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On this ordinary morning, Jasper arrived at the construction site with Julian in tow.

He had not informed anyone of his arrival and came to look around by himself.

The skyscraper had already taken its initial shape and the concrete foundation of the main construction sight had been complete. With that, one-third of the 666-meter skyscraper was already constructed.

The scorching sun shone over the construction site and countless workers were busying themselves in all corners of the site. The quiet rumble of machinery could also be heard.

Construction materials laid about everywhere and there were six tower cranes as tall as buildings operating on the site.

"All of this is money," Jasper sighed as he looked up at the tower cranes suspended in mid-air.

These tower cranes were rented on a weekly lease. Installation was 200 thousand each and rental was another 100 thousand regardless of whether it was put to use or not. Jasper also had to pay the operators of these tower cranes, and each skilled operator cost him at least 30 thousand a month.

It was currently the year 2000 too.

3 million per

man found his heart aching at the thought of

in comparison to

you people? This is a construction site, all you unrelated

behind as he observed the construction. He turned to see

doing his job. Instead,

off and said, "Get to it then, we can't take responsibility if anything happens to you. I don't understand you people. What's there to watch anyway?"

man passed the worker a cigarette from his breast pocket with a smile, "Do a lot

a CW cigarette, the worker's

was still fine in the beginning when it was just curious people coming in out of curiosity, but it changed as a group of people soon started sneaking in to take pictures. They

at how dangerous the construction site is. Rebar, concrete, and structures are all being lifted by cranes. What if something happens and we accidentally hurt someone? Who's

wrong with the vibes here and that something

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The shout had caused the entire site to go into an uproar.

Countless workers rushed toward the location and the orderly construction site immediately erupted into chaos.

Jasper and Julian rushed toward the scene the moment it happened, such that the worker from earlier could not even stop them in time. Not that he had the time to, for he immediately rushed to the office to search for the person in charge.

Julian was still a trained man, so he ran the quickest and arrived at the scene first.

He took a glance and immediately turned around to hold Jasper back.

“Don’t look, Jasper. It’s a bit unsettling.”

Jasper pushed Julian away and walked forward.

What he saw next was more terrifying than a scene from a horror movie.

Falling from a great height, the man would certainly have died if not for the guard rail and safety net around the construction.

Jasper saw a young man lying on the floor, his body contorted into a weird angle as weak whimpers escaped his mouth while he shivered in place.

The sight stunned many of the workers that rushed over. While it was not uncommon for accidents to happen in construction sites, it was a completely different feeling to see it with one’s own eyes.

Jasper’s complexion paled as well.

He did not expect something like this to happen at his own mega skyscraper. His expression immediately darkened.

It explained why Julian did not want him to see it.

Just then, the security officer and project manager in charge of the site rushed over as well.

changed instantly at the tragic

with professional training, so he immediately shouted, “Stop looking! Everyone go back! Secure the area and stop all construction

the security officer and a group of officers in charge of site maintenance, order soon returned to the to calm down, a couple ran over from afar. They wore

“Oh, my son!”

As a mother, one glance was all it took her to

Madam,” The security officer

calm down? That’s my

“How, how did this happen? He was fine

been saying that our construction site’s got bad vibes, that we’ve

suddenly asked from the amongst the
everyone's expressions to immediately
a cold gust of wind rush from the bottom

"What nonsense is that?"

security officer shouted, "This is the twenty-first century. What kind of medieval superstition is that? No one is allowed

man's words

one would speak of

was beyond the security

manager, the security officer was about to speak when he

you two come from?" The security officer asked with a

were just walking by so we came here to take

he demanded angrily, "Who's in charge

conversing with immediately raised his hand to admit, "It-it's

to do your

not only are they inside but they've also gotten involved in this mess too! Do

not his fault. He told me to leave, but I heard the commotion just as I was turning to leave. He didn't have time

glared at Jasper unkindly as he answered, "I don't care

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"How imposing of you," Jasper spoke coldly, looking at the project manager.

The project manager scoffed and replied, "I'm the project manager so I hold the most say here at the site. Not to mention that the both of you are outsiders, so who knows what you two came in here to do. What's wrong with me asking you two to leave?

"Someone's fatally injured here at the construction site and instead of thinking about how to resolve the situation, you're busy arguing with us. Are you afraid we'd find something?" Jasper asked.

The project manager's expression immediately changed and he roared, "What the f*ck are you implying?!"

The tall and broad project manager then made his way over to push Jasper aggressively.

There was no way Julian would let that happen.

The man took a step forward to stand protectively in front of Jasper. He narrowed his eyes and stared at the project manager, warning him, "I'll cut off whichever hand you use to touch my boss today."

Julian's aura was extremely oppressive.

manager was an ordinary man, and he immediately surrendered to Julian's threatening aura. His expression

his jaw and barked. "You've got absolutely no respect at all! I can't believe you two outsiders are planning to attack

outsider. You'll understand very soon," Jasper told the

Open your eyes and look at where you are. You think that just because you're somewhat powerful, that it gives you the right to make this place

as the project manager of the construction site for the tallest building in the world, he had been raised and mounted

suppliers, and even other real estate businesses in Waterhoof City often watched their behavior around passed, he began to think of himself as an important person; He feared no one now that he had JW when a large group of

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over held the highest

they saw Jasper. They did not dare to waste another

didn't know you were coming, Mr. Laine. Our apologies

'Mr. Laine?'

'What Mr. Laine?'

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The two vice presidents, who were sharing similar emotions, stood in front of Jasper with their heads looking downward. They did not dare to even breathe.

Jasper glanced at the two vice presidents sharp and icily.

"I remember sending Sean a document about how important the safety of the skyscraper's construction site is, and that a vice president of the branch is to be on duty at all times.

"So, would someone like to tell me why only the security officer and project manager are here when an incident like this occurred? Where is the vice president on duty?!

"Did Sean lie only to placate me, or are you so brave as to disobey the orders sent from the parent company?!"

Jasper's voice boomed around them and everyone held their breaths in fear. No one dared to speak as they each stared at their own shoes with their heads down.

"Have all of you gone dumb?" Jasper roared.

Seeing that Jasper seemed intent to investigate the matter, a vice president mustered up the courage to speak despite the ominous feeling filling his chest. "Well, Mr. Laine, Vice President Rohin is the one on duty today. But we don't know where he is now."

was sudden and instantly caught

that it was the security officer who had appropriately managed the scene earlier that was speaking up. Thus, he forced himself to calm down

security officer forced himself to ignore the looks from everyone around and

was

like to see how

security officer lead the way. Glancing at the project manager coldly,

stay back and deal with the situation and handle the injured's family. After this, come to the

then turned

paled and he shouted, "I'm innocent, Mr. Laine! I did

Jasper and the group did not seem to have heard him as they

his innocence when Julian stood in front and cast a

to think of how you're going to explain to Mr. Laine later," Julian said

project manager's

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At the construction site's duty room.

The doors were pushed open, and Jasper felt the thick smell of alcohol hit him in the face right as he walked through the door.

Cigarette buds and bottles of alcohol were littered all over the duty room. There was even some leftover food as well.

It was evident that some gathering was held here last night, and a rambunctious one at that.

This was proven by the fact that the smell of cigarettes and alcohol had yet to disperse even though it was almost noon.

Jasper's gaze soon fell on the bed in the duty room. On it was a young man in his thirties, sleeping away under his blanket.

"Go wake him up," Jasper instructed the vice president beside him.

Not daring to hesitate, the vice president jogged over to the bed and shook Rohin awake. Thankfully, this was rather easy.

“Tadhg?” Rohin blinked open his alcohol-muddled eyes. Seeing that it was his colleague, he waved his hand and said, “Leave me alone. Let me go back to sleep, I had too f*cking much to drink last night.”

Rohin then turned around to see a group of people looking at him strangely at the duty room doors.

“What’s with the people?” Rohin asked confusedly, having yet realized what was happening.

Tadhg, who had shaken him awake, whispered awkwardly, “Sober up already. Something huge happened and Mr. Laine’s here.”

“Mr. Laine? Which Mr. Laine?” Rohin had drunk himself stupid and he scoffed. “Since when did our company have another Mr. Laine? Stop being so noisy, Tadhg, and shoo everyone away. I’ll wake up after a bit more sleep, I won’t be delaying anything.

“Seriously, Mr. Tucker must’ve been crazy to call all three of us vice presidents to take turns being on duty at the construction site. Like, what’s the point of s being on duty anyway? What a waste of time.”

over his forehead, and he quickly spoke, “Stop talking. It’s Mr. Laine from the parent company, open your eyes and take

Blinking as he looked to the door,

into Rohin’s soul

eyes met, and he shuddered suddenly. At the same time, he flipped over and fell off

looked and how painful the fall felt, Rohin frantically got up to explain himself only

deputy manager to come to the meeting next door. I have an important announcement

on his butt at that. He did not dare to say another

Rohin before he left the room, “Good luck, man. Someone almost died over at the site while Mr. Laine came

told you before, Rohin. Something bad’s going to happen if you kept up your inattentive

“Help me put in a good word! Or it’ll really

say?” Tadhg felt fear creep up within him at the

go next door and ask for forgiveness. Maybe Mr. Laine will be kind and forgive you then. But no one can help

a dozen men sat down in

senior executives of JW Real Estates’

gaze expressionlessly over everyone in the room, including Rohin, who looked down silently.

of you have met me, but I’m sure none of you are strangers

time with unnecessary things. A huge incident occurred at the
and regulations because all of you are senior executives. I'm sure you've all had your fair share of
chiding others about these exact same rules, so you
the entire meeting room. Everyone seemed to hold their breaths and no one dared to make a
let's get straight
spoke calmly. "What I'm about to say next will be relayed to the head office after this meeting.
Documents will be issued by the headquarters presidential office, and will then be executed by the
president of the real estate
this major safety incident has revealed poor site management in the construction site. As a result, JW
Real Estates' Waterhoof
monthly performance bonuses deducted. The vice presidents their seasonal
branch's vice president Rohin Ruell will be relieved of all

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Rohin could not refute Jasper's words.
He was filled with regret now.
JW Real Estates was a company recognized in the industry for its great treatment of its employees.
As the vice president of the Waterhoof City branch, his salary was one-point-five times higher than
others who held the same position in other companies.
Not to mention, the company also gave annual dividends, paid leave, free medical insurance for their
employee's families, 2 overseas vacations, housing subsidy, and an educational support plan for
employees' children to study in Waterhoof City. These were benefits that only top-notch international
enterprises provided.
No company gave as great a treatment as JW within the country.
Despite this, he had lost it all.
chance," Rohin begged
chances or the chance to regret. This is an issue with your professional attitude. How am I supposed
chance, then am I also supposed to give
paled further upon hearing
Laine, what if I atone for my sins? I have a report to make!"
looked at Rohin before asking, "Who
to talk to you alone about this, Mr.
everyone else in the room, especially the other two vice presidents. They seemed

dismissed,” Jasper

everyone else in the meeting

going to report, they knew that it

who left the temporary meeting room inexplicably felt a shiver run down their back. They immediately tried to recall if they had done anything incriminating

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“That’s not all. They were the ones who spread rumors about how our construction site has bad vibes. From what I can tell, it seemed like they wanted to attack the construction site and bring the construction of the entire building to a halt.

“I rejected them then, but I don’t know who they contacted next. I am certain, though, that someone did get bribed into working for them.

“Because they contacted me the day before yesterday and said that they were going to cause an incident at the construction site. They told me I didn’t have to do anything, but just turn a blind eye to what was happening since someone else would do the dirty work for them.

“Coupled with what happened at the site today, I suspect the project manager.”

Jasper narrowed his eyes and asked Rohin, “So you decided to get drunk and have fun in the duty room yesterday?”

Rohin immediately replied, “I am grateful that Mr. Tucker appreciates my work. I may act high and mighty but I am still not fully aware of my strengths or shortcomings.

“It was by pure coincidence yesterday that a few old classmates of mine came to Waterhoof City. I hadn’t seen them for years and I had to welcome them, but it wouldn’t be right for me to leave the duty room while I was on shift either. Thus, I ended up welcoming them in the duty room instead.”

nor disapproved of Rohin’s

manager isn’t the only one capable of plotting these things on the construction site. What about the security officer? Or even

wryly and responded, “Mr. Laine, I dug around a

a gambling man through and through. He has a huge debt to repay and debt collectors have actually come to the construction site to demand that he pay them

is the only thing supporting him and stopping

housing in full in Waterhoof City, as well as purchase a car worth more than 200 thousand. Unless

this project manager has to be one of them. It’s really obvious if

to lie, Mr. Laine. Things have already reached this state and I just want to leave

matter is truly as you have said. Go back for now and
but swallowed his words after thinking against it. He
just left when Julian dragged the project manager

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Half an hour later, Julian walked out of the room with a depressed project manager.

Ten minutes after that, Jasper exited the room too.

Once he walked out, the middle-aged couple immediately fell to their knees in front of Jasper.

Jasper recognized them to be the parents of the heavily injured young man that fell from the building.

"Please stand," Jasper immediately helped the couple to their feet.

The middle-aged woman wiped her tears as she sobbed to Jasper. "Mr. Laine, you're the biggest boss here. You have to save our son."

"Don't worry, the company will take full responsibility since your son was working and got injured on our construction site."

"How's he doing now?"

and replied courteously, "Mr. Laine, he's already been sent to the emergency room and his condition is stable. He's not in life-threatening danger but he might be plagued with lifelong disabilities after this. Worst

and asked, "All workers

"Yes."

We could not afford to be frugal with the insurance, so every worker was given the best

all medical expenses and send professionals to deal with the supplementary nutrition and escorting expenses. There's no need to be frugal with this either, it's important that we at

pay for everything the insurance claim cannot cover, and if the worker ends up with a life-long disability, the company will assign them with another post once they're ready to

the company was going

and ask for the money back

disadvantage, and legal awareness was shallow among the people nowadays. Most workers did not know how to protect

their hard-earned money by illegal

Jasper's attitude on

security officer, who was technically just another worker on-site, was genuinely grateful and

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Then, Jasper turned and left quickly.

The middle-aged man supported his wife and spoke as he watched Jasper leave, "Mr. Laine sure is a great boss. Let's go take a look at our boy first."

"Yeah. I'd be willing to work for a boss like him even if he didn't pay me," The woman answered.

Their words echoed the thoughts of the majority of workers at the scene.

People were all the same, if you treated them sincerely, then they would be genuine to you too.

Being wealthy did not make someone superior, and being poor did not mean that person had to live a life inferior to everyone else.

Jasper's kindness had won him the hearts of these construction workers, and they were now wholeheartedly willing to work for him.

industry would face a shortage of workers, JW Real Estates

thought that far into the future. All he knew now was that all the evidence on hand pointed to the president of the

Estates' Waterhoof City branch's

over to Waterhoof

City, the man had a closed-door meeting with Jasper that lasted for two hours.

Real Estates immediately

until one a.m.

the conference was over. Two

business. Excluding Zeph, who had been promoted from security officer, all managerial positions working on the project, from chief engineer to project manager, had been

from JW Real Estates' other

just one night, the entire Waterhoof City branch had completely changed. Almost all mid-level managers were transferred somewhere else, and a small

shifting of personnel within JW Real Estates had

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Lisa pushed the door open, and before she could enter the room, she choked and sputtered due to the overwhelming cloud of smoke.

"Why're you smoking so much, Dad?"

Lisa had changed greatly from how she used to be in the past.

Donning a long-sleeved top and long pants, her short ear-length hair made her look smart.

Coupled with the glint of resentment and hatred in her eyes, the woman sent shivers down people's spines.

"Can you contact anyone from the construction site?" Norman asked instead of replying.

"No."

Lisa shook her head and opened the study windows to let fresh air into the room. She sighed. "Dad, we should be thinking of how to deal with at this stage. There's no point in locking yourself in the study to smoke."

"What solution could there be?"

The corner of Norman's lips twitched. "Jasper's already arrived at Waterhoof City. He's definitely found out what we've done, and considering his temper, there's no way he'd let us go."

"We did this with the idea to fight to the death, didn't we?" Lisa spoke firmly.

"What was Old Master Hurlbutt's game by assigning Jasper as the vice president? He's obviously trying to take your power away!

"Old Master Hurlbutt was also really ambiguous when we and Uncle had a conflict with Jasper.

was the one who destroyed Uncle's family, who knows if Old Master Hurlbutt had given him the green light to do so? Jasper wouldn't be able to do anything if Old Master Hurlbutt was

Old Master Hurlbutt even had Jasper assume

go instead. He's never even showed up once as vice president before. Old Master Hurlbutt's obviously telling the rest of the Chamber that he

Dad. We're taking revenge for Uncle Ian and protecting ourselves. Jasper would still attack us even if we didn't

as

Atticus about the situation?"

he'll act at the right time. He's also prepared a lot of follow-up trouble for Jasper, so he won't be able to save himself when the time

heard today, and a small smile graced his face. "Good, Mr. Atticus is reliable after all... I heard you went to Harbor City last week. Was it to be

the one who taught me to grab ahold of an

Mr. Atticus promise

being Mr. Atticus'

Lisa immediately poured cold

did sleep with Mr. Atticus, but he's had more women on his bed than you have cigarette butts in your ashtray. Not

if I made the right decision

and rascals if

do we do next, then? Jasper's definitely going to take revenge on us," Norman

"We wait..."

on a little longer. Mr. Atticus still needs to contact another important player first. If he manages to win them over, then this person will help greatly in our plans to

us to hold him off a little longer. This is the mission he gave you,

Let's just hold him off for as long as we can, then. I'd also like to see how

said that Jasper would most likely attack us through the Chamber of Commerce. Since he's going to attend the asset forum conference on behalf of the Chamber, this is a great chance he

to attack me through the Chamber,

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