

Life at the Top Chapter 829

After Morrison withdrew from the acquisition of Google, coupled with Page and Brin's cooperation, Jasper's subsequent acquisition went on without hindrance.

Jasper did not go easy on the shareholders who were selling only to make a fortune by getting a good price.

He lowered the price by 30% and put on an air of nonchalance.

Page and Brin gave Jasper their full cooperation. These shareholders had made them really unhappy previously when Google nearly fell into Morrison's hands because of them. It was tantamount to taking Brin and Page's lives.

What was more, Jasper bought the portion of their shares at a high price.

In the end, Jasper spent 120 million US dollars to acquire 70% of Google's overall shares and became Google's largest shareholder. Meanwhile, Page and Brin were the two remaining shareholders holding 30% of the shares in total.

The rest of the shareholders were flushed out by Jasper.

At this moment, those shareholders, including Todd, still felt as though they had made a fortune.

With the Sena shares Jasper gave Todd, which were still rising during this period of time, Todd had earned nearly 80 million US dollars.

In other words, Google's 27% shares translated to 80 million US dollars, which made this a really lucrative deal no matter how one looked at it.

At this critical juncture, at almost the same time Jasper completed the overall acquisition of Google, Yahoo made an announcement.

Yahoo agreed to partner up with Google by fully adopting Google's search engine technology.

All of a sudden, Google went from being an underdog that everyone had doubts about to being a new sensation that was backed up by Yahoo. It quickly became the top US internet search market share.

When Page and Brin received news about this, they had just finished finalizing the contract with Jasper and received a one billion dollar check from him.

"My God." Page looked at the check in his hands with a dumbfounded expression and then looked at Jasper, feeling that this whole ordeal was slightly unfair.

If the news had been released a day earlier, Google's value would definitely be far more than this.

"Mr. Laine, your 120 million US dollars investment has doubled just after it's completed," Brin said with a strange look on his face.

At this point, he began to wonder if Jasper had planned everything in advance. How else was he supposed to explain this coincidence otherwise?

Despite that, Brin reasoned with himself and thought that it was impossible. If he, the party involved, did not even know what Yahoo was up to, how could Jasper know?

However, Brin still felt conflicted because he had sold off the company at its lowest price on the exact same day its value skyrocketed.

Jasper laughed. "I believe that Google will do far better than this in the future. This bit of good news is just the beginning of the rise of Google."

Brin and Page let out a wry chuckle upon hearing Jasper's words. What was done could not be undone. The contract had been signed and the shares had been transferred. They had even received their checks. It was too late for regrets.

"Cheer up and be far-sighted." Jasper patted their shoulders. He empathized with them very much and had not expected the news to arrive so quickly either.

"Google will be a global market in the United States in the future. Don't focus on these small benefits that you'll be getting from partnering up with Yahoo."

Page nodded and said, "Yes, our goal is to make Google great. Just like Yahoo, BIM, and Weresoft."

"Google now owns the most advanced web ranking algorithm technology. The only thing that's missing is cumulative users. The partnership with Yahoo will be an opportunity for us, but I suggest not relying on Yahoo too much.

"In my opinion, Yahoo only agreed to work with you because they haven't seen the potential of the search engine market in the future. When they finally realize what's happening, I'm afraid Google will be the first to be kicked out by them."

Jasper's tone sounded extremely stern.

"In this partnership, Google needs to do two things—accumulate user data and enhance its technology. These are the only two things that belong to Google. Even if Google leaves Yahoo, it can still conquer the market in no time at all.

Upon hearing Jasper's words, Page and Brin nodded in agreement.

Later, Page and Brin left New York to make preparations for the cooperation between Google and Yahoo.

Jasper calculated his assets.

The initial 300 million US dollars was the profit he obtained by cashing out shares after Sena was listed. This was done on the premise that he had full control over the company.

However, buying a private plane and acquiring Google had cost him almost 180 million US dollars.

He had 120 million dollars left.

Although Sena's share prices had risen again during this period of time and reached a new high of 150 US dollars, even the hottest share would slump one day. Today, Jasper realized that Sena's share prices were beginning to weaken.

If there was no major news, Sena's share prices would eventually settle between 130-140 US dollars.

That was also to say that Jasper could once again cash out about 40 million US dollars from the share market.

Currently, JW Investment Company was in urgent need of funds to support the development of various subsidiaries. JW was still operating at a loss, hence Jasper did not hesitate to cash out the 40 million US dollars. A total of 160 million US dollars and Google were the two things that Jasper gained from his trip to the United States this time.

Money was no big issue as it would be used to help in any emergencies JW may later face. Acquiring Google was the highlight of the show.

After everything was complete, Jasper had nothing else to do in the United States, hence he brought Henry and Julian to a major supermarket in the States to buy some luxury goods as souvenirs for when they returned.

These were for Wendy, Dawson, his parents, and so on. Gifting was absolutely essential.

Jasper spent hundreds of thousands of dollars, roughly three to four million
Some Dollars, without a single frown.

Thus was the dull life of the rich...

Jasper, who planned to return the next day, received a call that night and
contacted Gulfstream Aerospace to request an overnight flight home.

His father, Charlie Laine, was hospitalized after getting beaten up by someone.