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If the Atticus family knew that the old

master was not in good health, it would be

normal. However, it would be a bit

outrageous for them to know that heart.

failure was the cause of the old master's

hospitalization this time.

Someone in the hospital or the family

must have informed Sawyer.

"Mr. Kennedy, don't look at me like this,

I'm just being kind."

After realizing that he had crossed the

line, Sawyer took a step back and said

with a smile.

After all, they were partners who were

about to cooperate and there was no need t

o make the relationship too rigid.

Kennedy obviously felt the same.

Therefore, he slowly looked away and said, "We're almost there. If you have anything to say, you should say it in front of Half-the-Harbor Langdon."

The convoy entered a villa in the heavy rain and found Half-the-Harbor Langdon

waiting to greet them under the eaves of

the main house in the villa.

The car door opened. As Sawyer and Kennedy got out of the car, Half-the Harbor Langdon was already approaching them while smiling.

"You've came from afar. Welcome."

Kennedy smiled and stretched out his

hand to grip Half-the-Harbor Langdon's

hand tightly. He said, "I've been looking

forward to this meeting for a long time."

Sawyer also shook hands with Half-the

Harbor Langdon after letting go of

Kennedy's. He smiled and greeted, "How

have you been recently, my old friend?"

After Sawyer said that, Half-the-Harbor Langdon's smile froze for a few tenths of a second. Even Kennedy was looking at Sawyer like he was a buffoon. 'What's going on with this old thing today? Why does he keep spewing nonsense from his dirty mouth?" With a wave of his hand. Half-the-Harbor Langdon took advantage of this gesture to loosen his grip on Sawyer's hand. After that, he said, "If you read the news more, you'll know that I've been doing badly recently. Moreover, I'm about to become the world's laughing stock."

"Heroes make mistakes sometimes too. This difficulty and obstacle are nothing to you. I believe that Mr. Joe will definitely get through this phase," Fabian walked over and said.

Half-the-Harbor Langdon laughed and said, "Thank you for your kind words, Fabian."

"Everyone, it's windy and rainy outside, s o let's go in and sit down for tea as we chat." Kayden found a gap in the conversation and said with a grin.

After the group entered the house, they exchanged a few words before Half-the Harbor Langdon took the initiative to speak, "Everyone, I believe you guys know why I invited you to come over. Now, allow me to be blunt, Harbor City is. my home, and yet I can't

go back. Also, I believe the two of you're not so happy with your recent situations too, right?"

Kennedy said blankly, "Now, those other families are all siding with the Laws. They

have decided to team up and support Jasper to the bitter end, regardless of consequences. They have forgotten that Harbor City is the most developed economy in Somerland, Could the mainland have developed so fast over the

past two years without our investments?

"They are getting rid of us now that we're not useful anymore!"

Sawyer frowned slightly and said, "Ken, careful. We are only targeting Jasper. It has nothing to do with other people. Don't magnify the issue."

Kennedy also realized that his complaint was a bit too much. Therefore, he took a sip from his teacup and stopped talking.

Half-the-Harbor Langdon saw and smiled. Then, he said, "I think Ken has a right to say that Harbor City can never be Jasper's back garden. What is this? While we were out there doing business, Jasper was still spinning around in his mother's womb, but now we all suddenly have to be his subordinate?

"I don't agree with this. But since Harbor City isolates us, we will form our own team. It's just business. The world is huge, and we can do it everywhere. One person can't stay on the top of the clouds forever. When it comes to methods, us old bones will have far more in our arsenal than the youngsters."

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As soon as Half-the-Harbor Langdon

spoke, Kennedy and Sawyer narrowed

their eyes and looked at each other.

They rarely saw the introverted Half-the

Harbor Langdon showing such an intense

mood swing.

It could be seen that Half-the-Harbor

Langdon genuinely despised Jasper in his

heart.

"Then, Joe, how are we going to

cooperate?" Sawyer asked.

Half-the-Harbor Langdon said slowly

and firmly, "We can no longer take Jasper

lightly. Frankly speaking, if Jasper doesn't

die this time, any one of us three will need

to bend to his will the next time we run

into him. We're no longer his opponents if

we try to fight him alone.

"Hence, since we want to cooperate, we

must truly cooperate deeply regardless of

each other's positions and background. It i

sa strategic alliance in the true sense, not

those loose partnerships that may be

dissolved at any time.

"So I figured I'll take out my Fongroup, Ken, you can take out your family's Hope Group, and Sawyer, you can take out your Atticus Group. Then, we three can do a cross-ownership."

Sawyer and Kennedy were both shocked when they heard that.

This was more than just cooperation. This was like tying the three companies together on the same boat to prosper or sink together.

"We'll also share the resources and risks."

Half-the-Harbor Langdon added another sentence before looking at the two of them. He asked, "What do you think?"

Sawyer frowned slightly and asked, "Then how should we allocate the cross – shareholding ratio?"

The foundation of the Atticus family was always weaker than Kennedy's family, so Sawyer was more tempted by this cooperation.

Half-the-Harbor Langdon heard

Sawyer's question and answered with a smile on his face, "This is easy. Market value is one aspect, and our respective resources are also one aspect. However, m y suggestion is to cross-hold 15% of the shares. This way, it will not affect our controlling rights over our respective industries, but at the same time, it will also provide additional protection."

Kennedy asked slowly, "If we cooperate, which of the three of us is the primary and who is the secondary?"

Half-the-Harbor Langdon said, "Our cooperation is not to distinguish between lowliness and nobleness. The core concept is still resource-sharing and risk sharing. Therefore, we do not have a primary or secondary distinction. There are exactly three companies, hence it is completely possible to vote on major matters. Then, the minority shall obey the majority."

"I think that's fine," Sawyer said first.

Kennedy snorted but did not answer.

He figured he was at a disadvantage.

"I think it is better to have a clear

distinction between primary and secondary. This will make it better when wi e have to cooperate in a certain field in the future as we will simply listen to whoever has the right to speak and is more familiar with this field."

Kennedy's proposal made Half-the

Harbor Langdon laugh. He asked, "So

what if it's fighting against Jasper?

"Which of the three of us has the most

power in this field and who is more

familiar with this matter?"

Kennedy was speechless when he was

asked this question.

No matter how brazen and shameless he

was, he could not say that he was the

most experienced in fighting Jasper.

"I think the voting system is the best."

Sawyer said meaningfully to Kennedy, "M r. Kennedy, times have changed. Don't expect to be the boss everywhere. Now is the era of win-win cooperation and win – win democracy.

"What's more, allow me to be rude, our

enemy is right in front of us, and if Jasper continues to rise, based on his vengeful character, he will definitely seek revenge against us sooner or later. By then, it won't be so easy for us to cooperate anymore. Therefore, it's better to form an alliance as soon as possible and deal with Jasper together. This way, we will still have hope of making a comeback."

Half-the-Harbor Langdon looked at Kennedy, who had his head bowed and was remaining silent. He said, "Ken, your family has always wanted to join my investment project in the United

Kingdom. I can give you 30% of the share

there.

"Plus, to show my sincerity, I can sell you guys any of my industries in Harbor City that you're interested in."

This sentence became the last straw that defeated Kennedy.

"Really?" Kennedy asked, looking up at Half-the-Harbor Langdon with burning

eyes.

Half-the-Harbor Langdon took a sip of his tea and replied, "When did I ever lie to you?"

"Okay then, but I need to discuss the

specific details with my family," Kennedy

said immediately.

If Kennedy agreed to this, then this

matter was nearly done.

Half-the-Harbor Langdon smiled and

said, "Of course. Well then, I shall wish us

a happy cooperation."

"Haha! Have more tea!"

A few hours later, someone knocked on

the door of the guest room assigned to

Kennedy.

After Kennedy opened the door, he saw

Kayden standing at the door. So, he

smiled and asked, "Kayden, you're still u

p. Can I help you with anything?"

Kayden smiled and said, "I have some

questions I want to ask you."

With a nod, Kennedy said, "Come in."

After letting Kayden in, Kennedy sat on

the sofa and asked, "What do you want to

ask?"

Kayden asked, "Uncle Kennedy, I don't

think the Atticus family is qualified to cooperate with us. What do you think?".

Kennedy narrowed his eyes slightly and asked slowly, "I don't understand what you mean. If they are not qualified to cooperate with us, why did you and your father invite them over?"

Kayden said softly, "Someone needs to be sacrificed in order to deal with Jasper. I don't want to be sacrificed, and I'm sure you don't want to be sacrificed too. Then, naturally, we need to have someone who we can sacrifice to enter this alliance. Uncle Kennedy, do you agree with this statement?"

Kennedy smiled and said, "Kayden, you mean you want us to unite and take action against the Atticus family?"

Shaking his head, Kayden said, "No, we are still partners for now. Since we are all partners, how can we take action against each other? I simply mean that if there is a need, we can actually use the Atticus family as a shield."

Kennedy patted the armrest of the sofa and sighed ruefully, "Interesting, very interesting. I'm very interested. So, why

don't you tell me how this will go?"

At the same time, Half-the-Harbor Langdon welcomed Sawyer into his study.

"Joe, is the cooperation we negotiated before still valid?" Sawyer asked straightforwardly.

Half-the-Harbor Langdon smiled and said, "You helped me convince Kennedy to join and I will give you a 20% discount o in the property you want to buy from me in Harbor City. Of course, it is still valid.

"After this, you can make a list of the properties you want. I'll ask someone to trade with you then."

Half-the-Harbor Langdon's words

delighted Sawyer.

"Joe, in a sense, you and I are almost the same. We all lack a real heritage and the W. Langdons' old master is still alive. I'm afraid that we will suffer in the future in this regard," Sawyer said profoundly.

"Oh? What do you have in mind then, Sawyer?" Half-the-Harbor Langdon asked calmly.

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Sawyer looked at Half-the-Harbor

Langdon's neutral expression, but in

reality, his heart was fed up with this.

If he did not have another choice and was

not forced to do this, he would not bother t

o entertain Half-the-Harbor Langdon,

the world-famous traitor.

When Kayden and Jasper worked

together, he was able to make Kayden

turn traitor at the most critical time.

Now that the three of them were working

together, it was really hard to say how

much loyalty Half-the-Harbor Langdon

would have.

Even so, in order to ensure self-interest,

Sawyer still had to say and do what was

necessary.

"What opinions can I have?"

Sawyer smiled and said, "You know,

Kennedy is just powerful because he's

relying on his father. He has never

bothered about you or me. Did you see his

reaction when you offered to cooperate? If

it weren't for you agreeing to let him pick

some of your property in Harbor City, he'd still be reluctant to cooperate with us.

"Also, you and I know Kennedy's character. We both know he is not the kind of person who is willing to be directed by others.

"Compared to being ordered around by Kennedy, I believe in your character more, Joe. So, it is better for us to join hands and reach a tacit agreement before voting on some important matters. Of course, I will fully support your decision. Kennedy will have no choice but to accept unless he can steel his heart and have a fall-out with us.

"I have thought about it. With his character, he will not have a complete fall -out with us. Otherwise, he will have offended us and will then have no room to maneuver, especially with the Laws pressuring him on the other side. No matter how strong the W. Langdons are, they are still not strong enough to hide the truth from the masses. When the time comes, won't you be the one with the final say among the three of us?"

Half-the-Harbor Langdon looked at

Sawyer and asked with a half-smile,

"

Sawyer, what do you want from me now

that you're supporting me so much?"

Sawyer smiled and said, "Actually, my

request is very simple. How about 15% of

your project in the United Kingdom

Half-the-Harbor Langdon said slowly, "

You're not greedy."

Sawyer shrugged and said, "This is a deal

where you'll only make a profit. It's up to

you whether you want it or not."

"If I say no, you will find Kennedy and tell

him the same thing you said just now, but

the target will be me, right?" Half-the

Harbor Langdon seemed to be able to see

through Sawyer's soul as he said that.

Sawyer responded without changing his

expression, "No, I told you that Kennedy

and I are not the same. Plus, he despises m

e to the bones, so we can't cooperate."

"You're wrong. I think as long as the

benefits are sufficient, any two people in

this world can cooperate.

"But..."

Half-the-Harbor Langdon stood up, smiled, and stretched out his hand toward Sawyer. He said, "Since I think this sale is a good deal, why should I say no? Then, I shall wish us a happy cooperation."

"Haha, I know you, Joe, you are a sensible person. We'll take what we need from each other for mutual benefit."

"I like what you just said. Mutual benefit." A few minutes later, Kayden walked into

Half-the-Harbor Langdon's office. Before he could get there, he saw Sawyer coming out of his father's office.

When he saw the grin on Sawyer's face, Kayden turned slightly to let him pass and greeted Sawyer while he was at it, "Mr. Sawyer, you're still awake."

"I'm going now. Are you going to talk to your father?" Sawyer asked. He was in a good mood.

"Yes, there are still some arrangements tomorrow that I need to confirm with my father," Kayden replied.

"Alright, very good." Sawyer patted Kayden on the shoulder and praised, "Joe is spared of so many worries by having a son like you."

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"Mr. Sawyer is too kind. Please watch your steps"

After watching Sawyer leave, Kayden narrowed his eyes slightly. Then, he turned and entered Half-the-Harbor Langdon's study.

"Dad, you have such incredible foresight. Sawyer did come to you while I went to look for Kennedy," Kayden said as soon a s he entered the room.

Half-the-Harbor Langdon, who was using this time to deal with some official duties, replied without looking up, There's no incredible foresight in this world. I just put myself in their positions and made some guesses based on their respective personalities.

"How was it? Did the conversation with Kennedy go well?"

Kayden sat across from Half-the-Harbor Langdon and said, "Yeah. Kennedy is just like you predicted. I didn't spend much effort and he agreed.'

"It's good that he agreed. That way, we

have room to maneuver."

Half-the-Harbor Langdon rubbed the bridge of his nose in exhaustion and said slowly, "Kayden, you have to remember that there are no friends or relatives in this world. When necessary, even father and son or even siblings can turn against each other. Benefits are the only eternal thing.

"Only in this way, will you not have to

worry about being betrayed.

"What we have done is actually just to prevent ourselves from being scammed by them, so no matter what you do in the future, you must think twice and consider all possible and impossible results. A relatively complete layout will be the foundation of your invincibility."

Kayden nodded after he heard Half-the Harbor Langdon's lecture.

He looked at Half-the-Harbor Langdon's tired face and said softly, "Dad, you grew a lot of gray hair during this time."

"I'm very stressed."

Half-the-Harbor Langdon sighed and

said, "We lost tens of billions of US

Dollars in Layman's M&A case. Now,

Fongroup's entire capital chain is on the

verge of collapse. If there is even a little

disturbance, we will be exposed. So every

step I take is like walking on thin ice, and

this time."

"It was that f*cker Jasper who pushed us t o this point." Kayden gritted his teeth.

"Don't blame others. We didn't think about it clearly back then."

I am being very careful. It was too painful

sullen face, "If you lose, you lose. If you

Half-the-Harbor Langdon said with a

how can you win back what you lost?"

don't even dare to admit that you lost,

Kayden said angrily, "But I'm just not

reconciled."

"It's good that you're not reconciled. If

you're not reconciled, you have to win it

back. Those punks from the United Stated

and Jasper will pay back this debt. This

day will come soon."

Although they knew that Half-the Harbor Langdon, the Atticus family, and Kennedy were colluding, Jasper had no way of knowing the specific contents of their cooperation.

Right now, Jasper had no time to worry about what these three people would do.

He had received news from the little prince, Lord Alvarado, Simson, and Moses, and they had done everything he asked them to do.

"Thanks for your hard work."

Jasper said to the four people in four different windows in front of the computer.

"Let's not wait too long. Let's set the date for tomorrow., We'll hold the economic forum on the top floor of the Pearl Tower i n Waterhoof City and we'll regard it as a meeting for everyone. You guys will be responsible for sending notices. Since this is too urgent, we won't be making invitations. Oral notices shall prevail. Let's call it the first Somerland Business and Economic Forum."

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Everyone was very busy right now

because they were working together, so

Jasper ended the video call after guiding

them and making suggestions after

making sure everyone understood the

general plan.

At this time, the United States stock

market closed for the day. Today, the

subprime market collapsed drastically

Except for the United States government's announcement of the postponement of the settlement date of the subprime market stock index, everything else went smoothly.

Meanwhile, the domestic stock market had also opened.

There was no doubt that Soros vented all

the shame suffered by the United States financial market today onto the domestic stock market in Somerland in a retaliatory

Thus, the domestic stock market in

Somerland was hit hard again.

manner.

At one glance, it was all limit-down

stocks that had fallen by 10%.

The Somerland stock market had just

started, and it was still in its infancy, so

how could it withstand such devastation?

The whole market was full of grief and

there was an atmosphere of pessimism

and despair everywhere.

At least the stock market had a 10% limit

line to protect them, the most

exaggerated was the futures market.

Today, in addition to cotton futures, the

soybean and corn futures were also faced

with Soros's offense.

However, unlike cotton futures, Soros

went long on these two products.

Only today, the price of soybean and corn

futures skyrocketed. Soybeans soared

from 3300 Somer Dollars per ton to 3900

Somer Dollars per ton, while corn futures

skyrocketed from 1500 Somer Dollars per

ton to an exaggerated 2200 Somer Dollars

per ton.

This single-day increase directly broke the historical record.

However, behind this was a huge

conspiracy propogated by Soros and

backed by the United States government.

After learning that Soros was going long o

n soybeans and corn, the first thing Jasper

thought of was the food war that took

place around 2007 before his

reincarnation.

At that time, the four major international

grain merchant groups attempted to

control domestic grain prices and

frantically increased the prices of main

grains, but at that time, Somergrain,

which had risen at the time, relied on its

reserves that were as deep as the sea to

forcibly beat the four major grain

merchant groups, that were controlled by the capitalists, to the ground. At present, Soros or the United States government might not have plans to take this same path. Jasper immediately searched up the main food prices in the current international market. Sure enough, this year's food prices were generally bullish. The prices of major products such as wheat and soybeans had increased by 20 % -40% since the previous year. "Baz." Jasper called Baz into the office. "Keep an eye on the price of food futures. Tomorrow is the weekend, so both the United States and our country will not trade. You and your team will need to work hard these two days to make a report on the trend of international food prices over the past year, as well as the degree and summary of capital participation of Wall Street on this commodity for me. The more detailed the better." Baz was taken aback. Although he did not understand the intention behind Jasper's command, he nodded and answered, "Okay, I understand, Mr. Laine."

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After that, Jasper gave no more orders.

He watched the prices of soybeans and corn, which were finally locked in a super high position, until the break, then sighed slightly.

After the wave of attacks today, it was unknown how many accounts would be liquidated and how much funds were evaporated in the country today.

He was not a god, so he could not handle everything. He was helpless in the face of these losses. Although it was unknown how many families had been destroyed behind these accounts, this was always the case with a financial war.

Even if there was no gunpowder, its cruelty was no less than in a real war.

Moreover, the same thing happened in the United States, where he was the instigator, so Jasper did not have the right to feel sad.

After trading closed today, the domestic financial community quickly responded to today's market conditions.

Western capital's long grain futures was something that no one would have imagined. Since there was no precaution, the losses were extremely heavy.

Everyone was counting how many accounts had been liquidated in the domestic futures market and how much money had evaporated from the stock market. They thought that this was just normal financial trading by Wall Street Capital and did not think whether there was a deeper meaning to it.

Just when all kinds of voices were raging,

a piece of gossip excited countless people.

The first Somerland Business and

Economic Forum hosted by Jasper, the

actual founder of the JW, would be held in

Waterhoof City Pearl Tower on Saturday.

Even the financial circle and the capital circle in the country right now were still in their infancy, and they were imitating the ways of foreign countries in my things. To put it bluntly, they were in a barbaric era.

Therefore, when they heard the term "economic forum', most people were dumbfounded and did not understand what this forum meant.

However, this did not prevent it from giving a boost to everyone's confidence..

Because it was said that this time, the

economic forum was mainly about domestic businessmen who were about to unite to fight against Wall Street capital in the west.

Most importantly, the government was also a part of it.

Furthermore, a big tree was a good shelter. In a sense, Jasper's name had become the support pillar of countless people.

As long as Jasper was around, everything could be saved.

Regardless of how the outside world discussed and speculated, preparations for this economic forum, which was deliberately not kept confidential, had already begun.

On that day, Waterhoof City Airport was extremely busy. Furthermore, the attendance rate of VIPs on flights from all over the country was surprisingly high.

As a result, the communication between the pilot and the tower was, "Tower, let mi e land first, there is a VIP on board."

"Your VIP's status is n ot high enough, get in line. There are three VIPs with much higher statuses that are landing right now."

The so-called VIP was the special treatment that airlines gave to certain distinguished and noble guests. Flights with these guests onboard could usually land and take off on time.

These flights heading to Waterhoof City today were all carrying VIPs who were celebrities in the business world.

A boss with a net worth of one hundred

million or two hundred million was not

eligible to participate.

All traffic within three kilometers of Pearl Tower was controlled. The Waterhoof City government personally organized security forces to enforce martial law on Pearl Tower, claiming that it was for equipment maintenance and repairs. Hence, people who come to sightsee would be prevented from getting close.

Moreover, the surrounding five-star hotels were all full. Luxury cars of all colors came forward in line. The event caused an enormous uproar, and all this was for a non-governmental economic forum that was going to be launched over ten hours later.