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Jasper was pushing the Habers into the

fire pit with this one sentence.

The father and son were now afraid of

Jasper because they were worried that

Grandland Corporation would not have an

easy time in the future. However, Jasper's

condition for forgiving them was basically

asking Grandland Corporation to die, so

how could they compromise?

Sure enough, not only Channing, but even

Weston hesitated.

Jasper saw all this, and after a little

thought, he said, "Don't worry, there are

ways to make up for this loss.

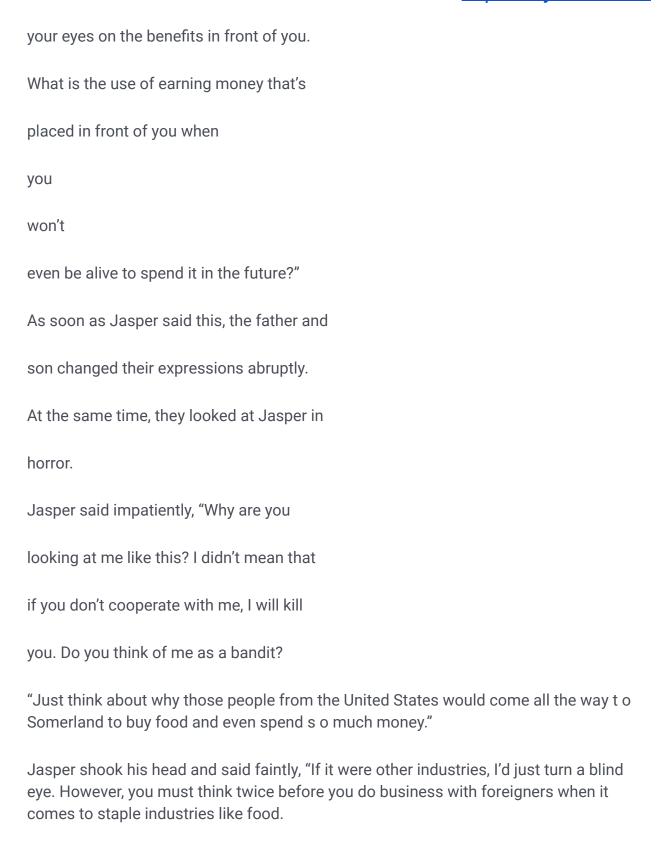
"Put those undelivered grains on the

domestic market. If it doesn't work, the

government has a guaranteed purchase price at which they will purchase them. Plus, in this current situation, the market price or the guaranteed purchase price will inevitably increase by a large margin, so you don't have to worry about the cost. "I have protected the cost of all the grain and rice you have on hand. Of course, I believe those scalpers must have purchased them from you at an outrageous price so you feel that you're losing out even before you get the profit, right?" Jasper knew what they were thinking without even looking at Weston and his son.

"Whether you are doing business or just

being a decent human being, don't fix



"You all know that the futures market has skyrocketed during this period. The United States is now trying to speculate on domestic food prices. The money you earn right now will be earned back hundreds of times and thousands of times over from our people in the future.

"Even if I don't talk about these national justices with you and just your interest, do you really think that I am so capable of completely destroying your industry that's standing tall in Raydon province like a king in just ten to twenty minutes?

"Don't you know who you can't offend the most in Somerland?"

Weston and Channing were speechless.

"As for the default loss, it'll be made up when Grandland Corporation is listed on the stock market."

Weston's heart trembled and

subconsciously said, "We have no plans to go public."

"What are you afraid of? Are you afraid of losing control?" Jasper asked.

Weston nodded awkwardly.

Jasper didn't say anything.

At this point, a pot like him should not call a kettle black.

Why was JW not public?

Why were they not public now and had no plans to go public in the future?

Jasper wanted to control this company completely.

However, for the Habers father and son, Jasper had a plan.

"Take out 20% of the shares as tradable share capital, then you'll still have 80% of the shares on hand. Don't worry about the issue of control. The most important

thing is what if I can use this 20% of the shares as a foundation and triple Grandland Corporation's market value?

"If Grandland Corporation is now worth 1 o billion, the total market value of Grandland Corporation can be speculated t o be 30 billion if you take out 2 billion shares. Then the decision will be either 80 % of 30 billion or 100% of 10 billion, I don't need to say much more, right?"

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If all the previous contents of this

conversation up to now made the Habers

father and son extremely uncomfortable,

this sentence was a cool drink in a hot

summer, sending chills down the father

and son's spines.

Why were they unwilling to go public?

Of course, it was because they were

worried about control. Also, there was

another important reason.

This was regarding the particularity of the

food industry. Foodstuff itself was a resource controlled by the state and it was indeed circulated o n the market, but both the scale and the price were subjected to strict official restrictions. What kind of problem would this cause? It would make it difficult for food production companies to lose money. It seemed good, but a serious problem was that it was also difficult to make a lot of money.

It could be said that it was true that its annual profit could be calculated with a calculator.

Rice was purchased according to the grade, which applied to even the highest quality grade of rice. For example, if the government purchased them for 1 Somer Dollar per half a kilogram, then its market price would not exceed 1 Somer Dollar.

Moreover the government would fix the price for you when it came to your cost, as well as how much money you would need to produce half a kilogram of rice. Hence, there would be no loopholes for you to exploit at all.

It was precisely because of the small profits that it was very difficult for such a company to go public.

What kind of listed company would capitalists like?

They liked the kinds with high-yield and high-return. It would be best if they could make 100 Somer Dollars with an investment of 1 Somer Dollar. This was the nature of capital, and no one could change it.

Therefore, if Grandland wanted to go

public, its performance and scale would

meet the requirements, but it was

destined to be unlikely to be favored by

capitalists, so the stock price would

inevitably be lower.

In the eyes of the Habers, they would risk

losing control for no reason as they were

also unlikely to make much money in the

capital market. This was something only

fools would do.

However, right now, Jasper told them that

they could triple the market value of

Grandland, so even a piece of wood would be tempted. It was still that simple truth. As Jasper said, 100% of 10 billion and 80% of 30 billion, which one would you choose? Did this still need to be considered? After all, not every boss in every company was the same as Jasper, who did not need t o worry about not making money. The most essential difference between Jasper and the vast majority of ordinary entrepreneurs represented by the Habers father and son was that other entrepreneurs needed capital to help with development and they were controlled and trapped by this resource, but Jasper... What he needed to consider was how to control the capital. "Mr. Laine, are you for real?" Weston asked excitedly. Jasper pointed to his nose and said, "I am saying this with my name, m lying to you?" do you think I a

In the domestic private capital circle in Somerland, if there was anything Jasper could not do, then there was no need for others to consider it at all as it would basically be

This sounded crazy, but not arrogant.

impossible. Plus, that kind of thing was a policy's high-tension line, and was the kind that could not be compromised on.

Weston suddenly beamed and said, "Alright, I'll listen to you, Mr. Laine."

He thought the best scenario of him coming here would be to leave with disappointment. Then, he would slice off

a piece of his flesh and consider it as sacrificing something to save himself.

However, he did not expect to gain such a big benefit.

This delighted Weston and his eyes were

sparkling when he looked at Jasper.

Sure enough, it was not unreasonable for Jasper to achieve what he had today at a young age. He was even younger than Weston's son, but with this skill and breadth of mind, what great things could not be done?

The change of mentality of the Habers caught Jasper's eyes, but this was also in line with Jasper's previous expectations.

Jasper did not care what would happen to the Habers father and son, or Grandland a t all.

Right now, Jasper did not care whether the Habers and Grandland were thriving o r not. The reason for dealing with them before was just to establish prestige.

To put it simply, he was punishing the Habers to set an example to others.

They just so happened to also coincidentally run into trouble.

Now, as long as they were willing to cooperate with the implementation of the whole plan, then Jasper would not mind giving them some benefits.

After all, in the food industry, Grandland and the Habers did have a certain degree of influence. This much was undeniable.

"Since there is no problem, then it's

decided."

Jasper said, "You will immediately order the delivery to stop. If they ask for compensation, ask them to go through the process and file a lawsuit. Basically, it is a matter of arguing. Just drag this on for as long as possible. This is the top priority and the first thing you should do.

"Secondly, we should immediately start preparations for the listing. Prepare the relevant information in the shortest time and polish your account.

"There will be many heavyweight state owned enterprises listed on the market soon and I will help with the operation and add Grandland to the list. It will be very fast and all you have to do is to prepare the necessary things while I will handle the rest."

After he said that, Jasper asked Weston, "Please ask immediately if you don't understand anything. After this, I may not have so much time.

Weston thought for a while and said, "No

questions."

At this time, the car had already arrived at the hotel. Jasper nodded and said, " Alright, I won't keep you then."

When the Habers left, Jude planned to get out of the car with him, but Jasper asked him to stay.

On the way to the Nauritus City trading center, Jasper said to Jude, "Mr. Whorton, there is a huge business opportunity and I wonder if you are interested."

Jude sat upright when he heard this.

If Jasper said it was a huge business opportunity, it had to be a big deal for him.

"Mr. Laine, please tell me first. I'll see if I can take it." Jude gave a cautious reply.

With a smile, Jasper said, "Fongroup, Atticus Group, and Hope Group's industries in the mainland will be packaged as a whole. I took out 40% of it but the remaining 20% doesn't seem to have many benefits to me. It's not that these projects do not make money, but the turnaround cycle is too long. On the other hand, there is another 40% which are all good industries with high quality and low price. I am hoping you can take all of them, Mr. Whorton."

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Jude froze for a moment.

Then his eyes widened fiercely.

Fongroup's properties in the mainland were gotten abandoned of some time ago. As a real estate developer, Jude was very aware about this.

There were even two industries that were close to him, so he was very interested. However, people who were not in the core circle were not qualified to deal with this kind of industry.

Due to legal issues, it could not be auctioned publicly, so it could only be absorbed internally.

Since Half-the-Harbor Langdon betrayed the mainland first, he had already given up these industries. This, coupled with some intervention from Jasper, meant that as long as it was taken down, the problem of the ownership of the industry would definitely be resolved.

However as far as Jude knew, the real high -quality industries had been taken away by Jasper himself, and the remaining ones were basically divided up by the second generation across a relatively large background.

No one could say anything about this.

It was ill-gotten wealth anyway, so of course, it could only be obtained by ill gotten people.

Now, with the addition of Hope Group and Atticus Group's properties, they still held a full 40% share, so Jude was envious.

Whether it was Fongroup or Hope Group, they were all big names in the real estate industry. Even the Atticus Group, whose main business was not in real estate, relied on the status of Harbor City-owned bigwigs to acquire the best properties in

the mainland.

In order to win them over, the local government in the mainland would give them the best things at the lowest prices.

If one could obtain a few of these

properties, they would surely make a

fortune in the future.

Therefore, to Jude, this was like a free lunch.

However, the next problem soon followed.

And the question was why?

He and Jasper did not really know each. other and their strengths were very different too. So why did Jasper extend him such a big olive branch?

A second question was that he could not afford it.

He would stuff his growing Millenia Group full.

As if he could see through Jude's embarrassment, Jasper took the initiative to explain, "No matter how good the industry is, it will need people who know it to operate it. Fongroup was divided up by those people, but how many of them really understand real estate?

"Obviously, none of them do. All of them just want to resell at a high price. The ones with a bit of vision would hold the property and after taking it down, they'll not develop or operate it. They will just wait to receive the real estate dividends and sell it after the price increase.

"Once more of this happens, it will affect

the entire real estate industry, "So, what I need is someone capable

enough to take these high-quality

industries and run them well."

Jude asked subconsciously, "Then why doesn't JW Real Estates take it all?"

Jasper said with a half-smile, "If JW swallows such a big cake, people will get jealous."

Jude felt embarrassed.

It was such a simple truth and yet he did not think of it.

"And many of them are commercial real estate projects. As you know, JW Real Estates is mainly engaged in residential development. There are several commercial real estate projects, such as the World Financial Center under construction in Waterhoof City. But this is not the main business of JW Real Estates, s o I still need more professional people and companies to develop it. That is why, Mr. Whorton, I chose you and Millenia Group."

Jude said with a wry smile, "But Millenia

Group is too small, and we can't afford

such a big project."

"Who said that? The biggest problem with

Millenia Group right now is that the

opportunity for crazy expansion is right i

n front of you, but there are not enough

funds to support the expansion, while the

issue of funding is the least of my worries.

"In the early stage, I'll invest 5 billion for

you so that you can obtain all those

industries. This 5 billion may not be

enough, but you can go negotiate first.

How can there be a one-time payment for

such a large business? First, pay a 30%

down payment, after that, use the

property itself to mortgage the loan, and

then finally, use the revenue to pay it off."

If one did not know how to gain valuable

prizes with worthless things in the real

estate industry, then it would be over for

them.

Jude was not yet the real estate tycoon

that he would be more than ten years

later. Seeing him suddenly realize this,

Jasper had a sense of satisfaction, like he was playing a simulation game.

"JW wants to invest in Millenia Group?" Jude asked, feeling somewhat complicated.

He hoped that JW could invest in Millenia Group so that Millenia Group could have a big backing and he would no longer have to live carefully and frugally.

However, once JW joined the Millenia Group, Jude was worried that he would lose the child he created by himself.

He could not bear it.

Looking at Jude who was hesitating and feeling conflicted, Jasper patted his shoulder and said, "I will give you 5 billion in the initial stage and then I'll top up another 5 billion, so it'll be an investment of a total of 10 billion. I only need 51% of the shares in Millenia Group. I won't join the board of directors or interfere with any of the company's operations. I can even give up the right to make decisions about personnel and only retain the right to vote on major decisions.

"Also, it is not JW's investment, but my

private investment."

Jude was utterly confused. Not only because he was shocked by Jasper's generosity, but also because he was worried about whether there was any other conspiracy for such a good thing.

Currently, Millenia Group's assets did not exceed 5 billion Somer Dollars after all the movable and real estate were added in. Therefore, when Jasper said he wanted to invest 10 billion Somer Dollars and only wanted 51% of the equity, plus he would not participate in operations and would not interfere with personnel affairs, Jude was left stunned.

"You don't need to give me an answer right away. Think about it, but please give me an answer as soon as possible, the opportunity will not wait for anyone. There are a lot of people eying this amazing opportunity and the pressure here is also great."

Jasper was not worried that Jude would

refuse.

Old Jude was an entrepreneur with a sense of adventure flowing through his bones. He

would not miss out on such a good opportunity.

of adventure flow

If not, how would someone like Old Jude who was in commercial real estate stand upp among all except from the two large state-owned enterprises?

Did you think there were really no discerning people in this world?

With economic development, people had money in their pockets and explosive consumption trends were inevitable. Therefore, commercial real estate was definitely promising.

In fact, if Old Jude did not go slightly insane and acquire the world's largest movie theater line and copy Old Chet from Grand Saint to start some stupid entertainment integration plan.

Jasper could even give up on the decision making power on major issues. The reason for keeping it was to prevent Old Jude from losing his mind and using his hot money to

invest in foreign industries after more than a decade and then finally embarrassing himself.

"I don't need to consider. I agree!"

As expected, the entire process lasted just a few minutes before Jude gritted his teeth and made up his mind before the car reached the Nauritus City command center.

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Jude's choice was not beyond Jasper's

expectations, but his decisiveness made

Jasper respect him a little more.

"That's fine, I will send someone to give

you the relevant information. After you

are ready, I will arrange the funds for you.

This wave of expansion is enough for you t

o digest for the next two to three years.

During this time, you have to digest all of i

t and then proceed to the next round of

expansion."

When the car arrived, Jasper got out of the

car and patted Jude on the shoulder. He said, "Real estate has just started in Somerland. It will grow madly within the next ten years. In another five years, there will be peer competition, quality service, and overall planning. But before that, you have a full 10 years to develop savagely, so don't waste this opportunity." "Mr. Laine, are you that optimistic about the real estate industry?" Jude could not help asking. Jasper smiled and said, "It's not that I am optimistic about the real estate industry

"It's because real estate has to stand up and take the lead along with the country's economic development and GDP growth. Look at all those developed countries abroad, every one of them has experienced or is going through this period. Countless examples are telling us that if a country wants to develop its economy rapidly, real estate is definitely the secret weapon to drive economic growth.

"As for the possible consequences, Swallow Capital will be the one to consider and measure them, while for those of us who are buying and selling, what we have to do is to seize the opportunities of the times.

"Small business' profit comes from the price difference of buying low and selling high. It challenges someone's diligence and perseverance. As long as you are industrious and not afraid to endure hardship, you can make a little money so long as the environment is not too bad.

"Medium business depends on the development of the industry, and it challenges someone's vision and means.

There will be risks at this level. If you win, you'll get a big profit, and even become the leader of the industry. However, if you lose or choose the wrong industry, you will be bankrupt.

"Big business is about policy changes, it challenges opportunities and courage. In this realm, there is only life and death, and no success or failure. You will rise above all if you win, but if you lose, everything will come to a halt. It depends on your life and your fate whether you're standing above the tide of time to control the situation or standing below the clouds with everyone else."

Jude stood on the spot for a long time as he looked at Jasper, who was walking to the building.

This gruffy man only listened to it once and seemed to have memorized most of it.

With emotion and excitement, he sat back in the car and immediately felt proud.

He, Old Jude, must be the man who stands on top of the tide of the times and controls the situation

"Mr. Laine is back!"

A small commotion broke out when Jasper

appeared in the Nauritus City command

center.

Everyone was passionate and

enthusiastic. It felt as if their backbone

was back.

"Did you slack off the two days I was

gone?" Jasper asked with a grin.

"Of course not. We're even busier now.

Not only did we collect all the main data o

n the financial markets of the two

countries, but also conducted policy

analysis. We even reviewed the classic

financial wars in history several times

over. We have accumulated one big box of

data just from the analysis," an analyst

said boldly.

"Alright, not bad. You really didn't slack

off," Jasper complimented.

After chatting with the team members

and relaxing, Jasper went upstairs and

summoned Jake and Baz.

"There will be a fierce battle tomorrow.

Because of the time difference, the domestic market will open first, so we must prepare for the crash. As for the United States financial market, we must begin to accelerate the layout of bottom fishing."

Jasper thought for a while, turned his head, and said to Jake, "Tomorrow, your team will work hard during the day, and you must keep an eye on any new moves in the United States."

Then, Jasper looked at Baz again and said, "You guys will work overnight with me tonight, be prepared."

Jake and Baz both had serious expressions on their faces. They nodded and said, "Understood, Mr. Laine."

For the average person, flying from Nauritus City to Waterhoof City, and then from Waterhoof City to Harbor City, and then back from Harbor City again in two days with only four to five hours sleep in between would be a high intensity job, but for Jasper, those two days were like a vacation to him.

He would be truly busy once he went back to the command center.

He had to communicate and discuss with the team with every passing minute and second, and he would do so almost non stop.

What they were doing would not allow for any deviations and mistakes. A small mistakes would directly lead to the loss of hundreds of millions or more of funds, which might then lead to partial failures. Once there were too many partial failures and they were all connected, then the whole situation would collapse.

That was why they said a slight

negligence could lead to a great disaster.

Hence, what Jasper and the team were doing now was trying to minimize or even avoid any mistakes.

The night passed in the blink of an eye.

When the sky was getting bright, Jasper finally looked up from the pile of documents.

He felt a little dizzy as he waved his hands to Jake and Baz. He said, "All of you should go out. I get nauseous when I see you guys and those documents and numbers. There are about 2 hours before the opening, so take the time to rest and regain your energy before you start preparing for the battle.".

Baz and Jake could not take this anymore either. They nodded when they heard that, then packed their things to get ready to go out.

Before Baz left, he saw Jasper messing

around in front of the computer, so he

asked, "Mr. Laine, aren't you going to

take a break?"

"I want to watch something, you should g o out and rest. Oh, right, ask someone to bring in a cup of strong tea," Jasper said without looking up.

"Alright."

After Baz left, Jasper turned on the live broadcast. What he wanted to watch was the scene of

the Harbor City press conference.

The press conference had already begun a t this moment.

When Wendy and Anna appeared

together, it caused countless camera flashes flashing in a frenzy.

Putting aside, the identities and status of the two women, their looks alone could compete with the so-called Miss Harbor City and actresses.

Especially when the reporters saw Wendy. All of them instantly went crazy.

Wasn't Wendy kidnapped?

Wasn't JW Company being threatened

when they came to Harbor City?

If this outrageously beautiful woman with outrageous temperament in front of them was not Wendy Schuler, who was she?

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The timing of this press conference was

extremely precise.

A few minutes before Wendy appeared, it

happened to be the beginning of the

Harbor Stocks call auction.

Because of a series of negative news and

Wendy's kidnapping and disappearance,

the confidence of Harbor Stocks' market

investors was generally lacking and sluggish, which then led to the call auction stage where everyone was selling. According to this situation, Harbor Stocks would be greeted by an earth-shattering collapse once the market was officially opened. However, when the call auction came to a n end and all transaction data was locked. Wendy appeared. "I want to thank everyone and the media for coming. I am Wendy Schuler, President of JW Company."

beaming face. One could not tell that she

Wendy was sitting on the podium with a

had just been kidnapped.

"In truth, the main purpose of this press conference is to inform the public about things that people have been concerned about recently."

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Wendy looked at the eagerly awaiting reporters below. After pondering how she would form her sentence, she continued, "First of all, there would be no changes or postponement with the cooperation between JW Company and its partners that were previously announced, instead, it may happen faster and earlier than previously planned."

This news did not cause any sensation among the reporters. After all, since Wendy showed up and held such a press conference, then the previous cooperation plan must be fine.

The reporters were more concerned about the kidnapping.

Wendy seemed to know exactly what these reporters wanted to hear, and her second sentence was about the kidnapping.

"Secondly, I will also take this

opportunity to offer some explanations regarding the previous rumors that I was

kidnapped that were circulating

"I was indeed kidnapped two days ago, but as you can see, I have successfully escaped. This kidnapping did not cause any harm or impact to my personal life, and it is unlikely to cause any harm to JW's business plans in Harbor City.

"I want to thank everyone from all walks of f life for your attention and concern. Despite the little accident, both I and JW Company will continue to promote cooperation with Harbor City, Harbor City is one of the economic and financial centers in Terra and the world, so no..."

Wendy's speech on the television was still going on when a teacup flew over and smashed the television. Then, Wendy's voice stopped abruptly.

In the study of a villa in a wealthy area in New York, Kayden turned his head and glared coldly at Fabian. He gritted his teeth and said, "Is this the foolproof plan that you mentioned?

"Explain to me why that woman is at the press conference!? "How is it that we have no idea how our plan even failed?" Kayden's roar reverberated throughout the entire study, but Fabian was even more afraid of the somber expressions of Half-the-Harbor Langdon, Kennedy, and his father Sawyer. "I-I have no idea!" Fabian was panicking as he said in a shaky voice, "I contacted Phoenix and he said that everything is okay... b-but... how did this happen?" "You're asking me?" Kayden was fuming as he lost his cool immediately. He strode forward, grabbed Fabian's collar, and roared, "I am the one who's

supposed to ask you how this happened?

"Those scumbags may have been bribed

long ago while you were still kept in the

dark, you dumb*ss! Now that this is right i

n front of you and she's holding a press

conference. The whole world knows that

Wendy is safe and sound now and you still

choose to believe the words of those hooligans?"

Kayden kept yelling at Fabian and

Fabian's face turned dark and pale

simultaneously. He felt enraged and

aggrieved.

He pushed Kayden's hand away and said, "That's enough. Are you done?

"Do you think I wanted this to happen?

"Before this, you said that I have many tricks in this regard, so you left this matter to me. You were there the few times I contacted them. If you're so smart, why didn't you tell me in advance?"

"Now, you're blaming me after everything has gone to sh*t? Your belated action is just fantastic."

Fabian's words completely enraged Kayden.

"Do you know how much money and resources we have spent to do this? Once Harbor Stocks rises by just 100 points, we'll all go to the side of the road to be beggars!"

Upon hearing those words, Fabian's

confidence suddenly disappeared.

He moved his lips, but he could not speak.

"Enough."

Kennedy said in a deep voice.

Kayden was the son of Half-the-Harbor

Langdon and Fabian was Sawyer's son.

Although both of them were extremely

dissatisfied and unhappy in their hearts,

neither of them said anything. On the

contrary, it was Kennedy who was the

most suitable person to speak at this time.

"Now, it's crystal clear that our plan to

kidnap Wendy has failed, and Jasper has

decided to beat us at our own game."

Closing his eyes slightly, the corners of

Kennedy's mouth twitched. Then, he said,

"If we want to blame someone, we can

only blame the three of us for being here

and not keeping an eye on Harbor City's

every move. Plus, Jasper and the gang

may seem to be innocent, but they're not.

He has the help of those old farts like the

Laws and the Boyles, so we can be

forgiven for being kept in the dark."

After he finished speaking, Kennedy opened his eyes and said in a deep voice, "The most important thing right now is not to hold someone accountable. What's the use of that? The most important thing now is how to recover the losses."

"The short position has been locked and cannot be withdrawn. So, how can we recover it? Wendy deliberately chos hold a press conference at this time in order to ensure we miss our last chance of escape and walk into the trap ourselves. It seems that they have been anticipating our plan to short sell Harbor Stocks." to

Sawyer said grimly, "We are all standing on the edge of the cliff now, we'll fall and break into pieces if we're not careful."

"There's no turning back now."

Half-the-Harbor Langdon finally spoke. His expression was calm, but there was an unrelenting determination in his tone.

"Release all the news that should be released, including the losses of each of our three companies. Even if it is fraudulent, it will also cause panic in the market. Since the conspiracy did not work, then we'll openly fight Jasper. I don't believe Jasper can change his fate by just relying on the wealthy families that have already been emptied out by Wall Street."