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Clarice never expected Jack to rise to prominence so quickly and achieve such remarkable success.

Now, she was worried that her daughter would see these news reports, so she thought about sending her daughter overseas for her studies, to be far away from this nonsense. However, on second thought, Genesis Games had an even broader influence in Euphoria and Federia.

Clarice threw these worries to the back of her mind. She was curious and excited about the outcome of Genesis Games' market value once it went public.

She wondered if this company could break through the 10-billion-dollar market cap barrier. After all, only a handful of companies could reach such a size and caliber in the gaming industry.

Meanwhile, Jack was in New Vork, meticulously preparing for the upcoming public listing roadshow.

The team stayed at Sunrise Hotel, a five-star hotel near Fall Street, preparing for the upcoming roadshow across various cities.

This was a crucial moment for Genesis Games. Their goal was to raise over three billion dollars, setting a new milestone for Malorian-owned enterprises going public in Federia.

As Jack and his team embarked on a nationwide roadshow, local media houses launched a wave of overwhelming coverage.

Many local news reporters crowded toward the Masdaq Stock Exchange, waiting to run a live broadcast the moment Genesis Games went public.

During their roadshow, they would visit Las Unglores, Lashington, Philcago and most of the largest financial cities. Eventually, they would stop at New Vork.

The company received high praise from all corners of the world.

After meticulous preparation by various institutions and the company's chief financial officer, Genesis Games' IPO price was finally set at forty dollars, with a circulating share capital of 25 million shares.

The moment the company went public on the Masdaq Stock Exchange, the president of Genesis Games, Jack Holland, would take the stage and strike that historic bell.

The night before striking the historic bell, Jack tasted wine alone in a bar in New Vork.

All the necessary preparations were done. Tomorrow marked the day when Genesis Games would officially ring the bell and go public on the Masdaq Stock Exchange.

During this time, Jack was busy every day, working alongside Claude to lead the team on a roadshow across various regions in Federia. Their goal was to capture the attention of numerous investors and propel Genesis Games to a new pinnacle of success.

Jack was hopeful toward Genesis Games' future projections of its share price and market value, wondering if it would fall below the 10-billion-dollar opening valuation or soar beyond the 20-billion-dollar mark.

Everything was up in the air and would require going through substantial market testing.

And at this very moment, Jack would usher in a brand new chapter of his life.

To reduce the stress he felt, Jack decided to walk around New York tonight, basking in its glory as the biggest financial capital in the world and immersing himself in its lavish beauty.

As the world's most vibrant metropolis, this place was even more magnificent than Alnewgo.

After a stroll, Jack decided to stop at a bar he found interesting because many young adults gathered there, creating a lively atmosphere.

However, to Jack's surprise, he unexpectedly ran into a familiar face in this bar- Luna Gates.

What a small world!

Luna and her boyfriend, Kyle, had arrived in New Vork on a holiday not long ago. Jack even bumped into them on the plane. He never expected to bump into her again at this quaint bar.

To Jack's surprise, Luna was alone, drinking alcohol in a corner of the bar. She had a dazed expression on her face; she had obviously had more than a few drinks. Clearly, the effects of the alcohol were starting to show.

Jack scanned the place, but Kyle was nowhere to be found.

Jack noticed many foreign young adults casting suggestive glances at Luna. Their eyes were filled with ill intent, as if they were plotting something unsavory.

He furrowed his eyebrows, wondering why Kyle wasn't with Luna.

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That dumbass, Kyle was so dense to assume that it was safe for a young lady to drink alone at a bar like that.

Suddenly, it occurred to him. Did Luna and Kyle fight? Otherwise, why would Luna be drinking alone?

As Jack was contemplating whether to greet Luna, to no surprise, two young men with ill intentions approached Luna. They spoke lewdly toward her with huge smiles on their faces, probably inviting Luna to drink with them.

From the sinister expressions on their faces, they probably had malicious intent.

Although Luna was slightly tipsy from the alcohol, she still aggressively struggled and even splashed the red wine in her hand at the young men.

"Get lost! Who do you think you are? How dare a bunch of trash like you come and flirt with me?" Despite being under the influence of alcohol, Luna was still as feisty as she usually was.

The young men became angry, and one of them tried to grab Luna. However, she grabbed a wine bottle and smashed it on the man's head. The man's head started bleeding instantly, and he lay on the ground, moaning in agony.

Luna's brute behavior petrified the other man, but soon, he displayed a sinister expression. This time, he was prepared and lunged toward her.

Luna couldn't dodge him, and he captured her. She shrieked, but the other young men at the bar only howled in excitement, enjoying the brawl. No one stopped them.

Jack knew that if he didn't do anything, Luna would be in grave danger. Even if he wasn't fond of Luna, he had to lend a helping hand.

Jack stood up and snatched the wine bottle from Luna's hand. Luna watched in terror as he smashed the bottle at the young man. The young man couldn't react in time and collapsed on the ground.

Luna was surprised to see Jack avail himself to rescue her. Her jaw dropped.

However, the man Luna had taken down earlier had slowly regained his senses. When he saw that Jack attacked his friend, he was angered. He aggressively locked Jack with both arms, attempting to body-slam him.

Luna shrieked in shock. "Be careful, Jack!"

However, Jack was as strong as a bull. He pried the person's arms open. Then, with an elegant leap, he kicked the guy's face.

The young man felt his body propel upwards. Then, he slammed onto the bar counter hard and passed out.

Everyone who was drinking around them was flabbergasted by Jack.

Someone from the crowd shouted, "Amazing moves!"

The entire bar fell into an uproar, looking at Jack in awe and reverence.

No one stood up to defend the young men. Perhaps someone wanted to, but no matter how ballsy they were, Jack's swift moves had silenced them entirely and put them in their place.

The owner of the bar did not step in to interfere either.

Men and women flirting with each other was a staple in bars, as long as it didn't get out of hand.

After the boss saw how well Jack fought, he quickly approached Jack and asked if he could perform at the bar regularly or teach him a few moves.

However, Jack rejected the boss' proposition and left the bar with Luna.

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When they felt the gust of cold wind outside the bar, they finally felt safe.

Jack asked, "Why were you drinking your sorrows away at the bar alone? Where's your boyfriend, Kyle?"

Slightly tipsy from the alcohol, Luna replied, "I-I don't have a boyfriend. I've asked that bastard to get lost!"

As expected, something had happened between them.

Jack said, "It isn't safe here. You should leave."

Luna stared at Jack with puppy-dog eyes and said, "Oh, I'll follow you wherever you go. Is that okay?"

The question appeared suggestive. Plus, with the gust of the cold wind, Luna had sobered up slightly from the influence of alcohol.

Jack wanted to ask why she had broken up with Kyle, but he felt that it was inappropriate for him to pry into someone else's business.

However, Luna could tell what Jack was thinking. She explained, "That man has serious moral issues. Not only is he involved with many women, he even engages in group activities t-that..."

At this point, even a woman like Luna, who was usually composed, couldn't go on. Her face turned pale instantly.

Luna had only discovered this truth after arriving in Federia.

Jack stayed silent, feeling sorry for Luna.

Even if Kyle had moral issues, it was hard to deny that he hid them really well. He was rich and handsome, and he was the knight in shining armor most girls had dreamed of.

However, some things just couldn't stay hidden forever.

Luna seemed to have figured out what Jack was thinking. The corner of her lip curled into a slight smile as she said teasingly, "Are you laughing at the fact that I'm single now. However, others can laugh at me, but you have no right to do so."

Jack was slightly taken aback. Confused, he asked, "Why?"

"At least, I was the one who broke up with Kyle. On the other hand, Bella was the one who dumped you. Although we're single, there is a difference between the dumper and the dumpee, so you have no right to laugh at me."

Luna was sharp but direct with her words, leaving Jack Speechless.

Luna softened as she noticed the embarrassed expression on Jack's face. Had she been too harsh with her words?

She shouldn't have projected her hurt onto Jack, only after how Jack had helped her.

Previously, when she was harassed in Alnewgo University, Jack jumped in and saved her.

At this thought, Luna hesitated but eventually said, "I'm sorry. I went too far with my words."

Jack was quite open-minded with his answer. "You're right. Bella did dump me." "Actually, you are a good person."

Luna looked at Jack, her eyes blurry under the influence of alcohol. She whispered, "I don't understand why Bella would dump you. Don't tell me that you're like that bastard, that you've done something wrong against Bella."

Jack had nothing to say to her.

He wanted to deny her claims, but how would he explain what happened with him and Wendy?

Perhaps the first time was a mistake, but when he faced Wendy's seduction the second time, he couldn't lie to himself that he didn't waver.

Luna noticed Jack was silent and said, "Honestly, I knew Bella had no choice. You wouldn't do anything to hurt her either. Perhaps it was fate that pulled you apart."

The atmosphere turned slightly melancholy, so Jack tried to change the topic. "Since you've broken up with Kyle, when do you plan to leave New Vork? It's not safe for a girl like you to be alone in this city. If you need any help, you can call me anytime."

New Vork was nothing like home. Luna was all alone in an unfamiliar place with no one to rely on. She would be susceptible to the danger lurking at every corner.

If she hadn't bumped into Jack by chance, something would have happened to her. However, Jack couldn't always be by Luna's side to protect her, so it was better for her to leave as soon as possible.

Luna's eyes twinkled with mischief, and she chuckled softly.

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Luna said, "Can I take your concern as a sign that you might have feelings for me?"

Jack shook his head. "No! Friends care for each other the same way too."

"Okay!" Luna looked at Jack sternly and said, "You don't have to worry about me. I have a few relatives in New Vork, so I'll look for them. Thank you for your help today. I wouldn't have known what to do if you hadn't swooped in to help."

At this point, the haze of the alcohol finally began to lift for Luna. Recalling the danger she had narrowly escaped, a lingering sense of fear still clutched at her heart.

Jack was relieved to hear that Luna had family in New Vork. At least, she wouldn't be left alone this far away from home.

At this moment, Luna's eyes twinkled with mischief again as she asked, "Oh, Jack. Don't you think that fate has brought us together?"

"What do you mean?" Jack curiously asked.

"Back then, when some guys outside of Alnewgo University harassed my roommate and me, you saved us with your Bentley. At that moment, you appeared so charmingly and intimidating. Now, in New Vork and miles away from home, you saved me again. If this isn't fate, tell me what this is," Luna said as she looked at Jack inexplicably.

Women were emotional creatures; they often romanticized fate and destiny.

If meeting outside of Alnewgo University was a coincidence, meeting again in faraway New Vork and being saved by Jack could no longer be described as a coincidence.

This was the doing of fate and destiny.

At this thought, Luna looked at Jack, the man who always left one in awe and breathless. She said gently, "Jack, do you believe in destiny?"

"I'm a realist," Jack firmly replied.

Under the influence of alcohol, Luna rolled her eyes at Jack. "Could you not be such a realist?"

Then, she said flirtatiously, "I believe in destiny. Now, I even wonder if you were my guardian angel. Otherwise, you wouldn't have saved me so many times." Jack looked at Luna, surprised.

She continued, "Now, you're single, and I'm single too. What do you think about us getting together?"

Jack was surprised by Luna's forwardness. Stuttering, he said, "Y-You must be joking!"

This idea would have never appeared in his mind. There was just no way!

Luna laughed. "How did you know I was joking? But I was really joking! Why would I like you in the first place?

"My dream man needs to be handsome and filthy rich. Do you even have any money to your name? If you have 100 million dollars, I'll marry you. Oh, it's a shame you don't have that kind of money.

"Since you have such a handsome face, if you're open to pursuing me, I'll consider lowering my price to 50 million dollars. However, it's unfortunate that you still don't have that money."

After saying this, Luna sighed. Any talk about fate and destiny faded into the

harshness of reality when faced with such circumstances.

Eventually, Jack suggested, "Why don't I send you home?"

He didn't want to get too involved with this woman anymore.

However, Luna shook her head and rejected the offer, "It's okay. I'll ask someone to get me."

Then, Luna took out her phone. Not long after, a car arrived as expected.

After Luna left in the car, Jack headed toward the hotel.

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Jack woke up early the next day and welcomed the new day.

In the morning, Claude led his employees and waited outside the entrance. Once Jack was getting ready, they drove toward the New Vork Stock Exchange.

Genesis Games was about to be officially listed on the stock exchange, and as the founder and major shareholder, Jack would personally ring the bell to mark its debut.

Not only was there intense coverage from Federian media in the trading hall, but there were also follow-up news reports from major foreign outlets.

Genesis Games' products received significant attention, and their popularity spoke for itself.

Although Genesis Games had yet to reach the ranks of international enterprises, it had already enough caliber to shake the ground and make its people proud.

As the local media continued to cover Genesis Games in depth, its reputation and visibility in the country were destined to increase.

As the company's founder, Jack's name would be spread worldwide.

The morning sun, accompanied by a gentle breeze, brushed against Jack's face. The salty scent of the sea filled the air, refreshing his senses.

Today, Jack chose to wear a formal suit for this crucial moment.

Under the scrutiny of countless media, the bell-ringing ceremony appeared

solemn yet sacred. Any over-the-top attire would have felt out of place.

Before the bell-ringing ceremony began, the whole team had arrived at the scene early.

Outside the stock exchange, the area was already surrounded by reporters and media, bustling with activity.

When Jack and Claude arrived with their team, countless cameras pointed directly at them, and countless shutter sounds went off one after the other.

The reporters swarmed over them, throwing a string of questions. "Are you the founder of Genesis Games? You're so young and talented. Can you share your business-building experience with us?"

"How do you feel now that Genesis Games is about to go public on the Masdaq Stock Exchange?"

"As a company on par with Activision Blizzard, what do you believe Genesis Games' market value will reach?"

Outside the area, groups of female fans were riled up and excited. Screams erupted one after the other.

"Handsome, can I have your number? Let's go on a date!"

"You're so rich and handsome! Do you have time for a romantic date after ringing that bell?"

"I'm very bendy and flexible. I can give you a good time that you'll never forget."

Federia was a country of free expression, so the presence of protestors was inevitable.

They held banners up high as they waved their flags. "Genesis Games should be banned from the Masdaq Stock Exchange. Your market value will never exceed Activision Blizzard!"

"Genesis Games is run by a bunch of dumbasses! You must restore the legendary artifact, Ander's Sword, that I lost to me!"

"They even added an anti-addiction system! I only have a limited amount of time to play every day. How am I supposed to survive?"

In the commotion, Jack entered the New Vork Stock Exchange hall and started preparing for the bell-ringing ceremony. As the hour approached, the New Vork Stock Exchange slowly grew quiet.

Dressed in a neat suit, Jack grabbed the gavel and slowly rang the bell beside him.

The sound of the bell echoed through the New Vork Stock Exchange as Genesis Games officially joined the Masdaq Stock Exchange, becoming a publicly listed company.

Countless cameras pointed at Jack. With a smile, he appeared energetic and vibrant in front of the cameras. His tasteful attire, tall build, captivating frame, and sharply defined features drew the gaze of everyone around.

In this moment, a subtle smile played on Jack's face, exuding an air of confidence and graceful elegance.

The issuing price of Genesis Games started at 40 dollars.

Some were optimistic while others were skeptical, but nothing could stop the

upward momentum of Genesis Games' stock prices.

When Genesis Games opened for trading, its stock price slowly increased-from 45 dollars to 50 dollars, then 55 dollars. It kept reaching new heights.

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By midday, when the market paused, the interhigh had already surpassed 68 dollars with the stock closing at 67 dollars.

Genesis Games' share price had exceeded 16 billion dollars. This was shocking.

Although Genesis Games' financial reports fell slightly short compared to gaming giants like Activision Blizzard, it had still managed to reach a respectable level of 30 billion dollars.

However, as a new company and a concept stock from Iselva, Genesis Games still faced subtle bias in the Federian market. Achieving a market value of 20 billion would be a miracle in itself.

However, judging from today's performance, Genesis Games' market value was likely to continue soaring.

As expected, Genesis Games' stock price continued to soar after the market opened in the afternoon.

Genesis Games' stock price was set at 80 dollars when the market closed. This meant that Genesis Games had exceeded the 20-billion-dollar mark, which shocked countless analysts. At the same time, they were hopeful about its future.

Those analysts who were skeptical about Genesis Games were thoroughly slapped in the face by its 20-billion-dollar market value. They felt nothing but bitter regret.

Genesis Games' performance had undoubtedly impressed them.

When the bell that indicated the market's closing rang, news about Genesis Games' exceeding 20 billion dollars in market value quickly spread across the country.

Although Genesis Games wasn't the highest-valued enterprise, its products had taken the world by storm, sweeping across Federia and Euphoria. This alone was something to be proud of.

Media covering gaming, entertainment, and finance were reporting this news, igniting heated discussions in countless forums.

Genesis Games had successfully established itself overseas, proving to the world that as long as one managed a local company with dedication and integrity, they could conquer the global market.

Genesis Games' popularity had affected the gaming industry back home. In the Apson Share Market, there was even a surge of interest in Genesis Games' concept stock.

Some gaming companies that were not directly associated with Genesis Games also rode the waves of this excitement, with their stock prices hitting the daily limit.

"With a market value of 20 billion dollars, the youngest billionaire is born!"

"He has achieved 20 billion dollars in net worth, making him the one of the richest people in Iselva."

"Hustle, young people! One day, you'll become as successful as him!"

"The rise of the world-class game in the local markets-he's behind it all!"

"Today, we applaud this exceptionally talented young man!"

Many print and online media outlets were filled with praise and coverage of this young billionaire. Jack's name had quickly spread across the nation, becoming an idol for the younger generation.

It was a lazy Saturday in Dorm 502.

Joshua and Isaac were taking a nice nap, while Samuel was engrossed in his book.

Meanwhile, Ronnie was playing "Legend of the East".

Now, "Legend of the East" had once again returned to Genesis Games, and Genesis Games had bought Drakengard Games.

As Ronnie was fully engrossed in his game, a headline suddenly popped up at the corner of the screen, saying, "Congratulations to Genesis Games, which has successfully gone public on the New Vork Stock Exchange, succeeding with a market value of 20 billion dollars! In appreciation of everyone's support, we're launching a special event today, offering each player 10 free chances to spin the wheel!"

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This was undoubtedly a blessing for players who usually didn't spend much on in- game purchases since the lottery gave them a chance to win premium items that could usually only be bought with real money.

Then, the game promoted many news stories about Genesis Games and its founder.

The players were excited for the free lucky draw that happened once in a blue moon, so they didn't mind the frequent advertisements.

However, one of the headlines attracted Ronnie's attention. It read, "Revealing how the founder of Genesis Games created Legend of the East's fantasy world". Ronnie wanted to turn off the game and read the news when he suddenly realized that the picture on the news article was a familiar face to him.

When he opened the news article to see what was going on, all he saw was a high-definition picture of Jack ringing the bell in the New Vork Stock Exchange and accepting interviews from the media. He appeared radiant and striking.

Ronnie rubbed his eyes, thinking that his eyes were playing tricks on him, but when he took a closer look, he realized that Jack Holland was indeed the founder of Genesis Games.

So, he began to watch the talk show seriously, in which Jack talked freely about his entrepreneurial journey.

When Jack introduced himself as a student from Alnewgo University, Ronnie leaped in surprise, startling everyone else in the dorm.

Isaac glared at him and asked, "What's the matter with you, Ronnie? Why are you making such a huge fuss?"

"Are my eyes playing tricks on me, or has the world lost its mind? Jack Holland, who's been my friend for three years, turned out to be the founder of Genesis Games and the youngest billionaire in the world!" Ronnie shouted with excitement.

"What?"

Isaac and Joshua leaped in shock when they heard the news. They quickly got out of their beds and crowded around Ronnie's desktop to read the news. Then, their eyes landed on the picture attached to the article of Jack ringing the bell in the New Vork Stock Exchange.

In the picture, Jack was smiling, exuding a deep sense of confidence.

"Oh my gosh! It really is Jack Holland!" they exclaimed in surprise.

Joshua gritted his teeth. "No wonder he requested a leave of absence and then disappeared without a trace. He's at the New Vork Stock Exchange, pushing Genesis Games to go public. It turns out that he's the billion-dollar founder of Genesis Games.

Isaac turned to Samuel and asked, "Samuel, why aren't you surprised?"

Samuel looked at him lazily and said, "I've already told you about it during the university's 100th anniversary, but none of you believed me."

It turned out that Samuel already knew Jack's secret.

Isaac's and Joshua's eyes instantly widened.

Suddenly, Isaac yelled, "Guys, an incredible, groundbreaking hero has emerged from our dorm. Today, we'll drink until the cows come home!"

After that, Ronnie quickly went downstairs to buy some alcohol, and the four roommates raised their glasses, drinking and relishing the moment. They were happy for Jack's success, and at the same time, they were hopeful about their futures.

After all, if they stayed close to Jack and he offered them intel, they would not have any worries in the world from then on.

Upon reading this news, they were convinced. At this moment, even if they couldn't catch up to Jack's success, they believed that they could achieve their own success with hard work and determination.

At this moment, they deeply understood the differences between people, embracing the unpredictability of life.

What was once thought to be Jack blending in with the world was actually a

journey of hard work, persevering through various trials in the shadows. Now, his name was known far and wide.

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However, they were not discouraged by this. On the contrary, they were more determined to work hard to reach their goals. After all, Jack had set the example for them.

At this moment, Luna was strolling with her aunt near Pulse Point, enjoying the hustle and bustle of New Vork.

Luna was in a chirpy mood and was not upset over her breakup with Kyle. On the contrary, she felt somewhat fortunate.

She rested on a bench while her aunt went shopping at a discount store.

Snowflakes gently fell from the sky, blanketing the world in a vast expanse of white.

As Luna sat on the bench alone, she felt slightly lonely.

Just then, she heard the booming voices echoing from the massive screens around her, broadcasting the story of the newly listed company with a market value exceeding 20 billion dollars and the remarkable life of its founder.

After that, she heard a familiar voice. When she looked up, she saw a man in a stylish suit ringing the bronze bell. He appeared confident and charming, enough to make any woman's heart race.

Previously, Luna had been amazed by Jack's Bentley. She had once felt deeply discouraged and was unable to hold her head high before Bella, but she believed that she had finally turned the tides after she started dating Kyle. At least, Kyle was more outstanding than Jack.

However, at this moment, when she looked at the man ringing the bell with an elegant and gentle smile on his face, all her comparisons and pride vanished instantly like smoke in the wind.

Luna suddenly realized that no matter what kind of boyfriend she found, when it came to taste, Bella was already miles ahead, so far ahead that she knew she could never catch up.

Luna remembered how she had sarcastically asked Jack in front of the bar, "Do you have 100 million dollars? If you don't, I'll consider accepting 50 million dollars. As long as you have the money, I'll marry you."

Now, she knew that not only did Jack have 100 million dollars, he actually had 10 billion dollars and was the founder of a hundred-billion-dollar company.

He was Iselva's youngest billionaire, the leader of the business world born from the new generation. His emergence had brought profound transformation to the global gaming industry.

At this truth, Luna realized how childish and ridiculous her claim was.

So, this young man had been hiding such depths all along. His brilliance was now towering like a majestic peak, commanding awe and admiration.

At that moment, Luna wasn't jealous anymore.

People often felt jealous and compared themselves with others who were worse off than they were, but when faced with someone far better, someone who was a prominent figure, that jealousy would dissipate instantly. Instead, it would be replaced with reverence and admiration.

People usually had a sense of self-awareness. One would know they would never catch up to others on some things, even if they spent their whole life chasing after them.

The only comfort that Luna had was that at that moment, even though Bella had such a tasteful eye, she had missed out on such a precious gem like Jack.

On the other hand, Wesley was engrossed with his computer in his dorm at Alnewgo University.

Ever since "Legend of the East" was available on the market, he had fallen in love with it. However, he still played it in moderation. After all, the game had an anti- addiction feature.

At this moment, a fat man sat beside him, attentively reading a news report that was titled, "The founder of Genesis Games-Iselva's youngest billionaire!"

After the fat man finished the news report, he looked at Wesley with a confused gaze. Then, he said, "Wesley, I remember you bragging about your childhood friend who entered Alnewgo University. Is his name Jack Holland?"

Wesley nodded and asked, "What's the matter?"

The fat man held his beer bottle and said, "Could there be that many people with the same name in this world or even in the same university? Your classmate really has a great name. He must be riding on the coattails of this bigshot's fame!"

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Wesley leaned over to read the news and saw Jack's name clearly with a photo attached.

Although the people appeared slightly further in the picture, one could still distinctly notice the person's features.

Wesley's eyes widened, and he thought that his eyes were deceiving him.

After reading the summary, he stuttered, "T-This is my high school classmate. He's my childhood friend. I'm 100% certain!"

The fat man looked at Wesley disdainfully and said, "You're bluffing! Don't stick your nose where it doesn't belong. I can also say that we shared a diaper as kids."

"I'm sure it's him! He's also the top scholar in the state for the college entrance exam. How could I not see his potential back then?" Wesley swore.

Under the fat man's scrutinizing and somewhat skeptical gaze, he sprinted out of the dorm and rode his bike to the mountain behind the school.

Wesley rode with great effort, huffing and puffing. Finally, he lay down exhausted on the hillside.

He gazed at the streak of sunset hanging over the mountain, its golden light casting a gentle warmth across his face, providing him with an indescribable comfort.

After lying down on the hillside for a while, he finally took out his phone and video- called Jack. "Hello, Jack. How have you been lately? I haven't heard from you in a long time. Are you suffering from the pain of your breakup with your girlfriend?"

Jack answered lightly, "I'm doing well lately. I thought you were busy getting cosy with your girlfriend, so I didn't want to bother you."

Wesley picked up a pebble and threw it in the lake opposite him. Then, he said, "Damn! Why do you sound so drained? Don't tell me your girlfriend broke up with you.

"Did Phoebe leaving for Vexburg hit you that hard? I always thought you were an optimistic person. Don't tell me you now have feelings for Linda Sherbet."

"You guessed it right. I do have a thing for her, but she doesn't even acknowledge me. Don't laugh at me. Remember, I once found a whole stack of unsent love letters to Linda in your notebook! Luckily, you had some self-awareness and knew that Linda would never give you the time of day."

"Damn it! I can't believe you know about that," Wesley shouted.

Jack smiled and said, "I can't believe you don't know this. Eddie and I opened every letter and read through each one thoroughly. We had even memorized all your sweet nothings like they were the back of our hands."

"If you tell anyone my secret, I'll tell Phoebe about how you lost sleep over her back then," Wesley threatened.

Jack couldn't be bothered. "You can tell her. I'm not ashamed of it, so it doesn't matter."

As they laughed and chatted, Wesley casually picked up a blade of foxtail grass and placed it in his mouth as he gazed at the setting sun.

Finally, he asked the burning question within him, "Jack, when I was playing a game in my dorm, I came across a guy named Jack Holland. He's the founder of Genesis Games. Could there be such a huge coincidence? Don't tell me that you're the founder. I won't believe you."

Wesley threw another pebble into the lake as he waited for Jack to deny his claim. However, the answer he received made his jaw drop.

"It's me," Jack calmly said over the phone.

"What the heck! You..." Wesley shrieked.

He ended the call and shoved his phone into his pocket. Then, he rode his bike and sprinted for five kilometers. He didn't stop until he was utterly exhausted.

He fell to the icy grass and stared blankly at the sky. He recalled walking in the fields and fishing with Jack during the winter break. He also remembered working hard to improve himself over the summer break, wanting to close the chasm between him and Jack.

Not long before, he had even sarcastically joked with Jack at Phoebe's birthday party that Jack, Phoebe, and Feena were from different worlds and that Jack would eventually become as average as he was.

Yet now, with a dazzling turn of fate, Jack had become a victorious conqueror of life.

Jack Holland was no longer in the same league as them. This year, he became an overnight sensation.

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At an old neighborhood near Norhaven River in Perthter City, Wesley's father, Roman Landry, exclaimed, "Isn't this Jeffrey's son? Come and see this!"

The neighbors, who were watching television, surrounded him. In such a small town, being on television was a huge deal.

"Wow! How did Jeffrey's son end up on television?"

Wesley's mother was curious and joined the crowd. Mary Schwartz, their neighbor, took a peek too. They were both a little boorish and didn't understand why Jack was on television.

Wesley's mother asked, "Why isn't he home for the new year? Why is he out and about in such flashy clothes? What is it for?"

Mary said, "Perhaps he's used his status as the top scholar in the state to earn big bucks! It seems like this scholar knows how to make money."

"Stop with your nonsense."

Roman understood what was going on. He was initially so shaken that he was at a loss for words.

Then, he frowned and said, "Look at where that is! That's Federia. The news said that Jack's company has gone public in Federia. He's the CEO of a company! It's nothing like what you said about him earning big bucks for being the top scholar."

Wesley's mother somewhat understood the situation because Jeffrey often dabbled in stocks. She replied, "Huh? Jack's company has gone public in Federia? When did he own a company?"

"Yeah! It went public with a starting share price of 40 dollars. Now, the company is worth 20 billion dollars. He's the founder of Genesis Games."

Jeffrey sighed and said, "Oh my gosh! This must be a joke. How could this be true?"

Wesley's mother and Mary were flabbergasted by Jeffrey's words and were at a loss for words.

When did Jack become the CEO of a 20-billion-dollar company? They tried counting the zeros with their fingers and realized they didn't have nearly enough fingers.

This small town by Norhaven River was filled with talent. In the blink of an eye, two individuals had risen to success-one had become a celebrity, while the other had become the CEO of a 20-billion-dollar company.

Clarice also saw that Genesis Games' shares were worth 80 dollars when the market closed. She was dumbfounded.

She had once despicably hoped that the share prices of Genesis Games would fall. Then, she would feel less guilty toward her daughter. However, Genesis Games' strong and resounding answer was a sharp slap to Clarice's face.

Clarice silently turned off the television. Her only hope was that her daughter, Bella, would never see this news.

Although many people had seen the news about Genesis Games, many more had not. After all, the CEO of a major enterprise wasn't necessarily a household name.

For example, the women in the School of Music's dormitory were only interested in entertainment and gossip. They knew nothing about technology and were not interested in it.

Feena, who was in Seresto, had also overlooked Jack's success. However, she would probably find out about it soon since Wesley had discovered that Jack was the founder of Genesis Games.

Soon, the news spread to the small town by the Norhaven River, which was slightly behind its time. Eventually, more people would find out.

Bella never paid attention to finance-related news. At this moment, she was working hard at Montclair Conservatory, striving to break free from her mother's restraints and change her fate, utterly oblivious to the glory beyond her four walls.