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"Mr. Kayden, the press conference is

about to begin, please take a seat." At this time, the host came over and said t

o Kayden respectfully.

Kayden nodded. When he was about to walk towards the main position, the host asked again, "Mr. Kayden, isn't Mr. Joe attending?"

Kayden glanced at the blond hair and blue -eyed host and said, "The president of Layman Investment Bank is here, isn't h e? My father and Mr. Dugg are still busy with the handover, so I'll be the one attending this conference."

The host clearly felt Kayden's dissatisfaction and hurriedly said, "Yes, I understand."

Kayden would be representing Fongroup, while another middle-aged man named Kissinger would represent Layman as the president of Layman Investment Bank.

After the press conference, Kayden came t

o the Layman Investment Bank

headquarters on Wall Street. As he raised

his head and looked at the towering

building that was Layman's headquarters,

he finally felt a little more relaxed.

"Jasper, you are still fighting to your

death in the mainland while facing the risk of bankruptcy at any moment, but I have just entered Wall Street. The gap between you and me will truly widen from this moment. You have to understand that such an opportunity will never come by again, and you will never be able to catch u p with me." The United States financial market announced the early end of this trading day with a trading curb. However, Jasper could not relax. This was because Baz, who was keeping a In eye on the domestic market, came to him with a lot of data. "Mr. Laine, it doesn't look good."

Baz said to Jasper with a report in his

hand, "According to our data, Wall Street funds continue to grow and has now reached 130 billion US Dollars. At the same time, they have separated into 600 accounts of different sizes.

"All of this indicates that they are waiting for the opening to deal a thunderous blow to the domestic market."

Jasper looked at the report carefully with

his eyebrows tightly knitted together.

"The market hasn't opened yet, so we can't see which sectors they are mainly targeting, but we can generally guess some of them."

After using a pen to circle the two major sectors that read Internet and infrastructure, Jasper said, "The Internet is the general trend of the future, and infrastructure is currently an important means of driving domestic economic growth, so they will definitely target these two industries.

"Our focus should also be on these two sectors, but the specifics will not be known until the opening tomorrow."

Baz nodded his head at Jasper's words.

Then, he said with some worry, "Why won't the government consider making this news public in advance? Otherwise, domestic investors will suffer heavy losses."

Jasper glanced at Baz and said, "Publishing the news in advance will inevitably cause panic in the market. If that happens, all the funds will flee, and w e will collapse them before Wall Street makes their over here."

At this moment, Jasper's cell phone rang.

It was from the little prince..

"You should go out first."

After he dismissed Baz, Jasper answered

the call.

On the phone, the little prince's voice sounded a bit heavy. He said, "Wall Street will take action when the market opens tomorrow. I've discussed with Lord. Alvarado, and we've decided to sell most o the stocks belonging to our families' companies immediately after opening."

Jasper said noncommittally, "Yes, but

once the capital of Wall Street arrives, you must stop immediately, otherwise you will become their accomplices."

With a sigh, the little prince asked, "Do

you think the A shares can take this one?"

"No idea."

Jasper rarely gave an indeterminate answer. He said, "Our domestic financial system is too fragile. Frankly speaking, the number of funds used by Wall Street alone can completely crash the A-shares. The strength of the enemy is huge, so this battle will be difficult to fight."

Jasper's words clearly hurt the little

prince.

His eyebrows twitched. Before this, he always felt that with his family background and mind, he would flourish n o matter the circumstance.

However, now he understood that even a country's power seemed so miniscule in the face of the invasion of Wall Street capital, let alone his own family's.

"Just do your best," said the little prince.

"If doing my best works, then it'd be very easy. The problem now is that we can't lose we can't afford to lose."

Jasper rubbed his temples. Then, he closed his eyes slightly and said, "In short, everything depends on the actions o f Wall Street after the opening of tomorrow. We will know whether they are coming like thunder or wind tomorrow.

After hanging up, Jasper walked to the french window to look at the night outside with a frown on his face.

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The next day, Jasper came to the

command room at nine o'clock sharp,

Since they had to fight on two sides, only

one-third of the team members remained

in the command room at this time.

After all, the current team was mainly

responsible for the financial market in the

United States, so even after the allocation

of the staff, the strength of the team

managing the United States were given

priority to be left undisturbed. Therefore,

Jasper only allocated one-third of the

manpower for Baz to monitor the

situation in the mainland market.

"Mr. Laine."

Baz immediately greeted Jasper when he

saw the latter arriving.

With a serious expression, he

accompanied Jasper, but at the same time

maintained a distance from him as the

two walked to the command room

together. "The market will open in about 20 minutes, but it seems that the market has gotten hold of some rumors. In short, the atmosphere is very tense.

"Some signs can be seen in the call auction stage. Let's continue this inside."

Jasper walked to the command room and said.

"Are there any changes in Wall Street capital's account and the number of funds?"

"There is no charge for the time being, but the funds held by the accounts change very frequently. It seems that they are deliberately adjusting their strategies or trying to confuse us. The amount of funds held in each account is different and I don't understand what their intention is."

Jasper said in a deep voice after remembering this detail in silence, "You should go and prepare first. I want to contact Swallow Capital."

Jasper did not have Mr. Mason's contact, s o he looked for Tony.

"Mr. Pratt, it's me, Jasper." After the call went through, Jasper said straightforwardly, "The market is opening soon. I wonder what Swallow Capital is thinking right now." Tony's voice sounded a little tired as he said, "At present, we have agreed in principle to speed up the listing of state owned enterprises. State-owned enterprises in monopolistic industries such as oil and tobacco companies will take special procedures to prepare for listing as soon as possible. On the other hand, the participation of the social security fund is huge, so I can't provide an accurate timeline for that yet." Jasper knew this in his heart, and asked,"

I can't draw any funds here. When will the

palace guards enter the market?"

Tony answered in a deep voice, "It

depends on the specific situation. Now, no

one can determine what kind of situation

we will be facing."

Jasper said with a sigh, "I will follow the

real-time dynamics. If necessary, you can

contact me at any time.

"Alright."

At this moment, not only the mainland of Somerland was nervously waiting for the opening of the market, but Soros was also looking forward to the opening in the United States on the other side of the Pacific Ocean.

Because of the time difference, it was late at night in the United States.

The trading center where Soros was located was brightly lit.

He listened to the report of the team under him. Everything was ready, and a satisfied smile appeared on the corner of his mouth.

Since the start of the war, Jasper had always gained the upper hand and he was always pressing Soros on the ground as he beat him violently.

Now things had changed for the better, and it was his turn to enter the market of the Somerland mainland to attack Jasper's nest.

"This time, we have gathered the most elite forces on Wall Street, and Somerland must be prepared too, but this is not important. They are not our equal because their financial market has only had a few years to develop."

Soros looked at Rogers vigorously and said, "So, we have to use the most severe means to teach Somerland a tough lesson so that they'll understand that no matter when, they will not have a good ending if they provoke the United States, Wall Street, or us."

Rogers nodded and said, "I really want to see their desperate expressions after we overturn Jasper's nest."

"Hahaha!"

Soros guffawed and said, "The senior officials in Washington hope to use Jasper's hands to complete the surgical operation on the United States economy, but since Jasper is about to complete this operation, he is not needed anymore, so we'll just stab this knife into Somerland's heart fiercely."

"What feels strange to me is that the Somerland government hasn't done anything at all until now." Rogers

frowned slightly.

"What else can they do?"

Soros sneered and said, "Today, the Foreign Minister of the United States will start a three-day visit to Sunrise Land. The theme of this visit is to discuss the financial situation in Terra and the Foreign Minister of Coreana will also follow. This is a clear and obvious signal that if Somerland doesn't want to start an all-around economic war with the United States, then it can only surrender.

"You know, Somerland's foundation is still very weak and they have just begun to develop. Do you think they can afford an economic sanction at this time?"

"I see."

Rogers' eyes lit up and he said, "I thought those damned politicians would only squander taxpayers' money. It seems that they've made the right decision this time."

At this moment, the team leader came in.

"The call auction stage has begun."

Soros immediately displayed the content on the television screen.

Although the opening time had not yet arrived, there will be a period before the opening of the market where pending orders could be traded. This period was called a call auction. Once the market officially opened, these transactions would be executed immediately if they met the trading rules.

However, at this time, the call auction on the mainland stock market in Somerland caused a lot of people's jaws to drop.

Some large institutions started to dump the stocks of various listed companies they held as if it was agreed upon.

Regardless of whether they had made a profit or whether they had held them, they were like catfish that could foresee the imminent natural disasters and were starting to flee frantically.

In this situation, some people were overjoyed and they began to take over the market, while others began to wonder and feel doubtful. They were looking back to the economic news to see if there was an upcoming bad news or negative policy. Even so, some well-informed large institutions had already begun to flee wildly regardless of losses and costs!

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"Mr. Laine, the collective fleeing of

institutions has caused panic to spread in CLICK HERE TO JOIN OUR TELEGRAM CHANNEL FOR FAST UPDATES <u>https://t.me/NovelsFuns</u>

the stock market. The market is not opened yet but the net outflow of funds in the stock market is already at an astronomical figure. It has reached a third of the usual trading volume. I am afraid this number will soar instantly when the market opens, which is very detrimental t o the defensive plan." Baz said to Jasper, looking off-colored. Jasper was not surprised by this. "Even husband and wife will leave each other when there's trouble, let alone in the financial market. "These institutions have their own connections, so they can source the news from their own channels. They will inevitably flee in advance. You can't force them to stay and wait for their doom.

"In truth, this is fine. You can consider

this as retaining a portion of vitality." After Baz heard that, he said helplessly, " But they fled at this critical juncture regardless of the overall situation, even if they are retained, what can we expect them to do? These people will sell their souls for gain. How disgusting."

Jasper smiled and said, "Baz, old chap, don't judge others by your values. They just have their own stand and attitude. When we're in this position, we can't flee even if we want to, and we're also unable t o flee because we gained a lot, so naturally we'll have to bear a heavier burden.

"Even if we flee, we would still die once the overall situation collapses, but these institutions are different.

"The composition of the shares of an institution is complex. Every shareholder has their own tricks and plans. Right now they're allowed to run, but when the time comes, as long as the institutions find a way to show the shareholders some interests and benefits, they will naturally come back."

Pointing to the market that is about to open and entering the countdown, Jasper

said meaningfully, "The idea of a leader using people and the idea of a dealer controlling the market are roughly the same. Even if we want to protect the market now, we need to think of ourselves as the dealer of this market, while the institutions are just hot money.

"When the dealer enters the market, what they need to think about is how to use the power of hot money to expand their own strength. You can't expect all the hot money to play games with the dealer unconditionally. If you go short, let the hot money see the possibility that the stock price is about to fall, but if you go long, you will make hot money feel the hope that this stock will inevitably rise. It is nothing more than guiding the profit following the trend of development.

"To put it bluntly, it's profit.

"You have to let the people see the benefits, so that they will be willing to be used by you and it's because they can get the benefits. However, what they see right now is not a benefit but a collapse so it will only be weird if they don't run away.

"These people's ideological

consciousness is not high enough to make

them willing to sacrifice themselves to

benefit everyone. If you want to be famous

in the financial circle, the first thing you

need to abandon is your conscience."

Jasper's words obviously had a big impact

on Baz.

Looking at Baz's thoughtful and confused

expression, Jasper let out a sigh of relief.

He did not plan to give him more

explanations.

Baz was intelligent and talented, but he

lacked Jake's cruelty and savageness. In

the financial market, letting one's

emotions affect one's decisions would get

them into big trouble.

He hoped Baz could figure it out. It would be the best if he could, then he and Jake could contain each other and take responsibility for each of the markets. If he did not, he could only be Jake's deputy forever. "It's open. Jasper's words interrupted Baz's thoughts. At this moment, the Somerland domestic A-share market officially opened. The moment the market opened, most of the sell orders of those institutions that had fled during the call auction stage were immediately traded, and the impact was that the market directly plunged right after trading commenced.

Since this was an all-round escape,

almost all major sectors were affected. The plummeting of the market meant that the trend of the sector began to fall. As soon as the sector fell, the individual stocks in the sector would immediately begin to fall. The normal stocks would be fine. The most terrifying ones were those odd stocks or leading stocks that originally had institutions as dealers. These stocks were speculated by dealers initially. Once the dealers began to retreat, their stock prices would immediately fall.

In the eyes of stockholders who did not

understand the reason, they were the so called odd stocks and magic stocks that were hyped up by the dealers back then and were now plummeting without warning at the same time. Some of the stocks that the dealers pushed up high were even declared limit down a few minutes after the market opened.

This scene stunned the domestic investors.

The mainland stock market had only developed for less than 20 years. Domestic stockholders had experienced bull and bear markets, but under the intervention of national policies, they were limited to this. When had they seen what a stock market crash looked like?

What was in front of the domestic investors now was a stock market crash that would sweep the country.

Then, Wall Street capital entered the market before the domestic investors realized what was happening.

At this moment, countless tycoons in the country including Jasper and even Swallow Capital focused their attention over here.

It did not matter if the institution fled early, or whether the stockholders were: trapped in the middle without anyone to help them, this was nothing to those top tier bigwigs in the country. This was just a snowflake in a snowstorm and it was not worth their attention at all.

What they really needed to prepare for was the prehistoric behemoth of over 130 billion US Dollars that Wall Street Capital brought over.

Wall Street Capital was making a shocking big move.

"Mr. Laine, they have taken action. The

first sectors that are affected are the

liquor, medical, technology, and Internet

sectors."

Since JW Foundation was not involved in the actual defense of the country this time, what Baz's team needed to do was to keep an eye on the movements of Wall Street capital and be responsible for intelligence collection.

"Liquor?"

Jasper raised his eyebrows slightly and said, "They have investigated and

understood our domestic market."

The liquor industry was a sector unique to Somerland, with Brandy as the number one. Jasper, who had been reincarnated from 20 years in the future, knew that Brandy was far from being the first in the later generations of Somerland, but it had already shown some success.

"Wall Street capital is starting to take action. They are using money to crush the entire market regardless of costs and losses. Right now in the four sectors, liquor is down 7%, medical is down 6.4%, technology is down 10%, and the Internet sector is down 6%."

Even after dealing with Wall Street capital for so long and he was mentally prepared, Jasper still could not help but sigh deeply when he looked at the data of the first 15 minutes of the opening.

"The foundation of the domestic market is too weak and it is even weaker than I thought. It can't stand the fight at all. If this continues, a stock market crash will break out today."

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Baz was taken aback by Jasper's decision.

Until today, no one would question

Jasper's financial and economic

judgments, let alone Baz who was with

Jasper day and night, witnessing him

making the correct decisions and creating miracles time and time again. "So, Mr. Laine, do we want to inform Swallow Capital?" With a wave of his hand, Reuben, who always gave Jasper a feeling of mystery, flashed across Jasper's brain. If the person in charge of the palace guards under the SBS Bank had such skills, what more the excessive number of wise people in Swallow Capital. "No, they would have seen what we see even earlier and with more detail." "Let's watch the battle first. This may also be the pain that the domestic stock market must go through in order to mature."

Camden Securities was a private securities company that started relatively early in Somerland.

The founder of this company, Irving Smalls, was one of the first people in Somerland who had access to advanced foreign financial methods and circles. After the domestic securities market began to develop, he returned to Somerland and founded Camden Securities.

Relying on his experience and processes that was always one step ahead of others, Irving achieved financial freedom early and became the richest man in the locality.

As he got older, Irving also gradually

transferred this family business to his

son, Asher Smalls.

Now in Honor City, the Smalls were a big family through-and-through.

However, today, the father and son were sitting in the chairman's office in the company. They had frowns on their faces a s the office was filled with smoke. Cigarette butts had slowly piled up into a

hill by their hands.

"Dad, what should we do now? Our loss is

too great." When Asher spoke, his lips were

trembling, and his eyes were terrified.

As a securities company, they could easily obtain the transaction data of clients who had opened an account in their company. At the same time, they could also embezzle the clients' funds.

This whole time, Asher had become accustomed to misappropriating their clients' funds to invest in stocks for the company.

Although they made countless losses and gains under the supervision of Irving, who had a steady investment style, the overall profit was still greater than the losses, so that was why the Smalls' lifestyle was constantly improving.

However, with today's unexplained plunge in the market, they temporarily went back in time to a period before the liberation. Boom!

Irving slammed his hand on the desk and

said with regret, "I heard some rumors

that the domestic stock market was going

to collapse over the past two days, but I

didn't believe it. Now, it's too late. Our

funds are all trapped in those stocks. I

I don't think there is a solution at all after

looking at the situation."

"Dad, is there any other way? Why don't w

e find someone else to dismantle it? Or

perhaps find the listed companies we

operate and strike a deal with them?"

Asher asked in a panic.

Irving's lips trembled and he said, "This i s a stock market crash, and it's a real one. They are now overwhelmed too and can't even save themselves. Who has time to take care of us? As for those listed companies, I am afraid they are more anxious than we are now. We don't have a choice and there is no other way at all." "Dad, don't you have a good relationship with the vice president of JW Foundation i n the domestic financial industry? Would you like to try to contact Mr. Laine of JW Foundation through that vice president? Even if it means we have to merge our entire company, it's still better than to be caught embezzling client funds and going to jail," Asher suddenly proposed. "JW Foundation ....."

Irving repeated the name silently in a conflicted tone.

In today's domestic financial world. people would inevitably feel a sense of worship whenever they mentioned those two words.

That was simply a behemoth of another level and another world. How would their small family be seen by such a behemoth?

"I will give it a try, but our chances are slim. The gap of several hundred million i n funds is too big...."

As Irving said that, he sighed deeply. There were a few more wrinkles around his eyes and he seemed to have aged more

than a decade in an instant.

The Monty Manor in the province.

Steven had been in charge of the Montys ever since Conrad stepped down as the head of the house.

After listening to the situation of the three

listed companies controlled by the

Montys, Steven considered for a moment

before getting up and saying, "I'll make a

few calls first. Wait for me here."

"Yes, sir," the butler replied respectfully.

Although the situation was not optimistic,

the butler was not too worried because he

knew that the head of the family could CLICK HERE TO JOIN OUR TELEGRAM CHANNEL FOR FAST UPDATES <u>https://t.me/NovelsFuns</u>

directly contact Jasper, the boss of JW Foundation through various connections. Nowadays in the domestic financial industry, it was generally accepted that as long as Jasper nodded his head, nothing was impossible. When Jasper received a call from Steven, h e was surprised. "Mr. Monty, please tell me." Jasper was actually pretty fond of Steve, He was very humble, but he had a sense of wisdom and experience in dealing with people from all over. In Jasper's view, this kind of person fitted the image of the first group of people in Somerland to obtain wealth. This kind of elder could be regarded as a form of heritage if they were present in a family.

Besides, even though Jasper and Conrad were fighting to their deaths at the beginning, there was no dramatic scene where after the young got defeated, the old would come

seeking revenge. Steven had done nothing to Jasper from beginning to end, be it good or the bad.

However, Jasper felt that Steven only used himself as a whetstone for Conrad and that Steven was hoping that through his constant engagement against Jasper, Conrad would grow after the multiple blows.

Steven also succeeded in this sense because the current Conrad was very different.

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"It's like this. There are three listed

companies under my name, but the

situation is very bad now. Did something

happen in the market that is independent

from market and national policies?"

Steven's question made Jasper smile

wryly.

This was not the first call he had received

that was essentially asking him for help.

He did not know any of those people

except Steven, but somehow they were all

able to find his phone number. There was

even the boss of a securities company who persuaded a vice president under him to come to ask for favors. Could Jasper help? Obviously not. It was not that he was unable to, it was that he could not. In the face of the impending stock market crash, thousands of domestic companies had been victimized. If he was able to help one company, he would not be able to help. the other one. Jasper was not a god, and h e could not print money. Hence, he could not help everyone. However, he could not be too harsh when he rejected them. The boss who came to ask for help naturally did not dare to say anything, but Jasper would make things awkward for

the vice president who came asking for favors due to his professional relationship with Jasper. Hence, Jasper had to be more considerate in dealing with this. Somerland was a society of social relationships, and this was vividly reflected at this time. "It is true. Wall Street capital is attacking the domestic stock market with 130 billion US Dollars. This is just the beginning, and the future situation will be more severe. More and more listed companies will suffer until it radiates outward to the real industry chain. At that point, the social and economic operations of the entire country." Jasper's words left Steven silent for a moment.

"Is it because of the revenge of those guys from the United States?" Jasper nodded and replied, "Yes." "Alright, I got it." Steven did not ask Jasper to help, and this made Jasper feel very apologetic. After all, Conrad was working under him now. He figured she should aid Steven for the sake of Conrad and was willing to break his rules once in a while. "If you need help from JW Foundation, I will find a way to help you apply for a trading suspension. The time period can b e extended as much as possible too. In terms of funds, if the amount is not particularly large, we can also disassemble part of it," Jasper proactively said.

Steven laughed when he heard this.

"You think I came to ask for help, right."

Jasper did not reply, which meant that he

was tacitly agreeing to this statement.

"I don't know much about finance, but I

understand that the current situation is

critical. This is the general trend and both

you and I can't prevent it. The things that you're facing right now should be more complicated than the ones that I'm facing, so you don't need to worry about this little thing."

"Mr. Monty, you're being too kind. I haven't repaid you properly for the small courtyard you gave me. So, this is something I should do."

"It's nice that you still remember that. I'll end this conversation here then, I won't bother you anymore."

"Okay, I'll bring Conrad to meet you for

tea another day."

"I'd be delighted."

Jasper hung up the phone in a hurry because, at this time, the Securities Regulatory Commission issued an emergency notice on the impending stock market crash.

"Notices on standardizing the domestic

stock market."

After reading the entire notice, Jasper saw that they mainly strengthened supervision and the authority of the securities regulatory authority. At the

same time, they punished more than a dozen listed companies and individuals who had violated regulations.

However, the most important part of this announcement was the contents of its latter half.

"Accelerate the listing of large state owned enterprises such as Somerland Petroleum, PetroSomer, and Nobile to ensure that state-owned enterprises are steadily listed. Furthermore, it is stipulated that any state-owned enterprise must distribute no less than 15 % of the total equity to the market to truly allow the citizens to benefit from the people-owned enterprises..."

Looking at this announcement, Jasper inexplicably felt the influence of the butterfly effect.

The affects of this announcement was large and far-reaching.

Because of Somerland's special national conditions, before the rise of super private companies like Abbylon and Terizone, everyone in Somerland knew

the truly powerful and profitable companies were still those big state owned companies.

Therefore, when such a large state-owned enterprise with a legal monopoly in the industry went public and promised to distribute at least 15% of the total equity shares to the market, it was nothing short of a shocking benefit for the domestic market.

Moreover, the market's reaction to this would be absolutely genuine.

After the announcement, the entire tragically green A-share market recovered in an instant, and a large amount of private capital began to pour into the stock market.

The energy sector with Somerland Petroleum and PetroSomer as their representatives and the communications sector represented by Nobile were the first two major sectors that turned from green to red.

"Although Wall Street capital has a huge amount of funds, its power is too scattered. They tried to defeat the A-share market on the first day, so they launched

a full range of blows.

"With the favorable stimulus of state owned enterprises going public, the energy and communications sectors have become the best place for safe-haven funds in the entire market.

"The force emitted from these two sectors is too strong, and the entire market has stopped falling due to their influence."

Baz sat beside Jasper as he analyzed the current situation in front of him like he was very familiar with this matter.