

## Chapter 446 The Solar Company

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At the bustling international airport of Matias, a plane gradually descended onto the tarmac.

Forced by the demands of the board of directors, Davy had to return in haste. The instant he touched down, he headed straight for the Telan Technology Company, even forgoing the formalities of stashing away his luggage.

His quick visit was prompted by the board of directors' concerns about the unresolved partnership with Telan Technology Company, which was causing a dent in the capital flow. To safeguard their local branch, they pressed Davy for results.

Everyone agreed Vagow was an upcoming hub. Yet, the board was skeptical about establishing Cheap and Fine Group's maiden branch in such a fledgling city. They believed it to be safer to relocate to Zodiac, the epicenter of financial and political activity.

To regain leverage in discussions with the board, Davy first needed to seal the deal with Telan Technology Company. That alone would grant him a voice.

Davy had anticipated a rocky road before arriving here, but the challenges welcomed him at the doorstep of

the Telan Technology building.

The receptionist, with a look of regret, halted him, "Mr. Jones, I apologize, but Mr. Webster is currently in a meeting. He won't be available to entertain guests today. Kindly return another time."

Suppressing his frustration, Davy ensconced himself in the reception room, as if ready to wait until he could meet Onyx.

"Please relay to Mr. Webster that I am prepared to wait, regardless of how long it takes."

The receptionist seemed to be at a loss for words, finally nodding and exiting the room.

As the hours ticked by, Davy sat immobile, eyes closed in contemplation. Nearly half a day later, he was informed that Onyx's meeting had concluded.

Inside the office, a rotund middle-aged man wearing glasses extended a hand towards Davy, and proceeded to pour him a cup of tea, seemingly unbothered by the delay.

Davy reciprocated the handshake, maintaining his composure.

The pair, seasoned entrepreneurs, filled their conversation with nuanced implications.

"Mr. Webster, our discussions had been progressing quite well. What made you rethink your stance? Have we fallen short in any aspect?" Davy ventured to probe



the cause.

Onyx, a glint in his eyes and a smug grin on his face, responded, "Davy, we both know that in our line of business, profitability takes precedence. Nothing is set in stone. Naturally, I would choose to work with the highest bidder."

Davy got the hint that Onyx was angling for a more lucrative proposal.

This also hinted at a sinister possibility: Onyx might be in cahoots with the board of directors, possibly even bribed!

Most likely, Onyx was aware of Davy's predicament and hoped to exploit the internal friction within Cheap and Fine Group to maximize his gains.


As Davy caught sight of Onyx's smug expression, his fury ignited. Did they actually think he was a pushover?

There was no way he would jeopardize his company's interests by kowtowing to such manipulative individuals!

Rising to his feet, Davy retorted icily, "Mr. Webster, it is important to know when to stop reaping your benefits. Going too far in your greed can lead to peril."

Onyx's smile vanished, replaced by a sardonic expression as he lounged back in his chair.

"Mr. Jones, seems like trouble's your closest companion. Despite years of experience, you've made

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some questionable choices. Collaborating with a naive girl and setting up a branch in Vagow is no wiser. It will be quite a spectacle to watch you handle the board of directors!"

Onyx was obviously taking a jab at Loraine. Davy's brow furrowed as he pondered what might have led to Loraine earning Onyx's disdain.

Simultaneously, he was gripped with concern for Loraine.

It was evident that Onyx was not open to negotiation. Unwilling to squander more time, Davy, with a gloomy expression, made his exit from the office.

Upon stepping out of the Telan Technology Company building, Davy lifted his gaze skyward and heaved a sigh.

His eyes were magnetically drawn to a colossal advertisement plastered on the building across the street.

With its minimalistic design and the Solar Company logo in bold, the advertisement was a sight to behold.

The Solar Company, a major player in high-tech and smart production, had recently skyrocketed to fame with its impressive pace and strength. It was leagues ahead of the Cheap and Fine Group.

Historically, Davy would never compromise his dignity by pleading for assistance.



But now...

Davy remembered Marco's words and found himself caught in indecision.

Perhaps it wouldn't be such a disastrous move to give it a shot?

Moreover, the project that Telan Technology Company had shunned was pioneering new technology and required a highly efficient production line. This might just be what the Solar Company was seeking.

Returning to his office, Davy wasted no time in forwarding the project plan to the Solar Company, using the contact information provided by Marco.

His prior attempts at collaborating with the Solar Company had been met with silence, so this time he was still skeptical. Even with Marco's assistance, he didn't anticipate a prompt response.

To Davy's astonishment, a response from the Solar Company landed in his inbox that very afternoon. A call from their director followed, inquiring if he could spare some time for a discussion.

Taken aback, Davy agreed instantly, his curiosity getting the better of him. "Does your company find this project intriguing? What prompted such an expedited response?"

A crisp female voice echoed from the other end, "We caught wind of the potential alliance between the


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Cheap and Fine Group, the Bryant Group, and the Universe Group. Mr. Jones, we believe you have a keen eye, and we decided to give it a whirl."

Davy was astounded. He did not expect that this opportunity for collaboration had something to do with the Bryant Group and the Universe Group.



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The idea of the Solar Company collaborating with a domestic company was unfamiliar to Davy. It was Marco who nudged him towards the Solar Company, but Davy couldn't find any connection between Marco and the Solar Company.

Marco's words now stirred a sense of understanding within Davy. Not surprisingly, the Solar Company, being such a mammoth in the industry, had swiftly taken note of the Bryant Group and the Universe Group.

Regardless of the reasons, the prospect of a partnership with the Solar Company was a beacon of optimism for Davy. His spirits soared as he arranged a meeting with the company and promptly ended the call.

The designated day arrived, and the Solar Company's conference room was the chosen venue.

Davy, occupying his seat, continuously glanced at his wristwatch. Precisely when the scheduled minute arrived, the door swung open.

A professional woman took the seat across from Davy, and her intense gaze met his. She proceeded to power up the laptop in front of her, stood up, and extended a hand towards Davy.



"Doris Hoffman, representing the Solar Company. A pleasure meeting you."

She sported an elegantly applied makeup, her countenance radiant and poised, hair cascading in delicate waves. Her piercing gaze rendered Davy, a seasoned businessman, a bit unsettled.

Rising from his seat, Davy reciprocated the handshake. "Davy Jones, from the Cheap and Fine Group. Your reputation precedes you."

Doris, sensing Davy's unease, responded with a warm smile and eased back into her chair.

"I'm aware of your purpose here, Mr. Jones. Let's dive into the details."

Doris' relaxed demeanor belied her formidable presence, her arms crossed before her, impossible to overlook.

She was a gorgeous, assertive woman who was not to be taken lightly.

That was Davy's initial impression of Doris. He straightened up instinctively, giving her the respect she deserved. He unfolded his meticulously prepared proposal and presented it.

Doris intermittently nodded her approval, rarely interrupting Davy's discourse. But when she spoke, her words were astutely precise. Her unique insight and keen intellect took Davy by surprise.



Once again, Davy recognized the remarkable competence of the person leading the Solar Company. Doris was undoubtedly not just a pretty face, but a highly capable individual.

Before they realized, their conversation had spanned almost half an hour.

Doris broke into a subtle smile. "I believe I've grasped the gist of your proposal, Mr. Jones. Allow me a moment to talk to our CEO. If approved, we can embark on our collaboration."

Davy was caught off guard. He had assumed Doris was the final word, oblivious to the existence of another CEO.

Who could possibly call the shots for someone like Doris?

In a tone laden with curiosity, Davy posed, "Who's the CEO of your company? Why hasn't he made an appearance to chat with me?"

Doris responded with a grin, "Mr. Jones, don't get the wrong idea. Our CEO operates out of a foreign country all year, so I'm the one running the show here."

A warm smile flickered in her eyes, her demeanor eased. "I'm his most trusted confidante."

Scratching his head with a smile, Davy acknowledged, "Ah, understood."

Upon mention of her boss, Doris' gaze and voice

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As Doris reached for her phone to place a call, the device buzzed with an incoming message.

She glanced at the message, the initial surprise in her eyes fading swiftly. With a smile directed at Davy, she announced, "Our CEO has given the green light to our collaboration."

In the Bryant Group, Marco had just set his phone down when Carl approached him with some documents.

"Mr. Bryant, everything is in order with the project. Rest assured, this will not disturb the alliance between the Cheap and Fine Group, the Bryant Group, and the Universe Group."

Acknowledging with a slight nod, Marco took a moment before Carl expressed his apprehensions, "Mr. Bryant, recommending the Solar Company to Mr. Jones for partnership at this time may reveal your true identity... You intended to keep your independent ventures distinct from the Bryant family's when you started your overseas business, didn't you? What if your role as the Solar Company's CEO gets unveiled and the Bryant family cause a ruckus again?"

With a smirk, Marco shot back, "They won't get that opportunity."

"But what if Miss Torres discovers..."



Marco was taken aback.

Recognizing the gravity of the situation, Carl refrained from further probing, although he had already made some assumptions.

It seemed that Loraine was of paramount importance to Marco. Unwilling to risk the project failing and Loraine being disappointed, he had set Solar Company in motion, regardless of the potential consequences.

Carl let out a sigh. He hadn't anticipated that his astute and formidable boss would be so utterly captivated by a woman.



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Davy made the decision to confidentially maintain his alliance with the Solar Company for a while.

The Cheap and Fine Group's board of directors remained in the dark about this. They believed Davy was struggling to find a resolution, and perceived him as a worried cat on a hot tin roof, despite his apparent calmness.

Kassidy was similarly clueless about the unfolding events. Once she learned from Ella that the Telan Technology Company was definitely not partnering with the Cheap and Fine Group, she felt a sense of satisfaction. She sat at home, expectantly waiting for the cancellation of the new business district project to be declared by the Cheap and Fine Group.

In her mind, she would then be free to sneer at Loraine and look down on her!

But days passed, public speculation peaked and started to wane, and yet, no official announcement came from the Cheap and Fine Group.

Ella responded curtly and perfunctorily, advising her to patiently await further updates.

How was Kassidy supposed to keep her patience intact?



She'd been ousted from the Cruz family, faced humiliation. Only besting Loraine could possibly sway the Cruz family's opinion back in her favor.

With no updates available online, her impatience surged. Eventually, she could no longer contain herself, spilling the beans on the internet.

"No need to wait any longer. The partnership between the three companies has been terminated!"

She spilled, "The Cheap and Fine Group couldn't finalize a deal with the Telan Technology Company. The president of Cheap and Fine Group is now fighting fires on his own. As a result, they will be more careful about where they establish their first branch. Unless the Bryant Group and the Universe Group can bail out the Cheap and Fine Group's foreign project, there's no chance the group will venture into establishing a branch in Vagow and join forces with the Bryant Group and the Universe Group!"

Netizens, reading her conviction-filled words, were left in doubt. They engaged in lively debates.

"Who are you? Is this for real?"

In response, Cassidy proudly revealed her identity.

"I am the sibling of the president of the Telan Technology Company's wife. The Telan Technology Company is the principal collaborator on the Cheap and Fine Group's overseas project. My sister shared this news with me directly. What do you think? Fact or fiction?"

The netizens did some quick research about the Telan Technology Company and found Cassidy's claims credible. The major blow to the Cheap and Fine Group stemmed from Telan Technology's withdrawal, causing a financial strain.

This time, Cassidy's statements carried weight. The netizens were nearly convinced that she spoke the truth. They concluded that the new business district project of the Universe and Bryant groups were now doomed.

With the netizens' reaction, Cassidy's pride swelled. She continued, "Actually, the main reason my brother-in-law called off the cooperation with the Cheap and Fine Group is because of Loraine!"

This raised eyebrows among the netizens, they asked, "What does Loraine have to do with this?"

"Because the Cheap and Fine Group's president, Davy, picked Loraine, a young woman lacking experience, as his associate. Naturally, my brother-in-law doubted his judgement and competency..."

Kassidy boldly brought up Loraine in her post, stirring up a controversy online. She posted, "The Universe Group must be wallowing in regret for choosing you as their president, right? You're not only wrecking your own project but also causing your partner significant losses. You'll go down in industry history as an embarrassment!"

Loraine held her silence, but Cassidy was eager to



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continue her assault on her.

"Lorraine, stop hiding. Your delay tactics are futile. The sooner you confess to the public that the Cheap and Fine Group has backed out and will not be investing in your new commerce district, the better!"

The allure of the new commerce district was partly due to the formidable influence of the Bryant Group and the Universe Group, but the participation of the Cheap and Fine Group was also a key factor. If the Cheap and Fine Group decided to pull out now, it would likely set off a chain reaction of panic amongst other businesses and traders.

The netizens, rallied by Cassidy, started to flood Lorraine's social media with comments.

"Speak up, stop playing dumb!"

"How will you make this right with the other companies?"

"Such a letdown! I used to admire Lorraine, but she turns out to be a spineless coward when things go south!"

Yet, despite the growing public pressure, Lorraine remained silent.

In contrast, Jennie stepped up to defend Lorraine in this crucial moment.

She challenged Cassidy, "Who exactly are you? You're just a trophy with no stake in your family's business."

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What gives you the right to leak such news online? Do you even understand basic economics?"

After putting Kassidy in her place, Jennie didn't hesitate to back Loraine. She posted, "Don't give in to rumors and mass hysteria. I have high hopes for the Universe Group's new commerce district. My company has secured prime location there!"

She even cleverly leveraged the trending controversy to plug her own jewelry brand.

Annoyed, Kassidy fired back, "Are you Loraine's lapdog? Why are you so devoted to her? Why are you the one doing the explaining? She won't even show her face!"

"Well, Lorrie is a multimillionaire who doesn't have the time to bicker with you. But if you're looking for a scolding, I'll be happy to get her on the line for you."

Sure enough, after Jennie's response, Loraine logged in. She forwarded the controversial post from Kassidy, along with a screenshot of legal regulations.

"If this post is shared more than 500 times, you could face legal action. Miss Rivera, my attorney will be in touch."