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Meanwhile, the Rothschild family had already dispatched special lobbyists stationed in Washington to the White House. To avoid revealing too much about the Rothschild family's activities, direct members of the family and their publicly known senior management rarely had direct contact with the White House. Instead, they relied on carefully cultivated lobbyists. These lobbyists held nominal positions within the White House—some as clerks, assistants, or deputy heads of departments—but this was merely their official role. Their daily work at the White House was essentially a nominal appointment, designed to facilitate meetings between the Rothschild family and the President should the Rothschilds need to communicate with the highest levels of government. The

President spent most of his weekdays residing inside the White House; the private residence on the second floor was his primary residence. Since the President stayed overnight at the White House, many staff members were on night duty there. Therefore, when Steve made a phone call, a lobbyist on duty immediately went to the private residence on the second floor to meet with the President.

The recent situation in the Strait of Hormuz is unpredictable, much like the fickle face of a three-year-old child—one moment crying bitterly, the next bursting into laughter through tears and snot bubbles.

The world simply perceives the place as truly thorny and the situation as difficult to manage. But in reality, this child's crying and laughing are entirely dependent on America. America acts like an invisible hand, pinching the child to make it cry and tickling it to make it laugh.

Therefore, whether it cries or laughs, it's all up to America's will. When those at the top of the food chain want to short sell, that invisible hand tickles them until they laugh, lowering oil prices and allowing short sellers to profit. Conversely, when those want to go long, that hand pinches them until they cry.

When the Rothschild family's lobbyist conveyed Steve's ideas to the President, the President agreed almost without hesitation.

He could go long or short, since his extended family and associates would get firsthand information and make a fortune. Since the Rothschild family had a need, he might as well drive up the price, make some money together, and do the Rothschild family a favor.

When charlie wade and Lin Wan’er (Alani) arrived at Harvard University, the Rothschild family’s lobbyists had already reached an agreement with the President to launch a new attack three days later to escalate tensions in the Strait of Hormuz. At that time, international crude oil prices would experience a panic-driven surge.

The Left Army Commander’s Office was also very efficient. Wu Yongzhen divided the money he could use to manipulate this market into three parts, preparing to go long on crude oil in three different areas.

One was to forge fake contracts and sell off all the crude oil produced under his command at the current low price, even selling off future production capacity in advance.

This operation was aimed at seizing the potential growth from the portion of crude oil that should have been handed over to the Qing Dynasty’s anti-Qing faction.

The specific strategy involved using his own shell company to buy crude oil ostensibly produced by the Left Army Governor’s Office, paying for it out of his own pocket. Crude oil currently worth 100 million might be worth 120 million in a few days, with that 20 million going into his pocket.

Another area involved acquiring crude oil arriving soon from the Getty family, which he could then sell at a high price in a few days.

He used the remaining portion to leverage a long position in crude oil futures. He worried about large investments being wiped out by market manipulators, but a more discreet approach would significantly reduce the risk.

Three days later, while charlie wade was staying at Harvard University with Lin Wan’er (Alani), the Strait of Hormuz reignited the conflict. The United States launched an initial airstrike, and Persia tactfully announced a renewed blockade of the Strait of Hormuz.

This news immediately triggered another surge in crude oil prices.

When Wu Yongzhen saw the news and the oil price chart, he was incredibly excited.

His excitement stemmed not only from the large sum of money he had made this time, but more importantly, from the realization that Rachel Getty would become his future benefactor, bringing him a continuous stream of profits in the days to come.