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“Mr. Laine, you’ve been really close to the Laws recently. You guys must be planning something together. No matter what you are planning, you have to count me in as well!”

Jasper raised his brow at Michael’s words.

Logically, the first thought that came into Jasper’s mind was that Zachary Law must have told Michael something.

However, Jasper immediately snuffed out the possibility of something like that happening.

From a business perspective, Zachary had a position that ranked higher than everyone present here. Even if he had a good personal relationship with Michael and wanted him to join his side, he would not just disregard Jasper and tell Michael everything.

For now, the fact that he was working together with the Laws was absolutely confidential.

It was impossible for Zachary not to understand the risks of involving more people in their plans. If something like that were to be exposed to the outside world, especially by someone from the Law family, it would definitely bring forth consequential impacts to the finances of Harbor City.

Therefore, as long as Zachary did not do anything foolish, it was impossible for the outside world to know anything about their plan.

“Don’t overthink. It was easy for me to guess. You made your fortune in the stock market, and everything that you have recently done in Harbor City revolved around the stock market. At the same time, Zachary has been rather active nowadays. It is obvious that a major event is about to take place.

Those who are observant can easily realize this if they pay a little attention. However, they lack the core as well. However, after hearing what you said just now, I immediately understood. The downfall of the Internet economic bubble is a

the funds. That’s enough to create an impact in the capital sector of

noded after

someone who had managed to make a name for himself in a place full of powerful, influential people like Harbor City was not simple-minded at

Michael had already seen through their facade, there was no need for Jasper

Mr. Lane. Otherwise, there’s nothing more

was overcome

operates in unison. Also, since you’ve decided to get in this car that I’m driving,

I'm just taking the opportunity to score a bargain deal. I definitely wouldn't try to overthrow you. I'll listen to whatever you

"Let's make a toast to our

"Cheers."

toast signaled the commencement of a 1.5-billion-dollar entertainment film package sale plan, and future financial plans involving at least tens

a pretty good mood. He chatted and joked around with

"It seems like there are a lot of smart people out there in the

million dollars in the takeover of Gladness Entertainment, and he can rely on you to earn more in the future. There are no losses for you," he

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The auction commenced not long after. Jasper and Wendy had already returned to the banquet hall.

A big boss like Zachary Law no doubt had a custom seat for himself. Meanwhile, the younger ones like Jasper and Anna gathered in the hall while waiting for the auction to begin.

This occasion was a gathering of the stars. Everyone shone in all of their extravagance.

Even the air was filled with the lingering scent of wealth and fame.

Being as meticulous as always, Jasper also noticed that Mitch Langdon and Zane Lancaster were seated together. The two of them were peering at him as subtly as they could.

It was evident that having a common enemy allowed them to achieve a certain degree of understanding with each other.

"How did the both of them get together?" Anna asked, frowning her brow.

Based on logical reasoning, Zane only had his father, Bob Lancaster. Nonetheless, Mitch was different. His father was Kennedy Langdon, whereas his grandfather was Wallace Langdon. They were both top bosses in their own leagues.

With Wallace Langdon around, the Langdons would easily take the throne among the top four families of Harbor City.

Zane had no right to sit next to

for them to find a common topic

with Anna, Jasper sat in a seat designated for the Laws. It was located right at the front of the

rows were reserved for the Laws, the Boyles,

remaining seats were allocated for the other prominent and wealthy families of Harbor City. The

were close to a hundred

of wealthy people

here, those with assets worth a billion dollars or less were considered

realized that there was a beautiful female celebrity seated next to

Mr. Collins, Jasper had enjoyed viewing

Cindy Jung.

Stage name, Sherry.

be debuting in a group with another female celebrity this year after signing a contract with Golden Entertainment. She would become really popular

after the incident with the camera, she

over it in his past

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His words attracted the attention of many people.

Most of them were here just to watch the scene unfolding before them and join in on the fun.

Alas, Jasper was not a slice of delectable pie. It was impossible for him to make everyone like him.

If he were to consider the top four families alone, many of them felt a strong animosity toward him due to him being an outsider's sudden appearance in their family affairs.

Everyone was simply maintaining a facade of harmony on the surface.

Mitch Langdon, for example, was on the verge of becoming his lifelong archenemy.

Now that Zane had voiced out, a lot of people were waiting for Jasper to embarrass himself. Many of the gazes directed at him were dripping with contempt.

Henry arched his brows. He thought of Jasper as a respected mentor that would guide him on the path of becoming bigger and better. Furthermore, the Laws had invited Jasper to sit at their table. Thus, he represented the Laws as well.

that he was

could Henry

as Henry was about to say something,

have it wrong. Being your equal is an insult

people could not resist

isn't the Mainland. You can't act as arrogant as you wish to over here. You won't even know the cause of

"Even if you want to threaten me, do it differently. Please enlighten me on how

had such a smart and sharp way with words. Looking at the helplessness and humiliate Jasper but got humiliated himself instead, was so vexed that he began gritting his teeth. Just as he was about to say something, Mitch, who at Jasper indifferently. "Zane, stop talking. What good can come out of having a sharp like a dog at home. It won't understand if you scold it. Just beat it up. When it hurts, it'll learn you won't have the chance to

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"This collector's item is known as the Angel's Heart. It is a jewelry piece that Ms. Shannon White brought back from New Zealand more than a decade ago.

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"According to Ms. Shannon White, there's a secret within this collector's item. However, she doesn't know what that secret is either. She didn't manage to find out even after analyzing it thoroughly for more than a decade."

"Before Ms. Shannon passed away, she wanted to put this collector's item up for auction. All the proceedings will be donated to the Leukemia Research Foundation. The starting price is 1 Harbor Dollar."

This jewelry piece selling at starting price of 1 Harbor Dollar looked like a very simple and ordinary pendant. The pendant itself was molded in the shape of an angel holding a heart. Based on its material and appearance, it looked like it was worth 100000 Harbor Dollars at most.

However, Shannon White was one of the most famous philanthropists in Harbor City. Her death, which had been caused by leukemia, caused quite a huge uproar back then.

Hence, the Angel's Heart, which had a mere starting price of 1 Harbor Dollar and a so-called "secret" within it, attracted the attention of many people as soon as it appeared.

As for that so-called secret, many of them did not take it seriously. They just laughed it off.

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created by the auctioneer. Shannon White had analyzed the piece for more than piqued when he set

clearly remembered that this Angel's Heart really had a year 2012. It had been the hottest topic for a

"500000 Harbor Dollars."

been immersed in thought, the price of the Angel's Heart had already been elevated in the audience were some of the wealthiest people in Harbor City. To them, 500000 Harbor this jewelry piece herself, this was indeed an item of notable

Jasper joined in the bidding without

have a liking for such things anymore.

to earn anything on a daily basis. After all, only b*stards did not love a

bid. After that, the other wealthy people

good, it would not be wise to offend

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Those who were listening to Zane thought that he made perfect sense as well.

At this point in time, most people from Harbor City were still extremely xenophobic. They looked down on all outsiders, especially Mainlanders.

They felt that the Mainland was a land of barren hills and turbulent rivers where savages lived. It was a barbaric place.

In their eyes, Jasper's actions showed that he was chasing for clout while being reluctant to spend his money.

Seeing that many people agreed with him, Zane stared at Jasper contemptuously. "Did I get it right? Shut up and stay by the side quietly, you dog. Aren't you ashamed of yourself?" He drawled confidently.

Zane's expression turned stony as he spoke. "I can't even stand your dog-like stench when I'm seated in the same room as you. You stink," he growled in anger.

"Mr. Zane Lancaster bid 2 million Harbor Dollars. 2 million Harbor Dollars going once. Does anyone think that this Angel's Heart is worth a higher price?"

The host did not want to join in the fight raging on between the two wealthy men. However, he had to carry out his responsibilities. Thus, he had no choice but to bite the bullet and shout out into the microphone.

Right then, Zane smirked at Jasper. He was absolutely certain that he would defeat Jasper tonight.

"Follow the bid! Why don't you follow the bid? Aren't you extremely capable of doing so?"

he had up his sleeves. Zane guffawed loudly. "If you don't have the money, you can always borrow some from the

you mean to say that the Laws won't bother to lend that much money to a dog like you? Right, you're just a

happen next. They could not wait to see if he would rise up against Zane's attack or accept

to the development of

this young man that you look so highly upon is nothing

had been displeased with Jasper for some time now. Upon seeing his own son deal Jasper a harsh blow, he laughed

not over yet. Don't

think the

pretty powerful move. If Jasper Laine continues following the bid, it would show that he's calculative, impetuous, and easily irritated. However,

dilemma. Either way, it seems

dollars, going

host gulped and stared at Jasper, who appeared calm and collected. There was no sign of anger or

"100 million Harbor Dollars."

the host finished speaking. His

"Beep!"

people who took pride in having a good upbringing and education could not

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If Jasper was so easily defeated, how could he have trusted him enough to take time off for his health at such a crucial time?

How could the Laws rest assured while placing such a large bet on him?

Countless discussions were still going on in the function hall.

A lot of people were shocked by Jasper's strong financial power and boldness.

If he could take out 100 million Harbor Dollars in cash, no one would even bother to look at how much the Angel's Heart was really worth. This 100 million Harbor Dollars would be enough to crush Zane Lancaster's arrogant stance.

A dark expression formed on Zane's face. Jasper had raised the bidding price to the maximum.

There was no way for him to continue following the bid.

He had been arrogant and smug up till a second ago. He suddenly snickered. "Alright, alright. You're good. This jewelry piece is only worth a maximum of a few hundred thousand Harbor Dollars. This fool here actually bought it for 100 million Harbor Dollars. Don't you know that others will just see you as a fool right now?"

"It looks like you're not just a dog. You're a foolish, idiotic one."

Forget the other people, even the Law siblings were shocked by the bidding price.

few days. Although they suspected that Jasper was just doing so to get back at

admiration as she stared at Jasper. He had just spent 100 million Harbor Dollars on a whim. A

would follow a bid of 100

asking the price three more times in accordance with the rules, the host closed the bidding with a knock of the hammer before everyone's

at the monumental price of 100 million Harbor Dollars. I believe that Ms. Shannon White would also love to thank you from the heavens for your contribution to

extremely witty. He knew that there was nothing the wealthy people here loved more than building a good reputation for themselves. Therefore, he showered Jasper in praise without

that, a staff member held the Angel's Heart on a tray and delivered it to

the Angel's Heart, Jasper took out a cheque and put it on the

Mitch Langdon caught sight of the cheque, his expression instantly

course he found that cheque familiar. That was the cheque he paid to Jasper

foolish dog," Mitch Langdon

a few hundred thousand at most. What is he if not

Heart, Jasper did something that nobody would

the Angel's Heart to Anna Law, who was seated next

this set of clothes. Let me give this Angel's Heart to

blinked in shock. She then accepted the jewelry

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The pink diamond glowed softly under the light, but its brilliance seemed to blind the eyes of everyone within the function hall.

Zane was rendered speechless with shock. He stared at the pink diamond in Anna's hands in utter disbelief.

Right then, Zane felt his scalp grow numb.

How could this be?

How could some worn-out accessory that Jasper had purchased without much thought turn out to be a priceless treasure?!

Although he was not from the jewelry industry, as someone from a wealthy family, Zane had seen a lot more valuable items than the typical person.

Thus, he could easily tell when something was valuable.

This pink diamond was definitely not something of low value!

It felt as if countless invisible slaps were being directed at his face and smacking him till he was ruddy and swollen.

Zane gritted his teeth while his eyes turned bloodshot. He was so jealous that he was about to lose it.

Right now, he seemed just like a fool who had been busy entertaining himself just now by throwing insults and contemptuous words at Jasper.

really comes

murmured out loud. He found this situation

words represented the thoughts of everyone present

had told them there was a secret within the Angel's Heart. Ms. Shannon White had even examined the jewelry piece

had gotten fooled

actually take

the turning point of the incident came to them

Dollars on it. Even if this pink diamond is valuable, is it worth more than 100 million Harbor Dollars? Aren't you being taken advantage of just

Mitch sneered derisively.

simply could not stand the sight of Jasper acting all

demeanor was like a

not help but recall the moment when he almost kneeled down before Jasper two days

advantage of!"

the fire. "What are you being so proud of? A country bumpkin from the Mainland will always be a country

I bought it

in anger upon hearing what he
and expressions that
afraid that his previous scandals would

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Everyone knew that if this pink diamond was officially put up in an auction, it would definitely sell at a price that was much higher than this.

Everyone's gazes and expressions changed instantly. They looked at Jasper like he was a deity.

What kind of person was he to be capable of having such an accurate and sharp insight?

How did he know the secret of Angel's Heart?

"I've already given the diamond to Anna. It's not for sale," Jasper said matter-of-factly.

With this sentence, he firmly denied the opportunity to gain a profit of 20 million Harbor Dollars at once.

The expression on Jasper's face was so calm and indifferent that it seemed as if he had just rejected a poached egg delivered by the chef during breakfast.

"That's really...a pity."

Heartbroken, the chairman returned the pink diamond to Anna. He had no other choice. If Jasper was not willing to sell it, it was impossible for him to snatch it from him, right?

Anna stared at the pink diamond in her hand dumbfoundedly. All of a sudden, she found herself facing a slight dilemma.

"This is way too valuable!"

return the pink diamond to

it was just Angel's Heart, Anna would dare to accept it as a gift although Jasper

right now. Most importantly, such a

Anna Law

meant it when I told you

In contrast to the shock on everyone's faces,

in his past life. However, he had only been able to admire it from his computer

of a pretty lady as compared to earning a sum of money," Jasper said with a

in the function hall looked

other man could even begin to compare with Jasper's

gamble at high stakes just

could be as

for the queen's pleasure may be a fatuous and self-indulgent ruler in the eyes of his people. However, to the queen, he was the best husband in

Anna and had been closely watching the entire incident all

Anna, she would be willing to do anything for

who were willing

thousands of Harbor Dollars in cash. It was worth at least 30 million Harbor

the entire act, Anna's gaze flickered. She did not dare to meet

some inexplicable reason, she felt slightly

30 million Harbor Dollars was not a large sum of money. However, now

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"Hahaha."

Michael Lane, who was seated at the table of big bosses, laughed out loud.

"Zachary, Jasp is pretty good!"

Michael openly expressed his admiration for Jasper.

The other bosses looked at Michael in distaste. Michael had always been on Zachary's side. There was no need for him to act all supportive of him right now.

However, even they could not deny the fact that Jasper had made a brilliant move.

Zachary had a bright smile on his face. "This kid has always been like that," he said.

Although he was speaking in a casual tone, his choice of words reflected just how much he admired and cherished Jasper.

Alas, the head of the Law family would not just address anyone as 'this kid'.

This was how an elder addressed his or her junior.

Zachary and Michael were both in good spirits. In contrast, Bob Lancaster and Kennedy Langdon's expressions did not look too good.

They had not personally joined in the exchange, but anyone could tell that both their sons had been defeated by Jasper.

had been put to shame,

It was just that they had gained

auction continued amidst the audience's chatter and their

people present in the function had to purchase at least one item from the auction. Otherwise, the previous incident, they still called to bid when a blue and white porcelain bowl was

Dollars," Mitch called for a

the four top families. Besides, everyone knew that he had just embarrassed himself badly and was currently in a bad mood. For their own sake, no one

"1,000,000 Harbor Dollars."

not called for a bid since

their expectations, but his

out into laughter. He whispered loudly in Anna's ear, "See, I told you that Jasper would not let him off just like that. He's definitely going to embarrass those two idiots thoroughly before defeating

Mitch's expression to further

lighthearted and relaxed. He picked up a

acted like this, the more hatred and resentment rose up within

Harbor Dollars!" Mitch said through

Otherwise, he would not only embarrass himself, but he would also bring shame upon

called for another bid almost immediately

Jasper. "Do you really want to have a falling out with me?" he asked

swallowing. He then picked another strawberry and passed it to Anna. "Taste this. It's quite sweet,"

either remain standing or sit down. He felt like the biggest joke in the world after being thoroughly ignored by Jasper. Everyone was laughing at

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Zachary shook his head and laughed out loud.

Utterly amused, he could not miss out on the opportunity to mock Kennedy Langdon.

As expected, Kennedy's expression darkened.

The other bosses chuckled happily after meeting gazes with each other.

Both situations occurred during an auction and involved a battle of wealth.

Nevertheless, the one who had the upper hand between Mitch and Jasper could easily be discerned.

“Mr. Mitch Langdon has called for a bid of 100 million Harbor Dollars for this blue and white porcelain bowl. Going once.

“Going twice.

“Going thrice, it’s a deal! Con-Congratulations to Mr. Mitch Langdon,” the host announced. The host did not even dare to look at Mitch, who had a ferocious expression etched on his face. He began auctioning the next item after carrying out the follow-up processes in a hurry.

The items to be auctioned grew fewer and fewer. Jasper did not call for a bid after that.

With a look that could kill etched on his face, Mitch was still fuming with rage. Nonetheless, Zane Lancaster, who was seated right beside Mitch, grew nervous.

He was extremely anxious.

for a bid up till

knew that Jasper would not let

he gave up on the auction, others would mock him for being stingy. A lot of them

be put to shame

could not embarrass his father,

from Harbor City was presented in front of the audience. Zane

“1.1 million Harbor Dollars.”

He had already decided on a limit of ten million Harbor Dollars. If Jasper called for a bid higher than that, he would get back at

prevent himself from

about this, Zane’s lips curled into

trick someone

a country bumpkin

“Ten million Harbor Dollars.”

both of them. He immediately raised

the corners of his mouth twitched. The price Jasper called for had reached the maximum bidding price that he had set

just the first round of bidding. If he gave up right now, it would be awfully embarrassing

his teeth, Zane’s gaze flickered. “15 million Harbor Dollars,” he

intended to get back at Jasper. He would give up on the bid later no matter how

as Zane was feeling full of himself, he realized that

