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“So your target was me all along, Mr. Ball?” Jasper said calmly.

Alban smiled and replied, “I’m a businessman, and I make decisions that benefit me the most I’m sure you understand, Mr. Laine.”

Jasper narrowed his eyes and asked, “Then what role does Old Master Hulbutt play in all this?”

Alban had finally shown his true intentions. The man’s goal was not the Haddock Chamber of Commerce but rather Jasper’s MP5 patents.

Jasper refused to believe that Gale was uninvolved when the man had invited him to attend the forum as the vice president of Haddock’s 5 Chamber of Commerce’s Waterhoof City branch.

Right now, it seemed more like a sinister setup against him.

Jasper had no idea what dirty plan Alban and Gale had plotted out

had come up with an excuse to cooperate with Alban and corner him. Meanwhile, Alban had finally shown

the form of Gale’s favor. However, only now did he realize that the old

Mr. Laine,” Alban sneered

give it to you when you

smile slowly vanished and he replied forcefully, “It would do you no good to be so temperamental, young man. Being emotional will do you no

there’s nothing wrong with getting caught. At the very least, it shows you that you’re worth being targeted.

should thank you then, for deeming

that you’re unhappy, but

Alban waved a hand to gesture to someone behind him. That person approached

and took the document

was something important if Alban was

frowned slightly at

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“Nothing much, but it’s enough to stall your construction for at least half a year. You’ll have to pay for to undergo new evaluations every day and those expenses alone are enough to render any real estate comp any bankrupt.

“You have to know that this isn’t the only issue your real estate company is facing. I heard that an overseas investment bank is supporting many other competitors in Southeast Province to launch a comprehensive attack on JW Real Estates too.

“At such a time, the tallest building in the world, the World Financial Center is JW Real Estates’ most important project. Even if you manage to continue construction half a year later, times would’ve changed. Can JW Real Estate even survive that long?”

Alban had a confident smile on his face as he patted Jasper’s shoulder and said gently, “Rising up comes with a price, young man.

“While the country’s market is huge, there are only so many pieces of the pie. You and your JW are rising too fast and you’re interfering with too many people’s interests. People don’t want another greedy businessman on the already saturated market.

“This is only the first lesson I’m teaching you, so you understand the most important rule in the business world.

“Be humble and keep a low profile when it comes to business. Being too arrogant will only result in everyone working together to get rid of you.”

Alban quietly and asked, “I’d like to know

laughed out loud and said, “Is that what’s important? No. What’s important now

Jasper’s expression was solemn.

the biggest trap he found himself in ever since he started his business, excluding the loss he made when Harbor City and Quantum Funds had a conflict. This was also the first time he had made an error

would always be

to

him the time and chance to think it

this asset forum conference, he walked himself into a

same time, Henry was currently smoking under the non-smoking sign and ignoring the exasperated gazes of the servers around him. He looked over at

something go wrong for

happen that he can’t

Jasper’s face. In contrast, there was a silly smile on Alban’s face as he sat next to Jasper and talked to the other. The more Henry looked at that smile, the angrier Young Master

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“Excuse me, sir. This is the platform, you can’t simply come up here.”

A bodyguard stood in front of Henry and said expressionlessly.

Henry grinned joyfully, “F*ck you. As if there’s anywhere I can’t go. Move out of my way!”

The bodyguard frowned slightly. Henry’s arrogance told him that this was a man none of the bodyguards around the venue could afford to offend, so he replied patiently, “My apologies, sir. Please do not make it difficult for me.”

“Who the hell are you? You think you’re worth my effort to trouble?”

Henry felt extremely irritated whenever he saw someone from Seatreasures International, so he said this with a dark look on his face. When he realized that the bodyguard did not move, Henry was immediately pissed off.

Considering Henry’s status, a mere bodyguard was not worth his anger.

Hence, Henry looked up at the platform and Alban staring back at him with a wary expression. He grinned as he said darkly, “Oi, Ball. Are you sure you want your dogs to hold me back?”

“Either let me come up or I’ll turn and leave now.”

simple and direct, but

darkened and he waved

of relief. Despite how Henry talked to his boss, the man in question did not get angry. Because of this, this bodyguard knew that this young man was not someone he could afford

up onto the stage as if he owned the place and chuckled at Alban. “Not bad, so you oldies do know your limits. Just think of how troublesome it’d be if I had to call my dad

expression was extremely

businessman who presided over many large provinces in the southeast region. People both his age and younger treated him with the utmost respect. Yet, before Henry, he had none of the

Was Henry dignified?

No!

he have a

least

least not

to keep Alban in his place and unable to

Stocks survived by pleasing the four richest families. This was especially true for the Law family, the one with the deepest roots and the best

looked at Jasper

could tell that Jasper needed him to come over, but he had no

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“What’s the point in delaying this by a few minutes, Jasper? I can tell you right now that if you disagree, I’ll release what I have on hand no matter who comes over!”

Jasper smiled at Alban’s words and said, “I’ll see you in a bit.”

Jasper then left the stage with Henry in tow. Henry glared at Alban from the corner of his eye before he left and said, “You think I lied when I told you that my dad’s looking for Jasper, don’t you, old man?”

“How dare you think that I’m lying. If he wants to, my dad can fly here overnight and beat the sh*t out of you! Look at your stupid f*cking face, thinking you’re so powerful.”

With that, Henry followed Jasper off the stage bossily Without sparing Alban, who was shaking in anger, another glance.

Alban ground his molars together, his gaze horrifyingly dark. The man slammed his fist on the table as his legs twitched in infuriation.

The plan was flawless, and Jasper was supposed to be defenseless.

Yet, no one had expected the most volatile variable, Henry, to suddenly appear.

of tricks, Henry could hardly win against the group of crafty men in this scenario. However, Alban could do nothing since Henry had a powerful dad and an even more powerful grandfather supporting him. Hence, Alban had no other choice but to concede while facing him,

you can come up with in these few minutes, Jasper! You can’t run from this!” Alban growled

one of the conference hall’s lounges. He had just entered when he saw

it? You look like you want to kill

deep breath, and in one brief moment, he broke down everything

out, which was something he definitely would take revenge

most troublesome matter now was Alban and the document

World Financial Center’s design since he had multiple specialized companies check it for him. This was few chief engineers from Waterhoof City Design Institute had spent more than a month reviewing it. Jasper even invited the top-notch design team in the industry from Swallow Capital to review it once more to ensure that no

document. It was an evaluation by the most powerful architectural office in Harbor City, so even if it was filled with nonsense, the power behind this office’s statement was just as Alban had stated. Releasing it would

JW Real Estates to

would be difficult to pick up construction once again after it
have to invest maddening amounts of money
directly cause the downfall of an already pressured JW Real

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Henry already thought that it was shameless to ask his father for help.

Because of this, he did not expect Jasper to go straight for the ultimate move. However, having spent so long with Jasper, Henry knew that the man had his own reason behind everything he did.

Thus, Henry did not waste any time and immediately pulled out his phone. After dialing his grandfather's private number, he tossed his phone to Jasper.

It was late at night, but the phone was connected in no time.

"Is this Henry?" The old master's voice sounded from the other end of the line. Jasper replied softly, "It's me, Jasper, Old Master Law. I'm sorry for disrupting your rest so late at night."

Old Master Law's laughter echoed through the line and his tone turned even more gentle. "It's alright. Go ahead and tell me what's wrong."

Old Master Law knew that Jasper would not seek him out lightly without a good reason. Something troublesome must have arisen if Jasper was looking for him.

With that, Jasper recounted the essentials of the whole situation.

Old Master Law muttered softly after Jasper was done, "It's quite troublesome indeed. How do you want me to help?"

Jasper replied grimly, "I can't give in, Old Master Law. If I do, then I'll be placed in a completely passive stance after this."

The old master agreed with Jasper and he said, "You're right. Standing firm now means you'll still be able to turn this game around. If you give in, then they will have control over whether you live or die."

"The construction of the World Financial Center cannot be halted if this report gets released to the public, Old Master Law," Jasper said.

Old Master Law chuckled and replied, "Don't worry. Do as you wish."

Jasper let out a sigh of relief when he heard the old master's assurance. Jasper then said rather remorsefully, "I'm really sorry I have to trouble you for help all the time, Old Master Law."

old and I can't fight these battles anymore. The future will belong to you youths, so until you've fully

no need to worry about. Do as you wish, I'll keep you

that, Jasper glanced at Henry, who was yawning

had saved the universe in his last life to be blessed with such a great life in

any longer, Old Master Law. I'll
handed it back to Henry, his entire aura
as if the confident Jasper had walked out of the difficult situation
have permission to show off?" Henry took the
corner of Jasper's lips lifted up
the same time, Old Master Law had also put his phone down in his hilltop villa located in Harbor
phone and said unhappily,
than ten minutes later, Old
a long time
was Gale's
late, Old Tom.
so shameless so as to target my youngster
before he quickly said, "Where is this coming from, Old
likes to jump around and ignore the fact that you're old. But since that's your personal issue, I won't
people. I beat and left you crippled once back then, and I can beat and leave you crippled again. Don't
people in Swallow Capital. If Waterhoof City truly has any apprehension about Jasper's World Financial
Center, then I'll tell Jasper and he can move his tallest building in the world over to Harbor City!
Waterhoof City can be a coward who is constantly afraid of the seizing once-in-a-lifetime opportunities,
but Harbor City will not
being so old, but I stand by what I said. Know your limits, or I won't
against me over a youngster's small matters, Old Tom? There's nothing wrong with putting a young man
through more training and
train my own youngsters. I don't need old men with
Those old men know better to make a move themselves, so they had their children and
ends here." Gale replied grimly, "I'm afraid that Jasper of yours won't back down without revenge. It
wouldn't be enough for him if I

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At the venue of the forum conference. Jasper and Henry walked out of the room to see Alban bringing Dudley around as he talked with a group of people.

The father-son duo was glowing and in a great mood.

Jasper's appearance immediately garnered the attention of a large crowd of people.

Dudley saw Jasper as well. He sneered and stepped up to say, "So, have you considered it yet, Jasper? My dad and I don't have that much patience for you to take your own sweet time and think. You better give me an answer now."

Dudley must have known all of Alban's plans.

The former felt extremely exhilarated now as he looked at Jasper.

"Haha, Jasper. You would never have predicted today, hmm? Let me tell you, this is only the beginning. There's only more fun in store for you from here on out!"

Dudley's expression grew even more wretched as he said sinisterly, "This is what you get for being prideful and showing off! I'd like to see how you're going to continue acting so prideful! I'll make you kneel in front of me once you've lost everything and have you lick my shoes!"

arrogance and asked

aback when he

say?!" Dudley growled in

stupid f*cker. Can you not understand human speech?" Henry raised his

adult as you a question and all you need to do is answer yes or no. But looking at your stupid face I'd say it's

by Henry; He had no idea what was going on.

Henry move, Dudley's shove only caused himself to stagger a few steps

"Hehe..."

his eyes and

walked over to Dudley and said, "I was

the main Villain of a movie. He himself was akin to a weak and powerless Victim waiting to be destroyed by

to fight Henry when he recalled how terrifying the man was in a fight.

have felt that his cries were useless, so he turned in

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Dudley struggled like mad. "Henry! F*cking let go of me!"

Yet, no matter how he struggled, Dudley could not fight out of Henry's grip. He was like a powerless chick.

Just then, Alban walked over with a dark look on his face.

He glared at his son first. Despite how Alban had reminded him not to offend Henry, his useless offspring had still angered the man anyway, which made him extremely upset.

This was the perfect time to force Jasper to surrender, yet here his son was, getting into trouble with Henry. He was causing unnecessary issues now.

“Mr. Law, this, isn’t very appropriate, is it?”

While he did want to beat Dudley up, the latter was still his son, and many people were currently looking at them. Thus, Alban had no other choice but to suppress his anger and get his son out first.

“Hey, old man. How about you ask your son what he did first before you ask me to let him go, hmm?”

the conversation. You see, my mom passed

eyelid twitched and he looked at Dudley

waist while Henry kept his arms around his neck. He seemed like a stray dog that had been tied

not do so.

habit? Who taught you the

breath. He knew that there was no point being reasonable with trust-fund rascals like Henry, so he could only turn to

this trick of yours a little too lowly?” Alban

the issue here. He was the one who offended Henry first. I don’t

his

was not just Henry-Jasper was

there was nothing

all, he son was exactly the kind of person

not have cared too much. However, to have Henry stubbornly exploit this issue in their important event would only leave to Alban

say, “Jasper, Mr. Law, let’s leave this matter for now.

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Suddenly, the crowd surrounding them in hopes of overhearing some gossip was in an uproar upon hearing Jasper’s words.

It had long been public knowledge that the tallest building in the world would be constructed in Waterhoof City.

Many people also knew that the primary backer behind this tower was Jasper.

This was especially true for the people present at this forum conference. Most attendees were from the Teo Chamber of Commerce, excluding the few small fry from the Haddock Chamber of Commerce and the rest of the so-called experts like Perry.

Regardless of identity or stance, none of them were normal civilians.

So many things immediately came to their minds when they heard the news of Waterhoof City's World Financial Center.

"Mr. Laine, I believe I heard you say something about an issue with the World Financial Tower that's currently under construction? Would you mind elaborating on that?" A reporter mustered the courage to ask.

Jasper looked over to find that, coincidentally, it was again the reporter from South Somer Commercial Post.

"There's nothing wrong with the World Financial Center, of course. The construction of the building and its design was approved by the Waterhoof City Design Institute, and was also reviewed in-depth by a team of national experts from Swallow Capital!"

"This is a large project, after all, and while it does mean the world to me, it's also greatly valued by the government. There's no way anything could go wrong with it."

Jasper smiled and glanced at Alban, who had a dark look on his face. Then, Jasper continued, "But Mr. Ball had suddenly pulled out a so-called evaluative report just now and exaggeratedly claimed that there's an issue with the World Financial Center's design. This, I don't understand. So perhaps we should let Mr. Ablan explain it in detail."

After Jasper was done, everyone, regardless of background, turned to look at Alban intently.

not informed of this in

reporters were

Alban, could you respond to

Center's procedures are legal and rule-abiding. This is something recognized by the Waterhoof City City Government and Swallow Capital's Design Institute. Could I ask why you would commission someone else to write up an evaluation on a Tower that

question from the South Somer Commercial Post's reporter

was still a commercial hero who had experienced huge issues before, so after his initial shock, the clearing his throat, Alban faced countless pairs of eyes and

there is indeed a problem with the World Financial Center. To prove this, I

Conference Center and the Amethyst Gold Square were both designed by their team. This office is ranked seven in the

such an

evaluation on the World Financial Center even though I'm an outsider... Simple, because it's going to be one of the many faces of our country

Somer descents. Mr. Laine won't be the only one embarrassed if anything goes wrong with this construction, but rather all us Somer descents. We

glanced at Jasper. "Mr. Laine, I wonder if you're satisfied

matter to me. No matter how you want to explain yourself, the truth will always remain," Jasper

Jasper sinisterly, "Mr. Laine, it looks like you're

my path,

young man, there are times where you have to take a step back and give in. Stubbornly walking forward will

a man of Somer descent, I have a duty to hand my report over to the Waterhoof City City Government when I realize that something is wrong with

sincerely consider it and treat the matter seriously. Or at least, pause the construction of the World Financial Center before they reach a

at the government's discretion. However, if there's something wrong with Mr. Laine's design of JW Real Estates' most important project, then it poses the question, could there be any other problems with products from his

and MP5 product that's currently a hot topic within the country as well as

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With that, it became clear how this incident would play out.

None of the people present were stupid and they were well versed in such tricks.

Thus, they also knew that Alban was going to act on his words.

"Hey, Jasper. Perhaps you shouldn't be so stubborn. It won't benefit you in the long run."

A man said, shaking his head slightly. His expression was filled with impartial rationality.

Another lightly chubby man chuckled with him and said,

"I told you long ago, Jasper. You're still going to have to respect your seniors when it comes to doing business. Being so young and vigorous will only result in a huge loss! Our Mr. Ball's known for being generous and forgiving, so be humble and apologize. Perhaps then this tense situation might cool down."

"That's right. We're all doing this for you. Or are you really trying to halt the construction process? You're going to be the only loser here!"

At that, Henry who had been holding Dudley in a deadlock silently all this while was elated.

get it if everyone else is brainless, but I

I get affected by your bad luck when a god strikes you with lightning,
expression to change. He turned to Henry and said unkindly, "Who are you? Your vocabulary is full of
profanities. How can uneducated people like
and tossed Dudley away. Then, he walked over to the chubby man bossily and asked in an arrogant
tone, "Did you just call me
man was just one of Alban's lackeys. When he saw a tall and broad Henry walk over to interrogate him,
the man suddenly
"Oi..."
who're you
hand to slap the
Henry to hit someone so casually in front of
slap rang out loud and clear, causing
had been slapped roared in
Slap!
He was slapped again.
Didn't you hear me? And you complained about my profanities? What's
going crazy after he had been slapped twice. He looked over at Alban only to see the

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Dudley, a serious young man in his twenties, was terrified.
Meanwhile, Alban's expression was extremely sour.
He felt even more ashamed when Henry gave him a meaningful chuckle.
"Why're you hiding behind me? It's not like he can eat you alive!" Alban scolded disappointedly.
He was afraid that news of Alban's useless son would spread across the country after tonight.
Dudley shuddered but did not dare to talk back, though he did bottle some resentment within him.
After all, he did not see his dad stopping Henry when the other beat him up silly.
With a harrumph, Alban lost his patience. He knew that the situation would end up looking like a circus
if Henry was allowed to continue wreaking havoc.
"I know that this is a play you and Henry came up with, Jasper. But for what? You think I'll be afraid just
because of such an insignificant trick? You think I won't dare to hand this report in?"
if that's the

at Jasper as he said, "If you're going to remain stubborn until you die, then that, he

move to stop the man. In fact, Jasper seemed to be looking forward to Alban "Immediately hand the report to the Waterhoof City Government! Inform me hung up

"You said that construction of the World Financial Center won't be halted, right, Jasper? Just you wait.

people who were deterred and startled by Henry's anger were immediately

wonder how this stupid Laine f*cker will look

is what he gets for

him are nothing to Mr.

gotten excited with

and opened his mouth to say something. The words stopped on the top of his tongue when he

to Henry, saying aggrieved

and replied, "Because you're