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Under the mutual attack and defense between Jasper and Soros, an unprecedented situation was presented in the domestic A-share market.

With the cliff-like decline of the tertiary industry and the steady growth of the heavy industry, these two opposed trends appeared together in the financial market.

Generally speaking, financial markets had their own set of rules.

Taking the real estate industry as an example, the rise or fall of the real estate industry would immediately affect the market changes of upstream industrial chains such as building materials and construction. One had to understand that it was impossible to build a house without steel bars, cement, and sand.

Meanwhile, the rise and fall of the building materials and construction industries would affect the market of the upstream mining industry.

The expansion or contraction of the overall industry would directly affect the salary and income level of the workers in the industry, thereby influencing the stability of thousands of families and cause resulting changes in the consumer economy and consumer goods...

Therefore, the economic system of any country and society was a cycle, and had natural domino effects. A problem in one of the sectors would inevitably affect the entire system.

Therefore, in a financial system, it was almost impossible to see several industries soaring while several other industries were plummeting with such a huge disparity for no reason unless it was man-made.

This situation in the domestic A-share market showed that the struggle between Jasper and Soros had reached a white-hot stage.

It did not need any foreshadowing or prelude at all. The moment it started, it would become the most violent battle.

In the Nauritus City command center, Jasper was staying idle.

Since the two sides had completely shed all pretense and started fighting, then they should hit where it hurt and draw blood with every move. The team of traders would be in charge of the specific operations and Baz and Jake would be giving orders in the middle. After Jasper came up with a strategic plan, they needed to control the flow of the entire situation.

Before the general direction changed, all he needed to do was wait for the situation to change or the confrontation between the two sides to begin to tilt.

It was just that Jasper's brain was still running fast. He was constantly analyzing Soros's next actions and what strategy he could use to deal with these possibilities.

At this moment, Jasper received an unexpected call.

It was Dean.

"Mr. Laine, 30 minutes ago, I was appointed by the Chamber of Commerce. From now on, I am the executive vice

president of the Haddock Chamber of Commerce and I will be presiding over the work."

Jasper was taken aback for a moment.

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Was Gale someone who would delegate power so easily?

This was not in line with Jasper's understanding and judgment of him.

"What happened?"

Jasper, who was keenly aware that something had gone wrong, asked calmly.

"It's grandpa... He was diagnosed with a terminal illness six months ago."

Dean's tone sounded very complicated, it was unknown if he was happy, disappointed, or sad.

Jasper froze when he heard the words.

Gale's scheming and calculating face appeared in his mind, but the first sentence he said was, "How could this be? His body is still strong,"

"He's just bracing himself this whole time, and since there is no need to worry about the cost of his treatment, in the past six months, apart from himself and the medical team, this news had not gotten out at all. At this moment, Mr. Laine, you are only the second person who knows about this."

Jasper exhaled and said, "He asked you to make this call, right?"

"Yeah, grandpa said you must be able to figure it out. If you do, then I'll hand him the phone," Dean said in a low voice.

"Hand the phone to him then. Let me talk

to him," Jasper said.

There was silence on the other end of the phone. Then, Jasper heard Gale's voice that was full of vigor. "Sly child, there will eventually be something that you can't expect. I only have a few days left now."

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Jasper replied calmly, "Old Master Hurlbutt, why did you do that?"

Gale laughed. "Why not? Just think of this as gaining an advantage. If I can still live for two or three more years, then I would have kicked Dean out the door."

"So does it mean that you actually know and even acquiesce the things that I arranged for Dean to do before, including the connection with some people inside the Haddock Chamber of Commerce?"

Jasper voiced the question in his heart.

To be honest, Jasper felt that things had been going too smoothly at that time.

It was going so smoothly that Jasper thought there was an invisible hand that was adding momentum to this while helping Dean seize the throne.

However, Jasper was very busy at that time, and the matter of the Haddock Chamber of Commerce was really just a minutia of what he was facing back then, so Jasper did not put much thought into it and did not delve into the matter.

Now that he thought about it, it had to be because Gale knew he did not have much time left, which was why he was intentionally letting this happen.

"I do not have time to train a successor who can truly satisfy me. Dean is a good kid, and he is good at everything, but he is not ruthless and decisive enough. With such a character, he can lead the Haddock Chamber of Commerce smoothly with me around, but if I am gone, him alone will be insufficient to suppress those devils in the Haddock Chamber of Commerce."

Gale spoke without any scruples, and then he even followed with a sentence, Actually, in my mind, the successor I am most satisfied with is you, sly child."

Jasper was elated when he heard that.

"Old Master Hurlbutt, should I thank you for the compliment?"

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Gale laughed and said, "I know you are very ambitious, sly child, and with your current strength, you really do not need to care about the small business of the Haddock Chamber of Commerce."

Jasper chuckled along but after that, he was silent.

Jasper and Gale did not say anything.

After a long time, Jasper sighed softly, "Old Master, do you have anything you want to say?"

"I will hand over the Haddock Chamber of Commerce to Dean. In truth, I know what you want to do, and I also know very well that regardless of if I die or not, you will need to use the rest of the Haddock Chamber of Commerce's resources if you

want to push Dean to the top to do

something."

Gale seemed to have prepared his lines

long ago, as he said slowly but firmly, "If

I had more time, I would not agree. However, one cannot go against God's wish, so Dean will cooperate with you in the things you want to do, but in reality, h e cannot stop you either. After all, this is the price you pay for helping him climb up the ladder.

"After I die, he will completely take charge of the Chamber of Commerce in the shortest ssible time with your help. You can do whatever you want at that time. I have talked to the several core figures in the Haddock Chamber of Commerce and I will help you arrange it properly, but there is one thing I would like to ask you to agree to.

"Regardless of what happens, the Haddock Chamber of Commerce cannot collapse."