

# Life at The Top – Chapter 1126

Seatresures Group's share price plummeted.

"What do we do now, Mr. Ball?"

Alban felt lightheaded and his lips dried up.

"Save it! Quick!" Alban shouted heart-wrenchingly.

Seatresures Group's share price could not fall at that moment. The statement about the group entering the market with their funds was just released to the public, so if the share prices continued to fall, it meant their self-rescue plan was a failure.

Seatresures Group would end up being abandoned by the market and completely lose the trust of their investors.

If that were to happen, Seatresures Group's shares would become trash that no one wanted.

If Seatresures Group was unable to gain income through the share market, then it would face the horrible fate of a capital chain rupture.

“Seatresures Group is still holding on, Mr. Laine.” Jake’s excited tone resonated through the study.

On the large projected screen, Seatresures Group’s market index looked very strange.

With Jasper leading the charge, the other large capitalist organizations soon began to sell their Seatresures Group’s shares crazily.

After this, many frantic retail investors followed suit and also exited the market.

The only people buying shares were the Seatresures Group themselves.

From the way the situation looked, it seemed like Seatresures Group was trying to fight against the capitalist market all by themselves.

Jasper and the organizations around him did not care about what would happen to Alban, nor did they care that the money they were earning were all the fruits of Seatresures Group’s hard work and business operations.

Jasper and the organizations were like bloodthirsty sharks as they circled the huge Seatreasures Group. They were ready to open their large mouths to bite and tear away at every inch of Seatreasures' flesh.

"The Seatreasures Group right now is like a juicy lamb standing on the edge of the cliff while being surrounded by wolves. The moment it steps backward, it'll fall to its death.

"But if it remains on the edge of the cliff, us wolves will continue to tear away at its flesh. It will hurt, but the lamb might not die. Hence, all it can do is stand in place and watch as the wolves bite away at him."

Jasper looked back at Henry, the latter's eyes shining brightly while his cheeks were slightly flushed. Jasper chuckled and said, "This is the capitalist market. What do you think?"

"So f\*cking exciting!" Henry shouted, thrilled.

Jasper laughed out loud. He turned to Jake and said, "Increase the intensity. Have Seatreasures hit and stay at the limit down before the market closes for the morning session. He'll definitely come lip with a plan to save themselves during the lunch break. The victor will be decided this afternoon."

"Yes, Mr. Laine," Jake shouted excitedly. Then, he began to lead his team to short Seatreasures Group crazily.

Under Jasper's instruction, the capital frenzy reached its climax.

Thanks to Jasper, the organizations, and frantic retail investors, and the overall downward trend of Seatresures Group's share price were already set. No matter how desperately Alban strived to rescue the group, there was a limit to the funds under his control.

In just one morning, 15 minutes before the market closed for lunch, the 2 billion Seatresures Group had prepared completely vanished.

This meant that Jasper and the organizations had already won the round, and had managed to consume the 2 billion invested by Seatresures Group!

After devouring everything, this group of 'jackals' refused to stop as they continued to attack Seatresures Group's pitiful share price.

Over the next 15 minutes, Seatresures Group seemed to be unable to do anything as they hopelessly watched the share price continue to drop.

Without fresh funds entering the market, the group's share price hit the limit down three minutes before the market closed, where it remained unmoving.

The 1.5 million sell orders morphed into a metaphorical steel coffin, preventing Seatresures Group's share price from moving anywhere.

By 12:30 in the afternoon, Harbor Stocks went on break, and the exchange center no longer accepted transactional requests.

The market was temporarily closed.

In one morning, Seatresures Group's share prices had dropped another 10% from the day before. Including the 2 billion Seatresures had invested today, Alban had lost more than 5 billion over the course of just one morning.

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“Holy f\*cking sh\*t! In just one morning, I turned 5 million into 8 million?!”

Henry was extremely excited.

This sudden wealth was too surprising and timely for Young Master Law, who was terrified of being broke.

“We should be able to earn even more in the afternoon; 10 million won’t be a problem at all. In fact, I think we can earn more than that.” Jasper laughed out loud.

Henry’s funds had nearly doubled, and the 1 billion Jasper invested had earned him around 800 million.

The incident had come right in the nick of time for Jasper, who was also going crazy from how broke he was.

“Let’s rest for now. We’ll continue when the market reopens later. After this is over, Jake, you’ll get half a year’s salary worth of bonus while everyone else will get three months’ worth.”

Jasper would not forget to help the others when he was earning money. Thus, he informed Jake and the team, who were busy analyzing data and information on the other end of the call, of this.

Jake was instantly elated. Jake did not care much about money and bonuses since he was already pretty well off. After all, as a financial investing genius, Jake had managed to become financially independent a long time ago.

Still, everyone loved earning more money.

Not to mention, members of his team still had to make a living and had families to feed.

Cheers immediately rang out and Jake replied with a smile, "Thank you, Mr. Laine."

Jasper waved him off and said, "Go eat lunch first. There'll be another battle in the afternoon."

Jake nodded and replied, "Alright, Mr. Laine. We're just going to analyze a bit more information so we'll have a better grasp of the battlefield in the afternoon later."

Jasper was very pleased with Jake's dedication, so he gave encouraged the man a little more before ending the video call.

"We should eat lunch downstairs as well," Jasper told Henry.

Meanwhile, Henry was still drowning in the excitement of making money.

"Seriously, Jasper. How about I pass you most of my money after this? You just need to give me a bit for allowance while you are holding it. A form of long-term financial management, if you will. What do you say?"

Henry was pleased at himself for thinking of such a comprehensive plan.

However, he did not expect Jasper to reject him right away.

Jasper brought Henry to the restaurant downstairs and replied unkindly, "Why do you think your dad's so strict with your allowance? He wants you to learn that money doesn't come easy, and he wants you to try and earn every buck by yourself."

"Just think about it. With your family's wealth, it's no issue for them to provide for a hundred of you, let alone just you alone. However, someone has to continue the family business one day."

"This is a form of training for you. If you park money with me for long-term financial management, then what? Am I supposed to give you allowance after that? I can spare you money for an emergency, but there's no way I'll be able to provide for you forever. Furthermore, I'm also scared that your dad will call to scold me."

Henry's expression darkened when he heard Jasper.

"Just marry my sister, then. All of the Law family's assets will go to you. There's no way we'd make a loss by doing so. Just remember to distribute dividends to me every year. I'm really not interested in doing business at all," Henry said bitterly.

“Look at my dad. He works all year long and only spends a few days a year at home. He’s busy every single second of the day, and so are you. Look at how boring your lives are.”

Jasper smiled but did not continue the conversation.

When it came to the Law family’s most important and sensitive interests, there was a limit to how much Jasper could say, regardless of how close his relationship with them was. He would be in trouble if he overstepped his boundaries.

Jasper had nothing but respect for Old Master Law and Mr. Law.

He had no desire to be involved in family businesses at all. If possible, Jasper was still willing to help Henry so that the other could continue the Law family business.

After all, Henry was a promising man, and if taught well, could accomplish great things.

The two, as well as Julian, did not go far, opting to order some food at the hotel restaurant instead.

They had just sat down, and some dishes had not even been served yet, when an uninvited guest arrived.

Dudley.

Like a rapid dog, Dudley seemed to have been waiting here for a long time. When he saw Jasper, the man immediately rushed over with reddened eyes.

Reacting instinctively, Julian grabbed Dudley's collar so that he could not approach Jasper.

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Dudley began to struggle maddeningly as he shouted at Jasper, “Jasper Laine, I hope you f\*cking die!”

Dudley might just be a trust-fund child, but had long been aware that what happened this morning was inevitable. He also knew that his family business was in grave danger, and that all of this was Jasper's fault.

“You f\*cking set me and my dad up. Are you even human?! I'm telling you, karma will get back at you for how cruel you are!”

Jasper looked at Dudley and slightly frowned.

He did not expect Dudley to still be in Waterhoof City, let alone to come look for him at the hotel.

Not that it mattered.

“Cruel? Even if I was cruel, I’m still miles away from people like you. Besides, didn’t your dad say it himself? It’s a privilege to lose in business. If you think of it that way, I come bearing gifts for you and your father. You’re welcome.”

Jasper’s words caused Dudley, who was already furious, to nearly lose his mind.

“Don’t act so proud, Jasper. People like you will be crushed one day! I’d like to see how pitiful you’d look then!” Dudley cursed him resentfully.

“Where’d this stupid f\*cker come from?”

Henry was in a great mood before Dudley popped up and harassed him. Pissed, Henry swept his gaze over the man coldly and said, “Keep yapping and I will punch your teeth out. ”

Dudley’s eyes reddened with anger while the man panted so hard he seemed like he was going crazy.

He stared at Jasper and Henry, then roared, "Come on, then! If you think you're so powerful, hit me!"

"Oh, much braver this time, hmm?" Henry chuckled joyfully. He loved stubborn idiots like this the most because they were the most enjoyable to beat up.

He rolled up his sleeves to make a move, but Jasper quickly frowned at him.

Jasper looked at Dudley and asked calmly, "Where's Lisa? Call her out."

Dudley was stunned, and he replied instinctively, "What the f\*ck are you talking about?"

"You wouldn't know about me staying here without her help," Jasper explained calmly.

"Lisa been using you to get rid of me the entire time. Don't you understand?"

Dudley had heard this line before.

His father Alban had told him the same thing before he left the day before.

He had ignored it then, but Dudley could not help but look back on the entire process again now.

He soon realized that Jasper was right, and that Lisa was just using him.

Lisa had been urging him to take revenge on Jasper the entire way over.

Once he realized this, Dudley clenched his jaw and growled, "That b\*tch... but you aren't any better, Jasper!"

Jasper smiled calmly. "I didn't tell you this to let bygones be bygones and move on, since there's no point in doing so. I'm still waiting to destroy Seatreasures Group this afternoon, so why would I care about what you think of me?"

"Let's be honest, you can't do anything but shout at me uselessly here. You can do nothing to me at all."

Jasper's words cut deeply into Dudley's heart like a knife.

For the first time, Dudley regretted not building himself up more and waste away all his time on having fun.

At that moment, as he stood in front of Jasper, Dudley felt the full extent of his own powerlessness.

Jasper was powerful; the fate of Seatresures Group was now in his hands.

Despite this, Dudley could do nothing.

All he had done in this situation was mock Jasper before it happened and shout powerlessly at him after. Nothing more.

As Dudley was in despair, Jasper's voice sounded again. "Do you want to save Seatresures Group? This is your family business, and contains the fruits of your dad's entire life. It's all up to you now."

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Jasper's words brightened Dudley's infinitely dark world like a lightbulb.

He stopped shouting and struggling, opting to instead look at Jasper with eyes widened in disbelief.

Jasper was unsurprised by Dudley's reaction. He had Julian let go of the man as Jasper pointed at the empty chair before him and said, "If you're interested, how about we sit down and talk?"

Dudley could instinctively feel that Jasper had an ulterior motive. The man could not be so kind.

Yet, Jasper's offer was too tempting...

After some thought, Dudley walked over to Jasper and sat down.

"Very good. See? Now that we're off to a good start, we're already halfway there. I'm sure we'll have a very happy partnership." Jasper chuckled.

Dudley took a deep breath and asked, "Are you really willing to stop the attack, and rescue Seatreasures Group?"

Jasper waved him off and replied, "I don't mind stopping my attacks, but I don't have any say in letting Seatreasures Group off the hook."

Dudley was enraged and he accused, "So you really are lying to me! In that case, what partnership can there be?"

“The capitalist market has already started to encircle Seatresures Group. You wouldn’t believe me even if I told you that I could leave the market right now and have these predatory organizations finish the group off, would you?”

“It’d be a lie if I told you that I can save Seatresures Group.”

Dudley’s expression flickered drastically.

He might have been a useless trust-fund child, but he still had common knowledge of finance.

He also knew that Seatresures Group was currently being surrounded by hungry wolves, and that Jasper did not have the power to determine what would happen at such a time.

“But, if I leave the market, then you will have sliver of hope. All those other organizations want is to earn money. Seatresures Group just needs to take out a sum of money to feed them and they will stop their attack.”

“It would be a harsh blow to the group, but you will survive this incident.”

Jasper continued after he saw how Dudley had calmed down again.

Henry had a weird expression on his face when he heard Jasper's claim.

Jasper was absolutely horrible.

Henry remembered from Jasper's analysis that no matter what they did today, they would only be able to severely injure Seatreasures Group. After all, this was a comprehensive group worth 40 billion on the market; Completely destroying it was unrealistic.

Not to mention that they were a comprehensive group, meaning that they could always just halt trading at any moment and leave the market. Other than a heavy blow to their commercial reputation, they would not suffer too much.

Seatreasures Group would not die, not while their pharmaceutical factories, sales channels, and patented medical technology were still around.

Hence, Jasper had only ever planned to earn a sum of money and leave.

Yet, here the man was, using the difference in available information to make a trade. Jasper was using his initial plan as a bargaining chip to force Dudley to strike a deal to maximize his benefits.

What else, if not being absolutely horrible?

At the same time, Henry was also curious. He wanted to know what trash like Dudley could possibly offer Jasper.

What piqued Henry's curiosity also happened to be the same thing Dudley was confused about

"What do you want me to do?" Dudley asked.

Jasper rapped his finger against the table and went straight to the point. He did not hold anything back. "Don't you think that it's an eyesore to have a branch of Haddock's Chamber of Commerce in a place like Waterhoof City?"

Both Dudley and Henry sucked in a cold breath.

No one expected Jasper's secondary plan.

Dudley's stared at Jasper, his emotions unstable.

Jasper took a sip of tea casually and continued, "To put it plainly, I want you businesspeople from Teo to use your contacts and powers to completely get rid of Haddock Chamber of Commerce's Waterhoof City branch."

Dudley's eyes flickered in consideration.

"Businesspeople from Teo and Haddock have always been at each other's necks. Seatresures Group is set to receive heavy injuries this time around, and if you're not going to use this opportunity to weaken the Haddock Chamber of Commerce, then how are you going to fight them again in the future?"

Jasper's words had Dudley clenching his jaw as the latter replied, "I can't decide something so important myself. I have to discuss this with my dad."

"Go ahead," Jasper shrugged.

Dudley turned and left after hearing the reply. It seemed like he had walked off to contact Alban.

Alban's tone was harsh.

Jasper had never expected the same words he used to trick Dudley to also work on Alban. Despite this, Jasper smiled and replied, "You're too serious, Mr. Ball. They may be my enemy, but they are your enemy as well. Even more so than mine."

"You're right, Seatresures Group will still be Seatresures Group whether I pull out of the market or not. The question is, how much of Seatresures Group will be left?"

Alban answered darkly, "Stop trying to lie to me, Jasper. You must've earned quite a bit this afternoon, huh? How many of Seatreasures Group's shares do you still have in your account now?"

"If you're going to keep attacking this afternoon, then you're going to have to buy Seatreasures Group's shares first. You're going to end up throwing away all the profit you made if you attack the company again!"

"At the end of the day, it is all still is your money, Mr. Ball. The amount I earn doesn't really matter to me," Jasper replied.

Alban's breathing grew heavier on the other end of the line. The man was far from calm.

Jasper's words hit Alban where it hurt most.

"So, Mr. Ball. Will you chose to lose everything or will you opt for a win-win situation?" Jasper asked.

Alban sneered. "Win-win? More like you winning again."

Jasper chuckled but did not say any more.

He knew that Alban had already made his choice.

As expected, Alban replied grimly after a short moment of silence, "I hope you don't go back on your word."

"Don't worry. It's only an hour or so until the afternoon market reopens. I'll make sure to completely exit the market once it reopens," Jasper replied.

"Alright. I'll put pressure on the Haddock Chamber of Commerce once you pull out.

"But let me make it clear now. You explain this to Gale yourself."

Jasper replied calmly, "There's nothing to explain. This is the price he has to pay."

"Ha, what a cruel young man you are."

"You're making them fight each other. What a sinister play."

Henry told Jasper after Dudley left.

“Be it Teo Chamber of Commerce’s Sea treasures Group of Haddock Chamber of Commerce’s Gale. It’s going to be very difficult for us to deal with either of them alone, so we can only borrow external powers.”

Jasper shook his head calmly.

“Besides, this is a mutually beneficial relationship and they have no reason to decline.”

After a moment, Dudley returned and handed his phone to Jasper unkindly.

Alban wanted to speak to Jasper directly.

Jasper did not hesitate as he took the phone and placed it by his ear.

“Jasper. Dudley may be an idiot but do I look stupid to you too?”

“Seatreasures Group will still be Seatreasures Group whether you pull out of the market or not. You think that this is a good enough reason to let you use the Teo Chamber of Commerce to get rid of your enemy? Who do you take me for?”

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Harbor Stock's lunch break was over and the greatly anticipated afternoon market officially opened at 2:30 p.m.

However, a strange movement on Seatresures Group's share prices appeared once the afternoon market opened.

The share price that had been locked on the limit down this morning had begun to shift again.

Then, Seatresures Group released an official statement.

The group, alongside several financial organizations, announced that they had signed a term sheet where Seatresures Group's chairman Mr. Alban Ball would pledge 24.13% of his shares in return for a total investment of 5 billion Somer Dollars from the financial organizations.

Seatreasures Group had a current market value of 40 billion. Ignoring the situation with premium shares, 24.13% was worth at least 9.7 billion. Yet, he had sold his shares for 5 billion dollars.

It was not a profitable trade no matter how one looked at it.

Despite this, there was no other option. At such a time, Seatreasures Group had no other choice but to accept reality.

After this statement was released, Seatreasures Group made another official announcement stating that these 5 billion Somer Dollars will all be used to recycle their company's shares on Harbor Stocks.

With that, the humongous purchase order had managed to completely devour the millions of orders at the limit down.

At that moment, both organizations and retail investors sought out Jasper with widened eyes.

Despite this, Jasper, the first to attack this morning, had completely vanished.

The organizations that followed Jasper into the market were angry and exasperated once they realized that Jasper had left.

Jasper had either gotten wind of what was going to happen beforehand, or he had arrived at a deal with Alban. Otherwise, there was no way Jasper would leave in the afternoon after earning such a huge amount that morning.

Not that it mattered, since everyone still made money in the end.

Among them, Jasper had managed to earn a whopping 900 million profit from Seatresures Group. He had made a huge profit.

In any case, this incident had ended with Jasper exiting the market.

Alban had lost almost 7 billion today, and he was mocked as the wealthy businessman that lost the most money around the world today.

“Mr. Ball, the share price has stabilized for now. Or at least, it’s not touching the limit down anymore,” The shrewd and capable man reported to Alban, the latter looking haggard as he sat in his office.

“How much did we lose this time?” Alban asked darkly.

The other man hesitated before he replied softly, "Including the shares you pledged at half-price today, we've lost around 7 billion as of now."

"Bang!"

Alban slammed his palm on the table and roared indignantly, "It's also that b\*stard's fault! Jasper took at least six to seven hundred million from me!"

The other man replied despondently, "The government's statement had come too coincidentally and out of the blue. We did not have any time to prepare at all. There's nothing we could do but endure it when Jasper and the other organizations took this opportunity to take a huge sum of money from us."

"But Mr. Ball, do we continue with the plan involving Haddock's Chamber of Commerce's Waterhoof City branch?"

Alban harrumphed and replied, "Of course. Why should we stop?"

"We've already lost so much, so how can we let Gale that old man continue living comfortably? Get to it right now. I'd like to see the look on that old man's face once I get rid of Haddock Chamber of Commerce's power in Waterhoof City."

At the same time, Jasper had already split the profits with Henry.

“It’s such a great feeling.”

Henry grinned so wide that his lips reached the back of his head as he looked at the money in his account.

Jasper had immediately liquidated all his positions once the afternoon market opened. Thanks to the last burst of funds, the 5 million Henry had invested, which was more like a little more than 4 million, had returned to his bank account as 10 million.