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Jake immediately understood after Jasper explained. At the same time, he felt a little sad.

He realized that the distance between him and Jasper was just too large.

He had not thought of such an important point at all, and had only realized it after Jasper had reminded him. “Don’t think too much about it. We’re looking at the issue from two different angles, so it’s only natural we understand the issue differently.”

“From a financial trader’s point of View, there’s nothing wrong with your opinion. But Alban and I are both entrepreneurs, so we’ll look at the issue from more than just the financial perspective.”

Jasper seemed to have seen through Jake’s thoughts. His calm words comforted Jake greatly.

“Still, Mr. Laine, my vision is was too narrow. I’ll make sure to do better next time,” Jake replied genuinely.

Jasper smiled. He was satisfied with Jake’s attitude.

As his businesses continues to grow, Jasper would start to demand more of the people around him. If these people could not grow with JW, then they would have to be eliminated eventually.

Jake seemed to understand this concept from the way he behaved.

“Seatresures Group is Alban’s life blood; his life and wealth all depend on that business. So there’s no way he’ll just stand by and watch as Seatresures Group crumbles to ruin.”

“The most important thing now is to understand what the government is thinking.”

“The economy of privately-owned enterprises is controlled mainly by the market, this is an absolute law. The government’s goal is just to rectify the shady business practices in the medical treatment industry so that citizens can purchase medication in a relatively fair environment. They’re setting up the framework for future health insurance reformation.”

“Thus, we can see that the government’s goal has never been to destroy privately-owned pharmaceutical enterprises.”

“This is a concept both Alban and I understand.”

“Because of this, the government will allow a large privately-owned enterprise like Seatresures Group some room to save themselves. They might even give the group some time to deal with their issues.”

Jake frowned when he heard Jasper’s analysis. “Mr. Laine, you mean that the Seatresures Group won’t fall?”

“Definitely not.” Jasper shook his head.

The truth from his past life was that even though Seatresures Group had made a huge loss in this incident, they did not close down, nor did they even exit the market. Their market price had only dropped badly.

In this life, Jasper’s vision and knowledge surpassed that of his past life, when he was a mere employee in the financial industry. He had a more unique and deeper understanding of problems now.

Hence, he was certain that the Seatresures Group would come out of this incident heavily wounded but still alive.

“I’m sure Alban and the government will arrive at some level of understanding shortly. That’ll be the time Alban cleans up this mess and starts to stop his share price from collapsing further. This will happen any moment now.”

“Both Alban and the government know very well that the capitalist market can change drastically within a split second. It’s already been affected badly and there’s no saying how Seatreasures Group’s future is going to end up if they didn’t attempt to save it as fast as possible.”

“No one can guarantee the future of a listed enterprise because no one can be certain of investors’ thoughts.”

Jake’s eyes shone as he exclaimed, “If that’s the case, then now’s the perfect time to open a long account!”

Jasper laughed out loud and replied, “Now you understand. The Seatreasures Group will go to great lengths just to save their market cap. So instead of thinking that I want to win the bet between Alban and me, how about I say that I want some of the money that Seatreasures Group has been accumulating over all these years.”

“I know what to do now, Mr. Laine,” Jake replied firmly.

Jasper nodded and said, “Then let’s get to work.”

Henry who had been in the room, lying on the couch the entire time, glanced at Jasper and said, “What the f*ck. I did not understand a single word.”

“You can transfer your money over now,” Jasper said with a smile.

“No, but how did you know about something big like this in advance?” Henry asked curiously.

Jasper simply replied, “That’s why I told you to read the news more. There’s nothing wrong with being more attuned to current affairs. Important information is always hidden among these seemingly unimportant pieces of news.”

“The country’s been heavy on health insurance lately, which is a matter of citizen’s livelihoods. It’s great that the country wants to make its people’s lives better, but in order to do that, they’d have to put an end to all the shady businesses in the industry. This is the very foundation of their plan.”

“If you link all these details together, the conclusion is pretty clear to see. I just happened to be pretty lucky that such a thing was occurring now.”

No one would know about Jasper’s reincarnation anyway, so the man had no qualms about lying to Henry so blatantly.

Henry felt lightheaded when he heard the man, then quickly transferred the 3.7 million he had saved until now into the account Jasper had opened.

All he knew was the number of the account he needed to transfer his money to. Everything else flew completely over his head.

“What’s with such a complicated number?” Jasper looked at the account and asked confusedly.

Henry’s cheeks flushed. “F*ck you. I only left 20 thousand for myself, I transferred you everything else.”

“I have never seen such an extreme young master like you,” Jasper shook his head and transferred the sum to Jake. He told the other to do additional calculations based on a 5 million principal, then distribute the profits to Henry based proportionately.”

“How much can we earn this time?” Henry asked excitedly.

“I’ve been frustrated, thinking about where I’m supposed to get the money to pay for that stupid plane’s parking and maintenance fee next month.”

Jasper gave it some thoughts and smiled. “Counting your percentage on the principal sum of 5 million, and considering the fact that Seatresures Group had earned a lot of dirty money over the past few years, I predict that they’ll have to take out at least eighty percent of their capital for this. If we’re lucky, your 5 million will turn into 10 million in two day’s time.”

“F*ck! Seatresures Group is with 40 billion on the market. What do we have to do to make twice the initial amount?” Henry asked irritably.

“Be grateful we even have this opportunity. Those organizations and hot money traders haven’t realized anything yet, but once Alban makes a move and news of this get out, they’ll all rush over for the grab a piece of Seatresures Group.”

“We’ll still earn something because we came in early, but soon there’ll be nothing left for the other small investors,” Jasper replied calmly.

People did not compete over who was more stupid in the capitalist market, only who was craftier.

In the blink of an eye, Seatresures Group had become a slab of meat worth 40 billion that everyone wanted a taste of.

Jasper got up and stretched. Then, he walked to the hotel’s broad floor-to-ceiling windows. He looked out at the luxurious city view of Waterhoof City and murmured to himself, “This is the appeal of possessing capital.”

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Seatresures Group.

Alban had rushed over from Waterhoof City as quickly as possible to deal with the unease within the group.

Still, as Jasper had predicted, Alban knew that his Seatresures Group was big enough that the government would not completely crush him, be it for the sake of tax or thousands of employees' livelihoods.

While his Seatresures Group was no more than an insignificant ant to the government, the government still had to act in a way that benefited everybody.

Hence, despite his Seatresures Group appearing to be in a perilous position, it was actually pretty stable.

After understanding this, Alban immediately tried to contact the government through the investigative groups.

He finally managed to get rid of two out of the three investigative groups. Meanwhile, Seatresures Group also lost one vice president, two senior-level managers, and six middle-level employees. These people were found guilty of corruption.

These people were scapegoats that Seatreasures Group had thrown out.

Even so, they were not completely innocent, since they had indeed bribed hospitals and doctors on behalf of the company.

“I hope that you don’t blame me for this. Even if you’d done it with the group’s interest in mind, you’ve also reaped your share of the benefits.”

Alban stood in his office in the group building and looked down at his subordinates that were being escorted into the cars. His expression was neither sad nor elated.

Just then, the office doors were opened, and a shrewd and capable middle-aged man walked in.

“Mr. Ball, I’ve already drafted the statement that is to be released by the Harbor Stocks Securities Regulatory Commission. Please have a look. ”

Alban took the statement and gave it a closer look. He corrected the statement word-by-word and changed some terms that he found unsuitable. It was obvious how important this statement was to them.

“This statement will directly affect the trust Harbor Stock’s investors have in our group. We have to make sure we don’t slip up.

“I want the investors to know that even though something had happened with the Seatreasures Group, there’s nothing wrong with its core decision-making team. The group’s businesses will not be affected, and we are still a reliable and safe option for investment.”

The middle-aged man smiled wryly when he heard Alban’s words and replied, “But the market has already lost their trust in us. Our Seatreasure Group’s share price is currently locked on the limit down.”

Alban’s brows twitched. “The group will invest more and we’ll begin recycling our shares.”

The middle-aged man was stunned, and he replied, “Mr. Ball. While recycling our shares now will reignite trust in the investors, there are just too many of them throwing away Seatreasures Group’s shares. We might have to invest billions to do so.”

“Then so be it!”

Alban clenched his jaw and said grimly, “The government has decided to rectify the medical treatment system. From here on out, working in the pharmaceutical industry won’t be as smooth-sailing as before.”

“Medicine is still Seatreasure’s core business, but after what happened this time, I’ve also decided to shift the group vision to walk a more diverse path.”

“The moment the government begins their rectification of the medical treatment system, the coming health insurance reform will make it such that most normal medication will fall under the cover of health insurance. This means they will be bought by the government. Profits of our pharmaceutical enterprise will become very transparent while competition within the industry will only grow tougher.”

“A harsh will sweep over the entire pharmaceutical industry, such that everyone will have to be more frugal. We’ll be walking a path with little profits but high turnover.”

Alban sighed deeply. “The time of greedy development in this industry is over. The government wants to make its people’s lives easier, so there’s no going against that!”

“The entire pharmaceutical industry can’t fight against the government even if we teamed up, let alone Seatreasures Group itself. Whoever tries to do something so foolish will meet an early, end so we have no other option but to go along.”

“I predict that the electronics market is going to be huge in the future. Technology is improving rapidly, and people’s lives seem to be becoming increasingly intertwined with these electronics. That’s why we have to take JW’s MP5 patented technology!”

“Because of this, Seatreasures Group’s market prices cannot continue to drop tomorrow. We have to rescue the market no matter what!”

One had to admit that Alban had his own set of unique capabilities as well. After all, the man had managed to turn Seatreasures from a small pharmaceutical factory into one of the top five largest private-owned enterprises in the country's pharmaceutical industry.

Be it his deduction of the pharmaceutical industry's future, or with electronics and data, he had managed to develop perfect foresight.

This proved that Alban's success was not without reason.

"How much liquid funds are there in the group?"

The shrewd and capable man replied, "We have around 2.2-2.5 billion liquid funds right now. If we need more, then we'll have to consider taking a bank loan or asking our debtors to pay up early."

"According to the current situation, I personally suggest investing around 2 billion into the market. If things go well and we manage to raise the share prices to the initial value before the incident, then our group's daily operations won't be affected."

"But the moment we use more than 2.5 billion funds, the company will face the issue of a capital chain rupture."

Alban's expression darkened.

This 2 billion was profit the group had set aside after the past two years of expansion. The principal capital was included in this amount.

While Seatreaures Group was worth 40 billion on the market, this market value was purely from an accounting perspective. The 40 billion included fixed assets like inventory, factories and machinery, office buildings, patented technology, and so on.

The larger the company was, the more the expenses it accrues. After all, shipment of raw materials, company operation, and wages were all expenses that needed to be paid. Seatreaures Group, for example, had about 60 million in monthly expenses.

Moreover, there was nothing strange about monthly expenses reaching the hundred of millions if a manufacturing line needed to be renewed.

Because of all this, it was by sheer coincidence that Seatreaures Group could spare 2 billion right now.

"Has Jasper made any moves?" Alban asked.

The middle-aged man shook his head and replied. "He's remained dormant and there haven't been any movements from his side."

"Maybe he's already waiting for Seatreasure's share prices to continue dropping to the limit down tomorrow. That way he'd get to win the bet with you without doing a thing, Mr. Ball."

Alban sneered. "He is still a young man, after all. He hasn't gotten enough experience. He thinks that just because he's lucky that he gets to rest easily. Sure, luck matters in society, but the thing that truly decides the winner will always be a person's capabilities."

"Since he's decided to do nothing but wait, then there's no need for us to worry too much either. I've already amended the statement, so release it tomorrow morning the moment Harbor Stocks' market opens!"

"We'll release the statement at the same time the group begins to recycle its shares. I'll make sure Jasper fails horribly this time!"

The middle-aged man was energized, and he replied loudly, "Yes, sir! I'll get to it right away!"

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No matter how many people had their eyes glued to the situation, father time did not wait.

The following morning, when the sun rose, countless professionals were already sitting in front of their computers half an hour early as they waited for the market to open.

They knew that one day was not enough to show the full severity of this storm involving both the medical system and pharmaceutical enterprises.

All these listed pharmaceutical companies were huge businesses, and there was no way they would be willing to watch their share price fall without intervening.

If two opposing parties were respectively trying to raise and drop share prices, then the situation would develop into a cash grab for capitalists. A bloody battle was about to commence!

Countless people were anticipating today's market; they knew that havoc would wreak through the stock market today.

Due to its huge market cap as well as the bet with Jasper, Seatreasures Group's market was the most attractive target.

Seatreasures Group on Harbor Stocks even vaguely seemed to have the air of a leading enterprise in the pharmaceutical industry.

Thus, both investors and organizations had all tacitly begun to pay attention to Seatreasures Group's trendline half an hour before the market even opened.

It was 10 a.m., and Harbor Stocks officially began trading for the day.

The moment the clock struck 10 a.m., the computing center immediately gathered all auction stage data and the trendline for the share price began to move.

"Seatreasures Group dropped by 1 index point since the market opened."

Jake's report sounded by Jasper's ears. Seatreasures Group's share price continued to drop!

Jasper and Henry were in the hotel study. They placed a projector in the study so they could project and look at Seatreasures Group's trendline on the wall.

Another large screen showed Jake and his team of traders bustling about.

“Enter the market,” Jasper instructed.

Henry was stunned for a moment. While he had no understanding of finance at all, he had learned quite a bit from Jasper just from being by his side. Hence,

Henry could at least understand the data on the market.

“There’s still a lot of sell orders. Everyone’s trying to sell out the shares they have on hand, so the share prices will definitely keep dropping. Won’t we make a loss if we enter now?”

Henry piped up since he functioned on the principle of asking when he did not understand something.

Jasper wanted Henry to become familiar with these simple tricks in the securities market, so he replied. “Making a loss is guaranteed the moment we enter the market, but it won’t be a huge loss. Alban’s in more of a rush than we are. Besides, if we wait until we no longer

will make a loss before we enter the market, that would mean that Seatresures Group’s share prices have already begun to rise. We won’t be left with much if we wait until then to enter.”

Henry only seemed to vaguely understand Jasper's explanation.

At that moment, Jake had already begun to carry out Jasper's instruction.

A huge buy order entered the market

Amidst the countless sell orders, this buy order seemed especially eye-catching.

The numbers continued to move and the funds on Jasper's accounts began to drop horrifyingly fast.

Replacing them were a mountain of Seatreasures International Group shares.

Under the scrutiny of countless pairs of eyes, Jasper's action had stirred all sorts of reactions.

Jasper's and Alban's bet was no longer a secret, and Jasper's account was well-known in the industry.

Thus, some organizations and investors were stunned when they saw Jasper buy in with such a large number of shares.

“What the f*ck. I thought Jasper wanted Seatreasures Group’s share prices to drop? Instead of shorting his account, why is he buying more? Is Jasper crazy?!”

“Seatreasures Group’s share prices had been plummeting since the market opened. Rather than Alban himself, the first order to rescue the market actually came from his enemy, Jasper?! What’s he trying to do?”

“Maybe Jasper made the wrong trade? Maybe he ended up buying when he was trying to sell?”

This was not the first time someone acted against the market trend. In fact, the largest fat-finger transaction had involved more than one billion funds, happening abroad.

While countless people wondered if Jasper had gone mad, a large professional organization seemed to have understood what Jasper was trying to do.

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“You used to be really low-profile and careful with every other listed company you tried to screw over before. So, why’re you making such large movements this time?”

Henry seemed to have transformed into a curious child as he repeatedly asked Jasper questions.

“The Seatresures Group is too huge, and we alone cannot devour all of it. If anything, it’s highly likely that we’re going to get screwed over instead if we try.

Thus, I have to put myself out in the open in hopes of attracting more capital to the pool.

“The last thing the capitalist market lacks is smart people. Everyone will come to a tacit understanding in the blink of an eye. After all, chances like this to earn such huge sums of money are rare.”

Jasper explained with a smile.

Just as Jasper finished speaking, Jake’s voice rang out as well.

“Mr. Laine, there are other large buy orders. I suspect that an organization has entered the market.”

“I’ve traced the source of the funds. It’s one of the country’s large organizations.”

“Good.”

Jasper nodded in satisfaction. Then, he turned to Henry, who was in awe, and said.

“See, the smart people have already entered the market. We were the first and our initial investment was sizeable. Because of this, these organizations will surround us to form a temporary group. This group will soon suck Seatresures of every penny it is worth.”

“Wow! ” Henry exclaimed genuinely.

He had a sudden epiphany about how weak his previous methods of asserting dominance were as he resorted to disrespecting and beating people up.

Meanwhile, Jasper had managed to take control over the financial market during their joyful conversation, or at the very least, seized control of the 40 billion Somer Dollar

market of a huge group like Seatreasures. This was a transaction worth billions of dollars. This was

true power.

His methods on the other hand...

They were nothing more than child's play.

At that moment, Harbor City Securities Regulatory Commission released a statement.

There were three main points in the statement.

Firstly, it revealed that Seatreasures Group was currently under government investigation.

Secondly, it promised and guaranteed that Seatreasures Group's day-to-day operations would not be affected. It stated that the core management team had already passed the investigation and there would not be any huge personnel changes.

Thirdly, it stated that Seatresures Group would recycle their 2 billion worth of shares.

With this statement, Seatresures Group's share prices were instantly thrown into chaos.

The moment 2 billion of Seatresures Group's own funds entered the market, the share prices were instantly stabilized. This was thanks to Jasper and the other organizations that had entered the market beforehand.

The tragic red of Seatresures Group's share prices suddenly reverted into a green trend again.

It had only been three minutes since the statement was released and Seatresures Group before had recovered and turned the tables.

From a low opening price, the shares began to rise, with the trend predicting further increases that were soon to come.

Far away in Seatresure Group's headquarters in Teo City, Alban was enraged when he saw this.

“Dammit! These greedy b*stards! Jasper you b*stard, so you were waiting for this all along!”

Seatreasures Group’s share price had indeed stopped dropping. Alban had achieved his goal, but all of this had happened too quickly and easily.

While he had managed to avert the crisis, the current situation was not something Alban wanted to see.

What he needed was for Seatreasures Group’s share prices to start rising again thanks to the group’s own funds.

However, the rise right now was thanks to Jasper and that group of opportunistic organizations, with the former leading the latter.

In other words, Jasper and those large capitalist organizations were like eager jackals, ready to devour the entire 2 billion that Alban had invested at a moment’s notice!

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“Mr. Ball, what do we do now?”

The shrewd and capable man felt lost as he stared at the situation before him. Even if Alban was currently enraged, he had no other option but to muster the courage and ask.

Alban panted heavily and replied harshly, “This was Jasper’s objective all along. He predicted that this would happen, and we’ve been forced into a dead-end. There’s no way to turn this around, so we can only march forward even if it spells our end.”

“Which means...”

The middle-aged man had a sour look on his face.

“Even if we know that Jasper and the rest are going to devour our money, we can’t do anything to stop them?”

Alban closed his eyes. His chest felt tight, and he replied painfully, “Jasper, oh, Jasper. I’ve really underestimated this little brat. Is he really just in his twenties?”

“I suppose it’s only right, he did make his first profit through the stock market.”

Alban thought back to the night a few days ago. He remembered how Jasper had told him with vigor, confidence, and decisiveness that he had made his first big money through the stock market.

Everyone there thought that Jasper was a moron, including himself.

Yet, now Alban finally understood. Jasper was truly skilled.

Forced into a corner, Alban clenched his jaw and pulled out his phone to make a call.

The phone ring for a long time before it connected. Alban began with a grim tone, “Gale, something went wrong with our partnership and now Jasper’s coming for my head. You can’t just let me die like this.”

Gale chuckled and replied, “We had agreed before that the partnership was a one-off thing, regardless of whether it succeeded or failed. Whether or not he is coming after you has nothing to do with me.”

Alban was enraged. “Are you really not going to help me, Old Master Hurlbutt? Aren’t you afraid that the person in Harbor City will cause your trouble?”

Gale replied calmly, "My relationship with them goes no further than a mere partnership. One that has nothing to do with you."

"Moreover, you think he would trouble me because of you? You really think that because I have retired and decided not to involve myself in business matters that you bullsh*t businesspeople from Teo have the power to compete with the Haddock Chamber of Commerce?"

"Alban, as an old man, let me tell you something. Just stop here. You might not believe what I am about to tell you.

"After the forum that night, Jasper had already predicted the events that would unfold today, as well as your attempts at contacting me to further our partnership. Even so, he gave me a little piece of information."

"You have something to hold over me, yes?"

Alban was horrified by what he heard. Mouth and eyes agape, he stood blankly in place.

"He called me that night. I know that he was trying to pit us against each other and end all possibilities of us cooperating again. But even if he did not do that, there is no way I would work together with you again. This is because you are just a discarded pawn to me."

After Gale finished speaking, Alban heard the beeping of a disconnected line.

Crash.

Alban's phone fell to the floor. He was completely stunned.

At that moment, the shrewd and capable man suddenly shouted in a panic, "Mr. Ball! Jasper and the others have made their move!"

Alban's head snapped over to the market index.

He instantly saw that the column for sell orders was instantly filled, even though it was almost empty mere moments ago. Transactions now filled the column like a swarm of bees.

Seatreasures Group's share prices had begun to give again, less than an hour after it showed a bullish trend from a low opening price.

Instead of a dive, it would be more accurate to call this a plummet.

The share prices resembled a crashing plane as it plummeted from the heavens.

Without needing to think, Alban knew that Jasper had made his move.

After Jasper had made the first move, the other organizations followed suit.