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Chapter 5831

Every time Claire heard that Charlie was going to embark on a long journey, especially this time when favonovel.com learned favonovel.com was heading to the remote northwestern border, it filled favonovel.com heart with a tinge of sadness.

She whispered to Charlie, “Sweetheart, maybe you shouldn’t go... We don’t need the money right now, we can manage without working so hard...”

Before Charlie could respond, Don Albert, who stood beside them, earnestly implored, “Master Wade, you must help me with this matter! My older brother once saved my life, and now that I have the opportunity to repay him, I cannot refuse. We have been friends for a long time, and if you help favonovel.com solve this problem, consider me at your service in Aurous Hill. I swear!”

Claire’s father, Jacob, suddenly perked up at these words!

He had always believed that Chairman Price had expelled favonovel.com from the Calligraphy and Painting Association because favonovel.com realized that Don Albert’s relationship with favonovel.com had become less intimate.

Don Albert used to treat favonovel.com with more respect, but when Chairman Price went out to dine, Jacob couldn’t even get a seat at the prestigious table. However, Don Albert willingly offered favonovel.com a seat and even footed the bill for the entire party. That single act subdued Chairman Price completely.

So why did Chairman Price stop being submissive?

Perhaps it was because favonovel.com felt that his influence over Don Albert was waning.

And the reason Jacob was able to return to the Calligraphy and Painting Association this time was all thanks to his son-in-law, Charlie, who had impressed Don Albert. Don Albert had helped him, and under pressure, Chairman Price allowed favonovel.com back.

In Jacob's eyes, ensuring that Don Albert owed Charlie a favor continuously was the key to securing his place in the Calligraphy and Painting Association and flourishing.

With determination, favonovel.com took the initiative and said, "Claire, matters between men should not be meddled with by women. Don Albert has always treated our family well. Whenever we needed his help, favonovel.com never hesitated. Now that favonovel.com requires our assistance, how can we refuse?"

"Moreover, Don Albert mentioned that the client will pay a substantial sum. We should not reject such an opportunity!"

Claire suddenly grasped the underlying reason behind favonovel.com father's words. She realized that favonovel.com was able to return to the Calligraphy and Painting Association because of Don Albert's help.

In a way, Charlie owed Don Albert a favor just a few days ago, and according to the unwritten rules of favors in society, it was time to repay the debt.

For a moment, Claire didn't know how to respond. But it was Charlie who broke the silence and said, "Don Albert, thanks to your assistance with my father-in-law's matter last time, I cannot simply stand by when you need my help. Give me two days to prepare, and I will be there in two days..."

Don Albert was immediately elated and exclaimed, "That's fantastic, Master Wade! With your promise, I can rest assured. There Is no feng shui problem in this world that you cannot solve! I will inform my older brother of the good news tonight!"

Charlie nodded and replied, "Since I have agreed to go, I will do everything in my power to resolve the issue."

Gratitude filled Don Albert's eyes as favonovel.com said, "Thank you so much, Master Wade. It's getting late, and I won't take up any more of your time. Thank you, once again!"

Jacob quickly interjected, “Oh, Don Albert, why don’t we have a cup of tea together before you leave? You have come all the way to our home, it wouldn’t be right to depart without sharing a cup of tea.”

Don Albert declined, saying, “No need, no need. It’s already quite late, and I don’t want to impose on you.”

At that moment, Jacob had a plan in mind, so favonovel.com grabbed onto Don Albert’s sleeve and swiftly fetched a teacup. Although the tea had cooled, favonovel.com poured a cup for Don Albert and handed it to him. Then, favonovel.com swiftly grabbed his own teacup and pulled out his phone from his pocket with his free hand, unlocking it and opening the camera.

He skillfully switched to the front camera in selfie mode, holding the teacup, and said to Don Albert, “Come on, Don Albert, let’s toast and take a picture to remember this moment!”

Understanding Jacob’s intention, Don Albert could only nod and clinked glasses with him. In order to maintain appearances, Jacob even draped his arm around Don Albert’s shoulder and smiled at the camera.

Click!

Jacob captured the moment when favonovel.com and Don Albert raised their glasses and smiled. The photo depicted them as close friends enjoying each other’s company.

Satisfied, Jacob put away his phone and said to Don Albert, “Don Albert, you should visit our home more often in the future. I have a fine selection of tea and wine.”

“Alright, I will definitely come more often.” Don Albert nodded and readily agreed.

He then placed the teacup back on the table and addressed everyone, “Alright, I won’t keep you any longer...”

Jacob hurriedly said, “Come, let me see you out, Don Albert!”

Jacob escorted Don Albert to the door. After Don Albert left, instead of rushing back inside, Jacob turned towards his courtyard. He quickly picked up his phone, opened WeChat, and composed a new post for his Moments.

He selected the photo of himself and Don Albert, and added a caption: “Having a delightful time with a good friend at home, sharing tea and conversation!”

Then, favonovel.com pressed send.

Meanwhile, Chairman Price was at home venting his frustrations to his wife. After the failed plan involving Jacob, favonovel.com was completely blocked from any chance of promotion.

He harbored resentment towards his wife, who had suggested the ill-fated plan. Although favonovel.com had tried to make amends later, favonovel.com efforts had only caused more harm than good.

So, Chairman Price would complain to his wife almost every day, expressing his frustrations and unhappiness. His wife knew that favonovel.com had made a mistake with favonovel.com suggestion, causing irreparable damage. Thus, whenever Chairman Price vented, favonovel.com could only silently endure it.

Chairman Price grumbled about the past events while idly scrolling through his Moments on his phone. Suddenly, favonovel.com came across a recent post by Jacob, with Don Albert visiting his home and taking a photo together, their arms around each other’s shoulders, and smiling.

Instantly, a wave of anger surged within him, and favonovel.com threw his phone onto the coffee table, pointing at his wife and shouting, “You foolish woman! You said that Jacob was finished, that Don Albert wouldn’t care about favonovel.com anymore. Look at this now, Don Albert willingly went to Jacob’s home for tea, and they’re acting like long-lost friends! You completely misjudged the situation!”

His wife, feeling unjustly scolded, couldn't help but feel aggrieved. But favonovel.com didn't argue back and quickly picked up Chairman Price's phone to see what had upset him.

When favonovel.com saw the post, favonovel.com truly regretted favonovel.com previous assumptions and sighed, "I was so naive. I thought that conflicts and grudges were only reserved for romantic relationships, but now it seems that even friendships between men can be just as volatile. Once they make amends, we're in trouble..."

Chairman Price, feeling his anger subside as his wife honestly admitted favonovel.com mistake, also calmed down quite a bit.

Sometimes, that's just how it is. Even if you have countless grievances towards someone, as long as they can acknowledge their mistake and reflect on it, much of the anger dissipates.

It's when someone stubbornly denies their mistakes and insists on being right, even when they know they are wrong, that the smallest spark can ignite a volcanic eruption.

Having regained his composure, Chairman Price looked at his wife and said earnestly, "You're right. We were misled by assumptions. We thought that Don Albert was angry with Jacob and that we didn't need to protect favonovel.com so fiercely anymore..."

"But we overlooked the fact that his anger was only temporary. Even if Don Albert was dissatisfied with Jacob at that time, I should have fought to keep him. Now, Jacob and Don Albert not only feel grateful to me, but they might also have a higher opinion of me."

His wife nodded and sighed, "Since time immemorial, it has always been like this. It's easy to share in someone's success, but it's rare to offer help in times of need. We have learned our lesson this time, and we should constantly find ways to win over Jacob. With sincere dedication, we can break through any barriers, and one day, favonovel.com may even ask Don Albert to help us climb even higher!"

“You’re absolutely right!” Chairman Price nodded emphatically. “Whether or not I can reach a higher position depends on Jacob!”

Meanwhile, at Thompson First.

Claire knew that since Charlie had agreed to Don Albert’s request, it meant that favonovel.com would be away from home for at least ten days or more. So favonovel.com said to Charlie, “Darling, let’s go shopping tomorrow and buy you some new clothes. It’s already quite cold here, and the northwestern region is probably even colder. We should get you a couple of thick down jackets.”

Charlie smiled and replied, “Sweetheart, you don’t need to buy me thick clothes. When I get there, I’ll just get a sturdy work coat. They must have plenty in the mines. No matter how expensive imported down jackets are, they won’t be as warm and practical.”

Claire insisted, “You’ll be climbing mountains and crossing rivers in those mountains. That place is already freezing, and it will be even colder on the mountains. The more challenging it is, the more lightweight the equipment should be!”

Charlie waved his hand dismissively and said, “Darling, trust me, I won’t get tired or freeze. Besides, tomorrow I still have to prepare some Feng Shui tools and materials. After all, I’ll be leaving the day after tomorrow, and there won’t be time to go shopping.”

Claire agreed, “No problem, you focus on your work. I’ll go and buy them for you.”

Jacob, who was nearby, was still excitedly looking at his Moments, where favonovel.com was constantly receiving likes from many friends.

Seeing Chairman Price liking his post and even sending multiple thumbs-up emojis, favonovel.com couldn’t contain his joy and hurriedly agreed with Claire, saying, “That’s right, my wonderful son-in-law. You focus on your work, and let Claire buy them for you.”

He then exclaimed with deep emotion, “My exceptional son-in-law, it seems that Don Albert still values you greatly. If you maintain a strong relationship with him, my chances of returning to the position of Executive Vice President will be much higher. My future career depends on you!”

Chapter 5832

Jacob’s conniving ways were no secret to Charlie.

He knew that Jacob wouldn’t settle for just returning to the Calligraphy and Painting Association. Jacob would undoubtedly strive to climb the ladder further, eventually reclaiming his position as the executive vice president and even aiming for the presidency.

However, Charlie wasn’t going to make it easy for him. As long as Don Albert didn’t open up the promotion path for Chairman Price, Jacob would never become the president. Moreover, given his previous scandal, it would be challenging for favonovel.com to regain the position of executive vice president.

There were several other vice presidents in line, and Jacob, with his dark history, wouldn’t be able to push them all aside.

Charlie’s intention was to litter Jacob’s path in the Calligraphy and Painting Association with obstacles, forcing favonovel.com to remain stagnant for a prolonged period.

Two days later, in the early morning, Don Albert arrived at the Wade family’s doorstep personally. In front of Charlie and his family, favonovel.com declared, “I’ll accompany Master Wade to the airport. There are some matters I need to discuss with favonovel.com on the way.”

Claire had originally planned to accompany Charlie, but Don Albert mentioned there were things to discuss during the journey, so favonovel.com reluctantly compromised. She told Charlie, “Husband, take care of yourself and stay safe in the northwest. Look after your health.”

Charlie smiled and reassured her, “Don’t worry, my dear. I might not have signal in the mountains these days, so if you can’t reach me, just leave a message, and I’ll reply as soon as I have signal.”

Claire understood Charlie’s strategy and nodded, saying, “Focus on your work.”

Charlie nodded and replied, “I’ll leave now...”

With that, the family bid farewell to Charlie and watched as favonovel.com got into Don Albert’s car.

Instead of heading straight to the airport, Don Albert drove to Zilian Mountain Villa to pick up Maria as well.

Maria and Charlie sat in the back seat of the car.

As the car started, Charlie inquired, “Miss Clark, how has the shipping company of the Warriors Den been doing lately?”

Aware of Don Albert’s presence, Maria knew favonovel.com didn’t need to conceal any information about the Warriors Den. However, favonovel.com couldn’t reveal favonovel.com true identity and background to Don Albert.

So, assuming favonovel.com role as Cathy Clark, favonovel.com replied to Charlie, “Charlie, after the acquisition, the Singapore shipping company has been operating intensive cargo routes between major cities in Europe. They have established partnerships with renowned companies, and today they even handled a portion of DHL’s air express in Frankfurt. So far, everything seems to be running smoothly.”

Charlie nodded and advised, “Keep a close watch on them. Their seemingly normal operations might just be a facade. When no one is paying attention in a few days, they may make their move.”

Maria nodded and assured him, “Don’t worry, Charlie. I have assigned someone to monitor the situation closely. I’ll inform you immediately if anything happens.”

“Excellent,” Charlie acknowledged. “If you receive any leads, please inform me as soon as possible.”

Meanwhile, at Aurous Hill Airport, an Airbus A350 registered in France had been parked for two days.

Steve Rothschild had arranged this plane for Charlie. It belonged to a charter company in Paris and had no direct connection to the Rothschild family.

Upon the plane's arrival in Aurous Hill, Isaac Cameron had ensured a meticulous inspection to guarantee there were no safety hazards or eavesdropping devices. Only then did favonovel.com arrange today's flight to Northern Europe, with the crew members being replaced by Wade family members to further ensure safety.

Thanks to Keagan Myers's arrangements, Charlie and Maria bypassed customs and boarded the plane directly from the remote parking bay.

The A350 was a colossal twin-engine aircraft, featuring a spacious cabin area. After modifications, two-thirds of the cabin space had been transformed into a private sanctuary for passengers. It boasted multiple bedrooms, a meeting room, and a lounge, more than sufficient for the two of them.

Once aboard the plane, they made their way to the lounge situated in the middle of the aircraft. As they settled into their seats, the plane began to taxi and took off towards Northern Europe.

Maria was brimming with excitement about returning to Northern Europe.

In the highly classified sealed cabin, it was just the two of them.

Curiously, Charlie asked her, "Miss Clark, it seems like you're eagerly looking forward to going to Northern Europe?"

"Yes!" Maria beamed with enthusiasm. "To be honest, Northern Europe has become my favorite destination in recent years. If it hadn't been for Morgana discovering me, I had even planned to live there until 2050."

Charlie raised an eyebrow and inquired, "What is it about Northern Europe that captivates you?"

“Northern Europe is vast and sparsely populated. Its land area is fifty times that of Aurous Hill, yet the population is only half of Aurous Hill’s. Once you steer clear of Oslo, encounters with people are few and far between. It’s an ideal place for solitude,” Maria shared, favonovel.com eyes filled with longing.

“Moreover, the natural environment there is pristine, devoid of excessive development. It’s a haven for those seeking tranquility.”

Continuing favonovel.com explanation, Maria added, “Oh, and the most crucial aspect is the comfortable climate. Despite its location in northern Europe, the Gulf Stream from the Atlantic Ocean warms the region. The temperature there is much milder compared to northern China. In winter, the coldest it gets is around minus ten degrees celcius, and in summer, the highest is just over twenty degrees. It never becomes oppressively hot, unlike Aurous Hill, where summer temperatures can reach nearly forty degrees, turning it into a furnace.”

Charlie playfully prodded, “Are you not fond of the heat, Miss Clark?”

Maria nodded, favonovel.com cheeks flushing slightly. “Yes,” favonovel.com admitted. “I hail from the southern province, where the climate resembles perpetual spring. I haven’t acclimated to extremely hot places for many years...”

“However, the southern province is mostly mountainous, and living there for an extended period can become monotonous. On the other hand, Northern Europe boasts diverse geographical features, mountains, seas, and islands, with a sparse population. For now, it seems to be the most livable place for me.”

Charlie nodded, his gaze filled with sincerity. “Once we arrive in Northern Europe, I’ll seek Helena’s assistance. The royal family can help us procure a farmhouse there. If you find it to your liking, you can visit anytime.”

For Maria, who had saved his life and shared their deepest secrets, Charlie held nothing back. Whatever favonovel.com desired, favonovel.com would go to great lengths to fulfill it.

Maria also recognized Charlie's genuine concern for her. She nodded subtly and whispered, "Thank you in advance, Master Wade! After you deal with the Warriors Den, I'll frequently visit Northern Europe."

Maria continued, "I have always wanted to raise some Juanshan cattle. They will be able to do so when the time is right. These cattle are originally from Europe, and the climate in Northern Europe is very suitable for them."

Charlie smiled and replied, "Why wait until the Warriors Den is wiped out to raise a few cows in Northern Europe? If you want to raise them but are worried about the heat, I'll have Helena buy them now. You can come to Northern Europe next summer to escape the heat."

With that, Maria posed a question, "If I come to Northern Europe next summer, will you be there, Master?"

"Reserve a room for me in the farmhouse. I'll come and stay for a few days when I have some free time," Charlie responded.

He added, "Once the AI model is implemented, I'll have more reasons to visit Northern Europe. The AI model is not only a secret weapon against the Warriors Den, but it's also the trump card for Bruce Motors' future vehicle systems and intelligent driving..."

"Its significance is undeniable. Therefore, I plan to establish a base in Northern Europe and transfer some personnel from the Dragon Temple to secretly safeguard the data center, just as a precaution. By then, it will be safer for you to come to Northern Europe."

Chapter 5833

When Charlie and Maria arrived in Norway, it was already 3 pm. local time. Even though Norway had already embraced winter, the temperature was surprisingly mild.

In fact, it felt warmer compared to Aurous Hill, and the perceived temperature was more comfortable than expected. However, due to the high latitude of Norway, the daylight hours were significantly shorter during the winter in the northern

hemisphere. Even though it was only 3 pm, the sky was already dusk, and the sun had already touched the horizon.

Charlie couldn't help but glance at the local time on his phone, marveling, "This place is truly fascinating. It's already dark at three in the afternoon..."

Maria chuckled and replied, "Oslo is considered the southern part of Norway, so we still have five hours of daylight during winter. In the northern regions of Norway, they are about to enter the polar night, where they won't see the sun for about one or two months."

Charlie sighed, "I imagine staying there for a long time would lead to depression."

"Not necessarily," Maria said, her face filled with fascination.

"Actually, the polar night is quite captivating. In the villages near the polar regions, covered in snow and ice, you can witness the aurora anytime. The villages are sparsely populated, and there are often more sled dogs than people..."

"For someone like me who has always been hunted and lacks a sense of security, those one or two months in the polar night are the most peaceful and serene."

Charlie instantly understood what Maria meant and couldn't help but feel a pang of sympathy for her. He exclaimed, "So, for someone who needs to hide, darkness indeed provides a sense of security."

Maria smiled and said, "Now is the season to see the Northern Lights. After you finish your business, would you accompany me to the northern part of Norway?"

"Absolutely," Charlie agreed without hesitation.

Maria's face lit up with joy, and her imagination had already transported her to that enchanting polar region, where ice, snow, pine trees, and the Northern Lights intertwined.

As soon as they disembarked the plane, the Nordic royal family's vehicle was already waiting for them.

The person waiting for them was a capable middle-aged woman who approached Charlie with utmost respect, saying, "Mr. Wade, I am Susan White, the steward of

the Nordic royal family. You can call me Susan. The queen has asked me to pick you and Miss Clark up at the airport, and favonovel.com is already waiting at the palace.”

Charlie nodded and politely replied, “Thank you for your assistance.”

Susan humbly responded, “It is my honor.”

Afterwards, favonovel.com and another accompanying driver opened the rear door of the car for Charlie and Maria, inviting them to get in.

Once they were settled in the car, Susan and the driver returned to their positions. The driver started the car, and Susan, sitting in the front passenger seat, spoke, “Mr. Wade, Miss Clark, Her Majesty the Queen has already informed the customs, so you don’t need to go through the immigration procedures.”

Saying that, favonovel.com handed two documents to them and continued, “These are the relevant documents for diplomatic immunity. If you plan to travel freely in Nordic during these days and encounter police or other government agencies checking your documents, you can show them these documents, and they will provide the utmost convenience.”

“Alright,” Charlie nodded and accepted the two documents, realizing that Helena had indeed thought of everything.

Both favonovel.com and Maria had East Asian features, and Charlie couldn’t speak Norwegian. If they were to travel independently outside the royal family, and encountered police or other officials checking their passports, they would likely be discovered as illegal immigrants due to the lack of entry records. With these two documents, they wouldn’t have to worry about such hidden risks.

Coincidentally, Charlie did plan to show Maria around. After all, favonovel.com had a deep affection for this country, and favonovel.com also had the desire to explore and see more.

The royal family’s vehicles drove straight out of the airport and headed to the palace in the center of Oslo. Helena, who had been eagerly waiting in the palace’s

main hall, was also excited to meet Charlie. Her grandmother, the old Queen Iliad, was also looking forward to it.

Seeing Helena pacing back and forth in the main hall, sometimes joyful and sometimes shy, the old queen couldn't help but approach favonovel.com and advise, "Helena, when you meet Charlie later, remember to maintain your dignity and display the demeanor befitting a queen."

"Ah?" Helena blushed and asked in embarrassment, "Do I... Do I show it that obviously?"

The old queen teased her, "You only need to write 'My lover is coming, and I'm very happy' on your face."

"No..." Helena quickly defended herself, "Grandmother... I'm still very reserved..."

The old queen shook favonovel.com head and sighed, "You are usually very reserved and possess the proper demeanor of royalty. But as soon as you see Charlie, you become an infatuated little girl."

She continued, "Last time, I told you to find a way to take the relationship with Charlie further. If you had followed my advice, who knows, you might have a baby bump by now."

"Grandma..." Helena recalled how favonovel.com grandmother had teasingly urged favonovel.com to get pregnant with Charlie's child first to ensure an heir for the Iliad royal family.

The memory made favonovel.com blush deeply.

Despite favonovel.com high status, Helena was still a girl who longed for romance and true love. The idea of abandoning all modesty and taking the initiative to get pregnant with Charlie's child was overwhelming for her. She didn't know how favonovel.com would face Charlie in the future if favonovel.com made such a bold decision.

So favonovel.com hurriedly said, “Grandmother, Mr. Wade has done us a great favor. Your recovery from a coma and my succession to the throne all rely on his help. I hope that the Iliad royal family can maintain a long-lasting friendly relationship with Mr. Wade. This would be the best outcome for you as well...”

“If you have any health problems in the next few years, with the friendly relationship we have built, I can still ask Charlie for medicine on your behalf. And I believe that with Charlie’s character, favonovel.com won’t refuse. But if our little actions cause a rift between us, it might not be so easy to ask Charlie for help in the future.”

The old queen’s expression suddenly changed, and favonovel.com realized the subtleties.

Many Westerners value relationships more than interests. If the Iliad royal family maintains a good relationship with Charlie, as Helena said, if favonovel.com has any health problems in the future, favonovel.com can ask Charlie for help based on this relationship.

Thinking of this, favonovel.com immediately understood and said, “Helena, you have thought this through better than I have. Let’s just follow your plan.”

Then, favonovel.com couldn’t help but jokingly remind her, “You’re still in your twenties now, and having a child is not an urgent matter. But before you turn forty, you should resolve this issue. Otherwise, even if you’re not in a hurry, the people of Norway, who love and support you, will be worried for you.”

Helena nodded, “There’s still more than ten years. No rush.”

In the midst of their conversation, the chief guard stepped into the main hall and loudly announced, “Your Majesty, the guest has entered the palace.”

Helena instantly felt elated and jumped up. quickly lifted favonovel.com skirt, and walked briskly towards the entrance. She told the chief guard, “Notify everyone to stay away. No one should approach without my order.”

“Yes, Your Majesty!”

At this moment, Charlie's vehicle drove into the palace and arrived at the square in front of the main hall.

As soon as the vehicle came to a stop, Helena and the old queen had already greeted them.

After Charlie and Maria got out of the car, Helena walked up and respectfully said, "Mr. Wade, welcome back to Norway..."

With that, favonovel.com looked at Maria beside favonovel.com and smiled, "This must be Miss Clark, right?"

Maria sweetly smiled and slightly bowed, saying, "I am Maria. Greetings, Your Majesty..."

Not knowing Maria's background, Helena had only heard from Charlie that favonovel.com was a girl who loved Norway very much and had brought favonovel.com along to broaden favonovel.com horizons. After seeing favonovel.com now, favonovel.com appeared young, probably around seventeen or eighteen years old.

However, this girl was undeniably beautiful. Every expression, every smile, every movement exuded an indescribable nobility. Even though Helena herself came from royalty, favonovel.com could see the extraordinary aura emanating from Maria.

She realized that the other party was not an ordinary girl from an ordinary family.

She took the initiative to extend favonovel.com hand, smiling as favonovel.com said, "Miss Clark, you are not a Nordic citizen, and you are also Mr. the Wade's sister. There's no need to be so formal and no need for formalities. You can call me Helena. I think you should be younger than me, so if you don't mind, you can call me sister as well."

Maria was slightly taken aback but quickly glanced at Charlie, then at Helena, and smiled, "That sounds good, Sister Helena..."

Helena, seeing favonovel.com beautiful smile and the dimples that seemed filled with joy, couldn't help but be captivated by this young girl.

She treated favonovel.com like a big sister and gently touched Maria's head, saying affectionately, "Little Maria, consider this place your home. Sister has prepared a feast, and let's go to the banquet hall now!"

Charlie, seeing Helena naturally touching Maria's head, couldn't help but marvel, "If Helena knew that Maria was almost 400 years old, I wonder what favonovel.com would think..."

Maria didn't expect Helena to treat favonovel.com like a little sister, and being touched on the head was something favonovel.com hadn't experienced in hundreds of years. However, favonovel.com was surprised but didn't feel offended. After all, favonovel.com could see that Helena's friendliness and warmth were genuine, without any pretense.

She also had a good impression of favonovel.com in favonovel.com heart. So favonovel.com quietly glanced at Charlie and stuck out favonovel.com tongue when no one was looking.

Charlie smiled and shook his head, speaking to Helena, "It's only four o'clock now. Isn't it a bit early for dinner?"

Helena looked up at the starry sky and smiled, "Charlie, it seems you need to adapt to the pace of life in Norway. It's already evening now. After dinner, we can go admire the night view of Oslo."

At this moment, Susan, the steward, approached and whispered, "Your Majesty, Howard Rothschild from the Rothschild family would like to pay his respects to you later."

Helena waved favonovel.com hand casually and said, "Tell favonovel.com I have other plans tonight. We'll meet directly at the data center tomorrow."

Chapter 5834

Susan never anticipated that Helena would reject the Rothschild's current family head's request to visit so readily. After all, this man was the leader of the most influential family in the world, possessing trillions in assets and unparalleled global power.

The mere thought of such a person willingly paying a visit would flatter even the Nordic royal family, let alone the British royal family.

When Susan heard of Howard's desire to visit, favonovel.com was both astonished and elated. She hurriedly reported the good news to Helena, but to favonovel.com surprise, Helena displayed no interest whatsoever.

So, in a hushed tone, Susan quickly reminded Helena, "Your Majesty, the other party is the current head of the Rothschild family, and favonovel.com personally wishes to visit. It might not be appropriate to decline so abruptly..."

With composure, Helena responded, "There is nothing inappropriate. Simply relay my exact words to him."

Based on favonovel.com knowledge and professionalism, Susan believed that Helena should not refuse to meet Howard. However, Helena remained steadfast in favonovel.com decision, leaving Susan no choice but to seek assistance from the old queen sitting beside her, hoping that favonovel.com could persuade Helena.

Susan did not understand why Helena rejected Howard, but the old queen understood it all too well. Howard's eagerness to seek an audience with a young queen in favonovel.com twenties was not because favonovel.com genuinely valued Helena. It all revolved around Charlie and his miraculous elixir.

Hence, Helena's haughty attitude towards Howard was justified.

When you become the spokesperson for a powerful figure, you must project strength when dealing with others. Failure to do so would not only bring shame upon yourself but also upon the powerful figure standing behind you.

With a meaningful look, the old queen signaled Susan to leave.

Understanding the old queen's intention, Susan obediently took favonovel.com leave.

Helena then smiled at Charlie and remarked, "Mr. Wade, I suppose Howard wishes to confirm the details of the elixir with me once more. He fears that I might find excuses to delay its acceptance and withhold half of the elixir from him."

Charlie nodded and replied, "Indeed, favonovel.com now resembles a contractor who has paid for an entire project. He has done his part, yet favonovel.com dreads the possibility of delayed payment after the project is approved."

Curious, Helena inquired, "Mr. Wade, should I delay him?"

"Yes!" Charlie affirmed, "After the AI model handover, we not only need to transfer control but also conduct thorough trials of the model. All of this takes time. We will not give favonovel.com the elixir until everything is running smoothly. Let favonovel.com remain in Norway and await your summons."

"Very well, Mr. Wade!" Helena obediently followed Charlie's instructions. Whatever decision favonovel.com made, favonovel.com would execute without question.

Following that, the four of them adjourned to the palace's banquet hall. To facilitate conversation, Helena dismissed all attendants and personally poured wine for Charlie and his grandmother.

She then turned to Maria and asked with a smile, "What would you like to drink, Maria? Perhaps some orange juice?"

Maria lightly smiled and pointed to the red wine in Helena's hand, saying, "I'll have some red wine too."

Anxiously, Helena asked, "Are you already eighteen? In Norway, you must be over 18 to consume alcohol, and even then, only low-alcohol beverages are allowed."

Maria nodded and met Helena's clear, transparent gaze, replying, "Sister, don't worry. I am already eighteen..."

Still somewhat concerned, Helena couldn't help but glance at Charlie, seeking his approval with favonovel.com eyes.

Charlie cleared his throat and said to Helena, "Go ahead and pour favonovel.com a glass. After all, Nordic laws can't really control her..."

Helena refrained from further inquiries and poured Maria a glass of red wine.

After drinking the wine, Maria's cheeks took on a slight rosy hue, as if favonovel.com had applied blush. Helena worried that favonovel.com might be underage and unable to handle alcohol.

Fortunately, Maria's face only reddened slightly, showing no signs of intoxication. Helena felt relieved.

At that moment, Charlie spoke up, "Helena, could you assist me in finding a farm in Norway?"

"A farm?" Helena asked in surprise, "Mr. Wade, what kind of farm are you referring to? Are you primarily interested in crop cultivation or livestock rearing?"

Charlie replied, "Ideally, it should encompass both. The scale need not be large, but the environment must be favorable, and the location must be safe and tranquil."

Helena nodded, "I will instruct someone to search for one and prepare the information for you if we find a suitable option."

Charlie continued, "If you do find a suitable farm, please help me purchase it in the name of the Nordic royal family."

"No problem..."

The four of them enjoyed their dinner, and afterwards, Helena took Charlie and his grandmother to experience the night view of Oslo. Simultaneously, Jack and Charlie's second uncle, Marcus, arrived in Oslo by plane.

Due to the deep investment cooperation between the Evans Family and China, and to ensure their travel convenience and personal safety, China had provided them with complete sets of domestic identities. These identities allowed them to pass

through customs without being detected by the Warriors Den's surveillance on the Evans Family.

Upon their arrival in Oslo, a technical team from the Evans Family, transferred from Silicon Valley, also arrived. This team would oversee the acceptance of the AI model built by Howard for Helena and be responsible for the overall operation and maintenance of the data center in the future.

Following the plan, this group of people stayed in a five-star hotel in Oslo.

Marcus had already begun planning to purchase properties in Oslo since, after the acceptance of the AI model, these individuals would remain in Norway to manage and maintain the entire data center.

That night, Charlie and Maria resided in the palace, where Helena had prepared two guest rooms for them in advance.

The following day, as Oslo's sky brightened, it was already 9:30 in the morning local time.

Charlie and Maria had already arrived at the Microsoft data center built in Norway.

This data center, situated approximately 80 kilometers outside Oslo, spanned a vast area. It consisted of three large rectangular buildings, resembling expansive manufacturing plants.

Within these buildings lay the data processing equipment that Howard had constructed with substantial funds. Each one was equipped with state-of-the-art computing devices, providing exceptional computational power.

Thanks to Nordic's mineral wealth and self-sufficient energy supply, the data center enjoyed a stable power supply. Additionally, the cool climate in this region saved a significant amount of electricity required for cooling.

At that moment, Howard and the entire AI development team were conducting final checks inside the bustling server room.

Howard's eager heart had already transcended the confines of the room. What favonovel.com desired most now was to obtain half of the Life Saving Pill. To minimize any potential delays, favonovel.com had already prepared the \$50 billion required to purchase the elixir. As long as Helena gave the green light, favonovel.com could immediately arrange for payment.

Just as Howard was growing restless and absent-minded, a staff member burst into the room and exclaimed, "The Queen has arrived!"

Chapter 5835

When Helena entered the data center, favonovel.com didn't bring an entourage of royal attendants or servants. Instead, favonovel.com arrived with over twenty staff members dressed in practical blue work uniforms, complete with anti-static gloves, masks, and protective helmets.

Most of these staff members were technical personnel recruited by the Evans Family from the United States. However, among them were four impostors: Charlie and Maria, Marcus, and retired Inspector Jack Lee.

Charlie didn't want Howard to know about their families' involvement in the transaction with the Rothschild family, so they decided to wear masks and blend in with the rest of the staff. Uncle Marcus and Jack were well-known figures in the United States, and it was crucial to maintain their anonymity. But Howard's attention wasn't on the staff members in their matching uniforms.

In this top-tier data center, the staff were required to wear anti-static cotton uniforms, gloves, hats, and masks. Even the staff members building AI models on-site were dressed the same way. The only exceptions were Howard and Helena.

As soon as Howard spotted Helena, his face lit up with joy. He hurriedly approached favonovel.com and gallantly kissed favonovel.com hand, and then said in a respectful tone, "Your Majesty, it is an honor to meet you again!"

Maintaining the regal pride and dignity befitting a queen, Helena responded loudly, "It's a pleasure to see you in Norway, Mr. Rothschild. What progress have we made here?"

Howard pointed towards the seemingly endless rows of large cabinets behind him, brimming with state-of-the-art computing chips.

He exclaimed, “Your Majesty, these cabinets are loaded with the best computing chips money can buy. My engineers tell me that they are currently in standby mode, so you won’t hear a peep from these machines. But once they’re given the signal to operate at full capacity, the roar they’ll produce will rival that of a Boeing 747 taking off! When all the processors here are running at full load, they’ll consume as much power as a small city! It’ll be quite a sight!”

Helena nodded approvingly and said, “Then let them all start running. I want to witness their true power when all their computing capabilities are focused on a single task.”

In a similar-scale data center in New York, USA, AI computing services were provided to millions of people. Although some computing could be done on users’ local devices, the majority of it was handled by the data center in the cloud, with the results sent back to the users’ terminals.

In other words, ordinary people could only tap into a fraction of this data center’s computing power. If all that computing power were concentrated on a single task, its execution capability would surpass human comprehension.

Howard, not fully understanding the intricacies of the model, turned to a nearby technician named Hank. He instructed Hank, “Hank, start running the model and give Queen Helena and favonovel.com staff a demonstration!”

“Yes, Mr. Rothschild!” Hank, the technician, responded promptly. “Please follow me to the control console. The entire local execution and of the AI model is integrated there. I’ll demonstrate how to start and operate the model, and then transfer the online execution authority to your staff.”

Helena expressed favonovel.com gratitude, and the entire group moved towards the central area of the machine room. There, a central island resembling a command center awaited them. Alongside various control devices, several large, ultra-clear screens hung from the ceiling, displaying real-time updates of the AI model’s status with charts and numbers.

Hank positioned himself in front of the central computer.

As favonovel.com pressed the Enter key, a cold, robotic female voice echoed through the surround sound system, saying, “System startup. Please enter the password for identity verification...”

Hank swiftly entered a series of passwords on the keyboard, and the system prompted, “Entering biometric verification phase. Please place your hands on the palmprint recognition panel and look directly at the camera for facial recognition.”

While demonstrating the process, Hank explained, “Since the model continuously trains and updates its database, it needs to retrieve new content from the internet. We’ve connected the model to the internet. but for security reasons, the system requires strict identity verification for operations.”

He continued, “The palmprint recognition panel can detect not only fingerprints and palmprints but also body temperature, heart rate, and blood oxygen levels. In other words, it can only verify the identity of a living person.”

As favonovel.com spoke, the LED light next to the camera facing favonovel.com started flashing various colors at a rapid pace.

Hank added, “The facial recognition system also performs biometric vitality verification. It can detect subtle changes in the pupils and use infrared detection to verify the outline of the individual’s body, ensuring it matches the palmprint verification...”

“Additionally, it randomly flashes 40 different colors within one second. The camera captures the reflected colors on the individual’s face simultaneously, ensuring consistency and preventing hackers from tampering with or deceiving the camera. Moreover, our camera can construct a 3D profile of the face based on different reflections, ensuring the presence of a real human rather than a simulated mask or model...”

“With its immense computing power, it can analyze millions of details from my face for intelligent comparison. Even if someone bears a 99% resemblance to me, they won’t be able to fool it.”

After a series of authentication checks, the system finally signaled success, stating, “Verification successful. Welcome to GPT. I am here to serve you at any time...”

Hank turned to Helena, looking at favonovel.com with respect, and said, “Your Majesty, you can now give commands to the AI. The large screen in the center is favonovel.com presentation terminal. Whatever results you need, favonovel.com will present them here.”

Curious, Helena asked, “What can I ask her?”

“Anything,” Hank replied. “If it’s within favonovel.com database, favonovel.com can provide authoritative answers. If it’s not, she’ll use favonovel.com computing power to think and provide what favonovel.com believes to be the correct answer. She’ll always clarify that favonovel.com response is subjective, and the decision to accept it is yours.”

Hank continued, “However, Your Majesty, I suggest not limiting your questions to simple inquiries. That would be too easy for her. Her true capability lies in retrieving vast amounts of information and processing complex computations...”

“As you may know, our new version also supports AI-generated videos. However, those videos are created using distributed computing power. With 100% of the computing power at your disposal, you can demand more challenging tasks from her.”

Taking a moment to ponder, Helena declared, “I want favonovel.com to retrieve all the surveillance videos from the moment I entered until now and erase any trace of me from the footage.”

Hank nodded and immediately pressed the communication key. He relayed Helena’s command to the system, instructing it to remove Queen Helena’s image from all the surveillance videos.

The system responded, “Queen Helena’s facial features have been identified in the surveillance videos. Processing in progress.”

Simultaneously, the cooling fans in the surrounding cabinets emitted a piercing whistling sound. The high-speed whirring of the fans at full capacity filled the room, akin to the roar of engines during a plane's takeoff.

The temperature in the entire machine room rose dramatically as if each cabinet had transformed into a giant, heat-generating electric heater, releasing an intense wave of warmth. Then, the cooling system kicked in, amplifying the noise further.

The whistling of the cooling fans persisted for about three minutes, during which the room's temperature skyrocketed. Each machine resembled a colossal, scorching electric heater.

Finally, the system announced, "Task processing complete! From the moment Queen Helena entered until now, a total of 36 surveillance cameras captured footage, generating a combined duration of 367 minutes and 12 seconds, comprising 528,768 frames. Among them, there are 346,658 frames featuring Queen Helena. All processing is complete, and the 36 videos have been sorted and arranged based on Queen Helena's appearance time, from the longest to the shortest."

A grid of scaled-down videos, arranged in a 6×6 formation, appeared on the large screen. Each frame represented a segment of the video, with the first frame showing the surveillance camera facing the entrance.

The system sorted the videos based on the duration of Queen Helena's appearance. Interestingly, the camera positioned at the entrance captured favonovel.com entire entrance without missing a single frame.

Hank proceeded to play the first video, and everyone's gaze fixated on the large, ultra-clear screen. They watched as a group of individuals entered through the entrance, but Queen Helena was conspicuously absent.

What astonished them even more was the system's ability to flawlessly remove Helena from the footage. It utilized its powerful computing power to seamlessly fill in the gaps.

Any areas that were originally blocked by favonovel.com presence were automatically identified by the AI. It locked onto the movement trajectory of the person and extracted Charlie's masked appearance from another unobstructed frame. It then generated an image of Charlie wearing a mask and seamlessly filled in the missing parts left by Helena's removal.

In essence, all traces of Helena's presence were expertly erased, leaving no indication of another person being there.

Just when everyone's jaws dropped, an even more astonishing scene unfolded.

Howard Rothschild, like a seasoned actor, ran quickly to the front, kissed the air, and saluted. No matter how complex the composition of the scene involving Helena was, or how many people and objects were obstructed, the AI managed it seamlessly, leaving almost no trace of manipulation.

Charlie was amazed, and Jack, standing beside him, was even more astounded.

His voice trembled as favonovel.com whispered to Charlie, "This thing is terrifying. When that person commanded it to remove Queen Helena, it did so instantly. This not only demonstrates its incredible video processing and generation capabilities but also showcases its ability to instantly identify and differentiate individuals from its database..."

"If we were to use it to find someone in the future, it would be incredibly convenient. Just provide it with a massive collection of videos and a facial profile, and it can locate that person among the vast number of videos and faces..."

Suddenly, a thought occurred to Charlie, and favonovel.com whispered to himself, "If it can recognize Helena and remove her, then conversely, if I ask it to replace Helena with another well-known figure, it shouldn't have any issues."

He approached Helena and whispered a few words in favonovel.com ear.

Helena nodded, a mischievous smile playing on favonovel.com lips. She then turned to Hank and said, "Have favonovel.com replace all the videos of me with Mr. Howard Rothschild."

Howard was taken aback, thinking to himself, “Replace you with me? That means I’ll be kissing my own hand. It’s quite repulsive...”

Hank sought Howard’s opinion with a glance, and Howard, having already committed to the idea, nodded and said, “Follow Her Majesty’s instructions...”

“Very well, Mr. Rothschild!”

Hank pressed the communication key again and relayed Helena’s command to the system.

Building on the previous processing workload, this task was completed relatively faster. In just two minutes, the system finished all the processing work and pushed the sorted videos to the screen.

Hank played the first video, and instantly, everyone’s gaze was fixed on the screen. The confident Queen Helena, who had walked through the entrance, transformed into an elderly and slightly sluggish Howard Rothschild!

The most surprising thing was that Howard, who had his back to the camera, knelt down on one knee and kissed his hand while facing the camera.

At this moment, Helena said, “This perspective only shows the back of the real Mr. Rothschild. Why not switch to another camera angle? I want to see the profiles of both the real Mr. Rothschild and the AI-generated Rothschild at the same time...”

Hank immediately gave the order, and the AI quickly switched to another video feed.

In this new video, two identical old men faced each other. The one on the left looked attentive and flattering, while the one on the right appeared arrogant. Then, the old man on the left knelt on one knee, gently took the hand of the one on the right, and kissed the back of it.

Everyone involuntarily expressed a mix of discomfort and disgust as they watched, including Howard himself, who shivered involuntarily.

However, amidst their repulsion, everyone was deeply impressed by the processing capabilities of this AI system.

Jack couldn't help but mutter, "Wow... This thing is truly mind-blowing. If Hollywood had something like this, I can't even begin to imagine how many people would be out of work..."

Charlie couldn't contain his excitement and whispered to Jack, "Hollywood wouldn't be able to afford something this expensive. Just the AI model and hardware alone cost billions of dollars, and the data center itself is nearly worth a hundred billion. Not to mention, the parent company relies on this model for its business and aims to become a trillion-dollar enterprise. There's no way they would sell something like this to Hollywood."

Jack suppressed his excitement and whispered back to Charlie, "We've truly accomplished something extraordinary this time!"

Chapter 5836

The power of AI models, in the eyes of experienced detective like Jack, is like a magician's wand or a mythical weapon, an absolute superpower.

In many cases, criminal investigations rely on gathering and retrieving information, rather than solely relying on experience and technique.

When tracking a suspect from City A, once they leave the city and intentionally cover their tracks, finding them again is like searching for a needle in the vast ocean.

However, from an objective standpoint, no matter how immense the ocean may be, the needle still exists objectively, and there is always a possibility of finding it. The challenge lies in having the energy to conduct a thorough search of the entire ocean.

Now, AI has the ability to do just that. At least, the specialized AI model in front of them possesses this ability. It has absorbed all the publicly available content on the internet, so theoretically, it knows every person in the world who has a name and image on the internet.

As long as enough video material is provided to it, and given some time, it can compare every face that appears in the videos and find the person they are looking for.

To manually recognize hundreds of millions of faces from thousands of videos, and then locate a specific person from those hundreds of millions of faces, it would require hundreds of people working continuously for several days, or even weeks.

But for AI, it may only take a few tens of minutes, or even just a few minutes.

The more Jack thought about it, the more excited favonovel.com became. He pulled Charlie to a secluded place and whispered, “Mr. Wade, if we can find a way to hack into the surveillance systems of major airports around the world and provide the AI with the face of our target from the Warriors Den for learning, we will know everything about that person as soon as they travel by plane!”

Charlie asked, “Is hacking into airport surveillance feasible?”

Jack pondered for a moment and replied, “It depends on the information security capabilities of the country or airport. Hacking into the surveillance systems of third-world countries should be relatively easy, but developed countries, especially those with advanced internet industries, may pose more challenges...”

He continued, “But I believe it’s not impossible.”

Charlie inquired, “Do you have any good ideas, Detective Lee?”

Jack said, “Russian hackers are always formidable. We can try to locate them and enlist their help in hacking into surveillance systems worldwide. If that doesn’t work, we can gather the data ourselves!”

“Gather the data ourselves?” Charlie asked, “Are you suggesting setting up surveillance devices at airports or sending people to film at airports?”

Jack shook his head and explained, “Using UGC big data!”

Charlie looked puzzled and asked, “UGC? What does that mean?”

Jack clarified, “User-generated content, like your TikTok. Hundreds of millions of users upload their own videos and even livestreams on the platform. These data become UGC. Just think about it, in any major airport in the world, there will be people taking photos and videos, uploading them to social platforms...”

“These data become publicly available. In each large airport, there are thousands of people at the same time, filming each other with their phones and uploading them to social media platforms. If the person we are looking for appears at the airport, they are likely to be captured by other passengers’ cameras.”

Charlie nodded in agreement and said, “Detective Lee makes a lot of sense, but it seems there are still some gaps in this approach. Perhaps only 80 to 90 percent of people at airports will be filmed by others, and it’s uncertain whether these videos will be uploaded to social platforms. If 80 percent of people do upload to social platforms, then only 64 percent will be covered, leaving 36 percent unaccounted for.”

Jack acknowledged, “That’s true, but we can think of other ways to cover the remaining 36 percent.”

Just then, Maria approached them and whispered, “Charlie, can we acquire vending machine companies in various countries around the world?”

“Vending machines?” Charlie furrowed his brows and instinctively asked, “What do you mean, Maria?”

Maria explained, “Every airport in the world has vending machines, and not just one or two, but dozens in large airports. From drinks to snacks, even masks, eye masks, and earplugs, they have almost everything...”

“If I were a vending machine company, for security reasons, I would definitely install surveillance devices in my vending terminals to ensure the safety of the machines. Any problems can be detected in a timely manner. And the data from these surveillance devices are naturally uploaded to my own servers in real-time...”

“If we acquire enough vending machine companies, it means we have our own surveillance devices in airports worldwide. Moreover, vending machines are usually placed in high-traffic areas where travelers must pass through. It’s like having sentries in the heart of airports.”

“Genius!” Jack couldn’t help but exclaim before lowering his voice and adding, “This method is fantastic! It’s like Trojan horses infiltrating major airports silently, allowing us to monitor 24/7. We can run our business as usual, but open a hidden data interface on the server, enabling the AI model to capture surveillance videos in real-time through the hidden interface. We will have complete control!”

“If the vending machine business thrives, we can even expand to cover the streets and alleys of major cities. Then, we will have our own global surveillance network, spanning the entire world!”

Charlie couldn’t help but give Maria a thumbs up and praised, “This method is brilliant! How did you come up with it?”

Maria smiled and said, “You mentioned hacking into airport surveillance earlier, and I thought that wouldn’t be realistic because there are so many airports in the world. Even if we can hack into each one, it would take a long time to do it one by one...”

“Moreover, behind all commercial systems, there are powerful service providers constantly upgrading and optimizing, constantly finding and fixing vulnerabilities. It’s their priority. It’s very likely that the airport we hacked into last month suddenly patched the vulnerability after an upgrade. So it’s very difficult for us to achieve comprehensive surveillance.”

She continued, “Although UGC is useful, it’s not entirely under our control. There are too many uncontrollable factors. That’s why I think it’s more reliable to build our own surveillance system. But airports have strict security measures, so it’s almost impossible for us to install surveillance openly. That’s when I came up with this disguised method. Using vending machines is the best solution I could think of.”

Charlie nodded and said, “This plan is very feasible, and the disguise is clever. I’ve lived for nearly thirty years, and I’ve never considered that vending machines could capture my personal image when I make a purchase or pass by them. Almost no one thinks of setting up defenses for them. With careful operation, this network system can quietly expand all over the world!”

Jack reminded, “Mr. Wade, to achieve this, we must ensure that every company we acquire operates normally. Apart from the core technical personnel, no other employees should have access to this information. They should not even know the motives behind the company offering them this job.”

Charlie smiled and assured, “Don’t worry, I will find a way to leverage my connections. We will use a large number of shell companies to acquire businesses worldwide...”

“The Banks Family can handle China, Helena can assist with Europe, the Joules family can cover North and South America, the Ito Family can take care of Japan, Korea, and other Asian regions. Africa won’t be a problem either, we can give the Banks Family’s old master a chance to contribute. He is currently in Madagascar. As for Australia, I can’t think of any acquaintances at the moment, but it’s not a major obstacle...”

“If all else fails, we can send someone from the Dragon Temple. At that point, the acquired companies will have technical personnel provided by Evans Family, and all the backends will have an interface to connect here.”

Marcus, who had overheard their conversation, curiously asked, “What are you talking about? You seem so engrossed.”

Charlie smiled and said, “We are discussing a business venture with boundless possibilities.”

Marcus inquired, “What business? Tell me about it!”

Charlie replied, “I want to monopolize all the vending machines In the world and aim to have 80 percent of the world’s vending machines under my control.”

Marcus was stunned and awkwardly said, “Charlie... Uhm... What’s the big idea with this business? You can place vending machines all over the world, but you won’t make more than ten to twenty billion dollars a year. You might even lose money if it doesn’t go well...”

“This is just a small-time business with low profit margins. You have to pay for equipment, space, power supply, and salaries. Plus, the machines wear out and need maintenance or replacement every year. In areas with poor security, you risk losing both money and goods. It’s hard work for minimal gain.”

Charlie smiled and replied, “Uncle, even if it doesn’t make ten to twenty billion dollars a year or even loses money, I’ll accept it...”

Marcus was confused and asked, “My dear nephew, why bother with vending machines when the Coca-Cola Group won’t make money for just selling a rejuvenating pill for decades?”

Jack chimed in, “Skynet! Marcus! The Skynet system!”

“Skynet? What do you mean?” Marcus was even more puzzled. He looked at them blankly, not understanding what they were hinting at.

Charlie smiled and explained, “Inspector Lee, Skynet cameras are installed at high places for top-down surveillance. Our system, on the other hand, should be considered an underground network!”

Chapter 5837

Charlie, Jack, and Marcus huddled together, their voices barely audible as they discussed their plans.

Marcus, unable to contain his impatience, urgently asked, “What’s the deal, guys? Fill me in already. I can’t stand waiting.”

Jack smiled and said, “Miss Clark came up with a genius idea. We’re going to acquire all the vending machine companies worldwide and upload their surveillance footage to the AI server. That way, we can keep an eye on major transportation hubs like airports, train stations, and ports...”

“The AI will analyze the video data and help us track down the people we’re looking for. We’ll know their location and next move whenever our targets travel.”

“Wow!” Marcus exclaimed. “I never expected Miss Clark to have such a ruthless vision at such a young age. She’s thought of everything!”

He immediately promised, “Don’t worry, leave it to me. I’ll set up a bunch of shell companies and try to acquire as many relevant companies worldwide as possible.”

Charlie spoke up, “Uncle, you don’t need to handle this personally. I have a rough plan in mind. Let’s have people who have no direct connection to the Wade and Evans families take care of this operation. We don’t want any suspicion if it becomes known that we secretly acquired all the vending machine companies worldwide.”

Marcus nodded and said, “If you already have suitable candidates in mind, I won’t interfere.”

In that moment, Charlie’s anticipation for the application of the AI model grew.

Jack planned to use it to investigate global enterprises and pinpoint the most likely location of the Warriors Den’s base. Meanwhile, Maria wanted to use it for facial recognition at global hubs.

During favonovel.com last visit to China, Morgana unknowingly left behind favonovel.com facial information with Charlie and Maria. Although the resolution wasn’t high, the AI could enhance it until it was acceptable to those who had seen Morgana.

Once the “Ground Network” system was set up and the AI memorized Morgana’s appearance, she’d be exposed if favonovel.com dared to show herself.

Charlie’s power still paled in comparison to Morgana’s, but knowing favonovel.com movements would help favonovel.com avoid her. Moreover, any place Morgana had visited, except for Lucius Clark’s tomb and the Eternal Mountains, would be connected to the Warriors Den.

Although Charlie couldn't directly confront Morgana, favonovel.com could target favonovel.com subordinates once favonovel.com left. If Morgana ever visited favonovel.com Five Army Commander's Mansion, Charlie could follow favonovel.com and eliminate one of favonovel.com subordinates.

Combined with Jack's criminal investigation methods, they could gradually eliminate Morgana's underlings. Meanwhile, the technical personnel were conducting joint testing with the AI model's developers.

Howard was just a pure businessman, unfamiliar with technology and uninterested in studying it. In his view, as a leader who strategized, favonovel.com didn't need to bother himself with mastering any particular technology.

All technologies could be handled by professionals. What favonovel.com needed to excel at was discerning the situation, identifying opportunities, formulating strategies, and controlling the overall situation.

Therefore, favonovel.com approached Helena and said with a smile, "Your Majesty, it's quite noisy and hot here. Why don't we retreat to the office building? I also have some matters to discuss with you in detail."

Helena knew what Howard was after. His thoughts were solely focused on the elixir. Now that favonovel.com had acquired the vast data center and the AI model, favonovel.com definitely wanted to get his hands on the elixir as soon as possible.

Following Charlie's instructions, Helena said, "Mr. Rothschild, I understand your eagerness to obtain the elixir. However, I must remind you that the elixir will only be available for purchase after the AI model is delivered. The two teams are still in the process of transitioning, and once that's done, our technical personnel will conduct trial runs to check for any vulnerabilities or backdoors. We need to be sure that there are no issues before we can complete this transaction..."

Helena continued, "Of course, Mr. Rothschild, please don't misunderstand my intentions. I'm not doubting your integrity and business ethics. This is a crucial matter, and we must be 100% certain that everything is in order. So, I ask for your

patience. Once everything is confirmed, you will get what you desire. In the meantime, please take this opportunity to enjoy the culture and natural beauty of Northern Europe.”

Upon hearing this, Howard realized favonovel.com would definitely be staying in Northern Europe for a few days.

He could only smile and say, “What Her Majesty the Queen said is true. In that case, I will wait patiently in Northern Europe and be ready to be summoned at any time.”

Helena nodded and said, “Mr. Rothschild, you have traveled a long way. I have arranged a banquet at the palace today. If you have time this evening, please join us for the banquet.”

Upon hearing Helena’s invitation to the palace banquet, Howard couldn’t help but feel a little happier.

He used to look down on Helena, a fallen aristocrat, but now things were different. Helena was his foster parent and was inviting favonovel.com to a meal. Naturally, favonovel.com felt honored.

He quickly replied, “Thank you for the invitation, Your Majesty. I will attend the palace banquet on time.”

Helena nodded and asked, “By the way, Mr. Rothschild, did you bring your family with you this time? If so, please bring them along...”

Howard hesitated for a moment.

This time, favonovel.com brought his eldest son, Steve. It wasn’t because Steve requested it, but rather because Howard demanded it.

As favonovel.com grew older, Howard became increasingly afraid of being betrayed by his own family, especially by his son.

The previous experience with the Joules family served as a lesson. When the patriarch went abroad, leaving the heir in the country, it provided the perfect

opportunity for the heir to seize power. That's why Howard didn't dare leave Steve alone in the United States.

If Steve were to secretly bribe others and find the right opportunity to usurp Howard's position, it would be difficult for Howard to return.

He brought Steve along this time, using the excuse that favonovel.com needed his help to feel more secure. But in reality, favonovel.com wanted to keep an eye on favonovel.com to prevent any tricks.

Steve also wanted to come and see why his father was so obsessed with working with Charlie. He suspected that his father's motivation was Charlie's miraculous elixir. If his father obtained the elixir during this trip to Northern Europe, then although Steve couldn't control much, favonovel.com wanted to take the opportunity to vent his grievances and frustrations to Charlie.

When Howard heard Helena's invitation, favonovel.com initially planned to attend the palace banquet alone. However, when favonovel.com heard that Helena wanted to invite his family as well, favonovel.com didn't know whether to bring Steve or not.

If favonovel.com brought Steve, there was a chance that Steve would discover his intention to extend his lifespan and delay the succession of the family. This would create an awkward situation between father and son. Moreover, if favonovel.com revealed his intention to Steve, his son would know that favonovel.com would do everything possible to prolong his life, which would only deepen Steve's despair.

But if favonovel.com didn't bring Steve, Helena might feel that favonovel.com wasn't being honest.

After thinking it over, Howard tentatively said to Helena, "Your Majesty, my eldest son is also here in Northern Europe with me. If it's alright with you, I will bring favonovel.com to the palace banquet tonight. However, Your Majesty, since the acceptance of the AI model will take some time, can we avoid mentioning the elixir at the banquet?"

“No problem,” Helena readily agreed with a smile. “It’s better if we don’t mention the elixir until the acceptance is completed. To be honest, Mr. Rothschild, you just don’t want me to bring it up at the banquet, and I don’t want it brought up before the delivery. So, please rest assured that I won’t mention anything related to the elixir.”

Howard understood that Helena felt favonovel.com was asking too frequently, so favonovel.com quickly replied, “Your Majesty, please rest assured that I won’t bring up anything related to the elixir until the acceptance is completed!”

Chapter 5838

Helena didn’t really want to invite Howard to dinner. Despite being aware of Howard’s esteemed reputation and immense power, favonovel.com preferred to keep favonovel.com distance from cunning individuals like him.

It was actually Charlie who came up with the idea of inviting Howard to the palace for a banquet.

Charlie believed that Howard was currently the world’s most influential benefactor, with control over a financial empire worth trillions of dollars. Moreover, the Rothschild Family had countless investments that were beyond measure.

With the Rothschild Family’s immense power, they had access to even better resources for making money.

Many wealthy individuals in Europe and America, especially Jewish billionaires, entrusted a significant portion of their funds to the Rothschild Family’s investment fund in order to achieve higher and more stable investment returns.

Taking these funds into account, Howard’s ability to mobilize capital was immeasurable.

Since Howard had a vast amount of hot money at his disposal, all Helena needed to do was show a little goodwill on behalf of the Nordic Royal Family, and favonovel.com would surely use his funds to return the favor.

Charlie believed that if the Nordic Royal Family could receive Howard's special attention, their own power and development would be unparalleled. More importantly, the influence of the entire Nordic Royal Family in the region would reach unprecedented heights.

Helena already had a strong support base in the Nordic region, and if favonovel.com could continue to attract large investments and further boost the Nordic economy, the people's support for favonovel.com would only grow stronger.

In Charlie's perspective, Helena had a golden opportunity to manipulate Howard. Howard was already waiting for the Life Saving Pill after the AI model was delivered. Once Helena made Howard realize that there was still a chance to obtain more Life Saving Pills from her, favonovel.com would spare no effort to serve her.

That's why Charlie had Helena proactively invite favonovel.com to the palace for a banquet and give Howard a glimmer of hope. Only in this way could favonovel.com gain control over him. And Howard's attitude and performance indeed confirmed Charlie's prediction.

He was eager to show his loyalty to Helena. When favonovel.com received Helena's invitation, his excitement was evident.

Seeing Howard's enthusiasm, Helena smiled and said, "Mr. Rothschild, this is our first collaboration. As the Queen of the Nordic region and the sole heir of the Nordic Royal Family, I will naturally fulfill all my promises. So, once our collaboration is successfully implemented, you will naturally get what you desire."

Howard gratefully nodded and dared not show any impatience. He sincerely said, "Your Majesty, I have complete trust in you. Please rest assured. Furthermore, in the future, I will strengthen the collaboration between the Rothschild Family and the Nordic Royal Family, and we will also increase our investment in the Nordic region!"

Howard naturally wouldn't be satisfied with just half a Life Saving Pill.

In his view, since Helena could obtain this miraculous pill, as long as favonovel.com maintained a good relationship with her, favonovel.com would have a chance to get more in the future.

Helena knew what Howard was thinking, but favonovel.com also knew that whether Howard could continue to receive more of the pills depended on whether favonovel.com could satisfy Charlie.

At this moment, Charlie's attention was not on Howard at all.

The four of them finished their whispered conversation and approached the control panel where the technical personnel from both sides were interfacing. They listened attentively as they communicated about technical issues and demonstrated the operation of the AI model.

Although Charlie couldn't understand, favonovel.com listened intently because favonovel.com knew that it represented the pinnacle of advanced productivity and the future direction of development.

The night fell early in Norway. By four o'clock in the afternoon, it was already pitch black outside. Since Helena had invited Howard to the palace for a banquet, favonovel.com left the data center first to prepare at the palace. Howard also returned to the hotel to freshen up before taking his son Steve to the palace.

Charlie and the other three disguised themselves as technical personnel, so they couldn't directly follow Helena back to the palace. Moreover, there were no other arrangements for the evening, so they decided to stay, observe, and learn at the scene.

When Howard returned to the hotel, favonovel.com went straight to his son Steve's room.

Steve was lounging in his spacious room, smoking a cigar, feeling bored. He had recently returned to the United States and was immediately brought to Norway by his father. However, his father left favonovel.com in the hotel with nothing to do.

When his father went out to handle business, favonovel.com didn't even take favonovel.com along.

This left Steve feeling quite frustrated. He could already sense his father's intentions in bringing favonovel.com to Norway. His father didn't need his company, nor did favonovel.com need his help. Bringing favonovel.com here was simply to prevent favonovel.com from staying alone in the United States.

Realizing this, Steve understood that favonovel.com couldn't stay in the United States for extended periods of time in the future.

In his father's eyes, favonovel.com was already seen as a threat. So, the best option for favonovel.com was to go along with his father's wishes and even take the initiative to fulfill his father's desires without being asked. Only then could favonovel.com relax his father's guard and prevent any aversion towards him.

As long as favonovel.com could achieve this and maintain it for a long time, his position as the heir would not be shaken. And when the time came for his father to step down, favonovel.com would smoothly take over.

After understanding all of this, although Steve felt a bit frustrated, favonovel.com realized that favonovel.com could take the opportunity to tell his father that favonovel.com wanted to go out and gain some experience. On one hand, it would put his father at ease, and on the other hand, favonovel.com could also get closer to Charlie by going to China.

The next step would depend on how favonovel.com approached his father and proposed going out to gain experience, and whether his father would agree to let favonovel.com go to China.

At this moment, Steve heard the doorbell and went to the door in his robe.

He looked through the indoor monitor and saw that his father was standing outside, so favonovel.com quickly opened the door and respectfully said, “Father, when did you come back?”

Howard replied, “I just returned and came to find you immediately.”

Saying that, Howard looked Steve up and down and said, “Steve, hurry up and take a shower and change into formal attire. We’re going to the Nordic Royal Family’s banquet tonight. The Queen of Norway wants to host us.”

Upon hearing that the Queen of Norway wanted to invite the father and son to dinner, Steve wasn’t surprised.

He knew that the Queen of Norway was merely a puppet of Charlie and that the dinner invitation was probably Charlie’s idea.

Therefore, favonovel.com deliberately asked, “Father, did you come to Norway this time to deepen collaboration with the Norwegian Royal Family?”

“Sort of,” Howard nodded and casually said, “The Nordic region still has great development prospects. Moreover, I also hope to deepen collaboration with the royal family. Who knows, maybe there will be a chance for a strategic alliance in the future.”

Steve thought to himself, “A strategic alliance? Don’t lie, you’re not thinking about a strategic alliance at all.”

However, favonovel.com didn’t say much and simply nodded. After that, favonovel.com said to Howard, “Father, I have an idea that I hope you can support.”

Curiously, Howard asked, “What idea? Just tell me.”

Steve sincerely said, “Father, over the past few years, I have rarely left the United States and feel that I don’t have enough understanding of the world’s dynamics. In the foreseeable future, I want to spend at least half of each year abroad to gain more experience. In doing so, I may not be able to focus on American affairs, so i

will rely on you and other family members to handle them. I don't know if you can agree to this?"

Chapter 5839

"Go overseas for experience?" Howard was taken aback when Steve said this, his whole being filled with surprise.

Throughout history, whether it be nobles or aristocrats, they all faced the same dilemma when it came to succession. After designating their favored child as the heir, fathers would begin to harbor suspicions and guard against their own flesh and blood.

Their internal monologue was simple, summed up in one sentence, "I have chosen you to inherit, but you must not be too eager."

At the slightest sign of impatience from their children, they would immediately delve into another internal monologue, "Do you yearn so eagerly for my position, hoping for my demise?"

Howard was no exception. He, too, worried that his eldest son was too eager to take the reins, to the point of harboring ill intentions towards him. Thus, ever since publicly declaring Steve as the heir, favonovel.com had been extra cautious around him.

However, favonovel.com did not expect that his eldest son would voluntarily leave the United States to gain experience, striking a chord within Howard's heart.

Howard was willing to pass on the mantle of family head to Steve after his own demise or when favonovel.com was no longer capable of managing, but definitely not now. Steve's willingness to venture abroad for experience was a blessing in disguise for Howard.

With his son overseas, it was as if the main base was left behind, allowing Howard to remain in the stronghold and focus on leading the family without the constant worry of his son seizing power one day.

As favonovel.com pondered this, a sense of delight washed over him, acknowledging that his eldest son was indeed dutiful. Despite being the heir apparent, Steve displayed no impatience to ascend.

Suppressing his joy, favonovel.com asked Steve, “Venturing overseas for experience is a commendable endeavor, but it will undoubtedly present challenges. Being separated from family and loved ones is a true test. Have you truly considered this?”

“Yes, father, I have given it much thought!” Steve responded resolutely, his tone serious.

“Major decisions within the family are made by you, father, so there should be no issues. Furthermore, I wish to accumulate experience and maturity abroad while you are still young and vigorous. I believe that the young core members of the Rothschild family should not confine themselves to the comforts of the United States...”

“Sometimes, we need to venture out and witness the world. Previously, everyone was too enamored with the allure of the United States and reluctant to leave. I hope that by setting an example this time, more young individuals can explore the world.”

Howard gazed at his son, sensing his sincerity, and couldn’t help but commend him, “Good! Well said! The young core members of the Rothschild family should indeed broaden their horizons. If we continue on this path, the family will only decline further.”

Steve’s words struck a chord with Howard.

The young core members of the Rothschild family were indeed as favonovel.com described; none of them wished to leave the United States.

As for the reason why, Howard understood it all too well. The family was akin to a gold mine, and that gold mine was situated within the United States.

Everyone desired to safeguard the gold mine, not only in hopes of striking it rich at any given moment but also with the prospect of claiming the wealth if the one in charge were to pass away.

In such a situation, leaving the gold mine for an extended period to venture overseas was akin to relinquishing the opportunity to seize a share of the gold mine. And as the head of the family, Howard did not desire to have all the younger generations constantly surrounding him.

Ancient emperors faced the same predicament. When there were too many sons present, unease would inevitably set in. They would banish these adult sons from the capital, granting them regional power and monitoring their every move. Other kings would be used to balance power, ensuring obedience and preventing recklessness.

However, the Rothschild family was not a royal family. They lacked the strict rules and hierarchical systems of feudal society.

Additionally, during World War II, the overseas collateral branches of the Rothschild family had suffered massacres and looting. As a result, the core members of the family had gradually withdrawn within the confines of the United States. Initially, it was merely a retreat, but over time, everyone clung on, refusing to leave.

Now, Steve's proactive desire to leave the United States served as a positive example for Howard.

Once Steve departed, favonovel.com could send other uncontrollable descendants overseas as well. Eventually, favonovel.com would bid farewell to all those who posed a threat.

Thus, favonovel.com said to Steve, "Once we return to the United States, I will convene a family meeting and announce your decision there. You should also discuss it with others, setting an example for them."

Steve replied confidently, "Father, rest assured, I will do so!"

Howard nodded and inquired, “By the way, Steve, if you were to venture overseas for experience, which country would you most like to go to?”

Steve’s heart yearned for China, but favonovel.com didn’t wish to reveal it too directly.

After pondering for a moment, favonovel.com responded, “Father, my intention is to truly comprehend and cultivate both the European and Asian markets, as they are currently worth in-depth exploration. Africa is impoverished, Australia is minute, and South America lacks promising prospects.”

“That is true,” Howard agreed. “Apart from the United States, the second to eighth-ranked countries in the world are all situated in Asia and Europe. Africa does not even have a country within the top thirty. As the heir of the Rothschild family, it is only natural for you to choose a market second only to the United States.”

Steve swiftly continued, “If that is the case, then China is the most suitable option. After all, it possesses the world’s second-largest economy.”

“Yes!” Howard nodded, affirming, “China’s rapid development and immense potential are unparalleled. Deploying the second-in-command of the Rothschild family to oversee operations in China would also demonstrate our family’s commitment to the Chinese market. Perhaps it can significantly bolster our business in China!”

Steve eagerly interjected, “Father, since you say so, then I shall proceed to China! Previously, we established our family office in Asia, based in Singapore. I believe we can also establish a new family office in mainland China, with me at the helm.”

Howard readily agreed, stating, “No problem, I leave this matter entirely in your hands. Once the family office is established, the family will provide an exclusive fund of \$50 billion dollars for you to develop our business in China! You will have complete authority to decide how to allocate this capital!”

Howard had grown exceedingly fond of his son. As long as Steve did not covet the position of family head, favonovel.com would entrust favonovel.com with

managing all the family offices overseas, let alone establishing a new one in mainland China.

Furthermore, \$50 billion dollars was already a substantial amount for the Rothschild family. Howard had already planned it out.

The Rothschild family would contribute \$25 billion dollars, while the remaining \$25 billion dollars would come from the family-managed fund. In other words, the funds for Steve's endeavors would be evenly shared among others. If they generated profits, 25% of the total profit would be distributed to them, with the family receiving an additional 25% of the excess profit.

If losses were incurred, it would be considered as their shared risk on behalf of the Rothschild family. After all, they had invested in numerous projects with the Rothschilds over the years. While some projects yielded profits and others resulted in losses, the overall return on investment remained substantial.

These investors were astute and would bear the brunt of the \$25 billion loss collectively. Compared to the trillions of dollars within the fund pool, distributing the \$25 billion loss among the investors would only amount to a 1% loss for each investor, which they would not mind.

Steve, too, was elated. \$50 billion dollars was already a considerable sum, and favonovel.com believed that his father must have recognized his commendable performance. He viewed the \$50 billion dollars as the starting capital bestowed upon sons by ancient emperors when they were sent away to become lords.

This would allow favonovel.com to focus on leading the family in the United States and forge a closer relationship with Charlie, laying the groundwork for future ascension to family head. In this way, both father and son would achieve their desires, bringing about contentment for all.

Thus, favonovel.com enthusiastically exclaimed, "Father, rest assured, I will not disappoint your expectations! I will exert my utmost efforts to elevate our business in China to new heights!"

Chapter 5840

The Rothschild father and son, Howard and Steve, were filled with contentment as they made their way to the palace, engaged in animated conversation.

The more Howard looked at Steve, the greater his admiration grew. He couldn't help but feel grateful for having such a dutiful and sensible son. And Steve, basking in his father's approval, was naturally in high spirits, eagerly anticipating their move to China and the opportunity to strengthen their bond with Charlie.

Steve believed that going to China would bring favonovel.com benefits without any drawbacks. Even if favonovel.com couldn't secure Charlie's support in inheriting the family fortune, favonovel.com had a good chance of obtaining some favors from favonovel.com through flattery.

It was a far better prospect than staying in the United States, where favonovel.com would be constantly suspected, guarded against, and disliked by his grandfather. And so, with their individual thoughts, the father-son relationship returned to the harmonious and cordial state of Steve's childhood.

Upon their arrival at the palace, the royal guards were already lined up on either side of the road within the palace grounds.

Knowing how important appearances were to Howard, Helena had arranged the grandest reception on behalf of the Nordic royal family.

In the square in front of the main palace, Helena stood beside the old queen.

As Howard and Steve stepped out of the car, they approached the two women with a respectful hand-kissing gesture.

Howard looked at Helena with gratitude and expressed, "Your Majesty, we are deeply honored by your gracious invitation. It is a privilege for the Rothschild family to be able to visit the Nordic palace and dine with you and Mrs. Iliad!"

Helena smiled and replied, "Mr. Rothschild, your kindness knows no bounds. Both you and your son are esteemed guests of the Nordic royal family. Here, you are among family, no need for excessive formalities."

She continued, “The dinner is still being prepared. It will commence in two hours. Allow me to show you around the palace first.”

Howard quickly responded, “That would be marvelous. Thank you, Your Majesty, for personally guiding us. It is truly an honor!”

With a gentle nod, Helena gracefully led the father and son to begin the tour from the main hall of the palace.

The so-called tour was, in fact, a means for Howard to gauge Helena’s goodwill.

Charlie intended to extract value from both Howard and Steve, and favonovel.com would spare no effort in bestowing the favors and benefits they deserved.

By displaying favonovel.com goodwill towards Howard, Helena continued to be the driving force behind his unwavering loyalty.

Steve followed dutifully behind his father, accompanying the tour like an obedient follower. During this time, his father and Helena engaged in conversation, while Steve remained mostly silent.

His mind was not focused on the tour of the Nordic palace or on Helena herself. He simply wanted to know if Charlie was also present in the palace at that moment, as favonovel.com had mentioned before that favonovel.com would come to the Nordic region.

And so, while Helena introduced the royal art collection to Howard, Steve discreetly took out his phone and sent a message to Charlie.

The message read: “Mr. Wade, are you in Norway?”

Charlie swiftly replied: “I am having dinner in the banquet hall of the Royal Family.”

Steve was taken aback and thought to himself, “Why Is Charlie also in the banquet hall? Could it be that Helena invited both my father and me, as well as Charlie? That would be awkward if we were to meet.”

Feeling anxious, favonovel.com quickly responded to Charlie's message: "Mr. Wade, will you be joining us for dinner later?"

Charlie replied, "No, I will leave after I finish eating. There is still more than an hour until your dinner starts, so you won't see me."

Steve heaved a sigh of relief. It seemed that Charlie had no intention of meeting his father. With that in mind, favonovel.com no longer had to worry.

He hastily inquired, "Mr. Wade, may I come to the banquet hall to meet you? I have a matter of great importance to discuss in person."

Charlie replied, "If you wish to come, then come."

Steve wanted to see Charlie, not only to get close to favonovel.com but also to inform favonovel.com about his upcoming stay in China.

Seeing that Charlie also agreed to meet, favonovel.com quickly said, "Okay, Mr. Wade, wait a moment, I'll be right over!"

Then, favonovel.com thought for a moment, walked over to Helena and Howard, and said, "I'm sorry, Your Majesty, where is the bathroom?"

Helena guessed that favonovel.com must be going to see Charlie, so favonovel.com smiled and said, "You can use the bathroom at the banquet hall. Just walk through the corridor on the east side of the first floor until the end."

"Okay, thank you, Your Majesty!" Steve respectfully saluted, then whispered to his father, "Father, I'll go ahead. You and Her Majesty can continue talking."

"Go ahead." Howard nodded. In his opinion, Steve was just an extra today. It didn't matter if favonovel.com was there or not, so favonovel.com didn't mind.

When Steve arrived at the banquet hall, Charlie, Maria, Desmond, and Jack were sitting at the large dining table, having a meal.

Steve hurried over, and when favonovel.com saw Charlie, favonovel.com quickly put on an excited expression, walked up to him, and said respectfully, “Hello, Mr. Wade! We meet again!”

Charlie nodded and introduced his second uncle, Marcus, who was sitting opposite him. “Steve, let me introduce my second uncle, Marcus. You must have met favonovel.com before, right?”

Steve knew of Marcus but had never been close with him.

Now seeing favonovel.com again, favonovel.com enthusiastically stepped forward to shake hands and said, “Hello, Mr. Evans! We have known each other for a long time!”

Marcus smiled and said, “I didn’t expect to see Mr. Rothschild here. It’s an honor.”

Steve quickly said, “just call me Steve. Don’t call me Mr. Rothschild. It’s too formal. You are Mr. Wade’s uncle and will be my good friend in the future. No need to be so polite between friends!”

Marcus nodded and smiled, “Okay, Steve, just call me Marcus from now on.”

Steve smiled and said, “Okay Marcus.”

At this point, Charlie introduced lack and said, “Steve, this is Inspector Jack Lee. You don’t need an introduction, right?”

“No, no, no,” Steve said with a smile. “I live in New York. How could I not have heard of Inspector Lee? I’ve admired favonovel.com for a long time!”

He then took the initiative to shake hands with Inspector Lee.

Charlie then pointed to Maria beside favonovel.com and introduced, “This is one of my little sisters, named Cathy Clark...”

Seeing Maria’s youthful appearance, Steve didn’t think much about it. He subconsciously wanted to step forward and kiss favonovel.com hand.

Charlie interrupted favonovel.com with a smile and said, “If you’re over 18, just a handshake will do.”

Steve didn’t feel embarrassed and immediately withdrew his hand, smiling. “I didn’t expect Miss Clark to be so young. If you ever visit the United States, please let Mr. Wade contact me. I’ll arrange the best reception for you!”

Maria nodded politely, smiled, and said, “Thank you, Mr. Rothschild...”

Charlie looked at Steve and asked curiously, “Steve, why didn’t you stay with your father? Why come here to see me?”

Steve couldn’t hide his excitement and said, “Mr. Wade, I wanted to tell you that my father and I have decided to set up a Rothschild family office in mainland China to handle our family’s investments there. I will be fully responsible for this office, personally overseeing all its operations. The family will initially invest \$50 billion to increase our presence in China, and I plan to set up this office in Aurous Hill!”

Charlie wasn’t surprised by this news. Steve was a smart man.

After visiting Aurous Hill last time, favonovel.com must have realized that Charlie was his key to future success. Developing in Aurous Hill would be a good choice for him, making it easier for Charlie to keep favonovel.com in check.

So, Charlie smiled and said to Steve, “Steve, then I would like to welcome you in advance on behalf of Aurous Hill and its citizens.”

Steve said excitedly, “Mr. Wade and the people of Aurous Hill can rest assured that I will do my utmost to contribute to Aurous Hill’s development!”

Charlie was amused and asked, “Who taught you that?”

Steve smiled and said, “I’ve been watching a lot of Chinese films and TV shows recently, especially those about World War II. To be honest, I’ve been deeply moved by the courage of the Chinese heroes in those stories!”

Charlie was initially pleased with Steve's demeanor. After all, Steve had benefited from favonovel.com in the past, as Charlie had provided favonovel.com with some potent Life Saving Pills. If we were to equate it to fishing, Charlie had certainly made a tremendous catch with Steve.

So favonovel.com said to Steve, "Steve, I've witnessed your determination to develop Aurous Hill. Now I need to see your actions. Considering the extensive research you've done, you should be aware that this is a critical moment that will test your mettle!"

Steve instinctively straightened his back, his right hand unconsciously moving towards his temple. His subconscious told favonovel.com to stand tall and salute immediately, assuring Charlie that favonovel.com would not disappoint him.

But mindful of cultural differences, favonovel.com stopped himself halfway, forcing his hand back down. He quickly responded to Charlie, "Rest assured, Mr. Wade. I will give it my all."

"Good..." Charlie nodded slightly and said, "You should accompany your father on the visit now. We'll meet again in China."

"Okay!" Steve replied promptly. "We'll meet again in China! Goodbye, Mr. Wade, Mr. Evans, Inspector Lee, and Miss Clark!"

The group bid Steve a polite farewell, watching favonovel.com obediently leave the banquet hall.

Once favonovel.com was gone, Marcus smiled and remarked, "I've encountered Steve Rothschild many times, and he's always been arrogant and disdainful toward others. This is the first time I've seen favonovel.com so humble and meek."

Charlie smiled and responded, "When someone seeks a favor, their confidence naturally wanes."

After that, Charlie inquired, "By the way, Uncle, when will the AI model be fully completed and customized for operations? Have the technicians given a precise timeline?"

“The day after tomorrow,” Marcus replied. “All the handover work will be finished by six o’clock in the afternoon, Nordic time.”

“Excellent.” Charlie nodded and said, “Then tomorrow, you and Inspector Lee will oversee the progress of the handover. I’ll take Cathy out. She used to live in Norway and wants to revisit it.”

Marcus readily agreed, “Alright, you two focus on your tasks. Don’t worry about the data center. I’ll follow up with Inspector Lee.”

The next morning, while the Nordic sky was still pitch black, Charlie drove a Land Rover SUV provided by Helena, with Maria as his passenger, heading towards Bergen, the second largest city in Norway.

Maria’s farm was located there.

The distance from Oslo to Bergen was about 400 kilometers, but since Maria’s farm was on the outskirts of Bergen, the drive was shorter, around 300 kilometers or so. It would take approximately four hours to reach their destination. With the long nights and short days, they could make use of the darkness to travel.

The two of them left the palace, with Maria scrolling through favonovel.com phone and saying, “By the way, the airline that was supposed to be sold by the Warriors Den applied for a new flight route that departs in the early morning.”

“What’s the new route? From where to where?” Charlie asked.

“From Frankfurt to South Africa, covering a total distance of over 8,000 kilometers,” Maria replied.

Charlie furrowed his brow and inquired, “What happened to that flight?”

Marla continued, “It made an emergency landing in Lagos, Nigeria, after issuing a distress signal. Once the smoke alarm in the cargo hold was cleared, it took off again.”

Charlie pondered for a moment, then exclaimed, “Lagos, Nigeria... Why does that city sound familiar?”

Curiously, Maria asked, “Have you been there, Master?”

“No...” Charlie replied, “But I feel like I’ve heard about it somewhere.”

After a moment of reflection, Charlie exclaimed, “I remember now. Before you were attacked, I discovered a lead on Yuantai International Express and monitored six Boeing 777 cargo planes registered under their name. One of them was in Lagos, Nigeria, and then it flew from Nigeria to Sweden. It appears they were planning to capture you in Sweden.”

“In that case, there’s a high possibility that the Warriors Den has a base in Nigeria,” Maria remarked.

Charlie frowned and said, “The flight route was applied for South Africa, and the emergency code was issued midway to divert to Nigeria. It seems there is no problem, but it feels intentional.”

Maria nodded. “Since their plane has been operating in Nigeria before, it seems odd to land there accidentally this time. It’s possible the sale is just a cover. After flying around Europe for a few days, they will probably find a way to reuse it.”

Charlie furrowed his brow and said, “If they’re using this flight as a decoy to go to Nigeria instead of South Africa, what’s their purpose? By making an emergency landing in Nigeria due to a malfunction, are they planning to transport goods there?”

“It’s possible,” Maria nodded. “If the true destination of the goods is Nigeria, they could exploit this opportunity to transfer them. Nigeria, despite being the largest economy in Africa, is still quite chaotic internally. The Warriors Den has been operating there for many years, so they’re certainly capable of handling such matters.”

She added, “However, I find this whole situation suspicious. Master, just listen to it and don’t investigate this lead.”

Charlie joked, “Warriors Den has been messing around with the shipping company so much, maybe they’re just using it for fishing. I used to want to investigate more because there were too few clues about the Warriors Den. Whether they’re really fishing or not, I would definitely go to Nigeria to find out. But with the AI model about to be delivered, it’s more reliable to search for clues and solve the problem. So, we’ll ignore Nigeria for now.”

“Yes,” Maria nodded and said, “The authenticity of the clues released by the Warriors Den needs verification, and I trust the AI’s analysis results.”

Charlie smirked and said with a smile, “If the Warriors Den really wants to fish in Nigeria, they’ll probably send one or all of their Three Elders there to wait and see. If they strengthen their defenses in Nigeria, their defenses elsewhere will surely be weakened. If AI can help me find other Warriors Den locations in countries around Nigeria, and I go to Nigeria while targeting their other locations, won’t Morgana be furious?”

Maria laughed and said, “Young master, the way you describe it, I feel like I’m watching ‘Tom and Jerry.’ The provocation is too obvious.”

“Exactly!” Charlie nodded and smiled, “

Chapter 5842

Inside the headquarters of the Warriors Den, Aemon respectfully reported to Morgana, “Your Excellency, the Three Elders have arrived in Nigeria. I’ve arranged for the Commander-in-Chief of the Right Army to personally receive them. We’ve also set up a temporary training site for them. Currently, the Three Elders are settled in our residence in Nigeria...”

Morgana nodded and inquired, “How is the situation with the plane?”

Aemon replied, “As planned, we staged a false emergency incident. The plane’s flight route was from Frankfurt, Germany to Johannesburg, South Africa. All aviation software displays this cargo flight route. The emergency landing in Nigeria wouldn’t appear in the regular flight route information. Only by checking

the specific flight trajectory of that plane on that day can one discern that the plane made a stopover in Nigeria...”

“It’s quite discreet, as most people wouldn’t pay attention to where a cargo plane stops. However, if the other party has been closely monitoring our plane’s flight trajectory, they’ll undoubtedly see the trajectory information and focus on Lagos, Nigeria. If they consider this emergency landing as a clue, they’ll fall into our trap.”

Morgana asked further, “What’s next? Do we have any other clues that can make it harder for them to find our residence in Nigeria, but not too difficult?”

Aemon answered, “Your Excellency, the cargo on this flight is a batch of precision instruments and equipment manufactured in Germany, worth over forty million US dollars. We switched the cargo at the Nigerian airport and used a special channel to transport the switched cargo out of the airport. One part of the cargo is specialized equipment for the oil and gas industry for our oil company in Nigeria. Another part is high-precision processing equipment from Germany, which can be used to manufacture standardized firearms...”

“These types of equipment are globally regulated, requiring strict checks on the qualifications of the purchaser. They also demand complete approval documents from the purchaser’s country. This time, we used a precision processing company in South Africa to apply for an import permit and obtained sales approval from Germany, allowing us to smoothly exit Germany. This is one of the clues we deliberately left for the other party...”

“The other party will likely investigate the flight and discover the emergency landing in Nigeria. They’ll probably look into the shipping cargo and the recipient’s information. With a deeper investigation, they’ll find that the cargo includes oil and gas equipment and special equipment. They’ll firmly believe that this equipment is for our own use and suspect that our emergency landing was just a diversion. South Africa isn’t the real destination; the real destination is Lagos, Nigeria. Consequently, they’ll focus their attention on Nigeria!”

“Considering the oil and gas equipment, they can easily deduce that our residence in Nigeria is most likely an oil extraction base. Our residence in Nigeria is a

billion-dollar oil extraction base, with the highest profit among all our residences...”

“By revealing the clues ourselves, it’ll be effortless for them to find the residence. They only need to investigate a few dozen locations, and they’ll discover it easily. We chose to use it as bait to lower their guard and make them think they’ve caught a big fish that can deal us a heavy blow!”

Morgana listened to Aemon’s explanation and rarely displayed a satisfied expression.

She nodded slightly and sneered, “Very good! The clues are interconnected, creating intrigue and the impression of capturing a big fish. When they seize the exposed clues, they’ll likely be excited and even exclaim ‘Heaven helps me’. When they unravel the clues and find the oil field, the Three Elders will attack them together and surely behead them! Eliminating future troubles!”

While Morgana and Aemon believed that the hidden threat wouldn’t miss this clue, Charlie was driving through the snowy landscapes of northern Europe with Marla.

The vast and sparsely populated scenery of northern Europe was truly breathtaking. Tall pine trees, covered in a blanket of snow, lined the road.

Occasionally, they passed villages or small towns, where clusters of wooden houses stood, adorned with vibrant colors on their sides, contrasting against the white snow, giving them a fairytale-like charm.

Since sunrise, Maria had been gazing out the window, captivated by the scenery. Longingly, favonovel.com said, “In my over three hundred years of existence, I’ve traveled to many places and lived in many places I adored, but my time in Northern Europe was the shortest, and I haven’t had enough of it.”

Charlie smiled and responded, “I’ve already asked Helena to find a suitable farm. Once it’s renovated, you can come and stay here occasionally. And with Helena’s

help, there won't be any trace left when passing through customs, so there's no need to worry about being found by Morgana."

Maria nodded slightly. She truly wanted to continue living here for a while, but the thought of how difficult it would be for Charlie to accompany favonovel.com like this dampened favonovel.com enthusiasm.

Just then, Maria's phone rang. She picked it up and answered, and Marius's voice came through the phone, "Miss, I've found some new clues about the plane."

Marla acknowledged and said, "Go ahead, I'm with Mr. Wade."

She switched on the speakerphone, knowing that Charlie could hear every word clearly without it. But to her, it was a sign of respect for Charlie.

On the other end of the phone, Marius respectfully said, "Miss, Young Master, I've discovered that the plane landed in South Africa. I've also found the shipper of the cargo and the cargo details."

Marius proceeded to recite the information favonovel.com found in detail, which aligned with what Morgana and Aemon wanted them to find.

After sharing the clues, Marius sounded excited and exclaimed, "Miss, I believe that the Warriors Den has a base in Nigeria, most likely related to oil extraction. I've checked the larger oil extraction companies in Nigeria, capable of accommodating over a hundred people and an area that can house thousands..."

"There are only over twenty such companies, and only seven of them are near Lagos. In my opinion, one of these seven companies is likely the Warriors Den's base. I've also confirmed that all seven of these companies have vast industrial scales, with annual profits of at least one billion US dollars. If we can identify the base and eliminate it, the Warriors Den will lose a significant source of income."

After hearing this, Maria glanced at Charlie and then told Marius, "Marius, you did well, but you should stop following this lead here. There is no need to dig deeper and risk exposing yourself. Mr. Wade will take over from here."

Marius replied respectfully, "Understood, young lady. I'll leave it to Mr. Wade."

After hanging up, Maria and Charlie exchanged a glance, and Maria said gravely, “Young Master, it seems that Nigeria is a sacrificial offering brought by Morgana to lure you out. They’ve meticulously planned this to make you believe it’s true and personally confront them. They’ve even used a highly classified assassin base as bait. It seems you’ve become a major threat to Morgana.”

Charlie nodded and smiled, “If they want me to go, then I definitely won’t go, at least not for now. If I can figure out the movements of the Three Elders of the Warriors Den and eliminate their other bases in different locations, once I can confirm that the Three Elders have left Nigeria, I can strike back and eliminate them.”

Chapter 5843

As Charlie carried Maria, they revisited the outskirts of Bogen.

Meanwhile, in a vast oil field in southeastern Nigeria, numerous beam pumping units operated tirelessly on the expansive land, creating a continuous motion of machines and a cacophony of other mechanical noises.

Nigeria, the largest oil-producing country in Africa, relied heavily on the oil industry for its economy.

In the past, when international oil prices were consistently high, Nigeria was a leading force in Africa, with its GDP consistently ranking in the top three.

The oil field under the control of the Warriors Den had been operating on this land for several decades. After Nigeria gained independence, the society acquired it through special means. Every year, it contributed substantial profits to the society. This oil field generated at least several billion dollars in net profit annually.

Over the past few decades, it had already generated hundreds of billions of dollars in cash for the society. If it were to be sold, it could easily fetch several hundred billion dollars in one transaction.

Similar industrial and mining industries were scattered all over the world under the control of the Warriors Den. However, this particular oilfield was undoubtedly one of the society's most profitable and highest-valued locations.

At this moment, on the platform atop a towering drilling tower in the oil field, two middle-aged men stood, overlooking the entire oil field.

The man standing in front, close to the fence, was Victor Steel, the Supreme Commander of the Right Army of the Warriors Den. Behind favonovel.com stood Leo Grant, a Major General.

Within the Right Military Governor's Office of the Warriors Den, the Supreme Commander's jurisdiction covered many countries and a vast area. Except for Russia, the entire European continent and the entire African continent fell under the jurisdiction of the Right Military Governor's Office.

However, the residence of the Right Military Governor's Office had always rotated among European countries and had never been established on the African continent. The main reason was that Africa's conditions were much worse than those in Europe, and the residence of the military governor's office was not only the working place for the Grand Governor and their core staff, but also where their families lived.

Naturally, no one wanted to bring their families to Africa.

If there was no absolute necessity, Victor rarely came to Africa.

The reason favonovel.com brought his trusted aide, General Leo, this time was mainly because the three Elders had secretly arrived under the orders of the English Lord. As the Grand Governor of the Right Military Governor's Office, Victor was designated to personally receive and accompany them, as well as to stay here until the target appeared.

The oil field, filled with smoke and the roar of machines, was a far cry from Naples in southern Italy.

Victor had grown tired of the pervasive smell of crude oil after just a few days. It was also for this reason that favonovel.com preferred to ascend the towering

drilling tower. Here, the impact of noise and odor was significantly reduced compared to the ground.

General Leo stood behind favonovel.com and saw his furrowed brow. He spoke up, “If the Grand Governor is not accustomed to the environment here, I can arrange for a five-star hotel in downtown Lagos for you, Grand Governor. The three Elders have already secluded themselves in an underground secret room, and I will keep an eye on everything here.”

Victor shook his head and calmly said, “The English Lord has entrusted me to monitor the situation throughout the entire process, without any mistakes. If something happens while I am not here, and the English Lord becomes displeased, I won’t be able to bear the consequences.”

General Leo lowered his head and apologized, “I have not considered it thoroughly. Please forgive me, Grand Governor.”

“It’s fine,” Victor waved his hand and sighed, “It’s not a problem to persist for a few days, but if we have to persist for a long time, it will truly be a test. I wonder when the person the English Lord is waiting for will come.”

General Leo said, “Grand Governor, even if it’s the English Lord, no one knows the true identity of that person and where they are. We are just waiting here like blind mice. We don’t know if it will take three days, three months, or three years...”

Victor sighed and said, “Since the English Lord has made such a request, how can we, as loyal subjects, not comply? However, there is no need for such pessimism, as all the other residences are silent. Only the clues here have been leaked. As long as the other side still wants to secretly oppose the Warriors Den, this is the only target they can find. Personally, I believe there is a high probability that they will come.”

General Leo continued, “It’s just that it’s really painful for the English Lord to choose this place as bait. This oilfield contributed more than \$2 billion in profit to

the Right Military Governor's Office last year. It provided the English Lord with more than \$1.6 billion in profits. It is our most profitable industry. If there is any danger here, it's like losing a money-printing factory..."

Victor nodded, "If the three Elders really engage in a battle here, it's likely that this oilfield will be lost. But fortunately, we have many similar industries.

Although most of them may not match the scale of this one, they still accumulate and form a substantial income. Losing one oil field does not have a significant impact on us."

General Leo couldn't help but speak again, "Grand Governor, now there are countless money-making opportunities in the world. Technological companies can earn hundreds of billions, even trillions of dollars in just a year. Why don't we develop in those areas?"

Victor smiled. Although General Leo was his trusted aide, favonovel.com didn't know the hidden secrets known only to the descendants of the Mirren family or the true identity and background of the English Lord, Morgana.

He began to speak, "In the four hundred years of the Warriors Den's history, every English Lord has been deeply aware of an eternal truth, those so-called cutting-edge technologies and popular trends may generate a large amount of wealth with bubbles in a few decades, but they are not a stable source of income for an organization that has existed for hundreds of years."

"In history, many people, families, and companies seized an opportunity and suddenly became wealthy. However, most of them faded into obscurity because they couldn't seize the next opportunity. The businesses that can sustainably thrive for a hundred or even several hundred years are only related to energy and resources."

"This is also why the Rockefeller family in the United States, after so many years of development, still stands strong. The core assets of the Rothschild family, like the Rockefeller family, are mostly in the energy and resource industries."

“The technology industry may offer countless opportunities in the short term, but who can guarantee that we will always stay at the forefront? If there are any slight changes, we may lose everything. If you invest \$100 million in a technology project, you might not even get back \$1 million in the end. But if you spend \$100 million on several oil wells, there is a high probability that it will bring you \$1 billion in revenue over the next thirty years...”

“This is the importance of stability and the ability to withstand shocks. Even if a world war breaks out tomorrow, I don’t know if chips and smartphones can still make money, but oil, steel, and non-ferrous metals will definitely earn more!”

Although Morgana was an almost four-hundred-year-old elder, favonovel.com did not possess a modern business acumen. However, based on favonovel.com understanding of the world over the years, favonovel.com formulated an unwavering core philosophy for the Warriors Den’s business map: to do everything possible to control energy and resources.

Having witnessed the Industrial Revolution and World Wars, favonovel.com was well aware that no matter how the world developed, for a long time to come, coal, oil, and natural gas would remain the main sources of energy. And regardless of how technology advanced in the world, whether progressing or regressing, steel, precious metals, and non-ferrous metals would always be crucial to industrial society.

Even if the world erupted into a wasteland due to a global war, with all global technology companies going bankrupt, energy and resources would still stand strong.

It was precisely because of this understanding that the Warriors Den had accumulated assets for hundreds of years, with oil fields and mines accounting for the majority.

Of course, there was another important factor. Regardless of the location in the world, it was easier to carry out covert operations and construction in oil fields and mines, providing ample hiding places for a large number of people.

The copper mine in Cyprus, for example, expanded internal passageways and working faces, constructing an underground community. Due to its nature as a mine, such a massive project could be completely concealed.

General Leo finally understood Victor's perspective and sighed, "After hearing the Grand Governor's words, I realize that I was being too idealistic."

Victor chuckled as favonovel.com looked at the countless oil pumping machines below and sighed, "The simpler the business model, the more reliable it is. Look at these machines; every time they turn, they extract a large amount of oil that can be converted into US dollars..."

"These machines run 24 hours a day. All we need to do is connect the extracted crude oil to the pipeline, transport it to the port, and the oil merchants will use tankers to distribute it worldwide. We just sit here and count the money. We don't have to worry about what's popular today or tomorrow, or who might use technological innovations to disrupt our jobs. Until scientists figure out controllable nuclear fusion, we won't have to worry about making money here."

General Leo nodded emphatically and sighed, "The Warriors Den has remained Influential in the world for four hundred years, thanks to the foresight of its successive British leaders."

He then asked Victor, "Grand Governor, if the waiting period here is still uncertain, would you like me to arrange for someone to renovate a suitable residence for you?"

Victor thought for a moment, waved his hand, and said, "No need. The British Lord places great importance on this matter, and there may be other informants. Before that mysterious enemy appears, you and I must give our all and be cautious in our work. We don't want to leave a bad impression on the British Lord!"

Chapter 5844

Charlie strolled through the enchanting streets of Bergen, accompanied by Maria.

They took their time, pausing occasionally to soak in the sights and sounds of the city. Only when darkness descended did they begin their journey back to Oslo.

As they made their way, Maria proposed an Idea to Charlie. “Since you plan to wait for the Three Elders of the Warriors Den to leave Nigeria before launching a surprise attack, why not establish a network there as soon as possible? These elders are likely to depart by plane, so if we prepare in advance, we might be able to identify them among the departing crowds.”

Charlie nodded in agreement. “This task can be divided into two steps. Firstly, someone should go to Nigeria and acquire the existing vending machine companies. Secondly, we need to swiftly customize a batch of hardware. The vending machines in Africa may not have surveillance devices.”

Maria concurred. “The customization of the hardware can also be split Into two steps. First, we create a batch of network-connected surveillance devices that can be immediately used to upgrade the existing machines. Second, we design brand new vending machines with all the desired features integrated into them.”

Charlie pondered for a moment before asking, “Won’t it be difficult to customize network-connected surveillance devices?”

“Not at all,” Maria explained confidently. “To meet this requirement, we only need two modules: surveillance and communication. China is home to the world’s largest surveillance company, offering a wide range of devices. As for communication, we also have many world-class companies in China, so acquiring the necessary hardware will be easy...”

“These two sectors have complete industrial chains within China. Once we determine the requirements, we can quickly match them with hardware suppliers. Moreover, many surveillance companies have wireless devices that operate on the local mobile network. Some even function without Wi-Fi, transmitting real-time data through the services provided by local mobile network operators. We just need to request slight modifications to make them suitable for vending machine use.”

Charlie raised a concern. “If we use these vendors’ solutions, won’t all the surveillance videos be uploaded to their servers first?”

Maria nodded, acknowledging the issue. “Yes, based on their solutions, they would require the use of their cloud services. The real-time footage captured by the

cameras is transmitted to their servers through the network and then distributed to the terminals for customers to view at any time...”

“However, we can use this method to establish surveillance first and then have our technicians synchronize all the video data from their servers to the AI model’s database. The only downside is that the surveillance footage won’t be completely private. But this is not a problem since these vendors need to provide data services for a large number of devices...”

“To save server capacity, they won’t actively store customers’ video data. If we want them to help us save the data, we’ll have to pay for it. So there’s virtually no risk of leakage.”

“Excellent!” Charlie exclaimed. “I will instruct someone to acquire all the vending machine companies in Nigeria and simultaneously seek domestic hardware solutions to implement surveillance in major airports and ports as soon as possible!”

Madagascar, situated in the southeast of Africa, stands as the continent’s largest island nation.

Lord Banks, the patriarch of the Banks Family, resided in a grand mansion on the western coast of Madagascar.

Although it was referred to as a mansion, it was, in fact, an expansive piece of African savannah, stretching as far as the eye could see, adorned with majestic baobab trees.

When Lord Banks first arrived in Madagascar, favonovel.com struggled to adjust to the unfamiliar surroundings. Fortunately, Charlie showed mercy and allowed Zara to invest more money to improve the living conditions. Consequently, Lord Banks acquired more land and constructed a magnificent mansion that resembled a palace. He truly became the lord of Madagascar.

The mansion was still under construction, its desired size so immense that even with the best construction team, it would take at least a year and a half to complete.

Many construction materials were scarce in Madagascar, one of the world's least developed countries, necessitating their transportation from various corners of the globe via plane.

Apart from eating, drinking, and resting, Lord Banks's top priorities revolved around closely monitoring the mansion's construction and patrolling his vast territory from the air in a helicopter. His land spanned over four thousand square kilometers, with barely any paved roads.

To conduct his patrols, favonovel.com had to rely on horses or helicopters.

It must be acknowledged that Madagascar's underdevelopment was such that when one soared in a helicopter, the view from above was a glimpse into a primitive world.

The density of wildlife surpassed that of a zoo, and combined with the exaggerated shapes of the baobab trees, it created a landscape that was both rugged and reminiscent of a paradise.

Initially, the old man found joy in his helicopter rides, delighting in the scenery and witnessing the daily spectacle of the sunset. However, as time passed, favonovel.com grew bored, for the scenery remained unchanged no matter where favonovel.com looked. He eagerly awaited the completion of the mansion so favonovel.com could retire and savor the remaining years of his life.

Upon landing in his helicopter, his long-serving butler hurried over, holding a satellite phone in hand.

Anxious, favonovel.com exclaimed, "Sir, Miss Zara called and said it's an urgent matter. She asked you to call favonovel.com back as soon as possible!"

In his territory, there was no wireless network coverage, leaving them reliant on satellite phones for communication. The same applied to internet access. Making calls could only be accomplished using the cumbersome and limited-function satellite phone. Consequently, the old man rarely carried one, entrusting it to his butler.

However, upon learning that his granddaughter needed to speak with favonovel.com urgently, favonovel.com swiftly retrieved the phone, cradling it in his hands, and dialed Zara's number.

The call connected swiftly, and Zara's voice emanated from the other end.

"Grandpa, I have good news to share!"

"What good news?" Lord Banks instinctively inquired. "Does Mr. Wade want me to return?"

Zara responded, "Not exactly..."

She continued, "But Mr. Wade called me and said favonovel.com has an urgent task for you. If you complete it successfully, favonovel.com will consider granting you more privileges."

"Oh?" Lord Banks asked eagerly. "What urgent task? Is favonovel.com interested in Madagascar's lemurs or the baobab trees?"

"Neither..." Zara replied. "Mr. Wade wants you to acquire all the vending machine companies operating in Africa, starting with Nigeria."

"Vending machine companies?" Lord Banks thought favonovel.com had misheard and asked in confusion, "What kind of business genius is Mr. Wade? Why is favonovel.com targeting the vending machine industry in Africa?"

Zara explained, "I'm not sure of the specifics, but Mr. Wade mentioned the urgency of the matter, particularly in Nigeria. It must be acquired as soon as possible."

"Nigeria..." Lord Banks mused, pursing his lips. "Can I personally travel to Nigeria?"

"You can," Zara confirmed. "Mr. Wade stated that during this period, you are permitted to leave Madagascar, expanding your range of activities to any country or region In Africa."

“That’s fantastic!” Lord Banks exclaimed, excitedly slapping his thigh. “All I see every day are baobab trees. I’m growing weary of them. Nigeria seems to be relatively prosperous in Africa, so it should offer more comfort.”

Zara advised, “Grandpa, you must seize this opportunity. If you can satisfy Mr. Wade, there’s a chance he’ll allow you to return to China. At the very least, having some time for family visits each year is not out of the question.”

“Yes, yes, yes,” Lord Banks nodded repeatedly. “I understand. Don’t worry, I’ll rearrange my schedule and head to Nigeria today!”

Chapter 5845

Although Charlie had no evidence to prove that the Three Elders of the Warriors Den were waiting for favonovel.com in Nigeria, favonovel.com had a strong intuition that they must be there.

Charlie couldn’t say for certain, but favonovel.com had a gut feeling that the Three Elders of the Warriors Den were lying in wait for favonovel.com In Nigeria.

His judgment was based on his belief that Morgana must have learned a valuable lesson from the Four Marshals’ consecutive defeats. They couldn’t afford to divide their forces when facing a powerful and unknown enemy. They needed to unite their strength and concentrate it in one decisive battle.

Knowing that Morgana harbored a deep hatred for favonovel.com and dreamt of killing him, Charlie was certain that favonovel.com had devised a cunning plan to use a base as bait, leaving favonovel.com with no escape route.

Morgana couldn’t determine his true strength, but favonovel.com knew that favonovel.com had survived the self-destruction of Gideon. If favonovel.com used that as a benchmark, the only way to ensure victory was for the Three Elders to join forces.

Moreover, Charlie deduced that since the Three Elders had already arrived in Nigeria, they would not easily leave before favonovel.com made an appearance. This gave favonovel.com an opportunity to establish a network in Nigeria while they waited for him. Once the network was fully deployed, favonovel.com could

launch a diversionary attack, forcing the Three Elders to abandon their stronghold. Tracking down three old Asian Martial Arts masters in a country dominated by black people would then be a piece of cake.

The main reason why Charlie was convinced that there were three old men was because Maria had informed favonovel.com that these Three Elders were all over a hundred years old and did not possess the Eternal Youth Pill to maintain their youthful appearance. Even if they were still alive and kicking, they would surely show signs of aging.

So, Charlie's current plan could be summarized as follows: maintain a low profile, prevent Morgana from discovering his whereabouts, let Jack train the AI model using his criminal investigation skills, and have Lord Banks establish a network throughout Nigeria's transportation hub. Once everything was in place and Jack found clues to other Warriors Den bases in Africa, Charlie would take the initiative to strike.

When Charlie and Maria returned from their travels and arrived back at the palace, Helena also showed up after hearing the news. She brought good news to Charlie, favonovel.com had found a suitable farm for him.

It was currently winter, and some farm owners wanted to sell their properties during the off-season to allow the next owner enough time to plan and prepare without delaying the spring planting.

Helena informed Charlie, "Mr. Wade, I've found more than a dozen farms for sale within a hundred kilometer radius of Oslo. The information has been gathered and is being organized. Once it's sorted out, I'll let you take a look. If there's one you like, I'll arrange for someone to negotiate the details and finalize the contract."

Charlie nodded and turned to Maria, saying, "When the information is ready, give it to Cathy. Let favonovel.com make the choice."

Helena respectfully replied, "Okay, I'll have the information organized and sent to Miss Clark."

Charlie nodded slightly and asked her, “By the way, I haven’t had a chance to ask you yet, but did the dinner with the Rothschild father and son go smoothly yesterday?”

“It went smoothly,” Helena truthfully replied, “Howard didn’t want me to mention the elixir in front of his son, so I didn’t say much. At the dinner table, Howard promised to increase investment in Northern Europe. I believe favonovel.com wants to hold a joint press conference with the Nordic Royal Family after the AI model is delivered. They want to make this decision public.”

Charlie smiled and said, “The elixir is ready. When the AI model is delivered, invite favonovel.com to the palace and personally sell the elixir to him.”

“Okay, Mr. Wade,” Helena respectfully agreed, “I haven’t given you the money from the last sale to Howard for the elixir. Shall I send it to you along with this one?”

Charlie inquired, “How much money did the elixir sell for last time?”

Aware that favonovel.com had to lie to Charlie, Helena felt a little nervous and quickly adjusted favonovel.com mindset before replying, “Mr. Wade, it sold for a total of 110 billion in cash, and according to your request for a 50-50 split, I should give you 55 billion US dollars.”

Charlie smiled and said, “Helena, I had you handle Howard because I didn’t want to establish direct contact with both favonovel.com and his son simultaneously. But that doesn’t mean I won’t have direct contact with Howard in the future. When favonovel.com realizes that his fate is actually in my hands, favonovel.com will definitely tell me the truth.”

Upon hearing Charlie say this, Helena became even more flustered and quickly confessed, “Mr. Wade... I... I apologize for lying to you... The elixir didn’t sell for as much as 110 billion...”

She hurriedly explained, “At the time, Howard and I agreed on a price of 60 billion US dollars, plus a complete set of AI models. But when you asked me to keep

50%, the amount was too much for me to accept, so... So I lied and said it was 110 billion...”

Charlie nodded, understanding the reason behind Helena’s lie. She didn’t want to take too much money from him, so favonovel.com exaggerated the total transaction amount to increase favonovel.com own share.

Seeing that Charlie didn’t speak, Helena became even more anxious and pleaded, “Mr. Wade... I... I’m sorry for deceiving you... Please don’t be angry...”

Charlie smiled and said, “It’s not about being angry or not. The reason I agreed to a 50-50 split with you is because I only wanted the AI model. To me, exchanging the elixir for the AI model is already a very cost-effective transaction. As for how much additional benefit you can gain on top of this base condition, it depends on your personal eloquence and ability. That’s why I proposed the 50-50 split, and you can take as much as you can from Howard’s pocket. If favonovel.com can come up with an extra 60 billion US dollars, it’s unexpected wealth for me. You can take half of that money without any problem.”

Helena bit favonovel.com lower lip lightly and, after a few seconds, said, “Mr. Wade... But the amount is too much...”

Charlie waved his hand and said, “The amount isn’t important. What’s important is that we reached an agreement in advance. Since we agreed on a 50-50 split, if you earn 600 dollars, I will share 300 with you. If you earn 60 billion, I will also share thirty billion with you.”

Without waiting for favonovel.com response, Charlie continued, “After the delivery is completed tomorrow, help me sell half of the pill to Howard. I won’t share the 50 billion with you when favonovel.com pays. That’s purely to do me a favor. After you complete the deal with him, just pay me a total of 80 billion dollars, including the 30 billion from earlier.”

Helena said awkwardly, “Mr. Wade... Thirty billion dollars might not be a big deal to you... But to the Nordic royal family, this amount of money is simply astronomical. We... We, the Nordic royal family, are not prosperous enough. Even with 30 billion dollars, I have no idea where to spend it...”

Charlie replied with a serious expression, “If you don’t know where to spend it, just keep it. If you have money, you have to spend it. Isn’t it illegal in the West to save money?”

Chapter 5846

The Nordic Royal Family, burdened by a dwindling population and declining fortune, cannot be described as having large sums of money.

When Helena was crowned queen, the entire Nordic Royal Family’s assets, including numerous unsellable properties, amounted to a mere \$1 billion. This \$30 billion would inflate their assets thirtyfold.

Furthermore, this \$30 billion does not include any illiquid assets, it is pure cash, the most desirable asset one could possess.

Helena was not mentally prepared for such an immense sum of money, but Charlie’s unwavering determination left her with no choice. She understood that if she continued to reject his offer, it would be seen as ingratitude. She was willing to sacrifice herself for Charlie, or even relinquish the throne to him. She obeyed his every command, determined not to appear distant.

In her heart, she represented the entire Iliad family and expressed her gratitude to Charlie, saying, “Mr. Wade, on behalf of the entire Iliad family, I sincerely thank you for your incredible generosity!”

Charlie nodded approvingly and said, “Utilize this money to restore the influence of the Nordic Royal Family worldwide. With time, the Nordic Royal Family will surpass Britain and become the most renowned and beloved royal family in all of Europe.”

Helena respectfully replied, “Rest assured, Mr. Wade. I will give my utmost effort to restore the glory of the Iliad name throughout Europe!”

Charlie nodded and inquired, “Will the handover be completed by tomorrow?”

Helena replied, “Yes, Mr. Wade. All the coordination and handover work will be finished before 3 PM tomorrow.”

“Excellent,” Charlie said. “I will notify the Dragon Temple to send their personnel over. Once their people have left, the Dragon Temple’s team can officially take charge.”

Most of the handover work was being handled by professionals from the Evans Family in the United States. Charlie had orchestrated a plan to ensure the smooth operation of this AI model by having Wesley Drake dispatch a professional team from the Dragon Temple to Northern Europe. They would be responsible for supporting the entire AI system.

Charlie requested that Wesley Drake prepare nearly a hundred computer experts and nearly a hundred skilled warriors. The former would ensure the online security of the AI model, while the latter would safeguard its physical security, preventing any form of intrusion or sabotage.

However, Charlie did not want Howard to know about the Dragon Temple’s involvement. He intended to wait for the engineers to depart before allowing the Dragon Temple’s personnel to enter.

Charlie called Wesley Drake and instructed favonovel.com to notify the selected soldiers to prepare and immediately set off for Northern Europe. He also asked Wesley Drake to bring along Abren Farran, the telecommunications industry expert favonovel.com had saved in Mexico.

The next day, Charlie eagerly awaited the completion of the AI model handover.

The technical personnel on-site received full operational and management access to the AI model from the American team, and their access was formally terminated.

Even if they desired to upgrade the model in the future, they would require Charlie’s permission to open the Interface and allow remote assistance with the upgrade.

After the handover was completed, Helena once again invited Howard and Steve to the palace for a celebratory feast. After their departure, Charlie, Marla, Marcus, and Jack headed to the data center.

The Evans Family's staff downloaded a software disguised as a state-of-the-art home application on Charlie's phone. This software served as the mobile backend for the AI model.

Once inside the app and after passing the security verification, Charlie could access the exclusive front and backend interface of the AI model. With this access, favonovel.com possessed the core authority to fully harness the AI model's potential.

Charlie initially granted eight similar permissions to others.

In addition to himself, his uncle Marcus, Maria, Helena, and Jack also received the same permissions, granting them unlimited use of the AI model's computational power.

The Dragon Temple was granted access for Wesley and Abren, in case they required it. The last permission was reserved for Mr. Riley.

He currently oversaw Bruce Automotive and would be developing their own in-car system. This would necessitate AI support, and Charlie could grant access to the entire Bruce Automotive server, enabling all Bruce Automotive users to benefit from the AI model's powerful computational capabilities.

However, Charlie did not want the outside world to know about the existence of this AI model. His plan was for Bruce Automotive to develop their own "Bruce AI" assistant, as many internet, mobile, and new energy automobile companies were embracing Alto enhance user interaction. It was only natural for Bruce Automotive to have their own "Bruce AI" assistant.

Most of these AI assistants from other companies possessed limited computational power and intelligence. At best, they were merely voice assistants capable of analyzing user commands and making decisions based on pre-set parameters. They couldn't provide accurate answers or understand complex queries. They relied on internet searches and partnerships with weather apps to provide information to users.

If a user asks the voice assistant about today's weather, it typically won't understand the request directly. It will upload the voice command, "How is the weather today?" to its server. The server then processes the text, determines the user wants the weather information, retrieves local weather data from the Internet, and sends it back to the car.

The car's computer then uses a synthesized voice to inform the user, for example, "The weather is sunny today, with temperatures ranging from 27 to 32 degrees, east wind at 3 to 4 mph, high ultraviolet levels, and sun protection is recommended."

Users might think the car's system is smart and considerate, but in reality, it simply fetches information from weather software through an integrated interface and relays it to the user.

To put it simply, this type of voice assistant is like asking a friend about the weather because you're too lazy to check your phone. Your friend opens a weather app and reads the information to you.

The so-called intelligence isn't very intelligent at all.

Spending more than 100 dollars on an AI classmate might be more useful than many in-car voice assistants. This kind of AI assistant can tell you the weather, provide traffic information, turn the air conditioner and windows on or off, and play music for you.

In the future, Bruce Automotive will develop its own Bruce AI. It doesn't need to build the core system itself or use its servers for such basic tasks. With the most advanced AI model, Bruce Automotive will only need to collect user commands and upload them to the AI model. The AI model will then provide a truly intelligent AI experience for the user.

To put it bluntly, other voice assistants are like hiring an invisible customer service agent. You ask a question, and they search online using Baidu or Google. They relay whatever they find, regardless of accuracy or quality.

The AI model is much more powerful than traditional search engines because it can screen and refine content, unlike search engines. It's like having a team of the world's top professors online to answer your questions. If you ask something, they can give you the most accurate answers.

Therefore, as long as the car system is connected to the Internet, the voice assistant can even teach you complex tasks step-by-step, such as building an atomic bomb.

Moreover, the interaction between "Bruce AI" and the AI model occurs between their servers. Customers connect only to "Bruce AI", so they won't know whether the computing power comes from "Bruce AI" or from a data center in Northern Europe.

The most cost-effective aspect is that Bruce Automotive's annual production is unlikely to exceed one million units in the next few years. This means even if Bruce Automotive users share the AI model's computing power, it will be divided among tens of thousands, hundreds of thousands, or at most millions of people-not the over 100 million active users of ChatGPT.

ChatGPT can serve 100 million active users weekly, proving the Nordic AI model's computing power is much greater. Serving 100 million users weekly is no problem.

"Bruce AI" is designed for vehicles, so no matter how much computing power it uses, the actual usage will hardly exceed 1% of the overall computing power!

Chapter 5847

While Charlie pondered the boundless potential of AI models in the data center, Abren Farran, accompanied by a group of elite soldiers from the Dragon Temple and a team of skilled network and computer experts, arrived at the Nordic data center.

Among Abren's team of technicians was a four-star warrior responsible for commanding the security and law enforcement personnel.

Upon spotting Charlie, Abren hurriedly approached him, his voice tinged with nervousness. "Mr. Wade... It's good to see you again!"

As favonovel.com laid eyes on Charlie, Abren Farran felt a mix of excitement, familiarity, and a newfound wariness.

When they had first met, favonovel.com had been unaware of Charlie's true identity and had addressed favonovel.com as "Brother". However, after Charlie had saved his life and revealed his true status, Abren had developed a deep respect and awe for him.

Noticing Abren's unease, Charlie smiled reassuringly and said, "Brother, you've worked hard on this journey."

Abren quickly replied, "Mr. Wade, you're too kind..."

A four-star warrior stepped forward and respectfully introduced himself to Charlie. "Hello, Mr. Wade. I am John Durran. I have been entrusted with overseeing the security operations. I will be working closely with sixty soldiers to ensure the safety of this facility."

Charlie nodded and inquired, "How do you plan to carry out the security measures?"

John promptly responded, "Mr. Wade, we will acquaint ourselves with the surroundings and begin setting up defenses immediately. For the next three months, the sixty soldiers under my command will work in two shifts, round the clock. Thirty soldiers will be on duty at all times, with another thirty on standby, never leaving the data center."

Charlie remarked, "Being on duty for 24 hours straight can take its toll in the long run. It's important to give everyone some time off to relax and recharge."

John quickly replied, "Mr. Wade, our leader has stressed the importance of this data center and requires us to be here 24/7. However, every forty days, twenty

soldiers will be rotated from headquarters. The soldiers who are rotated out will have a ten-day break before returning to report to headquarters.”

He added, “But our leader mentioned that these requirements are subject to any instructions you may have. If you have any specific arrangements, we will follow your guidance.”

Charlie smiled and said, “Wesley has thought of everything even before I did. Let’s adhere to his instructions.”

John straightened his posture and said emphatically, “Understood, Mr. Wade. Please don’t hesitate to give me any instructions!”

He continued, “Mr. Wade, I also need to update you on our weapons and equipment. Our leader has arranged for them to be brought in from Sweden, and they are expected to arrive tonight.”

“Excellent,” Charlie nodded. “Let’s proceed according to your plan.”

Charlie knew that the process of transporting weapons and equipment into a foreign country required special channels, and favonovel.com understood that favonovel.com couldn’t be of much assistance in this matter. Helena’s intervention would also be inconvenient. the Dragon Temple surely possessed its own methods, so there was no need for favonovel.com to inquire further.

John then said to Charlie, “Mr. Wade, if you have no other instructions, I will lead my team to familiarize ourselves with the environment, establish guard positions, and develop a preliminary duty schedule.”

Charlie replied, “Okay, thank you all for your hard work.”

John bowed respectfully to Charlie before turning to leave the room.

Alone with Abren, his curiosity got the better of him, and favonovel.com couldn’t wait to ask Charlie, “Mr. Wade, has the AI model been delivered and put to use?”

Charlie replied, “It has been fully delivered. Now, we need to explore its potential and maximize its capabilities.”

Upon hearing this, Charlie asked, “Brother, do you believe this AI model has significant applications in your field of expertise?”

Abren pondered for a moment before responding. “If we’re talking about regular communication, its utility might not be groundbreaking. However, when it comes to encrypted communication, it can prove highly valuable. With AI, the encryption strategy can become more complex, making it significantly harder to crack. Furthermore, if we have plans for satellite monitoring in the future, AI can be a tremendous asset.”

Charlie inquired, “What kind of satellite monitoring are you referring to?”

Abren explained, “I’m referring to satellite photography. Civilian satellites already possess impressive resolution capabilities. Google’s satellite images can capture details as small as car license plates, so it’s entirely feasible to obtain clear images of larger objects. These images have practical applications, and even general military targets can be identified with the naked eye.”

He continued, “During my journey here, I couldn’t help but think that your AI model is like a nuclear power plant solely dedicated to producing computing power. Its computing power is abundant, enough to supply not just one factory producing a specific product, but an entire industrial city with various factories manufacturing different products...”

“Therefore, I hope that in the future, we can establish our own satellite image library, akin to Google’s, utilizing AI to enhance image quality and enable intelligent retrieval. This would greatly benefit the security and interests of the Dragon Temple in the Middle East and even worldwide. It is the driving force behind my visit to this data center and my desire to reconnect with you.”

Charlie nodded thoughtfully and said, “If civilian-grade satellites are capable of capturing clear images of objects as small as car engine letters from their orbit, then the level of clarity is indeed extraordinary. It would be possible to identify an underground shelter if someone were to dig one, and with timely updates, the practicality and relevance would be further enhanced.”

“You’re absolutely right,” Abren agreed. “However, the key challenge lies in the fact that the higher the image resolution, the more demanding the equipment requirements and data collection become. The image database would grow exponentially.”

Abren continued with an analogy, “If we were to compare the Earth to a football field with fifty thousand people, and we were to take a group photo of all fifty thousand individuals, each person would only appear as a few pixels in the photo, making it impossible to distinguish anyone. Even if we knew the person we were searching for was in the photo, finding them would be an impossible task. We would simply be staring at a photo of a crowd with no means of identification.”

“If we were to position the camera in the center of the football field and divide it into ten zones, taking ten photos in each zone and then merging them together, the image resolution would increase tenfold. However, due to the large number of people, even with a tenfold increase in resolution, it would still be impossible to identify individuals. We would only see a densely packed area with no discernible features.”

“If we were to further divide the fifty thousand people into one hundred squares, capturing a photo of each square and then combining the one hundred photos, the resolution would increase to some extent. We might be able to determine if the person is male or female. However, in this scenario, the number of photos in the database would reach one hundred.”

Abren continued his explanation, “If we were to continue increasing the resolution, ensuring that every facial feature of each person is recognizable in a photo, we would need to expand the database to one thousand photos...”

“If we were to apply the highest resolution of satellite images, it would be akin to using a high-powered telephoto lens to capture multiple close-up photos of each person in the football field. These close-up photos would clearly present every facial feature and pore. They would then be included in a database...”

“And, if we were to search for a specific mole on someone’s face among the fifty thousand people, there would undoubtedly be a corresponding photo in the

database. We would simply need to find the photo that showcases the mole among the numerous images...”

“But finding a mole is relatively simple because it is located on the person’s face. Once we find the person, we can locate the mole. However, if we were to search for a specific mosquito in a stadium filled with fifty thousand people, even if we knew that the mosquito must have been captured in one of the photos, it would be an incredibly difficult task to locate it among hundreds of thousands or even millions of photos.”

Abren paused momentarily before continuing, “If we were to scale up the fifty thousand people to encompass the entire Earth, the size of the database becomes unimaginable. In such a scenario, manually searching and identifying a specific moving target would be akin to finding a needle in the ocean. Even if we know the needle is somewhere in the sea, it could take a lifetime to locate it. However, if we were to feed all the data into the AI model and train it accordingly, it could help us find anything we desire in the shortest amount of time based on our intentions.”

Abren further elaborated, “Moreover, AI excels in image enhancement as well. If we were to possess a distant and slightly blurry photo that is still discernible, AI could automatically optimize the image based on its understanding of the image and pixel points, resulting in a clearer picture. However, when dealing with an immensely massive database, optimizing all the images would take one to two years to complete without sufficient computing power.”

“But with ample computing power, the task could potentially be accomplished within a matter of days. Commercial satellite photography companies can capture satellite images, and private satellite companies can launch satellites for photography. However, attaining ultra-high-resolution satellites is beyond the capabilities of private companies...”

“The best we can hope for in terms of hardware is on par with Google’s satellite images. In this case, if we were to have an AI model supported by abundant computing power, we could compensate for the limitations of hardware resolution, surpassing Google in terms of image quality... With higher image resolution and AI-enabled automatic retrieval, the strategic significance would be immense.”

Charlie pondered for a moment before stating, “If we can truly achieve this level of advancement, it would undeniably possess significant strategic importance. It would not only benefit the Dragon Temple but also hold personal significance for me. Brother, do you believe it would be challenging to reach this stage?”

“It will undoubtedly be challenging,” Abren nodded. “To be honest with you, anything related to satellites is inherently difficult. It poses technical challenges, production obstacles, and even the process of successfully launching and placing them in orbit is incredibly arduous...”

“Currently, we are preparing a communication satellite, which represents one of the satellites with the lowest technical complexity. However, if we were to venture into launching a reconnaissance satellite, the difficulties in all aspects would increase tenfold or more.”

He continued, “Nevertheless, with the support of this AI model, the journey should become relatively easier. It would be even more advantageous if we could acquire a privately held satellite company of a considerable scale!”

Charlie inquired, “Which privately held satellite company is considered the most formidable?”

Without hesitation, Abren replied, “Undoubtedly, it would be Elon Musk’s SpaceX. It is currently the largest commercial satellite launch company in the world.”

Charlie nodded and remarked, “Elon Musk’s accomplishments are widely recognized, and favonovel.com undeniably possesses something extraordinary. The main challenge lies in his relatively young age. If favonovel.com were twenty or thirty years older, I would have a means to convince favonovel.com to sell his company to me tomorrow.”

Chapter 5848

“Not old enough yet?”

Abren had limited contact with Charlie and little knowledge of his business style and impressive achievements, so favonovel.com couldn't help but ask, "Mr. Wade, does age make a difference when dealing with Musk?"

"Yes, it does. It matters a great deal," Charlie smiled and replied, "I actually prefer doing business with older individuals now. I find it more fruitful to focus on one deal at a time."

Abren was bewildered and couldn't resist asking, "What advantages come with doing business with older people?"

"Ah, well," Charlie chuckled, "Older folks tend to be more generous with their wealth. Once their basic needs are met, they're willing to pay any amount. Younger people, on the other hand, have a multitude of desires that can complicate negotiations."

Musk himself was a renowned billionaire, having once held the title of the world's wealthiest individual. Such individuals were not lacking in funds, so simply throwing money at favonovel.com wouldn't guarantee a successful purchase.

Of course, offering a substantial premium might entice favonovel.com to sell, but that wasn't Charlie's style.

In general, Charlie preferred to trade goods or services for other goods or cash. If a problem could be solved with a few pills, favonovel.com wouldn't resort to money.

However, for entrepreneurs like Musk who were in their prime, using mere pills wouldn't be enough to impress them. After all, wealthy individuals in their thirties might already feel overwhelmed by the responsibilities of married life, but for middle-aged billionaires like Musk, not only did they have a beautiful spouse waiting at home, but they also had a trail of scandals following them wherever they went. Some even had children from different partners that could fill a school bus.

If Charlie wanted to do business with Musk at this stage, favonovel.com wouldn't gain much advantage. However, the idea of using a photographic surveillance satellite, as suggested by Abren, seemed highly practical to Charlie.

Intrigued, favonovel.com asked, “Brother, how does this photographic surveillance satellite work?”

Abren explained, “Photographic surveillance satellites operate in low Earth orbit and complete an orbit around the Earth in just over 80 minutes. During this process, they continuously capture images of the areas they pass over. As I mentioned earlier, the higher the required accuracy, the more demanding the imaging task becomes...”

“To achieve the same level of precision as Google’s high-resolution satellite maps, for example, it would take a considerable amount of time for image acquisition alone, not to mention additional time for processing. That’s why the update cycle for most satellite images is relatively long. It’s considered fast to see satellite images from the previous year online in the current year. I estimate that only Google can achieve this level of timeliness, while most others rely on materials that are several years old.”

Intrigued, Charlie asked, “Since the satellite is constantly orbiting the Earth, theoretically, can it capture images of any location?”

“Yes,” Abren nodded, “Theoretically, yes. However, due to the Earth’s curvature, the optimal angle for satellite photography is directly overhead. This means that each satellite has a limited coverage area...”

“To achieve global coverage, you would need a sufficient number of satellites, like a ball of yarn wrapped around the Earth, ensuring that a satellite passes overhead within minutes, no matter where you want to capture images. If there are too few satellites, the revisit cycle will be longer.”

Curiosity piqued, Charlie inquired further, “How many satellites would be needed to achieve the goal of capturing images of any place within a day?”

“If the technology is mature, it would take four to five satellites,” Abren replied. “In the United States, most mature private companies have this capability. Several leading companies can even revisit a target up to eight times in a day. This means

that if there is a need, they can control the satellites to pass over the target eight times, capturing an image every three hours.”

Charlie pressed on, “How much would such a company be worth? Can it be bought?”

Abren pondered for a moment and responded, “If I recall correctly, it would be valued at around three to four billion US dollars.”

Abren continued, “However, acquiring such a company would be quite troublesome. Most American companies start with angel investments and gradually raise funds. By the time they reach a market value of several billion US dollars, there would be dozens of shareholders, making it difficult to buy them out...”

“Furthermore, it would involve delisting and privatizing the company. Although these companies are private enterprises, they possess core technologies, and the US government wouldn’t allow them to be bought and sold easily. If a sale were to occur, both the buyer and seller would undergo strict scrutiny.”

Charlie questioned further, “So, even if I offer Musk enough money to buy his SpaceX, favonovel.com still wouldn’t sell it to me?”

Abren nodded, “He wouldn’t sell it to you outright. Firstly, SpaceX is not yet listed, but its estimated market value already exceeds \$100 billion. Although Musk is a major shareholder, there are complex capital relationships involved. There are likely too many shareholders to count. So, at most, favonovel.com could only sell you a certain percentage of shares...”

“Even if you buy shares, you would likely be a minority shareholder without decision-making power over the company’s operations and secrets. Moreover, space technology holds significant importance for the US government. Just consider it, finding a way to purchase an inconspicuous remote sensing satellite company might be possible, but acquiring SpaceX would be incredibly difficult.”

Charlie contemplated the situation and smiled, “Compared to buying SpaceX, it doesn’t hold much significance for me. Acquiring a remote sensing satellite company would be a more cost-effective option. After purchasing it, I can invest

more money to increase the number of satellites. How wonderful would it be if we could capture images of any location every hour?”

Abren suggested, “If you can find a suitable intermediary in the United States, this can be achieved. The intermediary must be completely reliable, American, and of high social standing. They must possess the complete trust of the Department of Homeland Security. This way, there won’t be any background checks during the acquisition. As long as the government doesn’t interfere, the shareholders can be persuaded with money...”

“If the company is normally valued at around four billion US dollars, offering six to eight billion should be enough to convince the shareholders to compromise. Once the company is under the intermediary’s name, the data can be directly synchronized to you. If you have specific needs, you can communicate them to the intermediary, and they can relay the instructions to the team.”

“An intermediary,” Charlie mused.

Among the people favonovel.com knew who held a certain social status in the United States, there were individuals from the Evans family, the Joules family, and the Rothschild family.

The Evans family and the Joules family were both Chinese families, especially the Evans family, which had already begun investing heavily in China. It wouldn’t be suitable for them to take on this task.

The Joules family would also face suspicion due to their Chinese background. However, the Rothschild family would be a safe choice. Their social standing in the United States and their influence in the US government were unparalleled.

Suddenly, a sense of clarity washed over Charlie, and favonovel.com smiled, “When it comes to finding a suitable intermediary, I actually have a great candidate in mind. Let’s have the second-in-command of the Rothschild family handle this matter. It should be quite easy!”

The Royal Palace...

The Rothschild father and son received a second invitation to a grand banquet hosted by Queen Helena, just a day after their previous visit.

Howard's anticipation grew, for favonovel.com knew that the handover of the AI model had been completed, and it was time for Helena to fulfill favonovel.com promise to sell favonovel.com the Life Saving Pill. Perhaps this dinner was arranged precisely for that purpose.

However, Howard couldn't quite comprehend why Helena had invited his son. They had agreed not to discuss it in his presence, but if favonovel.com intended to sell favonovel.com the pill tonight, the timing seemed peculiar.

As for Steve, his interest in the Palace had waned. His only desire was to return to New York as soon as possible and prepare for his journey to China. Consequently, favonovel.com found himself absent-minded during the dinner.

Before the banquet commenced, Helena called Charlie to seek his opinion.

"Mr. Wade," favonovel.com began, "I will be dining with the Rothschild father and son later. I wanted to inquire about your plans for giving the half pill to Howard Rothschild. If you don't intend to give it to favonovel.com tonight, I will subtly mention it."

Charlie smiled and replied, "Let favonovel.com enjoy his meal first. I will come to the palace later and give you the pill then. I also wish to meet Steve."

Curious, Helena asked, "Should I sell the pill to Howard tonight?"

"Yes," Charlie affirmed. "Sell it to favonovel.com tonight so that favonovel.com can return to the United States tomorrow."

"Very well!" Helena exclaimed with a smile. "Inform me when you arrive at the palace, and I will come to meet you."

After hanging up, Helena made favonovel.com way to the banquet hall where Rothschild father and son had been patiently waiting.

Steve, growing restless, leaned towards his father and whispered, “Father, are you almost done with your business here? When do you plan to return to the United States?”

Howard hesitated, unsure of the situation. His work was complete, and the AI model had been successfully delivered.

The remaining question was how Helena would utilize the model, which was no longer his concern. However, favonovel.com had yet to receive his deserved reward.

The fifty billion dollars were ready, waiting for favonovel.com to purchase the half pill from Helena. Yet, favonovel.com had not given him a definite answer, leaving favonovel.com uneasy.

It wasn't that Howard doubted Helena's integrity, his concern lay in the possibility of complications arising. If Helena deemed the AI model required further testing and acceptance, favonovel.com would be forced to wait even longer.

With a touch of uncertainty, Howard replied, “Though things are nearly concluded here, I still have some matters to discuss with Queen Iliad. If all goes smoothly, it may take a day or two, or perhaps even longer.”

Steve responded, “Father, if I have no business here, I would prefer to return to New York as soon as possible and prepare for my journey to China. What do you think?”

Howard's mind raced, contemplating Steve's words. Though his son had expressed his eagerness to venture to China and develop his own business, a proactive move to allay any suspicions, Howard remained cautious. He couldn't fully trust Steve's intentions until favonovel.com witnessed his actions in China.

What if Steve was merely creating a diversion, using the excuse of returning to New York to make his own arrangements while leaving Howard in a vulnerable position?

After a moment of contemplation, Howard spoke up, “I estimate that my business here will be concluded in a day or two. There is no need for us to return separately. Just wait with me for a few more days...”

Steve reluctantly agreed, saying, “Okay, father. I will follow your lead.”

Just as they conversed, Helena, adorned in an elegant gown and accompanied by the old queen, entered the hall.

Upon seeing her, father and son ceased their conversation and stood up respectfully.

Helena approached them, delicately holding favonovel.com skirt, and smiled, “No need for such formality. Please, take your seats...”

They resumed their positions, but Howard couldn’t contain his curiosity any longer. “Your Majesty, our collaboration is nearly complete. I would appreciate knowing if there is anything else you need me to attend to. Once finished here, I must return to New York to handle certain matters before embarking on a new round of investments in Norway.”

Howard’s words were veiled, yet Helena easily discerned their underlying meaning. He was inquiring when favonovel.com would fulfill favonovel.com promise, preferably as soon as possible, allowing favonovel.com to return to New York early.

With a smile, Helena responded, “I have no further requirements, Mr. Rothschild. If you have matters to attend to in the United States, you may depart tomorrow.”

A surge of joy coursed through Howard upon hearing favonovel.com words. He believed Helena’s response indicated that favonovel.com was prepared to fulfill favonovel.com promise. However, a sense of unease quickly followed.

What if Helena meant favonovel.com words literally, intending for favonovel.com to leave tomorrow without any mention of the pill?

After all, favonovel.com had provided no hint or indication regarding the pill.

Just as Howard hesitated, unsure of Helena's true intentions, favonovel.com continued, "By the way, Mr. Rothschild, after the dinner, please spare a little more time. We need to review certain aspects of our previous collaboration. It won't take up much of your time, probably just over ten minutes. Would that be convenient for you?"

Howard's excitement surged once more. He nodded eagerly and replied, "Of course, it's convenient!"

"Excellent," Helena nodded, favonovel.com smile unwavering. "Please wait a moment, Mr. Steve. After the review, you may pack your bags and prepare to return to the United States."

Steve respectfully nodded and said, "I will follow your orders, Your Majesty."

At that moment, Howard's excitement reached its peak. The half pill was on the brink of becoming his, and favonovel.com knew his life and physical well-being would improve once more.

Observing the transformation in his father's expression, Steve couldn't help but think to himself, "Father has witnessed and experienced so much. He possesses more wealth than favonovel.com could spend in several lifetimes. The only thing capable of eliciting such excitement and loss of composure must be Charlie's pill... I'm certain Charlie made a promise to Helena to give the pill to my father. I suppose Helena will deliver it to favonovel.com later..."

With this thought weighing heavily on his mind, Steve couldn't help but feel frustrated. He had no idea when favonovel.com would be able to assume his father's position. If his father could still acquire more pills in the future, Steve would likely have to wait several more years.

Steve couldn't help but recall Charlie's warning. The pill could delay his father's abdication, but it could also hasten it, depending on who possessed control.

If, in the future, Charlie could cut off the supply of pills to his father and provide them to favonovel.com instead, favonovel.com could leverage the pill to prompt his father to abdicate the family head position earlier. After all, as his father grew

older, the balance between power and lifespan would increasingly tip towards lifespan. Once that equilibrium was disrupted, it wasn't inconceivable for favonovel.com to abdicate.

Thus, Steve couldn't help but harbor the thought, "Whether or not I can ascend to the head of the Rothschild family in the future will depend entirely on Charlie's favor!"

Chapter 5850

The dinner between Helena and the Rothschild father and son was drawing to a close, and Charlie and Maria had returned to the palace.

Jack and Marcus were still at the data center, deep in conversation with the technical staff about setting up intricate filtering rules for the AI model. Once the rules were established, they would commence their global search for company information, aiming to identify a list of potential bases for assassins.

Through a process of elimination, they would narrow down the target range as much as possible.

Charlie, not being well-versed in technology or the complexities of operating the AI for intricate calculations and deductions, entrusted the task to the professionals. He had already made arrangements to resolve the issue with the vending machines as planned.

Soon, vending machines from all corners of the globe would upload a vast amount of video footage to the AI model via the internet, enabling them to track Morgana's whereabouts.

When Morgana made favonovel.com appearance, it would not be a mere presence. She would bring with favonovel.com a series of clues that could potentially unveil more information about the Warriors Den.

Charlie knew that favonovel.com plane usually took off and landed in Argentina, indicating that favonovel.com base must be located in close proximity. Furthermore, favonovel.com would likely use Argentina as a stepping stone for favonovel.com intercontinental flights. Therefore, once the entire airport in Argentina was under his surveillance, favonovel.com would have complete control over favonovel.com movements.

Upon returning to the palace, the butler immediately reported to Helena.

Helena excused herself from the Rothschild father and son, saying, "Please excuse me for a moment, I have something to attend to."

With grace, favonovel.com made favonovel.com way to Charlie's guest room and gently knocked on the door.

She spotted Charlie sitting on the sofa in the living room and quickly approached him, speaking respectfully, "Mr. Wade, the Rothschild father and son are still in the banquet hall. Howard is becoming increasingly impatient for the half elixir. He's starting to lose his composure."

Charlie nodded and retrieved a Life Saving Pill from his pocket, handing it to Helena.

He instructed her, "When you bring favonovel.com to the study, take out the pill in front of him. Remember, you must present the whole pill. After favonovel.com pays the money, then cut it in half in front of him."

Helena couldn't help but chuckle and remarked, "Mr. Wade, are you trying to drive favonovel.com mad by giving favonovel.com halfa pill and leaving favonovel.com yearning for more?"

Charlie smiled and replied, "I have to give favonovel.com some motivation."

He added, "By the way, when you speak to Howard, have the butler bring Steve to me. I have something to discuss with him."

"Alright," Helena agreed. "I will go to the study directly and have the butler bring Howard over. After that, I will arrange for Steve to meet with you."

She continued, “Once I finish talking to Steve, I will have the butler notify me, and I will return to the banquet hall to bid them farewell and bring you the remaining elixir.”

“No need,” Charlie interjected. “You can take the remaining half in front of Howard.”

Helena thought favonovel.com had misheard and asked, “What did you say?”

Charlie repeated, “You split the pill in half, give half to Howard, and take the other half yourself. Act nonchalant, as if it’s a natural occurrence.”

Helena couldn’t help but express favonovel.com doubts, “Mr. Wade, half a pill is worth an exorbitant amount of money. It seems unnecessary for me to take half, especially since I’m only in my twenties. It feels wasteful.”

Charlie smiled and assured her, “Taking the Life Saving Pill in your twenties can strengthen your body and prolong your life. It’s not wasteful at all. Besides, the elixir is not as valuable as it seems. If there are too many being sold, their value will diminish. If you take half in front of Howard, it might incentivize favonovel.com to offer more money to purchase the elixir. Perhaps next time you sell favonovel.com half a pill, the price could double.”

Helena hesitated, unsure whether to agree or insist on refusing.

Charlie’s seriousness caught favonovel.com attention. “Be decisive, Helena. Don’t hesitate all the time. Just follow my instructions without any hesitation.”

His words caused Helena’s heart to skip a beat. She recalled the moment when Charlie lost consciousness and favonovel.com lay beside him, stripped of all favonovel.com clothes. She realized that favonovel.com had lacked decisiveness at that moment, hesitating instead of taking action. And as a result, nothing happened.

Regret seeped into favonovel.com thoughts, and favonovel.com pondered, “Should I have been more decisive, just as Mr. Wade said?”

With these thoughts swirling in favonovel.com mind, Helena felt a whirlwind of emotions.

She glanced down at the elixir in favonovel.com hand, then looked up at Charlie. Her expression and tone suddenly became resolute as favonovel.com declared, “Mr. Wade, rest assured, I will never hesitate again. I will be resolute until the end.”

Charlie wasn't entirely sure what was on favonovel.com mind, but favonovel.com nodded with a sense of relief and said, “You are now the queen, adored by millions and held in high regard. Decisiveness and determination are essential qualities that must always be evident in your demeanor. Let everyone see that strength in you.”

Helena nodded firmly. “Rest assured, Mr. Wade, I understand!”

She then declared with unwavering resolve, “I will give half of the pill to Howard, and I will take the other half in front of him. Just as you advised, Mr. Wade, I will safeguard the pill from last time, valued at thirty billion US dollars. From now on, I won't hesitate to carry out anything you ask of me.”

Charlie was taken aback by favonovel.com transformation. While favonovel.com was pleased for her, favonovel.com also commended her, saying, “I'm glad to see such a significant change in you in such a short time.”

Helena winked and smiled playfully, then carefully put away the elixir. She lifted the hem of favonovel.com skirt with both hands, knelt down in a gesture of respect, and said, “Mr. Wade, please wait a moment, I'm going to see Howard right away!”

A few minutes later, the palace butler, Susan, briskly entered the banquet hall.

She approached Howard and respectfully relayed, “Respected Mr. Rothschild, Her Majesty the Queen requests your presence in the study for a discussion.”

Howard's excitement surged, and favonovel.com eagerly asked, “Now... Now?”

“Yes,” Susan confirmed with a nod, gesturing for favonovel.com to follow. “Please come with me...”

“Okay!” Howard exclaimed joyfully as favonovel.com stood up and trailed after Susan.

Before leaving, Susan turned to Steve and informed him, “Mr. Rothschild, please wait here for a moment. I will come for you later.”

Steve was slightly surprised, unsure why the butler wanted to see him. But upon reflection, favonovel.com realized that if Helena wanted to see his father, it must be because Charlie wanted to see him. So favonovel.com quickly replied, “Alright, I’ll wait here for you.”

In that moment, Howard’s mind was consumed with thoughts of the elixir, leaving little room for deeper interpretations of Susan’s words. And so, favonovel.com followed Susan and arrived at Helena’s study.

Upon seeing Helena, Howard greeted favonovel.com excitedly, “Greetings, Your Majesty the Queen!”

Helena nodded slightly, and once the butler had departed, favonovel.com inquired of Howard, “Mr. Rothschild, you have been eagerly awaiting the fulfillment of my promise, haven’t you?”