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In truth, most of Jasper's memories during the three years of senior high were of mockery and rolled eyes. There were only three things that brought him warmth.

The random conversations with Wendy.

Playing with Greg.

As well as Ms. Tiana.

All the teachers in school had ignored Jasper and turned a blind eye to the boy. Yet, Ms. Tiana was the only one who could not bear to watch the prepubescent child eat white bread and vegetables every day. She would bring him home-packed lunches once or twice a week or even bring the boy home to eat with her.

Be it Jasper's daily life or his studies, Ms. Tiana had taken very good care of him.

Therefore, this teacher held a very important place in Jasper's heart, and he would always remember to call and check in with her during festivities.

"You're right, it's been a while since we went to visit her. It's teacher's day soon, right? We should visit Ms. Tiana."

Wendy sighed when she heard Jasper's words. "Ms. Tiana isn't doing so well lately. I heard something about her being very sick, so the other classmates have all decided to go and visit her."

Jasper was stunned. 'Ms. Tiana only passed from sickness two years later in my past life. Why so soon in this?'

"Is it severe?" Jasper asked.

"The hospital's gave her a few medical reports for critical illness, and she's essentially spending her final days at home now," Wendy replied softly.

Jasper frowned.

decided that no matter what illness Ms. Tiana was diagnosed with, he would spend all his money even if it only meant extending Ms. Tiana's life

rush over early tomorrow morning to check

Wendy nodded.

teaching could be seen in more than

these years, these students had all become contributing members of society, yet they still remembered how great Ms. Tiana was. Hence, now that she was ill, everyone was extremely

Wendy were

their way to the county early the next

Jasper's Bentley in for service today, so the couple drove Wendy's

to this," Jasper said. Driving the BMW felt weird

glared at Jasper from the passenger seat and shot back, "I don't see you

put the official seal with you. My personal account is also joint under your name, so

refuted upsettingly, "Can you even compare me buying a new car with your money with you buying me a new

time to change it to a new one. Is there a specific car you have in mind? We'll go get

beetle or a SMART. This car is too big

need cars to prove our social status anymore

few months, Jasper and Wendy returned to Faith County

only been a few months so there had not been many changes in Faith County; The roads were still bustling

found a parking spot and was about to back the car into it when a Benz stepped on its accelerator and took the parking first, scratching

dressed in a suit and with an expensive golden watch around his wrist. He looked the epitome of a

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Jasper narrowed his eyes and looked at Ronald. "I arrived at this parking spot first. You were the one who forced his way in when I was putting the car in reverse.

"I even stopped reversing when you rushed over, but you still had to force your way in and scratched my bumper. No matter how you look at this, you're the one at fault. Even so, you're claiming that I'm the one who scratched your car?"

Ronald replied harshly, "F*ck you. Stop giving me all these excuses! I wouldn't have scratched you if you didn't f*cking stop your car there, now would I, you stupid f*cker? How dare you continue to give excuses!"

"If that's the case, there's no point in wasting my saliva with you either. Let's hand this to the traffic police, then," Jasper spoke calmly.

Jasper then made a move to call them.

At this moment, Wendy got out of the passenger seat.

"What's wrong, Jasp?"

Wendy asked this without knowing what was going on.

Ronald was about to scold Jasper when he saw Wendy. His eyes immediately shone with lust.

The anger disappeared from his features, instantly replaced with a smile as he turned to Wendy. "Yo, don't you look familiar, beautiful? Have we met somewhere before?"

Wendy did not even spare Ronald and his flirtations another glance as she shot him down coldly, "Sorry, you've mistaken me for someone else."

Ronald snickered and smiled. "Instead of being with a man that drives an old BMW, how about you take a look at me, pretty? My car's the latest Benz, one of this is twice the value of that stupid BMW."

and answered distastefully, "This stupid BMW

a moment before he turned to Jasper and said, "I didn't take you to

pay Ronald any mind. The point of this trip was to

have handed this matter over

to miss the days where he

talking to you. Are you deaf?" Ronal shouted

Ronald walked over with the woman in tow. She glanced at Wendy warily and defensively before she spoke, "There's no point talking to lowly trash, Ro. Let's just get rid of them. Don't we have more important things to

harrumphed and realized that the woman was

police. I won't need you to compensate me either. But this woman by your side, I want a

looked up and narrowed his

not care about the scratch

only cost a few thousand to

if this douchebag had his eyes on Wendy, then the man

car. How can you be so shameless to claim that

"Only the strong are qualified to reason. What's the point of reason when

that came out of

in comparison to stupid f*ckers like

then, a

was a slightly low-profile

down to reveal a young man's face. The man exclaimed when he saw Ronald, "Yo,

moment

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The corner of Archer's lips curled up and he replied, "No problem. We're friends, aren't we? And this is just a woman."

"Alright, haha."

Ronald clasped Archer's shoulder and laughed loudly before he glared at Jasper harshly. "I still have important things to do, so I'll let you go because Mr. Nicholls asked. Be thankful, or you'd be suffering now."

Ronald then left casually with the woman in his arms.

Jasper's gaze dimmed and he was about to call out after Ronald when Wendy tugged at his clothes. "It's fine, let's visit Ms. Tiana first."

Archer had also walked over by then and he told Jasper arrogantly, "Ronald isn't someone you can afford to offend. He already decided to let it go thanks to me, so don't go causing trouble for yourself."

Archer paid Jasper's reaction no heed and he turned to smile at Wendy. "I don't think we've seen each other since graduation, Wendy. It's almost been seven years since then. How're you doing?"

Wendy frowned.

Archer's words might seem fine, but there was an amorous tone to it.

the two of them used to

to mention that the choice of words was what couples who had broken up

replying, "Not bad. We were

her arm around Jasper's and looked up at him with a beautiful smile Archer had

expression immediately darkened at the sight

now, Jasper and Wendy had already moved toward the stairs, leaving Archer to grind his molars and force himself to suppress his anger. He needed understand what was going on between Jasper and

dare he steal my woman now? Just you wait-upper-class

glaring at Jasper's back

two decades old and there was a vintage air to the

possibly exist in such a building, while Ms. Tiana's lived on the

fine as they climbed the dark and messy staircase upward, but Archer mumbled and complained while covering his

this. It's so disgusting, you might as

a trip down memory

times during the three years of senior high when Ms.

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She did not recognize Jasper anymore.

After all, the only impression Jasper left on anyone during senior high was that he was poor and introverted.

"Are you...Ramona?" Wendy asked after a pause.

The woman beamed and replied, "Yes. You still remember me."

"Okay, okay, enough reuniting here. You saw me, didn't you? So let me in already," Archer spoke irritably.

Ramona opened the door frantically to let Archer in.

Ramona seemed terrified of Archer.

"I heard that you're a manager for Southface River Properties, right?" Ramona asked carefully.

front of Wendy. He replied calmly on purpose, "Yeah. It's just a job, nothing much. I'm glad my superior

Southface River Properties?

and Wendy exchanged a

Southface River, so he

department since Southface River had many lots, and most of them were leased out. That was why

manage and serve

this company

speaking, this was just a department of a real

this property company

Not exactly either.

tenants came to sign contracts and move in all the time. The property company

company could be considered a

have some level of authority as they were involved in many things. People and companies who wanted to make friends with JW would naturally treat

people I'm in charge of, as there are tons of people begging me for a chance to meet every day. I suppose I do meet a few bigshots here and there after working long enough. Sigh, but it's quite a

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Archer's words were intended for Jasper, but he looked at Wendy as he spoke.

He mainly wanted to show off his capabilities in front of Wendy so as to attract her attention.

Therefore, he was disappointed when Wendy did not react in the way he wanted her to. In fact, Wendy looked at him with slight exasperation.

Wendy looked at him in a way that one would look at a clown.

Archer was enraged by her gaze.

Jasper was the poor person here. Archer believed that he was strong enough to crush Jasper with his mere finger, so who was Wendy to look at him like that?

"Thank you for the good intentions, but I won't be needing it," Jasper replied calmly before he pulled Wendy into the house.

"Hmph!" Archer harrumphed as he stared at Jasper's back darkly. "Who are you acting for? Seriously, the poorer and more useless someone is, the more they like to act like they're some sh*t."

At this moment, Ramona asked carefully, "Archer, did Jasper and Wendy get together?"

The question hit Archer where it hurt, and the man glared at Ramona before he spoke.

"What gave you the idea that idea? Don't spout nonsense when you don't know what you're talking about. All of us know about Jasper's limited capabilities anyway.

"He's just a poor man without a buck to his name. All he can afford is white bread and vegetables, so who is he to be involved with Wendy? I'll never agree to it!"

Jasper had already walked into the bedroom by then.

It was still decorated with vintage ornaments just as Jasper had remembered. The paint on the furniture had already cracked and begun to turn yellow, but the furnishing of the house was just as Jasper remembered seven to eight years ago.

easily come to the conclusion that Ms. Tiana had not changed nor added any new furniture to her

woman, who peered at Jasper and Wendy as

"Ms. Tiana."

up and walked to the bed, lifting his hand to grab the sickly elder's hand and

remember. You're

"..." Jasper was speechless.

leaned down to speak to Ms. Tiana, "Ms. Tiana, it's me, Wendy. Do

replied, "Of course. You're the smartest and prettiest student

you came to visit me," Ms. Tiana said, looking at

on the bed and replied, "Ms. Tiana, I still remember how you used to give me your lunchbox back in senior high and how you used to bring me over for dinner. Then, you'd supervise my homework or tutor me after dinner. I still remember

"It's my duty as a teacher. I can't bear to see children suffering. How can you grow strong and well without proper nutrients during

might never produce genius-like students, but I hope that every child I

go as far as you did? Perhaps as a teacher, you think that you've only done your part. But to me, it was something that

life, study curriculum, and explain difficulties. The study of curriculum

was due to two main reasons. Firstly, his parent's teachings not to be malicious and mean,

was not wrong to say that during the critical period in which Jasper had cultivated his character,

if you're so unwell, Ms. Tiana?" Wendy asked

it and staying there will only be a waste of my money," Ms. Tiana

'Psychological issue?'

Wendy exchanged a

sickness was not as simple

Archer walked

stopped in front of Ms. Tiana, and before he could speak, Ms.

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Jasper frowned slightly.

The staff building of Faith County's number one high school had only been demolished after 2010 in his past life because it was too old.

So why was it being demolished now?

Jasper could not help but feel that there was more to the situation.

Just then, two familiar voices sounded at the door.

Shockingly, it was Archer and Ronald.

"Mr. Nicholls, you swore that you were going to persuade the old woman. That's why I let you come here first.

"See, I even got the signatures of the last family on the sixth floor, and you're telling me you can't even handle one old woman?"

Ronald sounded displeased.

The important business he referred to moments ago was to sign contracts on behalf of the demolition company.

He thought that Archer would be able to handle this old Tiana woman, but he did not expect Archer to come back empty-handed.

Ronald began to feel impatient when he thought about the pressure the real estate company was giving him.

It was rare that such a profitable piece of business fell at his feet, and Ronald desperately wanted to show his capabilities to the client. That way, all new demolition businesses in Faith County would be given to him.

if he could not carry out the first bit of business well, then

he pushed open the room

and realized that both Jasper and Wendy were

and spat arrogantly,

and your student Archer already told you about the demolition. So, I won't waste my time. I've brought

out! I will not sign your papers!" Ms. Tiana shouted with newfound

you before, you just want to squeeze me of my money, don't

to sign this paper whether you want to or not. Either you sign it by yourself and

he spoke up, "So you're going

you to

you're not worth my time, you brat. Don't take it for

who I am in Faith County? Who do you think you are? What gave you

his briefcase and tossed it on the bed with a sneer. "Be a good student and persuade this old woman to stop being

too old to run, an old woman

a blatant

watching everything happen from the outside, was

with

papers, Ms. Tiana. You're already an old woman,

not like Ronald isn't giving you money. Don't think that just because you're educated you can base

If he follows the official statements every

don't care about money or fame and only had your students' best interests in mind? In that case, why

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Archer was the first to laugh when Jasper said this.

"Would you stop acting like you're some bigshot, Jasper? Don't you feel ashamed at all?

"Seriously, I'm starting to think you're living backward while all of us are moving on with the times. You were still smart back in school, not daring to interfere with anything or spout any nonsense. It's only been a few years since we graduated, so why did you start acting pretentious all of a sudden, huh?

"At least look around before you start acting. Does this look like something you can control?"

Ronald scoffed at Archer's words and continued, "Who knows, maybe he's outstanding now? Maybe he's a boss of some company."

"Hahaha, as if his company would be more formidable than yours, Ronald. Your demolition company makes at least a million each year."

"Poor fellows like him only got to eat white bread and vegetables every day. His clothes were always torn and sewn back together, and even his shoes had holes in them. You think he's ever seen so much money before in his life?"

Archer chortled loudly.

Ronald scoffed when he heard that.

"So, that's the kind of person he is? And to think that he was so aggressive to me downstairs. If not for you, I'd have taught him a lesson long ago."

Archer glared at Jasper before turning to Ronald and saying, "You let it go on my behalf, Ronald, I only asked because we used to be classmates.

"However, if he's going to continue acting so stubborn, then there's no need to leave him alone for my sake anymore. Hit, slap, do what you have to. Ignorant people like him won't understand the concept of respect without a harsh beating from society."

Archer then warned Jasper, "This is my last warning to you, Laine. Ronald isn't someone you can afford to offend. His demolition company is the biggest in Faith County, and there are dozens of people under him.

"Most of them are ex-convicts, and Ronald's bent so many of them to his will.

JW Real Estates? It's the biggest real estate company in Southeast Province! Do you know about the Southface

south bank of Nauritus City's southface river doesn't charge admission fees. You'll understand once you

Ronald and asked calmly, "JW Real Estates commissioned you to demolish

do you

fear, Ronald. How can he be afraid when he doesn't even know how big JW Real Estates

out loud

there's no need for you two to interfere with this. These people are all rascals and they're willing to do anything to achieve their own goals. I refuse to believe that they would dare

woman. I already gave offered you my respect when I first

now, Wendy was

two are going too

feeling uncomfortable, Wendy's words only caused Ronald to laugh maddeningly. "A pretty lady is just different. You look so beautiful even when you're angry and you scolding

pretty? After all, I have the qualifications

agreement. "You're too naive, Wendy. This

your imagination. Attacking him is a suicide mission, so don't do anything stupid. With your looks, Ronald

the upper-class?"

think that you've made it in life because you're considered

really pity you, Jasper. What are you trying to say? That the world is

small and the world is huge. There's also a ton of much more powerful people

us no effort to crush

one last glance before he turned to Wendy and asked, "Do you know who the person-in-charge of Faith County

to and nodded. "He's in the company's contacts list. We can

ten minutes to

her acknowledgment and then

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No matter what, Archer did not dare to leave a call from his superior unanswered, so he accepted it hesitantly. Before Archer could speak, his general manager shouted through the phone.

"Archer, I don't care how you want to f*ck yourself over, but don't involve me in your mistakes! Listen to me closely, you're fired!"

Archer's heart raced and his expression paled.

He felt the urge to explain himself quickly, but he had only just opened his mouth when the general manager hung up the phone.

Archer gaped at Jasper with widened eyes and he felt his throat tighten as if clogged with cotton. Countless words formed at the tip of his tongue but he could not say a thing. Conflicting emotions of agitation, shock, disbelief, and confusion swarmed Archer and engulfed him. The entire house fell silent for a moment. "What happened?" Ronald asked, seeing how the color had drained from Archer's face. Ronald was confused at the strange situation. knocks were heard at the only been eight to nine minutes since Wendy's "I'll open the door!" Ramona volunteered bravely. the phone call from which Archer was fired. The other party was too loud, so everyone in the room, knew that Ramona opened the panting and sweating in place. The environment most of the time. It must have been difficult for such a person this "You..." Ramona before she finished I'm JW Real Estate's breath As the person in charge of the county, this man was someone a normal salaryperson like Ramona could

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Jasper and Wendy were the only ones unaffected as they took care of the weak Ms. Tiana.

"I'm here, Mr. Laine," Currey greeted courteously once he saw Jasper and rushed over.

Jasper hummed in acknowledgment as he held a cup of hot water in his hands. With Wendy's help, he slowly fed Ms. Tiana the water.

Currey stood rigidly in place and did not dare say another word. He stood there like a guilty student awaiting his teacher's punishment.

Ronald's expression also changed when he saw Currey.

He knew who Currey was.

Ronald had put in a lot of effort to become Currey's friend.

His relationship with Currey was finally going somewhere, but... Ronald's expression soured greatly when he thought back to how Currey had addressed Jasper.

Mr. Laine!

be referred to

a company purely for the sake of fooling others

referred to

Ronald had completely

only turned to meet Currey after

this our first time meeting?"

quickly replied, "I've only been in Faith County for one and a half months. I was working in the headquarters in Nauritus City before, and I

the parent company itself, the number of employees under him was ever-growing as his enterprise continued to

recognize this person? Is he a partner?"

his head to look. The look in

Oh, wait, Mr. Laine. Mr.

air of arrogance about him now as he stumbled about to explain with a pale face, "This really is a misunderstanding. I didn't know about your noble status before

normal man that's doing business to make a living. How does

nodded vigorously. "Yes, yes, of course, Mr. Laine. You're right,

a 'pfft', Ramona burst into laughter as she listened to Ronald

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The situation suddenly became more serious when Currey heard him ask this.

"I can guarantee this with my life, Mr. Laine. There's no problem with the process at all.

"I chose Robust because I thought that it would be better to choose a local demolition company considering how demolition is extremely complicated and troublesome work. Robust happens to be the best demolition company in Faith County as well, so we decided to commission them."

Jasper smiled when he heard Currey's explanation and replied, "Don't worry, I was just asking.

"But you have to remember that our partner's strength shouldn't be JW's only metric when looking for a partner. The company owner's personality is also very important.

"What kind of partnership benefits can we expect from a company that would hurt civilians for their personal interests? We should be satisfied as long as the partnership doesn't come back to bite us in the bud."

Jasper pointed at Ronald who was shivering and pale as he continued, "Take him, for example. He threatened a retired and severely ill teacher who was living alone. He claimed that he'd use a bulldozer and bury her under the building if she didn't sign the demolition contract.

threatening or if he actually planned to do

"I understand, Mr. Laine. I'll go back and immediately announce the cancellation of

again in the future, and we'll also do some digging on this aspect when

"Very good." Jasper nodded.

turned to Ronald who looked desperate and asked calmly, "Do you

I might not be the most powerful person out there, but I am more powerful than

hint of glee in his voice from oppressing them with his status

more important than reason in this society,

my strength. Even so, I believe that

as he looked at

and replied, "Does it matter who I

Thud.