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A video call that spanned the distance of half the earth was established.

Celine Maynard sat in front of the computer. She stared at the image of Paulson on the screen with a calm expression.

Due to the time difference, it was now afternoon on Paulson's side of the world.

Evidently, he was extremely busy. After accepting the video call, he immediately said, "Celine, you have ten minutes to talk to me. There's another important meeting that I need to attend in ten minutes' time."

Celine nodded to indicate that she understood. "In that case, I'll get straight to the point. I don't mind if the headquarter sends a team to investigate me, but Jasper Laine's listing plan for Sena cannot be put on hold because of this," she said intently.

Paulson shook his head. "Celine, although I've always admired your capabilities, you let your emotions get in the way this time," he said in a regretful tone.

"You have to understand that the questions raised by the directors are perfectly reasonable, and they also have the right to do so. This is the power that has been granted to them during the shareholders' general meeting, and I cannot do anything about it."

Celine replied solemnly, "Even so, anyone can tell that this listing benefits not just Jasper, but also our investment bank, right? We cannot just push Jasper into the hands of our competitors just because a few directors disagree.

"If that happens, Layman and Merlene Investments will be laughing at us in their sleep."

Paulson frowned. He fixed a deep gaze upon Celine and said, "Celine, tell me right now. Why did you take the initiative to reduce Jasper Laine's commission by 20%?"

"I did that to win him over," Celine replied immediately without thinking twice.

"As I had previously reported to you, Jasper Laine is undoubtedly a business prodigy that everyone is underestimating. Sena, which is an extremely high-achieving company in our eyes, is simply one of the many companies in the diverse group of businesses that he owns.

"I think that our investment bank will benefit greatly from working together with someone like that."

wondrous businessman. However, this does not mean that the board of directors will accept your excuse. To them, this listing

the headquarters' decision to send an investigation team over. They can investigate all

face. "As I said, this is our directors' choice. There is no way for

your veto power to veto

me to go against those directors because

to bet my entire career

face. He pinned a deep gaze on Celine and asked her solemnly, "Do you know what

means, run the investigation, but any no circumstances can you stop the listing. If any problem arise, I'll resign immediately," Celine said calmly

silent for some

of the line. His

wait for a moment as I have an important matter to handle right now," Paulson said. After that, the sound of the door closing could be heard. He then continued to face the screen to look at Celine.

"Celine, your

be able to continue working in the financial industry for the rest

this once, Uncle Paulson," Celine said in

"I'm afraid that your guarantee isn't enough to change the minds of those

voluntarily resign as well. I will also compensate the investment bank for their loss with an amount three times the commission. I'm giving you my word as the second-in-line heir to the Maynard family. Is that

rang out

who was wearing a calm and determined look on her

dollars? Do you know what a share price of a hundred US dollars means? After Nasdaq went through the Internet bubble, there are only a few dozen stocks worth more

did not say anything. She understood what Paulson was

if she did not come up with such

continued stare directly into

not say anything either. He had watched Celine grow up and understood that whenever she showed such an expression,

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"Are you alright?"

Jasper glanced at Celine, who was sitting in his living room, in the midst of enjoying some snacks with milk. He then asked her this in a suspicious tone.

Although Celine looked exactly the same as she did usually, Jasper felt that something was wrong.

"I'm good," Celine said, casting an odd glance at him. She then lowered her head to look at herself. "Is there something wrong?" She asked.

Jasper sat down and opened a bottle of beverage for himself. "Has everything been resolved?" He asked.

“Everything has been resolved,” Celine said in a relaxed tone. “Are you forgetting who I am? Is there anything that I can’t deal with? Do you really think that I’ve gained nothing from working at Colossal Investments all these years? I have plenty of connections, alright?” She added.

“You make it seem easy,” Jasper said. He narrowed his eyes at her as he did not believe a single word that she was saying.

The more indifferently Celine behaved, the more he certain he felt that the issue this time was serious.

Although he had never worked at Colossal Investments before, Jasper had been a veteran in the financial circle in his past life. He had seen all sorts of workplace battles.

Furthermore, he was managing a bunch of people under him in his current lifetime.

Jasper knew very well that one could be wiped out at any moment as people in the company schemed and plotted against each other.

It was a battlefield where smoking barrels could not be seen.

This was especially true for top investment banks like Colossal Investments, as they already had in place a complete ecosystem nestled within the company. Such working environments were terrifyingly cruel.

There were plenty of power struggles constantly occurring within the company.

“If you can’t do it, you can just give up. I’ve told you that we’ll still be friends. When it comes to Colossal Investments, I can always change working partners. There’s no need to give in to their demands,” Jasper said.

Celine pinned a long, meaningful gaze upon Jasper. “I’ve put in a lot of effort and work into this. I’ve put almost all that I have into this project, and now you’re saying that you want to change your working partner? I won’t agree,” she said.

“Alright, alright,” Jasper chuckled. “Since you’re giving me a 20% commission, I won’t let you down,” he said.

fired your

if he was talking about something insignificant. “She is no longer qualified for her current position, so she has no choice but to

just realized it now?

you asking so many questions today?”

asked her

into her mouth. “She was going against the both of us,”

William?” Jasper

quite a smart one,”

guess it. There are 8000 to 10000 employees in Colossal Investments, and the only people I know there are you and William. Therefore, if she was going against me

Are you unhappy about it? Do you want to go

won't let him go so easily,"

to defeat him would be a danger to him sooner or later. This was especially true

full now. I'm going back," Celine said as she stood up

next few days due to the heavy workload. I still need to organize the

got up and replied, "Since the listing of Sena has been confirmed, I need to make

busy with our own work," Celine said

"Will you miss me?"

miss a married woman," Jasper said with a rigid expression on

on Celine's brows, Jasper spoke again. "But I'll miss my friend," he

staged a wedding and received a foreign marriage

can try becoming the third party in

her for some time, Jasper knew that she could take a joke

try.

said

pouted in distaste as she walked toward

the exit. Then, she suddenly turned around and smiled radiantly at the sight of Jasper watching her leave.

you in

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like that. She did

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The news about Sena's upcoming listing in the United States was spread by unknown sources.

This news instantly lit up the entire domestic Internet industry.

Frankly speaking, people with a long-term vision could already see that Sena's moves would completely change the ecosystem of the entire domestic Internet industry when the game "United Legends" was released.

It cleared the path and introduced a new way for Internet companies to make a profit, which was by earning money from online gamers through the development of online games.

For companies that were yet to find a profitable direction under the traditional Internet business model, online gaming was obviously a good way to plug their losses and increase their profitability.

However, when news about Sena's upcoming listing broke, everyone was shocked when they realized that this had been their actual goal all along.

Because of this, Sena's overall strategy and intentions had gradually become clear to the public.

Sena made use of United Legends to achieve profitability, and it proceeded to make use of its high profitability to promote the listing of the company.

an easy process as

that they would

fact, not only did they achieve profitability, but they earned

personnel within the domestic Internet industry gained a surge of confidence through their achievements. They looked up to Sena and wondered how

Sena's public listing in the United States represented the honor of the whole of

under the spotlight as well. If Sena's market widened, the whole

did not make it big, everyone would just disregard them and just look for other online games to monitor. They could always think

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outside world and drew the attention of countless individuals toward Sena, Jasper, who was the driving force behind it

wide smile on

Jasper said while he handed a cup of tea to Mr. Malibu. Mr. Malibu, who was born in the

of being poisoned by coffee for decades before encountering the magic of tea from Somerland. Indeed,

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"I've already bought a yacht and a car. Besides, I also spend up to several tens of thousands of dollars every time I go out," Henry said in a regretful tone.

Once Sena gets listed, an internal placement process will be carried out. In other words, shares will be sold to internal buyers in advance. When Sena gets publicly listed, they will then be able to sell their shares according to the market price.

Transactions like this usually yielded a profit unless the share that they owned was worthless, causing the listing price to fall below the opening price. In that case, a huge loss would be incurred. However, such incidents rarely happened.

After all, it was impossible for the shares of a foreign company that was worthy of being listed on the Nasdaq to be worthless.

Furthermore, anyone with decent insight could tell that Sena definitely had the prospect to be a profitable investment.

Naturally, Jasper did not forget about Henry when this excellent opportunity to earn a fortune arose.

Jasper gave the Laws a pre-IPO quota of 200 million dollars. Meanwhile, Kayden Langdon was allocated a quota of 100 million dollars as per their previous agreement. Of course, he did not forget about Schuler Corporation either. Dawson Schuler was also allocated a quota of 200 million dollars. As for the others, Jasper intended to release a quota of 50 million dollars for the company's veteran employees.

For instance, Hudson Moore and his team had worked under him for a long time and had faced countless struggles throughout their time with him. Nevertheless, it seemed like they did not have many opportunities to reap benefits or wealth.

paid them a salary that was above the industry standard, this did not stop him from awarding them with

Jasper had always given

Jasper had promised Henry that he would allocate him shares equivalent

did not fare well. His savings only consisted of 30 million

to the currency exchange rate at the time, it was only worth around 28 million Somer

up to 50 million dollars," Jasper said. He had a

"How much will I be able to earn then?"

you'll definitely be able to get

listing then. I've been there countless times before, but I've never seen the bell in Wall Street being rung before," he

problem. Have all the issues at the

sorting out the materials and submitting them for approval do not require my involvement," Henry

on when the time comes. It should happen in the next few

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Jasper had just finished his discussion with Malibu when his phone rang. He had received a call from someone unexpected.

It was a call from Gale Hurlbutt.

“Old Master Hurlbutt, how have you been lately?”

It was necessary to remain respectful when he spoke to the leader of Sander Merchant Faction

Gale’s laughter rang out from the other end of the phone. “You’ve been quite active recently, you sly child. Can’t you put a hold on things for a moment?” He asked jokingly.

“There are too many wolves chasing after me from behind. I can’t stop now. If I put a hold on things now, I’m afraid that they will swallow me whole,” Jasper replied in a contemplative tone.

Gale was amused by Jasper’s metaphor. “You’re exaggerating. You’re now a popular hotshot within the domestic financial circle. Countless people are using all possible means to seek out connections or win favors in hopes of buying over some of Sena’s pre-IPO stocks from you,” he said.

Jasper suddenly became alert upon hearing what he had said. “Old Master Hurlbutt, to be honest, I’m also struggling due to this issue right now. The pre-IPO quota is limited. The Laws want some of it, and my father-in-law wants some of it as well. I’ve also allocated some of it to Half-the-Harbor Langdon,” he said.

“I can’t refuse any of their requests. With requests coming in one after another, there simply isn’t enough to go around. I have already used up the quota in my hands,” he added.

Gale hummed and said, “You’re a sly child indeed. Don’t worry, I’m not interested in such businesses. I won’t ask you for any.”

After hearing what he said, Jasper was overcome with a sense of relief. If Gale disregarded his reputation and insisted on taking some of the reallocated shares, it would be impossible for Jasper to reject his request.

After all, both of them had shared a pleasant collaborative relationship before this.

the pre-listing shares, Jasper would not argue. Even so, Jasper

it, I will allocate some

doesn’t work on me. You’re a cunning

of courtesy since he had just become aware of the situation. Thus,

straight. Initially, some of the members of Sander Merchant Faction that are involved in financial investment wanted to lend you a helping hand once they learned that Sena was about to get

since you already had the support of prominent families such as the Laws and the

behalf. It is impossible to allocate any more shares to anyone now. We’ll work together if the opportunity arises in the future. We’ll earn a

agreed with

them exchanged a few more words before hanging up the

face. “This sly child is always using the Laws and the Langdons to ward people off. Are you afraid that I’ll gobble you up? What a brazen and cowardly man,”

same time, Jasper snorted out loud in his office

Why is he being such

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was evident that the news about Sena's public listing had a large impact on the financial industry, as even someone like

without being able to join the bandwagon as they could not touch any of the preallocated shares. They were all beyond regretful for

was extremely rare within the

was sure that they would gain stable

impact had just turned the Internet industry upside down, caused the entire financial circle to be on

step that Sena intended to take. People were also waiting for Sena to announce

the raging chaos, William was the most upset person out

had thought that he could successfully defeat both Jasper Laine and Celine Maynard this time around, sat in his office with a despondent look on

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After returning to her own office, Celine let down her guard and leaned back on the chair in exhaustion. She then closed her eyes to take a light nap.

She did not know how much time had passed when she was awoken by the sound of the door opening. She sat up straight in record time and recomposed herself to once again display the stance of a strong and capable woman in the workforce.

Celine sighed in relief when she noticed that it was her new secretary entering the room. "Is there anything urgent, Merrie?" She asked.

As Celine's new secretary, Merrie Jones admired this powerful woman whom she idolized from the bottom of her heart. "Miss Maynard, the investigation team has left today. I just wanted to ask about our work schedule tomorrow," she said courteously.

"Cancel everything," Celine said with a wave of her hand. "I'm returning to New York soon. My current priority is to get Sena listed successfully. Besides, I have to get reviewed by headquarters in New York," she added.

Merrie nodded. After a while, she mustered up her courage and said, "Miss Maynard, is it worth doing this? I heard that...I heard..."

"What did you hear? Did you hear that there's something going on between Jasper Laine and me? Am I his lover, or did Jasper Laine offer me tons of benefits so that I would help him out?" Celine asked in amusement.

A tense look of nervousness appeared on Merrie's face. "No, I don't believe the rumors circulating in the company. However, you have way too much on the line, Miss Maynard," she said anxiously.

Celine chuckled and said, "Alright, this is none of your concern. You can head home now."

Merrie turned around to leave after nodding in response.

Celine sat alone in her dark office room and stared at the colorful lights of the city below. She was overcome by an inexplicable sense of loneliness.

She took out her phone and called Jasper.

The moment the call went through, and a radiant smile formed on her lips, washing away all her fatigue and loneliness.

"Hey, it's been a few days but you didn't even bother to call. Didn't you say that you'd miss me?"

the other executives of Sena. He gestured for them to continue with the meeting and walked out of the meeting room.

use work as an excuse not to call," Celine said

charming expression on Celine's face right now. He could

voice, "After getting what I want? Others will think that there's something

three days, we'll be heading

heart lurched. Although he had been preparing for

have a feeling that you will shine brighter from the moment Sena gets listed. Everyone will look up involved in

Celine to hang up the

compared to a few minutes ago. She

beauty. Her fatal, alluring smile could

nobody had the chance to appreciate

the discussion. He looked at the executives of Sena, who were staring at him with sparkling gazes and looks of anticipation. Suddenly, he laughed out loud and said, "In three days, all the executives will get on a chartered flight to New

"Yay!"

"Long live Sena!"

had been through countless struggles and were currently in their forties, were as exhilarated

corporate practitioner to be able to represent companies from Somerland on the Nasdaq listing in the year

front of the top 99.9999%

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Three days later.

a charter flight from Somerland Air. Jack had even driven Jasper

with a somber look on his face while he watched Jasper chat with two women through video call at

words "Make a mistake! Make a mistake! Make a mistake and let them find out the

Schuler was on the left while Anna Law was

tension underlined Jasper's usual

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After bidding Wendy and Anna goodbye, Jasper led everyone onto the plane.

After a fourteen-hour flight, Jasper and the others arrived at New York, which was the economic center of the world's most powerful country, the United States. It was also known as Gotham City.

After the plane landed, Jasper realized that Colossal Investments had sent a senior client manager named Jameson to greet them. Celine Maynard was nowhere to be seen.

"Where's Celine?" Jasper frowned as he asked Jameson, who greeted them with a radiant smile on his face.

"Are you referring to the general manager of the Terra regional branch? She can't make it as she's busy with something at the moment, so she asked me to greet you on her behalf. Besides, I will also be in charge of contacting you on everything relating to the series of handover work that needs to be carried out for Sena's listing," Jameson said courteously.

Jasper halted in his steps after registering what he had said. He cast a thoughtful look at Jameson and asked, "Does Colossal Investments endorse the act of stealing the fruits of someone else's labor?"

Jasper knew that Colossal Investments viewed their collaboration with Sena as a high priority case for the company. Plenty of people would surely get jealous of a case that brought forth as many of benefits as Sena's listing did.

by the power struggle occurring within Colossal

was the case, he would need to

labor" as it was an idiom that was usually used exclusively in Somerland. However, after

specifics. She is currently caught up at the headquarters of Colossal Investments due

never change the person in charge of your listing

face eased slightly after he heard Jameson say this. He smiled at Jameson and said, "Let's head to the hotel at once. To be honest, I'm really tired

changed. This man from Somerland did not seem like he would be responsible for the reception of all the executives in Sena's business team. As such, Colossal Investments had spent a generous sum of money to accommodate had arranged for Jasper and his team was the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, presidential suite to themselves whereas the other executives were each allocated to a luxurious suite their daily expenditure was next

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Nevertheless, Celine did not pick up the call even after Jasper had dialed her phone number for some time.

Just as he was considering whether to contact Jameson with a frown, Jasper heard the sound of his door opening. This was accompanied by the sound of a phone ringing.

Picking up his phone, Jasper stared at Celine, who was standing by the door with her phone in her hand, speechless. She had a radiant smile plastered upon her face. "How are you capable of getting my room card no matter which hotel I stay at?" He asked.

Celine smiled proudly and said, "Please don't lodge a complaint about me. This hotel is one of Colossal Investments' partners. Clients of Colossal Investments will usually have their accommodation booked here, and it took me a long time to get acquainted with the manager. If you report me, it won't be that easy to get your room card the next time."

"I didn't think of that. Thanks for reminding me," Jasper said with a smile.

Celine walked into the room with her hands behind her back. She held the room card in her hand and closed the door on her way in. She then sat down on the sofa and surveyed the surroundings of the room. "Are you used to staying here?" She asked.

"Hotels are all the same, aren't they?" Jasper replied. He leaned on the sofa and fixed his gaze upon Celine, who was inches away from him. "Jameson said that you were busy with work," he said.

is an easy matter?"

by our investment bank is ridiculous. You even previously told me that I was an conduct

Colossal Investments' internal professional evaluation. If there is no problem, it will be submitted lot of branches and departments that we need to visit one by one. That

I've done, I'll only

You won't earn a penny less than you do

and asked, "Are you really going
do value your abilities anyways," Jasper
Other men are only after women's bodies, but you're
her fair arm on the armrest of the sofa and supported her

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After walking out from the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, the smile on Celine's face gradually dissipated.

By the time she arrived at a black commercial vehicle that had been parked at the entrance of the hotel for a long time, the expression on her face was impassive.

The door of the commercial vehicle slid open to reveal two men and two women sitting inside the car. One of the blonde women spoke out in a sarcastic tone, "Miss Maynard, have you finished catching up with your friend? If you're done, we should go now. We have fulfilled your request to visit Jasper Laine, but we hope that you can cooperate with us during our following investigation."

Celine eyed the blonde woman coldly. "Catherine, don't think that I'm oblivious about what happened between William and you. Didn't the two of you cause the scandal in the office back then? He threw you aside for his own future. Just look at you now. So many years have passed, but you're still so loyal to him," she said.

Catherine's expression darkened as she gritted her teeth. "Celine Maynard, don't get ahead of yourself. Don't forget that you're now being investigated by the bank!" She blurted out.

"An investigation is just an investigation. What's the matter? When have I ever said that I wouldn't cooperate with you?" Celine questioned her in a frigid tone.

"It's just an investigation. Maintain a polite attitude in front of me. I'm still the general manager of the Terra regional branch of Colossal Investments. In terms of position, I rank higher than any of you. If you offend me in any way, none of you will be let off easily."

Celine finished speaking with an impassive expression on her face. She then got into the car.

"Start the car," Celine took the initiative to give the order.

The employee that was in charge of driving the car was stunned. He turned to look at Catherine instinctively.

However, Catherine had a sullen expression plastered upon her face. She wanted to retort against Celine, but she did not dare to do so. "Start the car!" She said through gritted teeth.

The black commercial vehicle slowly left. It merged into the heavy traffic and headed toward the headquarters of Colossal Investments.

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almost time for the
well. He arrived at the

people here all knew William, who was a

nodded with a

grabbed hold of a staff member and asked him nonchalantly, "May I know who the service manager in

surprised by the fact that William was talking to

is extremely important. Not only will the executives of Colossal Investments be here, but a lot of elites from Wall Street will be in attendance as well. This is

young man from

I will definitely carry out my responsibilities to the fullest of my abilities, but a young man

to make

man... Think about it, how can

not be any problem with his requests. He agreed to it at

around and left with a smile on his face. He felt extremely

someone to prevent Jasper from entering the hall was not anything great, but he just wanted to disgust him. That was more than

embarrass Jasper so that he would feel

thinking

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banquet commenced

Sena's attractive concept, Sena's pre-listing banquet managed to draw the attention of a lot of famous investors from Wall

be regarded as a high-end networking event between

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When Jasper entered the banquet hall, his appearance immediately attracted everyone's attention.

Under the propaganda deemed necessary by Colossal Investments, Jasper's identity as the largest private beneficiary from the crude oil futures market last year had been disclosed to the public.

Another important identity of his, the organizer of the Harbor City share market rescue plan, had been revealed as well.

With these achievements associated with him, Jasper attracted the attention of everyone in the banquet hall, which was full of elites from Wall Street.

Everyone looked at this young man from Somerland with a curious and inquiring gaze. They wanted to see exactly what kind of extraordinary man was capable of making such an awe-inspiring move in the crude oil futures market.

“Friends, look who’s here!”

Jameson announced to everyone with a loud laugh as he wrapped an arm around Jasper’s shoulders passionately.

“This is Mr. Laine, whom I’ve told all of you about. He’s from the ancient and mysterious Somerland.

“Just like that great country, he is full of extraordinary power. During the crude oil futures incident some time ago, he snatched a bunch of coveted benefits from the hands of governments and capital predators.

beside me, initiated the entire plan. I believe everyone here is familiar with that

curious

stared at him with bitter

Old men like us

was slightly envious as well. “When can I ever be that awesome?”

of Wall Street

people were not the top dogs on Wall Street, they were not random nobodies either. Otherwise,

a larger sense, they were the backbone

did not mind forging

the future, he would be participating in the international market. Thus, it was possible that one of these people will be of great

over with a blonde

within the real estate industry in the United States. He really admires your ability and

the said man. His gaze instantly wavered once he set his eyes upon

have been that shocked if even Winston Bennett or Charles Granger had appeared before

him had an