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Francis didn't expect Sunny to answer the phone.

After a brief silence, he asked with a smile, "Did you charge your phone?"

"[...] um, I just plugged it in!" Sunny replied absentmindedly.

"Where are you signing the contract? I'll come pick you up." Francis' tone was calm.

"[...] 'm at the Four Weathers Hotel."

Sunny could tell that Francis was eager to find him.

Presumably, Francis couldn't reach him earlier and thought Sunny might have run off with the money. After hanging up, Francis breathed a sigh of relief, lit a cigarette, and drove to the Four Weathers Hotel. After finishing a round of training, Carlisle went to the basketball court to find Mike.

Mike was sweating profusely and taking a few sips of ice-cold cola,

He glanced at Carlisle and said, "Someone's messing with you? What's it got to do with me? Aren't you close with Heath? Have him come and pick you up!"

There were four school bullies in the school, and they usually didn't interfere with each other.

Mike knew the group Carlisle was talking about, and Austin had long bought them off.

Austin was the son of Riverland's richest man, Yuriel.

Offending Austin would probably mean even Ian couldn't protect him.

Carlisle sneered. "I paid you a thousand bucks for protection. Aren't you supposed to keep me safe? Are you afraid of them?"

Mike was provoked, glaring at Carlisle. "Do you really think I'm afraid of them? I'll escort you out of the school later. Let's see if they dare to lay a finger on you!"

While he didn't dare to offend Austin's men, they also didn't dare to offend Mike, either. After all, Ian held power in this area. Carlisle smiled and said, "Thanks, Mike. I'll treat you guys to a meal another day!"

Mike waved his hand impatiently. "Get lost. Your thousand bucks is only enough for me to help you once!"

Carlisle turned away, and his expression darkened instantly. After taking a deep breath, he headed toward the drill ground. After a few steps, his phone rang. He took out his phone and saw it was Francis calling.

"Francis, any news about Sunny?"

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"Yeah, Sunny is currently signing the contract with them. That kid took out all four million in cash.

Francis continued to analyze the sequence of events surrounding Sunny's reappearance.

"I think he did consider running off with the money at first, but then he probably thought about the consequences, so he gave up the idea."

"As long as he's still around, it's fine. Let's not speculate about the reasons," Carlisle replied. "Do we still need him after this?" Francis asked, a cold gleam flashing in his eyes. If he were Carlisle, he definitely wouldn't keep a potential threat around.

Carlisle pondered momentarily, then sighed. "Now is precisely when we need people. Let's keep him for

now.

Francis' analysis was just his own guess.

Carlisle had his own thoughts. He believed Sunny might never be tied to either reason. "As for the specific reasons, he shouldn't be bothered to delve into them.

It would be a significant achievement if Sunny could secure the abandoned ice rink and karaoke.

After ending the call, Carlisle switched his phone to silent mode and placed it in the storage box before returning to the queue. Standing in his position, Carlisle glanced in Wanda's direction. Wanda was busy on the phone with her head lowered.

She received numerous calls this afternoon, so she was making phone calls every halftime break.

Lawrence prompted Wanda to hang up the phone quickly. She placed it back in the storage box before returning to her position. After the military training ended in the afternoon, the students rushed to the storage box to retrieve their phones.

When Carlisle grabbed his phone, he also noticed Wanda's delicate hand reaching into the ark or ers. A shiver crept onto his lips as he gently pinched Wanda's soft hand.

Wanda hadn't squeezed to the front; she simply retrieved her phones from between the people. When she grabbed her hand, she felt goosebumps all over her body.

Just as she was about to resist in anger...

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She only realized it was Carlisle who was holding her hand after the student in front of Wanda walked away.

Her cheeks flushed red instantly, and she felt like burying her head in her collar.

Carlisle chuckled lightly, released Wanda's hand, picked up his phone, and walked away.

A few boys from Class 3B were whispering to each other.

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"Who's that guy? How dare he take advantage of my goddess?"

"That's Carlisle from Class 3A. He's in for it later!"

Hearing their conversation, Wanda remembered Carlisle had offended a group of seniors earlier. He was even warned not to leave school after class.

Wanda frowned slightly and quickly sent a message to Carlisle on MSN messenger.

Wanda: "Carlisle, are you leaving school?"

Carlisle: "Yeah, why?"

Wanda: "They might cause trouble for you. Don't leave!"

Carlisle: "I paid Mike for protection, and he promised to escort me out of the school gate."

Wanda: "Well... okay. Thanks for today. Also, you looked super cool blocking the basketball!"

Wanda's lips involuntarily curled up when she thought of Carlisle blocking the basketball earlier.

Carlisle replied with a smile: "Really? Did you fall for me when I blocked that basketball for you back in high school?"

Daniel, who was walking beside him, asked, "Why are you smiling so happily? Are you chatting with your girlfriend?"

He leaned over to take a look.

Carlisle's nickname for Wanda was "Wanbabe".

Daniel scoffed. "So you do have a girlfriend after all. Is she from our school? What's her major?"

Carlisle ignored him and continued chatting with Wanda.

Daniel pondered for a moment and wondered if "Wanbabe" was Wanda from their class.

At that moment, Carlisle received a call from Francis. He quickened his pace toward the dormitory.

Half an hour later, Carlisle walked out of the school gate in casual clothes.

About 40 or 50 people were standing by the roadside.

Mike was negotiating with a tall man smoking a cigarette.

"Jax, cut me some slack today. Let's just call it even!"

Mike placed a cigarette between his lips, and Kelvin immediately took out a lighter and lit it.

Jaxon took a deep drag, his cold gaze fixed on Mike as he sneered. "Mike, are you dumb? Aren't you thinking too highly of yourself?"

Mike's expression turned cold as he pointed at Jaxon and shouted, "What the fuck did you say to me? I'll..."

Jaxon swung a kick directly at Mike.

A fight broke out instantly, with both groups grappling with each other.

The senior students paid them no heed, acting as if nothing unusual was happening, while the juniors stopped to watch.

Jaxon had two friends who knew how to box. With just one exchange, Mike's nose started bleeding.

Mike's men immediately rushed to deal with the two skilled fighters.

At the same time, four or five vans appeared at both ends of the street.

Seeing this, Jaxon quickly yelled, "Ian's people are here! Let's go!"

With that, Jaxon's group immediately ran back toward the school.

Mike cursed angrily from behind, "What a bunch of trash Don't run if you got the balls!"

At that moment, sirens could be heard in the distance.

The people who had just gotten out of the vans muttered curses and quickly retreated.

Mike spat blood onto the ground, looking proud. "They're just trash after all Even with Austin backing them, they still piss themselves when they see Ian's people."

A black Mazda zoomed past him.

Carlisle sat inside the car, sighing. "It's really hard to get by in this m school without some influence." Francis frowned. "Was Mike blocking your way at the school gate?"

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"He was helping me."

"We've had conflicts with him before. Yet, he was still willing to help you?" Francis asked.

"Money talks." Carlisle smiled wryly.

After a brief silence, Francis lowered his voice and said, "Actually, you could develop your own underground influence. Wealthy individuals more or less have such power in this era."

Those words struck a chord with Carlisle.

He wouldn't have been involved in these conflicts if he had been studious and obedient in school. But Wanda wasn't an ordinary person, and he had to endure a lot of pressure if he wanted to be with her.

He planned to let Heath manage the game studio first.

When River Once Riverwatch District was developed, he would take over the rebuilt Riverwatch Hotel and let Heath manage it while developing his own influence.

He would push himself to the position of Riverland's underground overlord.

Now, it seemed like this move was dragging on.

-He would have graduated from university by the time Riverwatch District was developed. Would he need to cower in fear at school during this period?

When Carlisle returned to the studio, he planned to start reviewing the contracts for the ice rink and karaoke with Sunny.

As Carlisle examined the contracts at Team Legendary's department, Heath walked over and placed a cup of coffee on the table. Meanwhile, Francis was smoking with his legs crossed.

Sunny stood nervously nearby.

The contracts were good, so Carlisle smiled and said, "Sunny, you should sit down, too!"

Sunny swallowed nervously. "Boss, I'd like to talk to you alone..."

Francis put out his cigarette and stepped back with Heath.

Sunny recounted his actions from earlier that day with his head lowered.

After finishing, he earnestly explained, "Boss, I never intended to run away with the money. It was just to fulfill a childhood dream. I hope you can trust me!"

Carlisle sipped his coffee, listening to Sunny's explanation. Setting down his cup, he looked up and smiled. "Take a seat. I trust you."

"Y-You really trust me?" Sunny looked at Carlisle in disbelief.

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He had anticipated that Carlisle might forgive his actions but hadn't expected him to trust him so easily.

"I trust my judgment and intuition. Four million isn't a small sum, but it's not huge, either. As long as you stick with me and work hard, you'll earn more than four million in the future."

Carlisle stood up and went to pour another cup of coffee, his demeanor composed.

But Sunny didn't notice these subtleties. He bowed deeply with tears in his eyes. "Thank you for trusting me, Boss!"

Carlisle pushed the extra cup of coffee toward Sunny with a wide smile. "Alright, sit down and have some coffee."

Sunny admitting to his mistake showed that his character was indeed sound. His explanation also aligned well with Carlisle's thoughts. Showing him such trust would only make him more devoted to their cause

After Sunny sat down, Carlisle called over Francis and Heath. Sipping his coffee, Carlisle spoke, Heath, are you confident in taking over the underground industry here?"

Heath's body tensed. "What do you mean?"

Francis chuckled and explained, "Boss isn't having a great time at school, so he wants to establish our own power."

Heath licked his lips and replied, "Isn't

"Establishing power isn't difficult, but to take down Mike, we need to get rid of Ian. And to do that, we need a huge sum of money.

"How much are we talking about?" Carlisle asked.

Heath thought for a moment, then held up both of his hands. "Ten million!"

"Ten million?" Francis' and Sunny's eyes widened instantly. Even the sounds of typing in Team Legendary's department ceased momentarily.

Heath glared at the employees and were startled to work"

m shouted, "What are you looking at? Get back to work!"

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Francis said with a wry smile, "Boss, I think we should take it slow.

"You're already running a mobile phone company, managing a studio, and have bought some properties. The eight million should be nearly used up, right?"

Carlisle looked at Heath and asked, "Will ten million be enough?"

Ten million might seem like an astronomical figure to ordinary people, but it was just a drop in the ocean in business.

Heath needed to seize Ian's territory and business, which required purchasing his own hotel. Then, he would compete with Ian's business using some underhanded tactics.

When the time was right, he would swallow Ian's business in one fell swoop.

Heath chuckled and said, "Can you really gather ten million?!"

Carlisle replied calmly, "Just tell me if it's enough."

Heath lit a cigarette and confidently declared, "For anyone else, even if you gave them 50 million, it might not be enough. But for me, ten million is plenty."

He wasn't bragging. After Horace's downfall, some of his loyal subordinates chose to follow Heath. With enough funds, he could quickly gather them together.

Carlisle smiled faintly and said, "Alright, if you say so. Leave the studio to Owen and Cameron. You and Benjamin get ready. I'll allocate ten million to you in under three days.

Upon hearing this, Francis' and Sunny's jaws almost dropped to the floor.

Sunny wasn't exactly sure how much money Carlisle had, but Francis had some understanding of it..

Initially, Carlisle borrowed 100 thousand dollars from his girlfriend to buy a painting. Those paintings earned him 8.6 million dollars.

Then, he expanded the studio and bought a car. Carlisle had already emptied his pockets with the properties in Riverwatch District.

Where could he possibly find ten million dollars?



Heath took a long drag of his cigarette, feeling the flames of vengeance in his heart gradually igniting.

Ian was the man who killed Horace. After several years, he finally had the opportunity for revenge.

With a worried expression, Francis said, "Didn't they say Ian had a rich kid backing him? Are you sure you can handle that rich kid?"

Heath smirked coldly. "He's just a puppet propped up by others. Horace started from scratch, and all his men are ruthless. Ian can't compare!"

Francis rubbed his nose. "Try not to be too ruthless. It's a lawful society now. Chapter 154

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Heath understood Francis' implication and smiled. "Don't worry about that. I know my limits. Even if something goes wrong, it won't involve you guys."

"Bro, that's the way!" Francis gave Heath a thumbs up.

Carlisle took a sip and said with a serious tone, "Let's not get involved in businesses that harm society."

Heath nodded. "I know which businesses to do and which not to do."

Carlisle smiled contentedly. "It's getting late. Let's go out for dinner together."

In the Pearl Pulm District, a 2000-square-foot shop was undergoing overnight renovation.

Christine sipped her tea, her eyes shining brightly. "Is this going to be our workplace from now on?"

Phoebe also had a cup of tea in her hand, biting on the straw excitedly. "Do we need to hire some employees?"

Wanda, eating a sundae, smiled widely. "We don't have much capital; we'll have to hold off on hiring for now!"

Phoebe sipped her tea and suggested, "Wanda, why don't you come up with a name for our En.

company?"

"Let's call it SwiftFunds Financial Investments!"

Wanda had already thought of the company name.

Since it was a loan company, it was about solving customers' urgent needs.

"SwiftFunds sounds really nice!"

"Yeah, it's artistic and fits a loan company's style!"

"Hehe. Aren't I amazing?"

The girls' eyes were filled with longing and aspiration.

Little did they know this company would become a major headache for the entire financial industry in the

future.

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After enjoying a satisfying meal, Carlisle and the others returned to their respective homes. Francis had drunk quite a bit, so Carlisle had to hail a taxi back to school.

Carlisle was immediately taken aback when he entered his dormitory. His roommates stood nervously on either side.

Mike, with a swollen face, was smoking on Carlisle's bed. Two other young men stood beside him with rolled-up sleeves.

"Mike... What happened?" Carlisle approached him.

Mike narrowed his eyes at Carlisle and snorted. "What happened? It's all because of you!"

Carlisle put on a grateful expression and said, "Thank you, Mike, for your generous help. Let me treat you and your friends to a feast at A1 Seafood Restaurant tomorrow."

Mike was hoping to gain some benefits from Carlisle. Seeing Carlisle being so understanding, his expression softened a bit.

"No need for a feast. Just give me three thousand. I still need to buy cigarettes for Ian's men!"

"Three..." Carlisle was dumbfounded. In reality, he didn't even have one thousand bucks on him. :

"Hm?" Mike's expression darkened, and his two companions immediately stepped forward. It seemed they wouldn't let him go easily without getting the money.

Carlisle gritted his teeth and forced a smile. 'I don't have that much money on me right now. How about tomorrow? Come to the dormitory at this time tomorrow!"

"Fine, you better not play with me!" Mike warned before leaving with his companions.

"Damn, Carl, you should consider changing dormitories. With you here, we're constantly on edge!" Jasper Sutton lamented, sitting on the bed opposite Carlisle.

"Mike was here for a whole hour, so we had to stand just as long. We already had to stand as a punishment during military training, but now we have to continue standing even in our dormitory! Please, have some sympathy for us."

The other roommates also looked displeased as they glanced at Carlisle.

At this moment, Daniel spoke up/"Carlisle, I think you should tell the teachers. You can just let Mike push you around all the time."

Carlisle smiled helplessly. "Do you think telling the teachers will help?"

There wouldn't be such gang-like behavior in school if telling the teachers worked. But this situation wouldn't last long.

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Once Heath dealt with Ian, the underground forces in several nearby areas would be reshuffled. These small gangs in the school would have to submit to Heath's authority.

Daniel shrugged. "It's up to you if you have the money. I've warned you, anyway."

At that moment, Shane Foster suddenly asked, "I'm going downstairs' to buy some drinks. Does anyone need anything?"

"Help me get two packs of beef jerky!"

"I'll have a bottle of coke!"

Several classmates immediately handed money to Shane."

"As usual, 50 cents for the delivery fee!" Shane said with a playful smile.

Carlisle took out a hundred-dollar bill from his pocket. "Today's incident has caused inconvenience to everyone. Let me treat you all to some snacks and drinks. Shane, use this to buy something for them!"

"Wow, you sure are generous!"

"Cal, you're awesome!"

"Damn it, if Mike dares to bother Cal again next time, I'll be the first to beat him up!"

The roommates seemed to have forgotten the earlier incident, all trying to please Carlisle.

Most of them came from ordinary families, with a monthly allowance of only about 400 dollars. Treating them to snacks for 100 bucks was quite generous of Carlisle.

"Cal, I spoke too loudly just now. Please don't take it to heart!"

Jasper's attitude had changed, and his face was filled with a flattering smile.

Carlisle had first given Mike a million bucks as protection money, and now he promised to give him another three thousand.

He didn't even bat an eye at Mike's request just now. Clearly, he came from a wealthy family.

Jasper believed he should rely on friends when he was away from home.

What did a small punishment like that

standing for a while matter if they could be friends with a rich kid?

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Carlisle chuckled. "I did cause inconvenience to everyone today, so it's normal for you to complain."

After a quick chat, Carlisle lay on his bed and took out his phone to reply to Logan's message..

"Tomorrow, I'll have someone send the money over. You don't need to worry!"

Logan had called Carlisle to inquire about the employees' salaries half an hour ago.

At that time, Carlisle was still eating, and the restaurant's environment was too noisy. Logan could not clearly hear what he said despite shouting for a while.

"Okay, Mr. Zahn!" Logan quickly replied to the message.

Carlisle continued to ask, "How's the progress on the project?"

Logan responded, "These days, both Mr. Quilton and I have been recruiting to expand the research and development team.

"Mr. Quilton has been working tirelessly. We've already made dozens of conceptual diagrams for operating systems. You can come and refer to them next year!"

Carlisle replied, "Alright, notify the company employees. We'll pay them their salaries at around 8:00 pm tomorrow!"

Riverland University was two hours away from Stoneville, so that little time during lunchtime at noon was not enough.

After ending the conversation with Logan, Carlisle opened MSN messenger.

It had been a long time since Sean talked to him. Surely, he wasn't still angry, right?

Carlisle opened Sean's chat window and sent a message. "Sean, are you still mad?"

Sean: "No, I'm not. I've just been busy these days."

Carlisle: "How busy can you be? Don't you even have time to send your best friend a message?"

Sean: "Go to hell. I'm busy dating!"

Carlisle typed several question marks in response.

Sean sent a grinning emoji. "Didn't you say Lily and I were destined to be together? So, I'm asking her out!"

Carlisle: "Did she agree?"

Sean: "Yeah, after my heroic rescue last time, any girl would have fallen for me, right?"

Carlisle: "Alright, then I wish you both well!"

Sean: "How about you and Wanda?"

Carlisle replied with a tearful emoji. Talking about it brings tears to my eyes! Chapter 156

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Sean: "Let's not talk about that. Let's talk about making money instead. Are you planning to kick me out?"

Carlisle: "Don't talk nonsense. That's not happening!"

Sean: "Wasn't it because you looked down on me that you left?"

Carlisle felt speechless.

In that situation, refusing to compromise would only make things worse. He might even end up with a stain on his record or, worse, be sent to solitary confinement.

Sean seemed to also realize his mistake.

Sean: "I was a bit impulsive at the time, and maybe I had a bit too much to drink. Actually, I've been wanting to apologize to you!"

Carlisle: "That's good to hear. Let's meet up this weekend and I'll show you a way to make money!"

Sean: "Show me a way?"

Carlisle: "Why? Can't I join you in making money?"

Previously, Sean thought that Carlisle was still holding a grudge and didn't plan on involving him in making money anymore.

Carlisle: "Let's talk about it later."

Carlisle couldn't be bothered to explain, so he exited the chat interface after replying to this message.

At that moment, Shane entered with two large bags of snacks. The roommates rushed over to grab them.

Carlisle lay on his bed with a pensive expression, crossing his legs.

What kind of money-making opportunity should he find for Sean?

If everything went as planned, his first-generation smartphone would be launched next year.

Suddenly, a bright idea flashed through Carlisle's mind. Sean could work on the SociableNet!

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SociableNet, formerly known as SchoolSpace, was established in 2005 by a group of students from prestigious universities.

It was primarily used to facilitate social networking on campuses.

Unfortunately, SchoolSpace wasn't initially favored by investors during its early days. The founders failed to secure investments and had to sell it off cheaply.

The businessman who acquired SchoolSpace also owned another similar social networking site. He merged the two websites and, in the following years, attracted over 100 million users.

Traffic was wealth in the internet era. Carlisle believed he could potentially take SociableNet to new heights with memories from his past life.

"Cal, see if there are any snacks you want to eat." Shane walked over, carrying a large bag of snacks.

Carlisle took a pack of chips and beef jerky from the bag, then grabbed a bottle of mineral water.

The dormitory was filled with the sound of munching, and the air was filled with the aroma of spicy snacks. The roommates chatted and laughed, enjoying themselves.

Eating the beef jerky felt like chewing wax to Carlisle. Even though he had been reborn at 18, he still couldn't find the same feeling of eating beef jerky from his past life.

He sighed as he handed the remaining pack of snacks to his roommate in the adjacent bed.

Just as he was about to sleep, he suddenly remembered he would need a large amount of cash tomorrow.

When he opened a checking account at the bank previously, the account manager had given him a business card.

Carlisle dialed the number on the card and arranged to exchange a five million dollar check for cash.

After hanging up the phone, Carlisle found himself unable to sleep. Tomorrow would be the day when the development news of Riverwatch District would be released, marking a significant turning point since his rebirth.

The property he owned, worth over eight million dollars, would likely appreciate by about nine times.

Then, there was Riverwatch Hotel. Selling it for at least 360 million dollars meant he would pocket around 150 million after splitting it, He would achieve complete financial freedom with over 200 million dollars in hand.

Zachary might be unable to come up with 200 million bucks; even raising 50 million would probably be difficult for him.

Shein would definitely start to regard him differently.

However, this wouldn't satisfy Carlisle's appetite. The hardware suppliers for the mobile phone company Chapter 157

still couldn't produce the hardware he wanted.

They might not agree to upgrade their hardware research and manufacturing equipment unless he Invested in them.

How many supply chain manufacturers could he invest in with 200 million dollars?

As usual, Carlisle attended the military training the following day.

However, he didn't pass up his phone this time. Before leaving the dormitory, he texted Lethan, asking him to pay attention to the news today.

Lethan had the habit of going on morning jogs. He was running in the park when he received Carlisle's message.

"Pay attention to the news today? What does that mean?" Lethan muttered, frowning.

The next moment, his eyes widened in surprise.

Could he be talking about Riverwatch District's development news? Was Riverwatch District really going to be developed?

Lethan took a deep breath and turned around, running

-k toward the mansion.



He returned to his bedroom and turned on the 37-inch LCD TV, tuning it to Riverland TV Station.

However, Riverland TV Station was currently replaying footage of a handsome young man coming out of a high school exam room.

"It's him again. This handsome examinee once again handed in this paper and left the exam room within half an hour.

"Next, we'll be interviewing him.

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The reporter spoke with a teasing tone.

Lethan exclaimed, "Isn't that Carlisle?"

After watching the reporter's interview, Lethan pondered. Carlisle had handed in his exam papers within.

half an hour for every test, yet still managed to get into Riverland University.

Judging by his calm demeanor, getting into a top-tier university wouldn't be out of reach for him.

A thought suddenly popped into Lethan's mind-Carlisle definitely cheated.

The news about the City Planning Bureau and the Riverland Council Meeting had already been released. Many business moguls were paying attention to Riverland news.

Without direct connections, they could only learn about the meeting through the news. Like Lethan, these business figures had also watched Carlisle's interview.

At first, they all thought Carlisle was a joke. It was when footage from Carlisle's enrollment banquet was released that these business moguls started to take him seriously.

The meeting had yet to conclude at around 10:00 am. However, Lethan received a call from his younger sister, Shania Warbane.

"Lethan..." Shania's voice trembled.

Lethan's heart tightened. "Is it about Riverwatch District's development?"

"Yeah. Not only will Riverwatch District be fully developed, but they will also build a subway line and a high-speed rail station in Riverland.

"They plan to turn Riverwatch District into a special economic development zone for Riverland!"

Shania's voice was filled with a deep sense of disappointment.

Yuriel has already secured the largest piece of land in the Riverwatch District. Even before the news was released, he had firmly established his foothold.

What chance did Lethan have against him?

Lethan's hand trembled with excitement as he held the phone. Not only would Riverwatch District be developed, but they would also build a high-speed rail station and a subway station.

The housing prices were going to skyrocket.

Meanwhile, the meeting on the TV came to an end. A large group emerged from the city council building, and they were immediately surrounded by journalists who bombarded them with questions.

With Riverwatch District's development already set in stone, the political officials didn't hide anything. They disclosed everything openly, and the news exploded like thunder on television.

"Lethan, did you really buy Riverwatch Hotel?" Shania suddenly asked. Chapter 150

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Riverwatch Hotel was the largest hotel in Riverwatch District and had been a prominent presence in the entirety of Riverland for years. If he could acquire Riverwatch Hotel, there might be a chance for him to compete for market share.

Lethan chuckled triumphantly. "How about that? Doesn't your brother have a good eye?"

Shania exclaimed with joy, "Is Riverwatch Hotel really in your hands? Did you know in advance that Riverwatch District would be developed?"

It seemed illogical for her brother, who was in the clothing business, to suddenly buy a large hotel unless he had received advance notice of Riverwatch District's development.

Lethan shrugged. "If I knew Riverwatch District would be developed, wouldn't I have sold my company and invested everything into it?"

Shania's excitement was palpable as she exclaimed, 'Lethan, sell Riverwatch Hotel to me!'

The smile on Lethan's face gradually froze. "Shania, this hotel doesn't belong to me alone. Even if I want to sell it, I need my partner's consent."

Shania inquired, "Who's your partner? I can talk to him!"

After a moment of hesitation, Lethan replied, "Let me discuss with him. How much can you offer?"

Returning to her desk, Shania pulled up a photo of Riverwatch Hotel on her computer for evaluation. After a while, she said, "I can offer up to 320 million!"

Lethan swallowed hard. "Shania, you have quite the financial power."

Shania smirked. "I still need to get my m

200 million from Josie and my brother-in-law your relationship with your partner should be very good. I just hope your price doesn't exceed what I can afford!"

Lethan said firmly, "I'll give it to you for 250 million. Come over and sign the contract now!"

"Lethan, you...." Shania was astonished.

Riverwatch Hotel was situated on Riverwatch District's central street. It could still be sold even at ten times the price based on the hotel's scale and area.

She had slightly lowered the price because she believed Letham had a good with his partner.

However, she never expected her brother to reduce the cost to 250 million voluntarily.

She understood what Letham meant; he was sharing a portion of the profits he earned from the hotel with her.

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"We're all family here, so there's no need to say more. Please help me talk to Josie. Lethan spoke in at gentle tone.

Now that Quinn wasn't interfering anymore, he only wanted to reconcile with his family, but Josie had never forgiven him.

Shania felt conflicted. "Hm, I'll talk to her."

In truth, Josie had long forgiven Lethan. She was keeping her distance from him to avoid involving him in the business battle between her husband and Yuriel.

Although her husband seemed to have a good relationship with Yuriel, the two men were actually sitting on a powder keg. It wouldn't just be a simple business competition when the day came for them to tear each other apart.

Yuriel was sipping tea in his office at Evermore Properties. Several company executives were fawning over him.

"Mr. Gust's predictions are simply astounding! You actually foresaw Riverwatch District's development in advance!"

"Mr. Gust's business acumen is beyond compare! We can't even hope to match it!"

"If we could secure Riverwatch District's entire market share, Evermore Properties would reign supreme in the real estate industry in Riverland!"

Yuriel drank his tea, his face devoid of the expected joy.

When he received the news, he immediately contacted the Evermore Properties Real Estate branch in Riverwatch District to acquire all the idle properties.

However, the message from the Riverwatch branch stated that there were no idle properties in the entire district.

After inquiring with the branch manager, it was revealed that someone had bought all the idle properties in Riverwatch District three days ago.

This meant someone had received news of Riverwatch District's development plans three days in advance.

Who could this person be?

The landline was ringing. Yuriel picked up the phone.

"Mr. Gust, it's a young man named Carlisle!"

"Carlisle?"

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Yuriel furrowed his brows slightly. "Could it be Carlisle from Riverland University?"

The voice on the other end said, "That's him!"

Yuriel looked bewildered. "How did he know about the development plans for Riverwatch District?"

"It's very likely that he has connections in Lumina!"

Yuriel was about to respond when his desktop phone screen lit up.

Initially, Yuriel intended to ignore the call, but upon seeing the caller ID labeled "Mayor", he quickly hung up the landline.

He then swiftly picked up his mobile phone and stood up with a smile. "Mr. Ross. Why are you personally calling me?"

"There's a bidding conference this afternoon. Can you make it?"

"Yes, I'll make time for it!"

"Alright, see you in the afternoon."

"Okay, see you there."

Even over the phone, Yuriel was nodding and bowing.

After ending the call with Harrison Ross, Yuriel searched for Carlisle's couldn't find it after searching for a number in his contacts. However, he while.

He then instructed the company's executives to contact Carlisle and ordered them to buy the properties from Carlisle at all costs.

At Dragonaire Studio, Sunny was sitting in front of the computer, posting advertisements on various gaming forums.

When browsing the Riverland community, he saw a very eye-catching post.

"Latest news: Riverwatch District is about to be developed. The first subway station and high-speed rail station in Riverland will be built in Riverwatch District, causing property prices in Riverwatch District to skyrocket by more than five times..."

Sunny suddenly stood up, muttering, "Holy..."

Both Heath and Francis, smoking by the window, were startled. They exchanged glances and then walked over to Sunny.

"Sunny, what's going on?"

When Francis saw the content of that post, he jumped int shock.

Heath, unaware that Carlisle had bought properties in Riverwatch District, looked at the two of them with confusion.

Sunny took deep breaths, trying his best to calm himself down.

Riverwatch District was really going to be developed.

Carlisle had bought properties worth eight million, and now they had multiplied by five. That meant they could sell for over 40 million.

Sunny couldn't help but shiver thinking of this figure.

He suddenly remembered what Carlisle had said to him.

"Work hard with me, and you'll earn more than four million in the future!"

He hadn't taken it seriously then, thinking Carlisle was just brainwashing him.

But now, Sunny believed it.

Carlisle was just a freshman in college and only 18 years old, but he dared to invest all his assets.

Moreover, he had turned eight million into 40 million within three days.

He displayed remarkable courage and business acumen! He would surely be on par with Yuriel in the future.

Francis lit a cigarette, his lips quivering as he said, "It seems I didn't choose the wrong person to follow."

Heath, looking puzzled, said, "But... What does Riverwatch District's development have to do with us?"

Sunny took a deep breath and asked, "What if I told you that Boss bought properties worth 8 million in Riverwatch District?"

"What?"

Heath's cigarette fell to the ground, his eyes wide with disbelief. "Are you kidding me?"

Sunny remained silent. He slowly sat down, holding onto the chair's armrest. Heath looked at Francis, who nodded and said, "He did buy some properties."

Heath narrowed his eyes and said, "No wonder he didn't even blink when I mentioned ten million!"

Sunny wondered. "Do you think the boss received news about Riverwatch District's development in advance?"

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Francis shook his head. "It's unlikely. Even if he did, it should be from those property developers."

Sunny continued speculating. "Maybe the boss has connections with the higher-ups?"

Heath replied, "If he received the news three days in advance, then his connections are quite terrifying!"

Francis took a drag from his cigarette and exhaled, saying, "Don't pry into the boss' affairs. We're just employees. Let's focus on our own tasks. I believe the boss won't mistreat us."

Both Heath and Sunny nodded in agreement.

When Carlisle picked up his phone at school, he saw over 30 missed calls from Lethan. There was a hint of a smile on Carlisle's face.

It seemed like news about Riverwatch District's development had already been released.

He called Lethan back.

Lethan immediately picked up the phone. "Wow, it's really hard to reach you!"

Carlisle chuckled. "I'm in military training, so I can't contact you in time. Sorry about that."

Lethan didn't beat around the bush and said, "Riverwatch District is indeed going to be developed. M Property prices in the entire e

Riverwatch District have multiplied by five instantly. How much do you plan to sell Riverwatch Hotel for?"

Carlisle didn't seem too excited. He just smiled faintly, "Multiplying by five is definitely an understatement.

"Riverwatch District will have a high-speed rail station and a subway station. It will become Riverland's It will central hub in the future; even the city council building will be relocated there.

"I believe property prices will skyrocket to about ten times their current value in this wave of development!

"So, you mean our Riverwatch Hotel Shania can be sold for 360 million?" Lethan asked, narrowing his eyes. was a real estate developer, and her final price assessment was also around 360 million.

Could Carlisle's valuation match that of a real estate developer?

Carlisle smiled and said, "If it's put up for auction, I think it could sell for about 400 million!"

Lethan fell silent and said, "Carlisle, I've sold Riverwatch Hotel for 360 million to Shania.

"She's a real estate developer and needs Riverwatch Hotel as capital to seize market share in the Riverwatch District development. So, I can only offer you 180 million!"