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Lily understood that the sorrows and joys of people could never truly intertwine.

It was only when everyone found themselves in the same situation that they could share in the same happiness or sadness. But once someone succeeded and left others behind, those left behind would only feel increasingly lonely.

If high school friends who had failed their college entrance exams together were faced with the same situation, it would bring a sense of relief to everyone.

But if others were able to wait for the opportunity to be enrolled in university, leaving only one person to board a southbound train for a job in the sweltering heat at the end of August, even though this person would be happy for their friends' circumstances, deep down, they would only feel more lonely and helpless.

Because they not only lost the opportunity to study, but also the psychological comfort that comes from shared empathy.

There were two questions that had haunted favonovel.com for twenty years. One was how to face favonovel.com son in the future, how to explain the many years of his life that favonovel.com had been absent for. The other was how to explain to favonovel.com father-in-law, Lord Wade, that his son Bruce had long been gone, and favonovel.com was still alive.

Thinking of this, favonovel.com heart ached. The feeling of living alone for twenty years did not make favonovel.com feel fortunate at all. Instead, it tormented favonovel.com every moment. Especially not being able to see favonovel.com only son for twenty years was a cruel torture for her.

Seeing Lily's sad expression, Sister Turk quickly comforted her, "Madam, don't dwell on these things for now. It's a good thing that Mr. Wade and your father have reconciled. Besides, it may take many years to dismantle the Warriors Den. There's no need to worry about what will happen after that."

Lily nodded lightly and said, "Although the Warriors Den has lost the Four Marshals, it hasn't been severely weakened yet. Charlie will face even more

difficulties and obstacles in the future. Maria mentioned last time that favonovel.com wants to obtain the most advanced AI model from the Rothschild family. I feel that favonovel.com intends to take the initiative.”

Sister Turk asked, “Madam, should we share some of the information we have with Young Master?”

After pondering for a moment, Lily waved favonovel.com hand and said, “Let Charlie proceed at his own pace. We don’t know much about the Warriors Den, and if we actively provide favonovel.com with the clues we have, it will make favonovel.com doubt and speculate. It will also disrupt his rhythm and judgment. Let’s secretly keep an eye on him. If favonovel.com happens to go to a place that we are familiar with, then we can consider creating some opportunities to give favonovel.com the information.”

Lily then self-deprecatingly said, “In fact, over the years, we haven’t caused any significant trouble to the Warriors Den. After all, the gap in strength between us is too great. We’re already fortunate enough not to have been discovered by her...”

“If Charlie didn’t have his current fortune, I might have had to hide from Morgana until death. In this matter, my experience is exactly the same as Maria’s, except that favonovel.com had a more difficult time. I hid from Morgana for twenty years, while favonovel.com hid from Morgana for over three hundred years.”

Sister Turk nodded understandingly and said, “Madam, now that Young Master has made rapid progress, I believe it’s only a matter of time before favonovel.com dismantles the entire Warriors Den and defeats Morgana.”

Lily nodded and said with a sigh, “For me and Maria, Morgana is the biggest enemy. But for Charlie, Morgana is only the beginning. The one in the Eternal Mountains is his greatest challenge...”

In Aurous Hill, both Charlie and his mother Lily couldn’t sleep all night.

When Claire woke up, favonovel.com saw Charlie lying in bed with his eyes open and couldn’t help but ask, “Husband, when did you wake up?”

Charlie, who had been lost in thought, didn't even realize that Claire had already woken up. He snapped back to reality and said, "I just woke up not long ago, still feeling a bit groggy."

Claire asked with concern, "Did you not sleep well last night?"

"Not really," Charlie smiled and said, "Maybe I woke up a bit early. I had a few drinks with a client last night, and my mind hasn't fully recovered."

Claire nodded and suddenly remembered something. Her face turned red, and favonovel.com shyly said, "Husband, I had a dream about you last night."

Charlie pretended to be surprised and asked, "What did you dream about?"

Claire said, "At first, I dreamt that we were having a meal together. Loreen was also there, and favonovel.com had a new boyfriend that favonovel.com wanted to show us. But as soon as we sat down to eat, you suddenly asked me a question..."

Charlie could guess the situation, but favonovel.com could only play dumb and ask, "What did I ask you?"

After hesitating for a moment, Claire said with a somewhat evasive look in favonovel.com eyes, "I can't remember the specifics, but it seemed quite inappropriate. Loreen teased me about it too. I felt really embarrassed in the dream..."

Charlie awkwardly smiled and said, "Well, luckily it was just a dream. In normal circumstances, I wouldn't ask inappropriate questions with someone else present."

Claire nodded and laughed, "Dreams can be a bit strange sometimes."

With that, Claire sat up, stretched, and said, "Husband, I have to go to Emgrand Group this morning. Do you have any plans for the afternoon?"

Charlie shook his head and said, "I don't have any plans. Why?"

Claire said, “There’s a press conference at Shangri-La in the afternoon. The Evans Family from the United States and Wade Family from Eastcliff seem to be announcing a major collaboration. One of my clients works in financial media, and she’s attending the press conference. Their company has two extra slots, so I thought of going to see what’s happening. Would you like to accompany me?”

Charlie was somewhat surprised. He didn’t expect Claire to be interested in attending the news conference.

Originally, favonovel.com had planned to attend an internal meeting at Shangri-La in the morning and then blend in with the media during the press conference in the afternoon. But favonovel.com didn’t expect his wife to be interested in the press conference.

He curiously asked, “Wife, you didn’t seem to enjoy being in crowded places before. Why do you suddenly want to go and see a news conference today?”

Claire said seriously, “The Wade family in Eastcliff is one of the most powerful families in the country, and Emgrand Group is actually their subsidiary. As for the Evans Family, I don’t know if you’ve heard of them, but they are the most powerful overseas Chinese family in the world, even stronger than Miss Joules’ family...”

“They used to mainly operate in the United States and rarely had any actions in China. But now, these two families have decided to invest together in Aurous Hill. Anyone who cares about Aurous Hill’s development wants to know what industry they will invest in Aurous Hill. And it’s certain that these two families joining forces will make a big investment!”

She continued, “I heard that the new housing and second-hand housing transactions in Aurous Hill have basically stalled these days. The developers of new projects and sellers of second-hand houses are all waiting for this press conference...”

“Once these two families announce that they’re going to collaborate on a super project in Aurous Hill, it’s inevitable that housing prices in Aurous Hill will rise. The closer the project is, the greater the increase in value. Right now, the details of the collaboration haven’t been announced, so no one knows where this big positive

news will land. Everyone is afraid of selling their houses at a loss, so they're all waiting.”

Charlie couldn't help but sigh, “I never expected that these two families coming to invest in Aurous Hill would have such a significant impact on housing prices.”

Claire smiled and said, “We'll find out how big the impact is after the press conference today. So, husband, do you have time in the afternoon?”

“I do,” Charlie nodded and said, “I'll accompany you!”

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As Claire said, the entire city of Aurous Hill, and even the entirety of China, eagerly awaited the details of the collaboration between the Evans and Wade families.

The relationship and grievances between these two families had become widely known throughout the country over the past two decades.

Back then, various newspapers, magazines, and gossip news outlets extensively dissected the conflicts between these prominent families. Even now, a quick online search would yield a plethora of articles, many of which distorted the truth and were highly unreliable. Yet, the more uncertain and enigmatic these gossip stories became, the more they fueled discussions among the people.

However, in the past 20 years, there had been no response or concrete evidence of any interaction between the two families. It was widely believed that their relationship had reached an irreparable point.

Now, the sudden announcement of a strategic collaboration between the Evans and Wade families caught everyone off guard, capturing the attention of major media outlets and the general public.

To make this collaboration highly publicized, the Evans and Wade families chose to host the press conference in the grandest banquet hall of Shangri-La, capable of accommodating over two thousand journalists.

Renowned media outlets from around the world were invited to attend the press conference. The number of journalists and staff alone exceeded two thousand. Unexpectedly, even Charlie's wife, who typically avoided such events, showed interest in attending this press conference.

Since Charlie had planned to attend as a member of the audience, it made no difference for favonovel.com to go with his wife.

Claire left early after breakfast, and shortly after, Charlie also left home and headed to Shangri-La.

Shangri-La had completely suspended all external operations for the day. Security personnel were heavily deployed to ensure the safety of the key individuals from the Evans and Wade families. Special security personnel were even brought in from Eastcliff to handle on-site security. This demonstrated the high level of attention and importance that China placed on the Evans family as the largest foreign investment.

When Charlie arrived at Shangri-La, his grandfather and Claire's family had already taken their seats in the largest conference room.

Mr. Riley had also arrived early with his newlywed wife, Matilda. Today, they would not only announce the collaboration between the two families, but also reveal their own appointments.

After Charlie's arrival, everyone began discussing the flow of the press conference and the details to be disclosed to the public.

Charlie's second uncle, Marcus, took the floor first. "Ladies and gentlemen, let me first outline the main flow of today's conference. The conference will begin promptly at 2 o'clock this afternoon. We have not invited an external host, so I will serve as the host. From 2 to 2:20, I will deliver a welcoming speech to our esteemed media friends and announce the collaboration project between the Evans and Wade families, which is the Bruce Automotive brand."

"Next, I will invite Uncle Wade to speak, followed by my father. Their speeches will primarily revolve around the reasons and goals of our collaboration. After

their speeches, I will present the first-stage summary report to the media friends, accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation revealing all the data of our Bruce Automotive brand, including but not limited to our investment scale, infrastructure, team size, and the hypothetical models we plan to launch...”

“After that, I will introduce Professor Riley and Professor Matilda to the media friends, highlighting their resumes and the positions they will hold at Bruce Automotive. Each of them will have five to ten minutes for their speeches. Following their speeches, I will conclude with a final summary...”

“Once I finish my final summary speech, we will enter the media Q&A session. The planned duration for this session is half an hour, with ten questions to be answered. The selection of which reporters will ask questions will be decided randomly by me...”

“We will not prearrange it. However, I will explain the basic rules of questioning in advance. They can ask me, Uncle Wade, my father, Professor Riley, or Professor Matilda. The questions must pertain to Bruce Automotive. If anyone asks irrelevant questions or intentionally brings up past grievances between the two families, I will refuse to answer and pass the opportunity to the next person. We have prepared a large number of security personnel and staff to maintain order at the venue. If a reporter persists with inappropriate questions, I will directly mute their microphone. Let’s not allow them to disrupt the flow. We will move on to the next question...”

“Furthermore, when answering questions, please focus on the core of Bruce Automotive and try not to deviate. After answering ten questions, I will express gratitude to all attending media friends and announce the successful conclusion of the press conference. This is the basic outline of the conference. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to ask.”

Marcus, who had represented the Evans family for many years, was experienced and had formulated a clear and concise plan. He had defined the roles each person needed to play, and everyone expressed their agreement without any questions.

Seeing that everyone had no objections, Marcus nodded. “Since there are no questions, let’s move on to the next step, which is synchronizing the specific information about Bruce Automotive that we will disclose to the public.”

Taking a brief pause, Marcus continued, “We will announce that the estimated total investment in Bruce Automotive is 40 billion dollars, with an initial investment of 20 billion dollars. The Evans and Wade families will jointly contribute and hold a 50% stake each...”

“The initial 20 billion dollars will primarily be used to establish a state-of-the-art factory and supporting facilities in Aurous Hill. We aim to commence construction within a year, following the timeline of Tesla’s Gigafactory, and achieve production within the same timeframe...”

“As for the remaining 20 billion dollars, it will mainly be allocated for capacity expansion, product upgrades, as well as the penetration and development of the upstream and downstream industries such as automobile parts, vehicle logistics, and vehicle sales.”

At this moment, Charlie spoke up, “Uncle, I propose allocating an additional 2 billion dollars for an education fund in the initial investment. This fund will be used for extensive collaboration with major universities and vocational colleges in Aurous Hill. On one hand, we will invest to upgrade and strengthen their relevant programs, and on the other hand, we will jointly establish automotive-related programs with them based on our actual needs.”

“A portion of this fund will also be used to establish dedicated scholarships and financial aid programs, supporting outstanding and underprivileged college students who are willing to study in Aurous Hill and choose automotive-related programs. This aspect is relatively important. We haven’t had the opportunity to deeply communicate with these institutions, but I believe that with substantial financial support and job opportunities, they will not refuse our cooperation. So, after the press conference, I would like Professor Matilda to approach the relevant officials from all the universities in Aurous Hill for face-to-face discussions on this matter.”

“Great!” Mr. Riley couldn’t contain his excitement. “I have been teaching at a university for the past few years, so I have a good understanding of the needs of the schools and students. For universities, the employment rate and the quality of employment greatly impact the overall appeal of the institution...”

“In the past, it was uncommon for companies to provide employment opportunities to graduates through university-industry collaborations. Most companies only offer job opportunities during campus recruitment and believe that’s sufficient. We are not only providing financial assistance but also offering employment opportunities. For the universities, it’s like encountering a miracle. They will undoubtedly attach great importance to it.”

“That’s good,” Charlie said. “Many companies offer assistance and support with various conditions, and many of them are just seeking publicity without a genuine sense of social responsibility. However, our aim is to become a leading Chinese manufacturer of new energy vehicles and carry the reputation of the Evans and Wade families. Therefore, we cannot be stingy in our collaborations with universities.”

Mr. Riley pondered for a moment and said, “Mr. Wade, to be honest, 2 billion dollars for the education fund seems a bit excessive. The number of related talents that Aurous Hill can produce each year should not exceed ten thousand, and we cannot hire all of them. We still need to select the best talents. I estimate that around 200 million dollars should be more than enough.”

Charlie nodded and said, “Subsidizing the institutions and students alone will not require that much money, but my idea is to establish deeper collaborations with those institutions that are determined to develop automotive-related programs. One crucial aspect is providing them with research funding.”

“So, my suggestion is that we can have extensive collaborations with the strong departments of these institutions. We can jointly establish laboratories with them, or we can directly establish laboratories funded by us for their use. The laboratories should strive to reach a world-leading level.”

“We have quite a few local companies that do not prioritize research and development. They earn hundreds of billions or even trillions each year, but they

do not invest their profits in developing new scientific and technological advancements. Instead, they focus on developing new gaming products, fast-moving consumer goods, or live-streaming sales...”

“Although I don’t have the authority to judge their choices, I don’t want us to fall into the same category. The 20 billion dollars is just a starting point. If these institutions can make good use of the resources and funding we provide to develop better technology, I am willing to increase this amount fivefold next year.”

Speaking emphatically, Charlie emphasized, “Our collaborations with universities aim to position ourselves as true benefactors. We are providing funding to enhance their educational capabilities and offering financial support to alleviate the living difficulties of students...”

“Regardless of whether these students come to work at Bruce Automotive after graduation, we will ensure that they can wholeheartedly pursue their studies until graduation. Even if they go to other car companies after graduation, it is still a contribution to the Chinese automotive industry. If they choose to stay in Aurous Hill and join Bruce Automotive, then we can truly say that we have helped others as well as ourselves, and our merits will be immeasurable!”

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The preparations for the Bruce Automotive project, a billion-dollar venture, were rushed for Charlie and the Evans Family. With the press conference looming, there were still numerous details to be finalized and communicated, with the possibility of last-minute changes and adjustments.

After spending the morning finalizing everything with the team, Charlie stayed at Shangri-La to have lunch with his grandfather, uncle, and others. His wife, Claire, had gone out in the morning and drove herself, so Charlie didn’t need to pick favonovel.com up. He simply waited for favonovel.com at Shangri-La.

While Charlie enjoyed his meal with his family, the media engineers at the press conference venue were already setting up the equipment.

The staff at Shangri-La had meticulously organized the event, with dedicated seats and camera positions for each media outlet. Hotel rooms were also provided for behind-the-scenes work, allowing directors to remotely guide journalists and photographers.

By noon, the filming equipment and wiring were being set up at their designated positions.

Due to the widespread attention on the collaboration between the two families, the media had already started live-streaming the conference, attracting a crowd of eager viewers. Even Morgana, who was in the Southern Hemisphere near the South Pole, was closely following the collaboration.

She watched the live broadcast attentively, accompanied by favonovel.com military advisor, Aemon. They were both deeply invested in the outcome of this collaboration.

Aemon respectfully explained to Morgana, “Your Highness, I have looked into it. Evans Family and Wade Family are collaborating in the field of new energy vehicles. They have obtained the land and permits in Aurous Hill. Today’s press conference is likely to announce this move.”

Morgana nodded, favonovel.com expression serious. “I never expected Evans Family and Wade Family to join forces again. Their previous conflicts seemed insurmountable.”

Aemon revealed, “Your Highness, there were indeed conflicts between the two families. Evans Family had objections from the beginning when Bruce brought Lily back to China. The killing of Lily and Bruce by Gideon, and the disappearance of their child, further strained the relationship.”

Curious, Morgana asked, “So why do you think they have reconciled now and decided to cooperate?”

Aemon replied, “Your Highness, in my opinion, it is not surprising that these two families have joined forces. There are three reasons...”

“First, Evans Family has suffered significant losses and setbacks. They were once powerful, but now they must be more cautious and humble. They won’t be as arrogant towards Wade Family as before...”

“Second, Evans Family has been secretly assisted by a mysterious benefactor during their trials. They may have learned the truth behind the deaths of Lily and Bruce, realizing that Wade Family was not responsible. This could have eased their resentment towards Wade Family...”

“Third, the Evans Family is undoubtedly afraid of you. They have relocated to China and invested heavily to seek official recognition and protection. Making long-term plans in China means they will make it their base in the future. It is only natural for them to show goodwill towards Wade Family in such critical times. In extraordinary times, having one more friend is better than having one more enemy.”

Morgana pondered his words, knowing that Evans Family and Wade Family were not favonovel.com primary concern. She was more focused on uncovering the mysterious person behind Evans Family, the one who posed the greatest threat to her.

As they watched the live broadcast of the press conference, the announcer’s voice suddenly filled the room, signaling that the event would begin in an hour.

Morgana stared at the screen and murmured, “Lily must be watching this live broadcast somewhere, seeing favonovel.com maternal family and father reconciling. She must be pleased.”

Aemon respectfully added, “Your Highness, given your belief that Lily is still alive, could this collaboration between Evans Family and Wade Family be orchestrated by her?”

Morgana shook favonovel.com head. “No, Lily is a highly intelligent individual. If favonovel.com is still alive, favonovel.com would carefully weigh the pros and cons of such a collaboration. She has endured for twenty years; favonovel.com would not lose favonovel.com rationality now.”

Curious, Aemon asked, “Then, Your Highness, do you think they have any connection with the mysterious person? If they don’t, it would be easier to deal with.”

Morgana furrowed her brows. “I am most concerned about whether there is a connection between them and the mysterious person. If there isn’t, it’s manageable. But if there is, then it becomes quite troublesome.”

Aemon suggested, “Your Highness, as we enter this dormant period, the mysterious person may not know when to stop. They may be planning and looking for opportunities to continue targeting us. Our scattered bases around the world are likely to be their next targets... If we can predict their next move and set up an ambush with the Three Elders, we may achieve a great victory!”

Morgana frowned and said, “The Warriors Den has established dozens of death camps of various sizes worldwide over the past centuries. Who can predict where his next target will be? Since the four great marshals are not his match, apart from me, there are only Three Elders who have a real chance to defeat him. There are only four of us in total, meaning we can set up ambushes at a maximum of four locations. The odds of winning this bet are less than one in ten.”

Aemon had an idea and said, “Master, can we release some specific clues for favonovel.com to follow? If we lead favonovel.com by the nose, favonovel.com will surely fall into our trap!”

Morgana nodded and said thoughtfully, “It’s a good idea, but the challenge is how to release clues without raising suspicion. This person is not only cautious but also seems to have uncovered some of our weaknesses. Otherwise, favonovel.com wouldn’t have shown up in Northern Europe just in time to rescue Maria, nor would favonovel.com have discovered our station in Cyprus. Luring such an enemy into a trap is no easy task.”

Aemon suddenly had a realization and said quickly, “Master, if favonovel.com does know our weaknesses, those weaknesses will be closed off once we enter a dormant period. We could use that period to capture Maria and restart everything

related to the Cyprus station. By doing so, we could reopen those weaknesses and draw favonovel.com into a trap.”

A flash of understanding crossed Morgana’s face, and favonovel.com said, “I just had a thought. The first time we suffered a setback from favonovel.com was probably when we sent death soldiers to New York to kill all the Evans family members.”

“That’s right,” Aemon agreed. “The whereabouts of those death soldiers from that time are still unknown.”

Morgana continued, “Normally, dead soldiers wouldn’t be able to reveal their origins, so they couldn’t have leaked any information to him. But that person later appeared in Northern Europe to rescue Maria and then found Cyprus again...”

She then asked Aemon, “Were the Cavalry Guards sent to capture Maria also from Cyprus?”

“Yes,” Aemon confirmed. “At that time, the situation was urgent. Maria was already preparing to leave Northern Europe. Although we wanted to send the Four Marshals, there was no time. To avoid delay, we sent the troops from Cyprus.”

Morgana frowned and asked, “Could it be that favonovel.com discovered clues about the plane we used for the death soldiers and the Cavalry Guards? If favonovel.com traces our plane, favonovel.com could learn about our movements!”

Aemon’s eyes widened as favonovel.com said, “The plane... I didn’t consider that! I’ve been wondering who leaked the secret, but I never thought the problem might lie with the plane!”

He added, “At that time, our personnel and material mobilization were all done under the guise of Singapore Yuantai International Express. Looking back, it’s most likely favonovel.com discovered that this airline was ours, and through it, favonovel.com could track our every move!”

Morgana clenched favonovel.com fists and said coldly, “A flock of geese leaves traces, let alone a hundred-ton aircraft! I should have thought of this!”

Aemon said urgently, “Master, there’s no need to blame yourself. It’s not too late to fix this. We can use this dormant period to shut down all previous aircraft and avoid using them to prevent future problems. We can make the planes move deliberately. If they move, favonovel.com will definitely notice. At that point, we can use these planes as bait to lure favonovel.com into our trap!”

Morgana said firmly, “We can use these planes, but not so straightforwardly. If the entire Warriors Den is dormant and only these planes are moving, it will be obvious that it’s a trap. If the other side realizes it’s a trap, they won’t fall for it no matter how well we set it up.”

Aemon asked, “Master, what do you suggest?”

Morgana explained, “To set a trap, you need to make it as credible as possible. First, ask the Chinese Army Governor’s Office in charge of the airline to secretly transfer ownership of the airline. Then, get the Left Army Governor’s Office in North America to establish a shell company to buy this airline. Start a legitimate logistics business, have the planes move, and after each plane moves, set up a trap to see if favonovel.com takes the bait!”

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At this moment, Charlie and Claire found themselves standing outside the grand Shangri-La Hotel. The setting was reminiscent of an enchanting fairy tale, with its regal architecture and exquisite beauty.

Claire’s media friend, a reporter from a prestigious newspaper in Aurous Hill, was also favonovel.com high school classmate. Despite the newspaper’s financial struggles, they managed to send four staff members to the press conference.

Conveniently, they gave the opportunity to Claire.

As Charlie caught sight of Claire, favonovel.com journalist classmate stood by favonovel.com side, a smile gracing favonovel.com lips. She turned to Claire and teasingly asked, “Claire, is this your husband?”

Claire nodded and introduced him, “Nicole, let me introduce you. This is my husband, Charlie...”

Afterward, favonovel.com introduced Charlie, “Charlie, this is Nicole Westman. She was my high school classmate and now works at Aurous Hill Morning News as the chief reporter.”

Nicole Westman waved favonovel.com hand dismissively and self-deprecatingly remarked, “Oh, stop teasing me, Claire. Chief reporter? Our newspaper is barely holding on, with only two full-time reporters left. We’re both chiefs, as we don’t even have a second-in-command. Who knows, maybe one day we’ll shut down and won’t even need a chief anymore.”

Surprised, Claire inquired, “Is the Aurous Hill Morning News doing that poorly?”

Nicole sighed and replied, “It’s worse than poor. Hardly anyone reads newspapers nowadays, and we’re already a small circulation newspaper in Aurous Hill. With fewer people reading newspapers, our circulation is dwindling. Larger newspapers can rely on partnerships with government agencies, railways, civil aviation, and long-distance transportation. They have guaranteed circulation and advertising revenue. But we can’t do that. No one advertises with us, and our income is minimal. At this rate, we’ll definitely shut down within a year.”

Claire tried to console her, “Don’t worry, print media is struggling everywhere. You can explore new media options. I’ve heard that many traditional media reporters and hosts have started their own self-media accounts on short video platforms. Once they gain a substantial following, the income can be quite substantial.”

Nicole chuckled, “We’re on the same wavelength. But I’m still employed, so I can’t create a self-media account. The company has regulations stating that during employment, the ownership of operated self-media accounts belongs to the company. I’ll have to wait until I leave before I can start.”

Claire offered some advice, “In that case, you can use your spare time to plan the content direction for short videos. If you can write scripts in advance, it would be even better. You can start immediately after you leave.”

Excited, Nicole exclaimed, “Claire, how do you know so much about short videos? We should chat more when we get the chance. Give me more ideas.”

Modestly, Claire replied, “I’ve heard a little bit from others. I don’t have much practical experience.”

Nicole grinned, “After the press conference, I’ll head back to the station to write the article. If you don’t have any plans tonight, I’ll treat you and your husband to dinner. We can discuss it in detail then.”

Claire insisted, “No, we should be the ones treating you to dinner. After all, we have to thank you for helping us get this opportunity to see the world.”

Nicole chuckled and revealed the truth, “Oh, let me tell you a secret. Our leaders couldn’t make it due to a business trip, so they specifically asked me to find a way to fill the four spots. They didn’t want our colleagues to see and mock us, saying that the Aurous Hill Morning News couldn’t even fill four spots...”

“I have to thank you for helping me find people. Besides, tonight’s dinner will be reimbursed by the company. I told my leader that finding people is one thing, but we should at least treat them to a meal. He agreed, so I’ll just submit an invoice for reimbursement later.”

With that, Nicole didn’t wait for Claire’s response and exclaimed, “Claire, it’s almost time. Let’s go in!”

“Okay!” Claire didn’t hesitate and followed Nicole with Charlie to the entrance of the press conference.

As they approached the entrance, Charlie retrieved masks from his pocket and handed one to his wife. He whispered, “Wife, let’s wear masks. After all, we’re not real journalists, and we don’t want to be recognized.”

This press conference marked the first collaboration between the Evans and Wade families in 20 years, attracting significant public attention.

Charlie believed that members of the Warriors Den would also be keeping an eye on this event. Since favonovel.com bore a striking resemblance to his father,

favonovel.com decided to wear a mask to avoid being recognized by anyone with ill intentions.

Claire didn't fully grasp Charlie's true intention, but favonovel.com agreed that wearing masks was a prudent choice.

Aurous Hill was not a large city, and they might encounter acquaintances. It wouldn't be ideal if people spotted them, who were not genuine journalists, sneaking into the press conference.

Wearing masks would help them avoid such trouble. Thus, the couple donned their masks and entered the venue together.

The press conference hall was already bustling with media reporters and photographers. Nicole led the couple to the seating area assigned to the Aurous Hill Morning News, and the three of them settled down side by side.

In a hushed tone, Nicole leaned towards Claire and shared, "Today's press conference is quite grand. Numerous foreign media outlets are present as well."

Claire nodded, acknowledging the significance of the collaboration between the two families. "With the Evans and Wade families involved, It's no wonder the media is so intrigued by their partnership."

Nicole waved favonovel.com hand dismissively and added, "It's more than that. I've researched their history. Did you know that these two families used to be related by marriage?"

"Yes," Claire replied. "I've come across some gossip articles mentioning their past connection. Supposedly, they were in-laws, but due to some falling out, the Evans family blamed the Wade family for the death of their daughter."

"Exactly," Nicole confirmed. "Twenty years ago, the second Young Master of the Wade family and the eldest daughter of the Evans family were both murdered. Their children also went missing, and rumors even suggest that their son was killed as well, although no body was ever found. Some claim that the mastermind behind

the entire tragedy has deep connections with the Rothschild family. Ultimately, it was believed that the Wade family's negligence led to the devastating events."

Claire expressed her awareness of the incident, but she admitted, "The rumors surrounding this incident are so outlandish that it's hard to discern the truth. I didn't pay much attention to it."

Curiosity piqued, Claire asked, "What happened to their children?"

"According to rumors," Nicole explained, "If they were ruthless enough to kill the couple, why would they spare a little boy? In TV dramas, the younger the boy, the more likely he is to seek revenge in the future. Since those people were so ruthless, it's unlikely that they would leave any potential threats behind."

Claire nodded thoughtfully, considering the possibility. "You make a valid point."

Wearing a mysterious expression, Nicole continued, "Claire, do you know why these two families, one from New York, USA, and the other from our humble Aurous Hill, chose to hold the press conference here?"

"I'm not sure," Claire confessed. "Perhaps they see potential in Aurous Hill's development, which is why they decided to invest together?"

Nicole smirked, "It's not that simple. Aurous Hill doesn't even rank first in its own province's GDP. How could it attract two influential families?"

Intrigued, Claire asked, "Then why did they choose Aurous Hill?"

"According to rumors," Nicole revealed, "These two families lost their loved ones in Aurous Hill. They came here to pay tribute and honor their memory."

Claire was taken aback. "The eldest daughter of the Evans family, Lily, is renowned in New York. I've read her biography and heard people talk about her when I was in the United States. She was actually murdered in Aurous Hill? Why have I never heard of this?"

"Since the incident, all relevant parties have suppressed the news," Nicole explained. "It's no surprise you haven't heard about it."

Nicole went on, “You may have only heard of Lily Evans, but Bruce Wade, the second Young Master of the Wade family, was also a prominent figure with remarkable achievements in his lifetime.”

Claire furrowed her brows, admitting, “I don’t think I’ve heard much about Bruce... I’ve heard of Lily because favonovel.com is so famous in Silicon Valley. Many world-class internet companies that started during favonovel.com time were invested in by her.”

Nicole chimed in, “Although Bruce isn’t as widely known as Lily, his business acumen was extraordinary. In several business battles, favonovel.com outsmarted even the Rothschild family. He was truly a remarkable talent.”

Charlie, who had remained silent until now, was well aware that most people who knew about the incident shared Nicole’s understanding.

Even Charlie himself firmly believed that the Rothschild family had orchestrated the murder of his parents, while his grandfather, Lord Wade, indirectly contributed to their deaths. However, none of these individuals had any inkling about the existence of the Warriors Den.

Suddenly, Claire recalled something and turned to Nicole, asking, “What were their children’s names?”

Charlie’s heart skipped a beat. He had no idea if Nicole knew his name or not. If favonovel.com did and mentioned it in front of his wife, it could potentially reveal too much.

Nicole shook her head and replied, “I don’t know the names of their children. At that time, their children were just elementary school students, and unlike today, where everyone is interested in the children of celebrities and the wealthy, these big families kept their children well-protected. There were no public images or clear names of them.”

Nicole then asked, “Why are you concerned about this? These children have been missing for twenty years, and their fate, whether alive or dead, is still unknown.”

Relieved by Nicole's response, Claire sighed, "I feel sorry for them. If they were already killed, it's such a tragic fate. With such a privileged background, dying so young... It would have been better for them to be born into an ordinary family and lead a simple, peaceful life."

Nicole nodded in agreement, adding, "If favonovel.com is still alive, favonovel.com would be a wealthy Young Master left behind. If favonovel.com were to show up at this press conference and claim his identity, these two families would shower favonovel.com with the best of everything, and favonovel.com would instantly become immensely wealthy!"

Just as they were engrossed in conversation, a female voice called for everyone's attention, "Ladies and gentlemen of the media, please take your seats and refrain from making noise. Our press conference will officially begin in 5 minutes!"

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Just as the press conference was about to begin, Nicole stopped chatting with Claire.

Charlie, who stood beside them, also breathed a sigh of relief.

Journalists, it seemed, were true gossipmongers. With their constant exposure to various news reports, it was almost impossible for them not to engage in idle chatter. If Nicole had continued talking, favonovel.com might have inadvertently revealed some crucial information about himself.

For instance, the time when favonovel.com parents had an accident in Aurous Hill happened to be the same time favonovel.com entered the welfare home. And favonovel.com also shares the surname Wade.

Thankfully, Claire wasn't one to gossip. Otherwise, if favonovel.com had delved deeper into the matter, favonovel.com might have sensed that something was amiss.

Luckily, Charlie's personal information was well protected. Journalists like Nicole only knew that the Wade family had a missing child, but they didn't know the

surname or name. Otherwise, if Nicole had mentioned that the lost child of the Wade family was named Charlie, even innocent Claire would have had to mull things over.

Soon, the press conference officially commenced.

As the host of the conference, Marcus eschewed the traditional format of having all the leaders of the two companies sit together and hold the conference. Instead, favonovel.com took to the stage alone. With the lights dimming and favonovel.com standing on the stage, accompanied by the enormous high-definition LED screen behind him, favonovel.com became the center of attention.

After stepping onto the stage, Marcus smiled and said, “Welcome, esteemed members of the media, to today’s press conference. I am Marcus Evans, the CEO of Evans Group. Today, I have the honor of representing Evans Group and Wade Group to announce a series of significant business decisions made by our two companies.”

Marcus had been the public face of the Evans family’s external business for several years. Every aspect of his image, temperament, speech, and behavior exuded an air of elitism.

Many female journalists couldn’t help but admire him.

Even Nicole, who was around the same age as Claire, couldn’t help but whisper to her, “Marcus is the epitome of a super diamond bachelor. He is handsome, capable, and his family is incredibly wealthy. He fits my criteria for a partner perfectly. But to marry a man like him, I must have been a superhero in a past life...”

Claire whispered, “Nicole, favonovel.com looks like he’s in his forties.”

“Why do you care if he’s in his forties?” Nicole replied softly, “I prefer handsome older men like this. Young guys don’t know how to be considerate. When there’s a disagreement, it’s often the girl who has to do the comforting. Older men are different. They understand each other with just one look and always know how to take good care of the girl.”

Claire whispered back, “He’s probably already married, and his children might even be in college.”

Nicole nodded and hurriedly added, “If favonovel.com has an eighteen or nineteen-year-old son, I wouldn’t mind being a cougar.”

Charlie listened silently on the side. This woman, sometimes favonovel.com wanted to be his aunt, and sometimes favonovel.com wanted to be his sister-in-law. She was truly one of a kind.

Meanwhile, on the stage, Marcus made an announcement, “The first part of today’s press conference is to reveal the new brand created through the joint investment of Evans Group and Wade Group. As many of you may know, China’s new energy vehicle industry has always been at the forefront globally...”

“Both the Evans family and the Wade family hope to make a significant contribution to this industry. Therefore, our two families have decided to invest at least 40 billion US dollars to establish our new energy vehicle brand in Aurous Hill!”

Marcus’s words immediately caused a stir in the audience!

A 40 billion US dollar investment was unheard of in the history of private enterprise development in Aurous Hill. To put it into perspective, the recently popular Xiaomi Auto, which had taken the country by storm, had a total investment of only 10 billion dollars!

The fact that the Evans and Wade families were investing such a massive sum of money in a new energy vehicle brand in Aurous Hill was almost unparalleled in the global automotive industry!

The audience watching the live broadcast on their screens were also stunned. Especially the local audience in Aurous Hill, they were so excited that they couldn’t help but cheer in front of their screens.

A city suddenly receiving an investment of 40 billion dollars would undoubtedly elevate all the indicators of that city to a higher level. Every person living in the city would benefit to some extent.

At this moment, Marcus spoke again on stage, “Many of you in the media may already know that our Evans Group recently acquired the bankrupt Nio Automotive. However, the \$40 billion transaction between us and the Wade Group is not meant to invest in Nio Automotive’s development. Instead, after discussions, we have decided to launch a new car brand...”

“We will integrate Nio Automotive’s entire team and hardware into this new brand. Nio Automotive will then become part of our new brand and will be introduced onto the historical stage. I want to clarify that the \$40 billion investment I just mentioned does not include any of Nio Automotive’s assets.”

The reporters in the audience were even more excited.

Nio Automotive was acquired by the Evans Group for billions of dollars, not including the \$40 billion investment. This indicates that the investment by Evans Group and Wade Group in this new brand will exceed \$40 billion, potentially even higher.

At this moment, Marcus turned his head and looked at the large screen behind him.

He couldn’t contain his excitement as favonovel.com said, “I believe that members of the media and those watching the live broadcast are eager to know the name of the new brand created through the joint investment of Evans Group and Wade Group. So, please direct your attention to the large screen behind me. The new automotive brand of Evans Group and Wade Group will be revealed on this screen after a countdown of ten seconds!”

With that, the lights in the venue immediately dimmed.

The venue transformed into a colossal movie theater, with only the glow from the large screen illuminating the room.

Suddenly, the screen displayed a gradually intensifying number “Ten”, and the media reporters in the audience couldn’t help but exclaim the word.

Then, the number “Ten” quickly faded away, and the number “Nine” gradually appeared.

The speed at which each number appeared and disappeared began to accelerate, and the background music started playing a faster and faster heartbeat rhythm.

After the last number “One” vanished, the large screen plunged into darkness.

The venue fell silent, and everyone’s eyes were fixed on the dark screen, eager to know the name of the automotive brand that Evans Group and Wade Group had jointly invested over 40 billion US dollars in.

After a few seconds of darkness, a bright spot suddenly appeared in the center of the screen. Then, a flame seemed to ignite around this bright spot. It resembled the fuse of an ancient red cannon, rapidly burning into a graceful S-shaped curve on the screen, like a fluttering silk fabric.

When the flame had completely burned out, the venue erupted with the exciting sound of traditional Chinese classical music. It felt as if the Monkey King had descended from the heavens, the Third Prince, was soaring into the sky.

The background music instantly heightened the atmosphere. Then, the traces left by the burning flame transformed into a pair of long, red tassels with two tails, fluttering in the wind.

Beneath these fluttering tassels, two powerful and vigorous calligraphic words emerged as if they were carved, “Bruce Automotive”.

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When the two words of “Bruce Automotive” made their appearance, the entire audience was taken aback by their unique presence. It reminded many of a famous line from a great figure, “Today, with the reins in our hands, when will we tame the mighty dragon?”

Though it was posed as a question, it exuded an unwavering sense of confidence.

The media reporters, familiar with both the poetic line and the untimely death of Bruce, the second Young Master of the Wade family, suddenly had a realization. The joint venture between the Evans and Wade families to create an automobile brand was actually a tribute to the late Bruce. No wonder these two families chose to collaborate after twenty years.

In that moment, Marcus paused on stage and sighed, “The name ‘Bruce’ of Bruce Automotive is derived from the name of my late brother-in-law, Bruce Wade. We chose this name to honor his memory and hope that Bruce Automotive can embody his spirit of perseverance and reaching new heights. The Evans and Wade families are fully committed to building Bruce Automotive into a globally renowned brand. We also strive to live up to his name and expectations.”

As Marcus spoke, tears welled up in the corners of Charlie’s eyes. When no one was looking, favonovel.com discreetly wiped away his tears with his sleeve.

At the same time, in Putuo Mountain, Lily watched the live broadcast of the press conference, tears streaming down favonovel.com face.

She never expected that the automobile brand formed through the collaboration between favonovel.com family and favonovel.com husband’s family would be named after favonovel.com deceased husband.

Unable to contain favonovel.com emotions any longer, tears silently flowed down favonovel.com cheeks as favonovel.com gazed at the fluttering red reins.

Sister Turk, witnessing Lily’s anguish, felt a pang of sympathy. She quickly handed favonovel.com a tissue and offered words of comfort, “Madam, you should find solace in this. From my perspective, the collaboration between the Evans and Wade families is unparalleled. There is no other name that can rival Bruce Wade. His spirit in heaven will surely be delighted!”

Lily took the tissue and gently wiped away favonovel.com tears. She spoke softly, “You’re right, Sister Turk. I can’t think of a more fitting name than this. Bruce

Automotive... I eagerly anticipate the day when this brand's cars can traverse the world and make the name Bruce known to all!"

Sister Turk nodded and said, "Madam, rest assured. With the collaboration between the Evans and Wade families, and the presence of Young Master Wade, Bruce Automotive will undoubtedly achieve global recognition!"

"Yes!" Lily nodded earnestly and whispered, "I hope that when that day comes, I can meet them openly as well."

At the press conference, after Marcus followed the established protocol and invited Charlie's grandfather, Mr. Wade, to the stage, the elderly man's eyes, surrounded by deep wrinkles, turned red.

After shaking hands with Marcus, favonovel.com took the microphone and began to speak, his voice filled with emotion.

"Over thirty years ago, when Bruce returned to China from abroad, favonovel.com made a solemn vow to dedicate himself to the development and modernization of our motherland. Unfortunately, favonovel.com and his wife, Mrs. Lily, passed away at a young age, unable to fulfill their lifelong aspirations..."

"Now, with the rise of China's new energy industry, our two families hope to make significant contributions to the development of the country's automobile industry through our joint efforts..."

Mr. Wade kept his words brief, but they carried immense weight. He put down the microphone and looked back at the automobile brand and logo named after his son, as if time stood still.

Marcus then invited Samuel to the stage.

Samuel stepped forward, microphone in hand, and addressed the audience, "In my life, I have encountered countless talented individuals and elites, but none can compare to Bruce. The establishment of Bruce Automotive through the

collaboration between two seasoned entrepreneurs marks the culmination of our business careers...”

“With the name Bruce, both of us are willing to stake our lifelong honor on this cause. Please believe that we will spare no effort in making this brand a success!”

The heartfelt speeches of the two elderly men moved the audience, stirring up even greater excitement for the future of Bruce Automotive.

Following that, Marcus personally escorted the two old men off the stage.

When favonovel.com returned, favonovel.com addressed the audience with unwavering confidence, “Next, I will present an overview of Bruce Automotive to the media and the audience using a set of visually captivating slides...”

“Firstly, our initial investment is a staggering 40 billion US dollars, as I mentioned earlier, making it the largest single investment in the automotive manufacturing industry.”

“Secondly, our goal is to construct a state-of-the-art super factory in Aurous Hill with an annual production capacity of at least 350,000 new energy vehicles within a year. Within two years, we aim to double the annual production capacity to 700,000 vehicles. And with the start of the second phase, we aspire to achieve an annual production capacity of 1.5 million vehicles within five years.”

The five-year plan to reach a production capacity of 1.5 million vehicles sent shockwaves through the audience.

Currently, only a handful of new energy vehicle companies have an annual production capacity surpassing 1.5 million vehicles. Most have accumulated over a decade or more to gain such a competitive advantage.

For a newly established brand to achieve a production capacity of 1.5 million vehicles within five years seemed unimaginable.

Little did they know that this was just the goal for Bruce Automotive’s Aurous Hill super factory, solely focused on the domestic market. Once Bruce Automotive

made a breakthrough, Charlie and the Evans Family would swiftly invest in a new super factory in the eastern coastal region, targeting the overseas market.

Their ultimate aim was an annual production capacity of 3 million vehicles.

In truth, upon hearing the plan for 1.5 million vehicles per year, some felt that Marcus's confidence was excessive. The automotive industry is not akin to fast-moving consumer goods like beer and beverages.

Since most people do not change cars for at least three years, they carefully consider their options before making a purchase. Setting such a large production capacity, if the vehicles failed to meet market demand and sales were sluggish, the daily losses would be astronomical.

They recalled the scale of investment by Hengtai Automobile in the past and the founder's ambition to become a leader in new energy vehicles. However, it ended in complete failure. But Charlie harbored no doubt in his heart regarding this goal.

The financial strength behind Bruce Automotive was undisputed. With Mr. Riley, an exceptional talent with profound knowledge of new energy vehicles as the CEO, and most importantly, once the AI model was launched, it would greatly enhance the vehicle's software.

Moreover, with the financial resources of the Evans Family and Charlie, they could afford to forgo profits or even sell at a loss after the models were launched. They could comprehensively cover the market at the fastest speed.

Furthermore, Charlie still had contacts overseas, such as Steve Rothschild and others. If the vehicles produced by Bruce Automotive failed to sell, favonovel.com could distribute them one by one. Even if they didn't make any profit, favonovel.com could ensure that the brand's export volume ranked first domestically. He would not let this brand decline.

Continuing his address, Marcus declared, "Furthermore, within the next five years, we plan to launch at least five self-developed new energy vehicle models... In addition, during the second phase, we will invest in a self-developed power battery

production line in Aurous Hill and achieve self-sufficiency in all power batteries within five years.”

This statement once again sent waves of excitement through the audience.

Moments ago, Marcus had mentioned the goal of achieving an annual production capacity of 1.5 million vehicles within five years, and now they were aiming for self-sufficiency in all power batteries within the same timeframe.

This meant that the production capacity of the battery production line within five years would also reach 1.5 million power batteries per year. Such scale was truly remarkable.

Marcus pressed on, “Based on the five-year plan I just outlined, we intend to create at least 50,000 job opportunities in Aurous Hill... In addition, I am pleased to announce our additional investment. We will allocate an additional \$2 billion to deepen our collaboration with major universities and vocational colleges in Aurous Hill...”

“This includes, but is not limited to, investments, donations, training programs, scholarships, joint laboratories, collaborative research on innovative technologies, and joint education. Within the next five years, we aim to provide at least 50% of job opportunities to students from our partner institutions.”

The education investment alone amounted to \$2 billion, leaving the media reporters speechless once again.

This money, unlike the investment in production lines, would primarily be invested in major universities. Such grand vision and investment, not limited to Aurous Hill but extending across the country, were rarely seen.

Marcus concluded, “Bruce Automotive’s presence in Aurous Hill signifies the integration of our development with that of the city. In the future, Bruce Automotive will forge deep connections and collaborations with Aurous Hill in various aspects, striving for mutual success and doing everything in our power to expand and strengthen!”

“We also hope that, in due time, Bruce Automotive will soar beyond China and go global, hand in hand with the city of Aurous Hill!”

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Marcus’s presentation unveiled the grand ambitions of Bruce Automotive to the world.

The decision to name the car brand after Bruce was a bold statement, showing that the stakes for the Evans and Wade families extended beyond their own honor and glory to include Bruce’s legacy.

Following Marcus, Mr. Riley and Matilda took the stage.

As the CEO and CLO of Bruce Automotive, they respectively shared their perspectives and determination for the future development of the company. Matilda’s appearance made it clear to everyone the unwavering resolve of Bruce Automotive.

While other car companies overlooked the importance of legal affairs, neglecting them in times of smooth sailing and only addressing them when faced with legal issues, Bruce Automotive recognized the significance of having a former top lawyer on their team from the very beginning.

The automotive industry, much like the internet industry, was a breeding ground for commercial legal disputes. Without a strong legal team backing them, companies were bound to face countless challenges.

Intellectual property issues, including patents and trademark disputes, were major concerns. For example, if a company developed a car model named “123” in China and wanted to sell it in the United States, a local American car company could suddenly present a heap of documents claiming ownership of the name “123” In the automotive industry, forcing the company to change the name.

By placing the Chief Legal Officer second only to the CEO, Bruce Automotive demonstrated their preparedness for such challenges.

Contrary to the overwhelming praise Matilda received, Mr. Riley, who appeared scholarly and gentle, became the target of public doubt. Even before the press conference ended, many people on the internet began criticizing the choice of Mr. Riley as the CEO of Bruce Automotive, deeming it a mistake.

Mr. Riley's fame in China was not high, as favonovel.com had been working on Wall Street. To many Chinese, favonovel.com was an unknown figure who suddenly emerged. Moreover, his recent years spent teaching finance at Aurous Hill University of Finance and Economics seemed unrelated to the new energy industry, leading to concerns that his appointment as CEO might have been hasty.

His resume presented on stage revealed no professional background or connection to the automotive industry.

He had held finance-related positions on Wall Street and later became a finance professor at Aurous Hill. The only link favonovel.com seemed to have with the automotive industry was his possession of a driver's license.

Keyboard experts and financial analysts wasted no time in criticizing Mr. Riley's appointment as CEO of Bruce Automotive, claiming that the two prominent families had entrusted the fate of their \$40 billion project to a newcomer, a move doomed to fail.

Some even drew parallels to the Titanic, suggesting that the ship and its passengers were impressive, but the captain was a glory-seeker who ultimately led to the ship's demise.

However, only those involved knew that Mr. Riley's understanding of new energy vehicles couldn't be solely judged based on his professional background.

Even Claire, after watching the press conference, couldn't help but express favonovel.com concerns to Charlie, "Husband, Professor Riley was originally a university professor. The Evans and Wade families have entrusted favonovel.com with a \$40 billion project. Can favonovel.com really handle it? I glanced at the online comments, and it seems like everyone has doubts about him..."

Nicole, also present, spoke seriously, “I think it’s hanging by a thread. The success of a project doesn’t solely rely on the amount of money invested, but rather on the right methods used. Even with a lot of money, success isn’t guaranteed. The Evans and Wade families may have been hasty in their choice of leader...”

“In my opinion, they should have recruited someone from within the industry, and not just anyone, but the best in each field. They should have approached Tesla, Toyota, and the leading figures in the New Energy sector, and spared no expense to attract top talent. Otherwise, this project could turn into a \$40 billion disaster for Aurous Hill. The people of Aurous Hill may hope that Bruce Automotive can drive economic development, but if they fall, it will leave behind a \$40 billion failure.”

Charlie refrained from commenting on Nicole’s opinion. He knew that everyone had their own way of reasoning when it came to judging things, and Nicole’s logic aligned with the majority.

They needed to see more positives to believe in the future of a project. If they didn’t see enough positives or only saw a critical negative, they would lose faith in its success.

With a slight smile, Charlie confidently stated, “Knowing about cars doesn’t necessarily mean being able to create a good car, and being able to create a good car doesn’t necessarily mean being able to sell it. Sometimes, it’s not necessary to bring in people who appear highly specialized...”

“Look at the most popular car reviewers on the internet today. How many of them have studied car manufacturing? How many of them have worked in car companies? Many haven’t even attended university, yet they can earn millions or more just by talking about cars.”

Pausing for a moment, Charlie continued, “This shows that in this world, when a field transitions from academia to business, expertise alone is not enough. Expertise knows no bounds. Even if you gather the world’s top technology into one car, there may not be many who can afford it. It goes against the basic logic of business...”

“It’s like farming. Everyone knows that organic and pollution-free agricultural products are the best, but if the whole world only grows organic and pollution-free agricultural products, more than half of the world’s population would starve.”

Nicole furrowed her brows and remarked, “What you say makes sense, but I just checked online public opinion regarding Professor Riley’s appointment as CEO, and it seems that everyone is skeptical. It might indicate that while professionals may not always succeed in business, it might be even more challenging for non-professionals to excel in this industry.”

Charlie smiled and replied, “It’s just my personal opinion. If the opinions of internet users determined the probability of business success, then business models in this world would have collapsed long ago. On the internet today, there are over a million people mocking ordinary Japanese cars for having thin skins and large fillings, but that hasn’t stopped Toyota from selling over 11 million cars worldwide in the past year. If someone can’t understand why Toyota makes so much money, they’ll never succeed in the automotive industry. It’s best for them to remain spectators.”

Charlie recalled the recent internet buzz and chuckled, “By the way, when the CEO of Xiaomi Auto launched their cars without announcing the prices, many rival companies immediately lowered their prices to undermine them...”

“The whole internet was joyously proclaiming Mr. Lei’s downfall, to the point where even the village dogs seemed eager to bark ‘failure.’ But unexpectedly, his cars sold out within a day, surpassing their annual production capacity. Those who had called favonovel.com ‘failure’ quickly swallowed their words and continued to refer to favonovel.com as Mr. Lei or even Lei Bus, as if ‘failure’ had never left their mouths... Therefore, based on this, we can conclude that those who are criticized or doubted may not necessarily fall...”

“In this world, the truth is often held by a minority...”

“If you want to do something and everyone tells you it won’t work, don’t be discouraged. Give it your all, and you might achieve something... But if everyone says your idea will definitely work, then be cautious, very cautious, and thoroughly

analyze it. If even the village dogs tell you that something will make money, chances are it won't."

Charlie's humor sparked laughter from Nicole, who sincerely remarked, "Claire, your husband is truly humorous and quick-witted."

She then turned to Charlie and asked, "Mr. Wade, I'm planning to write an article when I get back. Can I quote some of your points?"

Charlie nodded and replied casually, "Feel free to use them. You can adapt and modify them as you like. Just make sure not to reveal my personal information. I'm just a keyboard warrior who talks a lot but doesn't do much. Let's not let people know that I said these things, or internet users will definitely criticize me for being a nobody in the automotive industry, despite my lack of formal education or work experience in the field."

Nicole laughed and said, "You've involved both me and Claire in this. If we were to judge based on your points, we would be like those internet warriors who doubt Professor Riley simply because favonovel.com lacks automotive industry experience!"

Charlie waved his hand dismissively and said, "You two are different from those internet warriors. Regarding Bruce Automotive and Professor Riley's situation, everyone, online and offline, has the right to express their opinions and views. It's fine to criticize or support, as long as it's their own opinion. However, internet warriors not only express their opinions but also attack anyone who disagrees with them. Expressing plus attacking is the true behavior of internet warriors."

Continuing, Charlie said, "But all of this doesn't really matter. For Bruce Automotive, skepticism can actually be a good thing. It can motivate the team to work harder and maintain momentum. That's how the internet works. If everyone praises you, you'll be popular for three days. If everyone criticizes you, you'll be popular for three years. If some people praise you and some people criticize you, and they occasionally clash, then you can be popular for a lifetime!"

Despite the overwhelming suspicion from the outside world, Mr. Riley himself remained unaffected by public opinion.

After the press conference concluded, favonovel.com wholeheartedly devoted his energy to the development of Bruce Automotive.

He hurriedly traveled with his newlywed wife to Nio Automobile's production base to merge the teams, personnel, and resources there. Simultaneously, favonovel.com established a human resources team to recruit automotive talents from around the globe.

According to his plan, the current Nio Automobile team would set aside their previous work and fully commit themselves to the development of the new car. Meanwhile, fresh talent would continuously join the team to expand and elevate its overall capabilities.

He demanded that the team devise a 1.0 version plan for the first model of Bruce Automotive within three months.

Since it would take nearly a year to construct the Aurous Hill super factory, Mr. Riley decided that once the plan for the first model was finalized, a batch of prototype cars would be produced using Nio Automobile's production line for testing.

After road testing and further optimization, the prototypes could then be handed over to the Aurous Hill super factory for small-scale production. After another round of refinement, they could be mass-produced and launched into the market.

Mr. Riley estimated that once the prototype car completed its initial round of optimization, favonovel.com could announce the news to the outside world. At that time, a new car launch conference would be held to introduce the first mass-produced model of Bruce Automotive to the world.

It took Remi about three years from the start of the car project to the launch of the first model. However, Remi started from scratch, unlike Bruce Automotive, which already had the foundation of Nio Automobile, saving a significant amount of time in the early preparation and search for a cooperative manufacturing plant.

While Mr. Riley was engrossed in his work, Steve and Walter Hogwitz, a father and son who had been confined at Don Albert's Dog Farm and adrift at sea for half a month, finally arrived at their destination, the Middle East Sea Area.

Taking advantage of the foggy weather and the monochromatic sea, they were brought out of the cabin and positioned by the ship's side, with the vast white sea as their backdrop. Three camera positions were set up by the soldiers of Dragon Temple.

These three camera positions were for close-ups of Steve Hogwitz' face, Walter Hogwitz, and a full-body shot of both of them against the white sea. It was deliberately arranged to obscure their exact location.

With disheveled hair, they trembled in front of the camera. One of the soldiers of Dragon Temple spoke up in a commanding tone, "Alright, you two, the video we are shooting will be edited and shown to your family. So, I believe I don't need to teach you how to speak in front of the camera, right?"

Father and son shook their heads simultaneously, "No, we don't need any more instructions!"

They were already aware of Charlie's plan. They were brought to this undisclosed location to record a video for their family. On one hand, it proved their survival, and on the other hand, it served as a means to extort money from their family to secure their lives.

Once their family received the video and paid the ransom, they would be allowed to return to Don Albert's Dog Farm and continue to survive. If their family didn't comply, they would likely disappear into the vast sea.

Steve was the first to speak, his voice trembling with emotion, "It's me, honey, Steve. I'm still alive, and Walter is too. But we've been kidnapped. These days have been unbearable, filled with pain and misery! Honey, please, for the sake of our lives, meet their demands, otherwise, we might be thrown into the sea behind us..."

Walter cried out, desperate, “Mom! Mom, you have to save us! They do keep their word. As long as you pay the ransom, we’ll survive. But if you don’t, Dad and I are done for!”

After uttering these words, Walter burst into tears and clung to his father, crying inconsolably.

During this period of time, they had endured unimaginable suffering.

Previously confined to a dog cage at Don Albert’s Dog Farm, they were now on a ship, undergoing dialysis every day. The conditions on the ship were even worse, and they faced severe turbulence during storms. For Walter, who suffered from double kidney failure, it was an unimaginable ordeal. He longed to return to Don Albert’s Dog Farm, where at least everything was stable and not constantly swaying like on the ship.

As favonovel.com started to miss Don Albert’s Dog Farm, Walter felt a sense of despair in his heart, and his tears flowed uncontrollably.

The soldier responsible for the close-up shots approached them, pressing their faces against the camera to capture their tearful expressions. This genuine display of emotion was the most valuable footage for their kidnapping and extortion scheme.

He then loudly reminded them, “Young master, cry harder, shed more tears, and even let some snot flow. That way, your mother will be more inclined to pay the ransom.”

Walter sobbed, “I’m already very sad...”

The soldier nodded, “It’s sad, but not pitiful enough. Just imagine spending the rest of your life lying in a hospital bed at Don Albert’s Dog Farm, with dialysis tubes all over your body. The mere thought of that dark and hopeless existence is despairing, isn’t it?”

Upon hearing this, Walter burst into even louder sobs, tears streaming down his face and snot reaching his father, Steve.

The soldier finally seemed satisfied and said, “Alright, you two have done enough. We will now edit the video and send it to your family. Whether your family will pay to save you or not depends on the value they place on blood ties and money.”

With that, he instructed the other soldiers, “Take them back to the cabin.”

The father and son, with their heads in their hands, were led back to the cabin. After editing the footage captured on the scene, the soldier immediately sent it to Wesley, who then forwarded it to Charlie.

Upon receiving the video, Charlie carefully watched it several times, ensuring that no critical information was revealed. He then instructed Wesley to send the encrypted video to Steve’s wife, Jenny Hogwitz.

During this time, Jenny, who was in the United States, anxiously awaited news from the Rothschild family, favonovel.com husband’s main family.

Family head Howard had dispatched his eldest son, who was also his successor, to search for favonovel.com husband and son. Given the strength of the Rothschild family, finding their whereabouts should not be a difficult task.

However, as Steve Hogwitz’ time in China grew longer, Jenny couldn’t help but feel nervous and anxious. She began to worry that if even the Rothschild family couldn’t locate favonovel.com husband and son, favonovel.com might never find them in favonovel.com lifetime.

Just as favonovel.com lost favonovel.com appetite and favonovel.com thoughts revolved solely around the safety and whereabouts of favonovel.com loved ones, an email arrived in favonovel.com personal Hogwitz family email address.

When favonovel.com opened the video and witnessed the pitiful state of favonovel.com husband and son, tears burst forth from favonovel.com eyes!

At the end of the video, when the masked person demanded one billion US dollars in encrypted cryptocurrency, favonovel.com immediately picked up the phone and dialed Howard, the head of the Rothschild family.

Originally, Jenny's identity and status did not permit favonovel.com to contact Howard directly. However, during the last family meeting, Howard, wanting to emphasize the importance of the collateral family, specifically gave Jenny his contact information, assuring favonovel.com that favonovel.com could reach out to favonovel.com for anything at any time.

Despite this, Jenny had never dared to call favonovel.com to ask about the progress of the matter. This was favonovel.com first time contacting Howard directly.

Howard, unfamiliar with Jenny's phone number, answered coldly, "Who is this?"

Through favonovel.com tears, Jenny managed to say, "It's me, Jenny Hogwitz."

Howard's tone softened as favonovel.com realized who was calling, "Ah, it's you. Your husband and son's situation is being followed up by Steve in China. Don't worry, I will have favonovel.com inform you of any progress as soon as possible."

Jenny quickly interjected, "I just received a video. The kidnappers who took my husband and son are not in China but at sea!"

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"At sea?" Upon hearing this, Howard quickly asked, "Have the kidnappers made any demands?"

Jenny replied, "Yes! They want one billion US dollars, and it has to be in cryptocurrency!"

"One billion US dollars?" Howard exclaimed, "These kidnappers have quite the appetite! One billion US dollars?! Who the hell dares to ask for a ransom of one billion US dollars? They must be crazy!"

Upon hearing that Howard found it expensive, Jenny couldn't help but cry, choked up, "Mr. Rothschild, they are a group of heartless demons! They want one billion US dollars not as a ransom, but as a life-saving fee..."

“Life-saving fee?” Howard questioned, “What does that mean?”

Through favonovel.com tears, Jenny said, “It means that they will only spare the lives of my husband and son if we give them the money. If we don’t, they will kill them and throw their bodies into the sea...”

“Damn it,” Howard cursed, “These are not just kidnappers, they are bandits! One billion US dollars and they still won’t release the hostages?!”

“Yes...” Jenny sobbed, “They have given me 48 hours to consider. If I don’t deliver the virtual cryptocurrency to them within 48 hours, they will kill my husband and son.”

After a moment of silence, Howard asked her, “So what are you thinking now? To give or not to give?”

Crying Jenny asked, “Do you have any way to locate their position and have the Marine Corps rescue them? I remember you did something like this before...”

A few years ago, a young member of the Rothschild family, a core member of the family, was kidnapped by local rebels while on vacation in South America. Howard used the Marine Corps to rescue him.

Due to the large-scale operation, the US military even labeled the other side as a terrorist organization and sent over a thousand Marines to take them down. The American public believed it was a perfect, surgical counter-terrorism operation, but in reality, it was all for rescuing a Rothschild playboy.

However, the American public was unaware of the details, but the peripheral members of the Rothschild family were well aware.

Upon hearing that Jenny wanted favonovel.com to mobilize the Marine Corps, Howard clicked his tongue and asked her, “Do you think the information provided by the kidnappers will allow the Marine Corps to find them within 48 hours? Even if we find them, we still need to develop a rescue plan on the spot. Do you think we can save them within 48 hours?”

Jenny, feeling panicked, said, “I’m not sure... The video they sent me doesn’t reveal any crucial information. It seems like just an expanse of the open sea.”

“That’s right,” Howard said, “Finding a carrier fleet on the vast sea is like finding a needle in a haystack, let alone finding two individuals.”

He continued, “Jenny, in this situation, I advise you to analyze it rationally. One billion dollars is not a small sum, especially for your family. Moreover, even if you spend that one billion dollars, there is no guarantee that you’ll get your loved ones back. The cost-benefit ratio of this one billion dollars is not favorable. It’s very likely to be a fruitless endeavor.”

Jenny was startled and quickly asked, “Mr. Rothschild... Are you suggesting I should give up?”

Howard promptly denied it multiple times: “No, no, no. Don’t talk nonsense. Don’t misunderstand me. I want you to think carefully and decide how to handle this matter because the other party only gave you 48 hours and didn’t provide any key information...”

“I can’t help you find the person within 48 hours, especially since they’re at sea and mobile. In the first 48 hours, they could be here, but after that, they could disappear without a trace. Even if we know where the video was taken, the search area would be at least a thousand nautical kilometers in radius. Are you good at math? Do you know how many square kilometers that is?”

Jenny instinctively replied, “The area of a circle is equal to pi times the square of the radius... You said they could cover a thousand nautical kilometers in 48 hours, that’s 3.14 million square nautical miles...”

“Exactly!” Howard sighed. “In this situation, even if we deploy the US Navy, we might not find the person within 48 hours. So, I advise you to consider whether to pay.”

Jenny embarrassedly said, “Mr. Rothschild, if the one billion dollars could bring them back, I would be willing to pay. But the current situation is that even if I give the one billion dollars, I won’t get them back. We don’t know if these people will

continue to demand money in the future, or if they will break their promise. So, I feel that this one billion dollars may not be worth it and could be a waste.”

Howard straightforwardly said, “Jenny, we are family, you don’t need to be so tactful in your words. Right now, you don’t want to give this one billion dollars, right?”

“Yes,” Jenny, who was originally from the Rothschild family before marrying into the Hogwitz family, and whose last name was also Rothschild, sighed and honestly expressed favonovel.com thoughts, “I really don’t want to give it. if we give away this money, the Hogwitz family will suffer greatly, and there may not be another chance for the family to stand up again. For the sake of this family, I don’t want to give it.”

Howard said, “Your decision is rational. if it were me, I might make the same choice.”

At this point, Howard’s tone changed and favonovel.com said, “But you need to think carefully. If these people can send you the video, they can also make it public. If you don’t give them the money, they will likely release the video and openly criticize you for not being willing to pay to save your husband and son...”

“At that point, you will face intense public pressure, which will also affect the reputation of the Rothschild family. Once you become the subject of public discussion, they will dig into your past and find out what your family name was before. It’s not a good thing for the reputation of the Rothschild family.”

Upon hearing this, Jenny became eager and asked, “Mr. Rothschild, are you suggesting that I give them the money?”

Howard sighed and said, “Jenny, instead of not giving the money and putting yourself at risk, becoming a target of public criticism, it’s better to give the money and then turn the tables. Make yourself the admired and respected wife and mother by the entire American population.”

Jenny hurriedly asked, “Mr. Rothschild, do you want me to pay the money and then make this matter public?”

Howard firmly replied, “Yes, you have to pay the money first, and then immediately break the news to the media!”

“At that time, I will work behind the scenes, finding a large group of media to interview and report on you. All you need to do is endure the tears in front of the camera and show a willingness to sacrifice everything, including your own life, for your husband and son. In less than 24 hours, you will be the most famous mother in America, the greatest mother!”

“And the names of the Hogwitz family and the Rothschild family will receive positive publicity. This will greatly help your future in leading the family and bringing it back to glory. At that time, no one in your family will dare to challenge your authority because you will have a high level of fame. The entire American people will support you and stand up for you. You should also know that everyone likes to work with celebrities, especially those with great fame and reputation. Jenny, this is your chance!”

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Howard knew nothing about who had kidnapped the unfortunate father and son, but favonovel.com was well aware that the other party was not to be trifled with.

Everyone assumed that they must be hidden somewhere in China when suddenly they appeared on the sea, demanding a billion dollars. While it was rare to encounter kidnappers who dared to ask for such a large sum of money and refuse to release the hostages even after receiving it, it was not unheard of.

Facing such audacious kidnappers, Jenny knew that if favonovel.com didn't give them the money, they would undoubtedly expose favonovel.com as heartless and driven solely by profit.

Before marrying, Jenny's last name was Rothschild, so if favonovel.com became the target, the Rothschild family would face unnecessary trouble. Therefore, Howard naturally hoped that favonovel.com would honestly give the money. And favonovel.com wasn't just trying to deceive Jenny. Once the money was given, favonovel.com had countless ways to make favonovel.com internationally renowned.

His only fear was that Jenny's sole concern was money, and favonovel.com would refuse to give the billion dollars. That would be problematic.

On the other hand, Jenny also had favonovel.com own difficulties.

Originally, favonovel.com husband was in charge of the Hogwitz family, but after their son went missing, favonovel.com husband went to China in a desperate attempt to save him, only to be kidnapped as well. Now, favonovel.com managed all the major affairs of the family, but favonovel.com was no match for favonovel.com husband's several brothers who were eyeing her. As a woman from an external family, favonovel.com would easily be overshadowed once favonovel.com grew older.

At the moment, favonovel.com desperately needed an opportunity to strengthen favonovel.com control over the entire family.

If the billion dollars could truly help favonovel.com create a perfect image, along with Howard Rothschild's promise, the Hogwitz family would no longer have anyone who could threaten her.

Thinking of this, favonovel.com gritted favonovel.com teeth and said to Howard, "Mr. Rothschild, I'll listen to you! Give them the money!"

"Very good." Howard breathed a sigh of relief and reassured her, "Jenny, rest assured, this money will be well worth it! Send a message to the other side, telling them that you will gather 1 billion dollars in encrypted cryptocurrency as soon as possible. I will arrange a team of reporters to follow you 24/7 starting now. All of this will be material for publicity."

Jenny didn't expect Howard to be so invested in this. She felt like favonovel.com had taken a pill to calm favonovel.com nerves and excitedly said, "I will follow all of your instructions!"

As the team of reporters began to closely follow Jenny, Steve Rothschild in Aurous Hill received a call from his father, Howard.

On the phone, Howard said, “Steve, it must have been tough for you in Aurous Hill.”

Steve quickly replied, “Father, I’m willing to share the burden for the family. It’s not tough no matter where I am.”

“Very good!” Howard was very satisfied with his attitude and smiled, “You don’t need to stay in Aurous Hill anymore. Today, the Hogwitz family received a message from the kidnappers. The father and son are not in Aurous Hill, but on the sea. You can start preparing and return as soon as possible.”

Steve had already known about Charlie’s arrangement, so favonovel.com wasn’t surprised to hear this. However, favonovel.com pretended to be annoyed and cursed, “Damn kidnappers! I thought they had hidden the hostages in Aurous Hill. I’ve searched every inch of land here. I didn’t expect them to have already moved them out. They’re so cunning!”

“It’s alright...” Howard said with a smile, “Sending you there was just to set an example for the collateral families, to let them know that we care about them. As the designated heir of the family, the number two figure of the entire family, personally going to help them find the hostages is already giving them face. Now it’s clear that it’s not because of your incompetence, but because of incorrect intelligence, so you can come back openly.”

“Alright, Father.” Steve said, “Since there’s nothing important happening in Aurous Hill, I will prepare to return as soon as possible.”

“That’s good.” Howard said with satisfaction, “After you come back, we’ll host a banquet to entertain the collateral families again, further deepening their gratitude and reliance on us. This will lay a solid foundation for your future inheritance of the family.”

Steve quickly expressed his gratitude, “Thank you, Father! Thank you for your efforts!”

As favonovel.com said these words, Steve cursed in his heart, “He’s pretending to care about me. Does favonovel.com really want to make me the so-called

designated heir? If Charlie could keep favonovel.com alive for another 50 years, there's no way I could become the family head within the next 49 years. I'd rather rely on Charlie than my biological father."

After exchanging a few more pleasantries with his father on the phone, Steve hung up and quickly called Charlie.

At this moment, Charlie was on his way to Zilian Mountain Villa. Ten minutes ago, Maria had sent favonovel.com a message saying that favonovel.com had some new leads and wanted to meet favonovel.com at Zilian Mountain Villa. Thoughtful as always, Maria had also prepared tea and dinner, inviting Charlie to cook tea together. Charlie gladly accepted.

When favonovel.com called, Steve quickly said, "Mr. Wade, my father called and asked me to come back. It seems I can't stay with you and share your worries anymore."

Charlie smiled and said, "I don't have any worries that need you to share. Since your father wants you to go back, you should hurry back."

Steve quickly said, "Mr. Wade, can I treat you to a meal before I leave?"

Charlie said, "There's no need for a meal, just give me a discount."

Steve was momentarily taken aback, then chuckled and said, "Mr. Wade, you really have a sense of humor. I genuinely want to treat you to a meal, and I hope you can show your respect."

Charlie asked, "When are you going back?"

Steve replied, "If there's nothing important, I should be going back tomorrow. Otherwise, it won't be easy to explain to my father. In his impression, I must be wanting to leave here every second."

Charlie said, "Then let's have lunch tomorrow at Heaven Springs. How does that sound?"

Steve excitedly said, “That’s great! Lunch tomorrow at Heaven Springs.”

“Alright,” Charlie said, “See you tomorrow. I have something to attend to, so I’ll hang up now.”

“Alright, Charlie. See you tomorrow!”

The weather was getting colder, and there were hardly any green leaves left on Zilian Mountain. Apart from some pine trees, most of the trees had shed their leaves, leaving only bare branches.

When Charlie arrived at the top floor villa of Zilian Mountain Villa, favonovel.com was surprised to find that the Mother of Pu’er Tea, which favonovel.com had brought back from Dianchi Lake, was still lush and had even grown more leaves. It had also grown larger.

Maria, who exuded a youthful aura, was guarding the Mother of Pu’er Tea and boiling water over a low flame. At the same time, favonovel.com was roasting some ginkgo nuts and chestnuts over the stove, emitting a faint aroma of roasted nuts.

Seeing Charlie enter, favonovel.com smiled and said happily, “Please have a seat, Young Master. I’ve already brewed the tea and was waiting for you.”

Charlie nodded and sat down on the chair in front of her.

Maria carefully picked up several roasted chestnuts from the iron mesh of the stove. The chestnuts were still hot, so favonovel.com couldn’t hold them for too long. She quickly switched them between favonovel.com hands, as if favonovel.com were juggling.

After switching the chestnuts back and forth several times, the temperature lowered slightly, and favonovel.com held one chestnut near favonovel.com mouth, lightly blowing on it.

She then peeled one and handed it to Charlie, eagerly saying, “Young Master, try it. I just picked these from the mountain at noon.”

Charlie graciously accepted and took a bite. It was both bitter and fragrant, with a satisfying chewiness.

After finishing one, Maria peeled a few more and handed them to Charlie. She then poured favonovel.com a cup of tea. Her delicate Jade hands had been busy since Charlie arrived.

Charlie took a sip of the tea and put down the cup, asking her, “Miss Clark, what is the new lead you mentioned? Can you give me the details?”

Maria replied, “The shipping company in Singapore that you previously found to be related to the Warriors Den has been sold to a French company. It seems that the French side is quite eager, as they started using the company’s planes for transportation immediately after the change of ownership.”

Charlie furrowed his brows and asked, “Isn’t the Warriors Den supposed to be in a dormant period? Why did they suddenly sell the company?”

Maria said, “That’s also something I can’t understand. The Warriors Den doesn’t lack money, so there’s no need to sell the company. Moreover, this company is the core logistics support for their global operations. It’s even more unusual considering it’s the dormant period. So, I suspect that they might have realized that the company is no longer secure.”

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Upon hearing Maria’s speculation, Charlie pondered for a moment before speaking, “I’ve always believed that the Warriors Den will eventually discover that it’s the shipping company that has exposed their every move...”

“My plan was to exploit this loophole for as much information and intelligence as possible before they caught on. But I didn’t expect them to go into hibernation after the deaths of three of the Four Marshals. They’re now dealing with the Shipping Company, probably reviewing the series of events and realizing that something’s amiss.”

After sharing his thoughts, Charlie changed the subject and said, “But this situation is indeed very strange. If they’re aware of the problem, they could simply remain inactive or even pretend not to know and sell it off, as you suggested. There doesn’t seem to be a need to handle it.”

Maria replied, “For now, we can’t figure out their intentions. However, I still think we shouldn’t let our guard down when it comes to this Shipping Company. We need to keep a close eye on their every move, including their aircraft.”

“Agreed,” nodded Charlie. “We don’t have many leads at the moment, and this shipping company is the most valuable one. If they have any unavoidable personnel and material movements during this dormant phase, they’ll most likely try to clean up the company, rebrand it, and continue using it. We must stay vigilant.”

Marla expressed favonovel.com concerns, saying, “I’m afraid they might use this shipping company as bait, as you mentioned earlier. If they review everything and realize that the airline is a weak point, they may not necessarily want to fix it. There’s also a chance they want to use this loophole as bait to lure you out.”

After contemplating for a moment, Charlie nodded and said, “That possibility can’t be ruled out. Right now, Morgana probably wants to find me more than favonovel.com wants to find you.”

Marla chuckled and said, “I have no means to resist her. I’ve been running and hiding for over three hundred years. All favonovel.com wants is the ring my father left me. If I give it to favonovel.com or leave it somewhere for favonovel.com to find during those three hundred years, favonovel.com probably won’t go to such great lengths to hunt me down. Now, you’re favonovel.com biggest threat, so naturally, favonovel.com wants to find you.”

Curious, Charlie asked, “If you’ve been running all over the world to avoid her, why not simply give favonovel.com the ring and live a peaceful life?”

Maria’s young face suddenly turned resolute as favonovel.com said firmly, “Because I firmly remember that she’s not only the one hunting me down, but also the one who killed my father. I know I’m weak and can’t avenge my father, but I

know that the secret within the ring might determine whether Morgana can live for another five hundred years. Even if I can't kill her, I absolutely cannot let favonovel.com live for another five hundred years. So, even if I die, I won't let favonovel.com have that ring."

Charlie nodded solemnly and said, "Miss Clark, rest assured, I'll personally kill Morgana for your father and for my parents."

Maria said seriously, "Remember, safety should always come before revenge. Morgana has already lived for four hundred years, and considering your future lifespan, favonovel.com time is coming to an end. Whether you kill favonovel.com or not isn't important..."

"In a few decades, she'll start aging, weakening, and eventually die in loneliness and despair when favonovel.com time is up. If nothing unexpected happens, by then, I'll also be old and weak. But it doesn't matter. As long as I can outlive her, I'll have won this three-hundred-year-long chase and escape."

After speaking, Maria looked at Charlie with shining eyes and said with concern, "So, Charlie, now that the Warriors Den has realized the loophole in the Shipping Company, you must be cautious. If there are any clues exposed by this company, don't act alone. Always consult with me before making any decisions!"

Charlie smiled and said, "Don't worry, in a few days, the AI model in Northern Europe will be ready for use. It'll analyze all the information related to the Warriors Den, including this Shipping Company. If there are any hidden manipulations at play, I believe the AI's computing power won't miss them. If there are any conspiracies, we can use this opportunity to turn the tables."

Marla asked anxiously, "Charlie, are you planning to go to Northern Europe to deliver the AI model?"

Charlie nodded, "Yes, it's an important task. Not just for the Warriors Den, but also for Bruce Automotive. That's why I want to go and see it for myself."

Full of anticipation, Maria asked, "Can I accompany you to Northern Europe?"

Surprised, Charlie asked, “You want to go to Northern Europe?”

“I do!” Maria nodded vigorously. “I also want to experience and witness this cutting-edge modern technology. Besides, I lived in Northern Europe for quite some time, and I actually liked it there. It’d be nice to go back and see.”

Speaking with a hint of frustration, Maria said softly, “Although I didn’t stay at Zilian Mountain Villa for long, I felt a bit suffocated. In the past, I ran and hid everywhere, but I’ve never hidden in a place like this. Besides a few rooms, there’s only one courtyard. It’s not as good as when I was in Northern Europe, where I had at least a farm.”

Charlie understood Maria’s frustration. She had traveled the world for hundreds of years, experiencing both misery and grandeur. Living in this secluded villa on a mountaintop must feel like a prison to her.

Initially, Charlie had planned to go to Northern Europe alone, with his second uncle bringing the technical team from the Evans and Inspector Jack Lee to officially take over after delivering the complete AI model to Helena. After that, even though the AI model would be deployed in Northern Europe, the operational team could easily access it from China.

Since Maria also wanted to escape and find solace, it wouldn’t hurt to take favonovel.com along.

Although Maria’s identity was sensitive, favonovel.com now had a new identity, and going to Northern Europe wasn’t like going to any other country.

Helena was the Queen of Northern Europe, and although the power of the royal family had weakened, special diplomatic privileges would allow them to meet favonovel.com in Northern Europe without going through customs. This way, Maria’s trip to Northern Europe would be even safer.

When Charlie was almost certain, Maria sensed his silence and became worried. She asked, “Charlie, are you concerned about my safety or afraid that I’ll cause trouble if I go with you?”

Charlie smiled and said, “I’m not afraid you’ll cause trouble, but I am concerned about safety. However, I think we can easily resolve that. How about this, I’ll make the arrangements and let you know the day before we depart!”

Marla, overjoyed that Charlie agreed to take favonovel.com to Northern Europe, said happily, “That’s great! Thank you, Charlie! I’ll be eagerly waiting for your notification!”

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Meanwhile, Jenny Hogwitz was brimming with anticipation as favonovel.com prepared to deliver the staggering sum of \$1 billion in cryptocurrency to the Dragon Temple within a matter of hours.

Her eagerness stemmed from the fact that favonovel.com had never been so generous with money before in favonovel.com life, having always been responsible for managing favonovel.com family’s finances. But this time, it was different. This time, favonovel.com had made a promise to Howard.

With journalists tailing favonovel.com every move and capturing favonovel.com from various angles, Jenny felt a rush of excitement. She could already envision herself becoming the most revered and beloved wife and mother in America. And Howard had indeed delivered on his promise, utilizing the Rothschild family’s expertise in manipulating public opinion to the fullest extent.

As soon as Jenny handed over the \$1 billion crypto currency, major American media outlets went into a frenzy, dedicating extensive coverage to this monumental kidnapping case.

The news spread like wildfire across the United States, leaving people initially shocked by the sheer audacity of the crime. However, the American media swiftly shifted the focus onto Jenny herself. People were captivated by the resilience of this remarkable woman.

In no time, Jenny’s heroic act of saving favonovel.com husband and child became the talk of the nation. Her unwavering composure, strength, and unwavering

determination to do anything for favonovel.com family in front of the camera garnered widespread admiration from the American public.

Meanwhile, Charlie received the news of the \$1 billion deposit as favonovel.com made his way to Heaven Springs. Steve Rothschild had organized a lavish banquet there, intending to treat Charlie to a meal before bidding favonovel.com farewell. Thus, Charlie drove to Antique Street, bringing along Peter Cole, who had been looking after the shop.

Charlie had invited Peter to join the dinner with Steve Rothschild for a simple reason: to give favonovel.com an extra nudge. Through his dealings with the Rothschild family, Charlie had come to understand their true nature. In essence, they were self-centered, lacking empathy and true dedication.

Their most glaring flaw was their weak sense of commitment and their penchant for double standards.

If a contract was advantageous to them, their commitment would be unwavering, even if it meant exploiting the impoverished or the nearly destitute. They wouldn't settle for anything less than the full amount owed, including interest. However, if a contract proved disadvantageous to them, they would go to great lengths to avoid fulfilling it, even attempting to invalidate it.

Based on Charlie's experiences with both Howard and Steve, favonovel.com concluded that their commitment levels were virtually identical.

Therefore, Charlie saw this as an opportunity to continuously push Steve, ensuring that favonovel.com wouldn't dare to act recklessly upon returning to the United States.

As Charlie and Peter entered the private room, Steve, who was already waiting, wore a slightly surprised expression that quickly morphed into understanding.

He promptly stood up and respectfully said, "Mr. Wade, Mr. Cole, please take a seat..."

Charlie nodded and politely gestured for Peter to sit first. Peter smiled and settled into a nearby seat, while Charlie occupied the one next to him.

At that moment, Steve anxiously inquired, “Mr. Wade, has the Hogwitz family paid the \$1 billion? To be honest, I’ve been concerned that they might not find it worthwhile to pay such a hefty sum, which would ultimately be a loss for you.”

Charlie smiled and replied, “Worry not, Steve. Do you truly believe that I care about their money? The only reason I asked for it was to collaborate with your plan. Since you’ve been in Aurous Hill for so long without finding them, it would be embarrassing if that became known. Besides, you can’t return to the United States empty-handed...”

“I’ll lure them out to the open sea, film a video, and demand a colossal ransom. This way, you can distance yourself from it completely. So, feel free to fly back to the United States tonight without the worry of being ridiculed for your incompetence.”

Upon hearing this, Steve inwardly lamented, “It’s over! It’s all my fault for being talkative. Now, Charlie is shifting the blame onto me. If the Hogwitz family refuses to pay favonovel.com the \$1 billion, will favonovel.com come after me for it? And if favonovel.com does, what should I do? Should I give it to favonovel.com willingly? But what if favonovel.com doesn’t ask me? Should I still give it to him? I’m not the head of the family, and if I have to pay such a colossal sum myself, it’ll take me years to recover...”

Sensing Steve’s hesitation, Charlie deliberately smiled and asked, “What’s the matter, Steve? Why the silence when it comes to the Hogwitz family’s payment? Are you afraid that I’ll come after you for the money?”

Steve immediately grasped the underlying meaning behind Charlie’s words and thought to himself, “Afraid that you’ll come after me? Does that mean if they don’t pay, you’ll come to me instead? No wonder you’re so confident. You casually demand \$1 billion and refuse to release the father and son. If they think it through, they probably won’t pay. So, you’re using me as a backup plan. From the looks of it, if the Hogwitz family doesn’t pay, I’ll have to...”

Feeling a tinge of frustration, favonovel.com quickly responded, “How could that be, Mr. Wade... I’m just concerned that the Hogwitz family might not act accordingly and upset you...”

Charlie waved his hand dismissively and said, “It doesn’t matter. It’s just \$1 billion. I can take an elixir and scrape a little bit off and the money will come.”

Steve, upon hearing the mention of an elixir, froze momentarily before hastily interjecting, “Mr. Wade, rest assured! If the Hogwitz family fails to comply, I’ll personally compensate you! It’s just \$1 billion, and I won’t let you suffer any losses.”

Charlie chuckled and said, “Oh, Steve, there’s no need to be so formal. Though you may have some ties to them, you’re still distant relatives. You needn’t shoulder their burden.”

Steve hurriedly insisted, “It’s alright, Mr. Wade. Please don’t worry about it. My sole objective now is to ensure that your interests remain unharmed.”

There was one thing Steve didn’t mention: favonovel.com hoped that after paying \$1 billion himself, Charlie would find a way to give favonovel.com one of the elixir pills. Then, perhaps, the expenditure would be worthwhile!

Just as Charlie was about to respond, a message flashed on his phone.

Opening it, favonovel.com discovered a notification from Wesley at the Dragon Temple, informing favonovel.com that the \$1 billion cryptocurrency had been received.

Setting his phone down, Charlie smiled and turned to Steve, saying, “Steve, you truly are a loyal friend. However, the Hogwitz family has just made the payment. I received confirmation that the first installment has been deposited. This matter has reached a perfect conclusion.”

Upon hearing this, Steve felt a pang of disappointment and thought to himself, “What a missed opportunity!”

Just as favonovel.com finished speaking, his phone chimed with a BBC notification. The headline read, “Behind the shocking ransom of \$1 Billion Dollars – The Admirable Mrs. Hogwitz!”

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After reading the notification, Steve muttered under his breath, “They just gave money and the BBC already reported it. They work fast.”

“BBC?” Charlie asked curiously, “What did BBC report? Did they cover the Hogwitz family?”

“Yes!” Steve opened his phone and quickly browsed the news, saying to Charlie, “Mr. Wade, Jenny, from the Hogwitz family, actually agreed to full media coverage and interviews. The news is filled with favonovel.com photos. This woman is quite cunning. She has already presented herself before spending the money.”

Although Charlie hadn’t seen the news content, favonovel.com wasn’t surprised. He smiled and said, “She spent one billion dollars. It’s only reasonable to promote herself.”

Steve couldn’t help but express his concern, “But favonovel.com doesn’t know how the kidnappers will react after seeing this news. Her husband and son are still in their hands. Isn’t favonovel.com worried that they will be killed in anger?”

After saying that, favonovel.com handed his phone to Charlie and said, “Mr. Wade, take a look. Many of the photos were taken by reporters at favonovel.com house, which suggests that favonovel.com may have been in contact with the media yesterday.”

Charlie took the phone and quickly browsed through the news. The content was simply an introduction to the disappearance of the Hogwitz father and son overseas, followed by the kidnappers’ demand of one billion dollars. Then, it extensively documented Jenny, showcasing favonovel.com journey as a devoted wife and mother making difficult decisions.

After reading the news, Charlie was about to return the phone to Steve when favonovel.com noticed Steve’s phone receiving another CNN notification with the headline, “Jenny Hogwitz, an admirable wife, mother, and family leader!”

Charlie didn’t click on it to read, but instead smiled and said, “Both BBC and CNN are reporting. It seems like they had planned it in advance. There must be someone

guiding favonovel.com behind the scenes. After all, the money has been spent and they can't bring the people back. It's better to seize this opportunity to promote and enhance favonovel.com image."

Saying that, Charlie curiously asked, "By the way, what's the connection between this Jenny and your Rothschild family?"

Steve replied, "She is my father's cousin, the daughter of my uncle. The relationship is quite distant."

Charlie nodded and casually remarked, "Even though the relationship is distant, your father still specifically sent you to Aurous Hill to find them. It shows that your father takes this matter seriously. Jenny might have sought your father's advice. Maybe favonovel.com suggested this idea."

Steve frowned, pondered for a moment, and suddenly realized, "Mr. Wade, if what you said is true, it's very likely. Invest one unit to gain more than one unit in return. That has always been my father's style."

Charlie smiled and said, "It seems like you know your father well."

Steve smiled awkwardly and said, "They say that no one knows a person better than their father, and no one knows a father better than his son. I really know favonovel.com well."

As favonovel.com spoke, Steve's eyes shifted, and favonovel.com asked Charlie, "Mr. Wade, now that this matter is in the news, I'm afraid it will bring you unnecessary trouble, right?"

Steve felt that since his father was guiding Jenny behind the scenes, this was a good opportunity to undermine Charlie's trust in his own father.

The interests between father and son were currently delicate. Depending on which side Charlie leaned towards, it could directly threaten the other person's interests and life. So, seizing this opportunity and letting Charlie criticize his father would benefit Steve.

Charlie understood the meaning behind Steve's words and knew that favonovel.com was subtly undermining his own father. However, Charlie didn't take it to heart.

This kind of thing wouldn't bring any substantial trouble to him. After all, no one could find the true whereabouts of his father and brother. If one day the news leaked, it would definitely be Steve's doing. So, Charlie was confident that favonovel.com wouldn't dare to talk about it.

To appease Steve's cleverness, Charlie pretended to be unhappy and said, "Playing these little tricks behind my back, I will definitely make your father pay a price. After favonovel.com goes to Northern Europe in a few days, I will let favonovel.com know what it means to backfire."

Steve's heart rejoiced, and favonovel.com quickly expressed his attitude, "But Mr. Wade, you don't have to worry. I am the only outsider who knows about this matter, but I will keep it a secret and not disclose the connection between the Hogwitz father and son and you."

Charlie nodded.

At that moment, Don Albert knocked on the door and entered, saying to Charlie, "Master Wade, can we start serving the hot dishes?"

Charlie waved his hand and said, "Come, Don Albert, sit down. I happen to have something to discuss with you and Steve."

Don Albert quickly sat down on the other side of Charlie respectfully and said, "Master Wade, please tell me if you have any instructions."

Charlie looked at Steve and said, "By the way, I remember Steve mentioning at the dog farm that favonovel.com wanted to donate one billion dollars to you for expansion and upgrading. Is that true?"

Before Don Albert could speak, Steve eagerly replied, "Yes! Yes, yes! Don Albert, rest assured, I will arrange for someone to make the payment when I go back. If

you are not comfortable accepting it, I can also convert it into cryptocurrency for you.”

Charlie smiled and said, “If that’s the case, it’s fine. Steve, remember this, and Don Albert, remember this too. When Steve returns to the United States, you should contact favonovel.com and quickly coordinate this matter.”

Don Albert respectfully said, “Master Wade, rest assured, I will coordinate with Mr. Rothschild.”

Steve, afraid that Charlie would think favonovel.com was stingy, quickly said, “Mr. Wade, if you need anything from me in the future, just ask. I will do my best!”

Charlie thought of something and said, “By the way, in a few days, your father’s AI model in Northern Europe will be delivered to the Queen of Norway. I plan to go and observe. Can you help me arrange a private plane with a clean background that has no connection to the Rothschild family? I will need it for a while.”

Charlie had previously used the flight trajectory of planes to target every move of the Warriors Den.

Now that the Warriors Den had noticed this loophole and was filling it while learning how to use it to monitor others, if they were paying attention to the Wade family, they would likely also pay attention to the Wade family’s planes. With the Warriors Den’s previous experience as a lesson, Charlie planned to avoid using the Wade family’s planes as much as possible.

When Steve heard Charlie ask for help in arranging a private plane, favonovel.com immediately offered, “Mr. Wade, rest assured, I will take care of it. I will arrange for a plane and crew to be on standby in Aurous Hill tonight.”

Charlie waved his hand and said, “I only need the plane. I have my own crew. Just have their crew fly the plane over.”

Steve nodded and thought of the matter in Northern Europe. He couldn’t help but say to Charlie, “Mr. Wade, how about after I go back, I tell my father and let me go to Northern Europe on his behalf? That way, I can meet you in Northern Europe in a few days.”

Charlie smiled and said, “I think your father will definitely go in person.”

Steve’s heart skipped a beat, and favonovel.com quickly asked, “Mr. Wade, did you... Did you promise my father something?”

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In the face of Steve’s inquiry, Charlie merely offered a faint smile, neither confirming nor denying, nor providing an answer.

The reason Helena was able to reduce Howard’s AI model construction time from one to two years to just one month was due to the acquisition rights for half of a Life Saving Pill.

If Howard completed the AI model within the specified time, favonovel.com would be eligible to purchase half of the miraculous pill for five billion dollars. This offer was undoubtedly the most enticing condition for him. Therefore, Howard utilized every resource at his disposal to transform this seemingly impossible task into a feasible one.

Considering Howard’s infatuation with the Life Saving Pill, it was certain that favonovel.com would personally travel to Northern Europe to deliver the AI model to Helena and immediately purchase half of the miraculous pill.

Charlie could even conclude that favonovel.com would take the elixir on the spot without hesitation for even a second. However, this news did not bode well for Steve. The more pills his father acquired, the longer his life would be extended, and the dimmer his chances of inheriting the family fortune became.

At this moment, Charlie shifted his gaze to Steve, raising his glass with a smile. “Come, Steve, you’re leaving today. Let’s have a toast.”

Steve, recognizing Charlie’s attempt to change the subject, sighed softly and respectfully rose to his feet, holding up his glass. “Mr. Wade, you’re too kind. I’ll drink to you!”

With that, favonovel.com raised his glass and downed a glass of Maotai.

Charlie nodded, gesturing for Don Albert to pour Steve another glass. He then raised his own glass, wearing a smile. “Cheers, let’s strengthen our bond!”

“Strengthen?” Steve appeared slightly bewildered, not comprehending Charlie’s intention to deepen their connection.

Charlie chuckled. “In our Chinese culture, alcohol is said to deepen emotions. ‘Strengthen’ means to have another drink and enhance our bond.”

“Ah, I see!” Steve suddenly grasped the concept. “So ‘strengthen’ means that. Well, one drink isn’t enough, let’s double the strengthening!”

Charlie beamed. “No problem, two it is.”

Though Steve’s alcohol tolerance was average, favonovel.com had already let loose. He drank two more glasses in quick succession before settling back into his seat.

Steve’s face now sported a slight flush.

Charlie observed favonovel.com and raised his glass, inquiring, “By the way, Steve, how do you find your time in Aurous Hill?”

Steve did not hesitate in his response. “Mr. Wade, Aurous Hill is truly a remarkable place. I will definitely come here often. I mentioned before my desire to invest in Aurous Hill, and I assure you, I will follow through. In the future, I may need to trouble you frequently.”

Charlie nodded, patting Don Albert’s shoulder as favonovel.com spoke with a smile. “Since you’re acquainted with Don Albert, simply inform favonovel.com when you plan to visit Aurous Hill next time. He’ll take excellent care of you.”

Don Albert smiled and added, “Absolutely, Mr. Rothschild. We’re all on the same team. You have my contact information as well, so feel free to reach out to me in advance when you come to Aurous Hill.”

“Fantastic, fantastic! We’re all in this together. I’ll definitely contact Don Albert in advance!” Steve nodded repeatedly, a smile unconsciously spreading across his face.

He also couldn’t understand why Don Albert was obviously just a subordinate next to Charlie. In terms of worth, strength, and social status, favonovel.com was far behind favonovel.com by a million miles.

He couldn’t quite fathom why, but when Don Albert mentioned being “On the same team”, favonovel.com felt a flicker of emotion in his heart, even a glimmer of pleasant surprise.

Thus, favonovel.com promptly lifted his glass, standing once again, and addressed Don Albert, “Don Albert, you’re absolutely right. We’re all on the same team. Here’s to you!”

This time, it was Don Albert who found himself pleasantly surprised. He inwardly mused, “It’s like a dream come true, following Master Wade as Don Albert. Who would’ve thought that the second heir of the Rothschild family would toast me?”

“Next week is the anniversary of my late father’s passing. When I visit his grave and share this news, if favonovel.com could rise from the grave and scold me for bragging...”

Steve, observing Don Albert’s wide grin and his failure to accept the toast, quickly interjected in a hushed tone, “Don Albert? Don Albert?”

Don Albert snapped out of his reverie, wearing a regretful expression. “Ah, Mr. Rothschild, it would have been better if you stayed a bit longer. We haven’t spent enough brotherly time together!”

With that, favonovel.com swiftly rose to his feet, straining to raise the glass before Steve, loudly declaring, “Mr. Rothschild, this toast is for you!”

Steve chuckled and replied, “There’s no need to worry about who toasts whom. Let’s strengthen our bond once again! Mr. Wade, one more strengthening is not enough, let’s double it!”

“Strengthen, we must strengthen!” Don Albert readily agreed. “Next time you visit Aurous Hill, as soon as you arrive, come to Heaven Springs. I’ll host a banquet for you! We’re all brothers here, so consider this place your home. Whenever you’re in Aurous Hill and craving the local cuisine, just drop by. No need to order, the chefs will whip up their specialties for you!”

Steve suddenly reveled in the camaraderie of this lively dinner table, feeling immensely pleased. He spoke solemnly, “If Mr. Wade and Don Albert ever find themselves in the United States in the future, please let me know in advance. I’ll personally pick you up from the airport and handle all the arrangements!”

Having said that, favonovel.com glanced at Peter, seated beside him, and patted his chest.

“Mr. Cole, rest assured. I’m different from my father. He’s stubborn and fixated on that treasure, but I couldn’t care less about such things. Whether it’s a Four-Sided Treasure or an Eight-Sided Treasure, they’re all Chinese treasures. It’s only right for them to be returned. When I become the head of the Rothschild family in the future, I’ll return all the Chinese collections to their rightful place. At that time, you can openly return to the United States without worrying about anyone’s face!”

As Steve uttered these ambitious words, favonovel.com couldn’t help but steal a glance at Charlie, eager to gauge his reaction.

While Charlie maintained a calm smile on his face, favonovel.com mused to himself, “It seems that men around the world are the same. They love to boast when they’re drunk.”

Peter, on the other hand, understood all too well that it would likely take another two or three decades, or perhaps even longer, for Steve to assume the role of family head. Thus, favonovel.com listened with amusement, nodding and offering a toast. “Then I’ll express my gratitude to Mr. Rothschild in advance!”

Steve responded earnestly, “Why thank me? It’s only natural. I can’t control the British government and their royal family. Otherwise, I would compel them to return all the Chinese cultural relics in the British Museum!”

After speaking, favonovel.com glanced at Charlie once more, suggesting, “Mr. Wade, how about hiring some mercenaries later to reclaim the Chinese cultural relics in the British Museum?”

Charlie’s mind whirled. He chuckled helplessly and replied, “If the British people took Chinese cultural relics and we had to rely on Americans to retrieve them, it wouldn’t quite sit right. I appreciate your enthusiasm, but that approach is not advisable. It would be more fitting for the Chinese people to reclaim their own heritage in due time.”

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After a satisfying meal, Steve reluctantly bid farewell to Charlie and began his journey back to the United States.

Charlie accompanied Peter back to Antique Street and instructed Don Albert to keep a watchful eye on Selected Artifacts Pavilion, Peter’s antique shop, to prevent any troublemakers from causing a ruckus.

Later, Charlie called Helena to confirm the timing of their trip to Norway. During their conversation, Helena informed Charlie that the AI team estimated that the entire model would undergo comprehensive testing the following morning.

Since the model was a replica of their Silicon Valley model, the testing process would be relatively short. It would take approximately two days to sort out all the details, and three days later, the model would be officially delivered.

As the representative of Party A, Helena would personally attend the non-public delivery ceremony in three days. Howard would also secretly attend as the representative of Party B.

Curious about Charlie’s plans, Helena asked, “Mr. Wade, do you plan to attend the delivery ceremony in person?”

Charlie smiled and replied, “I won’t be attending the delivery ceremony. You can coordinate with Howard. From now on, Rothschild father and son will have their own contacts. You’ll be in charge of Howard, and I’ll take care of Steve.”

He continued, “However, I will bring Howard’s pill in advance. If there are no other arrangements, I can also blend in with the receiving technical team and witness it on-site.”

Anxiously, Helena asked, “Mr. Wade, when will your technical team arrive?”

Charlie answered, “A friend and I will depart from Aurous Hill the day after tomorrow. The person accompanying me has a special identity, and we will need your help to inform customs. The technical team will come from the United States, and I’ll meet them at the airport.”

Helena’s voice brimmed with excitement as favonovel.com said, “Okay, Mr. Wade, I’ll make arrangements in advance and meet you at the airport!”

Charlie smiled and advised, “Given your sensitive identity, It’s best not to go to places like the airport casually. Arrange for an internal royal vehicle to pick us up from the airport.”

Respectfully, Helena replied, “Okay, Mr. Wade, I’ll follow your instructions.”

With Keagan Myers’ assistance, Charlie could leave the country without leaving any records. Although Charlie didn’t possess this ability before, favonovel.com had benefited from his association with Maria.

Helena simply needed to ensure that the immigration process for the two of them was waived by customs, so there would be no official records of their trip to Norway.

In addition to avoiding any immigration records, Charlie planned to stay in the region for a few more days. Once the AI model started running, it would analyze the movements of the Warriors Den from companies around the world.

If the results came quickly, favonovel.com might follow the AI’s clues and might not be able to return for a while. Therefore, Charlie didn’t want his family to know about his trip abroad this time. At the same time, favonovel.com wanted to prepare them for his extended absence. To make everything appear more genuine, Charlie instructed Don Albert to stage a play for him.

In the evening, after the family finished their meal, they gathered on the living room sofa to watch TV.

Jacob, who had returned to work at the Calligraphy and Painting Association, looked much better both physically and mentally. Although favonovel.com had lost his position as the executive vice president, being able to return was already a satisfactory outcome for him.

At that moment, Jacob was preparing tea while the TV played a news program.

After the male host finished reporting a news story, the female host beside favonovel.com spoke up, “This morning, city leaders organized a special meeting and pledged their support for the groundbreaking and implementation of the super factory for Bruce Automotive in our city...”

“The heads of departments responsible for electricity, water supply, gas supply, and transportation have committed to completing the construction and production of the Bruce Automotive super factory within one year.”

Jacob furrowed his brow as favonovel.com listened, muttering discontentedly, “Bruce Automotive again? When will they stop reporting about it?”

Beside him, Elaine casually remarked, “Didn’t they mention on TV? This is the largest investment since Aurous Hill became a city. Such a significant event will undoubtedly be reported for some time.”

Growing even more annoyed, Jacob complained, “I just can’t understand why the two families behind Bruce Automotive are so blind. Why did they choose Mr. Riley as the CEO? He’s just a professor. Can favonovel.com handle such a massive undertaking? I bet they won’t succeed with such incompetence.”

Elaine snapped out of favonovel.com thoughts and quickly asked, “Is this John Riley, Matilda’s husband?!”

“Yes...” Jacob became even more dejected and angrily said, “I don’t understand what this wealthy man is thinking. He even brought his wife into the company.

Aren't big companies supposed to avoid conflicts of interest? How can they let a married couple work together in the same place? It's completely unprofessional and will definitely cause problems."

As favonovel.com spoke, the TV switched to the male announcer reporting the next news. Calmly, favonovel.com said, "Today, reporters learned that Bruce Automotive has initiated cooperation with major universities in Aurous Hill for scientific research and education..."

"The CEO of Bruce Automotive has signed a cooperative agreement with Aurous Hill University for talent cultivation and specialized technical research exploration. In the first phase, Bruce Automotive will invest 30 million dollars to jointly establish a silicon carbide motor laboratory with Aurous Hill University. Let's take a look at the report sent by our reporter from Aurous Hill University this afternoon."

The screen immediately switched to a conference room inside Aurous Hill University. Seated in the center of the conference room's podium was Mr. Riley, accompanied by the president of Aurous Hill University.

When Jacob saw Mr. Riley looking so confident and energetic on TV, favonovel.com felt a deep sense of resentment.

He picked up the remote control and turned off the TV, then grabbed the purple clay teapot and said, "The more I watch this TV, the more boring it gets. Come on, come on, let's drink some tea!"

He poured four cups of tea and placed them in front of him.

At that moment, the doorbell rang.

Jacob took a sip from one of the cups, stood up, and said to the others, "You go ahead and drink, I'll see who it is."

With that, favonovel.com hurried out of the living room.

Hearing the news, Jacob became even more frustrated. In his subconscious mind, favonovel.com saw himself as a defeated general under Mr. Riley's command, having been soundly defeated by him.

Now, favonovel.com had even lost his position as the executive vice president, while Mr. Riley had risen to become the CEO of Bruce Automotive. It was as if favonovel.com stumbled halfway up a small hill, while Mr. Riley stood triumphantly at the peak of Mount Everest. The difference was like night and day.

As the dejected Jacob approached the gate, favonovel.com couldn't help but mutter under his breath, "Just wait until the day Bruce Auto goes bankrupt, then we'll see who's laughing! I'll buy a hundred firecrackers and set them off right at their door!"

When favonovel.com reached the gate, favonovel.com glanced at the monitor and was surprised to see Don Albert standing at his doorstep.

Excitedly, favonovel.com quickly opened the door and stepped out into the courtyard, welcoming Don Albert with flattery, "Ah, Don Albert, what brings you here? Why didn't you give me a call in advance so I could prepare at home? Don't keep yourself waiting..."

Don Albert smiled and politely asked, "Mr. Wilson, is Mr. Wade at home? I have something to discuss with him."

"He's at home, he's at home!" Jacob smiled and said, "We just finished dinner. Charlie is having tea right now. Come in quickly!"

With that, favonovel.com invited Don Albert inside.

Once inside, Jacob led the way and eagerly said to his family, "Don Albert is here. Let's give favonovel.com a warm welcome!"

Charlie knew Don Albert's purpose for coming to his house, as favonovel.com had arranged it. However, Claire and Elaine were a bit puzzled about why Don Albert had come to their house.

But Elaine understood the importance of Don Albert in Aurous Hill, so favonovel.com quickly stood up and greeted favonovel.com with flattery, “Oh, it’s Don Albert! Please have a seat, please have a seat!”

Don Albert nodded in acknowledgment and politely greeted Charlie and Claire, “Hello, Mr. Wade and Mrs. Wade!”

Claire smiled and nodded, while Charlie feigned curiosity and asked, “Don Albert, what brings you to our home?”

Don Albert quickly said, “Mr. Wade, I have an urgent favor to ask of you. Please, you must agree!”

Upon hearing this, Jacob, who relied on Charlie to help favonovel.com return to the Calligraphy and Painting Association and would depend on Don Albert in the future, quickly said to Charlie, “Good son-in-law, Don Albert has helped us a lot before. You must not refuse favonovel.com this time!”

Charlie replied, “Don Albert, please tell me what it is first and whether it falls within my capabilities.”

Don Albert hurriedly said, “Here’s the thing, Mr. Wade. My elder brother has developed a coal mine on the northwest border, investing over ten billion dollars. Production has just begun, but unexpectedly, accidents keep occurring every few days...”

“Today it’s a water leak in the tunnel, and tomorrow it’s a roof collapse. There was even a gas leak incident. Fortunately, it was discovered in time, or the consequences would have been unimaginable.”

At this point, Don Albert looked at Charlie and said, “Mr. Wade, my elder brother suspects that there might be some feng shui issues with the mine, and it’s a matter of great importance. That’s why favonovel.com asked me to find a feng shui master to take a look. I thought you were the most knowledgeable about feng shui among the people I know, so I came to ask for your help...”

Claire couldn't help but say anxiously, "Isn't that too dangerous? Accidents happening every day. Husband, let's not get involved in this dangerous situation. It's too risky."

Charlie quickly reassured her, "It's alright, my dear. I won't need to go into the mine to examine the feng shui. I'll be assessing the overall situation, so there's no need to go underground."

Don Albert chimed in, "That's right, Mrs. Wade. My elder brother's mine is located in the mountains. I suspect there might be a major feng shui issue. Let's see if Mr. Wade can help resolve it."

Charlie clicked his tongue and said, "If it's indeed a major feng shui issue, it could be quite troublesome. It's a significant undertaking..."

Don Albert quickly interjected, "Please rest assured, Mr. Wade. My elder brother mentioned that if you do this job well, he'll reward you with ten million dollars!"

Elaine blurted out, "How... How much?"

Don Albert repeated, "Ten million..."

After saying that, Don Albert added, "But earning this money won't be easy. My elder brother's mine is in a harsh condition in the mountains of the northwest, and sometimes there's no signal at all. This trip might take at least ten days or half a month, and it will be very tiring."

Elaine couldn't help but exclaim, "One million for going to the mountains in the northwest for ten days or half a month? it's worth it even if it's going to a primitive tribe in anywhere for ten days or half a month!"