
A Dream Chaser



At the shopping mall which I loved to frequent for the sake of perusing high tech gadgetry, I bumped into another man and started sharing our shared interest in the devices. After much chit chat, we decided to have a cup of coffee together. As we waited, he pulled out his mobile phone and asked me to watch this video clip. In the video clip, there were panoramic bird's eye view of beautiful resorts and beaches.

“I'd like to tell you a story...”

Joseph was a self-made contractor, who started from the ground floor. He learnt his trade from older, more experienced contractors along his work journey and befriended others through his hard work. Most times, you could find him slogging at various tasks and projects at one time. For that, his fellow workers respected him and gave him their

dedication when he launched his own business some 40 years ago. Over time, his business grew and companies offered him major deals. Being a very industrial person, he was content with the work lifestyle and dedicated himself 24/7 as he lived to work, not worked to live.

The opportunity to work in China popped up from his rich relatives, whom proposed that Joseph assisted them in a project. A particular relative of his had managed to secure a parcel of land and had intentions to build a clubhouse, luxury hotels, and expensive apartments and fully furnished classic bungalows for rich purchasers; all they had to do was move in and start living! Going over the plans again and again in his head, Joseph was extremely certain that he could make profit of \$100 million if he invested his efforts into the project. Working over his calculations again, and again, he decided and thought this to be the best time, the right place and the opportune trade of activities. Packing up his business, he delivered himself into the chance of China.

During the initial phase of the project, he made contact and liaised with the higher-ups in the area. He worked his way through the hierarchies, mingling with politicians and contractors alike. Bankers were also on his list of people whom could potentially assist him in attaining his goals. In time, he secured their trust and they were willing to loan him the assistance he required, and even his relatives offered their funds and the right for him to develop the land. Joseph relished not only the support he was gaining, but also the lifestyle he lead. People there treated him like royalty, lavishing kind feasts and the joys of innocent women yearning to do his bidding. He felt like a king in his own element. It was a powerful feeling.

For the first 6 months, the project went along nicely, and Joseph made great headway into working the logistics to bring about the different areas of progress. It was important for Joseph to work hard and fast, in order to showcase his masterpiece to the viewing eyes of those who placed their own stake in the project. He needed them to know and feel the importance of this project. He wanted them to understand the commitment involved in the creation of his dream, this project. Buying them over with his designs, he chose a main contractor and offered him \$50 million for the contract to realize his dreams. This contractor was chosen because in their realm, he was known to be one of the best in terms of quality and being able to deliver on time. Joseph also trusted the man, as he did Joseph, and they were able to work harmoniously.

During a particular dining incident where the main contractor and Joseph sat together to discuss current project developments, the main contractor requested for Joseph's bank account details. Joseph was disturbed by such a question and gave a response true to his belief in the old school of thought. "I don't appreciate the direction in which this conversation is heading. If you have plans to scam me or are entertaining ideas of unscrupulous money schemes, then drop it. You either deal with this project in a straightforward manner, or I will pass this project onto someone else." This shocked the main contractor, who was quick to apologize and explain that he had wanted to give Joseph a feedback amount of 2% of the project contract, as a token of appreciation for handing the project over to him. "It is not the money that concerns me. Most importantly, I want this project to succeed."

In order to finance this dream, Joseph had to borrow over \$100 million. Life, being unpredictable, soon took a turn for the worse and the market went berserk over the change in tide. People flocked to other areas for other housing projects in Central China, and there was a decline in the investors wanting to see through Joseph's coastline resort project. Sadly, Joseph had to wind up the project, and dished out \$20 over million on his end. The project was taken over by another ruling council, and Joseph retreated back to his homeland a broken and broke man.

"The story of my life, captured in 6 minutes clip on film, my \$250 thousand dream movie realized for only 6 months. Yet, I am happy I did it. I see my vision and it's reality on this clip."

Quickly, I analysed Joseph's chart and could appreciate his plight. Sun, which ruled his life and involvement in the 2nd House, explained why he was adamant about his finances and possession, and his honest and straightforwardness in dealing with such issues. His Moon dwelling in the 2nd House nurtures his compassionate and emotional front. Unfortunately, he had Saturn in his 2nd House, which caused much suffering for him. His life is filled with difficulties, situations he has to overcome in order to achieve what he can. To complicate matters, Dragon's Head was in his 10th House. His going to China and bombing out on the chance given was influenced by this combination, and saw him attempting to restart his life once again. Yet, there will be a brood of people who will constantly look to him with admiration, and that can be explained by the presence of Jupiter in his 9th House. Despite his suffering, he constantly is on the prowl for betterment of new ideas as Mercury collaborates with his 3rd House of Communication. Which was what we had began to discuss before the realization of having sat with him for 2 hours sunk in, and I had to return home to meet up with my overseas client via phone consultation.

His perseverance rang strong in my mind as I headed home. How I would have enjoyed the chance to continue our engaging conversation, but that is life. Now was the time for me to become the helpful counsel to another person's vision...