



UNDER THE CHAEBOL DEALINGS

KOREAN CAPTAINS OF INDUSTRY 1963

The year is 1963, and General Park Chung-Hee's military coup has come to fruition, establishing a new government with Park as dictator. While most of the world sees Park as the absolute ruler of the Republic of Korea, he in practice shares power with another entity: the chaebol, or corporate dynasties that hold the future of South Korea's economy in their hands. These chaebol are in a precarious position. While they are poised to become the corporate rulers of South Korea, they must be careful not to attract the ire of Park's administration. Park needs their help to industrialize the Korean economy, a process that could result in massive gains for those who work with him. Disobedience to this vision comes at a price: just two years ago, he either arrested or confiscated the fortunes of nearly every South Korean business leader to bring them to heel.

In this committee, delegates, as heads of the most powerful chaebol, must walk the line between appeasing the Park regime and filling their own pockets (and perhaps enriching the country along the way). The path to prosperity will depend not only on business acumen but also on shrewd negotiation with other chaebol. Delegates will have the ability to ally with one another to form conglomerates for their mutual benefit, but greed will test the strength of these alliances over the course of the committee. May the best cabal win.

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