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After sending off Robert, Jasper sighed and said, "Why should my generation not work hard if we have a senior like him?"

"You aren't so bad yourself."

Mr. McNeal said comfortingly, "Everyone knows how hard you work."

"I don't do the things I do so that anyone or everyone sees them. I just do them because I think it's something I should do.

"Mr. McNeal."

Jasper gazed solemnly at Mr. McNeal and Mr. Mason as he said seriously, "This time, I swear I'll make Soros cry all the way back home."

The previously tense atmosphere lightened up considerably after Jasper said that.

Mr. Mason, Ms. Garcia, and Tony bid their goodbyes and left after discussing some other issues for a while longer.

When Jasper noticed that everyone else had left, and he was left alone with Mr. McNeal, he knew that Mr. McNeal probably had something to discuss with him in private.

Sure enough, Mr. McNeal said, "Jasper, M s. Garcia has brought you your mission from the higher-ups the first time she came around. I want to ask you again now: is there anything you need our support for? Special times call for special measures. All your desires can be satisfied, as long as it does not involve going against our principles."

Jasper thought for a while before saying, There's nothing else. The main things I require cannot be provided by Swallow Capital. I've mentioned this before. We can't rely entirely on the officials to support the market this time. Our main power must come from private capital.

"Whereas private capital relies on the results of the economic forum. Fortunately, I've been on good terms with everyone before this. Thus, everyone who was convinced to come here is willing to support the market."

Mr. McNeal had a half-smirk on his face a

s he said to Jasper, "Swallow Capital will

not make such promises easily. Aren't you

planning to reap some benefits for

yourself?"

"There aren't any benefits."

Jasper smiled bitterly as he said, "In

terms of money, I need the big bucks, but

I don't need the petty cash. If I want

power, they'll definitely ask me to give up

JW. But I've spent so much time building J

W from the ground up that it's like my

child now. Besides, I'm not interested in

building a career for myself. In terms of

policies, companies like JW are exactly

what our country needs now, as it receives

openly preferential treatment from policies everywhere. There's nothing else

"If there really is anything I need, I hope that when all this ends, Swallow Capital will provide me with an opportunity I request. I plan to establish a bank in the country."

Mr. McNeal was stunned when he heard what Jasper said.

"A bank?"

Jasper nodded and said, "Yes, there are some examples of joint venture banks in the country, but banks that are private equity firms do not exist yet. Additionally, this is a rather sensitive industry, so I have a feeling that Swallow Capital will be

put in charge of making the final call

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regarding this issue when the time comes.

"No one else would even have a chance,

but there is room for discussion if it's you.

Having said that, we'll talk about that

when the time comes. The details will

depend on the report you pass up to us.

After all, this is not something that a few

people can decide for you," Mr. McNeal

said.

Jasper smiled and said, "That was my

exact reasoning."

"Alright, now that we've got work

matters out of the way, let's discuss

private matters," Mr. McNeal suddenly

said as he smiled.

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Private matters?

Jasper was stunned.

It was his first time meeting Mr. McNeal,

and the two did not share any personal

friendship. How could there be anything

private to discuss?

Mr. McNeal chuckled but did not explain a

s he rose to retrieve a small box from his

briefcase. As he handed it to Jasper, he

said, "Someone asked me to bring this to

you."

Jasper opened the box and saw a ruby

pendant.

The pendant was a bright, vibrant red that

glinted when it caught the light.

Obviously, this gemstone was of superb

quality that was rarely found.

Most impressively, a lifelike phoenix had

been carved onto the stone. The

workmanship was exquisite and dainty, and it was obviously the work of a master. Jasper did not know much about rubies and was far from becoming an expert in the field. However, even an amateur like him could tell that the ruby pendant was extremely valuable. It was so valuable there was no market price available for it. "This?" Jasper held the ruby pendant and turned t o look at Mr. McNeal in astonishment. Mr. McNeal grinned and said, "Adele is m y cousin's niece." Jasper immediately understood. "It turns out you're related to Adele, Mr. McNeal. That explains a lot."

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It was then that his doubts and

unanswered questions were clarified.

Before this, Jasper had always thought M

r. McNeal was a little too enthusiastic and

intimate with him.

Although it was evident that Mr. McNeal

had come over this time as a gesture of

kindness from Swallow Capital, his main

purpose was to come to support him.

However, there was still no need to do so much.

Besides, the evident admiration that shone through his choice of words and actions made it clear that he could not even be bothered to hide it anymore. At that point, he might as well announce to the entire world, 'Jasper Laine is a junior that I admire and support greatly."

Such proclamations might not seem odd t

o anyone else, but Mr. McNeal was at senior official in the system. The average person would not even be able to get near the position he held in their entire lifetime. Thus, on many occasions, people would pay attention to his every action, and even his every expression so they could try to decipher hidden meanings within them.

That was also why Mr. McNeal's identity and status meant that he was destined to make sure he did not go overboard when he took a stand, that he did not show any expressions he was not supposed to show, and not say anything he was not supposed to say. It was because his attitudes would often be interpreted as an official statement by the public.

However, despite that, Mr. McNeal still

showed a great deal of liking and warmth

towards Jasper.

It turns out that Mr. McNeal was a part of the Brown family, and it was his relationship with Adele that made it so that despite Jasper not having come into contact with anyone from the Brown family before, they would make sure to help each other reap the greatest benefits possible whenever possible.

After all, Swallow Capital was also divided into factions. The waters were even murkier here than compared to other places. It was also why Jasper had rarely extended his developments into Swallow City even until now. His entire being showed his reluctance to get overly involved in politics.

However, change happened whether he wanted it or not. His status now meant he had no way of getting rid of fame or fortune completely. Even if he did not get involved with the Brown family, the King brothers, the Combe brothers, and the

Langdon family would all begin trying to get a feel of his attitude.

It did not mean they had to forge an alliance and do anything. Rather, it was to ensure that everyone would work together and get what they needed while taking care of each other, with the prerequisite that Jasper was destined to fly high all the way.

Seemingly sensing how Jasper was not thinking calmly, Mr. McNeal said pleasantly, "You don't have to put any pressure on yourself. We don't have to make any promises or bonds. All you have to do is your own thing, and we'll discuss everything else at a later time. This can be ignored for now."

Jasper nodded, feeling slightly relieved.