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#### **Chapter 971**

“You have to believe me, Mr. Laine! This only happened because I gave in to temptations once, that’s it. I’d never dare scheme against your shipyard if not for this, Mr. Laine. This was all the Wellington family’s plan. They were the ones who tempted me to join them. This was all their idea!”

Baxter had completely sold the Wellington family out.

“Bullsh\*t!”

Shaun’s mother shrieked, her expression harsh and sinister. “The Wellington family is a prominent entity here in Brac County, we would never do something so shameful! And what do you mean Mary stayed the night with you? You’ll pay for defaming my daughter’s name with your nonsense!”

Baxter let go of his inhibitions as well and spared her a glance before sneering.

“Where’d you even come from, old woman? Your daughter knows very well whether she stayed the night with me or not. And your son, her brother Shaun, sent her to my room himself. Why would I lie about that?”

“How about this, then? Your daughter has a red birthmark on her left buttcheek, correct?”

Shaun’s complexion paled. Meanwhile, their mother’s eyes grew wide and the blood drained from her face. Jasper’s calm words cut through the silence like a hot knife

“Lucas,” Jasper called out.

forward and replied courteously, “Yes, Mr.

family’s raw material suppliers that no matter what price the Wellington family are offering, our shipyard is willing to pay 20% more to buy their raw materials;

is that they are not allowed to supply the Wellington family a single gram of material. Contact Eastwind Shipyard’s employees

today onwards, the Wellington

and spoke calmly, “This

course through him and he roared at Jasper with reddened

be taught a lesson,” Jasper

realization, as if waking up from a dream, and she pounced on Greg who had remained

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Mary was in despair when she heard Greg’s words.

“Do you have to be so heartless, Greg?”

Mary pointed at Greg, the pleading look on her face had now turned into one of disgust and resentment.

“You really are an ungrateful b\*stard. I’ve kept you alive and well in my house all these years, I gave you a roof over your head and clothes to wear. But now you’re just going to leave with someone just because they’re stronger and more powerful?”

“No wonder you’re so determined to sever ties with my family. You’re a horrible excuse for a human being!”

The more Mary spoke, the angrier she became. “You really are a dog! Calling whoever gives you better sh\*t your master!”

Greg sneered at Mary and replied expressionlessly, “So you admit that you’ve been giving me sh\*t, huh? How long have you forced me to smell it?”

Mary’s expression froze and she shrieked, “What are you saying, Greg?!”

“Those were your words, not mine. All I did was agree. That’s what you wanted all this while, no? So why? What’s so different today?” Greg spoke icily.

because you’re somewhat rich and powerful that you get to stand above everyone? There’ll only be richer and more powerful people in the

this karma, why does something like this have to

sourly, “Is there no room for

to negotiate back

turned to Jasper and

nothing worth staying

nodded and prepared to

and her despondent expression, and he suddenly

you agree to the

was about

to Jasper politely and flatteringly, “They’ll get divorced right now.

if I want to change my son’s surname to Costa?” Greg suddenly

course. You’re his father, it’s

b\*stard’s caused us so much grief

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Greg carried his son in one hand while he pulled out a box of cigarettes and passed a stick to Jasper.

With that, the two grown men smoked by the entrance of the estate while one of them carried a child in their arms. It was a weird sight.

“So, what’s next?” Jasper asked.

Greg smiled wryly and replied, “I haven’t thought about that much yet. All I want to do now is say goodbye to the past now that it’s finally over.

“As for what comes next... I’m not sure yet.”

Jasper glanced at the heavily asleep child in Greg’s arms and replied, “Pull yourself together, do it for you or the child in your arms.”

“Don’t worry, I won’t keep wallowing about,” Greg looked at the child in his arms adoringly. “He’s my source of hope now. For him, I’m going to work hard and live my best life.”

“That’s good.” Jasper nodded.

well give Greg millions of Somer Dollars and promise the man a

was not how

than not, the path to self-destruction began when

out into the light after several years living in the shadows; Now, he needed some time

rich, aren’t you? Greg turned to look

smiled and

that I look at it, that’s your car, no?” Greg pointed at the Bentley Julian drove over that was now parked

laughing at you

“That is my

still

Greg knew. Yet, not even they could

two houses to fund it, and their cash

that ordinary people dare not dream about and the Wellington

want an

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Jasper pulled Greg, now free from his emotional turmoil, into the Bentley.

“I’ll be leaving for Nauritus tomorrow. Are you coming with me?” Jasper asked.

Greg gave it some thought and said, “I still have a few things to deal with, so you can go back first. I’m not planning to go straight to Nauritus either, but instead head back home for a bit. Thought I’d go pay my parent’s graves my respect, you know?”

"I'm ashamed now that I think about it. It's only a few hundred kilometers away, but I've never gone back ever since I came to Brac County.

"I'll start anew in Nauritus City once I've wrapped everything up here."

"Alright. Contact me when you arrive, then." Jasper pushed his name card into Greg's hand.

"I will. Where are we going now?" Greg asked curiously.

"To visit my parents," Jasper said with a smile.

they returned to the shipyard, Charlie and

with the Costas. Not to mention that Charlie and Sally

small talk when

much, but he explained that he had gotten married and divorced when he realized that the relationship was not working

again evoked

Jasper was acutely aware that

looks just like Greg when he was a child. Look

smile appeared on

"Have Jasper give you a chubby little grandchild

care of his children now while I can still move about? But you know what he told me? He

have been bottling this up for some time as

face. "You're not so young anymore, you can't possibly make Wendy follow you around aimlessly like this. Think of her, at least. I've talked to your dad about this, so if you two are ready, just confirm your relationship and

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Sally's expression brightened at Jasper's reply. "That's more like it."

With that, Sally then looked down and continue to play with the child in Greg's arms. A smile immediately bloomed on her face. "Oh, the more I look at his small face the more I like him. Come on, smile for grandma."

"Stay for dinner, Greg. Sally and I are going out to get groceries later, and we three men can have a few drinks tonight," Charlie told Greg.

Greg replied happily, "Sure, sounds good."

As the older couple entertained the child, Greg walked over to speak to Jasper.

"When they said Wendy... it couldn't have been the Wendy Schuler, right?! The Queen Bee from high school, the prettiest student in our county's number one senior high?" Greg asked Jasper impatiently.

“Hehe,” Was all Jasper replied with.

“That’s so cool, dude!” Greg nudged Jasper. “You’ve succeeded in both love and business. Not bad to have succeeded in convincing Wendy to be your girlfriend. Our ex-classmates jaws would drop if they found out about this.”

together for a reunion after you arrive in

too well, but she’s left quite a

the only one in the entire school who talked to you back then, but she treated everyone the same. She didn’t look down on you because you were poor and that alone is enough for me to

she’s told me once that she hates people like you the most,” Jasper taunted gleefully when he was reminded of the

to her throughout the three years in senior

were tons of girls following you every day. She said playboys like you aren’t serious with anyone.” Jasper laughed out

part, though.” Greg touched his nose. Seeing

off when they were young and dumb, but now that everyone had grown up and experienced the ruthlessness and tribulations of society, they understood that a man’s appearance did not

introverted and gentlemanly

with the air of confidence and maturity that gorgeous but unsuccessful men could not hold

between Greg and

all over the world. You can always slowly reenter the market once you’ve moved past this experience. Your son will

## **Chapter 976**

Twenty years into the future.

There would be three familiar Somer billionaires.

The country’s grandfather, who started with the small goal of one hundred million.

Wayne Marlon, who was disinterested in money.

Hudson Moore, who preached that the way to grow stronger was by topping up money.

The latter two were known as the country’s dads, and both their surnames started with the letter M.

Among the three, the country’s grandpa was a truly grandiose man.

Hudson was the most low-profile and vigorous.

While Wayne was a true miracle.

he had managed to persuade 18  
founded in an apartment  
one had expected that this 19-employee company with no money would  
one thought about it, perhaps not even Wayne believed his prediction would come  
it came to doing business. Even so, this man had a  
Jasper was still trading mung bean futures and gathering his first bucket of cash, he had come up with  
of day-to-day trading, he established  
fell under his influence a long while back, but he had been  
so Jasper had to deal with them  
was completely different. Jasper could not make the first with Wayne, so  
initiative, which  
a patient hunter, up until  
countless stars, Jasper arrived home at close  
they knew they would meet the other

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“You kid, Mr. Marlon. Who is this?” Jasper waved him off and turned to look at the young man standing silently beside Wayne.

“Jose Salazar, Abbylon Inc.’s current CFO,” Jose introduced himself to Jasper politely, oozing with an air of intellect and strength.

Jasper smiled and shook hands with the Abbylon Group’s greatest hero and said, “It’s nice to meet you.”

If one were to mention Abbylon Inc in the future, one would immediately think of two people. Wayne Marlon, and Myles Shon.

Wayne was the founder of Abbylon, while Myles was the President of Softwin Investments who invested the first large sum to kickstart Abbylon.

This was a relationship between an investor with a keen eye and a promising entrepreneur.

However, everyone seemed to have forgotten that Jose also played an important role in developing Abbylon. Hailing from a family of lawyers in Nawait, Jose graduated from one of the top ten universities in the world and obtained a bar license in New York.

It could be said that Abbylon had it only grown to be as successful as it was because of Wayne and Jose.

This was why Wayne entrusted Jose with the position of Abbylon's first chief financial officer, CFO. JW Capital's own CFO was Wendy, which was a testament to how important the financial officer was to a company.

the reason behind Abbylon adopting the framework

700 thousand US

were shocked that Jasper

Mr. Marlon's charisma," Jose nodded with

immediately gave up on the idea of pulling an outstanding man like Jose over to

Jose and Wayne, for example, were fated

mattered though. With Wayne under JW Capital, Jose would

of the night, so let's not stand by the doors. Come on, we'll talk inside," Jasper invited the two into the

Jasper

way any employee was still working at this hour, so Jasper made the two

Wayne had handed in in advance and which Wendy had placed right in the middle of his

require a financing of 500

the financing request on the first page. He

with confidence, "Mr. Laine, you'll earn at least ten times

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A business negotiation, especially those involving equity, was a harsh battle between decision-makers of both parties from the moment they locked gazes.

After all, any change in percentages of shares held or investment quota during follow-up negotiations would involve astronomical prices. This was not a business transaction involving a few dozen or hundred bucks, but rather tens of millions.

Especially in large mergers and acquisitions cases, in which tens of billions of US Dollars were involved.

Such affairs could not be treated carelessly.

It was a good sign if Jasper had managed to suppress Wayne's overwhelming aura right at the start.

Upon reading the entire company evaluation report, Jasper also realized that history had not changed too much. Not when it came to Wayne or Abbylon, at least.

Wayne was still catering to small and mid-sized enterprises, trying to make his dreams of a global sourcing website a reality.

Here, suppliers from all over the world

solve the issue all SMEs have with sourcing and selling goods, and this function will have the platform widely welcomed by all

website and I'm sure we'll reach 1 million by the

nodded as Wayne

1 million members a little later in

'But so what?

that 8861 is at an

own branding and specific sales channels, they won't share this issue that SMEs are actually suffering from. Therefore, you want to create an information platform whereby everyone can

"Yes, exactly. You're as smart as I thought, Mr. Laine. You immediately understood what

down the document and sipped his tea before he spoke, "Let's not talk about the problems your website has yet, Mr. Marlon. Let me ask you instead, do you know that I own

"I do. You're the most capable man when it comes to the

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"Mr. Laine, 8861 caters to SMEs. When it comes to Sena or Terizone, their users are ordinary netizens. They are simply not the same target audience," Wayne spoke.

Jasper chuckled and targeted Wayne's straw man without hesitation.

"If your members know of 8861 and have gone online to use your website for business, Mr. Wayne, then who's to say that these enterprise owners or senior executives are not also Terizone's email subscribers, KK users, or Sena's gamers?"

Wayne's expression turned stern and he gestured as he spoke, "8861 is advantageous because it is irreplaceable.

"That is merely the result of being early movers in a market in which you are still gathering users. In reality, these so-called advantages are merely a facade."

Jasper leaned back against his chair and looked at Wayne. "I heard that you're a fan of fairytales, and that you like referring to each other as sirs and knights within the company."

"Therefore, I'm sure that you're no stranger to the battles between knights and dragons. It's only a battle of skills when it's a fight between people of similar strengths. Am I wrong?"

"You also said that there's problem

business model," Jasper replied



or the b2b model in e-commerce terms. This model isn't horrible, but there's an innate problem with it. This model makes your website a platform instead of a channel, in which there's no

paid your company's membership fee so that I can partner with a machining company. Two years later, that company

once, your members will be able to find their own groups of suppliers or customers. Your members won't need

Wayne smiled wryly.

only 15 minutes to persuade Myles crumble completely in front

for five to six hours just for this opportunity. They

to invest

"I'm willing."

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Strictly speaking, Wayne's road to success was not a smooth-sailing one.

He had tried his hand at entrepreneurship thrice before Abbylon Inc., making the latest company his fourth try at being an entrepreneur.

While the previous three tries were not complete failures, he had not made much money either.

Even his fourth enterprise, Abbylon Inc, had first gone through a failed project—8861. Only after this did they dabble in online shopping for individuals.

From this came the renowned TH website.

In truth, Wayne had also spotted the problems Jasper had brought up beforehand thanks to his strategic vision.

However, 8861 was the only mature and operating platform Abbylon Inc had at that moment. If he wanted to get rid of that to focus on a shopping platform for individuals, the market might not be ready to accept his idea, and all the hard work and effort his company's employees had put in thus far would all be for naught.

Not to mention, this shopping platform for individuals was still a muddled concept in Wayne's head. He had yet to perfect its structure or refine the details.

when Jasper spoke about it, Wayne was overcome with excitement, as

He also thought

very least, I'm not the only

really think that'll work?" Wayne

and replied with

costs to shift to this business model are too

pay the price if you want to succeed in

right.” Wayne looked deep

disbelief and rasped out, “Have the both of you gone mad? We were just talking about investments. How’d we even get to the topic of changing the entire company’s operational strategy? Mr. Marlon, Softwin will never agree

Wayne immediately frowned.

more than 40% of Abbylon Inc’s shares.

topic, there’s something else I’d like to talk to the both of you about,” Jasper began with a

fact that Softwin, a Sunriser investment bank, was a major stakeholder. This angered their countrymen, as they

financing In the business world. It was not as big a deal as certain people made it out