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“Leaving so soon, Mr. Laine and Young Master Law?”

Both of them had not walked far away from the private room, Adele’s voice came from behind.

Jasper stood still and turned around, smiled at Adele, and said, “We must leave, there’s still work to do. Lady Boss Adele, is there anything I can help with?”

Adele smiled faintly and shook her head. “Nothing, but Mr. Laine, you can just call me by Adele. I wouldn’t dare to address myself as a lady boss in front of you. Not to mention that it sounds old fashioned being called that way.”

Jasper gave out a laugh. “Sure, I’ll take note of that.”

“Take care, Mr. Laine, do visit here often, ” Adele spoke gently.

“I will.” Jasper nodded.

Henry grinned and said, "I'll come more often too."

Adele gave a faint smile and replied, "That's great. I'll personally make tea for both of you the next time you're here again."

"Hey, I don't feel like leaving anymore." Henry gave an evil grin.

Adele chuckled. "It is an honor that Young Master Law likes it here, but my teahouse isn't big enough to provide accommodation, only enough to have tea here."

"Let's go."

Jasper spoke before Henry caught the chance to flirt with Adele again.

Adele was a tricky person, her background was unknowingly mysterious too. Jasper did not plan to rub shoulders with her too much, not until he figured out her background.

Adele held a gentle and faint smile while watching them disappear at the end of the aisle.

Not long after, Conrad came out too.

“Miss Adele, I’m leaving.” Conrad showed great respect for Adele.

Adele nodded and smiled. “Take care, Mr. Monty.”

Something came across Conrad’s mind and he asked, “Miss Adele, people have been calling you by your name, but none of them know your family name. I’ve heard from a friend that Miss Adele’s family name is Browns, from the swallow capital in the North, is that true?”

Adele was still smiling and replied, “Indeed, my family name is Browns, but it has nothing to do with Brew Splash Teahouse. I’m just the owner of this teahouse.”

Conrad suppressed the uneasy feeling in his heart, nodded, and said, “I understand, Miss Adele. Please wait a minute.”

On the way back, Henry looked at Jasper and asked, “Do you trust him?”

“He didn’t lie,” Jasper answered.

“It wasn’t about trusting him, it’s a mutual benefit partnership, so why not?”

Henry was unhappy. “He gives me that enigmatic feeling.”

“It was as if he’s not the same person I knew in the past.” Jasper narrowed his eyes and said, “Speaking about how much he has grown, he’s changed the most among the people I’ve ever met...”

“Hey, are you afraid?” Henry laughed.

Jasper shook his head, and replied, “Not really, I have my ways of dealing with him. It looks like we should review his identity, this man might surprise us.”

Right after Jasper reached his home, Jake called his phone.

“Mr. Laine, US stock market will be opening in a few hours, we only have less than 500 million US Dollars in hand. We’ll go into liquidation if Dow Jones Index increase more than 10 points.”

Jasper answered, "I know, just wait for it."

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Jake lowered his voice and said, "Mr. Laine, the rumors were not in our favor. If anything goes wrong, we'll have to pay at least 1 billion US Dollars in deposit for this heavy stock which costs 2.5 billion."

"Are you afraid?" Jasper laughed.

Jake forced a smile and spoke honestly, "I'm kind of nervous."

"Don't worry."

Jasper who just walked into his office looked up at the clock hanging on the wall, and said, "3 hours till the market opens, and we'll see who the winner is."

The trading hours of US market stock opens from 9:30 AM. until 4 PM. every trading day without closing in between. However, that incident occurred at 8:40 AM, so it would happen in less than 2 hours.

It was already nighttime in Summerland.

Jasper asked his men to get him a television equipped with a satellite receiver in this office. He would be able to watch the US live broadcast in this place.

After adjusting the channel, Jasper threw a bottle of drink to Henry, sat down, and said, "Let's wait for it."

Henry could not hold back, and asked, "You're still watching the news? Is there any breaking news today? One that can influence the stock market?"

Jasper stared at the news anchor who was live broadcasting, and replied calmly "Yes, there must be."

Henry suppressed the impulse to ask for more answers and waited patiently.

"Things have come this far, just relax and wait."

Far away in Harbor City, inside the chairman's office of Law's Corporation, Zachary spoke blandly to his assistant who was looking worried.

"But Mr. Law, a few shareholders disapprove that you're releasing funds for Jasper."

"Yesterday, the Dow Jones Index closed at 11650 points, if it climbs up to 11660 points and above, there's a risk that Jasper's stocks will be fully liquidated, it'll be a big threat to our capital."

Zachary looked up at him straight in the face when he heard his assistant.

"Are you Mr. Law or am I?"

One word from Zachary and the assistant was terrified, he lowered his head immediately, and said, "I'm sorry Mr. Law, I shouldn't question your decision."

Zachary replied with his face slightly darkened, "The Law's Corporation belongs to the Law family, the shares that those shareholders were holding were not even 10% of it, if they have any opinions, ask them to talk to me. I've released 7 billion of capital, who's objecting? Who's eligible to object?"

"I'm sorry, Mr. Law."

“Leave and do your work.”

“Yes, sir...”

In Harbor City, the thick and fragrant smelling cigar smoke was curling up, Fabian was laughing out loud with Morrison. “Mr. Morrison, my father, and your father, Mr. Robin were good friends for such a long time. I had dinners with Mr. Robin a few times, but I’d never thought that I’d hit it off quite well with you instead of him.”

Mr. Morrison fiddled with the cigar in his hands and smiled. “By having the same goals, we talked about the same topics. Wall Street believes in teamwork, I think Mr. Atticus and I will become good partners.”

Fabian patted Morrison’s shoulder heavily and laughed. “3 more hours till the market opens, we’ve already spread the rumors that we’ll trample Jasper to death once the market opens today. But no one knows that we had already put our funds into it, once the market opens, Jasper will be dead!”

“2.5 billion US Dollars, what a huge amount. The higher the amount, the faster Jasper will be dead. Once it opens, I wonder about Jasper’s remarkable facial expression when he comes to realize everything has been arranged last night.” Morrison was delighted.

“Too bad Mr. Welch is far away in Sunrise, he’s unable to celebrate with us.” Fabian smiled.

Morrison shrugged his shoulders and said, “Perhaps he’s waiting for the stock market to open too.”

Countless people, organization and capital, were waiting silently. The moment when the stock market index opened, it would be a moment of the earth cracking and heaven falling.

A big war was about to erupt!

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Time passed by as they waited.

Everyone thought today was just another ordinary day. None would have thought that such an ordinary day would be written into history.

Tommy was a backpack traveler. In the year 2001, all he had was his traveling backpack on him. He got his clothes and camping tent, some electronic devices in his backpack, and a portable DV camera. That was all the equipment he got.

Tommy made a living by recording down the beautiful sceneries and his travel stories in different countries all around the world with his DV camera and uploaded it to the internet.

Today, Tommy came to the World Trade Center. It was New York City's landmark in the US, not only it was the pride of the nation, it was one of the icons that represented the World's Economy Center.

Tommy stood on top of another skyscraper which was opposite to it, facing the camera, the Twin Towers of World Trade Center stood tall behind him.

"Hello everyone, it's me, your old friend Tommy. I'm currently in New York City, one of the greatest and the most modern cities on this planet.

"Behind me, that's the famous Twin Towers of the World Trade Center, the pride of New York City and the might of US."

Tommy was busy introducing the building behind him. Before uploading the video, he would need to edit the video after he finished recording.

When he was recording halfway, all of a sudden Tommy heard the tourists beside him were in panic and screaming loudly.

Tommy was startled, he turned around and saw something he could never forget in his whole life.

An aircraft appeared in the sky, it was diving through the clouds. The aircraft was moving fast, at first it was a tiny black shadow, then in a blink of an eye, it was clear enough to see its outline.

At this moment, all the witnesses did not realize how serious it would be, including Tommy. Tommy sensed something was wrong at the first moment.

“Why is this plane flying at such low altitude?”

Other than backpacking, he was an aircraft enthusiast. Although he was not a professional flyer, he knew that in New York City, where tall buildings were everywhere, the flight routes across the airspace were highly restricted.

It was obvious that the aircraft was flying so much lower than the altitude required.

For some bizarre reason, Tommy focused on the aircraft with his DV camera. At the same time, he shouted to the voice recording equipment, and said, “Friends, look what I’m seeing. An aircraft flying low...”

It was more than ten seconds after the aircraft appeared.

It continued to fly at low levels with increased speed, the aircraft became clearer and bigger as it in their eyes.

“Oh my God, this plane is flying way too low. It’s dangerous, I can even see the windows and emblazoned design on the plane clearly, it’s a US aircraft!”

“Oh God, it’s flying toward the Twin Towers, what’s going on!?”

As the distance got closer, the stronger the impact flying in full throttle.

At this moment, countless witnesses including Tommy were able to hear the roaring engine of the plane approaching.

Along with the humming of the machines, neither did the aircraft slow down nor fly up. With countless people’s dumbfounded and disbelieving gazes, it crashed into one of the Twin Towers!

Boom!!!

A loud roar with a massive explosion, followed by a strong trembling of the ground as if there was an earthquake.

The unseen impact from the crash on the tower spread out, Tom fell and sat on the floor, the DV camera was dropped from his hands.

Without hesitation, Tommy picked up the DV and focused on the crashed tower as if he was possessed, even if he felt that tingling in his scalp which made his hair stand on end.

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At this moment, there were loud explosions continuously ringing in his ears, and the horrified screaming of the people around him.

Crowds were streaming out onto the streets, fleeing. Looking from above, it was like ants fleeing for their life after their nest was stirred up, countless people were fleeing.

High above, there was smoke billowing from the tower of the trade center, a fiery red fireball exploded instantly at the crash site.

Rolling clouds of smoke streamed up, covering up the higher floors of the tower, it was unknown that how many people had lost their lives in a second without knowing what happened.

The most tragic thing that happened was when some of the survivors who were trapped in the higher floors of the tower were suffocated to death by the smoke, while some opened the windows, tried to jump off the building, but it was a skyscraper of hundreds of meters high, completely cutting off their way out.

“Oh my God!!! Sh*t!!!”

Tommy yelled so loud that he almost lost his voice, causing hoarseness in his voice.

“What the hell happened, is there a war?!”

The whole city was in chaos, the sirens of the fire engines were wailing from every corner of the city. The people in New York City were able to see the plume of black smoke billowing from the tower, covering up the skies once they lifted their heads from every direction.

All of a sudden, it was as if the horrendous fear of the apocalypse had shrouded New York City.

People were screaming and running around like a headless chicken, looking for shelter.

Before this happened, the US nation would have never thought that being a resident of the world's strongest country would be enveloped by such terrifying trauma one day.

There were continuous explosions and trembling of the ground, Tommy finally realized that it was dangerous for him to remain there.

He even saw an office worker jumping out from the window from the Twin Towers, hundreds of meters above, and disappeared in the black smoke and fiery blaze.

He could feel the ground shaking as if the skyscraper he was standing on was not safe anymore.

Again Tommy heard another familiar humming sound, he lifted his head, and another aircraft came diving from the skies above, piercing through the clouds.

Tommy was frozen with horror at that moment. "There's, there's another one!"

Tommy screamed in fear as if he saw the devil's face. Without hesitation, he turned around and ran.

After a few minutes.

Boom!!!

The second plane smashed onto the second tower.

The two crashes hit through the sixth floor within the Twin tower thoroughly destroyed from the inside to the outside.

The explosion took hundreds of lives in a second, the most terrifying was the aftermath, the fire, and smoke which caused the death toll and the number of injured to escalate.

Running away from the building, Tommy was trapped in the escaping crowds. Suddenly, he heard a roar as if the sky had fallen.

He turned his head over, the horrendous scene of the 12th floor of the Twin Towers, World Trade Center collapsing was reflected in his pupils.

Tommy shivered, his heart almost stopped beating, and there was nothing more tremendous than what happened right in front of him at this moment.

“The US... is doomed!” Tommy groaned.

He had no idea that, at the very same time, there was a third aircraft crashing onto another building.

Here was the military base of the US.

The Pentagon!

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Three loud smashes sent the whole world in terror.

Before this happened, the US nation would have never thought that there would be a horrendous terrorist attack happening on the land of the US.

There was not even a gunshot during the world war, but after the new millennium, New York City and the US capital had suffered from the worst terrorist attack that had never happened in world history.

The aftermath of the explosion had quickly spread across the whole world at the speed of light.

There were slight yet complex changes happening to the whole world in a second.

Jasper was not aware of anything but Henry was giving him that death stare.

“You, d*mn you...! F*ck!!! What the hell?! Are you a human or a ghost?!”

Henry looked at Jasper in disbelief, he was short of breath and slightly frightened.

He could not help himself being terrified.

At this moment, on the television screen in the room, it was an image of a reporter holding the microphone standing in front of the debris of the Twin Towers, reporting about this incident on the live news stream. It was a piece of emergency news that just came in 4 minutes ago.

Although Henry was a rich kid, he was from the Law family after all. Even if the Law family's nature was doing business, they are still somehow connected to politics.

Henry acquired that political mindset after many years of upbringing by his family.

When he saw the apocalyptic scene with his own eyes, he knew what serious aftermath the incident would have caused immediately.

There was no doubt that the US would take revenge after being provoked, no matter who was the mastermind, none of the countries in this world would be able to deal with their anger.

Henry could not be bothered about those matters, at least he understood that the US stock market was going to explode.

As the evolution of globalization is getting developed, economies, politics, and the military were associated in every modern country. The terrorist attack in the US would cause significant economic damage to the country.

In the immediate aftermath, the stock market would be the first to be affected.

The stock market was meant to be doomed.

“You were planning this. Everyone thought you were crazy until this happened. You, how do you know this would happen!?”

“Do you have anything to do with the mastermind of this incident?!”

Henry asked from the deep of his heart.

“Nonsense...”

Jasper’s mood was swirling up and down now.

In the past life, he was one of those countless onlookers, but this time, he was the witness.

Even though he was only playing strategy games in the stock market, it was considered as participating in this significant matter in history.

The anxiety and nervousness that he felt before were all finally gone at this moment.

“Even if I’m given ten more lives I’ll still not get myself involved in this.”

Jasper gave his answer straightforward.

Jasper knew that this world was dangerous.

All this time he had been reminding himself that to control everything he needed and wanted to do within the economic sector. Going as far as playing political games with countries, no thank you, Mr. Laine was not interested in that.

Attacking the US , Mr. Laine was not mad.

“Then how is it possible that you know this is going to happen?” Henry asked, surprised.

If he had not seen with his own eyes, Henry would not have believed that.

He could not help feeling suspicious when he saw what happened.

“I can only tell you that, something happens for a reason in this world. Where there is a cause, there will be a consequence. It would be the same in the opposite.”

There must be a reason why this happened today, it was because of all what they had done before.

“If you would like to know more about it, I suggest you start with the policies that the US implemented in the Middle East countries three years ago.”

“Only after you’ve seen it all, and think about it, then you’ll know. There must be rebellion when living under such stressful policies and exploitation by oppressors.”