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“But whether I do save the city or not tomorrow will depend on how things end up going.”

Anna fell into deep thought. “You mean that if the trend continues and the market crashes, then you won’t help. But if this is caused by someone and they’re secretly trying to increase the severity of this economic crisis, you’ll help?”

Jasper smiled. “Smart! There’s no way I’d be able to fight the trend of the dot-com bubble popping no matter how rich I become, so the only way to earn money now is to go with the flow. Fighting against the trend is only something idiots would do.

“But if someone from the outside is putting their capital in? That means someone’s trying to crush Harbor City’s economy and that’s a man-made disaster, not a natural one! Then I have to act!

“Not to mention that the government of Harbor City and the city’s rich families will act even if I don’t do anything. By then, I’ll still just go with the flow!”

As they spoke, the two arrived at Victoria Harbor.

Anna pulled the car to a stop, and the two walked on the pedestrian bridge side by side like many ordinary couples here.

Harbor City was overpopulated, so most roads were rather crowded. As such, pedestrian bridges had been integrated into one of Harbor City’s unique scenery.

It was getting late, but an international metropolis like Harbor City hardly ever grew deserted.

People came and went on the pedestrian bridge, most of them talking about what had happened on the stock markets today. People strode quickly around them with sullen expressions on their faces.

As Jasper and Anna chatted and walked around Victoria Harbor with smiles on their faces, Mitch and Zane were currently joyfully clinking glasses at an open bar.

“Today sure was great, Young Master Langdon! Had you not shown me the way to earn money and told me to take the bearish stand for Harbor Stocks, I wouldn’t have been able to earn tens of millions today!” Zane thanked Mitch elatedly.

Mitch merely smiled softly at Zane’s praise. “It’s nothing. Keep working for me and I can promise you’ll be earning big bucks in the future. This is only the beginning.”

“Looking at those aggrieved expressions those people wore just makes me want to laugh! What do they know about stocks? They had it coming for losing!”

Zane leaned against the chair comfortably and enjoyed the sea breeze. “How much did you earn today, Young Master Langdon?”

Mitch’s lips quirked upward as he lifted two fingers.

“200 million?!” Zane exclaimed.

Mitch burst out in laughter. “Look at you, so unpromising. It’s just 200 million, that’s nothing. I’m one of Harbor City’s well-known investing masters, after all. I could tell that something was up when I looked at the market’s big picture. So I prepared my funds and chose to take the bearish stand before it was too late. There’s only more money to be made from now on.”

Zane replied in admiration, “You sure are good at this, Young Master Langdon...”

Halfway through his praise, Zane's eyes suddenly widened. Looking over in the other direction, he roared, "What the hell! Look at those two, Young Master Langdon. It's Jasper, that country bumpkin, and Anna?"

Hearing Zane, Mitch immediately snapped his head over to see a couple walking by the harbor not too far away, approaching their direction.

While the lighting around them was dim, Mitch could easily tell the two's identities!

"Motherf*cker! It really is that country bumpkin and Anna!"

Mitch huffed enviously.

He had been chasing after Anna for quite a few years already. Yet every time she saw him, she would have a dark expression on her face. How could she possibly take strolls with him?!

He thought about himself, how he was still a member of one of the four major rich families in Harbor City with equal footing as the Law family. However, Annie had never even looked his way!

Meanwhile, Jasper, a country bumpkin from Mainland, was deeply favored by her...

Mitch scoffed and stood up when he saw Jasper, that new distaste adding to his old resentment. "Come on, let's go talk."

Jasper was chatting and laughing with Anna when a sharp voice sounded not too far away.

"Hey, isn't this a Mainland cockroach?"

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Zane had both his hands in his pant pockets as he scoffed at Jasper and spoke, "What? Haven't seen a night view as beautiful as Harbor City's before? That must be why you're here, right? To learn more about the world."

"Don't say that."

Mitch glared at Jasper and spoke wittily, "That's a humiliation to cockroaches. People like him should be called a mangy dog."

"After all, it wasn't easy climbing up a tree like the Law family. He looks so proud of himself. It's like he can't wait to wag his tail and please his master."

Zane broke out into a laugh and agreed. "You're right, Young Master Langdon. He really is just a mangy dog!"

Jasper could not help but feel like he was being stalked by Zane and Mitch.

Needless to say, the amount of hatred, new and old, between them had gotten beyond the point of mitigation.

"Should've checked my horoscope today before I left the house." Jasper shook his head.

"Shouldn't we be the ones saying this?"

Zane scoffed. "What misfortune to see a dog like you the moment I leave my house."

“You’ve got to be understanding too. After all, Mainland is hardly as urbanized as Harbor City. At least he’ll have something to gloat to his friends back in Mainland if he has walked around Victoria Harbor.”

Mitch mocked plainly.

With that, Mitch then turned to Anna. “How could you come out for a walk with someone like this, Anna? What about your dignity if this news gets spread?”

Anna had long felt annoyed when it came to Mitch, so she replied to his words coldly, “Who are you to control who I take walks with? And watch your attitude, the two of you. You disgust me.”

“I disgust you?!”

Mitch started laughing, feeling infuriated as he pointed at Jasper. “It’s people like him who schemes and tries to flatter his way into your family who’s disgusting here!”

“What gave you the idea that he’s flattering his way into my family?” Anna asked impolitely.

“Just look at him. It’s obvious, isn’t it?”

Mitch spoke with certainty, “You’ll get the f*ck out of Harbor City if you still see yourself as a man, Jasper! Leave Anna alone, or we’ll never have an ounce of respect for you!”

“How does your respecting me or not affect me?” Jasper asked.

Mitch scoffed and replied wretchedly, “You really are just a mangy dog!”

“Let’s go, Jasper.”

Anna had enough of the two's faces and pulled Jasper away to leave.

"Stand there!"

Mitch blocked the duo's path and sneered at Jasper. "I thought you were capable, country bumpkin. But all you're doing now is hiding between a girl's legs and running away?"

"Exactly, Miss Law. I'd think carefully if I were you. Young Master Langdon easily earned 200 million from the stock market today. What about that country bumpkin next to you, can he do that?" Zane sneered.

Mitch was pleased with what Zane had said and huffed his chest as he spoke with an intentionally nonchalant tone, "It's just 200 million. I could already tell from the trend that Harbor Stock's index would plummet. That's why I prepared money and opened a position for a bearish stand. Earning just that bit of money was easy-peasy."

With that, Mitch turned to Jasper and snickered. "I'd f*ck off soon if I were you, you Mainland country bumpkin. Harbor City isn't a place for losers like you!"

At that, Jasper merely chuckled in disagreement. "Is 200 million a lot of money?"

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"Pfft!"

Mitch burst out laughing and said while laughing, "What did I just hear? 200 million is not a lot, but can you make so much? You're just lucky, and you only

made some money from shady businesses, so how can you compare to me? I made my money with my own ability!”

“Yeah, you’re just a country bumpkin and you dare to compare with Young Master Langdon? You’re a humiliation to all of us with the last names starting with L,” Zane chuckled coldly and said at one side.

“I’m sorry, I think I’m going to disappoint you guys. I did use my luck to make money, but my luck has been great so far. From stock speculation to futures, I rarely fail. I think I made a few billion in just a few months.”

Jasper shrugged and looked at the two of them who widened their eyes after they heard him saying that. He chuckled lightly.

“Right, how much did you say you made? 200 million? You just made the scraps from what I made, so I guess that’s just my pocket money.”

Mitch and Zane felt a buzz in their heads and they almost shut down.

Pocket money?

The rich children of the rich families in Harbor City did not even dare to say 200 million was pocket money and this country bumpkin from Mainland had the balls to say this?

“Bullsh*t!”

Zane said sharply, “Country bumpkin, you expect us to believe that you’ve made a few billion just from your words? You even made a few billion in a few months? I don’t even have the guts to say this! Who do you think you are?”

“Mitch, just because you can’t make this much doesn’t mean other people can’t,” Jasper said flatly.

Mitch narrowed his eyes and looked at Jasper sinisterly. He chuckled coldly and said, "Do you think I'm as easy to fool as a three-year-old? How many hundred million of capital do you need to make a few billion in the stock market in such a short period? Have you calculated that? All ten of your fingers won't be enough for you to count that!"

"Whatever. Do you think I care whether you believe me or not?" Jasper sneered.

Mitch was immediately speechless, and he felt extremely terrible.

It was because he believed that Jasper was able to make some money in the stock market by seizing every opportunity.

After he had this thought, Mitch felt so jealous and pissed that it felt as if he had bugs gnawing on his heart.

Then, he looked at Anna who was standing next to him.

Mitch could only feel that Jasper had defeated him in the business world and also relationship-wise.

Now, he felt that he was the country bumpkin instead!

"Hehe, how amazing you are!"

Mitch smiled coldly while gritting his teeth. "However, don't feel too pleased with yourself, country bumpkin. There'll be a time when you'll cry!"

"Young Master Langdon, have you forgotten about our bet last time? You lost 100 million to me, and it was thanks to that I was able to bid on a pink diamond that's worth a few hundred million at the charity party."

Jasper looked at Mitch and Zane. He said indifferently, "Plus, Mr. Lancaster, I almost bought your family's company last time, and in the end, your father had to show up and give me a billion dollars!"

"Have you guys already forgotten about that?"

After they heard this, their faces turned green. There was a hint of anger in their eyes and their faces looked sinister.

Especially Zane. When he remembered what had happened last time, he did not even know what to say.

"Damn you! Do you think you're all that just because you seized every opportunity and defeated me? Don't forget that the stock market can make someone get rich in one night but can also make someone lose everything in one night!"

Mitch glared at Jasper malevolently. He chuckled coldly and said, "Hmph, you just defeated me by 100 million. I can earn it back with just a turn of my hand. Plus, I can make even more in the future.

"Country bumpkin, it's okay for you to come here to make money. If you're tactful, I can take you along to make more with me.

"As long as you leave Anna and get out of Harbor City after you make your money, I'll be willing to let you tag along. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, so don't blame me for not giving you this chance."

Jasper smiled. "After you let me tag along then we'll watch Harbor Stocks continue plummeting, yeah?"

"This will just make things worse in a bad situation. If the economy in Harbor City collapses, no one can escape unscathed in a great disaster."

“You son of a b*tch! Stop saying it like you’re so high and mighty! Aren’t you involved in the stock market to make money?”

Mitch felt disgusted when he saw Jasper acting so pretentious. He looked at Anna. “Anna, did you see that? He didn’t come here to make money. He’s obviously putting on an act for you by being so full of justice! It’s so that you’ll fall for his tricks!”

“Do you think Jasper is on the same level as you guys?”

Anna suddenly said. She could not stand this anymore, so she opened her mouth and berated.

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When Mitch saw Anna siding with Jasper, he felt the fire of anger and jealousy burning in his chest. His eyes were filled with rage!

“Anna, I know you’re pure-hearted, but don’t be fooled by him! Do you think he got close to the Laws with no ulterior motives?”

Anna gritted her teeth with anger. She wanted to tell them that Jasper was making a lot of money just from the short sale.

Due to the general trend, the market of Harbor Stocks would plummet. He could not fight the general trend, and Harbor Stocks would fall no matter if he did or not.

However, this was the secret between the Laws and Jasper, so Anna could not tell them everything.

She looked at Mitch and Zane before saying coldly, “Mitch, do you know what Jasper said to me just now? We’re talking about how we’re going to save the crisis of Harbor Stocks and not how to continue to suck the blood of the citizens of Harbor City dry! As someone from a rich family, don’t you ever think about the economy of Harbor City?”

“A market rescue?”

Mitch almost burst out laughing. “Jasper?”

Mitch pointed at Jasper’s nose and was struggling to breathe due to all the laughing. “This is the burst of the dot-com bubble. Do you know what it means by the bubble bursting?”

“You just made some money in the stock market because you got f*cking lucky. Do you seriously think you’re able to predict and understand everything?”

“Damn, this is a f*cking global financial crisis and you want to do a market rescue? You? A country bumpkin from Mainland? I’m going to die from laughter.”

“Harbor Stocks are worth a few trillion dollars. They fell 10,000 points today and the Langdons can’t even save this. You can still be a poser back in Mainland with your coins. Aren’t you scared that I’ll laugh my head off from you boasting shamelessly in Harbor City?”

Jasper looked at Mitch sympathetically and said flatly, “Continue laughing then. Laugh more. I hope you can laugh for a few more days.”

Mitch deliberately laughed even louder. “I’m going to keep laughing and I’ll laugh at you every day. What can a country bumpkin like you do to me?”

“A market rescue? F*ck your market rescue and f*ck you! You’re so pretentious that your head is in outer space. What do you even have? You’re just a country bumpkin from Mainland and you want to rescue Harbor Stocks? You might not be afraid to lose your image, but aren’t you afraid of embarrassing the Laws?”

“Anna, are you willing to let the Laws lose their image because of this country bumpkin from Mainland? I think you should tell him to get lost as soon as he can!”

“You’re so senseless!” After Anna said that frigidly, she grabbed Jasper and said, “Jasper, let’s go. We have nothing to say to this lunatic.”

Jasper patted Anna’s hand and said to Mitch, “I’ll remember your laughing face. I hope you can still laugh as foolishly as you are now the next time we see each other.

“The one who gets the last laugh is the winner, no?”

After he said that, Jasper left slowly with Anna.

Mitch watched as Jasper and Anna’s figures walked farther and farther away. The smile on his face slowly disappeared, and what was left was a distorted look filled with malevolence.

“Young Master Langdon, I want to kill that country bumpkin so badly!” Zane said through gritted teeth.

“I want to do it more than you!”

Mitch snorted and said loftily, “Just wait, the time will come when he’ll die. Let’s just allow him to feel pleased with himself for now.”

Zane pondered for a while and asked, “He said he made a few billion from the stock market and wants to rescue the market. Do you think he’s serious?”

Mitch gritted his teeth and chuckled coldly. He said, “I think he did make some money but I’m sure it’s not as much as a few billion. Just listen to him talk big! And he even wants to save the market? He must be dreaming!”

Mitch remembered the news his father had talked about on a call while he was standing in front of the door of his study. He felt his heart burning up.

He knew that his father was probably doing something major and it was related to the financial crisis.

However, Mitch would not tell anyone about this secret.

When he thought about this, he scoffed. 'Jasper, even if you're all that, but can you do better than the Langdons?'

"Tomorrow, let's take out all of our savings for a short sale. We'll use this once-in-a-lifetime chance to get rich overnight!"

Zane was shocked when he heard this. He said, "All of our savings? Isn't this a little risky?"

"What are you scared of?"

Mitch glared at Zane. "Just do as I say. I have a source, and I got some information that the financial crisis this time won't be so simple. It's still early, and that country bumpkin wants to go against me. After I make enough money, I'll kill him!"

Zane thought about it and said through gritted teeth, "Alright, I'll do as you say. I'll get the money tomorrow!"

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After leaving Victoria Harbor, because of Mitch and his gang, their moods were destroyed so they went straight home.

Tonight, a lot of people in Harbor City could not sleep.

This entire city fell into a dense cloud of dismal.

However, Jasper got himself a rare good night's sleep.

He had not had the chance to rest for the past few days because of the time difference and having to follow up on the stock market in the United States. He had to be prepared for the burst of the dot-com bubble at any time.

Now, the bubble had burst and the storm had arrived in Harbor City.

Jasper slept soundly tonight, and he only woke up because of the blaring alarm clock the next morning.

After washing up and eating some breakfast, he walked to the living room.

At this moment, Zach and his team were already in position.

When they saw Jasper, everyone got up enthusiastically and greeted him.

Due to the exceptional results yesterday, Jasper was now the true stock god in their hearts.

As such, even if Jasper told them the sun was square, they would lift their heads to look at it seriously.

“My dad as well as Mr. Lane and his gang have gone to Clark Duvall. I think they’re discussing the countermeasure for dealing with this.”

When Anna saw Jasper walking over, she walked over to him and said.

After nodding, Jasper said, “We should have news by afternoon.”

While he was saying that, the trading had commenced.

At the same time, the trading commencement of Harbor Stocks had attracted the attention of a lot of people.

At this moment, the entire Harbor City went silent. Everyone was watching the changing of Harbor Stocks.

It was not out of everyone’s expectations. After the commencement, the stocks started to plummet wildly.

The plummet yesterday was enough to make Harbor City famous around the world, but it was as if that was not enough. The wealth and riches of Harbor City were evaporating amidst the bitter plummet.

Now, even the most impulsive investors were silenced. Everyone looked as if they were numb.

Everyone’s faces were as gray as ash.

They could only watch as Harbor Stocks continued to plummet.

Everyone’s moods were like the plummeting numbers. They felt as if they were falling down a cliff and they could never reach the bottom.

“The Hansel Index fell by 800 points after the commencement and it’s reaching the gateway of 8,000 points.”

Zack was announcing the situation of the market.

At this moment, everyone was extremely nervous and felt strange in their hearts.

Jasper looked at the time on the screen. It had only been 30 seconds since the commencement.

They had a slump of 800 points in only 30 seconds.

It seemed that this mysterious hand would not be satisfied if it did not completely destroy Harbor City.

“There’s another two billion from a put option short seller! The Hansel Index dropped by another 180 points! It’s now at 7,813 points!”

Zack’s voice sounded again.

Jasper furrowed his brows tightly.

That mysterious fund finally bared its fangs after failing to control itself.

“Give up on the shorts we have now. Let’s hedge this two billion,” Jasper ordered.

Zack was stumped for words.

The more the Hansel Index fell, the more money the party that was waiting for it to drop would make. However, Jasper was now asking them to hedge the other party while facing the destruction of the economy of Harbor Stocks.

Hedging meant that Jasper would buy what the other party sold.

The more the other party sold, the more Jasper would buy.

That way, there would be two successful transactions and it would stop the plummeting Hansel Index from dipping even more.

There was another name for it, and it was called the protection of the market.

Jasper was going to protect the market of Harbor Stocks.

However, a second later, Zack quickly realized this was not the time to space out. Hence, he quickly did what Jasper told him to do.

At the same time, Zack started to feel a surge in his heart.