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“In recent years, we’ve dispatched more than a dozen exploration teams to search for new minerals, spending at least ten million annually. Aside from national mining enterprises, the Monty family has spent the most money among other private enterprises.

“Our hard work finally paid off. In the mountains of Hill County, we located this aluminum mine. In the preliminary exploration, we found at least ten million tons of aluminum ores, sufficient for continuous mining for ten years according to the annual mining volume of one million tons. Its value is no less than 90 billion.”

At that point, Conrad’s blank face revealed a rare excitement.

“Therefore, I plan to partner up with you to do this business.”

When Jasper was done listening, he raised his eyebrows slightly and said, “If that’s what you’re saying, Mr. Monty, then you can easily make a fortune from this aluminum mine yourself. Why would you want to share it with me?”

Conrad was not the slightest surprised by Jasper’s question. He replied, “Funds.”

“Like I said, Hill County is extremely poor. In order to develop a mine, the first thing you will need to do is build a road that leads directly to the mine so that heavy machinery can go in and out using the road.

thing is that the minerals are located

be at least another billion in

That’s fine with me since

is slightly lesser here,

amounts of employee safety equipment, as well as other funds, the additional expenditure required in the initial period to construct this aluminum mine is 2.3 billion Somer Dollars. In addition to that, we need at least three billion Somer Dollars

begins, during the initial period, including the additional

Conrad spread his arms open and said nonchalantly, “If it weren’t for these funding issues, do you think I would want to split this juicy piece of meat with

gently on the armrest of the couch and said calmly, “That’s not a small

Monty family can take out three billion. The remaining 2.3 billion can be converted into shares. The approximate ratio is 60:40. I can give you the 40%.” Conrad put forward

so much money at a time even if it’s

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Dawson asked with a frown, "Are you saying that he's lying to you? But you can't lie about a mine that has been explored. We can easily send someone over to investigate. Why would he use such a lousy trick?"

Jasper said knowingly, "Some simple tricks can play a key role in crucial times. It doesn't necessarily need to be a scam. Half-truths are always the most difficult to expose."

"Are you going to decline, then?" Dawson asked.

Jasper pondered and said, "If we don't destroy the Monty family, then they will remain a thorn in our sides or a fish bone stuck in our throats. He wants to destroy me, and I want to use this opportunity to remove the seeds of future troubles."

"I'm afraid this is not going to be easy to deal with. If Conrad wants to set us up, he will leave plenty of ways out for himself when so much money is involved."

Dawson frowned slightly as he continued, "Besides, the Monty family has deep roots and a firm foundation. We may be able to deal with Conrad, but let's not forget that he has a backer, and that person is the hardest to deal with."

Jasper chuckled and stood up, saying, "No matter what happens, we'll see how things progress first!"

Two days was neither too long nor too short.

In the midst of his hectic life, two days went by in the blink of an eye.

In the past two days, Jasper and Dawson worked together to prepare for Southface River Project's topping-out ceremony.

On the other hand, Jack planned to officially launch the online point card payment system, a joint partnership between Sena and Terizone. There were many tasks involved that required frequent communication with Terizone and Commercial Bank.

Sena was now a proper listed company and currently the most popular foreign-listed internet company in the domestic internet industry. Therefore, he planned to hold an annual meeting

when he reported this to Jasper. He wanted Jasper

with Jack, they waited for

Southface River Project

were many complicated affairs to handle, and when Jasper was done handling them one by one, two days

up

with him Valentine Estrada,

brought a stack of information and went straight to

I wouldn't believe that your parent company is squeezed into such a tiny villa." Conrad asked the clerk to prepare two cups of coffee will then shift over. We can only do what we can at the moment. We have no choice. The you're mocking me of documents. Conrad said, "Two days are up. I'm here to ask if you have an answer? This is all the mineral resources. I can't fake read the documents in his hands without a sip in an unruffled manner, turning around to study Jasper's office. The competitive aura that emitted from within him when he faced Jasper The jargon and data shown in this thick stack of information made his head

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After bidding an insincere farewell to Jasper, Conrad and Valentine left the villa.

Upon getting into the car, he lifted his head and said, "Cancel all the plans we prepared previously."

"Mr. Monty, we spent a lot of money and effort to prepare those plans. Are we... cancelling all of them?"

Sitting at the front passenger seat, Valentine turned around and asked.

"Cancel it all. Use a new plan."

Conrad added mildly, "Starting from the day Jasper built up his fortune, I can recite every piece of information I found about him backwards.

"From those pieces of information that can almost be written into a novel, I can tell that Jasper is an extremely conceited person. He's distrusting to his core and only believes in his own judgment.

"No matter how outrageous a judgment may seem to outsiders, he will execute his plan once he has made his decision. He has never cared about what outsiders think or say.

"Most terrifyingly... his outrageous judgments have all succeeded. The more outrageous it is, the more benefits he gets. It's precisely because of this that he's able to accumulate so much wealth in just one year's time.

"Ever since Sena was listed, there are not many people in Somerland who can compare to him in terms of wealth and fortune. No more than three digits.

"Just how arrogant and conceited can this man be? He isn't afraid of schemes and tricks. He believes that he can solve everything."

At this point, Conrad's lips were curled into a strange arc.

man like him will still eat the poisonous cake we sent him despite knowing that it's poisonous because he believes that he can handle the poison to get rid of

without being aware of the danger behind him. Jasper covets the gains yet has no idea that I'm the danger lurking behind him, pointing a sniper at his

said, Valentine could not

Jasper twice, suffering tremendous losses. Moreover, Jasper was always able to leave with time, but he had heard

himself the

was the third

how terrifyingly fast Conrad had grown during this time. Conrad had been reviewing his defeat almost every day, carefully thinking about what went wrong that caused

Conrad had completely transformed now. It would not make any sense if

Valentine had met Conrad's father, Steven Monty,

Valentine realized what a true upright and indomitable man in Southeast Province actually looked like. With a man like him as Conrad's father and to have

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sure are willing to fork out so much money

constantly while Jasper studied an encrypted document that had been sent urgently from Harbor City. of the couch, lying flawlessly on the couch. Henry picked a comfortable

idiot Mitch didn't even have the guts to dig a hole and bury someone on the mountains previously but now he's bold enough to transport hundreds of tons of aluminum ores to the mountain and hide them, pretending like

buried someone before?" Jasper

"No."

Henry waved his hands.

the idiots we don't like and drag them to the mountain, dig a pit, strip them bare, and throw

currently the one who has been buried the most among other trust fund

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"What's the situation now?"

Henry managed to lift half of his body from the couch and asked Jasper.

“Mitch, that idiot, colluded with Conrad to transport hundreds of tons of aluminum ores from Harbor City just to trick you?”

Jasper nodded and said, “Something like that.”

“F*ck!” Henry cursed with displeasure. “Why has no one paid such a huge price to trick me before?”

“It only takes a few women to trick you,” Jasper shot back mercilessly.

“F*ck, I don’t like to hear that!” Henry roared grumpily.

“Stop shouting. It hurts my head.”

“This is all thanks to the Laws’ great influence. Your family was able to find out about this in just a few hours.

“Since they’ve spent so much effort preparing a good show, it would be such a pity if we don’t go along with their performance, don’t you think?” Jasper said meaningfully.

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the initiative to make a call. This time, Jasper agreed to meet him at

on,” Jasper said with a smile while

that, though, I have

working with me will irk you when you have enmity against

are two completely different things. If I can’t even draw a clear distinction between them, then

Jasper nodded, seemingly impressed by

will this

smile, “Like what we mentioned earlier, we will establish a company. I’ll hold 60% shares and you 40%.

belong to the company after that will also be divided according

noded and said, “Not bad. This is a standard and reasonable way to distribute it. However, I don’t know anything about the mineral industry. What about the

I’ve already contacted several state-owned mining companies. As soon as the company is established, we can

other words, you’ve done everything from exploration to mining to sales and I only need to fork out money before waiting for my share of

indifferently, “You’re afraid that I’ll set you

me if I say

and raised his brows, saying, “I explained the reason to you

someone have the 40%. In addition to that, I don’t have many candidates to choose

you're worried, then I can let you handle the aspects of legal representation, management, can kick you out anytime. You're not I'm not afraid?" Conrad replied to Jasper with his own believe you." Jasper

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Jasper sat unmoving in his seat even after Conrad had left.

Wendy arrived soon after. After he stood and exchanged seats with her, Jasper beckoned to a waiter to order a table's worth of food.

"Conrad has pretty good taste. The food at this restaurant is quite good."

As Jasper spoke to Wendy, he ladled a helping of her favorite chicken onto her plate.

Wendy blinked as she gazed at Jasper, asking, "How did the discussion go?"

Jasper smiled and said, "It went just as I expected it to, but there were also some surprises."

He did not keep anything hidden from Wendy as he relayed the details about the conversation he had with Conrad, making sure to emphasize the request Conrad brought up.

Wendy had a solemn expression on her face as she nodded and said, "The request for a loan must not be agreed to!

"After all, no matter who is responsible for applying for the loan, the bank will have to assess the company's assets regardless. Once the loan is approved and becomes an overdue loan, the bank will seek out the lender and legal representative, which would be you and the new company.

"Both parties need to repay the loan, but Conrad Monty would not have to shoulder even an ounce of responsibility."

"That's right," Jasper said calmly as he spat out a bone. "This is where Conrad's schemes came into play. the power, but with great power comes great responsibility. By becoming the legal representative, I'll be blamed if anything were to happen to the company. If he takes out a loan of 2.5 billion dollars and fails to

he is! We must not make

told him I needed to send some professionals over to conduct some field research and he said he would take good care of them," Jasper said with

a critical stage? If he's already made that many preparations,

and said, "I know, but I'm only doing

at Jasper as she frowned and asked, "What are

"Conrad's plans are about to be revealed at this

to swindle my funds from me. Everything will seem fine at first when I've invested enough money to set up the new company. We'll even

and the state-owned enterprises who have already signed contracts with us will file a lawsuit against us. Then, the bank will also file a lawsuit when

the bitter truth of having to pay the state-owned enterprises for breach of contract and the bank interest on the loan principal, or I

becoming the winner with the 2.5

her teeth as she listened to Jasper. "How can such despicable people exist in the world?! Jasp, we should ignore him and make

won't cough up a

meaningful look on his face as he placed a drumstick on Wendy's plate. Smiling, he said, "We'll take things one step at

Conrad

and having a

are about 80% complete at this

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Conrad had never expected to fool Jasper with a scheme that seemed so costly and elaborate.

Thus, Conrad had from the very start abandoned the Langdon family and begun planning his scheme.

In his opinion, it would be best if Jasper was fooled by this scheme, but he knew the chances of that happening was tiny.

After dealing with him multiple times, Conrad understood exactly why Jasper was so terrifying.

Thus, he did not have a lot of hope.

He placed even more hope on the fact that he had secretly abandoned the W. Langdons and had another plan directed at Sena.

Conrad, who had done thorough research on Jasper, knew that Jasper would immediately be alerted if he took action against any of the companies the man owned.

Jasper had complete control over these companies because they had never been listed publicly. Nothing could escape his eyes.

Sena was the only one that was different.

After all, Sena had been listed publicly on the Nasdaq Composite. The company's shareholding structure would be a multi-class structure for sure.

Conrad knew Jasper would maintain a firm grip of control over Sena, but he did not care. He did not want to fight with Jasper for Sena but rather cause Sena to completely collapse once he was done making his move.

No one knew that Conrad had already begun laying out the share prices for Sena, and that was the last trick he had up his sleeve.

“Oh, Jasper. This time, it’ll be a battle of wits between the two of us. On the surface, I’m using the W. Langdons as a cover-up for what I’m about to do in the dark. I’m going to pull the rug out from under you through the Nasdaq Composite... Tell me, how are you going to win this time?”

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the team of experts in the minerals industry that Jasper had gotten in contact with through Elbert Mcgee did not

there was indeed a large reserve of aluminum

only downside was that Hill County was an undeveloped place with harsh conditions. A large amount of the report the experts

“John, it’s me.

in advance. I was in America before this and had a lot of things to take care of. That’s why not wrong, I do have a favor

the other major banks in Southeast Province if Conrad Monty has

I wouldn’t have called you if it

I’ll wait for you to get back

his call with John, Jasper

financing loan of

the collateral

Thus, it was still pending while Jasper and Conrad finalized the contract for the newly-established company and an expert from the

lot of money under his name, and the banks are not worried that anything may happen. The amount of money he wants to loan is huge in Southeast Province. It’ll be a win for anyone who

something else. Make sure nothing happens. 2.9 billion dollars is a lot of money, and a huge fuss will be made if anything happens. No one will be able to

words swam around in Jasper’s mind as he sat in his office and thought deeply

be confirmed now was Conrad was seemingly giving Jasper a huge opportunity to

that happened, the one

while, Jasper
the Agricultural Bank's Southeast Province branch. I want
few minutes of pondering,
has your health been lately?" Jasper
I was just wondering if you could help refer me to a

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Jasper immediately sought out John after the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

John had rushed over from work and began complaining the minute he walked into the bar where they had planned to meet. "Mr. Jasper Laine, couldn't you have told me what you wanted to say over the phone? Must we meet here?"

"It's not a good idea to talk about it over the phone. I'm alright, but you're a high profile man. I don't have the means to compensate you if anything happens to a man holding an important job like you," Jasper said as he smiled.

As the two grew closer, John and Jasper slowly became less formal when they spoke to each other, paying no attention to titles or tone. John did not treat Jasper as a multi-billionaire, and Jasper did not treat John as the vice president of one of the largest banks in the country.

John had a startled expression on his face as he glanced suspiciously at Jasper, saying, "Just listen to what you're saying. Why have you come looking for me? You aren't trying to team up with me and rob the bank, right? I won't take part in these crazy schemes, but you can go ahead."

Jasper did not know if he should laugh or cry as he said, "Do you think I need to rob your bank? With time, I can easily earn as much money as a bank in the province has."

John suppressed a smile as he said, "That's the most depressing thing I've ever heard in my life."

After the two sat down, Jasper beckoned for a waiter to serve them some appetizers as he said, "Frankly, this isn't anything major. But it is quite urgent, and after a lot of thought, the only person I could think of who would execute this efficiently without compromising quality was you."

John said boldly, "Stop beating around the bush. Tell me, what do you need me to do?"

"Help me register a shell corporation in the Cayman Islands," Jasper replied.

Startled, John said hesitantly, "You could just pay a corrupt intermediary to take care of matters like this for a couple of million dollars."

problem, but do you think there are intermediaries who could get it done by tomorrow morning?" Jasper asked exasperatedly as he tossed John a cigarette and lit himself

as he asked in disbelief, "Tomorrow morning?!"

said, "No one else would be able to do it, but you

thinner ever since he got

isn't hard... but a shell corporation?

one US dollar will be enough," Jasper said as

for multinational companies, and the Cayman Islands was one of them. In fact, even in the year 2020, after 19

entering and investing within the domestic market was beneficial to countries like Somerland, which

foreign investor was considered a big plus. Thus, those who could think outside the box would seek the opportunity to register their

anything else, just the preferential policies and lifetime exemption from taxes were

much too complicated and time-consuming. The second reason, which is also the main reason, is that as

to do this for me. I just need a shell corporation that I can get rid of once I'm done

as he listened to Jasper speak. Then, he let Jasper watch as

of them has immigrated to the Cayman Islands and often helps others with

happen. It's almost daytime where he is thanks to the six-hour time zone difference, so we should send him the information now. He'll go get in line first thing in the morning and

friend's contact information, then. I'll arrange for someone to get in touch with him regarding

heard that, John wrote down a number

immediately passed the number

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After saying goodbye to John, Jasper immediately traveled to Sheraton Hotel in Nauritus City.

The supervisors of two separate state-owned enterprises had long since been waiting for him.

After a mandatory round of introductions, Jasper smiled at the two blushing and grinning supervisors as he said, "Guys, we'll be going through with the normal process of signing the contracts tomorrow, but don't forget our promise to each other.

"I'll first represent the new company in signing the contract with you tomorrow, but we'll also sign a memorandum in private. It's both to help me and prevent you guys from getting tricked, which is why we must ensure nothing happens!"

"Don't worry, Mr. Laine. We would have walked right into the trap if you hadn't reminded us. Who would have thought that Monty Group, a company that's somewhat well known in the country, would do something like this?

"We won't let him get what he wants now that we're working together!"

One of the supervisors thumped his chest as he spoke.

They would not be idiots seeing as they were able to climb up to their current positions. They were actually much smarter than they seemed.

The first time Jasper met with them, he had skipped all niceties and told them straight to their faces that Conrad's mine was a fraud. Except for the surface layer, the ground underneath was completely devoid of any minerals.

The two men immediately believed what Jasper said when he procured the relevant customs declaration forms from Harbor City.

While in shock, the two were also gritting their teeth with hatred for Conrad.

held responsible if they fell for his tricks and caused their enterprises to suffer major losses. If that were state-owned enterprises like them, ending their careers was

to say much about a grudge like

Jasper's plans were

corporation he had registered to join shares with Conrad and act as

the company's bank account

surface, they were signing an acquisition agreement, but they would also secretly sign a memorandum that denied the fact that the three of them had any responsibility to withhold in this situation. When things finally went wrong, Conrad

steps, and he was confident

Jasper was done doing a second run-through of what would happen tomorrow with the supervisors.

night passed in the blink of an

Jasper and Wendy set out to the venue

gotten into the car when he

to set up the shell

Jasper heaved

asked when she saw Jasper hang up the phone with a relaxed

"Now all we have to do is head over there and sign

had been furnished to function as a small-scale

Company has been officially

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Conrad, who was sitting on the other end of the podium, had a slight smile on his face. No one could tell what was running through his mind now.

“Be happy now, Jasper Laine. Be as happy as you want to be now. The happier you are now, the more miserable you’ll be when you realize you’re trapped!”

After taking a deep breath, Conrad was just about to walk toward Jasper and the two supervisors so that they could exchange pleasantries and answer any questions the reporters might have when Valentine hurried over.

“Mr. Monty, the money for the loan has been approved,” Valentine said solemnly to Conrad.

When Conrad heard a reporter calling out to him, he immediately turned and smiled as he waved. His great mood made him exceptionally cooperative, and the reporter was delighted as they pressed wildly on the shutter.

Conrad, who was heir to one of the richest families in Southeast Province, would rarely treat such insignificant reporters so well.

“That’s a good thing. Why do you seem so panicked?” Conrad’s smile widened as he parted his lips to whisper to Valentine.

It was only then Valentine said, “But the bank didn’t do what we previously agreed on. They transferred it right into Cloud Rider’s account.”

Conrad frowned slightly as he said, “Didn’t we agree to have the money transferred into the personal account I provided? How could they have made such a mistake? Have you clarified things with them?”

“Yes, I have.”

Valentine lowered his voice and said, “The bank explained that headquarters has been tightening security measures lately, so it’s difficult for them to go around the rules.

“Moreover, they needed to report back to the headquarters because of how large the loan is, which means the higher-ups were paying even more attention to where the money was going. Thus, the only thing they could do was transfer the money into the company’s account. After all, we applied for the loan using the company’s name.”

Conrad narrowed his eyes. With his keen senses, he had managed to detect something deeper going on through this seemingly insignificant detail.

to Jasper who was

a crowd of clamoring people and flashing lights, who had a familiar smile on his

adjectives

only thought that Jasper was most dangerous and horrifying when

was a bloody gaping mouth behind his

to have the money transferred

not be left in the company's account. It doesn't matter if it's a scheme to do with Jasper or not. The minute he knows we've transferred the money

and came to a decision within a minute of receiving the

he was, he would never be faster than Jasper who had begun making plans and

we

established half a minute ago, someone had

company's legal representative must sign off any transactions

Crash!

caused many people who were present to look toward where the sound had come from. They were surprised to

that very moment, Conrad had

anger, did not seem to notice

happened to

gazes met and

forced himself to suppress the chaotic and complicated emotions rushing through him. He knew that both the timing and venue did

before he turned

finished taking pictures!" the reporter yelled in panic at Conrad's retreating

time or patience for them. He did not even bother turning around as

about how temperamental and hard to please

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"No can do, Mr. Monty. I've already spoken to the finance team over at the company and they've all given me the same answers. After reporting to the bank, no outsider is allowed to withdraw a single cent without the legal representative's signature."

Valentine had a vexed expression on his face as he hung up the phone and spoke to Conrad who was pacing around the room.

Conrad took a sharp breath and said, "Which means the 2.5 billion dollars we went to such great lengths to obtain has now genuinely become equity capital in Jasper's hands."

Valentine hurriedly said comfortingly, "Don't be so pessimistic. At least the money is in the company's account and not Jasper's bank account."

Ignoring Valentine's comforting words, Conrad muttered to himself, "Now the most troublesome part is that we don't know if Jasper did it on purpose or if it was a coincidence... What did our people in the bank say?"

"I've checked with them. It's not just Agricultural Bank, but the remaining four major banks have also been doubling down on security lately.

"This is related to the recent spike in non-performing loans due to banks' reckless lending to companies. The notice to enhance overall risk control was distributed by Central Bank to the headquarters of the four major banks at the end of last month."

When Conrad heard that, he sat on the couch and closed his eyes without speaking.

to Conrad, "Mr. Monty, if that's the case, this might have perhaps been a

"Coincidence?"

willing to attribute everything to mere coincidences. I would

awkwardly, "So what

"We can't do anything..."

do or even say anything more since we'll be at risk of exposing ourselves completely. Let's see what Jasper does

glinted

loan using

company's account and have it go to whoever it belongs to when the scheme is exposed in the future. The bank can file a lawsuit against the two state-owned enterprises

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ICBS branch

In the president's office.

the province, the city center branch, because of John, who was one of the most influential people in the Southeast Province branch. He had always been looking for a way