Life at the Top Chapter 1941 - 1945

The Harbor Stock market opened immediately after the call auction phase was over.

Countless dense transaction data refreshed like torrents.

There were so many things that happened this weekend, and most of them were major events in the financial field, hence they directly reflected the stock prices of various listed in Harbor Stock. The fluctuations in the stock prices of these listed companies had contributed to the ups and downs of the market and were reflected on the screen in front of all investors.

Harbor Stock started low at the opening of the market on Monday because it was affected by Fongroup, Atticus Group, and Hope Group's large-scale dumping of their properties in Harbor City, as well as Fongroup's acquisition of Layman in the United States and the news that Layman went bankrupt all at the same time.

The downturn in the entire real estate

sector accentuated the abrupt boom in the

rubber industry-related sectors.

The Harbor City government opened the

barriers to entry for the rubber industry s

o almost anyone could enter this industry.

With JW adding fuel to the fire, the rubber

sector had risen instead of going against

the market.

With such a low opening, Half-the

Harbor Langdon was not happy, and

Jasper was not worried about it.

Although they had not met or

communicated with each other, the two

who had already started fighting from

opposite ends of the earth were very clear

that this was just the beginning.

Sure enough, Fongroup was the first to

issue a notice on the company's major

operations

Under the requirements of the Somerland

Securities Regulatory Commission, all

listed companies had stipulated that they

must inform shareholders and society as

soon as possible if they faced major

operational changes. Another thing was to release the financial report of the

previous quarter or the previous fiscal

year at the specified time.

These were all subject to audit.

The Securities Regulatory Commission also used these rigid requirements to regulate the normal operation of listed companies. After all, even if only a minimum of 100 shares were bought, they were still shareholders of listed companies in the eyes of the law and had the right to know.

It was just that these reports had a very long release period, and the report released by Fongroup this time had no warning. However, in the eyes of insiders, it was quite reasonable.

When the investors opened this report, they were all dumbfounded.

Fongroup's report was only 6 months away from the last report, but in these 6 months, the company's profit had gone from 8.7 billion Harbor Dollars to a loss of 38.9 billion Harbor Dollars, which was equivalent to 6 months' worth of accumulation. Over time, Fongroup lost

nearly 40 billion Harbor Dollars.

"Fongroup lost 40 billion Harbor Dollars in 6 months, with an average monthly loss of 6.666 billion Harbor Dollars and a daily loss of 222 million Harbor Dollars!"

This piece of news spread across Harbor

City instantly, as if it had grown wings.

"Joe Half-the-Harbor Langdon finally met his Waterloo and the huge losses from the failed acquisition of Layman shattered the dreams of this business legend in New York overnight."

"Joe Half-the-Harbor Langdon stepped off the altar. Fongroup, which has been profitable for 10 consecutive years, broke the record of the largest loss for a listed company in Harbor City!"

A series of news was like an invisible hand as it tightly grabbed the fragile hearts of Harbor Stock investors. Panic began to spread and Fongroup's stock price soon plunged.

In the capital circle, no one believed in the myth of invincibility. If the company performed well and the stock price could rise, you would be everyone's god, but once your investment failed and the stock price dropped, it was this group of believers who would send you straight to hell.

However, Fongroup was closely followed by the financial reports of Hope Group and Atticus Group.

"Affected by the company's tight cash flow, Hope Group concentrated on selling a large number of properties in Harbor City. At the same time, investment in the mainland is stuck at the negotiation stage, and billions of Harbor Dollars may be lost."

"Affected by the growth of industry costs and the company's cross-industry development losses, Atticus Group announced that its estimated loss for the quarter exceeded 10 billion..."

Whether it was Fongroup, Hope Group, or Atticus Group, they were all major listed companies on Harbor Stock.

Hence, they could influence the market to a certain extent.

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When the three companies announced

that their huge losses were irreversible,

panic spread rapidly across the market. The most direct embodiment and reaction of all this was that Harbor Stocks plunged directly after the market opened low.

At this time, Wendy's press conference had ended.

At the same time, Nine Dragon Corporation and JW Company's new Ocean City plan was already made known to the public, and JW Company had made a series of investments in Harbor City. With the help of the Laws and the Boyles, all the news began to make an impact across all of Harbor City.

The first thing that bore the brunt of these revelations was that the share price of Nine Dragon Corporation skyrocketed.

Funds in the capital market had the instinct to seek advantages and avoid disadvantages. When several important sectors were falling and odd stocks were soaring against the market, the scattering and fleeing funds seemed to have found a haven which they all flowed to without thinking.

The consequence of this was with Nine Dragon Corporation in the lead, all the holding companies related to the old giants such as the Boyles and the Laws began to rise wildly.

The stock market was divided into two distinct camps, with one side leading the decline while the other side rose frantically.

What was hidden beneath the intricate

financial situation was the turbulent

capital game.

"The current situation in Harbor Stocks is complicated, but the overall downward trend has begun to appear. As expected, J W can't save Harbor Stocks!"

In New York, Fabian looked at the market and breathed a sigh of relief.

"It opened at 8942 points, and it has now fallen to 8880 points. It is still slowly descending towards the support point of 8850 points."

Fabian looked excited as he said, "We are going to beat Harbor Stocks to 7600 and

withdraw!

"According to the proportion of our invested capital, once it reaches 7600 points, then our income will be doubled. At that time, we will take the money and go regardless of the chaos in Harbor Stocks."

"I'm afraid it's not that simple."

Kayden furrowed his brows tightly and

said, "From what I know about Jasper, he

won't give up so easily."

"What else can he do? Do you think he will support Harbor Stocks all by himself? Stop dreaming," Fabian sneered.

And at this moment, in Nauritus City.

Baz knocked on Jasper's office door before

opening it.

"Mr. Laine, the domestic A-share market

will open in fifteen minutes." Jasper nodded, got up, and said, "Let's go

and focus on the domestic market."

The moment Jasper got up, the Harbor City branch of JW Company that was just established made a heartwarming announcement.

"In response to the fact that Fongroup,

Hope Group, and Atticus Group

collectively selling the Harbor City
property due to cash flow difficulties, JW
Company has sent a diplomatic note to
the three companies and expressed our
willingness to acquire the properties sold
by the three companies as a whole at a
valuation slightly higher than the market
price. If necessary, JW Company is willing
to provide an interest-free loan of no less
than 10 billion Harbor Dollars to the three
companies."

At the end of the announcement, there was a final statement. "We are all from Somerland. So, JW Company has the responsibility and obligation to help the three companies with their difficulties."

As soon as this announcement came out,

Harbor Stocks exploded.

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This announcement looked sentimental and righteous no matter who read it. It was an announcement to help friends in difficult times and it was full of morality and humanity.

It was a touching move of lending a hand to help Fongroup, Hope Group, and Atticus Group when they were in trouble.

Nobody knew how many people cheered the fact that JW Company was so powerful and kind-some even claimed that JW Company was a model for the business community of the next generation.

However, when the announcement reached New York and the eyes of Half-the -Harbor Langdon and the gang, they were so disgusted they wanted to throw up.

"That rascal!"

Sawyer's eyes were red as he stared at the announcement on the screen. He was so angry that he wanted to pull Jasper out of the screen and skin him alive. "F*ck..."

Kennedy, who had always prided himself a

s an elite from the upper class, could not

help but swear at this time.

Meanwhile, Half-the-Harbor Langdon's

eyelids twitched, and he said, "The

announcement that cost him nothing has

turned a lot of our efforts into jokes."

The reason why the three companies collectively released negative news was that they thought their company's large share of stock value could affect the market trend to a certain extent.

Therefore, they strived for their own value to plunge and so that the market would plunge with them.

When the stock price of their company had fallen, their value would certainly fall, but these were all book losses. If the company's stock price rose in the future, these losses would be completely wiped out.

The most important thing was that they could get money in exchange for a decline in the market, which was also the fundamental purpose of their painstaking

efforts to do so many things during this

period.

However, as soon as JW Company's announcement was made, the ever changing Harbor Stocks market immediately rebounded.

With JW Company's foundation in making various big moves and cooperating with giants before, its name had been very popular in Harbor City so no one would doubt its strength.

So, when JW Company expressed its willingness to help the three companies wholeheartedly, the stocks of the three companies that had fallen sharply were lifted by speculators who tried to make a profit from them.

At this moment, the entire Harbor Stocks had witnessed the power of this group of speculators. They not only stopped the losses of the three companies, but in just a few minutes, they also pressed forward with triumphant progress.

In the eyes of many speculators, JW Company was now the most prosperous and strongest private company in the

mainland. It could even represent the will of the mainland to a certain extent. As long as JW Company assisted these three companies, it meant that the mainland would not allow Harbor Stocks to fall. Therefore, wouldn't buying the stocks of these three companies at this time be equivalent to making money with no effort?

Under the temptation of this interest, this group of speculators abruptly made this logic self-consistent.

So, Harbor Stocks proved one thing to the world with what was now cold hard fact; there were so many rich people in Harbor

City.

Under the leadership of the three companies, the entire Harbor Stocks quickly changed from opening low to opening low and closing high. The market price directly surged upwards, and this hot trend caused a snowball effect. More and more hot money was constantly pouring into Harbor Stocks under the premise that investors and retail investors believed that an ideal market situation was right in front of them, and it

would be very profitable...

"8950 points!"

A touch of fear appeared on Sawyer's face. He looked at Half-the-Harbor Langdon and said, "Harbor Stocks has recovered the previous loss and it's even 8 points higher than the opening point. If this situation continues and reaches 9100 points, we'll go bankrupt!

"What should we do?"

Kennedy looked serious as he stared at Harbor Stocks firmly. Although he did not say a word, he suddenly regretted it at this moment.

Impulsively shorting Harbor Stocks with these two people was probably the stupidest choice he had ever made.

Although everyone knew that Sawyer was just saying that they would go bankrupt, after all, they were not children, and they had a rich family background that ordinary people could never imagine. There had a way out, but heavy losses would be inevitable.

Their alliance had just begun and they had encountered their Waterloo. How would they deal with Jasper in the future?

Could they win?

The thought of this made Kennedy's

expression turn even more unpleasant.

He looked at Half-the-Harbor Langdon and said softly, "Joe, we have to take action. If this continues, it is equivalent to suicide."

Half-the-Harbor Langdon slowly rubbed his old Citizen watch on his wrist.

He deliberately presented his watch in front of the media countless times to establish a frugal image in front of others. He understood that in this society, the poor were always the majority, and for the rich, the best way to make the poor become willingly exploited was to make them think that the life of the rich was actually how it was presented and not much better than themselves.

Therefore, everyone knew that Half-the Harbor Langdon had a piece of Citizen that had been worn for decades, but few people knew that he was one of Patek Philippe's biggest customers in Terra.

Half-the-Harbor Langdon, who had played with people's hearts for most of his life, suddenly discovered that there was a young man who was no worse than him in this regard.

"That announcement only had a few words and it really played with the human heart." Half-the-Harbor Langdon sighed quietly and said.

This thoughtless sentence confused

Sawyer and Kennedy.

Sawyer, who was more impatient, frowned and said, "Joe, it's not the time to sigh about these kinds of things. We should come up with a plan quickly. We can't just sit here and wait for our deaths."

"There is no better way."

Half-the-Harbor Langdon said slowly, "N o matter how much we say or do, our intentions will be more obvious. Once we truly expose our purpose of emptying Harbor Stocks to everyone, do you think we will be able to stand tall in the global

business community of Somer descendants, let alone Harbor City and the mainland?

"This is tantamount to a fall-out, and this is exactly what Jasper wants to see most."

Kennedy could not keep his cool after he heard what Half-the-Harbor Langdon said. He asked, "So we should just sit here and do nothing?"

"First, we'll announce the name of each company rejecting Jasper's so-called help. Then, I will take you to meet Half-the-Harbor Langdon said after hesitating.

Kennedy and Sawyer looked at each other and asked, "Who?"

"Soros."

Half-the-Harbor Langdon seemed to have made up his mind as he said, "It's not that we betrayed them, but they betrayed us first. Since we want to do this, we should do it thoroughly. What's wrong with cooperating with Wall Street? After we take down Jasper, all of the fame, wealth, and status will return."

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Jasper did not waste too much energy on

Half-the-Harbor Langdon and his small

league or Harbor Stocks,

It was not that he did not pay much

attention to Half-the-Harbor Langdon,

but it was because today's Harbor Stocks

could only be regarded as a

supplementary small market compared to

the domestic A shares and the United

States' Nasdaq and Dow Jones.

If he could win on the domestic A-shares

market and Nasdaq and Dow Jones in New

York, he would naturally not have to

worry about this small market.

Besides, a pond that was almost dried up

could not make too many waves no matter

how much someone flopped it. The few

plan Bs that Jasper had made was enough t

o cope with all emergencies.

Hence, Jasper quickly put all his energy

into the domestic A-share market that

had already commenced trading.

To be precise, he focused on the overall

domestic financial situation.

Even though he had been mentally

prepared, Jasper could not help but furrow

his eyebrows when the opening data came

The situation was much worse than he

thought.

"The A-share market opened at 2449

points and dropped 15 points. The current

point is 2434 points. Several important

sectors that took up a large portion of the

market are all falling

"Light industries such as clothing and

textiles fell the most, and the ones that

went against the market and did well were

all food-related companies.

"The market opened for 5 minutes and

the global trading volume exceeded 120

billion Somer Dollars. Large amounts of

money were changing hands frantically,

but the stock price kept falling.

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"At present, 82 stocks have reached a

limit down, 103 stocks have fallen by more than 5%. However, as a small sector, the food sector has a total of 48 stocks where more than 20 stocks were rising, and of which 3 stocks have hit the daily limit.

"The trend of the A-share market was almost completely affected by the futures market. The decline in the light industry was due to the plunge in the prices of futures products such as cotton while the futures prices of foodstuff continues to rise."

Baz reported as he raised his head to look at Jasper. Then, with a solemn expression on his face, he said solemnly, "Mr. Laine, the current average increase in foodstuff has exceeded 8%.

"According to our team's research and analysis of international grain price fluctuations in recent years, once the grain price on the financial market rises for more than 3 consecutive trading days or the increase rate exceeds 10%, it will affect the price of spot trading in the market.

"Some food distributors are already hoarding goods."

Everyone understood the principle of

buying low and selling high in business. Right now, the price of food was likely to usher in a wave of increases. Naturally, speculators would stock up in advance and wait until the price was higher before shipping and harvesting. This was the operation of the economy and also basic human nature.

So, Jasper was not surprised.

"Soros is determined to take action on the domestic food prices."

Jasper's tone was a bit heavy. He said, "At present, our country is the world's most populous country with a full population of 1.2 billion. The demand for food is huge. We just got rid of our dependence on food imports in the past few years, so if they wanted

to shake our social foundation in a fast and effective manner, foodstuffs will be the best choice.

"Those punk from the United States are not studying their Twin Towers that was just bombed, instead, they decided to rack their brains to study our country's national conditions and culture."

Jasper was somewhat helpless.

Somerland people's preference for land and food was the most profound gene that

was buried in their bones.

The saying 'food is the God of the people' could perfectly describe this.

Throughout the history of Somerland, which dynasty was not taken over because the people could not live and had no food to eat?

The people of Somerland were the most docile. As long as they had a bite to eat, they would not think of rebellion.

However, at the same time, the people of Somerland were also the most violent. They would kill anyone who left them without food.

Although the current situation was not so. serious, in the face of a huge population base, even a 1 cent increase in food prices would cause great turmoil and unrest in society.

It could be said that even if he did not want to admit it, Jasper knew very well that Soros' move truly hit Somerland

where it hurt...

"Hedging."

Jasper said, "Hedge foodstuff futures products in the market. We will short wherever Soros goes long."

Baz was taken aback and hurriedly said, "Mr. Laine, if you do this, the financial pressure will be huge. At present, JW's cash flow has reached the caution line and no more funds can be drawn out."

"Do you think we hosted that economic forum for nothing? It's time to use private capital. Open a hedge position first to send a signal to the market and there will be funds to keep up."

Jasper's tone was light, but his expression was extremely serious. He said, "These people are smarter than the others. JW has done enough, but JW is not a gold vault. Even if we are, how many vaults can the money JW threw out fill?

"They all understand that if JW falls right

now, everyone will be finished. Just do it

and see the market's reaction."

With that, Baz stopped talking nonsense and immediately got up to arrange the transaction.

The efficiency of the professional team was fully demonstrated at this moment, not to mention that this team had experienced the attack of the United States financial market. In terms of experience, efficiency, and execution, no one in Somerland could match them.

In the futures trading market, an extremely conspicuous and eye-catching sell order appeared in the spectacular purchase order in the grain sector.

The amount was not large, just 10 million Somer Dollars.

Short orders of 10 million appeared in various foodstuff sub-categories such as sugar and soybeans in the major foodstuff category.

Although this 10 million short order was swallowed by the market in an instant, it was like the most conspicuous signal light in the dark launched from Nauritus City, illuminating a vast territory.

Far away in Meleya, Robert, who had just

arrived in his office, immediately heard

his subordinate's report on the matter.

"Sir, as per your instructions, we have been keeping an eye on the domestic futures market in Somerland. The moment the futures market opened, the price of Somerland's domestic grain futures products was soaring, but just now, there was a 10 million Somer Dollar short-selling order for sugar.

"Since you have instructed that we report to you immediately once there is a sell order of more than 1 million in the buying market, so we dared not waste any time. This happened just now, so do you have any instructions?"

Robert raised his hand and the secretary beside him immediately took out a document from his briefcase.

Robert handed over the file to his subordinate and said, "Follow the order stated here.

"This is the tacit understanding between me and that boy. He has given me a signal, hence Kelly Group and Coyle Brothers Group will cooperate with him fully."

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The subordinate glanced down at the content of the file. There was not much written on it and there were only a few lines, but all of them frightened him.

"S-Sir... This ... "

Robert patted him on the shoulder and said, "Joss, you will always have a home if you have your country. The Coyles will always belong to Somerland. Look at my company, which one of them who has real power is not a Somer descendent, including yourself?

"Because I always believe that people who are not my own kind will have different mindsets and they will say it is chauvinism or nationalism. However, I decide on my company, and no one can say anything about who I hire!

"And one more thing. I like to hire people of Somer descent not because I don't like foreigners, but what I hate most are people who act like Westerners and think they are superior. In the face of such huge trouble, a little short-term loss is nothing. I hope you can understand that."

Joss nodded seriously as he looked at

Robert's face and said, "Sir, I understand.

I will convey what you said to everyone

around me."

"Very well, get back to work."

As Robert walked to his office while being

surrounded by a group of people with his

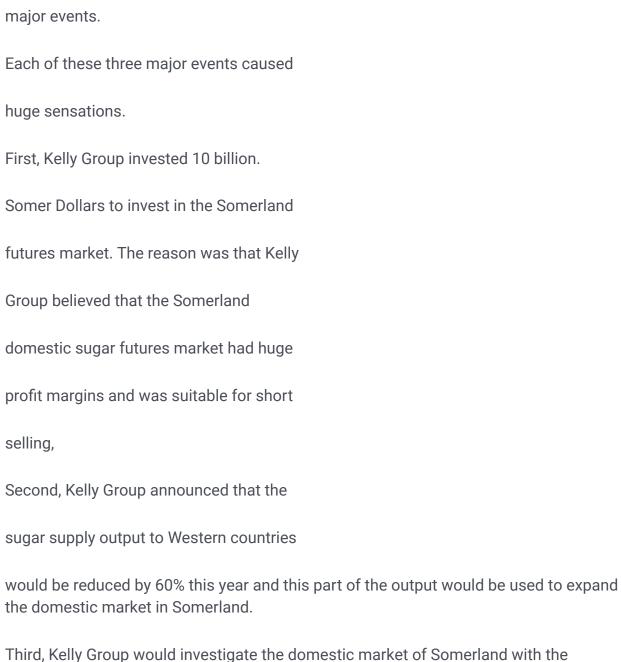
hands on his back, Joss immediately

followed Robert's instructions to execute

what he asked.

With that, Kelly Group, one of the world's

largest sugar suppliers, initiated three



I hird, Kelly Group would investigate the domestic market of Somerland with the intention to build two sugar and edible oil processing and refining plants in the mainland of Somerland. The total investment plan for those would be no less than 5 billion Somer Dollars.

The combined meaning of these three messages was simple and clear.

Daddy found out that you Westerners were unreliable, and we could not make money from doing business with you. Now, daddy had discovered a new and better place to make money in Somerland. So, will be off to make a fortune.

This, combined with the current futures. financial market in Somerland, which had attracted the attention of all forces, successfully produced some subtle changes.

From Kelly Group's belief that the Somerland mainland market was profitable, it became, "F*ck you little

sons of bitches, you want to control Somerland food prices? Have you asked Kelly Group? Do you think everyone in Somerland is dead?'

The outside world soon discovered that Kelly Group was not just making empty promises.

As soon as the announcement was made, six fully loaded cruise ships that were already halfway to Europe immediately turned around and rushed back to Somerland.

This stunned the downstream partners waiting to receive the goods in Europe. Aside from the loss in the cost of transportation, the compensation for breach of contract was not a small figure either. Even if Kelly Group was a big business, they could not play such dirty tricks, right?

This was how Kelly Group went about things, and they carefreely contacted these distributors to negotiate the payment of compensation for breach of contract.

Regarding this, those distributors could not so much make a peep. Although they were out of stock, they could get compensation and still make a fortune. As for the increase in the price of sugar products in the European local market due to the sudden supply break, they could just make it back from places like Brazil.

They did not manipulate the price of foodstuff in Somerland anyway, so if someone were to die, it would be those damned jokers from the United States.