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Without waiting for Jasper's reply, she said, "I know that I can't hide anything from you. As the newly appointed president of the Terra regional branch of Colossal Investments, is there any better way for me to highlight my abilities than to exterminate Layman Investment Bank's influence in Terra?"

"That's why everything will remain the same as it has been in the past. This will benefit both of us, so we need to work together earnestly.

"Perhaps I've been rather busy lately, which is why I haven't had the time to look at what he's been doing. He has only just started working in Terra. Even if he can't wait any longer to go against me, he should at least gain a firm foothold and build his own team up first. You're in the same situation as he is, so you can't rush things," Jasper said in a lukewarm tone.

"Don't worry. I'm not asking you to go onto the tomorrow. I'm just notifying you about it in advance so that you won't be taken aback when you go against him in the future. In any case, what have you been busy with lately?" Celine asked.

"I have too many enemies. They're all queueing up to attack me now. I have no choice but to slowly defeat them one by one," Jasper said with a smile.

"What a loud-mouth," Celine said, rolling her eyes at him.

Julian had been by Jasper's side for some time now. Jasper also realized that he was getting better and better at coming up with sneaky ideas.

some scrumptious supper, so Julian had found a snack stall for him. However, the stall was surrounded as they walked into the hotels impatiently. Jasper could not even tell if they were lovers or not. The women in the men's embrace may not even be their own wives—they could well

She then

restaurant in front of them. "Do you eat mutton?" He asked Celine without turning to look

Celine said cheerily in a tone that resembled Jasper's usual demeanor. The explicit and implicit meanings behind her

a really long time," Jasper said as he made his way into the

at a table. After placing their orders, Jasper

woman that he had just bought some imported condoms with an evil smirk on his face. The woman then pouted shyly while she accepted a call

working late tonight. I may be crashing at Lily's place tonight, so you

to fetch me or wait for me. I'm busy catching up with my

the hotpot restaurant in the man's arms while she talked to her husband on
in despair with a bitter expression on his face, then getting up to

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"Do I seem that lifeless?" Jasper asked in annoyance.

Celine placed slices of mutton into the hotpot intently. She replied nonchalantly, "I don't know. After all, you're still a man."

Jasper chuckled and asked, "How long do you intend to stay in the Southeast Province?"

Celine thought about it for a while before replying, "I guess I'll stay three to five days at most. I need to rush back to settle some work as my workload is piling up. I'm getting a few days of rest before I busy myself. I won't have much time to go around once I officially take up the position."

"What a coincidence. The topping-off ceremony of the Southface River project will be held soon. You can leave after attending it," Jasper said.

"I don't have much time. When does it start?" Celine asked.

"The day after tomorrow," Jasper said as he massaged his temples. "I've been working day and night lately. I have so much work," he added.

Just then, Jasper and Celine's phones rang at the same time.

and proceeded

The first thing that he said caused

abnormally, which is very unusual, but I'm not sure why this is the case.

look as soon as possible. Let's contact each

"Alright, Mr. Laine."

looked at Celine. He realized that

said. She seemed to be rather pleased that the both

Sena's shares?"

we can't finish

Julian to pack some supper for

was still business. Jasper always

had to prioritize his

now. There were too many people and forces working in the shadows right now. Even if he was unwilling to move forward, he would be pushed forward by the people and environment around him. If he stopped,

price that he had to pay for his rapid rise

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He did not aim to overtake the countries from the West, but he also did not want to be taken for as a fool. The last thing he wanted was to get tricked or driven off by other countries.

However, things were never this simple.

On an international scale, the technical blockade of Somerland and its businessmen was extremely serious.

If one was from Somerland, one could only dream of getting their hands on the best technology. They could only get their hands on things like the MP3, which none of the technology conglomerates took seriously, easily. This was evident from Sentel's careless attitude toward them previously.

Just as he was thinking about this issue, the car arrived at the company.

The company had already moved into the Southface River Tower. As it was around eleven o'clock at night, most of the lights in the building were off. The corridors were quiet as well, and the entire building seemed desolate.

Jasper took the elevator to the top floor. After entering his office, Jasper asked Julian to buy some supper. After that, he sat in front of his computer with Celine and opened the interface of the US Nasdaq index.

Sena's share price was 225 US dollars right now. It was an extremely high price.

he set his eyes

high share price did was not a good thing. If it was abnormally high, it indicated that someone was speculating about the share. It was fine if they just wanted to offload their shares and earn a large sum of money, however, things would be

trend chart and transaction data from the past week. He then stared at the complicated data on the a while, she could tell that the overall direction of the index

caught sight of Jasper's side profile. His brows were pinched into a slight frown while his gaze was

He was pondering something.

then, Celine had the urge to pounce on him and take him as hers as she

was definitely not found in his

there. Furthermore, the youth were now ushering in a non-mainstream trend where men liked to grow out their hair

neither manly nor feminine.

powder on clothes, or it could be the elegant scent of

a spine that was strong enough to support a woman. A man should have arms and shoulders

“There’s a problem.”

running through Celine’s mind at that moment. After saying these

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Jasper’s words caused all of Jack’s drowsiness to instantly vanish.

He snapped to attention, immediately awake.

“What’s going on, Mr. Laine? I did not receive any reports,” Jack said as he put on a coat. He rushed into his study without putting on his slippers.

Jasper suppressed the burning rage within him and spoke in a heavy voice.

“Some people have been secretly collecting shares since last week. It’s possible they have been doing so for even longer. They have pushed the stock price up by 8%. So, what does this mean?

“This means that they have accumulated a large number of shares. If they aren’t worried about being discovered, they single-handedly have the ability to cause Sena’s share price to rise or absolutely plummet.

“Once they start doing that, the retail investors will definitely sell their shares in order to protect their investment due to the continuous fluctuations. This will happen regardless of if the price rises or falls to its limit.

“At this moment, if they accept any orders, the number of shares under their control will increase greatly. If they don’t, Sena’s share price will collapse. Do I still need to explain all this to you?”

After registering Jasper’s words, Jack, who was waiting for his computer to turn on, broke out into a cold sweat.

He understood why Jasper was behaving so sternly right now. Thus, he gulped and replied, “Sorry, Mr. Laine. We were being negligent.”

“You guys have been way too complacent lately. Do you think that you can sit back and relax now that you’re the top Internet company in the country?”

tone was not heavy, his

penalized, Mr.

in charge

not satisfied with your plan,

smiled bitterly as he heard the beep of Jasper hanging up

came in with a cup of hot tea. It was the blend that Jack usually enjoyed. She placed the cup beside Jack and said in a gentle voice, “What’s wrong?

the company is at fault, including me. Too many people

go rest. I don't think I'll get any sleep tonight," Jack said as he

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Southface

when you scold people," Celine

understandable if the people from Sena didn't notice this problem, but I'm displeased at the fact that everyone, Jack included, has been blinded by the wealth and glory of the

you know what half of Sena's executives were up to some time ago? They were either throwing celebratory parties or

previously kicked out, turned out to behave the best out everyone in the senior management team. He reaped the most profits amongst all

usually happens once a company expands. All sorts of birds tend to flock into a large forest. Those employees have worked hard for so many years. Now that the company

heads. Only those who return to their senses

do about this?" Celine asked

idea," Jasper heaved a

the identity nor goals of our opponent. The only thing we can do now

for our opponent to take action. Once they hammer the market, we need to spend a large sum of money to get a hold of their shares. Otherwise, the share price will collapse. If that happens, Sena will

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As soon as Celine finished speaking, she noticed that Jasper was looking at her like she was an alien.

"Why are you looking at me like that?" Celine asked.

"I realized that for you to be able to replace William and take the position of the president of the Terra regional branch of Colossal Investments, that you must be quite capable as well," Jasper said sincerely.

"Why's that? Don't you think that I got this position just because I rode on your coattails?" Celine asked proudly.

"I never said that," Jasper chuckled. "You got the position because of your own abilities," he added.

Celine glanced at Jasper and continued speaking in a serious tone.

"We can basically confirm our opponent's goal now. He doesn't want money. He has acquired a book loss of approximately 200 million US dollars in order to stifle the share price during this period. This is just a rough estimate that we can use to make an educated guess."

"Can you find out who is it?"

Jasper shook his head after hearing Celine say this. "As I've told you previously, I have too many opponents. All of them are imbued with a motive and the ability to pursue their goals. With the limited number of clues that we have right now, I still can't tell who's behind all of this," he said.

"In that case, there's no way to find out."

Celine spread her arms and said, "I can only help you by analyzing the other party's intention and possible goal on a technical level. I can't help you resolve this problem or tell you how to fish them out."

"You've already helped me a great deal," Jasper told her in a sincere tone.

Jasper knew how to interpret the market board. His skills were impressive as well.

However, his skills only applied to general situations. They were not enough for him to see through the meticulous plots set up by masters in the share market like the one that he was facing right now.

He did not emerge victorious in the stock markets of Harbor City and Nasdaq because of his skills. Rather, he had managed to do so because he possessed a strategic vision and planning that went beyond the current era and extended almost two decades into the future.

financial battles that would happen in the future. He also knew

to greatly improved

he had gained from his experience of working

skills, Jasper could not even begin to compare to

moment, Jasper had finally witnessed the extraordinary trading

market index, but Celine Maynard could instantly detect the true meaning concealed by

of

is trying to hammer the market, we

exceptionally

be overcome with anxiety regardless of how self-confident they were. But, look at you. You don't look

it's useless to do so. I think that I'm rather lucky, as , at the very least, we have uncovered our opponent's plans. It'd have been too late if we discovered his

If he is, you should really reward him. One of the professional teams from the investment bank discovered this problem on our side. That person managed to find out about it at the

across Jasper's mind. He chuckled and said, "He deserves a reward, but we'll talk about it after we

plans, the next steps that Jasper planned to take

money from Sena's company funds as well as whatever money he

complicated, but it was also

of the day,

making sure that he did not have the chance to

tug of war, it would be a battle waged

to buy shares from the sellers for five dollars per share, Jasper would offer them a price of six dollars per share. If their opponent offered the

for five dollars per share, Jasper would sell them for four dollars per share. If their opponent

one who finishes spending all of their

into the market. No matter how many shares our opponent buys, he would still only be buying the shares that you've released. There's no need for you to

told Jasper when she saw him mobilizing his

his head and said, "I cannot lose control of the company. Who knows? This might very well be our opponent's goal. Won't I be in great trouble if some people came together and asked me for additional shares after forcing me to give up my rights as the company

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"Everything is going smoothly.

"As things stand, we have used up 600 million dollars. According to our original plan, 200 million dollars from the total of a billion dollars will remain as our backup funds. Once we get our hands on 800 million dollars worth of shares, we can start taking action," Valentine said.

"At our current pace, we can start taking action the day after tomorrow as there's still one more trading day tomorrow. We will start carrying out our plan at about nine o'clock in the evening on the day after tomorrow during Nasdaq's trading time."

"The day after tomorrow?"

"It must be fate. The topping-off ceremony of his project at Southface River will be taking place on the day after tomorrow. I wonder if Jasper Laine will be so touched by our massive gift for him that he'll lose sleep over it at night," Conrad said with an unreadable expression on his face.

Valentine chuckled when she noticed that Conrad was in a good mood. "I'm not sure if he'll be touched, but he'll surely lose sleep over it," she remarked.

Conrad guffawed loudly.

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state of turmoil after Jasper's

was still pitch black, but the meeting room within the company was brightly lit up. Jack scolded each and every one of

upon myself for causing this incident as I've indeed become complacent. I've been blinded by our recent relaxed, we'll encounter a crisis.

hold responsible for this

Although there were more than ten people in the room, nothing else could be heard except for Jack's voice. Nobody dared to utter a

moment, someone knocked on the door of the meeting room.

Tanner, here's the data. It can be projected on screen right

for? Project it at

began to start up the equipment

after, Sena's share trading data and trend chart during this period appeared on the huge projection screen in

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"However, due to the time difference, we need to pull an all-nighter if they take action. Make sure to re-adjust the work schedules of your departments. If anyone makes a mistake, don't bother explaining it to me. Explain everything to Mr. Laine himself."

Everyone gazed at each other after hearing Jack's words. Heaving a collective sigh, they agreed unanimously.

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Back in Nauritus City, it was already two in the morning when Jasper arrived home after sending Celine back to her hotel.

Jasper had been communicating closely with Jake throughout his journey home.

Jasper did not have anyone that he could rely on in the United States, and the topping-off ceremony would be held in two days' time. Because of this, it was impossible for him to stay up all night just to monitor the American stock market. Thus, he had no choice but to hand this task over to Jake.

"Sena's funds amount to 600 million dollars right now. I have another 300 million dollars on hand. This is all held in US dollars. I'll let you handle this sum of money for now—our main goal is to snatch back all of their shares."

the phone

over their shares, but the other party has been preparing for such a long time. It is unlikely that we'll be able to obtain an equivalent number of shares within such a

just have to pay the price

wolf, we'll gain a considerable amount of profits. The problem now isn't

we'll surely be able to notice the signs before they start carrying out their plan. I will be monitoring the share price the entire team. If anything happens, I'll be the first one to

nodded with satisfaction and replied, "Sure, I'll hand this task

"Don't worry."

Jasper stared out the window.

told Jasper that they

was thrown into the spotlight after the mining company's scam was resolved, became the

been invested into this project, which had lasted for a year. Now, it was

company incident was collectively resolved with the joint intervention of the municipal government,

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The topping-off ceremony attracted plenty of prominent figures due to Jasper's renowned reputation and extensive connections.

Among other things, Zachary Law's appearance at the event alone garnered a lot of attention.

"Not bad. I heard that a lot of celebrities from Harbor City have volunteered to attend this event. Something like that is truly rare."

Seated in one of the reception rooms in Southface River Tower, Zachary chuckled as he stared out at the lively and happening ceremony going on outside the building.

The large reception was empty except for Jasper and Zachary. Meanwhile, Henry sat by the side of the door like he was a mascot for the event.

"Everyone simply feels obligated to show their support," Jasper chuckled.

"You're now a big boss within the entertainment industry. Those celebrities will definitely have to deal with the two entertainment companies under you. Nobody would dare to not show you their support."

Zachary seemed to be in a good mood that day as he joked around with Jasper for a while. However, a frown formed on his face once he turned around to look at Henry.

"What's with that private jet of yours?" Zachary asked him with a dark expression on his face.

"I bought that with the money that I earned on my own. It's none of your business," Henry said in an aggrieved tone.

Zachary was angered by his response. "Money you earned on your own? Do you think I'm unaware of how much money Jasp lent to you? He's paid for half of that private jet. How dare you say that you bought it with your own money!" He barked at him.

"Besides, that private jet is parked in our space now. Our family is paying for its maintenance crew. How dare you tell me that it's none of my business?"

"I'm your son. Do you need to be so calculative with me over every single thing that I do?" Henry asked bitterly.

I used the car that your grandpa passed down to me. I would never dare to even think of a private jet. What did I

all of our property to Anna in the future. When that happens, you'll have to rely on the family trust fund for your daily

can't live a single day in such poverty!" Henry shouted out

"Pfft..."

to look at Jasper, who had spit out a mouthful of tea,

his hand awkwardly. He wiped away the water on the coffee table

a monthly allowance of a few million dollars. In this era,

a few million dollars

why don't you give me more allowance? Besides, Anna is my younger sister. Isn't it all the same if you gave all

Both of you are always tired. Why should I work that hard? Grandpa is smarter than you—he retired a as Grandpa. If you go for a health checkup right now,

"Pfft..."

another mouthful

expressing how much they cared for each other, Wendy came over and

the municipal and provincial government have arrived. My father has gone to meet them. Shall we head over to greet them

told Zachary,

was now slumped from all the scolding, and said, "Alright,

made their way out of the building. The entire area was glowing with bright decorations

men in front of some cars with special license plates. Those with lower-ranking positions did

behind Jasper. Meanwhile, Wendy stood next to Jasper because of her relationship with him. They then joined in the conversation with the highest-ranking

to meet you,

"Hello, Mr. Law."

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The municipal official had previously dealt with Jasper a few times before this, and Jasper had left a great impression on him. The official chuckled softly.

“Yes, the Nauritus City Government is planning to compile a list of young and promising entrepreneurs; we intend to give them a commendation in order to encourage all the young people within the city to learn from their peers!

“Mr. Laine from JW Capital is on the list. However, he hasn’t been officially notified.”

The provincial official nodded and said, “That’s good to hear. A young man like him deserves to be supported.”

“We shouldn’t just stand here and chat. How about Jasper and I bring all of you to see the Southface River?” Dawson asked them at the perfect timing.

“In that case, Mr. Law, why don’t we take a look together?” The provincial official invited Zachary as he turned to look at him.

“Alright, let’s go and take a good look at the project,” Zachary said with a chuckle.

Not only did the Southface River project mean a lot to Jasper, Dawson, and JW Real Estates, the Nauritus City Government and the Southeast Province City Government also considered it an extremely important project.

JW Real Estates had spent a total amount of 1.8 billion Somer Dollars on the project. With the support of massive funding and Dawson Schuler’s full-time supervision, the project had progressed at an astounding pace!

Amazingly, the construction was completed within ten months.
years. It was

Estates had outperformed them

River and began introducing the area to them, a young man glared coldly at Jasper’s silhouette from a short

jerk does not

two days before this, had been greatly shocked within the

farms and wooden houses to litter the real estate. He did

with the sight of a bustling city as he traveled along

excessively broad roads and tidy streets looked slightly

in

more developed than most cities within Somerland, and was filled with plenty of skyscrapers. The business district was

tell that the development of Harbor City was now at a

was nothing wrong

unacceptable was Jasper Laine’s

Almost everyone knew him!

just been here for two days, but he had heard the people

The prince of business?

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“.....”

Zane was rendered speechless. Nevertheless, the jealousy on his face grew much stronger and more obvious.

“Look at how glad Law is. As a young master from Harbor City, he’s truly an embarrassment. He’s so happy being someone else’s follower. He’s acting just like their assistant—he has nothing to be proud of,” Zane huffed in annoyance.

“At least he doesn’t rely on his family’s money and managed to buy himself a private jet. Do you think we have the ability to do so?” Mitch asked him.

Zane turned around to look at Mitch. “You always tell us that they are good, and we’re worthless, Mr. Langdon. Is it really that fun to do so?” He asked Mitch in distaste.

“Do you think that I want to do it?” Mitch sneered and replied, “However, it is the truth. Let’s wait it out for a few more days. Soon, he won’t have the chance to hop around freely like this anymore. What’s wrong with that?”

All of a sudden, Zane seemed to have thought of something. He lowered his voice and asked Mitch, “Mr. Langdon, how is the plan that you previously mentioned going on? If everything goes smoothly, Jasper Laine will be out of luck today, right?”

Mitch cast a wide-eyed glance at Zane and replied to him in a low voice, “This isn’t Harbor City. Jasper Laine may have eyes and ears everywhere, so you’d better be careful with your words. If Jasper hears about any of this, you and I will be in big trouble.”

Zane curled his lips in distaste. “Who does he think he is? Even if he hears about it, what can he do to me?” He said in an irritated tone.

talking to each other in hushed voices a short distance away, Henry

those two fools here?” Henry remarked with a curious

looked like he had finally found something that piqued his interest and amused him amidst this

in the direction that

face when he caught sight of

nor Kennedy Langdon were his

courtesy, he did not know if they would be

the event instead of Bob and Kennedy. What were

an

something odd was

how to handle the situation, Henry walked over to

“Don’t cause any trouble.”

to

I won’t cause any trouble,” Henry said, waving his hand

completed. This is the biggest urban reconstruction plan for our

Estates broke the national construction time record due to their strong