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Steve wiped his cold sweat and said, “Mr. Ye, your two hundred billion is cash! Those trillions are market capitalization; only a few hundred billion US dollars are actually circulating daily. Two hundred billion US dollars in cash is an absolute fortune for the stock market, with a huge impact. If this money is used to drive up the price, the index will skyrocket; if it’s used to dump shares, the index will plummet. And that doesn’t even take into account the herd effect. Once panic sets in, there will often be frantic selling. Two hundred billion US dollars could trigger a two trillion US dollar capital flight. At that time, the entire stock market will be in complete chaos…”

Steve sweated more and more as he spoke, while Charlie became increasingly excited.

He immediately waved his hand, slightly excited, and said to Steve, “Steve, from two hundred billion to five hundred billion! I’m going to give AI stocks an unprecedented super earthquake!”

Steve trembled in shock: “Five hundred billion? Mr. Ye… that’s too risky. Even if we short sell, we might not be able to borrow that many shares…”

Charlie smiled and said, “If you just don’t have enough shares in the AI field, you can get shares from listed companies in the upstream and downstream industries. I’m going to start shorting from wafer manufacturing and packaging, all the way to hardware and large-scale models. Isn’t Dalio’s company about to go public?”

Steve trembled. “Yeah…tomorrow…”

Charlie raised an eyebrow: “Tomorrow?! Good! Let’s do it! We have to do it! Find a way to short it!”

Steve said hesitantly, “For the first thirty days after its IPO, the underwriters can’t lend out their shares. We can only borrow from institutions, funds, and retail investors. And with newly listed stocks, everyone has high expectations, hoping it will skyrocket. So, if we borrow shares now, we’ll have to offer extremely high interest rates, maybe five percent or even higher per day—that’s daily interest…”

Charlie countered, “The specific costs…” “Can you do the math for me?”

Steve said, “Roughly, if the IPO price is $100 per share, we borrow one share today, and tomorrow we have to return one share plus five dollars. Because we’re shorting, we borrow and sell it first, so when the price drops, we buy it back the next day to repay the debt. Our profit margin is that the stock price on the second day must be below $95 per

share. For example, if it drops to $90 the next day, we repay the lender at $90 plus five dollars in interest. That way, we earn five dollars for every share we short. However, the longer the borrowing period, the lower the interest rate." "After all, everyone is optimistic about the market performance on the first day of listing, but the long-term outlook isn't necessarily positive. With three days, a 10% interest rate should be enough to acquire a significant amount of shares; a 10% return in three days is already quite optimistic for most people."

Charlie nodded and said, "Then let's do it this way. Borrow as much as you can, and then sell it all as soon as the market opens."

Steve said worriedly, "Mr. Ye, most institutions can't sell their shares in newly listed companies. So, to protect their profits before the lock-up period expires, they'll definitely try to support the price. No matter how much we sell, they…" "They could all buy in and stabilize or even drive up the stock price. Then we wouldn't be able to borrow any shares, and even with a lot of money, we wouldn't be able to dump their shares!"

Charlie laughed, "What you're saying is the normal scenario. Didn't I say I'd show them another kind of power? Don't worry, I'll make the market lose confidence in their stock price. Plus, with us shorting the entire industry with hundreds of billions of dollars, once panic sets in, this company simply can't escape unscathed. It'll be doomed. Once the panic is strong enough, no one will dare to pour money into propping up the price. I ask you, if a skyscraper is collapsing, what would you use to prop it up?" "Would you use your own arm, or even rush forward with your entire family to try and right it, or use your Rolls-Royce to try and cushion the fall?"

Steve's eyes widened, filled with terror. "I…I wouldn't…If you know a building is about to collapse, no one would try to save it…"

Charlie nodded. "That's right. That's the effect I want. I want those institutions to fully understand that this newly completed building is collapsing, and they are the building's structural components, there's no escaping it. The only thing they can do is prevent the damage from escalating."

Steve Steve swallowed hard and said, "Mr. Ye, if I put up two hundred billion US dollars, that's seven hundred billion US dollars. If all goes well, and it triggers a stock market crash, after deducting the interest on the short selling, we can probably make 40% to 50%. The exact profit depends on how badly the crash occurs."

Charlie said calmly, "Alright, I'll leave this to you. I don't care about anything else, Steve. The money's in your hands, so you'd better work like crazy. If you do a good job, you can keep the profits, and I'll give you an extra half a Rejuvenation Pill as a bonus!"

Steve murmured in utter shock, "Holy crap… Mr. Ye, you…" "…You're not joking with me, are you?"

Charlie smiled slightly. “Do you think I’m that kind of person? I, Charlie, always keep my word. As long as you handle this matter perfectly, I’ll give you half a Rejuvenation Pill, just as I said.”

Steve, incredibly excited, gritted his teeth and said, “Mr. Ye, don’t worry, I’ll definitely go all out, I’ll give it my all!”

Charlie nodded and added, “By the way, you can only take the Rejuvenation Pill in front of me, you can’t use it for anything else!”

Steve replied without hesitation, “That’s for sure, Mr. Ye! Even if you hold a knife to my throat, I won’t give it to anyone else! Not even my own father!”