

## **At The Top 1061**

### **Chapter 1061**

Sean's eyes lit up and he nodded. "Alright, it sounds grand and dignified. I like it."

"Oh, and there's one more thing I'd like you to help me do."

Jasper gave it some thought before he said, "Help me find a few formal gifts. Nothing too outlandish, so no need for jewelry. Something like tea, perhaps. I'm using them as gifts."

Sean nodded and replied, "Alright. I'll get to it immediately."

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The following day, Hoofmorn University.

Jasper's Bentley came to a slow stop before the administrative building where a group of people was already waiting for him.

"That's Jasper?"

the Southeast Province. One of the

even the half of it. I think Waterhoof City's skyscraper belongs to him too. There's no youth richer than he is within the

He's around the same age as our university's students, but there's no comparing against him. I heard he's an entrepreneur too. Such

I heard that a few important department

almost thought that

now. It'd be

talking. He's getting

he's so

latter alight the car. The man extended his

man's hand and replied with a smile, "You are all seniors and pioneers of the education industry. I am but a mere businessman

smiled and said, "You're too kind, Mr. Laine. Let me introduce myself, I'm Doiran Clem, the secretary of the presidential office. Mr. Marshman, the president, and a few important department chiefs are waiting

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In the dean's office in Hoofmorn University's administrative building, Jasper saw one of the most important figures of the country's academic field, Patrick Marshmeet.

This old man looked lively and vigorous despite being in his late sixties.

This was the second time Jasper had seen such an energetic man of such age.

The first time was with Old Master Law.

“Hello, Mr. Marshman. I’m Jasper Laine, I hope you’re doing well.”

Jasper was extremely courteous and sincere upon entering the room.

This was not just because of Patrick’s identity and status, but also because the man was a true academic senior that devoted his life to the country and its people.

Patrick took a good look at Jasper before replying cheerfully, “Hello. To see you achieve such great success at such a young age, Mr. Laine, makes old men like us embarrassed. Seeing as how we’ve lived our whole lives for nothing.”

better era. Youths like us would never have had such a great environment to flourish in without the countless effort and hard work seniors like

Jasper’s hand and praised, “Here I was worried that I’d be meeting a money-minded businessman when Tom called

Julian’s hands. Then, he turned back to tell Patrick, “I

Jasper’s actions and words. The man answered unhappily, “What for? I never accept

moment, Patrick’s previously good impression of Jasper from earlier

as he watched the scene play out by the side. He felt that Jasper was still rather young and untamed, as he

figures in

Marshman’s displeasure and replied, “Don’t be in such a rush to

you, Mr. Marshman. This gift is for everyone in Hoofmorn University; staff,

Patrick was intrigued now. “Now I’ve got to see what grand gift you’ve

this is any secular gift, I will still reject it. After all, this is a campus, and the harmony of

chuckled. He did not rush to explain as he opened the box

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Most people within the country did not know who Mr. Hines was.

However, it would be a crime for anyone within Hoofmorn University to not know the man.

Mr. Hines was Hoofmorn University’s founder and its first dean. He was the most highly-ranked figure in Somerland’s cultural field during his time.

All his students were people who were involved in, or even led, the massive spurt of development in Somerland’s early modern history.

Everyone was excited once they heard this, especially Mr. Marshman.

Jasper looked up at the man who spoke and smiled. "You've got a great eye for things, Mr...?"

"Professor McDaniel is the department chief of Hoofmorn University's Early Modern History. He's one of the top three figures in the field of Early Modern History."

Patrick introduced the man before he looked at the open scroll again and asked, "Is this the real thing?"

mess with you gentlemen by offering you a counterfeit. This is

praised Sean internally after

could make up for his mistakes, had immediately found this treasure once he learned

his hands on this item because Sean's family was friends with the scroll's previous owner.

piece, costing tens of

millions was a suffocating sum in such a setting. However, as far as Jasper was

Hines is a publicly recognized scholar within the country. While he has already passed, his achievements continue to stand the test of time. Hoofmorn University remains to be

Mr. Hines' calligraphed work were to disappear in the outside world, so I thought I'd take the responsibility to gift it to Hoofmorn University instead. I hope Hoofmorn University will honor Mr. Hines' passing wish

there was anyone good with

be Jasper

words as these titans of their

Marshman peered at

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Even if Jasper had not gifted Hoofmorn University such an unrefusable present, Mr. Marshman would still have welcomed Jasper grandly on behalf of Old Master Law's introduction and Jasper's strengths.

However, such a grand greeting would only be out of common respect.

After all, Old Master Law had put in a word, and Jasper was no longer the nobody he once was.

As the owner of JW Capital and its subsidiaries, Jasper was quite a formidable man.

However, Jasper did not want a courteous greeting for the sake of respect.

Jasper hoped to establish an even deeper relationship with Hoofmorn University so that it could become a place that nurtured JW's future talents.

“Mr. Marshman, Department Chiefs, since we’ve already brought up the matter, then allow me to go straight to the point.”

In the small meeting room in Hoofmorn University’s administrative building, Jasper cleared his throat in front of a group of professors and cleared his thoughts before he started slowly.

“You are all experts in your academic fields, so I won’t make a fool out of myself by introducing what the stepper does and how important it is. I trust that all of you know it better than I do.

“Its importance is the reason why the West has imposed a major blockade on this technical project, preventing it from reaching our shores for the past few decades.

“But does this mean we’ll have to sit and wait for the West to overpower us just because they’ve sealed off the technology?

“No!

“Coincidentally, my JW company has business in just such a field.

This will need

came to Hoofmorn University

published the most research findings on the stepper. This is why Hoofmorn University will be the best partner for

room had already expected the contents of Jasper’s speech, they still found themselves

we are

funding of at least tens of billions. Moreover, there’s

time, money, and effort will be for naught if we

said this was a professor of Hoofmorn University’s digital information field. He had voiced out what almost

someone was willing to fund their research, the issue was with just how large the research project would be. Not only was this a huge project that would

with obstacles, after all. To be honest with you, I’ already prepared myself

within one year. In return, I want a

20 billion!

room was in an uproar

room was an academic expert, they were still financially normal people who lived on a monthly salary. They might have made more money than other families, but their hearts still shook in excitement when faced with

That’s enough to fill this meeting room,

look at Jasper and asked, "Jasper, are

replied, "JW will shoulder the full burden of the project. There will not be any other sources of funding, so I will be the

company. All resources and funding will be

what Jasper said. "Jasper, you have to think carefully. This is 20

it fails, then JW will face the risk of going bankrupt," Jasper

affect day-to-day operations of the business, suddenly taking up such an important research project will surely place the company in a

concerned, companies are like men, and there are some things we should and should not do. No matter how difficult, if it's something that should be done, then I'll

you considered funding research after some time, perhaps once your company's financial situation

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Jasper's negotiation before the forming of the partnership was a success.

The experts and professors then introduced themselves and exchanged name cards with him. Every single one of them, even those that had nothing to do with the project, was filled with confidence as they shook Jasper's hand.

After the meeting was over, Jasper returned to the dean's office alongside Patrick.

"Dorian, could you make us some tea?" Patrick was in a great mood. After instructing Dorian to make them tea, Patrick turned to tell Jasper kindly, "We'd be elated if there were more courageous and responsible youths like you in the country, Jasper."

Jasper waved his hand and smiled. "It's nothing much. I'm just doing what I think is right."

Patrick sighed and said, "These things that you consider as nothing much are almost impossible feats to many others."

"Please don't be too kind, Mr. Marshman, otherwise I won't know to bring up my small request." Jasper smiled.

Patrick had a great impression of Jasper by now, and he laughed and said, "Do tell. As long as it's within my powers, then it won't be an issue."

Jasper replied, "What a coincidence, then. A word from you would actually solve this little issue of mine, Mr. Marshman.

"So basically, I have a distantly related sister. She..."

Jasper proceeded to tell him about Tiffany's situation.

"She's very hardworking and she loves to study. She's talented as well, but her family conditions have been too harsh, and she has to take full responsibility for her brother's expenses.

“What she lacks is an opportunity, which I was hoping Hoofmorn University could give to her.”

Patrick frowned slightly after he heard Jasper.

As a morally conscious individual, Patrick would never agree to anyone trying to enroll in his school through private connections. However, he could not help but consider this deeply since Jasper was the one who was requesting it.

and send them to the admissions office. I still have two special offers on

of thought, Patrick replied with a

sighed in relief as well after he heard

have just sent Tiffany to another university, resorting

he did not put Jasper in an

Jasper received

shook Jasper’s hand again after walking

your good news, Jasper,” Patrick said

tomorrow to sign the official framework agreement of

sake, I do hope that Hoofmorn University will keep the specifics of our research project a secret from the

We might have to face

I’ll make the necessary preparations on my end. That Tiffany girl you spoke of, perhaps you could bring her over in a few days. It would be

your trouble then, Mr. Marshman,” Jasper thanked him

a chuckle, Patrick patted Jasper’s shoulder affectionately and said, “Don’t let me delay you from your work any longer, then. I’ll see

over... She’s never been out the city before, and I worry that she’ll

Then I’ll get going... Should I send you back to

immediately. The sooner you go, the sooner you get back. I can return to the hotel myself since

no rush to return after Julian left. Instead, he took

strolled along the beach and stared out at

in a sea of tourists, Jasper let himself be engulfed by all sorts of dialects as they expressed excitement and

He soon found a random stone platform and sat down on it before pulling his phone out to

now, and so I couldn’t

voice then sounded from the other

Waterhoof City

of yours? I thought you were pursuing love over at Swallow Capital?"

### **Chapter 1066**

At almost the same time, far away in Harbor City.

Conrad sat on a skerry at the Dammer Fishing Grounds with a fishing rod in his hands as he stared with focus at the fish maw that danced in the waves.

Waves smacked against the skerry and wet the leg of his pants, but the man remained frozen in place.

He had lived this lifestyle for around a week.

Behind him stood his confidant, Valentine.

"The tide us rising, Mr. Monty. We should return soon."

Valentine told Conrad softly.

Conrad waved his off and replied, "I haven't caught a single fish today, I can't leave yet."

Valentine sighed gently at how stubborn Conrad was.

"I don't like seeing you like this, Mr. Monty, it feels wrong to me. I'd rather you vent about it," Valentine said sincerely.

Conrad smiled and replied, "I know what you want to say, Valentine, but you worry too much. What is there for me to vent? Victories and losses are common in war, and it's not the first time I've lost to Jasper anyway. After a few losses, you start to get used to it.

doesn't have any of

told me that I was being too hasty and that I should learn to calm down and have some patience. I didn't understand him then, but now that I look at it, Father knew me too well. After these past

"I was too impatient."

to refute but did not make a

not say. He should never touch on the topic of

sent an invitation two days ago. Are we really

to defeat him. Not to mention that Mr. Atticus isn't someone

in more of a rush than we are, so don't worry. He'll come and look for me. It'd be too cheap of me and unbecoming of my person to seek him out

right, a yacht sped toward them from not too far out in the sea soon

a beeline for Conrad's skerry. The yacht stopped around

skerry with a man standing atop it. He calmly, on Mr. Atticus' yacht if you wish, Atticus is already here, then it would be disrespectful of the skerry and Conrad got on. At the same time, Valentine made an instinctive to halt him. His tone was polite but firm as he said, "My apologies, Mr. Atticus Valentine looked at Conrad. It seems like today isn't a good the yacht alongside the

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Conrad chuckled and replied, "Of course. You've certainly got a better understanding of things than I do, Mr. Atticus.

"But what I hate most are eyesores that just keep blocking my view. The moment someone becomes an eyesore, I just feel the need to kill him.

"The more comfortable this person gets, the more uncomfortable I grow. Therefore, Mr. Monty, I'll get straight to the point with you."

Fabian then clapped his hands and the women around him, as well as the ones around Conrad, got up understandingly. They immediately left the third deck to play downstairs.

The third deck was instantly left vacant except for Conrad and Fabian.

Just then, Fabian plopped himself right next to Conrad and reached out to hook his arm around the other man's neck. He grinned as he said, "I want to get rid of Jasper and I know you do too. So, let's work together."

Conrad glanced at Fabian's arm around his shoulder and frowned slightly.

He was not used to having physical contact with others.

Fabian may seem brash, but he was actually a sensitive man. He immediately realized Conrad's discomfort.

However, he did not let go of Conrad. Instead, Fabian pulled him in tighter so that Conrad would have to lean into Fabian's chest unconsciously.

Fabian placed his mouth by Conrad's cheek and spoke casually, "Do you know what I love doing most?"

Conrad shook his head as a sign of him not knowing.

doing what



loud. "I get a rush when you people look irked but can do nothing to stop  
got quite the  
he let go of Conrad's neck. He got up and  
at this yacht underneath my feet. How much  
4 million. There are tons of expenses similar to this, but don't we live for the rush—the thrill—in  
everything Fabian said was morally wrong, Conrad  
with life, and it's also why anyone that stands  
and asked with a frown, "I'm curious, Mr. Atticus. Why do you feel the need to get rid of Jasper? From  
what I know,  
"I just don't like the surname 'Laine'. Is this reason enough for  
you don't want to  
enemies that I've won over, you're the one I admire the most. Because of this, I can tell you one of the  
reasons. Anna Law,  
for a moment before he  
all so pretty, so dignified, and with such great figures. They can all be yours as long as you're rich, but  
there's only one Anna, and I've  
year overseas but when I came back, Jasper that little sh\*t actually got into an amorous relationship  
with Anna. So tell me, does he  
replied calmly, "He  
to Fabian's face. The stark contrast between  
enough nonsense with you. Have as much fun here in Harbor City as you want. Eat, drink  
to start working for me once you get back. I'm a nice employer.

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"Have you seen whalers at sea?"

Fabian patted Conrad's shoulder and continued meaningfully, "Whalers first find the whale, then follow  
it until it grows tired. They attack the moment it gets distracted.

"Whalers only get one chance to attack, because the moment they fail, an irked whale will capsize the  
entire boat and flee into the deep waters.

"We're like whalers. The moment we attack, we aim to kill.

"I know of the processes and plans that you've used against Jasper before. You made the mistake of  
being too careful with all sorts of buildup and traps, but they all proved to be useless. Rather, you've  
only caused him to be wary of you.

“Hence, there are only two steps to my attack. The first, I hit his confidence hard. Then, I’ll follow it with the ultimate move right after. After all that, it’ll be time for us to taste the fruits of victory.”

Conrad fell deep in thought when he heard Fabian.

After a long while, he nodded. “Perhaps you’re right.”

“Then I look forward to working with you, hahaha.”

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Waterhoof City, at the beach.

Jasper frowned as he aimlessly walked along the landscape route with Henry following beside him blankly.

would glance at Jasper from time to time, yet, Henry did not disturb him when he saw

to Jasper’s occasional strange expressions, since the man always managed to find a lead within a messy haystack of clues. This was something Henry could never come up

did Fabian leave Harbor City

“I don’t think so.”

you so cautious

had always thought that Jasper would be able to solve any complicated issue or person easily from how the latter always acted. However, this was the first time Henry had

like a

last thing this world lacks are capable people. If I can’t understand that, then death is right around

met Fabian, but do you

supporter, he asked

“A venomous snake.”

his eyes

However, the moment he does, it’s done with tremendous

proper preparations, I’ll likely die from just one bite. To be frank with you, I really

Even so, he must have thought of something as he suddenly laughed out loud. “You got that right. This man really is a venomous snake that will go to any lengths to get what

railing and stared at the steady flow of Harpoon River. “We already know that Fabian’s contacting my past enemies and they’re going to team up to attack

they plan to attack, or

wait. We can’t make our move

forced to take everything he spoke up whilst standing beside Jasper, "Aren't we playing a us, but we know nothing of them. It's

## **Chapter 1069**

That midnight, Julian had quickly driven between Nauritus City and Waterhoof City twice.

It was in the early morning when Tiffany and Julian arrived at Waterhoof City.

The two did not disturb Jasper, who was already resting. Julian immediately checked Tiffany into a hotel room before he went to rest.

The next morning, Jasper saw Tiffany in the hotel.

"How are you feeling? Was it tiring traveling all day yesterday?" Jasper asked.

Tiffany shook her head and replied cautiously, "Not at all. It's just that Waterhoof City is flourishing with life. I even saw a few foreigners when I arrived at the hotel yesterday."

"Of course it's flourishing—it's the largest financial center in the country.

weird to see foreigners here. Foreigners are also people like us, and there are also scums and failures a small village after all, and this was the first time she had been to such

four years of university here. Hence, Jasper had to shape her understanding of values

nodded vigorously and replied, "Alright, I'll

go eat breakfast, then I'll bring you to the department store for

replied, "I

"Or are my

"Tiffany."

side. He spoke gently, "I think there's a huge problem with you right now, and that's your mindset of you are, and how you haven't seen the world. Because of this, you have no courage in anything you say and

to be more confident, you have to believe that your state of poverty is only temporary. I can't say that your poverty means nothing, but the truth with society is that the wealthier you are, the more respected you will become. Sayings about how poor and

a good person from another is their morals and their capabilities. Not their bank balance, the brand of clothes they

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Tiffany's figure and appearance had already surpassed most girls; she was just rather lacking in the confidence department. However, this did not stop her from bringing out the beauty of most clothes she tried out.

Thus came the scene every salesperson in the department store was envious of.

Tiffany kept taking clothes that the salesperson, Jasper, or even Henry picked out for her to try on. Jasper did not comment on whether the clothes looked nice or not when she tried them on, so she tried them one after another.

After some time, Jasper turned to the salesperson while Tiffany returned to the changing room and said, "I'll buy all the clothes she tried on just now."

The salesperson widened their eyes in shock. "These... sir, these clothes aren't cheap..."

There was no novel-like scene where the salesperson looked down on Jasper, while the man's attitude remained kind and warm toward the store staff as well. He said with a smile, "I know. Please package them up for me, I'll take all of them."

The salesperson's eyes grew starry and they quickly went to pack the clothes and print out an invoice.

see dozens of clothes on the counter and quickly

price tags on them and each of

could speak, Henry

you're talking about making money, this man earned more than a million in

hand shook by the side as they typed out the invoice. Their hearts were about to

seen all sorts of people. Among them were quite a few business owners who brought their lady friends out to shop. However,

people working in Waterhoof

to support an ordinary household of

took the invoice and told Tiffany, "Wait for me here, I'll go get the

"Okay," Tiffany replied softly.

pile of clothes beside her with a frown and began to think about the few ten thousand she 'owed' Jasper this time... She felt lost, seeing

common counter for payment when buying things in a large department store. All bills from the