on him. That was the secretary of the United States Treasury, Hamilton.

The meeting had not started yet and everyone at the table was relaxed. Some were even talking about where they should eat after the meeting.

Greenspaner, who was in the main seat, put on his glasses and flipped open the document in front of him. When he did that, everyone stopped to look at him. Greenspaner was happy that the crowd's reaction exemplified his prestige and position.

This czar of the American Dollar smiled and said, "Everyone, the stock market will commence trading tomorrow. So, we're here today to discuss how the situation will play out and how we should handle it."

"We have the most experience in the world on this topic. Soros, Rogers, you're the most qualified people for this, right?"

Dugg, the chairman of Layman Investment Bank said cheerfully.

Rogers looked at Soros. When he saw that Soros was not planning to speak, he shrugged and said, "We are professionals."

"According to the research of Quantum Fund over the past few years, there are a lot of problems with the securities market in Somerland. We can't solve this problem in a short time. This loophole will be the best chance for us to take down their entire financial system."

“We are very confident. Once we bite a piece of flesh off this rising giant, their economy will fall back 20 years ago and they will go back to how they were in the 80s.”

Rogers was high-spirited when he said that. All of the faces of the capitalists at the scene flushed red when they heard what he said.

The easiest way to get rich was to strike the jackpot overnight.

However, for capitalists, the most fascinating way to get rich was to plunder the economy of another country. They did this many times over the past 30 years, and each time they had profited.

This was particularly true for Sunrise Land. The Plaza Accord made Sunrise Land, which claimed that they wanted to buy the entire United States, go bankrupt in an instant. Where did the wealth go? 90% of the money went into the pockets of capitalists in the United States.

All the capitalists who experienced that incident knew that they were not making money, but rather, robbing and picking up money from the ground.

They destroyed the entire economic system of a country and then plundered their wealth. It was not hundreds of billions of dollars, but thousands of trillions of dollars! No matter how greedy someone was, they would also have their limit.

It was just that these people had not experienced such a thrill for a long time since Sunrise Land.

They were famished and now, they this was another excellent opportunity. Therefore, it was only natural that they would not dare to miss it.

Seeing that the atmosphere was growing more and more enthusiastic, the secretary of the Treasury, who had been sitting next to Greenspaner, finally spoke.

“Everyone wait.”

Everyone present showed Hamilton enough respect. Although the United States was a capitalist country and capital controlled everything in this country, its influence also depended on where it came from.

Hamilton was one of the popular candidates for the next election. His prestige and power were enough to make people not dare to underestimate his opinions.

“I think you’re not being clear about a very basic thing.”

Hamilton said with a frown, "Tomorrow, we have to handle that guy named Jasper Laine first. He had the guts to come to the United States stock market to suck our blood without any fear, so we have to teach him a painful lesson."

After Hamilton said that, all of the heads of the investment banks chuckled.

"What are you laughing at?" Hamilton said in dissatisfaction.

At this moment, Roger said, "Mr. Hamilton, don't worry. I interacted with him on the Harbor City stock market back then. Even though he has potential and was skillful, he's still too young.

"He won't be able to fight back in the face of the strongest capitalist in the world. I can make him lose everything in just two days."

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After Rogers said that, the atmosphere in the conference room became more relaxed and casual.

“Rogers, it took you 2 days to deal with a Somerland businessman who is younger than your son. It really makes me regret it. I think even the interns from our investment bank would have been able to do it in 3 days if I asked them to do so. Hahaha!” Dugg laughed.

Rogers shrugged and said, “After all, Mr. Hamilton said we can’t take the enemy too lightly.”

The meeting lasted about two hours. About half an hour after the meeting ended, the Federal Reserve put out a new announcement.

There was not much content to it, but they listed a new rule.

The translation meant that personal or institutional funds from Somerland were not allowed to exceed 100 million US Dollars in offshore quotas for the next 3 months.

This announcement caused a stir within the public. Any normal person could tell that the Federal Reserve was directly provoking Somerland.

International outcry aside, the news immediately spread to Somerland.

Heaven City was the satellite city of Swallow Capital. A lot of the big shots from Swallow Capital loved to buy property around here for holidays or for their mistresses. Even though the air quality here was not that great, it was more peaceful than Swallow Capital.

In this city was a house with a long history going back to the 1300s. Its archaic and vintage design was unable to conceal its former glory.

On the contrary, because of the markings of time, everything here was rich with history. What a nation accumulated over time was culture and treasure.

This house now belonged to an individual.

Normally, this kind of building that was also a cultural relic would have been unlikely to belong to an individual, but as everyone knew, there were always some exceptions.

At the corner of the entrance, two old men were squatting on the ground playing chess with their hands in their pockets.

The old man was an ordinary old man and the chessboard was just an ordinary chessboard. Nothing was out of the ordinary about them.

The only surprising thing was that next to the chessboard was a young man with a blanket covering his legs as he watched them play chess with gusto.

At this moment, a woman walked out of the house. It was Adele, who had just met Jasper days prior.

When the young man saw Adele, he sighed.

“What? Do you hate to see me?” Adele smiled beautifully.

“No, I just know that nothing good happened,” the young man said. Then, he followed Adele to another spot where there was no one around.

“An announcement was issued from the opposite side. They’re limiting Somerland’s offshore funding quota to 100 million US Dollars. This will last three months.”

Adele did not care that the young man did not like her and she said directly.

The young man's expression did not change. He said, "How many years has it been? Yet, they're still like this. They're so petty and they're acting like a bunch of shrews."

"You're the only person in the world who would describe the Federal Reserve as a bunch of shrews," Adele said, amused.

"Many people are waiting on us. Lord Alvarado and the little prince have joined, and they're all waiting for you now." Adele saw that her brother was ignoring her, so she remarked.

Lifting his eyes to look at Adele, he said, "Among these people, the one who most urgently wants to know what I plan to do is you, right?"

"After all, you are the number one intelligence broker in the private sector. Uncle said the same thing when he came home last time. He asked you to exercise more restraint. They have received several pieces of news about you when they were digging up information of information brokerage. How much do you plan to sell the information you get from me this time for?"

"Why do the Browns have a broker for buying and selling news like you?"

"It doesn't matter if you're royalty or common folk, who doesn't want business? The Browns, you say? What's wrong with the Browns? Do the Browns not eat when they go out? The money I earn is right and proper, and the old man has acquiesced in it. Despite this, you're saying I'm being unreasonable?" Adele was dissatisfied.

“Hmph, even if you smashed the old man’s snuff bottle, he would still be reluctant to scold you. I think the old man spoiled you too much and made you lawless.” the young man said.

“Fine, stop scolding me. I don’t like to see you like this. Just tell me, what are you planning to do?”

“Planning? What is there to plan? The very interesting Jasper Laine you mentioned is standing at the frontlines; It is Lord Alvarado and the little prince’s business if they choose to join in the fun. What does it have to do with me?”

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As the young man said that, he turned the wheelchair around to get around Adele.

Adele was not happy, and she stood in front of him, blocking his way.

“Do you think your wheelchair can outrun my legs?”

Adele was feeling pleased with herself. "Don't even think about leaving if you don't give me an appropriate explanation today."

The young man sighed and said helplessly, "Be more observant, do less, and say less. Do you understand?"

Adele frowned and was confused.

The young man shook his head and he seemed disappointed with Adele's behavior. He said, "Sometimes, I want to run some tests on you to see whether we're really related by blood. Am I the adopted one or are you the adopted one? Why are you so

stupid?"

Adele was enraged. She spat angrily, "What did you say, you cripple?"

Everyone knew there were three amazing leaders among the younger generation in Somerland. One was the crippled Brown from the north, the little prince from the south, and Lord Alvarado from the northwest.

However, they did not know of a powerful statement. The little prince and Lord Alvarado contributed 20% of Somerland's talents over the past fifty years, the crippled Brown

alone contributed 30%, and the remaining 50% was contributed by the various scholars within the country.

This was said by a top boss of Swallow Capital who had completely retreated behind the scenes since then. From this, one could see how terrifying this young man sitting in a wheelchair was.

“Stop probing. This matter was submitted to the policy institute a month ago. Do you understand the nature of such a thing?” The young man said.

Adele was taken aback, and she said in surprise, “The policy institute? I know that the higher-ups are concerned, but does it have to go to this stage?”

The policy institute was the nation’s official think tank. It specialized in providing various suggestions and plans for the bigwigs of Swallow Capital. In different times and regions, people who worked in such a place also had different names.

The Military Government Adviser Think Tank!

Meanwhile, they enjoyed extraordinary treatment, whereby all the plans they proposed would eventually be integrated and submitted. Some of these plans would be implemented and some would not, but if they were integrated, they all became the same thing-national policy!

“Besides that Jasper person whom you find interesting, there’s also the little prince and Lord Alvarado. You underestimate the impact and significance of this matter.”

The young man shook his head, obviously not wanting to say more.

“Now, I won’t do anything. As for the future, we’ll talk about it when the time comes. So many people are looking at Jasper now, so I hope he’ll give everyone a satisfactory result. There’s not many other opportunities for him to leap to success like this.”

Adele frowned and said, “Leap to success? He’s already successful and he’s achieved so many things, but if he fails...”

“Who can you blame? He can only blame his fate and himself,” the young man said faintly.

Adele replied suddenly, “I passed the message you wanted me to pass to him. He has something he wants to tell you too.

“He said if there’s a chance, he’ll come to Swallow Capital to have a long chat with you.”

The young man was already planning to leave, but when he heard that, he stopped his wheelchair and chuckled. He said, “Okay, you’re right. That guy is very interesting.”

After he said that, he left. This time, he really left, Adele did not dare to go stop him again.

She only frowned and watched as his figure disappeared through the entrance of the manor. She felt that these two men were insane. They were always saying something strange that no one else could understand.

How was he interesting?

He was making this so unnecessarily mysterious.

Inside the manor, the young man wheeled his wheelchair and headed deeper into the house.

Yet, he had a contemplative look on his face.

“Jasper Laine... With the current national conditions, Somerland needs a representative and an appealing young man to appear and become the archetype role model.”

“The three of us, whose backgrounds are too strong, have already been excluded from the list of candidates, so do you, who had appeared out of nowhere, have that kind of luck?”

Nauritus City.

In the manor, the atmosphere of the party was reaching a crescendo.

Jasper, who had finished his opening speech, was arrogantly and steadily navigating the various conversations with his guests.

Jasper smiled gently and politely at the crowd. He had an exquisite and gentle smile, so people could instantly feel his friendliness.

His focused and calm eyes were always looking at his guest politely when they spoke so that everyone who talked to him would feel respected.

This was the first time most of them were interacting with Jasper after they were invited here. Despite this, they formed a good impression of Jasper.

He was young and full of potential. Furthermore, he was very capable and his etiquette was immaculate. Who would not like him?

Outside the crowd, Henry tutted and sighed ruefully, “Why did I never notice how handsome Jasper was?”

“Some people are born to flourish among the rich and powerful, and Jasper is just that,” Kayden said.

Henry smacked his lips and suddenly turned around to say to Kayden, “Thanks for back then.”

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Henry was referring to the last time he was locked up by the Atticus family. Back then, it was Kayden who provided important materials to Jasper who had just gotten off the plane, which eventually forced Fabian to submit.

Although everyone knew that Kayden was also taking advantage of his strength and this opportunity to make Fabian fall flat on his face, at the end of the day, this was still a favor to Henry, and Henry had to show his gratitude.

Kayden said with a smile, “It’s nothing.”

At this moment, Jasper stood among the crowd. He picked up the wine glass and tapped the glass with a spoon, making a crisp sound.

“It’s time,” Henry said.

Everyone fell silent quickly. Everyone in the hall looked at Jasper.

Jasper was smiling gently. His fearlessness stemmed from his confidence and domineering aura. It was as if he was born to be the center of attention.

At the same time, everyone who was looking at him each enjoyed net worth of over a billion Somer Dollars.

“Everyone, first of all, thanks for coming.” Jasper thanked everyone once again.

Before the crowd could respond, Jasper continued, “There are 6 chambers of commerce here today, namely Haddock Chamber of Commerce, River City Chamber of Commerce, Jin Chamber of Commerce, Canter Chamber of Commerce, and so on. The people in charge of the top ten private equities in the country like Harmony Investments, Peaks International, and so on are also here. We also have the top 20 millionaires from the millionaire list.”

“There are a total of 64 people here. There will be nearly 70 people here including the little prince, Lord Alvarado, and the others. I can safely say that most of the elites from the national financial circle are gathered here today.”

“I’ll say something nasty. If I plant a bomb here, then we’ll be finished. Most of the people heading the domestic financial circle 50 years after the founding of Somerland would be wiped out.”

Everyone chuckled lowly when Jasper said this.

After Jasper stopped smiling, he said seriously, “But today we didn’t gather for a meal or to meet new friends, we are preparing to start a difficult financial war. Everyone present is an investor of JW Foundation.”

“JW Foundation successfully raised 320 billion Some Dollars on the first day of its establishment. It is the fastest hedge fund to reach both a billion and ten billion dollars. Plus, it is also the largest hedge fund in Somerland.”

“First of all, I thank you for your trust. Secondly, I also want to tell you that the next period may be difficult, but we must work together and unite in order to overcome difficulties and survive!”

“We have to always remember that Somerland is inviolable! Let’s get ready for war! Fight!”

After Jasper said that, everyone's eyes shone as their cheeks flushed.

Their blood was not boiling because of what Jasper said. They were all sly old foxes, and they were so witty that even their eyelashes were hollow. If their blood could boil after such a shallow statement, then they would be a disappointment to their positions and statuses.

What they truly cared about was that they were a part of Jasper's foundation.

One would understand how valuable this was if they just looked at the big shots in the foundation. This fund, which was not open to the public for public fundraising, was definitely a fund that the top wealthy people in Somerland wanted to get involved with in the future.

No one at the scene expected Somerland's most mysterious and powerful JW Foundation, which claimed to have a value of hundreds of millions, to be founded like this. It was now a super-private equity fund of the nouveau riche even without joining JW Company.

Looking at the expressions on the faces of his guests, Jasper knew that his initial goal had been achieved. With a slight smile, Jasper continued, "Then, I won't waste everyone's time. Now I will explain the specific operations and measures of the fund in the next step."

“First of all, in response to the opening of the United States stock market tomorrow, the fund will set up three operating locations in Waterhoof City, Nauritus City, and Harbor City...”

Next, Jasper briefly introduced the plan that he had discussed and decided on with the little prince and the gang.

The content was roughly the same, but the difference was that the previous discussions with the little prince and the others were real discussions. If they had different opinions, they could be resolved through communication and compromise.

However, right now, Jasper was just notifying the rest that he had decided to roll with the stated process.

It did not matter if the people below had any opinions or not. They also did not need to know why the three operating locations were set up. The only thing they needed to know was what the foundation would do next. Jasper was not a person who liked to waste time in meetings.

After giving a brief and clear introduction, Jasper ended this speech.

“In any case, I hope you will join hands with me. JW Foundation welcomes everyone to join!”

“Let us fill our cups to this and let’s wish JW Foundation a good start!”

After raising his wine glass, Jasper finished with a toast Jasper was the center of everyone’s attention as he stood under the spotlight among the crowd. His smile was warm and radiant. It was as enchanting as the wine swirling in his glass.

“To a good start!”

“I’o a good start!”

Everyone lifted their glasses and said happily.

“Do you know what’s the difference between that kid and us?” Lord Alvarado poked the little prince with his elbow and pouted in Jasper’s direction.

The little prince smiled and said, “We’re second or third generation when he’s really the first generation. Plus, he’s a first-generation who is capable of raising capable second or third generations.”

Lord Alvarado tutted and exclaimed, “This kid is really something else.”

“Let’s raise our glasses.”

The little prince grabbed a glass of wine from the table and smiled at Kayden and the gang. “Since we’re here, we have to support him to the end.”

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The crisp sound of wine glasses colliding and everyone downing the contents of their glasses was soon heard. The party officially began.

Over the next hour, everyone was busy making connections and talking about the news. Everyone behaved politely and there was no embarrassing drama that would only happen in novels after someone acted as a poser. Everyone present was in the upper-class, and if they had earned the right to stand here, they had to at least learn to integrate into this circle.

Something like a poor kid who had nothing suddenly showing up at the party only to be harshly looked down upon on the millionaires would only happen in a small town. However, in a party where the top millionaires and elites in the country gathered, the chances of this happening were close to zero..

As the host, Jasper naturally had to socialize. Wendy also appeared during the second half of the party. Wendy perfectly exemplified the role of the hostess after she showed up dressed to the nines.

Everyone was praising Wendy's beauty and how she was a perfect match with Jasper.

Everyone was joyous and harmonious, and the room was auspicious and peaceful.

Except...

"Damn!"

Wendy showed up next to Jasper under everyone's attention, but when Jasper reached out his hand naturally to let Wendy's arm interlock with his, Henry was stunned. Because he was holding his phone and was on a video call with Anna.

Of course, Anna did not want to look at him. Rather, she wanted to see Jasper at the party.

On the screen, Anna had one hand under her chin and her other hand holding a pencil. She was shaking the pencil as she gleefully watched the man's handsome face when she suddenly stopped.

The shaking pencil also stopped abruptly.

“S-Should I end this call?” Henry said, feeling guilty.

“She’s pretty...”

Anna did not answer Henry. Instead, she looked at Wendy who appeared blurry in the video but still managed to shine so beautifully despite the low quality.

Henry chuckled dryly, “I told you there’s nothing interesting.”

“There is. Who says there’s nothing to look at?”

Anna chuckled and said, “I bet that guy must be so indulged in pleasure that he forgot his home and duty.”

Henry coughed dryly. He felt that it was not good for him to frame Jasper like this, so he suggested, “Why don’t I ask him to come over to talk to you?”

“There’s no need.”

Anna stretched and displayed her amazing figure. She said lazily, “I have a bunch of designs to finish, and I need to go out for a discussion forum later. Let’s not disturb him.”

“So... I’ll hang up?”

Henry knew Anna too well and he was frightened. Thus, he said this carefully and slowly.

“Why are you so scared?” Anna asked bluntly.

Judging from tone action, Anna seemed to want to hang up the call.

However, when she was halfway there, she suddenly paused and asked, “Do you think I look better standing next to him than Wendy?”

“ ... ”

Henry was speechless.

“Never mind.”

Anna said with no expression before she hung up.

After putting away his phone, Henry saw Jasper approaching from a distance and sighed, ‘Oh, brother-in-law, it’s not that I don’t want to save you, but I can’t help you in this.’

“Why do you look so off-color?” Jasper asked Henry curiously.

“No, I’m fine.” Henry scratched his head.

“By the way, the little prince and the gang left just now.”

Jasper nodded and said, Time is almost up, so they have to go back to prepare the trading locations. Has Dean left as well?”

“Yeah, but he said he’s tired, so he went to the hotel to rest first. When the time comes, he will go directly to our venue in Nauritus City,” Henry replied.

“Julian.”

Jasper turned his head and called out.

Julian appeared behind him silently.

“Find a few reliable people to keep an eye on Dean. Be cautious, don’t get caught,” Jasper said.

Julian got Jasper’s order and left to go to work.

Although Julian was Jasper’s only bodyguard and assistant, Wendy had also found a new group of people who had retired from the elite special forces while she was quietly looking for new talents.

Initially, ordinary people and ordinary companies could not hire these people, but Jasper’s current status was more than high enough.

There were about twenty people in this group. Jasper arranged for half of them to stay with Wendy and let Fallon manage them, while the rest belonged to Julian. This could be regarded as Julian's own team. This made it more convenient for Julian to conduct dodgy operations on a day-to-day basis.

After Julian left, Henry immediately asked curiously, "Do you think there's something wrong with Dean?"

"Not just him, but that old fox behind him is problematic too."

Jasper and Henry stood in a corner as they talked softly while looking at the crowd that was chatting happily from afar.

"However, it should be fine."

"Even if it's problematic, it might just be something minor. I don't think anyone would collude with foreign forces at this critical moment. No one in the country would be so stupid to stand out to die right now, let alone Gale."

"Moreover, they put their money in this. So, I don't think Gale will shoot himself in the foot."

“Still, we’ll just keep an eye out just in case.”

The corners of Henry’s lips twitched when he looked at Jasper who was speaking frankly and with such assurance. Then, he decided to swallow his honest words.

‘Forget it, it’s useless to tell him now. Why cause more trouble for me? I’ll let him find out for himself when he meets Anna next time...’

‘As for how she’ll punish him, that’s none of my business!’

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The party lasted for three and a half hours. In the end, the guests and host were all happy and they went back to their respective accommodations.

Since the United States stock market was about to open, when the party came to an end, no one stayed behind. They all went back to pay attention to the development of the matter. When they left, everyone looked solemn and cautious. They knew that with the opening of the United States stock market, a capital war between the East and the West, which was destined to be written down in the history of modern human economics, was about to unfold.

After the party, Jasper rushed to Southface River Tower alongside Henry.

On the top of the floor, although Henry had previously heard Jasper talking about the new layout, when he saw the huge LED surround screen occupying three walls and enclosing the entire building with his own eyes, he was shocked.

“Damn, where did you get this screen?”

For the first time ever, Henry was the country bumpkin!

“This was pieced together with 25 individual screens. The price is decent. Each screen is 390 thousand bucks, but they needed to be customized. It took more than half a month to install it.”

Jasper said while pointing to the entire lobby that was transformed into a trading center. Then, he continued, “This is our base camp for the next few days.”

“Mr. Laine, did you see the announcement just released by the Federal Reserve?” Jake, who had been preparing for a long time here, suddenly walked over and said.

“You mean that they are restricting the offshore withdrawal limit of Somerland’s capital?” Jasper said with a smile.

It was unknown how many pairs of eyes were staring at the United States right now. How could Jasper not have received the news immediately after the Federal Reserve made such a huge announcement?

Less than a few minutes after it was announced, Jasper got the news while he was still at the party.

“Yeah, will this affect us?” Jake asked.

Jasper shook his head and said, “They’re just worried that we will cash out and run away as soon as trading commences. Since we have no intention of running away, what impact will it have on us?”

“They said they’re the most popular country in the world, but they’re so petty. Are they not afraid that people will laugh at them?”

Jasper never imagined that he would spontaneously say the same thing as a cripple in Swallow Capital.

Jasper stood with his hands behind his back on the high platform at the entranceway. He was watching the busy people and new equipment on the deck below. Right now, the whole building was filled with tension and passion.

“The storm is about to begin.”

It was less than 24 hours before the United States stock market resumed trading. The global financial situation fell into a strange calmness. Even the reporters who typically liked to make groundless accusations were quiet.

It was as if the financial and economic circles of the world were holding their breath while waiting for the time of reckoning to come.

At this moment, Jasper got up in the morning, took a shower, and ate breakfast. Then, he watched the news on the financial channel. The host on the television screen was dressed in a formal suit while broadcasting news.

“Ever since the terrorist attack on the United States, the financial stock market had fallen sharply. As the core of the global economy, the United States stock market has suffered a severe setback, inevitably radiating a sharp drop in the indices and stock prices of other major trading centers around the world.”

“After that, the United States announced its first plan to rescue the market.”

“Although that round of superficial market rescue did not cause any tangible improvements on the market, it did prevent the situation from getting worse. For stockholders and investors, it was also a confidence boost for them to see that the United States government would intervene.”

“But now, after the first active suspension in United States history, the market will open in less than 24 hours, causing other major trading centers around the world to fall into strange stillness.”

“This indicates that the United States, as a global economic and financial center, remains unshakable in its position. All trading centers and investors around the world are paying attention to the direction of the United States stock market after the opening of the market.”

“In 24 hours, the United States stock market will reopen. Whether it rises or falls, it will directly affect the state of the global economy!”

In front of the television, Jasper put the sunny-side-up onto Wendy’s plate and said with a straight face, “I heard Mrs. Clarkson say that you’re always secretly throwing away the sunny-side-up she made for you. It’s despicable to waste food, don’t you know?”

Wendy said with a sad face, “But I really don’t like sunny-side-ups.”

“Eggs are not precious, but they are indeed a good source of nutrients. You just caught a cold and your body has not yet fully recovered. Having more protein is good for you,” Jasper patiently persuaded.

With a sigh, Wendy took a bite of the sunny-side-up with a sad face. Then, she picked the yolk out and threw it into the Jasper bowl.

Wendy spoke up when she saw that Jasper had something to say, “You said I only needed to eat more egg whites! I don’t want to eat egg yolks!”

Jasper sighed helplessly.

“I remember you also don’t like to eat the filling when you eat dumplings and only eat the skin.”

“The skin is tasty! The filling is too much for me.” Wendy said boldly and confidently.

“I remember you also only eat the top of broccoli and not the stem.”

“The stem is too hard and it’s slightly bitter.” Wendy started to sound less confident

When she saw that Jasper was about to say something else, she puffed up her cheeks and glared at Jasper.

“Are you done?” Wendy asked angrily.

Jasper ate the yolk and said smartly, "I'm done."

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Wendy huffed. Then, when she was about to speak, Dawson walked in from outside the dining room.

Old Man Dawson silently walked to the dining table and placed two boxes of pills on the table before turning around to leave. He did not say a single word throughout the whole process.

Jasper and Wendy looked at each other whilst feeling slightly stunned. However, when the two of them saw the pills Dawson

brought them, they felt extremely awkward.

What pills were they? Two boxes of folic acid pills.

All experienced husbands and wives knew that this was a supplement that all men and women needed to take to prepare for pregnancy.

Jasper rubbed his temple. His father-in-law had gone insane from wanting a grandchild.

Wendy quickly reached out her hand to move the folic acid away. Her face was slightly red when she grumbled, "My dad is really something else. Why did he bring me something like that?"

"He's giving us a diplomatic note I guess," Jasper said with a smile.

Wendy did not dare to answer him. She blinked as she pointed at the television screen where the news anchor was still communicating with a so-called special commentator. Wendy said, "Is he right?"

"I guess so." Jasper nodded.

"Unfortunately for people in this circle, most of the news broadcasts are severely delayed, so their professionalism should be recognized. This is basically the situation, and his point of view is correct."

"Which means you'll really affect the global economy once the United States commences trading and you start your fight with Wall Street?" Wendy asked.

Jasper waved his hand and said, "That is a bit of an exaggeration. It'll just affect the financial circle at most. However, now that the global economy is being increasingly integrated, finance is the core component of the economy. If some financial problems occurred, it would be a great blow to the economy."

“If the global stock market falls sharply, winter for various industries will come early this year. Wealth will evaporate and capital will shrink, causing a chain reaction.”

Wendy did not say anything as she just stared at Jasper blankly.

“What are you thinking?” Jasper asked curiously.

Wendy slowly turned to look at Jasper. Her pupils slowly focused again and she slowly gathered her wandering thoughts before she stared at this man’s face.

“I didn’t expect you to get to this stage so fast. You were a nobody in school, and even after you started your business, you were always so low profile.”

“Right now, you’re able to fight against the biggest economic system in the world and the strongest capitalists. The result of your fight will influence the economy of the world. If a man can get to this stage, it seems the heavens will be good to him.”

When Jasper looked at Wendy who was looking at him with stars in her eyes, he chuckled and walked behind her. He placed his hands on Wendy’s soft and round shoulders before massaging them slowly.

“I’m just doing something I want and think I should do.”

After Jasper said this, his tone changed. He started to jest, "In the end, I became the focus of the world. I'm very surprised too."

"You're so annoying!" Wendy detected that Jasper was mocking her and she grumbled before slapping Jasper's hand away. "Okay, I need to go to work now."

"It might start to get very stressful. You should delegate your work whenever you can. You don't have to do everything yourself. It's not worth getting worn out over," Jasper exhorted.

"I thought you weren't going to care about the company anymore. Right now, everyone in the company is anxious. Despite the shortage of capital, thankfully Terizone and Abbylon can support themselves now."

"We don't even need to worry about Sena. The profits they reaped last month was second only to the electronics company. The real estate company is miserable as always. A lot of big projects that are about to be done have all stopped because of funding problems."

"Ask them to think of a solution first. Why should we keep them if they keep looking for headquarters whenever they're in trouble? Sean is so unreliable now." Jasper said with a frown.

"It's fine. Sean is very stressed too. He also knows the company's situation right now, but he still managed to get a lot of things done after bracing himself."

“I know about the financial situation of the real estate company. We have to cut the funds in half for all our projects. I heard they even created a new sales method by selling the property in advance so that they can easily raise funds.”

“A few days ago, he dropped by for a meeting, and I saw he had more white hair on his head. Don’t cause too much trouble for him.”

“Selling the property in advance?” Jasper said in surprise.

He knew that in his previous life, the concept of pre-sales in real estate only emerged in later years. It was first developed by the top five famous real estate companies in the country. No matter how much it has been criticized, one had to admit that such a brand-new sales routine had greatly eased the financial pressure of the real estate development company and shortened the capital recovery cycle.

Unexpectedly, Sean was the first to propose such a concept due to financial pressure he was facing.

“Yeah, you don’t say. I’ve looked it up and this presale proposal can cut the capital return cycle in half. Plus, the house buyers are not so opposed to the idea, so I find it very creative,” Wendy smiled and said.

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Jasper nodded and said, “This is a good plan. Send a document in the name of the head office to praise them. Give a good review to the individual or team who was the first to propose this during the year-end evaluation.”

“Okay.”

Wendy got up to take her coat and bag. Then, she said, “I’ll go to the office now.”

“Go ahead.”

Jasper walked Wendy to the door and watched her leave. Then, he went back upstairs to sleep.

Because of the time difference, he would have to stay up late tonight. Thus, Jasper had to catch up on his sleep during the day.

With that, Jasper slept until 9 at night.

After he got up and washed up, he saw that Wendy and Dawson were still busy at work and were not back yet. So, Jasper called Julian to leave the house.

“Did Dean do anything today?”

Jasper asked while they were on the way to Southface River Tower.

“He was in the hotel we arranged for him the whole time. He only went out 4 times from yesterday till today. On two of those occasions, he went to eat in the restaurant in the hotel. He did not interact with anyone aside from the servers.”

“The third time was at 9:20 am this morning. He went to an orphanage in the south of the city and he also bought some daily necessities and some children’s clothes to donate to the orphanage. He left after staying for about an hour. The last time was 30 minutes ago. He was headed to Southface River Tower, and I think he should have arrived by now.”

Jasper frowned slightly when he heard Julian’s report.

Julian asked, “Do we need to bug his room?”

“Did you guys manage to do that?” Jasper asked in surprise.

A normal person was not allowed to use any tapping device unless they had a special permit.

However, the procedure and process of applying for such a thing were very troublesome, so normal people would not be able to obtain it.

Julian smiled. "I have my ways."

Jasper shook his head while laughing. He said, "No need. He'll show any plans he has soon enough."

The car continued onward. When Jasper arrived at Southface River Tower, it was still early. He went to the office, and even though it was after work hours, most of the employees were still working overtime since there was currently a lot of work at hand.

He saw Wendy in a meeting through the glass of the meeting room. After he watched her for a while, he left. He did not plan to disturb her.

After he left the office, he went to the top floor.

"Mr. Laine is here."

Dean approached him and smiled courteously.

It was not just Dean, Henry and Todd were also here. Jasper shook all of their hands and smiled. "You're so early."

"There's still an hour before we start, but we're very excited too. Hence, we decided to come early to take a look around," Dean smiled and replied.

"Damn, you don't say? I'm a little nervous." Henry rubbed his hands together and looked excited.

Todd looked calmer. He was staring out at the trading hall that was starting to look busy with a twinkle in his eyes. "How long did it take for you to prepare all of this, Mr. Laine?"

Jasper replied flatly, "About a month."

Todd lifted his eyebrows slightly and asked, "Did you come across an incident like today back then? The terrorist attack hadn't yet happened a month ago, right?"

When Dean heard this, he became interested too. It seemed that aside from Henry, the other two were very interested in Jasper's answer.

“It’s an exaggeration to say that I can predict the future, but I’m used to being prepared for anything.” Jasper grinned and said.

“Always prepare for the worst, so if it really does happen, you won’t be caught off guard.”

As Jasper said that, he pointed to the trading hall and said, “Honestly, even if those things were not being used right now, they would still be put into use one day.

“That makes sense.” Todd nodded and he said respectfully, “There’s a reason why Mr. Laine is where he is today.”

“You speak too highly of me,” Jasper waved his hand.

“Mr. Laine...”

An employee from Terizone’s headquarters approached Jasper respectfully and said, “The connection of the three locations is successful. Also, the website you asked us to build so that it’ll be more convenient to the investors of the foundation to watch the scene of the three trading halls has been set up.”

It was much more complicated to have a remote connection or watch a live stream in this era compared to in the future.

For future generations, any software with a camera and computer could be connected remotely. Meanwhile, a live stream would be even easier to set up. After all, there would be live stream websites all over the place. Now, the technology for the network bandwidth and software was still very immature. Therefore, what was originally simple became very complicated.

Terizone had to send out a team of more than forty people to the three trading centers before they managed to get it done.

“Start the connection test,” Jasper ordered.

With that, the whole team started the connection.

In just a few minutes, the images of two smaller but equally busy trading centers were displayed on the left and right of the huge LED screen.

Naturally, these were Kayden and the little prince’s trading locations.

When Jasper saw them through the video, he smiled and asked, “Is the signal okay?”

“Magnificent.”

The little prince and Kayden nodded.

The two of them seemed to speak at the same time. “Your team from Terizone is amazing. Are you going to consider selling some of their stocks?”

Kayden and the little prince were all smart people. When they saw Terizone’s efficiency, they instantly detected a business opportunity.

It was only normal that they wanted a slice of this cake.

“No.” Jasper rejected immediately.

What a joke. He could not give out Terizone and Abbylon’s stocks so easily, Jasper would not give them any hope.

While they were talking, the digital clock on the top floor struck 10:29 pm.

Thus, Kayden and the little prince did not dilly-dally. The three of them fell silent at the last minute.

The team of more than a hundred stock traders had their heads lifted as they stared at the time tick by second by second. It was getting closer and closer to the moment of truth.

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At the same time, on the other side of the Pacific Ocean.

Wall Street. Inside the trading center of Quantum Fund in Wall Street.

Rogers clapped his hand and looked at his most elite team in Quantum Fund and said, “Guys, look alive.”

“This is a very simple task, but we must do it well. Your bonus, your credit card bill, and your wife and lover are all counting on you to execute this perfectly and bring the money back home.”

Even though it was morning in the United States and the sun was shining brightly in the sky, all the lights on the entire trading floor were brightly lit.

The young or mature faces looked at Rogers as the latter spoke excitedly, their eyes full of greed and desire for money.

Looking at the greedy faces, Rogers smiled and said, "Do you know what I like best about you guys?"

Before anyone could answer him, he replied himself, "I love how greedy you are!"

"In Wall Street, there are no humans, only wolves and lions. All of the wolves need to learn how to eat meat and drink blood."

"If not, you will not be able to survive the jungle that is Wall Street!"

Rogers had both of his hands on the table and his expression gradually became sinister, "I don't care what role you play in front of your family, classmates, or friends."

"Right now, I only have one requirement for you all, and it's to tear our enemies apart before we take away every last penny they have!"

“Guys, tell me, do you want money? Do you want status? Do you want women?”

“Yes!”

The thirty plus people in the room roared at the same time. All of them were the elites that had been nurtured by Quantum Fund for many years.

They were budgeters who were proficient in estimations, intelligence collectors with a keen sense of smell, dealers with the fastest hands, and analysts with extremely rich experience.

A truly top-notch international trading team would have a trader as its core, but that was definitely not all it had.

It required a budgeter to make accurate price budgets and an intelligence collector to summarize and classify information. It also required a dealer to perfectly execute every buy or sell order within the shortest amount of time.

Undoubtedly, these people in front of Rogers were the best of the best selected by Quantum Fund from the countless elites under their control.

“Very good. I like your ambition and greed.”

Rogers pointed at the clock on the wall and roared hysterically, “So what are you poor fellas with no money and no woman waiting for? Get ready! When the time comes, charge into the market and rip our enemies apart!”

“This mission is simple. Anyone with two hands can do it. Even newbies who have only done one transaction before this can do it. I told you how hefty the reward will be. Everyone will get a reward of 500 thousand US Dollars!”

“Even as your boss and after so many years of being in this industry, I’ve never seen such a hefty reward for a single mission. So, get moving!”

Rogers smiled in satisfaction when he looked at his team that was getting busy. Then, he turned around and walked into an office.

This office was separated from the entire trading floor by a wall, but a closer look revealed that this partition was a one-way glass. Therefore, you could not see into it from the outside, while anyone inside could see everything happening outside.

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Soros was drinking wine with two white-haired old men in this office. The three of them were chatting happily as they would

occasionally burst into maniacal laughter.

“Are you done with your pep talk? I was just telling Franklin and Jonah how you’re the best psychologist in the entirety of Wall Street.”

Rogers shrugged and poured some red wine for himself. He said, “Don’t think I didn’t hear you guys. You were talking about which of the ladies from those rich families knows how to please someone the best.”

“Hahaha..!”

Soros and the other two men laughed at the same time. Franklin looked at Rogers and said, “All jokes aside, you’re recognized as the best psychologist in the capital circle. We heard the roars of those lads outside just now.”

Rogers sat down on the armrest of the sofa with a chuckle. He said to Franklin, “I remember how you have high hopes for that businessman from Somerland, Jasper Laine. Are you siding with him this time?”

“High hopes? Of course, I do.”

Franklin said with a grin. “However, I only admired him when his Sena became a listed company because. At that time, the United States stock market and Nasdaq needed such a brand new and high quality Internet company to stimulate market confidence.”

“But now...”

Franklin shrugged and tipped his head back to down his wine. He continued, “I’ll side with the winners.”

“You underestimate Jasper too much.”

Compared to the other’s carefreeness, the president of the Dow Jones Indices, Jonah, shook his head slightly.

“I have seen Jasper’s trading data on the Dow Jones many times before, and I even checked all the futures transactions that can be found since Jasper’s birth. Eventually, I came across a very interesting piece of information.”

“No matter how ridiculous it initially appeared, or how much it went against the laws of the market, once Jasper made a trading decision, he would not change it. Plus, he is extremely good in short-term trading, that is, trading high-frequency because he seeks to maximize profits in the short term before cashing out.”

“So far, his longest transaction is on the Dow Jones.”

“But this is also the deal that best demonstrates his ability to predict something without being a clairvoyant.”

When Jonah said this, he shrugged and continued, “I don’t know how you view this, but I have to tell you what I think. We shouldn’t underestimate our enemy this time.”

Jonah’s statement caused Soros and Rogers to look at each other.

The two of them smiled when they exchanged glances. Then, Soros got up and said, “Alright, my friend, I understand what you mean. However, I believe this will play out the same way it always does, this occasion won’t be an exception. Victory will be ours.”

‘Did you forget how we failed to snipe the Harbor Dollar a few years ago?’

Jonah thought to himself but did not say out loud.

Instead, he just smiled and nodded.

Rogers lifted his wrist to look at his watch. Then, he got up and said, “Everyone, it’s time. Let’s start.”

When he said that, it was 10 seconds until trading was to begin.

At this moment, countless people from all around the world, from the capitalist big shots in Wall Street to a normal investor in a small country in South Terra, sat in front of their computers as they stared fixedly at the clock of their computers.

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“Here we go!”

No one knew who yelled this. In the trading hall of Nauritus City, everyone suddenly felt their passion subside in an instant.

This was like facing an important exam. All kinds of tension and anxiety from before were gone the moment they sat down in the examination room to face this exam. Everyone had a serious expression as they dealt with their own affairs meticulously and

attentively. On the trading floor, no one in the team of dozens of people was chatting. What was left was the sound of clicking coming from the countless keyboards and mice.

Soon, the intelligence collector was the first to speak and break the silence.

“The Dow Jones Stock Index opened at 7429 points, and opening trading volume continues to increase.”

“The leading rising sector is Internet, energy, and aerospace. Meanwhile the leading falling sector is banking, building materials, real estate, and shipbuilding.”

“One minute after the opening, the Dow Jones stock index fell 9 points and is currently at 7420 points.”

Based on the information gathered by the intelligence collector, the analyst summed up the current situation immediately.

“The rising sectors are basically high-tech industries, while the heavy industries continue to fall, indicating a lack of market confidence.”

“If there is no external intervention, the decline will continue but will not be too big.”

When the analysts and intelligence collectors summarized the data and handed them over to Jake and Baz, as the core traders, the two needed to make judgments based on the current situation.

“What do you think?” Jake asked Baz, who was standing next to him, with a smile.

Jake was experienced and he had long since realized that Baz was nervous.

As a trader, he could not break down under any situation.

Nervousness would most likely lead to mistakes and neglect of details, which was fatal to a very large transaction where even a fraction of a percentage point amounted to hundreds of millions of Somer Dollars.

Baz took a deep breath and said solemnly, “I think that it’s best not to move for now.”

“Explain your reasoning.” Jake continued, his expression showing no hint of approval nor disapproval.

“It has only been a few minutes after the market commenced. All the intelligence and data are not enough to build a reliable model. Besides, our opponents have not yet

made any moves. The most important thing is that we are shorting, so the market decline is beneficial to us.”

“If we and our opponents do nothing and the market naturally declines, we will be the natural winners. Therefore, we can take advantage of the conditions to roll with the changes.”

Baz spoke naturally and smoothly. When he finished speaking, he looked at Jake confidently.

It could be seen that Baz, who knew that his lack of experience and instability was his biggest shortcoming, needed Jake’s encouragement at this moment.

Jake smiled. He turned his head and said to his assistant, “Report this to Mr. Laine and ask him to make a decision.”

The assistant left immediately.

However, Baz was dumbfounded.

“Nothing is happening, yet we’re asking Mr. Laine for directions?”

Baz figured that Jake was making a fuss out of nothing. Shaking his head, Jake said, “The market looks calm now, and neither we nor the other party is making a move, but this invisible confrontation is arguably the most important moment. It can basically set the tone for the rest of the battle.”

Baz seemed to fall deep in thought.

After a while, he smiled bitterly. “Indeed, I have never experienced a transaction of such a large amount. That’s why I neglected the fact that the combined funds between the enemy and us the enemy and us is hundreds of billions of dollars.”

“Once the two sides start to fight, the impact will completely destroy the will of the market itself.”

While they were talking, the assistant who ran off came back with Jasper’s order.

“Sell the high-tech leading sectors such as Internet and aerospace. Throw out 10 billion US Dollars to test the waters first.”

10 billion US Dollars to test the waters!

Baz inhaled sharply. He was shocked at Jasper's disregard for money and his extreme boldness.

At the same time, he also admired Jake's ingenious calculations and predictions. Without a doubt, they would not be conservative when it came to this kind of huge transaction.

One needed to know that even though they were both dealers, a dealer in stocks and a dealer in indexes was completely different.

Now they were the dealers of the entire Dow Jones Index!

After receiving Jasper's order, Jake got up and clapped his hands. After attracting the attention of the brokers around him, he opened his mouth and issued a specific order.

"Short the Internet sector by 5 billion!"

"Short the aerospace sector by 2.5 billion!"

"Short the energy sector by 2.5 billion!"

“Knock the Dow Jones Index down!”

Then the brokers immediately repeated Jake’s words. After they confirmed that the order was communicated correctly, they placed the orders immediately.

At the same time, in the trading centers in Waterhoof City and Harbor City.

The trading team under the little prince and Lord Alvarado and Kayden’s trading team also received the instructions at the same time.

“Short the Internet, aerospace, and energy sectors. The two trading centers will each do so with 2 billion US Dollars, for a total of 1, billion US Dollars. We’ll test the waters first.”

The silence was deafening.

The three trading centers of Nauritus City, Waterhoof City, and Harbor City shorted a total of 14 billion US Dollars in empty orders, which blew up the Dow Jones stock index.

They were firing the first shot in the most famous battle in modern financial history!

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“14 billion US Dollars.

“This year, in the global GDP ranking, at 40th place is Lion City, which had a GDP of 92.2 billion US Dollars. After conversion, the 14 billion US Dollars would be equivalent to the total social wealth produced by the people of the country in one month.”

In the meeting room, Jasper looked at Lord Alvarado and Kayden on the screen and smiled. The three of them glanced at each other, their expressions very relaxed.

Lord Alvarado yawned and said, “Well, even if it’s such a huge number, why don’t I feel anything after throwing it away?”

“What an arrogant poser.”

Next to Jasper, Henry complained.

Lord Alvarado laughed.

Todd and Dean sat in the corner silently.

This was the place where the three big shots talked. Henry was qualified to talk to them because of his special status, but they were different.

If you spoke without thinking in inappropriate situations, you would be scolded for being insensible.

“Now that we’ve made our move, we’ll see what Quantum Fund will do,” Kayden said.

“They are moving right now.”

The three of them received this news at the same time.

Jasper immediately looked at the trading screen.

“They’re contesting us. Even the amount of money they invested is similar. We invested 14 billion US Dollars and they invested 14.2 billion. Are they so desperate to fight us head-on?”

Lord Alvarado's voice was transmitted to Jasper and Kayden's ears simultaneously via the online call. Then, they fell into a brief moment of silence.

Everyone was waiting for Jasper's decision.

After all, they came to an agreement that this time Jasper was the final decision maker. It did not matter what their statuses were, at this moment and in this matter, they had to listen to Jasper.

This was also the basis of everyone's cooperation. Jasper did not hesitate for too long. He soon asserted, "It's not time for a real fight yet. Otherwise, they would go directly into the sectors we are shorting and fight with us. Let's continue testing the waters.

"Regardless of the amount of capital invested by either us or Quantum Fund, we cannot possibly exceed the size of the market itself. You have to keep in mind that the Dow Jones Index is worth tens of trillions of dollars."

"Hence, in any transaction, the biggest dealer is actually the market itself, that is, the tens of thousands of institutions and retail investors operating on their own interests."

"Now we are trying to get as many retail investors and institutions as possible to follow suit. This really depends on who has the most courage," Jasper said, narrowing his eyes.

There were dozens of people in the trading center of Nauritus City, dozens of people in Harbor city, and less than 20 people in Waterhoof City.

All of them were silent as they waited for Jasper's final decision.

"Go short."

Jasper's eyes calmly watched the massive amount of data being refreshed every second on the screen.

"Layman Investment Bank, Colossal Investments and Mayland Investment Bank!"

"These three investment banks are the benchmark stocks in the banking sector of the Dow Jones Index, and they are also the three largest capital giants on Wall Street. They are our enemies. Take them down first."

"At least bring each of these three banks down by 5 percentage points."

Following Jasper's statement, the traders in the three trading centers immediately sent out the orders. Then, the brokers acted according to the instructions frantically.

Countless empty orders at sky high prices appeared on the stocks of these three investment banks a few seconds after Jasper issued the order.

The Dow Jones Index, which was surging due to the first trial between both Jasper and Quantum Fund, immediately changed amidst an uproar.

No one thought that JW Foundation, led by Jasper, would start the first official attack on the three investment banks.

Even the weakest of those three investment banks, Layman Investment Bank, had a market value of 60 billion US dollars.

JW Foundation was issuing a statement of intent and saying that they wanted to use their own strength to fight against the three most respected capital consortia on Wall Street!

A huge number of empty orders with sky-high prices were dropped without warning and the stock prices of the three investment banks plunged.

Among them, not only were there empty orders from JW Foundation, but also the empty orders of other hot money investors who were simply following the trend. Moreover, there were also some institutions and investors who originally held the stocks of these three investment banks, but they retreated when the situation started becoming unsatisfactory.

The forces were complex. There were some people were taking advantage of the crisis for personal gain and there were also some daredevils ran counter to the trend.

There were all kinds of people in the world. Fighting and scheming against others was vividly demonstrated in the capital market where neither they nor the other party could see anything substantial.

“Jasper launched an attack on the three investment banks.”

Rogers received the information immediately.

By the time he came on the computer screen, the stock prices of the three investment banks had already begun to fall.

The one that fell the most was Layman Investment Bank, which dropped by 3% immediately.

“Billions of dollars in the three investment banks have evaporated. I don’t know what kind of expression our shareholders will have when they see this scene.” Rogers laughed.

As one of the decision-makers of Quantum Fund, he was very annoyed by these insufferable investment banks, but he could not do without them. The investment banks were the largest customer for hedge funds like Quantum Fund, and they were also their main source of income. Moreover, this was a joint operation by the Wall Street capitalists. These three investment banks were all major supporters of the operation, so he could not watch them perish without doing anything.

“Follow him. We’ll buy all of Jasper’s sell orders,” Rogers ordered flatly.

After just one sentence, the tens of billions of dollars gradually began to fiercely compete and fight on the stocks of the three investment banks.

Only half an hour passed had passed on the first day of trading. At this moment, the Dow Jones Index was handling the trading volume typically faced only 4 hours into normal trading.

This proved that the market was abnormally active. The fight between the short and the long sides had begun to gradually heat up.

At this moment, Valentine looked at the computer screen excitedly in a villa in Nauritus City. Then, he said to Conrad, “Mr. Monty, it’s officially started! They’ve officially started!”

Conrad glanced at the scary transaction data in the lower right corner and said faintly, “I know.”

After he said that, Conrad sighed, “A year ago, Jasper was just a humble parvenu in front of me. But this parvenu defeated me three times in the span of just a few months.”

“It completely changed my life.”

“Now, he represents the capitalist in Somerland to fight the capitalists in Wall Street on the United States stock market. His every move will affect the direction of hundreds of billions of US Dollars. He’ll also influence trillion-dollar global capital market dynamics.”

“And I...”

Conrad laughed in self-mockery and said, “I can only sit here as I watch him build skyscrapers, watch him host parties to entertain guests, and watch him reach the absolute pinnacle of life.”

Valentine was slightly stunned. Then, he said subconsciously, “The next sentence should be to watch his skyscraper collapse and watch him get completely deserted, right?”

Conrad shook his head and said softly, “No...”

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“Some people might be doing nothing all their lives, but once there is such a chance for them to take hold of their destiny, it becomes difficult for them to fall again.”

Conrad looked at Valentine with helplessness in his eyes and sighed, “Although I don’t want to admit it, Jasper is indeed such a person.”

“It took him a year to complete the accumulation of wealth that no one else could achieve in a hundred years. It is a great sorrow for everyone to be born in the same era as someone like him.”

Conrad’s words made Valentine feel sad.

He believed that he had good abilities, but the reason he was so depressed before was that he had not yet met a master.

Conrad became his master.

However, he suddenly discovered that Conrad, who had always been confident and had never bowed his head no matter how many setbacks he encountered, seemed to have changed his mind this time.

“Mr. Monty, you were born into such a noble family...” Valentine was interrupted by Conrad raising his hand right after he started his sentence.

“Born? Back then, I might be able to boast about this in front of Jasper, but now...”

Shaking his head, instead of continuing on this topic, Conrad said lightly, “I was going to wait for a result between Jasper and Fabian, at which point I intended to wait for a good offer from the victor.”

“But in the end, I was overestimating myself.”

“At present, this matter has been infinitely sublimated and it has become a confrontation between Somerland and Wall Street. In this major event, my role is already very small, so my value is almost non-existent.”

Valentine’s mulled over Conrad’s words. He frowned slightly and said, “Mr. Monty, I think we still have some use.”

“Oh?” Conrad raised his eyebrows slightly.

After Valentine paused for a moment and sorted out his thoughts, he said, “Mr. Monty, in all fairness, what kind of person do you think Fabian is?”

Conrad said lightly, "Traitorous, vicious, and unscrupulous."

Upon hearing these three words, Valentine smiled. Soon after, his smile disappeared. He lowered his voice and said, "Jasper is a vengeful person, let alone someone like Fabian."

"Everyone is looking at Jasper and the United States stock market now, but they neglected Fabian, who in essence, was the one who led Jasper to fight Wall Street."

"To me, Jasper is the one who was able to best take advantage of this situation. He forcibly took the tragic situation that should have driven him into desperation and changed it into this impassioned action of giving everything for the country and the people."

As he said this, Valentine chuckled. He approached Conrad and continued, "Now everyone's attention is on Jasper and no one is paying attention to Fabian, who was the instigator of the incident, anymore."

"Maybe this is what Fabian wants."

"Mr. Monty, you also said that Fabian is a treacherous person. Such a person has suffered such a big loss by Jasper's hands as the Empire Meet he founded was burned to the ground. Do you think he will be willing to suffer this in silence?"

Valentine's words caused Conrad to fall into contemplation, his eyes gleaming with uncertainty.

"In my opinion, we should continue to stay by Fabian's side. I dare to conclude that he must have his own plan, and this plan is absolutely vicious and can deal a fatal blow to Jasper!"

"At that moment, you will be able to influence the outcome, Mr. Monty."

Conrad laced his fingers together and placed them under his chin. This was his signature movement when he was thinking.

Valentine did not comment any more after he said that, and instead waited quietly for Conrad to make a decision.

After some time, Conrad got up and walked to the window. Then, he opened it forcefully.

Outside, the cold wind roared and rushed into the originally warm and dull room, making one feel that their whole spirit was refreshed.

After taking a deep breath of the cool air, Conrad murmured, "What a cooling autumn."

While saying that, Conrad made a phone call.

After a while, the call connected.

“Mr. Atticus, is there any chance for me to get together with you?”

The person on the other end of the phone also seemed surprised.

“You’re the only person who wants to see me now.” Fabian’s sullen voice came from the other end of the phone.

With a smile, Conrad said, “Everyone in the world has very shallow visions. After the tides wash the sand away, the real gold emerges. Usually, the last ones standing are always the smart people with long-term vision. Although I am not extremely smart, at the very least, I still have a vision.”

Fabian laughed, the gloominess in his tone was gone. He said, “Okay, very good, very good!”

“Conrad, you really caught my eye. Come to Harbor City right away and I will pick you up personally!”

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Just as Conrad took the earliest flight toward Harbor City, the United States stock market resumed its first day of trading and entered the most exciting and intense stage.

“We’re still continuing to short the investment banks?”

Inside the trading center of Waterhoof City, Lord Alvarado, who also intended to stay up all night, frowned slightly.

Facing the instructions that Jasper had just issued, Lord Alvarado looked over at the little prince who was sitting on the opposite side. He was studying a Go gamebook intently.

“Do you not have anything to say? It’s not just my money, you have a stake in it too,” Lord Alvarado said in dissatisfaction.

The little prince was still looking at the book in his hand as if he had discovered some big secret in it. Despite this, he responded to the agitated Lord Alvarado. He waved his hand said to the trader who was waiting anxiously for his order, “Follow the order from Nauritus City.”

The trader let out a sigh of relief, turned his head, and ran out of the office immediately.

The trading hall outside became lively and noisy again, but inside the office, it was still dead silent.

Lord Alvarado stared at the little prince gloomily and said, “What is the meaning of this? Why are you keeping me on tenterhooks? If you want to play like this, I won’ t play with you anymore, okay?”

The little prince sighed. He finally put down his book and raised his head. He said to Lord Alvarado, “Why are you so worried?”

“Why am I so worried?” Lord Alvarado was amused.

“You and I put a total of 20 billion in this including the leverage. If we’ re not careful, we will be badly burned. “I didn’t care about it initially. With such a large sum of money, my principal is nothing more than 5 billion. Worse comes to worst, I’ll just let it be.”

“But what is Jasper doing now? He desperately asked us to go short Colossal Investment Bank. Where is his main fund? All of them f*cking went to eat up Quantum Fund’s buy orders!”

“What is that kid doing? Is he really taking us for fools after he told us to cooperate with him? He asked us to handle the positive pressure while he goes and furiously devours the buy orders from Quantum Fund. Are we just here to do the dirty work for him while he shines out there?”

“Sigh.”

The little prince suddenly sighed.

Hearing this sigh, Lord Alvarado frowned.

“Stop being so f*cking mystifying. You’re acting like that cripple. I’m so tired of you people. Is this worth it? If you have anything to say, just spit it out! Aren’t you tired of behaving like this? Even if you’re not tired, I’m tired!”

Lord Alvarado was so angry he wanted to kick the little prince. Right now, he felt that the temper of all of them added together could not even compare to Henry alone.

“If you feel tired, I also feel tired for you.”

The little prince glanced at Lord Alvarado and said faintly, “When can you stop being so hot-tempered? You used to be better and could at least endure such a situation for two or three days. Now, it’s only the first day, yet you can’t stand it anymore?”

Lord Alvarado replied with a sullen face, “Jasper is using me to block the bullets, so how can I not get angry?”

“That’s why I tell you to gain more professional knowledge when you’re free, it will not hurt you. Ten of you together can’t even compare to one Jasper in the financial stock market. So why are you questioning his decision?”

Lord Alvarado was exasperated when he heard what the little prince said. “Why? Isn’t this an obvious fact? Do I need a reason to behave like this?”

“Calm down.”

The little prince softly said.

“Jasper has his own plan. Now, we don’t need to do anything, just follow the instructions he gave, and then arrange our people to execute it.”

Lord Alvarado frowned. His face was dark and he did not say anything.

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The little prince stood up, patted Lord Alvarado on the shoulder, and smiled. “I know you can’t understand it, but Jasper must have his own plan. From what I understand of him, he will take the initiative to explain all of this soon.”

Lord Alvarado sneered. “I think he brainwashed you.”

After he said that, they heard sudden knocking on the door before it opened. An excited trader came in and said, “Little prince, Lord Alvarado, Quantum Fund made a big move!”

At this moment, on the Dow Jones Index.

The entire Dow Jones Index was surging.

JW Foundation, as the main short-term player, concentrated all its energy on the boards of several major investment banks such as Colossal, Mayland, and Layman.

Quantum Fund, as the main force of many parties, was committed to stabilizing the bank’s stock price. After this, they would long the sector that was leading the decline.

The two sides seemed to have a deep understanding of each other.

'If you long the stocks that are falling, I will short the stocks that are rising.'

Although they were acting opposite to each other, their purpose in doing so was surprisingly consistent. They were attempting to influence the trend of the entire Dow Jones Index with their power. This change in market trend would largely affect the confidence of retail investors and institutions with hot money.

It was well known that people naturally had a herd mentality. This was in addition to the fact, that the trend of the market represented the indirect contest between JW Foundation and Quantum Fund to a certain extent.

However, as they approached the fourth hour since the market opened, Quantum Fund appeared to become a little impatient.

A large buy order suddenly appeared for the three investment banks, namely Colossal, Layman, and Mayland. They devoured the empty orders that were previously put in by the little prince and Lord Alvarado on behalf of JW Foundation.

"Unlike the previous instances, Quantum Fund is very determined this time. According to the analysis of the intelligence division, this time Quantum Fund invested as much as 18 billion US Dollars.

“They seem to be warning us that the stocks of the three investment banks are their bottom line and they must not be touched, otherwise they will preemptively start the decisive battle.”

Jake’s words could be heard as Jasper stood in the middle of the trading hall with his arms folded. He was looking up at the screen with the numbers constantly changing and the data stream continuously refreshing. Jake did not speak anymore after giving the report, much less express his own opinions.

If Jasper was around, all he needed to do was to inform Jasper of the information summarized by his subordinates. Then, Jasper would make the final decision.

Unless Jasper asked, Jake would never take the initiative to voice his judgment so as not to interrupt Jasper’s train of thought.

“Layman Investment Bank dropped by 4.8%, Mayland Investment Bank dropped by 3.2%, and Colossal Investments dropped by only 1.1%,” Jasper frowned slightly and said.

Jake explained with some embarrassment. “Since our main funds have not yet arrived, it is really difficult to brace for Quantum Fund’s countermeasures.”

“Help Waterhoof City absorb some of the pressure, and at the same time, tell them to attack with everything they have. This is Quantum Fund’s first counterattack. If we back away, all our previous efforts will have been in vain,” Jasper ordered.

Jake hesitated for less than half a second, then he nodded and said, “Yes, I will do it right away.”

The news was delivered to Waterhoof City as soon as possible.

After learning about Jasper’s decision...

Thud!

Lord Alvarado kicked over the trash can.

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“What does the Laine mean?”

Lord Alvarado scolded.

The little prince stood by one side and said flatly, “Follow the instructions from Naurits City.”

The trader carefully glanced at Lord Alvarado’s face. He hesitated for a while, then turned his head and went to work.

At this moment, the two had walked to the trading hall from the office, but in order to not affect the work of the team, they stood in the corner of the hall.

“Royal, do you know we have to spend at least one-third of our funds to fight with Quantum Fund after what Jasper said?” Lord Alvarado said coldly.

“Yes.”

The little prince nodded and added, "One-third is not that much, it is very likely that we will lose two-fifths."

"This is not the way to do this." Lord Alvarado said unhappily.

"Part of the main funds from Nauritus City has also moved here, which proves that at least Jasper is determined to defeat Quantum Fund's counterattack and he's not targeting you and me," the little prince said lightly.

"He's just playing along according to the conditions," Lord Alvarado sneered.

"I know that he was very pissed when we first proposed to take back control of the funds, but he just didn't say anything. Now he finally came up with the means to exact his revenge."

"I don't think so."

The little prince shook his head. "Jasper is not the kind of person who is irrational and will save a little only to lose a lot. He understands what the consequences will be if he deliberately does this, so what good will it do him if he betrays us?"

“Do you think he can depend on Harbor City? Harbor City is also very unstable and may not fully obey Jasper’s words. So, if he betrays us, he can only rely on himself.”

Lord Alvarado snorted and said, “I don’t care what he thinks. In short, we can’t be his puppets.”

The little prince looked at Lord Alvarado and said indifferently, “I urge you to think clearly. On this occasion, under the veil of this cooperation, we are representing the core of Somerland capital.”

“If we lose after following orders, it will only be because we didn’t have the necessary skills, but if we lose because of internal strife, do you think the Alvarados can bear the anger of Swallow Capital if they look for someone to pin the blame on?”

Lord Alvarado sneered. “Royal, don’t think I don’t know what you’re planning. Everyone is on the same boat. No one is more innocent than the other. Why bother to pretend to be so noble and virtuous?”

“Are you really willing to be the gun in Jasper’s hand? Since when was the heir to the Royals of Waterhoof City so righteous?”

“Yes, Jasper dares not betray us, but who knows if he will take this opportunity to weaken our influence? This is an upright conspiracy, and it will only benefit him. So why won’t he do it?”

“I don’t care how his character is, since there is a possibility that this is the case, I must respond.”

While listening to Lord Alvarado’s words, the little prince replied lightly, “A long time ago, we approached the crippled Brown to discuss the three families working together to apply for the Olympic venues. The crippled Brown refused even before we met. Do you remember this?”

When the little prince suddenly mentioned such an unrelated incident, Lord Alvarado became a little annoyed, but he still entertained him. “I do. How could I forget? The crippled Brown is such a poser.”

The little prince looked at Lord Alvarado pensively and said, “He rejected us at the time because he said the three of us are not suitable for cooperation, and he said he’d cooperate with anyone except for us.”

“At the time, I also thought he was being a poser. Now it seems that the crippled Brown is smarter than both you and I.”

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The turbulent waves of the financial market were covered by the silence of the night.

As the core of this financial turmoil, Jasper was holding a cup of strong tea at that moment, his face stern and serious.

“Is it reliable?” Jasper asked, staring at Jake, who was standing in front of him.

Jake nodded solemnly and said, “After three comparative analyses, we finally determined that this is the case.”

Henry next to him suddenly could not take this anymore. He cursed, “Those sons of b*tches, I have long seen that they are not reliable. Sure enough, they screwed up at this critical moment. Damn this to hell, we must not forgive them so easily!”

Jake smiled bitterly, “Mr. Law, the core problem now is that they didn’t do anything out in the open, and they executed all the orders issued by Nauritus City.”

“They have just mobilized a small number of funds to work against us, and we actually have no reason to accuse them too much.”

As he said this, Jake glanced at Jasper's face. He saw nothing unusual and so continued, "At the end of the day, it's their money."

"Do you think this is right?"

Henry was extremely dissatisfied. What he hated most were backstabbers. He cursed, "I can see through their f*cking tricks at a glance."

"They are just afraid that they will lose too much money and want to make some extra income, but is this the time to pocket extra money? They put in peanuts, yet they're afraid to lose it? The loss of our main funds here has reached 15% but did we say anything?"

"If everyone thinks that way, then fine, let's not do this anymore. Make a fortune as early as possible, and then clean up and run away."

Jasper was amused. He said, "Calm down."

Henry was pissed as he replied, "Calm down? I'm angry for you, but you are so calm."

"Actually, this kind of thing is inevitable. I expected it a long time ago, but I didn't expect it to come so soon."

Jasper shook his head and said, “Everyone is selfish, not to mention on such a grand occasion. In such a large-scale situation, the subtlest movement will net them a huge profit. Few people can bear this temptation.”

“What’s more, if you follow the general situation, people are indeed losing money, so if you do something privately and ensure that it will not affect the general situation, you can recover part of the loss. This is understandable.”

Jasper put down his teacup, rubbed his cheeks, and continued, “When they asked to get back control of the funds, I knew it would be foolish to pin all hopes on others.”

Henry snorted and said, “Then what are you going to do now?”

“I don’t have a plan.”

Jasper shook his head. He rarely admitted that he could not do anything.

“Whether it is Lord Alvarado or the little prince, they are currently our allies. Under the premise that we are weaker than Quantum Fund, we have to avoid any behavior that may lead to internal conflict at all cost.”

“But what they are doing is causing internal conflict,” Henry said angrily.

Jasper smiled bitterly, “So what? They are not the leader, I am. Therefore, I have to continue to suffer this loss first.”

“I think they have recognized this, and that’s why they did this so boldly,” Henry snorted coldly.

Jasper nodded and said, “You have a point there.”

“But they are all smart people after all. They know what to do and what not to do. Also, they are sure of where the limit is once they do something.”

“I have only one requirement and one bottom line for them. They have to execute all of Nauritus City’s orders completely, otherwise, it will lead to an immediate fallout.”

When Jasper said this, he patted Henry’s shoulder, then smiled and said, “Don’t worry, they won’t be able to stay happy for long. Once we start the fight head on, they might realize that they’re too smart for their own good.”

“Since you’ve said this, what else can I do?” Henry said, feeling pissed.

Jasper turned his head and said to Jake, “Continue keeping an eye on them. Even though we won’t deal with them for the time being, this doesn’t mean we don’t need

information about Waterhoof City. Don't miss out on anything. Report to me immediately if there are any updates.”

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“Everyone needs to suffer a little first.”

Jake nodded and said, “I understand.”

The second Jake left, Dean came over. Dean had a smile on his face, still looking very kind and easy to talk to.

“Mr. Laine, it’s almost dawn now, I really can’t hold on any longer, so I will go back and rest first.” Dean said politely.

Jasper nodded and said, “ I will arrange for someone to take you back.”

“That’s not necessary.”

Dean waved his hand and said, “Everyone is very busy, so I won’t trouble anyone. Anyway, we aren’t very far from the hotel. It’s fine for me to go back by myself.”

Jasper smiled and said, “Okay, come back after you’re well rested.”

“Of course, it’s my honor to be able to participate in such an amazing event.”

Dean politely nodded to Jasper and Henry before he turned around to leave.

Jasper frowned slightly as he looked at Dean’s back.

“Henry...”

Jasper called out suddenly.

“What’s wrong?”

Henry, who was a little confused due to his tiredness, snapped back to his senses after a while and asked.

“Do you have a feeling that Dean is more elusive than Lord Alvarado and the little prince combined when it comes to the level of trouble and trickiness?” Jasper said.

Henry snorted and said, “Are you stupid? I can kill that thing with just a slap, yet you’re comparing him to those two bastards?”

“You can’t say that.” Jasper shook his head.

“The little prince and Lord Alvarado are powerful, but their intentions are clear. They will not do anything explicitly wrong because the cost of mistakes is too high. Smart people like them will not do anything stupid.”

“But Dean doesn’t feel right to me.”

Henry also became serious when he noticed how serious Jasper was. He rubbed his chin and said, “Leave this to me.”

“Oh?” Jasper gave Henry a surprised look.

This look angered Young Master Law.

“What do you mean by that? Do you think I am nothing but a useless second-generation that only knows how to cause trouble?”

“No.” Jasper quickly rejected the thought.

“Don’t worry. I might not be able to do anything else, but I’ve been practicing how to tail and keep an eye on someone ever since I was young. So I won’t fail when it comes to this guy,” Henry said, feeling pleased with himself.

He clapped his hand and got up. He said, “I’m not needed here anyway, so I need to look for something to do. It’s fine if Dean doesn’t do anything, but if he does, I promise I’ll get to the bottom of it for you.”

“Okay,” Jasper grinned and accepted.

“Damn, why do I feel like I’ve fallen into your trap?”

Life at The Top – Chapter 1528

In a market with a huge amount of funds, many small details were easily overlooked by the two sides in battle. However, the gap in strength between the teams often laid in how well they picked up on these micro movements.

In the financial war, an experienced team could completely crush a team with little experience. Its strength lay in its detailedness and professionalism.

The moment the center in Waterhoof City Center started to make a move, the Quantum Fund headquarters on Wall Street compiled the relevant information.

Rogers looked at the report in his hands with his blue eyes. Then, he raised his head and asked, “Are you sure?”

Rogers knew that this question was nonsense.

The professional team he brought up himself would not present the results to his eyes without confirming the authenticity of what they were reporting. Anyone who had the guts to do so would have long been fired.

Sure enough, the subordinate replied meticulously, “We are absolutely certain.”

“Twelve minutes ago, the center in Waterhoof City suddenly distributed a sum of 200 million US Dollars in funds, split into 13 positions, which flowed into the same long direction as us.”

“These 13 positions were opened within 3 minutes of each other, and the funds were scattered irregularly.”

“But within these 12 minutes, these 13 positions have earned more than 30 million US Dollars for the center in Waterhoof City.”

“Based on current intelligence, our analysts believe that there are reasons to believe that the people in the center in Waterhoof City have lost confidence in the center in Nauritus City. At least in the face of such a huge loss, they had formed some ideas to retain their own strength.”

Rogers' subordinate paused when he said that. Then, he continued, “But we also can't rule out the possibility that this might be a trap...”

“At present, our analysis team is still building a predictive model to deduce if this is a trap. We intend to find out what is Jasper and Co most likely purpose for this tactic, but it will take a certain amount of time.”

“Very good, at least you have done everything you should do.” Rogers was very satisfied.

“But you have also overlooked one point. I have always thought that the people from Somerland are very selfish and they only care about themselves because they are the people who are most adept at seeking out internal strife in the world. Haha, their inferior nature will be exposed at any moment.”

Rogers clapped his hands and said, “This is a good entry point. Bring me all the transaction data of the center in Waterhoof City right now. I think it’s time to add a bit of fun to this boring game of capitalists.”

His subordinate was taken aback for a moment, and then said, “Aren’t you going to consider the possibility of this being a trap?”

Rogers said flatly, “Of course I considered it, but I am more inclined to believe that this is due to the inferior nature of the Somerland people. We will know whether it is a trap or not simply by making a simple movement.”

“If it is a trap, we can treat this as early prevention, but if it is not, Jasper may be in trouble this time. Hurry up and get me all the data from the center in Waterhoof City!”

“Yes!” Upon hearing this, his subordinate immediately ran to retrieve the data.

In just a few minutes, all the transaction data of the center in Waterhoof City since the opening had been collected and presented to Rogers.

Rogers laced his fingers together and tucked them under his chin. Then, he looked at the data carefully.

“Based on the surface level, except for the 200 million US Dollars they transferred more than ten minutes ago, the other transactions are completely in sync with the center in Nauritus City. Even until now, they faithfully implement the order from Nauritus City.”

“This is not a trap.”

“This is from the person in charge of the center in Waterhoof City. They’re having other ideas.”

Rogers was very experienced and was able to immediately make a judgment.

“Tell them to keep an eye on the center in Waterhoof City. We’ll destroy them first.”

Rogers’ order was implemented in the blink of an eye. The situation on the Dow Jones stock market suffered a direct implant and it immediately changed dramatically.

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The Wall Street capitalists, led by Quantum Fund, changed tactics and launched a fierce attack on several other stocks.

Meanwhile, these few stocks that were facing fierce attacks were, to no one's surprise, all the heavy industries that the center in Waterhoof City was responsible for.

At this moment, Quantum Fund finally bared its fierce fangs as the world's top hedge fund.

“Mr. Laine, bad news!”

Baz, who was in charge of observing the movements of Quantum Fund, spotted the abnormal situation immediately.

Jasper rushed behind Baz quickly and before Baz could explain, he saw the data displayed on the screen.

“Quantum Fund suddenly attacked these stocks frantically. In just 2 minutes, the trading volume of these stocks tripled, and the price was directly cut by 8%.”

Jasper stared at the trading data of these stocks. Suddenly, he said, "These stocks are the ones the center in Waterhoof City is responsible for. Get me all the data of all the stocks that the center in Waterhoof City is responsible for."

Baz clicked his keyboard immediately.

In less than ten seconds, more than 20 stocks were mobilized.

"Um..."

Baz looked at the board of more than 20 stocks. He felt that his scalp tingling.

"This is an all out attack launched by Quantum Fund."

Jake's solemn voice could be heard from one side.

He handed over a piece of data to Jasper and said in a deep voice, "Based on the current situation, Quantum Fund seems to have their eyes on the stocks that the center in Waterhoof City is responsible for. They've concentrated their firepower and have begun to attack. At this moment, the Waterhoof City base is facing a loss of at least around 1 billion US Dollars."

Jasper's face was as still as tepid water.

The sudden tense situation in front of him made him feel as if he had returned to the scene when he faced Rogers in the Harbor City stock market. The pressure right now was huge. Moreover, attacks were coming from everywhere.

This was Roger's most noticeable personal characteristic.

He was like a mad dog. Once he started to attack, he would launch a full-scale indiscriminate attack without mercy. This offensive method screamed Rogers. The biggest trait was that once it started, it would put great pressure on the enemy.

It was as if they were in a field of reeds and Rogers was just starting fires everywhere, leaving the people who wanted to fight the fire clueless, not knowing where to start.

Jake murmured, "It's such a fierce attack. We seriously can't underestimate Quantum Fund."

Baz looked up at Jasper and asked, "What are we going to do now?"

"It's a little tricky."

Jasper frowned and did not look happy.

This pressure was not the biggest problem right now because both he and Quantum Fund knew that this was far from the time to lay their cards on the table. However, he was worried that a certain someone might not be able to handle the situation.

“Mr. Laine, a call from the center in Waterhoof City,” Jake said in a deep voice.

“Of course,” Jasper grunted and took the phone.

“This is Jasper.”

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“Jasper, what’s going on? The center in Waterhoof City has become the primary target of Quantum Fund’s attack!”

On the other end of the phone, Lord Alvarado’s agitated voice could be heard.

Jasper frowned and said faintly, “This is just the opponent’s offensive strategy. Don’t panic. Once you panic, you will walk right into Quantum Fund’s trap.”

“That’s easy for you to say. Right now I am losing tens of millions every second, and the rate is fast increasing. Do you have any plans to cope with this?” Lord Alvarado asked bluntly.

“What’s wrong with a loss of tens of millions? No matter how big the loss is, you still have to bear it!”

“Ever since the beginning, we have stood on the weaker side, so we must be prepared to bear huge losses. Do you really think we’re picking money off the ground?”

While he was faced with the irritable Lord Alvarado, Jasper replied bluntly.

Lord Alvarado did not seem to expect that Jasper would use such a harsh tone to speak to him. After a while, he said, “You mean you’re not going to bother about the center in Waterhoof City anymore?”

“We are not sure what Quantum Fund will do yet, so we cannot give a response plan for the time being.”

“We have to plan before we take action with such a huge amount of funds. Otherwise, it will be easy to fall into the other party’s trap. If we lose the initiative, it will be difficult for us to get it back,” Jasper explained patiently.

“Jasper, if you don’t protect us at this time, it will also be difficult for you to recover if we lose too much,” Lord Alvarado said coldly.

Upon hearing these words, Jasper almost broke down.

“Lord Alvarado, it’s meaningless to say such a thing at this time. If you didn’t think of such a thing only to end up being caught by the opponent when you executed your cheap tricks in secret, do you think the opponent would have started attacking at this time?”

“To put it bluntly, you were the ones who handed this information over to the opponents so that they could use it against you.”

“You have to know who our opponent is now. They are the most exceptional elites on Wall Street.”

“They have the most experience in capital warfare in the entire world and they are also the makers of the rules of modern economics. We can’t afford to pull any cheap tricks if we want to challenge such a group of people.”

“Now that things have reached this point, you’re asking me to find a way out, but I want to ask you instead, what you were thinking? You’re the dignified Lord Alvarado, yet you’re so stingy over that small amount of money?”

After Jasper finished talking, Lord Alvarado was quiet. There was only Lord Alvarado’s heavy breathing on the phone.

Meanwhile, on Jasper’s side, everyone, including Jake, was silent.

No one thought that Jasper would scold Lord Alvarado so directly. At this moment, the phone on the other end of the line changed hands.

The little prince’s voice came from the phone.

“Jasper, you don’t need to be angry about this little thing. Since it has already happened, it will be meaningless to complain anymore. What we should do now is to find a way to remedy it and not to complain, right?”

The anger in Jasper’s chest slowly subsided and he said, “I will mobilize some funds to block the attacks for you and you will retreat as soon as possible.”

“Okay,” the little prince answered before hanging up.

After putting down the phone, Jasper returned the phone to Jake with a dark face and said, “Shift some funds to solve the problem in the center in Waterhoof City first.”

Jake shot Baz a look, and the latter went to work immediately.

Jake spoke carefully, “Mr. Laine, although on the surface, the problem is solved, it is inevitable that a scar will be left on both sides. If a similar situation occurs again in the future, I am afraid that it won’t be solved so easily.”

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“I understand what you mean,” Jasper sighed.

“But there is no other way. We can’t abandon the center in Waterhoof City. It will only further weaken our already disadvantaged side.”

“I’m afraid that Quantum Fund will see through this. If this is the case, the situation will become very troublesome.”

At the same time, in the center in Waterhoof City. Lord Alvarado’s expression was extremely gloomy.

The little prince threw the phone back to Lord Alvarado and smiled. “I told you not to pull those cheap tricks. See? Now you are shooting yourself in the foot.”

Lord Alvarado glanced at the little prince and said coldly, “Don’t forget that you were also tacitly agreeing to it at the time. Now that something had happened, you’re pushing all the blame on me?”

The little prince shook his head and said, “Actually, I opposed it from the beginning, but I know that you were determined, and that my objection would only add to the conflict between you and I.”

Lord Alvarado coldly snorted, “Did you see Jasper’s attitude? What gives? Does he really think he can order us around by stepping on our heads?”

“You still look down on him,” the little prince said insipidly.

Lord Alvarado raised his eyebrows and burst into laughter from all his pent-up anger. “Why should I look up at him?”

The little prince said lightly, “This is the biggest problem you have. You are too conceited.”

“Although you admit that Jasper is taking charge now, you’ve not been convinced of his abilities since the beginning.”

Lord Alvarado said irritably, “Don’t waste your breath. Do you think telling me this is meaningful?”

“Next, Jasper will mobilize some of the main funds to ease the pressure on us. When that time comes, we will withdraw. Power over these stocks can only be surrendered to Quantum Fund.” The little prince shook his head.

Lord Alvarado got up and said, “Out of sight out of mind. I’ll rest first.”

Looking at Lord Alvarado's retreating back, the little prince frowned slightly.

"You should go on with your business."

After dismissing the people next to him, the little prince returned to the office, closed the door, turned on the computer, and connected to the video call.

After a while, the screen flickered and a reserved and respectful man with a smile appeared.

"Little Prince, thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedule to talk to me," the man in the video said softly.

The little prince slowly rubbed the ring on the little finger of his left hand and smiled lightly. "Just as expected, Lord Alvarado made the wrong choice because of his impulsiveness and irrationality."

The man in the video did not look proud of himself at all. He just smiled and said, "A person's behavioral pattern cannot be changed so easily. It often depends on the inner character that's hidden in the deepest part of himself. It's just that some people hide this deep inside and others not so much."

“Do you think I hide it deep or shallow?” The little prince asked faintly.

When the man was faced with this very difficult problem, his face remained unchanged. He smiled and said, “You’re a potential collaborator, Little Prince. We will not judge the way our collaborators think. This is the most basic form of respect.”

“Interesting.”

The little prince smiled superficially. He did know whether to believe this man or not.

After a while, the little prince continued to speak, “Dean, tell me, you asked me to collaborate with you, but on what?”

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That was right, it was Dean who was on the video call with the little prince.

Dean maintained a humble smile on the screen. He said softly, “Before we start, I have a question that I want to ask you, Little Prince.”

“I wonder how highly you rate Jasper’s chances of beating Wall Street’s Quantum Fund is this time.”

The little prince chuckled and replied, “I asked you to put out enough bargaining chips for me to talk to you. This is a test for you.”

“You told me that within two trading days of the opening, Lord Alvarado will inevitably have a conflict with Jasper. Sure enough, what you predicted happened on the very first trading day.”

“You passed my test, then you threw a question back to me. Is this a test for me?”

Dean answered in a warm voice, “I dare not test you, Little Prince, but before we can confirm our cooperation, both of us must reach a consensus on certain issues.”

“At least, our view of the upcoming situation needs to be consistent, which will also facilitate the development of our future cooperation.”

The little prince narrowed his eyes slightly. One could not tell how much he believed this statement.

“Almost zero.”

After some contemplation, the little prince gave Dean his judgment.

Dean smiled and said, “However, from the current trend, there seems to be some back and forth from both sides.”

“Although Lord Alvarado’s foolishness caused a lot of losses for the center in Waterhoof City, the damage is far from critical.”

“Meanwhile, Quantum Fund’s offensive is currently blocked by Jasper’s main funds. In the current situation, the two sides are stuck in a deadlock. Why are you so pessimistic?”

“It’s meaningless to waste your breath on this kind of obvious issue.” The little prince waved his hand and said, “Behind Quantum Fund is the capital of the entire Wall Street!”

“So far, Quantum Fund has only used their own power. Wall Street capital aside, even the investment banks behind it have not yet begun to enter the market, yet Jasper has now reached the point of touching his primary capital.”

“The opponent still has a few cards left to play, but Jasper is about to show all of his cards. The power gap between the two sides is far greater than I had imagined before the opening of the market. But now, the facts are clear to see. Everyone can only bite the bullet and move on, including Jasper.”

Dean smiled and said, “You really have a sharp eye, Little Prince. You can see the core of the matter at just a glance.”

“Stop kissing my *ss, I have heard these things since I was a child. There is really nothing new here. In comparison, I am more interested in your so-called cooperation.”

The little prince stared at Dean on the screen. His gaze seemed to penetrate the screen to look directly into Dean’s heart. “To be brutally frank, we have to collaborate on something useful.

“If you ask me to take action against Jasper secretly, then forget it. At this critical time, whoever does so is going to die.”

“Even though Lord Alvarado is arrogant and obstinate, he is only complaining and pulling cheap tricks. Even so, he would not dare to oppose Jasper in the big picture.”

“I don’t know how many pairs of eyes are staring at us, especially in Swallow Capital. They must be paying close attention to this. Everyone is smart. I don’t think you and your grandfather would be so irrational as to do such foolish things, right?”

Dean replied immediately upon hearing that, “Please don’t worry, Little Prince. My grandfather and I are just seeking profit and nothing more. It is still very clear to us what should and what should not be done.

“In fact, what we want to cooperate with you on is also very simple. It’s basically this: when the time comes, I’ll need you to inform me of all Jasper’s plans.”

The little prince raised his eyebrows slightly and said, “Now Jasper and Quantum Fund are fighting for control of the Dow Jones Index. Any decision will skyrocket or plummet one or even several stocks. Are you planning to get inside information in advance?”

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Dean smiled and said, “The prerequisite for the right to rule is the disbursement of massive amounts of money. If this money was given to the foreigners, they would make a profit, and if it were given to the locals, they would also make a profit, so why not let our domestic funds come back home?”

“If Jasper intends to go short, you can make money by backhanding long hedges, but it’s not kind to secretly stand on the side of Wall Street to increase their financial strength,” the little prince said.

Dean said gently, “You already said that Jasper’s chances of winning this time is almost zero. In order to prevent us from being discovered, we will be very careful with our actions.”

“All the attention is now on the three trading centers Jasper set up. No one will notice such small details. Even if they notice, so what? We obviously have a way to set up overseas accounts, so everything will be conducted under smoke and mirrors.”

“Since Jasper will be done for anyway, we’re technically not helping the enemy if the funds they have collected go back into our hands.”

“In the future, when Western capital enters the country, such an act can still be regarded as preserving the vitality of domestic capital, isn’t it?”

The little prince laughed and said, “What a noble excuse. You’re making money from your country’s troubles, but you’re making it sound so fancy. I thought only Old Master Hurlbutt would say such things.”

Dean smiled and said, “I just wonder what you think about this, Little Prince.”

“What benefit can I get?” The little prince asked.

“30% of the total revenue.” Dean stretched out three fingers.

“That old fox is so generous.” The little prince sneered.

Dean said warmly, “Just because you won’t do something, it doesn’t mean that others won’t do it. Since the results will be the same, this is a trivial benefit. Don’t you want it?”

The little prince narrowed his eyes and immediately understood the hidden meaning behind Dean’s words. Thus, he replied, “Did anyone from Harbor City contact you?”

Dean was silent.

The little prince snorted coldly, knowing that it would be very difficult for him to get anymore information out of Dean. This guy really inherited some characters from the old fox. He was so difficult to deal with.

Until now, the little prince still could not determine how likely it was that Dean had communicated with other stakeholders, but he thought that such a thing was extremely likely he estimated the chances were 80% to 90%.

While he was thinking about this, the little prince said slowly, "I need some time to think about this."

"Three days." Dean was not surprised at all. He did not expect to persuade the little prince to join him immediately and replied quickly.

The little prince looked deeply at Dean, tilted his head, and said, "You know, you are like Jasper. You have the same confidence, you make plans before you take action, and you even like to throw a sprat to catch a herring."

Dean was taken aback. Then, he smiled and was about to speak when the little prince continued, "But you are not as good as him. Jasper got to this stage by himself. Occasionally, the Laws would give him some aid in some necessary places."

"However, if he was doing something that was not in their best interests, the Laws wouldn't support him fully. But you're different. Who are you if you don't have Gale Hurlbutt?"

“You won’t even be qualified to speak to me.”

After he said that, the little prince hung up the call.

On the other end of the computer, Dean’s face fell for the first time.

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At this moment, Dean, who had always maintained the image of a modest and courteous gentleman in public, had a sinister glint in his gloomy expression.

The little prince's words really hurt him. There was a long story behind this.

Gale had never been married in his life, so naturally, he would not have any descendants.

Therefore, he had done one thing for many decades, and that was adopt orphans all over the country. Moreover, he did it very low-key. Until now, not many people knew about it.

However, almost everyone who knew that Gale was doing this all thought that Gale was doing this for the sake of charity, which was undeniably a good thing. As an orphan adopted by Gale, Dean knew that Gale had another purpose for doing this.

That was to raise a successor that he was satisfied with. There was nothing wrong with such a thing, but Gale's methods were anything but ordinary. He would raise the orphans as if he was raising malicious spirits.

Gale would often test the orphans. These tests would be based on the principle of survival of the fittest. The ones who failed would go back to where they came from, and the winners would be eligible to stay. Over the decades, Gale cultivated a large number of top talents from all walks of life. Dean himself was specially selected and cultivated after Gale came into contact with Jasper.

Hence before Dean met Jasper, he was already aware that the only reason why he was being presented such an opportunity was because Gale needed a young man who was like Jasper in order to defeat Jasper. With this premise in mind, there was no need for Gale to guide Dean, as the latter naturally regarded Jasper as his enemy since the start.

He had to prove himself by defeating Jasper so that he could show that he was the most successful successor Gale had cultivated.

“Jasper, what’s so excellent about you?”

Dean had a sinister look on his face, as if he had just torn off his disguise at this moment. He muttered, “One day, I will step on you in front of everyone!”

In the trading center in Nauritus City.

At this moment, the sky was turning bright, and some breakfast shops were preparing for the business day. Despite facing a fierce battle in the trading hall for the entire night, many of the workers still looked excited and energetic.

Only Jasper appeared a bit tired.

As the person who bore the most pressure, it was no use to tell the others the mental pressure he was under. “Mr. Laine, Quantum Fund’s offensive has slowed down.”

“Mr. Laine, the first trading day is officially over.”

The voices of Jake and Baz could be heard almost simultaneously.

Jasper rubbed his face with both hands, pulled himself together, and said, “Tell me today’s results.”

Jake took the data report and reported, “Today the Dow Jones Index opened at 7429 points. After a trading day, it closed at 7425 points, down 4 points.”

“But it is worth noting that the trading volume of the Dow Jones Index today has exceeded all historical records and more than doubled in one go. The trading volume of the entire Dow Jones Index today exceeded 20 trillion US dollars.”

“It can be said that just today, there will be 20 trillion US dollars of wealth flowing under the combined stewardship of us and Quantum Fund.”

“But it is undeniable that we did not complete the predetermined goal today.”

“We had aimed to penetrate the Dow Jones defensive line at 7400 points today, but we haven’t reached it yet. In other words...”

Jake put down the file in his hand. He looked a little off color as he said, “From a strategic perspective, we were completely defeated today.”

After Jake said that, the team members in the trading center who had been relaxed because they had completed a day’s work were silent. No one dared to speak or even breathe too loudly.

Clap clap.

Jasper clapped his hands, attracting everyone’s attention.

Then, he stood in the trading center and said, “Everyone, I think after today, you should have a full understanding of our opponents.”

“Seated across from us are the world’s top professional financial trading team.”

Jasper glanced over the faces of every member present and said in a deep voice, “From the Terra financial crisis to the Internet economic bubble crisis last year, to the currency attacks of various countries over the past few years, this team has dominated all major financial events in the world over the past 20 years.”

“In the most simple terms possible, your entire career has so far played out admiring the brilliant record and history of this team.”

“What we are doing is taking on these legends of financial history that we discuss day and night as challenger. Needless to say, doing so is very difficult. However, temporary failure is not scary, as we are also growing every day! All I need you to do now is to turn off the computer, go back to have a good meal, take a bath, sleep, replenish your energy, and prepare for tomorrow’s battle!”

“In the future, our battles will only become increasingly anxious and fierce, and each day will be tenser than the last, so now is your last chance to relax.”

“Go and rest!”

After he waved his hand, Jasper finished speaking and returned to the office.

The work of the team had ended, but his work was not over yet.

He still needed to meet with the heads of the two trading centers, Harbor City and Waterhoof City. During the video conference, Jasper looked at the footage from Waterhoof City. Only the little prince showed up, as Lord Alvarado was nowhere to be seen.

“Lord Alvarado is tired. He went back early to rest.”

As if knowing what Jasper wanted to ask, the little prince took the initiative to speak.

Jasper nodded and did not comment on this.

“Now, let’s summarize and conclude the losses of each trading center for the first trading day. Harbor City will go first,” Jasper said.

On the screen, Kayden looked a little tired. He said, “The situation in Harbor City is okay. Today’s loss is about 500 million US Dollars.”

Jasper looked at the little prince.

“2.3 billion US Dollars.”

The little prince said lightly.

Jasper let out a sigh of relief and said, “The Nauritus City headquarters has a net loss of 4 billion US Dollars today.”

This number made the little prince and Kayden raise their eyebrows.

Obviously, this number was beyond their expectations.

“This is mainly because we had to help Waterhoof City relieve the pressure. That’s why the figure increased a lot.”

“But it is also undeniable that Quantum Fund is more difficult to deal with than we imagined. Such losses may continue for some time into the future. It is also more than likely that the losses will worsen,” Jasper said calmly.

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If Jasper was not optimistic, it would make the atmosphere of the whole meeting depressing and dull.

“If this goes on, we’ll still be fine, but I am afraid that other investors will start to lose confidence.”

Kayden spoke slowly to break the silence.

“After all, we lost nearly 7 billion US Dollars on the first day. At this rate of loss, we will run out of ammunition before long.”

Jasper nodded and said, “I have considered this issue, so we must change our strategy tomorrow. This can be from a financial perspective or simply to boost confidence.”

“What are you going to do?” Kayden asked.

Jasper said with a smile, “In terms of our overall strength, we are undoubtedly the weaker side, so we must not let Quantum Fund drag us around by the nose.”

“We have to take the initiative and concentrate our strength to break through a specific point in their defense. This is our only chance.”

“Otherwise, Quantum Fund will be the one with the initiative and they will be able to throw us around whenever and however they want. If that happens, death will be the only thing waiting for us.”

The little prince had a serious look on his face upon hearing what Jasper said. He said, “But this is likely to bring forward the decisive battle.”

“Then bring it forward.”

Jasper said without hesitation, “The crux of the problem now is the trigger point of this decisive battle. If Quantum Fund is the one who triggers it, we stand almost no chance of winning.”

“But if we start early, we still have a glimmer of hope. The only thing we can do now is catch Quantum Fund off guard.”

“I understand what you mean.”

The little prince's expression became more serious and he said, "But have you ever thought about what happens if you fail..."

"The reports out there must be full of distrust and pessimism toward us. The whole world is waiting for us to fall on our faces and become a laughing stock, so do we still have room to maneuver?"

"We don't have such a luxury."

Jasper stood up, his tone was firm as he said, "We have to succeed or die trying. I think we might still win this battle."

"Even though it was narrow, we still managed to escape."

The little prince and Kayden looked at each other through the video and then said, "Okay, we will execute all the commands given by Nauritus City."

Jasper flashed a smile and said, "Guys, even though this battle is difficult, we must not be defeated so easily!"

A few hours later, the sky turned bright. It was like any other day as the citizens of Somerland set off for work and daily life.

Wendy exited the room, went to the dining room, and said to Dawson, "He just fell asleep."

Dawson nodded and said, "Tell the servants to prepare a meal later. He can eat it when he gets up."

Wendy nodded absently and turned on the television. At this moment, the morning International Finance Channel was playing on the television.

"Good morning, viewers. After the analysis just now, we already know that the Dow Jones Index is currently facing fierce competition between short and long giants. Over this past trading day, the two sides did not have a clear victory or defeat, but according to the assessment of our professional analysts and experts, the pressure on the short side is huge while the long side appears to be executing everything skillfully and easily. This is partially due to the fact that they have a defensive advantage."

"The current financial war on the Dow Jones Index has been evaluated by countless stock critics and financial experts as the most significant modern financial war of the century. It shows us, in full detail, the methods and skills of the world's top financial giants as they attack each other with economic weapons."

The constant reporting by the host on the TV made Wendy a little upset.

"Dad, the current situation doesn't seem to be very good for Jasper," Wendy said with a frown.

Dawson said lightly, "What are you worried about? Jasper knows what he's doing."

"But it's impossible not to worry at all... I'm afraid he will put too much pressure on himself."

Dawson smiled, pointed to the TV, and said, "These people will always only see the surface. You don't have to worry too much. This matter has only just begun. The game behind it involves an all-around struggle between two major powers."

"The level of influence of such an event will be very far-reaching. This was Jasper's first time taking part in such a thing, and he only became Somerland's present representative by chance. What he can do is very limited, but in any case, things are as simple as they first appear."

Wendy asked curiously, "Dad, how do you know this?"

Dawson said, "Do you think I've lived all these decades for naught? Just wait patiently and don't worry, it's not easy for Jasper to win, but it won't be so easy for him to lose either."

"The impact is so great that one cannot win the whole game just because they won in a certain industry. The real game is playing out behind the scenes where people can't see."

At the same time, in New York on the other side of the Pacific Ocean, it was early evening. People were just finishing their day's work and going back to rest Rogers walked into Soros' office.

"Man, those people are not very satisfied with our performance today." Soros lifted his glasses and said to Rogers.

Rogers chuckled and said, "What else can they do besides sit in the office and calculate how much money they made?"

"We are no different, so your mocking tone makes me uncomfortable." Soros laughed.

Rogers opened a bottle of red wine and sat down on the sofa looking a little tired. Then, he said while pouring himself a glass, "I said before that Jasper is not a particularly easy person to deal with, so it takes a little effort and time to deal with him."

"But the capitalists focus on time and efficiency,"

Soros said solemnly.

"Old friend, if we do things too fast, we won't be able to highlight our value." There was a sinister glint in Rogers' eyes.

“Well, I promise you that on the next trading day, I will give them an answer that satisfies them.”

Soros nodded, patted Rogers on the shoulder, and said, “I understand what you think, but a lot of the time we need to compromise.”

With a shrug, Rogers raised his head and took a sip of the red wine. He murmured, “I am really fascinated by the power of money, and I am a little reluctant to leave it.”

Putting down the wine glass, Rogers said calmly, “Today, I am just playing with him. Tomorrow, I will make Jasper go bankrupt.”

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When Jasper woke up, it was already early evening. He had slept for more than ten hours. Instead of feeling refreshed, Jasper's head felt heavy. When he came out of the room, Dawson and Wendy had not gotten off work and came back home yet.

The housekeeper, Mrs. Clarkson, saw Jasper and said in surprise, "Mr. Laine, you look unwell."

Jasper rubbed his face and said, "Maybe I caught a cold. Is there any cold medicine at home?"

There were always some basic medicines at home and a few spares could be found in the first aid kit during an emergency, so obtaining a box of cold medicine was not a difficult task.

Mrs. Clarkson took out a box of cold medicine and gave it to Jasper. Then, she watched him take it before saying, "Mr. Laine, you always stay up late so your biological clock is reversed. No matter how busy you are, you have to take care of your body."

"As the old saying goes, the body is the capital of the revolution. You can't feel it since you are young, but you will have to repay the debts to your body when you're at my age."

Listening to Mrs. Clarkson's nagging, Jasper smiled and said, "I know, I know. When I'm done with this, I will take a good rest."

"You people always say the same thing. What do you mean by after you're done or after you have finished this thing at hand? When will there ever be an end to your work? It is necessary to know how to balance work and rest, or else money will mean nothing even if you have lots of it when you eventually break down."

As she was nagging, Mrs. Clarkson brought out a bowl of chicken soup. She said, "Miss Wendy specifically asked me to make this chicken soup for you before she went out. It has been simmering for a day. It was made from an old hen that has been raised in the countryside for three years, so it'll be very nourishing. Hurry up and drink it so that you can eat dinner later."

Jasper took a sip of the chicken soup. It tasted mellow and rich, and his mouth was filled with the unique fragrance of chicken.

"Wow, it's delicious."

When Jasper saw that Mrs. Clarkson was going to cook, he said hurriedly, "You don't have to prepare my dinner. I'm going out soon and won't be back tonight."

Although Mrs. Clarkson wanted to continue nagging, Jasper had soon finished the chicken soup and went out in a hurry.

Looking at the empty bowl on the coffee table, Mrs. Clarkson shook her head and muttered, "At least drink another bowl."

After exiting the house, Jasper did not drive. He was not far away from the centre, and there was still some time before the market opened, so he planned to walk over.



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The cold breeze blew over, causing Jasper's nasal congestion to worsen, but he was now a lot more awake. With the plan that was going to be executed in a few hours occupying his thoughts, Jasper was simulating and deducing the next possible situation.

Quantum Fund was the strongest opponent he had ever encountered, and this time, the opponent was much stronger than himself. This was like throwing a sprat to catch a herring. There was only a small chance of surviving, and there was almost no chance of winning. However, the reality was that Jasper had to fight. Even if the odds of winning were so low that it only existed in theory, he could not give up. Otherwise, he would lose the game, and everything would come to an end.

“Hey, Old George, the news has been talking about the stock market over the past two days. Haven’t you been trading stocks? What’s the situation?”

A group of people passed by Jasper and the topic they talked about piqued Jasper’s interest.

“I don’t want to talk about it. ”

A slightly old man in the crowd shook his head and said with a solemn expression. “The United States is not at peace during this period. Our representatives are fighting the big shots from the United States stock market and Wall Street, not to mention the domestic class A shares. Even the global financial market is full of turmoil.”

“The current situation is not peaceful at all. The domestic investment market sentiment is generally pessimistic. They believed that Somerland capital is unlikely to best Wall Street. Once we lose, the domestic capital market will drop by a dramatic margin. The first thing to suffer will be the class A shares securities market, so the prices will plummet.”

“I’m doing pretty well. I only lost 30%. The director of our department has lost more than 60%.”

Among the crowd, a figure cried out in a deep voice, “Damn, our country’s capital is really butting heads with the US capital? This is crazy, right? How can we rival them? What are you waiting for? Pull out and run away!”

“I plan to wait and see. If I can, I’ll add another position.”

Old George gritted his teeth.

“Damn, fullness for the bold, famine for the coward. I was too cowardly, so I missed several opportunities before. This time, everyone thinks it is impossible to win. But what if? If we win, I’ll buy the bottom and cover up the position, when that happens, I will make a lot of money!”

“People like you are also the ones who will lose the most.”

“Shut your trap!”

The group of people talked and laughed as they walked away.

Jasper shook his head, let out a sigh, and muttered, “Who can see into the future?”

After he arrived at the trading center, everyone greeted him. Then, Jasper saw that Jake and the teams were already in their respective positions, preparing for the intense trading session ahead.

The collection of intelligence, the analysis of data, the deduction and arrangement of the plan, and the re-derivation of the emergency plan. All these things had to be done half an hour before the market opened. This was the most basic difference in quality between an ordinary team and a top team.

Jasper was discussing the next steps with Jake and Baz when he saw Henry excitedly running in from outside.

“I got him! I got him!”

Henry’s words caused Jasper to dismiss both Jake and Baz.

“Who did you get?” Jasper asked hurriedly.

“Dean! This little bastard hides so well! ” Henry still looked excited.

“This time, I got him. This blasted kid is keeping in touch with Harbor City in secret. The one he contacted coincidentally happened to be the father of one of my boys!”

“His old man talked to Dean in the study last night and my boy heard him. Although he didn’t hear exactly what he said, it was definitely Dean, because his father called him Mr. Hall in their native tongue.”

Henry was ecstatic and he was filled with a sense of accomplishment befitting of an agent who had just obtained incredible secret information.

Jasper raised his eyebrows slightly.

“In that case, there’s a 90% chance it’s him.”

Henry then said, “What 90%? I say that it’s definitely. My boy’s family is in the cable business. In recent years, there has been a boom in domestic construction. He has always wanted to find opportunities to enter the market on the mainland.

“Isn’t that old fart, Gale, behind him? If Gale supports him, his business would be much easier.”

“It’s such a coincidence too. Not only did they communicate in their native tongue, but they also had the same surname. I don’t believe that such a coincidence can exist in this world.”

After he finished talking, Henry stared at Jasper heatedly and asked with an excited expression on his face, “So? Do you want to kidnap him, or do you want to throw him to the fishes after knocking him out?”

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Frankly speaking, Henry's proposal was tempting. Jasper glanced at Young Master Law and said bluntly, "Just chop him up and feed him to the dog, okay?"

Henry looked shocked. "You're so ruthless. I can't even do that."

"Stop bullsh*tting."

Jasper waved his hand and said, "At this moment, anyone is allowed to mess up except for Dean. This is because we don't know what he intends to do."

"Then should we just let it happen?" Henry asked unhappily.

In Young Master Law's worldview, there were only two solutions to Dean playing the traitor in their team, knock him out and throw him into a cavern, or throw him directly into the river to feed the fishes.

The method he chose would depend on the severity of the matter and the family background of the other party. He also needed to consider whether he could cover it after the other party was disabled.

As for the third option, there was no such thing.

Unless Young Master Law suddenly had a personality change.

“What else? We’ll alert him no matter what we do.”

After Jasper said that, he saw that Henry was disappointed. He smiled and said, “But don’t be discouraged. At least there is good news in that we have basically confirmed that Dean is problematic. Since we have confirmed this, then we will be prepared no matter what he does in the future.”

“Fine, it was your idea anyway. I’ll ask my boy to find a way to record the conversation between his old man and Dean later. Then, I’ll see if I can find anything,”

Henry rubbed his chin and said.

“Then I will leave this to you, ” Jasper said with a smile.

“Did you notice something wrong?” Henry asked suddenly.



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“What do you mean?” Jasper frowned.

Although Henry was seemingly an idle hedonist, he was a very clever man. Despite this, so far he had just not used his cleverness in the right way. However, once he had his own ideas, even Jasper would marvel at the guy. His thinking was so unique that he could even be inspired by it.

“Did you not feel that Harbor City is too quiet?” Henry lowered his voice and said mysteriously.

“You mean... Fabian?” Jasper raised his eyebrows and said suddenly.

Henry clapped his hands and said, “That’s right!”

“We know that son of a b*tch’s character too well.”

“Think about it, he has worked so hard to push you to the present situation. He is the kind of person who kills people and still has to stab them two more times to ensure that he gets rid of the problem permanently. How could he not take this opportunity to cause more trouble to you?”

Henry’s eyes flashed with wisdom as he said, “I think this son of a b*tch is using the same ambush tactic I used before.”

“He’s in the dormant stage now. First, I’ll find out when and where the idiot who offended me will appear, figure out his pattern, and then I’ll get my gang and bring weapons to silently stop him along the way.”

“When I finally do show up in front of him, that’ll be when I’ll hit him in the head with my bat.”

Henry stared at Jasper, who was looking serious, and laughed, “Is my description vivid enough?”

Jasper narrowed his eyes and said to Henry, “Do you think Dean may be related to Fabian?”

Henry was taken aback. He scratched his head and said, “I really didn’t think about this.”

With a soft exhale, Jasper rubbed the bridge of his nose and said, “We’ll need some time to confirm this matter, but you did remind me of it. During this time, my attention was completely on the stock market and I was not wary of Fabian anymore. Fortunately, you reminded me in time.”

Henry felt smug when he heard these words.

“Mr. Laine.”

Jake knocked on the door and came in to interrupt the conversation.

“The transactions have begun.”

“Let’s go out.”

Jasper temporarily dismissed the thoughts in his mind, stood up, and said.

After the Dow Jones Index closed, the second trading day officially began.

As soon as he arrived at the trading hall, Jasper heard the voices and the intensive keyboard clicking away. To be honest, he liked what he was doing right now more than fighting with people like Fabian.

On the big screen, there was footage of the centers in Waterhoof City and Harbor City on both sides.

Inside the center in Waterhoof City, Lord Alvarado was also present this time. The two looked at each other through the screen and smiled at each other. No one mentioned the unpleasant experience yesterday. They were all adults, and they knew how to hide their emotions.

Kayden was still in charge of Harbor City.

Although Kayden was very busy, he had no choice. The confrontation with Quantum Fund was the most important thing right now, so Kayden had canceled all his private trips. He would also use the daytime to deal with urgent official duties that had to be personally handled by himself. To be honest, he was no better than Jasper.

“Everyone, after the trading hours ended yesterday, we negotiated today’s action arrangements. However, Lord Alvarado was not there at the time. Now, I would like to ask Lord Alvarado, do you have any differing opinions?”

Lord Alvarado looked like a different person on the screen. He shrugged and said calmly, “I have no opposition.”

Jasper spoke after nodding, "Very well, since everyone has no other opinions, then today I will implement the decision I introduced before. In this process, the absolute cooperation of the two centers in Waterhoof City and Harbor City is paramount."

"Please also understand that Nauritus City is aware of your losses and pressures, and we will not deliberately betray or abandon either side. We will be digging our own graves if we do that."

"But similarly, please be sure to work together with me. The enemy is too strong and if we have any more internal disputes, then we can just give up on this battle."

Everyone knew who Jasper was talking to and they all shared a tacit understanding.

Meanwhile, Lord Alvarado maintained a relaxed and casual look. Not only did he show no dissatisfaction, but he was also the first to speak after Jasper finished talking. "Yes, I absolutely support this."

At this moment, the dense data stream on the large central screen began to refresh.

Countless numbers representing massive wealth were constantly changing. Each percentage meant the flow of tens of billions of dollars of wealth. Jasper took a deep breath and said, "Well, let's trade."

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The second trading day was full of hostility right from the beginning.

The confrontation between Somerland capital and Wall Street capital, which had attracted global attention from the first second of the second trading day, made people all over the world who were watching the Dow Jones Index unaware of the tension from the previous day.

Somerland External Development Bank headquarters in Waterhoof City.

Tony held the teacup and looked at the transaction information on the computer screen with a deep gaze. In this large conference room was more than a dozen computers. Two to three people were sitting in front of each computer.

It was not that the development bank had no money to equip everyone with a computer, but that these two or three people had their own duties and their own tasks to complete. Hence, they needed to cooperate.

“Mr. Pratt, things are not quite right.”

A young man with glasses as thick as the bottom of a beer bottle, who was sitting in front of the computer nearest to Tony, raised his head with a nervous and serious expression.

“As soon as Quantum Fund opened today, their purpose was very clear. They launched the most ferocious offensive against all of JW Foundation’s positions. At present, JW Foundation is under great pressure.”

“According to our pre-analysis, it is indeed possible for Quantum Fund to do so. There are two choices if we combine JW Foundation’s performance yesterday with the best response we anticipate.”

“Either temporarily abandoning a portion of their positions for the time being, or hedge Quantum Fund on the sector that both of them are fighting most aggressively for.”

“These two choices each have their pros and cons, but JW Foundation has made the third choice.”

Tony watched the transaction data as he listened to his subordinate’s report.

To be able to serve as the Secretary- General in a bank as important the Development Bank, Tony not only needed to use political means but also needed extremely impressive professional skills.

He immediately understood the current situation. Frowning slightly, Tony said, “Jasper did not care about the position that was being attacked, but instead he launched a charge against Quantum Fund’s base camp.”



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“That’s right.”

The young man stood up and walked to the computer located in front of Tony. Then, he used the keyboard and mouse to open a trading chart and said, “This is the stock market of Layman Investment Bank. Layman Investment Bank not only placed the largest investment in Quantum Funds among all the Wall Street capitalists this time, it is also one of the largest shareholders of Quantum Fund.”

“From this perspective, if Jasper launched a retaliatory attack on Layman, it would be excusable.”

Tony’s eyebrows furrowed tighter. Then, the young man said, “The problem is that Layman Investment Bank is too large. Jasper’s current principal and financial leverage barely reach the level of 100 billion US Dollars. He can try disrupting Layman’s huge

balance, but it's impossible that he hasn't thought about the consequences of completely angering Layman."

The young man nodded, pushed up his glasses, and calmly analyzed, "In the current situation, all of Wall Street's capital is integrated. Even Colossal Investments, which has the best relationship with Jasper, did not choose to stand on Jasper's side. It can be seen that Jasper's offensive against Layman Investment Bank is likely to be regarded by the entire Wall Street capital as provocation for a full-scale war. They have no reason not to fight back."

"That punk..."

Jasper's confident face appeared in Tony's mind. He frowned, "What the hell is he trying to do?"

The young man hesitated for a while and suggested, "Mr. Pratt, would you like to remind Jasper?"

Tony glanced at him and said, "Remind him? In what capacity and position do you want to do that? It's not like you don't know that we represent the government. At this critical moment, we have to be aware of everything, but we can't act ourselves. Countless eyes are watching us on the other side of the Pacific."

The young man hurriedly answered, "I didn't think it through."

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Raising his hand and putting the warm teacup on the table, Tony said, “Parker, how many years have you worked in SBS Bank?”

“Four years, sir,” Parker replied.

“Well, four years is not too short.”

Tony continued meaningfully, “I remember that you also came to the headquarters as you climbed up rung by rung from the bottom. At that time, I think I was the one who issued your transfer and review report. I remember that your evaluation from the higher-ups stated that you’re very professional at work and have good ideologies and awareness.”

“And ever since you came to the headquarters, you performed very well. Now, you are the only head of the department under the age of 35. Old Frank from the securities regulatory commission asked me for you multiple times, but I always declined. With your ability, you can work hard for another two years, and then be delegated to become at least a regional bank president.”

Parker hurriedly smiled and said, “Sir, this is what I am expected to do. Thank you for the guidance.”

“I didn’t guide you much. You have that ability, so no one can stop you from making progress.”

Tony smiled. He stared at Parker suddenly and said, “Your surname is Alvarado. I remember your hometown is in the Northwest, but your ancestry is from the south. Bruce Alvarado is your father, right?”

Parker Alvarado smiled stiffly.

He was an Alvarado.

He was also Lord Alvarado’s brother. However, the path he took made him destined to be unable to take over the Alvarado family who valued low profile individuals. However, this did not stop him from working hard for the family.

At work, he always kept the family’s ancestral instructions in mind, and very few people knew of his true identity.

Tony knew it, but he was not surprised.

After all, for people of Tony’s level, many so-called secrets were not really secrets. Moreover, as his direct boss, this was something Tony would have inevitably found out.

“Yes, sir, ” Parker admitted, bracing himself.



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“Your brother is cooperating with Jasper, and you are here with an important job. Ethics dictate that you shouldn’t touch these things to avoid suspicion.”

Tony stated calmly. When he saw that Parker wanted to explain, he waved his hand to stop him and continued, “Needless to say, although there are multiple interests involved, you brothers have very special backgrounds, and the general rules do not apply to you. The Alvarados won’t take advantage of this minor thing to gain any benefits.”

After he said that, Tony’s expression became serious. “But you have to remember what the nature of this matter is now! Aside from the fact that I have to report to the president every day, there are countless departments and people paying attention to us even in Swallow Capital, right under the feet of the Somer emperors.”

“You are from a prestigious family, and you have an inherently sensitive identity, so when you do things, you must also remember your duty.”

“Did you contact your brother yesterday?”

Tony’s words caused Parker to break into a cold sweat.

Before Parker could speak, Tony said nonchalantly, “Don’t think that nobody knows what you’re doing. Besides, if you don’t want people to find out, you shouldn’t have done it in the first place. If I know about this, do you think that those guys from the departments in Swallow Capital who were specially hired to watch the children of the aristocracy would be unaware?”

“I don’t have other ulterior motives for telling you this. I am also optimistic about your ability and can’t bear to see you go down the wrong path, so that’s why I reminded you. More importantly, you didn’t say anything to your brother that you shouldn’t have, so you should behave yourself, understand?”

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Pacing Tony' s seemingly gentle words that were simultaneously laced with threats, Parker's whole body became as tight as a bowstring.

The Alvarados had pursued the principle of low-key operation for generations. This was also the biggest reason why the Alvarados could continue their lineage to this day. Although in his generation, the family had to send some children into the working class in order to push for change, they would still abide by the rules regardless of when it came to Swallow Capital or the Alvarados themselves.

The long-term peace had made Parker gradually ignore the sensitive nature of his identity. He became bolder and more casual in his mannerism. He did call his brother last night, but it was only to remind him not to fall out with Jasper.

He was in the system, so Parker was very aware of how much the higher-ups valued Jasper and the importance they placed on what Jasper was doing now. It could be said that anyone who fell out with Jasper or even obstructed him at this point would undoubtedly become an obstacle to Swallow Capital themselves.

In the country, what would happen to people or families that Swallow Capital considered to be obstacles?

Very simple. They would disappear.

“Thanks for reminding me, sir. I will pay more attention to this,” Parker said.

Tony nodded. Then, he waved his hand and said, “Get back to work.”

The moment Parker turned back to his computer, someone in the conference room suddenly shouted, “JW Foundation has launched a full scale attack against Layman Investment Bank!”

As soon as he heard this, Parker was stunned. Then, he sped up and rushed to his computer.

At the same time, Tony stared at the computer screen. At this moment, the stock of Layman Investment Bank in the Dow Jones Index market was experiencing unprecedented volatility.

The first signs of a downward trend could be seen. It was like a thunderbolt that severely smashed the stock price of Layman Investment Bank right from the top. This line that went straight down almost ran through the entire computer screen.

The transaction data window on the right was completely occupied by densely packed sky high selling orders.

“Oh my god, you must be joking!”

Countless investors around the world groaned from the bottom of their hearts almost at the same time. If they did not know that such a thing was impossible, they would have thought that this was fake data deliberately set by the simulation software. However, all of this was real, and it was happening right now!



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In the trading center in Nauritus City, the entire trading center was engaged in fiery action.

“Suppress all the buy-in orders. Take down as many as you can. Do not relax!”

Jake had already taken off his suit jacket. At this moment, he rolled up his sleeves and opened several buttons on his shirt. The entire trading center was set to a constant temperature of 24 degrees Celsius via the central air conditioning, but Jake felt as if he was burning.

Jake turned his head and yelled at the intelligence collection team, "Strictly monitor all dynamic data and keep an eye on Quantum Fund. If there is any disturbance, immediately report it as fast as possible!"

At the center of the trading hall, Jasper was staring at the complete list of transaction data.

There was an uncountable amount of data filling and rearranging in his mind. Finally, they guided him to the most important line.

"Within 3 minutes, we successfully knocked down the 60 billion US Dollar market value of Layman Investment Bank. The most important thing is that Layman Investment Bank is one of the core stocks of the Dow Jones Index. Its decline triggered a series of panic and escapes. After that strike, the Dow Jones Index went down 60 points."

Baz stood beside Jasper, reporting excitedly.

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“Suppress them again and continue to knock down Layman’s 40 billion US Dollar market value in the next 2 minutes. Then trap it at the limit,” Jasper said solemnly.

“Yes!”

Baz responded and immediately gave out Jasper’s order as quickly as possible.

At the same time, the centers in Waterhoof City and Harbor City simultaneously executed Jasper’s orders. Under the operation of the three teams from different trading centers, a large number of funds reached the securities center server in the United States in the shortest time through the optical cable signal. After this, the data was processed.

Tens of billions of dollars collided passionately at this moment.

JW Foundation’s all out attack without warning caused an uproar throughout the entire United States stock market. Under this convergence of circumstances, the trading center of Quantum Fund became very chaotic.

Rogers pulled off his necktie and looked at the constantly refreshing data stream on the computer coldly.

Each refresh of the data represented an additional short order hitting the Layman Investment Bank's stock market. Meanwhile, Layman Investment Bank's stock price was like a fragile line, with each short order shortening it by one point.

"Sir, Layman Investment Bank's stock price is approaching the limit down!"

Rogers' mouth twitched when he was faced with the report from the team,

"Should we intervene?" The man asked.

"Wait."

Taking a deep breath, Rogers stopped his subordinate.

"JW Foundation has invested at least 70 billion US Dollars in Layman investment Bank. In addition, it is now the climax of the market's panic withdrawal. If we go into the market and go long, it won't be enough no matter how much money we have. We'll just be adding fuel to the fire and making it burn brighter."

After Rogers finished speaking, Soros called him into the office.



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“Layman Investment Bank’s emergency board meeting for the shareholders.”

What Soros said made Rogers extremely pissed.

However, time waited for no one. Before he could complain, the video conference was connected.

The chairman of Layman Investment Ban, Dugg, sat in the most central position. The video was split into several smaller screens. The people on these screens were all members of the board of directors of Layman Investment Bank who traveled around the world on business trips.

Each one of them was a billionaire who was able to shake the earth with a stomp. They were true capitalists.

“Mr. Rogers, you have seen the situation now. I’m just going to ask you one question. Can you keep Layman’s stock price from plummeting?”

Time was running out, and Dugg did not even exchange conventional greetings with Rogers. He just asked this straightforwardly.

Rogers frowned slightly and said, “From my professional perspective, no.”

A vice chairman of Layman Investment Bank said angrily. “The entire Wall Street capital group has injected hundreds of billions of dollars into you guys, of which we accounted for 35%. You took the tens of billions of dollars we gave you, yet you’re telling me that you can’t even stop our stock price from hitting the limit down?”

Rogers suppressed his inner anger and disdain. He said, “I must explain this to you clearly. If I enter the market now, I can indeed save Layman’s stock price, but the price will be very high.”

“JW Foundation’s short order pressure is only one aspect, but please remember that the biggest force in the capital market is never short or long bookmakers, but hot money!”

“Now, hundreds of billions in hot money is fleeing in a panic. If we try to stop it right now, won’t we be throwing money into the fire pit?”

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Rogers suppressed his anger, but his tone remained happy, which made the atmosphere of the entire video conference feel very heavy and awkward.

All the directors were expressionless, and no one broke the silence. It was not that they were persuaded by Rogers, but that

they were not listening to Rogers at all.

As expected, Dugg, who was the chairman, looked at Rogers in the video and spoke slowly.

“Mr. Rogers, from your professional perspective, there are indeed many reasons not to take action.

“But from the perspective of our board of directors in Layman Investment Bank, there are more reasons for you to act.

“All you see is the victory and cost of this game, but what we see is the overall development of Layman Investment Bank as a whole.”

After he said that, Dugg pressed his hands on the tabletop, slowly got up, looked down at Rogers with a very aggressive expression, and said in a deep voice, “This is not the board of directors of Layman Investment Bank seeking your opinion. Rather, this is the board of directors from Layman Investment Bank giving you an order as a shareholder of Quantum Fund, understand?”

Rogers’ face changed color as soon as Dugg said this.

Even Soros narrowed his eyes.

The burly, bright eyed Soros looked at Dugg and said in a deep voice, “Mr. Dugg, when Quantum Fund received investment from Layman Investment Bank, you did not say that you would interfere with Quantum Fund’s operational decisions.”

Dugg seemed to have expected Soros to say this from early on, and he replied with a calm expression, “Similarly, I did not say that I would not interfere. Still, I don’t think this counts as interfering with your operational decisions.”

“What Quantum Fund is doing now is working for us after taking our money. This is both an act of cooperation and also a form of hiring, but in essence, most of the funds you have at hand belong to the Wall Street Capital Consortium, with Layman’s investment representing a significant stake.”

“The stock price of Layman Investment Bank must not hit the limit down. This is my bottom line.”

Dugg seemed to have lost his patience. He slammed his hand down on the conference table and said with a cold expression. “Ten Quantum Funds will not be as large as one Layman. Now Layman’s stock price has shrunk further and what we’ve lost is beyond your imagination. You only need to follow the orders of the board of directors!”

Rogers became increasingly pissed as he listened to the rant. As he was about to speak, Soros grabbed his shoulders.



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“I understand, Mr. Dugg. Quantum Fund will launch a snipe against JW Foundation as soon as possible, and then we’ll increase Layman’s stock price.”

After hearing this, a satisfied smile spread on Dugg’s face. He said, “Very good. There is not much time, so this meeting will end immediately. I hope to see you executing the order soon.”

After he said that, the video was ended and the screen turned black.

Smash!

A coffee cup was smashed on the screen. The cup and the expensive screen were written off immediately.

“Those odious vampires! They only want to maintain their own stock price. They don’t even care whether we live or die!”

Rogers’ face flushed with anger as he roared, “Now, the funds of the Wall Street Consortium are in our hands and we have not yet settled Jasper. If we lose too much when we’re fighting Jasper, then we won’t be able to explain ourselves to the Federal Reserve and the other consortia on Wall Street!”

“When that happens, we should be thankful if Dugg doesn’t beat us while we’re down. Now he is forcing us to spend so much to save Layman. He also understands that we need to use public funds to save his *ss! He doesn’t care about our life and death!”

“Soros, you should have rejected him just now!”

As he looked at the furious Rogers, Soros said lightly, “Do you think I didn’t try my best?”

These words made Rogers suddenly quiet down. He knew that he was a little gaffe.

Soros patted Rogers on the shoulder and said, "You look down on Jasper, but in your heart, you are very wary and jealous of this young man from the East. You long to defeat him. Even if you don't admit it, as your old friend stemming from decades ago, I know it very well."

The corners of Rogers' mouth twitched, and his face looked gloomy.

"Okay, go and execute their orders."

Soros shook his head and said, "When will the vampires of Wall Street do something that will hurt themselves and benefit others? We are one of this group of vampires, perhaps even the most bloodthirsty among them, but this time we ourselves are the victims."

"We can't just watch as Jasper takes action against Layman, otherwise it will be a huge blow to the confidence of the entire US stock market. It is easy for funds to escape, but it is difficult to bring them back."

"We will have to take action even if the cost is large. For everything else, I will find a way to communicate with Mr. Greenspaner."

Rogers exhaled and walked out of the meeting room with a gloomy expression without saying a word. When he came to the trading hall, Rogers clapped his hands.

The core of the team immediately put down their work on hand and stood up to face Rogers. Many years of professional and efficient training made them understand that this meant there would be an important order from their boss.

“I don’t care what method you use, how much capital you exhaust, or what you do. From this moment on, you will all focus on one thing and that is restore Layman’s stock price to today’s opening point!”

Rogers took a look at the Dow Jones Index. At this moment, Layman’s stock price had fallen from 110 US Dollars per share to 100 US Dollars, which was only a short distance from the limit.

A price difference of 10 US Dollars, but if this was instead viewed from the perspective of Layman’s market value of 112 billion US Dollars, they would be facing a total market value gap of 11 billion US Dollars.

No wonder those shareholders were anxious.

After Rogers gave his order, the efficient team did not waste any time. They immediately began to execute it.

Quantum Fund had massive amounts of funds at this moment. Hence, once they started to fully implement their strategy, their every move brought carried a huge power that could turn the market upside down.

“A buy order was issued! It is Quantum Fund! Quantum Fund counterattacked!”

“The unit price is 100.5 US Dollars, a total of 60 buy in orders, each order is for 100 million US dollars!”

“Six billion in funds have entered the market!”

In the hall of Nauritus City trading center, the atmosphere was suddenly tense.

Jasper looked at the screen as a huge number of buying information surged forward like a torrent. Even in the financial battlefield where there was no physical battle, both sides were using the US dollar to compete for an advantage.

Everyone was inexplicably enthusiastic.

“They finally couldn’t stand it, huh?”

Jasper chuckled and took a sip from the teacup. The tea felt hot in his throat and his mouth was filled with the fragrant aroma of the blend.

“Sell. We will sell as much as they buy. 60 billion, right? Authorize 100 billion and fight back!”

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“Layman’s stock price is 102 US Dollars, an increase by 1.5 US Dollars from the market five minutes ago!”

“Quantum Fund has started to frantically go long, and almost all the empty orders on the market have been swept away!”

“Our pressure has been greatly reduced, which is a good sign!”

There were countless noisy but excited voices. Dugg sat in the middle of the meeting room, leading all the executives of Layman Investment Bank in New York headquarters to closely monitor the stock price.

“Very good.”

Dugg lit a cigar, feeling pleased.

“It seems that Rogers fellow is not too stupid.”

Next to Dugg, another old white man leaned over to light Dugg's cigar. He continued, "At least Soros is not a n idiot. That alone is enough."

"However, it can also be seen from this incident that Rogers is already very dissatisfied with our stranglehold over Quantum Fund."

Dugg exhaled a thick puff of smoke and sneered.

The old white man next to him shrugged and said, "So what? Who is Rogers on Wall Street?"

"If I just want to feel stimulated and numb, I have many choices. The legal ones are cigarettes, cigars, and betel nuts, but do you know why I like cigars?" Dugg turned to look at the old white man and asked.

"Because cigars are more expensive?" The old white man made a joke that he thought was funny.

Shaking his head, Dugg said, "Because I'm the one who's paying, so I have the final say. If I want cigars, I'll get cigars. If I want cigarettes, I'll get cigarettes. These are my choices to make, and mine alone, they can't tell me what I should choose."

“The principle of the supremacy of money can be seen everywhere. As long as one’s monthly income is not less than 1000 US Dollars, they can have such decision making power. Moreover, I own Layman Investment Bank, so if I like Rogers, then Rogers is the boss, but if I like Soros, Soros will keep Rogers in his place.”



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“This is also the rule of Wall Street.”

Dugg’s eyes were cold and dark. His tone was also icy. “Back then, I just thought Soros was smarter and more likable than Rogers, but now, I find Rogers annoying. Do you understand the difference between the two?”

The old white man had a look of reverence on his face as he nodded and said, “I understand that if there is something more likable, then we will choose to like it, but if the originally disliked thing becomes annoying, it’s time to also get rid of it.”

“Good.” Dugg laughed with satisfaction. “When this matter is over, I hope Rogers will leave Quantum Fund.”

“Soros may have something to say about that.” The old white man frowned.

“Although we control Quantum Fund, it has other shareholders and Soros himself has great prestige. He is also the founder of Quantum Fund. Considering our interests in Quantum Fund, we can’t have a complete fallout with Soros.”

“Everson, you don’t know me, let alone Soros.”

Dugg glanced at the old white man named Everson with a meaningful look, patted the latter on the shoulder, and said, “After the Terra financial crisis a few years ago, have you seen Soros showing his face? It’s always been Rogers.”

“He was hoping that someone could stand up and attract the hatred of some countries from Terra whose wealth had been swept away by him. On the other hand, he also needs Rogers, who is more high-profile than him, to remove the good-for-nothings of Quantum Fund who are no longer loyal to him as the founder.”

“But they have been old friends for decades,” Everson said, shocked.

“Old friends?” Dugg laughed.

“A person like Soros? Do you think he needs an old friend to share everything with aside from power and money?”

Everson thought for a long time. Then, he slowly nodded and said, “I understand.”

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At this moment, the report came again, this time more intense than before.

“There is an empty order!”

“There are more than 100 million US Dollars... 10... No, 20... No, no, more! It's so densely packed. They are all 100 million US Dollars capped empty orders, Oh my god! What is happening? Is there something wrong with the security server?”

“It's JW Foundation! Hurry, record, and analyze the data! JW Foundation is continuing to short the Layman stock!”

“All buy orders were smashed by JW Foundation's sell orders!”

“JW Foundation is hammering the market!”

Frightened screams blasted across the entire conference room. Meanwhile, Dugg, who was talking to Everson with a cigar and a smile on his face in one second, suddenly got up the next. His blue eyes set in deep sunken eye sockets stared at the screen.

At this moment, the massive amount of data on the screen was like a tsunami as huge as a mountain. The big negative line that represented Layman's stock price had just recovered slightly because of the intervention of the Quantum Fund. At this moment, it seemed as if there was an invisible knife slashing the index that had just been lifted slightly. It was now dragging it into the abyss!

"That bastard! That damn cunning monkey! Are we really going to start a big battle?"

Dugg's angry roar echoed throughout the conference room.

As far as most people understood, the two armies would not be overly boisterous when fighting, instead, they would carefully test the water to understand each other's bottom line and strength. Finally, they would target a specific date to start a decisive battle. This was how a normal person understood the war.

This time, the Dow Jones Index, which had swept across the global financial world, was the battleground of the Wall Street Consortium and JW Foundation, whom represented Somerland capital. This decisive battle between the two had come way faster than expected.

With a volume of 100 billion US Dollars, the capital raised by both parties was at least 300 billion US Dollars.

This was just the direct impact. The number of funds that were indirectly impacted was simply incalculable. Government and private financial institutions around the world,

regardless of their position or actual ability were almost all gearing up to stare at the changes in the Dow Jones Index.

They looked forward to this battle but feared it at the same time. They feared that it was likely to ruin the jobs of countless people and make countless billionaires instantly bankrupt. It was also likely to change the global financial situation.



On the other hand, they were also looking forward to this huge change. In change lied opportunity. The bigger the change, the more opportunities it presented.

Everyone wanted to benefit from it!

For economists, this unprecedented financial war was likely to expose many flaws in the modern financial and economic system that could not be found during ordinary periods.

Some extreme conditions that could previously only be theorized were also likely to be truly revealed in this great war.

Additionally, when these countless deductions and hypotheses played out in reality, it would truly show people what they saying 'plans cannot keep up with change' meant.

This decisive battle began on the second day. This was something that even the most daring person would not have guessed before it actually happened.

Life at The Top – Chapter 1546

Jerriman lived in San Francisco, a city on the west coast of the United States. He was a dentist. He had a decent job and a good income in this local area. His wife was a judge, and he had a son and daughter. No matter how you looked at it, his was an enviable family.

Besides work, Jerriman's favorite investment method was stock trading. In his opinion, handing the US Dollars to a group of fund managers who only knew how to suck blood and collect commissions was no better than doing it himself. Besides, he was also a staunch chauvinist who believed in great power.

He firmly believed that the United States was the strongest country in the world and that no other person or country could challenge the hegemony of the United States. Therefore, the recent turmoil in the United States capital market that had caused global investors to be in turmoil was not enough to scare him. He even thought that the group of Somerland investors had to be crazy.

Otherwise, how would they dare to face the United States head-on?

Under this premise, he bought 800 thousand US Dollars worth of stock at the highest price of 130 US Dollars per share on the first day of the battle.

After the market opened today, not only did the decline in Layman Investment Bank's stock price not scare him, he also firmly believed that this was a huge opportunity to make money.

The United States government would inevitably intervene, and Wall Street Capital would eventually repel Somerland's capital!

With this belief in mind, Jerriman used his financial leverage and offered all his assets as collateral in exchange for a full 6.4 million US Dollars. After this, he bought all of Layman Investment Bank's stocks. The so-called leverage meant that while large gains were shown in multiples, losses were also magnified.

800 thousand US Dollars in principal, with a 5-fold leverage, would amount to 4 million US Dollars. Meanwhile, under the original 10% rise and fall limit, the maximum daily loss and profit limit for this 800 thousand US Dollars was 80 thousand US Dollars. With this 5 times leverage, an investment of 4 million would spell a loss of 400 thousand US Dollars if the daily loss was 10%.

Jerriman used 8 times leverage, which was the highest legal multiple he could obtain due to the comprehensive credit situation of himself and his family.

There were also some black-market leverages and private fundraising. They could magnify this rate to 20 times, 30 times, or even more...

While his income was swelling, his risks were also skyrocketing.

Jerriman thought this was a great opportunity for the beggars of Somerland to send money to the capitalists of the United States. Many people felt the same way.

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At this moment, Jerriman's loss had reached 750 thousand US Dollars.

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The phone on his desk rang.

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"Mr. Smith Jerriman, I am the account manager assigned to you by the securities company. Now you have only 50 thousand usable principal left in your securities account. Do you need to increase the principal?"

The cold and merciless voice on the phone fueled the hatred in Jerriman's heart.

"What are you in such a hurry for? Maybe it will rise in the next second!"

The person on the other end of the phone seemed to be tired of hearing such words. He continued coldly, "But according to your additional 8 times leverage, the current Layman Investment Bank stock price is 99.5 US Dollars, if it falls to 99.1 US Dollars, you'll be formally liquidated."

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"What?!"

Before the manager of the securities company finished speaking, Jerriman let out a scream of horror.

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These people all believed that Somerland capital would fail, and that Layman’s stock price would inevitably hold strong at the limit.

“It’s reached the limit down!”

Inside the center in Harbor City, Kayden’s glasses reflected the red and green light of the screen. He listened to the cheers of victory in his ears and let out a sigh of relief.

Even Kayden was nervous at this moment. After all, his opponent was Wall Street of the United States.

They had to suppress the stock price of the world’s second-largest investment bank. He would have never imagined this a month ago. However, this reality was playing out right in front of him.

He really dragged down the stock price of Layman Investment Bank to the limit down alongside Jasper.

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Life at The Top – Chapter 1547

In the trading center in Nauritus City.

The requests from the two trading centers in Waterhoof City and Harbor City were sent to Jasper almost simultaneously.

Everyone, including Jake and Baz. was staring at Jasper. They were waiting for him to make a decision.

At this moment, every second of hesitation and delay would bring about a fluctuation of about tens of millions of dollars, or even hundreds of millions of dollars, in wealth.

Jasper stood at the center of everyone's attention. He knew that the issue was pressing, and every wasted minute was money, but because of this, he was in even less of a rush to make a decision.

“S – Sir?”

Baz could not take it anymore. He asked, “Harbor City and Waterhoof City are waiting for you to make a decision.”

“They are not the only ones.”

Jasper smiled and said, “The whole world is waiting.”

“Layman? Who said I really want to engage with Layman?”

Jasper sneered and raised his hand. “Jake, where is the information I asked you to prepare?”

Jake’s eyes flashed with excitement. He handed a piece of information to Jasper and said, “It’s all here.”

Picking up the information in his hand, Jasper shook his head and said, “The companies here are the major shareholder companies of Softwin Investments. If we take down these companies, then Softwin will be in trouble.”

“Wall Street Capital is so powerful. They represent the pressure of the entire Western consortium. How can we enjoy such a brilliant and bright moment by ourselves? We should also let our neighbors enjoy it as well.”

As Jasper distributed the document, the Waterhoof City and Harbor City centers also received the material.



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“Wonderful!”

Kayden looked at the faxed document in his hand. Not only did it contain the lists and stock codes of several large companies, but also Jasper’s overall plan for the next step.

“Execute this now!” Kayden laughed loudly.

At the same time, JW Foundation’s main capital was withdrawn from Layman Investment Bank stocks without warning.

Far across the Pacific Ocean, Rogers frowned.

“Why hasn’t Jasper moved yet?”

Looking at the empty short-selling trading column in the Layman Investment Bank stock market, Rogers felt that something was amiss. However, he could not place a finger on what was wrong.

The entire trading center was quiet, and everyone was confused.

“Let’s not concern ourselves with him first. Raise Layman’s stock price,” Rogers ordered in a deep voice.

Just as his order was issued and executed, the Dow Jones Index suddenly rioted.

The stocks of several small but powerful companies were shorted by massive amounts of funds at the same time!

Moreover, they did so across a large range of companies.

“JW Foundation has moved!”

When the voice was heard, Rogers looked up suddenly, but saw that Layman Investment Bank’s stock price was still moving on an orderly upward fashion due to his intervention. There was seemingly no interruption. While he was still caught in a daze, the intelligence analyst had already sent the intelligence to Rogers.

“W Downton Company, Hattaway Investment Group, and East Terra Investment Bank’s stocks were suddenly shorted!”

“After our analysis, we determined that these orders came from the main funds of JW Foundation!”

Rogers’ heart skipped a beat and he immediately shouted, “Show me the stocks of these companies!”

The stock market data was immediately transferred to the big screen and displayed. Everyone looked up and saw a blood-red fall.

The stock price line that was cut in half on the Layman Investment Bank stock market just now had repeated itself on these three companies stock markets.

“What the hell is Jasper doing? Why did he suddenly change the angle of his attack?”

Rogers felt that a huge conspiracy was engulfing him, but at this moment, he was not sure what Jasper’s real purpose was.

“Sir, shall we intervene?” His subordinate asked.

Roger looked conflicted.

“What if this is Jasper’s smoke bomb so that we’ll be up to our ears in work? If this is the case, wouldn’t he be leading us by the nose?”

“These three companies... Why these three companies?”

Rogers desperately wanted an answer.

He had a feeling that Jasper did not do this without a purpose. He definitely had a reason for doing this. This confusion continued until he inadvertently glimpsed on a crucial piece of data.

The Nikkei Index was plummeting!

“Nikkei Index! Quick, open the Nikkei Index!”

Rogers shouted.

Following his command, the content displayed on the screen changed again. Now, it showed the Nikkei index.

The Nikkei Index, which represented the stock market of Sunrise Land, had experienced a huge drop at this moment.

The reason for this situation was because the largest investment bank in Sunrise Land, Softwin Investments', stock price had plummeted!

“Softwin!”

“It's Softwin!”

“I see!”

“Jasper, you bastard, you really are sinister!”

Rogers had a sudden realization and he almost yelled when he understood Jasper's true purpose.

At this moment, he understood everything.

Whether it was rousing the market or targeting the stock price of Layman Investment Bank, even the attitude for a seemingly decisive battle that Jasper had put forward before was all deliberate.

His real goal was to divert the fire from this battle to Softwin in Sunrise Land!

“Sir, we have discovered that W Downton Company, Hattaway Investment Group, and East Terra Investment Bank are the largest shareholders of Softwin Investments. This is especially true for East Terra Investment Bank, which has cross-shareholding with Softwin Investments. So, they are bound together for better or for worse.”

“The stock price of these three companies plummeted, which directly caused the stock price of Softwin Investments to shrink substantially. The chain reaction caused the Nikkei Index to plummet.”

“Sir, we must come up with a response plan immediately. Otherwise, Softwin might put pressure on us.”

As he listened to the report from his subordinates, Rogers said coldly, “Jasper caused them trouble, but they are putting pressure on us? Do you think the monkeys from Sunrise Land have the balls to do that?”

The subordinate explained in awkwardness, "In truth, Softwin's chairman, Mr. Shon has asked to communicate with Mr. Soros."

The corners of Rogers' mouth twitched. He said coldly, "Where did Jasper get his courage? Is he not afraid that Softwin will team up with us and destroy him?"

"I'm afraid, of course, I'm afraid."

"But what's the use of being afraid? Will it not happen just because I'm afraid? The more afraid of acting you are, the greater the probability that it will happen."

Jasper stood in front of the video conference in the trading center of Nauritus City. He explained himself as he looked at Kayden, the little prince, and Lord Alvarado.

"Softwin has been deeply the developments of our battle. I have reason to suspect that they'll take action sooner or later. If that's the case, I'll pull drag in earlier. Now, it won't be so easy to watch everything unfold at one side before stabbing me during the critical moment."

"Now, the ones who should be involved are all here. It's time for us to massacre them."

Life at The Top – Chapter 1548

The collapse of the Nikkei had made people realize that although Somerland capital and Wall Street capital are now competing, this did not mean that others could sit back and relax.

It was just that, at the same time, there was also a question that lingered in everyone's mind.

Why did Jasper have the courage to provoke a Softwin when he could not even handle Wall Street alone?

Sunrise Land, Softwin Cherry Blossom Building.

In the top-level conference room, the high-level leaders of the headquarters who dared to come in a hurry to support Softwin all looked very serious. They were sitting in their positions like someone had died and said nothing.

Everyone knew what happened, but since their superior did not say anything, they did not dare to comment. Yet, no matter what, everyone's eyes were filled with anger and it seemed that there was an urgent need to vent.

Soon, the door of the conference room was pushed open from the outside.

A bald old man with a small figure and not very handsome face walked in quickly. Behind him was a beautiful young female secretary with a graceful figure.

One was ugly and one was beautiful, one was thin and the other was plump. They formed a strong visual impact.

Yet, no one felt that this was not right.

In Sunrise Land, women were just vassals of men.

No matter how beautiful a woman was, they were just a man's plaything. The more capable a man was, the more beautiful his plaything would be.

Since Myles was standing at the top of the Sunrise Land capital circle, he had the strength and qualification to own the most beautiful plaything in Sunrise Land.

He hurriedly walked into the conference room. The executives, regardless of their status, all stood up and bowed their heads to greet him respectfully and solemnly.



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“Hello, sir!”

The idea of inferiority or superiority engraved into the bones of the people of Sunrise Land was vividly manifested at this moment.

Myles raised his hand. He sat down at the front of the table and said, “My colleagues, sit down.”

The uniform sound of seating could be heard again.

Myles said with a serious expression, “Everyone already knows what happened more than ten minutes ago. Now the war between Somerland capital and Wall Street capital has spread to Sunrise Land.”

“As the leader in the financial industry of Sunrise Land, we at Softwin are the first target. In this regard, I would like to ask you all to express your views and opinions.”

After Myles said that, a man sitting near him said in a deep voice, “Mr. Shon, my colleagues, this is Somerland’ s provocation against Sunrise Land. It is absolutely intolerable.”

After the man said that, the other executives expressed their opinions and they all had the same ideas.

Myles’ expression was calm and there were not many changes in his expression to be seen.

“Everyone...”

After everyone had expressed their opinions, Myles spoke slowly.

“The current situation is what everyone can see. JW Foundation can’t even support themselves in the face of Wall Street capital, but at this critical point, why do they dare to provoke us?”

This question silenced the conference room for a while.

None of the people present were fools since they could be a Softwin executive or a core executive who can have a direct meeting with Myles.

The truth was simple and anyone could figure it out with a little thought, but these smart people could not get an answer even after they racked their brains.

Why?

Why did Jasper do that?

“In order to answer this question, I decided to add a middle-level member of Softwin to this meeting. He has dealt with Jasper before and he should be able to give us some inspiration.”

After Myles said that, he glanced at the secretary beside him who was lowering her head to take notes.

The secretary immediately got up and opened the door. Surprisingly, the one standing outside the door was Echo.

Echo, who had been notified long ago, took a deep breath, suppressed the nervousness in his heart, nodded to the secretary, and walked into the meeting room while the executives looked at him.

Naturally, there was no place for him at the conference table. Echo stood in the corner, bowed to all the executives, and said, "Everyone, I am Echo Welch of the investment planning department."

"I was ordered to go to Somerland to negotiate business, and during that, I had several contacts with Jasper, the soul and founder of JW Foundation."

"Huh? Discuss business?" A voice quickly interrupted Echo's speech.

"Back then, the discussion between the chairman and Wayne Marlon was going fine. After they asked you to maintain it, you gave Wayne, a hen who can lay golden eggs, to Jasper."

"Now Abbylon has occupied 80% of the market share of Somerland's domestic e-commerce platform. This is a 100 billion-level blue ocean market and you lost it. Is this called a business negotiation?"

Upon hearing these words, the corners of Echo's mouth twitched.

The person who spoke was an executive. His nephew previously failed in Echo's position as deputy manager of the investment planning department. Now, he had seized the opportunity, and naturally, he would bring Echo down.

"That was my mistake."

Echo did not justify himself. He understood the rules of the workplace in his own country. If the seniors said you were wrong, then you were wrong. Admitting your mistakes could add a little bit of a good impression for yourself. However, if you force an explanation, you would only isolate yourself from everyone.

In the Sunrise Land workplace, being isolated means the death of a career.

Hence, Echo's attitude of simply admitting mistakes won the favor of some executives.

At this moment, Myles said, "This matter has passed, and what needs to be discussed now has nothing to do with that matter. Echo, you already know what happened before you came, right? Now the company's senior management needs you to give your opinion."

Echo took a deep breath, knowing that he was being tested by the highest level of investment banking.

If he did it well, all the bad deeds that were given to him by Jasper before would be gone, but if he failed, even his powerful family would not be able to help him much. After all, although his family was strong, he was not the only heir.

Moreover, he is just a marginal nobody among the younger generation of the family.

Recalling what Fabian told him a few minutes ago in his mind, a sharp glint flashed across Echo's eyes and he said, "I'll tell everyone my judgment first. I think it's not unexpected that Jasper will make this choice.

"And the reason why Jasper did this is to pull us into the battlefield and ignite the fire completely."

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“From Jasper’s perspective, no matter how many cards JW Foundation had, they would eventually be defeated in the face of Wall Street’s power. If he wants to win, or perhaps, to delay for as long as possible. Then, there is only one way, and that is to muddy the water as much as possible. With this goal in mind, who is the best person to drag into the game? Us.”

Echo was speaking more fluently, and his train of thought became smoother. He said loudly, “For Jasper, if JW Foundation will be dead sooner or later, then they might as well pull us down before they die. When he is finished, what will happen between us and Wall Street Capital? How can we coexist peacefully?”

“After all, it’s fine if you don’t join in this battle. Once you join, if you eventually stand on the victorious side, you will inevitably need to divide the spoils. That’s when the conflict between us and Western capital will break out.”

Echo’s words made every executive in the conference room frown.

“This is not right.”

Someone shook their head.

“This does not benefit Jasper at all.”

Echo replied, “This is only the most probable possibility. The basis for this conclusion is that Jasper is bound to fail. But what if Jasper’s purpose is to mess up the situation, then use any other means to hit us and Wall Street hard?”

Everyone looked at each other after Echo said that. Myles also frowned. He said, “Mr. Welch, what proof do you have?”

Echo shook his head and said, “I have none.”

He opened his hand and said, “After all, what we are doing now is coming up with unfounded guesses, right?”

Myles asked, “So, according to what you said, what should the company do now?”

Echo said decisively, “Use the cruelest means in the shortest possible time to make Jasper understand that he will be the first one to be engulfed in flames after he diverts the fire toward Softwin.”

“What about your previous guess?” Someone asked.

Echo smiled and said, “Regardless of if it’s true or not, we have to do this.

“The Eastern Empire does not allow any form of provocation, and Softwin can’t simply swallow its anger in the face of such malicious attacks. Our citizens will be the first to accuse us of our incompetence.”

“What’s more, if we don’t do anything, the Nikkei and the Sunrise Land stock market will plummet, and no one can bear the fall.”

The executives in the room fell silent.

After a long time, Myles said to Echo, “Okay Mr. Welch, thank you for your opinion. Please leave now.”

Echo nodded. He then turned around and left the meeting. He was not disappointed, because he understood very well that in the highly hierarchical workplace of Sunrise Land, no matter how good his performance today was, he could not attend such a high-level meeting. Being able to speak here was already regarded as exceptional mercy from Myles’ side.



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After Echo left, Myles slowly said, “Before the meeting started, I had already spoken with Mr. Soros from Quantum Fund...”

Fifteen minutes later, this meeting about the future of Softwin ended. Not long after returning to his office, Echo received a new appointment letter. “Interim Commander of the Financial Department of Softwin Investments.”

Echo was so excited that he was shaking.

He knew he did not do anything in vain. As soon as he got this appointment, he contacted Fabian.

“You are right. After I told them what you told me, I managed to persuade the executives. Now, Softwin is about to make a move.”

“Yes, I am solely responsible.”

“From now on, I will have control of hundreds of billions of US Dollars, and this money will be used to pressure Jasper.”

“I know what to do. Let’s just wait and see.”

One hour after JW Foundation launched a snipe against Softwin Investments, Softwin Investments issued an announcement

“In response to the malicious funding attacks from some entities with ill intentions, Softwin Investments will do whatever it takes to make them pay a heavy price!”

Following this announcement was a full-scale attack by Softwin Investments. The offense Softwin launched this time encompassed a wide range of very targeted attacks.

“Mr. Laine, the stocks of local Somerland companies headed by Sena plummeted across the board.”

Baz reported the situation to Jasper solemnly.

“How about the loss?”

Jasper kept frowning, but his expression was calm. The situation at this moment was within his expectations. Now, not only Sena, but all of Somerland’s local companies that went to the United States were also facing an almost insane attack from Softwin.

“It’s huge.”

Baz found Sena’s stock price, pointed to the shocking declining index, and said, “If this continues, the limit will be lowered soon unless we enter the market.”

Jasper said lightly, “In addition to Sena, there are dozens of Somerland company stocks being attacked. Even if I have the power to save Sena, do you think I can save all of them?”

Baz replied bitterly, “But at the end of the day, Sena is...”

“What? My business?”

Baz nodded awkwardly.

Everyone was selfish. After all, a one-point drop in the stock price at this moment meant that Jasper's wealth was also shrinking by one point.

"Anyone else can think like this, but not me."

Jasper sighed softly, "I am not claiming that I am a saint. If I can, I would fish Sena out first, but now our alliance is loose, and there are still some people who have vested interests."

"If I take out the money from the foundation to save Sena at this moment, then JW Foundation might as well be disbanded."

Baz asked, "What about us?"

Jasper said coldly, "Continue fighting. Now the situation is a three way melee, we'll see who is the first to lose out."

After speaking, Jasper connected the video call. He stared at the little prince, Kayden, and others on the screen and said in a deep voice, "The goal is Softwin and Quantum Fund. Today, I will beat them by 1000 points on the Nikkei and Dow Jones Index."

Kayden and the little prince looked at each other.

The little prince was fine with this. Because of his family background, he had shares of some listed companies on the stock market, but not many. However, Kayden was different.

The J. Langdons had countless investments all over the world. This round of attacks on Somerland's listed companies by Softwin and Quantum Fund had cost him extremely heavy losses.

"Sure."

Kayden's eyes looked calm, and he nodded.

The little prince smiled and said, "I have no objections."

"Let's start then," Jasper said calmly.

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With Softwin's offensive against Somerland listed companies, the struggle that was initially between Somerland Capital and Wall Street Capital escalated into a melee between the three huge sides.

The situation was extremely chaotic.

JW Foundation terrified and surprised everyone with their determination to smash the Dow Jones and Nikkei Index.

Meanwhile, Wall Street Capital seemed to be infuriated too. On one hand, it desperately attempted to maintain the stability of the Dow Jones Index, and on the other hand, it launched an extremely ferocious offensive against JW Foundation.

At the same time, Softwin bolstered the assault from Wall Street Capital. It simultaneously launched a fierce offensive against all Somerland -listed companies in the United States.

Faced with the siege of the two major capital groups, the pressure on JW Foundation increased sharply. It seemed that the defeat of the entire Somerland capital was inevitable.

However, Jasper was in a good mood.

“Baz, show me the entire capital volume data of the Dow Jones Index today.”

After Jasper’s order, a data graph soon appeared in front of him. Looking at the data in front of him, Jasper smiled and asked Jake next to him, “Do you see anything?”

Jake smiled and said, “The funds are fleeing.”

People who did not have a certain professional level could not understand this dense data. It would be like double Dutch to them.

However, in Jake’s point of view, all of this could not be more obvious.

He pointed to today’s opening data and said, “When the market opened today, we could roughly see that retail funds accounted for 85% of the Dow Jones Index trading funds, while the rest were institutions and capital groups like us.”

“But now, with the chaos formed by the three major capital groups, a large number of retail funds are fleeing with every passing second.”

Jasper nodded and said, “Yes, retail funds are the real masters of the financial market, and their capital is the basis of the entire mechanism.”

“Retail funds have no backbone. They can only look at the market’s trend and direction. This is why retail investors are always played as fools by dealers.”

“At the moment, the Dow Jones Index is serving as the battlegrounds of the three major capital groups. We are under great pressure, but no matter which side has the advantage, violent fluctuations in the market will be inevitable. Under this fluctuation, the retail investors will save themselves and choose to flee temporarily.”

Jake’s eyes flashed with admiration and said, “Yes, if I were a retail investor, I would definitely not take any risks at this time.”

“After all, this is a melee of the three major capital groups, and the slightest action from their part can completely destroy me.”

“A single retail investor in this situation is like a little ant looking for food next to two fighting behemoths. If you don’t run quickly at this time, then you’re not looking for food anymore, you’re looking to die.”



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“That’s right.” Jasper nodded. “It’s very simple. Any retail investor will understand this.”

“So now, the amount of retail funds has fallen to less than 70%. The 15% of funds we represent was enough to cause a big tsunami.”

Jasper chuckled, waved his hand at Jake, and said, “Go and execute this. You know how to do it, right?”

Jake laughed and said, “It’s just hammering the market.”

When he saw Jasper nodding, Jake immediately turned around to get back to work.

Meanwhile, their conversation was broadcast live to the trading centers in Waterhoof City and Harbor City.

“Jasper, to be honest, sometimes I really find you terrifying,” Kayden said sincerely.

Lord Alvarado nodded expectantly. “I can’t wait.”

Jasper smiled and said, “I asked you to buy gold before this. Have you already done so?”

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“We have all opened positions. After all, we are relying on the gold to win back what we lost on the Dow Jones today.”

Kayden was in a good mood.

After this incident, he appreciated Jasper more.

Ever since Softwin’s entry, the Somerland companies listed in the United States Stock Market that he had previously invested in had suffered heavy losses. It was impossible not to feel bad.

However, Jasper had already arranged a way for them to recoup their losses, and that was to invest large amounts of gold.

The global financial system was complex and complicated, but it could also be simple. There was a rule that was the eternal truth.

When the stock market was booming, gold went cold. If the stock market plummeted, then money would flood into hard currency, which was gold.

When the economy was good, one would collect antiques, but when the economy was bad, one would choose to keep gold. This was the reason behind the mechanism.

When the situation was chaotic, people would fall back to their belief in gold.

“I have to ensure that we have reserve strength, or else we’ll have to leave when the funds are used up,” Jasper said softly.

At this moment, Jake had united the three major trading centers and started to hammer the market. Once he did that, it was like a meteorite crashing into the river.

Under the huge waves, the Dow Jones Index was like a graceful but exposed woman.

When she was faced with the shameless gangsters of JW Foundation, even if Quantum Fund and Softwin, who played the role of guardians, rushed to stop them, they could not make up for JW Foundation’s determination to disrupt her at any cost

“Dow Jones Index, 7410 points!”

“Dow Jones Index, 7401 points!”

Hundreds of billions of dollars worth of funds were hammered regardless of the cost. This was a feast that all economic theorists around the world were eagerly waiting for.

This kind of thing had never happened before.

At this moment, it was playing out right before their eyes.

In the School of Modern Economics at the University of Cambridge, Greenton, an 80-year-old global modern economics leader and the current vice dean of the University of Cambridge School of Economics, was now staring at the changes in the Dow Jones Index with his team.

“It’s about to break the 7400 defensive line!”



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Greenton growled in a low voice. Suddenly, he raised his voice and said, "Record this! Record every detail! Don't miss out any number!"

"My fellow colleagues, we are witnessing history at this moment. This moment of history will be admired by countless future generations!"

"Every number at this moment carries an extremely precious meaning. It will bring us countless inspiration and help us better establish modern economic theories!"

"Sir, it's all recorded," his assistant said. Then, they confirmed worriedly, "Sir, the doctor said that you can't get too excited, your heart..."

Greenton interrupted his assistant with a wave of his hand and exclaimed excitedly, "It broke! It broke! Oh my god, a plunge of 50 points! 7351 points! What happened?"

The Dow Jones Index fell by 50 points at one go on 13:20:06, 23 September 2001 United States time, making history.

This was the largest single index drop in history. According to the wealth of the Dow Jones Index, these 50 points meant that 89 billion US Dollars had evaporated from the United States!

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“Who can tell me what the f*ck is going on?”

In the trading center of Quantum Fund, Rogers stared at the 50 points on the Dow Jones Index that was chopped in half with red eyes. He felt his scalp turning numb.

He understood what this 50-points drop meant.

The situation was initially at a stalemate, but this 50-points drop meant the complete loss of the 7400-point defensive line, and also meant that panic selling was inevitable.

However, all of this was almost impossible according to the previous budgeting he and his team had conducted.

“At least 200 billion dollars is required to drop the current Dow Jones Index by 50 points at one time. Jasper doesn’t have that much money even if he sells everything he has. Who can tell me what just happened?”

Under tremendous shock and astonishment, Rogers completely abandoned his previous gentleness, refinement, self-confidence and calmness.

At this moment, he was like a male lion who was out hunting. Instead of eating the readily available prey, he returned to the den and found that his lionesses had all been tarnished by the prey.

He lost his dignity and all reason.

If Rogers himself was like this, then the rest of his team was even more confused.

Nobody could believe this. What was happening in front of them was truly magical.

No one dared to say anything, and they also did not know what was going on. Therefore, naturally, they did not dare to attract Rogers' attention, lest they be used as a punching bag.

Under such silence, panic selling appeared. Then, the Dow Jones index fell again by 30 points!

7321 points!

Rogers took a deep breath. He felt a pain in his chest and he almost lost his footing.

“My friend, you have lost your mind.”

A hand patted Rogers’ shoulder. He turned his head and saw Soros’s burly figure.

Rogers’ face was so dark that it looked like ink.

“Impossible!” Rogers gritted his teeth and growled. He was like a coward who did not want to admit his failure.

Soros shook his head, motioned to his subordinates to bring up the data, pointed to the screen, and said, “Maybe this will give you the answer.”



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Rogers looked up. He was silent for a while and then he screamed, “How is it possible? How could we lose so much retail funds? What are those idiots thinking?”

“They are thinking about how to save their souls in this war of the century. When each and every stock is at risk of being hammered, the only choice they can make is to sell, and then divest while waiting out the battle.”

Soros stared at the screen with eyes as wise as a falcon’s and said.

“And all this happened after Softwin joined. Now we understand why Jasper was so courageous to deliberately provoke Softwin while he was facing us. We thought we were plotting against Jasper, but Jasper was plotting against the retail investors.”

Rogers staggered backward, his face pale.

“No matter how big the money and investment is, at the end of the day, the game of capital is still a game of people’s hearts. You’ve lost to Jasper in the first stage of this game, old man.”

Soros’ words made Rogers almost lose his breath. Rogers looked at the screen. The Dow Jones index market was blood red. Bleak blood red lines that represent decline crept all over the screen.

The shocking red looked like blood as they pierced Rogers’ eyes.

“B-But then, Jasper’s own funds are going to run dry while he is simultaneously fighting to pull down the Dow Jones Index? What’s the point of all this?” Rogers murmured.

Soros said faintly, “You will know soon enough.”

“Sir...”

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A confidant ran over and whispered to Soros, “We verified that over the past few days, hundreds of funds from all over the world have been building long gold positions in batches. The total funds are conservatively estimated to be at least 30 billion US Dollars.”

“Just now, the Dow Jones Index crashed by 50 points and subsequently, people started panic selling. Gold is currently skyrocketing. If the same person shorted it by 30 billion US Dollars, he has now made at least double the profits.”

“Plus...”

The confidant glanced at Rogers, who was turning pale, sighed and said, “If the panic selling continues, according to our estimates, the Dow Jones Index will continue to fall at least another 200 points.”

“The 200-point loss is reflected in the skyrocketing value of gold. The 30 billion US Dollars is conservatively estimated to turn over to at least 120 billion US Dollars or more.”

Soros glanced at Rogers and said faintly, “Look, Jasper gets richer as he fights.”

This level of ridicule made Rogers feel terribly uncomfortable.

With a muffled snort, Rogers felt his chest getting tighter. It was like a huge boulder was pressing down on him, making him unable to breathe. There was a faint sweetness in his mouth and he felt as if a mouthful of blood was almost gushing out from his mouth.

“Hahaha!”

Rogers suddenly laughed maniacally.

“Okay, okay, we are worried that Jasper will run away with his funds and we limited the number of his offshore funds, but we didn’t expect him to do the complete opposite. He started a superficial fight and was secretly buying gold!”

“The most ridiculous thing is that almost 80% of the funds that made the price of gold soar were bought by investors from the United States who withdrew their funds from the stock market!”

“They are giving aid to the enemy! Those idiots are funding the enemy!”

“Their purchasing of gold is increasing Jasper’s funds. Jasper will then use these funds to push the entire United States capital into the abyss!”

“Those idiots! They are passing the enemy a shovel to dig our own grave!”

Soros calmly said to Rogers, who was almost hysterical, “You should rest.”

“What about this? Should I leave it to you?” Rogers asked coldly.

Soros chuckled and said, “What’s the use of handing this place to me? Am I God? Jasper’s layout has been formed and panic selling has become the general trend. Unless Greenspaner authorizes me to mobilize the reserve funds of the Federal Reserve, I can’t stop this.”

“That’s it for the second trading day. We can only swallow the grievance and turn the situation around tomorrow.”

Rogers said coldly, “But now there is still an hour and a half before the market closes.”



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“No need.”

Soros shook his head and said, “The Dow Jones Index will soon have a trading curb.”

A trading curb!

Those words made Rogers’ calm heart race wildly again. He felt his face turning hot. The flame of hatred in his heart surged again. He did not expect that he, who had an absolute advantage in strength, would be blown to the trading curb by Jasper.

The so-called trading curb referred to a system of halting trading that was only triggered when the stock dropped and reached a certain threshold within one trading day.

In the entire history of the United States stock market, there had been only two trading curbs so far. These had all occurred during the time of the global stock market crash.

Even so, this time, a man from Somerland who was under thirty years old, forced them into that desperate situation through his own efforts.

The last flag of the United States had been torn down by this man. It was thrown onto the ground and trampled fiercely.

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Meanwhile, Rogers, who was acting as the nation's sentinel, was guarding the dignity of the great country of the United States.

However, Jasper did all of that in front of him.

Rogers felt that the boulder on his chest was getting heavier as the tightness of his throat became more obvious.

Sunrise Land, Cherry Blossom Building.

Echo, who just took office and had not yet had time to fully understand what it was like to be in power, was also stunned by this sudden situation.

“How did it crash?”

Echo felt that what happened before his eyes was a fantasy. It was so unreal.

“Who can tell me what happened?”

Echo’s roar echoed in the operation room.

Although it was called an operating room, it was actually a standard-sized trading room.

All of them were the most elite team members of Softwin. In other words, the top securities operation team in Sunrise Land was here.

“Rich, what happened?”

After Echo’s roars, a balding middle-aged man stood up instantly. He was the head analyst of this team. Rich lowered his head and said respectfully, “Sir, according to our analysis, it was JW Foundation who used the opportunity of us entering the fray to trigger panic selling. This is not good news for us.”

Echo looked ferocious and he roared, “I’m not blind! I can see the current situation, so I don’t need you to tell me that. What I need to know is how Jasper did this!”

“I have most of the Softwin Investments funds on hand and I can completely crush him at any time. I haven’t really started to play with him yet. Quantum Fund is also watching

him. Jasper has absolutely no possibility of a comeback! What's his reason in doing this?"

Rich looked embarrassed and said with an awkward expression, "Sir, the securities market is very complex and prone to change. Especially with such a large amount of funds, the outcome cannot simply be determined by the number of funds."

"The outside world is always paying attention to the changes in the situation, and if JW Foundation desperately wants the Dow Jones Index to be buried next to them, neither we nor Quantum Fund can stop it."

"After all, JW Foundation also holds at least 100 billion US Dollars in his hands. So, he can recklessly hit the market."

"Once such a situation occurs, retail investors and small institutions must withdraw from the market in advance to protect themselves, otherwise... They will be wiped out if they get hammered."



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“Under such tyrannical deterrence, retail funds fled and triggered the collapse of the Dow Jones Index. Once the index collapsed, a wave of panic selling formed such that we were unable to stop it.”

“We can’t?”

Echo laughed angrily. He grabbed Rich by the collar and dragged him to eye level. He gritted his teeth and looked bloodthirsty, as if he was going to eat Rich alive.

“So, you’re telling me that Jasper still won even though I also have no less than 100 billion US Dollars worth of funds on hand and Quantum Fund is backed by the entire Wall Street Capital and the Federal Reserve?”

Rich inwardly scolded Echo for being a stupid pig who did not know anything. However, the stronger his contempt, the more obvious the humility on his face.

“No, sir!”

“This is just Jasper’s suicidal desperation. Even if he survives this period, Jasper is like a candle in the wind. After losing his last bit of strength, he will not have any room for resistance. When that happens, you can do anything you want with JW Foundation, sir.”

Hearing this, Echo's expression finally relaxed slightly. He released Rich and watched the changing of the Dow Jones Index on the screen. It fell by 32 points again while they were talking.

The corners of his eyes and the corners of his mouth twitched.

As he suppressed his anxiety and unhappiness, Echo gritted his teeth and said, "Okay, I'll see how long Jasper can feel pleased with himself. He executed this kind of suicide attack that squeezes everything dry in exchange for a momentary victory. Jasper is truly a stupid pig who doesn't know anything at all!"

Rich's face turned pale. He almost thought that Echo had read his mind.

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“7180 points.”

Jasper looked at the Dow Jones Index that was falling wildly on the screen and finally relaxed for a moment. At this time, panic selling had started. All stocks were being sold in large quantities and everything was falling.

Under this general trend, no one could stop it. The decline of the Dow Jones Index had become an inevitable outcome.

Its power was so great that after the Dow Jones Index broke through the 7400-point defensive line, it did not even stay there for 3 seconds at the support levels of 7300 and 7200 points.

To penetrate the 7400 points, Jasper worked hard for a whole trading day and spent tens of billions of dollars. However, right now, Jasper only needed to bring Softwin from Sunrise Land into the arena to grip the people with fear. By grasping the hearts of the people, He achieved this goal so easily.

It could be seen from this that the general sentiment was still king.

“7150 points.”

The decline continued.

Everyone in the trading center in Waterhoof City, Harbor City, or Nauritus City were cheering.

Every time the Dow Jones Index fell by 10 integer points, people screamed and vented their inner excitement.

They were like the thugs who successfully broke into a family and overthrew the matriarch. Now, they were admiring the matriarch's desperate cries and begs for mercy.

Hundreds of decades ago, this was the way the patriarchs of this house humiliated their ancestors from Somerland. Now, they were finally able to hold their heads high.

In the complicated eyes of countless people around the world, the Dow Jones Index was like a leaking kettle and its points were dropping little by little.

“6999 points!”

After the Dow Jones Index experienced repeated struggles for more than ten minutes, it eventually fell from an integer point of 7000 to 6999. This one-point gap brought about a tsunami-like effect.

“We broke the 7000 integer points! The Dow Jones must reach a trading curb today. I dare say that even God himself can’t stop it!”

With great excitement and emotions, Jake jumped onto the computer desk and shouted wildly. Below him were the excited cheers of countless people.

Jasper put his arms across his chest and watched this scene with a chuckle.

The boys had been depressed for many days and today, so they could be a little unbridled today.

In the end, after reaching 6669 points, everything stopped abruptly.



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It was not a bottoming out, nor was this an exhaustion of the general trend.

However, 6669 points was 741 points down from the previous 71.10 points. A full 10% of the market value had evaporated, triggering the trading curb.

All trading stopped on the Dow Jones Index.

The dense and constantly refreshing data stream suddenly stopped when the index reached 6669 points, as if a movie had been paused. All transactions were forcibly interrupted and could no longer continue.

This day was over regardless of if you were selling or buying. At this moment, there was still a full hour before the closing.

A drop of 741 points was a 10% drop. This was not the drop of a certain stock, but the evaporation of 10% of the value of the entire Dow Jones.

This meant that trillions of dollars of wealth had been spurred by Jasper today.

This shocked the world!

“Today, the United States experienced its worst decline in the financial field. It shows us in simple terms that the United States is no longer sacred or invincible. Today, that man

from Somerland used his means to tell the world how terrifying a single person's strength can be."

The Chief Financial Critic of The Voice of the United States, John Smith wrote this passage on his blog.

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When the trading curb happened, an undercurrent was surging globally.

Countless pairs of eyes were staring at the Dow Jones Index. Almost all of them showed expressions of shock and consternation.

No one expected that the end of this second trading day would be triggered by the trading curb and the United States would walk away in embarrassment and defeat. The trading time ended one hour early.

A drop of 741 points was a 10% drop and was an unbearable pain in any securities market in any country in the world, much less the United States, the world's largest economy.

The evaporation of trillions of dollars could be recovered, but after the last image of the great United States was torn off, it would be difficult to get it back again.

Countless big wigs from the Federal Reserve to Wall Street in the United States cursed furiously. They might not have much patriotism, but what they cared about was the loss of their own interests.

The United States' financial sector had been hit so hard, and who was the first victim?

Them.

A call was made from the Federal Reserve, and the top capital group on Wall Street immediately rushed to the headquarters of the Federal Reserve. A closed-door meeting was held immediately after the trading curb. At this moment, in Swallow Capital. Although it was late at night and it would be dawn in two hours, the lights were still on in the villa.

The young man in the wheelchair gently picked up a chess piece and placed it on the chessboard. Then, he raised his head and smiled at the old man with a pensive look on the opposite side of the chessboard, "Mr. Nelson, you lost."

The old man called Mr. Nelson laughed. He admitted defeat and scrambled the chessboard. Then, he said, "I've been defeated. I have no choice but to admit that I'm old."

"It's not that you're old. In terms of skills, we're almost on par so it's common for US to beat each other. It's because you're absent minded that I can plot against you easily." The young man in the wheelchair smiled lightly.

The old man smiled and said, "When you were seven, the Chess King, Christopher Manning, said that if you were aspiring to do this professionally, that he can stay with the Browns and teach you for ten years. After ten years, he promised to return to the Browns an amazing talent in chess that would not be inferior to the Chess Saint, Reginald McCann.

“Although you didn’t agree to be his disciple, you have such impressive talent. You spoke too highly of me when you said our skills are on par.”

The young man smiled and said, “There are a lot of rules in chess, and there are 204 squares on a chessboard. To me, it is just entertainment for leisure and relaxation. There is no essential difference between this and fishing or scrabble. If I make this my job, then I’ll be stressing the incidental over the fundamental.”

“I didn’t say that chess is bad, but my ambitions lie elsewhere.”

After speaking, the young man looked at the old man and said warmly, “Mr. Nelson, do you have something on your mind?”

“How can I not?”

The old man glared at the young man and sighed, “What that guy in the south did was unexpected.”

“A trading curb. He caused a trading curb!”



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The old man slapped his thigh and cursed, “I don’t know what that kid is thinking when he took this step. He didn’t even consider the consequences.”

“Such a trading curb is tantamount to holding the Federal Reserve and the United States on the ground while slapping their faces. We have reached the point where it is irreversible, and the nature and severity of the situation has risen by more than one level.”

“While we were playing, four reports were handed over to me. Soon, I will go to Purple Forbidden City to report to them. Isn’t he blowing this whole thing out of proportion?”

“How old is he? And yet, he has done so many remarkable things. He alone caused more trouble than the three of you combined.”

The young man listened with a smile without interrupting.

Although Mr. Nelson was cursing, his eyes were filled with relief and smiles.

The young man knew that Jasper's abrupt nature was destined to make a lot of big shots sleepless at night, but this was a good thing for them.

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Judging from Mr. Nelson's expression, this was a response from the higher-ups. He was scolding Jasper, but he was feeling joyous in his heart.

It was as if his child went out to fight with the child from a local tyrant family and his kid drew blood after they punched the bad kid on the nose. Even though he would scold his child, he would still feel proud inside. This was always the case when parents educated their children. They were always stingy with praise, but their satisfaction never really diminished.

How did Mr. Nelson's attitude reflect the response from the higher-ups?

It was because, for 99.99% of the people in Somerland, Mr. Nelson held one of the highest positions they could ever imagine.

There were only a few seats in the sector, but he headed the core decision making function of the national financial policy making team.

Since Mr. Nelson was going to put on a show, the young man was also happy to play along. He pretended to be surprised and said, "It's almost dawn and you need to go to the Purple Forbidden City? Are those people not resting?"

“This is such a big thing, so you’ll get called up even if you’re already asleep. The significance of this matter is enough to warrant such behavior.”

Mr. Nelson said and stood up.

“Kid, how long are you going to keep watching and doing nothing?” Mr. Nelson asked profoundly.

The young man chuckled lightly and put his hands in his sleeves like an ordinary man from Heaven City.

“If I can’t watch, do you think I can go and perform the show myself? This is not my role. so I can’t go. Instead, I can only watch the show with peace of mind.”

“Very good.” Mr. Nelson nodded. Then, he thought about it and said, “Originally, you could still go up and say a few words. After all, the more lively this drama, the more it proves that our big family is prosperous. If you don’t show up, I keep getting the feeling that something is missing.”

“But now, it’s not appropriate anymore, understand?”

“Yes.”

The young man nodded and said, "Then I won't join, as I didn't want to do so anyway."

"Everyone has their own stage and role. There is no place for me on this stage, so it'd be better if I sit under the stage and act as the audience."

"You can't say that"

Mr. Nelson sighed again. This time, the solemnness in his expression was not fake. He said, "After the kid from the south made this huge mess, the situation that was originally clear is now becoming more confusing."

"There is a high probability that the United States will be driven to desperation. If so, this matter will become very tricky. It is possible that the first major diplomatic event between the East and the West in the millennium and 21st century is about to come."

The young man also became solemn. He said, "Are the higher-ups so determined?"



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“Determined?”

Mr. Nelson laughed and said, “It has only been 50 years since the founding of Somerland, and the resolute group of founding fathers is not dead yet.”

This time, the young man’s face really changed.

“Even the founding fathers...”

“Otherwise, why do you think that guy from the south could be a candidate? It’s just that the founding fathers like his strength, especially after he caused a trading curb in the United States stock market. I wonder how many elderly people would jump out of the nursing home bed with joy. That aside, how many times has your grandfather asked about this during this period?”

“Three times.” The young man smiled bitterly.

“In so many years, have you ever seen your grandfather care so much about something?”

Mr. Nelson seemed to realize that he was talking too much. Thus, he waved his hand and said, “Okay, I’m leaving. Don’t let that lass Adele overhear these words, or I will really have to spank her.”

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Mr. Nelson left.

In the quaint little room, the crippled Brown slowly cleaned up the scattered chessboard after Mr. Nelson left.

He sorted the black and white chess pieces one by one and put them in their respective slots. As he was doing this, he said lightly, “What are you still doing at the door? Don’t stand there if you’re not coming in.”

The door creaked as it was pushed open. Adele walked in with dissatisfaction and sat down opposite him angrily. She said, “You punk, did you install a surveillance camera outside?”

“Surveillance camera?”

The crippled Brown chuckled and said, “I am not you. I am not so brave to install a bug in the car of the Policy Institute. If the second uncle hadn’t said something, you would have been arrested.”

Adele’s face became stiff, and she said replied guiltily, “You know everything?”

“After you install your bugs, there are people removing them one by one after you leave. If Lieutenant Colonel Zangara, who handled this matter, was not the second uncle’s subordinate and he did not spare you when he found out, do you think you could sit here and talk to me?”

Adele stuck out her tongue and patted her chest as if she was afraid. Then, she asked carefully, “Does Dad know?”

The crippled Brown said angrily, “The second uncle treats you even better than he treats his own daughter. He forcefully suppressed this, if not, dad would have known a long time ago.”

“Wow, I’ll give him two of dad’s finest collectible Brandy tomorrow to thank him properly.”

The crippled Brown frowned and said, “It’s fine if you occasionally fool around, but this kind of thing is very sensitive and taboo. Don’t do this anymore.”

Adele snorted, a little guilty and a little unconvinced. “Yeah, yeah, you’re so annoying. I just want to know more inside information about this matter right now.”

“You’re pretty concerned about Jasper’s affairs,” The crippled Brown said meaningfully.

Adele grinned and said, "I know what you want to say, but don't overthink. I've only met him twice. He's just like a present day Alexander the Great. He doesn't necessarily have the ability, but I'm just moved by him."

"I am just curious. By the way, he is a nouveau riche now. Maybe there is some news that I can sell to him at a good price."

The crippled Brown smiled, "So that's why you stayed up late tonight and did not go to sleep? So you could eavesdrop at the crack of the door? Is it to satisfy your curiosity or to make money?"

Adele pouted and said aggrievedly, "I get so angry when I talk about this. That old fart came to our house and sent a group of bodyguards to keep watch so that I couldn't enter this yard. What is the meaning of that? This is my house!"

"With his status, it's reasonable to have a lot of bodyguards with him."

The crippled Brown said faintly, "Stop snooping around this matter anymore. This is no longer a joke between the children of the residence and the common folks. It has risen to the level of national policy, understand?"



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Adele asked with bright eyes, “Just now, Jasper brought the Dow Jones to a trading curb. What’s the higher-ups’ reaction to this?”

“You’re still snooping.” The crippled Brown glared at Adele.

Seeing that the crippled Brown’s was being secretive about this, Adele said angrily, “You won’t tell me? I’ll go to Grandpa at dawn and tell him that the stallion he raised died of exhaustion because you forced it to breed three years ago!”

The crippled Brown looked at Adele in shock and said in a tone of disbelief, “Why do I have a sister like you?”

Adele chuckled, took a chair to sit next to the crippled Brown’s wheelchair, and said, “Hurry up, pick some news that you think I can know and tell me. Otherwise, you know that I follow through with my threats.”

The crippled Brown snorted and said helplessly, "Today, Jasper brought the entire United States stock market to the trading curb, so who do you think is the most annoyed?"

Adele immediately replied, "Do you think I need to time to think this through? The United States, of course. They have never suffered such a big loss."

"So that's it. Tomorrow will be the United States' full counterattack It will be quite strong."

"Jasper is no longer the little pawn they once despised. Before, their goal was to enter the domestic class A shares market if they managed to destroy Jasper, but now it is different. Destroying Jasper has become their primary task."

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“No matter how much they boast and how sophisticated their methods are, no one can resist the wrath of the United States in terms of raw power. This is an indisputable fact. If you attempt to deny this, it is merely self-deception.”

“So, we’ll see whether Jasper can stop this next attack.”

“Everything else will be easy for him if he manages to stop it.”

“If not, it will all have been for naught.”

“Okay, I’m done talking and you have finished listening. Go out now, I’m going to rest.”
The crippled Brown kicked Adele out.

Adele looked disappointed, but she knew she could not be dissatisfied with small gains. Hence, she stood up anxiously and decided to go out.

“Wait.”

The crippled Brown stopped her suddenly.

“If you plan to sell him some news, tell him that if they want to seek a little bit of spare change, the common neighbour of Somerland and Sunrise land would be a good choice, and they are also interested in participating.”

Adele’s eyes lit up and she said hurriedly, “Wow, I know you can’t stand loneliness. You must have been thinking about how to solve this when no one was paying attention to you. You’re outwardly cold but deep down you’re passionate, huh?”

“Get out!”

The United States stock market had reached a trading curb and the trading that day came to a natural end. Regardless of the huge waves rolling outside, after Jasper communicated with the trading center of Harbor City and Waterhoof City and had a small celebration with Jake and the others, he walked out of the office building while the sky was gradually turning bright.

He still chose to walk back home. After experiencing a day of high tension and excitement, Jasper was completely mentally and physically exhausted. This kind of exhaustion could not even be blown away by the cold wind in the early autumn morning.

“Hello, give me hotdogs, two with ketchup and two without, and a cup of soy latte to go.”

Standing in front of a breakfast shop that was already open, Jasper shouted from in front of the steaming coffee machine.

The shop owner responded and packed the things smoothly before handing it over to Jasper.

Jasper hardly carried any cash now, so Julian would usually pay for such small amounts of money.

However, Julian went to handle his tasks today and did not follow Jasper.

Jasper felt embarrassed as he held the food and his latte. In this era, a hotdog that was about the size of his palm was just 50 cents while a huge cup of soy latte was also 50 cents a cup.

The total was 2.50 bucks, yet Jasper could not find the money after riffling through his pockets.

The shop owner could tell that Jasper was not an ordinary man from his dressing, and he did not look like he came here for a free meal. So, he said, "You don't have it now,

right? It's fine. You can owe me the money for now. It'll be the same if you give it back next time."

Even though the shop owner said this, he was prepared to treat Jasper to this meal.

"It's fine. I'll call someone over to pay."

How could Jasper, a man worth so much, eat this food for free? Thus, he decided to not take this home and just sat down in a chair in the shop. At the same time, he took out his phone to call Jake or Baz so that they could help pay if they were nearby. However, his phone rang at this moment.

"Adele?" Jasper was surprised by the caller.

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Even though he was surprised, Adele's call was not worth fussing over.

Jasper answered the call as he sat in the shop.

"Mr. Laine, I know you're still awake. Let me guess, you must be celebrating with your team right now, correct?"

On the phone, Adele's cheerful and naturally charming voice could be heard.

Simply put, it was very feminine.

"A celebration at five o'clock in the morning? My old bones can't do this anymore. Where would I get such energy?"

Jasper took a bite of the hotdog, feeling the satisfaction of tasting the sausage between his teeth.

Everything was conscientious in this time and age. Unlike those hotdogs he ate in the later generations, which were only buns and no meat.

“There is no celebration, but if you want to eat hotdogs, I can treat you to some. Where are you?”

As Jasper said this, he did not even think that he bought these hotdogs on credit.

There was a chuckle on the other end of the phone, Adele said, “I don’t think I have the luck to eat hotdogs. I’m at Swallow Capital now.”

The mere mention of that place made Jasper raise his brows as he drank his soy latte. Jasper smiled and said, “Swallow Capital? And you’re calling me so early, so I presume you didn’t call just to say good morning.”

“Of course. I am looking to do business with you.” Adele’s words interested Jasper.

From the previous understanding, Jasper knew that Adele only did one kind of business, which ordinary people would never encounter throughout their entire lifetime. Anyone who could had access to such a thing had to be at least in the top five positions at the provincial level in their respective industry.

It was intelligence.

A piece of information was just ordinary news for those who did not need it, but it would be priceless for those who needed it.

Now, Jasper happened to need a lot of information.

Based on Adele's background, it was no small task to obtain the information he needed just to sell it to him. "Okay, how much is it?"

"Aren't you going to ask me what it is?" Adele asked curiously.

She specialized in the intelligence business, so naturally, she would have many old customers. Unless it was a genuine relationship in which she knew the other party inside out, she would not be so straightforward.

"Miss Brown, you're in the intelligence industry. If you want to do business with me, then naturally, you'll be selling me information. Did you switch careers to sell slippers?" Jasper joked.

Adele laughed and said, "When I switch to selling slippers, I will make you buy them from me."

"It is indeed a piece of information, and it should be very important to you. I don't want much, 100 million."

Jasper narrowed his eyes slightly and said meaningfully, "100 million? This price is not cheap."

Jasper was sitting in the shop eating hotdogs. However, he did not deliberately lower his voice when answering the phone, so this sentence was clearly overheard by the busy shop owner and his wife.

The wife of the shop owner could not help but laugh out loud.

She was kneading the dough with her head lowered when she poked her husband next to her with her elbow. She said, "Look at that young man, he looks young, but he doesn't look like an ordinary person based on his clothes, but why do I feel like he's not right in the head when he speaks? He can't even pay for the food, yet he's talking about a business of 100 million."

The honest and straightforward boss shook his head and said, "Don't worry about other people's business."

Even though he said that, his eyes were rueful. Youngsters nowadays were getting more and more unreliable. They did not even think before they lied. He could not even pay for the food, but he was talking about 100 million. Did he not worry that he would be made a fool of?

Of course, Jasper did not know that the couple was viewing him as a scammer who was here to cheat them out of a free meal. Then, he heard Adele's voice.

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“Since I dare to ask for this price, it naturally means that I can guarantee this information is worth that much.”

Adele said and chuckled lightly. Then, she continued, “Since this will be our first official transaction, I can explain my rules to you.”

“Number one, I don’t accept any forms of haggling after I name my price.”

“Number two, I don’t accept any time-wasting probing.”

“Number three, I’ll only give you the information after you pay.”

Among other things, these three rules directly reflected Adele’s self confidence and arrogance.

However, according to her identity and background, she was indeed qualified to propose such a tyrannical treaty.

Jasper thought for a second, then said, "Give me your account."

"Good man!"

Adele hung up the phone and soon, Jasper received a text message from Adele. The receiving account was a private account in a domestic bank under Adele's name. This detail also allowed Jasper to see how unscrupulous and confident the high and mighty Miss Brown was.

She was in such a shady business, yet she even brazenly set up her account in the country. She did not even bother to cover up and directly used her own name to receive money.

Was this lady really that courageous, or did she really have the means to protect herself?

As he thought about this, Jasper called Jake.

"I just sent you an account number. Please immediately transfer 100 million bucks into this account. After it's done, you can prepare the documents, and then I'll sign them. We'll use the funds from the account in Harbor City."

Jake was smart and he did not ask too much. He immediately answered, "Right away."

At one side, the shop owner's wife leaned into the shop owner's ear and whispered while giggling, "Did you hear that? He arranged for someone to transfer the funds. Hehehe."

The shop owner glared at his wife and said, "Hurry up and roll out the dough. The buns won't come out in time if it starts to get busy later."

This time, Jasper heard the shop owner's wife's laughter. However, he did not explain anything as he was also feeling embarrassed.

He could not pull the shop owner's wife over to explain to her that he was the owner of the building opposite them and he had just crashed the United States stock market an hour ago.

After Jasper finished eating a hotdog, Adele called him back.

"I just got the money." Adele sounded thrilled.

"It's so great working with you."

“Okay, if you want there to be a next time, you need to make sure I feel that this was worth it,” Jasper said.

He was willing to spend so much money to buy such an important message, but he was not a fool.

It was only 100 million. Buying a piece of news was unbelievable for others, but for the current Jasper, it was not an amount that was difficult for him to withdraw.

“You have just severely humiliated the United States stock market. Although they’ve reached a trading curb, when the next trading day begins, you are bound to fall into an impasse.”

“I checked the time. There is a weekend in between, so you have two days to prepare.”

“My information is here to provide you with a solution.”

Adele said as Jasper listened. He did not interrupt as he knew that the following content was the real embodiment of the 100 million bucks’ value.

“Sentel Corporation from Coreana suffered a big loss under Softwin. At that time, Softwin was backed by Trider Financial Group in Sunrise Land, but I don’t need to say

more about the origin of Trider. In any case, Sentel Corporation has been seeking to give Softwin and Trider a hard time.”

“In addition to this, when Sentel Corporation competed with Wall Street Capital to acquire a national telecommunications project in a small country in Eastern Europe, it was obstructed by United States officials, which caused the project to fail. The news has not yet come out, but it has already been confirmed and is only waiting to be announced.”

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How small would a country's telecommunications projects be no matter how small the country is?

“This is a century old acquisition of nearly 100 billion US Dollars. If it fails, the direct economic loss will be at least several billion US Dollars. Coupled with the impact on their reputation, Sentel Corporation is now suppressing this news and don't dare to announce it. Or perhaps, they are also waiting for an opportunity, an opportunity to attract everyone's attention, at which point they will announce the news of the failure. When the time comes, the negative impact of this incident on Sentel will be minimized.”

As Adele said that, she chuckled and continued, “Along with their old and recent grudges, now there's an even bigger incident that is attracting everyone's attention. Say... If you went to them to propose cooperation with them at this time so you guys can fight back the United States and Sunrise Land, what reason would Sentel have to refuse you?”

Adele's words opened a whole new door for Jasper.

Everyone was amazed that he could beat the United States stock market today. This is something that would be recorded in history.

However, no one thought about what Jasper would do afterward.

This issue did not need to be considered at all as he was supposed to just lie down and die.

Except for that certain country in the east, no other country in the world could withstand the reckless anger of the United States, let alone an individual.

On the other hand, Jasper himself could not really wait for death. He was even ready to ask Swallow Capital for help in case of an extremely bad situation. He was a vanguard, yes, but it did not make sense if he had to rush to his death because of this role.

Since Jasper was able to pull off this stunt in the Dow Jones today, he figured he was already capable of giving them a perfect result no matter how he looked at this.

However, the news Adele gave Jasper made him see another road in front of him.

When it came to plutocrats, no other plutocrat in the world could compete with the strength of those from Coreana.

This was especially true for Sentel. It could be said that as long as you were from Coreana, you could not live without Sentel in your life.

From food, clothing, housing, and transportation, Sentel was involved in almost every aspect of Coreana society. This was a company deeply tied to the national social system.

The bloody hatred between Coreana and Sunrise Land was no less than the relationship shared between Somerland and Sunrise Land, with their hatred being even more cutting a venomous.

Therefore, Sentel Corporation and Trider Financial Group were locked in this feud.

As for the failed merger, Jasper had read the news in his previous life, but it had occurred much later in time, and it was eventually exposed by the United States.

The social circle and level that Jasper had contacts with this life were much higher than in his previous life, and he also knew some secrets and the concerns of the people up top. Therefore, in contrast, Adele had no reason to lie to him.

“I don’t think it’s a wise idea to go to them all of a sudden for a collaboration.” Jasper frowned slightly.

In the beginning, he had contact with Sentel Corporation for the MP3 patent. Jasper could only say that the Langs were very difficult to deal with.

Whether it was the plutocrats, capitalists, or even domestic businessmen who grew up under a socialist regime, they were all the same. The only thing that could drive them was interest.

Sentel indeed needed a chance like this, but for Jasper, what they needed this was of no concern to him.

After all, Jasper was only out to save himself. At this point, Sentel just needed to endure this pain for a few years, suffer the embarrassment of the incident, and lose some of their wealth.

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Hence, Jasper knew that if he went over to talk rashly, he would be destroyed.

“You are a major customer who has just spent 100 million. Naturally, I will not just give you a simple piece of information.”

“If the news just now is worth 30 million, it is somewhat worth the money, but I will give you another piece of news that is worth 70 million.”

Far away in Swallow Capital, Adele was sitting on a swing in the courtyard of the villa. She was gracefully swinging in place with her mobile phone in her hand. She displayed both mature femininity and innocent girlishness at the same time. Not only did she make others feel dazed, but these traits also blended into a kind of thrilling beauty.

It was a pity that no one could see it except for the morning light that was about to rise from the horizon.

“After the failed M&A case, Sentel hated certain capital groups on Wall Street and realized that without the protection of political power in the United States, they would not be able to compete with United States merchants in many businesses around the world. Therefore, they have been fighting for the support of the Somerland family in North America. The Maynards have very high status in North America, and they are inextricably linked with many members of Congress.”

“It can be said that the Maynards in North America are the most powerful non United States native power in United States politics. They can even influence the formulation of United States national policies and even affect elections.”

Adele’s tone was relaxed and teasing. She chuckled softly, “It just so happens that the Maynards’ daughter is very close to you, am I right?”

“Celine?”

Jasper raised his eyebrows as he answered.

He had always felt that the friendship between himself and Celine was based on mutual exploitation, but at the same time, they gave each other enough space so that their friendship lasted.

They were all adults, and since they were in this position, it would be childish and naive to engage in any melodramatic scenes like young boys and girls. The other party’s value was the core of all adult interactions. During this process, Jasper knew that Celine was a member of the Maynards in North America and possessed a certain amount of power.

However, he never truly looked into this.

On one hand, he did not like to deal with political forces. On the other hand, he was also reluctant to change the friendship between the two of them.

Adele did not respond to this question, and instead spoke directly, “Well, all the information has been given to you. It’s your business regarding what you want to do with it from this point forward. The transaction between us has been completed.

“Of course, if you decide to contact Sentel, I can provide you with a channel to communicate directly with the head of Sentel Corporation in the shortest possible time.”

Jasper smiled and said, “Is that also part of the transaction?”

“No.” Adele grinned and said, “This is a gift from me.”

“Then I shall thank you in advance, and I will contact you the moment I need it,” Jasper said.

“That’s good, but you’d better hurry up. Next Monday, the market will open.”



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Adele finished speaking and hung up.

At this time, Jasper also finished his few hotdogs and soy latte. He was about to get up, but to his embarrassment, he had completely forgotten to ask Jake to come and pay the bill.

“Kid, have you spent all of your spare change after that 100-million-dollar business?”
The shop owner’s wife started making fun of Jasper.

Her statement was not malicious, and the shop owner’s wife was not taunting him. It was just a simple joke. When Jasper was about to say something, a young man hurriedly ran out from inside of the shop.

“Morn, I’ll work overtime this afternoon, so I won’t come home for lunch.”

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The young man who ran out in a hurry said this then grabbed two hotdogs from the stand and ran toward the door while blowing on it.

“Hey, you punk, your company is so close by, yet you don’t want to come back to eat? Why are you working overtime? Why are you so busy? You have been working overtime for half a month. Your boss is really exploitative. How can they not let people eat?” The shop owner’s wife stopped her son and complained.

The young man replied impatiently, “You don’t say that when I receive my salary every month. Our boss is good, and my work is flexible. As long as the work can be completed, it’s fine even if I go to work in the afternoon. It’s just that my workload is heavy during this period and I have a lot of business to handle in the department.”

“It doesn’t matter either. I get more for doing more. This month’s bonus is at least 3000 bucks. In addition to the basic salary, I can get 6000 bucks a month. Where else can I find such a good job?”

In 2001, a monthly salary of 6000 bucks was considered very high, even in big cities.

The shop owner’s wife did not say too much after her son said that. She hurriedly said, “Then you should bring more food. Ask your dad to give you some soy latte before leaving.”

The young man waved his hand and said, “No, it’s too late. Almost everyone will be there by half -past seven. If I’m late, our team leader might ask me to perform in public. Even death is better than that. I’ll just have lunch in the cafeteria. The company has prepared meals for us.”

The young man said and walked past Jasper.

Since the shop was very small, if Jasper was sitting on a chair, the aisle next to him could only accommodate one person passing by.

“Excuse me,” the young man said politely.

Jasper got up and planned to let him pass, but he noticed that the young man had a company tag on his chest.

‘JW Investment Company, Marketing Operations Department, Sully Ferguson?’

“Are you an employee of JW Investment Company?” Jasper asked.

Sully was taken aback, and when he was about to answer, he realized that the young man who was about his age looked familiar...

The more he looked at him, the more familiar he seemed to be...

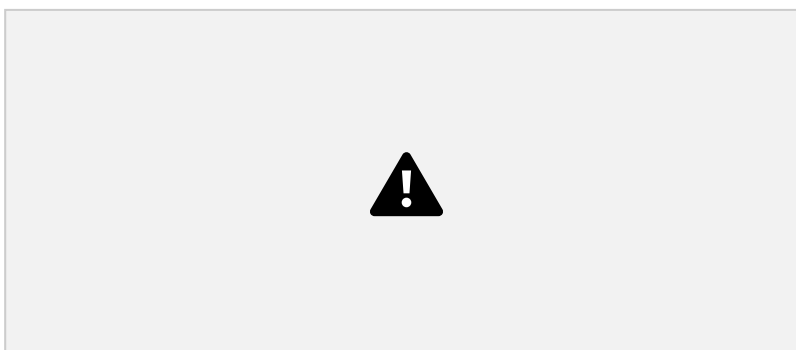
Then, his expression turned from one of suspicion to shock, and then to disbelief.

“Y-Y-You... You... J-J-J-Jasper...”

Sully started to stammer from fear.

“Jasper Laine,” Jasper smiled and said.

“Y-Y-Yes! Jasper Laine! Ah! No!”



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Sully was nervous and scared, then he quickly changed what he said, “It’s Mr. Laine.”

Jasper waved his hand and smiled. “Just Jasper is fine. We’re not in the office. Anyone can become a president in this current day and age, so it’s always Mr. This and Mr. That. I’m already sick of these things, so I much prefer you call me by my name.”

Sully felt as if he were in a dream. He would never imagine that Jasper would appear in his family’s hotd og shop.

“M-Mr. Laine... Um, why are you here?”

Jasper smiled and said, “I happened to be hungry when I came out of the company, so I came to your shop for food. It was good, very tasty.”

“Thank you for the compliment, Mr. Laine.” Sully was a little stiff, but he looked simple and honest. He scratched her head with a foolish grin.

“Son, is this your boss?”

At this time, Sully’s parents also registered what was going on and asked hurriedly.

They were also looking at Jasper with respect and curiosity.

Although they did not understand the company's business, they also knew what JW represented in the province.

It was no exaggeration to say that the number of girls who came to ask for their son's hand just because he got a job with JW was significant.

Therefore, they were proud of their son's work from the bottom of their hearts. At this moment, when they heard that their son's boss was here, they naturally became extremely respectful.

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“This is the boss of our company.” Sully introduced hurriedly.

“Mr. Laine, these are my parents.”

Sully’s parents became more nervous when they heard that Jasper was actually the boss of JW.

They had never made contact with such a big shot before, and then when they thought of the jokes they had made before, they were suddenly so nervous that they did not know what to say.

Jasper sensed their nervousness, but naturally, he would not embarrass them. When he saw such a simple and honest couple, he naturally thought of his own parents. With a light sigh, Jasper said, “Okay, I’ll not stay and interrupt your business.”

As he said that, Jasper patted Sully on the shoulder and said, “I still owe your family two dollars and fifty cents for the meal. I really don’t have any cash with me. I will send someone to bring it back.”

Sully waved his hand hurriedly. “No, we can’t take it, Mr. Laine. We can’t take the money.”

“Nonsense, this is your parents’ hard-earned money, and they should take it. How can you not accept it?”

Jasper ignored Sully and said to the middle-aged couple. “Thank you, today was really embarrassing. I don’t have any money with me, so can I please owe it for a while?”

The couple hurriedly rejected but Jasper did not say much. After they chatted for a while, Jasper left.

“Son, your boss is so young.”

Long after Jasper left, the wife of the shop owner said to her son, who was still looking at the door in a daze.

“Yes, he is a legend in our country.” Sully sighed and said with some excitement, “I can boast about what happened today in the company for the rest of my life.”

“You can’t tell them.”

The shop owner glared at his son and scolded, “You stupid boy, you really are inexperienced. Do you think you can go out and tell the world that your boss didn’t bring

money with him? If he hears of this, he would think you're talking bad about him behind his back. Do you still want to keep your job or not?"

"Our boss is not like that," Sully said aggrievedly.

Even though he said so, Sully really did not dare to publicize the matter.

What if...?

He was reluctant to leave such a good job.

In the morning, Sully, who had just arrived at the company, was standing in front of his team leader dejectedly. He was delayed by more than ten minutes because of Jasper, and naturally, became the last person on the team to arrive at the company.

"Sully, you know the rules in our team. Okay, I won't say much. You will need to perform a show during the lunch break today, so hurry up and decide whether to sing or dance."

The team leader was a man in his thirties. He said this cheerfully.

The other team members also cheered. This kind of punishment was not heavy and it was very interesting. As long as it was not them who needed to do this, they were all happy to witness it.

Sully was depressed when someone knocked and opened the door to his team's office.

The assistant of the chief financial officer, Amy Snowden, was standing outside the door.

“Miss Snowden, how can we help you?”

As soon as Amy arrived, the deputy manager of Sully's marketing department immediately ran out.

Amy was Wendy's assistant, and her level was similar to that of the deputy manager of the marketing operation department. Since Wendy's identity was well known throughout the company, as the assistant of the boss' wife, even the boss of the marketing operation department dared not to put on airs in front of Amy. Amy smiled lightly and said, “Is there someone named Sully Ferguson here? Ms. Schuler was entrusted by Mr. Laine to give Sully back the money for breakfast today.”

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Ms. Schuler and Mr. Laine!

For today's JW, at this scale, ordinary employees could hardly interact with these two people except for in the summary meeting and company-wide e-mails. Therefore, the names Ms. Schuler and Mr. Laine carried a very special, and almost sacred, meaning.

It was just like how in later generations, it would be unrealistic and a dream for an ordinary employee from Abbylon to have direct contact with Mr. Marlon.

As soon as Amy said this, even the deputy manager of the marketing operations department was shocked, let alone the room full of colleagues who turned their heads to gawk at Sully.

The deputy manager of the marketing operations department knew that there was someone named Sully, but he had never interacted with him before.

After all, Sully was just an ordinary employee and there was a team leader above him. Moreover, above the team leader was the supervisor, and above the supervisor was the deputy manager, and finally above him was the general manager of the department.

"Sully Ferguson!" The deputy manager hurriedly shouted.

“Here!” Sully jumped up and shouted.

Amy walked to Sully, smiled, and gave him a small envelope. She said, “Mr. Laine specially told Ms. Schuler to deliver this money to you.”

Sully did not know how he took the money. He was so confused, and he only knew that he kept giggling and saying thank you.

For Amy, this was a simple, albeit interesting, task. There was nothing special about it.

“The money has been delivered, I’m leaving now.”

Although Amy was gone, her sweet scent still lingered in the room. As soon as Amy left, the entire marketing department

exploded in excitement.

Everyone gathered around Sully and asked all at once, “Wow, Sully, I never knew that you and Mr. Laine know each other.”

“Mr. Laine even specifically asked Ms. Schuler to get someone to send money over. How much it is?”

Even the deputy manager was very curious, much less the ordinary employees.

Sully hurriedly said, “Don’t overthink. Mr. Laine ate in my family’s shop this morning and forgot to bring cash. So, he specifically ordered someone to pass me the money.”

As he said that, Sully opened the envelope, took out the two dollars and fifty cents inside, and said, “Look, it’s really for breakfast and nothing else.”

Seeing that this was actually such a trivial matter, everyone was immediately disappointed.

For Sully and Jasper, this was just a small matter and an episode of their lives.

Jasper would not pay special attention to Sully because of this and if Sully wanted to have a better time in the company, he would need to continue to rely on his abilities and social skills. After an episode was over, it would be a thing of the past.

If there was any change to Sully's life, it was only that their hotdog shop had become a prime breakfast destination for JW employees because of the appearance of Mr. Laine after this incident.

Its popularity surpassed even the company's cafeteria, which was known for its delicious and plentiful food. When Sully got the money, Jasper was making a long-distance call.

"I'll need your help for something, and it will only be over these two days." Jasper went straight to the point.

Far away in Harbor City, Celine was inside the office in the headquarters of the Terra regional branch of Colossal Investments when she bowed her head and signed her name on a document. After handing it to the secretary and signaling for her to leave the office, Celine leaned back comfortably on her chair and joked, "Mr. Laine, you are a big hit now and you even crushed the United State stock market. What else can a little damsel like me help you with?"

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“The reality is so severe that anyone with a discerning eye can see it. Do I have to show you how anxious I am?” Jasper smiled bitterly.

Celine snorted. “Do you also know that the consequences are serious? You knew it, yet you still do it. Now that you’ve done it, it is tantamount to offending the United States and the entirety of Wall Street.”

“If I don’t do this, I would also be offending them. Is it possible to expect those capitalist elders to let me off the hook?” Jasper said in rumination.

Celine played with her expensive pen.

Only 50 pieces of this limited edition Montblanc Bohème were sold throughout the world. One would be able to get replacement parts for it throughout its lifetime, making it extremely valuable. If other people got such a pen that was valuable enough to be exchanged with the most expensive sports car, they would probably put it in the cabinet to cherish it, but in Celine’s hands, it had returned to its most essential function. It was just for writing.

“You are a noble person now. Tell me, what the hell is it?” Celine knew that Jasper would not come to her if he did not need anything, much less at this critical time. There had to be something very important since he was seeking her out, so she did not waste too much time.

“I heard that Sentel Corporation has been in contact with your family, and they are hoping to get some help from your family in the United States political arena.” Jasper asked.

Celine raised her eyebrows.

Celine’s eyebrows were sharp, and it was very rare for women to have them because it was not an easy look to carry. If an ordinary woman had such eyebrows, she would inevitably appear crude and uncoordinated. However, the sharp eyebrows complemented Celine. Not only did they not look masculine, but they added a sharp aura to Celine that an average woman would never be able to pull off.

“I don’t know much about the specifics in the family, but I did hear about it before. Mr. Laine, you’re something else. On the surface, you seem to be indifferent to my family, but secretly, you know such confidential news.”

Celine did not pretend to be surprised.

As a Somerland descent, she could have a significant role to play in United States politics. On one hand, it stemmed from the special national conditions of the United States, and on the other hand, it also highlighted how special and powerful the Maynards really were.

It was not easy for ordinary people to know of the existence of the Maynards. Even more than that, knowing the secrets of the family was just not something ordinary people could do.

“Naturally, I have my channels.”

Jasper kept her on tenterhooks and did not intend to sell Adele out.

“In my current situation, I intend to bring Sentel Corporation into the game, but I need some chips to impress them.”

He only needed to reveal half of what he wanted to say to someone smart. He did not need to explain too much. Thus, he could save his time and effort.

Sure enough, Celine immediately understood.

Her expression became solemn. After hesitating for a while, she answered, “To be honest, my influence is limited in my family’s affairs.”

“I understand. So, if it’s possible, I hope you can pass on my message for me. As long as there’s interest, I don’t think there’s anything that can’t be collaborated on in this world.”



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Celine smiled and said, “Jasper, you are a businessman through and through. However, you have to understand that in a family like mine, politics are our core, they are our very roots. We might not be swayed with the tactics of a businessman.”

“Businessmen or politicians are among the dirtiest people in the world, but we have one thing in common, interests.” Jasper laughed.

“Okay, I will convey your meaning to the family immediately. As for the conditions they offer or whether they even respond to you, that’s none of my concern,” Celine said.

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After hanging up the call with Jasper, Celine sat in the office and pondered for a while. Then, she pressed the phone on the desk and told the secretary outside that no one and nothing should disturb her for the next hour. After doing all this, Celine took out another cell phone and dialed a number.

Soon, the call went through.

“Father...”

Celine was addressing the person on the other end very formally and seriously. It was a bit less casual for a family, and more rigorous and rigid.

“Celine.”

On the other end of the phone, a middle-aged man’s calm and heavy voice could be heard.

“What happened?”

Celine replied, "It should be late at night on your side. I'm sorry to disturb you at this hour."

"It's okay, I actually just lied down and haven't fallen asleep yet." The man on the other end of the phone seemed to be used to Celine's respectful yet distant attitude.

Celine paused before saying, "Earlier, I received a call from Jasper."

"Well, I know that you have been in contact with Jasper. At first, I was opposed to it. After all, the status and identity of our family make it inappropriate for us to have too much contact with anyone in Somerland, but now it seems that your investment might net you some unexpected returns."

Celine said calmly, "This is not just an investment, Father."

"You mean you want to tell me that you want something more to happen with him?" On the other end of the phone, the man seemed a little dissatisfied.

Celine gritted her teeth. "Father, I have been away from the family for many years and now and I have my own job. I think I can have my own independent social circle that's different from what you intend!"

“Heh, if you have this ability, then you can just take care of your fiancé by yourself. Why do you need your family to come forward? Otherwise, do you think he would be so easy to provoke?” The voice of the man on the phone was full of disdain.

“I told you I wouldn’t accept that marriage. You people forced it on me!”

“It’s fine if you forced it on me, as the Maynards gave birth to me and raised me so I should contribute to the family. I’ve paid for the living expenses and accommodation fees for so many years, but since our contract is over, I hope you won’t mention that incident again, father!”

The man on the other side of the phone stayed silent for a while after he heard Celine’s heated voice. Then, he said, “Did you call me to talk about that kind of thing?”

After taking a deep breath and calming her emotions, Celine said, “Jasper planned to get into contact with Sentel Corporation. However, I have no idea how he learned that Sentel was in contact with us. He hopes to get our support in United States politics.”

“He hopes to get enough chips from us to negotiate with Sentel Corporation.”



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“Introducing Sentel into the game? That’s an interesting idea.”

The man on the other end of the phone sounded become slightly more alert.

“Back then, he tried to involve Softwin, and now he wants to rope in Sentel. The situation will become ambiguous once a friend and an enemy join the game. How interesting, very interesting. Haha!”

Celine sensed that the man’s tone was still reasonable, so she hurriedly asked, “So, does this mean you will talk to him?”

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“Talk?”

The man on the other end of the phone scoffed. He said, “What’s there to talk about? No. Who is Jasper anyway? Can he give us what we want? If he can’t, what’s the point in us establishing a connecting?”

Celine said, “Father, I think the family should invest in Jasper. If the previous Jasper was not enough to get the family’s attention, then the current Jasper is enough to be known by any of the ancient families throughout the world.”

“Even for the Maynards, it is a very cost effective investment for us to make early on. It would be wise to make some deals with him now, even if they do not seem to be of any particular benefit at this moment.”

The man on the other end of the phone was silent for a while before he said, “Celine, you have to know that there are no trivial matters in the family. If you give me such a suggestion as my daughter, I will not accept it, but if you formally suggest to the family as the sixth generation of the Maynards, I will consider it in accordance to the rules.”

“As a family member, I submit a formal proposal to the family. Jasper Laine is worth the family’s investment at this early stage,” Celine said firmly.

“Reason?” The man on the other end said flatly without any emotion.

“A year ago, Jasper was just a nobody in a small county in Somerland. It would be impossible for him to get in contact with me, let alone the family. Half a year ago, Jasper became already one of the richest man in Somerland. Most importantly, all his industries are high-value and high-return industries targeting future technologies.”

“From his involved industries alone, I can see his ambition. What he wants to capture is not just the profit of a certain industry, but society as a whole. He wants to build a real social ecosystem. Sena in the game industry, Terizone in the social industry, Abbylon in the e-commerce industry, as well as the real estate industry, and the film and entertainment industry. These assets are all industries which hold the most investment value in the new century. Neither the Maynards nor Colossal Investments can deny this.”

“Give him another ten years. In the future, it is not a hyperbole to say that the whole of Somerland society might be unable to function without him.”

“On the other hand, he has crashed the United State stock market with his own power. No matter how many coincidences have taken place, and regardless of he is opportunistic or not, facts are facts. The Maynards’ ancestral motto is to seek truth from facts, and no one can deny that.”

After she said this, Celine took a breath and said in an unprecedented solemn tone, “Father, as the fifth generation head of the Maynards, you can’t let the family miss the chance to get in contact with someone who might potential dominate Somerland and control the resources of its society in the next ten years because of your arrogance.”

“Based on my judgment, the future of the world depends on Somerland, and the future of Somerland belongs to Jasper.”

After Celine said her last sentence, it was obvious that Celine was regarding Jasper with unparalleled awe, causing the man on the phone to breath heavily.

“You are that optimistic about him? Celine, you have to know that you are now speaking to the Maynards’ patriarch as a member of the Maynards, not as a daughter to her father.”

“If we were talking as the latter, you can talk casually, but in the former, you are responsible for every word you say,” the man on the phone said in a deep voice.

Celine gave a wry smile and said, “Father, between us, have there ever been casual chats between a father and a daughter?”

The other end of the phone was silent for a moment. Meanwhile, Celine obviously did not want to continue this topic. She said, “Father, in the comprehensive quality evaluation of the young generation the family holds every eight years, my macroscopic policy theory won three consecutive times.”

“So I think the family has reasons to take my remarks seriously. If necessary, I can submit a formal proposal to the third generation elders of the family under my name.”

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The Maynards had been able to establish a foothold in the United States for six generations as Somerland descendants for hundreds of years. Moreover, they had also established an impressive foundation, which has been passed down to this day and even had a pivotal force in the entire United States politics. All of this was due to the Maynards' extremely special family system.

First of all, the head of the family was in charge of the Maynards just like other families. However, the election of each head was not specified by the previous head. The head of the previous generation could only nominate the candidate to the elders of the family and then, the elders would take a vote to choose the new head.

The term of each head was five years. They could be re-elected for up to two consecutive terms and no direct re-election between father and son is allowed.

This ensured that the Maynards had almost no main roles or supporting roles. Plus, this also maximized the use of the talents and potentials of each family member. After the head retired, he directly entered the Elders' Institution and had the highest collective power. This way, it could be regarded as guaranteeing the interests of the head.

And now the Maynards were in the sixth generation, and even the older seventh generation children had begun to enroll in school. Therefore, the oldest elders in the Elders' Institution currently were from the third generation and part of the fourth generation.

For a family like the Maynards, it was a very important event for a family member to formally submit a proposal to the Elders' Institution. For the head of the family, this was tantamount to provocation.

"Are you provoking me?" Celine's father said coldly.

"You are the head of the family and you have the right to veto my proposal, but as a family member, I can also directly submit a proposal to the Elders' Institution after your veto," Celine said nonchalantly.

"But you have to know that once your suggestion is rejected by the Elders' Institution, then you and even my prestige will be greatly affected!"

"Father, if you reject it because this is my suggestion, then I can only make this choice," Celine responded.

There was a long silence on the other end of the phone after she said this.

"From the standpoint of the family, once we help Jasper, it is equivalent to helping Jasper deal with the United States in disguise. Since our roots are all in the United States. Once we're caught by political enemies, this will make the family passive." Celine's father tried to change her mind.

“Father, if we don’t do this, will our political opponents shake hands and keep the peace with us?” Celine asked.

“Are you so willing to do this for him? Does he know you paid such a high price?” Celine’s father asked suddenly.

Celine replied calmly, “I don’t need him to know, I just think this is what I should do.”

“You’re just like your mother in this regard,” Celine’s father said inexplicably.

“For her sake, I hope you can stand by my side this time,” Celine said softly.

After an even longer silence, Celine’s father said indifferently, “Since you said that the family needs to invest in him, fine, we’ll invest a huge amount in him. Tell Jasper, if he wants the support of the Maynards, then after this matter is over, he should come to me and ask for your hand in marriage.”

These words caused a change in Celine’s expression.

“Father, you’re such an annoying troublemaker!”

“Didn’t you say that he is worth the investment? I married my only daughter, the best member of the sixth generation of the Maynards to him. Isn’t this a major investment?”

“As long as he is the Maynards’ son-in-law, no one can touch him in the United States, including Washington. But if he doesn’t agree, then there’s no need to talk about this anymore. And don’t say I didn’t give you a chance. I’ve given him the chance and it’s up to him whether he can grasp it or not. Or perhaps, it’s up to you.”

Celine gritted her teeth after she heard what her father said.

“He already has a fiancé and Anna is eying him, what do you want me to do?”

“That’s your problem.”

Celine’s father chuckled and said, “It’s still the same statement. I’ve given you the chance.”

Celine pressed her lips together and did not say anything.

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On the other end of the phone, Celine’s father spoke calmly, “If we promise to help him, then it means that the Maynards will need to mobilize our familial power in Congress in the future to help Sentel Corporation gain more benefits. This is a change in our family’s stance. For a political family like us, it is not a trivial matter. Sentel needs to pay a fair price so that Jasper won’t efforts won’t be in vain.”

“You don’t have to say that. I will agree on his behalf,” Celine said suddenly.

Celine’s father was taken aback for a moment, then he said lightly, “Okay.”

After he finished talking, he hung up the phone.

Celine stood there for a long time whilst listening to the dial tone. She sighed lightly. She was now feeling a little relaxed and lonely.

After some consideration, she called Jasper.

“How did it go?”

Jasper did not expect Celine to receive the news so soon, so he could not help but feel confused. After all, it was always better, and easier, to refuse than to agree.

“It’s done.”

Celine’s tone sounded relaxed.

“Do you think I can’t get anything done?”

Jasper was surprised. “That’s all?”

“Yes.”

“What price do I need to pay?”

When Jasper asked this, he was ready to get slaughtered.

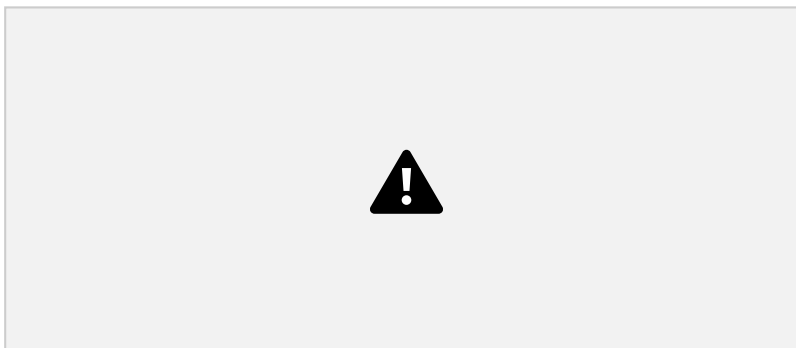
After all, he did not think that the Maynards, who were positioned prominently in the United States politics, were a family who were easy to talk to. Nor did they seem like to type to try to be on good terms with everyone.

“Marry me,” Celine said nonchalantly.

“Stop joking.” Jasper rubbed the bridge of his nose. He held his phone and said, “I’m still waiting for concrete news before I fly to Coreana.”

“You saw through me immediately. This is so boring.” Celine’s tone sounded even more relaxed.

“You don’ t need to pay any price. You should know that a political family values investment in someone like you is obviously in line with the family’s long-term interest.



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“So, this time it’s all about selling you some goodies. The fee Sentel Corporation will have to pay us still exists, but you’re the one who’s going to personally propose to them this opportunity to cooperate with you.”

Jasper felt relieved. It seemed that he was judging Celine unfairly with his despicable mind.

The Maynards were indeed a good family.

“Okay, convey my gratitude to your family for me. I know what I should do now,” Jasper said gratefully.

“Okay, go on with your business. I still have a lot of things to take care of. Thank me when everything is done.”

Celine hung up the phone.

Jasper held his phone, and for some reason, he felt empty. It felt as if he had forgotten some very important details. Then, he shook his head. Perhaps the entire process was fine. Perhaps he had been too stressed recently and this matter had gone abnormally well, which was why overly cautious.

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After he recomposed himself, he got up and called Julian.

“Let’s go to Coreana.”

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Coreana was not a peaceful place, and since they were going abroad, Jasper naturally wanted to bring Julian with him.

After getting Jasper's call, in half an hour, Julian had already driven to the company and was waiting for Jasper. After he told Wendy, Jasper went directly to the airport along with Julian.

On the way, Jasper did not forget to call Henry.

"Damn, are you the boss who's supervising and overseeing me as an employee?"

Henry thought that Jasper was asking him about his progress in tracking down Dean and spat angrily.

Jasper laughed and said, "You won't get any notable results on this for the moment, so I am not here to ask about that but rather to tell you I am going to Coreana now and I will be back tomorrow if all goes well."

Henry stomped his feet and said, "F*ck me, I'm working for you for free while you're going off to have fun? Are you still human?"

“I’m not going off to have fun. I’m going to do business,” Jasper explained.

Henry said unhappily, “Forget it, you don’t even take me along when you go out to have fun anymore.”

Jasper was about to speak, but he heard Henry suddenly say, “I just received a message. Okay, I’m going to hang up now. During this period, I discovered that the dog Dean has many secrets. I’ll wait for you to come back.”

After speaking, Henry hung up the phone.

Jasper shrugged and did not pay it too much attention. Compared with the major events unfolding right now, Dean did not seem so important. It did not matter so long as Henry could continue to have fun on his own.

Jasper called Adele directly, then indicated that he was on his way to Coreana.

“Okay, what time are you going to arrive?” Adele really kept her promise. She did not make any excuse and straightforwardly asked for his arrival time.

“In about three hours.” Jasper checked the time. Although it was a private jet, it still took time to apply for a flight route and arrange for a take-off because they were doing this at

the last minute. In reality, the flight itself did not take that long, lasting about an hour or so.

“When you get off the plane, someone from Sentel will be there for you. I will pass the news to them now.”

Adele said. Then, she suddenly asked, “Did you really convince the Maynards in North America? It should not have been that easy.”

“How difficult can it be? It was pretty easy,” Jasper said lightly. He really did not think it was that big a deal.

As Celine said, he was just a long- term investment to them and nothing more.

“Tch.”

Adele rolled her eyes. “What a poser. However, since you can convince the Maynards in such a short period, it proves that you still have a lot of secrets that I don’t know.”

“I originally predicted that you might not have a high chance of succeeding, let alone in such a short period.”

“Want to know the secret? Buy it with money.” Jasper laughed.

“I am not interested in your secrets yet. I will purchase it when there are interested buyers.”

Adele hung up the phone after she finished talking.

Jasper arrived at the airport while they were still speaking.

Someone had already completed the flight application and take-off schedule when Jasper first decided to leave. Jasper waited at the airport for only 20 minutes before being notified that he could board the plane. He took a special passageway, went through customs, and boarded the plane.

Two hours later, Jasper arrived in Coreana.

Now, he was in Coreana again. The smell of pickles in the air was almost intrusive.

As he listened to the foreign language that was being spoken around him, Jasper looked up and saw that a convoy had already stopped on the side of the road. The car window was lowered, and the face of Jasper’s old friend was revealed.

It was the princess from Sentel Corporation, Sylphie.

“My father told me before that I needed to greet a guest from Somerland. I was still wondering who it was, but I didn’t expect it to be you.”

Sylphie looked at Jasper and said with a smile after getting out of the car.

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“I didn’t expect you to come out to greet me in person too, Princess Sylphie.”

Jasper walked up to Sylphie, smiled, and stretched out his hand. “Long time no see.”

“Long time no see...”

They shook hands lightly. Jasper behaved as per societal norms. He held Sylphie’s four fingers without touching her palm and he loosened his grip immediately after he shook her hand.

This was basic respect toward women in such formal social situations. Jasper would never offend anyone by neglecting these

details.

Sylphie looked at Jasper, suddenly sighed, and said, “You have changed a lot from before.”

“What changed?” Jasper asked curiously.

“Back then, you were like a thorn who was so brash. If we were not careful, we would easily get stabbed by you.”

“Interesting. What about now?” Jasper laughed.

“Now you are like a sharp sword that shows off your ability.”

Sylphie looked at Jasper and said sincerely, “I’m not going to hide this from you. As I watched you approach, I subconsciously ignored all other passers by as if they were merely here to serve as your background as though the meaning of their existence was just to accentuate your presence.

“You were walking with so much aura compared to before. In other words, you’ve grown.”

Jasper laughed and said, “All that aside, it’s an honor to be praised by you, Princess Sylphie. However, I’m overwhelmed by your compliments. This is too much.”

“For someone who can crash the United States stock market, no praise is too much.”

Sylphie turned sideways and gestured at Jasper to get into the car. After Jasper entered the car, Sylphie got in the car from

the other side.

Julian was arranged to sit in the car behind them.

The convoy started moving slowly and headed for the outskirts.

“I was not the only one who crashed the United States stock market. What’s more, it was far from a crash. It was just a temporary loss at best.

“The symbolic meaning of this loss is much greater than the actual effect. After all, as long as Wall Street capital and the Federal Reserve exist, the United States stock market cannot collapse.”

Jasper was very honest as he sat in the car. He did not brag about himself, nor did he demean himself. He just said the facts as they were.

Sylphie smiled and said, “But many others don’t think so.”

While the two were chatting, Jasper's cell phone rang. It was Adele.

"How was it? Did you see the person who picked you up?" Adele's tone was a little teasing.

"We're chatting in the car. You even arranged for this?" Jasper was surprised.

"It's nothing. Sentel's princess is pretty, right? She's au natural," Adele teased.

"We have known each other a long time ago," Jasper said helplessly.

Adele was taken aback on the other end of the phone, and then she became quite embarrassed. "Are there any more beautiful women in the world that you don't know? All of them have impressive backgrounds too. You are such a playboy."

After speaking, Adele did not even give Jasper a chance to explain before she hung up the phone. Jasper was speechless.

Wendy never complained about this, so who was Adele to pout?

“Your friend?” Sylphie asked softly.

“A business partner at best.” Jasper rubbed his brows and replied.

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Although Coreana was not big, it was really a long way from the airport to the outskirts where Sentel Corporation was located. Since they were part of a convoy, it was impossible to drive too fast.

Therefore, after the initial greetings and small talk, Jasper, who was extremely tense, fell asleep without even realizing. The cars gentle shaking coupled with the fact that he had continuously stayed up late for the past few days proved too much for him.

They were discussing a topic when Sylphie, who was waiting for Jasper's response, realized that she did not hear Jasper speak for a long time. Thus, she turned her head and saw that Jasper had fallen asleep whilst leaning against his seat. She could not help feeling quite helpless.

For any woman, the fact that a man could fall asleep while chatting with them was a huge blow to their self-esteem. However, Sylphie was no ordinary woman. She quietly ordered the convoy to drive more slowly. Then, she sat at one side and looked carefully at Jasper. To be honest, Jasper was definitely not the kind of handsome man who would make people feel astonished at first glance.

However, Jasper's charm was that the more you looked at him, the more attractive he appeared.

If a woman was only attracted to a man's appearance, then she could only be described as superficial.

Most of the real charm of a man lay within. If a handsome man was penniless or not ambitious at all, would there be any sensible woman who would want to be with him?

For Sylphie, watching Jasper sleeping in this way was a novel experience. Frankly speaking, this was the first time she had seen a man sleep ever since she became an adult. The last time she had witnessed such a thing was when she saw her father and grandpa take a nap when she was a child. However, there was no comparison between the two. Jasper was a man, or rather, a man of the same age as her.

Like other women, Sylphie could not help being curious. What kind of power was hidden in this man's seemingly ordinary body that made him reach this point in such a short time?

As he slept, Jasper looked far less aggressive than the memorable impression Sylphie had already formed of him. He had a childlike innocence and calmness to him now, which interested Sylphie.

Forty minutes later, when Jasper awoke, he found that the car had stopped in front of a manor.

Jasper got up and found a thin blanket covering him. He turned his head to Sylphie, who was looking at him, and said apologetically, "I'm sorry, I fell asleep."

"It's fine. I can tell that you are tired," Sylphie said.

“Let’s get out of the car. My father is already waiting.” Jasper got out of the car immediately.

In a country like Coreana with a small land mass but an exceptionally developed economy, there was one obvious feature. There were too many people, which made housing prices outrageously expensive. The manor where Sentel Corporation was located had occupied a decadent amount of floor space.

Jasper got out of the car and went directly into the manor with Sylphie in the lead.

In the living room, a burly middle-aged man who looked somewhat similar to Sylphie greeted him.

“Welcome, guest from Somerland.”

Sylphie’s father and the next head of Sentel Corporation, Emil Lang greeted Jasper in Coreana. Sylphie interpreted next to him so Jasper was not worried about not understanding him.

“Mr. Emil, thank you for your hospitality.”

As he faced someone like Emil, who would take over the entire Sentel Corporation in a few years and also caused a series of earth-shattering events himself, Jasper suddenly became quite alert.

In his previous life, he could only get to know Emil through the media and the Internet, but now that he was standing in front of the man himself, he found that Emil was actually very nice to talk to. Perhaps this was also one of the reasons why he would cause internal conflicts within this plutocratic family in the future.

He was not assertive enough.

After the two exchanged greetings, Emil smiled and said, "My father is already in the study. Why don't we go straight up?"

"Okay."

Since he was here to discuss business matters, Jasper did not dilly dally with too much formalities. He simply nodded and agreed.

The three then went to the study upstairs. After knocking on the door, Jasper accompanied Sylphie and followed Emil into the study.

The first thing that caught his eyes was a huge piece of calligraphy.

The decorations in the study were simple, and they did not really fit the style typically demanded by the head of a plutocratic family.

However, Jasper understood that at the level of a big boss like Kit, all antiques and luxury goods became dispensable accessories.

Some people needed expensive luxury goods and antiques to accentuate and flaunt their identity, but for others, even wearing straw sandals gave them a certain energy that normal people dared not look down upon.

Kit, who brought the entire Sentel Corporation to its peak, was definitely one of these leaders.

In the study, Jasper first came into contact with the legendary figure in Coreana, Kit Lang.

This old man was powerful enough to influence who sat in the master seat of the Blue House.

“Mr. Kit, nice to meet you for the first time.”

Jasper took the initiative to greet the ordinary looking old man in front of him.

Kit had been looking at Jasper all this while. After Jasper finished speaking, he nodded with a smile and said, "Hello, Jasper."

"The way the people in Somerland communicate is very interesting. To bring together the relationship between strangers as quickly as possible, you will say that people from Somerland and the people from Coreana were family five hundred years ago. If that's the case, we might even be relatives."

Jasper was surprised when Kit said that. "Mr. Kit, your Somerish is really good and your understanding of Somerland culture is also impressive."

"Somerland is Coreana's neighbor. The two countries have a history spanning hundreds of years. Therefore, Somerish is the first foreign language I learned, while I have also been studying Somerland culture for many years."

Kit invited Jasper to sit down.

Everyone sat down according to their ranks.

Kit asked Jasper with a smile, “Mr. Laine, in truth, the last time you came to Coreana, I told Sylphie that if I ever have the chance, I hoped to invite you to come over and have a good chat.”

“I like to chat with outstanding young people. This allows me to expand my thinking and understand the changes in the world better. However, I didn’t expect this opportunity to come so soon.”

Sylphie chuckled upon hearing that.

She still remembered that in the past, her grandpa praised Jasper at said he would become the richest man in Somerland. Although the latest reports had not come out yet, Jasper’s wealth was enough to secure this position. Jasper ranked first in Somerland in personal wealth both on the surface level and in private.

“Your business philosophy and skills have always been a model for the younger generation. It is actually an honor to have the opportunity to meet you, Mr. Kit.” Jasper smiled.

Everyone loved to hear nice things about them.

If Kit showed him respect, Jasper would naturally accept it with both hands. Then, they started to speak highly about each other as per the standard of procedure in business.

These were innocuous little things. After this, the real excitement began.

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“Mr. Laine, I have studied the industry you are involved in and discovered a very interesting phenomenon.”

Kit suddenly brought up a whole new topic.

“I found that Whether it is the real life industry you invest in or the stocks you choose in the stock market, you are more inclined to dabble in the technology and Internet industries.”

“Even when you are involved in manufacturing, your JW Electronics Equipment Manufacturing has only been interested in high-tech equipment so far.”

“As far as I know, most businessmen in Somerland prefer asset heavy industrial investment, in secondary industries such as a factory and mine, but you are completely different. You seem to prefer to invest in the tertiary industries. Can you tell me why?”

When Kit raised this question, both Emil and Sylphie seemed to become interested as well.

Especially Emil, who was looking at Jasper with scorching eyes. He seemed to be looking forward to Jasper’s answer.

Jasper smiled and arranged his thoughts as he drank his tea. Then, he said, "If you ask me this question, Mr. Kit, it means you're affirming me. I am very grateful and honored. If this is the case, then I will tell you why I did so."

"The reason is actually very simple. I am really optimistic about the Internet industry and other high-tech industries. I think the entire tertiary industry will be the core industry of Somerland and even the world's economic development in the future."

"Among them, the Internet is especially important. Nowadays, the Internet has shown its first glimpses of power, but in the future, this power will become more and more obvious. It will permeate through each and every one of our lives. From national security and military to personal daily life, no one will be able to live without the internet."

"It is like a door to the new world that is about to open. Whoever can welcome the first ray of sunshine from behind the door will become the master of the future."

After Jasper finished talking, Emil could not help but say, "We all agree that the Internet does show a good growth trend for the future, but what you just said is an exaggeration, right?"

Jasper looked at Emil and said, "I wonder, does Mr. Emil have a mobile phone?"

Emil heard that and smiled, "Of course. I've changed them multiple times."

“So when the mobile phone first appeared, Mr. Emil, did you believe that this thing would one day become something that everyone would be unable to live without?”

Jasper’s question left Emil speechless.

Kit smiled and nodded. Then, he said, “Very well, I’ve learned a lot of things from what Mr. Laine said.”

Jasper said to Kit, “Sentel has one of the top teams in the world. Whether it’s predicting the future global situation or monitoring the development of social technology, Sentel must possess its own clear viewpoints about all these things. I think you must be aware of this, right, Mr. Kit?”

Jasper’s words made Kit smile. The wrinkles on his face multiplied following his smile. Everyone loved to hear good things. Especially with Jasper’s status and identity, the good words he said carried an extraordinary weight. After all, the current Jasper, with his status and influence, no longer needed to please anyone with words.

For this reason, Jasper’s words sounded particularly pleasant to Kit’s ears.

Jasper chuckled in his heart when he saw how happy Kit was.

Sure enough, no matter how high Coreana soared or how much wealth it accumulated, when it came to this country that had been regarded as a small country for thousands of years and had only developed in the past 100 years, the inferiority complex of its citizens often presented itself.

They loved to listen to good things, and they liked to hear others brag about themselves, especially to foreigners. It would be even better if it was a foreigner with high status because this would greatly satisfy their self-esteem.

Wasn't this an expression of inferiority?

Still, this had nothing to do with Jasper. Right now, Jasper desperately needed Coreana's power to enter the arena, so he did not mind feeding their pride with some nice words.

“In fact, it does not matter if they are mobile phones or the Internet, there will be cooperation so long as it is within the business' interests. This much is true for any business model in any industry in the world. There is no unilateral transaction in this world. Therefore, in my opinion, the current situation represents one of the largest opportunities for cooperation between me and Sentel.”

Jasper finally steered the conversation to the main topic.

Kit smiled slightly, raised his hand, and lowered his head to drink his tea.

Meanwhile, Emil took over the topic and said with a polite smile. “We know your intentions behind coming here, Mr. Laine.”

Jasper also understood after he saw what Kit did. This showed that Kit gave Emil the right to speak in the next negotiation.

There must have been detailed discussions between the father and son.

Moreover, such a choice was indeed very appropriate. After all, as long as Kit was here, he had to be regarded as the real person in charge of Sentel.

If the next negotiation went smoothly, then this would fine.

However, once the talk became unpleasant and Kit no longer spoke, then it would be hard to salvage anything. It was precisely the discovery of this detail that made Jasper not hopeful of gaining any substantial result today.

After all, when Emil and his son played such a game, it would have been done with the intention of slaughtering Jasper.

The business world was full of mutual deception, especially within plutocratic families like the Langs. Now, everything Jasper did or said had to be done with caution.

Otherwise, he would be bound to get scammed until he could not even recognize himself.

Small beginnings often showed how events would develop, but from this, it seemed that it was just ordinary.

After suppressing his inner thoughts, Jasper smiled slightly and said, "This is the best way, so I won't talk too much nonsense. We all know what the current situation is. Frankly, I will admit that there is a lot of pressure on JW Foundation right now. So, does Sentel have any intention of entering the game?"

Emil said calmly, "I will also tell you straightforwardly that I don't see a reason for Sentel to enter the game."

"No reason? Since Mr. Emil can't see the reason, then I will give you one."

"Is a chance to destroy Softwin and retaliate against Wall Street enough reason?"

Jasper's words cracked Emil up. He said, "Mr. Laine, we are all businessmen. In the eyes of businessmen, there is no grudge or hatred. As long as there are benefits, we can turn against anyone."

“Similarly, as long as there are benefits, we can become the best of friends with anyone in the world.”

“Mr. Laine, I don’t think I need to say much about such a simple truth, right?”

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“That makes sense.”

Jasper did not refute Emil’s words and even agreed with him.

However, in the next second, Jasper changed the topic. “The question I would like to ask is, do Sunrise Land or Wall Street Capital plan to be friends with Sentel Corporation, Mr. Emil?”

An infuriated look appeared on Emil’s face after he heard the question.

Although it disappeared quickly, it was precisely because it disappeared too quickly that it proved that Emil’s reaction was genuine.

Upon seeing this, the corners of Jasper’s mouth rose slightly.

“Different levels of business have different levels of practice. Small businesses are all about harmony. After all, all visitors are potential customers. Small businesses cannot withstand too many enemies. So sometimes we have to swallow our anger because, at the end of the day, we don’t have enough strength to deal with too many issues at once.”

“But if the business gets bigger, others are afraid of you and worry that you will bully them. When that happens, peace is no longer the only option.”

“Most of the time, what we pay attention to is the right to speak. I don’t always have to express my opinion on a matter, but if I say something, no one is allowed to object. After all, I have enough strength to enforce my will.”

After saying this, Jasper leaned slightly and looked at Emil with an aggressive posture. He continued, “So now, is there any reason for Sentel Corporation to join in?”

Emil looked at the face of the young Somerland man in front of him and suddenly, he felt depressed and out of breath.

A few minutes ago, Jasper was still a traditional Somerland gentleman who looked easy to talk to. However, after a few minutes, Jasper became so overbearing and menacing. He was even so aggressive that even Emil felt a little stifled.

The huge contrast was very uncomfortable.

As the vice president of Sentel Corporation, Emil had been trained by Kit since young to be his successor. He was definitely not like a typical person. Hence, he understood that the Jasper who was behaving like a gentleman before and the Jasper who was behaving aggressively now were both not the real Jaspers.

These personalities were only needed because they were in a business negotiation.

Even though he understood the reason why, now that he was physically sitting opposite of Jasper during this negotiation, Emil realized why this Somerland man who was about the same age as his daughter could reach the pinnacle of Somerland despite his age.

He had such a strong aura! He had previously only seen this aura on his father.

Meanwhile, Kit witnessed this scene unfold.

He lowered his head to drink his tea and the clear tea reflected Kit's slightly disappointed gaze.

It seemed that he had to live for a few more years as if the huge Sentel family was handed over to Emil now, he was afraid that there would be problems. Kit would not know that his worries at this time truly happened in his previous life.

“Mr. Laine, now Sentel is facing an extremely difficult choice and after this choice is made, Sentel will likely to pay a huge price for it.”

Still, Emil was not a mediocre person. He took a deep breath, adjusted his mood, stared at Jasper, and said, “Mr. Laine, you're at a very critical juncture now, and we are also

very willing to help you as much as we can. But back to that question, what can Sentel get from this?"

"Is the Sunrise Land market enough?" Jasper asked.

Emil raised his eyebrows and smiled. "Mr. Laine, are you kidding me?"

"I seldom make jokes, and even more so at such a time."

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Jasper shook his head, pointed his finger toward the location of Sunrise Land, and said, “After the Softwin is defeated, the domestic venture capital market of Sunrise Land will be left with a void. Is Sentel not excited to try to capture this huge market?”

“However, Sentel is not involved in venture capital.” Emil frowned.

“When a broken financial market is placed in front of you, even a pickle seller can change careers immediately,” Jasper said.

Emil laughed.

It was unknown if he was amused by Jasper’s words.

“Mr. Laine, you have not come up with any genuine and sincere conditions until now. What you said is based on the distribution of the spoils of war after victory, but what we need to see is your sincerity, Mr. Laine.”

Jasper shrugged after he heard what Emil said. He asked, “So what does Sentel want?”

“It’s very simple, 40% of JW’s stocks,” Emil said directly.

Jasper did not say anything. He squinted at Emil and tapped his fingers on the armrest of the sofa.

During this time, Emil also picked up the teacup in front of him to drink some tea. It seemed that he did not care about the lack of emotion in Jasper’s eyes.

“Mr. Emil, JW’s stocks are forbidden territory. No one can touch it, no matter who they are. You have looked into me, so you should already be aware of this,” Jasper said lightly.

Emil put down his teacup and said in relax, “I don’t think there is anything in this world that you can’t buy. If there is, I’ll just increase the price.”

“Compared to getting defeated and losing everything in this battle, I think losing 40% of the stocks is a more acceptable choice, Mr. Laine.”

“And I can promise that Sentel Corporation will never interfere with any operational decisions of JW Investment Company and will only participate in the voting on dividends and other major issues. In other words, JW will still belong to you.”

Jasper was amused.

Jasper used this rhetoric to purchase Abbylon and Terizone. but he did not expect that someone would one day use this same rhetoric to persuade him to sell the company's stocks.

"No way," Jasper said two words and clearly told them his stance on this.

"Then I am afraid it will be difficult for us to work together." Emil refused to give in.

The negotiations immediately reached a stalemate.

Jasper realized that this negotiation would not be smooth sailing before he started, but he did not expect it to be so difficult.

Even as he was about to fail, Jasper did not use his hidden trump that he prepared for Sentel. Meanwhile, his opponent had no intention of actively mentioning it either.

This made Jasper somewhat doubt Adele's business capabilities. If he had spent so much time getting a promise from the Maynards in North America but Sentel did not even need it that much, it would be embarrassing.

Jasper did not speak and Emil was not in a hurry to continue persuading him, so the air was filled with disturbing embarrassment

At this moment, Sylphie, who had never said anything thus far and was only here to accompany and watch the visitor, received a look from her grandfather, Kit.

It was her time to shine.

“Mr. Laine just got off the plane and he should be tired. Why don’t we take a break and talk about it after dinner?”

Sylphie said, chuckled at Jasper, and continue, “There are still a few hours of free time. I will be happy to be your tour guide can take you around to see the beauty of Sela.”

Emil was the assault, Kit was the guarantee, and Sylphie was the lubricant.

These three generations had bestowed such great care for this negotiation.

Jasper stood up and smiled. “Okay, I would like to relax too.”

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“Alright, this is negligence on our part. Mr. Laine has just arrived so we should let him rest well. In that case, we shall let Sylphie take you to rest. If you need anything, please tell her.” Emil saw this opportunity to escape the situation. Hence, he stood up and said.

After nodding in agreement, Jasper turned his head and said to Kit, “Mr. Kit, then I will leave first, and will ask you for advice later.”

Kit smiled and said, “Mr. Laine, you should rest first. We’ll talk later.”

With that, the first negotiation between Jasper and Sentel Corporation ended without embarrassment to either party.

Coming out of the study, Sylphie took Jasper to the guest room to rest. She whispered, “Mr. Laine, my father and grandpa both have big concerns surrounding this partnership. After all, this is not a trivial matter, so please understand.”

Jasper waved his hand and said, “It’s okay, I would be surprised if your father agreed so quickly.”

“It’s just that it’s impossible to ask for JW’s stocks. It’s like if we were in opposite positions and I were asking Sentel for its stocks in exchange for my services. It’s unrealistic.”

Sylphie nodded when she heard this. Then, she replied, “I understand.”

While they were talking, Sylphie brought Jasper to a guest room and said, “Mr. Laine, you can rest here. I will arrange for a servant to wait at the door. If you need something, you can call the servant at any time and I will come here as soon as possible.”

Jasper smiled. “It’s rare to get such treatment by you, right, Prince Sylphie?”

Sylphie chuckled. “You are the first.”

“Very good, I hope I’m the only one,” Jasper said.

Sylphie pursed her lips and smiled. Then, she watched Jasper enter the guest room.

At this moment, Emil and Kit were still talking in the study.

“Father, I don’t think there’s much hope of obtaining JW’s stocks,” Emil said to Kit.

Kit glanced at Emil and said slowly, “I never thought about getting their stocks. It’s of little value or interest to me.”

Emil was taken aback and asked, “But before this, this was the only condition you gave me, Father.”

“That’s because I know you wouldn’t be able to reach an agreement with him.”

Kit sighed.

Somerland was a vast land with great resources and great talents, but at the same time, all kinds of elites could be found over there.

When he looked at the successor that he had carefully cultivated for many years, he realized that this man was still only as good as Jasper, a grassroots youth from Somerland.

If Jasper were here, he might not have asked such a stupid question.

“Let me ask you, is there any hope that Jasper will win this war now?”

At the end of the day, he was the son whom he had carefully nurtured for decades. Kit did not give up on Emil because of this. Besides, even though Emil was not that great in strategy and big picture situations, his other defensive skills were still decent.

“Not really.”

Emil shook his head. This was something a person with a discerning eye could see.

“Furthermore, even if we join, it most likely won’t change the outcome.”

Kit nodded and said, “Yes, if Jasper loses, then what is the difference between JW’s stocks and waste paper?”

“The funds invested by JW, in addition to the investment raised in Somerland, are mostly from commercial loans and leveraged loans. At that time, JW will not only be penniless, but will also be burdened with sky-high debt.”

“So what should we do with the stocks then? Burn them for warmth?”

Kit was surprised, “Dad, in that case, why should we even negotiate with Jasper?”

“Because Jasper has what we desperately need.”

This was said by Sylphie, who had just opened the door. “Father, do you remember the Somerland intelligence dealer who introduced Jasper to us?”

Emil nodded and said, “Yes, I do. She seems to have a very extensive background in Somerland.”

“That has nothing to do with our transaction this time.”

Sylphie smiled and continued, “She once revealed that Jasper has an important bargaining chip that can change the attitude of the Maynards in North America.”

Emil was surprised. “I thought the intelligence dealer only said this to try persuade us to receive Jasper.”

Shaking her head, Sylphie said, “I have had contact with this intelligence dealer before. It’s not just us, many big families and companies purchased most of the important information relating to Somerland through her channel.”

“The only thing is that she won’t sell national intelligence. Although, I have no doubt that she can obtain it with her ability.”

“Moreover, this person has a very obvious style of doing business, which is that she never exaggerates the role of any piece of intelligence throughout the transaction. She also does not falsify information. This is why a lot of people will deal with her the second time, third time, or even many times after.”

“If that’s the case...” Emil furrowed his brows and said, “If we refuse to cooperate with Jasper, then our hopes of working with North America will be all but lost, but if we agree...”

Emil looked at Kit and continued, “The risk is great.”

“There is no risk-free option in business...”

“What we have to do is to strive for as many benefits as possible.”

Kit said flatly, “You should bring Jasper to my back garden for the second round of negotiations.”

Emil stood up and replied respectfully. “I understand, Father.”

Jasper naturally could not sleep well in Sentel Corporation's house. He got up after a light sleep of just over two hours.

Even so, it was already early evening by the time Jasper got up.

After he opened the door and walked out, Sylphie happened to walk over from a distance.

At this time, Sylphie had changed her outfit. She was wearing a garnet red dress with a delicate silver corsage on her chest with no other accessories on her. Even so, Sylphie seemed to give off an aura full of extravagance and fastidiousness.

Anyone who saw Sylphie could tell that this woman had definitely grown up in a life of luxury. Otherwise, she would not be able to cultivate this temperament.

"You're awake. Do you want dinner?" Sylphie asked in consideration.

"Let's go out for dinner," Jasper suggested.

"Didn't you say that you want to bring me to see the beauty of Sela?"

Sylphie chuckled and said, "I thought you'd be very stressed, I didn't expect you to be in the mood for pleasure."

"One has to enjoy life while they're still alive. If not, why should I bother making so much money?"

Jasper grabbed his coat and stood in front of Sylphie. He grinned and asked, "I wonder if I'll get the honor of touring Sela with you, Princess Sylphie?"

"Of course." Sylphie bowed slightly and answered.

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South River Area was where the outstanding rich people of Sela gathered. The building of Sentel Corporation's headquarters had also been built here.

While sitting in the car, Jasper discovered that Sylphie had taken him to the base of the Sentel Corporation office building. He could not help but ask, "Aren't we touring Sela?"

Sylphie chuckled and proudly said, "South River Area is the symbol of Sela, and Sentel Corporation is the symbol of South River Area. What better way to appreciate the scenery of Sela than to bring you here?"

All the economically developed cities in the world were basically the same.

Towering skyscrapers and glass walls could be seen everywhere. The streets were very narrow and crowded. Since every inch of land was worth a lot of money in a commercial area, no government would be willing to build roads that were too wide in these places.

The streets were spotless. Impeccably dressed white-collar elites were everywhere and they were either holding coffee or computers, chatting and laughing, or walking about in a hurry.

Jasper did not enter the Sentel Corporation building because it would be boring. Instead, he folded his hands behind his back and went shopping aimlessly along with Sylphie's company.

Suddenly, Jasper stopped in front of the window of a jewelry store.

When Sylphie saw that Jasper was staring at a swan-shaped brooch made from diamond in the back of the shop window, she asked, "Are you buying a gift for something?"

Jasper nodded and smiled. "My fiancé. I've been to so many places, but I rarely bring her any gifts. This brooch will suit her very well."

As he was talking, Jasper called the salesperson over. "Wrap this for me," Jasper said, pointing to the brooch in the window.

The salesperson was obviously a little embarrassed. "I'm sorry, sir. This brooch is for exhibit only and is not for sale."

Jasper could not understand Coreana, so he turned his head to look at Sylphie.

Sylphie did not translate for him but said something to the salesperson.

Soon, the salesperson held the packaged brooch in both hands and handed it to Jasper.

180 thousand US Dollars.

It could only be said that there were always things in this world with values beyond the imagination of ordinary people.

After shopping for a while and buying the gifts that should be bought, Jasper and Sylphie walked into a coffee shop.

They arbitrarily ordered two cups of coffee. The two were talking and laughing, but then, they saw that the huge screen on the street was broadcasting financial news through the glass window.

During this period, every country in the world was the same. All financial news throughout the globe could not detract themselves from the major news about the trading curb in the United States stock market.

This was the first time in history that the Down Jones had reached a trading curb. It was significant enough for the moderate-sized financial circle to talk about it for a long time.

“In a way, you are the number one person in the world.” Sylphie glanced at the news outside and said to Jasper.

Jasper waved his hand and said, “What does it mean to be the number one person? I don’t want to be the number one person if it’s going to be like this.”

“Do you dare to say that you are not at all proud of your achievements?” Sylphie asked curiously.

“I’d be lying to you if I said I’m not. When I am alone in the dead of night, I quietly feel delighted. After all, I’m a man and men are constantly pursuing the feeling of being better than everyone throughout their whole lives.”

“Every one of my actions attracts attention and affects the lives of countless people. This should be how an emperor felt in ancient times,” Jasper said sincerely.

“But this feeling lasts for a very short time. The higher you stand, the stronger the wind you’ll have to face. If you are unsteady, you will fall.”

“In Somerland, we have an old saying that goes ‘the higher you stand, the greater the fall’. This is basically the truth behind the concept of power.”

Sylphie thought for a while and said, “Is it right to say that if you are in a business worth 10 million, you can make a comeback if you fail, and even if you conduct a business worth 100 million, you can still start all over again if you fail, but at this point it’s no longer possible?”

Jasper took a sip of coffee. The bitter and rich taste filled his mouth. He said, “It’s almost the same thing. There are far more people who want me to fall than those who want me to stand firm.”

“But no matter what others think, I have the clearest understanding of my current situation. I can only move onward and upward, and I can’t look back. Once I turn around, it’s all over.”

Sylphie replied apologetically, “I understand the pressure you’re feeling now. As a friend, I am sorry, my influence on my grandpa is limited and I cannot convince him to give you more help.”

“This decision is major and important. Mr. Kit has his own considerations. I believe he will make the right choice.” Jasper smiled.

“Grandpa will talk to you directly in the next negotiation,” Sylphie said suddenly.

Jasper was taken aback for a moment and nodded, “This is for the best because I don’t have much time and I can’t stay in Sela for long. Thank you for the information.”

At this moment, the conversation between the two men on the table next to them caught their attention.

“Haha, I really want to thank the JW Foundation. I followed them and shorted the Nikkei Index. I made quite a lot of money from that!”

A man in a delicate suit said excitedly.

The man on the opposite side was obviously not in a good mood. He cursed, “Joey, stop making cynical remarks. I’ve suffered a miserable loss.”

“You don’t play with stocks anyway. What are you losing?” Joey asked curiously.

“It’s all because of the plunge of the Nikkei Index. The company in Sunrise Land that our company worked with is on the verge of bankruptcy, so our company lost a major customer. The worst thing is that I’m in charge of this customer. Damn, I think JW Foundation can go to hell! ”

Joey sneered and answered, “How can you blame JW Foundation for your company’s lack of strength? But then again, the stock market has been turbulent recently, and it is difficult for entities to do business, especially for foreign trade companies. A lot of my friends in this industry lost their jobs.”

The man sitting opposite Joey gritted his teeth and said, "That's why I said JW Foundation can go to hell!"

"No matter how you curse them, they're the upper-class who are high up the social ladder. They can't hear you no matter how loud you curse."

Sylphie grinned at Jasper after Joey said that.

Jasper shrugged to hide his embarrassment. Sorry, he heard what the man said.

"I'm curious. Why didn't any companies from Coreana take part in something so major? Take Sentel Corporation, for example, I don't think they like to be left out, right?"

"It'll be great if our country's Sentel can join so I can make some money."

When Jasper heard this, he got up and paid the bill with some US Dollars. Then, he said to Sylphie, "Come, let's go back."

"Are we going to talk to Grandpa?" Sylphie started to feel nervous for some reason.

“We’re going to give the citizens of Coreana a chance to make money.” Jasper guffawed and answered.

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After he went back to the manor with Sylphie, Jasper did not waste too much time and directly asked to meet with Kit this time.

Kit did not refuse Jasper's request and the two met in the back garden of the manor.

"Mr. Kit, I don't have much time."

Sitting across from Kit, Jasper went straight to the point.

Although this meeting was important, he had already wasted a lot of time. The United States stock market would open again in less than 30 hours so Jasper did not have much time to spend time with Kit.

Kit smiled and nodded. Although he was old, he was still energetic. He looked at Jasper and said, "I can understand, so let's just get to the point."

As they were talking, Kit poured a cup of tea for Jasper and said slowly, "I'm making my offer."

“First, you must help Sentel Corporation and the Maynards in North America reach an agreement. In the future, the Maynards will help with Sentel Corporation’s interests in the United States.”

Jasper picked up the hot teacup, took a sip, and waited blankly for Kit’s next request.

“Second, Sentel Corporation can give up the stocks of JW Company, but in the future, Sentel must get a share of JW Company’s patents in the technology, mobile, and Internet industry for free.”

“Third, JW Company needs to pay a total of 5 billion US Dollars. Of course, this fee can be paid in installments within the next five years.”

After he said these three terms, Kit glanced at Jasper, who was drinking tea with his head down. Then, he continued, “In exchange, Sentel Corporation will enter the market when the US stock market opens the day after tomorrow. We’ll help JW Foundation fight Softwin and Wall Street capital at all costs.”

“Preliminary estimates indicate that Sentel Corporation has to invest no less than 50 billion US Dollars.”

After listening to what Kit said, Jasper laughed.

“Mr. Kit, are you kidding me?”

Jasper’s words caused a flicker in Kit’s eyes.

“I seldom make jokes with people during business negotiations.”

“Well...”

Jasper nodded and said, “Then I will also offer my terms.”

“I would like to hear the details,” Kit said.

“First, Sentel Corporation must invest at least 100 billion US Dollars to cooperate with all of JW Foundation’s movements. In other words, JW Foundation is in command of all activity.”

“Second, Sentel Corporation cannot withdraw until the cooperation is officially ended.”

“I only have two terms, and in order to give Sentel Corporation the corresponding benefits, JW Foundation promises to pay Sentel Corporation 2 billion US Dollars as labor expenses within the next five years.”

“Secondly, I can help Sentel Corporation to negotiate with the Maynards in North America, but I do not promise to help you both reach an agreement. In other words, I am just an intermediary. Whether the negotiation can be achieved depends on how much Sentel is willing to pay.”

Having said that, Jasper shrugged and smiled. Then, he said to Kit, “Mr. Kit, see, this is how you sincerely negotiate terms. When I make two requests, I will give two benefits at the same time. I offer sincere treatment to all and fair trade to both young and old alike.”

Kit laughed at the words.

“Mr. Laine, this time it’s your turn to joke with me.”

Jasper said lightly, “You made a joke with me first. If you are sincere and willing to talk, then I can talk. If you are still in a joking mood, then I think we can have dinner in advance.”

Kit frowned and replied, “Mr. Laine, you have to understand that you need Sentel Corporation to help you now. Sentel Corporation is not begging you to participate.”

“It doesn’t matter if I ask for it or not, although I admit that I really need the power of Sentel Corporation now, but again, without me, Sentel’s losses elsewhere are also irreparable.”

Watching Kit’s expression change slightly, Jasper continued, “Mr. Kit, this is not a threat, but a frank conversation between smart people.”

Kit looked at Jasper blankly without speaking.

Jasper lowered his head to drink his tea. He did not say anything more.

The atmosphere in the garden became silent.

It seemed that no one was willing to take a step back. Meanwhile, Jasper drank his tea quietly. Kit did not speak even until the cup in his hand turned cold and he could see the bottom of his drink.

Jasper sighed. Then, he stood up and said, “Mr. Kit, since we can’t come to a set of conditions that both you and I are satisfied with, then it seems that I can only return to Somerland for now.”

“You’ll die if you go back,” Kit said lightly.

Jasper calmly said. "Mr. Kit, you are too confident, I am from Somerland."

Jasper said, pointing to the direction of his country, and said calmly, "I have my motherland behind me."

Kit was amused and he said, "This sounds very passionate, but it is also very naive."

"This is not naive."

Jasper looked serious and said, "The 1.3 billion people of Somerland know what they will face if I fall, and the Somerland government understands this even better. I was indeed just a pawn before, but now, even as a pawn, I was able to crash the market of my opponent. At this point, I'm guessing a pawn like me will no longer be a pawn that can be easily discarded."

"I am the benchmark, and the benchmark cannot fall."

Jasper continued, "It's just that I hope to continue to increase my value in front of my motherland, so that's why I stand here to negotiate with you."

“Mr. Kit, do you dare to have a bet with me? I will leave this place and fly directly to Swallow Capital. On Monday, the Somerland government will definitely enter the game at which point the United States government will no longer sit idly by.”

“By then, the financial war between the East and the West will be ignited. When that times comes, can Coreana, who has a special geographic location and an equally special economic status, and the Sentel plutocrats, who have important interests in many countries around the world, stay out of the matter?”

These words made Kit’s white brows tremble.

Jasper leaned over, got close to Kit, stared at the old man’s face, and said, “At least, for now, this matter is still under the control of us businessmen. However, when this becomes a dispute between countries, you and I will be cannon fodder.”

“Now, Mr. Kit, is Sentel willing to be a chess player or a chess piece?”

Jasper’s words caused Kit to fall into a long silence.

It was unknown how much time had passed. When Jasper was about to lose patience, Kit slowly spoke up. “You must promise to help Sentel realize its interests in the United States. There is no room for compromise on this.”

Jasper suppressed the ecstasy in his heart and calmly replied, "I am confident that I can persuade the Maynards of North America."

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Hearing Jasper's words, Kit looked at the calm but confident expression on Jasper's face. Then, he said in rumination, "Mr. Laine, are you that sure?"

"You know, in order to try to gain the Maynard's cooperation in North America, Sentel Corporation has devoted a lot of manpower and material resources, but there has been no progress in this matter so far. Moreover, the Maynards in North America are very low key and they are not willing to declare their political position."

"It's easy to agree with you, but I won't work with you until I see the results."

Jasper nodded and said, "This is indeed the truth. Why don't you give me a few hours, Mr. Kit?"

Kit got up and said, "Very well, let's have dinner together."

Perhaps it was out of consideration for Jasper, a man from Somerland, but Sentel family's dinner consisted completely of dishes from Somerland today, Jasper was relieved when he saw that there were no pickles on the table.

Ever since he tried it when he was in Coreana last time, Jasper was scared of Coreana's pickles, which tasted like cabbages and cucumbers that were submerged in spicy seawater. In short, the taste was very complex.

Not only that, almost all other close relatives of the Sentel family were present.

If someone who had been reincarnated was here, they would find that all the core members of the Sentel family that held high authority in the future had arrived.

Jasper finally realized the size of this family.

Whether it was sincere or superficial, people in the Sentel family were very polite and they did not look down on people who were in a lower social class than them.

This was also normal. After all, Jasper was currently a distinguished guest of the Sentel family, and even Kit personally welcomed him. Meanwhile, in Coreana, where everyone valued hierarchy and rank so much that it was etched into the very bones of its citizens, if Kit himself was polite to Jasper, then other members dared not to be rude.

At the dinner table, Jasper quoted the classics, proving as always that he could never fail to liven the atmosphere. The Sentel family was also very willing to cooperate too. Even Kit cracked a little joke. In short, the atmosphere was still lively.

After dinner, Jasper bade farewell, got up, and returned to his guest room.

The Langs knew what Jasper was going to do, so they did not disturb him.

In the study, Kit sat behind the desk. Opposite him sat Emil and a few other core members, while Sylphie could only stand to one side.

“A few hours? Jasper is just bragging, right?”

Sylphie’s aunt, Marie Lang said.

“No, he won’t joke about such a big thing.” Emil retorted.

On the other side, Emil’s brother, Fred Lang, pushed up the glasses on the bridge of his nose and said, “Whether it is true or not, the results will come out within a few hours.”

After he finished speaking, Fred looked up at his father and asked, “Are we going to wait?”

Kit said slowly, "We'll wait..."

"The attitude of the Maynards in North America is really important to us. Although we failed in our M&A plan, Sentel Corporation's promotion and new product cooperative research and development in the Western market requires the approval from the United States government"

"Father, didn't the Blue House promise to help us advance this matter at the next joint meeting between the two countries?" Marie asked.

"Can you believe what the people at the Blue House say? They only need our money and votes. Now that the general election have just ended and the newly appointed one has five years in office, he won't take us seriously," Fred said unhappily.

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“Grandpa, I have a proposal.”

Sylphie spoke suddenly, interrupting the chatter between the family elders. As the only third generation member of the family who was eligible to be on the scene, Sylphie had a special status.

Thus, Kit said kindly, “You can voice any opinions you have.”

“I think that if Jasper really helped us reach cooperation with the Maynards in North America this time, then we might as well help him in the process of fighting Wall Street Capital.”

“We can ally with JW Company and become their most important strategic partner. Once Jasper makes it through this catastrophe, there will be nothing to stop him from rapidly developing.”

Fred frowned and said, “Do you know how much risk we have to face to do so?”

Sylphie replied without hesitating, “As Grandpa said, there is no risk free option for doing business.”

Turning to her Grandpa Kit, Sylphie said sincerely, “Grandpa, this is an important investment.”

“Someland’s national conditions are unique. It is difficult for foreign investors to enter the Someland market if they do not cooperate with local companies in Someland. This much is inevitable. Just look at the automobile industry. Even the VW Group has to compromise, let alone Sentel.”

“But this country with a population of more than one billion is a blue ocean that countless people are coveting. We must enter first to provide a sufficient driving force for the future development of Sentel.”

“Coreana is too small, and its developmental potential has long been exhausted. Moreover, even if Sentel were to pursue a breakthrough, it would be very difficult to do so in Coreana. So, if we want to continue to grow, we can only start moving outward.”

“In the past few years, we have been moving West, but didn’t we ignore our neighbors? You know, even those giants in the West are trying to enter the Someland market, but we’re simply abandoning the one that’s near us and yearning for the one that’s far away.”

“When it comes to Jasper, once he starts to take off, he may become a representative and positive figure officially promoted by the Someland government. At that time, who dares to predict where Jasper can go?”

Emil frowned and said, "Sylphie, it's too early to say this."

"It's not early. Now might even be the most suitable time."

Sylphie's tone and attitude became firmer. She continued, "Someland is a society built on social relationships. They pay attention to courtesy. Therefore, compared to gilding the lily, the most important thing we can do for our future is to provide

help as much as we can in Jasper's hour of need."

After Sylphie finished speaking, the family members fell silent.

They would not decide on such an important matter. The one who could decide answered slowly, "Let's wait and see. We will wait for news from North America before we act."

"If Jasper succeeds, then it's fine to invest, but if he doesn't, then everything is for naught."

After Kit said that, the telephone on his desk rang without warning. Everyone's attention was immediately diverted to this phone.

Kit did not hesitate as he lifted the phone. Then, he spoke calmly and forcefully under the scorching gazes of the core members of the family, "Hello, this is Kit Lang."

It was unknown what was said on the other end of the phone. Sylphie and the others only saw Kit's brows furrowing. At this moment, everyone's hearts sank to the bottom of the abyss.

Then, Kit's eyebrows relaxed and they heard him say, "Hello, Mr. Alan Maynard."

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Alan Maynard!

No one in the Sentel family members present was unfamiliar with this name. It was because he was the current head of the Maynards in North America, and was also a speaker in the Texas Congress.

At this moment, the members of the Sentel Family were extremely shocked. Although they were prepared, they still felt disbelief when Jasper really used his power to bring in the Maynards from North America.

Before this, the Sentel Family spent so much money and they could only get in contact with the core higher-ups of the Maynards. Even so, this brief interaction was enough to encourage the Sentel Family. However, the head of the Maynards in North America was personally calling them now!

The family members of Sentel looked excited. While Kit was on the phone, he waved his hand at them. The family members understood and immediately got up to leave the study.

Sylphie was no exception.

“Sylphie, how much do you know about this Jasper?” Emil asked seriously after they were outside of the study.

Sylphie shook her head and said, “To be honest, I don’t know him very well, but I know his relationship with Anna Law is very unusual.”

“Anna Law? The daughter of the Laws from Harbor City?” Emil asked in surprise.

Sylphie said after nodding, “Yes. Anna was the one who connected us when Jasper came to Sela for the MP3 patent technology the last time.”

“I know the Laws. They are very strong, but they are limited to Harbor City and the Somerland mainland. They don’t have any power in other places, let alone have any major friendship with the Maynards in North America. So where does Jasper’s connection come from?” Emil was confused.

Sylphie said softly, “Jasper always has his secrets. We only need to know that he can help us in this matter. As for everything else, I think, instead of exploring his secrets, you should consider my previous proposal, Father.”

Emil took a deep look at Sylphie and said, “Your grandpa will make up his mind on this matter.”

After half an hour, the door to Kit's study opened. He asked for Jasper immediately.

It was already ten o'clock at night. Jasper followed Sylphie to Kit's study.

"I agree to the cooperation."

Kit went straight to the point. "Sentel Corporation will do its best to help JW Foundation face the siege of Wall Street and Softwin. In this war, Sentel Corporation only asks for one thing. If we win, the Sunrise Land market belongs to Sentel Corporation."

"That's it?" Jasper asked.

"That's it." Kit nodded.

"Very well."

Jasper chuckled lightly.

Before he returned to the room, he quickly contacted Celine. Celine did not say anything else and just asked Jasper to wait for the news.

He did not expect both sides to be so efficient.

It seemed that Kit had gotten a very good promise from the Maynards.

At this time, he still did not know that the reason why Kit had made such a big decision was mainly because he had been persuaded by Sylphie. This was the main reason why he was willing to make such a major investment in Jasper.

“I will let Sylphie handle what’s going to happen next. You just need to communicate directly with her.”

Kit’s words elicited weird expressions from Fred and Marie. They had not yet even gained any benefits, yet the biggest piece of the pie was taken away by a junior like Sylphie?

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The currency of a country was its economic lifeline. Only the will of the country could control this basic necessity for the country.

Once it was under attack, in a sense, it was the same as sending troops directly to invade the country's territory.

The latter could only be achieved by another country's military, but the former could be done so long as one had enough strength.

Obviously, Jasper's words shocked Emil and Sylphie.

"Mr. Laine, although we admit that you are indeed very courageous, this kind of thing is not a joke. It requires a huge amount of funds and it also requires a opportunity in the right time and place. Otherwise, the economic system of a country will not be so easy to break down."

"It's not that I'm undervaluing ourselves. Our current strength alongside the wealth of Sentel Corporation and JW Foundation will amount to between 200 billion to 250 billion US Dollars."

“With this kind of power, it is almost impossible to challenge Sunrise Land, the world’s second-largest economy.”

Emil’s serious words showed his attitude.

Without absolute certainty, he could not gamble Sentel Corporation on something like this. A cooperation was still a cooperation at the end of the day. No matter how good the relationship was, Sentel did not have to risk their life for Jasper’s.

Now, Emil was even planning to wake up his father immediately and have him end the cooperation between the two parties.

On the other hand, Jasper had expected Emil’s reaction long ago.

He slowly said, “I am not a fool. Since I decided to do this, there must be sufficient reasons behind my thinking.”

“Let me ask you a question, when was the last time the head of Sunrise Land appeared in front of the public?”

Emil and Sylphie were both stunned when they heard that. What a joke. Why would a normal person pay attention to the whereabouts of the head of their neighboring country?

Even if they were important members of the Sentel family and always paid attention to international news for business and understanding of international politics, this did not mean that they would focus on the Prime Minister of Sunrise Land to see when was the last time he made a public appearance.

“I... I think last month?”

Sylphie said and immediately got up to turn on the computer.

Jasper was not in a hurry. He knew that cooperation with Sentel Corporation was only the first step. Even with Sentel's participation, it was very difficult and almost impossible for him to fight back against the joint attack of both Wall Street and Softwin. Hence, he wanted to get through this peacefully. However, if he wanted to win, he would need to make an unexpected

winning move.

If he wanted to make an unexpected winning move, he would not be able to do it without Sentel's cooperation.

Jasper got up and poured a cup of tea for Emil. Then, he said, “Mr. Emil, what do you think of the current situation in Sunrise Land?”

Emil frowned slightly, “Because of the existence of Trider Financial Group, Sentel has almost no way to enter the Sunrise Land market.”

“But we have a special countermeasure team studying the situation in Sunrise Land. At present, after all these years of rest and recuperation, the economy of Sunrise Land has recovered very quickly. It is a bit like Coreana, but it is more authoritative. Trider Financial Group’s control over Sunrise Land is much greater than Sentel’s influence over Coreana.”

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Jasper smiled and nodded. He said, “Yes, I like the two words used by Mr. Emil. Control and influence. The difference between these two words is the difference between Trider and Sentel.”

Sylphie walked over from behind the computer and said, “I found that the last time the head of Sunrise Land made a public appearance was at the Congressional Consultation Meeting held on the 3rd of last month. At that time, Congress focused on deliberating the tax exemption bill that was proposed by him and his cabinet.”

“Today is the 29th, that is to say, he has not appeared in front of the public for a full two months. This is a very unusual for the head of a country,” Jasper said.

After Jasper said that, Emil’s and Sylvie exchanged a look, and at the same time, noticed the suspiciousness in each other’s eyes.

As the head of a country, he was required to control and manage the country in all aspects. It was extraordinary for him to not show up for two months.

“I have reliable information. The physical condition of the head of Sunrise Land is not looking good.”

Jasper narrowed his eyes slightly, disregarding the shock of the father and daughter upon hearing these words, and confirmed, "Moreover, the cabinet with him as the core is currently in turmoil because of his physical condition."

"As a famous and powerful politician, if something were to happen to him, the current cabinet will be dissolved shortly after!"

After he said this, Jasper put down his cup, looked at Emil, and said solemnly, "If we launch an attack at this time, Sunrise Land will become a mess because they won't have their highest decision-maker. In this situation, our goal can be easily achieved."

"When you consider Sunrise Land's solid foundation as the world's second largest economy, it would be ideal if we don't need to fight head on with them. Look at the Terra financial crisis that Soros launched in Terra a few years ago, what did Quantum Fund do then?"

"He just detonated the explosive buried by the rapid economic development these countries faced. When the whole world sees the opportunity, they will immediately surround it like hungry wolves."

"Once the Sun Dollars crashes again, as an important strategic partner of the United States in Terra, how will they be able to help with the national interests of the United States when Sunrise Land is unable to even save themselves?"

“When that time comes, the most important thing for the United States to consider will be how to ensure that their interests in Terra are not influenced by the fallout, so they will not worry too much about the economy.”

“This is the only correct answer.”

After Jasper said this, Emil’s heart felt like a stormy sea. Emil never expected that upon encountering a dead end, Jasper’s plan to overcome it would be to step on the entire country of Sunrise Land to provide him with a channel to relieve his troubles.

Moreover, the price of doing so was the crash of the Sun Dollar while the economy of Sunrise Land would regress for at least 5 years. Even his father might not come up with a plan like this, let alone himself.

“Do you know that once you do this, you will change the entire political landscape in Terra if you succeed?” Emil asked, staring at Jasper.

Jasper said lightly, “That’s what the politicians should worry about. I only care about one thing and that’s staying alive.”

“As long as you live a good life, why bother about the life and death of others?” Sylphie said suddenly.

Jasper chuckled and said, “Do we care about the life and death of Sunrise Land?”

Emil laughed suddenly, “Okay, okay, okay! We really don’t need to care about the life and death of those nasty goblins. We just need to seize this opportunity, get rich and create legends. This is ripe for the taking!”

‘What is the easiest way to solve a big problem? Create a bigger issue that completely overshadows the previous matter.’

Jasper looked at Emil, who was laughing wildly with excitement, and thought silently in his heart.

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“Time is running out and I only have one day left at best What are you going to do?”

Emil laughed wildly, but Sylphie was much calmer. She knew that since Jasper proposed this, he had to have a series of plans to carry it out.

Jasper smiled and said, “The easiest thing to do in the world is to make money from another country in crisis. From now on, Sentel and I will use our full power to get a loan from Sunrise Land. Now, the exchange rate between Somer Dollars and Sun Dollars is 1 to 7.6. We will use this loan to sell Sun Dollars and then wait until tomorrow. Once tomorrow arrives, we’ll immediately start shorting Sun Dollars.”

This plan was very simple.

An easy-to-understand term was to get rich without much effort.

According to the current exchange rate, 1 Somer Dollar could be exchanged for about 7.6 Sun Dollars. Based on this valuation, Jasper’s loan of 76 billion Sun Dollars could be exchanged for 1 billion Somer Dollars.

When the Sun Dollars were shorted and the exchange rate plummeted to the point that 1 Somer Dollars could be exchanged for 10 Sun Dollars, Jasper would still have to

repay 76 billion Sun Dollars to Sunrise Land Bank, but at this time, he would only need 760 million Somer Dollars in order to do so.

In the financial market, only junior players would buy bullish stocks and wait to make money. The intermediate players were the ones who would learn to play with futures and make money in both bullish and bearish markets.

Meanwhile, the real advanced players would play with exchange rates.

One could make a lot of money from the rise and fall of exchange rates. Coupled with the profit caused by the exchange rate difference, this was an excellent way to get rich overnight.

After listening to Jasper's plan, Sylphie nodded and said, "This is no problem. Sentel Corporation has been operating and supporting some agency businesses in Sunrise Land recently. We can get large loans in a short period and exchange them for other currencies. But the problem is, as far as I know, you have no foothold in Sunrise Land, correct?"

The secondary meaning of this sentence was that Sylphie was worried that Jasper had no way of getting the loan in question.

Jasper smiled and said, "I don't have channels, but I know people who do. Don't worry about that."

Even though Sylphie was curious when Jasper did not reveal to her the truth, she did not probe.

“Then we will start acting immediately.” Sylphie got up and replied.

“I should go back too.” Jasper also stood up.

“Now?” Sylphie asked in surprise.

Jasper glanced at the time and said, “It is less than 30 hours before the United States stock market opens. I have to go back and make the necessary arrangements.”

“Well, good luck to you.” Sylphie stretched out her hand.

Jasper smiled and held Sylphie’s hand. She said, “Keep in touch.”

After leaving the Sentel family and getting into the car, Jasper let out a sigh of relief.

His transport had been naturally arranged by Sylphie, so the driver was also an employee of Sentel Corporation. Julian sat in the passenger seat as he turned to ask, "Jasper, is everything going well?"

"It went smoothly."

Jasper nodded and smiled. "It can't get any smoother than this."

"That's good."

Julian gave him a silly grin.

He did not understand business, so he could not help Jasper in this regard. He just acted as a spectator for the past two days in Sela. He could not even participate on most occasions, so the most he could do was stay quietly in his room.

However, this did not prevent him from wishing Jasper well.

It was quiet at night. Even in Sela, whose traffic was usually unbearable, at this time of the night, there was no traffic on the road. It previously took them more than two hours to come here from the airport, but this time it only took them forty minutes to head back in the opposite direction.

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By the time he got out of the car, Sentel Corporation had already taken care of everything relating to his flight route. From this, it could also be seen that Sentel Corporation was very powerful in Coreana.

When Jasper came here a few days ago, although he had filed an emergency application and the flight route application was quickly approved, the cost was three times higher than usual. This time, the flight route Sentel Corporation had helped Jasper apply for was solved with a single phone call. He did not need to spend a single cent.

After boarding the plane, Jasper breathed a sigh of relief. However, instead of relaxing, he immediately called Adele.

After the call connected, the first thing Jasper heard was a splash of water.

This stunned Jasper.

“You’re not taking a shower, are you?” Jasper asked.

Adele’s laughter came over the phone. “Why? Do you want to see?”

Jasper said embarrassingly. "I'll call you later."

"No, I'm taking a bath. You can't see me since you're on the phone anyway. Tell me, what's the matter?"

Adele was very generous. Her voice sounded casual, but it was laced with a little laziness. The scene of her bathing seemed rather vivid at this moment.

Jasper pictured the fair Adele lying in the steaming bath, revealing her perfect collarbone and that beautiful face...

"Are you imagining what I look like now?" Adele seemed to be able to guess what Jasper was thinking.

"No." Jasper denied immediately.

How preposterous. How could he admit to this kind of thing?

"Hehe."

Adele giggled mischievously and replied, "I'm not wearing any clothes and I'm in the bathtub by myself. If you were here, I'd invite you to come in and take a dip."

"..."

Jasper did not want to bother with this minx. He was wise and he did not continue the topic. Instead, he said, "I have a big deal for you."

"Oh? Didn't Coreana's negotiation go smoothly? This doesn't make sense, you have what they need most, so why would they refuse to cooperate with you?" Adele asked.

"The negotiation with them went smoothly, but that's also why I have another big deal for you."

"However, this business is rather sizeable and demanding, so I'm not sure if you can do it."

Adele answered lazily, "If even I can't do something, it won't be of any use even if you try to find someone else in Somerland to help you. Tell me, If I can do it, I will do it. If I can't do it, no matter how much you pay, it'll be of no use."

“I like your honesty and trustworthiness. Your business won’t scam anyone, including the young and the old.”

Jasper chuckled and continued, “I have 200 tons of gold and I need to put it up for collateral in the bank in Sunrise Land.”

As soon as he said that, there was a thud from the other side of the phone. It was the sound of the phone falling and hitting the ground. Then, it was followed by an exclamation.

After a while, Adele’s voice came from the other end of the phone again. “Thank god the phone fell outside the bathtub. It would be bad if it fell into the water. What did you just say? 200 tons of gold? Jasper, are you crazy? Where did you get so much gold?”

Naturally, Jasper would not tell Adele that he had converted almost all his available funds into gold during this period.

With the exception of the money invested in the stock market, the remaining money parked in Jasper’s bank accounts did not even exceed 2 million.

It could be said that this was the poorest he had been since he first started his business.

“I have no idea that you had a habit of getting to the bottom of things before you do business.” Jasper chuckled.

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One had to know that as an internationally used hard currency, gold was regarded as strategic reserve resource in every country in the world.

Even the economic strength of a country did not depend on how valuable the country's currency was, but rather, how much gold reserves it held.

This was because once war broke out, the currency was likely to become waste paper. Only gold was truly recognized by all of mankind and the entire international community.

Even now, the global economic system was still based on the gold standard. The so-called gold standard meant that gold was the basic unit of settlement.

Therefore, a large amount of gold was definitely not something that an individual or company could obtain. After all, this commodity was a national strategic resource. No country would allow too much gold to appear in the private sector. Once it fell into the hands of someone with bad intentions, the entire economic sector might be affected.

On the other end of the phone, Adele was silent for a moment.

After this, she did not continue to ask Jasper about the source of the gold.

“Does it have to be Sunrise Land’s bank?” Adele asked.

Jasper replied without hesitation, “There is no room for compromise on this. It must be the bank of Sunrise Land, and you are also responsible for converting my mortgaged Sun Dollars into US Dollars or Somer Dollars.”

Adele stayed silent even longer now.

After a few minutes, Adele said again, “200 tons of gold. How much do you plan to mortgage it off for?”

“According to the current market price, gold is 315 US Dollars per ounce, but I can mortgage it for 280 US Dollars per ounce. Also, the mortgage period is 3 months,” Jasper said.

“The price is reasonable and I have the channels, but it takes time,” Adele said affirmatively.

Jasper was secretly surprised. It seemed that Adele’s power was more extensive than he initially thought.

“I can give you time, but only 24 hours,” Jasper said.

“ ... ”

Adele was silent for a while and then Jasper heard her screaming, “Jasper, it’s late at night and you’re joking with me instead of sleeping?”

Jasper smiled bitterly. “Why would I do that? Every word I say to you is real.”

“With the price of 280 US Dollars per ounce, it would be 29,400 Sun Dollars after conversion. 200 tons of gold would be 200 billion Sun Dollars! Plus, it must be done within 24 hours. Do you think I am a god or the head of Sunrise Land?”

“After everything is done, I will pay you 500 million.” Jasper’s words got rid of Adele’s agitation immediately.

“It’s a 200 billion Sun Dollars transaction that’s equal to almost 26.3 billion Somer Dollars, but I’m only getting 500 million?”

“If you think it’s too little, you can calculate the interest as well, then I’ll pay you more?” Jasper cracked a joke.

“... You dog!”

“And the 500 million will also be given to you after 3 months. You should know that I am short of money now,” Jasper said without changing the expression on his face.

Adele was silent for a while.

“I’m very satisfied with the payment. The delay of 3 months is not a big problem. After all, your roots are still in Somerland and it’s not like you can get away.”

Jasper smiled and said, “Of course. Who dares to fall behind on a payment when they’re doing business with you, Miss Brown?”

Adele ignored Jasper’s teasing. Then, she said solemnly, “But the time frame for this is really too tight.”

“I know it’s difficult, but that’s why I looked for you. Why would I bother you if it’s a trivial matter?” Jasper flattered Adele.

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“Why else would you offer me 500 million to do this?” Adele said spitefully.

“Wait for my update. I have to confirm it before I can give you an answer.”

After she said that, Adele immediately hung up the phone.

Half an hour later, Jasper entered Somerland’s airspace and his phone rang.

“Where are the goods now?” Adele asked directly.

“On the high seas beyond the territory of Sunrise Land,” Jasper replied.

“You were ready for this, huh?” Adele seemed to have discovered some big secret and said profoundly.

“It’s such a big matter, so naturally, it couldn’t be decided with a snap.”

Jasper smiled and said, "How is it? Can you do it?"

"At dawn tomorrow, Sunrise Central Bank will inspect the goods with someone from the insurance company. You have to arrange for someone to receive it."

"Once the inspection is completed, the gold needs to be sealed in Sunrise Central Bank. Of course, you will still hold all ownership unless you can't repay the loan after three months. Also, the interest rate will increase by 40%."

Jasper frowned and asked, "40%?"

"Too much? Then I can't help it. Our schedule is very tight so the other party used this point to demand a huge price."

"Hehe, 3 months of interest at 40%. There's an increase of at least tens of millions. Fine, since they dared to ask, I will dare to give it to them."

"Tell them I said yes. I will send you the address later and allow them to send someone to inspect the goods tomorrow, but I need someone from my side to tag along too."

Adele felt that Jasper's request was reasonable. "No problem, after all, you are the owner of the goods, but you have to hurry up. Everything on your side must be in place before the work day begins at 8 am. tomorrow."

"No problem."

After hanging up the phone, Jasper looked at Julian and said, "Julian, I have one thing I need you to do. After the plane arrives at Nauritus City Airport, you can take this plane to Sunrise Land this very night and wait at the Eastern Capital dock You are responsible for getting in touch with the people from Sunrise Central Bank and the insurance companies on my behalf."

Julian hesitated. "I can go, but I'm afraid I won't be able to do it well."

"You'll be fine."

Jasper smiled and said, "The gold is genuine and at a fair price. There will be no problems. You don't have to worry about anything. You just need to keep an eye on this batch of gold until you see them seal the gold in the state treasury of Sunrise Central Bank, then you can come back."

Julian nodded and said, "Okay, I will do it well."

“Sorry for the trouble.” Jasper patted Julian on the shoulder and said.

“But Jasper, when did you buy so much gold?” Julian asked curiously.

“It started when I entered Dow Jones before. To be precise, on the first day of JW Foundation’s establishment. I bought gold futures and invested into gold at the same time.

“I bought gold from all over the world whenever it was available. Most of it was collected from the black market. The price of this batch of gold is 20% higher than the market price. However, if the plan is successful, everything will be worth it,” Jasper said softly.

“Jasper, have you been thinking about this day since way back then?” Julian was shocked.

“No, at that time, I was thinking that if I were ever defeated, this batch of gold that no one knew about would be my turnover capital. But now, there are places where it is needed more, so I am willing to offer my escape route as collateral and place it on the gaming table as a bargaining chip.”

As he was saying that, Jasper joked, “So now, you are in control of my wealth and life.”

Jasper was just joking, but Julian took it seriously. He answered solemnly, “Don‘ t worry, Jasper, as long as I am around, the gold will be in safe hands.”

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The plane glided smoothly and landed at Nauritus City International Airport.

Jasper got off the plane while Julian stayed on board. After the plane was refueled, it would immediately fly to Eastern Capital in Sunrise Land. This time, Julian's mission was of great significance, and he carried all of Jasper's hope.

"The weather has turned cold recently. Hurry up and put on your coat."

Wendy, who rushed to the airport to pick him up, had already prepared a coat. She put it on Jasper and said pitifully when she looked at Jasper's slightly tired face.

Jasper grabbed the collar button of the coat with one hand, and with the other hand took out a small gift box like he was performing a magic trick. Then, he chuckled and said, "This is a gift for you."

Wendy was pleasantly surprised. "What is it?"

She accepted the gift as she said this.

Although she had been with Jasper for a long time, Jasper rarely gave her any gifts.

Even though Jasper or Wendy had the money to buy gifts, for Wendy, it was Jasper's thoughts that counted.

"A brooch."

Jasper said as he watched Wendy opening the box.

Under the bright lights of the airport, the brooch made of diamonds shone brightly.

"Do you like it?" Jasper asked.

"I like it very much. Thank you."

Wendy was beaming. As long as it was something from Jasper, she would like it.

After finishing speaking, she stood on tiptoes to plant a kiss on Jasper's cheek. Wendy held Jasper's hand contentedly and said, "Let's go home."

“Let’s go directly to the company,” Jasper said.

“Are you that busy?” Wendy was reluctant.

She felt that Jasper was working too hard. He had just come back from abroad, so by right he should have gone home to rest first. Even the most hardcore people could not stand working around the clock like this.

“Time will not wait for me. There are about 24 hours before the opening. Every minute and every second is extremely important to us.”

Earlier on the plane, Jasper had already communicated with Kayden and the little prince about the cooperation they had obtained in Coreana, which was undoubtedly exciting and good news for the whole team.

Similarly, Jasper had already told them about his plan to short Sun Dollars.

However, he did not go into the details. He just told them about the overview of the plan, so that if they were interested, they could make a fortune in Sunrise Land together as the country was in turmoil.

As for whether they believed him or not of any concern to Jasper.

After all, this was not part of the previous cooperation agreement.

Similarly, Jasper would also take this opportunity to see if there were any spies in the team. If there were any, the spies would not be able to endure this.

Wendy did not know so much. When she wanted to say something, she saw Jasper deep in thought, so she just sighed to herself. She had made up her mind to force Jasper to rest for a few months when this was all over.

It was just his career, not the sky falling.

Soon, the car drove all the way to the roof of the company.

Jasper immediately called Jake and Baz to come over for a meeting. The others who participated in the meeting together through remote video connection were located in the Harbor City and Waterhoof City trade centers.

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As Jasper started the meeting, a top-secret message was delivered to Fabian in Harbor City through a special channel.

Fabian, who was about to rest, saw the news and jumped out of bed.

On the bed, Fabian's new partner propped up her fair and tender upper body and said in dissatisfaction, "Mr. Atticus, what are you doing? Go to bed, I'm so sleepy."

"Sleep? You can sleep in hell, you stupid b*tch!"

Suppressing the shock and excitement in his heart, Fabian lifted the quilt, put on his pajamas, took out a stack of money from the bedside table before throwing it at the woman. "Get dressed and f*ck off."

The woman was extremely dissatisfied inside, but she still put on her clothes quickly for the sake of the stack of money. Then, she dared not say a word and left.

At this time, Fabian had already arrived in the study. He paced back and forth in place as he dialed a number. It took a long time for this call to be connected.

“Is it true?” Fabian asked directly.

On the other side of the phone, there was a calm voice. “You called me just to make sure I would not joke with you about such a big thing? Do you know that I was almost exposed because of your phone call?”

Fabian answered nonchalantly, “If this news is true, it’ll be worth it even if you get exposed right now.”

The person on the other end of the phone snorted and said, “I also just got the news. It’s definitely not fake. You should implement the countermeasures as soon as possible.”

After speaking, the person on the other end immediately hung up the phone.

After a while, the door to the meeting room was opened again. Dean wiped his hands and walked back. Jasper, who was talking, looked at Dean with a smile and asked, “Are you done?”

Dean apologized, "I'm sorry, I've been having a stomachache over these past two days. I will try not to disturb the meeting."

"It's okay. It's just nature's call."

After Jasper finished speaking, he turned and continued, "Okay, then we will continue with the meeting."

In Harbor City, Fabian put down the phone and took a deep breath. After that, he made a call to Sunrise Land. This time it took even longer for the call to be connected.

Moreover, it was not Echo who picked up the phone.

"Where is Echo?" Fabian asked in a deep voice.

"Mr. Welch is testing. I am his secretary. You can tell me directly if there's anything." On the other end of the phone came a polite but businesslike voice.

Fabian yelled, "Go and ask Echo to answer the phone right away. Tell him he will suffer the consequences if I don't hear his voice in 30 seconds!"

Fabian's volume and tone might have frightened the secretary on the other end of the phone, as they hurriedly responded before fetching Echo immediately.

Soon, Fabian could hear Echo's gasps on the phone. It sounded as if he had just exercised vigorously. "Say, Atticus, why are you looking for me in such a hurry so late at night? I'm very busy."

"Are you busy 'exercising' with women in bed? You're so useless." Fabian sneered.

Echo said angrily, "Atticus, watch your attitude, I am not one of your subordinates."

With a muffled snort, Fabian said, "Alright, I'm not here to fight with you. I'm here to tell you that Jasper plans to go long on Sun Dollars!"

"Long Sun Dollars?" Echo asked in surprise.

"Yes, according to reliable information, Jasper and Sentel from Coreana have reached an agreement. They plan to long Sun Dollars at the same time when the market opens tomorrow," Fabian said.

Echo laughed wildly. "Is Jasper crazy? Why is he going long on Sun Dollars? Sunrise Land is the world's second-largest economy, and the Sun Dollars is extremely stable. Does he think he can go long just because he wants to? With his little amount of capital, isn't he afraid of losing out?"

"Do you still not understand his character after fighting with him for so long? Since he's going to do this, then it means he's very confident in what will happen next. All we have to do is to destroy his plan and then completely trample him to death!"

Fabian's eyes were sinister, and he continued coldly, "This time, the intelligence came during our hour of need. He has no idea that we can go short in the opposite direction and hedge his long orders. When that happens, he will be in a situation where he will be consigned to eternal damnation."

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On the other end of the phone, Echo was silent for some time. He felt disconcerted at this moment. The sudden and important news made him feel a little lost.

After thinking about it, he asked a question that he thought was very important.

“Is the information true?”

Fabian was taken aback. He felt that the question was familiar. Then he sneered, “Do you think I’d joke with you about such a big thing in the middle of the night?”

After saying this, Fabian pondered for a while and felt that this was even more familiar.

Echo was speechless after Fabian retorted.

“If it is true, it means that Jasper is now in the light while we are in the shadows. We can pretend we’re unintentionally doing this. This time, there is a high probability that Jasper will have no hope of reprieve.”

As Echo said that, he also became excited.

“If we can trample Jasper to death, not only will we get revenge, but we will also get unparalleled prestige and honor!”

Fabian laughed and said, “Yes, you will become Softwin’s new brightest star. With the support of the Trider Financial Group family, you will be fully cultivated as Myles’ successor.”

Echo seemed to picture the image of him standing next to Myles in his mind as he attended the board meeting alongside him. He was even more excited when he thought about the scene when countless executives would nod and bow to him as even his family changed their views of him.

“Great!”

Echo grinned evilly and said, “Although we don’t know why Jasper is so confident, since we are aware of this in advance, if we don’t prepare a huge gift for him, we would be disappointing him.”

“As soon as the market opens tomorrow, I will immediately start the layout. If he wants to go long, we will go short. Then, we will let him taste despair!”

Fabian replied in a solemn voice, "Okay, I will persuade the family to take out a large sum of money to attack Jasper together."

Echo sneered, "I think you also want to get something out of him, right? After all, since he dares to go long on Sun Dollars, regardless of what his master plan is, he would have to prepare a large amount of funds to carry it out. He is very likely to take out hundreds of billions of dollars from the Nasdaq."

Fabian said lightly, "I just want to help you and make sure that Jasper is completely trampled to death."

"Hmph, anyway, I don't care what you are thinking. I'm fine as long as we can be partners in dealing with Jasper."

After speaking, Echo hung up the phone. After thinking about it, he dialed Myles' private number.

Originally, he was not qualified to communicate directly with Myles, but this time he, as the commander of Softwin's massive funds, he could report directly to Myles.

Soon, the call went through.

Echo's body was extremely tense, and he spoke solemnly, "Sir, I have important information that I need to report to you immediately. This is related to our victory in this battle."

A few seconds later, Echo said loudly, "Yes, I'll rush over right away."

Putting down the phone, Echo rushed to Myles's residence with a look of excitement. He seemed to have seen a road to success which was now opening its arms to him.

At this time, Jasper's meeting had also ended.

"Everyone, have a good sleep tonight. It will be another fierce battle tomorrow."

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After Jasper finished speaking, he ended the video conference. Then, he said to everyone in the conference room, “Go back and rest. Get back your energy. We’ll fight a tough battle tomorrow.”

Jake and the gang all smiled, Then, they got up and left the meeting room.

At this time, it was almost two o’clock in the morning. Jasper, who had just exited the conference room, had not slept yet Hence, he went straight to his own lounge upstairs, where Henry was already yawning non-stop.

“Did you get him?” Jasper asked.

Henry chuckled, took out a small object from his arms, and pressed the button. Then, they heard Dean’s voice.

“You called me just to make sure I would not joke with you about such a big thing? Do you know that I was almost exposed because of your phone call?”

“I also just got the news. It’s definitely not fake. You should implement the countermeasures as soon as possible.”

It was just two sentences. It finished playing after just over ten seconds.

“We finally got the dirt on this son of a b*tch.”

Henry looked excited and said, “Should I get him now and skin him alive?”

“No rush. We can’t take action against him yet.”

Jasper smiled and said, “Wait after tomorrow. Even if we don’t do anything, Fabian and Echo will kill him once they find out they’ve been deceived.”

Henry asked curiously, “How can you be sure that he has been in contact with Fabian? I have been watching him for so long and I haven’t found any clues. I only know that he has connections with a few rich people in Harbor City, but those rich people won’t cause too much of a commotion since my family is keeping them in check.”

“You know this, I know this, and Dean definitely knows this too. Therefore, we can assume that his real reason for contacting those rich people was to get in contact with Fabian through them.”

Jasper said, “I thought about this issue for a long time before I came to this conclusion. I wasn’t sure until I heard this recording because I had no evidence. When it comes to

dirty tricks, Dean is indeed powerful, and he hides deep in the shadows. If I hadn't deliberately sounded him out tonight, I wouldn't have been able to find out about this."

"Originally, it would have been best if the probing turned out to be useless because it would indicate that Dean was not stupid enough to act against us, but now that we have determined that he's the spy, we can use him to deceive Fabian and the others."

"Tomorrow. We just have to wait until tomorrow and then everything will become clear."

"When it comes to insidiousness, you are still the benchmark," Henry said what countless people were thinking in their hearts.

"Get lost. Go to bed, you." Jasper laughed.

Henry was in a good mood, so he hummed and left. At the same time, Wendy came in with a bowl of soup. "Drink up. This is to replenish your energy and blood. You are under so much pressure during this period and you often stay up late, so you must pay attention to your health," Wendy said solemnly.

Jasper took the bowl and took a sip. Unlike most of the female leads in the novels, Wendy's cooking skills were pretty good. Her food smelled great and tasted delicious.

“It’s delicious What’s in it?” Jasper was surprised.

“Red ginseng, horny goat weed, and yohimbine,” Wendy rolled her eyes and said.

“I see!” Jasper drank the rest of the soup in one gulp and then lifted Wendy by her waist.

“Ah! What are you doing?” Wendy turned pale.

“Don’t you just want me to work harder since you gave me so many herbs for performance? Don’t worry, I’ll definitely satisfy you today.” Jasper laughed maniacally.

“You rascal, let go of rue! Don’t mess around, you have to rest now instead of doing these things... Ah, don’t rip my clothes!”

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Jasper was woken up by his phone the next day. He picked up the phone groggily and upon seeing Julian's name, immediately became energetic.

"It's me."

After answering the call, Jasper said simply and directly.

"Jasper, all the gold has been sealed in Sunrise Land's central bank vault just now, and according to your request, the whole process was filmed. There was also a military attaché from the Somerland Embassy to testify at the scene."

Jasper was surprised. "The military attaché of the Somerland Embassy is there? I didn't arrange for that."

What a joke. Jasper admitted that no matter how reputable he was, he was not powerful enough to command the military attaché of the embassy. However, after thinking about it, Jasper realized that it was Adele's arrangement.

This woman was so thoughtful.

“I’m not sure but the guy took out his identity card, so I didn’t stop him. Is there a problem?” Julian asked.

“No problem, it’s a good thing. If Sunrise Land wants to refuse to acknowledge that they have lost the game in the future after what we did comes to light, they would have to take the lash back of the Somerland government into consideration. Haha.”

“Okay, now that the task is complete. You should come back first.”

After Jasper hung up, he was about to call Adele, but she called him first.

“Mr. Laine, don’t tell me you are still sleeping.”

Jasper leaned against the bed and said with a smile, “No, don’t talk nonsense, how can a hardworking person like me still sleep at eleven o’clock? I’m working in the office of course.”

“Okay, then can the big hardworking boss come downstairs and bring me up please?” Adele said with a cold chuckle.

“Are you in Nauritus City?” Jasper asked in surprise.

“Not only am I in Nauritus City, but I’m also downstairs in your company.

“Jasper, I didn’t sleep for most of the night because of your business, and I only rested my eyes for a while on the plane over from Swallow Capital. In the end, you lied to me that and claimed that you’re in the company. I just asked around and your employees didn’t see you come to work at the company today,” Adele said angrily.

Jasper held the phone to his ear, got up, and put on his clothes. He said, “Don’t say that, you sound as if I’ve wronged you. If I can make 500 million by just staying up late, I would close down my company. Isn’t it better to just shut down my whole company as soon as possible to earn money with you?”

“Stop talking nonsense, I’ll give you 30 minutes to show up in front of me and treat me to lunch,” Adele said with a light snort.

“I don’t need 30 minutes. 5 minutes is enough.”

After Jasper hung up, he washed up simply and walked directly out of the lounge. His office was located outside the lounge.

He then headed to Wendy’s office. After he told her that he needed to meet someone at noon and could not accompany her, he was gratefully driven away by her.

“Great, I happen to have an important accounting audit to do, and I was wondering how to send you away. Say thanks to the person who asked you out for me, goodbye.”

After last night, Wendy was feeling sore all over, yet she was exceptionally strong when she pushed Jasper out of the office.

Ten minutes later, Jasper saw Adele in the public reception room downstairs. She was wearing a wide-brimmed round hat, sunglasses, and an exquisite outfit that was very eye-catching.

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Adele lowered her head and pushed up the frame of her sunglasses when she saw Jasper approaching. Then, she looked at Jasper with her breathtaking eyes, “You were really in the company?”

“Why would I lie to you?”

Jasper sat across from Adele and asked for the waiter. “A glass of orange juice, thank you.”

The public reception room below the headquarters of JW Company was mainly for the company’s employees to rest and receive clients from other companies. Additionally, it was served as a coffee shop and a diner. One could order some snacks, afternoon tea, coffee, juices, and other similar drinks.

Based on this alone, JW Company was at the forefront of all domestic enterprises.

When the waiter saw Jasper, he was so excited that his heart raced. “Alright, Mr. Laine, I will bring it to you right away.”

“Thanks.”

After the waiter left, Jasper turned his head and continued to say to Adele, “Due to the time difference in the United States stock market during this period, I’ve stayed up most nights such that the company is becoming my second home.”

Adele was not interested in this topic. She looked around curiously and asked, “Is everything here for free?”

“Yes.” Jasper nodded.

“Well, aren’t you afraid that your staff might slack off or even bring irrelevant people around to eat and drink?”

Adele’s question cracked Jasper up.

“How much can some snacks and drinks cost? My company never restricts this. Even if the family members or even friends of the employees drop by, they can enjoy the service here for free while the company will pay for all expenses.”

Jasper pointed to himself and then to the employees who were talking in low voices around him as he said, “Put yourself in their shoes. I always think that a boss needs to be meticulous about how they can save. They need to save on unnecessary investment, unnecessary development, and unnecessary projects, but if the habit of saving is imposed upon employees...”

“You can’t save much money, not to mention, you will look petty and calculative.”

“No wonder. I have been sitting here for more than 20 minutes, yet I feel that the spirit of your company’s employees is different from those of other companies. Even if the state-owned enterprises such as the country’s strongest tobacco and oil companies have such good benefits, I still feel that they will not be as good as your company’s employees.”

“The employees of those companies work because they have to, but your employees feel more like they are running their own business.”

Jasper laughed and said, “I guess it’s a difference in corporate culture. Since JW was founded as a small workshop that was squeezed into a villa, I began to establish a corporate culture.”

“Now, JW Company not only has the most complete promotion system, but we also have corporate learning classes. No matter what level you are at, which department you are in, or if you’re a cleaner in the logistics department, you can participate in all kinds of training courses offered by the company for free as long as you want to.”

“The teachers in these training classes are mostly employees of the company, but we will also hire instructors and experts from outside.”

“As long as you have a good idea, the company has a dedicated department to deal with the corresponding proposal. You can receive a start-up grant offered by the

company if you are acknowledged and then you can try to develop it with a small team of three or five people.

“These are the differences between JW Company and other companies.

“And these things, I believe, are also things that all domestic entrepreneurs need to learn in the next ten or twenty years.”

“These are not small expenses, right?” Adele asked.

“It accounts for about 15% of the company’s annual administrative expenses, of course, not counting the operating costs of those small teams.”

“If you take that into account, then JW would need to invest at least 2-3 billion into those things. Still, as with all things there will be profits and losses. But let me tell you, up to now, we have made a lot of money such that we can completely cover up our the losses from the program,” Jasper said with a smile.

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“Are you still hiring?”

Adele was eager to try her luck

Jasper laughed and said, “I’m afraid I can’t afford to hire a rich lady like you.”

“Oh, you don’t understand. I’m fine with being a consultant,” Adele said excitedly.

“A consultant? I guess that’s possible.”

Jasper rubbed his chin and said meaningfully, “Though I have been looking for a better secretary, are you interested?”

“Okay, do you dare to hire me as your secretary?”

Adele covered her mouth and smiled.

“If you dare to try, why wouldn’t I dare to hire you?”

“If you dare to hire me, why won’t I dare to try?”

The two seemed to be in a fight.

At that moment, Jasper, who had just gotten the orange juice, was the first to concede.

“That’s enough. You’re the dignified Miss Brown so why are you messing around in my company? My humble company can’t stand you causing a commotion.”

Adele replied unhappily, “Who said that I’m here to mess around? My family’s situation is quite special. They’re never taken the business part seriously, but I like it, and yet no one taught me how to run a company. I think your system is what I have been looking for.”

“Many foreign corporate cultures can be used for reference. I also combined many foreign experiences into designing this framework.”

What Jasper said was not a lie.

His model was completely based on the combination of management methods of domestic Internet companies in later generations and foreign corporate culture concepts derived from this era. It was not groundless. Adele leaned over slightly. She stared at Jasper and pointed to his nose. Then, she said, "Do you think I can go to work in a foreign company with my identity?"

Jasper froze for a moment and smiled bitterly. "It's indeed impossible... But running a company is not just about management and corporate culture. More importantly, if a company is alive, there must be a business. You..."

Adele smiled and looked at Jasper, waiting for him to finish.

Jasper could not continue anymore. He shook his head and reluctantly admitted, "Well, as long as you want to do it, there is really no industry that you can't work in."

Considering her family resources and how Adele managed to develop a flourishing intelligence business all by herself, no one in the country could compare with her. While serving in these two entities, Adele had shown business skills and talent that a lot of businessmen could not hope to develop within their entire lifetime.

"Do you really want to work here?" Jasper asked.

"Of course."

Adele nodded vigorously.

“But I can’t work from nine to five.”

“Not a problem. You can be my special assistant cum my business consultant. In terms of annual salary, you are not short of money so it’s not appropriate to give you more than the average. We’ll just decide on 1 million tentatively. Your other benefits will be on par with the vice president of the company.”

“Deal!”

This meeting unexpectedly allowed Jasper to find someone to fill the position of his special assistant secretary which had been vacant for a very long time, and he had also allowed Adele to join JW.

This was something that neither of them expected before this meeting.

“Boss, this time, I helped you complete the Sunrise Land mission.”

After they settled the unexpected, Adele immediately began to settle her original purpose behind coming over.

“Did you arrange for the military attaché at the embassy?” Jasper asked.

Adele chuckled and said, “Although I don’t know what’s the purpose of you wanting to mortgage so much gold to Sunrise Land so eagerly, I always feel that you might have some evil plans. Thus, to relieve you of some worries, I decided on that myself. Isn’t it appropriate?”

“Very...”

Jasper smiled and said, “Initially, the only thing that I was worried about was that the Sunrise Land government would be driven to desperation and would renege on a debt and not give us the gold. However, with the embassy’s guarantee, we’ll be fine.”

“I just didn’t expect you to be so powerful.”

Adele had a moment of rare guilt.

She did not dare to tell Jasper that when she contacted the people in Sunrise Land, she was discovered by the government officials because the relationship between the two countries was so sensitive.

As a result, her second uncle brought her to his office immediately.

Adele finally clarified the matter after some persuading. Then, not only her second uncle, even her older brother came to know about this.

Therefore, with her brother's proposal, and after her second uncle's report and the comprehensive consideration of the higher-ups, they finally issued an 'informal' order to the embassy that would not be archived.

This kind of thing was very mysterious, but it was nothing more than a game of interests between big countries.

The government seemed to know what Jasper wanted to do and was willing to cooperate with him.

As for what the government knew and how they came to learn about it, both Adele and Jasper had no clue. "Heh, don't mention it. It's very troublesome."

Adele chuckled and changed the topic. "The money is already in the account, but do you want to exchange it for Somer Dollars or US Dollars?"

"Exchange it for Somer Dollars. Consider it foreign currency to generate some income for the government" Jasper laughed.

In any case, foreign exchange reserves were the embodiment of a country's international power. No country would complain about a huge foreign exchange reserve, especially when it came to foreign currencies of economically developed countries like US Dollars or Sun Dollars.

The government had always been respectful of Jasper, and Jasper was also happy to do them this favor.

“Okay, I'll transfer it to you today.” Adele smiled and said, “In order to thank you for giving me such big business, you will not be charged for the handling fee.”

“Let's go.” Jasper smiled and stood up.

“Where?” Adele was stunned.

“I will hold a welcome party for you, but you and I are the only people attending. Besides, you said that you wanted me to treat you to a meal. You have worked hard, so I can't treat a heroine like you poorly.”

Adele chuckled and said, “You are so serious about what I said casually, but since there is such a brazen opportunity to exploit a rich man, I won't miss it. Let me tell you that I want to eat the most expensive food.”

“Not the best?” Jasper asked.

“Only the most expensive food can reflect my identity,” Adele arrogantly said.

“Yes, you look like the brainless child of the government now.”

“Go to hell.”

After they finished meal, it was already around three in the afternoon. Adele finished her meal and bade farewell after answering her phone.

“How can a secretary like you exist? You’re playing truant on the first day of work?” Jasper was dissatisfied.

“Oh, you can just deduct my salary. I promise I will work overtime at the opening tonight.”

Adele grinned and blew Jasper a kiss. Then, she got into a car and left.

Looking at Adele's back, Jasper chuckled and turned back to the company. Tonight, a war that would shake the world was waiting for him.

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Back at the company, when Jasper arrived at the trading floor on the top floor, he saw Dean standing in the hall talking to Todd.

However, Todd's eyes were full of indifference and impatience. Everyone could see this, but Dean seemed to have not paid attention to this at all. He was enthusiastic and humble the whole time. Moreover, he was actively looking for topics to discuss.

Todd's eyes lit up when Jasper arrived. He abandoned Dean immediately and strode toward Jasper.

"You're finally here. I was almost annoyed to death."

Jasper chuckled. He glanced at Dean, who looked at himself and Todd gently, and replied, "Be patient, it will be over soon."

Todd buffed, "Don't let me down."

"Don't worry, I'm not good at letting people down." After saying this, Jasper walked past Todd and toward Dean.

“Mr. Laine.” Dean was still as polite and humble as ever. It was easy to give people a good impression of him.

“Mr. Hall, have you gotten used to staying in Nauritus City these past two days? Please forgive me if we didn’t receive you properly. After all, there are too many things going on recently and it was inevitable that there are some areas that will be neglected.”

“If you have any needs, you can voice them at any time. Relax, treat Nauritus City as your home,” Jasper said to Dean with a smile.

Dean shrugged and said, “If I have to point out something wrong, it’s that everyone is too thoughtful and hospitable. I haven’t been so extravagant with myself.”

“Haha, you’re so courteous.”

Jasper laughed. Suddenly, he asked, “Mr. Hall, what do you think of my next plan?”

“No comments. I think it’s good.”

Dean looked sincere and cordial. He said, “Mr. Laine, your plan is meticulous and well fleshed out. This time I am just a bystander who’s here to learn from you.”

“But no matter how good the plan is, it won’t keep up with the change. No plan can avoid accidents completely. Do you think we will encounter any accidents?”

Jasper’s question caused Dean’s eyes to flicker, but it disappeared quickly.

“Accidents are inevitable, but I believe you will have a way to deal with it.” Dean smiled.

“I hope that’s true.” Jasper laughed.

“Mr. Laine, you should go back to your business. I need to go to the restroom,” Dean said.

Jasper nodded, motioning for Dean to go ahead.

Dean walked to the restroom calmly with a smile on his face. Instead of going to the restroom, he walked to the washbasin, turned on the water, and washed his face. The cold tap water splashed on his face, calming his flustered heart slowly.

He clenched his fists on both sides of the wash basin and raised his head to see his horrified face that was caused by nervousness and anxiety in the mirror.

“Did Jasper notice something?”

Dean was terrified by the thought of this. During his time in Nauritus City, he also learned about Jasper’s behavior. Jasper seemed to be easy going, but it was actually the complete opposite. He appeared to be easy going because as long as it did not violate his core interests, then Jasper would be willing to make compromises and concessions for the sake of cooperation.

However, he was not actually like that, because once someone violated his core interests, then the result would either be death or injury.

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This point had emerged from the time Jasper was still a small and insignificant character.

“Dean, my boy, this time, you must be cautious. Do not do things that should not be done, but you must also do the things you should do well. The most important thing is not to let Jasper notice, it is fine if you lay low for a while to make sure of this.”

“The things I need you to do are things that will not disgust him too much, but you still have to pay attention to the severity of it. If Jasper gives you enough hints, then give up for now. We are not in a hurry.”

“Do not underestimate Jasper. I do not know how many big shots out there have suffered from this. Some families have been ruined, and some are badly injured. You are not experienced enough, so you are not his opponent.”

Before leaving, Gale’s words lingered in Dean’s mind. He suddenly started to feel regretful. He should not have contacted Fabian so eagerly.

One had to know that this was something that even Gale did not know about, and it was something that he should not have done.

Should he give up?

The moment this thought appeared in Dean's mind, he immediately extinguished it. He knew that there was no turning back.

Would Fabian give up if he gave up now?

Would the group of foreigners who wished death upon Jasper sooner give up?

Taking a deep breath, Dean looked at himself in the mirror and muttered, "Go for it Jasper, if you can win so many times, why can't I?"

Time passed quietly.

The world was watching the opening of the Dow Jones Index today.

Last weekend, the Dow Jones Index was pushed to the trading curb for the first time in its history. This shocked everyone in the global financial world, as even investors with only the slightest bit of stock trading experience and knowledge were talking about it.

People seemed to see that under their strong appearance, the United States might not have really have an incorruptible body after all. After all, even they could be injured.

In addition to the previous terrorist attack, there was even some ridicule from the national media that had a bad relationship with the United States. The trading curb in the United States stock market meant that not only did the United States suffer a terrorist attack, their financial market had also been attacked.

As for the sudden changes in international politics, the United States, which had become accustomed to its superiority, would inevitably make a strong counterattack. In response to that terrorist attack, the United States was even ready to wage a war.

Furthermore, in response to this sudden trading curb, the United States would announce their reaction after the opening of the market.

At the same time, in New York.

Soros stood at the spot where Rogers usually stood. He clapped his hands to attract the attention of all the team members. Then, he slowly said, "Mr. Rogers needs to take temporary leave due to personal reasons. So, starting from today and throughout the following period, I will lead you throughout the next stage of the financial war."

When he said the term 'financial war', Soros' blue eyes were filled with the aura of death and passion. He said, "There are many people here who are old brothers-in-arms who won the Terra financial war with me. This time, I hope we can walk away the ultimate winner just like in the past."

"And now I have only one requirement for you, and that is to use all of your firepower and destroy all the short positions of Somerland capital as soon as the market opens. I want the Dow Jones Index to rise by at least 100 points 30 minutes after the opening!"

"The entirety of Wall Street has reached a consensus regarding this. We have the support of the world's richest consortium behind us, so I hope you will give me a good start."

Soros left the scene amidst the cheers of the team members that almost sounded like screams.

He walked to the office and looked at Rogers who was sitting quietly inside. Soros said in a deep voice, "My friend, you have to understand my decision to replace you."

"Is there any other way besides understanding and accepting it? Or should I also submit a resignation report to you? After all, this is what Layman Investment Bank hopes to see, right?"

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Rogers' words caused Soros's expression to turn stiff. "If you want, you can submit it."

Rogers stood up suddenly and said grimly, "Why? I've done so much for Quantum Fund throughout all these years, yet I have to get lost because Layman Investment Bank doesn't like me?"

"Rogers, you must know that Layman is our largest shareholder. Even if I support you, if they hold a general meeting of shareholders, they can even replace me. Do you understand?"

Soros grabbed Rogers by the collar and pulled him to the window. Then, he pointed to the busy trading floor in front of him and shouted, "Look at this team. This is the most elite team we have built by ourselves, but how's your recent performance been?"

"You only showed us one thing. Disappointment!"

"In the United States, on Wall Street, and in front of the capital, we only look at the results, not the process. The United States stock market has been dragged to a trading curb and someone needs to pay for it. The current situation is the result of me working my *ss off for you."

Rogers pushed Soros away and snapped with a cold chuckle, “Even if it’s you, would you do better than me?”

“Before that, no one knew that Jasper was able to do this, and it was you who looked down on Jasper from the beginning thinking that he was just an ant that could be trampled to death at any time. After so many days, hot money from all over the world has found hope of defeating Wall Street within Jasper.”

“Although his actual power has not increased, his influence has greatly multiplied. It will not be easy to destroy him now.”

Soros sneered, “So what? You don’t understand how determined Wall Street is this time. Jasper Laine must die.”

Rogers had a dumb look on his face and said, “I hope I can watch at one side later.”

“Sure, then let’s go down together.” Soros nodded. “Let’s go, the market will open in a few minutes.”

“It’s opened.”

As the red and green numbers flowed on the large wall-filled screen of the trading hall at the same time, Jasper looked up and saw the real-time market data of the Dow Jones Index.

At the same time, anxious alarms could be heard from various locations within the team.

“The major positions are in a state of emergency and the Dow Jones Index is soaring. It seems that every stock has a huge amount of money flowing in to go long.”

This was the first time Jake had seen such a huge flow of funds in his life. He raised his head to look at Jasper and shouted, “Mr. Laine, the current Dow Jones Index capital inflow has reached 200 billion US Dollars, and most of them have entered the stocks we are shorting.”

“I am under a lot of pressure here, and I need funds to replenish it.”

For Baz, an offense that terrified Jake was no different from the earth getting destroyed.

In the air-conditioned trading hall where the temperature was kept at a constant, Baz’s forehead was drenched with sweat. Half of the dozen or so trading accounts he was in charge of had reached the warning line of liquidation only three minutes after opening.

Jasper came over and looked at the account controlled by Baz. The attack on his side was particularly fierce. “How amazing. It’s 200 billion in one shot. They are not attempting to be gaudy with us but rather, they are trying to kill us all at one go,” Jasper said.

“Mr. Laine, what should I do? If we don’t have funds to replenish it, we will be fully liquidated.”

Baz’s face almost turned pale.

Once they were liquidated, it would result in a huge loss. He would lose up to at least tens of billions of Somer Dollars on the accounts he was responsible for. He could not even imagine the terrifying consequences of this.

“We can’t replenish it.”

Jasper shook his head.

“Wall Street is really furious this time. We won’t have enough money to fight against them.”

Jasper thought for a while and issued an order, "Settle all accounts and close the positions."

As soon as these words came out, everyone turned their heads and looked at Jasper in horror.

Were they surrendering?

Jasper looked calm and said, "Everyone, from the very beginning, we were never Wall Street's opponents. Whether in terms of influence or capital, what we are doing is just looking for a chance to survive under Wall Street's heavy assault."

"Now, the possibility of doing so may be close to zero, so what we have to do now is to retreat. A full retreat."

"But Mr. Laine, once all the positions are settled, we will have to vomit out all the profits gained from the past few days," someone said unwillingly.

"You're right."

Jasper nodded, but his face suddenly changed. Then, he shouted, "That's why you should get up immediately. You are no longer needed here."

“What I need is a team that will execute my orders, not subordinates who will question my decision at this critical moment when huge funds are being lost with every passing minute and second.”

Jasper’s words made the guy’s face turn pale.

He was originally a member Jake brought from the Harbor City team. At this time, he instinctively looked at Jake, hoping that Jake would help him.

However, Jake’s expression was also very serious. He said stiffly, “Donald, you leave for now.”

The young man named Donald got up from his chair with a sullen expression and left the trading floor.

“Do you guys still not understand my orders?” Jasper said coldly.

With that, the entire trading floor immediately became busy.

Everyone was dealing the accounts under their names as they forcibly closed the positions. This scene also appeared in the trading center of Harbor City and Waterhoof at the same time.

In a corner of the Nauritus City trading center, Todd was holding a glass of red wine and smiling at the scene in front of him. He said, "Awesome, although it has been planned for a long time, Jasper is really willing to lose his profit of tens of billions of dollars."

"He actually threw it away without batting an eyelid. The money is not only his own, it also belonged to a lot of investors. Is he not scared that the investors who are unaware of the truth will kill him?"

Dean stood next to him and calmly replied, "As long as those investors see the final result, everyone will praise him as a genius. No one will blame him."

"How do you think Jasper's brain grows? Quantum Fund's actions are exactly the same as he had predicted."

Todd said with a grin.

Dean said in a vague tone, "Maybe some people are born on the top."

Todd glanced at Dean and answered meaningfully, "Why does it sound like you're unhappy about this?"

“Why would I be unhappy about this?” Dean laughed. His smile was sincere and enthusiastic, he continued, “I hope he rises even higher.”

Life at The Top – Chapter 1601

The first trading day after the Dow Jones reached a trading curb. Everyone knew that Wall Street would inevitably launch a fierce revenge.

Meanwhile, Quantum Fund did not disappoint.

This time, the strength demonstrated by Quantum Fund showed the world that Wall Street was still the same powerful entity, and it was still the core of global financial control.

Once someone challenged its authority, they would have to pay the price. The fierce offensive started by Quantum Fund was enough to make anyone feel desperate.

30 minutes after the opening, more than 600 billion US Dollars entered the market, all of which were real money. After this money was poured into the Dow Jones stock index, almost all the stock prices rose.

Hence, the investors who had no chance to escape in the previous trading days cheered. They praised that the United States was the greatest country in the world and that the bigwigs of Wall Street were generous well-doers.

This was because they made money.

The vast majority of stock gains resulted in an overall surge in the overall index.

It opened at 6669 points, and in just half an hour, had soared to 7200 points. Moreover, this ferocious rise continued.

Some people even clamored that the Dow Jones Index would break the biggest single-day gain in the global index today.

There were more radical individuals who even believed that all the stocks in the Dow Jones Index would rise to their limits today.

This would be a historical record that all of mankind would remember.

At the same time, everyone was looking at Somerland capital. They all looked forward to it because they thought there would be a fierce battle. They expected that the most exciting financial war of this century would also be staged on this day.

However, when Somerland capital eventually encountered Wall Street capital, it seemed that they surrendered in an instant.

At first, people thought that Somerland capital was planning something big, or they were discussing countermeasures, or that they simply thought that it was not yet time.

Before they knew it, many people's attitude toward Somerland capital had changed without them even realizing it

At first, no one thought that Somerland capital would be Wall Street's opponent, and that this conflict would have ended easily with Wall Street as the clearly winner. Yet, Somerland capital performed miracles time and time again, and they even directly crashed the Dow Jones Index, much to everyone's surprise.

This went on until now, at which point people no longer thought that Somerland was the same pushover as before.

When they saw Somerland capital's silence, they all thought that it was due to preparations for a countermeasure. Although they did not admit it, the fact was that most people agreed that Somerland capital had the power to force Wall Street capital to bow down to them.

Until... Someone discovered Somerland capital liquidating its positions.

The world was instantly in an uproar.

"The People from Somerland are Admitting Defeat!"

The United States Global Economic Daily published this news immediately.

Everyone was discussing this in the financial sector of the major global websites.

Somerland capital was admitting defeat!

Western hegemony had won once again.

Some people cheered and others sighed.

However, in Somerland, everything seemed extremely peaceful. Sunrise Land and Harbor City were also very peaceful.

“Hahaha!”

Fabian looked at the news on the computer and guffawed.

“Idiots! Jasper is pulling back because he wants to long Sun Dollars.”

Life at The Top – Chapter 1602

Right now, Fabian felt as if he was the only sober person in a room full of drunkards. He thought the whole world was stupid, and that only he and a handful of people were smart.

At this moment, his phone rang.

On the other end of the phone, Echo's nervous and excited voice could be heard.

"I'm ready."

Fabian smiled coldly and said, "I also prepared 30 billion US Dollars. This money will be injected into Sun Dollars foreign exchange simultaneously as we short Sun Dollars."

"I have 150 billion US Dollars here."

Echo's voice was distorted with excitement. "Jasper must be feeling very proud of himself now."

“When he was being attacked by Wall Street, he chose to give up his position in order to deceive the world and make people all over the world think that he had given up. Then he turns around and goes long on Sun Dollars and uses the opportunity to make a fortune.

“There is a saying in Somerland that describes how someone thought they’re the hunter but in reality, they’re also the prey. Jasper thinks he’s the hunter, but he doesn’t know that we’ve been eying him from behind this whole time.”

Fabian grinned evilly.

“Hahaha!”

Echo exaggerated laughter could be heard from over the phone. He continued, “I am now closely observing the Sun Dollars exchange rate. Once a large amount of money enters the long position, we will immediately short it.

“This time, we can’t have the slightest reservation in the pursuit of destroying Jasper completely. We will crush him in one go and will not give him any chance to turn over or liquidate.”

As Fabian and Echo were talking on the phone, a buy order of 100 million US Dollars appeared silently on the Sun Dollars foreign exchange market.

It was done without rhyme or reason. This was just a huge one-time transaction of 100 million US Dollars. At the same time, Jasper was talking to Kayden.

“You are really willing to go fishing with 100 million,” Kayden said.

Jasper chuckled. “The bigger the fish you want to catch, the bigger the bait you have to be willing to use. You can’t go fishing for sharks with earthworms and corn kernels.”

Kayden replied, “Since you have put out your bait, there must be a fish that’ll get hooked right away. I will prepare the knife to kill the said fish.”

“I hope the plan goes well,” Jasper smiled lightly.

Kayden paused on the other end of the phone. Then, he answered in a deep voice, “It will.”

After ending the call, Jasper walked to the trading floor. At this moment, only a few sub-screens were displaying the Dow Jones index data while the others were all showing the Sun Dollars foreign exchange trading index.

Most members of the team were confused.

Just a few minutes ago, they received the order to abandon the Dow Jones index trading and switch to Sun Dollars foreign exchange.

This order caught them completely off guard. However, this team was very efficient and professional. If it were any other group, they would have all but shut down.

“Mr. Laine, the order of 100 million has been devoured.”

“The exchange rate of Sun Dollars has not changed.”

Jake’s report made Jasper smile. “The fish’s appetite is not small. Let’s put in another 100 million.”

Jake proceeded immediately.

A few seconds later, the moment the 100 million US dollars worth of Sun Dollars appeared on the screen, it was immediately devoured.

Immediately after, dense empty orders began to fill the screen.

“We caught the fish!” Jake shouted.

Jasper said lightly, “Open a position and short the Sun Dollars exchange rate.”

Following Jasper’s order, all of Somerland capital suddenly changed directions.

Somerland capital, which disappeared without a trace from the Dow Jones Index, appeared unexpectedly in the foreign exchange market trading Sun Dollars. Hundreds of billions of dollars in empty orders caused huge fluctuations in the Sun Dollars exchange rate like a storm.

At this moment, Jasper received a call from Sylphie of Coreana.

“No rush. You are my reinforcement, so I’ll only use you during critical moments.”

After Jasper finished speaking, he turned to look at Dean who was dumbfounded and smiled. “Mr. Hall, are you surprised why I am shorting instead of longing?”

Life at The Top – Chapter 1603

Looking at Jasper who was smiling at himself, Dean wanted to turn around and jump down from the floor to ceiling windows hanging dozen of stories in the air.

His scalp was tingling.

His scalp was really tingling.

Dean felt as though he had been stripped naked as he stood in front of Jasper. He felt shame, panic, and fear.

Adrenaline frantically secreted. His palms were hot, his body was trembling, and cold sweat was leaking from every one of his pores.

At the same time, Dean was yelling to himself frantically on the inside.

‘You can’t show any flaws at this moment.’

Even if Jasper already knew something, he could not take the initiative to be timid right now.

“I am confused indeed.”

Dean nodded, unconsciously avoiding Jasper’s eyes. He looked at the trading screen, trying to make his voice sound calmer and to stop himself from trembling.

“Didn’t you say you wanted to go long?”

“I am. You saw it too. I invested 200 million US Dollars to go long and now all 200 million US Dollars have been snapped up.”

Jasper stood beside Dean, raised his arm to wrap it around Dean’s shoulder, and said in his ear, “Sol think the shorts are going strong now and I’m going to join them, there shouldn’t be much of a problem, right?”

Dean twisted his neck mechanically and looked at Jasper. Then, he said with great difficulty, “But shorting such a large amount of funds is not proportional to the 200 million that you had longed before. I almost feel that you wanted to go short since the start but that you were just hiding it from us.”

Jasper patted Dean on the shoulder and said with a smile, "Be confident, don't feel. That's exactly what I did."

Dean's pupils shrank suddenly. He wanted to speak but Jasper had already let go of him.

"Let me look at the current real time exchange rate graph of Sun Dollars."

Following Jasper's order, the exchange rate chart of Sun Dollars was immediately displayed on the screen.

"Sun Dollars has closed at 1 US Dollar to 107.7 Sun Dollars yesterday. Before we started the offensive, the exchange rate was 1 US Dollar to 105.1 Sun Dollars."

"How much of the 100 billion empty orders we threw out have been devoured?" Jasper asked.

Jake looked at the data. His eyes widened and he said in disbelief, "O One-tenth."

After speaking, he looked at Jasper in amazement.

In fact, whether it was foreign exchange or stock market futures, there was a huge amount of short orders that could not be washed away by buy orders.

What did that mean?

It meant that price suppression on the short side had formed.

For example. The market price of a kilogram of apples was 5 dollars. Now, someone suddenly ran out and claimed that he

had 100 kilograms of fruit and he would be only selling 4 dollars per kilogram. Would anyone want it?

10 kilograms of the 100 kilograms were bought by someone, so only 90 kilograms were left. Therefore, before the 90 kilograms were digested, the market price of apples was 4 dollars.

Even after the 90 kilograms were digested, whether its market price could be restored to 5 dollars would depend solely on whether the buyers in the market chose to wait for others to sell for 4 dollars or buy at 5 dollars.

This was a suppression from the short side, and suppression on the long side was to change the role of a seller into a buyer.

It was very simple.

The bigger the game, the simpler its rules.

This was because only simple rules could be universal. Before seeing this set of data with his own eyes, Jake could never imagine how the seemingly strong Sun Dollars could be so weak.

Even empty orders that were less than 100 billion US Dollars could not be digested instantly.

In the US Dollars or Somer Dollars were in the same situation, they might be gone in the blink of an eye. Was 100 billion US Dollars a lot?

So much!

However, compared with the global currency system and with the currency system of the US Dollars, Sun Dollars, and Somer Dollars, 100 billion US Dollars was really no different from a drop of water in the vast ocean.

However, Sun Dollars unexpectedly could not hold this glass of water.

“It’s surprising, right?” Jasper walked over to Jake and said with a smile.

Jake nodded vigorously, his eyes flashing eagerly. “Mr. Laine, this is not in line with common thinking.”

“Yes, it is not, but if you examine it carefully, it is actually normal.”

Jasper had the intention to nurture Jake, a talent who could be regarded as a financial genius.

“Tell me, what are the factors that affect the exchange rate?”

Jake answered without hesitation, “The country’s comprehensive strength, foreign exchange reserves, gold reserves, and economic policies.”

Jasper replied with a nod, “That’s barely a passable answer.

“This is just what you learned from textbooks. The real currency war is much more complicated than this, and the requirement for information is also higher.”

“Look at Sunrise Land. After the Plaza Accord, the entire national economy of Sunrise Land was almost completely plundered by the United States. So, what was the best way to stimulate economic recovery? With quantitative easing.”

“Printing more banknotes increases the amount of cash in the society while the amount of cash that each citizen can use also increases.”

“Then, lower the loan interest rate and lending requirements, so that companies and individuals can get more loans easily. After that, buy bonds on the open market, so that the people and capital believe that the government is supporting them.”

“The direct result of this is that it'll seem that every company and individual has more money on hand. Now, what should they do if there is too much money?”

“Capital is profit- oriented. They instinctively seek opportunities for investment. The flow of this money will make the stock market prosper so large companies can get more financing, which in turn provides more jobs, R&D, and production.”

“It looks great, doesn't it? But the problem is that under this economic stimulus policy, there will be an inevitable consequence, in the form of debt.”

“The national debt per capita and total social debt will increase sharply because the country issues more currency, which is in turn distributed to the central bank, at which point the central bank distributes the money to the banks. When the banks have money, they will get the green light to lower interest rates and lower loan thresholds. Since every person and company can easily borrow money, everyone will be in debt.”

“In this world, it doesn’t matter if it is an individual, an enterprise, or even the entire society or government, they all follow a common principle that debts must be repaid.”

“If someone knows that you, Jake Cullen, has a debt of several hundred million, but your annual salary is only 1 million, then in the eyes of the people around you, you have no wealth and trust.

“Sunrise Land is a debt-ridden person, and other international speculators and countries are the people around it.”

Jake’s eyes lit up as he listened. Then, he said excitedly, “So Mr. Laine, did you choose to snipe Sun Dollars simply for revenge?”

“Nonsense, who doesn’t want to make money after wasting so much effort? Revenge? If I don’t make money, I won’t even have the time to retaliate against them.”

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In reality, there was another important reason why Jasper could cause the current situation, but he did not say it.

Basically, Sunrise Land did not own the highest decision maker now.

This was very fatal.

The attack on the currency system was a major event that represented the very foundation of a country, so its response had to be defined by the highest decision maker.

However, the highest decision maker was not even conscious, so how could he make any critical decisions?

It was not inconceivable to think that the Sunrise Land government would be in chaos right now.

And this time, Dean was not the only one who was in the middle of a breakdown.

In the Atticus family's villa in Harbor City. Fabian sat in front of the computer and had not moved for a few minutes.

He stared at the screen with wide eyes, cold sweat dripping down gradually.

The 30 billion US Dollars he took from the family had all been poured into the market after devouring Jasper's second long order of 100 million US Dollars.

Softwin's 130 billion US Dollars also entered alongside him. The two would add up to a total of 160 billion US Dollars.

After such a terrifying number entered the Sun Dollars foreign exchange market, Sun Dollars suddenly plunged.

Everyone was fleeing like crazy while some of the bold ones were following the shorting.

Fabian felt his body turning numb.

He never thought that Sun Dollars foreign exchange would be so vulnerable.

The Sun Dollars exchange rate candlestick chart, which started to fluctuate greatly and then plummet, seemed to have taken away Fabian's soul.

He grabbed the phone abruptly to try to dial a number, but the phone rang suddenly first.

After seeing the number, Fabian yelled at the phone immediately after he answered, "This is a conspiracy! This is a f*cking conspiracy!"

On the other side of the phone, Echo's voice was also shaking.

"We're in huge trouble."

Fabian was using his family's money. At most, he would lose his power in the family.

However, Echo was different. He took Softwin's money and shorted his home country's currency.

When this came to light, Softwin would be the first to kill him, he would hung by his own countrymen.

Thus, Echo was definitely panicking more than Fabian.

“What are we going to do?”

Fabian’s hand was shaking as he held the phone. He pretended to be calm and said, “Don’t worry, don’t panic. We can’t get muddle-headed now. We have to find out what is happening.”

“I don’ t have the time to care about what is happening now!”

Echo growled like crazy into the phone.

“Now, my entire team is questioning me and the exchange rate of Sun Dollars has fallen by 2 percentage points. This downward trend and speed are still accelerating. If it is not resolved, I will be finished! Fabian, I’m telling you, if I am done for, I will definitely drag you down with me!”

When Fabian heard that, the veins on his forehead pulsated wildly.

“Do you think I will be any better off if you’re screwed? Do you think my family will forgive me?”

Fabian roared, "This is not the time for infighting. We must find out what is going on, otherwise, how will we create our coping strategies?"

Echo gritted his teeth and said, "What else can happen? This is clearly Jasper's trap. We strung up 160 billion US Dollars in shorts while he dropped another 140 billion. Now, a total of 300 billion US Dollars are shorting Sun Dollars!"

"This is Jasper's trap! Your so called spy is also what Jasper deliberately used to deceive you!"

Echo's words made Fabian's breathing heavier.

Huge droplets of cold sweat oozed out from his forehead. Fabian said eagerly, "The current situation does not allow us to make too many choices. We will immediately close all the empty orders and turn around to go long!"

"But if we do this, our losses will be huge!" Echo said in a pained tone.

Fabian gripped the phone so tightly that he almost broke it, then spoke in an extremely angry and hateful tone, "It's better to lose some money than to be Jasper's accomplice in crashing Sun Dollars. Listen to me, go long right away!"

“First of all, although Sun Dollars are plummeting, it still has not yet formed a general trend. More investors and institutions are still waiting and watching while the news has not yet spread globally. Most people are still staring at the United States stock market. We should withdraw all the funds immediately now that we still have the chance.”

“I have estimated that we will lose about 20 billion dollars, but now we can't worry that much about it. We can find a way to make up for the 20 billion loss in the future. Jasper only has 140 billion dollars in the market even though he went all in. Even if we lose 20 billion, we will still have as much money as him, so we can counter him.”

Fabian's series of decisions reassured Echo.

He gritted his teeth and said, “This is the best tactic at the moment I hope the situation can still be saved.”

Fabian hung up the phone directly after this. He started the operation immediately.

He delivered all the empty orders and canceled all the entrusted transactions directly if they had not been met. Then, Fabian glanced at the holding account.

A loss of 5.9 billion US Dollars.

The astronomical loss made Fabian's organs tremble.

However, he could not overthink it. After that, Fabian immediately mobilized his remaining capital.

At the same time, Softwin's money was mimicking Fabian's strategy.

The battlefield of the Sun Dollars exchange rate was experiencing violent developments. The original short with huge influence was suddenly cut in half like an avalanche.

The strength of the short declined before numerous huge long orders appeared.

After some tapping on the keyboard, the position of hundreds of billions of dollars was immediately changed.

In the first moment, they were still comrades in arms, and in the next second, they became rivals.

In the trading center in Nauritus City.

Jasper was thrilled when he saw this scene.

“It seems that Fabian and Echo are more anxious and scared than we thought.”

“Mr. Laine, all our short orders have been countered and traded. If no subsequent funds enter the market, the decline in Sun Dollars may end here.” Jake looked up.

Jasper turned his head and glanced at Dean, who was pale but still pretending to be calm, and asked meaningfully, “Mr. Hall, are you nervous?”

Dean forced a smile and said, “No...”

“It’s good that you’re not. There will be more excitement later. It won’t be fun if you’re absent for it.”

After Jasper finished speaking, he dialed Sylphie’s number.

“It’s your turn to shine.”

“Roger.”

They hung up the phone after just one line each.

The moment Jasper hung up, the Sun Dollars exchange rate market turned upside down.