

Master of Time 21

Chapter 21 Secret Preparation

Halle didn't stay for breakfast.

I suppose that she has things she needs to do. I didn't bother to have her stay after we concluded our business transaction.

This is because I already have my fun. I reverse time instead of jumping back to the past after the last round. It is so I don't get blue balls.

Furthermore, I have plenty of footages to replay whenever I wanted. The nanites in my bloodstreams can simulate all the senses, allowing me to relive the moment.

Of course, it could never compare to a real woman even if all senses are simulated perfectly.

It is the thought that counts.

Before Halle leaves the room, I did warn her about the money in the bank account under her name at Chrono Reserves. While she can use as much as she wants for whatever reasons, she will have to repay every single dime that she splurges.

The money in there is more or less her salary, just paid in advance.

Being an actress is one of the highest paying job in Hollywood, so I doubt she will have difficulty paying back whatever debt she incurs – if she incurs any.

I honestly can't have my actresses living in a homeless shelter and eating out of the garbage.

However, if she is unwilling to work under me, I rather not push the matter too much. I have plenty of actors and actresses to choose from.

Besides, Halle already has her punishment for stealing something she shouldn't have.

Once Halle is gone, I return to my work, reading through the digital manuscript of Jurassic Park through the neural interface. I plan to have the book distributed to the entire country in the upcoming weeks or months.

Months seem too slow, but it is expected with the 1990.

I plan to change all of that with Horizon Social Network (HSN). It is a telecommunication company on the surface, but it is much more devious than that.

I will tell you all about it when it is time.

On the literature side of things, I also prepare Harry Potter and Game of Thrones as well.

The two series will be published next after Jurassic Park or simultaneously together with it, depending on the audiences.

I am very new at this, so I will use future knowledge to my advantage.

As for what movies Terra Production should be working on in the upcoming months, I have a look at all the blockbusters in the 1990.

Ghost by Paramount Pictures is at the top of the list. The romantic fantasy thriller movie will make just above 500 million on a 22 million dollars budget. Home Alone by 20th Century Fox is next on the list, racking in almost the same amount on an 18 million dollars budget.

I could wrestle controls with those companies for the right to produce and distribute, but why waste time and energy. Those movies are likely already in production or pre-production.

And since Chrono Holdings has controlling interests in the two companies, it is just better to let them be – for now. I will buy them out and dismantle them in the future, right after I get rid of the monopoly law in America.

Monopoly law is part of antitrust law. Long story short, it basically prevents me from dominating the United States in any business sector.

Kind of annoying. I know.

But if it wasn't in place, I could have done whatever I bloody pleased since the 1970s. Chrono Holdings controls pretty much all the major corporations in America by then. Merging them all into one super monster of an entity is not that difficult.

I will call that mega company Chronicle Incorporated.

It is already a registered trademark. As a matter of fact, Chrono Holdings along with Chrono Reserves and Chrono Estates is subsidiaries of Chronicle Incorporated.

However, because Chronicle Incorporated is rarely mentioned when the news is talking about Chrono Holdings and other subsidiaries, it has slips away completely from the public mind. It didn't help that the company didn't even have its own headquarter.

The general public only know about the individual subsidiaries due to their dominants in the Financial and Economic Sector.

Chronicle Incorporated only exists on paper with a single owner – Maximilien Maxwell.

Yep. It is me.

If someone bother to dig a little deeper, they would notice who the actual owner of the biggest broker, banker and land owner in America.

Too bad it is hard to dig a little deeper. Shield makes sure of that with all the legal mumble jumble that I couldn't be bothered to understand.

It is good to have an artificial working for me. They can outthink pretty much anyone and anything.

Anyway, I should stop getting sidetracked. There are just too many things on my mind. So much things to do and so little time to do them.

I check the highest-grossing films of 1991 and 1992.

However, the highest-grossing movies are either sequels or have their copyrights brought. I could steal the copyrights, but I don't think I can win those kinds of cases.

So, let's forwards to the box offices of 1993.

And what do you know?

Jurassic Park tops the box office of 1993, follows by Mrs. Doubtfire and the Fugitive. I guess that those three are the movies I should make.

I am planning to make three blockbusters movies a year after all.

Making those movies three years in advance is also a good idea. I won't have to deal with unwinnable copyright lawsuits.

Well, not that they are unwinnable.

I am in the belief of that if there is a will, there is definitely a fucking way.

Honestly, if I can't think of anything, I could always have the original creators meet with an unfortunate accident if they cause me too much trouble.

Car crashes. Leak gases. Deadly allergic reaction.

There are plenty to choose from. Hydra and Shield is pretty good at finding ways to kill people without anyone raising an eyebrow. If there are witnesses or those too smart for their own good, they won't live long to tell anyone about it.

Is that too evil? Definitely. Do I care?

Eh... a little.

It is because doing that too much will have the entire United States government bearing upon me and my associates. Without Shield telling me, I know for a fact they are looking into Chrono Holdings and other major companies right about now.

There is no way they are not considering Chrono Holdings has predicted the market to almost perfect accuracy. Henry makes a few mistakes here and there to make it seems legit.

I am also in the belief that any secret will eventually come to light.

Just be prepared for that eventuality, hence my countless plans. Keeping track of so many plans really make my head hurts. So many things can go wrong due to too many moving parts.

Maybe it is time to activate XCOM.

Well, it isn't exactly called XCOM.

I just like to call it that on the account I love the game so much.

It is actually called XCOMBAT – my personal drone army.

Unlike Hydra or Shield, who has human operators in every divisions, XCOMBAT is composed entirely of machine. A fearless and unrelenting army that does not sleep, eat or feel. They will not stop until they accomplish whatever mission I give them.

They are backup plans to Hydra and Shield. Yeah. I'm not going to have those two organizations have a chance to backstab me.

XCOMBAT Headquarter is in China, the land of the rising dragons.

Yes. I'm exploiting poor Chinese farmers on the countryside to build my deadly robotic army. At least they get a decent meal 3 times a day and a bit of money to take home to their family.

I have been working on this army since 1976, right after Mao died. I think might have something to do with that.

Historically, Mao should have died around that time, but he refuses to due to divergent timeline, so I suggest to Hua Guofeng to put him down and seize power.

The man did with a little bit of help from XCOMBAT of course. He is still in office right now. All power of the People Army lies within his hand. However, he is a bit paranoid right now, fearing death and people stabbing him and what's not.

That is why I didn't bother him too much in the past decade.

I will have to once Atlantis makes their move since China is one of the world superpowers of the future after all. Having them under my control will prevent World War 3.

The sun has risen in the horizon by the time I was done preparing everything for Terra Entertainment and all its subsidiaries.

It will be a very long week ahead.

I just hope no one gives me anymore trouble. It a waste of time teaching them a lesson, honestly.

But I couldn't just turn a blind eye and let it go.

Once I do, everyone will stop fearing me and start doing shit on their own. I can't have that.

But before all of that – Antigone! Daddy is home!

Did you miss me?

Her screaming pierces my ear.

I guess she did miss me. Heh.

Ah. Fatherhood...