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It is the result of capital flowing in from other sectors, drawn by the hype surrounding this industry—essentially, new money piling in to drive prices even higher.

Capital worldwide—ranging from nations, massive conglomerates, and hedge funds down to individual retail investors—is inherently driven by the pursuit of profit and the tendency to chase rising prices. Consider the rise of gold from $500 to $1,200: at which stage did the largest number of people jump on board? It wasn't when the price moved from $500 to $600; it was during the climb from $1,100 to $1,200.

How did these people get involved?

By spending money to buy gold.

And from whom did they buy this gold?

Naturally, from those who already held it.

In other words, the majority of people entered the market when gold was priced between $1,100 and $1,200. Their capital allowed the early entrants to cash out—walking away with massive profits. When the price of gold eventually crashed back down to around $700, it was of no consequence to those early players.

The stock market operates the same way.

Wu Yongzhen hoped to be one of those lucky early entrants. He planned to invest his capital into the AI sector, wait for the Rothschild family to aggressively drive up valuations, and then—just as retail investors poured in with their money at the peak—make a clean exit. This would allow him to rake in a fortune in a very short time.

Moreover, having tasted success twice before, he placed absolute trust in the Rothschild family.

On top of that, AI is currently the hottest sector in society. Although he didn't really understand the technology, he saw news about it every single day. He was even aware that the infamous "anti-human" AI, "Dario," was about to go public. Consequently, he made an almost immediate decision: go all-in on AI! According to the intelligence provided by Rachel, the timeframe was a mere month.

Within that month, there was a projected profit of at least 50%. Moreover, the scale of the market was so vast that his own capital would be a mere drop in the ocean.

Consequently, two thoughts uncontrollably crossed his mind.

First, he could embezzle public funds from the Poqing Society. Since a massive profit could be generated within a month, he could simply return the principal afterward and keep the rest as his own gain.

Second, he could use leverage. A 50% rise across the sector didn't mean his potential profit was capped at 50%; that would only be the case without leverage. With leverage, it was a different story entirely. If he took his $10 billion in principal and added another $10 billion in borrowed capital—doubling his exposure—a 50% market rise would translate into a 100% return for him!

Of course, double the leverage meant double the risk.

If he lost 50% on a $10 billion investment, he would still have $5 billion left. But if he leveraged that $10 billion with another $10 billion in borrowed funds, a 50% loss would wipe him out completely.

If he were investing his own money, Wu Yongzhen certainly wouldn't dare to use leverage.

But this situation was different!

This was inside information from the Rothschild family.

The Rothschilds' power and authority went without saying, and their reliability had already been perfectly proven on two previous occasions. So, what was there to be afraid of?

He made an immediate decision: he would commit all his personal assets, along with every cent currently held by the Left Army Command, to go "all in"—using double leverage—on AI-sector stocks and AI-related ETFs.

He felt he had to seize this once-in-a-lifetime, epic market opportunity to finally achieve true financial freedom. Little did he know, however, that what he perceived as an epic market opportunity was, in reality, an epic short-selling trap!