

Super Spender

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“Give me 20 minutes.” Finn Lewis pondered and did not let Olivia Thatcher immediately enter the petroleum futures market. Instead, he set aside twenty minutes. Lewis called Lawrence Rodger and Oscar Blair directly. Lewis may not know about others, but at least these two banks are working for him, so Lewis felt it would be better to give them a heads up. Otherwise, if Olivia instantly dumped the oil price, they would probably face a forced liquidation.

“President Chan, I am going to make a move on the petroleum futures market if you have any long positions,” Lewis finally placed a call to Matthew Chan.

“Uh...” Matthew Chan was rendered speechless. However, Lewis could totally take action directly. Calling them in advance was already providing significant face. After having a discussion with others, Chan opened his mouth offering, “The bank has no position in the petroleum futures market. We are involved in the gold market because we have recent information about a rise in gold futures. We rarely deal in futures.”

“Uh, okay, anyway, once I withdraw, you can continue. You have ample funds anyway. By the way, you can short oil. Consider this tip a gift from me,” Lewis shrugged.

The leverage of the banks’ orders was not very high. Based on banks’ margin capacity, bankruptcy would almost be impossible. Moreover, Lewis would not indefinitely keep dumping. Thus, the banks were not worried. However, the situation was different for Naspers Limited.

They did not have enough funds. After confirming with the banks, Lewis directly asked Olivia to take action. In comparison to gold as a hedge against inflation, the petroleum futures market is significantly larger. Moreover, petroleum futures involve different types such as light crude oil, heavy oil etc., yet this posed no problem for Olivia.

There are many important futures markets worldwide. One could easily buy oil anywhere. This time, Olivia did not demonstrate the same gentleness as when she was trading in the gold futures market. She opened with a short position of 1 million lots. Each lot consisted of 1,000 barrels of oil, amounting to a total of 1 billion barrels of oil.

At the current oil price of 102 Federal coins per barrel, this 1 million lot short position equated to 100 billion Federal coins. Of course, not too much margin would be needed. Olivia still continued to use a 1:100 leverage. A short position of 1 million lots only required a margin sum of 10 billion Federal coins.

However, this 1 million lot short position caused a massive fluctuation in the entire oil futures market. Following that, Olivia released another short position of 500,000 lots, which caused even more short positions to appear. At a glance, Lewis knew that these short positions should belong to Reeve Silver and Red Flower Bank.

“The banks have entered the market, although they are rather conservative, allocating funds of tens of billions of Federal coins,” Olivia’s voice said quickly.

“Their leverage is approximately 1:20. In other words, when the price drops by about 5%, their earnings would have basically doubled,” Olivia was well informed about the banks’ operations, “Red Flower and Reeve Silver are more conservative. They merely closed out their earlier long positions, and even though they have opened short positions, it isn’t too bad.”

“Young Master, you can tell the banks that if they dare to be a little bolder, they should keep this short position. The final profit will surpass their expectations,” Olivia said in a hurry.

Lewis pondered. He himself didn’t plan to trade futures, it was all Olivia or Zero who was meddling with it. Lewis didn’t like this kind of gambling activity, but that doesn’t mean he doesn’t understand the value of doing others a favor.

Being a state-owned bank, giving face to the bank was akin to giving face to the country. “You mean, oil prices will fall?” Lewis asked tentatively.

“The price for each barrel of oil is now around 100 Federal coins, the international crude oil price is expected to drop to around 50 Federal coins. This could occur in about 6 months, or perhaps even less time,” Olivia stated quickly.

“It won’t rise again?” Lewis asked in surprise.

“It’s difficult.” Olivia provided a terse two-word reply.

“I see.” Lewis acknowledged, thought for a while, immediately picked up his phone and called Matthew Chan. Such things would not be mentioned to Oscar Blair or Lawrence Rodger.

“Mr. Lewis?” Matthew Chan found it strange to receive Lewis’s call.

“I noticed that your funds have entered the market,” Lewis said directly.

As Lewis began speaking, Matthew Chan was slightly taken aback. After all, the bank had entered the market quite discreetly. The fact that Lewis found out as soon as they made their move implied that Lewis had a very powerful team backing him. It was evident that Lewis was the fund manager of the private equity fund.

“Here’s a tip for you, your leverage is currently 1:20. Raise it to 100 billion

Federal coins, and hold onto your short position slated for delivery around February next year. According to the 1:20 leverage, at a price of 100 Federal coins per barrel, you can open a short position of 2 million lots. Just keep holding onto it. By the end of February next year, you can finalize it,” Lewis

said casually.

“This...” Matthew Chan was stunned. He understood what Lewis was saying as he was a finance professional, but Lewis’s words suggested that oil prices wouldn’t rise ahead of February next year! search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Matthew Chan wanted to say something, but Lewis had already hung up the phone. Chan hesitated for a moment, then immediately related Lewis’s words to the bank’s decision-making layer. After pondering for a while, the parent bank quickly made a decisive move – if Lewis’s identity was confirmed, what Lewis said couldn’t be taken lightly; it must be taken very seriously.

Although the bank was not established very long ago, it did not mean that they were not familiar with the fund. How could they not trust him when such a terrifyingly capitalized fund trusted Lewis so much?

The bank was already sitting on short positions with ten billion Federal coins.

It was not difficult for them to increase it to hundred billion Federal coins. However, even though they had entered the short position, their contracts were not yet established because Lewis’s nearly two million lot short positions were placed previously and they had not been finalized yet. Naturally, it wasn’t their turn yet as no one was buying long positions now.

Matthew Chan was at the bank’s investment finance center, where there were hundreds of professional traders stationed.

“They have canceled the order!” Just as Matthew Chan and the bank president watched the futures plate, someone suddenly shouted out. Clarence Johnson immediately asked loudly, “Who canceled the order?”

“Target 1 canceled the order! They have only about 100,000 lot short positions in effect now. The rest of the orders have all been canceled,” the trader tasked with monitoring the funds of Lewis’s group – the so-called Target 1 announced..

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The so-called cancellation of an order is not as simple as it sounds. Once you open a short position, the order won’t be established automatically. Someone else has to open a long position and buy your short order. The order becomes effective only when both parties’ contracts are settled. If no one takes it, your short order will not be established, and it won’t be considered in force. Naturally, if you wish to cancel it, you may, although some transaction fees would still be payable.

“Our short order has been taken! The buyer was quick! 500,000 lots! 600,000 lots!” Another trader promptly yelled out.

Clarence Johnson immediately looked at Matthew Chan. Every time a number was announced, it meant that more of their short orders were taken by those going long, which means that a contract was established. Previously, the oil futures market was generally bullish, implying that if oil futures kept rising due to this, the fluctuation would probably exceed 10%, their margin won’t suffice, and the bank must increase the new guarantee money.

“Bank President Chan? Your thoughts?” Clarence Johnson felt nervous. This is a whole 10 billion Federalcoin! Though it’s a drop in the bucket for the bank, if they were to lose it all, his tenure as the bank president would basically be over.

“Let’s wait and see! I believe he won’t play us. This should be him doing us a favor.” Matthew Chan contemplated before firmly speaking.

“Alright, I hope you’re right.” Clarence Johnson mulled it over and then decisively exclaimed loudly: “Don’t worry, continue until all 2 million short orders are established.”

Finn Lewis’ actions influenced the profits of many parties; if they did not want to lose money, they would have to push up the price of oil. As there are many ordinary people also buying oil futures, 2 million lots is inconsequential for the global futures market. Soon, 2 million short orders were all established.

However, when these 2 million short orders were successfully opened, the price of oil had already returned to 103 Federalcoin per barrel. The bank opened these short positions at the price of 100 Federalcoin, meaning the bank had already lost 3 Federalcoin per barrel of crude oil. Don't underestimate this 3 Federalcoin. It adds up as the bank has 2 million lots, meaning 20 billion barrels, so the bank had already lost 60 billion Federalcoin!

This is the risk of the futures market! This risk is much larger than that of the stock market. Although the bank has only spent 100 billion Federalcoin, if crude oil does not eventually fall, when the time comes for delivery, they will solidly incur a loss of 60 billion Federalcoin.

"Player 1 has made a move! Another 1 million short orders and selectively took all the long orders of a specific account. Now, the price of oil has returned to 100 Federalcoin per barrel." As another new piece of news came, Clarence Johnson and Matthew Chan heaved a sigh of relief.

Indeed, Finn Lewis has just done the bank a favor by letting their orders go through first and then crashing the market himself. All the orders Finn Lewis took were from the SG Investment Foundation. Now it was a contest between the bulls and the bears, and there are also people who are going long while establishing short orders at the same time.

However, they can't move as fast as Finn Lewis. Olivia Thatcher quickly smashed out a few million lot short orders in an instant. Although the bulls are also accepting orders, they probably cannot cover all of Olivia Thatcher's short orders, because many ordinary people have already begun to exit swiftly. After all, retail traders flow like a tide, and the price of oil rapidly fell below 100 Federalcoin, quickly dropping to around 95 Federalcoin per barrel.

95 Federalcoin means that the bank's orders have doubled in profit, gaining an entire 100 billion Federalcoin. All this happened within minutes? If the bank chooses to close their positions now, they would immediately gain 100 billion Federalcoin.

Currently, the interior of the SG Investment Foundation – a private fund in

Belmare Country, populated by many of Belmare's tycoons – was in chaos. The Foundation has approximately 600 billion Federalcoin at their disposal, but their orders in the oil futures market haven't had time to close out, and they are now stuck.

Moreover, their long orders were established at a slightly higher price, around 102 Federalcoin, with approximately 15 billion barrels of crude oil futures in their hands, i.e. 1.5 million lots. Now, they are losing 7 Federalcoin per barrel of oil, totaling 105 billion Federalcoin. Although their leverage is low, the current price has already reached their margin limit.

This means they must immediately replenish their margin. But can they still dare to increase the margin now? “What’s going on? How could such a significant change happen in the futures market?” The person in charge of the SG Investment Foundation was almost roaring. The information they had received earlier stated that the price of oil would at least rise to 115 Federalcoin per barrel or even higher.

This would have made their profits considerable; however, now a massive fund came out of nowhere and kept smashing down terrifying short orders, causing the oil price to plummet accordingly.

“Olivia, figure out a way to spread this message. Anyway, whoever messes with T Company’s stocks, we’ll mess with them. Keep smashing.” Finn Lewis viciously commanded, especially when he found out that the SG Investment Foundation was a fund from Belmare Country.

Not only the SG Investment Foundation was puzzled but also all the other funds in the futures market. Of course, they also knew about the gold futures market, even about what happened at the LD Exchange in the forex and stock index markets. However, they didn’t understand why the other party entered the oil futures market.

But this news quickly spread in this circle. Especially when the Red Flower

Bank and other financial groups like the Rhine Kingdom Bank were spreading the news, the news spread even faster. When they got the news, everyone was stunned.

Holy shit! Is there a need for such a powerful reason? Just because someone

bought T Company’s stocks? What they found even more speechless was... all this started just because they wanted to buy a game company valued merely at 150 billion Federalcoin... Crap, do you have to play this big? Countless bankers worldwide cursed Finn Lewis!

But after cursing, they were helpless. The capital market is a big-fish-eats-small-fish market. If your funds are more formidable than Finn Lewis, he won’t be able to short the market, and instead, he will directly give you money. However, if you don’t have as much money as him, well, sorry then. Either evacuate quickly and stop the loss, or wait to lose everything you’ve invested?

After cursing Finn Lewis, they cursed the people at the SG Investment Foundation, including eight generations of their ancestors. Damn it, there are so many people you could mess with, so why did you have to mess with him? Didn’t you see the decline in T Company stock, so many people didn’t buy? Now, you buy? Well, isn’t this great now? You are having the time of your life, right! You fucking found your own death, which is fine, but now you’ve implicated a bunch of people! Keep in mind; the SG Investment Foundation wasn’t the only one playing the bullish side in the oil futures market..

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But as soon as the price of oil falls, a whole lot of people are set to suffer, and right now the SG Foundation is caught between a rock and a hard place: they either liquidate their contracts and cut their losses now or they keep injecting money. Up until now, the SG Foundation isn't quite sure what is going on.

Those who are suffering along with them are ready to do anything. Damn it, you want to dig your own grave, huh? Well, don't drag us in! These people decisively start to cut their losses and quickly start to build up a higher position, eager to recover their losses. It's not just one of them thinking this. It's many. And when all of these individuals start thinking like this, the price of oil is irretrievably low.

Right now, because the market is about to close, the people at the SG Foundation have to make a choice. After debating, they decide to deposit another 50 billion federal coins as margin, and quickly build up a short position, preparing to short and hedge stop-loss.

What makes the SG Foundation mad is, before they even begin to establish a short position, a huge short sell order is unveiled with as many as 10 million lots! This massive order stuns everyone who was thinking of creating a short position, but now they're too slow.

If someone makes a transaction before you, it will be with the large short sell order first. When it's your turn, it's uncertain if there will still be a surplus.

The large short sell order might not have been processed yet, but it indicates massive amounts of capital are backing it. An investment this size can cause market fluctuations. At this moment, someone from the SG Foundation finally gets the news! Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

When the person responsible for the mess at the SG Foundation realizes they are in trouble because they bought shares in Company T, they berate the staff member who suggested the investment. Furthermore, they learned who was behind it all. Particularly as they found out that the other party holds almost a trillion federal coins in cash. That had them all choked up.

Can they compete with their opponents? Even if they were to throw all the human-asset value of everyone at the SG Foundation, it would be impossible to turn the tables now. All they could do now is sell off the shares of Company T as soon as possible, reclaim the funds from purchasing a 6% stake in Company T, and then whether to short or increase margin, at least ensure they don't suffer a loss in the futures market.

Company T is a blue-chip stock for sure, but how many years would it take to recoup the losses of tens of billions of federal coins from the futures market by holding on to Company T's shares?

The people at the SG Foundation are not stupid. They sold all their shares in Company T at the speed of light before the Pearl Island City stock market closed. Since Olivia Thatcher was still in control, as soon as they sold their shares, she immediately purchased them, then continued to buy and sell.

In the eyes of ordinary shareholders, Company T's shares were sinking as if on an elevator ride, continuously being sold off. Ordinary shareholders couldn't tell what was going on, so they could only follow and sell. Luckily, they didn't hold much, so they didn't lose much regardless of the price they managed to get.

But, for MIH Investment Group, it was heartbreaking. Being a wholly-owned subsidiary of Naspers Limited, Naspers Limited was trapped with over 20 billion federal coins, and what's worse, they didn't have any margin left! If there were to be a loss, they would never be able to recover that money. They sold Company T's shares to reclaim funds to reinvest in the futures market and increase their margin.

The reason they sold their share in Company T was that they were out of liquid assets. If they didn't sell shares of Company T, they would be forced to liquidate.

Today, neither LD nor Pearl Island City's stock market will be calm. Moreover, there will inevitably be many people who won't be able to sleep tonight.

Although the market has temporarily closed, the current situation is that.

The fund controlled by Finn Lewis is like a prehistoric crocodile that has crashed into a sheep pen. Unless they can unite, there's no way they can compete with him. But can they unite? That's simply not realistic, because even if there are only a hundred billion federal coins on the other side, there's a chance that some financial crocodiles will work together to make a meal of it.

But the other side is holding trillions of federal coins! If you want to swallow that...well, that's not just a matter of several financial bigwigs colluding, that would require several national agencies to come together. The current situation is that Finn Lewis is using capital to beat you to death!

After understanding the current situation, Finn Lewis went to bed satisfied, but who knows how many people were unable to sleep, especially Lawrence Rodger and Oscar Blair, who were left speechless, as Finn Lewis hadn't given them any instructions to start acquiring yet.

In South California, at the headquarters of Naspers Limited, the shareholders who had made the decision previously were all present. The atmosphere in the room was very awkward because it was their decision not to let MIH approve the sale of Activision Blizzard shares, but now... Who the hell knew that Finn Lewis was hiding such an enormous crocodile behind him!

Damn it, if you have such a background, why didn't you say anything? You could have just told us straight up, and we would have sold directly to you. Even at par price would have been acceptable!

"Should we try to contact them privately? We are willing to sell the shares of Activision Blizzard now." One of the directors couldn't bear the pressure and finally spoke. You need to understand, if real losses occur, each of them would suffer a significant loss, most crucially, Naspers Limited would face the risk of bankruptcy due to disrupted funding chains.

Once Naspers Limited goes bankrupt, they would be completely doomed.

"Are you an idiot? If we go find them now, do you think they'll agree?" Another shareholder immediately shouted back.

"What's your solution then? How long can we sustain with the funds we have?" The director who suggested the idea shot back.

"My suggestion is to sell all the shares in Company T. While the share price is falling, it's not too drastic. If we sell all of them, we can recover tens of billions of federal coins. We can use this money to increase our margin or go short as well, offsetting our losses through the futures market." Another shareholder proposed.

"We can't sell! We all know the potential future of Company T. If we sell now, it will be hard to buy back later!" Another shareholder immediately disagreed.

"If we don't sell, where are we going to find funds? Okay, even if we don't increase the margin now, if we want to get back our losses, we can only maintain the current situation, go short, then recoup our losses by hedging." The shareholder quickly retorted.

"Uh, Mr. Nell, can you do anything to help us from your end?" One of the directors turned to a slightly overweight gentleman and asked.

The old gentleman was none other than Naspers Limited's biggest shareholder, a representative of the South California Standard Bank's board of directors..

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"I apologize, but we can't provide that much funding." The man named Nell swiftly rejected the proposal. Are you joking? Although South California Standard Bank is the largest shareholder in Naspers Limited, it only owns roughly 22% of its shares. What if Naspers Limited ultimately ends up at a loss after receiving the funding? Who is then going to compensate for the bank's losses?

Don't mistake that banks are fools. Bankers are among the most relentless and astute people in today's world. Their risk assessment abilities far surpass any other industry, they know exactly what's feasible and what's not, because finance is their business.

"Mr. Nell...." Another shareholder wanted to say something.

Nell immediately interrupted him, "It's not that I don't want to provide funding for you, but the board of South California Standard Bank disagrees. I apologize, but currently, XX Bank of Flame Nation is the largest shareholder of South California Standard Bank, and they will certainly disagree with providing risky funds on this occasion."

After hearing Nell's words, the others in the room were shocked into silence, then couldn't help but let out a bitter laugh. Damn, how could they have forgotten about this?

"Now let's vote. Either we square our positions and accept a loss of up to 160 billion Federal coins. Oh, no, our losses have already almost reached 200 billion Federal coins. In other words, if we square positions now, we could potentially lose absolutely everything," said the Chairman of Naspers Limited, who was seated at the head of the table.

"Secondly, we could sell all shares in T Company held by MIH to end this incident. Since they are after Activision Blizzard's shares, selling all of T

Company's shares will mean that we will lose our say in T Company's matters. However, we still have a chance to recoup our costs in the futures market. After all, the current low price of gold is 'atypical', it's completely forced down by their horrifying amount of funds."

“Let’s discuss it.” After finishing his statement, the Chairman of Napolis Limited rubbed his forehead. There’s about eight hours left until the markets close on LD’s side, while the market at Pearl Island City just closed and there’s a whole night before it reopens.

“If not, should we sell another 10% of T Company’s shares? That should be about enough, right? Should we only retain 18% of T Company’s shares?” proposed a director.

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“Forget it. Didn’t you just receive the news? They’re madly suppressing T company’s shares, and the Belmare Nation’s SG Investment Fund is just trying to pick them up cheap, reaching directly for T companies shareholders. They didn’t hesitate to enter the crude oil futures market. SG is in a worse situation than us now. They didn’t even give them a chance to maintain their original investment. The forced square up has already started. Moreover, SG is ruthless, throwing all their T company shares back into the market. They’re beginning to square up the oil market, ready to short sell, then cut their losses.” another suddenly said.

“What do you mean?” The other directors did not understand what he was

Implying.

“What do I mean?! Can’t you understand? Can’t you tell what type of person they are from this incident? We already offended them enough to kill us, right? After Mr. Duncan Tucker’s words, don’t you all understand? When they refused to continue negotiating with us, they were already prepared for this, right?” This director said quickly.

“This... the problem is that continuing this way doesn’t benefit them either, right? They’ll suffer a lot of losses by pouring so much money into the market. Yes, it seems like they’re dominating the prices, but they’re not actually profiting because they’re suppressing the prices everywhere, like in the gold futures market. They’re losing money every day, right?” Someone couldn’t help but speak.

“Even if they’re losing money every day, the losses aren’t substantial as the prices follow their lead. Comparing the losses to their capital, which amounts to tens of trillions of Federal coins, it’s trivial. Moreover, they can afford to keep going, but can we? Isn’t the futures market just like this? It’s a test of who can’t keep up. They can even command the flow of the market. Do you think we can resist?” The previously silent director seems to see the situation clearly.

After he said this, everyone nodded thoughtfully. Indeed, they know it’s impossible for them to keep it up, but they don’t need to keep it up. They just need to last longer than them.

“So what are you suggesting?” The Chairman of Naspers Limited asked the director.

“It’s simple. To use an old saying from Flame Nation, it’s like the resolve of a brave man severing his wrist! Sell all the shares in T Company, then gather funds. Anyway, having held T Company’s shares for so many years, selling them now will still provide a big profit based on the current market price. Then, forcibly stop all the long positions in the gold futures market to cut our losses. Although we’ve lost nearly 200 billion Federal coins, if we sell our shares, we’ll still have about 400 billion Federal coins.”

“The current gold price is artificially suppressed by them. Once they pull out, the price of gold will definitely start to rise. At that time, as long as we establish long positions at a favorable price, it’s very easy to recoup the losses.

What we lose is just the shares in T Company. But we’ve sold it at a good price. Let go of what you have lost. This is currently the smallest way for us to cut our losses.”

“This method is feasible. What do you all think?” After pondering for a moment, the chairman of Naspers Limited said.

“I agree.” Nell was the first to respond. Nell also wanted to resolve this matter as soon as possible. Damn it, if things go on like this, the Board of Directors of South California Standard Bank might go insane.

“I agree.” Once someone took the lead, several directors began to agree quickly. Although it seemed like a significant loss, they also knew that even if they didn’t want to do this, they’d be forced to. Moreover, if they didn’t sell T Company’s shares and directly squared up, they wouldn’t have funds to recoup their losses. That would basically mean losing everything invested.

The LD stock index has been falling, but since Finn Lewis didn’t make any big moves, the scale isn’t too large for now.

However, when Naspers Limited held a meeting, the Prime Minister’s office in the Great Alliance Nation urgently called in the Finance Ministers and relevant financial members for an emergency meeting. So much capital is fluctuating in the market, the officials from the Great Alliance Nation have no choice but to be alert! If they really start hitting the foreign exchange market, it means that the officials from the Great Alliance Nation will be forced to intervene in the market. Preparation is needed for such intervention.

Otherwise, at that time, things might get too big. So after convening the emergency meeting, the Ministry of Finance of the Great Alliance Nation conducted a press conference in the afternoon. Although they didn’t explicitly state that the Great Alliance Nation is always ready to intervene in the market, they announced the current economic situation of the Great Alliance Nation this year, indicating that it is on the rise..

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Moreover, the banks of the Great Alliance Nation have already prepared a large sum of money. Though they didn't say anything explicitly, most people understand their intentions, which is basically that the Great Alliance Nation is officially preparing for the worst-case scenario. However, as soon as the press conference by the Great Alliance Nation's officials started, all the financiers in the world who knew about this started murmuring. Damn, this is too fierce.

Even the officials of the Great Alliance Nation can't withstand this pressure. Although at present, LD's stock and currency markets haven't seen much fluctuation, underneath it all, the turbulent undercurrents are clearly felt by the officials of the Great Alliance Nation. This, however, has taken everyone by surprise.

But this feat was remembered by the financial world. Damn, have you ever seen such a badass? Search* The website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

The next day, Finn Lewis woke up around 9 am, and the first thing he learned was from Olivia Thatcher. MIH Investment Group had unloaded all of their shares in T company. Like the previous case with SG Investment Company, no one dared to take over the share of T company now, and almost all of them were snapped up by Olivia Thatcher.

Now, not only does Olivia have the original 33.63% shares of MIH Investment Group, but she also purchased about 15% of T Company's shares from the stock market, in addition to the 2% T Company shares originally owned by Finn

Lewis. Now Finn Lewis holds 50.63% of T Company's shares, and the shares of T Company circulating on the market have dropped to less than 20%.

"You've gathered 51%, haven't you." Truth be told... Finn Lewis was somewhat speechless. He didn't expect that what started as merely a plan to purchase Activision Blizzard, had inadvertently led to a complete acquisition of T Company. Well, this was unexpected. On the bright side, T Company is also a games company, and the acquisition funds didn't even have to come out of Finn's own pocket.

"Naspers Limited had forcibly liquidated its position," Olivia relayed another piece of news.

“Pull back now,” said Finn Lewis, shrugging. His goal had been accomplished, and the points spent on LD Foundation’s funds seemed to have ended by then.

As Naspers Limited was forced to liquidate, losing as high as 18.7 billion Federal coin, those short orders that appeared had almost entirely been canceled, or had been liquidated already. The large capital flow was fast in and fast out. Soon, everything was back to normal, in both the gold futures market and the stock market.

The same happened with the crude oil futures market. Olivia canceled all her short orders. But after learning that Finn’s capital had entirely disappeared, the people at SG Investment Fund were thrilled, starting to build their long positions at the price of 90 Federal coins. They thought, with Finn’s funds leaving the market, the prices in the crude oil futures market are bound to shoot back up.

Just like the surging gold futures market! However, SG Investment Company probably wouldn’t have guessed that even when they began building their long positions, which did make the crude oil futures market start to climb, and the price of crude oil went up to 94 Federal coins per barrel.

There were still a few large short orders that weren’t pulled. Among those included the banks’ short orders. Honestly, the banks were ready to cancel their short orders, but Finn’s words kept Matthew Chan and Clarence Johnson from forgetting. They grit their teeth, leaving the short orders open. After all, their short orders were made at the price level of 100 Federal coin, whereas the current price was just 94 Federal coin per barrel.

From the outside, even though the funds controlled by Finn Lewis had left, the impression he left on these financiers during those few days was extremely deep. It’s fair to say that it clearly demonstrated what capital power is. Or bluntly put... Damn, this is a simple and crude method of destroying you with money! Even though Finn Lewis didn’t care, entities such as Red Flower Bank, Rhine Kingdom Bank, and Reeve Silver immediately had professionals calculate Finn Lewis’ related costs.

And the final conclusion, despite making some money on the crude oil futures market, Finn Lewis inevitably faced huge losses due to the immense amount of money used. Especially considering the activities on the currency market, stock market, and gold futures market, by the time he exited, Finn Lewis estimated a loss of at least several billion Federal coins.

Once this was figured out, representatives from Reeve Silver, Red Flower Bank, and other banks were simply at a loss for words... Damn, this is a classic case of a zero-sum game. But you can’t blame Finn Lewis. How to put it... Damn, this is more violent than a hostile takeover! This is pure domination! Typically, Naspers Limited would never let go of their T company shares.

But Finn Lewis forced them to sell off all of their T Company shares. If they hadn't sold, Naspers Limited would have likely gone bankrupt. So even though they had no choice but to sell, it was probably because they did sell that Finn

Lewis didn't pursue further.

However, Finn Lewis's actions revealed a lot of his secrets about this field. At least he has a very strong intuition in this financial field and keen observation. Although those frightening funds have retreated, both Reeve Silver and Red Flower Bank understand that these funds have merely been concealed.

Or maybe they have been split into countless small portions, then reinvested in the market. Every day, all kinds of futures markets around the world are making and losing money. Who knows who made how much? Who lost how much? People, foundations, and companies lose tens of billions or hundreds of billions of Federal coins every day. Similarly, there are those who gain tens of billions or hundreds of billions of Federal coins daily.

Capital, it's a game of flows.

However, precious few people know this information, the general public certainly don't. Many affluent people also don't know what happened in the futures market. Only those banks, and they must be powerful banks, might know a little. But even those banks that do know won't spill.

Damn, if someone wants to play the mysterious card and you reveal their secrets, who knows what might happen? If you attract the attention of such a financial tycoon, then you might as well cry! If they start opposing your bank's investments... you probably won't even know how you died. Even these banks are terrified of such top-ranking financial predators.

In this world, it's a basic game, where these top-ranking financial predators are at the very apex of the food chain. Even though these banks are powerful, if they continuously lose... these banks might not be able to survive.

Therefore, these banks wouldn't dare to leak any news about Finn Lewis. However, a few truly top-tier individuals did find out..

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Chapter 346 - 340: Here Comes the Madman – Part

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If Finn Lewis saw this, he would be speechless. At that time, he didn't even want to spend money on phone bills, let alone make international calls. He rarely even calls home.

Of course, Finn didn't know this. After confirming his absolute control over T Company, he picked up the phone and called Mr. M.

"Mr. M." After Mr. M answered the phone, Finn chuckled and said.

"Mr. Lewis." Mr. M gave a bitter laugh. It seems he couldn't change the way

Finn addressed him. But all he could do was laugh and agree. Although he

didn't know what was going on, he had some idea, especially since he had dumped all the shares of T Company they owned.

"Mr. M, thanks for everything this time. I have some shares in T Company, not sure how much you want, but I'm willing to sell them to you at the current stock price." Finn quickly offered. The main business of T Company is not games, so it doesn't matter whether he controls T Company or not. In the world of big companies, being the controlling shareholder is not always best. Look at federal corporations, how many are completely controlled? Virtually none.

This is why these big companies last for so long. Whether it's IBM or Intel, Apple or WF, none of them are controlled by a single person or entity.

"How many shares of T Company do you have in your hands right now?" Mr. M asked out of curiosity. He was genuinely curious about this. The current stock price of T Company is somewhat abnormal, but Mr. M is not in a hurry. He knows Finn has been pulling the strings in the background.

He was aware of what was happening in the futures market, such as nasperslimited's stock price plummeting. Of course, he paid attention to these events. Combining this with Finn's attitude towards Duncan Tucker that day, Mr. M knew without a doubt that Finn was behind all of this. This is Finn's real power.

"51%." Finn laughed and replied.

Mr. M choked on his own saliva. He was startled. He knew what 51% meant, but he never imagined that Finn would own that many shares of T Company. This meant that someone had absolute control over T Company!

Despite this, Finn was willing to sell his shares to him, which even impressed Mr. M. From this, it could be seen that Finn was true to his word.

However, Mr. M had always wanted to buy back shares of T Company but he didn't have much funds. Even if Finn offered him a discount, he could only buy about 5% of the shares. After a moment of hesitation, Mr. M finally said, "How about this, I don't want T Company's shares. I wonder if I could buy part of W's shares, or shares from your Virtual World Investment Company."

"Huh?" Finn was surprised. He didn't expect Mr. M to set his sights on his shares. search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

The Virtual World and Zero Control Investment Company had been redistributed. All the fully controlled companies, like Blue Wind Technology Network Company, Goddess of Light Automobile Factory, Dura Automobile Factory, and all the wholly-owned businesses in Proudly Nation, had been transferred under Zero Control Investment Company.

Although Virtual World Holdings had 100% of its shares registered under the Zero Control Investment Company, it still had 4.8% of A Company shares, 51% of WY shares, and the current T Company's shares, as well as future acquisitions like Activision Blizzard, all listed under its name.

"5% of the shares of Virtual World Holdings in exchange for all the T Company and WY shares you currently hold. In the next year, your shares will remain unchanged regardless of how much Virtual World expands." Finn pondered for a moment and firmly stated.

"That means I've made a profit." Mr. M chuckled. You see, if Finn placed T

Company's shares under the name of Virtual World, he would hold 59% of T Company's shares with his original 8%. And owning 5% of Virtual World's shares means he would hold nearly 3% of T Company's shares and 3% of WYs shares. On paper, the value seems to have decreased. But remember, Virtual World still owns 4.8% of A Company's shares.

That means he would also own nearly 0.03% of Apple's shares. According to its current market value, this would be worth about 20 billion Federal coins. Plus, don't forget Finn's words, his shares won't be diluted no matter how much

Virtual World expands in the next year. And since Finn was still acquiring Activision Blizzard, any company he adds to the portfolio increases his assets.

Although, by pure numerical calculations, Mr. M would lose money, the fact that he proposed to buy shares in Virtual World indicates his optimism about the company's prospects.

"If you do the math, you are at a loss." Finn laughed. His perspective was now different since he had first experienced the game of capital. Recently, he had been using Red Flower Bank and Rhine Kingdom Bank. Although they were not used this time, it doesn't mean that they were not useful.

In fact, the news circulating in this top financial circle, about why Finn targeted the sg consortium, had been spread out through Rhine Kingdom Bank and Red Flower Bank. It was precisely because of the deterrence of these two banks that many chose to turn a blind eye to the plummeting price of T Company's shares.

If everyone were buying, it would have been much harder for Finn to acquire that many shares in T Company. But the matter with the sg Investment

Foundation had given the financial circles a peculiar impression of Finn.

A complete financial tyrant, coupled with... insanity, madness, a real prodigal! Regardless, most evaluations were along these lines. Whoa, don't you just want to buy Activision Blizzard? Isn't it just a gaming company? Have to go this big? Look at the turbulence it caused, never mind your own losses, you have money, you're boss. Since the old-time foundation was willing to give you money to play and incur losses, we can't do anything.

But you, do you know that your actions, which harm others but not benefit you, resulted in big losses for many planned investment consortiums and companies? According to statistics from Reeve Silver and Red Flower Bank, due to Finn's actions, those who suffered innocent disasters, such as foundations and so on, had lost at least more than 200 billion Federal coins!

These were just the innocent victims! The losses suffered by certain companies and consortiums were even greater! Like the sg Investment Foundation, which could have responded in time to any decline in the oil market had Finn not interfered..

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Then, just as they make losses during market falling, they would have made a lot of gains, but because Finn Lewis stepped in midway and chose to withdraw from the market, the SG fund was too eager to recover their losses. They thought that oil futures would rise like gold futures after Finn Lewis's withdrawal, and they hastily made a lot of purchases.

Moreover, many others made the same decision. Unfortunately ... the market obviously would not shift according to someone's wishes unless you could also throw a lot of money into the market. But how many people around the world could throw a trillion Federal coins like that? Even if you included countries, there probably wouldn't be many.

Oil futures did not rise rapidly like gold as soon as Finn Lewis's capital was withdrawn. Instead, there was a bit of a bounce, but then prices ultimately collapsed, falling below 90 Federal coins per barrel. This plunge in prices led to SG fund losing everything they had invested.

Anyway, Finn Lewis was now well-known in this top financial circle. Even though this reputation ... is not very good, he has at least become famous. However, it's inevitable that many people would grit their teeth when they mention Finn Lewis. My god, isn't this guy just crazy?

He purchased a game company and as a result made a lot of people suffer. Consequently, these people grew to hate MIH Investment Group, its parent company, and even Damian Bryan along with it. God damn it, it's just a game company, why did he value it so highly? Selling it wouldn't have been the end of the world. Was it necessary to act like someone was trying to steal his wife, refusing to sell no matter what? Now look, not only is he suffering, but he's dragging other people down with him.

Although it might seem like a loss, Mr. M hastened to choose the 5% stock of

Finn Lewis's Virtual World Investment Group. However, Finn Lewis didn't force Mr. M to give up all of his shares in the T company, and gave Mr. M an additional 2% of T Company's shares as a token of gratitude for his help.

Originally, Mr. M was going to decline, but Finn Lewis was very insistent, leaving Mr. M at a loss about what to do. If others found out about this, he would probably be labeled as prodigal all over again.

Finn Lewis had carefully decided to leave 2% of the T Company's shares to Mr.

M, because T company definitely needed Mr. M to hold down the fort. Finn

Lewis didn't have the time to manage it, although he had absolute control now. However, owning 2% of the shares would allow Mr. M to enter the T company's board of

directors, and he could still be the chairman of T company, managing the entire T company.

Once they had negotiated the deal, Finn Lewis directly called Kodiak Kennedy. When he answered, Kodiak Kennedy already knew what had happened. To be honest, Kodiak was speechless. Even though he was considered wealthy, he couldn't enter the top circle of the North Federation's wealthiest people.

However, since he was older than most in this circle, he naturally knew some people and was aware of the things Finn Lewis had done to buy Activision Blizzard. Truth be told, he was caught off guard. Even Kodiak himself felt that a mere Activision Blizzard was too trivial of a reason for all of this.

"Mr. Kodiak Kennedy, I now have 33% of Activision Blizzard's shares in my hand. I believe our agreement can now be activated." Finn Lewis said with a smile.

"Of course." Kodiak agreed quite decisively. To be honest, he was scared. God damn it, he didn't want any accidents to occur, if he had to sell, then so be it. With someone as crazy and extravagant as Finn, Kodiak knew he couldn't keep up. Didn't he see that even old financial groups like Red Flower Bank and Rhine Kingdom Bank didn't dare to cause trouble on the capital market? Who was he to intervene?

"Then I will take a special flight to the North Federation tomorrow." Finn Lewis chuckled.

Once Finn Lewis got hold of the shares from Kodiak, the rest of the task would be much more straightforward. As for Artis Electronics, he would let them be. Finn Lewis was full of drive as he took a private jet straight to California once again. He had no doubt about the safety of the jet.

By the time he arrived in California, it was just morning, and Kodiak came to pick up Finn Lewis again. Straight after Finn Lewis's departure, Kodiak handed him a document. It was a share transfer agreement signed by Kodiak himself. All Finn Lewis needed to do was sign it to make it valid.

Finn Lewis was a bit surprised by Kodiak's decisiveness. He remembered Kodiak was adamant about waiting until Finn Lewis had 30% of the shares before selling it to him. But now, Finn Lewis hadn't even paid him yet, and his name was already written on the agreement.

Of course, Finn Lewis wouldn't take advantage of Kodiak's money. He immediately signed his own name on the document, and the 56% stake in Activision Blizzard formally became one of the controlling subsidiaries of Virtual World.

"Let's hold a press conference. Also, I want to hold a board meeting tomorrow.

Additionally, Mr. Kodiak Kennedy, if you don't have any other work, I think Activision Blizzard still needs you to oversee the operations," Finn Lewis said with a smile.

"Of course, I don't think I have the mood to send out any more job applications," Kodiak said, trying to lighten the mood.

"Then, could I trouble you, Mr. Kodiak Kennedy, to convene the board meeting tomorrow?" Finn Lewis said with a smile.

When he arrived at the Activision Blizzard office in the afternoon, Kodiak immediately notified many media outlets in the North Federation, saying that Activision Blizzard was going to hold a press conference.

Although these reporters did not know what had happened on the international futures market and related financial markets, they did know that the T Company held shares in Activision Blizzard. So any movement of the T Company had always been under media scrutiny and they naturally knew about the drastic drop in T Company's share price. They also knew that MIH had sold all of its shares in the T Company. With the correlation of these events, the news agencies were immediately excited. Was this not big news? Was Activision Blizzard about to change ownership?! Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

At the time the press conference was held, not too many journalists came, but there were still quite a few, about forty or so media outlets. Basically, the influential media in the North Federation were all present, including many specialized gaming media, websites, and magazines.

When Finn Lewis appeared at the press conference, a stir went through the audience even before he spoke. If Finn Lewis was appearing here, then the rumors that had been circulating probably turned out to be true.

So, when Kodiak stood at the podium to outline the situation, then let Finn Lewis come out, all the reporters instantly went crazy. They pressed down on their camera shutters, creating an array of flashing lights that almost blinded Finn Lewis.

"Ladies and gentlemen, I do not think any of you would want to receive a court summons for intentional injury tomorrow, would you? If you keep this up, I might have to check into the hospital tonight due to eye injuries," Finn Lewis said from the stage, cracking a North Federation-style joke. This immediately led to laughter and a lighter atmosphere among the journalists, and they also began to slow down the frequency of their flashing cameras.

Standing on the stage, Finn Lewis then began to speak with a smile. "First of all, welcome everyone to Activision Blizzard's press conference. The main purpose of this conference is to introduce the future development direction for Activision Blizzard and some changes to the shareholding situation.."

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“I believe most of you probably guessed it before you arrived. Yes, this morning, I signed an agreement with Mr. Kodiak Kennedy. I have purchased Mr. Kennedy’s 23% share of Activision Blizzard. Added to the 33% share that I previously purchased, that means I now represent Virtual World Limited in announcing that we have successfully acquired 56% of Activision Blizzard, effectively gaining control of the company.” Finn Lewis began, while smiling.

Although it was already anticipated, the reporters below still caused a sensation. Indeed, Finn Lewis had completed the acquisition and it was an absolute controlling interest.

After he finished speaking, Mr. Lewis didn’t continue. When the room had settled a bit, he went on, smiling, “followed by the announcement of several future policies for Activision Blizzard. Firstly, with a new boss, we must increase employee benefits. In the coming week, after completing the relevant handovers, Activision Blizzard will give all existing employees a 50% increase in salary.”

With this statement from Mr. Lewis, a stir ensued below. A fifty percent wage increase! Wage increase has been witnessed by these pressmen before. Basically, every company acquired tends to increase some benefits to maintain morale. However, nobody has ever vowed to immediately grant a fifty percent wage increase... Won’t this increase the company’s burden?

Even Mr. Kodiak Kennedy stood by, dumbfounded for a moment, then burst into a bitter smile. He found himself at a loss for words. Having such a boss, he wasn’t sure whether it was a blessing or a curse. The Activision Blizzard employees present at the press conference, who came to help, let out a cheer.

A fifty percent wage increase! The sheer scale of the increase, is simply horrifying! Initially, some of the company’s sidelined employees, who didn’t have a high wage, would now undoubtedly become top-notch in the industry!

“Secondly, Virtual World Limited will not make any adjustments to the existing structure of Activision Blizzard. Activision Blizzard will continue to operate in its own way.

“Thirdly, Activision Blizzard will take over the agency of the new game ‘World’ under Flame Nation’s company, and it is expected to complete the related server setup problems within a month.” Mr. Lewis directly announced all three decisions.

When Mr. Lewis finished speaking, the host said, “Now, the floor is open to questions.”

This was Mr. Lewis’s first-time hosting a press conference, there were some new questions. He used to watch Steve Jobs and others hold press conferences, talking eloquently. Now it was his turn, he wasn’t nervous but somewhat excited.

The host quickly picked a reporter, and Mr. Lewis noticed that the reporter was from the largest media group in the North Federation, “Mr. Lewis, I am a journalist from this media, I want to ask Mr. Lewis, it is said that before this, Mih investment group was not ready to sell the 6% stake in Activision Blizzard to Mr. Lewis, so how did Mr. Lewis complete the acquisition of Activision Blizzard?”

These foreign journalists indeed asked sharp-edged questions. Mr. Lewis immediately nodded and said, “This question is not difficult, it’s very simple, just buy the T company.”

At this point, Mr. Lewis shrugged and continued, “Because before I came to the

North Federation, I also took control of the T company. Now Virtual World Investment Company owns 57% of the T company’s shares and has an absolute control over the T company. Thank you. Next.”

The response given by Mr. Lewis led to a brief silence in the auditorium, as though a spark was thrown into gasoline, it “buzzed” and it exploded. Damn, such an overbearing answer! I am absolutely flabbergasted! What do you mean by ‘it’s quite simple’, buy-ups could easily be made! Damn this response... I go, even the journalist already got dumbfounded. This response was far from his expectation, but it made him speechless.

Is T company small scale? Compared to Activision Blizzard, T company’s market value is ten times that of Activision Blizzard! To buy a company, one needs to, to say it casually?

“Mr. Lewis, I am a journalist from the Game House of the North Federation. I want to ask Mr. Lewis. Please ask Mr. Lewis is acquiring T company also part of Mr. Lewis’s plan? We all know that T company has a huge user base in Flame Nation.” Another journalist stood up.

“Thank you, but the acquisition of the T company was not part of the Virtual World’s plan. It’s just because I wanted to acquire Activision Blizzard, but due to some problems, I couldn’t get the 6% share, so I had to acquire the T company. It was an accident.” Mr. Lewis said, smiling.

After Mr. Lewis's words fell, the journalists below were utterly speechless. If they were from Flame Nation, they would probably say something like, 'damn, such a high profile?' Even though they didn't know this term, their feelings were clearly delineated. If it weren't at a press conference now, some journalists would have probably started cursing. Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Fuck, an accident? Just to acquire Activision Blizzard, he had to acquire T company.... Damn it, this theory seems right, but could you tell me, for the sake of a company with a market value of 170 billion Federal coins, then you had to get a company with a market value of 1,700 billion Federal coins, what's the story here?

Is this a mental disorder? Damn it, who does things like this? Mr. Kodiak Kennedy on the stage also just learned about this, but he was lost for words, why does he have a feeling of flattery? Damn it! Probably any Activision Blizzard employee who hears this will feel flattered, right?

In order to acquire Activision Blizzard, someone had to buy another company, T company, that also owns shares in Activision Blizzard...yeah, this is flaunting wealth and power, isn't it? Or maybe, he is just mentally ill?

"Mr. Lewis, please tell me, is the owner of Virtual World Limited you, Mr. Lewis? I just had someone check it. T company, the parent company of WY company, and the parent company of Activision Blizzard are all Virtual World Limited. Mr. Lewis, do you want to merge these gaming companies?" Another journalist stood up and asked.

"Yes, at present, the share structure of Virtual World Limited is such that I own

95% of the shares, while another shareholder, Mr. M, owns 5% of Virtua

World Limited. NOW, the shares owned by Virtual World Limited include 56% of WY's shares, 57% of T company's shares, and 56% of Activision Blizzard's shares. These game companies will not be merged. They will operate independently. Of course, the integration of resources between these companies is necessary.", Mr. Lewis said, smiling.

When Mr. Lewis finished speaking, all the journalists below were taken aback for a moment, and then began discussing. Those present in the venue were all a little confused, not knowing what these journalists were discussing. However, when the host picked another journalist, this journalist asked a question with an excited expression on his face..

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Chapter 349 - 343: The Richest Man

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“Mr. Lewis, do you realize what you just said?” an excited reporter asked.

“What does it mean?” Finn Lewis asked with some confusion.

“Mr. Lewis, WY is currently worth about 320 billion Federal Coins, Activision Blizzard is worth about 180 billion Federal Coins, and while T Company’s value has declined somewhat, it is still worth about 1600 billion Federal Coins. Therefore, according to your statement, the shares owned by Virtual World represent a personal asset of around 1200 billion Federal Coins to you.” the reporter quickly explained.

Honestly, this stunned Finn. He hadn’t thought about it in this way. In fact, many people hadn’t realized this, until this reporter spoke up. On hearing the reporter, all other reporters, and even the people on the stage, finally understood. Goodness, a personal asset of 1200 billion Federal Coins, what did this mean?

“According to the 2014 World’s Richest Person list of the Magazine, Mr. Bill Gates, who is ranked first, has a net worth of 760 billion Federal Coins,” the reporter quickly added.

Finn was in a daze. So...I am the richest person in the world now? Finn hadn’t thought about this before. He had unknowingly amassed 1200 billion Federal Coins. Goodness, why didn’t he feel any different? Becoming the world’s richest person seemed too easy.

“Magazine, come out, I promise I won’t beat you to death.”

“Magazine, isn’t your World Richest List touted as the most authoritative in the world?”

“Magazine, was Finn Lewis’s name eaten by you?”

Activision Blizzard’s press conference was indeed a sensational event. But it became much more sensational when the news broke that Finn Lewis had not only acquired Activision Blizzard but also T Company. The whole world was shocked.

“From a guy who was not even on the Magazine’s list last year, or even on the Flame Nation’s rich list, to being the world’s richest person, Finn Lewis tells you how long it took.”

“The myth of wealth accumulation has been refreshed.”

“Finn Lewis tells you, the world’s richest person is nothing, can kill in seconds.”

“A 25-year-old world’s richest person.”

With such explosive news, the sensation of Activision Blizzard being acquired, a piece of news initially deemed quite sensational, was just buried at the corner of countless news pieces. Now, no one cared about Activision Blizzard being acquired. Compared to the new world’s richest person, this news was no longer relevant.

In fact, not only was the Flame Nation totally shocked by this news, but the Northern Europe Federation was totally shocked too. A newly-crowned world’s richest person, who was just 25 years old, goodness! Who would believe if this was said? But they had no choice but to believe! These media outlets acted much faster than they did. Search* The website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

After Activision Blizzard’s press conference, the media outlets in the North Federation immediately began collecting related information. It was not necessary to investigate other companies in detail. Just by adding up Activision Blizzard, T Company, and WY, Finn Lewis’s net worth had already reached 1200 billion Federal Coins, or to be exact, 1191 billion Federal Coins. But don’t forget, Finn Lewis had other assets too.

Because all three of these companies were publicly traded, any share transactions had to be declared to the stock exchange. Finn didn’t plan to conceal anything so naturally, he declared the change in shareholding at the earliest. The only thing that was unclear now was the actual share distribution of the Virtual World.

The Virtual World was called a shareholding company, but it was a private company, so they could completely avoid disclosing the shareholding structure.

Mr. M’s phone was blowing up. At first, when he received a call from Time magazine, M thought they wanted to interview him. But when the other party asked whether M owned 5% of the shares of the Virtual World, M was stunned but he answered.

Since this information was not hard to find out. But when the other party asked about the other shareholders of the Virtual World, Mr. M paused, did not answer, but instead asked why they were asking this question. When he heard the reason from the other party, M was also dazed.

Because M had neglected this point as well. Or rather, everyone who had dealt with the situation unconsciously ignored this. Because, from Mr. M’s viewpoint, Finn Lewis was just using the assets of some foundation to acquire T Company. But it was only now that they realized that regardless of what assets Finn Lewis used to acquire the company, now the shares were under his name indeed.

When Tim Cook saw this news, he was also startled. Of course, Cook was familiar with the name Finn Lewis. As the CEO of A Company, Cook knew who the largest individual

shareholder of A Company was, although this information had not been publicly disclosed yet.

During their negotiation, A Company and the other party had conducted a difficult discussion. The negotiation lasted for just over ten days, but it cost A Company 4.8% of its shares. Of course, what Fruits received would ensure Fruits's supremacy in the future smartphone market, so the negotiation was not a total loss.

But Cook didn't expect that the young man, who hadn't shown his face at all during the negotiation, had now become the world's richest person. And this was without counting the shares of Fruits. If Fruits's shares were counted in, the person's net worth would reach a terrifying 1500 billion Federal Coins, which was more than double that of the second richest man, Bill Gates. That was rather exaggerated. However, Cook soon calmed down.

Cook knew some inside information. For example, the events that took place in LD and why the MIH Group sold their shares. Did Finn Lewis, this young man, have so much money? It seemed unlikely, so there was only one possibility: perhaps the shares that were under Finn Lewis's name were actually owned by that mysterious foundation.

In fact, not only Cook had this thought, but anyone who heard the news, especially those within the top wealth circle, basically thought the same. Because Finn Lewis was too young to possibly have such wealth. But it was quite reasonable for Finn to be able to use the funds of the foundation and act as their spokesperson.

But, even if Finn was their spokesperson, one couldn't underestimate him because of his youth. Because, according to their estimates, Finn was likely the new generation operator of the foundation, similar to the role of Hawking. And because of his age, he would likely receive the attention of financial moguls worldwide in the future.

Cook thought this way was also due to another rumor circulating among the top wealth circles. Although Cook couldn't enter the top wealth circle, he knew this because of his special status.

The price of crude oil futures in the market had fallen below 90 Federal Coins. The global price for each barrel of crude oil was currently 86 Federal Coins. But these were not the most important things. The most important thing was the two massive short sell orders being watched by all major global foundations!

Two short sell orders, each of one million lots! And all these two short sell orders totaling two million lots were held by Flame Nation's XX bank! What's even scarier was that their opening positions were at 100 Federal Coins! That meant their profit for each barrel of crude oil had already reached 14 Federal Coins! That meant the bank's profit had exceeded 280 billion Federal Coins!

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Chapter 350 - 344: Getting Implicated – Part 1

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Pure profit! A mere investment of 100 billion federal coins, and if they close now, deducting the cost of the initial 100 billion, the bank's profit will reach the terrifying amount of 280 billion federal coins! All within less than a week! What kind of wealth accumulation speed is that?

Furthermore, what made these top financiers suspicious was that banks rarely deal in futures, and when they do, they play it safe with stable and profitable options like gold, which have less volatility and are closely tied to the banking industry, allowing them to control the prices.

And they won't hold too much, using just over a hundred billion federal coins, often closing after making several billion federal coins. They would never touch something like oil futures. In fact, most banks don't dabble in these futures, contrary to the general perception that banks are invincible.

Most of the money banks use to invest comes from depositors, so their risk-bearing ability is limited. If they lose money in the futures market, they could be in real trouble. In fact, only major investment funds usually engage in the futures market. Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Like the Hawking Investment Fund. This time, in a deviation from the norm, the bank not only invested in oil futures, but also invested on a large scale! An amount of 100 billion federal coins is not a small figure, especially when the bank's leverage is not low.

So, what prompted the bank to make such a decision? Without having to think hard, most people, after learning of Finn Lewis' connection with the mysterious old foundation, immediately linked it to him.

Presumably, the bank must have been guided by Mr. Lewis, right? Otherwise, there's absolutely no way they wouldn't have closed by now. Although the calls between Finn Lewis, Matthew Chan, and Clarence Johnson were not leaked, in this circle, you don't even need to know what was said. A little analysis of your daily behavior is enough to put two and two together.

Finn Lewis knew nothing about all this. Although he has become the richest man in the world, he didn't have a lot of ready cash. Even though he managed to buy back his shares, he didn't have much money left. Moreover, on the day after the press conference, something happened that made Finn Lewis feel a bit annoyed.

Kelly Damian Bryan, the man who was unwilling to sell his shares of Activision Blizzard to Finn Lewis, ended up selling his shares! What really stung was, this guy probably did it on purpose, he sold his 24% stake directly to Northern Federation's Artis Electronics!

That's one of the two largest gaming giants in the Northern Federation, the EA company, a name familiar to many.

Since he already had absolute control over Activision Blizzard, Finn Lewis was definitely going to call a directors' meeting. But before the directors' meeting was called, Finn Lewis received a notification from EA Company that they would be sending representatives to attend Activision Blizzard's directors' meeting.

Damn it, Finn Lewis didn't plan on buying EA. However, with Jay Sommer and her team completing the acquisition of those gaming companies in the Southern Federation, Finn Lewis would have nearly 80% stake in the gaming market, which would naturally complete the task of the birth of Toras.

As the saying goes, people in the same industry are competitors. Now that EA is represented in the board of Activision Blizzard, what kind of competition can there be? All the secrets are revealed.

Although a 24% stake can't influence any decision of the board, but those attending the meeting would definitely know the company's next step.

"Olivia, what do you think we should do?" Finn Lewis asked, somewhat frustrated.

"Well... How about we buy EA as well?" Olivia suggested after some thought.

"We can't buy them, it would lead to an antitrust investigation." Finn Lewis shook his head. Don't think that the Northern Federation's antitrust investigations are idle. If it was a company of Northern Federation citizens, they might be a bit lenient, but if it's a foreign company, the Northern Federation's antitrust investigators definitely won't go easy.

EA and Activision Blizzard are virtually the two largest gaming companies in the Northern Federation, and if Finn Lewis were to acquire EA as well, his company would command almost 95% of the market share in the Northern Federation. There would certainly be an antitrust investigation. Finn Lewis did not want his company to be forcibly broken up in the end.

"We could buy the shares from EA." Olivia suggested after some thought.

"They probably won't sell." Finn Lewis shook his head helplessly. With Activision Blizzard's shares becoming more and more concentrated, Finn Lewis owned 56% and EA Company owned 24%, adding up to 80%. On top of that, with the previous parent

company of Activision Blizzard, Vivendi, holding 10%, that already made 90%. The rest was held by various investment funds.

It's safe to say, there was virtually no retail stock left now.

"Master, you better answer this call first. It's from a magazine." Before they could come up with a solution, and with just two hours left before the board meeting, Olivia reminded Finn Lewis again.

"Why are they calling me?" Finn Lewis sounded puzzled.

I don't know! Damn it! But the magazine was almost going insane recently. Even though it's only been 24 hours since the news broke out, Forbes' official website was almost overloaded with traffic, as Northern Federation's netizens are just as interested in jumping on the bandwagon as those from other places.

Damn it, a man with a net worth of 1200 billion federal coins, who appeared out of nowhere. Isn't this a mistake on Forbes' part? You can't seriously tell us readers that this man earned 1200 billion Federal coins in just over half a year, can you?

The magazine also felt they were being victimized. Damn it, who knew where this guy came from? Yet, Forbes was quick on the draw. They didn't start investigating Finn Lewis after he became the wealthiest man but as soon as that first program was aired, Forbes immediately dispatched people to look into Finn Lewis.

However, the financial institutions of Flame Nation are not as open and transparent as those in the west, and they have not been able to contact Finn Lewis, nor could they understand the source of his wealth. They wanted to report on it, but if the report turned out to be inaccurate, it would be better to not report at all. Their reputation was not easy to build, and they didn't want to ruin it.

Even though the call seemed strange, Finn Lewis still answered it, "Hello, may I speak to Mr. Lewis?" As soon as Finn Lewis picked up the phone, a pleasant female voice came on.

"Speaking." Finn Lewis nodded as he responded.

"Hello, I'm Jessica, an editor from Forbes Magazine. I was hoping we could have the chance to interview you, Mr. Lewis. You've just become the richest man in the world, and everyone's curious about your wealth." The woman introduced herself as Jessica and delved right into the subject.

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