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The futures for the price of cotton suddenly began to increase after it had fallen from the peak.

The rise in trend was even steeper than its drop.

In a quick moment, the price had already increased by 1,800 Some Dollars. Not only did it surpass the previous peak, but it seemed to be going strong as it continued to rise.

"It's rising! It's rising!" John shouted in surprise.

Kai stared at the market. Not only had all his losses returned to his account, but he had earned a few hundred thousand dollars as well.

If he sold his futures now, his 800,000 capital would become 1.48 million excluding procedural costs.

"It's been less than an hour since the market opened. In only a few minutes, less than 20 since I entered the market..."

Kai stared at Jasper with disbelief.

finance, he was

despite working in it for so long, this was the first time he found out how much fun the futures market

20 minutes, he now had almost twice

even by printing money could he earn

truly impressed with Jasper. His tone when he asked the question was humble and polite as if he was

expanding these years, and this year's output has accounted for 23%

on the authoritative statistics website. Pointing at a report, Jasper spoke coolly, "So a 40% decrease in cotton production this year would directly cause a shrink in worldwide cotton

domestic market, but the international

and hot money will then flow toward the source of this entire incident, that is our

chuckled before continuing calmly, "If the country has enough funds to raise the price of cotton by 16% in around 20 minutes, how much do

words stunned the

and broke the silence in

account to a profit of twice the amount lost in an instant.

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“Keep increasing your positions. Use the funds you just earned to form a pyramid chain of positions,” Jasper suddenly spoke.

The futures market had a very unique trading rule, which was investors were allowed to buy futures with the profit they earned—if any—even though they had not closed their positions yet.

In one way, this greatly increased their profits. Yet at the same time, it also added to their risks.

For example, after a revenue total of 1.48 million with his capital of 800,000, Kai had earned a profit of 680,000. He could use his profits to buy more futures.

However, doing so meant that Kai was putting himself at a higher risk.

After all, the moment the prices dropped beyond the position line, then Kai would end up having to liquidate as well.

Jasper’s instruction had Kai’s heart lurching in his chest.

While he was afraid of risks, Jasper had also just displayed his skills. As such, Kai stopped hesitating and clenched his jaw, doing as Jasper instructed.

f*cking idiotic tactic is this? I’ve never seen anyone so unafraid of death like

you’ll still have your 680,000 profit. Or you’ll end up losing that 800,000 capital in

“I don’t need your opinions about how I’m

had already completed the buy-in by the time

Kai and John watched in fear as

were slight jumps and drops, but the price remained at

stood to stretch. “Time for the market to take a break. Everything else will continue

to see how you’re

about how you’re going to pay me six million Somer Dollars

turned to Jasper. “Should

area when I’m trading, so let’s just order

had planned to treat Jasper to something nice, so he was a little

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Jasper picked up a piece of fish and placed it into his mouth. He looked at Samuel who was furious and spoke in a shocked tone, “Why are you still here, Mr. Ray? Did you want to eat with us too? Oh, why didn’t you say so earlier, Mr. Ray? We would’ve prepared a set of utensils for you too.”

Kai almost laughed aloud. Although he was joyful, he pretended to look sad. "That's right. I would've brought you to a large hotel for a meal if I knew you were eating with us, Mr. Ray.

"How could someone as formidable as Mr. Ray eat take-out with people like us?"

John asked Samuel mirthfully, "Are you hungry from watching us eat, Mr. Ray? While I do want to let you sit, we don't have another chair or another set of cutlery. If you don't mind, Mr. Ray, you could wait until I'm done to use my chair and cutlery?"

Bang!

Samuel slammed a palm on the table and glared at the three of them furiously. He was seething, and he spat out the words from the gaps in his teeth. "Have your fun now, but I'd like to see if you three can still smile this afternoon!

"There's no way you can earn six million. I've been investing for more than a decade and there has never been a time since I started working in this line of business that I've seen a seven-fold increase in prices! You're going to screw yourselves over, just you wait!"

"If you don't welcome me here, fine! I can leave. But I will be back when the market reopens in the afternoon. I'm gonna claim that six million Somer Dollars from you!"

a furious expression,

"Hold on, Mr. Ray."

Jasper's voice sounded.

"What's this, begging for mercy now? Sure, it's not too late yet. Kneel before

Ray. I wanted to remind you to bring your checkbook when you come back in the afternoon. Six million and not a cent

of Samuel's lips twitched as his gaze grew cold. His furious expression was slowly darkening

you worry about yourself first?! You'd better be able to take that money out

then turned and walked out the

quietly asked Jasper after Samuel left, "Mr. Laine, are

asked calmly as he ate, "Why,

net worth and my life on the line here, but I won't doubt you anymore, Mr. Laine. This is

two probably thought that it'd be impossible

shared a look with John and replied in embarrassment, "Indeed. After all, I've never heard of such

was nothing. In two years, a venerable master would appear in the futures market, turning 1.2 million into 40 million in the short span of half a month. This was a record no one managed to break even until Jasper

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Looking at this scene, Kai pursed his lips slightly and asked John, "Is... is Mr. Laine always this laid-back?"

John gave a wry chuckle. "Perhaps extraordinary people have extraordinary traits."

As he spoke, John lay down on another sofa and advised, "You should also rest for a little. We still have business to handle in the afternoon."

Kai grimaced and replied, "I'm not in the mood for taking a nap. Both of you go ahead and rest; I'm going to look up some news on the internet."

Kai sat down in front of the computer as he said this. He began checking through and scrutinizing every bit of news related to the poor cotton harvest.

When the groggy Jasper was woken up by Kai, it was already 1.29 pm, just one minute away from the markets opening.

At practically the same time that Jasper woke up, the office door was pushed open, and Samuel walked in with a sneering face.

He took out a cheque from his breast pocket and slapped it down onto the table noisily, saying with lofty arrogance, "Open your sorry eyes wide and take a good look at this. It's a cheque worth 6 million dollars. Take it if you think you have the chops."

spoke, Samuel then sneered at Jasper. "It's not too late right now for you to admit defeat and beg for mercy. If not, when

spare Samuel a glance. He turned to look at Kai and asked,

he immediately responded, "The market's open. It's gone up by 20 bucks. It's

dollars, an increase of 20 bucks increase was, in truth,

green

He walked over to the computer and saw that at present, the price of cotton futures had surged to

It was then followed by an announcement and

"Use the profits to keep

already pyramided once that morning. If they were to do

not hesitate at all and used the profit they made from the

bided his time patiently and waited to see when this young brat would

god of stocks and shares would not dare play in

17500 dollars, and then to 18000

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In Jasper's previous life, the ceiling price of the cotton market this time was locked at 18,980 dollars then.

However, the price now was 18,800 dollars.

It seemed that there was still about a 200-dollar profit margin, but Jasper had never been an overly self-assured person.

This was because he found that his influence in the present time and space was becoming increasingly greater as he made use of his memory from his past life.

He had no way of guaranteeing that the price of cotton would be locked at 18,980 dollars this time around. If they missed the opportunity, leading to a monumental crash in the price, it would be difficult even if they wanted to sell it off by that time.

Regardless if it were his own investment or if he were helping Kai to ride out his difficult time, he would not rely on his past memories anymore.

When it came to profits, it was enough to be able to gain the most of it. One should never become too greedy for the leftovers.

At this moment, however, Jasper's decision had stunned the three of them including Samuel.

Seeing the price suddenly spiking exponentially, Jasper informed them that they should close their position.

it as safekeeping by

trend and short selling, however, what the heck

drumming at first, afraid that he would lose his say, but when he heard what Jasper said, he could hardly resist the frenzy he felt. He let out a

at a time like this? Hahaha, what a joke! You really think you

six million and will lose the bet, hence why you're now deciding to take a wild risk? Hahaha, young deep breath, Kai looked at Jasper with

said out loud, "Did you forget what you told

was filled with excitement from head to toe. He had indeed made up his mind back then that he would do

increasing trend. Jasper, on the other hand, wanted

him!" John said

in Jasper, given he had seen Jasper perform miracles with his own eyes before. He could very well make it happen

cussed before immediately doing as Jasper

you're

quickly selling it short. At last, he let out a hysterical laugh. "Though it's good that

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Jasper, who was willing to lend him a hand during his most critical time, would never look at him again.

Taking a deep breath, all Kai could do now was to pray for the price to drop quickly.

However, things did not turn out as he wished. The price of the cotton futures continued to rise, slowly but surely.

As though to deliberately provoke Kai and Jasper, Samuel had gotten someone to send in a few luxurious meals at some point.

Samuel clicked his tongue and sighed as he sat on the sofa, eating caviar. "Ah, this is delicious, but it's a little expensive. You two could still afford to eat it before this, but after today, I'm not sure."

Kai gritted his teeth and stared fixedly at Samuel. He hated that he was unable to pounce at Samuel and beat him up.

Jasper, on the other hand, had been looking at the computer screen. He could not be distracted no matter what Samuel did.

When it was 2:30 p.m., the business department of the authority website that Jasper had been paying attention to finally published an information message.

country successfully signed a series of trade treaties with three neighboring countries, which includes the bulk cotton trade. It is predicted that after obtaining this batch of imported cotton, the future domestic cotton market will not

up with just a few

God! This announcement!" Kai exclaimed, his voice cracking. His sudden yell surprised Samuel so much that the caviar

the caviar, Samuel got up from the

extent of the capitalists' interest in the news. When Samuel ran over after the news was published, there was already a response

It fell!

dipped off the edge of a

of its arrow and went into a precipitous decline

collapsed rapidly in a short period of time. A straight, downward line formed on the stock market market trend to make a big profit were now crying in anguish after having their accounts emptied bankrupt

very small number of people

the cotton market was the same as that in his previous life this time,

the difference of only three dollars was innocuous, it

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Samuel stared at the garish numbers on the computer screen blankly. He felt like a mouthful of blood was rushing from his stomach straight to his throat.

“How is it possible? How is this possible!?” Samuel yelled in disbelief.

“How could 800,000 possibly turn into six million in a day? This is impossible! It’s a ruse, it must be a ruse!

“Did you deliberately use fake software to deceive me?” Samuel glared at Jasper fiercely and roared madly.

“Your imagination isn’t bad,” Jasper praised.

Kai, on the other hand, was not so good-tempered. He decided to close the position of the futures quickly before immediately withdrawing the money.

He pressed into the text message on his phone notifying him that 6.8 million had been credited into his account and then threw the phone in front of Samuel.

“Open your eyes and take a good look. Could this text message be faked?”

Samuel looked at the genuine text message on the phone and was completely dumbfounded.

“No way!”

thought of something and suddenly exploded. He stared at

it was not to the point where he could throw six

to great lengths to try taking a 30% commission from Kai, much less stay in the office all day just for this

than ten million at best. Taking six million

a fit of rage, Samuel completely tossed his dignity aside and

said, “What’s the matter? You were willing to gamble but are now unwilling to admit defeat?

trap that the two of you had deliberately set up to trick me into the game! I

“Mr. Ray.”

Jasper spoke coolly.

to not understand

ago, you had been very sure that you would win and even fantasized about how you would spend the six million that you

Jasper coldly and said, "Kid, it's easy for you to take my money but it won't be easy for

like Mr. Ray is planning to play

the bet with me, even he didn't dare

jerked upon hearing these

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"He's called Jasper Laine. Why don't you go back to Faith County and find out who screwed Hugh Lewis over? That's why merely for you, it's still a little too soon. "

Samuel heard this and felt as if he had been struck by lightning.

Jasper Laine... He had heard of this name.

Faith County's most famous stock god of the year. He heard that Jasper had even clashed with Hugh Lewis back then.

However, who the hell was Jasper Laine? He had never met him before.

That was because Jasper had already set off for the province when he returned from somewhere else. Later on, Jasper had been in Harbor City and Swallow Capital for some time before only returning recently.

There were rumors that Hugh had been taken down by Jasper, but Samuel only turned his nose at it.

He had fought Hugh for so many years when he was at Faith County and never once won.

Yet, some guy who had crawled out of God knew where could?

in front of his eyes now, however, and Samuel had no choice but to believe

raised his head to look at Jasper again, there was no longer the overweening attitude from half

Mr. Laine, I... I

fumbling over

the courage to offend the

matter who I

"I had no interest in you, yet you were the one

tears. He stooped down, apologized to Jasper with all his might, and said, "I'm sorry, Mr. Laine. I was truly blinded by anger just now. I didn't expect you to be Kai's patron. Otherwise, I wouldn't have dared to trouble you even if I were given three shots of liquid

"I'm nobody's patron. It just so happened that John asked me for help this time. Not to mention, Kai has quite a good character and is unlikely to be beyond redemption for just a single

said." Samuel did not

and said with a smile,

up this time, and there was no chance for him to even say that he

was willing

would like to thank Mr. Ray for his generosity. Coincidentally, I will pass this money to a relative of mine to invest in a hotpot business.

what Jasper meant but still replied carefully and respectfully, "Of course, **Life at The Top**

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After Jasper had picked Wendy up, she sat in the Bentley's passenger seat and blushed as she said, "Jasp, my dad said he would like to invite your parents to dinner after Christmas."

Jasper smiled as he said, "That's a good thing. When?"

"There are only four or five days before Christmas, so probably three days after that. Do you have any relatives you need to visit then? We can make further arrangements regarding the date," Wendy answered gently.

Jasper thought for a moment before saying, "No, we don't have any relatives to visit this year. My family has already discussed it among themselves. They were worried I wouldn't have time, so my relatives will be coming over instead."

Wendy blinked. "Is it because you're rich now?"

"If you're either powerful or rich, you'll get special treatment as long as you check off one of these boxes," Jasper said gleefully.

Wendy huffed and asked confusedly, "But my family home is always silent during Christmas, and my relatives rarely come visit. I used to be so jealous of the other kids because they got so much money during Christmas."

parents give you

course, they did. Never anything less than

Jasper, "..."

they had more than 10,000 dollars in their account. Yet, the amount of Christmas money Wendy's family gave was equivalent to

when my family's financial situation improved, I got around 50 to 100 Somer Dollars. You get 10,000 Somer Dollars in one go and

received money from two people, my mom and my

don't understand how you rich people live your
and Charlie were extremely happy to see Wendy. Even Charlie, who was usually
you were coming over in advance? I would have prepared you some food in advance. Have you eaten
yet?" Sally took Wendy's hand in hers and smiled as she talked to
Wendy had long since become close to Jasper's
"I've already eaten."
sat down and glanced meaningfully at

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"Sally, I heard that a supermarket on the west side of town is having a huge sale now. Everything is at least 75% off, and there'll be lucky draws too. Let's go together!"

Jasper was startled when he heard that and glanced suspiciously at Wendy. "The supermarket on the west side of town? That's where Tefa City is. The only supermarket there besides the one your family owns is Walmart, right? Not only are you not going to shop at the supermarket you own, but you're going to fund your competition's supermarket instead?"

Wendy huffed and said, "I'll go wherever the cheaper options are. Isn't that right, Sally?"

Sally was tempted as well. "75% discounts, and there'll be lucky draws too. What a bargain!"

Jasper sighed as he watched the two women excitedly plan their day.

Wendy was born with a silver spoon in her mouth. Back in the days where few families had savings up to 100,000 dollars, she was already receiving 10,000 dollars as presents.

As for his mother, he transferred around 50,000 to 60,000 dollars to her bank account as an allowance every month. She should have at least 500,000 to 600,000 dollars under her name now.

women were still

to please his mother, who had been born in

merely reminded them to be careful before

previously had with her daughter-in-law, which had plagued Jasper in his past life,

after Wendy when they arrived

last time, Jasper would arrange for Julian to

the silent but sincere bodyguard. She smiled at him as she said, "Jul, pick out anything you need

"Mrs. Laine, Jasper pays me quite

toward the door, she said, "Get your sister to come and celebrate Christmas with us. The two

said awkwardly, "Mrs. Laine, it's fine. We've always celebrated Christmas this
along with

seemed like a reliable person to her, and both her son and future daughter-in-law's safety were in his
hands. It only