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Mr. Adams' eyes widened as Jasper said this.

He was about to say something when he noticed Jasper looking over with a smile. "Mr. Adams, do you have any more opinions?"

Thinking about the bet he had made with Jasper, Mr. Adams snorted coldly and said, "It's all your money, Mr. Laine. Of course, I have no objections if you're willing to spend that money. I just hope you won't end up feeling bad when none of the 70 group servers are usable."

Jasper only smiled and no longer mouthed off at Mr. Adams. He immediately announced, "Everyone, please work a little harder today, stick to your guns, and clock in a few extra hours. I'll join everyone in working overtime. Also, supper is on me. I'll get the chefs from Sheraton to whip up something for us. Just make sure everything is done well on your end!"

Cheers filled the entire branch office.

Coming out of the conference room, Jasper noticed Jack's slightly stiff expression as they made their way to Jack's office. He smiled and asked, "Jack, are you nervous? This isn't like you."

Jack laughed bitterly. "Mr. Laine, it might be nothing for you but we've spent too much time and money on this United Legends project. I don't think I'll still have the confidence to continue if this fails."

Patting Jack's shoulder, Jasper said with a smile, "First of all, we won't fail. Second, even if we do fail, that's not important. A loss is a loss. I can still afford to lose this bit of money, and it would be my first time failing so I wouldn't mind having a taste of it."

Jack gave Jasper a blank look before shaking his head and saying with a wry smile, "Mr. Laine, to be frank, what you say sometimes really... makes me want to punch you."

"Hahaha!"

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"United Legends is opening soon for open beta testing!"

across the country in a short period of

even when they had gone to the internet cafe to surf the

netizens had already been subtly turned into quasi-online game players. They were curious about the game that had

many people played were

of those huge online multiplayer

all the players were looking forward to

news was released, everyone was trying to gather

girlfriends all had to suddenly work
were also suddenly working hard to
who had plans at night were suddenly making excuses for not being able
same time. One after another, they sat in front of their computers after switching them on, waiting
only to see that everyone there was waiting for the release of United Legends. At once,
are you gonna
you
warrior or
like that, they began
began thanking Sena. It was hard to tell the future of such a
high expectations but other people from the local gaming industry and
received quite a lot of attention because of it. Everyone was waiting quietly for the outcome, to see
the hand of the clock slowly struck
“Open the server!”

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Despite releasing another 30 group servers, they still could not hold back the players' excitement.

Fresh new gameplay, novel user interface, and never-before-seen system; all these different elements were pulling new players in continuously.

Because of that, even the backup servers were being released one after another.

At the same time, the number of individuals going online on all servers was also rising.

From the first 100,000 to 300,000, it then rose to 500,000 and again to a million.

It was already half past one in the morning of the next day when the last of the backup server groups were released.

The opening of a new game region at half-past one in the morning was something that would not happen again in the country in the next few years.

At present, the number of players who were online in United Legends had reached a staggering number of 1.95 million.

A total of 80 server groups were filled to the brim.

as he looked at the figure on the computer screen

time on the first day of its open beta testing. It was

a miracle had actually happened in front of
when the game was
was not even
achieved such a sensational result
was a matter worth rejoicing, but Mr. Adams could not let himself
outcome of his bet with
they had not reached two million, everyone knew that the 50,000 gap would be easily bridged come
morning when traffic would be
present, everyone in the branch
promise. He had gotten an executive chef from Sheraton Hotel and his
that, he even gave everyone an envelope packed with a one-month
would not like a boss like
Coreana were looking at Jasper with
the only

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Even though he hated the Coreanans' unwarranted superiority, he needed to wring them of all their skills. By adequately giving them some innocuous benefits, they would then be more obedient in teaching others their skills.

Moreover, Mr. Adams and his group believed that even if Jasper's people picked up all of their skills, it did not change the fact that they would not have any competition in Coreana, so they would not be pressured upon returning.

This was exactly the point that Jasper was also focusing on.

At present, the situation with the entire project was slowly stabilizing and as the night darkened, the players had also begun logging out of the game to rest. After ensuring that there would not be any more accidents, Jasper then returned to the hotel.

Jack and Terry would be on watch for the night just in case something happened.

With them here, Jasper could relax a little.

Jasper waited for a long time after leaving the branch office but Julian still had not arrived with the car. This was the first time something like this had happened. Just as Jasper was about to give Julian a call, he saw the car driving closer from afar.

"Julian, have you been slacking?"

Jasper teased as he opened the car door. However, he was shocked when he realized that there was someone else sitting in his seat.

“Why are you here?”

asked, pleasantly surprised to see Wendy who was smiling sweetly

replied, “Someone had quietly broken the world record for online games, of

Wendy had offered him and said with a laugh,

see ads for United Legends everywhere these few days as long as I was surfing the internet. There are even promotional posters hanging in front of

create a character and try it out tomorrow too,”

“That’s nice. Let’s play it together. We’ll get the tech department to adjust the game level for us and then

a blush, “Aren’t you afraid of the players finding out about you throwing

just ask them to set up an internal server for the two of

heard from Julian that you haven’t been sleeping before three in the morning these days. Look, it’s already

Jasper rubbed his cheeks, feeling a little tired. “There were many things I had to

I find you a secretary

a secretary, I should look for one

that? Can’t I look for one for you?”

say that if he allowed Wendy to look for someone for him, she would definitely get a man to become his secretary. Jasper could not stand having a man tailing him as

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“Give it one more week at most and we’ll have to pay the balance for the Southface River Project. It’s at least seven billion. We don’t have that kind of money anymore,” Wendy ranted about being poor.

Jasper coughed and said, “About the real estate subsidiary company, it’s the upfront investment fees needed to start the construction of the skyscraper, so it can’t be avoided. As for the rest, I still have money in my Harbor City account but it’s best that we don’t touch that. If we do, our profits will drop drastically.”

Wendy rolled her eyes at Jasper and said, “I already knew that you didn’t have much money on hand. My father will transfer ten billion over tomorrow but we can’t keep doing this. The skyscraper is too expensive, do you really want to build it?”

Jasper nodded and said, "It has to be built. Moreover, the die has been cast now. We have no choice but to proceed with it."

Besides, Jasper was familiar with the real estate and construction materials market in the future. He knew that a building that could be built with 16 billion dollars now would require at least 20 billion in not even two or three years.

The four billion difference could be used to do so many other things.

"I've already paid the down payment for the pedestrian street earlier and as a result, I'm tight on cash..." Jasper said gloomily.

Wendy's eyes blazed like torches as she immediately pointed out

The MP3 players aren't doing too bad either. We could get millions in profits

as big as United Legends gets, we still need a procedure to gain profits.

good base for Sena. I want Sena to become a public listed company. Once it

he had bought Sena before this. Even though it was in retaliation against Dane's attack on Terizone, he

fortunately they had not been

was to control the two companies at the same time. One as a listed company and the other to preserve the

companies to perform their duties while keeping the competition was

wrong decision," said Jasper regretfully all of a

Jasper only smiled and asked without further explanations,

rushed here tonight was one, I wanted to pay you a visit; two, I needed to confirm things with you personally given that the five billion fund transfer was too big. I'll head back tomorrow morning once I'm done with the transfer procedures. We're almost done with the Southface River Project. There's still a lot to do

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She was a woman who would be crucial in the subsequent IPO plans for Sena.

Jasper smiled and walked over when he saw the charming Celine again. He had initially planned to shake her hand politely, but she embraced him in a tight hug.

"Tell me you weren't joking when you said you're drafting an IPO plan for Sena?" Celine asked, a smile blossoming in her beautiful eyes as she gazed at Jasper.

He took in the woman's fragrance but suddenly saw the fire that was blazing from Miss Stone's eyes. Jasper took a delicate step backward as he smiled. He said, "Of course, it's true. Why would I joke about such matters?"

Celine rolled her eyes at Jasper as she said flirtatiously, "You never know. After all, it wouldn't be the first time you've lied to me."

Jasper knew she was referring to how he had used his shares to lie to her when he wanted to stop Dane Warren from releasing Sena to the market. He smiled and said, "They were right when they said you should never lie to a woman, they hold grudges forever."

"Since you knew that women held grudges, you should have long since made up for the losses I suffered from your deception," Celine said as she walked out of the airport with Jasper.

hand through her hair. Her femininity and charm caused the eyes of several

here now?" Jasper

look as she said, "I'm the

topic and said, "Do you have

and I haven't formally submitted it yet. You must remember that I'm only the general

doesn't fall into his hands,

secret," Celine said as

that flashed through Miss Stone's eyes when she heard what

sat down in the same club lounge and seats that Jasper and Kayden had sat

The only difference is that the United Legends project has been successfully launched. It currently holds the world record for having the most online users at one time,

more powerful than it

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"As the only internet company that has managed to successfully rebrand itself and gain profits, what do you expect the shares for Sena to be priced at when it goes public?" Jasper asked.

However, Celine shook her head and said, "It's too early to tell now. There are so many factors that would affect the share price.

"Of course, the most basic prerequisite would be the company's competence and financial status.

"Next up would be how the company goes public. Colossal Investments will help you get in touch with a bunch of millionaires who make private placements before the share market opens. This will be a great plus for us when the news goes public."

"I'm already doing that," Jasper said as he gave Celine a meaningful smile.

"I've gotten in touch with the J. Langdons and the Law family in Harbor City. They've offered their full support."

Jasper and Kayden had come up with that plan the last time they met.

News of multi-millionaire Half-the-Harbor Langdon making private placements in Sena would certainly benefit the company.

At first, Kayden had thought Jasper was only letting him make private placements so he would put in a good word for him at the trade settlement center. However, he had not expected Jasper to have more tricks up his sleeve.

They were merely harmless tricks, though.

Thus, Kayden had merely smiled and glossed over it after he learned about it.

Celine was surprised, but she did not probe for further details.

Investments won't be earning commissions from you, but that's alright. Colossal Investments will take care of the

shares are you willing to put up as

on the share market were known as shares outstanding. These shares would be diluted before a company

complete say in whether he wanted to

the number of stocks, and the lower the price per share. However, this had nothing to do with the company's total

both one one-hundred dollar bill and ten ten-dollar bills would both total to

had already thought about this, so he immediately

"Companies usually issue at least 40% of their shares as

one part of my business

"Besides...

I mean I will hold absolute control over the remaining 67%. I won't allow anyone to become a shareholder or part of the board of directors

Jasper said without hesitation.

call. Colossal Investments won't make any further comments if you've already decided

financial, and general management department this afternoon before we come up with a final evaluation report this afternoon. This report will first be audited internally by Colossal Investments before it's passed to the Nasdaq Review Committee for its final

and ensure they cooperate fully with your investigation,"

formal discussion, Jasper and Celine had lunch and enjoyed

stunned to hear that Celine

lazy to book another hotel. Are you not open to having me as your next-door neighbor?" Celine said as she smiled and waved her key

welcome," Jasper said with an odd expression on his face. "It's better this way too. We can contact each other easily if there's anything that needs to be

don't we

heard Celine say, "I can

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The next day, Celine's team went to Sena's headquarters at Swallow Capital as well as its branch office at Waterhoof City to conduct a comprehensive review of its accounts, just as they had planned.

Celine had a lot of time on her hands now that everything had been delegated to her subordinates. She dragged Jasper to accompany her to go sightseeing all around Waterhoof City. She was seemingly delighted to have found some time in her busy schedule to let off steam.

The two seemed almost like a couple as they strolled through every road and alley in Waterhoof City.

Although Celine was a woman with beautiful looks and a wonderful temperament, Jasper was not a lustful person. However, he needed to ensure he was on good terms with Celine during a critical time like this.

Thus, Jasper gifted Celine a wristwatch that was priced at six figures. Although Celine teased Jasper about openly bribing her, she later gifted him a tailored suit that was equally expensive.

On the evening of the third day, the two were sitting in a restaurant. Celine swirled her glass of red wine and said to Jasper, "I heard you're planning to construct the tallest tower in the world here in Waterhoof City?"

"Colossal Investments has a great source for insider news," Jasper replied.

Although the project had officially commenced and was about to begin construction, the news was only circulating among a very small circle. It had not been publicized yet.

Celine smiled as she said, "That depends on who the person is. You're one of my most important clients, so it's only natural that I would consolidate more information on you. I gather it's true judging from your reaction?"

"Of course, it is."

did not plan to hide it from her. After all, even if he did not admit to it now, the news would have to be publicized

news would be announced sooner or later, Jasper was

said to Jasper, "To be honest, I would be more than willing to assist your parent company in going public. Believe me, you would have secured the position as the richest man in Terra if

his apparent disinterest in gaining wealth through Sena on the market if the tower project had not businesses being out of his control, which if Colossal Investments was interested in investing in your company?" Celine asked imagine. I promise that you'll immediately earn more than ten billion Somer Dollars if you agree to sell 40% of your shares. Moreover, Colossal Investments will absolutely never not help but smile when he heard said the same thing to 'befuddle' Hudson Moore capitalists were equally giving me money for nothing?" "Of course." at Jasper. This posture caused her to look a little less mature and slightly more playful and

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After dinner, the two returned to their respective rooms. When Celine was done taking a shower, Miss Stone reminded her that the assessment team had completed their report.

Celine immediately sat down in front of her laptop and began reading the report that had just been written.

The team from Colossal Investments always produced detailed, professional reports which an ordinary person might not be able to understand. However, Celine merely needed to skim her eyes through the report to capture the key information.

Sena's main role was in acting as a web portal. It was currently the largest portal within Somerland, and in terms of web traffic, it was ranked first in Somerland, third in Terra, and sixth globally.

Every day, tens of millions of people used the portal to read the news and search for the information they were interested in.

The evaluation showed it had large traffic, a strong base, and a bright future. However, the problem was it was difficult to liquidate and make a profit from it, which was why it was making losses now.

Its secondary role was in online games.

United Legends had already completely taken over the gaming community within the country.

were in the gaming industry, the internet industry, or not

it had reached a peak of 2.4 million users simultaneously with an average of 2.1 million users online at any one

other online

some who were observing

to official announcements regarding payment details that had been put out by United Legends, the game would launch a charging system using point cards the week after the first wave of beta

charged 50 cents an hour for every player

million players in total who had surpassed level seven, then

As for the costs?

profit would be 3.58 million dollars after deducting costs such as

most professional statistics provided by

was a shockingly huge amount in the

Celine, who had been exposed to such things before, was also shocked

opened to the public as well. This number could only

fell ill or got themselves into a mess that would ruin the

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“If you’re doubting the abilities of my team, in which there are three chief appraisers with at least 20 years of experience under their belts, you may file a complaint to internal affairs and request for a reassessment saying you do not trust the results of this report. But don’t bring me into this,” Celine said coldly.

Miss Stone said hurriedly, “Miss Maynard, I didn’t mean it that way.”

“I know you didn’t mean it that way.” Celine sighed. “To be honest, I was shocked too.”

Compared to Miss Stone, Celine had even more things on her mind.

Sena was just one of the many companies Jasper had control over. The other ones did not even need mentioning.

His real estate company was about to begin work constructing the tallest skyscraper in the world.

Terizone Inc held rights to the number one instant messaging software, a blue ocean market anyone would drool over. Although it was still difficult to make profits from it now, Celine had a feeling it would not pose a problem to Jasper.

According to Celine’s informants, Jasper seemed to be supporting Terizone in creating an online payment system. Celine’s instincts told her the words ‘online payment’ would be a mighty thing that would shock everyone.

Even his newly established electronics company had managed to dominate 80% of Somerland's domestic marketplace by upgrading the MP3 to a MP4. Apparently, several foreign merchants had gotten in touch with the electronics company in hopes they could sell the product overseas.

MP3 technology, had attracted the attention of

bring

and brought about a ripple effect in the future, Jasper's electronics company

electronics company and Somerland's officials were highly supportive of the idea of selling the product

both the country and its people when a local product was

these had been accomplished by

was the case, how much

was the first time Celine realized she did

past self

quietly taken form and would soon expand to

be

as she said to Miss Stone, "Contact the headquarters through the encrypted channel. I want

the time difference into account, the president

glinted coldly as she stared at

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After she entered her room, Yvonne hid in the bathroom. Her call was soon answered.

The person on the other end of the line was a man who spoke in a lilting Somerish accent.

"It's William."

That's right, Yvonne had phoned Celine's direct competitor, William. He also happened to hate Jasper with all his might.

William had always been looking for a chance to attack Jasper, but he was always too far away to have any chance of launching an attack on him. Thus, he could only repress his hatred of being tricked the first time.

Now, Yvonne was handing William a sword.

The sword would also hurt Celine, but jealousy and hatred were enough to drive a woman to do crazy things.

"Mr. William, I believe you wouldn't know that Celine and Jasper are in contact right now. They're planning to list Sena publicly again." Yvonne did not bother beating around the bush.

end of the line remained silent for a while. Only the sound of William's breathing that was rapidly growing

two teams needed dispatching to make return visits to some of our old clients. She was actually going to work with Jasper in secret and go behind my back to help him list Sena publicly, is that right?" William's deep voice, which could be heard

behind his back was already humiliating enough when he was the president, not to mention the fact that he and Celine shared a competitive relationship in their workspace. As for Jasper, the two had a grudge against the other. How could William not be furious when

Celine is talking to President Paulson right now. I'll send you a screenshot of the assessment report later. You'll understand everything after you read it,"

Celine's secretary, aren't

confirm nor deny the

surprise. Celine's personal secretary has betrayed her,"

looked down on if

turned pale from anger, and she bit down on her lip as she said, "I didn't betray her. You and I just happen to share

coolly and said, "Sena can stop thinking about getting

of S+ in the assessment report, and Celine has already told President Paulson that. The board of directors at the company's headquarters will be

words caused William to be utterly