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Chapter 81

Jasper frowned at Hudson's words.

According to what he remembered, Sena should currently be in a critical period of preparation for listing.

Sena had indeed developed a communication software, and they had indeed caused a great amount of trouble for Terizone.

Yet that was something that happened in 2004.

The butterfly's wings had begun to flutter, yet Sena was now entering the communications industry two whole years before it should have. Not to mention that they were developing it by themselves.

Sena was currently in full swing and would turn into one of the country's top three networking sites along with Netsy and Soha.

The most important concept for internet users right now was that of web portals. Since its main function now was to read up on the latest news, it was far less complex than it would be in later years.

Terizone and Sena were of completely different sizes right now. All it took was one small move from Sena and Terizone would lose one line of defense.

Which was why Husdon had immediately called Jasper the moment he got wind of it. His nervousness was apparent in his tone.

"Calm down first. Wait for my call.

"For now, find a way to get their internal beta version."

Unlike those in Terizone who were worried, Jasper remained unfazed.

Sena had never managed to overpower Terizone in the end, for the latter had slowly made its way into a trillion-dollar powerhouse. Meanwhile, Sena was left to stand on its last legs, completely left to the dust.

Coupled with the memories he had of his past life, Jasper had full belief that he could come out of this business war victorious.

All that was left was to wait and watch how Sena planned to attack Terizone.

After ending the phone call, the door behind him opened.

Wendy came out.

asleep," Wendy

for us to go back too,

gaze swept past Jasper as she asked nonchalantly, "Your ex-girlfriend, Penelope, you two almost got seen this script before. If

the Bentley and replied in a tone even more nonchalant than Wendy's. "To err is

looked at Jasper and quickly ran to open the passenger seat door. "Let's go. Send me

the car, Jasper let out a sigh of

'Now's the time!'

scary living on

drove toward the small district where Wendy lived and

really," Wendy replied carefreely, not

been sleeping by myself since I was young because my dad was always busy with work. Then that followed on as I

"You can tell how much my parents like you, can't you? So come drop by my parents' place for

isn't it?" Wendy blinked, still clueless to what Jasper was hinting. "I'll feel bad if I always

'my' parents? Did you forget what your

her dad had passed her to Jasper to take care of. That moment, it dawned on her what Jasper had been implying the

replied embarrassedly,

mine anyway. They're all empty for now, so just

me to move in with you?" Wendy

"…"

minutes later, below

a bang, the car door was

b*stard! Screw

key that she had stolen from Jasper, Wendy

the building while

no chance Wendy would agree considering their current

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Jasper was woken up by Hudson's phone call at six o'clock in the morning.

"We've just gotten wind that Sena's beta communication software, Sena Chat, will be officially released tomorrow morning."

Hudson's tone was anxious, for the release of Sena Chat would definitely deal a fatal blow to Terizone right now!

"I'll be right over!"

Hanging up the phone, Jasper booked a ticket and rushed to Cavern City as fast as he could.

Meanwhile, Sena Chat was officially released on the market.

Sena's sudden launch of the software, Sena Chat, had resulted in a frenzy within the domestic internet circle.

Disregarding its portal sites and its gaming aspect, instant messaging had the most users in the internet industry within the country right now, for it was also the easiest to draw users in at alarming rates.

It was just that this form of business did not have overwhelming web portals like Sena and Soha.

KK might have the most users within the country, but no one seemed to be taking Terizone seriously at all right now.

That was why Sena's sudden act had attracted a lot of attention.

Several potential large investors in the circle downloaded the newly announced Sena Chat software in their offices and revealed disdainful smiles when they saw the familiar interface.

This was blatant plagiarism off KK's program.

However, no one was speaking up for Terizone.

The market was like a battlefield. If given the chance, they would all come for a taste.

Under the gathering of wind and clouds, everyone's gazes were pinned on Cavern City.

Everyone wanted to know how Terizone's group of amateurs would react.

Entering Terizone's office, he could feel the nervousness within the room.

evident that neither Hudson nor the other four had slept a wink last night. Each of them had a bird's nest on their

Jasper was the only thing that brought a bit of life

save them and Terizone now was

Come and look at their Sena Chat. It's an exact copy

and sat in front of the company, clicking on the software. Then, he registered

would do no good to say more when

not

to admit that its optimization is

words, and the already depressive atmosphere

weak in the beginning, and we put all our efforts into maintaining the server and realizing KK's functions. Optimization-wise, if you employ a few technicians, I think you'll be able to catch up with

his gaze filled

do now is introduce new

suddenly asked. "What

previously had them compress KK's

from Jasper and they did not dare to

released, Terizone gained

did not even have more than five

garnered Jasper

credibility and authority

of file transmission first, but not merely constricted to file transmission only. Instead, include the realization of

shone at Jasper's

was through sending email attachments. However, email attachments were very troublesome and they were very specific when it came to

files could not be

network was generally unstable, the transmission would often be

that happened, the only option was to start

of the feature would definitely attract

easy to work with. I can make a

by

speaking, it was not much of an issue, let alone when the five

could come up with the idea

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Sena was evidently at a greater advantage than Terizone right now.

Not to mention that the other party was still one of the three major domestic web portals. Once they did everything they could to push their chatting software into the market, it would be an easy feat to gather more users.

All they had to do was advertise it on their web portal.

Therefore, merely giving Hudson and the rest ideas was not enough.

What Terizone needed the most now was users. The purpose of the new features was only to increase their attractiveness and customer stickiness. However, it could also easily be plagiarized by their competitors.

What Terizone needed the most now was to pull in a large wave of users in the shortest amount of time.

Jasper already had a plan to carry that out, but he had to be the one to do it personally.

If he succeeded, it would function as a figurative thruster for the carriage Terizone was, and it was something Hudson and the rest could not do now.

That night, Terizone's office was brightly lit.

day, Jasper was woken up

surprised to find that Zaine had managed to make a rough version of the three features

new version of KK Hudson

internet speed was too

promising team you have there. One night was

KK and tried

was not a single contactable person in the city on the page Jasper clicked

let's test it out now. If there are no problems, then we'll release the newest version before noon

was exceptionally calm as he stood

launch Terizone's web portal

that, Jasper's voice

"Build it directly into KK's program so that the users will receive a

the rest were

we can't hit back? There are no rules about Terizone not being allowed to benefit from a

you're a much greater man than the rest of us."

apple-polishing but being

truth, including Hudson, all five founders of Terizone felt hopeless

just too

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"If one billion isn't enough, then two billion, three billion!

"There is not a single person in the domestic internet industry who has more money than me."

While Jasper's 'two billion' and 'three billion' were mostly exaggerations, newfound confidence had grown in the five's hearts with Jasper's words.

Hudson waved his hand. "Everyone heard what Mr. Laine said, right? Stop hesitating and get to work!"

"Alright. Cameron, Logan, and I will take charge of building the webpage's content as fast as we can, while Zaine and Daniel, you two endure a little more and finalize the new features we made last night. We'll upload the updated software before noon today!"

. . .

After a while of busying and under the expectant gazes of everyone, Hudson released the newest version of KK at 12 o'clock sharp!

This update had caused an uproar within the market!

It now seemed to everyone that Terizone was long prepared for Sena's aggressive attack, for they managed to upload a new version of KK the next day.

Files could be transferred! Support resumable breakpoints!

Talking to the opposite

calling! Communication was no longer restricted

lines summarizing the update neatly and efficiently told the entire country

three sentences, all users in the country

had never expected such messaging software

to an internet cafe, most families did not have cameras

that supported resumable breakpoints had cast the menacing Sena

but it was now replaced by Terizone's enhanced

function to

no longer had to worry about not being able to make friends of the opposite gender. Meanwhile, the large investors had made their decisions and praised Terizone's

while those of the same line of

shots within this circle were startled

eyes could tell that the friend-making function was the

software that morning and gleefully watching

started to seem like a

Chat was doing, for everyone was curious

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"This Jack, I've had people contact him before and offer him a high pay so that he could work for Sena, but he rejected the offer without a thought."

Dane pushed himself from the table with two hands and stood. There was a treacherous glint in his eyes.

"I was fine with that since he was working happily at Weresoft and there's no way Sena could compete with Weresoft. But then he moved to work for JW Capital and managed to bring the company instant success. There's something that doesn't seem right here."

The person in charge of Sena's business department replied, "I've dug a little into this JW Capital before. All I know is that its legal personality and its shareholder goes by the name Jasper Laine. That's all I have. The company's investment with Terizone should be their first investment."

"It's their first investment and they've helped Terizone counterattack us. There's more to this JW Capital that meets the eye." Dane scoffed.

"That makes more sense, then." James smiled bitterly. "Terizone only ever had one server in the beginning, and I heard they built it themselves."

"It must be difficult to support so many users now, let alone with so many added features. However, Terizone doesn't seem to be worrying about this at all. It must be because of the investment that they're so calm."

Just then, someone knocked on the office door.

Dane made a sound, and the secretary understood. She entered the room and whispered in Dane's ear.

Dane's expression changed drastically.

He rushed to his computer and found KK's software before opening it.

A pop-up window that was still considered novel in this era appeared, leading its users to... Terizone's new web portal.

Bang!

my neck! We stole their market

he watched the entire process of the pop-up window leading them to Terizone's new web

there won't be users to fight with them over, but Terizone already has more than eight

"JW Capital!"

clenched his jaw, his

•••

As of that moment, everyone in Terizone began to busy themselves with optimizing all sorts and stared at Terizone's

nothing he could do, for web portals had only started these

the aesthetic and sorting of

to the brim with words, it almost

internet businesses within the country had similarly disastrous web pages, so no one had the right to laugh at someone

from Terizone, the portal had only been launched for less

the country's three major internet businesses in these few years, but how many visits did they get more than 30

loyalty and customer stickiness

every other user who tapped on KK clicked into Terizone's website, and the ratio itself was one

time, Jasper was getting progressively more

team that would one day sit

aside their technical skills, what was horrifying

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When he saw Dawson again, it was when his future father-in-law was the most high-spirited.

Jasper was not clear about the fight with the Hanks, but when he saw Dawson in high spirits, it was evident that the outcome was ideal.

"The head of the Hanks family has stepped down," Dawson said directly after Jasper sat down.

"That bad?" Jasper asked in surprise.

After all, the Hanks was one of the influential big families in the province. The failure of the scheme last time almost caused the head of the Hanks family to fall from his position of prestige.

"The most important thing is that Zayden is the son of the head of the family. The father and son were pushed out by the Hanks to ease my anger."

Dawson's face was gloomy. "Although another person is the head now, the Hanks will still be the Hanks. This time, they've lost billions and their reputation. They won't do anything for now, but they won't let this go after suffering a loss."

"Different situations call for different actions."

Jasper was not bothered.

His development was destined to be faster and fiercer than what people imagined. They were just a family from the province, so even if they flipped the sky upside down, Jasper would not be bothered.

After what you said, I've hired

was not surprised at the conclusion Dawson had

world, real estate was a trillion-dollar market. As such, it was obvious that there

the province as the core to build and stabilize its headquarters. After that, you can spread out

said, "However, this industry has a high requirement for capital

so ambitious," Jasper smiled and

Group's current numbers, it would not be a problem for them to get a few

play. If he wanted to do this, he would just devour the entire real estate market in

large real estate market in the province. There are two, but they are state-owned. Because of the system, they will not

was obvious that he had

before I take down sections of land in every excellent area and spread out. I want

said, "However, the capital for

"That's why I'm looking for you." Dawson looked at Jasper

JW Capital during this period and knew how powerful

with the capital, then there would be no

real estate company. Schuler Group will be responsible for its daily operation and management.

capital will be 1.2 billion dollars. There won't be much problem dominating the real

What are your requirements in

more the better,

Wendy, who had not been given a chance to join in the conversation

red after she said that because the two men opposite her were

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"How's the location of the land?" Jasper asked with one raised eyebrow.

Dawson quickly asked someone to fetch a map of the city of the province.

After opening the map, Dawson pointed at a small area on the map and said, "It's a total of 16 acres, so it's not small.

"The location belongs to the plot of the Southface River. However, the only problem is that it has slightly strayed from the intended line and is part of the surrounding of the city center now. The traffic and facilities might be a little worse."

Jasper's eyes were glued on the map while listening to what Dawson said.

Then, a glint flashed across his eyes.

He was so familiar with this place.

The most popular high-end residential area in the province would be built here five years later.

The geographical location was not a problem at all because years later, the province would build the subway and enlarge the city center.

area would be included as the

an important spot

amusement park in the province would

from Harbor City, and it could be said that

the opening price for this high-end residential area was 6,000 dollars for every square meter. Back

buyers. It was difficult to get a good house, so numerous house buyers lined

even more extreme was that in the future, the only key university in the province would build their new campus here. Plus, with the development

of a house in this residential area when Jasper was

per

note that it was already 2020 back then and it had been 15 years

in the worst

construction of a

were burning brightly as

think there will be an expansion coming soon. I think

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Dawson chuckled wryly and said, "300 million."

"That's insane!" Jasper did not know whether to laugh or cry.

"According to the market price right now, the residential area in the province will be about 3,000 dollars per square foot. A 16-acre land won't even be 11,000 square meters, so 34 million should be enough and they're asking for ten times the price?"

"Also the land development rights to develop the south bank of Southface River as a whole."

What Dawson said was shocking.

Jasper lifted his eyebrow violently, and one word appeared in his heart immediately. 'Buy!'

There were a lot of barren hills on the north bank of the Southface River, so it was not suitable for commercial development. In comparison, the commercial value of the south bank would be much higher.

This piece of land was located at the south bank of the Southface River, and the entire river cut across the province. Not only would there be universities in the future, but there would also even be affiliated high schools and a series of schools for the elite.

in the future would be built at the south

20 years, the south bank of the Southface River that stretched for six kilometers would be the

it would mean that they had bought a vast

the province never sold any land development rights as a whole

they would give was one of the barren hills, but even so, people

Hanks will definitely go for it. Anyone can see the importance of land development rights as a whole. It would be worth it even if you can just hold on to it. As such, the final

"Do you think

have to take this

Dawson and Wendy look

the heart of the city and said, "The heart of the city is too old. The city hall is contemplating the expansion of the city now,

than the south bank

a new city, there would be no better place

to develop the south bank of the Southface River as a whole, then we will obtain the biggest power of speech in the core of the economic sector in the province in the next 20

and assurance. Then, he opened his palm and made a

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"Jasper, you'll be responsible for the auction in the future. I'll get someone to register the real estate company."

After they confirmed their plan, Dawson then sought advice from Jasper.

Jasper nodded. "It's better to do it now than later. Since we've decided this, then it's only natural to start immediately."

Jasper and Dawson were people who were swift and decisive. They did not like to dilly-dally. The process of registering the company started immediately.

On the other hand, Jasper also transferred the 800 million dollars he had promised to the capital account of the Bureau of Industry and Commerce.

Initially, he had a little more than 4.5 billion in his account.

He had used one billion to register JW Capital. Then, Jasper used some of the money for investment, and he did not plan to take it out for the time being.

After deducting the 800 million for the real estate company, Jasper still had 2.7 billion in his account.

felt a little pitiful when she

left. They're just accompanying us in another way," Jasper said with a chuckle after recalling the sketch I don't feel secure seeing the number go down,"

come back in

Jasper was confident.

100 million to one billion dollars would

JW Capital and 800 million for the real estate

even 10,000 times more. Was there anything more effortless than this

...

Province. Hanks Residence.

the family, he wore a casual tracksuit as he bent

in the prime of his life. As such, he was far from the age where he had to wear the tracksuits old people wore when

Sylva looked happy

look as reluctant or livid as the

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Sylva leaned back against the rattan chair. He picked up a clay teapot and took a sip from the mouth of the pot. He asked, "Do you know why you lost?"

Zayden stared blankly at him, then his face became filled with bitter resentment. "The Schulers stabbed me in the back! They're despicable and have no shame!"

"Everyone has the right to say that the Schulers are despicable and have no shame, but we can't. If you want to say those things, then both of us are the ones who are despicable and have no shame.

"Plus, the business world is like a warzone. If you lose, it means you're not as good as the others. You refuse to look at your own problems but instead, you accuse others of being despicable and shameless. You're still too inexperienced."

Sylva asked Zayden to sit down. His tone and appearance looked unhurried.

"The reason you lost is that you're too shortsighted. You were too caught up in the momentary gains and losses. When you're in the face of a crisis, you throw yourself into confusion. Plus, you're so condescending and opinionated."

Sylva looked deeply at Zayden. He was feeling a little disappointed as he shook his head and said, "You can be sophisticated, but your temper will be the thing that destroys you."

Zayden said angrily, "Then why didn't you remind me back then?"

"Why should I?"

after Sylva questioned

Sylva looked as

for you. If you

your position as the

you, then you're the

anyone else. I've been going against him

teapot down and said slowly, "This is just a gesture, a gesture to

his teeth and said unwillingly, "So we're just

news. He said that they're planning to sell a piece of land at the south bank of the Southface River including the rights to develop the south bank

he heard Sylva changing the topic suddenly. He said, "It's the middle of nowhere.

"Shortsighted." Sylva chuckled.

land will be very useful," Sylva narrowed

interested in that