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“Hahaha, this is f\*cking hilarious. Look at this f\*cker’s face. He looks like he just got kicked in the face by a donkey. Hahaha...”

When Henry Law grew bold, he did not care if Zane was Bob Lancaster or someone else’s son. He simply dissed him mercilessly.

After hearing what he said, everyone’s expressions turned odd. They wanted to laugh but did not dare to. It was hard to suppress their laughter, though.

Zane was so infuriated that he was about to spit blood. However, he did not dare to do anything to Henry Law. He could only repress his anger and glare at both Henry and Jasper with a seething gaze.

The auction, which had been nearing its end, concluded after this interlude.

However, everyone felt dull for the remainder of the auction.

After all, they had just watched Jasper go against Mitch and Zane in two epic showdowns. Everything else paled in comparison to that.

After the auction ended, the host rushed down the stage while breaking out in cold sweat. He had even forgotten to greet everyone in the hall.

This auction could be regarded as a traumatic memory that he would never forget for as long as he lived.

He would be easily wiped out if he had made a slight mistake while striving for survival amongst these big bosses,

It was too f\*cking scary.

Just when everyone thought that the charity gala had ended, Michael Lane suddenly walked onto the stage with a wide smile on his face.

His appearance caused all the wealthy men and women to quiet down. They looked at Michael curiously while wondering what he was about to do.

“Everybody, I’d like to take this opportunity to make an announcement.”

Standing on the stage, Michael grinned. He scanned the entire hall before his gaze finally landed on Jasper.

Many people took note of this detail. Everyone focused their attention on Jasper.

Laine who’s from Mainland. In line with our principle of being fair and open, I’d

was officially sold to Mr. Jasper Laine at a price of 1.5 billion Harbor Dollars today. From today onward, he will be

of Mr. Jasper Laine, Gladness

However, everyone below the stage could no longer pay attention to what he

so shocked by the news that they lost the ability to

a well-known film company

City began rising in popularity. The company owned the copyrights of many popular movies. Many artists were signed under

most prominent companies in the film and entertainment industry, would be handed over to a Mainlander today just like

1.5 billion Harbor Dollars!

price point

their shock. The real deal was likely to include something worth far more than 1.5 billion

Jasper did not say anything about it. Nobody could guess the real terms

the change of ownership of Gladness Entertainment Movies had become a

“How is this possible?!”

Zane shouted in shock.

well all along. There has been no news about this at all. How could it get sold

involved in the entertainment industry among all the top wealthy people

Lancaster was in the real estate business instead of entertainment,

he had close relationships with the bosses in Harbor City’s entertainment

the Lancasters had not received any news regarding Michael’s decision to sell off

to Harbor City for Gladness Entertainment Movies? Does he want to set foot into

Harbor City had their eyes

young man from the Mainland would come to occupy an important part of Harbor

down from the stage, he walked toward Jasper while gesturing to him affectionately. There was

me by

in the entertainment industry should keep a high profile. Otherwise,

is made official, we’ll have to announce it

regarding Jasper’s acquisition of Gladness Entertainment Movies was revealed, the

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“You can rest assured about all your affairs in Harbor City, Mr. Rogers. We’re always monitoring the major wealthy families of Harbor City. There has been nothing out of the ordinary in terms of their performance. However, a Mainlander named Jasper Laine has joined the Laws lately...”

Detecting the hesitation in Kennedy’s speech, Rogers frowned. He put down his glass of wine and said, “Tell me your worries, Langdon. This plan is of an extremely large scale. Factors beyond our control should not exist at all.”

Kennedy then began to explain, “Not long ago, Bob and I discovered that the Laws have hidden a large sum of funds. We have no idea where the funds have gone up till now. It seems to have happened around the same time as Jasper Laine’s arrival.”

Bob added, “However, the Laws have always been doing business in the real estate industry. Other than the financial crisis three years ago, they rarely involved themselves in the capital sector. Therefore, we’re still in the midst of investigating. We’re not sure what the Laws intend to do.”

“I know the Laws from Harbor City. They rarely do business involving capital. You guys should continue to monitor their activity, but don’t do anything rash. After all, they’re still the top wealthy family in Harbor City. They must be on alert at all times,” Rogers said calmly.

“As for Jasper Laine... What’s his background?”

Kennedy replied, “He’s from Mainland and has been pretty close to the Laws lately. The stock market is his forte.”

“He’s the one who made your sons suffer, right?” Rogers asked in amusement. There was a playful glint in his gaze.

Kennedy and Bob’s expressions darkened almost immediately.

soar, the harder you’ll fall. Countless young talents emerge on Wall

...

the charity gala ended, Jasper left the hotel with Anna

Jasper met Queenie Shaw and Zoelle Griffin once again. Only

Queenie greeted Jasper

same time, a surge of complicated emotions surged through their

changed way too quickly. A few hours ago, they had

of them was now their

glowed as she recalled Jasper’s glory in

took a glance at Anna Law, who was

of other celebrities from the entertainment industry of Harbor City. However, in front of Anna Law... She should not

In his opinion, these celebrities were people who worked and earned money on his behalf. They

act all high and

be meaningless that

the Laws'

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Zachary smiled. "Don't refrain from speaking up if you need help. The Law family has ample wealth."

Jasper raised the teacup and took a sip. He smiled. "I don't think that's necessary... Has the Law family prepared the funds?"

Zachary's expression grew stern. "Give me something to go with here. How much do I need exactly?"

"It's hard to tell for now."

Jasper thought back to the United States stock market that he had been following the past few days and frowned. "The United States stock market is wrecking up a weird storm. I've noticed that someone's already trying to control the market over there and they're covering quite a large area of stocks as well. It's a gamble of at least trillions of dollars over there."

"Trillions!" Zachary found it hard to believe despite having seen his fair share of money.

'Using trillions as a base unit...

'Only the country's GDP had that power!

'Only the country's GDP was worth enough to be measured by trillions.'

showed how exaggerated and terrifying

market. As the world's economic center, there's nothing any single entity or force can do to stop it once the strangling

big a

Jasper raised three fingers.

"30 billion?" Zachary frowned.

to take out ten billion in the beginning, but I'd say it's safer to

expression was solemn as he fell into deep thought. A moment later, he replied, "Alright. I promise you, money-wise,

easily, Jasper had a better understanding of how deep the roots of Harbor

was 30 billion, yet Zachary's reaction told him

Michael

he wouldn't need to sell Gladness Entertainment Movies. From what I can

billion either.' Thank goodness that Jasper had earned quite a bit from Harbor Stocks these few days, especially from Kayden's company's stocks. The moment Jasper sold his stocks,

that he could transfer from

would probably find himself with around 40 billion worth of funds. That was enough for this

we wait." Jasper

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The following morning, all of Harbor City's gossip magazines released breaking news as if an explosion had occurred.

'Mysterious Mainland Youth Crushes Son of Plutocrat At Charity Dinner In Front Of All Harbor City's Magnates!'

'Mysterious Mainland Youth Throws 30 Million, Gains Favor Of Law Family's Princess!'

'Gladness Entertainment Movies' New Owner, Mysterious Mainland Youth Buys Harbor City's Fourth-Largest Film Company with Striking 1.5 Billion!'

All the gossip magazines shared the same protagonist, and that was the mysterious Mainland youth.

Paparazzi had managed to take a picture of Jasper's side profile.

The image was one of Jasper linking hands with Anna, and the two had smiles on their faces as they talked and walked on the red carpet.

This mysterious youth from Mainland was rich, handsome, and full of charisma.

Jasper's name had instantly swept all over Harbor City.

wonder when Jasper and Anna's

the business world were more interested in news about Gladness Entertainment Movies now that Jasper had

1.5 billion.

hardly

Harbor City's fourth-largest film company had just changed its boss, one from the Mainland too, no less.

Mainlander on social media, only for the Law family to quietly get rid

position in society, one word from them was all it would take to rid

in the business world came to understand that the relationship between Jasper

if he was from  
all sorts of news. As  
watching the activity on the United States stock  
had burned the midnight oil twice  
about you go take a nap? You'll get sick staring at this all  
tell Jasper who

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"Doesn't that mean the people who are starting to invest in the internet now are screwed?" Henry asked.

Jasper thought about how the dot-com bubble had popped in his past life and how multiple people in Harbor City had gone bankrupt overnight, turning to suicide through jumping off buildings.

Some people even said that the ground in front of every high-rise in Harbor City was filled with blood afterward.

Others said that while the police dealt with a case of suicide by jumping, someone else would jump from the building before the body below could even be moved away.

It had been a heart-shuddering sight.

"I suppose they dug their own graves," Jasper replied plainly.

"The United States currently leads the western capital since their economy is overheated and their loan interests are low. It urges investors to put money into the stock market, so there's a large number of fluid funds there. Business' financial statements end up looking great too.

"Especially the internet industry. There's a guarantee of two to five times the return once it enters the stock market, so it puts analysts, investors, entrepreneurs, venture capitals, and the bank into a frenzy."

A message popped up on the computer as Jasper spoke.

It was KK.

A message from Jack.

that Jack could get wind of Weresoft's news before  
life, two iconic incidents signified the popping of the  
being Weresoft, the world's biggest internet company, losing its antitrust lawsuit and  
of appeal, but that was something that would happen later. Right now, the current news was indeed  
greatly affecting  
a fuse, a report that would directly trigger the explosion

with figures from an investigation  
in company executives going mad and cashing  
the future, Jasper had told Jack to keep an eye out for  
court ruled that Weresoft has lost the case. The verdict was  
the surge of emotions

world's largest internet company and a company with the highest net worth in the world, Weresoft  
splitting up would undoubtedly immensely affect stock

evade the fate of being  
and Henry gasped

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Zachary was in a meeting with senior executives of the group when he received Henry's call.

He raised a hand to halt the man speaking and picked up the phone.

"It's starting, Dad! Jasper's plan is starting! Our stock traders need to get in position now!" Henry spoke  
agitatedly.

Zachary, a man who rarely lost his composure, felt his emotions go haywire at his son's words.

"I've already contacted the professional team. Bring Jasper back immediately. There's no safer or more  
quiet place in Harbor City than our home. The people and equipment will be waiting for him there."

With that, Zachary ended the meeting and rushed off, leaving behind the senior executives in the room  
to scratch their heads and share looks of confusion.

On the way back, Zachary lined the people up while he texted Michael the details.

Since they had already decided to involve Michael in this, there was no way they would neglect him  
when things were happening.

Zachary was efficient. Everyone he had prepared was mostly in place by the time Jasper, Henry, and  
Anna had returned to Law Manor.

team was Zack, someone

this team of stock traders.

to speak when he

quick mind, worked cleanly, and acted instead of speaking had left a

it's just the same thing as then. Execute my instructions as fast and as efficiently as possible. Leave  
everything else

here are an old team of mine. Their skills are guaranteed, and we've already signed an NDA of the  
highest

for this was what he

directly, it could be said that they were Jasper's left

the Law family's bodyguards had taken all their phones and checked them for any

The Law family would be in charge of everything they did, be it an intake or the letting out of food.

Bodyguards were tasked to follow them

also be

one day, what ordinary people could

When Jasper and Zack walked over, there were already 15 stock traders sitting in

display on the wall, Jasper gave his

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Up until that moment, Zack had no idea what the Law family and Jasper wanted him and his team to do. However, the shocking sight of 40 billion in cash signified that a storm had begun to brew over Harbor Stocks.

He did not dare ask nor think into it, throwing away all thoughts that he should not have. He waited in focus for Jasper's next order.

Just then, the doors opened to reveal Zachary and Michael walking in with solemn expressions on their faces.

"How's it going, Jasper?" Zachary asked.

Jasper relayed the information he had gotten from Jack.

"Weresoft... is splitting up?" Zachary asked in disbelief.

Michael was more sensitive, for he had switched to working in the finance industry, after all. "It's going to affect a lot of people."

Jasper nodded. "From my understanding of Weresoft, there's no way they'll be so willing to split just because they're forced to. However, once the news gets out, then it will come with drastic effects."

"Will this be what induces the popping of the bubble?" Michael asked.

another reason will appear very soon. I don't

forces were still keeping up the delicate

lawsuit was the first leaf, and the balance had already been toppled. It was still a slow process,

a shift in Ardent Tech's stock

cut through Jasper and



the screen, and before their eyes were Ardent Tech's stock prices on the large LED display, impending storm. Many merely assumed that it was a conspiracy within the senses began to realize that something was monitoring," Jasper ordered without turning first change brought the second and the prices stock prices dropped by internet sector had an keeps dropping! It's currently at 17,970 updates were

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Michael was enraged when Jasper talked back at him.

After all, Michael was still his elder, especially in terms of working in the business world. His Gladness International was a large corporation.

Everyone respected him, in front and behind his back.

Yet Jasper's words had cornered him and made it difficult for him to accept.

"We've already agreed, Mr. Lane. I need to have absolute authority," Jasper stated.

Michael replied roughly, "All I did was make a suggestion. You're the one who's acting like a tyrant who won't listen to others' opinions."

"I didn't say that I won't, but I'm trying to think and make a decision here. Your self-righteous suggestion will only divert my attention." Jasper's expression hardened at Michael's accusation.

"We're a team now. If we win, we split the winnings, and if we lose, we all shoulder the blame. If you've already decided to give me the full authority, then I'll greatly appreciate it if you remain a silent bystander most of the time, Mr. Lane."

Michael pointed at the market and laughed. "The market is dropping right now. If you're not going to start investing, then what if we miss the opportunity?"

all take a

a light-hearted expression. "Mr. Lane might be a little confused here, Jasper. How about you explain it

"The dealer!"

the market and raised his voice. "There's no way internet companies will just stand there and watch as their own stock prices begin to drop. Not when a dealer is

one has seen the horrible drop  
of their funds are in the stock market. If  
the status of senior executives and bosses depends on the  
as Jasper finished speaking, Zack's voice  
price of the entire internet sector has just jumped  
dropped just now are rising at  
picking up again. Businesses have begun to  
up as he stared at the electronic screen. Each green line that  
like there was a hand suffocating him and he could  
had given him a  
say this time,

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At that moment, fierce competition began among the people who were watching the rise and fall of the internet sector in Harbor Stocks. A large number of funds were entering the market every second.

Bearish people wanted to knock down the stock prices, bringing down with them all of Harbor Stocks and its Hansel Index. Meanwhile, bullish people continued to defend their territory and refused to let the prices drop so easily.

A war without the use of gunpowder continued to spread.

At that moment, in a quiet villa within Harbor City, the clicking of keyboards continued to sound out.

Kennedy stared at the display screen solemnly and kept firing orders.

A short distance away, Rogers sat idly as he sipped red wine.

"We've accumulated enough bargaining chips, Mr. Rogers," Kennedy turned to tell Rogers.

Rogers put the glass of red wine down and looked at the screen, a playful smile tugging at the corners of his lips as he spoke, "News of Weresoft in the United States should've arrived at Harbor City by now, yes?"

Kennedy replied, "People more well-informed should already know by now. Quite the amount of funds have begun to enter the market."

"Good!"

"I'll tell the people at Wall Street to start moving. There'll be an exciting battle there in no time, and I'm sure Harbor Stocks will immediately make their move as

City's economy three years ago, but this time, I'm going to make sure Harbor City's economy sullenly as he watched Rogers leave to contact his Quantum Fund Group. "These white people from the United States are just coming here to dig up the graves of Harbor City's ancestors. at Bob plainly and spoke, "Ancestors don't exist in the capital market, but The more they lose, the happier I become. After all, that's minutes later, Barron's, the dominating financial magazine, had published no different from Jasper's memory to cash out. The companies' performances began to fall, Wall Street that had been shrouded in the gloomy clouds of Weresoft losing the antitrust lawsuit the most sensitive, and they had immediately affected Dow Jones, the S&P 500, warning, the dot-com bubble crashed strangles in the United States stock market, and enormous amounts of funds disappeared into

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In the futures market, one could decide whether they wanted to buy or to sell. In other words, to take a bullish or a bearish stand.

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It was a simple idea. Taking the bullish stand meant that you believed the stock index would increase, so when it did, you earned profits.

Taking the bearish stand meant that you believed the index would drop, so when it did, you earned profits.

All in all, it was a gamble of whether the stock indexes would drop or rise.

Jasper believed that the Hansel Index would drop, so he chose to take a bearish stand.

When in truth, the falling of the Hansel Index was a trend that not even God could change.

The figurative tsunami had appeared at sea level, and the only thing anyone could do now was run as high up as possible, since stopping the tsunami was impossible.

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Weresoft losing the antitrust lawsuit and Barron's article, sorrow filled selling their own stocks, but where would they find an investor who would take over the market at such or the transaction could not be completed. Without anyone purchasing, the falling of prices all over the world were dropping drastically and stock price current situation of Harbor Stocks' trading market. Wails, sobs, screams, and shouts filled the scene was one of time, media companies were trying to report the latest news knew that the only promoted more everything in their ability to guarantee the safety of investor's use politics to reignite the stock market to ensure major trend of panic spreading through the entire market, continued to the stock index was beyond what anyone had a nightmare, it reminded Harbor City's investors of the horrific memories from the financial tsunami three years for the economic fallout of