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"If it hadn't been for the invitations that I kept receiving from those few close female classmates, I wouldn't have gone," Wendy explained.

"Don't worry, I didn't overthink it. It's Ivan's own business if he wants to pursue you. There are so many people out there chasing after you.

However, since he's about to show up in front of you, I want to tell him that he shouldn't indulge in wishful thinking," Jasper chuckled.

"Your words make it easy for others to misunderstand our relationship," Wendy murmured.

"There won't be any misunderstandings. I mean what I say, and you know it too," Jasper said affirmatively.

"Hey! You're not even prepared yet! You... how can you just say that!?"

"What do I need to prepare? What I meant was that you should focus on your work by my side instead of thinking about relationships. As a boss, I don't want my secretary to be thinking of other men all the time."

"...Go to hell!"

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Five o'clock in the evening, Sheraton Hotel.

As one of the first clusters of Western hotel chains in the province, ordinary people could not afford to go to the Sheraton.

A lot of people held a deep sense of curiosity and admiration toward this extravagant five-star hotel.

Jasper's Bentley gradually came to a stop in front of the hotel entrance. After getting out of the car and throwing the key to the bell boy, Jasper received a call from John.

"Mr. Laine, we're in the Orchid Chamber. Everyone is waiting for you."

Jasper glanced at the time and grinned. "I'm in room 407 downstairs. I'll come up after talking with a few people."

"407? Alright, we're waiting for you," John said with a chuckle.

hanging up on the call, Jasper and Wendy

way too old-fashioned for someone who has seen the aesthetics 20 years into

the hotel industry next. None of

already used to Jasper's eccentric train of thoughts. Just as she

the woman remarked in
smiled. "Are you Quinny Clint? I almost couldn't recognize
rather pretty. However, her
had a refined demeanor. Jasper remembered her as
had dressed up for today's reunion event. She had bought her dress not too long ago and it was quite a
thought that you wouldn't
Quinny walked forward and
I had to
it for quite some time before shaking her head. "It's been too long, I don't
have passed in the blink of an eye. It's normal for you to not remember,"
"Did you know? There's a very skilled stock speculator in our class. Ivan Larson has earned 700000 to
800000 dollars from the stock market this year alone. He paid
in the room upstairs telling everyone about the basics of stocks. Let's go quickly. We may be able to get
some tips and earn a sum
had a faint smile on his face, Wendy smiled exasperatedly. Which stock speculator could even compare
to
was so full of himself after earning 700000 to 800000 dollars. He even held a reunion event to show off.
He did
arriving at the room upstairs, Jasper could hear the voice of an arrogant young man before even
are clueless. If you want to learn how to trade stocks, learn from me. I earned up
weren't classmates, I wouldn't
the people out there call me? They call me the
the door. "Look who I brought over," she told Ivan, who was imparting advice by
turned over. Upon catching sight of Wendy, his
an air of elegance as he
to visit my
adamantly rejecting him, Ivan

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Jasper's sudden act of intimacy shocked Wendy as well.

However, she did not show any form of resistance and simply let him hold onto her.

She knew that as a woman, she had to show full support for the man by her side.

“What if I don’t let go?” Jasper asked calmly.

The expression on Ivan’s face turned even more overcast. He sneered coldly. “You must not want to live anymore!”

Noticing that everything was about to go haywire, Quinny pulled Ivan away at once. She chuckled, “Ivan, we’re all classmates. Don’t make things too awkward. Right, didn’t you mention that you wanted to recommend a stock to us? Tell us about it and enlighten your old classmates.”

Ivan pointed at Jasper and snickered, “Wendy is just showing sympathy toward a poor jerk like you. Don’t think too highly of yourself and take things seriously. I’ll show you the difference between us today.”

With that, Ivan fixed his clothes and announced arrogantly, “The stock I want to recommend to all of you is Atlantis Tech. There will definitely be a great spike in its price when the market opens tomorrow.”

Everyone began whispering among themselves. Nonetheless, the majority of them believed in Ivan. After all, his record was clear to the public eye.

Quinny memorized the name of the stock as well. She intended to buy some of it when the market began trading tomorrow.

Jasper chuckled condescendingly upon hearing what he said.

Atlantis Tech was well known for being a trashy stock in the future.

Very soon, scandals regarding debt and accounting fraud will break out due to the reorganization of Atlantis Tech’s board of directors. The stocks will be suspended for up to 16 months and the stock prices will plummet after the market opens.

It was yet to rise back up during the day Jasper got reborn.

Plenty of people lost all their savings and lives because of this stock.

all the stocks out there, Ivan Larson had targeted this

Tech is trash. It’s doomed. The more you buy, the

money from trading stocks, buy some from Millennium Tech. You’d be able to gain up to 30% in profits in the long term,” Jasper

stocks too?” Quinny asked

right now. Furthermore, he firmly denied Ivan’s recommendations. This

him,” Wendy said in

not go unnoticed by

Ivan burst out into laughter. “Did I hear wrongly? You said that the stock I chose is trash?”

in front of everyone and laughed out loud. "You shouldn't act up like that. We are all knowledgeable people that know all about you. Who doesn't know that you're a poor, useless b*stard? How dare you question me? I've earned up to 800000 dollars within a year

had enough tokens for playing games, right?" He continued to

arms. "Everyone, listen clearly. This fool here said that the stock I recommended is trash. He recommended Millenium Tech instead. Will you hold yourself responsible for the

choice whether choose Atlantis or Millenium Tech. Don't blame me for not giving you guys tips if you lose out on the opportunity. You'll lose your money if you make the wrong

looking at Jasper with a gaze full

antics! Quit acting up in front of

the others turn to look at each other. At

I choose to believe Ivan." "Exactly, he must be trying to show off in front

ruined everyone's mood at this nice

bumpkin like him capable of? You should share more about your experience

did not mind their intrusive,

wasn't Wendy's good friend, he would not have bothered to give her a

life and death of these people had nothing to do with

were looking down on Jasper. She grabbed Jasper's hand and told him, "Jasp, let's go. Nothing

these classmates of hers were a literal joke. They were amazing at fawning over those of a higher status and trampling over those of a lower social status. They didn't recognize the true god of stocks, who was standing right

that moment, Quinny was staring

notice. The board of directors have been reorganized and there will

"That's why I've chosen this stock. Once the board of directors get reorganized,

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"All of you are being way too kind," Jasper said with a smile. He knew the good intention behind John's actions.

LIVE

An error occurred. Please try again later

John Jackson and the rest of them were all quick-witted and intelligent people.

They could easily tell what was going on at just a glance.

They could tell that the atmosphere in the room was not quite right.

The other people in the room were not on the level to drink with them whereas the atmosphere was slightly off. With that, John and the others clinked their glasses with Jasper and left the room.

Jasper had no interest in staying there either. He followed John and the others to the Orchid Chamber upstairs.

On the other hand, Wendy did not leave as she instantly got surrounded by a bunch of their classmates.

“Wendy, those people were all here to look for Jasper Laine?”

seemed to treat him

Jasper now? How can he have a meal with those

you all sucking up to Ivan Larson just now? Why do you guys care about Jasper?

was common knowledge that women tended to hold grudges. Thus, it was impossible for Wendy to forget how they mistreated

awkward expressions on their faces. A

Don't be like that,” Quinny said while

not do or say anything

Wendy waved a document folder at Ivan, whose face was ash pale. “Do you know what's

pulled out the freshly obtained business license

a dozen of them raised their

JW Capital Co., Ltd.

Legal representative: Jasper Laine.

Natural person shareholder: Jasper

Registered capital: 1000000000 dollars.

instantly resonated in the room when all they caught sight of the keywords in those three lines of on the business license dazzled their eyes. If it were not for dollar sign behind

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Wendy frowned and looked at Ivan. She asked stonily, “Is there anything else?”

Ivan's expression changed. His arrogant and haughty demeanor from before was long gone. He was simply a sore loser right now. "Since Jasper has so much money, can you put in a word for me?"

Help me out. We are all classmates. You can't watch me go down like this, right?" He said with a pathetic stance.

"That's right. Since he's so rich, he should distribute some to us."

"Even if he earned that much money, he can't spend all of it. How can he bear to watch us suffer?"

Once Ivan spoke out, a few petty people began to join in as well.

"The lot of you are really... hopeless!" Wendy shouted. She was utterly shocked at how shameless these people were.

"Jasp has never wanted to show off. Classmates or not, he has never minded. Ask yourselves. During our schooling days, or even just now, who among you have ever treated him like a classmate?"

"I was the one who forced him to come over today. However, I regret it badly. It's better for us to go on our separate ways in the future.

strand of sentiment I

left without looking back at

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"Everyone made a toast with me downstairs just now. My alcohol tolerance isn't that great, so I can't make

that, Jasper finished his glass of

this sector. Everyone now knows that you've just

looked at

must definitely work together if the chance arises. Money is meant to be earned

absolutely right. Let's make a toast to

Nobody here would get on the wrong side of Jasper, who had just risen to power. Naturally, the host and the guests of

an entire pile of namecards. John, who was tipsy due to the alcohol, walked out of

all actually a bunch of ruthless, disloyal wolves. You should figure things out as

advice. "Don't worry,

nodded and let out an alcohol-infused breath. "That's enough. I'm old now. I

turned over. He caught sight of Wendy in the leisure bar of the hotel lobby. Overcome with boredom, she was using a fork to poke at the plate

sat down in the seat opposite

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“There’s nothing I need to hide from you,” Jasper chuckled.

Wendy felt that Jasper was being beyond shameless with his words.

However, thinking about it, it was the truth.

If one owned a few million dollars, some people may come up with certain intentions and do something irrational.

However, in the face of a wealthy man that had a net worth of a billion dollars, who would dare to do anything to him?

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One week later, Jasper moved from the town to Thorton Park in the city.

The house was already well-renovated and designed, so Jasper could move in any time. However, Jasper had contacted the renovation team and asked them to carry out the renovation of two other villas within the same week.

These two villas would be used as the temporary workspace

and network office supplies had to be prepared and set up as

three employees, Jasper included, as of now. Meanwhile, he had handed the management of the company’s finances to Wendy as he did not trust anyone else for this except

Jack Tanner came

had thoroughly made up his mind this time around. He had

the other hand, your family can stay in the villa next door. You can choose

he handed the key

did not have much to say about that. He directly asked, “What is my job

taken on any professional tasks yet, but there’ll be work soon. By then, the operation of the entire

on. If a management prodigy like Jack Tanner was not put to

villa. Looking at the empty space and new office equipment, he chuckled. “This feels like

are a start-up

that’s different is we don’t need to accumulate our raw capital. I have the money. We can just acquire

you found an acquisition target,

plane tickets to Cavern City for

“Cavern City!”

it for a while. He shook his head and said, “There are too many internet companies in Cavern City. May I the largest number of users within the country, and the

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People would pay attention to every move and action of a person like that.

It can even be said that as long as Jack Tanner was willing, countless of domestic companies would wave banknotes around just to hire him.

However, Jack had left his position in Weresoft so unexpectedly to join a company that no one had even heard of.

Suddenly, countless dominant forces and capital firms within the industry began to pay attention to a company named JW Capital.

They were stupefied after looking it up.

It was a newly registered company. The company had just obtained its business license not too long ago.

The legal representative was someone named Jasper Laine.

Who was he?

Nobody knew him.

They were all the more shocked after looking at the company’s registered capital.

A billion dollars!

country could take out a billion dollars

assets, cash was

were two very different

Group, which was under Dawson Schuler, had a market value of 2 billion in terms of assets, but it

main business was their supermarket chain, under the condition

pretty good if the cash possessed by an ordinary company could account for 20% of the

established company already had

new paper company of one of the major companies and speculated about the company behind it. There were

higher-up executives from the financial circle began taking notice of the names

arrived at the Cavern City

put down their luggage. After that, Jasper dragged Jack into a taxi and

office

“This is it?!”

shock. It was hard to believe that a company like Terizone with

company like Weresoft all this while. Of course you wouldn't know about the difficulties of being a domestic company that has started from nothing. These conditions are comparatively pretty

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“Who are you guys?”

Logan Zimmerman asked them curiously. He was the first to notice Jasper and Jack standing at the door.

“Is there anything we can help you with?”

Zaine Colton and Cameron Scott asked them after noticing their presence as well.

Although Terizone Inc. had been established for more than a year and even had around 5 million software users right now, people hardly ever came to visit the company.

“We're here to collaborate with you,” Jasper chuckled. “However, before commencing this discussion, your server will break down if you don't handle it right now.”

It was exactly the same as he remembered. Terizone was terribly poor right now.

The entire company sustained themselves on the software Hudson Moore had created years ago and the first set of earnings they obtained from the stock market until now. It was hard to make ends meet, and what more, the five of them did not even take any salaries.

server was their

where there would be tons of server resources. During this era, a normal server cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. Other than wealthy

by Terizone was a sub-standard product that Zaine had assembled after buying the individual components from the Northern district during a desperate

showed just how poor Terizone Inc.

look at the server. It was on the verge of breaking down due to the huge

all had top-notch programming skills. Otherwise, Terizone would not have been able to support 5 million software users with

office. Zaine stared at the screen, sweat beading on

technical prodigy who had developed the main program

It could break down at any moment. If it breaks down,

server's performance has reached its capacity. We can either add a server immediately or wait

works, should we forcibly disconnect some of the users? That way, the data load could be

very core of Terizone. Although disconnecting some of the users would reduce the load on the server, doing so would make it seem like they were going

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Jack looked at Jasper in astonishment. Although he did not know anything about programming, he could tell that Jasper's idea was indeed feasible from the expressions on the others' faces.

Not only was his new boss a total prodigy in terms of earning money, but he also knew how to do programming?

He was still so young. He could not have learned all this in his mother's womb, right?!

Ten minutes later, Logan and Cameron wiped the sweat from their faces as they looked at the server, which had gradually stabilized down. They breathed out in relief. "We've finally overcome this stage. It can hold on for at least one more week."

"More accurately, it would be able to support the users for four to five more days. You must consider the rate of increase in users," Jasper corrected them with a grin.

Right then, Zaine stood up and gazed at Jasper intently. It was almost as if he had just discovered a new piece of land.

"I'm Zaine Colton. Your suggestion was really effective. Thank you for your help."

of this idea in his

turn down the excellent opportunity to show off in front of a

I said just now, we're here to propose a collaboration with Terizone Inc.," Jasper said while shaking hands with each

Tanner?! Jack

Jasper instantly caught sight of a young, seemingly well-educated man. He was holding two bags of takeaway while

figure of Terizone Inc. He was the future chairman of a board of directors with a

programming and were hardly ever concerned about global news, Hudson always paid attention to the changes going on in

news was inarguably the fact that the nation's number one professional manager, Jack

have expected this renowned figure to appear in his small company today. Hudson

Weresoft. I'm now the general manager of JW Capital. Mr. Laine is my

sentence alone made all of them shift their attention

well-versed regarding workplace rules, understood that one should never steal the

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“How much is a billion dollars?”

Logan asked Zaine in a hushed voice.

Shaking his head, Zaine replied honestly, “I’ve never seen that much money either. I’m guessing the money should be able to fill up this house... and the toilet as well.”

“Oh...” Cameron took a sharp breath. This was simply unbelievable.

The five founders of Terizone Inc. did not come from poor family backgrounds. In this era, their families could be regarded as wealthy families with a decent amount of money.

Otherwise, it would be impossible for them to get together just for a so-called ‘dream’ and endure a few months without having a salary in order to establish Terizone.

However, everything paled in comparison to a billion dollars.

After getting to know each other, they told Hudson about how Jasper had come up with an idea that helped reduce the load of the server effectively. Hudson suddenly began to look at Jasper differently.

at the box of takeaway in Hudson’s hand. “Jack and I came over in a hurry. We haven’t had lunch yet. Do you mind if we eat with you guys?” he asked with

course, we wouldn’t mind,” Hudson said. “It’s just that the food may be a little

a box of takeaway was a luxury for me,” Jasper said while opening the boxes of takeaways. He handed each of

share of food for the both of them. However, there were many people in the company who were all

the glorification of his identity. On the contrary, they all felt that Jasper was humble, approachable, and easy

Hudson heard that Jasper was from the countryside, he asked him how he earned so much

Jasper earned his money

money from the stock market. He had earned 700,000 dollars with

He had felt pretty good about himself when he earned 700,000

accurate was his

all of Jasper’s assets. Otherwise, he would have received an even greater

takeaway food in their hands had lost its appeal

to others would only bring rage

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Not to mention the price of a server, they had not even been able to afford to pay their own salaries for the past few months.

If they did not earn anything in the short term, Terizone could only go bankrupt.

Terizone was currently going through its toughest time.

Plenty of investors had approached them due to KK, which had the largest number of users in the country. However, they were either greedy in terms of their demands or pessimistic toward Terizone's future development.

In short, they just could not agree on anything.

Hudson was eager to obtain an investment. He had even thought of selling KK. His ideal sum was a million dollars, but the only boss who was interested only offered up to a maximum of 800,000 dollars. A disagreement thus occurred due to the difference of 200,000 dollars.

This would become a major joke in the future. That boss missed out on the opportunity to invest in a trillion-dollar company just because he could not bear to pay an extra 200,000 dollars.

"Yes, I intend to invest ten million dollars." Jasper threw out a shocking statement in a calm tone.

Logan choked on a mouthful of food and instantly spat it

seated opposite of him. However, Cameron did not bother to go after Logan for spitting on him as well. His eyes widened. "How much did you say?! Ten million

Jasper had just pulled out a royal flush in front of them while all they had were pairs of threes. (TN: royal flush and pairs of threes refer to cards dealt in a game of poker. A royal flush is the highest hand in

exaggerated response toward Jasper's proposal. Instead of excitement,

three companies of the same net worth. The fact that Jasper was willing to offer such a large sum of investment meant that he really looked highly upon Terizone. On the other hand, this meant that... Hudson's ownership and rights to Terizone would

went against Hudson Moore's basic

outside party, the founders would not be able

million dollars. It will be a cash injection, but not a full-scale acquisition. I want 51% of the company's shares.

care how you divide the shares among yourselves, but I

let out a dry laugh. "51% of the shares exceed the proportion of shares owned by a majority shareholder. How is this any different from a full-scale

with ways to increase Terizone's profitability, whereas you guys will have the final say on the specifics in company management and

down his spoon. Although he had a calm expression on his face, his stance was domineering and

strong demeanor, Hudson furrowed

do you guys think?" Hudson asked while turning to look