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“Not bad.” Finn Lewis nodded in satisfaction. He was impressed with Luca Hall’s efficiency at work. He had to admit, as long as you paid enough, the people of the North Federation definitely provided high -quality service.

They chatted for a while before Michael Bolton and Gary Greer returned. Upon arrival, Greer glanced at Bolton and hesitated for a moment before saying, “Mr. Lewis, at present, we can only offer you a personally upgraded latest version of the Wolfhawk 737 private jet. It’s approximately 30 million Federal coins, but we might not be able to redesign the interior. This jet could be ready for you to use within 20 days.”

Once Greer finished speaking, Lewis noticed a smile on Bolton’s face. He forthrightly stated, “Mr. Lewis, compared to the Wolfhawk, our Sky Crane’s passenger plane will undoubtedly satisfy you. We have a brand-new Sky Crane A380 private jet that can be delivered for your use within three days.”

After Bolton’s claim, the others immediately revealed surprised smiles. Sky

Crane A380?! As mentioned earlier, this aircraft is on the same level as the Wolfhawk 747 and is also the world’s largest passenger plane. Such aircraft won’t be produced without placing a prior order.

There’s a significant difference between passenger and private jets, particularly in private jets where some structural changes are needed in the cabin. Therefore, advance booking is necessary. So the Sky Crane actually has a ready-for-use modified A380? Who the hell is fancy enough to use an A380 as a private jet?

The attendees were all elites, but it seemed they hadn’t heard about when the Sky Crane took private jet orders.

“Mr. Lewis, I can assure you that you’ll be completely satisfied with the plane’s interior. This jet was ordered by a prince of XX. The price is 310 million pounds sterling. The

interior decor includes all kinds of multi-functional halls, bedrooms, bars, movie theaters, and even the latest hydraulic dynamic balance system. There's even a small swimming pool." Bolton quickly explained to Lewis.

Lewis showed no emotion and just nodded. Although his facial expression didn't change, he was speechless. Not surprising, this is the birthplace of the wealthy and extravagant, complete with swimming pools built into airplanes. However, I wonder how they manage during takeoff and landing.

The landing should be okay, but ascending could pose a challenge.

"I'm sorry to intrude Mr. Bolton, we don't know what innovative technology has been used, but isn't it too dangerous to put a swimming pool on an airplane?" Luca Hall, standing behind Lewis, asked directly.

Lewis chuckled, Luca was a clever asset. This guy was indeed shrewd and could pick up his employer's cues perfectly. He didn't speak unless necessary and never missed an opportunity to share valuable input. He managed to ask some questions that Lewis himself didn't feel comfortable asking.

"Oh, rest assured, this swimming pool isn't like the ones on the ground. It has a dynamic hydraulic balance system surrounding it. For instance, during takeoff and landing, the hydraulic structure of the pool walls allows the whole pool to be in a floating state. In other words, it adjusts its balance according to the tilt angle of the plane's ascent and descent which keeps the water inside always in equilibrium. Also, it's not that big." Bolton explained immediately.

"Of course, the best thing about this pool is its automatic size adjustment feature. It can be divided into two or three sections. This allows for a nice soak when you don't feel like swimming."

"Master, these don't matter, we certainly need to modify it privately when we buy it. After adjusting with our points, not to mention a swimming pool, even if you want a target field inside the airplane, there is no problem." Olivia Thatcher's voice sounded in Lewis's ear.

"So you're saying the plane can be transferred to me?" Lewis suddenly asked with a smile.

"Yes, the prince of XX is able to transfer his ownership rights of the airplane due to certain special reasons. If you wish, it can be retrieved within three days." Bolton quickly responded.

"Well, okay. The price and everything else can be negotiated. The most crucial thing for me is to own the fastest worldwide air routes to major countries. Can you do that? I believe Sky Crane can help with this, right?" Lewis asked with a smile.

“That’s no problem. South or North Federation, Southern Alliance, Liga State, or Proudly Nation, everywhere is accessible. However, because the Sky Crane A380 has higher landing and takeoff standards, it can only land on 4f airports. So Mr. Lewis, there aren’t many airports where you can land.” Bolton immediately explained the A380 issue. Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

“Well, what if the airport at my destination can’t accommodate the A380?” Lewis asked.

“In that case, Mr. Lewis, would you possibly consider purchasing another small luxurious plane?” Bolton suggested tentatively. Lewis pondered for a moment, and Greer on the side suddenly became anxious. He quickly asked, “Can the Wolfhawk deliver a small plane that can land at any airport soon?”

Bolton was stunned. This was indeed a challenging ask. It was already surprising that one plane was being handed over due to specific special reasons allowing it to be transferred to Lewis. Otherwise, do you believe the nouveau riche of XX lack money?

“Mr. Lewis, why not consider our Wolfhawk’s 737 1 mentioned earlier? While

the 737 isn’t as large as the A380, it can land at most airports worldwide, unless the location is particularly small. But I believe Mr. Lewis, you won’t visit those small places frequently. Moreover, for such small airports, it’s better to take a helicopter.” Greer quickly suggested.

“Master, we can buy one 737 to use as a diversion. But in reality, we don’t exactly need one. We can use our points to exchange for one, I have already picked one out for you.” Olivia’s voice sounded again in Lewis’s ear.

“Moreover, Mr. Lewis, we can help you find a very good private jet hosting company here in the North Federation. If for some reason your private jet isn’t available, you can directly use the private jets of these companies. I’m sure they’ll be more than happy to serve you,” Greer added quickly..

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Finn Lewis didn’t say anything but fell into deep thought. His left index finger drummed rhythmically on the table, instantly quieting the room. Everyone’s eyes were fixed on

Lewis. After perhaps tens of seconds, Lewis suddenly spoke, "OK, two planes. Yours is 450 million Federal coins, right? 310 million pounds sterling?!"

"Correct, 450 million." Michael Bolton did a quick mental calculation. Although the figure was slightly higher than 450 million, he didn't mind the minor discrepancy. Even based on a price of 450 million, there was still almost a 50% profit for Sky Crane.

"30 million Federal coins." Gary Greer interjected succinctly.

"Well, that's a total of 480 million Federal coins, write that down Hall," Finn said to Luca Hall. Once Hall had duly noted the figure, Lewis continued, "I cannot wait 20 days, 15 is the maximum I can afford. I want to see the two planes in that time."

Gary Greer thought for a while. Working overtime for 5 days was all it would take, so he confidently agreed: "No problem, 15 days. Mr. Lewis, it'll be in any airport anywhere in the world."

"Well, gentlemen, now that we've made our deal, all we have left are the flight routes. What say you help me discuss this matter? I am not well-versed in each country's airspace regulations," Finn said directly.

"We can handle the Southern Federation and Liga State among others. Those are not too difficult. How about Private Air Services under Pan American Air?" Oscar Blair was the first to make a suggestion.

"On the Southern Federation side, it is a bit of a shortfall but EADS and Lufthansa are options for private air trusts," Lawrence Rodger chimed in.

"I request that our boss must become a member at the diamond level or above of the airport authorities worldwide. In other words, our boss must be allowed to land at any airport in any country at any time. Annual fees are not a problem. Moreover, for aircraft maintenance, I don't care which private jet trust we use, but there is one key point: there must always be a hangar with professional maintenance personnel available." Hall replied.

"Mr. Hall, rest assured, none of these are a problem. The issue lies with Flame Nation. However, we can handle all the other countries," Rodger directly said.

As Roger said this, all eyes turned to Matthew Chan. Chan offered an awkward, strained smile and then turned to Lewis saying: "The domestic situation is a bit unique. Private airlines can be difficult to apply for. Generally speaking, Mr. Lewis can sign aircraft trust and other agreements with major domestic airlines. They help maintain and manage the aircraft. All major airlines have their hangars and related offices at domestic airports."

“It’s easier for these airlines to apply for routes.” Matthew Chan continued. But speaking more bluntly, if Mr. Lewis doesn’t have some connections, it’s quite difficult to obtain flight routes on private jet trusteeships under major airlines.”

“Don’t your banks have any clout? I mean, isn’t it just a matter of a private route?” Gary Greer interjected.

Rodgers and Blair also joined the discussion, while Lewis sat quietly on the sidelines. After all, they were discussing the domestic issues, mainly because the application for private domestic airlines was very troublesome. It would be easier if it were domestic to international flights. But domestic to domestic flights would be more challenging.

Soon, Hall and the others also joined in. Observing at the silent Finn Lewis, Dim Morris couldn’t help but feel in awe. This was a real top-tier tycoon.

Regardless of whether it was Red Flower Bank, Rhine Kingdom Bank, or Silver Bank, Lewis’s status was clear based on Matthew Chan’s attitude.

Now, Lewis was causing a bit of a ruckus with Red Flower Bank, Rhine Kingdom Bank, and Sky Crane over private jet routes. This was the power of capital. However, it was a pity. Morris had been planning to attempt securing a C919 before he had arrived. It now seemed highly unlikely.

“Well, Bank President Chan, hearing your discussions, it seems that these flight routes are difficult to apply for. However, isn’t it possible to sign an agreement with these airlines, spend some money, and let them transfer some civil aviation routes to me?” Lewis suddenly asked.

Lewis had just picked upon this point. To be straightforward, if you want a route between the capital city and Celeston City, you can sign an agreement with Eastern Airlines. They can cancel a flight for you. It’s as if you’ve chartered an entire flight except your private jet would be flying, not Eastern Airlines’. This loophole, if it could be called that was quite uncanny.

“Yes, many domestic private jets operate this way. However, doing so may result in higher annual costs. Plus, you will have to sign related agreements with many airlines.” Matthew Chan responded.

Finn Lewis nodded in understanding, tapping his index finger upon the table and said, “How about this, why not just buy an airline?” Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

With his question ringing in the room, the atmosphere became immediately tense. Everyone became suddenly rigid, including Dim Morris. It took a good while before everyone could properly exchange glances, their eyes filled with speechlessness. Gee! Wasn’t it just a matter of flight routes? Buy an airline...!

This... Matthew Chan was already speechless. Should he say that Lewis was obscenely rich? Or that Lewis was a prodigal son? This kind of spending, was it a sign of a tycoon? Right?

Rodgers and Blair didn't know what to do. Geez! although they have dealt with Finn Lewis countless times, Lewis's frame of mind... His thinking was beyond any normal person's capability. Buy a private jet, well, they could forget about that. Buying an airline just for a flight route... They could only say, awesome!

"How about it? Is it not possible?" Lewis looked at the speechless crowd, asking the loaded question.

"Possible. Of course, it's possible," Matthew Chan immediately smiled wryly. Signing an agreement with the airlines would work but buying an airline would indeed work as well.

"Well, let's buy an airline then. Then we can apply for flight routes between cities, right? After the application, I don't have to operate, and it should be okay, right? I will pay all due fees." Lewis continued after getting Chan's nod..

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"Uh..." Oscar Blair and the others were perplexed. It's standard for airlines to apply for routes and pay the necessary fees to the respective countries. However, if you're applying for routes but not operating on them, isn't that basically taking a loss?

But as long as you pay on time, nobody would meddle too much. but... isn't this excessive extravagance? How many trips can you make with a private jet? This... this is too lavish. After some consideration, everyone felt speechless. After going to the length of buying an airline company for the sake of securing routes, what is this application for unused routes?

"So, everyone, let's discuss which airline company to buy. This is your area of expertise, right?" Finn Lewis broke the silence with a smile.

"There's no problem buying an airline. However, there are companies like National Defense, Eastern Airlines, Southern Airlines, and Shenzhen Airlines which are state-run, and it would be unlikely for them to be for sale. We can only purchase private airline companies. Although acquiring a private airline would require approval, the

chances of a successful purchase are still quite high. We can handle this,” Matthew Chan said confidently.

“Private Airlines? Which private airlines are there domestically?” Finn didn’t quite know the answer since Matthew seemingly listed all the airlines that Finn was aware of.

“Spring and Autumn, Lucky Airlines are examples of private airlines,” Matthew said with two examples, implying that there were others, though their scale might not be as significant.

“Then let’s buy Spring and Autumn Airlines,” Finn nodded, not knowing how extensive Spring and Autumn Airlines was but assuming it wouldn’t cost too much.

“The total market capitalization of Spring and Autumn Airlines is around 35 to 36 billion. However, the circulating market value is around 9 billion, representing about 25% of the shares, the remaining sixty percent are in the hands of Spring and Autumn International Travel Group. To achieve Mr. Lewis’s goal, owning 20% of the shares would be sufficient. There’s no need to gain control,” Matthew explained right away.

35 billion would convert to about 6 billion federal coins, an amount Finn Lewis didn’t currently have in cash. But if he were to merely acquire more than fifty percent, the cost would be approximately 3 billion federal coins. As for Matthew’s suggestion, after careful thought, Finn Lewis decided to take control. After gaining control, it would be easier to do whatever he wanted.

“Let’s take control then. Also, choose an airline in both the Southern and North Federation. As long as they have the qualifications to apply for routes, it’s sufficient,” Finn contemplated, deciding it would be beneficial to include two airlines from the federation. However, there’s no need for large-scale ones in the federation. There are plenty of airlines with a market capitalization of a couple hundred million federation coins. The most important point was... after purchasing these airlines, they could be used for more than just securing routes.

This plan indeed fitted well with Henry Lewis’s plans. Two birds with one stone! Furthermore, his reputation of being a high roller was already known by everyone. It would be beneficial to make everyone believe that he was a spendthrift. The true purpose of buying these airlines, he guessed, probably would not be speculated by others. Finn Lewis mulled.

“No problem,” Lawrence Rodger and Oscar Blair’s faces lit up with delight. It seemed that buying companies involved a lot of effort with little profit.

However, in reality, the transactions amongst banks yield a significant profit. As for how this profit was made, that was not public knowledge.

Otherwise, why would these financial groups be eager to provide you with financial personnel and private wealth management assistants for free after your assets reach a certain level? They help you with tax planning, complete your work, and even assist your acquisition of companies. During these acquisitions, these financial groups have the positioning.

There's no such thing as a free lunch; who would do these tasks for you if there were no profit?

"I brought along another list," Finn Lewis smiled, producing another list from his bag, "There are dozens of companies on this that I want to acquire by the end of this year."

As Finn spoke, he handed the lists to the representatives of the three banks.

Lawrence Rodger and Oscar Blair were dumbfounded, but their excitement was hardly concealable. Luca Hall's demeanor seemed elevated, amazed at Finn's ambition of acquiring several dozens of companies! Regardless of the scale of these companies, even if every company only had a market value of a million federation coins, to acquire dozens at once was still extravagant!

Matthew Chan and the others received identical lists to review. Meanwhile, Finn Lewis turned to Dim Morris. To be honest, Finn supported the domestic production of these large aircraft. Many people pointed out numerous existing problems daily on the internet.

To put it bluntly, when the Flame Nation achieves some advanced accomplishments, the first reaction is disbelief. When the North Federation achieves something incredible, the first reaction is admiration. The cause for this is a lack of self-confidence, and there are multiple reasons contributing to this.

To put it more bluntly, what did the Flame Nation have since 1950? The answer is basically nothing. Not to mention the foundation of heavy industry, they couldn't even produce basic light industry products at the time. If it wasn't for the concentrated effort to develop specific industries back then and the dedication of citizens who contributed tremendously to the nation's growth, the nation wouldn't have been transformed from desolation to becoming the world's largest economic entity in just over sixty years. [search the website](#) to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Yes, you heard it right! According to international banking organizations and other assessment bodies, Flame Nation, based on real purchasing power parity(PPP), has formally surpassed the North Federation to become the world's largest economic entity. The so-called PPP is a comprehensive calculation rule, and its rate with federal coins is approximately 3:1.

Which means the purchasing power of three Flame Nation coins is roughly equivalent to one federal coin. The PPP is a comprehensive calculation method for a nation. Don't use any single product to make comparisons as it doesn't work that way.

In just over sixty years, from a struggling nation where providing food was an immense challenge for its vast population, it has now become the world's largest economic entity and the only one with a complete industrial system in the world. Yes, even the North Federation doesn't have a complete system. Suffice it to say, you can find any product's complete industrial chain—right from the earliest raw material to the final product—in the Flame Nation!

The establishment of this perfect industrial system signifies the Flame Nation's independence from relying on other nations!

Therefore, when looking at problems, please consider them from a comprehensive perspective, incorporating historical and developmental factors. This way, you will be able to perceive a complete picture, without looking at the world through a biased lens..

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Chapter 324 - 318 Acquisition – Down

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To be honest, Finn Lewis used to think that there were many problems with the Flame Nation, but once he was in his current position, he discovered that many issues were not as seen by the ordinary people.

Perhaps there are still many problems domestically, perhaps the products produced are outdated overseas as soon as they are produced! But as long as it's produced, it implies something, you've established a complete system, just like during the reform and opening up, many people felt that foreign products were much more advanced than domestic ones. We spent so much money, researched, and created a system, only to find out that it was outdated once it was produced.

What's the use? That much money could have bought many better finished products from abroad. Many people thought it was a waste, a pure waste. It's fair to say, that it's a limit of people's vision. Many years later, when we look back, it wasn't for that 'waste', the Flame Nation would be another Island Country now! Or even worse than the Island Country because at least the Island country has not been subject to technical blockades due to some so-called system issues by the Northern Europe Federation.

But it's very hard for the Flame Nation to import a piece of technology. So, Finn Lewis believes that as long as you put your heart into doing something, it's good! We might not be at the top now, but that doesn't mean we won't be in the future! After all, it's just about aircraft manufacturing technology, right? Others don't have it, but I do!

"Mr. Morris," Finn Lewis said.

"Hmm? Mr. Lewis, what can I do for you?" Dim Morris was surprised and quickly asked.

"Well, I was wondering whether Flame Nation Commuter, allows private businesses to invest in it?" Finn Lewis asked tentatively. As soon as he finished, everyone in the room who was discussing froze for a moment, even Dim

Morris was shocked, he never expected Finn Lewis to suddenly bring this up.

"Mr. Lewis, what do you mean?" Dim Morris couldn't help but ask.

Matthew Chan and others stopped their discussion and turned their attention to Finn, who chuckled and said: "There's really no special meaning, I just wanted to know if Commuter allows private investment? Mr. Morris, as you may be aware, I own a private automobile manufacturing company that just received orders for custom private cars. Some backend logistics are being considered, but we should have results soon."

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"This private automobile manufacturing company is designated to produce cars and especially services me. So I was thinking, if I invest in an aircraft manufacturer, could I independently produce an aircraft? A unique aircraft."

Finn Lewis laughed. Of course, this was simply an excuse Finn Lewis made up. He had been quite the prodigal before, and they wouldn't suspect him with this excuse, right?

As expected, when Finn finished speaking, Dim Morris was blown away, he thought to himself... Where does this happen...?! I was okay with you buying an airline just for a flight route, but now you also want to buy an aircraft manufacturer just to produce your own unique private plane... Why don't you outrightly buy Sky Crane or Wolfhawk? Dim Morris couldn't help but grumble to himself.

But Finn was just asking, Dim Morris thought and then said, "Currently, it's allowed, because while it's a state-owned enterprise, Flame Nation only holds 32% of the shares, Celeston City's official investment group holds 26%, and the rest are mainly held by large state-owned enterprises domestically. However, these state-owned enterprises themselves also have shares in private enterprises, which means that we do allow private capital investment, but that's limited to investment."

Dim Morris's words were easy to understand. You can invest, even if you hold 49% of shares, but absolute control was never allowed.

"Oh, I see. Mr. Morris, let's leave our contact information so we can communicate in the future. Since I bought the Spring and Autumn Airlines, I want to start expanding the business of the airline. Buying a C919 is an option," Finn Lewis thought for a while, and then opened up laughing. Now that he had bought it, maintaining its current scale wasn't in his character.

"That's okay, let me thank you in advance for your support, Mr. Lewis." A smile promptly appeared on Dim Morris's face, it might be an intention order, but the more intention orders, the better, right?! Aren't the actual orders converted from intention orders?!

While Finn was chatting with Dim Morris, Matthew Chan and others quickly resumed their discussion. However, after they finished analyzing the companies they had in their hands, the three of them, including Matthew Chan, felt a lot of pressure. "Mr. Lewis, we have roughly discussed it. If these companies are fully acquired, they would be around 15 billion federal coins." Lawrence Rodger was the first to speak.

"Hmm." Finn Lewis nodded. "Money isn't an issue." He wasn't worried about his money at all, neither were Matthew Chan and others, they were worried about the wide range and scale of these companies. There were all kinds of companies, and they didn't have enough people to handle them.

"We certainly don't doubt your financial ability, Mr. Lewis, but the acquisition of so many companies, if completed within half a year, would require substantial resources from the headquarters, and that's beyond our decision. So we think, can we take this list back to discuss? Of course, we won't leak it." Lawrence Rodger said.

"No problem. You can take it back." Finn Lewis simply nodded.

The lunch at Moon of West Lake, and the seafood, and ingredients that were rarely heard of usually, let alone the super large abalones and lobsters or the specially made caviar, tuna, etc. nearly everyone had heard of them but not many had actually eaten them.

However, these dishes made Michael Bolton, Lawrence Rodger, Oscar Blair, and others have a sudden realization about some of the companies in the list of companies Finn Lewis was purchasing. Even so, they also felt extravagant... Was it necessary to buy so many companies just for one restaurant? How expensive were you going to make this restaurant's dishes?

But they just thought about this in their minds and naturally didn't speak it out. The cost of having a meal here was already extremely luxurious in their eyes. Domestic or abroad, where else would you hear that the price of a pot of tea was one million Flame Nation coins, roughly several tens of thousands of Federal coins?

The most important thing was, there were actually so many people coming here to drink tea? How much revenue did they make daily? Regardless of the astonishment in the hearts of Gary and others, after they finished lunch, Finn Lewis readily handed over the remaining matters to Luca Hall to resolve, especially the purchase of two private airplanes, which wasn't going to take long, it was just a matter of signing a contract..

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However, on this matter, Finn Lewis was not bothered at all. He signed the contract immediately and even made a full payment. As for the acceptance inspection, Lewis didn't worry about it at all. With businesses like Sky Crane and Wolfhawk, it's impossible for any problems to arise. What they delivered would probably be even better than what Lewis had ordered, and there would be absolutely no inferior parts.

"The type of person who insists on checking every deal carefully would have starved to death by now," Lewis thought. After signing all the contracts, Lewis asked with a smile, "Mr. Bolton, the A380 is already completed, isn't it? Is it parked in your factory right now?"

Michael Bolton scratched his nose awkwardly but readily admitted it. Lewis laughed and said, "Oh, those are minor details. Don't worry, I'll need the plane delivered within two days, and I'll send enough people over to receive the aircraft."

"Rest assured, Mr. Lewis, we will make the necessary preparations," Bolton promptly agreed.

As he left Moon of West Lake, Lewis rubbed his nose thoughtfully. The reward he had been expecting from the game Zero hadn't arrived. He figured a task would be complete by buying a private jet, but there was no notification at all. Did his noble-character cultivation task already end? That seemed unlikely.

He had a house, he had cars, so a private jet should count right? Now, he had bought this private jet, so why wasn't he getting any task completion notifications?

"Olivia, how many points do I have now?" Lewis asked after some thought. Search the [website](#) to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

"You have 318,756 points remaining," Olivia promptly answered.

“If I set aside the 250,000 points I’ve intended to redeem, it seems we don’t have much left, hmm... How many points would I need to modify my private jet?” Lewis scratched his head. Though Moon of West Lake could generate more than 1,000 points per day, it was hardly enough.

It seemed he wasn’t earning enough money yet. “I do have a few modification plans. They range from a few thousand points to tens of thousands. The most extravagant modification would cost 12,000 points, anything higher would be a waste as the cost-to-benefit ratio wouldn’t be worthwhile”, Olivia succinctly explained.

“Ah, tell me about this highest-priced modification plan,” Lewis asked curiously.

“The 12,000-point modification plan includes crucial modifications to almost all aspects of the jet. Firstly, the strength of the aircraft body would be improved by using a special laser ray synthetic material, which was commonly used during the primitive space wandering era. It was meant to strengthen the initial structure of the spacecraft. Generally, spacecraft took a long time to construct, and by the time they were finished, technology would have advanced rapidly. So, this method was used to enhance the structure of the spacecraft without altering its external shape”, explained Olivia as she projected an aircraft demonstration on the windscreen.

“Moreover, the latest super magnetic light-adhesive welding technology, which replaces current laser welding technology, would be used. This allows the aircraft to be fused into a single unit at an atomic structural level, giving it greater strength. In fact, by modern standards, a simple missile would be incapable of damaging our aircraft.”

“Next, the engines would be enhanced. However, major changes would alter the external shape of the engines. So, within the bounds of maintaining the current shape, the engine structure, materials, and fuel efficiency would be intensively reinforced. After the enhancement, the maximum speed of the plane could reach around Mach 2.2, which is the limit of what we can do.”

“Because the structure of this plane is quite illogical, the speed can’t be improved any further unless we manufacture such a plane from scratch. This also applies to the engines. In addition, the plane can be equipped with many weapons, as well as decoys to dodge missiles”, Olivia explained the entire modification process to Lewis.

After listening to the explanation, Lewis was amazed. Was this still a private plane? He confidently felt he could take on an F-22 head-on in this aircraft. He was sure the aircraft would be able to sustain at least two missile hits in the same spot without significant damage.

Moreover, a laser interception weapon was installed, though it was slightly disappointing that it could only be used three times to intercept a total of six missiles. After that, the energy supplied by the Zero batteries would be depleted.

However, that was more than adequate. For the internal equipment and such, it didn't need any further explanations. Simply put, it's cutting edge with no absolute best. The entire plane was also equipped with an intelligent system similar to Olivia's, which meant that even without humans onboard, the computer could automatically control the plane's takeoff, defense, and attacks.

Of course, crew members were still needed on the aircraft. As for the pilot, Lewis planned to use either a T800 or a T1000. The T800 should suffice, there was no need for a T1000. As for the flight attendants, Lewis rubbed his chin, perhaps he could recruit some from the film institute?

Lewis felt it would be dull if the flight attendants were robots. It's much better to hire professional flight attendants.

"Let's go with this modification plan. The remaining 300,000 plus points should be enough for now. Also, redeem a T2500 model and three T800 models right away. Send them to Sky Crane to receive the aircraft. You handle the relevant documents." , Lewis instructed.

"Yes, I understand." , Olivia quickly confirmed. "By the way, young master, you should prioritize completing your Toras task soon, as it's closely related to our next steps."

"I understand." , Lewis nodded.

He took out his phone and pondered for a bit. He then snapped a photo of the contract he had signed with Sky Crane earlier and posted it on his micro research profile. Below it, he wrote: "Just bought another expensive plaything

—a private jet, the Sky Crane A380-800 model. Although it was somewhat pricey, I can use it immediately, which is fantastic."

After he posted, Lewis had many followers who reacted immediately even though they weren't particularly loyal fans. But now that he had so much exposure, it helped. The incident in Fragrant River was still creating a buzz, and he had just announced a nationwide video contest on YVY. Even though there were quite a few restrictions for the contest—such as prohibiting professional studios from participating and only serving pure gamers without accepting videos made by other professionals—he was confident that Olivia would find out who made the videos.

As soon as Lewis posted on micro research, people instantly commented below.

"Prodigal bro is splurging again... an A380, I bow down in respect."

"6666666666666666, Please take my respect, Prodigal bro. But how, as you spend so excessively, can you tell me where your money comes from?"

“I just want to know, since you spend so lavishly, does your mother know about

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Chapter 326 - 320: Forced Acquisition

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Finn Lewis casually posted on micro research and chose to selectively overlook the comments below. After all, they were all sorts of people out there – critics and fans alike, and he didn’t want to upset himself. What surprised him though was that in this age where news could be hard to find, or rather, anything could be turned into news, numerous online media outlets were keeping an eye on guys like him.

Not long after Finn’s micro research post, several portal websites, particularly those under T Corporation, simply screenshotted his post and turned it into news.

“The nationally acclaimed Prodigal has purchased his first private jet, presumably the first super-large private plane in the country. The A380 has been transformed into a private plane for the first time, and its size will surpass the North Federation’s Presidential Air Force One, an improved model of Wolfhawk 747

Well, the media’s mantra seems to be ‘no publicity is bad publicity’. They directly compared Lewis’s private jet to Air Force One. Although, in fairness, Lewis’s private jet really is much more extravagant than Air Force One — but only after being spruced up using accumulated points!

Just as Finn Lewis had returned home, he received a call from Sarah Wood, “Hello, what’s up?!” said Finn rather speechlessly.

“Hello hello hello, I mean, don’t you have something where you’ll need my help? Why buy such a big plane? Can you eat it? The money would be better off donated. Why don’t I see you doing any philanthropy?!” Sarah chucked out words at lightning speed.

“You can start by moving out of Kay Lee’s house.” returned Finn, somewhat annoyed.

“Huh? What?” Sarah clearly didn’t catch on.

“Nevermind, I’m acquiring Spring and Autumn Airlines, handle it on your end! No need to worry about the rest, there might be some issues with the acquisition application and I need your help.” Finn quickly changed the subject. Though Matthew Chan said there wouldn’t be much of a problem, it wouldn’t hurt to have Sarah’s help!

“Oh, I got it, I’ll get on it right away. As for fees, we’ll discuss it later.” A bewildered Sarah Wood responded happily before hanging up.

Only after hanging up did Sarah realise what Finn had said, “Damn! What does that mean?! Is he trying to tarnish my Kay’s reputation?!”

Finn was somewhat annoyed after hanging up. He couldn’t, after all, openly tell Kay Lee to move in with him! After much thought, Finn decided to reserve it in the back of his mind for now and divert Sarah with other tasks when the time comes. After all, Sarah volunteered to help, so Finn would find her something to do.

Forget it, better attend to his own business first. The priority now was to complete that task, which first involved dealing with Blizzard. Finn could dismiss EA as their main focus was on standalone games and they had no immediate interest in online gaming.

However, Finn’s focus was on online games, so taking care of that first was his strategy. After all, dominating one aspect was still dominance, right?

Finn waited for four days in Celeston City and finally received his first private jet. While the acquisition of Spring and Autumn Airlines was still underway, all matters were handled by the bank. The bank was merely assembling stocks in the market.

The main negotiation hadn’t yet started and Finn was touring his first private plane. The entire plane had been reinvented by Zero and its efficiency was impressive. The renovation of a plane was nothing short of rebuilding one, and it was accomplished in just three days.

Though nothing seemed amiss from the outside of the plane, everything inside had been completely overhauled. Although the plane still used a fuel system, its maximum range with full fuel loaded exceeded 60,000 km, way more than enough to circle the earth.

When the plane landed at the Celeston City International Airport, Oscar Blair had already applied for a direct route from Celeston City to North Federation’s California. Finn directly boarded his private jet and flew to California. However, this time Finn didn’t take anyone with him, and the cabin crew were temporarily replaced by T800s.

When Finn landed, Luca Hall had prepared a fleet of vehicles to pick him up and had already been in touch with Kodiak Kennedy’s private holding company.

“Mr. Lewis, welcome to California.” To Finn’s surprise, Mr. Kodiak Kennedy personally came to the airport to greet him.

“Mr. Kodiak Kennedy, I didn’t expect you to come.” Finn said, genuinely surprised. Kodiak Kennedy’s private holding company owns a stake in Activision Blizzard which equates to Kodiak Kennedy personally owning approximately 23% of Blizzard’s shares.

Another shareholder, Kelly Damian Bryan, owns almost 24% of the shares, while other shareholders of the investment company own about 8%, amongst which T Corporation owns around 6%. Various other large and small shareholders own the rest, most of which are float shares.

When Finn arrived at Activision Blizzard, he already held a considerable amount of shares that Olivia Thatcher had acquired from the market. The remaining 10% of Activision Blizzard was held by Vivandi. The freely-traded shares in the stock market accounted for about 32%, and Finn had already purchased about 19.6% of these shares through the stock market.

This was virtually the absorption limit, nearly sucking up all the freely-traded shares on the market.

“Haha, sure thing, Mr. Lewis’s IVY Corporation’s game “Under The Heavens” has a huge fan base in the Federation as well as globally. Many companies are looking to cash in on licensing the name “Under The Heavens” games, particularly after we learned that you operate “Under The Heavens” as part of a larger whole in Flame Nation.” Kodiak Kennedy smiled and spoke.

In fact, Kodiak Kennedy didn’t know exactly why Finn was there because Finn’s visit was arranged by Luca Hall. When Luca Hall made contact, Kodiak

Kennedy assumed Finn was there to discuss the licensing of “Under The Heavens” as Activision Blizzard had indeed contacted WY about licensing “Under The Heavens”.

A game that hosts approximately 5-5 million concurrent gamers just in the Flame Nation, the most important part is these gamers are all active users and the user base is steadily increasing. This is not even the limit, and Kodiak Kennedy couldn’t ignore such a game. It’s a fact that Monster World is gradually declining.

Finn, along with Kodiak Kennedy, first toured the Activision and Blizzard

headquarters, particularly Blizzard. It could be said that Blizzard is seen as no.1 in game development by numerous players. Although Activision and Artis Electronics, or EA, have a higher market value in the North Federation, Blizzard resembles more of a private studio.

But the image Blizzard has created in the minds of many gamers is hard to change. Even though Finn had different mental state now, he was still very excited upon entering Blizzard.

In the evening, Kodiak Kennedy hosted a banquet to welcome Finn. “Mr. Kodiak Kennedy, I actually came here mainly for two reasons.” Finn said after some thought.

“All ears!” Kodiak Kennedy said with a smile.. Search* The website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

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“I’m wondering if Mr. Kodiak Kennedy would consider selling his shares in Activision Blizzard,” Finn Lewis was accustomed to getting straight to the point. His time was limited, so he didn’t bother with any formalities and spoke directly.

“Huh?” Upon hearing Finn’s words, Kodiak was taken aback, never in his wildest dreams did he expected that Finn would come for this reason.

“Mr. Lewis, are you implying that you want to acquire Activision?” A shocked Kodiak asked, he just realized that Finn was not here to negotiate for cooperation with Activision, or for the right to represent the company.

“Indeed, I want to acquire Activision,” Finn curtly nodded in agreement.

“Regrettably, I may not consent to this proposition,” Kodiak spoke after hesitating for a while. Despite having his own private investment company, Kodiak has been in the game industry for most of his life, and he wasn’t sure what more to do.

“Mr. Kodiak Kennedy holds approximately 23% of Activision Blizzard’s shares. At present, the market value of Activision Blizzard is around 158 billion Federal coins. Thus, the value of shares that you hold is probably around 36.5 billion Federal coins. Am I right?” Finn started without beating around the bush.

“You’re correct.” Kodiak nodded.

“40 billion Federal coins.” Finn blurted out the first price.

Kodiak shook his head slightly, Finn’s proposed price is only an appropriate price with 11% negotiation margin. Participant Highgarden chuckled; his bidding was simply setting the ground. He was not at all concerned about completing the finance-related task in the system, as for the Northern Europe Federation, it was just a matter of right pricing and everyone would be willing to sell their shares.

The major shareholders of those companies in the Northern Europe Federation are predominantly investment firms. Hence, once they see appropriate profits, they will not stick to any company, not even a company like Apple.

“50 billion,” Finn stated another figure. If the previous figure allowed Kodiak to slightly shake his head, this number made Kodiak open his mouth in surprise.

50 billion Federal coins...this was an overestimation of nearly 40%! “Mr. Lewis, why is this so?” Kodiak asked in disbelief, his tone was not as assertive as before.

“Does Mr. Kodiak Kennedy know why I bought NW?” Instead of answering, Finn asked with a smile.

“I have some familiarity with this, it seems that Mr. Lewis is a player of the YVY game?” Kodiak naturally wouldn’t have missed such news given that WY is as valuable as Activision Blizzard and worth being followed.

“Therefore, similarly, I am a player of Blizzard games, too. I have played important games such as Throne of Agony, Creature War, Dark Destruction, and Star War. I won’t say that I grew up with these games, but I have played all of them,” Finn replied with a smile.

Kodiak was astounded, his stupefying expression was quite apparent, after a while he asked, looking perplexed, “Just like that?”

“Just like that, or what else could it be?” Finn shrugged his shoulders nonchalantly, while smiling at Kodiak.

Kodiak, after a while, was still shocked. Looking at Finn Lewis with his eyes wide open, he could not believe what he was hearing. For someone like Kodiak who puts interest above everything else, Finn’s thought process was beyond his comprehension.

How could there be a person who would want to buy a game developing company just because they loved the game so much? What bizarre logic was this? But Finn sat right in front of him, mentioning an irresistible amount of price.

“Mr. Lewis, you are just playing with me, right?” Kodiak asked Finn, looking somewhat speechless.

“You think I have flown thousands of kilometers just to mess with you? 50 billion Federal coins, 23% of Activision Blizzard’s shares. How about it?” Finn asked with a smile.

Dear reader, I found out that I’ve overestimated myself to update for 20 times! I can’t do it! I will just finish the committed updates! There are 13 updates in total! I don’t know how many more I could update!

“I am curious, Mr. Lewis, are you planning to be the majority shareholder of Activision Blizzard?” After pondering, Kodiak voiced out his concern, Activision Blizzard was just a subsidiary of French Vivendi Group not long ago.

It had just gained independence, and now it was targeted again. Of course, Kodiak didn't really care, making several billion Federal coins by selling it off in such a short time, why not?

For Kodiak, capital operation is what really matters, regardless of which company he controls. Moreover, he wasn't worried about his position. Even if Finn bought his shares, could Finn really dismiss all the high-ranking officials in the company?

“Of course,” Finn naturally nodded. Currently, Finn had 19.6% of the shares on the stock market. He could continue to purchase more shares, but the cost-effectiveness would not be high, the premium per share would have to be close to or over 50%.

Acquiring additional shares from these large shareholders was definitely something that Finn would consider.

“I don't have any issues selling my shares to you, Mr. Lewis. However, it might be a bit difficult for you to acquire the 24% shares held by Kelly Damian Bryan.” After pondering, Kodiak regretfully shook his head. Kelly Damian Bryan holds 6% out of the 8% owned by Kodiak's investment firm. The remaining shares, less than 13%, were available in the stock market, but would be quite hard to secure.

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Owing to the actions taken by Olivia Thatcher, the stock price of Activision Blizzard was starting to rise. This rise had no benefit for Finn's continued acquisition of shares from other shareholders. If Kodiak's 23% shares were acquired, Finn would end up holding only 42% shares. He would need at least 9% more to ensure absolute control.

He would need to acquire at least 10% from Vivendi to achieve it. But, getting the 10% shares from Vivendi would not be easy. Even though Vivendi had sold Activision Blizzard, Vivendi still held shares in other entertainment companies. In that sense, holding onto that 10% gave them a chance.

“Why so?” Finn queried, raising an eyebrow.

Finn had never been in contact with Kelly Damian Bryan, so he didn't understand him well. But Kodiak has surely not made the comment without reason. “For Damian Bryan, Activision is like his child. He would definitely not forsake his child just for some money. Therefore, it would be quite difficult for you to purchase his shares,” Kodiak concluded with a shake of his head..

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Finn Lewis furrowed his brows, “Mr. Kodiak Kennedy, are you sure?” “I’m sure. Do you know about Kendrick Campbell?” Kodiak Kennedy shrugged.

“Of course I know, you mean Kendrick Campbell, the steel tycoon of the North Federation?” Finn Lewis asked, slightly confused.

“Exactly. Damian Bryan is quite similar to him in personality. Sometimes it’s not about the money. In fact, when you’ve reached our age, money is still important, but there is little difference between having tens of billions or hundreds of billions of federal coins for someone without much left, isn’t it? Damian Bryan, how should I put it, it’s hard for him to believe that others can make Activision Blizzard better.” Kodiak Kennedy shrugged.

“Okay, I understand. But, Mr. Kodiak Kennedy, shouldn’t there be any issues with you selling your shareholding to me?” After mulling it over, Finn Lewis looked up and asked.

Kodiak Kennedy pondered for a moment, then nodded and said, “I have no problem selling my shares to you. However, I won’t trade now. We can sign a memorandum. When you own more than 30% of the shares, I’ll agree to sell my shares to you.”

Finn Lewis furrowed his eyebrows, hesitated for a moment and then stood up saying, “I see. I guess we’ll leave it at that for now.”

Back at the hotel, Finn Lewis was experiencing a headache. This was the first time he had encountered such a tough acquisition. He currently held around 20% of the shares, a considerable distance away from acquiring 30%. Where could he get this 10% of shares? On the stock market?

It was quite difficult. People on the stock market are no fools. The higher the offering price, the less likely anyone would sell. Even though Finn Lewis didn’t lack money, spending too much would affect the completion of the task.

It’s quite troublesome! Finn Lewis was indecisive. Previously things had always gone smoothly for him. Now he suddenly realized that it wasn’t that simple; unless Finn Lewis was willing to spend indiscriminately like a fool. For instance, if you offer 100 billion federal coins, Finn believed that Kodiak Kennedy wouldn’t care about any agreement and would directly sell the shares to him.

But Finn Lewis couldn't actually proceed like that! Not to mention the task completion, it's too foolish. Even if you have money, you can't just give it away to foreigners. Even spending frivolously requires a strategic plan.

"Olivia, do you have any suggestions?" After lingering on this issue for a while, he finally asked.

"Master, you need to decide by yourself. I can only provide information for you; the analysis needs to be done by you." Olivia replied.

Finn Lewis rolled his eyes in frustration, but he had no choice but to reflect on his own. After pondering for a long while, he picked up his phone and called Mr. M. Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

"Brother, what's the matter?" Mr. M quickly picked up the phone. It was still morning in China, and Mr. M was probably just getting to work.

"There's something I need to discuss. I was wondering if the 6% stake held by T company is for sale?" Finn Lewis asked directly.

"What shares?" Mr. M was a bit baffled.

"Oh, the shares of Activision Blizzard." Finn Lewis quickly replied, as he had forgotten to mention the name before.

"Activision Blizzard? You're not really thinking about acquiring Activision, are you?" Mr. M sounded surprised.

"Currently, that's the plan. I've already discussed with Kodiak Kennedy. I can get the 23% shares he holds. I have around 20% myself. However, there's a condition for Kodiak Kennedy to sell his shares to me; the shares I hold must exceed 30%." Finn Lewis spoke in a somewhat helpless tone.

Mr. M understood instantly what 30% signified, "So you want to obtain absolute control over the company." He sounded taken aback.

"Mr. M, could you sell it to me, the 6% shares held by the T company?" Finn Lewis asked directly, intending to have Olivia absorb a little from the market to make his total holding reach 20%.

"In principle, I could sell them to you, but it's not just up to me. It has to be approved by the board of directors. Although you're a board member, to be honest, I can only influence about 32% of the shares. Mr. M thought for a moment before replying.

"So this wouldn't be easy to handle, would it?" Finn Lewis asked after some thought.

“This would require persuading the individuals at MIH Investment Group. The acquisition of the 6% stake in Activision Blizzard was quite a challenge for T company, and it is a significant part of their strategy. So persuading the board to sell it will likely be difficult.” A bitter smile crossed Mr. M’s face as he spoke the words reluctantly.

“Or maybe you could try Vivendi Group? But even if you bought the 6% from us, you’d still be short by 4%. Now that you’ve nearly acquired 20% from the stock market, it’s probably even harder to buy more, isn’t it?” Mr. M added.

Finn Lewis laughed bitterly, “It’s pretty much impossible to buy any more. Even buying 20% was quite an achievement.” He shook his head.

Although it seemed that the remaining 13% was still on the stock market, this didn’t mean that ordinary shareholders had control over it. A large proportion of these people had likely sold their shares when Finn Lewis had proposed a 30% raise in price.

One could say that the shares Finn Lewis had been able to consolidate were primarily those held by small shareholders. The remaining 13% were likely held by very valuable private investors.

“I can mention it for you, but don’t get your hopes up too high.” Mr. M shook his head.

“Alright, then let’s keep it at that for now. Thank you.” Finn Lewis nodded before hanging up the phone. After the phone call, he pondered for a moment before saying, “Olivia, contact South California MIH Investment Group’s parent company and get all related shareholder information. Also, inform T800 and Luca Hall that we’re heading to France tomorrow.”

“Alright.” Olivia didn’t object.

After hanging up the phone, Finn Lewis slapped his forehead. How could he forget about this? Forgetting about the Red Bank, back home, Finn Lewis remembered to leverage Red Bank and Rhine Kingdom Bank, but once he set foot in Red Bank’s domain, he completely forgot about using them.

“Mr. Lewis.” Oscar Blair answered the phone very respectfully. He was now the one in Red Bank who mainly corresponded with Finn Lewis.

“Hmm, I’m thinking of acquiring a company. Do you think you could help? This company is in the North Federation. I’d like to prioritize this acquisition, and I want to see results as soon as possible.” Finn Lewis spoke directly.

“Which company?” Oscar Blair paused, then asked quickly.

“Activision Blizzard.” Finn Lewis told Oscar Blair the name.

“Activision Blizzard? Alright, I got it. Mr. Lewis, I’ll formulate the relevant strategies as soon as possible. I’ll get back to you in three hours.” Oscar Blair paused before answering.

“No problem. If possible, this acquisition can be completed entirely by Red Bank.” Finn Lewis spoke directly.

Oscar Blair agreed, and quickly hung up the phone. Finn Lewis then hit his forehead, feeling that he had been very foolish before. How could he forget about using Red Bank?

Waiting for three hours wasn’t too difficult, especially since it was nighttime in the North Federation. After staying in the hotel for three hours, Oscar Blair called back on time.

“Mr. Lewis, the shareholding of Activision Blizzard... is a bit quirky.” Oscar Blair said somewhat helplessly.

“How so?” Finn Lewis raised his eyebrows..

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“Well, I just contacted our headquarters, and we at the Red Flower Bank have checked it out for you, Mr. Lewis. At present, we can only secure 6% of the floating shares on the stock market for you. These shares are actually owned by a certain stockholder under the Floral Wealth Group. He is merely an investor and has no issues with selling when the price is right. It is worth your while to do business with him...” Oscar Blair thought through his words thoroughly before speaking.

“As for the rest, approximately 20% of the shares have been acquired by some mysterious fund. We are not quite sure what they intend to do with the shares of Activision Blizzard they have absorbed. However, according to the intelligence from our head office, this mysterious fund is a very well established one, having been around for decades. It has garnered very little exposure and has only made a few investments in the forex and futures market in recent months, presumably earning at least hundreds of billions of federal coins.” Blair commented with a hint of admiration in his tone.

“What did you just say?” Finn Lewis was taken aback, unable to hold back his question

Finn was quite taken aback by this unexpected news from Oscar Blair! It was quite clear to him who had acquired those 20% shares. It was Olivia Thatcher acting on his command. As to how Olivia went about it, he never inquired, but he was sure that it was done through Zero's channels. He had already experienced the methods Zero used when transferring money to him.

Now Oscar is talking about a mysterious fund? An established fund?

"Huh? I said approximately 20% of the shares of Activision Blizzard on the stock market have been discreetly absorbed by an established fund. It is a very mysterious hedge fund and even the Floral Wealth Group doesn't have much information on it. It has been around for at least several decades, dating back to World War I at least. Although they remain elusive, every time they make a move, they earn substantial profits." Oscar repeated himself, sounding a bit puzzled. He continued, tentatively asking, 'Mr. Lewis, do you have any information on this fund?'

"Oh, not really. I was just a bit curious. So, there are some hedge funds even you finance groups don't know about, huh?" Finn responded casually, although his mind was reeling. search the * website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

It existed since World War I? That fund must undoubtedly be Zero's. Given Zero's capabilities... investing in stocks, futures... it would be hard not to make money. Thinking about the near century-long history... making money, no losses... the thought made Finn break out in a sweat.

So, the question that begs asking now is, where did all that money go? It certainly couldn't have just simply disappeared. If it didn't disappear, then it could only have been concealed within the global financial market, amassing immense wealth. Given Zero's abilities, hiding their assets would be a piece of cake.

From what Oscar had shared, Finn had inadvertently gotten a glimpse of the tip of Zero's iceberg. An old hedge fund? Damn, Zero's abilities wouldn't be any less impressive than Hawking's, would they? After nearly a century... how much money would Zero have made? When Finn thought about that figure, he suddenly understood why Zero never seemed to run out of money.

"Hmm, this hedge fund is very mysterious. From what I know, it seems like I heard that during the 2007 global economic crisis, the disintegration of the Soviet Union, the 2002 internet bubble, and so forth, this hedge fund was always profitable. But each time, they were very methodical. They were never the biggest winners but were always within the top three. What's most terrifying though is their precise judgement." Oscar sounded somewhat in awe when speaking about this.

For financial experts, individuals like Hawking and Barrett are considered big guns, and this mysterious fund seems to be even more impressive. Riding the crest of the wave of

this surprising news, Finn nearly dropped his jaw in astonishment. But he soon shook his head and could only conclude that Zero really was a badass!

“Haha, sometimes, I have this feeling that this mysterious fund might actually be the legendary Rothschild family.” Oscar finally burst out laughing as he spoke.

Finn was quite speechless, but he quickly changed the subject: “Let’s get back to the shares.”

“Yes, at present we can only secure 6% of the shares. Apart from this mysterious fund, the majority of the remaining shares are in the hands of some investors. However, acquiring these shares would be quite difficult unless you’re willing to pay a 100% premium.

“In addition, the two CEOs of Activision Blizzard each have around 23% of the shares, which together amounts to about 47%. Then there’s the 10% held by Vivendi Group, and another 8% held by the other shareholders in Kodiak Kennedy’s private investment company. However, out of that 8%, I can only help you secure 1%. The remaining 6% is held by T Company, and securing that final 1% would be extremely difficult.”

“After our assessment, it is unlikely that Vivendi will sell their 10% stake, even at a 100% premium. If they did sell, it would impact their overall corporate strategy and cause Vivendi’s market value to plummet. They would lose more than just this bit of money. So, Vivendi is unlikely to sell.” Oscar explained, sounding a bit troubled.

However, Finn could not help but marvel. Red Flower was indeed one of the top ten consortia in the North Federation. In just three hours, they had gathered so much information. Finn was already overjoyed that Oscar had managed to secure 6% of the shares for him.

Oscar had no idea that the 20% stake held by the so-called mysterious, established fund was in Finn’s hands. Coupled with the 7% that Oscar had secured, that amounted to 27%. If they could secure the 6% held by T company, Finn’s stake in Activision Blizzard would reach 33%!

Add the 23% that Kodiak had decided to sell to Finn, and that would make it 56%! Finn would have a controlling interest! The 10% held by Vivendi and the 24% held by Kelly wouldn’t affect the balance of power anymore.

“Transfer the 7% stake you have secured to me.” Finn said decisively.

“No problem, it should cost around 30% above market price.” Oscar answered straightforwardly. Now that he had made the necessary contacts, the deal was as good as done.

“Okay, I’m willing to go as high as a premium. As for how much Floral Group can negotiate, that’s not my concern. But what I want is efficiency.” Finn said decisively.

If you want a horse to run, you have to let it eat its oats. A 10% premium for the Floral Group to negotiate on its own was not a sticking point for Finn. After this, the last important step was to settle the stake in South California’s MIH. Mr. M has a great deal of influence in T Company, although Mr. M only had about 10% in T Company, even when Finn’s 2% stake was included..

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Moreover, Mr. M had made it clear that he could only influence 32% of the shares. Discounting the floating shares in the stock market, the 33.63% of shares held by MIH is incredibly important! In other words, only when MIH agrees, can T Corporation potentially sell its 6% stake to Finn Lewis.

As a matter of fact, these 67% of T Corporation’s shares practically accounted for all the major shareholders, and the rest were free-floating shares in the hands of regular investors.

“No problem, Mr. Lewis, leave this matter to me. In this case, I am highly confident I can persuade those old stick-in-the-muds on the board of directors to go all out in helping you acquire Activision Blizzard. Mr. Lewis, wait for my good news.” Oscar Blair immediately responded enthusiastically.

Finn Lewis shrugged—it was quite like this guy to completely discard his sense of integrity, even forgetting who he represents right now. However, none of that mattered; the important thing was that he had indeed chosen Oscar Blair wisely— the influence of the top ten consortiums of the North Federation was self-evident.

After hanging up the call from Oscar Blair, Finn Lewis started to ponder. With Oscar Blair on hand, shouldn’t he go meet Kelly Damian Bryan? Perhaps he could persuade him? He couldn’t just force things without even trying, could

If he could settle things with Kelly Damian Bryan, it won’t be necessary to deal with MIH. That consortium may not necessarily be harder to handle than Kelly Damian Bryan.

The next morning, Finn Lewis was awakened early by a call from Oscar Blair. It was barely 8 in the morning, which left Finn Lewis somewhat speechless. These capital powers were overly eager, it seemed!

“Mr. Lewis, the relevant contracts are all set, we just need your signature.” As soon as Finn Lewis answered the phone, Oscar Blair’s slightly exhausted voice rang.

“That quick?” Finn Lewis was somewhat surprised. “Of course, efficiency is life. Besides, Mr. Lewis, you have offered a profit of over 100 million federal coins for merely buying 7% of the shares.” Oscar Blair’s mood seemed to lift as he spoke.

The premium was reduced to around 27%, and Finn Lewis gave a 40% premium. This equates to them having a 13% profit, which is equivalent to 120 million federal coins! In reality, especially for banks and these consortiums, their profit point can’t be hundreds of percent of profit in one instance like in novels or TV shows.

For these consortiums, a return of over 20% is already quite impressive! You should know that the funds they control are enormous! Therefore, they need to diversify their investments. This also requires a balance of cost-effectiveness. The fact that they could make a profit of 120 million federal coins overnight was a very high return!

“Not bad, not bad.” Finn Lewis nodded in satisfaction.

“Someone will head to California today, along with the relevant lawyers with the signed documents. All you need to do, Mr. Lewis, is sign the related documents.” Oscar Blair quickly spoke.

“Nice work. I’m going to meet Bryan today to see if I could win him over.” Finn Lewis nodded in satisfaction.

“Um ... I think you would do better to negotiate with Mr. Kodiak Kennedy, my conversation with Damian Bryan would be difficult.” Oscar Blair hesitated a bit before speaking in a low voice.

Finn Lewis was taken aback when even Oscar Blair said this. But how would he know without trying? After a pause, then Finn Lewis finally said: “I have already negotiated with Mr. Kodiak Kennedy, he can sell the shares he owns to me, provided that I already own 30% of the shares, so ...” Finn Lewis didn’t elaborate any further.

However, Oscar Blair instantly understood what Finn Lewis meant. The shares in Damian Bryan’s hands amounted to 24%, and with the 7% shares Oscar Blair had secured for Finn Lewis, the total would be 31%, which would exceed 30%, reaching the quantity Finn Lewis needed to buy the shares from Mr.

Kodiak Kennedy.

“Alright, Mr. Lewis, but as for Damian Bryan ... prepare yourself.” After hesitating for a bit, Oscar Blair eventually blurted it out.

“Alright, as for the signing of the related documents, I should be back around the afternoon.” Finn Lewis set a rough schedule, then ended the call.

Once they left the hotel, Jim Lewis had already prepared a car for Finn. Naturally, Luca Hall followed Finn, but when he found out that Finn was going to visit Damian Bryan, Luca Hall hesitated a bit and said: “Boss, I think ... we better not go. What if that guy angers you?”

“Hmm?” Finn Lewis raised his eyebrow.

“He ... he has some racist tendencies.” Luca Hall offered a wry smile, reluctantly saying, Finn Lewis raised his eyebrows, his facial expression instantly turning a bit sour. Though ‘racism’ is a sensitive term in the North Federation, there are quite a few North Federation people with such tendencies, as long as you don’t bring it up in public. There are many North Federation white people like this. Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

“Reason?” Finn Lewis asked, raising an eyebrow.

“His dearly beloved wife was gang-raped and murdered in Chinatown by several Asian underground forces just after giving birth to their child. Then when his second child turned 10 ... there was another incident, the culprit was again a person with yellow skin, who has not been found till today. Coupled with his inherent racist tendencies, his hatred for Asians is even more intense than that for Black people.” Luca Hall offered a wry smile.

Upon hearing this, Finn Lewis paused for a moment. Faced with such a situation, Finn Lewis didn’t know what to say. However, since he had come, Finn Lewis couldn’t just turn around and leave without meeting Damian Bryan, right? Finally, Finn Lewis decided to go and meet him, after all, they would have to deal with each other in the future.

Luca Hall felt somewhat troubled. Although Luca Hall had only met his boss twice, Luca Hall had been paying attention to his boss’s news, so he knew what kind of person his boss was.

As Luca Hall saw it, if his boss went there, he would surely get angry. The car quickly pulled up to a mansion in California. This mansion was quite large, but as soon as Finn’s car reached the gate, it was stopped.

When the doorkeeper saw Finn Lewis step out of the car, he bluntly stated: “I’m sorry, sir, we do not welcome people from Asna continent here.”

“Are you being racially discriminatory?” Finn Lewis directly quipped..

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“Oh no, sir, it’s not racial discrimination, it’s just that this is private property, and we do not welcome your arrival.” The butler said expressionlessly.

“Please tell Mr. Damian Bryan that I need to see him, and also, I am his company’s potential future business partner, the chairman of WY company.” thought Finn Lewis, revealing his identity to the butler, he already came, he can’t just turn back and leave.

As expected, after hearing Finn’s identity, the butler hesitated. He knew what Finn meant was that he was also a wealthy tycoon. After all, his master is a businessman, so after a while, he still said, ‘Well, sir, wait a moment, let me confirm this.’”

Having said that, he got up directly and went to the Gatehouse Pavilion to make a call. The butler could be seen talking a few words on the phone inside. Then Finn saw him walking out of the Gatehouse Pavilion, and spoke directly, “Sir, Mr. Damian Bryan said he would talk to you personally.”

Then, he signaled another person to open a switch in the pavilion, and then a

somewhat rough middle-aged man’s voice came out of the speakers on both sides of the gate, ‘Yellow-skinned kid, I don’t care why you are here, whatever your purpose, I have only one thing to say, I don’t want to see you, you can leave.

As soon as he finished speaking, Finn heard a “snap”, clearly the other party had hung up the phone. “Damn it.” Finn couldn’t help but swear, “Let’s go.” After a pause, Finn got in the car with an ugly expression. Sitting in the car, Finn’s face looked very ugly, and Luca Hall dared not to speak casually.

This guy was simply unreasonable. Although Finn sympathized with his situation, who the fuck knows if this happened because he was racist, which led to such a tragedy. Anyway, it seems there’s no way to deal with this situation now, the other party simply doesn’t listen to your explanations.

Now, he could only target the shares in the hands of T company. After all, Mr. M was helping, and the Mih group had always been hands-off with the operation of T company, right? Maybe they might directly agree to this share transfer.

Sitting in the car and thinking for a while, Finn picked up the phone and called Mr. M, the sky was just getting dark back in his country, so it was not too late.

“Mr. M, if I can get the shares in your hand, I will have absolute control.” Finn said directly.

“So soon?” Mr. M was somewhat surprised, Finn’s efficiency was too surprising. Normally, the acquisition of several billion Federal coin companies could take half a year, or even one to two years. But Finn’s speed was too fast, it took less than two days, and Finn now has 26% of the shares in his hand?

“Yes, I called Red Flower Bank yesterday and they helped me get another 7% of the shares.” Finn nodded and said.

Mr. M then realized, “I forgot, you have a good relationship with Red Flower and Reeve Silver Group. Indeed, for acquisition matters, it is correct to find these old financial groups.”

“Hmm, so, Mr. M, it’s up to you now.” Finn smirked as he spoke.

“Alright, I’ll do my best. I will apply to hold a board of directors meeting tomorrow, I have already communicated with some other shareholders today, and they do not have any problems.” Mr. M nodded and said, “After all, we have strategic needs.”

“Then I’m left counting on you. I’m waiting for your good news.” Finn immediately laughed.

Mr. M agreed very simply and then hung up the phone.

While Finn was making the call, Kelly Damian Bryan was also making a call.

Actually, Damian Bryan didn’t participate in the management of Activision Blizzard. Although his efforts contributed to Activision Blizzard’s current success, he had ceased involvement in management many years ago because of his slightly mental issues, and as a racist, the board would not let him be director.

“Look into the chairman of that yellow-skinned kid. What is he doing here? What’s his purpose?” Kelly first made a call, thought about it, and then made a direct call to Kodiak Kennedy.

When receiving Damian Bryan’s call, Kodiak Kennedy couldn’t help but slap his own forehead, he guessed probably Finn must have gone to see Damian Bryan, otherwise, this old guy wouldn’t usually call him.

“Hello, Kodiak, I have something to ask you.” As soon as the call was picked up,

Damian Bryan asked directly.

“What is it?”

“Does our company cooperate with WY?” Damian Bryan is the largest shareholder, his shareholding ratio is a fraction of a percent higher than

Kodiak Kennedy’s. He has to answer Damian Bryan when he asks this question.

“Well, of course, you should be clear on that.” Kodiak Kennedy paused for a moment, but didn’t say much.

“What’s that WY kid doing here? You know I can investigate it quickly. I’ve never been approached by for cooperation before, I hardly participate in company management.” Damian Bryan wasn’t a fool, so he quickly caught the key point of the matter.

“He wants to take over Activision.” Kodiak Kennedy paused for a moment and said it directly, just like Damian Bryan said, this matter couldn’t be kept from Damian Bryan. Search the * website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

“What?!” Damian Bryan on the other side of the phone immediately jumped up, Kodiak Kennedy hesitated for a moment, and then said, “Damian Bryan, I know you have no good feelings for Asians, but the situation of Activision Blizzard is not good now, and, you’ve invested in other companies too, right? What’s the use of holding the shares? It’s better to sell it.”

“Kodiak!” Damian Bryan’s voice escalated, “Let me tell you! I can sell the shares in my hand, but I will not sell it to a Flame Nation person! Don’t even think about it, tell me, have you already decided to sell the stock in your hand?!”

“No, I have only reached an agreement with him. If he can get 30% of the shares, I will sell him all the shares in my hand. If he can’t get it, I will not sell.” Kodiak Kennedy shrugged, still telling the truth.

“Good! Kodiak, you still have some conscience, the two of us hold 47% of the shares, I’ll go find other shareholders now! He won’t be able to easily get 30% of the shares!” Damian Bryan hurriedly left a sentence and hung up the phone directly..

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Chapter 332 - 326 Madman – Part 1

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After Damian Bryan hung up the phone, Kodiak Kennedy hesitated for a moment, but still gave Finn Lewis a call. He couldn't hide this from Bryan, but he had to inform Lewis as well. Lewis quickly picked up the phone. Once he did, Kennedy started to ask outright, "Mr. Lewis, did you approach Bryan?"

"Yes," Finn nodded.

"Oh no, this is a problem. You shouldn't have approached him, Mr. Lewis. After you got fifty percent of the shares, he would've been unable to oppose your decision regardless. But now things will get complicated. Bryan has quite a few good friends in the North Federation," Kennedy said after giving it some thought.

"Hehe, Mr. Kennedy, don't worry. I know what to do." Lewis smiled slightly. He had approached Bryan just to give it a shot. In reality, whether Lewis tried or not, all the available shares basically were already accounted for. There were barely any floating shares left in the stock market.

The remainder of the shares were all in these people's hands. Therefore, Lewis wasn't worried. Regardless of whether he approached Bryan, the remaining individuals couldn't be influenced by Bryan. Of course, it wouldn't be accurate to say Bryan couldn't influence them at all, but at least he was no longer the decisive factor.

Hearing Lewis's words, Kennedy was naturally indifferent. After all, he was just informing Lewis. After hanging up, Lewis shook his head, looking at Jim Lewis, who was driving, and said, "Let's go back to the hotel now and wait for the latest news from Company T."

"Yes, young master," Jim respectfully replied.

After ending his call with Kodiak, Damian Bryan quickly began to mobilize his resources. However, just over an hour later, Bryan's face turned sour. He received several pieces of bad news. The first was that Red Flower Bank was taking action. The Floral Wealth Group, one of the top ten wealth groups in the North Federation, was undoubtedly powerful.

While the market value of Red Flower Bank was about half of what it used to be, and even though during the economic crisis its value had plummeted to 5-5 billion federal coins, causing a loss of more than 270 billion federal coins in market value, that was mainly because the people behind the Floral Wealth Group were withdrawing their assets.

Only small shareholders were really in trouble. Though major shareholders suffered losses, their assets didn't decrease that drastically. Moreover, after the economic crisis passed, Red Flower Bank's market value had begun to rise and was currently around

160 billion federal coins. After all, it was a well-established wealth group, and it was impossible for it to collapse outright.

The ones taking action now were from Red Flower Bank, and Bryan had news that nearly all floating shares on the stock market had been purchased. Twenty percent of the shares were held by a mysterious hedge or private equity fund. Who this fund belonged to was hard to determine.

An additional seven percent was already in the hands of Finn Lewis. Red Floral Group was the one taking action, and the owners of the stocks had already sold their shares. The only ones left were the shares in his and Kodiak's hands. They didn't have to worry about their shares for the time being. The only ones they couldn't let Lewis get a hold of were the two major shareholders: Vivandi and Company T.

But neither of these companies were within Bryan's sphere of influence. He didn't even have someone to talk to. After pacing back and forth in his room for a long time, Bryan clenched his teeth and belligerently said, "Regardless of whether I can stop you or not, I won't let you get away with it easily."

With that thought, Bryan immediately took out his phone and scrolled through his official contacts. "Get me in touch with North Federation's major newspapers and media outlets, including... I'm going to leak some news to them."

"Yes."

Finn Lewis had no idea what Bryan was planning. He was still waiting for a call from Mr. M. There was no rushing this matter, but action could be taken on the Southern Federation front. Jay Sommer and his team, along with two temporarily assigned T2500 model intelligent robots, had headed for the

Southern Federation to start acquiring small gaming studios sorted out by Olivia Thatcher. These were all studios with great prospects.

By the afternoon, Luca Hall rushed in, looking miserable. "What's the matter?" Finn asked, seeing Luca's expression.

"Boss, that bastard Bryan leaked to the media that you, a Flame Nation business mogul, are planning to acquire Activision Blizzard and have already initiated action. Furthermore, many shares were purchased at a premium of over 50%. As a result, Activision Blizzard share prices started to rise, but so far the trading volumes are still pathetic," Luca explained dejectedly.

"Oh?" Lewis furrowed his brows. This kind of news, before fully acquiring the company, wasn't a good sign. It meant the acquisition would be exposed to the media. More importantly, when you show a determination to buy at any cost, some people may start clutching their shares, planning to sell them at a high price.

Fortunately, Lewis had essentially fulfilled his objective by now. Therefore, this news came a bit too late. Had this news broken when Olivia was secretly absorbing shares of Blizzard, Lewis would have had to lose a lot more money.

“It’s alright. Our basic acquisition moves have already been completed. Even though this exposure isn’t good news for us, it’s also not that hard to accept. It would barely affect the situation anyway,” Lewis said, shaking his head.

“Alright,” Luca nodded, not saying anything more. Search* The website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

What Lewis didn’t know yet was that this event had caused a huge storm in North Federation. Although Activision Blizzard didn’t qualify as a large company, its market valuation, after today’s increase, had reached around 18 billion federal coins! North Federation’s stock market didn’t have a limit to daily price increases. Under adverse news, it was quite normal for a company’s market value to lose hundreds of billions of federal coins in a day.

“According to the news revealed by Activision Blizzard’s largest shareholder,

Damian Bryan, the chairman of WY-also listed on the Federation Stock-A Mr. Lewis from Flame Nation, has set his sights on Activision Blizzard. It is said that he has already acquired 7% of Activision Blizzard’s shares, and has even signed a related agreement with the second-largest shareholder, Kodiak. If Lewis acquires more than 30% of Blizzard board shares, then Kodiak would sell his own 23% of Activision Blizzard shares to Lewis as well. By then, Lewis would own 53% of Activision Blizzard, achieving absolute control of the company.”

“In other words, Activision Blizzard, which had just recently become independent, would once again become a subsidiary under the control of another company. The only difference this time is that the parent company of Activision Blizzard will be a Flame Nation company! More importantly, the new owner of Activision Blizzard is also a gaming industry giant.. But then, what will be the future of Artis Electronics?”

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Chapter 333 - 327 Madman – Part 2

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As the news was extensively covered by the North Federation media, it spread back to the home country at a rapid pace, even though it was nighttime. Although it was nearly

dawn in the homeland, this news caused a massive stir on the internet! No need to mention Blizzard! The unrelenting years of

Monster World can be really 'heartbreaking' for countless gamers in Flame Nation.

Particularly during the Nine Cities Agency period, several versions of the game had already been updated abroad, but the homeland was still playing the old version. Many players were utterly disheartened until WY took over. Only then did the game synchronize with the rest of the world. But by this time, Monster World had already drifted into the sunset, losing its former glory.

However, the decline in fame does not mean Blizzard is no more a prominent company. On the contrary, Blizzard is still considered a holy grail among countless players! There's a saying – Blizzard products are of top-notch quality! Perhaps Blizzard's market value isn't too high; when it was acquired by Vivendi Group, it was merely over ten billion Fedral coins.

Perhaps compared to the then North Federation's Activision, North Federation's Artis Electronics, and SY, these gaming giants have a countless multiple of Blizzard's market value. But are their names prevalent? Not really, maybe their games are, such as the 'Sims', 'Mass Effect', 'Medal of Honor' from Artis Electronics, and 'Call of Duty' from Activision, and so on. Search* The website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

These games are highly renowned among players, but has anyone remembered their development companies? None! Only games developed by Blizzard have been remembered by many players. Even the now world-renowned Game League, hasn't it expanded from a map in Blizzard's Monster Rumble?

So, when this news was learned by domestic players, these players' excitement can be imagined. After repeatedly making sure it wasn't incorrect, many players exploded in WY's official forum.

"Once upon a time, we had to wait to play Blizzard's games. Like Diablo 3, I haven't even waited for the opening of the national service yet! Now, all I can say is, Prodigal Bro, you're awesome, you did something that all players wanted to do but couldn't."

"I have already kneeled down in respect, Prodigal brother has just finished buying the plane and now he is buying the company. This is a solid move toward prodigally destroying wealth. But what I want to know is why the premium of Prodigal Bro's acquisition of Activision Blizzard is so high, and now the acquired shares are only 7%? And it seems the news is out now, and it seems unfavorable for the acquisition?"

"666666666666, when T Company once got a 6% share of Blizzard, countless people began to praise that T Company acquired Blizzard. Isn't this what real acquisition is like now? T Company merely acquired a 6% share after conversion, and moreover, it wasn't

considered a direct shareholding but indirect. But... it seems that Mr. Damian Bryan is openly disclosing it, apparently not wanting Prodigal brother to complete the acquisition?

Truth be told, there are insightful individuals among these ordinary players and netizens who understand that Damian Bryan's announcement of this news is to sabotage Finn Lewis' acquisition. More so, once the media finds out, such acquisition behavior can hardly be concealed any longer. Even the agreement between Finn Lewis and Kodiak Kennedy has been exposed.

Well, let's not mention that the 23% of shares in Kodiak Kennedy's hands are not yet secured, even if they are secured! Finn Lewis only has 30% of the shares at hand, 21% away from absolute controlling shares. But now, the shares that can be acquired are scarce.

Sitting on his private jet, Finn Lewis had a gloomy face. Finn Lewis felt that what was originally a sure bet was still upset by Damian Bryan's move, that is, on Mih's side. Mr. M had already called Finn Lewis, who was flying back home on his private jet, to meet with the people of Mih Investment Group.

Because Finn Lewis also owns 2% of T Company's shares and can attend the board meeting. Even though Finn Lewis didn't go, he was informed about the board meeting's situation. Mr. M suggested transferring the 6% shares in Activision Blizzard held by him to Finn Lewis, which was strongly opposed by MIH Investment Group.

The reason for the opposition was simple; it was not in line with T Company's strategy. This applies even though Finn Lewis is their partner. Due to strong opposition, Mr. M had to call Finn Lewis to have him personally talk with MIH Investment Group.

Frankly, this is still a price issue. But this 6% share is held by T Company Group. In other words, MIH only owns 33% of this 6% share, less than 2%. But because it is impossible to exceed 51% of the influence of Activision Blizzard board shares, Finn Lewis is also unable to acquire this 6% share for now. And these 6% of shares are critical.

"...After the current analysis, I'm afraid this acquisition will eventually come to an end. Perhaps Mr. Finn Lewis has a huge amount of funds, but apparently, he can't buy the shares he could. According to what Mr. Damian Bryan revealed, almost all the floating shares have been absorbed, and the shares in the hands of investors are about 8% to 9%. But these investors will definitely not sell these shares now, the torrents of rising share prices can tell you that."

"Moreover, the ones controlling these stocks are not common investors. The remaining shares, 47% of the shares in the hands of Mr. Kodiak Kennedy and Mr. Damian Bryan, total to 56% of the shares, Mr. Finn Lewis has only purchased 7% of the shares, which amounts to 63% of the shares. And the parent company of Activision Blizzard, Vivendi

Group holds 10%. A journalist interviewed the president of the Vivendi Group some days ago.”

“The CEO of the Vivendi Group said that these shares are definitely not for sale because it will affect the future strategic steps of the Vivendi Group. Even if the price is above 50%, it is unlikely. This accounts for 73% of all shares in

Activision Blizzard. In addition, there is 1% in the hands of other shareholders in the Kodiak private investment company, and the possibility of selling this 1% is not great.”

“Lastly, the most opportunistic chance for Mr. Finn Lewis is the T Company, also a Flame Nation company, which holds a large number of shares in the Kodiak Private Investment Company. T Company has 6% of the Activision Blizzard shares. Counting this 6% of Activision Blizzard shares, a total of 80% of Activision Blizzard board shares have already been claimed.”

“So where did the remaining 20% go? According to our reporters, these 20% of shares are also in the hands of one person, or rather in a foundation. This is a traditional and mysterious hedge fund. According to the news we got from a large banking consortium, this traditional hedge fund has a long-term strategic vision. The fund scores every shot it takes, and it has almost never tasted failure! In other words, even if Mr. Finn Lewis gets the 6% stake in T Company, it would be just 13% of the stake..”

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Chapter 334 - 328: Madman – Part Two

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“This acquisition is on the verge of failure. We’ve talked with the person in charge of the mih investment group at T Corporation and the message we got is that despite some of the shareholders, including T Corporation’s chairman, Mr. M, supporting the sale of Activision Blizzard’s shares to Mr. Finn Lewis, mih investment group opposes this. Mr. M’s proposal did not attain 51% of the voting shares, therefore, it cannot be approved for the moment.”

Finn Lewis, watching the analysis on the North Federation Television, somewhat pissed. Damn these guys for adding fuel to the fire! Yet the reports were extensively quoted by the domestic media. When Finn Lewis returned to Stratos City, local media coverage was exploded because of the issue.

Many people were sighing that Prodigal's acquisition is sure to fail unless he uses money to crush it. But how much could he throw in? Bear in mind that this is on the scale of tens of billions of federal coins. This isn't some hundreds of thousands, nor tens of millions.

"Ah, just when a buyout seemed to be on the horizon, it suddenly seems unlikely again."

"Yes, go for it, Prodigal. Damn mih Group, they said they won't interfere with T Corporation's operations. What the hell are they doing?"

"For the person above, they are not participating in operations, but that doesn't mean they don't care if Mr. M took their money. I guess mih is not agreeing because they want to sell high. Of course, we don't know the details; who does

"Even if the 6% of shares in T Corporation's hands are bought, it won't help, right? That's only 13%, it's still too far from 51%. Also, it seems that Mr. Kodiak won't be selling his 23% to Prodigal unless the less than 30% buyout happens, right?" Search the * website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

The internet was filled with various discussions, but Finn Lewis, thinking about it, said fuck it. Since it's all out in the open, what's there to be afraid of? Finn Lewis straightforwardly took to his micro research, posting a few pictures of him holding the shares of Activision Blizzard and captioned, "Heh, Mr. Damian Bryan, you swore that I would not get majority control. But you can wait and see. I am just saying, I now hold 27% of Activision Blizzard's shares."

The message from Finn Lewis caused a stir, it was as if a bomb had been thrown into a calm lake, causing waves to ripple throughout the entire lake. Finn Lewis' micro research had always been watched closely by the media, and this screenshot instantly swept across the Federation and the homeland.

An analysis was again done following this, "Although we do not know how Mr. Finn Lewis did it, it seems now that the 20% of shares are not in the hands of a mysterious organization but in the hands of Mr. Finn Lewis. This means that Mr. Finn Lewis may have been assimilating the shares of Activision Blizzard in the stock market from before. If this is the case, then the 6% of shares in T Corporation's hands will decide Activision Blizzard's future!"

"Mr. Finn Lewis now holds 27% of Activision Blizzard's shares, almost only 3% away from the 30% amount been agreed upon with Mr. Kodiak Kennedy. If he can take the 6% of shares from T Corporation's hands, that would mean that he holds 33% of Activision Blizzard shares and then acquiring Mr. Kodiak Kennedy's 23%, Finn Lewis will fully own Activision Blizzard."

A lot of people were following on this report, and when the domestic netizens received this news, they were boiling with excitement.

“What the hell! All hail to Prodigal Bro, he silently got so many shares. By this account, doesn't this mean that if mih Group agrees to sell, then Prodigal Bro will own all of Activision Blizzard?”

“6666666666, Activision Blizzard is almost a Flame Nation company now!”

“Haha, hells yeah, now no hindrance for Diablo 3 to enter Flame Nation right?”

Prodigal bro, I am going to be your true fan for life.”

“Anyway, just saying, can a company like Blizzard maintain its original spirit once it's bought by a domestic company? Look at the gaming companies here, how many of them are seriously dedicated to creating games.” “Get lost, the person above. Dare you say New World by WY is bad?”

“Okay, if this was stated in the past, I would have opposed it too. But now I have to agree with the opinion above. Indeed, previously domestic game companies were just interested in making money. But now under Prodigal's ownership, I,VY, this New World is indeed good. Damn, I think it's better than Monster World.”

“The person above, get lost, Monster World is the best game, even though New World is not bad.”

“You guys don't have to fight, right? Damn, Monster World will also be Prodigal

Bro's soon, right? Why are you fighting within the family?”

“Oh, the person above, your point is very sensible, I can't refute.”

However, the discussion among the netizens couldn't affect the reality. But another report also caught everyone's attention.

“Speaking of this buzzing acquisition affair, I can't help but bring up another thing. Judging by the current situation, although it's still uncertain who will be the final recipient of the shares in T Corporation's hands, if Mr. Finn Lewis manages to acquire it, he will own 53% of Activision Blizzard's shares. Therefore, calculating based on Activision Blizzard's current market value of 180 billion federal coins, the share value at 53% would be around 95-4 billion federal coins.”

“Mr. Finn Lewis also holds 2% of T Corporation's shares which comes up to around 34 billion federal coins, considering T Corporation's current value is around 1700 billion federal coins. In addition, he also owns 52% of WY shares, with WY's current market value being 330 billion federal coins, which is valued at around 171 billion federal coins. Just summing up the value of these three companies, Mr. Finn Lewis net worth is around 300 billion federal coins. This doesn't include his private jet, his private car

manufacturing factories under HyperCraft and Dura which together are worth over 20 billion federal coins.”

“So here comes the question, by the circumstances at present, the net worth of Mr. Finn Lewis seems to be around 320 billion federal coins. This means that his net worth has surpassed Charlie Lee, who is the richest man in Asia with a net worth 310 billion federal coins. So, magazine, where is Mr. Finn Lewis’s name on your wealth ranking? Is it being kept under wraps and eaten by you?” They have to say, it’s pretty badass how they directly used such words in the news broadcast.

No matter whether it’s a novel, film, television, or anything else in the creative industry, there’s a saying that only by continuously innovating can you possibly attract the attention of others. Therefore, when the discussion which was originally about Finn Lewis’ purchase of Activision Blizzard, suddenly turned to Finn Lewis’ total wealth, it instantly stole the entire limelight..

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Chapter 335 - 329: Not Just a Madman, But Also a Lunatic

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The reports were quickly referenced by some domestic media outlets. Consequently, those who read these reports were shocked. Indeed! People keep talking about Finn Lewis being a lavish spender, but when did his net worth get so high? Not only does it surpass the richest man in mainland, but it even exceeds that of Charlie Lee, who could be said to be the wealthiest man in Asia.

Besides, the calculations are correct. Judging by the market value of the shares alone, Finn Lewis’s current net worth is indeed this. There are also many assets that have not been counted. Although not all are clear, those that have already been counted are already so much. Just imagine his standing in the world’s rich list; surely he would be in the top twenty. So, where is Mr. Lewis’s name?

“So here’s a question for you, dear magazine. Where is Mr. Lewis’s name on your rich list? Did you hide it, or eat it?”

“So here’s a question for you, dear magazine. Where is Mr. Lewis’s name on your rich list? Did you hide it, or eat it? +1”

“So here’s a question for you, dear magazine. Where is Mr. Lewis’s name on your rich list? Did you hide it, or eat it? +2”

No one knows if the reports were right or not, but the translators rendered them as such. Following domestic coverage, netizens copied and pasted these comments, creating a spectacular scene. Finn Lewis’s Weibo was filled with comments in an instant.

“Damn, I’m dumbfounded. Just been concern about how Prodigal Brother spends his wealth everyday, how could I forget about this matter? Prodigal

Brother, be honest, how much money do you have?”

“Brother-, this is my photo. Can we be friends? Add me on Flying Bird No.

769879.”

“The one above, piss off! With your looks, I can tell your face has been photoshopped!”

The magazine also felt somewhat wrongly blamed. Damn it, you were supposed to report on the acquisition case, why drag Mr. Lewis’s wealth into it? Regardless, the impact was huge. Not only were the Flame Nation reports circulated, but the ones from the North Federation also had an extensive impact.

As mentioned, the new game from WY has received a lot of attention in the Federation. Moreover, Finn Lewis is planning to acquire Activision Blizzard, which has a huge fanbase, not just from Blizzard but also from Activision within the Federation.

Games like Call of Duty have a high number of fans, so this news naturally attracted a lot of attention. The magazine also quickly came forward to clarify that during the last financial audit, Mr. Lewis’s assets were not so vast yet.

The magazine is admittedly not entirely familiar with Mr. Lewis’s wealth, but they are sure it isn’t that much. However, they probably didn’t anticipate that back when last year’s ranking was published, there were hundreds of millions of Flame Nation’s people richer than Mr. Lewis.

“Mr. Lewis, I apologize, I can’t agree to the assignment of T Company’s 6% Activision Blizzard shares to you.” A white man in his forties looked at Mr. Lewis and said.

“Is this your decision, Mr. Tucker, or the decision of MIH Investment Group?”

Mr. Lewis’s face was strained. He was currently at the headquarters of T Company, and he had just offered to pay a premium of 80%, but Mr. Tucker still refused the acquisition.

“This is the decision of the MIH Investment Group.” Mr. Tucker looked at Mr. Lewis seriously and said. Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

“So, there’s no room for negotiation on this matter?” Mr. Lewis raised his eyebrows.

“For now, yes.” Mr. Tucker shook his head slightly, then said: “Mr. Lewis, you should have about 27% of Activision Blizzard’s shares now. Though the MIH Group disagrees to the sale of T Company’s 6% of Activision Blizzard’s shares to you, we can stand with you in the board of directors...”

“Sorry! No need.” Mr. Lewis decisively interrupted Mr. Tucker’s words, then turned to Mr. M and said, “Mr. M, thank you for your help this time.”

“Er...Should we try negotiating again? I can help express your views to the MIH side.” Mr. M felt a headache. What is MIH? It’s an investment group. Though the 6% of shares belongs to T Company, MIH happens to be T Company’s largest shareholder. Mr. M can influence 32% of T Company’s shares.

But can the MIH influence some of the shares? Mr. M knew the answer. MIH could influence more than 51% of T company’s shares. Even though these shareholders were different people, they could make money through various means without affecting their support for the proposal.

“No need.” Mr. Lewis smiled slightly. Since he was dealing with the MIH Investment Group, he’d done his homework. Before coming here, Mr. Lewis obtained a lot of information about the MIH Investment Group through Olivia Thatcher. He found out that the MIH group didn’t plan on holding on to these shares; perhaps this was one of the reasons.

However, the MIH Investment Group, just like any other investment group, was after profit. According to the information Olivia got, the MIH group was simply holding their shares for a higher price. They would settle for an 80% premium, which is to say, the market value of the 6% of shares held by T Company would be about 1 billion federal coins, with an 80% premium bringing the total to 1.8 billion federal coins.

However, when Mr. Lewis offered the price, combined with external valuations, the MIH increased the premium again. In other words, they thought they had “researched” Mr. Lewis thoroughly. Based on a video conference on their side, these people concluded that Mr. Lewis was willing to spend a lot of money to achieve his goals.

To put it into simpler terms, he was labeled a prodigal son. So MIH thought, even if they raised the price by more than double, Mr. Lewis would still put up the cash.

Admittedly, if Mr. Lewis didn’t know about the video conference, it would all be alright. However, when he found out about it, he became irate.

Do you really think you've got me all figured out? Oh well, given my little anger issue, let's see if I can't prove you wrong!

"Mr. Lewis, perhaps, I should talk it over with the group again?" Mr. Lewis's resolve made Mr. Tucker hesitate a little, and then he tentatively asked.

Mr. Lewis glanced at him lightly, then shook his head directly. He promptly picked up his phone and dialed Matthew Chan.

"Mr. Lewis." Matthew Chan quickly answered Mr. Lewis's call..

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Chapter 336 - 330: This is Pure Madness (Part 1)

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"Well, President Chan, I want to buy shares in a company owned by the bank, and I'm flexible about the price. Can we discuss this?" Finn Lewis straightforwardly proposed, leaving Mr. M and Duncan momentarily perplexed about what Finn was planning.

"Uh? Company shares owned by the bank? Which one?" Matthew Chan was stunned. He wanted to say that such a decision was beyond his purview, as he was merely a branch manager of the bank. Even a CEO of the bank would not be able to make such a decision, it would require a board meeting.

"South California Standard Chartered Bank," Finn Lewis revealed his goal.

Upon hearing this, everyone in the room was momentarily taken aback. Mr. M was first confused, then had an epiphany, followed by speechlessness. He looked at Finn with an expression that signified a loss for words.

South California Standard Chartered Bank, initially called Standard Chartered

Bank, had 37% of its shares sold to the South California Standard Chartered Bank, after which it severed ties with the original bank. Last year, up until the beginning of this year, the bank purchased 20% of the shares in South California Standard Chartered Bank.

If it were anyone else, it would be unclear what Finn was up to. However, Mr. M quickly understood, knowing some inside information. The bank holds 20% of South California Standard Chartered Bank shares, which in turn owns a company called Naspers Limited, the largest media group in South California.

Naspers Limited has a controlling stake in its subsidiary, MIH Investment Group, which owns 33.63% of Company T. Simplifying it, it's a roundabout course that ultimately comes back to the start. But Finn's investment plan certainly has a wide-reaching scope.

As soon as Finn mentioned this Company, Mr. M was aware of his intention: if

MIH couldn't be handled directly, then resolve it from the source. After all, MIH is a controlling group of Naspers Limited, and South California Standard Chartered Bank is the largest shareholder of Naspers Limited.

Although it does not have a controlling stake, it's not far from it. Naspers Limited is a listed company, and it's straightforward to influence it by simply purchasing some shares from the stock market.

However, while Mr. M had guessed what Finn wanted, he did not expect Finn to take such drastic measures!

Finn did not get the answer he had hoped from Matthew Chan, but he didn't care. After leaving Company T, news that MIH had refused to sell the 6% stake held by Company T was all over the news, and it was confirmed by many. The media in the Federation couldn't wait to relish this tidbit. After all, such a huge acquisition amounting to nearly a Federation coin billion worth deal was a blockbuster.

However, upon leaving Company T, Finn directly asked Zero about the matter: "Can I use the power of your foundation?" Search* The website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Two hours later, it took a cost of 10,000 points for Finn to reach an agreement with Zero. After reaching the agreement with Zero, Finn received a call from Matthew Chan: "Mr. Lewis, I apologize, after all, as you know, the bank is not a

private bank. The majority of the shareholders are national investment departments. Therefore... such strategic issues might be hard to resolve."

"Well, I understand. However, I want to borrow money." Finn casually replied.

"How much do you want to borrow? It won't be a problem!" Matthew Chan almost burst out laughing. Borrowing money was something he loved. The bank was very selective about who they lent money to, and with someone like Finn, they didn't need to worry about getting their money back. Loaning money was something banks loved to do.

"A 100 billion Federal coins," Finn stated plainly.

"No problem!" Matthew Chan agreed quickly. 100 billion Federal coins were roughly over 600 billion Flame Nation coins, a small fraction of the bank's assets. However,

loans like this could yield high returns. Since the bank had many assets lying around without any investment opportunities, they were happy to loan out whatever they could.

“Well, I’m just letting you know now, I will also be borrowing 100 billion Federal coins each from Reeve Silver Group and Red Flower Bank. There are some movements I have planned, and I need their help,” Finn remarked decisively.

“Well, no problem.. But, Finn, what are you planning to do? Why don’t you tell me, at least? After all, our bank is a major shareholder in South California Standard Chartered Bank,” Matthew Chan hesitated before raising the question.

The bank needed to show sufficient respect for clients like Finn.

“I can handle it by myself, thank you,” Finn laughed and thanked him,

“However, regarding the funds, can they be transferred within three days?”

“They can be transferred by tomorrow,” Matthew Chan promptly replied. While it may seem slow for ordinary people, the speed at which funds are received in the case of an individual like Finn is quite rapid.

After hanging up with Matthew Chan, Finn promptly contacted Lawrence Rodger and Oscar Blair. They naturally had no objections to Finn’s loan, which could be arranged in a short period of time. However, Finn had a new request for them.

“It’s simple, just help me acquire the shares of a few companies,” Finn stated plainly. Since MIH is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Naspers Limited, acquiring Naspers Limited would suffice. Naspers Limited is listed on the LD Exchange.

At Finn’s words, both Oscar Blair and Lawrence Rodger were taken aback. However, they both followed recent news closely. In comparison to Finn’s former plan of buying shares in South California Standard Chartered Bank, his plan to begin the acquisition of Naspers Limited was much clearer.

Still, Oscar Blair and Lawrence Rodger were soon left speechless. Wasn’t Finn just trying to purchase Activision Blizzard? The detour he was making was quite roundabout. He even began acquiring Naspers Limited Media Group at this point – how far off course was he planning to take it? Neither Oscar Blair nor Lawrence Rodger could foresee that this was merely the start.

“It would be best if you begin to absorb Naspers Limited’s shares from the stock market within two days,” Finn advised coolly.

Both men agreed to Finn’s request, even though they did not understand why he said this. Although they presently serve Finn and can be considered his personal investment

advisors, Finn is their boss. They were prepared to operate according to his instructions.

That evening, during the LD morning hours, Matthew Chan, who was sleeping at home, received a call from the bank's head office, "What happened?" he asked, somewhat surprised.

"The LD stock market is experiencing severe fluctuations. Significant capital has started to flow into the LD stock market, and the LD index has dropped by 76 points." A deputy governor of the bank reported the situation to Matthew

Chan..

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Chapter 337 - 331: This is Pure Madness

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"A large amount of assets? How large?" Matthew Chan became stunned. Hearing the words 'large amount of assets' from a deputy bank president, this amount must be genuinely terrifying.

"Based on the data we've collected, these assets are constantly being pooled from various banks and stock markets around the world. Currently, they've gathered close to a total of tens of trillions of Federal coins." The deputy bank president quickly responded.

Matthew Chan choked on his own saliva, "Tens of trillions of Federal coins?"

Where does such a massive amount of fund come from?"

Matthew Chan couldn't help but be astonished. The influx of such a vast amount of capital would naturally cause fluctuations in the LD's stock market. Even the New York Stock Exchange and Nasdaq wouldn't be able to withstand this amount of capital influx. The mere leak of this information could trigger an enormous shock in the stock and currency markets.

"It has something to do with you, Bank President Chan. The head office has already applied for a business jet for you to fly immediately to the capital." The deputy bank president spoke up again.

“It involves me?” Matthew Chan looked surprised.

At this moment, Finn Lewis was speechless, “You didn’t mention leveraging Olivia Thatcher. Now, I can’t let her do anything.” Speaking candidly, Finn was truly taken aback. Finn negotiated with Zero about mobilizing funds to push down the stock price of Naspers Limited and then completely acquire its stocks.

Finn came up with this idea, but since he didn’t know how to do it, he simply let Zero take charge. Yet, Zero charged him ten thousand points for this endeavor. Nevertheless, Finn still paid the price; earning ten billion Federal coins was more beneficial than giving that money to MIH.

However, Finn couldn’t figure out how to lower a company’s stock price. Zero was now letting Finn realize that the funds from the foundation Finn believed were being controlled by Olivia Thatcher. The reason Zero entrusted Olivia Thatcher with this task was to make it known to the outside world.

At this moment, bank managers worldwide couldn’t sleep. Each one was anxious, watching the terrifying influx of funds into the LD stock market. Whether it’s the stock market, futures, or currency, there’s a concept of financial leverage. Sometimes, with 10 billion Federal coins, one can leverage trillions, or even tens of trillions of Federal coins in the stock or futures market! Although 1:100 financial leverage is risky, it isn’t impossible.

So what happens when the funds themselves already amount to tens of trillions of Federal coins? Unless all banks worldwide unite, it would be impossible to stop this terrifying scale of funds from doing anything they want. Even if they use at 1:10 financial leverage, the fund they can leverage would still reach 100 trillion Federal coins! Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Such vast capital is something that even the North Federation officially cannot contest, let alone anyone else. At this moment, Lawrence Rodger and Oscar Blair were summoned via phone call directly to their computers. Regardless of where they were, they quickly received the news from their accounts associated with Floral Group and the Rhine Kingdom Bank.

The one aggregating the funds was the reputable foundation that had been around for decades, even centuries. When Oscar Blair learned of this news, the first thing he thought of was Finn Lewis’s connection with this well-established foundation. Honestly, initially neither the Red Flower Bank nor the Rhine Kingdom Bank assumed any connection between Finn Lewis and this foundation.

However, when Finn announced that he held a 27% stake in Activision Blizzard, both the Floral Investment Group and the Rhine Kingdom Bank immediately knew that Finn has an indescribable relationship with this foundation. At this moment, both the Floral

Investment Group and the Reeve Silver group felt a sudden clarity – they finally understood where Finn’s funds came from!

Finn, being an investor in their bank, was undoubtedly subjected to their scrutiny. Although they couldn’t investigate Finn’s identity, they had a rough idea that he must have been an ordinary person before. But where did Finn’s funds come from, as if they were never-ending?

When Finn announced his stake in Activision Blizzard, they had an epiphany, and immediately determined that Finn must have an unspeakable connection with this well-established foundation. Finn might even be the main speculator of this fund, or even the new generation main controller of the well-established investment foundation!

Otherwise, they wouldn’t be able to explain how Finn was able to mobilize such massive capital. After investigating the sources of Finn’s mysterious funds several times, they identified the actions of this old investment fund — subtle yet lucrative actions. They realized that Finn might indeed be the operator of this fund!

There’s also the possibility that Finn was a new generation investor nurtured by this well-established fund. In the field of financial investment, there’s no distinction of age. If Finn holds such a status, it would then be easy to explain his source of mysterious funds.

Such investors, like Hawking, receive extraordinarily high salaries. They don’t earn billions in annual salary but directly take a cut from the profits. Typically, main investors take a fifty percent cut!

What does this mean? Simply put, if Finn set up a foundation and ten billionaires gave him 10 billion Federal coins for him to invest on their behalf, if Finn earned profit equal to the principal in a futures market, then Finn would take 50%, or 5 billion Federal coins, as his salary.

The remaining 5 billion Federal coins would then be the profits that these wealthy investors could share. Even then, if there were truly competent investors, billionaires would scramble to invest with them despite the high cost. For instance, many billionaires were willing to provide funds for

Hawking, who finally only invested for his family.

Not everyone in the capital market has such a sharp sense of smell and terrifying insight! After Red Flower Bank and Rhine Kingdom Bank understood all this, they immediately almost confirmed that Finn was absolutely an investor of this old foundation. For instance, the foundation earned a profit of approximately 20 billion Federal coins in the futures market, and subsequently, a large sum of money suddenly appeared in Finn’s hand. Following these funds to its account of origin, it originated from this old foundation’s account..

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However, they never could have imagined that this old-fashioned foundation would be so terrifying! They had achieved control over so many funds! The accounts they had previously controlled were only a small fraction of the accounts the foundation held, a mere drop in the bucket.

And now... these funds were on the move. Finn Lewis had a pretty good idea of what Zero had done. But in his heart, he was slightly shaking his head. Honestly, Finn had wondered if the money he had spent on missions might arouse suspicion. But back then, his thinking wasn't matured enough. He always thought that since the government didn't check, they probably wouldn't find anything.

But now, whether they checked or not doesn't matter. All he could say was...

Zero was badass. He had given an immaculate explanation for the origin of Finn's assets. The most important part was, an explanation alone wouldn't have sufficed. They had cold hard evidence. Now, Finn could simply bluff, claim that he was the operator of this foundation, and no further explanation would be needed.

Damn, if owning 4.8% of the Fruit shares had provided an explanation for the initial source of Finn's funds, then this identity had given an acceptable explanation for the source of the money he'd spent on missions.

However, Finn was just starting to understand this himself. But for those at the Red Flower Bank, the Rhine Kingdom Bank, and the people at the bank who couldn't sleep at night, this was simply petrifying. What had the trillions of Federal coins pouring into the LD market done? First, they had entered the gold futures market and began shorting gold in mass. Under a 1:20 financial leverage, they dumped several million short orders in an instant.

Such provocative short-selling caused the previously rising international gold price to slump on cue. Although the daily transaction amount in the LD gold trading market also numbered in the tens of trillions of Federal coins, that was all it was, tens of trillions of Federal coins. Perhaps a few tens of billions of Federal coins' order couldn't interfere too much. Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

After all, even if you used a 1:100 leverage, you could only stir up a few hundred billion Federal coins, but if you used such high leverage, it means that your collateral would be very weak. At that time, if a few big fish decided to dump a few long orders on you, your collateral would be immediately insufficient, and then you would be directly closed out. That would lead to total loss. But what about now? Who dares to pick up these shorts?! Millions of short orders were dumped, causing gold prices to plummet drastically, instantly dropping by over thirty percent. But the most important thing was, everyone significant in the futures market, like the FlowerRed Investment Bank, Rhine Kingdom Investment Bank and other bankers' investment companies, knew how much capital the person placing the long orders had.

With trillions of Federal coins in collateral and 1:20 leverage, it equates to a total of 20 trillion Federal coins. You would need to initiate more than 20

trillion Federal coins worth of long orders to pick up the pan. But can these investment banks mobilize so much capital?

They can't! Because for them, most of the money they have is from depositors. If they fail to pick it up, it would cause a significant issue. Furthermore, even if they wanted to, they don't have the funds! The total asset of the world's largest bank is 13 trillion Flame Nation coins, equal to just over 2 trillion Federal coins! This is a total asset; it doesn't mean they could mobilize that much capital.

These informed market makers knew that they couldn't handle it. What would they do? The result is obvious. They also traded futures in the gold market. So, knowing they couldn't compete, to protect their own investments, these major market makers instantly hedged their positions and quickly shorted.

As a result, the entire gold futures market began a terrifying plummet almost in the blink of an eye. When the price of gold dropped to about seventy-six percent less than before, the terrifying, undealet short orders started to be withdrawn, and the price of gold immediately maintained at a very low level, arguably the lowest in history!

Although everyone knew that the price of gold couldn't be so low, they were powerless! Because this is the futures market. Unless you have stronger financial power than the other, capable of driving up the price of gold, otherwise, if you dare to take a long order, you will be directly ruptured by the massive short orders, forced to close and settle, leading to a total loss.

This is why the futures market is much more terrifying than the stock market. When the price of gold hit this level, countless people worldwide began to feel their hearts couldn't take it. Because at this price, at least nearly 170 billion Federal coins' worth of gold long orders were at the point of being forcibly closed.

At this moment, even if only a few more tens of billions of Federal coins' worth of short orders appeared, these 170 billion Federal coins' worth of long orders would be instantly

forcibly closed. By then, based on the price when they placed the orders, the loss would be around 100 billion Federal coins! For these futures companies, it means a total loss!

And their loss of these 100 billion Federal coins would directly become Finn's profit. After Olivia Thatcher explained all these, Finn was speechless. Damn, no wonder they say that playing in the futures market causes heart attacks. Wow, an instant loss of hundreds to thousands of billions of Federal coins. Holy crap, without a strong heart, you'd probably have a heart attack.

The apocalyptic influx of money was horrifying. However, it was a shame that Finn didn't understand all this, and even if he did earn this money, it wouldn't be his. But now, instead of letting this 170 billion Federal coins' worth of gold directly blow up, Olivia Thatcher would immediately go long herself to maintain this 170 billion Federal coins' worth of long orders every time a new short order appeared, taking all these short orders.

This is the benefit of having a lot of money, go long if you want to go long, go short if you want to go short. Now, in the entire gold futures market, Finn calls the shots.

'Why do we need to maintain a long order of 170 billion Federal coins?' Finn asked curiously.

"Because among these 170 billion Federal coins' worth of long orders, there were about 20 billion Federal coins' worth of long orders invested by nasperslimited company. If they are closed, they will lose more than 16 billion Federal coins in cash." Olivia Thatcher responded succinctly. Finn suddenly realized!

No wonder, actually it couldn't be blamed on nasperslimited company being the last to realize. You should know that this 170 billion Federal coins' worth of long orders, not only them, but even the investment companies under the bank had about 12 billion Federal coins' worth of trapped long orders. The banks, however, weren't too afraid. After all, they had enough collateral, high risk resistance, they could hold on until the futures directly conducted physical delivery.

After all, they are banks, and there's no fear of losing money with 120 billion Federal coins' worth of gold back. And moreover, in the case of such strong short-selling, it was clear that it wouldn't last too long..

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Chapter 339 - 333: Hurting Others is not Beneficial to Yourself!

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But... Isn't this too brutal?! This is clearly a trap set for NaspersLimited, and it has cost so many people! The speed at which the opponent shorted was just too fast. Those with even slightly delayed information had no time to close their positions. By the time they wanted to, they found that closing their positions would make no difference to them being forced to close. Needless to say, they wouldn't close their positions immediately.

Even the banks, who know the inside story, didn't have time to react. You can imagine how it was for everyone else. The NaspersLimited account wasn't a secret to the banks. Whether it was Lawrence Rodger or Oscar Blair, they were both stunned when they heard the news... Are you kidding me?! This simply doesn't make any sense at all!

Their next move was clear to everyone. Finn Lewis was going to act, and it was going to be bad for NaspersLimited on the futures market, putting at risk a cash loss of 160 billion Federal coins. Could the stock price of NaspersLimited stay afloat? Investors aren't fools. By then, the price of NaspersLimited stocks would probably drop to nothing.

The most crucial factor was the 200 billion Federal coin futures. It was nothing but a massive bait. If Finn Lewis continued to short, he would risk an immediate margin call. Would NaspersLimited keep putting up margin? If they didn't, they'd get a margin call and would immediately lose 160 billion Federal coins.

If they put up the margin, based on NaspersLimited's leverage, they would likely need to commit about 10 billion Federal coins in margin, equivalent to a 200 billion Federal coin short sell. Finn Lewis also used leverage, but he needed to commit more than 10 billion Federal coins.

But if NaspersLimited increased the margin, it meant that if it were forced to close again, the losses would be even greater than 200 billion! If they didn't want to lose more, they would have to keep increasing the margin. This was a never-ending cycle, unless they had more money than the opponent!

Right now, it wasn't just limited to these heavyweights. There were also individual investors who were continually short-selling. To maintain this price, Finn Lewis was practically single-handedly propping up the entire international gold price! The cost of this, however, was that Finn Lewis was running at a loss!

In other words, he was causing harm without benefiting himself. Was this all just for Activision Blizzard? Really? Lawrence Rodger and Oscar Blair couldn't help laughing bitterly. Both shook their heads, speechless. Dude, isn't this asking for trouble? They offered an 80% premium, you could have just sold it and been done with it. Why all this fuss?

Once the gold price was maintained, under the gaze of global financial investors, the funds in Finn Lewis's hands turned towards the foreign exchange market, using the same tactics to begin short-selling the South Federation currency and the Pound!

Upon learning of his actions, Matthew Chan, Lawrence Rodger, and Oscar Blair couldn't help but slap their foreheads. This guy is nuts! The foreign exchange market... refers to the exchange rate of a country's currency

Moreover, meddling with the foreign exchange market could offend the officials of that country! Because if you meddle with the currency, it's akin to tampering with their economy. If a large-scale panic ensues, it could affect the entire country's economy. Given the globalization of the economy, whatever happens will affect the global economy!

Of course, shorting the foreign exchange market isn't the same as shorting futures. After all, foreign exchange impacts the entire country's economy. It's not like futures where, if you have enough money, you can short as much as you want. However, the same issue arises with foreign exchange. If a large number of short positions crop up in the market, it could easily spark a significant panic.

If this prompts a trend of copycat actions, it would immediately affect the stock market. If the stock market begins to fall, it signifies that the country's economy isn't performing well. If the country's economy isn't doing well, the currency will naturally depreciate. If the currency depreciates, the foreign exchange will drop, and if the foreign exchange drops, the stock market will follow suit... This is how a vicious cycle forms. Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Most people can't see this depth. They only sway with the market fluctuations. However, these ordinary people form the main forces in these markets. That's why it's a domino effect. This is also why many countries knowingly throw money into rescuing the market, even when they know that the money they put in will be pocketed by the international investors, but they have no choice but to keep throwing money to save the market.

Just like the 1997 Asian financial crisis, international investment groups led by Hawking reaped profits from various Asian countries. Except for Pearl Island City, which didn't profit because Flame Nation stepped in to save the market. But Hawking didn't make losses. Although not earning much, the money invested by Flame Nation officials and Pearl Island City officials was wasted.

This is why these international financial investors are not well-liked by officials of various countries, and Finn Lewis's behaviour is... it's absurd! But no one could say anything because they had opened their markets for investment, and they couldn't stop it.

Due to the dramatic and terrifying slump in gold, the exchange market had already started to drop. At this time, Finn Lewis directly used a 1:100 leverage, and placed a

short sell of 10 billion Federal coins. Although Finn Lewis spent 10 billion Federal coins, this was a 1:100 financial leverage! This meant that the leveraged funds reached 1,000 billion Federal coins!

Although the risk of 1:100 leverage is very high, extremely high! But who on earth could withstand it, when they had sufficient margin?! Lots of margin like that, even if the Great Alliance Nation officials stepped in, wouldn't cause a margin call.

So, the moment Finn Lewis's short sell order was executed, the foreign exchange market faced the same situation as the gold futures market. To stop the losses, what could they do? The bankers, without a second thought, decided to short-sell, taking advantage of the fact that ordinary people couldn't react that quickly. However, financial institutions could.

They definitely reacted faster than ordinary people did. In the end, the losses were shouldered by the ordinary people. Bankers would suffer very minimal losses. Of course, this depended on the scale. These bankers tended to have a lot of funds. Once they started short-selling, a storm would immediately form.

In fact, they didn't even need to continue short selling, that one transaction instantly triggered large-scale copycats. At this point, Finn Lewis's goal was achieved, and the Dow Jones Index in LD Securities trading market began to plunge in response..

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Chapter 340 - 334: Turbulent Wind and Clouds

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Shares in a huge number of companies fell almost universally, it was mainly the spontaneous reactions of ordinary investors. This was because they didn't understand who was shorting and such, they only knew that the futures and foreign exchange markets were experiencing dramatic fluctuations, and share indices had started to fall. This indicated that potentially a large-scale stock market drop was imminent, so to minimize their losses, these regular people immediately started selling some of their stocks.

At this point, however, the number of sellers will definitely outweigh the buyers. Consequently, the total market size of the entire stock market was decreasing! At this time, Olivia Thatcher once again sold, only this time she didn't have to put in much effort. She started acquiring stocks of Nasperslimited company directly at prices slightly

lower than the market's, and after absorbing, she immediately sold at price even lower than her purchasing cost.

To put it bluntly, what Finn Lewis was doing now was buying high and selling low. When buying, he would buy below the market price, so Finn's actions were literally losing money to push Nasperslimited company's stock downwards. Under such operations, large numbers of retail investors quickly started selling their shares. The shares these retail investors sold made Finn absorb them at higher rates.

The more Finn absorbed, the more he sold! However, only a small part of it was kept after absorption. Under these circumstances, although most of Finn's operations just meant moving money from one hand to another, the issue was transaction taxes and trading fees existed.

However, these trading fees and transaction taxes were insignificant now. "Is it time for us to step in?" Although Lawrence Rodger and Oscar Blair did not belong to the same bank, they still kept in touch. After all, they held loans of tens of billions of federal coins leased from Finn Lewis to acquire the Nasperslimited company.

And now... the stock price of Nasperslimited company had fallen to a very low number, almost half of the original, and it was still falling. The initial market value of the Nasperslimited company was roughly 600 billion Federal coins. Even though MIH was a wholly-owned subsidiary of Nasperslimited, MIH held 33.63% of the shares in T company.

And these 33.63% were worth about 560 billion Federal coins. Nonetheless, the market value of Nasperslimited itself was only that much. After all, this was your own market value, and you own T company's shares, though T company's market value was high, it didn't help much to your own market value. Now, Nasperslimited's market value has already fallen to about 300 billion Federal coins.

Of course, a fall in stock prices does not mean that the actual assets of the company have decreased. It's just that Nasperslimited still has futures worth 200 billion Federal coins. Once this 200 billion Federal coins is lost, Nasperslimited will be close to bankruptcy.

The stock market value of Nasperslimited was falling but the gold futures and foreign exchange market experienced a short stagnation. At this time, Great Alliance Nation report, Sun Newspaper, and other newspapers, suddenly broke the news that Nasperslimited Company, due to its investment in gold futures, had been caught in the futures market with close to 200 billion Federal coins futures and was about to face the risk of being forced to close!

Once this news broke out, the stocks of Nasperslimited on the whole stock market did not even need Finn Lewis to operate. Nearly all retail investors began selling

Nasperslimited's stocks. After losing 200 billion Federal coins, where did this loss come from? Could it only be earned back from the stock market?

Seeing reports from The Times begin to appear, Finn Lewis directly made a call to Lawrence Rodger and Oscar Blair: "Keep an eye on the Pearl Island City stock market, if T company's stocks start to fall, immediately start absorbing."

After one sentence, Finn Lewis then ignored it. Lawrence Rodger and Oscar

Blair were looking at each other, not understanding how it related to T Company, though, they soon found out why. Because LD's gold futures market suddenly had additional enormous shorts, and with this short, 1700 billion Federal coin gold futures dealing with immediate forced closure, immediately burst!

And the companies that held these long positions would be immediately notified by the futures company. If they do not increase the margin within a day, their positions will be immediately forcibly closed, and the losses then would be irrecoverable. However, if you increase the margin and continue to hold, when the gold price rises, the losses will naturally return.

Banks and a few others who are also caught in the similar situation immediately increased the margin for their long positions, and that night, on the Pearl Island City stock market, T Company's shares started to fall. The reason was simple; the MIH investment group sold approximately 5% of their T company shares! 5% was a significant figure, roughly equivalent to drawing 85 billion Federal coins in capital.

This capital would obviously be put to use by Nasperslimited Investment Group to increase the margin. "Olivia Thatcher, operate on Pearl Island City as well," said Finn Lewis after thinking a bit.

"Hmm, shall we acquire the shares of T company? Because T company is also a gaming company," Olivia Thatcher reminded Finn Lewis. Only then did Finn Lewis realize that T company did indeed have gaming business, which meant that, for this part of the fund, Finn did not have to spend points.

"T company is not too urgent, just acquire as much as you can," Finn Lewis quickly said.

"Understood!" With Finn Lewis's words, a storm also began in Pearl Island City's stock market. Like in LD, Olivia Thatcher directly began buying and selling T company stocks, and Finn Lewis again gave a call to Mr. M.

Finn Lewis knew that Mr. M had an agreement with the MIH financial group. If the MIH financial group sold their shares then Mr. M had the right of first refusal. Naturally, Mr. M had the capital.

“Mr. M, I will need your help. Please do not buy T company’s shares for now. When this matter ends, I will sell it to you at a price lower than that of the stock market. I can sell you as much as you want,” Finn Lewis directly said when the call got through.

Mr. M gave a bitter smile, what else could he say? All he could do was reluctantly agree. The capital that Finn Lewis held right now was something no one dared to provoke! However, T company’s stocks were good stocks. Anyone could see the future of T company. Mr. M not buying did not mean that others would not buy, especially other investment companies; someone was immediately hooked.

Especially when T company’s stock price was heavily depressed by Olivia

Thatcher, there was an investment company immediately touched. The SG Investment Company was one such company, they were a private equity investment fund, although they didn’t have a bank as a backer, the private fund was not a small fund, and they had many wealthy people behind them.

So, when they saw stocks at the bottom price, the company immediately joined the absorption of T company’s shares. When the Pearl Island City stock market was about to close in an hour, Finn Lewis received this news. At this time, the company had already absorbed about 6% of T company’s shares. And Finn Lewis had only used 4% of the shares for operation.

“Bloody hell! Seriously?! Isn’t this just cutting me off? Olivia Thatcher, make an inquiry for me! Look into their other investments!” Finn Lewis fiercely said.

“Young Master, I am already doing it, bingo, good news, they actually have a large order in the oil futures market..”

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