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## Life at The Top – Chapter 1701 - 1704

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Although both Finland National Telecommunications Group and Finland National Workers' Union were large organizations in Finland, they were not at the same conceptual level. It would be impossible to employ the same tricks used against the Worker's Union on the telecommunications group.

Therefore, Jasper also attached great importance to this meeting with Simon, the chairman of the telecommunications group. In this meeting, Jasper brought Greg along while Brayson personally came forward as the intermediary introducer.

In the building of the National Telecommunications Group headquarters, Jasper met Simon. He was a skinny old man in his early sixties. Although he was thin, his handshake with Jasper was firm and powerful. His eyes flashed with a hale and hearty glint and he looked energetic, appearing completely unlike an old man in his sixties who was about to retire.

“Hello, Mr. Simon,” Jasper greeted politely.

Simon laughed and said, “Mr. Laine, hello.”

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Brayson lightened the atmosphere and said, “Although you two are very different in age, both of you are outstanding representatives in your respective countries and fields. Hence, there must be many topics in common for you.”

“Brayson, I can’t compare with Mr. Laine. Mr. Laine is young, but he has already caused the world’s largest power like the United States to be overwhelmed. Everyone on Wall Street knows the name Jasper Laine. I have been working for decades, but I still don’t have such an achievement,” Simon said.

Brayson laughed and said, “Simon, you are too courteous.”

“No, I’m not.”

Simon shook his head, looked at Jasper with scorching eyes, and said, “Mr. Laine, you’ve caused many companies in the United States to be on the verge of bankruptcy while you were in Somerland. Now, you have come to Finland in person. So tell me, what do you want to do to my country?”

The atmosphere became tense because of Simon’s sudden words. One should know that, as one of the few state owned groups in Finland, the Finland National Telecommunications Group had an undisputed monopoly in the domestic telecommunications industry.

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It could be said that Simon had been the uncrowned king of Finland's telecommunications industry for decades.

This old man had been in charge of the Finland National Telecommunications Group for decades, so his grandeur was not comparable to ordinary people. Greg, who was following Jasper as a learner and attendant, was so nervous that he did not dare to breathe.

Jasper smiled and replied, "I am a businessman and I advocate the pursuit of profit and interest. The only criterion for me to judge whether a transaction is successful is to see whether both buyers and sellers can profit from it Besides, I am not a terrorist. So why are you so afraid of me, Mr. Simon?"

"I'm afraid of you?"

Simon cackled. Although he was thin, his laughter was very loud.

"Young man from Somerland, you overestimate yourself. Why should I be afraid of you?"

"Exactly, why would Mr. Simon be afraid of me? I came here to bring benefits to the Finland National Telecommunications Group. What reason do you have to be afraid of me?"

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Facing Jasper's words, Simon's smile disappeared. He snorted coldly and said, "Don't think I don't know what you're thinking. Are you planning to acquire Nokia? Let me tell you, no matter what method you use to acquire Nokia, you won't be able to buy a single share from the Telecommunications Group. I will never sell Nokia's shares."

"I will not allow foreigners to take ownership of Nokia regardless of if it's due to my optimism about Nokia's future or as a Finn who loves and protects his country's core industries."

When he said this, Simon was looking at Brayson. It was obvious that he was implying that Brayson had betrayed his country to seek glory.

Brayson looked embarrassed and annoyed, but he held back. Instead, he just rolled his head and looked away.

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However, at the bottom of his heart, Brayson had already cussed at Simon, who being stubborn and insulting.

"Mr. Brayson."

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Jasper turned to look at Brayson and pointed to Simon before asking, “Is this old man really the chairman of the National Telecommunications Group? Why does he feel like a pedantic, stupid, and short sighted silly old man?”

These words caused Brayson and Greg to be dumbfounded, and at the same time, it made Simon furious. They had never before encountered someone who would scold people right off the bat.

“Damn you, Somerland punk, what are you talking about?” Simon stared at Jasper coldly and shouted.

“Was I wrong?”

Jasper chuckled and said, “As the chairman of the Finland National Telecommunications Group, what you need to consider is how to take the National Telecommunications Group to a higher level before you retire instead of spewing major principles about the ownership of a private enterprise.”

“Mr. Simon, you are really old and should retire.”

“The future belongs to the global village and a globalized dependencies. Even in an era where countries and nations must work together to achieve a win-win situation, you are

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stubbornly blabbering about how Finnish companies can't be bought by foreigners. Don't you think you're being very childish?"

Simon burst out laughing from anger and said to Jasper, "No matter what you say, you can't hide the fact that you want to buy Nokia, the national pride of Finland."

"Yes, I want to buy it but since I'm here, it means that some people want to sell too. Do you think you can stop it?"

Jasper said unceremoniously, "Finland National Telecommunications Group owns 11% of Nokia at best. What can this 11% decide and what can it represent? Worst case scenario, I don't want your 11%. There are still 89% of the shares out there, so as long as I hold more than 51% of the shares, I can reorganize the board of directors and complete the acquisition of Nokia. Mr. Simon, how are you going to stop me then?"

Jasper's words caused Simon's expression to turn very unpleasant. The atmosphere fell into a stalemate and silence.

"Or..."

Jasper spoke again, taking the initiative to break the awkward silence.

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“You can get a license to enter the telecommunications industry in Harbor City and a promise to enter the Somerland mainland in the future to engage in telecommunications business.”

The words that came out were earth shattering. Simon widened his eyes and looked at Jasper in disbelief and shock.

Greg and Brayson were also dumbfounded. None of these people were fools.

They all understand that the telecommunications industry was a basic industry monopolized by the state that would affect people’s livelihood. Under normal circumstances, foreign companies would not be allowed to enter the market. This was also the reason why the telecommunications industry in most countries was monopolized by their own state owned enterprises.

Imagine if a foreign company got hold of the phone calls of a country’s people and government officials, would there still be security in this country in such a situation?

Only highly developed capitalist countries like the United States and the United Kingdom would allow some foreign companies to participate in this industry in the form of licenses.

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Even so, telecommunications companies with a monopoly would always be domestic companies, such that foreign companies would never be able to compete with them. In that case, why was Jasper so confident to make this kind of promise?

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Jasper's confidence came from none other than the advantage of having the memory of his reincarnation.

Harbor City was a very special area. It had been under the colonization of the United Kingdom for a long time. Although it had been four years since the Handover, its socio-economic system had not changed much under the two systems policy. Harbor City had always taken the capital development route. Its telecommunications industry allowed private capital to enter.

At present, there were three giants in Harbor City's telecommunications industry. Two of them had backgrounds from the United Kingdom capitalists and the other belonged to Half the Harbor Langdon.

Now that it had returned to the sovereignty of the mainland, although the telecommunications industry had not cleared away all private capital, through the imperceptible influence, new private capital was barred from entering henceforth.

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However, in a bill to amend the regulations that would appear in seven months time, it was emphasized that Harbor City's telecommunications industry allowed and encouraged the entry of fresh private capital.

In later generations, this was regarded as an attempt by the mainland to reform the company system by listing monopolistic companies in state owned telecommunications industries such as Somerland Telecom and Nobile.

Still, Jasper did not want to care meaning behind this move by the mainland and Harbor City officials. The only thing he cared about was getting the support of the Finland National Telecommunications Group without giving up anything.

"Why should I believe you?" Simon asked, staring at Jasper with wide eyes.

Jasper smiled and said, "Mr. Simon, when someone is in our positions, do we need to use lies to deceive each other? How long can such lies be hidden?"

Simon said coldly, "If there is no guarantee, I can't cooperate with you."

"How can I give you a guarantee on this highest level of policy? Do you think I am the head of our country?" Jasper shook his head and replied, "But I can sign a VAM with you. As long as Finland National Telecommunications Group is willing to sell me the

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11% Nokia shares you hold, I promise to help you enter the Harbor City telecommunications industry within 1 year.”

“If I can’t do this within one year, then Finland National Telecommunications Group will get all the property of JW Capital in Finland, including all its shares of Nokia.”

Upon hearing what Jasper said, even Brayson was looking at Jasper like he was looking at an alien, let alone Simon.

Either Jasper was a lunatic for daring to agree to this VAM, or Jasper was 100% sure that this could be done. However, how could Jasper, who was no longer worth ordinary figures, be a lunatic if he was able to sit here?

Hence, it could only be the latter.

Simon did not say a word, but he was obviously moved by Jasper’s condition.

Jasper saw this and smiled. Then, he said to Simon, “Mr. Simon, there is nothing in this world that is more exciting than success.”

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“According to the laws of Finland, you are about to retire in another year. Someone has been eying your position, right? I heard that your nephew also works in the National Telecommunications Group, correct?”

“If you can promote the business of the Finland National Telecommunications Group to Harbor City before you retire, or even to the mainland, then your opinion regarding the next chairman or the next president will be extremely important when you retire.”

“And your name will inevitably be remembered by everyone forever as Finland National Telecommunications Group grows.”

First came profit, then his name.

After these statements, Simon gritted his teeth severely. “10 months, I can only give you 10 months.”

“Deal!”

Jasper stood up, stretched out his hand to Simon, and smiled. “I think this will be a very pleasant cooperation.”

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Simon took Jasper's hand and sighed, "You are exceptional. In truth, before the meeting, I had already made a decision. No matter what conditions you offered, I would not agree with it, but you still gave me conditions that I could not refuse."

"Some people need money, so I will give them money. Meanwhile, some people need their name to be known, so I will give that to them. One can be greedy so long as they're human, while I am responsible for satisfying all their greed. Of course, the premise is that this person can give me what I want. In such a situation, I call this a deal, a fair deal."

Upon hearing what Jasper said, Simon was taken aback for a moment. Then, he laughed and said, "Okay, this is the essence of trading. Very well said."

After leaving the Finland National Telecommunications Group, Greg and Brayson got in the car.

"With the 9.2% shares from the Workers' Union, 11% shares of the National Telecommunications Group that have just been acquired, and the 2.9% minority shareholder shares that were acquired sporadically, you now own 23.1% of Nokia's shares. Now, you're the largest individual shareholder in Nokia and can already join the board of directors." Brayson told Jasper excitedly.

"This is far from enough."

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Jasper continued, “My purpose is to acquire all of Nokia, not to sit at the board meeting to be a voting device by raising my hand.”

Brayson frowned and said, “In this case, you can only start from the secondary markets such as stocks and securities.”

“I’m already taking the relevant steps.” Jasper smiled.

After a while, Brayson noticed that the car was driving toward Nokia’ s. He asked in surprise, “Aren’t we taking you back to the hotel?”

“I need to pick someone up from the airport.” Jasper laughed.

Brayson nodded. Since Jasper did not say who it was, then obviously this matter had nothing to do with him.

After the car arrived at the place, he bade farewell to Jasper and got out of the car. Then, Jasper asked the driver to drive directly to the airport.

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An hour later, at the entrance of the airport Jasper leaned against the car as he watched Celine, who came out of the car with a small suitcase. She attracted the attention of countless Nordic men and had a gentle smile on her face.

Celine, who was wearing a red trench coat, looked slender and well proportioned. She walked straight to Jasper, raised her hand, and only pulled down the edge of her sunglasses to look at Jasper with her bright eyes.

With the other hand, she handed the lever of her suitcase to Jasper and said, “Yo, Mr. Laine, you look energetic.”

While inhaling the exquisite fragrance of the woman in front of him, Jasper grabbed the suitcase and replied, “Of course, I am all alone in a foreign country. If I don’t take good care of myself, won’t those people who are longing for me to go to the deepest level of hell be thrilled?”

With a grin, Celine said, “I thought you would be very sluggish now, but I feel relieved to see that you are still so glib tongued. Let’s go, take me to the hotel. I’m exhausted after more than ten hours of flying.”

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After handing the suitcase to the driver to put it in the trunk, Jasper opened the door and asked Celine to get in the car.

Celine bent over and when she was about to get into the car, she saw Jasper carefully putting his hand on the roof to prevent her head from bumping into it. Hence, she could not help but say, “Very caring. Tell me, which vixen taught you this?”

“Is this the first time you felt my affection?”

Facing Jasper’s rhetorical question, Celine crinkled her nose, snorted, and got into the car.

On the soft capsule seat of the MPV, Celine spoke to Jasper as the latter entered from the other side, “I heard that you almost couldn’t return from Sunrise Land. I was worried for several days.”

“Really? But when I read the news, I saw that you happened to be attending several business forums and summits in those few days and you were the keynote speaker at the conferences. You look so high spirited when you passed judgment on everything, completely defeating all of the big shots in the business world. It didn’t seem like you were worried about me.”

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Celine chuckled and said, “It seems that you are paying attention to me as well. You didn’t forget to look out for news of me while you were being chased and fleeing calamity”

“I’m not in the mood to crack jokes with you. Right now, I’m overwhelmed by all the things in front of me.”

When Jasper said this, Celine’s expression became a little more serious.

“I understand a little bit about your current situation. Although you have applied for a lock in, it is only a temporary solution. Five trading days and two rest days will give you a total of seven days. Now one and a half days have passed. Do you have a plan to solve this in the remaining days?”

Jasper raised his eyebrows and asked, “If you were me, would you have any better solutions for when you’re faced with the unreasonable crush of the entire Wall Street capital?”

Celine shook her head and said, “No, I don’t. If I were you, I would find a more comfortable rooftop to jump off from.”

“You’re so good at comforting others.”

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Jasper rubbed his temples and continued, “But I am a typical person who will not give up until I’ve reached my goal. If you ask me to just lie down and let them trample over me, I will unflinchingly reject this. I’ll at least struggle a little before my death because no one knows if I’ll get another chance.”

Celine raised the corners of her mouth and said, “I like your stupid enthusiasm. You know you’re going to die anyway but you still want to charge forward.”

Jasper asked after he laughed, “I didn’t call you here to reminisce about the past. Any updates on the matter where I commissioned Colossal Investments to absorb Nokia’s shares?”

If one wanted to buy a listed company like Nokia, it was not enough to buy stocks from shareholders. Its circulating shares accounted for 30% of the total share capital. Therefore, if someone really wanted to hold the majority portion of shares, then they had to want only absorb Nokia’s shares in the financial markets as well.

Jasper would do this himself, but he could not.

It was unknown how many pairs of eyes were trained on Jasper and JW Foundation. His slightest movement in the financial market would cause unpredictable and huge consequences, so Jasper could only delegate this matter to Colossal Investments anonymously. Although he had to pay a large amount of money to Colossal Investments, the advantage was that it was safe and secretive enough to be unobtrusive.

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When Celine heard this, her expression was cold. She said, “I was planning to talk to you about this. Was the news of you wanting to buy Nokia leaked?”

Jasper froze for a moment and said, “The news was indeed released a few days ago, but it’s in the name of another company and it has nothing to do with JW Company. Moreover, the news was released for my convenience to acquire the shares in the hands of the existing shareholders...”

“Why? Did something go wrong?”

“Someone is targeting you.”

Celine said, took out a laptop and opened it on her lap. She pointed to the screen and said to Jasper, “Look, this is Nokia’s trading trend chart during this period.”

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