

## **THE BORN WINNER (JACK AND KATHERINE)**

### **Chapter 9 Turn the Corner**

In the rented house Mr. Ward talked to Jack seriously, "Young master. Acquiring DT seems reckless.

That overpriced contract may lead to a bankruptcy."

After receiving Jack's call, Mr. Ward contacted DT and finished the acquisition with the price three

times higher than its market value.

But the situation of the company was kind of headache.

What struck Mr. Ward most was not the financial loss incurred by the acquisition, but Jack's reputation.

The 130 million was only for Young master's practice, which was no big deal.

Young master certainly had to go through such kind of practice if he wanted to go back to the family

with his mother.

As long as the business gained profit momentum in the future, he could stop all the rumors from the

family.

But the situation turned out to be terrible because of the contract.

It was only a matter of time for DT's bankruptcy.

It wasn't because Jack couldn't bear the loss of money. After all, he had 1 billion in his Bauhinia bank

card given by the old master. Those 130 million didn't account for much.

Mr. Ward was just afraid Jack would hear the gossip from the family—Young master ruined his first

business. It would then be difficult for him to have a place in the family.

Jack didn't deny, "You are right, Mr. Ward. I was reckless indeed. But I don't think I will lose money."

Mr. Ward said earnestly, "The reason why old master assigns me to help young master is that he wants

you to gain glorious achievements. Then old master will grandly and openly transfer the family

business to you in the future. He will fairly take you and your mother back to the family. If the

acquisition finally leads to a bankrupt, however, all the family will..."

Jack rapped the table with a sneer, "Who says I'll lose money?"

Mr. Ward was startled.

"Doesn't he want me to do something? So I acquired DT to tell him I can make it.

"He has abandoned my mother and me for 20 years. What's the big deal if I lose some of his money?"

Jack added with a confident smile on his face and resentment in his eyes.

Mr. Ward got a little anxious, "It's not a matter of money!"

"I didn't expect the West Shantytowns project was 30 million higher than its original value indeed. But

since I became the deputy general manager within 3 years, I am fully convinced that I can go through

this."

With keen eyes Jack was incredibly confident, which amazed Mr. Ward with a frown. Jack continued,

"Tell him don't worry. As a bastard scolded over 20 years, I've got here step by step. I'll show my

achievements and excellence to him."

"And I'll make him regret for getting us dumped. I'll make my mom proud too!"

Jack spoke with force and deliberation.

Though Mr. Ward looked quite calm, he could read the deep resentment from Jack's words.

Mr. Ward was about to speak but got shocked.

"I won't let it go bankrupt. Instead, it's gonna be constantly prosperous. Please do me a favor, Mr.

Ward. I am convinced to turn the corner within 3 days."

Previously, when facing a dilemma, he could do nothing but accept the failure as he had no idea what to do.

But now, he'd been totally different.

This was also the reason why Jack got shocked for only a second but not desperate when knowing

Ben had signed the contract at such an outrageous cost.

He was sure to turn the corner!

"Is it really profitable, young master?" Mr. Ward became excited as if he saw the dawn of hope.

"What can I do for you, young master? I'll definitely be ready to help you!" Mr. Ward added.

Ten minutes later, Mr. Ward left delightedly and made a call.

"Old master, we seem to underestimate young master. He makes remarkable progress. The acquisition

is going to be a great success as young master planned," Mr. Ward said excitedly.

"But...young master also expressed his resentment about the story...that his mother and he..." He

stammered.

In the rented house Jack had no idea that Mr. Ward was reporting everything to his father.

Rubbing his face to calm down, Jack went into the kitchen. He was concentrated on cooking soup for

his mom as if nothing could distract him.

He tried so hard to make a living after graduation. On the one hand, he didn't want to disappoint

Katherine. On the other hand, he was trying to pay back his mother for what she had been doing for

him these years. He wanted his mother to enjoy her happy twilight years.

He couldn't afford to support the Parry family endlessly. All he thought now was to get his mom cured.

Suddenly he got a new message. It was Shirley.

"Are you available for a dinner tonight, Mr. Hughes?"

Jack rubbed his nose. Katherine tried so hard to let him help Tommy marry Shirley, whereas Shirley

came to him. What if Parry family knew it?

Jack quickly replied a message, "Sorry. I'm busy. My mom is in the hospital and I need to take care of

her. By the way, you are harassing me, I think."

Shirley replied immediately, "Harassing? Yep, I'm harassing you, Mr. Hughes. You are such a bad guy."

Jack sneered and put the phone aside.

At the same time, he received another new message from an old friend he hadn't contacted for a long

time. "Jack, I heard that you divorced Katherine?"

Jack rubbed his nose with a bitter smile.

Obviously people around them would have known their divorce. The Parry family absolutely wouldn't

hide it that he, a man from a humble background, had been dumped.

But he didn't expect it was her that first asked about it.

Simply replying "Yep", Jack switched off his phone and continued to cook soup for his mother.

On the other side, Shirley curled up in bed with her hair down and charming shoulders exposed. She

knitted her brows and stared at the phone.

"Why no reply? I've made it so explicit. Didn't he get my point?"

Shaking her head, Shirley was amused by the thought.

'Didn't he get it?'

If so, why was he so straightforward last time?

Hesitating for a moment, Shirley then messaged to Jack again, "Mr. Hughes, is your mom sick? Which

hospital is she in? I want to visit her."

Shirley was clear about what she wanted. That was why she wanted to marry Tommy.

However, when there was a better target, she didn't mind chasing the new one.

Even she lost her dignity and got wantonly trampled down in front of Jack.

What mattered to adults was “pros and cons” rather than “right or wrong”.

And now, swallowing all her pride and frankly chasing Jack would be more beneficial for her.

Since Jack didn't reply, Shirley frowned even more heavily and felt a little upset.

At this moment, she got a message from Tommy.

"What are you doing, Shirley? Let's play Arena of Valor together. By the way, my parents said they

would prepare the bride price in one week. Then we can get engaged and prepare for our wedding."

"Annoying!"

Shirley impatiently scolded and quickly replied, "Aright. Got it. I'm gonna take a shower."