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Mr. Adams' eyes widened as Jasper said this.

He was about to say something when he noticed Jasper looking over with a smile. "Mr. Adams, do you have any more opinions?"

Thinking about the bet he had made with Jasper, Mr. Adams snorted coldly and said, "It's all your money, Mr. Laine. Of course, I have no objections if you're willing to spend that money. I just hope you won't end up feeling bad when none of the 70 group servers are usable."

Jasper only smiled and no longer mouthed off at Mr. Adams. He immediately announced, "Everyone, please work a little harder today, stick to your guns, and clock in a few extra hours. I'll join everyone in working overtime. Also, supper is on me. I'll get the chefs from Sheraton to whip up something for us. Just make sure everything is done well on your end!"

Cheers filled the entire branch office.

Coming out of the conference room, Jasper noticed Jack's slightly stiff expression as they made their way to Jack's office. He smiled and asked, "Jack, are you nervous? This isn't like you."

Jack laughed bitterly. "Mr. Laine, it might be nothing for you but we've spent too much time and money on this United Legends project. I don't think I'll still have the confidence to continue if this fails."

Patting Jack's shoulder, Jasper said with a smile, "First of all, we won't fail. Second, even if we do fail, that's not important. A loss is a loss. I can still afford to lose this bit of money, and it would be my first time failing so I wouldn't mind having a taste of it."

Jack gave Jasper a blank look before shaking his head and saying with a wry smile, “Mr. Laine, to be frank, what you say sometimes really... makes me want to punch you.”

“Hahaha!”

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“United Legends is opening soon for open beta testing!”

The news spread across the country in a short period of time.

During this time, it did not matter if one was accessing a web portal or a messaging app, even when they had gone to the internet cafe to surf the internet, there were advertisements for United Legends everywhere.

Countless netizens had already been subtly turned into quasi-online game players. They were curious about the game that had been dominating the internet.

In the year 2001 when domestic games were still scarce, the kind of games that many people played were like Command and Conquer: Red Alert. Although they were interesting, they would still become boring after a while.

There were still none of those huge online multiplayer role-playing games in the domestic market.

Currently, all the players were looking forward to the game’s release.

After the news was released, everyone was trying to gather friends through phone calls and text messaging apps.

The men who had scheduled dates with their girlfriends all had to suddenly work overtime for the time being.

Not only that but students who had unfinished assignments were also suddenly working hard to finish them in one day.

Those who had plans at night were suddenly making excuses for not being able to make it.

At 6 p.m. in the evening, a sea of people flooded the internet cafes across the country at almost the same time. One after another, they sat in front of their computers after switching them on, waiting for it to be 7 p.m.

As they waited, they looked to the right and left only to see that everyone there was waiting for the release of United Legends. At once, they all smiled.

“What user ID are you gonna choose?”

“Which realm do you wanna go to?”

“Are you going for warrior or mage? Or maybe cleric?”

Just like that, they began chatting about the game.

The owner of the internet cafe smiled lopsidedly and began thanking Sena. It was hard to tell the future of such a game but at least for the time being, business was doing well.

Not only did the players have high expectations but other people from the local gaming industry and the internet industry were also keeping an eye on the game.

Sena was the first to venture into online gaming and had received quite a lot of attention because of it. Everyone was waiting quietly for the outcome, to see if this game would blow up in the country.

With the expectations of millions of players, the hand of the clock slowly struck 7 p.m.

“Open the server!”

With an order from Jasper, the first ten group servers were opened.

Mr. Adams and Jack were staring at a computer. This computer had the master control program and could directly observe the load in each server.

“The servers are open and some players have already entered the game.”

“Oh no, the load is too big! The server has crashed!”

These two sentences were said almost at the same time.

At that moment, Jasper’s expression was dark.

“What the f\*ck are all of you doing? I told you all a long time ago to pay attention to the server loads! The moment a server reaches full capacity, stop the registration for the current server immediately and open up a new one to redirect the traffic! And yet, you still allowed the server to crash!”

The more composed a person was usually, the scarier they were when their temper flared.

Jasper was usually always calm and composed regardless of who he was dealing with. However, now that he had started reprimanding, no one in the entire office including the group of fastidious technicians from Coreana dared let out a squeak.

In the end, it was still Jack who bit the bullet and said, “Mr. Laine, we had already set a threshold but the traffic at that instant was so large that we couldn’t hold it back at all, so it crashed on the spot.”

Jasper frowned. “Let’s not talk about this now. Start redirecting the traffic and guide the players to the new servers.”

Just like that, the first batch of ten group servers was filled up within the first ten seconds of the launch of United Legends. New players had no way to register for an account and were anxiously tapping on their tables.

However, an announcement was immediately published on the official website, and with that, 30 groups of spare servers were opened in one go.

In any case, the people who were keeping an eye on United Legends let out a sigh because they could already tell that the game would be unstoppable!

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Despite releasing another 30 group servers, they still could not hold back the players' excitement.

Fresh new gameplay, novel user interface, and never-before-seen system; all these different elements were pulling new players in continuously.

Because of that, even the backup servers were being released one after another.

At the same time, the number of individuals going online on all servers was also rising.

From the first 100,000 to 300,000, it then rose to 500,000 and again to a million.

It was already half past one in the morning of the next day when the last of the backup server groups were released.

The opening of a new game region at half-past one in the morning was something that would not happen again in the country in the next few years.

At present, the number of players who were online in United Legends had reached a staggering number of 1.95 million.

A total of 80 server groups were filled to the brim.

Mr. Adams sat down in a chair, his face ashen as he looked at the figure on the computer screen in disbelief. He gulped, feeling that his mouth was a little parched.

A game he created actually had 1.95 million players online at the same time on the first day of its open beta testing. It was not something he had even dared to imagine before this.

However, a miracle had actually happened in front of his eyes.

How many people had been online when the game was tested in Coreana previously?

The figure was not even a miserable 100,000.

However, the game had actually achieved such a sensational result in the Mainland.

This was a matter worth rejoicing, but Mr. Adams could not let himself be happy.

This was because the outcome of his bet with Jasper had now been determined.

Even though they had not reached two million, everyone knew that the 50,000 gap would be easily bridged come morning when traffic would be at its peak due to it being a holiday.

At present, everyone in the branch office was cheering and celebrating.

Jasper had also fulfilled his promise. He had gotten an executive chef from Sheraton Hotel and his team of chefs to prepare a sumptuous supper for everyone.

Not only that, he even gave everyone an envelope packed with a one-month salary bonus.

Who would not like a boss like him?

Even the technicians from Coreana were looking at Jasper with stars in their eyes.

Mr. Adams was the only one who was beside himself.

He could forget about losing the bet, but what bothered him more was that Jasper had probably seen him as a clown since the very beginning.

Mr. Adams stood up and walked toward Jasper. Letting out a long and deep sigh, he said, "Mr. Laine, you've won."

Jasper replied indifferently, "We haven't reached the two million count, you've not lost yet."

Mr. Adams smiled wryly and said, "Mr. Laine, we both know clearly that breaking through the two million count is only a matter of time. There's no need to fuss over that little bit of time."

"Then, do you still plan on fulfilling your promise?" Jasper asked.

Expressionless, Mr. Adams replied, "Consider me won over."

Jasper laughed and said to Mr. Adams, "I'll give you an extra bonus when you leave in the future as long as you properly cultivate talents for me."

Mr. Adams was touched and said solemnly, "Thank you, Mr. Laine, for your generosity. I know what to do now."

Hearing Mr. Adams' response, Jasper felt very satisfied.

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Even though he hated the Coreanans' unwarranted superiority, he needed to wring them of all their skills. By adequately giving them some innocuous benefits, they would then be more obedient in teaching others their skills.

Moreover, Mr. Adams and his group believed that even if Jasper's people picked up all of their skills, it did not change the fact that they would not have any competition in Coreana, so they would not be pressured upon returning.

This was exactly the point that Jasper was also focusing on.

At present, the situation with the entire project was slowly stabilizing and as the night darkened, the players had also begun logging out of the game to rest. After ensuring that there would not be any more accidents, Jasper then returned to the hotel.

Jack and Terry would be on watch for the night just in case something happened.

With them here, Jasper could relax a little.

Jasper waited for a long time after leaving the branch office but Julian still had not arrived with the car. This was the first time something like this had happened. Just as Jasper was about to give Julian a call, he saw the car driving closer from afar.

“Julian, have you been slacking?”

Jasper teased as he opened the car door. However, he was shocked when he realized that there was someone else sitting in his seat.

“Why are you here?”

Jasper asked, pleasantly surprised to see Wendy who was smiling sweetly at him.

Wendy gave him a wink and replied, “Someone had quietly broken the world record for online games, of course, I’d come to sing him some praises.”

Jasper sat in the seat that Wendy had offered him and said with a laugh, “You found out about it too?”

“I’d see ads for United Legends everywhere these few days as long as I was surfing the internet. There are even promotional posters hanging in front of internet cafes by the road. It’s hard to miss.

“I plan to create a character and try it out tomorrow too,” said Wendy.

Jasper said with a smile, “That’s nice. Let’s play it together. We’ll get the tech department to adjust the game level for us and then we can go get married.”

“As if.” Wendy retorted with a blush, “Aren’t you afraid of the players finding out about you throwing your weight around?”

“It’s no big deal. I can just ask them to set up an internal server for the two of us,” Jasper said with a smile.

“Good for you.” Wendy leaned her head on Jasper’s shoulder and said, “I heard from Julian that you haven’t been sleeping before three in the morning these days. Look, it’s already half-past two now.”

“I was busy,” Jasper rubbed his cheeks, feeling a little tired. “There were many things I had to attend to personally, I had no choice,” he said.

“How about I find you a secretary later?” Wendy suggested.

“While I do need a secretary, I should look for one myself,” Jasper said solemnly.

“Why is that? Can’t I look for one for you?” Wendy asked while feeling confused, her head tilting slightly.

Of course, Jasper would not say that if he allowed Wendy to look for someone for him, she would definitely get a man to become his secretary. Jasper could not stand having a man tailing him as his secretary every day. Julian was enough.

For such a special role as a secretary, it was only fitting that the person should be a beautiful woman.

“My secretary has to be shrewd and capable. They also need to be familiar with the company’s various businesses. How many industries do you think the company is involved in now? Most people can’t handle it all, so it’s better for me to look for one myself,” Jasper explained convincingly.

Wendy understood what he meant and nodded. “You’re right, then you should go look for one yourself.”

Jasper had only just breathed a sigh of relief when Wendy added lightly, “They can only be a man.”

“...” Jasper was at a loss.

“By the way, I came today for something important,” Wendy said seriously all of a sudden.

“What is it?” asked Jasper.

“You’re still shameless enough to ask? You asked me previously to transfer five billion into the account of a real estate subsidiary company and now there’s only two to three billion left in the investment company’s account. There’s no more money...” Wendy said.

Jasper’s expression froze. Was he becoming poor now?

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“Give it one more week at most and we’ll have to pay the balance for the Southface River Project. It’s at least seven billion. We don’t have that kind of money anymore,” Wendy ranted about being poor.

Jasper coughed and said, “About the real estate subsidiary company, it’s the upfront investment fees needed to start the construction of the skyscraper, so it can’t be avoided. As for the rest, I still have money in my Harbor City account but it’s best that we don’t touch that. If we do, our profits will drop drastically.”

Wendy rolled her eyes at Jasper and said, “I already knew that you didn’t have much money on hand. My father will transfer ten billion over tomorrow but we can’t keep doing this. The skyscraper is too expensive, do you really want to build it?”

Jasper nodded and said, “It has to be built. Moreover, the die has been cast now. We have no choice but to proceed with it.”

Besides, Jasper was familiar with the real estate and construction materials market in the future. He knew that a building that could be built with 16 billion dollars now would require at least 20 billion in not even two or three years.

The four billion difference could be used to do so many other things.

“I’ve already paid the down payment for the pedestrian street earlier and as a result, I’m tight on cash...” Jasper said gloomily.

“You’ve pumped all your cash into investment projects.” Wendy’s eyes blazed like torches as she immediately pointed out the cause of Jasper’s penniless state.

Grinning, Jasper said, “This is also the reason why I’m rushing to get United Legends out there. The MP3 players aren’t doing too bad either. We could get millions in profits every day. While it’s not much, it’s going to be a lot of money once it accumulates.”

“But as big as United Legends gets, we still need a procedure to gain profits. Do you have any other plans?” asked Wendy.

Jasper narrowed his eyes and said, “We have to make money with United Legends but its most important function now is to create a good base for Sena. I want Sena to become a public listed company. Once it does, I’ll then be able to cash out huge sums of money from the stock market in an instant, and our problem will essentially be solved.”

Speaking of this, Jasper recalled the time when he had bought Sena before this. Even though it was in retaliation against Dane’s attack on Terizone, he had still planned on merging Sena and Terizone together then.

Looking at it now, however, fortunately they had not been merged.

JW Capital was currently still unable to manage such a large company from a merger. As such, the best solution was to control the two companies at the same time. One as a listed company and the other to preserve the status quo.

Leaving the two companies to perform their duties while keeping the competition was the best way.

“Anyone would also make a wrong decision,” said Jasper regretfully all of a sudden.

Wendy turned to look at him curiously but Jasper only smiled and asked without further explanations, “Why not stay in Harbor City for a few more days this time?”

“I wish. The reason I rushed here tonight was one, I wanted to pay you a visit; two, I needed to confirm things with you personally given that the five billion fund transfer was too big. I’ll head back tomorrow morning once I’m done with the transfer procedures. We’re almost done with the Southface River Project. There’s still a lot to do and since you’re not there, I have to be the one to keep an eye on things.

“Actually, we’ll also be able to recover a large number of funds once the work at Southface River is complete.”

Jasper held Wendy’s hand and said with a smile, “See, your man isn’t a pauper yet.”

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Wendy had indeed been busy as a bee. She went to the bank early the next morning to carry out the transfer procedures. After that, she immediately got Fallon to drive her back to Southeast Province.

She did not even have time to have lunch with Jasper.

After Wendy left, Jasper then went to the airport.

He was there to welcome someone.

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She was a woman who would be crucial in the subsequent IPO plans for Sena.

Jasper smiled and walked over when he saw the charming Celine again. He had initially planned to shake her hand politely, but she embraced him in a tight hug.

“Tell me you weren’t joking when you said you’re drafting an IPO plan for Sena?” Celine asked, a smile blossoming in her beautiful eyes as she gazed at Jasper.

He took in the woman’s fragrance but suddenly saw the fire that was blazing from Miss Stone’s eyes. Jasper took a delicate step backward as he smiled. He said, “Of course, it’s true. Why would I joke about such matters?”

Celine rolled her eyes at Jasper as she said flirtatiously, “You never know. After all, it wouldn’t be the first time you’ve lied to me.”

Jasper knew she was referring to how he had used his shares to lie to her when he wanted to stop Dane Warren from releasing Sena to the market. He smiled and said, “They were right when they said you should never lie to a woman, they hold grudges forever.”

“Since you knew that women held grudges, you should have long since made up for the losses I suffered from your deception,” Celine said as she walked out of the airport with Jasper.

As Celine spoke, she ran a careless hand through her hair. Her femininity and charm caused the eyes of several tourists to widen.

“Well, aren’t I here now?” Jasper laughed and said.

Celine gave Jasper a meaningful look as she said, “I’m the one who traveled all the way to you, alright?”

Sensing how the conversation was turning flirtatious, Jasper hurriedly changed the topic and said, “Do you have any plans regarding the collaboration I mentioned earlier?”

Celine replied, "It's still in the evaluation stages now, and I haven't formally submitted it yet. You must remember that I'm only the general manager. The president, William, has more power than I do. He has always remembered you."

"Please make sure this doesn't fall into his hands, or else we'll be done for," Jasper said jokingly.

"I'll help you keep it a secret," Celine said as she laughed lightly.

As the two spoke, they did not notice the look that flashed through Miss Stone's eyes when she heard what they said.

When they reached the hotel, Jasper and Celine sat down in the same club lounge and seats that Jasper and Kayden had sat in before.

"Here's the current situation. The way Sena currently operates isn't that much different from before. The only difference is that the United Legends project has been successfully launched. It currently holds the world record for having the most online users at one time, and huge profits are waiting for me to collect them.

"Thus, Sena is currently even more powerful than it was when Dane came to meet you."

Jasper said as he gazed at Celine.

To be honest, Jasper did not want to be connected in any way to these bloodsuckers if it were not for the fact that foreign companies were required to have a licensed local investment bank as their broker before they could be listed on the Nasdaq Composite.

As one of the four largest investment banks globally, Colossal Investments was well versed in the procedures to help foreign companies begin their IPOs. However, that also meant they did not hesitate to drain one of their money.

Take Dane as an example. Colossal Investments had wanted to take 25% of Dane's shares back when Sena first went public. That seemed highly unreasonable to Jasper.

"Helping Sena go public will be a project that brings in loads of earnings, which is precisely why I'm interested in it. Let me congratulate you in advance. You'll be the next multi-millionaire when Sena goes public," Celine said.

Jasper smiled but did not say anything.

He had long since been a multi-millionaire, alright?