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Faced with Jimmy's plea, Matilda was speechless, while Paul felt a pang of sympathy.

He turned to Charlie and said, "Mr. Wade, even though my uncle is a bit of a scoundrel, he's still my father's brother. I hope you can give him a chance to change, considering his sincere repentance..."

When Paul spoke up to plead with Charlie, Jimmy couldn't understand the situation. He thought to himself, "Paul, my good nephew, if you really want to plead for me, go and ask your stepfather. After all, he's friends with the Rothschild heir. What's the point of asking this young man beside you?"

Intrigued, Charlie asked Paul, "He wants to steal the shares of Smith Law Firm that your parents left for you. Why do you still want to plead for him?"

Paul smiled awkwardly and said, "I know my uncle very well. He came all the way from the United States to cause trouble because he has no legal means to take the shares from my mother and me. Otherwise, with his personality, he would have sued us in the United States a long time ago. What he did today may be underhanded, but fundamentally, he's just desperate and taking a chance. Even if we let him return to the United States safely, he has no other way to claim the shares."

Jimmy didn't expect that his nephew had already seen through his intentions.

Feeling ashamed, he said, "Paul, you're right... I was resentful and wanted to cause trouble on this joyous occasion. If you can forgive me this time, I promise I won't bother you again!"

Wiping away his tears, he added with great sorrow, “And I'm already paying the price for my foolish actions. | never imagined that my boss would intentionally set a trap to blackmail me. If he blacklists me, | will lose my job completely. | may never be able to work in the legal profession again. Please spare me, | have a wife and children...”

Seeing his acknowledgment of his mistakes and the suffering he endured, Matilda said to Charlie, “Charlie... Let's just forget about It.

Considering his genuine repentance, please give Jimmy a chance to start anew.”

At this point, Steve couldn't bear the situation and said to Charlie, “Mr. Wade, this despicable scoundrel should be dealt with quickly.

Otherwise, he'll forget the pain after a good night's sleep and come back to cause trouble tomorrow. In my opinion, you don't need to bother about him at all. I'll take care of it, and | guarantee you'll never see him again!”

After enduring so much humiliation in Aurous Hill, Steve finally found an outlet for his anger. If he couldn't release it all, he would feel even more frustrated.

Jimmy turned pale with fear. He didn't dare to plead with Steve, but when he saw both Paul and Matilda seeking help from the seemingly ordinary young man in front of him, and even Steve Rothschild treating him with such respect, he suddenly realized that this young man, Charlie Wade, was the real key behind it all.

Jimmy then turned his desperate gaze to Charlie, tears streaming down his face. “Mr. Wade, please, my sister-in-law and nephew don't know me as well. Beg Mr. Rothschild for mercy on my behalf. I promise | will never cause trouble again. If | break my promise, you can send me to jail. | swear it!”

Charlie looked at him, smiled slightly, and said, “Mr. Rothschild mentioned that you don't have to go to jail in the United States. Since

there's no extradition agreement between China and the United States, you can stay here in China safely.”

Jimmy, panicking, replied, “I... | came here without a visa. | can only stay in China for 144 hours. If | don't leave within that time, I'll be staying here illegally...”

Charlie reassured him, "Don't worry. | have a good place for you to stay as long as you need.”

Steve's face lit up with excitement. “Yes, yes! The dog farm! Don Albert's dog farm is perfect for him. It's even better than prison!”

He gave Charlie a thumbs up. “Mr. Wade, you always come up with the best ideas. This is more satisfying than sending him to jail!”

Jimmy, hearing about the dog farm, was terrified. Although he didn't know the specifics, the name and Steve's excitement made it clear it wasn't a good place.

He anxiously asked Charlie, “Mr. Wade... May | ask, what is your dog farm?”

Before Charlie could respond, Steve sneered, “A dog farm raises dogs, of course. But there are real dogs and fake dogs. You, Jimmy, are the latter-one who looks human but acts like a dog.”

Steve continued, “Don Albert's dog farm has a great environment. You'll get your own cage and a Japanese maid to serve you meals. You won't have to work hard; just eat and wait for death every day.”

The thought of being locked in a dog cage horrified Jimmy. This was a hundred times worse than prison. He cried out, “Mr. Wade, please, I'm begging you. I'm too old to be locked in a dog farm. It would be a waste of your space and food. If I die, you'll have to deal with my | body. Please show mercy and let me go!”

Before Charlie could respond, Steve interjected, “It's okay, Mr. Wade. I'll cover all his expenses at the dog farm, and I'll pay double. If he

dies, just chop him up and feed him to the dogs. I'll even sponsor the best fighting dog breeders.”

Steve waved his hand. “Forget it. I'll simply sponsor Don Albert with \$10 million to upgrade his dog farm!”

Jimmy was on the verge of collapse. He never expected Steve to be so relentless. He had hoped to return to the United States and face prison time, but now even that option was gone. If he had known he would end up in a dog cage in China for life, he might have preferred prison. |

Matilda and her son, Paul, were also shocked by Steve's ruthless determination to block Jimmy's escape. They wanted to speak up for him but didn't know how to intervene.

Matilda exchanged a glance with Paul and then said politely, “Mr. Rothschild, Jimmy did offend you, but | hope you can forgive him for his sincere remorse. He has three children in the United States, the youngest of whom is not yet an adult. If he disappears in China, his family will be very worried...”

Jimmy, terrified, cried out, “Sister-in-law, stop talking! Please, sister-in-law, stop!” He knew Steve's intentions. He feared that mentioning his family might prompt Steve to involve them as well.

Steve suddenly clapped his hands. “Yes, yes! We should bring his wife and children over and reunite the family!”

Then he reconsidered. “No, let his family of five live in separate cages, with an empty cage between each. They can see and talk to each other but can't touch. That will be his punishment!”

Jimmy collapsed to the ground.

Seeing this, Matilda quickly asked Paul to help him up. She then angrily addressed Steve, “Mr. Rothschild, even if you don't accept his apology, you shouldn't involve his wife and children. There's an old Chinese saying, ‘No harm comes to the wife and children.’ If word spreads about this, it will tamish the Rothschild family's reputation.”

Steve retorted, “What do Chinese proverbs have to do with me, an American? | just want to make his life miserable. I'll go after his wife, children, and even his family dog if | want to!”

Charlie saw Steve's intense anger and feared he might actually carry out his threats. He intervened, "Alright, Steve, you're here for a wedding. Let's not make this any bloodier."

Steve, momentarily stunned, looked at Charlie and said, "Mr. Wade, he provoked me first. I didn't ask for this!"

Charlie nodded. "I know. But there's no point in leaving him at the dog farm. Instead, we should find something for him to do and extract his remaining value."

Steve quickly agreed. "Fine, let him feed the dogs and clean up the dog poop at the farm every day."

Charlie waved his hands. "He's an experienced lawyer. Cleaning up after dogs is overqualified for him. | just started a company, and our legal department could use someone. How about he works for my new company for ten years, unpaid? If he performs well, he can return home. If not, we can send him to the dog farm later."

Steve understood. "Got it, Mr. Wade!"

Charlie turned to Jimmy. "Mr. Smith, | want you to work in China for ten years, with food and housing but no salary. Are you interested? If not, forget | mentioned it."

Jimmy's despair turned to hope. He nodded frantically. "I'm interested! Absolutely!"

For Jimmy, the worst option was the dog farm, and the next worst was returning to his country and going to jail.

Staying and working in China, where he could still enjoy basic personal freedom, was a much better alternative. This was definitely an act of mercy outside the law.

Matilda was surprised that Charlie would ask Jimmy to stay and work for him, but upon reflection, she realized it was a good solution.

Although Jimmy could be shameless, this quality was often necessary for an American barrister.

Lawyers who specialize in business need thick skin to succeed, the thicker the skin, the higher their professional level and industry status.

Jimmy's position as a senior partner at Ellis Law Firm demonstrated his strong professional abilities. Although he had been working behind the scenes for several years and might be a bit rusty, his extensive front-line experience meant his practical skills were still sharp.

Ultimately, this arrangement was beneficial for Jimmy. It was certainly a better alternative to the dog farm or prison.

Charlie confirmed, "You said you're interested. Do you really mean it?"

Jimmy blurted out, "Yes, absolutely!"

Charlie asked again, "Ten years without regret?"

"No regrets, none at all!"

Charlie continued, "If people ask, do you know what to say?"

"I know! | voluntarily chose to come to China to develop! Even if my wife and children ask, I'll say the same!"

Charlie nodded lightly. "You are a teachable person. If that's the case, I'll let you go back and make arrangements for your family. Report to Matilda in Aurous Hill in half a month."

Jimmy, who hadn't expected Charlie to allow him this opportunity, was extremely grateful. He nodded fervently. "No problem! Thank you, Mr. Wade, for your magnanimity! I'll come over as soon as I've arranged everything at home!"

Charlie looked at Steve. "If he doesn't show up in half a month or tries to run, have him captured and sent to Don Albert's dog farm..."

Steve didn't expect to be thwarted in torturing a "loser" like Jimmy. Though slightly depressed, he brushed it off, knowing that pleasing

Charlie was more important. He immediately patted his chest and promised, "Don't worry, Mr. Wade, I'll have people keep an eye on him."

Charlie looked at Jimmy and said with a smile, “You are Paul's uncle, and the blood relationship you share won't disappear because of your eldest brother's death. Matilda has been your sister-in-law for decades, and people say a sister-in-law is like a mother. Even though your eldest brother is no longer here, she is still family to you. You've shown great dedication by coming all the way to China for Matilda's wedding and to help her start her new career. This gesture is truly touching. In my opinion, at the wedding, you should go on stage and say a few words of blessing. Let the guests see your humanity.”

Jimmy felt a bitter taste in his mouth but couldn't express it. He understood what Charlie meant. On one hand, it was a way to save face, and on the other, it was necessary to explain to the guests what had happened.

Although it was embarrassing, he couldn't dwell on it now. Escaping from Steve Rothschild's clutches was the greatest blessing.

Compared to that, a bit of embarrassment was nothing. If it meant avoiding further humiliation, he would gladly endure it.

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Jimmy, who let out a sigh of relief, suddenly realized a problem and quickly said to Charlie, “Mr. Wade, when I return to the United States to settle my family, I won't be arrested as soon as I land, right?”

Charlie smiled and said, “Whether you'll be thrown in a cell or not depends entirely on Steve.”

After speaking, Charlie turned to Steve and said, “Steve, tell your butler not to send those pieces of evidence to the FBI. If they've already been dispatched, retrieve them and make it seem like the FBI never laid eyes on them.”

Steve immediately replied, “Don't worry, Mr. Wade. I'll message him right away.” Jimmy voiced his concerns, “Mr. Wade, I'm afraid my boss won't let me off the hook. He's a dangerous person who sets traps for us and

gathers evidence of our wrongdoings, just to have control over us at crucial moments..."

Charlie remained composed, "Don't fret, even if your boss hands over all your incriminating evidence to the FBI, Steve has a way to keep | you safe."

Steve nodded and reassured, "Mr. Wade, rest assured. The decision to arrest or not is entirely up to you. If you give the order to arrest, I'll ensure he gets a life sentence. If you say not to, even the President of the United States couldn't arrest him."

Jimmy understood that Steve was cautioning him against any schemes. In truth, he wouldn't dare to play any tricks at this point, even if he had ten times the courage.

Suddenly, Charlie had an idea and asked Jimmy, "Since your boss has treated you so ruthlessly, would you like to get back at him?"

Jimmy's eyes widened with excitement, "I want to! | really want to! If killing him wasn't against the law, the first thing I'd do when | go back is take him down!"

Charlie nodded and smiled, "Since you're keen on it, then it's simple."

He turned to Steve and said, "Later, call Ellis' boss and inform him that you recently discovered Jimmy is a distant relative of a good friend from China. Share that you've become friends after resolving your previous misunderstandings. Ask him to leave Jimmy alone..."

Steve looked puzzled, not comprehending Charlie's intentions, but he nodded nonetheless and said, "Alright, Mr. Wade. I'll let him know."

Charlie then addressed Jimmy, "After you return to the United States, Ellis' boss will surely invite you to dinner. During the invitation, he'll inquire about the specifics. You should explain that you had a minor misunderstanding with your former sister-in-law's current husband at their wedding, but it was quickly resolved..."

"Mention that you've already promised to assist your former sister-in-law and her husband in China, and ask him to send ten highly skilled

lawyers from Ellis to China to aid in their endeavors. You'll have the authority to select these ten lawyers, so choose the best in all aspects. They'll provide assistance for the same duration as you, which is ten years. Naturally, Ellis' boss will have to cover the salaries and travel expenses of these ten lawyers for the next ten years.”

Charlie added, “Oh, and make sure he pays your salary as well, so you won't be working in China for nothing.”

Then, Charlie added, "However, you can only keep 30% of your salary, and the remaining 70% should be transferred to the dog farm that Steve mentioned earlier. They require funds to continue operating, so consider it your contribution to the cause.”

Upon hearing the words “dog farm”, Jimmy's heart raced. He hastily replied, “Don't worry, Mr. Wade. I'll do as you say!”

Steve, who stood beside them, was already dumbfounded.

Elis was already the largest law firm in the United States, and the lawyers who worked there were top-notch. If Jimmy were to choose ten of them, it would be like severing Ellis' main artery.

Additionally, the annual salary of ten top lawyers was no small sum. Including Jimmy, the combined annual salary of eleven people, along with transportation expenses, would cost at least 100 million dollars.

Already lacking ten elite lawyers, now they had to shell out 100 million dollars every year. It would be a devastating blow to Ellis.

Jimmy also felt a hint of uncertainty and said to Charlie, “Mr. Wade, these conditions... They seem quite demanding. Will Ellis' boss agree?”

Charlie replied, “If it were just you asking, he definitely wouldn't agree. But if Steve speaks up, he'll definitely comply.”

Steve thought to himself, “Charlie is truly ruthless. He can be so cunning, and now | have to play the bad guy and help him...”

But he firmly stated, “Don't worry, Mr. Wade. I'll put enough pressure on him. Consider Ellis your own law firm from now on and make full use of their resources. If their boss dares to make a sound, I'll make him regret it!”

“Good...” Charlie nodded in satisfaction. “Then it's settled.”

He turned to Matilda and said, “Matilda, in half a month, Jimmy will bring ten more lawyers to Aurous Hill to report to you. The company should be registered and ready to operate by then. They can join the team directly, and you'll be in charge of guiding them.”

Matilda was amazed by Charlie's unconventional actions, and Jimmy was grateful for the generous treatment. She let out a sigh of relief and quickly replied, “Alright, Charlie. I'll take care of everything...” |

Charlie nodded and then said to Mr. Riley, “Uncle Riley, after the wedding, you and Matilda can go on your honeymoon as planned. The | work here will be temporarily handled by the Evans Family.”

“Okay.” Mr. Riley eagerly agreed, “We'll cut our honeymoon short and try to return to duty within a week.” |

“No rush...” Charlie smiled. “There are still many processes and preparations to be done in the early stages. The Wade Family will come | to sign the contract and hold a press conference. You and Matilda can return in half a month.”

Afterward, Charlie looked at Jimmy and said, “Time is running out. I'll go on stage to deliver a thank-you speech on behalf of the bride and | groom. As a guest from afar, after my speech, you'll have to go on stage and explain to everyone why you caused a scene and cried on the ground for so long. Make sure you have a convincing reason.” |

Without hesitation, Jimmy replied, “I've already figured it out. I'll tell the truth. I'll admit that I'm a shameless scoundrel who tried to seize |

control of Smith Law Firm's shares during this opportunity, hence my outburst. I'll say that | knelt down and cried because | was moved by the genuine emotions of my sister-in-law and her husband, Mr. Riley..." | "They made me realize that family is more important than personal gain, so | deeply regretted my actions and actively sought their | forgiveness. At the same time, I'll also inform everyone that after being influenced by them, I've decided to stay in Aurous Hill and contribute to their upcoming new project!"

Charlie exclaimed, "Excellent! You've truly mastered the art of navigating Chinese social situations and human relationships. Let's proceed | as you've planned!"

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Due to the omission of many traditional procedures in Mr. Riley and Matilda's wedding, there was plenty of time, so even though Jimmy | caused a scene, it did not affect the normal progress of the wedding. | The guests present had witnessed the whole process of Jimmy causing trouble and knew that it was a matter involving the bride's ex- | husband's family, so everyone refrained from interfering.

As for what Jimmy, Charlie, and Steve were talking about later, the guests were not very clear. They only saw Jimmy being arrogant at | first, but suddenly kneeling down and crying, leaving everyone confused. Now, Charlie has resolved Jimmy's trouble, and it is almost time for the ceremony to begin, so Charlie steps onto the stage to start the | wedding.

He first welcomed and thanks the guests, expressing his honor as a younger generation to be invited as the host and officiant. |

After a brief opening statement, he continued, "When we entered the venue, a friend from the United States was quite emotional, as | believe everyone has seen. This American friend is named Jimmy Smith, the brother in law of the bride, Matilda, and the uncle of Mr. Paul | Smith. Now, | would like to invite Mr. Smith to come on stage and explain the incident earlier, as well as give his blessings to the

newlyweds...”

Upon hearing that the troublemaker from earlier was going to speak on stage, the guests became curious and eager to hear from Jimmy.

After a round of applause, they eagerly awaited Jimmy's appearance.

At this moment, Jimmy had given up on his face and walked up to the stage with a microphone, standing next to Charlie. He then bowed deeply to the audience and said with great remorse, “Ladies and gentlemen, | sincerely apologize for my previous behavior and hope you |

can forgive me. The reason | caused a scene at the wedding is because | am a person driven by greed. | wanted to snatch the shares of Smith Law Firm from my sister-in-law and nephew...”

Jimmy continued, “Actually, Smith Law Firm was established by my sister-in-law and my late brother after years of hard work. It has no |

relation to the Smith family whatsoever. The reason | coveted the shares of Smith Law Firm was because a larger law firm in the United

States wanted to acquire all of Smith Law Firm's business in the country. Now that

I think about it, | truly deserve to die! | put money above family and the law, which is truly shameful!” |

Taking a sigh, Jimmy continued, “To make up for my greed and mistakes, | have decided to stay in Aurous Hill and contribute to their

future endeavors. | hope to express my repentance and support through practical actions.” |

“Finally, | sincerely wish the newlyweds a happy and harmonious marriage. | would like to apologize once again for my recklessness and |

shamelessness to them and all the guests present!”

Jimmy's confession clarified the situation for many guests and helped them understand the incident that happened earlier. They also |

learned that there is no dispute over the assets of Smith Law Firm between Matilda and her late husband's family.

This is also the reason why Charlie wanted Jimmy to publicly apologize. Rumors can be dangerous, and if it spread that Matilda had |

stolen assets from her late husband's family and fled to China, it would be a great insult and blow to her reputation. |

Jimmy's confession today eliminated the possibility of idle gossip.

At this moment, Jimmy felt bitter in his heart. He has certainly lost face, but in order to save his life, he can only give up his reputation and dignity.

With Jimmy's troubles resolved, the wedding of Mr. Riley and Matilda proceeded smoothly without any other obstacles.

The couple is truly a perfect match both in appearance and talent. Not only did the guests have high hopes for them, but even Paul and Zoey felt fortunate for their father or mother.

Charlie could also see that the couple truly loves each other, and their deep affection cannot be hidden.

After the wedding, the couple and their children sent off the guests together.

Steve also prepared to take his leave and said to Charlie, “Mr. Wade, | have no business here, so I'll go back to the hotel. | will take care of Jimmy's situation, and you can contact me anytime if you need anything.” Charlie nodded and says, “Thank you for making the trip.”

Steve replied, “No need to be polite.”

After that, he said to Mr. Riley and Matilda, “Congratulations again to the newlyweds. | happen to have my privatejet parked in Aurous Hil, and | won't be leaving anytime soon. You can use it for your honeymoon, and it doesn't matter where you want to go.”

Mr. Riley expressed his gratitude, “Thank you for your kind offer, Mr. Rothschild. We have already booked our plane tickets, so we don't want to trouble you.”

“No trouble at all,” Steve said, “Cancel the plane tickets and use my private jet instead. It's a converted A350, and the comfort level is unparalleled. Even Air Force One can't compare.”

“That's great,” Charlie said with a smile, “Mr. and Mrs. Riley, this is a small gesture from Steve. Please don't hesitate to accept it. With the name of the Rothschild family supporting you, It will be much more convenient wherever you go. Not only will the journey be more comfortable, but you will also save a lot of time.”

Mr. Riley initially didn't want to trouble anyone, but since Charlie has said so, he didn't feel right refusing. He said to Steve, “Thank you, Mr. Rothschild.”

“No problem,” Steve said, “I'll take care of everything.”

At this moment, Jimmy walked over with a flattering smile and said, “Sister-in-law... Maybe it's more appropriate to call you Mrs. Riley now. I'll call you Mrs. Riley from now on.”

Matilda smiled and said, “Jimmy, you can still call me sister-in-law. After all, we have been calling each other that for many years.

Moreover, even though your brother is no longer here, Paul will always be your nephew.” |

“Yes, yes,” Jimmy nodded repeatedly and respectfully said, “Then I'll still call you sister-in-law.” |

After that, he looked at Mr. Riley and cautiously asked, “Professor Riley, do you mind?” |

“Of course not,” Mr. Riley said friendly, “You two are family after all, and | completely understand and accept it.”

“That's good,” Jimmy breathed a sigh of relief and continued, “Please rest assured, | will take the earliest flight back to the United States.

After | return, | will settle things at home as soon as possible and talk to our law firm's boss. After completing the tasks assigned by Mr.

Wade, | will report to you as soon as possible!”

Steve, who is nearby, remembered and said, “I'll have someone call their boss now.” |

After that, he said, “Oh no, I'll call him personally!”

Then, Steve asked the butler for the other party's phone number and had the butler inform the other party in advance that Steve Rothschild himself will be calling.

When Ellis's boss, Nate Ellis, heard that the Rothschild family's steward say that the heir, Steve, wants to talk to him, he became extremely excited. He thought that his handling of Jimmy's situation had received Steve's approval and that Steve was calling to praise him. So he eagerly waited by the phone for Steve's call.

When Steve dials his phone number, Nate Ellis immediately answered and said with utmost politeness, "Hello! | am Nate Ellis!"

Steve responded with a simple "Hmm" and said, "| am Steve Rothschild..." Nate Ellis, surprised, said, "Mr. Rothschild, it is my honor to receive a call from you personally! May | ask what you need from me?" Steve said coldly, "I called to tell you that from now on, you absolutely cannot trouble Jimmy Smith anymore."

"Huh?" Nate Ellis asked in astonishment, "Mr. Rothschild, your steward called and said that you wanted to teach him a lesson, so | fired him... | never intended to trouble him..."

"I know, but there has been a change in the situation. The reason | met Jimmy is because | am attending the wedding of a close friend in China, and it turns out that he is a distant relative of my close friend. We have resolved all misunderstandings, so you must not trouble him anymore..."

"If you make me lose face in front of my friend, | will definitely not spare you! Also, | want to tell you, | have already promised my friend to take care of Jimmy, and if you dare to do anything to him, I will not let you off. Do you understand?" Steve said.

Nate Ellis wanted to slap himself and curse inwardly, "Is there such a thing in this world? You wanted me to teach him a lesson, and now

you say these things? Isn't this playing dirty? You should know that | have made Jimmy hate me to the core, let him know that | deliberately left him with evidence, and let him know that | wanted to send him to prison just to please you. Aren't you setting me up?" Seeing Nate Ellis rendered speechless, Steve said, "I'll let Jimmy explain..."

He then handed the phone to Jimmy.

Jimmy took the phone, gritting his teeth, and said angrily, "Oh, boss, I'm so sorry to have let you down!"

Hearing this, Nate Elis immediately smiled apologetically and said, "Jimmy, please don't say that. It was all a misunderstanding. Don't worry, misunderstandings can be resolved! I'll ensure that a board meeting is convened as soon as possible to vote on your joining. When you come back, you'll be a member of the board of directors!"

He then quickly asked, "By the way, Jimmy, when will you be returning? I'll come to the airport to pick you up personally!"

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Jimmy naturally harbored a deep resentment toward his boss.

Hearing that his boss wanted to pick him up at the airport, he immediately replied, "Alright, | have something | want to discuss with you in person. I'll handle it as soon as | book the flight and send you the flight number."

Without a moment's hesitation, Nate replied, "No problem at all. Just send it my way, and we'll meet at the airport!"

Jimmy hung up the phone and handed it back to Steve. Meanwhile, Nate, who was in the United States, paced back and forth in his room, muttering under his breath, "This is bad news. Jimmy won't go down without a fight..."

His wife, taken aback, asked, “What's going on? Didn't you fire Jimmy? Why are you letting him into the board of directors and personally picking him up at the airport?”

Nate let out a frustrated sigh.

“Don't even mention it...” he muttered. “Steve Rothschild, the heir of the Rothschild family, called me. He claimed there was a misunderstanding between him and Jimmy... Can you believe it? I gave him all the dirt I had on Jimmy and even tried to send him to jail, and now he calls to say it was all a misunderstanding. He even promised his friend to take care of Jimmy. Is he trying to ruin me?”

His wife exclaimed, “Steve Rothschild himself called you personally?”

“Yes...” Nate sighed. “I've been serving the Rothschild family for so many years, and I've never had direct contact with any member of the family. To put it simply, I'm not worthy of communicating with them. I'm lucky if I can even talk to their butler or business manager. But now, the second most important person in the Rothschild family actually called me and said he would take care of Jimmy. You can imagine that they must have each other's contact information. If I can't appease Jimmy this time, he'll definitely go running to Steve to complain!”

His wife rubbed her temples, her voice filled with worry. “I know Jimmy quite well. He's cunning and not to be trusted. Among the top-notch lawyers in your law firm, he's one of the most ruthless. And he's got all sorts of tricks up his sleeve. It's possible he already knows about the trap you set for him and the evidence you have against him. If you can't make amends with him, he's going to be a major headache.”

Nate helplessly replied, “I don't know if I can handle him now. I don't know if just offering him a spot on the board of directors will be enough. If it's not, I'll have to throw in more stock options and appease him with money!”

His wife asked, concern etched on her face, "How much money are you planning to give him?"

Nate pondered for a moment before answering, "On top of what he already has, an additional five million dollars per year. That should satisfy him, right?"

His wife let out a sigh and covered her chest with her hand. "I hope so. Five million dollars is no small sum. It's quite a bargain for him!"

The day after the wedding, Mr. Riley and Matilda boarded Steve's private plane and left Aurous Hill.

Meanwhile, Jimmy boarded a plane, embarking on his journey back to the United States.

Jacob and Elaine still had a few days left on their honeymoon in Dubai, so Charlie finally had a moment of peace.

Twelve hours later, a seething Jimmy landed at Kennedy Airport in New York. Nate, eagerly awaited him, clutching the option agreement in his hand.

During the twelve-hour flight, not a minute went by that Jimmy didn't spend plotting his revenge. His mind was consumed by one goal, to | make Nate suffer as much as possible.

The Ellis Law Firm raked in an annual net profit of around \$500 million. As the founder and major shareholder, Nate could expect to | receive at least \$150 million in profit sharing Jimmy calculated that the top ten lawyers in the firm, the most productive ones, eamed a combined total of around \$100 million each year. Though their income accounted for only 20% of the firm's profits, they generated 80% or | more of its value. |

Jimmy believed that since he had Steve Rothschild on his side, it was only natural that he would take all ten of the firm's most capable | lawyers with him when he left. Not a single one should remain under Nate's control.

If these ten lawyers deserted Eli, the firm's revenue for the following year would likely be halved, if not worse.

What was even more terrifying was that while these ten lawyers would no longer be generating value for Ellis, the firm would still have to continue paying them their full salaries. This would siphon off at least \$100 million from the firm's profits.

In the end, Ellis would probably start hemorrhaging money the following year. But Jimmy felt that this alone wasn't enough. He wanted Nate to pay an even greater price. So, he spent the twelve-hour fight devising a cunning plan.

When he walked out of the airport, dark circles under his eyes, Nate greeted him with excitement, immediately linking arms with him and exclaiming, "Jimmy, you're finally back!"

He swiftly pulled out a document from his briefcase and presented it to Jimmy. "Here are two agreements... One is the approval letter for you to join the board of directors, and the other is an additional option agreement that will bring you an estimated extra income of five million dollars per year. This is my way of showing gratitude. Please don't hold what happened before against me."

Jimmy nodded calmly and asked, "Have all the other directors agreed to let me join the board?"

Nate hurriedly responded, "I haven't had a detailed discussion with them yet, but I believe that if I strongly recommend you, they won't have any objections. Most of the directors were early investors in the firm, and they've made a fortune from the firm's profit sharing over the years. So, if I want to bring you onto the board, they shouldn't dare to oppose it."

He continued, "If you're tired, I can send you home to rest first. If not, we can head straight to the office. The board members are already waiting to meet you."

Jimmy replied indifferently, "Let's go to the office first."

“Great!” Nate beamed. “My car is waiting outside. Let's go!”

The two of them left the airport, with Nate leading Jimmy to his Bentley. Nate took the wheel, while Jimmy settled into the passenger seat, and they began their journey to the Ellis Law Firm's office in Manhattan.

On the way, Nate lamented, “Jimmy, I've been regretting what happened yesterday. We've worked together for so many years, and I value you highly. If it weren't for the pressure from the Rothschild family's butler, I wouldn't have turned my back on you. I hope you can understand.”

Jimmy interjected, asking, “In yesterday's phone call, you mentioned that you had leverage over every senior partner in the firm. I want to know what kind of leverage specifically.”

Nate awkwardly touched his nose and replied, “Well, it's similar to your situation. It involves some high-profile cases that are easy wins and have high stakes. I arrange for clients to privately cooperate with lawyers, reducing at least half of the legal fees. Since the cases have high stakes and are relatively easy to win, clients also express their desire to settle privately. Most lawyers find it hard to refuse, and I also arrange for clients to leave evidence that mitigates future risks, and then find a way to obtain that evidence.”

He defended himself, saying, “Jimmy, you know that besides their reputation, each senior partner also holds many valuable client resources. If they were poached by other law firms or decided to start their own practice, they would undoubtedly take the firm's clients and potential clients with them. I can't tolerate that, so I have to keep some leverage to ensure the stability and security of Ellis. That's why I wanted to keep some evidence as a countermeasure...”

Jimmy nodded and calmly stated, “I understand that you want me to drop this matter. Considering the stock options and the reputation of the board members, I can consider it. But I have one more condition, and you must promise me.”

Nate anxiously asked, "Tell me, as long as it's within my power, I will do it"

Jimmy said, "I want all the blackmail material and evidence you have on all the senior partners. What you did made me feel very vulnerable. You already have my blackmail material, so I must also know what you have on others. It's a matter of increasing my own sense of security."

Nate pondered for a moment and cautiously responded, "Jimmy, if those materials were to be leaked, it would greatly disrupt the internal stability and unity of our law firm. Besides, you have the protection of the Rothschild family. Even if the materials were leaked, it wouldn't cause any problems. So, you shouldn't feel insecure because of this..."

Jimmy raised his hand to interrupt him and said sternly, "This is my only request. If you can promise, we can go to the office and meet the board members. If you can't promise, then please kindly take me home. I'll come to the office tomorrow morning to complete the termination agreement."

Nate couldn't let Jimmy terminate his contract with the law firm now. If Steve Rothschild thought he had intentionally fired Jimmy, it would be disastrous.

Reflecting on Steve, Nate realized that the only way to placate Jimmy and put aside their past grudges was crucial. As long as he could manage this, both he and the law firm could remain temporarily safe. With this in mind, Nate asked Jimmy directly, "Jimmy, you don't intend to reveal this information to the person involved, do you?"

Jimmy replied calmly, "Don't worry. If I disclose that information to the person involved, may God punish me. Let me, Jimmy Smith, leave my hometown and the United States, wander overseas, and work for others for ten years. During those ten years, not only will I not

receive a penny of salary from them, but they will also take more than half of the money | earn elsewhere.”

Nate thought to himself, “Why does Jimmy's oath sound so strange? But the content is quite harsh. He would work for someone else for ten years without pay, and they would take away more than half of his other earnings. Even the slaves back then weren't that miserable, right? We're all God's people, he wouldn't joke about his own future.”

Thinking this, Nate breathed a sigh of relief and said, “Alright! Since you've said it, | certainly can't refuse. Let's meet the directors at the company first, and I'll send you all the information later.”

Chapter 5795

The board members of Ellis Law Firm were already assembled in the grand conference room. They were well aware of Jimmy's influential | connections with the Rothschild family, so they dared not be negligent. Those who were usually in New York and those who were not often in New York all rushed over early to wait.

It felt as though a modest family in a medieval kingdom suddenly gained a dazzling performer, bestowed upon them by the king. It was as | if the entire family finally had someone who could reach the highest heavens, and everyone hoped that she could perform a grand play in the palace, starting from a humble showgirl and eventually becoming the empress, so that the entire family could thrive. Even Ellis shared | the same hope. |

Calming Jimmy was just the first step. In his mind, calming Jimmy was not a problem. The real challenge was to ensure that Jimmy made | even greater contributions to Ellis Law Firm after being calmed.

When the two arrived in Manhattan and met with all the board members in the conference room, the room erupted in thunderous | applause. Everyone looked at Jimmy with appreciative eyes, clearly indicating that from this day forward, he was the beacon of hope for

the entire village.

Jimmy looked at these board members who were usually aloof but were now fawning over him, and he couldn't help but feel | overwhelmed. This was the power of the Rothschild family in America, enough to make the so-called elite class bow down.

After the resounding applause, Nate, wearing a proud expression, spoke up. "I have gathered all of you here today to announce a | decision. That decision is to officially nominate Jimmy Smith as a board member of Ellis Law Firm. All 11 current board members are present, so we will vote on this nomination. Those in favor, please raise your hand." |

As soon as he finished speaking, the other 10 board members raised their right hands without hesitation.

One of them even spoke eagerly, "Chairman, a talented employee like Jimmy should be brought on board as soon as possible.

Furthermore, our stock option agreement has already been prepared. Let Jimmy sign it right away."

Nate nodded and retrieved the contract, saying to Jimmy, "Jimmy, take a look. This is the stock option agreement we have prepared for you. After careful consideration, the board has decided to grant you 100,000 shares of the company's stock options, equivalent to 3% of the total shares. These options will vest over a period of 5 years. As long as you remain with us for 5 years, you will permanently hold these options. Additionally, once you sign this agreement, you will also be entitled to receive dividends from the 100,000 shares of options.

Based on our current annual dividend of approximately \$200 million, you can expect to receive an additional \$5 to \$6 million in option dividends each year."

Jimmy didn't bother to look at the contract and responded seriously, "We can discuss the contract later. What | want to see now is the dirt on all the senior partners at Ellis. Show me all the incriminating evidence you have on them, and then we can continue our discussion.

Otherwise, just prepare my resignation agreement.”

The crowd exchanged glances for a moment, but Nate broke the awkward silence first and said with a smile, “That's simple. Since Jimmy is about to become a member of the board, it's only right for him to have access to that information.”

With that, he retrieved an Apple laptop from his briefcase, opened it, and said to Jimmy, “Now that you are one of us, it's time | inform you about our operational model. Every year, we offer numerous internship opportunities to top law school graduates across the United States to recruit talented individuals for our firm. Once these talents join us, we conduct internal evaluations, categorizing them into different levels based on their potential: S-level, A-level, B-level, C-level, and D-level. Promotions are typically given within the S and A levels.”

“A lawyer usually needs five to ten years to accumulate experience. Those who excel will be promoted and receive salary increases.

Those who excel exceptionally will be included in our partnership program.”

“You're familiar with the partnership program, which is a compensation and stock option incentive plan. When a lawyer enters the partnership program, they become a quasi-partner. We offer higher salaries and a certain number of stock options. These options vest over a period of five to ten years, gradually granting them the rights to exercise their options. This ensures their loyalty to Ellis, creating greater residual value for us.”

Jimmy interrupted him, “All this is common knowledge. What | want to know now is the specific dirt on the senior partners. What incriminating evidence do you have on them?”

“Alright...” Nate said awkwardly, “Once a senior partner makes outstanding contributions and is promoted to a senior position, we need to be prepared for the future. Senior partners are highly capable, have their own client base, and their ambitions grow. They may demand a

higher percentage of stock options or even request to join the board. However, our stock options are limited, with

a company's shares totaling at most 100%. Everyone wants a share, but it ultimately means fewer shares for each person. This can lead to dissatisfaction among a group of senior partners. So, before they become dissatisfied, we create opportunities for them to make mistakes.”

“The goal of our law firm is to ensure that every senior partner makes mistakes and leaves behind evidence of those mistakes. It's like having a remote-controlled bomb that can explode whenever and however we want, depending on the board's decision.”

As he spoke, Nate tried to instill his beliefs in Jimmy, “Jimmy, don't overthink this. In the future, when you become a member of the board, you will understand that those senior partners out there are tools for us to make money. Only when they perform well, generate profits, and create value for the firm can we be worry-free and receive substantial cash dividends every year. In other words, those people are our workhorses, and we must use the best chains to keep them tied up so they don't escape.”

Jimmy nodded and said, “I understand what you're saying, but what | want to see now is the specific incriminating evidence on these individuals.”

“Don't worry, | will provide you with all the files now. But Jimmy, you must keep this information 100% confidential. We can't let anyone outside know about it. If they decide to retaliate against us, it would be a significant loss.”

With that, Nate began sending the files to Jimmy one by one. After reading through the materials, Jimmy's expression grew even grimmer. The senior partners, who were similar to him on a daily basis,

had been manipulated over the past few years and had left behind a wealth of evidence of their illegal activities. Almost every person had enough dirt on them to warrant a prison sentence of over 5 years. Moreover, this evidence, once exposed, would not only result in imprisonment but also permanent disqualification from practicing law.

After reading the materials, Jimmy turned to Nate and spoke, "I appreciate the invitation to join the board of directors, but personally, I find the offer of just 100,000 shares of stock options to be much lower than my expectations."

Jimmy added, "And, you underestimate my loyalty. You have only prepared a 5-year contract for me, but I hope to continue working for Ellis for ten more years!"

Jimmy now had a clear understanding of his future income.

Originally, Charlie hadn't given him a single cent, leaving him and his family with no income. But later, Charlie allowed Steve to vouch for him, ensuring that Ellis Law Firm would continue to pay him for the next ten years. Charlie even left him with 30% of the shares.

In other words, if he wanted to earn more money in the next ten years, he had to maximize his salary at Ellis, and the bigger, the better. Because of this, he deliberately mentioned his desire to work for Ellis for ten more years. After all, he couldn't escape going to China for ten years, and legally speaking, he was sent by Ellis, and his salary was also provided by Ellis. Therefore, for the next ten years, he would still be in an employer-employee relationship with Ellis. So he might as well take this opportunity and use it as a bargaining chip.

This trip to China made him realize that society is a vast food chain. Even influential figures like Steve Rothschild are considered prey by Charlie, let alone someone as insignificant as himself. Thus, Charlie saw himself as prey, and he viewed Nate Ellis as prey as well. At this moment, Nate felt both

relieved and worried. He was relieved because it seemed like he would be able to retain Jimmy. After all, Jimmy was willing to sign a ten-year contract with the company. This meant that he wouldn't offend Steve Rothschild.

But he was also worried because Jimmy wasn't satisfied with the annual dividend of five to six million from the stock options. This meant that he would have to offer even more.

After pondering for a moment, he said, "Jimmy, If you are willing to sign a 10-year agreement with the group, I can increase the stock options to 150,000 shares."

Jimmy waved his hand dismissively and said, "If the time period doubles from 5 years to 10 years, you should at least double the stock options. Give me 200,000 options. Also, double the base salary. If you have no issue with that, you can prepare the contract now, and I will sign it on the spot. If you have any objections, then there's no need to continue the discussion. Just prepare the resignation agreement, and I'll leave."

Nate felt extremely frustrated upon hearing this.

Doubling the stock options meant that he would have to distribute at least \$10 million to Jimmy each year. If the base salary doubled as well, he would have to spend an additional \$2 million. This meant that Jimmy would receive over \$20 million in total each year!

At this moment, Jimmy was also calculating his future income. He thought to himself, "If we calculate based on the annual dividend of \$200 million, with 200,000 stock options, I should be able to receive \$12 million in dividends. Doubling the base salary would be \$4 million. In addition to the option dividends I received as a senior partner, after deducting performance bonuses, I would still have over \$18 million..."

“This \$18 million, with Charlie taking 70% and leaving me with 30%, would still be over \$5 million. It should be enough for my family's daily expenses.”

But then he suddenly realized something, “Wait! If | take away ten senior partners from Ellis, the core backbone of Ellis will be empty. It will be questionable whether they can even make a profit next year, let alone have money to distribute dividends. In that case, | would only be left with a base salary of \$4 million! In the end, | would only receive \$1.2 million per year!”

Chapter 5796

Nate had no idea that Jimmy had already made other plans.

Although he was reluctant to give up the options of 200,000 shares, when he considered the powerful Rothschild family backing Jimmy, he gritted his teeth and agreed. “Alright! 200,000 shares it is! With 200,000 stock options, earning \$12 million annually is relatively safe. As our business grows, the annual dividend will surely increase. Jimmy, your future at Ellis Law Firm is limitless!”

Even though Nate made this decision with the resolve of a warrior cutting off his own hand, Jimmy frowned again.

After a quick calculation, Jimmy realized he needed cash now rather than options.

Options are essentially a bet on the company's future growth. If the company grows rapidly, a million-dollar option today could be worth tens of millions next year. However, if the company declines, that same option might be worth only \$100,000 or even less.

All the board members believed that Ellis Law Firm would develop rapidly. They had the best team and reputation in the United States,

and one of their biggest competitors, Smith Law Firm, had shifted its focus to China. Although Smith Law Firm hadn't abandoned its U.S. business, the shift had naturally led to a decline in their U.S. business volume. These factors were all growth points for Ellis Law Firm. But Jimmy knew that if he and ten key members left, Ellis Law Firm would inevitably decline. In this situation, cash was the safest choice. He said, "I prefer to be cautious. When my brother and sister-in-law founded Smith Law Firm, they offered me 30% of the shares to join them. I thought the risk of starting a business was too high, so I didn't accept. Now, given options, I still think cash is safer."

He continued, "Let's sign a ten-year agreement, but I don't want any options. I'll return the options previously given to me. Didn't Nate say that these 200,000 options could bring in at least \$12 million annually, and possibly more in the future? Fine, I'll return the 200,000 options just give me \$10 million in cash each year for the next ten years. Even if the 200,000 options are worth \$20 million annually in the future, I won't come back to renegotiate. I only want cash."

Nate was initially surprised but quickly understood. He knew Jimmy's cautious nature.

In Chinese mythology, a creature called Pixiu symbolizes the idea of being extremely protective of one's wealth. Although Jimmy was a senior partner, he was still unwilling to spend money on options. Partners could usually get options through board sales, allowing them to invest and feel more committed to the firm. This approach worked for most people, except Jimmy.

Jimmy's investment philosophy was to avoid spending money whenever possible. If he could make a million without investing, even if investing \$100,000 could yield two million, he would still avoid spending money.

Wanting cash instead of options was consistent with his personality.

After considering this, Nate decided not to dwell on the matter. He thought to himself, “Whether he wants options or cash, the important thing is that he signs a 10-year contract with me and doesn't regret it. As long as he doesn't resign, and with Steve Rothschild backing him, | can rest easy. The company is thriving, and if he forgoes options now and regrets it later, he can't blame me.”

Nate cheerfully agreed, “No problem, Jimmy! We'll sign a ten-year agreement. I'll give you an additional \$10 million in cash annually to offset the options.”

Jimmy reminded him, “Also, you promised to double my base salary to \$4 million. My guaranteed income should be \$14 million per year.”

Nate waved it off, saying, “Jimmy, you're being too conservative. \$4 million is your base salary, \$10 million is for the options. With performance and project bonuses, you could make \$20 million a year easily.”

Jimmy humbly replied, “I know my limits. Just write \$14 million in the contract, and I'll sign immediately.”

“Alright!” Nate smiled. “We'll sign the contract soon. I'll have someone prepare it!”

Jimmy reminded him, “We haven't discussed the liquidated damages clause.”

Nate quickly said, “Jimmy, | trust you completely. There's no need for a breach of contract clause.”

Nate thought the Rothschild family would protect Jimmy. Even if Jimmy broke the contract, Nate wouldn't pursue it. Instead, he wanted Jimmy to feel trusted.

Jimmy, however, was serious. “Nate, I'm not worried about me regretting it. I'm worried you might want to terminate the contract early. | need some assurance.”

Nate insisted, “That's impossible! With our relationship and my trust in you, I'd never terminate the contract early.”

Jimmy nodded, “Even so, I need a written agreement to avoid future issues.”

He then suggested, “Let's keep it simple. If you terminate the contract before the ten years are up, you must pay all my salary and option discounts in cash for the remaining period. Can you agree to that?”

Nate didn't hesitate, “Absolutely! We'll do it your way!”

Chapter 5797

Jimmy and Nate, both in high spirits, signed a ten-year employment agreement.

Jimmy was thrilled because, although he had to work for Charlie in China for a decade, Nate would be paying him an annual salary of 14 million US dollars. Even if he only received thirty percent of it, he would still have over four million, enough to cover his family's expenses.

Nate, on the other hand, was delighted because he had no idea about the implications of this ten-year contract. He simply felt that he had triumphed over Steve Rothschild. If Jimmy could help him get closer to Rothschild in the next ten years, that would be even better.

With great excitement, both parties completed the signing of the contract and exchanged signed copies.

Jimmy stood up and said, “I just got off the plane and came straight to the company without going home. My family is waiting for me, so since the contract is signed, I'll go home first. I'll be at the company on time tomorrow.”

Jimmy didn't plan to reveal the truth to Nate just yet. He needed to have the contract notarized first to protect his rights and ensure he had no worries. Only then could he confront Nate.

Unaware of the trap set by Jimmy, Nate quickly expressed his concern, “Jimmy, you've come such a long way, and I'm sure it was tiring.

Why don't you rest at home for a few more days? Consider these days as extra paid leave. Take the time to rest and adjust, and then come to work.”

Without hesitation, Jimmy replied, "How can I do that? After all, the company has been good to me, and I certainly can't let the company down.”

Impressed by Jimmy's dedication, Nate praised him, “Jimmy, with your attitude, I believe you have a limitless future here at Ellis!”

Jimmy nodded, a half-smile on his face, and said, “Take care of me in the future.”

“Don't worry!” Nate nodded. “I will fight for more benefits for you. I hope you become the highest-earning lawyer in the United States one day!”

Playing along, Jimmy said, “I will do my best.”

Nate patted his shoulder and asked, “By the way, Jimmy, since you have a good relationship with Mr. Rothschild, can you invite him to the company for a chat one day?”

Jimmy hesitated and replied, “Well... To be honest, it might not be convenient. Mr. Rothschild is still in China, and he probably won't be able to come back for a while.”

Nate smiled and said, “That's alright. I know he's in China, otherwise, you wouldn't have met him. What I mean is, when Mr. Rothschild returns to the United States, can you arrange a meeting with him?”

Suddenly struck by an idea, Jimmy said, “How about this? Our law firm is planning a vacation at the end of the year. Why don't we I organize a trip to China for all the board members and senior partners? I'm sure I can arrange for Mr. Rothschild to meet everyone in I

China. We can have an internal meeting, and | will find a way to invite him to participate.” |

Nate was surprised and asked, "Isn't a company vacation for leisure? Isn't it strange to have a meeting during a vacation?" |

Jimmy explained, "You don't understand. Traveling for meetings is a popular practice in Chinese companies. Take three to five days, | choose a beautiful location, let the core team go on vacation and have a meeting at the same time. It not only allows the core team to | enjoy the fun of traveling but also makes them feel that the company is taking special care of them. Holding a meeting outside the office | ensures their sense of superiority and prevents lower-level employees from accessing meeting content. It is also beneficial for team unity.” |

He continued, “This kind of approach is called team building in China.” |

Nate's eyes lit up, and he exclaimed, “This sounds interesting, team building... Hmm... Its really good!" |

He then asked Jimmy, "Are you sure we can invite Mr. Rothschild to join the meeting if we go to China for team building?" |

Jimmy assured him, “One hundred percent. If we go directly to Aurous Hill, Mr. Rothschild is there. After we arrive, | will contact him.” |

Nate couldn't contain his excitement. |

Steve Rothschild was a highly influential figure in the Rothschild family, and the opportunity to meet him was beyond his wildest dreams. |

Unbeknownst to Nate, Jimmy had ulterior motives. He knew that he couldn't make Nate willingly let go of ten senior partners and pay their | salaries for the next ten years. This plan could only succeed with Steve's influence. |

Since they ultimately needed Steve's involvement, why not bring the team directly to him and give him the opportunity to make the | decisive move? |

When Steve personally handled this matter, Nate would be even more devastated, and Jimmy could push things forward more smoothly. |

Moreover, Jimmy harbored a deep resentment towards Nate, and this was an excellent opportunity to strike back. |

But Nate remained oblivious to all of this. All he knew was that Jimmy had assured him that he could meet Steve Rothschild as long as |

they went to China. This was a tremendous deal. Even if they had to travel around the world, he would willingly do it as long as he could meet Steve.

Excitement filled the eyes of the other board members as they exchanged glances. Nate waved his hand and boldly declared, "Alright, the company will charter a plane. All board members and senior partners should bring their passports and meet at Kennedy Airport tomorrow morning. We will fly to Aurous Hill for team building!"

He turned to a capable woman next to him and said, "Mandy, inform everyone that all senior partners must participate in this team building. No one is allowed to take leave!"

Mandy nodded, "Alright, boss. I will send an email to notify everyone."

Nate continued, "Also, notify the administrative department to finalize the charter details tonight. Get the best and largest plane!"

Mandy replied, "No problem, I'll take care of it."

Nate looked at Jimmy and asked, "Jimmy, you just came back. Is it okay for you to leave tomorrow?"

Jimmy smiled, "Since you've made all the arrangements, I'll overcome any obstacles."

He added, "Since it's settled, I'll quickly go back home to take care of things. Once the departure time of the charter is confirmed, I'll have Mandy notify me with the specific information. Let's meet at the airport tomorrow morning!"

"Great!" Nate said excitedly, "You go back and take care of your family matters. After the departure time of the charter is confirmed, I'll have Mandy notify you with the details. See you at the airport tomorrow morning!"

Chapter 5798

It was late at night in China.

Paul, who was sleeping soundly, was suddenly awakened by a call from his uncle Jimmy.

After seeing it was Jimmy calling, he wanted to ignore it, but then reconsidered. Although his uncle was usually very annoying, he was about to become his mother's subordinate at Bruce Automotive. He didn't want to make the same mistake again. If Jimmy was calling at this hour, it must be important.

So, he answered and asked, "Uncle Jimmy, what do you need so late?"

Jimmy, sounding excited, replied, "Paul, listen to me, I'm on my way home now. Once I settle your aunt and cousins, I'll return to China. early tomorrow morning!"

Paul, surprised, asked, "Uncle Jimmy, Mr. Wade said you're supposed to report in Aurous Hill in half a month. Even my mother and stepfather don't have to work yet. Why are you going so early? Why not stay home with your family?"

Jimmy hurriedly explained, "I've arranged with Nate to take all the board members and senior partners to Aurous Hill tomorrow for team building and to meet Mr. Rothschild. We'll leave ten people in Aurous Hill to wait for the construction to start. I have evidence that Nate set them up, so they won't refuse to stay in China!"

Paul said, "Uncle Jimmy, since you have the evidence, why rush? Rest for a few days in the United States first. When my mother and stepfather return, it won't be too late to organize everyone to come over. My mom can screen them herself." |

Jimmy, impatient, said, "Paul, let me be honest, I don't want Nate to have a chance to back out. While he's in high spirits, I want to bring

him to China and give him a reality check. Besides, we can't afford to delay; It's all about securing the talents and money.”

Paul, feeling helpless, asked, “Have you contacted Mr. Wade or Mr. Rothschild?”

“Not yet,” Jimmy admitted. *I don't have Mr. Wade's contact information. | called you to help communicate with him. We'll fly out early tomorrow morning. If he has no objections, let Mr. Rothschild know and ask him to meet us.”

Paul understood his uncle's urgency and said, “Okay, Uncle Jimmy, go spend time with your family first. I'll contact Mr. Wade in a few hours after dawn. It's too late to disturb him now.”

“No problem!” Jimmy said with a smile. “We still have plenty of time. Just let me know when you hear from Mr. Wade.”

“Okay!” Paul agreed and hung up the phone.

Jimmy, relieved, returned to his home in New York.

The first thing his wife said when she saw him was, “Has Matilda promised to give you some shares?”

Jimmy's good mood disappeared instantly. He said angrily, “Forget the shares, | almost didn't make it back from China! Luckily, I'm still useful, or I might not have returned at all!”

His wife exclaimed, “What? Matilda dared to harm you?!”

“It wasn't her,” Jimmy waved his hand and whispered. “Remember, don't call her by her first name anymore. Always refer to her as sister- | in-law in Chinese, no matter where you are, whether in front of others or not.” |

His wife, surprised, said, “That's not what you said before you left. You said your older brother is dead, and you and Matilda no longer | have any ties. Why call her sister-in-law now?” |

Jimmy sighed, "My sister-in-law is very powerful now. She's married someone with deep connections. Even Steve Rothschild is polite to | him..." |

"Steve Rothschild?!" his wife said in shock. "He... Didn't he just become the first heir of the Rothschild family recently?! Matilda's new | husband knows him?!" |

Jimmy glared at her and said angrily, "I told you to call her sister-in-law. Didn't you understand?" |

His wife, startled, quickly said, "Okay, I'll call her sister-in-law. Tell me, what's the background of this new husband? What happened in Aurous Hill?"

Jimmy sighed, "It's a long story..."

He then recounted the entire ordeal in Aurous Hill.

His wife was initially stunned, then turned pale, and even covered her heart at the critical moments, fearing Steve Rothschild wouldn't let them go.

When she heard that her husband would have to work for Matilda in China for ten years, her anger faded, replaced by relief at surviving the ordeal.

Everyone knows offending the Rothschild family is a death sentence. Their current situation was a blessing in disguise.

She couldn't contain her anger toward Nate Ellis and gritted her teeth, "That Nate is simply inhuman. He set you up on purpose. He's a beast!"

Jimmy comforted her, "It's okay, don't worry about him. I'll be in China tomorrow. He'll have a tough time. For the next ten years, Ellis might end up paying out of his own pocket. He'll probably be broke."

His wife nodded, gritting her teeth, “He deserves it! | want him punished!”
~ She then looked at Jimmy seriously, “After this disaster, we'll keep a low profile and work diligently. My sister-in-law won't intentionally | make things difficult for you.” |

Jimmy nodded, “I think so too. Anyway, we can earn four million dollars a year from Nate, which is enough for our expenses.”

His wife said, “The children are grown, and | don't need to stay in the United States. When you're settled in China, I'll join you!”

Jimmy, feeling relieved and moved, said, “Thank you, wife!”

A few hours later.

It was already early morning in Aurous Hill |

Charlie got up early to make breakfast, and his wife Claire also got up early and rushed to the company after breakfast. He had nothing to | do and was contemplating going to Zilian Mountain Villa and Ely's-Champ Hot Spring when Paul called him.

On the phone, Paul reported his uncle Jimmy's plan to Charlie and asked for his advice.

Charlie didn't expect Jimmy to bring his boss and colleagues over immediately but understood his intention.

Jimmy, being cautious in front of his boss, thought it was better to bring him directly to Steve and let Steve handle it.

For Charlie, it didn't matter if Jimmy and his gang were coming, he would just watch the drama unfold in Aurous Hill.

He told Paul, “Let them come and have Jimmy choose their accommodation at Shangri-La. When they have their meeting, I'll go there with Steve and take the ten senior partners.”

“Okay Mr. Wade,” Paul said respectfully. “I'll tell him...”

It was already night in the United States, and Jimmy was packing his luggage while anxiously waiting for Paul's call. He believed Charlie wouldn't object, but still felt a bit unsure.

Soon, Paul called, and both he and his wife became nervous. Jimmy quickly answered, “Paul, have you contacted Mr. Wade?”

Paul said, “Uncle Jimmy, | spoke with Mr. Wade. He said you can come anytime. Remember to stay at the Shangri-La Hotel. When you have the meeting, he will come with Mr. Rothschild.”

“Great!” Jimmy said excitedly. “We'll leave early tomorrow morning and arrive in Aurous Hill by the next morning. We'll go directly to Shangri-La!”

“Okay.” Paul said. “Let me know when you're settled so | can inform Mr. Wade and let him know the best time to meet you.”

“No problem!” Jimmy responded happily. “I'll report as soon as | arrive!”

Early the next morning, a Boeing 777 charter flight departed from New York's John F. Kennedy Airport.

All core members of the Ellis Law Firm boarded the plane, led by their boss, Nate Ellis, flying to China happily. The happiest person was Nate himself. He was so excited he couldn't stop smiling, his facial muscles stiff from grinning.

Nate's joy came from Jimmy's assurance that Steve Rothschild would attend their meeting. |

Upon receiving Steve's promise, Nate was so excited he wanted to jump on the plane.

To him, it felt like a small village in the United States holding a meeting, suddenly hearing the vice president would attend. It was a rare honor.

At this moment, he looked at Jimmy with admiration, feeling happier and more grateful the more he looked at him.

He thought, “Unexpectedly, Jimmy turned out to be my greatest blessing in many years of entrepreneurship! If I can establish a friendship

with Steve Rothschild, my future will be bright! By then, what's a mere law firm? Even if I want to run for Congress, the Rothschild family will help me realize my wish. I'll quit business and join politics!”

Chapter 5799

After enduring a grueling ten-hour flight, the elite members of the Ellis Law Firm finally touched down in the vibrant city of Aurous Hill.

To liven up the monotonous journey, Nate Ellis, the charismatic leader of the firm, shared an exciting piece of news with everyone, the renowned Steve Rothschild would be attending their internal meeting. The announcement sparked enthusiasm in everyone's hearts, except for Jimmy.

Jimmy, in his usual nonchalant manner, was more interested in observing the unfolding drama than in participating.

As they landed in Aurous Hill, a high-end ground transportation company, prearranged by Nate, sent three luxurious SUVs to pick up the group and transport them to the prestigious Shangri-La.

Unable to contain his eagerness any longer, Nate hurried to Jimmy's room, knocked on the door, and said, “Hey, Jimmy, can you reach out to Mr. Rothschild as soon as possible? Our whole purpose of coming to Aurous Hill revolves around this one thing. Once it's done, we can all relax and enjoy ourselves in this beautiful city!”

Jimmy, taken aback, questioned, "Are you in such a rush? We just landed not too long ago, and everyone needs time to adjust to the time difference.”

Nate replied confidently, “The time difference doesn't matter. Our meeting won't take too long. I estimate it won't exceed an hour. The most

important thing is to have Mr. Rothschild grace us with his presence and guidance. I'm sure everyone will understand.”

Jimmy smirked to himself, thinking, “If you're so eager to meet your own demise, | might as well play along.”

With that thought, he said to Nate, “I'll contact Mr. Rothschild as soon as possible and find out when he's available.”

“Great!” Nate exclaimed without hesitation. “The sooner, the better!”

Upon receiving the news, Jimmy immediately called Paul and asked him to help arrange a meeting time with Charlie and Steve.

When Paul inquired about Instructions from Charlie, the latter made a decisive decision, instructing Jimmy to schedule the meeting for 3 p.m. in the afternoon.

He then called Steve and said, “Steve, come to Shangri-La at 3 p.m. The Ellis Law Firm delegation has arrived...”

Steve, taken aback, asked, “Mr. Wade, how did they come to Aurous Hill? Didn't you ask Jimmy to handle this matter?”

Charlie replied calmly, “Jimmy accompanied them from the United States. Resolving this issue in Aurous Hill works well, and those selected can stay here directly.”

Steve understood that he needed to assist Charlie in intimidating Nate Ellis, so he assured him, “Mr. Wade, rest assured, I'll be at Shangri-Laby3pm.”

After confirming, he asked Charlie, "Mr. Wade, will you be attending the meeting as well?"

Charlie nodded and replied, “I’ll be there with Paul in the afternoon, but this show is for you and Jimmy. Paul and I will simply be your followers in Aurous Hill...”

Steve responded without hesitation, “Okay, Mr. Wade, I understand!” ~ Once Steve informed Jimmy that Steve would arrive at 3 p.m., Jimmy promptly relayed the message to Nate.

Nate was overjoyed and quickly instructed his assistant to reserve the meeting room at Shangri-La and gather all the employees there one hour in advance.

While Steve had yet to arrive, Nate, filled with excitement, addressed everyone, “In just one hour, the second-in-command of the Rothschild family, Mr. Steve Rothschild, will grace us with his presence at our internal meeting. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for us. Let’s all be energetic and present our utmost professionalism to Mr. Rothschild!”

The room buzzed with excitement as everyone eagerly anticipated the chance to showcase their abilities.

Nate connected his laptop to the projection screen in the meeting room. He had prepared a captivating PowerPoint presentation to introduce himself and the Ellis Law Firm. He had meticulously crafted this moment, hoping to leave a lasting impression on Steve Rothschild.

As the anticipation built, Nate meticulously went through the content of the PowerPoint with everyone, reminding them of the data that had been embellished and cautioning against any leaks of confidential information.

At 2:40 p.m., while Nate busied himself with the final preparations, Steve Rothschild had already arrived at Shangri-La. Charlie arranged for someone to escort him to the VIP reception hall, while he asked Paul to pick him up and arrive ten minutes later.

After the brief meeting, Charlie turned to Paul and said, “Paul, call your uncle and let him know we’ve arrived. Ask him to come out and meet us.”

“Sure, Mr. Wade,” Paul respectfully nodded and immediately dialed Jimmy’s number.

Upon hearing that Charlie and Steve had arrived, Jimmy’s senses heightened.

He interrupted Nate, who was in the middle of his presentation, and declared, “Boss, Rothschild and his two subordinates have arrived. I'll go and greet them.”

Nate, filled with anticipation, stood up and exclaimed, “Let's go and welcome them! Maybe | should come along!”

Jimmy calmly replied, “They specifically requested that I pick them up and didn't mention anyone else. Boss, you should wait here, and I'll return after greeting them.”

After a moment of consideration, Nate agreed, “Alright, you go quickly. We'll be waiting here!”

Jimmy swiftly left the meeting room, following the staff to the VIP lounge.

As he entered the VIP lounge, Jimmy respectfully bowed to Charlie and said, “Mr. Wade, I've brought Ellis' delegation. All the senior | partners have something against Nate, and | have the evidence to prove it...”

Charlie nodded approvingly and said, “When we go in later, introduce Steve to your boss, and then find an opportunity to confront him.

The rest will be left to Steve.”

Steve grinned and assured Charlie, “Mr. Wade, rest assured, dealing with someone like him will be a walk in the park.”

Charlie smiled and replied, “I don't care how you handle him. What | care about are these lawyers.”

He turned to Paul and directed, “Paul, pay close attention to the personal profiles of each lawyer during the meeting. Choose the ten most promising ones for us. Once Bruce Motors takes off, we'll encounter various patent barriers and traps. We need more lawyers skilled in intellectual property.”

Paul respectfully responded, “Mr. Wade, rest assured, I've already investigated the list of senior partners at Ellis and have some strong candidates in mind. I'll carefully consider each one.”

“Excellent,” Charlie nodded with a smile. “Today, I'll sit back and enjoy the show. Let's go.”

Jimmy gestured politely and said, “Mr. Wade, Mr. Rothschild, please follow me!”

The four of them strolled down the corridor and reached the entrance of the meeting room. Instead of knocking, Jimmy pushed the door open, then stood respectfully to the side, waiting for Steve Rothschild, Charlie, and Paul to enter the room before following behind.

Upon seeing Steve, Nate eagerly stood up and greeted him, his voice trembling with excitement, “M-Mr. Rothschild, I'm Nate Ellis, the founder of the Ellis Law Firm. It's an absolute honor to meet you!”

Steve nodded in acknowledgement and introduced Paul and Charlie, saying, “These two are Paul and Charlie Wade, my associates here in Aurous Hil. Take a moment to get acquainted.”

Nate recognized Paul, having crossed paths with him during the intense competition between their respective law firms. A sense of curiosity arose within him as he wondered, “How did Paul become one of Mr. Rothschild’ associates? Has Smith Law Firm already formed a partnership with Mr. Rothschild?”

Although doubts lingered in his mind, Nate maintained his composure and politely said, “Pleasure to meet you, Paul and Mr. Wade. I'm delighted to make your acquaintance.”

Charlie, observing Nate, smiled and playfully remarked, “Don’t be too happy...”

Chapter 5800

Hearing Charlie's response, Nate was momentarily taken aback. He pondered, “What on earth does this guy mean? ‘Don't get too happy’? That doesn't sound like a good thing!”

Assuming that Charlie was Steve's subordinate, Nate grew concerned that his words were influenced by Steve. So he quickly inquired, “I

wonder what Mr. Wade means by this?"

Charlie smiled and replied, "Quite literally, Mr. Ellis, are you truly thrilled to see me?"

Although Nate was perplexed, he courteously responded, "Mr. Wade, as Mr. Rothschild's subordinate, I greatly admire him. Naturally, | am very pleased to have the opportunity to meet you."

Charlie nodded, smiling, "Don't be too hasty in forming conclusions. Perhaps you can determine your happiness after getting to know me for half an hour."

Nate became even more bewildered, unable to comprehend why Charlie was singling him out. He had no choice but to turn to Steve and gauge his reaction.

Noticing Nate's gaze, Steve directly questioned him, "Nate, what do you hope to achieve by inviting me here through Jimmy?"

Nate hastily replied, "Mr. Rothschild, for many years, Ellis Law Firm has handled legal matters for peripheral companies and affiliated families of the Rothschild family. Personally, | hold great admiration for the Rothschild family. | heard that you and Jimmy have become friends, so | wanted to invite you to our high-level meeting and provide an opportunity for us to showcase our professional abilities In front of you."

Steve nodded, glancing at Jimmy, and asked, "Jimmy, if | asked you to objectively evaluate your boss and your law firm, what kind of evaluation would you give?"

Nate looked at Jimmy expectantly, hoping for praise for his law firm. After all, he had just signed a one-year contract with Jimmy worth over ten million dollars, making him his ultimate benefactor. Surely, Jimmy would stand up for him at this moment.

However, Nate never expected Jimmy's reaction.

As soon as he heard the question, Jimmy's expression instantly turned disdainful. He scrutinized Nate up and down and coldly stated, “Mr. Rothschild, my boss is a despicable person. The company he founded and leads is filled with scumbags. How good can it be?”

Nate couldn't believe that Jimmy, who had always been respectful and flattering towards him, suddenly turned against him, especially in front of Steve Rothschild.

Anger surged within him, and he couldn't resist asking, “Jimmy, what do you mean by that? I've been so good to you. | just promoted you | to the board of directors a day or two ago, and now you're calling me a scumbag?” | Jimmy sneered, “Calling you a scumbag is an insult to scumbags! Did you really think you could buy me with money?” |

Nate suddenly comprehended the situation and thought to himself, “Oh no! Jimmy must still hold a grudge against me for setting him up | and gathering evidence of his crimes! | thought that by bringing him into the board of directors and giving him extra stock options, I could | keep him silent. But it seems his appetite is not so easily satisfied.”

Realizing this, he quickly smiled at Jimmy and said, “Come on, Jimmy, | know you still harbor resentment about what happened before. |

But honestly, | have been quite generous to you. What's the point of trying to undermine me now?”

Jimmy scornfully replied, “I'm undermining you right now because | hope more people can see your true face!”

With that, he looked at the bewildered senior partners and exclaimed loudly, “Everyone, there's something | haven't told you. Nate Ellis is | a scumbag. He set me up at work, luring me into committing a typical financial crime. | was kept in the dark for a long time until recently | when | discovered that he lured me into the crime to secretly gather evidence against me and use it to blackmail me.”

Nate was terrified, perspiration trickling down his forehead. He desperately clung to Jimmy and pleaded in a hushed voice, “Jimmy, if you |

feel that the compensation | provided is insufficient, please speak up. | can negotiate for more benefits on your behalf. But if you expose my secrets and tarnish my reputation, you won't fare well either!"

Jimmy sneered, "What's wrong with exposing your secrets? | expose your secrets, and you still have to give me good things. And I'll enjoy them for ten years!"

With that, he turned to the crowd and continued, "Everyone, esteemed partners, each and every one of you should be aware that you have been involved in financial crimes. I believe you are all well aware of this fact. And let me make it clear to all of you, Nate, this scumbag, possesses evidence of your previous financial crimes."

"He will use this evidence as leverage to blackmail you if he deems you valuable. He will also use this evidence as a ticking time bomb beside you. If you are of no value to him, he will directly use this evidence to send you to jail, destroying the rest of your life!"

Nate frantically attempted to defend himself, "Don't believe what Jimmy is saying. This guy is just an ungrateful traitor. | just signed a new stock option agreement with him before he arrived, and | have to pay him at least ten million dollars extra every year. Yet, he immediately accuses me in front of everyone. This kind of person isn't even worthy of being called human, let alone a scumbag."

Jimmy sneered, gazing at a person in the conference room, and declared, "Eric, two years ago, you privately took on a high-profile divorce case for a famous golfer, aiding his wife in acquiring seventy million dollars in assets from him. You personally received seven million dollars. According to the agreement you signed with the company, undertaking legal-related business without the company's permission violates the non-compete clause. According to regulations, you will have to compensate the company ten times the income you earned. Therefore, if the company sues you, you will face a colossal compensation of seventy million dollars. Are you aware of this?"

Aman, who was addressed as Eric, turned pale with fear. He had taken on the case privately, not as a client of Ellis Law Firm, but as someone introduced to him by a friend who approached him directly. Although he believed he had executed it flawlessly, he never expected Jimmy to accurately state the amount involved in the case and the identity of the other party. This alone proved that Jimmy had already obtained crucial evidence of his violation of the non-compete agreement.

However, he didn't dare admit it in front of his boss, so he feigned ignorance and said, "Jimmy, what are you talking about? Why can't I understand?"

Jimmy sneered, "Do you think this secret is only known to me? Let me tell you, Nate informed me about this. That client who hired you for the lawsuit, he covertly introduced you. His intention was to gather all the evidence of your agreement violation. You may think you made seven million, but in reality, he has at least seven hundred million dollars worth of evidence against you. When you try to change jobs or start your own business, he will use this evidence to ruin you. At that time, all the money you earned through your hard work at Ellis will be taken away, with interest!"

The man froze upon hearing this, while the others were shocked by Eric's changing expression. From his demeanor, they could discern that Jimmy's claims were not unfounded. This also meant that Eric had indeed committed such an act.

And if what Jimmy said about Nate was also true, then Nate's methods were excessively ruthless!

Nate was in a state of panic. He looked at Jimmy and whispered, "Jimmy, what do you want? How does ruining me benefit you?"

Jimmy sneered, “Nate, don't worry. Why would I want to ruin you? Let's not forget, we just signed a ten-year contract. I'm counting on you to support me for the next decade. No one wants you to thrive more than I do!”