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“Let’s not care about what his objective is.”

Jasper narrowed his eyes slightly.

“We’ll figure it out when it blows up.”

Jasper gave an order, and Jake immediately began to command the stock trader team to attack.

Before this, when Fabian was faced with Jasper’s several attacks, he was defeated as his defensive line retreated again and again.

This time, Fabian seemed to be determined to fight a decisive battle, so instead of retreating, he moved forward.

“Mr. Laine, the impact of the first phase of the market rescue plan has begun to take place. The decline in the market has slowed down, and it is gradually stabilizing.”

Since they were a mature and professional team, Jake's team included stock traders and analysts.

With such a huge war chest, it was only natural that they had multiple teams of specialist.

While Jasper and Jake were facing Fabian on the battlefield, the analysts were busy gathering and analyzing the data from the first hour of trading before sending it to Jake.

Upon hearing Jake's report, Jasper was already observing the trend of the market.

Currently, the Dow Jones Index was at 8100 points, and it had resisted breaking below 8000 points.

Meanwhile, the trading curve in the last 20 minutes showed that it was not plummeting anymore. Instead, it had begun to fluctuate sharply.

This was a signal that the market was changing.

"Mr. Laine, according to what we discussed before, such a situation was bound to occur. On one hand, the market rescue plan has indeed stimulated market confidence and has also released a large amount of capital into the stock market.

“Another part of the reason is that some investors believe that the stock market has reached an all-time low, and they have begun bottom fishing.

“Now that the trading volume continues to increase, there’s an intense fight for capital between the long and short sides. What are we going to do?”

Jake did not dare to call the shots without authorization in this kind of situation. Hence, he decided to consult Jasper.

Jasper said, “According to what we discussed earlier, the market will continue to fall as the market’s confidence will not be restored so easily. Did you not notice that the institutions are still waiting and watching?”

“Take down Fabian.”

Jasper’s three sentences determined the direction of the billions of dollars in Jake’s hands.

Jasper did not hold back anymore. Although Fabian’s abnormal behavior gave him a bad feeling, all he could do now was drain all of Fabian’s funds in the shortest time.

Now that the general trend was still on his side, time would not wait for him. If he wanted to kill the enemy, he needed to do it as soon as possible. Jasper's action on this front instantly put tremendous pressure on Fabian.

Not to mention that the current market was still generally pessimistic. Although the Dow Jones Index was volatile, it was slowly falling amidst the turbulence, and it did not show any signs of an upward trend.

Fabian was doomed to fall in the face of Jasper's attack due to the huge difference in the funds between the two of them.

"Mr. Atticus, the position has liquidated!"

Fabian did not know how many times he had heard this sentence from his subordinates.

Fabian was angry at the beginning, then, he became calm and finally. At this point, he was numb. He did not even want to say anything.

"Liquidated, liquidated, do you know how to say anything other than liquidation?"

Fabian's voice made all the stock traders under him feel a little ashamed.

“Mr. Atticus, the funds are not enough. If we continue to fight like this, we will lose too much.”

Finally, a stock trader endured his deep fear and anxiety, and said a sentence without mentioning the word ‘liquidation’.

Fabian inhaled sharply and felt that his vision turn dark.

Although he had decided to fight Jasper today, the speed of his defeat was beyond his imagination. Right now, he had no choice but to show his hand. When he thought about this, Fabian picked up the phone and dialed a number.

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A middle-aged man’s unsentimental voice could be heard on the other end of the phone, “Someone from the company will go to you to sign off on the mortgage agreement, Mr. Atticus.”

Fabian said angrily, “Are you afraid that I’ll renege on a debt?”

The middle aged man was still indifferent. He replied robotically, “Everyone will be treated the same. This is the company’s rules.”

“Hehe... Okay... We’ll increase the transaction value then. I’ll mortgage all the houses, cars, stocks, and funds under my name in Harbor City. How much can I get?”

“500 million US Dollars.” The middle aged man on the other end of the phone answered meticulously.

“What about 100% of Empire Meet’s stock right?” Fabian asked coldly.

This time, there was a moment of silence on the other end of the phone.

“Mr. Atticus, please wait a moment. We have not evaluated this asset for the time being. I will ask for further instructions immediately.”

“I’ll wait for you,” Fabian said with a cold smile.

The man did not hang up the phone. Three minutes later, there was the sound of the phone being picked up.

Then, Fabian heard the voice of the middle-aged man.

“This item can be valued at another 500 million US Dollars.”

“This is daylight robbery! The Empire Meet is only worth 500 million? Ask those people above you how strong the connections and resources of the Empire Meet are. Without me, how else will you find another Empire Meet?”

On the other end of the phone, the middle aged man replied without any emotion, “The value of Empire Meet will shrink significantly when you’re not in it, so that’s why it’s only worth 500 million US Dollars. Not to mention, it’s just a mortgage. As long as you pay back the principal amount and interest on time, everything will still belong to you, Mr. Atticus.”

Fabian’s face was dark and he gritted his teeth as he considered the offer for a moment.

“Deal! Send your people over right away! Once the contract is signed, I want to see the money immediately!”

“Mr. Atticus, rest assured that as long as the contract is signed and we hear back from the people we send over, I will arrange the payment immediately.”

Half an hour later, three men came to the door of the secret villa where Fabian was residing.

The three men were wearing black suits, and one of them was carrying a box that was password protected. The box would only open after three people entered their passwords. Therefore, the security of this box could be described as extremely rigorous.

After the box was opened, Fabian reviewed the documents and then signed it.

After they retrieved the documents, the three men immediately left the villa.

They never said a word to each other from beginning to the end.

As soon as the three of them left, Fabian received a transfer of 1 billion US Dollars.

After that, Fabian transferred the money directly into the securities account without saying another word.

“Get him. If Jasper wants to beat me, he has to be prepared to lose a piece of his flesh in the process,” Fabian said coldly.

Meanwhile, the team of stock traders under him did not dare to ask about the source of the money. They immediately acted out Fabian’s instructions.

Hence, the United States Dow Jones Index market began surging again.

The purchase order of 1 billion US Dollars was very conspicuous in this market where everything was declining. Moreover, it had a great rallying effect.

Many copycats, who had still been hesitating, saw this huge purchasing order and immediately gritted their teeth and chose to put in a portion of their funds to keep up with the trend.

Some brave entities followed suit as a show of force.

In short, the 1 billion spurred more money from the bottom fishers, causing the transaction data to surge in the blink of an eye. Ultimately, the entire Dow Jones index unexpectedly moved up by 3 points.

Even though these 3 points meant nothing in the scale of the overall stock market. However, it was a godsend for this particular market. Because this was the only index increase in the past few days since the incident occurred.

Even if it was only 3 points, it still evoked the greed of countless people.

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Everyone who traded stocks hoped that they could bottom fish and sell at the highest price.

It meant to buy at the cheapest cost at the lowest position and sell at the highest price at the highest position.

In theory, this was the ideal way to maximize profit. However, the stock market was unpredictable. Even Winston Benett dared not say that he could do it.

The number of people who wanted to bottom fish but ended up halfway up the mountain were unknown. Then, they would watch the stock price plummet as they were trapped in a high position, doomed to be played for suckers.

Even so, there would never be a shortage of adventurous and bold people in this world.

The 3 point rise had made people like this from all over the world restless.

Huge amounts of funds poured into the United States stock market instantly. The competition between the short side and the long side instantly became more intense.

“Mr. Laine, Fabian is adding to his positions!” Jake shouted.

Jasper stared at the computer screen. Wendy, who had shown up beside him without him realizing, was so nervous that she did not dare to breathe too loudly.

Although she did not know much about the stock market operations, she had heard Jake’s report just now.

So Wendy also knew that every decision Jasper made would affect the direction of at least 7 billion US Dollars. That was right. Over the past few days, Jasper’s total operable assets had doubled, reaching a terrifying volume of 7 billion US Dollars. Such a large amount was enough to fight a normal medium-sized agency on Wall Street.

And after this 7 billion US Dollars expanded to the overall index, other follow-up funds influenced by it would amount to at least 40 billion US Dollars.

If it was converted into Somer Dollars, that would be 320 billion!

In the previous year of 2000, such a large amount would be ranked 12th among the GDP of the 31 provinces and autonomous regions across the country. Even the 56 billion Somer Dollars under Jasper’s direct control would rank 29th. This was the comparison between the funds controlled by one person and the GDP of the province!

It was simply appalling.

Moreover, at this moment, this kind of terrifying amount could set off a huge wave in the world's largest stock market on the other side of the Pacific Ocean with just a single word from Jasper.

“Proceed as planned. You don't have to think about anything else now that we're at this stage. Even if more agencies begin staring at us, we must completely suppress Fabian.” Jasper made up his mind and ordered decisively.

“Roger!”

Sunrise Land.

Conrad ran into Echo at the headquarters of Softwin Investments.

“Mr. Welch, you're glowing.” The repeated trips and irregular schedules did not make Conrad look any worse for wear. On the contrary, he was still full of energy.

In the spacious and bright office, Echo smiled calmly and said, “Is Mr. Monty making fun of me?”

Even the blind could see that Echo looked pretty off-color.

Fabian led the plan to defeat Jasper, so he had also joined forces.

Although they worked in investment banks, Echo did not have a good father like Morrison. Therefore, he did not dare to embezzle public funds from investment banks and invest privately in Fabian.

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Therefore, Echo persuaded Softwin Investments to procure a large sum of money. He planned to personally trade with this money and would use it to snipe Jasper. The headquarters did not ask Echo what he would do with the money, but since it was public money, it had to be profitable.

Even if you lose, you could not lose too much.

However, the situation right now was very clear. Fabian almost spent all of his family’s money, so how much better could Echo fair.

When Jasper was being attacked left and right when he was down, Echo was very energetic, and he even felt confident as he walked into meetings. However, right now, Echo did not even want to see anyone. He almost lost all the money the investment bank gave him. He would be held responsible for it when it was time to submit the final report.

“Mr. Welch, you misunderstood. I really think you’re glowing.” Conrad ignored Echo’s eccentricity and said with a smile.

“If you weren’t Fabian’s man, I would have thrown you out of the office by now,” Echo said while feeling extremely unhappy.

He hated Fabian now. If it were not for Fabian’s instigation, he would not have fallen to this point.

With a slight smile, Conrad sat down calmly and said to Echo, “Everyone is very passive in the current situation, and that is why I came here today. Mr. Atticus asked me to talk about cooperating with you again. If we succeed, the current dilemma will be nothing.”

Echo sneered, “Cooperation? The cooperation this time has caused me to lose the 800 million US Dollars given to me by the investment bank. Not only will I lose my job, but I might also even go to jail! If I cooperate with Fabian again, will he take my life too?”

Conrad shook his head slightly and said, “Mr. Welch, Mr. Atticus told me before I came that you will lose your temper and I can bear with you twice, but if there is a third time, I am allowed to stand up and leave straight away.”

Conrad’s words made Echo narrow his eyes suddenly.

“Fella from Somer, do you know where you are and who you are talking to?”

Conrad laughed and said, “I’m sitting in the largest investment bank in Sunrise Land and I’m here to give you hope, Mr. Welch. Is there anything wrong with that?”

After staring at Conrad gloomily for a long time, Echo smiled and said, “Are people from Somer so difficult to deal with? Jasper is like this, and so are you.”

After he finished talking, he continued without waiting for Conrad to reply, “It seems that Fabian is lucky to have a good dog like you. Come, let’s talk about your plan.”

“The first step of Mr. Atticus’ plan is to let you take the initiative to report the loss of this operation to the higher-ups of the investment bank.”

Conrad’s words made Echo’s brow twitch fiercely.

After forcibly resisting the urge to throw Conrad out, Echo suppressed his irritation and asked, "And then?"

"Then, make every effort to promote the investment bank's determination to recover the loss from Jasper."

Conrad smiled.

Echo sneered and said, "What kind of plan is this? Are we little kids playing house?"

Conrad smiled slightly as if he was not surprised at Echo's reaction.

He said faintly, "At the same time, Mr. Atticus will contact Mr. Morrison and use all his connections to persuade most of the agencies on Wall Street into realizing that there is a man from Somer who is stealing the wealth of the west. He will inform them that Jasper is that robber."

The expression on Echo's face became extremely blissful as soon as he heard this.

"Use the power of the entire Wall Street to doom Jasper to eternal damnation? Hahaha, good! This plan is vicious, I like it!"

Conrad said calmly, “There is an important concept in this. We have to hide Jasper’s brilliance as much as possible, so that institutional decision-makers, including the higher-ups of Softwin Investments, will be convinced.”

“As well as the power behind Jasper that represents Somer’s domestic capital, so that they too will pay more attention to this.”

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“Escalate this to a dispute between the East and the West?” The smile on Echo’s face dissipated and was replaced with a solemn expression.

Echo was not a fool, and that was why he was able to get to his current position. Such a huge thing would involve too many people. He could not involve himself in this.

Therefore, Echo’s primary consideration at this time was his personal safety if he raised this significant matter to the higher-ups.

He pondered for a long time. Suddenly, he smiled and said, “Interesting.”

Looking at Conrad, Echo said, “Do you know what will happen if Fabian does this?”

Conrad said calmly after nodding, "Of course, once the plan is successful, we will make Wall Street hate Jasper. Then, Jasper will inevitably be crushed into fine powder in the first wave of retaliatory attacks from Wall Street."

"No matter how powerful Jasper is, it is impossible to counter the strength of the entirety Wall Street. This power is enough to defeat any country in the world, let alone an individual."

"Well, Wall Street will not be satisfied with a nobody like Jasper. So, what do you think they will do later?"

Upon hearing these words, Echo narrowed his eyes slightly and he was silent for a long time. Suddenly, he laughed, "You've seen this through. The anger of Wall Street will spread to the entire East. We can benefit from such a huge capital confrontation."

"But you must also be aware that Fabian doesn't care about this. He has never considered himself as someone from Somer anyway."

"However, you are a native of Somer's mainland and your family is also residing in the Southeast Province in Somer. Are you willing to turn traitor?"

Conrad said with a blank expression on his face, "Mr. Welch, we're not in World War II 60 or 70 years ago. The global economy is now integrated and all of us must look forward. I'm just standing on the winner's side."

“Interesting, hahaha! Okay, you go back and tell Fabian that once he starts to act, I will follow up immediately. I accept this collaboration!”

Conrad smiled and said, “Now, I will discuss the specific process with Mr. Welch...”

An hour later, Conrad left the headquarters of Softwin Investments with a smile on his face.

While standing by the window of the office in the headquarters of Softwin Investments, Echo had his arms across his chest and a sneer on his face as he watched Conrad’s figure getting into a car after he left the building.

“Hehe, Somer descents. As expected, there is no shortage of such traitors in Somer at any time.”

At this moment, inside the car that was driving towards the airport, the smile on Conrad’s face disappeared and was replaced by a venomous coldness.

Valentine was driving the car after having snuck here. As Conrad’s most trusted, and only, confidant now, Valentine knew everything Conrad had done. Hence, naturally, he also knew the purpose of Conrad’s trip.

He noticed Conrad's icy face and the anger that was suppressed underneath his coldness. Currently, he looked like an iceberg on top of a volcano.

Valentine sighed.

"Mr. Monty, should we tell Jasper about this?"

Unexpectedly, Conrad shook his head and said, "No, at least not now."

Valentine was taken aback and subconsciously said, "But what Fabian is doing now is too vicious. He is willing to bury so many people just to destroy Jasper."

"Jasper is fine. Once the war spreads across the country, who will we become?"

"You're also scared that I'll become a traitor, right?" Conrad asked all of a sudden.

Valentine had a bitter look on his face, and he shook his head. He answered, "I didn't mean that."

“I know you didn’t.” Conrad thought long and hard before continuing, “Val, you don’t understand. I feel so helpless now.”

“I think Fabian’s plan will be succeed.”

Conrad looked at the View of street that was flying past at high speed and said, “Jasper doesn’t realize this. He’s doing too much and he’s too arrogant.”

“It’s fine if he was just starting because his capital was not as huge back then. He attracted so much attention because of his early performance. Coincidentally, this huge thing that shocked the world happened at the most critical time. Everything’s too coincidental.”

“However, back then, nobody would listen to Jasper. What effect would such a small sum of money have?”

“Now, how much money has Jasper earned? I don’t know if that money belongs to him, but at least he’s truly in control of it.”

“It’s such a huge volume and it was enough to attract some real attention. I can promise you that there must be information surrounding him on the desks of the big shots on Wall Street, the Federal Reserve, and even on the desks of the top officials of the United States.”

“Meanwhile, what does the United States lack right now? An opportunity and excuse to shift the people’s attention and grief away from this terrorist attack, and at the same time. to vent their anger.”

“What Fabian is doing right now is handing them this very reason they are looking for.”

“This is also the reason why I am afraid of Fabian’s foresight. Jasper and I underestimated Fabian.”

“At this point, Fabian’s foresight is more far reaching than any of ours.”

“The moment he provides this reason, Wall Street, the Federal Reserve, or even the United States government will easily start this war.”

While listening to Conrad’s voice, Valentine felt his body gradually turning cold. A great terror struck him, and he felt as if he was falling into an frigid cellar.

“M-Mr. Monty, you mean, this capital war cannot be avoided?”

Valentine did not even realize that his voice was shaking.

Conrad answered calmly, "It's meaningless to think too deeply about this. However, what I can be sure of is that if Fabian really does this, then his plan will surely succeed."

"Why can't we tell Jasper as soon as possible?"

Valentine said, aghast.

A cold smile appeared on Conrad's lips. "What's the use of telling him? Can he stop this?"

"Val, I told Echo something just now that is not against my conscience. I am just standing on the side of the winner. If this plan succeeds, Jasper can't win."

Conrad's words made Valentine feel as if he was suffocating.

"What should we do then?"

Conrad said calmly, "We wait."

“For what?”

This was the first time Valentine felt that he was not smart enough. Furthermore, he realized that he could not figure out what Conrad was thinking anymore.