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"That man from Somerland is going to buy the United States' future in tech and the internet!"

"Are those people from Somerland unstoppable? This is just like those freaks from Sunrise Land before. What exactly di o they want to do?"

"The United States is no longer great. When the high-tech field and the Internet are monopolized by those from Somerland, what are the people of the United States left with except their injured pride?"

All the Western media were like ants that had been shot. They were running around while howling that the people from Somerland had risen.

At the same time, the four companies, Qualcomm, Weresoft, Apple, and General Motors, all rejected JW Foundation's acquisition offer.

This refusal was reasonable.

Jasper never expected them to agree

either.

However, even if they refused, Jasper did

not care.

The power of capitalism lay in the fact that as long as there was sufficient strength in the capital market, one could do whatever they wanted to.

So what if you refused?

He would force the acquisition. Once JW Foundation had absorbed enough company stocks and entered the company's shareholder list, then there would naturally be a small portion shareholders who would be forced to hand over the shares in their hands due to pressure and desire for money.

As long as it had a relative equity advantage, JW Foundation could initiate a capital increase and use the money to forcibly dilute the shareholding ratio of the original shareholders of these companies so that they could control everything.

Hence, this acquisition invitation was just a process that Jasper needed to go through. After he released the news, he did not expect these companies to agree to

his acquisition at this stage. However, something unexpected

happened to Jasper.

Just when he learned that the four companies had publicly rejected his acquisition offer and was about to go back to sleep, someone contacted him through the Maynards in North America.

"Qualcomm's vice president, Welson?"

Jasper frowned and looked at Celine. He

was a little confused.

Jasper was very unfamiliar with this name, whether in his past life or this life.

"He owns a 2.33% stake in Qualcomm. When he contacted my father, he said he hoped to talk to you about selling his shares for a good price."

Celine thought for a while and seemed to be recalling this person, and then she said, "This person is very greedy for money, and he is already 70 years old. When I was still at Colossal Investments, I got the news that Qualcomm intended to promote the head of South Terra to replace him. He

also realizes that he had reached the age

where he needs to retire, so he is motivated to sell his shares."

"We can have a talk about that." Jasper

nodded.

"But I'm not the one who'll talk to him."

Jasper said to Celine, "You are." Celine was stunned for a moment and asked, "Me?"

"Yes, you."

Jasper got up and stretched. All of his joints cracked. This was not because Jasper had some powerful force inside of him, but it was because he had been sitting in the office all day and night and by now severely lacked exercise.

"I'm going to take a short nap. I only have three hours of sleep left. I don't have time to talk to such a small potato."

Jasper said as he walked towards the

office door.

After seeing Jasper leaving her with all responsibility, Celine stomped her feet and said, "How much are budgeting?" "There is no limit as this is our first partner. As long as the price is not too high, we will accept his offer. Many small shareholders like him have no power in the company but are burdened by the financial crisis and need cash urgently, but he is the first to take the bait while the others are still watching. So, sending a good signal to those people will only do us good. I don't care exactly how much we spend money," Jasper said lazily.

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"Okay, then I'll negotiate a sky-high acquisition contract with Welson and then reap a high brokerage fee!" Celine said.

"Okay."

Jasper, who had just opened the door, turned around and smiled at Celine. He said, "If you get the brokerage fee, remember to share some with me."

Seeing Jasper swaggering away, Celine snorted angrily, but after that, she still went to contact Welson.

This time, no matter how much of a commotion the outside world was in, Jasper slept soundly.

Three hours later, the sun was just rising and Jasper was woken up by the alarm clock. Then, he got up, washed up, and drove straight to the airport.

Forty minutes later, the sky was already bright while the number of people at the airport began to increase. Jasper drove the car directly into the exclusive apron through the internal passage before leaning against his car while looking at his handsome and flashy Gulfstream plane sliding over from a distance.

The plane stopped and the mobile airport staircase approached it before the cabin door opened. Jasper looked at the pretty lady who walked out of the plane, smiled, and spread his arms while approaching her.

Wendy quickly walked down the staircase and ran to Jasper. She was affectionate but she would get shy easily, so she was too embarrassed to jump into Jasper's arms in front of the crowd at this moment. Instead, she just held Jasper gently and with great restraint.

"Didn't I tell you not to pick me up? You should have a good rest when you have time," Wendy said softly.

"You've been running around for me and you're lost weight from exhaustion while you were in Harbor City. Now that you're back, how could I not come and pick you up?" Jasper chuckled lightly. "I like it." Wendy pursed her lips and chuckled while looking at Jasper. "There will be something you like more later, let's go back and do it." Leaning close to Wendy's ear, Jasper said with a smirk. "Do you want to die?" Wendy was embarrassed. Jasper laughed. At this time, Julian and his senior also came down together. "Jasper." Julian greeted Jasper. "Hello." Jasper nodded. He held Wendy with one hand and patted Julian's shoulder with the other while saying, "Thanks for the hard work." "This is what I should do," Julian said straightforwardly. "Okay, there's still some time. Let's go to: visit Julian's house." Jasper looked at the time and said. "What?"

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Julian looked at Jasper in astonishment and asked subconsciously. "My house?

Why?"

"I interrupted your honeymoon, so

shouldn't I go and explain it to your

wife?"

Jasper said bluntly, "Besides, I was too busy when you got married and I didn't g o. I haven't seen your wife yet and since I have two or three hours of free time now, let's go together. Why? Are you reluctant t o show me your wife?"

Julian said embarrassedly, "That's definitely not the case. I was just a little shocked."

"Okay, we'll just do whatever the boss says." Fallon poked Julian, secretly hating her stupid cousin for being so shameful.

She could see how big JW was now and how many internal factions there were. Neither Wendy nor Jasper, whom she directly served, had ever shown a special fondness to anyone, only herself and this stupid junior of hers seemed to be particularly valued by Jasper. There was literally nobody else in the world who could obtain this kind of favor, yet her stupid junior was still stupidly thinking of rejecting it.

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Jasper never liked to be escorted whenever he went out as he found it very troublesome. Moreover, they were in Nauritus City in Somerland, so there was no need to arrange bodyguards to follow them.

Because of this, Jasper let Julian drive. Fallon sat in the front while he while Wendy sat in the back, and the four of them boarded one car to Julian's house.

If Julian and Fallon could still run into

danger in Nauritus City, then having a

team of bodyguards would be useless.

To shorten his daily commute, Julian lived in a residential area that was not far from the company; it was only three to five kilometers away.

However, the environment of the

residential area...

"Why do you live here?"

Jasper asked with a frown as he looked at

the trash all over the place and old buildings in the community.

Julian said embarrassedly, "I usually won't be home too much, so a place with a bed that can keep out the wind and rain will suffice as a home for me."

"What nonsense. You used to be alone, but now you have a family. How can you make your wife suffer with you?"

"Well, yes, I'm also discussing buying a new house with my wife. I'll leave these matters to her. I don't care about that," Julian replied guickly.

Jasper thought for a while and said, "You can choose one of the properties developed by our own company. You can choose a villa, high-end residence, or even a penthouse. I will go back and tell the people managing this so that they will save some good ones for you to choose from."

"Thank you, Jasper," Julian replied. Having been with Jasper for so long,

Julian was already used to this.

If Jasper wanted to give him something, o r extend him any benefit or convenience, i t would be useless for Julian to refuse if Jasper was serious about it. In this

scenario, would be better to accept it with peace of mind.

What was more, in Julian's view, this favor would just allow him to select a better house and purchase it at staff price, which this was completely in line with the rules.

He did not expect that after Jasper informed the real estate company of this, that the company would not dare to ask for the payment.

Julian had already told his wife about the visit in advance, so when the car arrived downstairs, the four people in Julian's wife's family were already standing downstairs waiting.

Looking at the car approaching from the distance, Julian's wife's younger brother whispered, "Ginny, Julian's boss should just come over if he wants to, why do you want us to come downstairs to greet him? You even asked our parents to come downstairs. Was this really necessary?"

Julian's wife, Ginny Monroe, glared at her brother and said, "His boss is a real VIP. How would a kid who just graduated from a university like you know how rich and powerful he is? Don't talk when you see him later. Just stand by the side

obediently and don't upset him,

understand?"

Ginny's younger brother snorted and remained unconvinced. "So what if he has money? I want to start a business in the future, and I will definitely be a big boss."

Ginny shook her head as she looked at her confident younger brother. When she first graduated from university, she knew that she would earn a lot of money from starting a business, and was certain that she would be sought after and envied by people with an annual salary of at least several hundred thousand. After being worn down by society, she no longer had such ignorant thoughts.

She knew very well that her younger brother would understand this truth

within the next two years.

By this time, the car had stopped in front of Ginny's family.

Julian got out of the car first. After he nodded to Ginny, he did not even bother greeting her before immediately trotting to the back of the car to open the door.

Upon witnessing this scene, Ginny's younger brother was even more upset.

"Hmph, I originally thought that Julian was a man with backbone and ability, but i In the end, he's just a henchman."

"Shut up!"

Ginny gave her brother a stern look and scolded him.

At this moment, Jasper and Wendy had gotten out of the car.

Ginny, who was also an employee in JW, approached them hurriedly and greeted in a low voice, "Mr. Laine, Ms. Schuler, hello."

Even though she was an old employee of J W who had been working there for several years, it was impossible for Ginny to have access to Jasper and Wendy with her current position. After she established her relationship with Julian, she had only met Wendy once.

At this moment, Ginny was still very nervous when she saw Jasper, the boss who was rumored to be almost godlike in the company with countless of adoring fans looking up to him.

Jasper could sense Ginny's nervousness at a glance. He smiled and said, "You don't have to be so courteous, and you don't have to call us Mr. Laine or Ms. Schuler, You are Julian's wife so you can just call m e by name, just like Julian."

"Uh-huh..."

Ginny nodded like a chicken pecking at rice. At this moment, she almost fainted with excitement.

"The boss actually asked me to call him by name... If I tell my colleagues in my department this, they would never believe me. Even the manager would not believe me!"

At this time, Jasper asked a question that petrified everyone at the scene.

"You're Ginny Monroe, right? Julian told me your name, did I get it right? Where do you work?"

Ginny, "..."

Julian, "..."

Fallon slapped her forehead, and her face was flushed as she was trying to hold back laughter.

Jasper looked confused, not knowing what he had said wrong.

Wendy could not stand it any longer and she reminded him in a low voice, "Did you already forget? I told you that Ginny is an employee of our company and she's been working with us for several years already."

Jasper finally remembered and said

embarrassingly, "I'm sorry, I forgot."

"Mr. Laine, it's okay, I will strive to work hard and use my abilities to make you remember me as soon as possible!"

Ginny's answer caused Jasper's eyes to light up; Even Wendy was nodding her head in secret. This girl had a high EQ, and she was much better than that piece of wood Julian.

That sentence dismissed Jasper's awkwardness, and at the same time, it showed that she was not trying to use Julian's position to curry favors. She only wanted to work hard by herself, which was undoubtedly a way to increase their fondness toward her.

"Okay. The reason I came today was to visit you and your family. After all, I interrupted your honeymoon. I'm so sorry about that," Jasper said with a smile.

As Ginny was about to say something, a

voice sounded next to her.

"Are you JW's boss Jasper Laine? You don't look much older than me. I'll not be inferior to you in the future!"

"Gus! Shut up!"

Julian was the first one next to Jasper to react to this. He glared at Gus with an extremely stern gaze while his tone was similarly cold.

Ginny's face turned white from shock. She did not know what to say.

"Haha!"

However, Jasper guffawed, and he was not mad at all. Instead, he spoke to Gus with interest, "I'm JW's boss, and yes, I'm not much older than you. I accept your challenge, but before that, you have to make yourself stronger. For example, you're not my opponent at all at this current moment. It's not that I'm showing off my ability in front of you, but that's the truth. When you also have a net worth of 50 billion, you can also say that sentence to me with a prideful chest."

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50 billion!

The members of the Monroes present at the scene all gasped.

Gus also gasped. He was just proud and arrogant, and if one graduated from university in this era, they would not be fools.

He knew what the concept of 50 billion meant.

And this was just the qualification to say that he wanted to challenge Jasper.

No one would think Jasper was bragging.

The difference in strength between the two sides was too great, so Jasper did not need to brag about that.

Would you brag to an ant that you could knock into sun with one punch?

This would be bragging, but it did not matter to the ants, and you did not need to brag about this because both you and the ants knew that your one punch could crush them into nothing.

Therefore, when it came to Gus, talking about the value, the industry, and the future would not be as impactful as

talking about the real quantitative gap.

The 50 billion figure made him understand that he had been too arrogant.

After all, a young man could not hide his emotions. So, Gus blushed on the spot and was rendered speechless immediately.

Even the 300 Somer Dollars pocket money in his pants pocket was given by his sister Ginny, let alone 50 billion..

Of course, Jasper would not quibble with a child like Gus, and he would not care how uneasy he was at this time.

Turning his head, Jasper smiled at Ginny and said, "Just now, I told Julian that he can go to JW Real Estates to choose a house, but Julian said he really doesn't have the ability

to appreciate or choose a house, so you should be the one to decide when the time comes."

Ginny glanced at Julian first, and when she saw that her husband had no objections, she said to Jasper in surprise, "Thank you, Mr. Laine!"

There was no need to say anything too

polite and thankful. After all, Jasper did not do these for those few words.

Jasper was very satisfied with Ginny's

little act of asking Julian's opinion first.

"Okay, we've been standing downstairs for so long. Why don't you invite me to go upstairs?" Jasper laughed.

Ginny snapped back to her senses immediately and quickly said, "That was my negligence, Mr. Laine... No, Jasper, Wendy, please come upstairs..."

When they arrived upstairs, Jasper chatted with Ginny's parents for a while. The two elders were just ordinary people. They had no concept of a rich man like Jasper. They only knew that he was a very powerful VIP, so they were very discreet and polite when they talked to him.

On the other hand, Jasper did not care.

With the rise of status and wealth, he had become accustomed to the courtesy and awe of the people around him.

There were trade-offs in life. Jasper could not pursue perfection and he was not someone who did not know what was good for him. Being treated politely and respectfully was always better than being ignored.

Not long after, Julian's sister also came over. Naturally, they exchanged courtesies again.

Ginny's cooking was good and the dishes on the table were sumptuous, and this made Wendy very melancholic.

Although she had wanted to learn how to cook several times before and had even hired a chef to teach herself how to cook, she was also busy with work and unfortunately, had no talent in this area. Eventually, she just gave up after some time. This had also become a regret in her heart.

Judging from the current situation, this

regret would always remain.

After dinner, Jasper and Wendy got up and bade farewell.

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He came here on a whim, and also wanted to see the character of Julian's wife Ginny.

Julian was becoming increasingly important to him. Although he had no power or position in the JW system, he was similar to the favored ministers around the emperors in ancient times. Many high-ranking ministers would want to curry favor with the favored ministers.

Julian had a good character. He never got involved in the company's affairs. It did not matter if he was not interested or he just played stupid because of his great intelligence, Jasper only looked at the results and did not ask about the process and reasons.

Therefore, in Jasper's point of view, the character of Julian's wife and family was very important.

Fortunately, from he could tell, everything was satisfactory.

"Okay, there shouldn't be anything for you to do these few days. I'll give you a break so you can rest at home for a while. I'll call you when I need you."

Jasper patted Julian's shoulder at the entrance to Julian's house and said.

When Julian wanted to say something,

Wendy smiled and said, "Don't say no, your senior is still here, isn't she?"

Julian nodded and said gratefully, "Thank

you, Jasper, thank you, Wendy."

"We're leaving now."

Jasper waved his hand and left with Wendy.

On the way back, Wendy turned her head to Jasper and said, "What do you think? Are you satisfied, Mr. Laine?"

Jasper smiled and said, "Everything's great, and they're a good match. In fact, who cares whether I'm satisfied or not? It's Julian's life."

"Actually, Julian is an honest person who doesn't care about anything, so that's why he's the most suitable person to be by your side."

Jasper nodded upon hearing what Wendy said.

"JW's current system is too old. With the expansion of the industry and the increase in assets, the power in everyone's hands is expanding.

"If our system management isn't updated and improved, there will be problems. Right now, these problems are suppressed because of the pressure on the United States' stock market and the domestic stock market is too great. When these two things blow over, the top priority is to immediately change the system and adjust the structure.

"The human heart, like power, is better

kept under control."

Although Jasper had not managed the internal affairs of the company for a long time, it did not mean that he could not see or hear things. He was well aware of any changes in the company.

After all, he had founded JW. In terms of control and authority, no one in the JW system could bypass him to do anything.

After suppressing his thoughts, Jasper turned his head to look at Wendy and asked, "Are things going well in Harbor City?"

Wendy nodded and said, "It's all going well, and everyone is very cooperative. I'm going to pick a capable team this time I'm back. I want to bring them to Harbor City and have them live right in Harbor City. We have done so much in Harbor City and the Harbor City branch has also been registered and established. We can't go on without a management team."

"Okay, you can choose who you want to bring. If you go, you can save me from doing their work. No one dares to reject you anyway." Jasper said with a smile.

Wendy rolled her eyes at Jasper and said angrily, "Easy for you to say. A complete team must have all kinds of talents, even i of the middle-level and basic talents can be recruited locally in Harbor City, it'll still cost me a lot of thought and time to look for the upper-level structure at headquarters."

"Yes, yes, yes, thank you for the hard

work." Jasper smiled.

"Yes, I told you that you can choose anyone you want. Tell whoever has

something to say to come see me directly. The business in Harbor City is also very important. After all, Harbor City has been developed for so many years and no first tier city in the mainland right now can compare with it. Hence, it's good for JW to take up a spot ahead of time."

Wendy nodded, indicating to him that she understood.

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