

## **At The Top 1011**

### **Chapter 1011**

Today was an ordinary day for most people.

However, to Southeast Province's real estate industry, today was extremely happening.

This was because three of Southeast province's top five real estate companies had suddenly released statements right after the workday began, stating that they had initiated a partnership with Softwin.

Softwin had invested a total of 6 billion Somer Dollars into those three enterprises so they could develop Southeast Province's real estate industry.

The officially number one ranked real estate company in the Southeast Province was JW Real Estates.

With the Southface River project as their golden brand image, and a total of forty-six profitable construction projects within the province, JW Real Estates had proven their strength and position as the number one enterprise despite being founded less than a year ago.

Even so, Softwin had suddenly invested in the number two, three, and four real estate enterprises, avoiding JW altogether.

Everyone could tell what Softwin's goal was.

It was trying to use the strength of the three subsequent real estate companies to overturn JW Real Estates.

The news had sent shockwaves through Southeast Province's real estate industry.

Now, everyone was looking at JW Real Estates, waiting for them to react.

In Southface River Tower's office sat Jasper, who had immediately rushed over to the company once he heard the news. The man took a sip of scalding hot tea and closed his eyes.

He had spent most of the night awake, so he took what little time he had now to rest his eyes.

smoking a cigarette with a

at Jasper and said, "How about you take a break and rest for a few hours? You won't be able to work peacefully even if you push on after staying awake for

"How can I sleep when the

real estate group, was also in the office. The

Mr. Laine, what do we do

to mention that the people from the company are feeling uneasy as well. I've received multiple calls from senior

and replied, "The other three real estate enterprises are long-standing businesses here in

their business hasn't been too affected, nor have they suffered too

turn out to be horrible news for us if Softwin suddenly instructs them to attack JW in the Southeast to age a few years

enraged by us, but they just did not say anything. We rose too quickly, and before they realized it, we accumulated strength

they needed was an opportunity to deal with us and they would seize the opportunity. So, now that this investment bank Softwin has passed them a knife, they're

and smiled. "You're already stunted by this? I dare say that there will be

and Sean exchanged a look

to ask what he meant when the office doors were flung open. Wendy entered the room as if to

a statement. Due to the influence of international markets, they're going to initiate restricted sales for construction steel to the Southeast Province.

whitelist, but the

heard this. "They're attacking our roots! This Softwin is just too vile! What benefits did Fortress Iron and Steel Co., Ltd. and Stellar Company even get from Softwin to oppress us

our cost will increase greatly if we ship them

raw material suppliers of all cement, piping, construction,

with JW, or become Softwin's enemy and

changed slightly when he

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Jasper walked over to the floor-to-ceiling windows in the office after Sean left. Watching the calm flow of the Southface River, he fell silent.

Wendy was about to speak when she saw Dawson shake his head slightly at her.

"He's thinking. Leave him alone for a moment."

Wendy nodded and looked at Jasper worriedly.

She knew that Jasper was the person under the most pressure within the company.

Sean, herself, and even her father were used to relying on Jasper and placing their hope in him most of the time. It was as if every problem could be easily solved Jasper was around.

However, as someone who was always by Jasper's side, Wendy knew better than anyone that is was because Jasper spent countless nights thinking, weighing the potential outcomes, and revising the entire situation, that everything was 'easily' solved.

No one succeeded without putting in any effort.

After more than ten minutes of thought, Jasper suddenly spoke, "I can't keep waiting."

Dawson shared a look with his daughter, Wendy. They did not know what Jasper meant by this.

A moment later, Jasper had dialed a number.

it's

your news," Wayne's voice

your discussions going?" Jasper

need a promise from you,

promises I should, but I don't have the time to let you discuss endlessly. Time is

me, Mr. Marlon,

there, but they both understood what

in the dot-com industry, either Sena

part of such an outcome was that Abbylon would be too

Jasper's ultimatum

frowned slightly, but not because he was displeased

When necessary, they had to

future, Abbylon's development would similarly prove that Wayne was not a pushover or a cowardly businessman

conflicted as to why Jasper was in

I've also received news of Softwin

"Yes," Jasper affirmed calmly.

need to deny such a thing. Doing so would only be

had another idea in

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"See you in the afternoon, then."

With that, Jasper stretched and smiled at Dawson. "I'm going to rest for a while, Uncle Schuler. I'm dead tired."

Dawson frowned and asked, "This won't be the end of Softwin's attacks. Are we not going to make more preparations?"

Jasper laughed out loud and replied, "I don't think they'll have the chance or time for that."

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“Mr. Welch, it’s a call from Wayne,” Yona told Echo.

Echo frowned slightly, “Why’s he calling now? Give me the phone.”

Echo took the phone and accepted it, speaking solemnly, “Echo speaking.”

“This is Wayne, Mr. Welch. We’re planning to hold a shareholder meeting this afternoon to clarify the issue of share proportions within the company.”

Echo narrowed his eyes when he heard this. A cold look flared in his eyes and he raised his voice, “Mr. Marlon, Abbylon Inc’s current shareholder structure is already very clear. I don’t think there’s any need to hold a shareholder meeting.”

Wayne replied, “This is mainly due to JW Capital wanting to invest in Abbylon.

distributing the diluted shares must all be

of time now,” Echo

Welch, then according to our company’s articles of association, we’ll have to accept Softwin’s absence as a choice to

and replied, “So this is you standing on Jasper’s side,

answered calmly, “My apologies, Mr. Welch. I’m just a businessman and I only have one wish,

manages to make my wish come true

extremely

anyone or anything became difficult to

Nauritus

then hung up the phone once he relayed the

expression and could not help but ask, “Mr. Welch, did something happen with

inviting us to attend the shareholder meeting in the afternoon,” Echo

Not to mention that it’s so rushed too. Something feels wrong

to attend no matter what. If my guess is right,

case, we might as well

two p.m., in Nauritus City’s Shangri-La Hotel’s conference

hall was empty except for the three

Wayne, Jose, and Jasper.

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“So it really is your fault, Jasper,” Echo spoke, looking at the man coldly.

Jasper sat on his seat and replied calmly, without even looking up at Echo. "I don't think I understand what you mean, Mr. Welch.

"How am I at fault?"

Echo scoffed. He did not want to waste any more time arguing with Jasper, so he turned to Wayne with a dark look in his eyes.

"Mr. Marlon, you claimed that this is Abbylon Inc's shareholder meeting. So what is this irrelevant person doing here?"

By irrelevant person, Echo was obviously referring to Jasper.

"Mr. Welch, the most important agenda of today's shareholder meeting is to discuss whether we should allow JW Capital to invest in Abbylon. Therefore, it is only right that he is present," Wayne replied unfazed.

Echo scoffed and said, "Very well. Then according to your company's articles of association, you should've sent a letter of notice to your shareholders three days before the meeting. Yet, you've only told me today. Aren't you being too clear with your intentions?"

not take a proper look at our company's articles then, Mr. Welch. Should there be any special and urgent

eyes shone with a frigid

previous questions might have seemed like Echo was intentionally antagonizing Jasper and Wayne, but it was actually a method he used

that he had finished asking this, he had gotten

situation was not

Jasper, which was horrible

Marlon, it was Mr. Shon from Softwin than invested in Abbylon when you needed funds the most. We were the

this is how you

your relationship with me and Abbylon

whatever choice that benefits Abbylon the most, and I'm sure Mr.

and replied,

shareholder

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“You can’t even fend for yourself now, Jasper. I’m sure you’ve already seen Softwin’s strength. It’ll only take the wag of a finger for a huge capital like us to crush you, I don’t know how you even have the mood to hop around happily in front of me.”

“Are you referring to the problems JW Real Estate faced?” Jasper looked at Echo calmly. “To be absolutely honest, if that’s all the trouble Softwin can create, you’ve disappointed me.

“Softwin’s got to be more capable, right? Or there’s no way you’ll be able to crush me.”

“Hahaha!”

Echo laughed out loud and said to Jasper, “Stop pretending. You’re actually terrified, frantic, and angry, aren’t you?

“You’re terrified that your real estate company will die from my siege, frantic because you haven’t found a way to counter it, and angry because I’m oppressing you with my power. You must be so aggrieved.”

Echo sneered, speaking as if he had seen through Jasper, “I must’ve read your mind, hmm?

hoping to threaten me as one of Abbylon’s shareholders so

colder as he chortled. “Too bad, because that’s not going to

spoke to Wayne and Jose, “Don’t fall for his lies, both of you. The real estate company under his name is under my attack and

truth. He won’t be able

materials. What can he do? Demolish his own house to use his cement and

hold such a shareholder meeting is because he wants to use this as a condition for me to stop the siege on

nothing more than a bargaining chip. How is he going to invest in your Abbylon when

frown slightly. His gaze

Meanwhile, Jose frowned heavily.

expected, Echo’s words

whispered, “We have to be wary,

nodded in acknowledgment and turned to Jasper, “Is there anything you’d like to

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Echo sneered at Jasper after Wayne finished speaking as if waiting for Jasper to make a fool out of himself.

Jasper’s gaze was calm as he spoke without a script in his hand. “JW Capital intends to invest 1 billion Somer Dollars into Abbylon Inc, in return for 51% of Abbylon Inc’s shares.

“That collection of shares comes with ownership and legal personality, meaning that if JW Capital successfully invests, it will also become Abbylon Inc’s majority shareholder.

“However, JW Capital promises that it will not interfere in Abbylon Inc’s day-to-day operations. JW Capital will only employ two permanent directors within Abbylon Inc and will only be involved in huge decisions.

“Moreover, JW Capital also promises not to interfere with Abbylon Inc’s independence over their personnel. Hence, any changes or transfers in Abbylon Inc’s internal personnel will be decided by Abbylon Inc’s operating team.

“JW Capital will also have a one-vote veto or a one-vote pass for major issues regarding Abbylon Inc. Should Abbylon Inc decide to change its board of directors in the future, JW Capital will appoint the chairman of the board of directors. Abbylon Inc will have the freedom to decide everything else.”

Jasper’s words were simple and as everyone present was an elite in the business world, they all understood immediately.

the moment Abbylon accepted Jasper’s investments, Jasper would then

reign to do whatever they wanted

when he heard Jasper say

1 billion investment and such favorable promises were

that Jasper still held the most important power

his neck and

Jasper noticed Wayne’s frown.

my conditions are already much more generous. I’m sure that you’ve investigated the other companies I’ve invested

utmost respect for the operations teams and I’ve never vetoed anything

“Bullsh\*t!”

Echo interrupted Jasper.

not interfering with the business at all, but you left the position of highest authority to yourself. So what if you promise them this now? Who’s to say what’ll happen in the

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They did not care about what happens to the operations team.

As an international investment bank, Softwin Investments imposed very similar conditions.

“Mr. Welch, now that I think about it, Softwin Investment’s conditions are much harsher than JW Capital’s,” Wayne spoke.

Wayne’s words caused Echo’s expression to darken further.

“He’s just lying to you guys now, stupid. The moment the contract is signed and the most important rights go to him, you founders and the operations team will be under his control!”

Echo sneered. “Moreover, 1 billion? According to my investigation of JW Capital, Jasper’s company doesn’t even have that much cash.

“Sena had indeed given him a inflow of cash when it went public, but it was only enough to slightly relieve the risk of a capital chain rupture, There’s no way he can take 1 billion out in one go now!

“He’s scamming you!

goal is to use Abbylon’s shares to bargain with me. Just wait,

already know what he’s going to say. You want me to stop the attacks on your real estate company, don’t you, Jasper? And you’re going

while I’m unwilling to believe him, I’d like to ask you to give me some confidence in this matter. Otherwise, I won’t be able to explain it

Wayne

small, they could not afford to

did not dare to imagine how his eighteen friends would sever ties with him if Echo was right. Even if they did not, Wayne

Echo was right, it would mean that Wayne had been played like a

still the least of his issues. If Jasper’s promise to invest in them was a lie, then the most important issue an ant in comparison

and barked, “What bullsh\*t confidence can he give you? He can’t even pull 100 million out, let alone 1 billion. He might even have to

be real, if you want, you could always mortgage your property and take a loan from

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The words ‘ICBS Somerland’ were written clearly on this small card made of unique material that prevented it from being forged.

ICBS Somerland’s Waterhoof City branch was clearly stated as the payment bank.

This meant that this check was verified and filled out by the Waterhoof City branch.

On the most important column specifying the value were the numbers 1000000000.00 in Somer Dollars.

With the words One Billion Only written clearly next to it.

Besides the written words and Arabic numerals, the piece of paper also had the Waterhoof City branch’s verified electronic seal signifying the authenticity of this slip of paper.



This small white paper carried wealth that dazzled people's eyes and caused their breathing to quicken.

Ordinary people could never accumulate such wealth in ten lifetimes.

This was the year 2000. According to the domestic exchange rate for gold, where 1 gram cost around 100 Somer Dollars, 1 billion would be equal to 10 thousand kilograms of gold!

It would not be wrong to describe this sum as a mountain of gold.

Even Wayne and Jose, who had much more money than ordinary people, felt the corner of their eyes twitch.

This was 1 billion.

With this amount, Abbylon would never have to worry about funding again. At the same time, accepting these funds would immediately turn Abbylon into a large enterprise within the country without them doing anything.

There were few enterprises in the country with more than 1 billion in funds.

Despite Wayne's personality and Jose's wealthy familial background, the two still felt their heartrate quicken as they looked at Jasper whilst sharing the same thought. 'Having money sure is f\*cking great!'

Producing a 1 billion Somer Dollar check as if it was nothing.

mention that it was verified

was no

meant that Jasper had already anticipated Echo's

against my real estate company? That my investment company is short on cash and can't afford

'Sure.

out a 1 billion bank-certified check

can you

of Echo's provocations and clamor. From Jasper's point of

of Jasper's tricks, the complexity of

since the conference began and had prepared accordingly.

help but glance at Echo when he thought

saw a horrifyingly dark expression and the corner of the man's eyes twitching

did not seem to

"No way!"

Echo suddenly roared.

shouted, "How can you  
check! Something's wrong with  
and Jose shook their heads slightly at Echo's claim. The  
forge a 1 billion Somer Dollar check with a verification seal even if he was crazy. Such forgery would be  
punished  
that I dyed brinks to look like the real thing." Jasper looked at Echo with a  
hunter would look at his prey that  
going mad  
kind of look  
lowly Somer hybrid! The lowest  
at that. Even Jose looked at Echo in  
though he had grown up abroad, it could not change the fact that he was of Somer  
the matter go after hearing such  
cold and he replied, "Did you

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"You... idiot! Let's go!"

Echo knew that staying would only lead to him humiliating himself further, and understood that the current situation had already gone beyond what he can solve. Thus, he had to return and report it straight away.

Jasper gave a small smile as he watched Echo leave. Then he extended a hand to Wayne, "I look forward to working with you, Mr. Marlon!"

"And I you..." Wayne spoke, shaking Jasper's hand.

"Gentlemen, I have to say that we still have a huge problem in front of us," Jose continued with a frown, "We've badly offended Softwin now, so we have to consider how Softwin will react to today's shareholder meeting.

"Once we've accepted your investment, Mr. Laine, my, Mr. Marlon, and Softwin's percentage of shares will all have diluted. Softwin currently holds 20.5% of Abbylon's shares after financing. What are your plans for this, Mr. Laine?"

Jasper fell silent for a moment before he smiled and replied.

"I'll talk to Softwin's headquarters about this. I'll contact you when it comes to the specifics. After all, I'll still need your absolute support in the follow-up for this matter.

Wayne and Jose exchanged a look and nodded.

Regardless of whether they wanted to admit it or not, the two of them had to understand that they were already affiliated with Jasper.

Jasper investing in Abbylon would definitely evoke Myles' fury, and Softwin would certainly target more than just Jasper in their upcoming revenge. There was simply no way Wayne and Jose could ignore this.

This was especially true for Jose, who looked very conflicted.

"If that's the case, Mr. Laine, then I should return right away. There's much I need to discuss with the others in the company," Wayne told Jasper.

there too so I can meet everyone formally. Still, as I said, Abbylon is your company and I will not interfere. As far as

Jasper was not lying.

in Abbylon, it would be more accurate to

man was

smiled and replied, "Then I shall await your

replied

the conference hall doors as he watched the scene downstairs quietly. Jose told Wayne

over how he was to treat Abbylon

him. Naturally, this was because Wayne

and Hudson were completely different people. Hence, Jasper had to treat them

someone else's subordinate, so Jasper had to treat him like a partner right from the get-go. The

more autonomy than Hudson

going to be a company that would

was a

Wayne and Jose, but he knew that this would be an extremely difficult feat to

I've already got a good start." Jasper let out a

the old man in Sunrise Land would be notified very soon. His fight with Jasper would

Softwin still had a long, bloody war to fight over

himself knew that Google,

support as it expanded out of

as Jasper was deep

you, Jasper? I've

voice come through the speakers and he

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Within JW Capital and its subsidiaries, there were only a few people Jasper could trust. Wendy was one of them, of course; Malcolm and Jack too perhaps, but that was all.

Now that Greg was here, there was one more person that he could mostly trust.

Hence, Jasper decided to give Greg a special mission.

Greg replied determinedly, "I want to start from scratch. Regarding what kind of work, I'll accept whatever you assign me."

"But what if it's difficult and filled with obstacles?" Jasper's gaze burned into Greg as he asked.

"To be frank with you, I'm planning to assign you to somewhere completely new. It'll be a huge challenge for you once you go there.

"This is because it's going to be a completely new environment and industry. I can give you start-up capital, but you're going to have to start from the bottom for everything else.

"The chance of failure is extremely high and the road to success will be long and arduous. Therefore, I'll respect whatever decision you make.

"If you still wish to stay in the Southeast Province, then you can choose any position within the province and I will get you that job, no problem."

Greg was stunned for a moment. This was different from what they had discussed in the beginning.

Frowning slightly, he asked, "Can I ask what kind of work you're arranging for me?"

Jasper raised his hand and patted Greg's shoulder before pulling his phone out. He said, "Look at this, this is Nokia's newest mobile phone. Equipped with the Symbian operating system, this phone has many strong features and is really useful."

Greg nodded dumbly and asked, "I know, but what does this have to do with my job?"

Jasper placed the phone on the table and pointed at it as he explained to Greg, "If I told you, that this small gimmick will one day become an important tool that people cannot part with, and will also represent the prime application of future science and technology, would you believe me?"

the table and answered instinctively,

would change the way people lived a decade ago.

phones will

want me to manufacture phones?"

but I've got too much on my hands right now. I have too few capable people by

200 million, but you'll have to find your own technicians, equipment, and employees. And carefully before you decide. Don't force yourself either, as there will be no hard feelings regardless of asked, "You're going to trust me with 200 million the price," Jasper

do I have to worry about?" Greg shrugged. "If you're not afraid that I'll lose this 200 million, then I have no reason to be afraid of trying. Still... Where do you want me

"Cavern City!"

place to start, considering it's a Special

Cavern City has the advantage of being by the harbor, which naturally makes transportation extremely convenient.

even a municipality. But unfortunately, its foundations are too thick. Moreover, Waterhoof City's already registered as the country's financial center, so it wouldn't be suitable

more expensive than in Cavern City. Not to mention that it's also more expensive to employ people there. I agree that

shoulder and spoke, "Create a whole

Greg nodded seriously, "I won't let you

that, Greg took the 200 million Jasper gave him and made his way to

they would meet next and in

the way back, Wendy was told about Jasper's plans

before, but his story sure seems like a touching one from what you've

good to see him doing well now,"

looked at him and asked, "You