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Even if he expected this, Dean was still

shocked when he heard this from Jasper.

"What?"

Jasper smiled and said, "Don't tell me you

don't want to. In a sense, you will fulfill m

y request sooner or later, so why the

dilemma?

"You guys are all vying for the position of

the crown prince. At the same time, the

power in my hands is enough to put you o

n the throne and crown you the king with

the right to rule. Do you still want the

position of the crown prince if that's the

case?"

Jasper patted Dean, who was trembling all

over, and continued with a smile, "Believe

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me, the taste of being above everyone is

much better than the taste of being above

everyone but one."

Dean swallowed subconsciously.

He looked at Jasper and said, "But my

grandfather has a position that no one can

replace in the Haddock Chamber of

Commerce. He is the spiritual leader of all.

of Haddock Chamber of Commerce..."

"He is old, and he's already abandoned by

time. Haddock Chamber of Commerce

doesn't need such an old guy to boss

everyone around. Over the years, what

results has he led the Haddock Chamber of

f Commerce to achieve? How much profit

has he generated?

"He is more like a person who has already

stepped down but is actually controlling

everything behind the scenes. Meanwhile, the Haddock Chamber of Commerce is a business organization. The world is bustling and everyone's chasing after profit. As long as you show greater value than him and let others see that, then naturally, there will be people supporting you." Dean asked seriously, "I want to know what is your purpose for doing this?" "My purpose?" Jasper chuckled and said, "Can't I just hate that old fart?" The corners of Dean's lips twitched and h e could not say a word. "Stop guessing."

Jasper glanced at Dean and said faintly, "I am not interested in the measly assets of Haddock Chamber of Commerce. Besides, the Chamber of Commerce is a loose organization. Everyone is just adhering to the tradition and it's indeed easier to obtain

warmth by staying close together. Even if Gale is asking the members of the Chamber of Commerce to hand over all the money, so do you think anyone will pay attention to him?

"If that's the case, what else can I get after I help obtain the leadership position?

"If you insist on me having a reason, I can only tell you that the financial war is only temporary. Neither we nor the United States can fight a protracted financial war.

"If you look further out at the overall situation, you will find that countries such as the United Kingdom and Sunrise Land are thrilled because they're making money in the dark. At the end of the day, they are the biggest winners of this financial war.

"Now neither Soros nor I have a way to stop immediately because the cost is too great, but the time for us to stop will come sooner or later. After the financial war subsides, stable development will be the main theme of this era and what I want is a stable home front.

"JW's vision has always been on the global layout. Somerland is the back garden of JW, and I need a group of more unified and forward-looking kindred spirits, understand?"

Dean was stunned for a long time before h

e finally smiled bitterly.

If he did not want to admit that he was

unconvinced and jealous before, right

now, he was truly won over.

He also understood that since then, it would be difficult for Jasper to have an opponent in Somerland.

Everything else aside, just his dignity and mind, as well as a strategic vision, far surpassed the others by at least 10 years. This was what made Jasper invincible.

"Do you need time to consider?" Jasper asked.

Dean was stunned for a moment. Then, as if he had made up his mind, he replied in a deep voice, "I don't need to think about i t. I agree with your terms."

With a chuckle, Jasper said, "That's right. Those who do big things shouldn't split hairs on trivial matters. If you're hesitating and indecisive, it will only make you lose the opportunity that's right at your fingertips."

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Just as Jasper and Dean were planning out

how to take Gale down, far away on the

endless open sea of the Atlantic Ocean.

A huge fully-loading cruise ship was

mooring on the sea. There were no waves

on the calm sea, as extremely thick black

smoke rose from this huge vessel.

The black smoke first poured out of the

warehouse before the fire spread instantly

within a few breaths.

When the crew on the ship saw the fire,

they were shocked.

They knew that the ship was full of rubber.

Rubber was a flammable substance, and

once it burned, it would immediately

release toxic smoke.

A cruise ship full of rubber was on fire on

the vast sea, so it meant that they had

almost no means of escaping.

Although these crew members had tried

their best to put out the fire, the fire still

relentlessly devoured everything it could

reach.

With that, it took only more than ten

minutes for the heavy smoke to turn into

open flames, after which, it took only half

an hour for the fire to immediately devour

the whole ship.

There were screams and cries for help

everywhere. This huge cruise ship

transformed into a huge fireball as it undulated on the sea. If one could look down from a higher vantage point, they would find that it was not just this ship that had caught on fire. Several more ships nearly were also caught on fire. These ships all shared one similar characteristic. They were the fleet belonging to the Boyles in Harbor City, and the goods on them were the supplied goods accumulated by the King of Rubber, the Atticus family over the past six months. The fire was still burning, and when the news reached Sawyer, he had just fallen

asleep.

Because of the stress during this period, Sawyer would turn off his mobile phone while he was sleeping. If there was something urgent, they would contact him through Fabian.

Sawyer figured there was still about four to five hours till the opening, so he could take a nap. The moment he lay down, he bolted right up from being shocked by the rapid knocking on the door.

"Dad, it's me, open the door! We're in trouble!"

After hearing Fabian's voice outside the door, Sawyer quickly got up and put on his slippers to open the door immediately.

"What's up?"

Seeing Fabian's face full of panic and anxiety, Sawyer, who was originally enraged by Fabian's impatience, also had a bad premonition. Thus, he asked immediately.

"Dad, I just received the news from Harbor City that our goods were all burned in a fire at sea! It was 4 million tons of rubber!"

This short sentence turned Sawyer red.

"Bullsh*t! There are 7 ships, each of which is only hundreds of thousands of tons, even if one caught fire... Did they all catch on fire?"

Fabian panted heavily and said, "All seven ships were caught in the fire. When I got the news, two of them had sunk. The 4 million tons were either burned out or are now at the bottom of the sea as fish food. Dad, what should we do? The family is in a mess now!"

Sawyer's eyes widened. At this moment, h e only felt that he was short of breath. He could feel some blood stuck in his throat and he could not swallow or spit it out. Then, his vision turned black and he became lightheaded. He could not even stand up straight anymore.

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When he saw that Sawyer was swaying and looked as if he was about to pass out, Fabian was terrified, and he quickly stepped forward to support the man. "Dad, don't get too emotional. Now that the matter has reached this point, we have to find a solution quickly. If you collapse right now, we'll be finished." At this moment, Sawyer was seething. He was gasping and there was a look of fierceness in his eyes. His expression was almost cannibalistic as he growled, "This i sa conspiracy. Someone is targeting us. They want to uproot the Atticus Family!" There were 4 million tons of goods, and at

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this critical moment, the loss of these goods would cause Atticus Group to directly breach all partnerships and contracts. Aside from the immeasurable loss of reputation, the liquidated damages alone could crush the current Atticus Group. A series of chain reactions that were likely to happen, which made Sawyer panicked and frightened. "Dad, what do we do now? I just asked, if it is a natural disaster, the insurance company will handle it, but once it is determined to be man-made arson, the insurance company will not pay us a single dime." Fabian's words made Sawyer's eyelids tremble fiercely. "Go find Half-the-Harbor Langdon first."

"They have to even if they don't want to!"

Sawyer asked worriedly, "Will they give a sh*t about us?"

Sawyer gritted his teeth and said, "Now, the three of us are allies. If the Atticus Group collapses, then they will be the only ones left standing. What else can they do? The reason I choose to cooperate with them in the first place is because of this relationship where we're bound together for better or for worse.

"When we divide the benefits, everyone will scramble to get it. Now that we are in trouble, they want to run? No way. They won't do such a stupid thing."

After speaking, Sawyer took Fabian and

walked towards the room of Half-the

Harbor Langdon.

More than ten minutes later, Kayden, who

was the last to arrive at the scene,

hurriedly barged in through the door. By

then, everyone else was already there.

Half-the-Harbor Langdon, Sawyer, and

Kennedy sat in three corners of the room,

while Fabian stood behind Sawyer. After

Kayden walked in the door, he walked

behind Half-the-Harbor Langdon and

observed the situation silently without

saying anything.

The three elders were here, so he did not

have the right to be the first to speak.

However, Kayden already knew what had happened. He could not help but glance at Fabian, who looked terrified beside him, and Kayden silently mourned for him in his heart At this juncture, the Atticus Family might have to bear the consequences if something like this happened. Now it was up to the three alliances to see how much power they could invest to save the Atticus Family. Sawyer spoke slowly, "This is the situation now. My family in Harbor City is in a mess right now. They're all waiting for me to come up with a solution, but the situation is really difficult, so everyone please give me some ideas." Kennedy snorted coldly and said, "I don't even need to guess to know that this had to have been done by Jasper, that little punk. He has the power and ability to do this, and he also has a motive for it.

"How would the others dare to do such a big thing? Plus, this is also something unending with the Atticus Family, which is no less than seeking vengeance.

Moreover, even if others had the ability to do this, they would not start such a war with the Atticus Family."

Half-the-Harbor Langdon sighed in exhaustion, "No, this is not man-made."

As soon as these words were spoken, Kennedy was taken aback. Sawyer, Fabian, and Kayden all looked over at him.

Kayden was the only one who seemed to

holding a thought in in his mind.

Half-the-Harbor Langdon did not keep

them on tenterhooks either. He

continued, "Whether it's man-made or

not, we can't investigate now. We can

only say that this is an accident."

"Do you mean I should seek insurance

compensation?" Sawyer asked.

After glancing at Sawyer, Half-the

Harbor Langdon answered, "The value of

4 million tons of cargo is astronomical. In

addition to this, it is now impossible to

fulfill the previous supply contracts, so a

breach of contract is also inevitable.

"Therefore, you can't avoid paying for the

breach. In this case, how to stop the loss i

s the first thing we need to consider.

"As for whether or not Jasper did it, does i

t even matter? Even if it wasn't him, do

you think we can shake hands with Jasper

and ask for peace? If it was him, we still

have to fight Jasper to the end. Hence, it

really doesn't matter anymore."

"Still, all seven ships caught fire "Still, all seven sh

ght fire

consecutively and I'm sure the insurance

company is not a fool. They won't pay for i

t," Fabian said.

Half-the-Harbor Langdon said

indifferently, "So the most critical point i

n this matter is this. Of course, the

insurar company does not want to pay

this sky-high compensation, but now all

seven ships have sunk into the sea.

There's no evidence even if they want to

investigate. As long as there is no

evidence to prove that it was man-made,

then they must pay.

"The three of us have each mobilized."

contacts and resources to carry out

businesses related to this matter. The

most important thing at the moment is

that we can't be thrown into confusion. If

we do, then we will suffer, and our

enemies will have the time of their lives."

In an isolated fishing village in Filopo.

Conrad looked at the people standing in

front of him with a smile on his face.

Then, he said, "You have done a good job and I am very satisfied."

Although the bodies of these people were

still intact, they looked extremely worn

down, as if they were under tremendous mental pressure. The leader of the group cautiously said, " Mr. Monty, since the matter has been settled, then about the things you promised us..." "Don't worry, I won't cheat you. I never treat people who do things well for me unfairly." Conrad waved his hand. Then, a lone bodyguard walked out from among the several other bodyguards behind him. He opened the suitcase in his hand and pushed it in front of the group. Inside that black suitcase was a box full of

"It's all cash totaling 2 million US Dollars.

US dollar bills.

They are not new banknotes, and they are

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non-sequential so you can use them
without worries."
Those people looked at the box of
banknotes in front of them with
scorching eyes and they all gulped. Their eyes were overflowing with greed.
Why did they risk their lives to do that?
It was all for these colorful little darlings.
Since they had succeeded now, no amount of fear could suppress the joy of seeing these little darlings at this moment.
"Okay, since our transaction has been completed, then I should also go now. You can take the money to wherever you want to go and do whatever you want to do. No one will care about you. You are free now."
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After Conrad finished talking, he got up
lazily and walked towards the door of the
room.

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"Mr. Monty."

The person in the lead spoke suddenly.

Conrad turned around and looked at him

with a smile and asked, "Is there

anything else?"

The person asked nervously, "Won't the

Atticus Family and the Boyles look into

this?"

"I have no idea."

Conrad shrugged and said lightly.

The expressions of a group of people

changed suddenly.

They were working for the Atticus Family

or the Boyles, so naturally, they knew the

power of these two giants. How would

they live if the two families decided to

pursue this matter with them?

"Mr. Monty, that's not what you said

before, you said it would be fine," the

leader said anxiously.

Conrad was surprised. "Are you a child? The two of them have lost billions in cargo and hundreds of millions in ships, do you think they will just forget it? I was just saying it for the sake of it."

The leader said angrily, "But why didn't you tell us this clearly before?"

"You could get 2 million dollars just by starting a fire. If there's no risk to this, do you think such a good thing would fall onto your laps?"

The smile on Conrad's face slowly disappeared and he said flatly, "So if I were you, I would quickly divide the money and run as far as I can. Why waste time with me here?"

After speaking, Conrad left.

When Conrad and his bodyguards left, the group of people in the room looked at each other.

In the end, everyone rushed to the box of

banknotes.

Despite their inner fears and worries, the deed had been done so there was no point

worrying about it anymore. It would be better to take the money and go have the

time of their lives.

At this moment, Conrad dialed Jasper's number after he walked out of the fishing village and was walking on the embankment along the coast.

"It's done. The finishing touches have

also been handled.".

"How is the crew?" Jasper asked.

"Don't worry, those are all the Boyles employees. The Boyles had prepared twice as many as the regular reserves on the boat, and we also had people standing by. Even if they fell into the water, they would be salvaged. This time there is only loss of property and no loss of life."

Conrad's news made Jasper very happy.

Jasper was saved a lot of worries and effort in having a helper who had such a strong ability, sufficient means, most importantly, knew what he wanted.

"In addition to this, I have prepared the video evidence that should be left behind. When the time is right, we will send it to

the insurance company and then they will

naturally refuse to pay the compensation." "Very good, thank you very much.

"Since the deed is done, then come back a s soon as possible."

"Okay." Conrad agreed before hanging up.

After putting down the phone, Jasper glanced coldly at the news channel of Harbor City on the computer screen.

As expected, it was all about the fire

surrounding the Atticus Family's rubber

goods on the high seas.

These reporters were using words that would send the world into chaos. What was even more disgusting was that there were indeed some well-informed and skilled reporters. Not only did they describe the whole thing vividly, but more importantly, the subsequent impacts of this incident were also analyzed perfectly.

After roughly scanning through the news, Jasper closed all his tabs.

Although the methods were a little dirty, Jasper did not regret using such means to deal with the Atticus Family.

When they decided to use more despicable

means to deal with Wendy, they should

have expected to encounter Jasper's

unscrupulous, crazy revenge.

Moreover, this was just the beginning.

After dismissing the chaotic thoughts in

his head, Jasper recomposed himself and

walked to the command room.

Soon, the United States stock market

would open.

Jake replaced Baz as he appeared next to

Jasper.

"This is the first time the United States

stock market is opening after the weekend

break. Last Friday, the United States

subprime market closed at 1230 points,

there was a decline of 1899 points

throughout the week. The entire situation

has festered and it's already beyond

redemption.

"Especially after the Layman Investment

Bank officially declared bankruptcy, the

entire financial crisis came to its climax.

Now, no one wants to continue investing i

In the subprime market and this place has become a ruin.

"On Friday, the Dow Jones and Nasdag

closed at 26760 points and 21119 points

respectively with an overall decline of 30

%. The financial crisis is still ongoing and

the overall situation in the United States i

s not optimistic.

"But according to our analysis, this wave o

f trillions of dollars of evaporation has

also allowed the United States financial

market to cleanse themselves, which

means that their financial market will

soon bottom out.

"After all, the United States is still the

world's number one economic power.

They have the most patents and the most

powerful companies in the world, so once

the financial market drops to a certain

limit, it will be very difficult to fall again.

Now, it has already approached this

threshold."

Jasper thought for a while and said, "

Ignore the subprime market for now and

let's wait for the settlement date to come.

Then, we will cash out and leave the

market. How much profit is attributable to

us?"

Jake's face immediately became excited and said, "We have invested 80 billion US Dollars of principal in the subprime market. This time, if the settlement is completed, then all short orders will be settled at the market price and the profit attributable to us will be as high as 210 billion US Dollars. In addition to our principal, we can withdraw 290 billion US Dollars."

"Finally, a piece of good news."

Jasper breathed a sigh of relief and said, "This 210 billion US Dollars of profit will be the largest single profitable financial transaction in human history. Since this money was looted from the United States' vault, I'm afraid it won't be so easy to cash out."

"Mr. Laine, are you worried that the United States will play dumb about this?" Jake asked.

"Never overestimate how shameless the enemy can be, especially when your enemy is a group of capitalists. They are very likely to do just about anything."

Jasper narrowed his eyes slightly and said, "The subprime market is a small, high-risk financial market. If the United States is so shameless and decides to delete all the files and clear all records, then we will lose out badly."

"They won't do that, right? Are they not afraid of causing protests from all investors around the world? If so, who will continue to play in their market?" Jake frowned.

"They should be hesitating, otherwise, there is no reason to delay the settlement date this time.

"At the opening today, let's give our enemies huge insurance and use the empty orders that are about to be settled in the subprime market as collateral. Then, we will try our best to short the top 50 listed companies in the United States."

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What were the people in the United States

most afraid of now?

Their biggest fear thing was that Jasper

would make a wild profit of 210 billion US

Dollars in the subprime market and then

leave with this profit that was enough to

cause a global sensation.

It was like Jasper was a player on the

gaming table of someone from the United

States. No matter how many chips Jasper

won at the gaming table, as long as Jasper

was still seated at the table and the game

was not over, this matter was not

conclusive.

However, if Jasper stood up and walked away with his chips, then it would be all over.

Once such a thing happened, the United

States, as the world's largest economic

power and the country that laid down

modern economic laws, would be left

humiliated.

This was not merely about the 210 billion

US Dollar. The United States, as the global

economic hegemon, would not allow this

kind of humiliation to happen in front of everyone.

So, Jasper did not intend to provoke the

United States on this. He would not

stimulate its already sensitive and

famished nerves that were equivalent to a

forty-year-old widow.

After all, if the United States decided to

throw everything away and act like a

hooligan, then Jasper would be the one

who would suffer.

Hence, Jasper's choice was to use a

mortgage to exchange the profits won on

the subprime market without losing out of

n the financial stock market, which would

allow him to continue playing this game.

It was like Jasper had won a big ticket in

Baccarat, and as the dealer, the United

States already had a very unpleasant

expression on its face but still held back

their anger and did not flip the table on

him. Now, Jasper did not leave, but

instead, he just used his winning chips to

play Blackjack, so the United States was

still cool with this.

Although the two sides did not have any

communication and negotiation, or rather, they did not even have any basic

communication, Jasper, as the biggest player, and the United States, as the dealer, still maintained a certain tacit agreement in front of the basic rules.

Therefore, as per Jasper's instructions, the process of Jake entrusting the legal team in the United States to go through the mortgage procedures went smoothly. Even the United States functional agency, which had always been known for its inefficiency, hurriedly handled the application from JW Foundation.

Both parties were like old men and women who already had countless affairs. With just one look, they managed to finish all the procedures without saying a word.

Half an hour after the opening, all the procedures were done.

JW Foundation was like a greedy and hungry lion. It jumped from the financial stock market to the subprime market, and after killing everything in its way and overturning the entire subprime market, it returned with generous spoils.

They were shorting and they were shorting in huge amounts!

When JW Foundation began to short the top 50 listed companies in the United States, the stock market was full of grief.

"The Dow Jones Index fell by 759 points and is currently encountering a support level of 26001 points. The Nasdaq Index fell by 1119 points and encountered an integer mark of 20000 points. The rebound sentiment in the two markets is serious. With the support of strong support points, our resistance to the short selling is very high."

Standing in front of Jasper, Jake said with a worried face, "The rebound we estimated before has begun to take place. The current position should be the market's defensive point. It will be very difficult if you want to continue to attack. Mr. Laine, do you want to hold it on now?"

Gazing at the constantly refreshing data stream on the screen in front of him, Jasper said with a serious expression, "Abandon shorting listed banking companies such as Morgan, and settle all

our accounts on them. Focus on dealing with technology companies such as Apple, Amazon, Oracle, Weresoft, and stocks from internet companies."

"The funds are still not enough."

Jasper sighed.

The financial market of the United States was too strong and too big. It was like a vast ocean, so even if Jasper held more than 300 billion US Dollars of capital on hand, his opponent was the United States financial market with such a deep and powerful foundation. Thus, it would still be difficult even with the help of the power gained from the financial crisis.

Needless to say, they would have been daydreaming if they wanted to attack the two stock exchange centers in the United States at the same time with the little money they obtained without the blessing of the financial crisis.

Jake opened his mouth and wanted to say something when he heard what Jasper said, but upon seeing Jasper's serious expression, he swallowed his words before turning to get to work.

JW Foundation's performance on the first

trading day of the reopening of the United

States was strong. Even if it switched

from an overall umbrella attack to a direct

peer-to-peer attack on technology and

Internet giants, it still put the entire

Nasdaq and the Dow Jones market under tremendous pressure.

However, the actions of JW Foundation still exposed some information, and this information allowed some people and funds to spot excellent opportunities.

When Jasper noticed that while he was

suppressing the stocks of technology and

Internet companies that someone was

secretly buying stocks at a low price, he

knew these people had discovered his

intentions.

He could not underestimate the people of

the world.

Furthermore, Jasper could tell that there

were definitely his old friends among

them.

The man who was regarded as the god of

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stock.

Also, under the premise of the financial crisis, the stock value of the financial market and those high-quality companies were generally lower than their actual value. If the man who was good at making long-term investments and was as stable as an old dog did not do anything, then it would be strange.

"Mr. Laine..."

As soon as Jake came in, Jasper said, "I know. Just let them do whatever they want.

"These people are crocodiles wandering in the international capital market and they will appear wherever there is the smell of blood.

"In the United States financial market,

most of the valuable listed companies

now have their stock prices critically

lower than their actual price. Will these

guys miss out on this opportunity to make

a fortune?

"Whether it is our follow-up suppression

or the self-rescue measures of these

companies in the future, after the

financial crisis, these listed companies would inevitably be the first batch to restore the high-quality characteristics of their stock prices and allow their holders to make a fortune. Unfortunately, we can't do anything to them at this moment."

"But we're shorting and they're buying, which is equivalent to standing on the opposite side of us!" Jake said, feeling a little pissed.

"We're not kids playing house. They will naturally pounce if there are benefits. It doesn't matter if they're buying or shorting, it's all for profit. Now that there will be profit if they're buying, then, of course, they will buy. This has nothing to do with standpoint, only profit. Plus, we don't even need to investigate it. The background of international hot money is too complicated and confusing, so there is no way to find out more.

"Continue to go short. Today is the first trading day, so it will have a great guiding effect on the market. Today's record will determine the confidence of the entire market over the next week, so we have to break them down. Even we have to buy these stocks, let alone this hot money."