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Jasper chuckled at Julian's words.

He patted Julian's shoulder and laughed softly. "I don't need you to give me your life. You just have to stay by my side and work hard. I won't mistreat you," he said.

Julian nodded slowly.

He had previously come here to destroy Jasper. Although Jasper had given him 2 million dollars, he had also kept to his words and chosen not to take revenge on him.

Despite this, Julian knew that Jasper absolutely dared to do so.

Julian had watched how Jasper defeated Mark Zion and Steve Quare right before his very eyes.

He knew that if Jasper intended to seek vengeance against him, that he would easily be vanquished despite his abilities.

He could escape, but what about his sister?

Nevertheless, not only did Jasper choose not to take revenge on him, but he also treated him well and employed him as his personal bodyguard.

Julian viewed Jasper as his saving grace due to the kindness he had bestowed upon him.

Thus, he decided to stay by Jasper's side loyally and continue protecting him in the future.

"Anyone who wants to bring harm to Mr. Laine will have to do so over my dead body," Julian said solemnly.

At that moment, Jasper was holding hands with Wendy as they left the ward and headed downstairs. Thus, he did not hear Julian's words.

With their financial power, Cathy's transfer procedure went smoothly. The procedure was completed within half an hour.

be completed, Jasper met

for the shipyard. It has already been signed," Mr. Lambert said. He took out the contract and held it before Jasper with

to take over later. In the meantime, find

with top-notch facilities. The raw materials

after the place, the

be unwise to underestimate these people. There was once a gang of seven to eight thieves that stole a batch of steel worth tens of millions in three days.

patted his chest and said, "Don't worry, Mr. Laine. With me there, nobody

project commenced?” Jasper

chuckled. “It started this morning. Without the Zions causing trouble, those few stubborn jerks signed the agreement at once and moved away.

in strict accordance with the regulations. Meanwhile, welfare protection must be in place for the migrant workers. Wage arrears are absolutely

rules are to be stated in black and white, and nobody is allowed to breach them. If anyone causes trouble due to non-compliance, I’ll fire them immediately. Is

had a solemn expression on his face.

up, get in contact with the provincial headquarters. I can’t watch the project in Brac County

executive like you can get dividends from

don’t do well, whoever is in charge will have to take responsibility. As the manager, there’s no get

off, Jasper accompanied Wendy into the car. An ambulance followed them, which Julian and his sister were seated in. They all headed back to the province

into the evening when

hospital

after sending Cathy to the hospital and ensuring that everything was alright. Jasper did not send him for their meals to be

incident at Brac County pretty well,” Dawson told Jasper with a

Your phone call

people saw that the Zions’ shipyard had been destroyed, they began outsmarting each other. It was brought about by a collective

heard that you’ve taken over the Zions’

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“What happened?” Jasper asked in a heavy tone, a frown forming on his face. He put down his book at once.

“Two hours ago, our users suddenly discovered that their connection was severed over a large area. The server was severely jammed, and the portal website completely collapsed. We have confirmed that it was an attack launched by hackers.”

While listening to Hudson’s account of the incident, Jasper walked into the study, turned on the computer, and logged into KK.

Like Hudson had described, he could not go online despite having logged in for more than 10 seconds. Not long after, a notification stating that there was a server connection failure appeared.

After that, Jasper clicked on Terizone's portal website. Similarly, the original webpage, which was rich in content, had become blank and was now completely devoid of words or pictures.

"Users are scolding us on discussion forums everywhere. What should we do, Mr. Laine?" Hudson asked bitterly.

Netizens were still relatively simple-minded back in the year 2000. The battles between internet companies were also not as competitive as they would be in the future.

However, due to these exact reason, the opinions and comments published online reflected the most authentic user experiences.

Hudson and the others frequently compiled user reviews from discussion forums because of this.

Unfortunately, they were all scolding Terizone right now.

they wanted to use the software to chat online. They could not log in and the webpage

pondered upon it for a while. "What about

the machinery room to carry out emergency maintenance,"

user disconnection as soon as possible. You guys are the top programming

of people within the hacking industry know him. Without him here, we might

must at least try to resist the attack no matter what. Purchase all the firewalls you need for the machinery

hacked, and let them know that we promise to resolve it as soon as possible. We must first calm down the users, so write it with a

I tell everyone that Sena was the one who launched the attack?" Hudson asked, gritting his teeth in

you have any evidence that Sena launched this hacker attack on us?"

Hudson said in

blame Sena for

against the attack. At the same time, we will have to appease the users. These two things must be carried out concurrently to resolve our problems. We'll talk about how to get back

I'll wait for you in the office tomorrow

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Jasper to the

good care of yourself. Remember not to overwork yourself," Wendy reminded Jasper gently as she

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“I’ll wait for you to come back.”

Resisting the urge to turn around and hug her, Jasper nodded earnestly. He then turned around walked toward the customs.

On the plane, Jasper took a light nap.

As Jasper’s personal bodyguard, Julian sat right beside him.

“Mr. Laine, you have such a loving relationship with Ms. Schuler,” Julian said.

Jasper opened his eyes and glanced at Julian. He chuckled. “You’re not that young anymore. Should I ask her to introduce a girl to you?”

Julian shook his head solemnly. “Work is my priority,” he replied.

“True. Since we are men, how can we start a family without first having a stable career?”

“Work hard by my side for the next two years. After that, I’ll arrange something for you,” Jasper said.

Julian smiled, but he did not put much thought into his words.

was his topmost

landed at Cavern City

to pick

finally here,” Jack said

he had spent an all-nighter working with Hudson and the others from his pale and tired complexion.

“Work is important, but you

in terms of technical skills, but it’s my responsibility to manage and reassure all

talk in the

the way as they

Jasper realized that Jack kept staring at Julian. “He’s my personal bodyguard,” he

worth and social status,

everything at the company right now?”

tough, we managed to protect our server. However, we

restored. This incident impacted us greatly. KK has been disconnected for

little after listening to what he said. He then nodded and said, “Since losses are

the two-storey commercial building that Terizone had just moved into. Upon entering the building, Jasper

these employees later on, so

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"Everyone pulled an all-nighter yesterday, and they fell asleep not too long ago," Hudson said in a hushed tone after making his way toward Jasper.

"Let them rest. Let's talk in your office."

After speaking, Jasper walked out of the meeting room with Hudson, Jack, and Cameron, who were all wide awake, following behind him.

Although Hudson had the highest-ranking company position in Terizone, he had the simplest office.

His office consisted of a small space separated by wooden boards. There was only a desk, a computer, a bookcase, and a few sofas in the room. Other than that, it was barren.

"It's a simple room. After all, the company has a lot of expenses right now," Hudson said, sounding slightly embarrassed. He poured a cup of water for Jasper.

Jasper chuckled. "That's why I was willing to invest in the lot of you. From your stingy demeanor, I can tell that your future will definitely be bright," he said.

Hudson nodded. He was glad that Jasper approved of his mindset.

"Although we have persevered through this incident, it was mainly because Sena stopped the attack halfway through. Otherwise, we may not have been able to recover our system even now."

face. Although he had not slept in more than thirty hours, he did not

to zero resistance

are our losses?" Jasper

of funds. However, the loss in user count is way more significant. There has been a decline of

nodded. The main priority of Internet companies was their user count. A

is being too harsh!" Cameron

still have

the others' faces after registering what Jasper

don't know as much as you guys do," Jasper

business war," Jasper added with a chuckle. "Leave this matter to me. I can

as he was about

phone, Hudson hung up on the call excitedly. "Mr. Laine, our savior is here! If it wasn't for his help last night, we wouldn't

exist? What's his

“Theo Wright!”

raised his brow

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Hudson introduced Theo to everyone passionately.

Theo looked at Jack and smiled. “I know you. You used to be a high-level executive at Weresoft,” he said.

After the both of them shook hands, Theo turned over to look at Jasper.

Jasper grinned and extended his hand. “You’re the number one hacker in the country. I’ve admired you for a long time,” he said.

Theo was actually rather nervous. He was not accustomed to interacting with strangers in real life. Jasper’s confident demeanor, which radiated from his actions and behavior, made him feel particularly uneasy.

“Nice to... meet you! I don’t dare to claim the title of being the top hacker in the country. Hacking technology consists of extremely profound knowledge. No one would dare to say that they are the best of the best. I’m still learning.”

Theo’s words made everyone burst out into laughter.

A successful person must stand out in one way or another—this applied to any field out there. Take Theo as an example, who had an extremely normal appearance: He looked like any other average young man out there, and was not particularly good at socializing with strangers.

However, his reverence toward technology was enough to prove that he did indeed have the potential and ability to be the top hacker in the country.

and Jasper exchanged a glance. “Theo, I have previously told you that we would like you to join our company. You

“Hudson, you know very well that people like us are used to having all the freedom we want. I don’t have the intention

want to remain as a hacker for your entire life?” he

flashed across his face. Jasper’s choice of words made it seem like he was looking down

regulations gradually improve, even the most highly-skilled hackers will start to experience growing restrictions

protective firewall. During the process, you can also compete against hackers from

to rely on your skills to become

expression changed. Jasper’s words had

you find Terizone?” Jasper asked, suddenly

“It’s excellent,” Theo replied.

an even more precise and professional vision of the Internet compared to everyone else.

in particular, had attained massive control of the

was truly the top online chatting

capable of dominating different fields. However, they currently lack a master that’s capable of handling

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In the office building of the Terra regional branch of Colossal Investments located in Cavern City.

Dane Warren, the chairman of Sena, and William, the president of the Terra regional branch of Colossal Investments, each signed their respective agreements.

Dane laughed as both of them shook hands. “William, I hope that Colossal Investments can help us achieve our plan of getting publicly listed as soon as possible,” he said.

William chuckled in return. “Now that we’ve signed a contract, we’re even more eager than you are to get Sena publicly listed. We can only cash in our investment and earn money after Sena gets listed,” he said.

Dane snickered and said, “I am in urgent need of funds to acquire Terizone as well. During this period of time, I have been carrying out the relevant preparations required for the acquisition of Terizone.”

William shrugged. “Warren, I don’t actually understand why you’re being so insistent on taking down Terizone. You need to know that Sena’s public listing is our top priority right now,” he said.

listing is already set in stone. However, Sena is merely one of the four major Internet portals right now.

this. “There will definitely be a major spike in Sena’s stock

reasons I intend to do so is to get back at Terizone for defeating Sena

indeed the best Internet merchant in your country, Warren,” William

young men are still way too inexperienced and naive to found a start-up company. They

Handing a flute of champagne to Dane, William raised his glass and made a toast. “To your wealth and

glasses together. “To our wealth and prosperity,” they laughed while

an hour later, below

eyes and looked at the magnificent office building. He snorted

it a good thing

vampires. They want to acquire 25% of Sena’s shares in exchange for helping us

did not dare to interrupt Dane when he was talking about important affairs. “Mr. Warren, are

can't miss out on the opportunity to pay a visit to our former competitor," Dane said. His lips twisted into a cold sneer as he ordered, "Let's head to

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No matter how unhappy Hudson was, Dane Warren was still paying a visit to his company as the chairman of Sena. As the host, he had to accommodate him out of common courtesy.

Therefore, Hudson stood up and plastered a smile onto his face. He then walked toward Dane Warren.

"You took time out of your busy schedule to visit us, Mr. Warren. It's a huge honor," Hudson remarked politely in a relatively neutral tone.

Dane burst out into laughter. He had a booming voice and hearty laughter. One who did not understand him would have thought that he was a bold and simple-minded man. However, under the facade of his honest and straightforward persona, he was a vicious man with an extremely cruel heart.

"You're being way too courteous, Mr. Moore. I had to attend a public meeting surrounding the Internet industry in Cavern City, so I stopped by your office to look around," Dane said as he clasped Hudson's hand in a tight grip.

you get invited to the meeting, Mr. Moore?" Dane asked while feigning doubt and

said matter-of-factly, "There has been a lot of company affairs lately. You should

eyes. Alas, these young people were way too inexperienced.

the crowd, Dane side-eyed Logan before

"And this is?"

calm demeanor, he gently extended his hand. "I'm Jasper Laine, the president of JW Capital,"

JW Capital!

glanced at Jasper in

to acquire Terizone, JW Capital, who owned more than half of Terizone's stocks, would be an inevitable

extended his hand toward Jasper. A smile that did not reach his eyes formed across

reputation, Mr. Warren. Juniors like us have a lot

choice of words, which reflected the bare minimum of politeness. Despite this, he did

already lost. Losers would

were more

a loser's

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After hearing what he said, Logan could not contain himself anymore.

“What bullsh\*t are you going on about? Warren, you were the one who stirred up all these problems in the first place, and now you’re saying that you want to acquire our company. What do you take us for?! Let me tell you, there’s no way that that’ll happen!”

Dane sneered. “Young man, first of all, I don’t understand what you mean by ‘stirring up problems’. I have never done anything to Terizone. The hardships that you’re facing are all due to your own incapability,” he said.

“On the other hand, a wise man submits to his circumstances. Terizone is barely surviving right now. Is there still a need to continue struggling? Sena is giving you a way out by acquiring the company!”

Hudson glared at Dane. He was trying his best to control his fury. “We reject your acquisition. If this is the only thing you’re here for, please leave. We won’t see you on your way out,” he said stiffly.

Dane’s expression darkened. “Appreciate my act of kindness while I’m still offering it graciously. How long can Terizone persist under such circumstances?” He asked icily.

“As the leading portal among the four major portals, Sena has reached an agreement with Colossal Investments and is about to get listed. Once Sena becomes a public listed company, we will have a market value of at least several billion US Dollars.”

Dane then narrowed his eyes at Hudson. He continued rambling on haughtily, “What about Terizone? God knows when you guys will be able to get Terizone listed. If Sena wanted to crush you guys, it would be easier than stomping an ant to death.

“I’m giving you guys a chance right now, so you’d better appreciate my kindness. Once Sena gets listed, I won’t bother to look your way even if you guys stand before me asking for help!”

After speaking, Dane looked at Hudson with a proud, overbearing gaze.

He believed that anyone with a decent head on his shoulder would carefully consider what he had said.

“Mr. Warren.”

Jasper interjected abruptly. The calm tone attracted Dane’s attention.

“You’ve been talking for a long time, but I’m curious. How much do you intend to acquire Terizone for?”

Dane chuckled in response to Jasper’s question. “You’re a smart person, Mr. Laine. It’s no wonder that you have such a precise vision and decided to invest in Terizone so early in advance,” he said.

prepared 20 million dollars for a full acquisition of

the agreement on the table. He

many millionaires

monumental price for

that these few young

had previously invested 10 million into Terizone in return for 51% of the company's stocks. This could completely withdraw his investment within a few a large sum of money," Jasper said, letting out an inward operating the company like this, how long can Terizone survive? It may even go into thin air. However, you can still withdraw your full investment right now. Shouldn't you thank me for giving you this excellent see the incentives. I'd rather lose everything than settle for a compromise," he 10 million dollars. I after hearing how dare you turn a blind blind forward and pinned a predatory gaze upon Dane. "I'll address you by your name if I want because of your experience in the industry. I don't care about those two measly steel bars come over to Terizone and appear before me to tell me that you "Bang!" slam resonated through onto the surface of the meeting table. "Jasper Laine, are you challenging me?!" He upright. "You'll know very soon if I'm Jasper, stared at him in awe. He retracted his gaze from Dane, who was consumed with rage, and turned to look at Jasper. His admiration for him instantly was standing up for the company like Moore, is this how you guys do things in Terizone?" he

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The expression on Dane's face morphed into one of all-consuming rage. He glared at Jasper and shouted, "It seems that you'll only submit under force. Just wait and see!"

Dane stormed off angrily after saying this.

After Dane left in a state of fury, Hudson looked at Jasper and smiled bitterly. "What shall we do now, Mr. Laine?"

"There's no rush. Let's just do what we need to do," Jasper said calmly.

“It’s just Dane Warren. He can’t raise hell upon us!”

“Mr. Laine, what you said just now was so cool!” Logan exclaimed in excitement while staring at Jasper.

Jasper chuckled. “Although Terizone is indeed below Sena right now, we shouldn’t just take his insults since he took it this far. We must talk back and defend ourselves when we need to,” he replied.

Hudson nodded, seemingly lost in thought.

on his face. He roared out in anger,

at him. The secretary stood by the

eyes as he turned around to gaze at Terizone’s office building. He then pulled out his phone with a sneer on his

went through soon

“It’s me, Dane Warren.”

spoke on the other end of the phone, “Mr. Warren, how can I

attack! Do everything that you can.

me? I’ll teach them how to behave today!” The person on the other end of the phone was evidently stupefied for a moment. However, there was no delay in his reply. “Alright, Mr. Warren. We will do

Dane grinned. He

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City, Jasper, Hudson and the others had just returned to the company after

had pulled an all-nighter, they were still young. Hence, they sprung back

brought up the issue of their funds during

server bandwidth expenses, they had been spending hundreds of thousands on a daily basis.

Furthermore, they had upgraded their server and bandwidth after the attack the night before. Another one million dollars had

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“Sure!”

After agreeing to Jasper’s instructions, everyone left the meeting room to work on their respective tasks. Only Jasper, who was consumed by his thoughts, remained in the room.

Sena was a bomb that would eventually blow up in their faces one day if they did not get rid of it.

Terizone was still too vulnerable right now. It would not stand a chance against any harsh blows. If this problem was not resolved as soon as possible, Terizone’s future development may be severely delayed.

In his past life, Sena rushed to obtain a public listing due to a major shortage of liquidity. Sena had now delayed its listing for such a long time. Furthermore, the internet economy bubble had burst, making it

even more difficult for Dane Warren to obtain investments within the country. Therefore, Sena should be short of funds as well.

However, Jasper knew very well that the progress of Sena's public listing would not come to a standstill. On the contrary, it would be fast-forwarded instead.

Jasper called Jack over after thinking about how Sena succeeded in obtaining a public listing through its connections with Colossal Investments.

"Jack, do you know anyone from Colossal Investments?" Jasper asked.

Jack was momentarily stunned. He then nodded and said, "I know William, the president of the Terra regional branch. We don't know each other very well, but Celine Maynard, the general manager, was my classmate. She's also from Harbor City, so we're quite closely acquainted."

Celine Maynard.

knew this name very

been involved in the financial industry. Therefore, he had been greatly influenced by the Queen of the same time, she had just taken up the position of general manager of the Terra regional branch of Colossal Investments. Four years

Investment had gotten promoted to the position

you make an appointment with her

nodded and said, "Alright, wait for a while. I'll contact her through

City for a business trip right now. She will be returning to Harbor City tomorrow afternoon. She said that she's free to

stood up and said,

told him the address of a hotel, then proceeded to ask him curiously, "Mr. Laine,

I knew her, why would I bother to ask you to

she didn't agree. This is expected because, as you know, a company like Colossal Investments with a large-scale business tends

this surprising. If Colossal Investments, which ranked the highest among the top four investment banks, did not know anything about what he had done in Harbor City, they ought to just close

she managed to sense my domineering stance

Jasper leave the company