# Life at the Top Chapter 1951 - 1955

Gale nodded when he saw Dean finally understood. "So, I will still go back to that problem. If you were me, how would you solve this issue?" Dean thought for a while as he looked at Gale's calm face. He knew very well that Gale had already decided what to do in his heart. This question seemed casual, but it was actually an inspection. Gale had no heirs, and he only adopted many orphans like Dean until he was old. That was why not a lot of people could call Gale their grandpa.

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Because of Gale's deliberate training,

many of them were able to be independent and take charge of matters themselves. Dean was originally one of the best, but after he messed up the last matter, it greatly reduced Gale's good impression of him. Although he could still stay with Gale and help him now, Dean could clearly feel that Gale's attitude towards him was not as good as before. This test was a rare opportunity. Dean knew Gale too well. Gale was not stingy in giving opportunities to others, otherwise, he would not be able to be here today, let alone be asked this question.

However, Gale had a very distinct personality.

What he really needed was not a talented successor, but a successor who maintained a high degree of consistency with him and could implement the Haddock Chamber of Commerce's management philosophy even a hundred years later. Gale was too conceited. In his opinion, his ideas and opinions were the most suitable for the Haddock Chamber of Commerce, s o he would not allow others to change them. Even if it was someone he cultivated, he would not allow them to influence the management philosophy no matter how good the person was. It just so happened that Dean was the best candidate among the successors that Gale had cultivated thus far. That was why he could get a second chance.

Hence, in the face of this test, Dean's answer could not indicate how he would solve the problem most appropriately, instead, he needed to guess Gale's attitude. If he guessed right, he would win. However, if it was wrong, he might really be over.

It was a matter of life and death, so Dean did not dare to waste any time.

He took a deep breath and put himself in Gale's shoes to think about the problem and weigh all the pros and cons.

He did this for an extremely long time.

Dean did not say anything, and Gale did not rush him.

Just as Dean understood him, Gale also understood Dean well.

He was sure that Dean would realize what

he meant.

He did not mind the people below him

trying to figure out what he meant

because this was exactly what he wanted.

He was over eighty years old, so no matter

how energetic he was, he would still need t

o count his days. Moreover, over the past

two years, he had clearly felt that his

energy and physical condition were not as

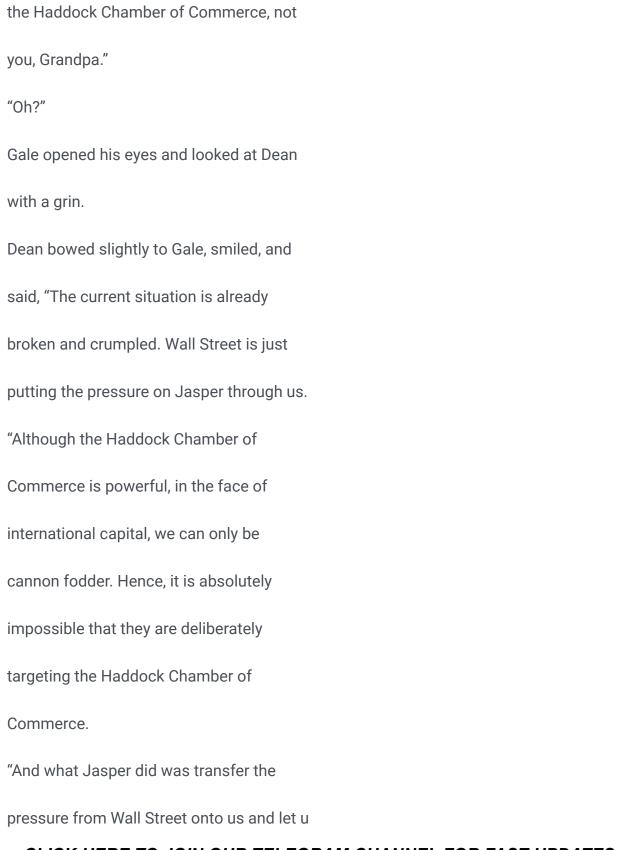
good as before. As his age and influence began to decline i In the Haddock Chamber of Commerce, factions separate from his own had begun to appear. Under the superposition of various factors, the task of appointing his successor had become something urgent that Gale had to solve immediately. Seven or eight minutes passed before Dean finally spoke. "I think we should go to Jasper." Upon hearing this, Gale did not show the slightest expression and closed his eyes slightly, hiding a hint of disappointment. "Why?"

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Faced with Gale's question, Dean

continued, "What I am talking about is



s make this choice.

"When the pressure is on us, why can't w

e pass it on to the next level?

"Many from the Haddock Chamber of

Commerce participated in the previous

economic forums. Now that everyone has

agreed to help each other, it's only

reasonable for them to go to Jasper now

that they are under attack."

When Dean said this, he paused slightly.

Then, he faced Gale, who was beginning t

o appear increasingly satisfied, and

continued, "And you can't be the person

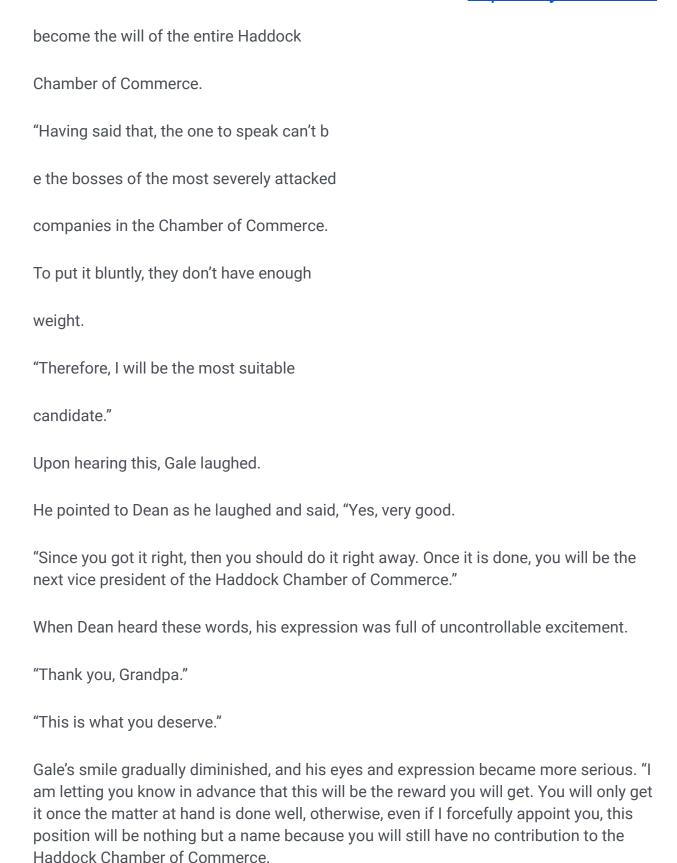
who's going to talk to him, Grandpa,

because you are the Haddock Chamber of

Commerce and the Haddock Chamber of

Commerce is also you. Hence, as long as

you speak, no matter what you say, it will



"Only when you have really saved their lives and made a large enough contribution, will you wield true power when you obtain this position. People will

respect you, and you will have the power to

rally supporters and influence others."

"I will remember your teachings, Grandpa," Dean said respectfully.

"Go and execute it now."

Gale closed his eyes contentedly as if the violent mood swings just now had consumed too much of his energy. He waved his hand lazily and said, "It does not matter whether you go to meet him in person or communicate over the phone. It does not matter what method you use as the process does not matter. What the Chamber of Commerce and I want to see i s the result."

Dean did not say anymore when he heard those words. After bowing slightly, he left the room.

Gale's brows trembled and a meaningful smile appeared on his face when he heard the door closing.

Dean got into the car that had already been prepared at the door after exiting the manor.

"Go to Nauritus City right now."

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Dean was in luck.

By the time he rushed all the way from

Suesville to Nauritus City, it was half an

hour before the afternoon opening.

Jasper was eating when he received a

report from downstairs that someone

named Dean wanted to see him.

Wendy was still in Harbor City, so no one

would bring him lunch anymore. Hence,

Jasper and Baz could only have lunch

prepared by the team of chefs from a five

star hotel.

Jasper was picking at the food in

dissatisfaction. Then, he said without

looking up, "Let him come up and ask

him to come here directly."

A few minutes later, under the guidance of

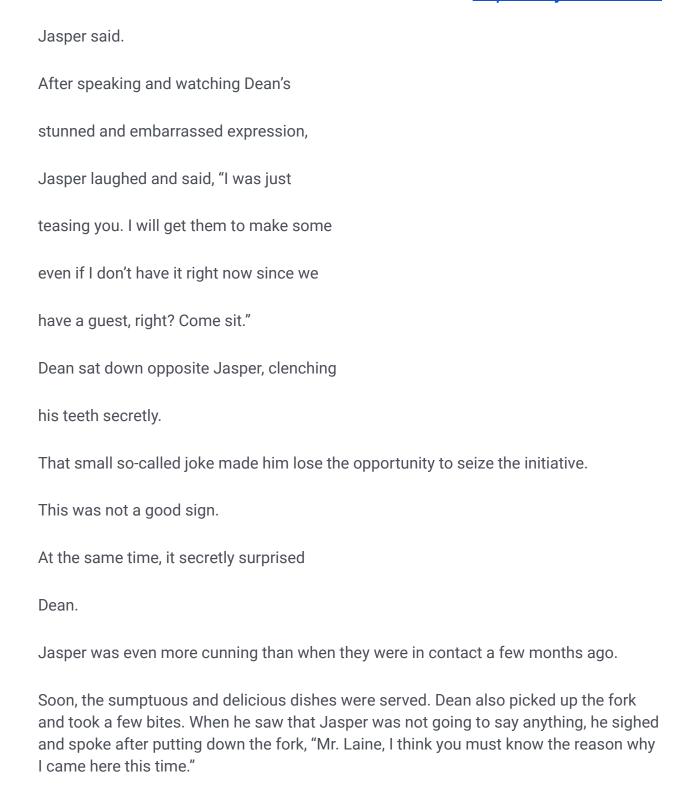
the staff, Dean appeared in front of Jasper.

"Have you eaten yet?"

Although there had been some conflicts

between them, in Jasper's view, they were

all adults. Thus, personal grievances and things like that did not exist in their world. Instead, they were all here for profit. Now that the previous matter had been settled and mutual interests had been taken care of, there was nothing to worry about. If he was here, he should sit down and talk if he had something to say. If he did not, he should leave after the meal. There were not so many grudges in the adult world. "I was in a rush, so I didn't." Dean was not courteous at all as he said this directly. "What can I do then? My meal portions are all fixed, and I didn't prepare yours,"



"I don't like guessing. I like to say whatever's on my mind."

Jasper wiped his mouth and glanced at the

time while he was at it. After this obvious gesture, he smiled at Dean and said, "There are still 20 minutes before the opening. I don't have much time to accompany you."

Dean gritted his teeth slightly. Then, he looked at Jasper and said, "Okay, I'll go straight to the point.

"This morning in the market, the Haddock Chamber of Commerce suffered heavy losses. With the exception of the textile industry, our other industries have suffered a lot. More than 60% of the listed companies belonging to the Haddock Chamber of Commerce have reached the limit down. The Haddock Chamber of Commerce won't be able to hang on for

long if this continues. So, I was entrusted by others to come to ask you for help."

"Entrusted by others?"

Jasper smiled and asked, "Is it Gale, or

someone else?"

"It's not my grandpa."

# Life at the Top Chapter 1953

Dean shook his head. At this moment,

obviously, he would remove all traces of

Gale's involvement in this.

"My grandpa has been retired for many

years, and over the past two years, he has

hardly taken care of the affairs of the

Chamber of Commerce. According to him,

it is time to enjoy the blessing after

having worked his entire life. He doesn't.

want to care about so many things."

Jasper replied with a faint smile, "I

remember him saying the same thing

when I first met him, but in the end, if

there is something important happening i

n the Chamber of Commerce, shouldn't he

decide on it?"

"It can't be helped. After all, Grandpa is

still around. If something huge happens,

it's not appropriate for the Chamber of

Commerce to take the initiative and act

without his consent, but Grandpa didn't

express any opinions this time, so the

people below him can do whatever they

think is suitable. After all, grandpa can't

control them forever, right?"

"Well, that makes sense."

Jasper said, "You said you want me to

help you, but this is not easy.

"You should be very aware that the reason

why the listed companies in the textile

industry have not suffered too much is

that JW is protecting them. I don't need to

tell you the reason why we choose

textiles, right?

"Textile enterprises are a relatively

important part of the current domestic

light industry system. Large upstream

and downstream enterprises with large

output values have a wide range of

influence, so I can only choose to protect

the textile industry right for.

"As for other industries, it's not that I

don't want to protect them, but that my

power is limited. You must know that in

the morning alone, JW's small capital

chain was almost emptied, not to mention

Wall Street has a capital pool of 120 billion

US Dollars. If they wanted to smash these

industries at all costs, JW will hav

difficulty protecting themselves, let alone

others."

"Mr. Laine."

Dean quickly replied, "I understand, but w

e are all sensible grown-ups. JW is not a

listed company so even if it is affected, it

will be the last one to be affected.

"Only when almost all the other listed

companies are finished, the industry is

crashing, and the economy is on the verge

of collapse, will it really affect JW.

Besides, JW has its own deterrent, so Mr.

Laine, do you really need to worry about

yourself?

"Of course, I am here this time on behalf o

f those members of the Haddock Chamber

of Commerce to ask Mr. Laine for help,

but at the same time, I'm also giving you a

chance, right, Mr. Laine?"

"Oh? Giving me a chance?"

Jasper was amused. He asked with a smile,

"What do you mean by that?"

"Everyone knows that you and the

Haddock Chamber of Commerce don't get

along. If the Haddock Chamber of

Commerce fails to get through this, what

will outsiders think of you, Mr. Laine?

Will this be considered as you seeking revenge through alternative methods,

which, in this case, is just standing by and

doing nothing?

"In the economic forum that Mr. Laine hosted before, what you said about everyone working together to resist foreign enemies is still ringing in their ears. Now that such a thing is happening, such actions would be very chilling indeed.

"When the will of the people is scattered, then it will not I easy to lead them anymore. Don't you agree, Mr. Laine?"

Dean's words made Jasper narrow his eyes slightly as the smile on his face gradually faded. Jasper asked faintly, "Are you threatening me?"

Dean was shocked.

He raised his head and looked at Jasper, who was sitting across from a dining

table, with surprise and regret in his heart.

At this moment, he remembered that the Jasper in front of him was no longer the same Jasper as before, not to mention that even the original Jasper was not someone he could threaten.

He thought about a lot of rhetorics along the way here, but he forgot that he had to watch his mouth and remember his place when he was speaking to Jasper.

Dean was feeling conflicted and he hesitated for a moment. Finally, he apologized, "I'm sorry, Mr. Laine. I didn't mean that."

"You have already said it doesn't matter if you mean it or not. This is not your own opinion."

Jasper looked at Dean and sneered, "If Old Master Hurlbutt thinks that I am not doing well enough, then that's okay. Please ask him to come out and play the leading role. If he just nods, I will hand all of the responsibility over to him.

"Do you think I really want to do all this thankless work?"

## Life at the Top Chapter 1954

The cold sweat on Dean's head visibly

oozed from his skin, forming droplets of

sweat as big as peas.

Dean was under extreme pressure at this

moment.

Although he knew that Jasper was only

using this as a pretext to kick up a fuss,

the huge gap in status and power between

them made him afraid to continue to

provoke Jasper..

After taking a deep breath, Dean gritted

his teeth and said, "Mr. Laine, I didn't

mean that. I said the wrong things and I

apologize for that."

"No need to apologize."

Jasper saw Dean turning pale, so he did

not continue to embarrass him.

Jasper was very busy now. He was

required to make decisions and strategies

for all kinds of things. At this moment,

Jasper was the most fed up with people

like Dean who would play cheap tricks

with him.

Hence, he decided to give Dean a warning

with an initial show of strength right

from the beginning. At the very least,

Jasper would let Dean know that he was

the one with the final say here.

Now that the desired effect had been

achieved, he did not need to be aggressive

anymore.

"I understand your worries and concerns very well. If I can help you, I will definitely not stand idly by, for example, with the textile companies. If I didn't provide help in the morning, you would all be finished.

"But whether it was on the forum at that

time or here now, I will still say the same thing, and that is my ability is limited. At the moment, we are surrounded by powerful enemies and the enemies are stronger than ours in terms of experience and capital reserves, so it's impossible to only count on me to save the market.

"Therefore, by my calculations, even if we end up defeating Wall Street, we can't retreat completely because we will still

have to pay the necessary price."

Dean tried to calm down. Then, he said, "

The Chamber of Commerce and I

understand this, but please, Mr. Laine,

you must retain as much of the blood and

sweat of the Haddock Chamber of

Commerce as possible.

"At the end of the day, the Haddock

Chamber of Commerce is not that bad.

Everyone is honest and responsible when i

t comes to doing business. It is not easy

for any of them to support their families. I

f the Chamber of Commerce, which has

been passed down for hundreds of years

collapses, it will develop into a precarious

situation which won't be good for

anyone."

Jasper gave Dean a deep look and said, "I

know."

After speaking, Jasper saw that there was only a few minutes before the opening. Hence, he got up and said, "I'm going to work now. You can come along if you are interested." "Can I?" Dean looked at Jasper in surprise. Even fools could see how important the command center of Nauritus City was. The security center below and outside of the entire building, as well as the 24-hour police patrol was proof that there was no room for error. As for the command center, it would be impossible to enter without Jasper's approval or if they were not the core

Before this, Dean had not really thought

figures surrounding Jasper.

that Jasper would agree to let him enter

the command center that was almost

mythical to the outside world.

"Why not? There is nothing shameful

about it. Will you become a spy and

contact the enemies from the inside

again?" Jasper asked rhetorically.

Dean smiled bitterly and said, "Anyone

can be a spy except me."

Jasper smiled. In a sense, Dean's words

were not exaggerated.

The Chamber of Commerce certainly had

its drawbacks, but it also had an

advantage. The organization of the Chamber of Commerce deeply binded the

interests of every member to this country.

Doing things that damaged the national interests would not do any good to the Chamber of Commerce and it would do nothing to the members of the chamber. Hence, they tend to have higher loyalty to the country than some individual companies.

This was even more true for the Haddock Chamber of Commerce. In the early stages of the reformation and

opening up, when the national economy was still lagging, the rise of the Haddock Chamber of Commerce was earlier than that of the River City Chamber of Commerce or Canter Chamber of Commerce, and their contributions were even greater. Even Jasper, who did not like the Haddock Chamber of Commerce that much, had to recognize this fact.

When Jasper took Dean to the command center, Baz and the others just glanced at Dean, and then continued on with their business.

Meanwhile, Dean looked at the busy team

with emotion.

To be honest, if it were not for what

happened before, he might have been a

frequent visitor here.

Furthermore, this place could even be said

to be the current financial command.

center of Somerland.

The rise and fall of the financial market

could be determined with one word in this

several hundred square meter area.

Moreover, it was the man in front of him,

Jasper, who made these decisions. There were not many surprises during the opening this afternoon. Soros' attack on the Haddock Chamber of Commerce continued, but the futures market was calmer than before. It even felt like the calm before the storm. It could be said that the timid ones and the ones with insufficient funds had already fled, whether in the stock market, or specifically, the futures market. The remaining players were either the ones who were strong enough to fight, not afraid of death, or players who had been trapped in a high position and could only beg for a miracle. Thus, the entire financial market seemed extremely calm before Jasper and Soros started their fight.

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Everyone was accustomed to the big fluctuations. It could even be said that they were

numb to it.

The two sides of the futures market were standing still, while the stock market was a bit turbulent.

Soros was still pushing the stock prices belonging to the Haddock Chamber of Commerce while Jasper adopted measures appropriate to the actual situation and only protected the life and death of the textile company. As for the rest, he would not even bother about them.

Even so, Jasper's defenses still seemed too passive and weak under the pressure of Soros' powerful funds.

So, when the market closed in the afternoon, not only did the traditional

core businesses of the Haddock Chamber of Commerce, such as wood, furniture, and tea, reach their limit downs, even the stocks of two listed companies in the textile industry were forced to a limit down.

Jasper was helpless even if he had the

intention to help when he looked at the

millions of limit-down orders.

At this time, anyone could clearly see a very obvious situation developing, that was, under Soros's reckless attack, even Jasper could not turn the situation around.

After all, in the capital market, when the size was large enough and it was this kind of obvious offensive and defensive situation between the two sides, it was not a battle of skills or luck anymore. Instead, they were competing with their backgrounds. To put it more plainly, it was a fight between who had the most money.

If they did not have enough money, they would go short if the enemy went short, and go long if the enemy went long. Even if Jasper was the real stock god in this world, he would not get anywhere without his equipment. Therefore, he could only watch as the companies fell to their limit downs one by one.

# Life at the Top Chapter 1955

As it got near to the closing time, Dean

opened his mouth and stopped himself

from talking countless times.

He was almost dying from anxiety.

Right now, not only were the members of

the Haddock Chamber of Commerce

keeping an eye on him, even Gale was

keeping an eye on him.

If there was no reaction in the stock

market, then, of course, everyone would

think that the purpose of his trip had

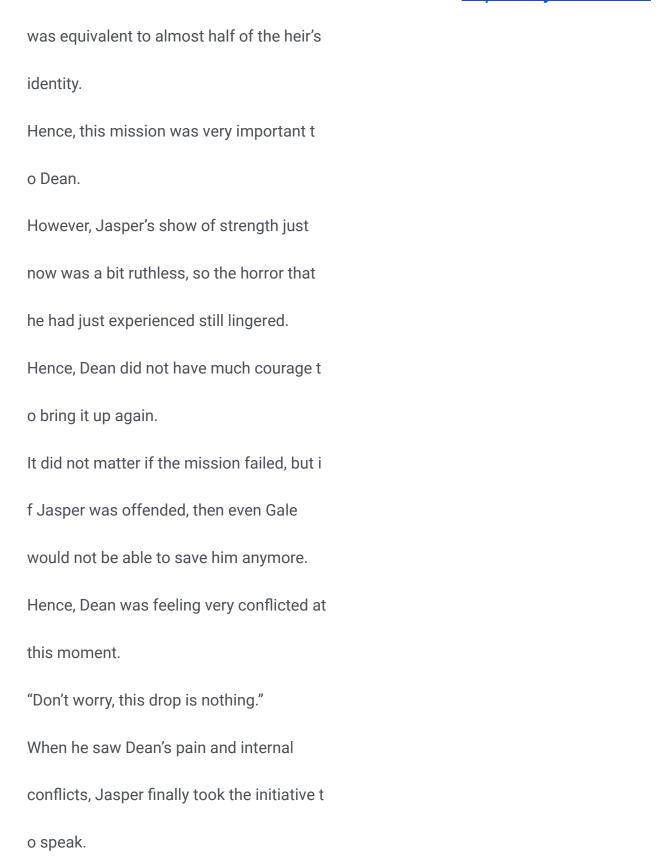
failed.

And this time, the mission was related to

his position as the vice president of the

Chamber of Commerce.

With Gale's increasing age, this position



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"In the domestic stock market, the 10% rise and fall limit are to control certain unpredictable risks that will cause extreme market fluctuations. The limit of the rise and fall is only 10%. Soros can't break this limit even if he has all the money in the world."

Jasper's words gave Dean some comfort.

However, Jasper's words caused him to

put on his mask of pain again.

"This is just the beginning, and there will be many 10% declines in the future, but the Haddock Chamber of Commerce has built up a stockpile of reserve over the years that will be able to help you guys make it through this period.

"Therefore, we won't see a decisive victory or defeat in the domestic financial market battle within the next day or two. A s long as we drag this out and prevent the stock market from crashing completely, we can consider it a victory.

"Soros doesn't own even ten dollars more than the money he is currently holding. Most of them belong to investors, and investors' money did not appear out of thin air. What they need to see are the huge short-term benefits, otherwise, it would be a joke for them to take such a big risk.

"The money is all that they could piece together when the United States financial market was about to be overturned by the financial turmoil, which further increased their requirements for the return cycle

and rate of return. "Hence, we can drag this on, but Soros can't afford to do so.

"If he wants to take decisive action in this

complex situation, then I will take as

much time as I can to show everyone my.

real ability. This will also require certain

methods."

Jasper's words made Dean very

uncomfortable.

"Mr. Laine, are you saying that this

situation will continue for a long time?"

"I don't know how long it will take, but it

will definitely take some time. You have to

understand that under the huge disparity i

n strength between the two sides, many

things are actually visible right on the

surface. What we can do is drag on as

much as possible while waiting for an

opportunity to strike."

After Jasper said this, the market

immediately stopped all trading and the

dense data that was previously refreshing

was also frozen.

"Okay, the market's closed for today."

Jasper glanced at the market, which had

fallen by a full 8%, and sighed.

On this day alone, at least 100 billion Somer Dollars had evaporated in the

domestic financial market.

This was the price of being inferior to others.

Looking at Dean's unpleasant expression, Jasper said, "If you really want to be the savior of the Haddock Chamber of Commerce, I can give you a chance, but again, you have to understand that everything in this world must be paid for. You know what I mean, right?"

Dean was stunned for a moment as his brain swiftly started thinking about the meaning of what Jasper said.

He did not dare to give any promises immediately, so he could only say cautiously, "I have no intention of being a savior..."

"There is only one chance, so don't play dumb with me. If you don't want it, I really don't care. However, it won't be that easy if you want to come back after turning away now," Jasper said with a frown.

He really despised it when Dean would

pretend to be astute and play hard to get.

This was not the time to play these kind of

dirty tricks.

Dean gritted his teeth.

His temper was chased away by Jasper.

"Mr. Laine, tell me."

Jasper said, "Soon, I will cooperate with

Swallow Capital to adopt a series of

market stimulus measures to counter the

reshuffle of the domestic financial market

started by Soros. There are some more

intense methods that will provide huge

opportunities, such as the centralized

listing of mega-level central enterprises.

Once approved, the market will quickly

warm up.

"And among these opportunities, the

biggest is the entry of the Social Security

Fund. If possible, I will try my best to

include a few companies from the

Haddock Chamber of Commerce list of

listed companies in the Social Security

Fund's buying position. Once the Social

Security Fund is there as backup, it'll be hard for this stock to lose money, but the quota is definitely limited and the threshold will be high..

"You should know what the Social Security Fund is. It is closely tied to the stability of Somerland's entire society. Even Swallow Capital is afraid to make a mistake on this issue, let alone you or me. Therefore, the stocks it selects are not in a n attempt maximize profit, but to ensure that the stocks are safe and will not lose money. This threshold is already very high.

"As for this quota, I can ask you to recommend part of it. In this way, the Haddock Chamber of Commerce will not suffer as much right now, and also will not be destroyed completely. When the time comes and you want to take over, it will also be much easier."

Dean's eyes gradually became brighter.

He knew very well that once Jasper's statement was true and the Social Security Fund invested in listed companies of the Haddock Chamber of Commerce, then the power to control this quota would be

extremely huge.

Everyone wanted to be included in this

quota so how would they do so? Of course,

they would all curry favors with him,

please him, and promote him to the

highest authority.

If this worked out, he would not even have

to wait for Gale to pass away before taking

over.

The thought that appeared in his mind
suddenly caused Dean's breathing to
quicken.
After lifting his head abruptly, what Dean
saw was Jasper's grin.
Dean was shocked, but he did not try to
hide his greed. He knew that Jasper must
have figured out his thoughts, so it was
completely unnecessary to hide his
emotions in front of Jasper – not that he
could do so anyway.
After he took a deep breath, Dean asked in
a deep voice, "Then, what do I need to
sacrifice?"
"All you need to do is replace Gale
Hurlbutt."