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“C’mon, don’t do that! I was just joking. Besides, I’m usually the one who throws others into the sea. You’re my brother-in-law, you’re not going to throw me into the sea, are you?”

Henry said at once. He used to be and still was fearless, but when he was facing Jasper, he felt a sense of admiration and apprehension.

In fact, Henry always had a really simple outlook on the world.

He would strike anyone who was an eyesore to him, then go to his elders if things went south.

He had been guided by this logic for over 20 years of his life and the tactic worked each time.

Though many times, Anna was the one who played the role of Henry’s elder.

In fact, Zachary knew about all the trivial things he had done.

Old Master Law was equally troubled, but since he went through the same thing when he was young, with his son getting even better than him at this, there was simply nothing he could do.

would not have handed the important task of educating

walking through the door in the middle of the night and sitting on the couch dejectedly, smoking without a word, he felt his temples

his son all too well. Normally, when Henry behaved like that, he knew that he had done something so not understand why Jasper could remain so calm all

cigar and lit it before sitting down across the duo. He

sighed. He looked at his father but hesitated to speak. He wore a sheepish look on his face, looking extremely sorry yet

temples throbbed even harder

it!” Zachary roared

Henry sighed, his face full of bitterness. “Here’s

later, Zachary and Jasper, as well as Henry with a slap print on his face, sat dejectedly opposite Old Master Law and sighed at

long sighs made

told Old Master Law the whole story, he rubbed his face and said with a wry smile, “Dad, I know it’s inappropriate for us to trouble you when it comes to things like this, but it’s different now.

Now I also have to clean up your son’s messes

Zachary, "..."

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Zachary gritted his teeth and said, "I'll dismiss Henry from all his duties and positions inside and outside of the company. I'll also suspend all his credit cards and property for half a year."

Henry's complexion changed. He was just about to beg for leniency when he saw the look in Jasper's eyes. All of a sudden, his resentment was swallowed back in.

He whimpered for a very long time and eventually squeezed out the words, "Got it!"

Henry's hatred for Erik had reached an unprecedented level.

Old Master Law nodded, satisfied with the outcome.

"Henry, give me a recount of the things Jasp did in the hotel earlier," Old Master Law asked suddenly.

Henry suppressed his annoyance and recounted Jasper's domineering and pompous actions earlier. He grew emotional all of a sudden. He narrated the things Jasper did with radiance and delight.

When Henry described the part where Jasper said that only one of them could win the battle and no peace would be made, Old Master Law slammed the couch's armrest and said, "Marvelous!"

"All young people should be this domineering and aggressive! You did a marvelous job, Jasp!"

you would blame me for

in the future, you'll still be the Laws' son-in-law. If you chicken out when you're supposed to be tough,
sent

about the ambiguous relationship he

a little

Old Master Law continued with a deep voice, "This

really cunning old fox. Then there's also Old Master Turner. If things get out of hand, then the loss we're
going to suffer will

must get it done immediately or we'll be at a disadvantage if this goes out to

at Jasper and said softly, "What do you suggest we

business group is a sensitive topic at the

we can still

sulked. "What's there to negotiate? Just start a war straight away. The Laws have never feared anybody.
In Harbor City, even the three other families don't have the guts to provoke us. If I do it, I'll hire two

up! Who said it's your turn

up and sat down grumpily without a

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Early next morning.

Turners' residence. Brad's house.

The scent of cigars permeated the air. Brad listened quietly as his son Erik retold the story of what happened.

"This is how it happened..."

Erik clenched his fists, and even at this moment, he still felt a stifling sensation in his chest.

"Jasper and Henry are too arrogant. They flipped the table straight away even when I held a trump card. They don't respect me at all!

"Where are we? Swallow Capital! Not Harbor City where they can throw their weights around as they like!"

teeth and raged. "Dad, I must teach them a lesson this

but his voice could be heard. "Why didn't

night yesterday. Plus, you just came back from

your hands on the documents!" Brad's voice was deep. "If

you think both of them will keep this between themselves and solve this with you in private? How naive could

things to them anyway. I was just trying to swindle them before handing the things over to our family. What I didn't expect, however, is that their heads are strong as steel. I can't

"Why do you think you're able to swindle

because these two things are extremely important. How can they possibly

this point, Erik's expression

and said, "You're just getting it now, huh? This is

transfer the ownership first thing itself, they can evacuate the company and withdraw the funds at any time. What's left for

mistaken, Jasper must've already ordered Henry to do

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Brad sighed, then looked at Erik with great disappointment before saying, "I thought you would learn from your lesson after what happened last time, and if worse came to worst, I figured you wouldn't underestimate Jasper. That's why I appointed you to handle Jasper's affair.

“Looks like you’re still too immature. If you had handed over the documents to me as soon as you got them, then I would’ve locked the Laws’ branch account immediately. A few hundred million would’ve been enough to bring pain to the Laws for a period of time.”

The more Erik thought about it, the angrier and more regretful he became. He said, “I’ll get it done now!”

“It’s too late! The moment you invited Jasper and Henry for dinner, all the company’s funds had been exhausted,” Brad said flatly.

Erik said, unwilling to take it lying down, “What should we do now? We didn’t even get any benefits and still need to be put in a tight spot?”

Brad said lightly, “Well, you can’t say that we didn’t get any benefits at all. Families like us and the Laws pay great attention to reputation. That’s worth more than billions of dollars.

“If the news that you took all the shares from the Laws’ Swallow Capital branch spreads, then Old Master Law’s reputation will drop to at least half of what it was before. That will be our bargaining chip.”

he heard what he said and asked eagerly, “What do we do now, Dad? We must teach Jasper a lesson this time. If I don’t trample him to death this

speaking when someone

and grudgingly said, “I’m discussing urgent matters

the door, the butler said reverently, “Master, a young man called Henry is here to

those in the room, both Brad and Erik’s expressions changed at the

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that brat is

solemnly, “The Laws have probably started taking action. Let’s

Erik were at the reception

him. His eyes

a jackal

of anger surged from the depths of Erik’s heart for

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Erik looked at Henry’s smirk and felt as though his chest was about to explode.

“This is Swallow Capital, Henry Law! You’re at the Turners’! Not in Harbor City or the Laws’ house! You’d better show my father some respect!” Erik raged.

“How am I not respectful?” Henry curled his lips and stretched, saying, “It’s just because I’m a casual person. What’s wrong? Can’t stand it?”

Creak... Erik could not wait to punch Erik's annoying face right now.

Erik's face was flushed due to anger and grievances. It was really hard to hold back.

Henry was gloating even more when he saw Erik's expression. "Hey, Mr. Turner, you have a really ruddy complexion. Looks like you've been in a pretty good mood lately?"

Those words sounded so familiar.

Erik had said something similar to him just last night, a little over ten hours ago.

This alone made Erik feel as though his fury had burned off the last bit of sanity he had left.

"The Turners are not people you can disrespect. Do you think we will accept your invitation just because you delivered it to us? I'll kick you out!"

After hearing Erik's remarks, Henry sneered and said, "You're really brainless, indeed. Can you take a look at the name inscribed in the letter before you speak?"

Brad had opened the invitation by now.

[Brother Jason Turner, it has been more than a decade since we last met and I can't wait to see you again. Today, I specially invite you, Brother Jason, as well as your good nephew Brad and grandson Erik to have dinner together at six o'clock in the evening at Swallow Capital's InterContinental Hotel's Imperial Ballroom.

[Sincerely, Tom Law and Jasper Laine.]

When Brad saw the invitation, his face grew tense.

Old Master Turner's

was Old Master Law's

from Old Master Law inviting Old Master Turner to a

guts to decline an invitation of such

after Old Master Law's name was Jasper Laine's

was this

pushed Jasper up to a level that was much

just a mere glance was enough to turn his complexion ghastlier than

closely behind Old Master Law's name. At least

to accept—the

was where Jasper had

choose the

To humiliate him deliberately?!

he felt a surge of blood rising
father had the right to decline this invitation, hence he had no choice but to endure Henry's
his fist, Erik glared bitterly at Henry. No one knew what he
invitation and inform my father at once. Please send my regards to Old Master Law, Henry," Brad
said, "Sure. I'll definitely send your regards, Uncle Turner. Since I've delivered the invitation to you, I'll
and swaggered toward the door. When
end you! Weren't you
but you're not his only grandson. My grandpa only has one grandson. How can you compare
said that, Henry walked off
hold back his rage any longer. He smashed his fist
flowing river. The pain numbed his nerves, and his gaze grew
can't take this lying

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InterContinental Hotel had been operating for nearly a decade now and had received a lot of big shots in the past, but never had anyone booked the entire hotel for an entire day.

This was not just a question of money, but a question of status and identity.

At this moment, both the Gardners and Hulls felt a mixture of emotions.

Norman and Ian exchanged glances with each other, noticing the regret and unease from each other's faces.

When they received the invitation today, they had been so frightened that they nearly ran away from Swallow Capital.

That invitation was sent by Old Master Law himself!

If this invitation had come some other time, then it would no doubt be a great honor. Even the invitation card would be worth being framed and mounted to the wall.

Now was not the time, though!

The Turners and the Laws, both representing the local faction and Harbor City's business group, were currently fighting each other!

All the other magnates had hidden for fear that they would suffer, not to mention both of them who were only a tad bit bigger than a shrimp at best!

"Sigh, we really shouldn't have meddled in this in the first place."

In the elevator, Norman sighed with an obscure expression.

Norman felt a deep sense of powerlessness when faced with the two behemoths, the Turners and the Laws. He did not have the slightest courage to go against them at all.

However, now that he had chosen to stand with the Turners, Norman simply had no idea how he was going to respond to the banquet invitation.

"It's too late for that." Ian was calmer than Norman.

"Whatever happens later during the banquet, we will both remain transparent. Don't make your stance easily no matter what both parties say later!"

After hearing what Ian said, Lisa said nonchalantly, "You're making a fuss, Uncle Ian. The Laws must've deemed us worthy and that's why they sent us an invitation. There's no need to be so careful around them.

"Besides, you know how close I am to Erik. The Turners won't just stand on the sidelines and watch the Laws bully us."

Lisa's words made Ian frown. He said flatly, "If the other party is really afraid of the Turners, then Ben wouldn't be lying in the hospital right now."

When he mentioned that Ben was currently lying in the hospital, Lisa's expression sank. The fury in her eyes flashed as she gritted her teeth and said, "Ben is injured and I won't let this matter drop so easily!"

As she spoke, the elevator door opened.

They were swept by a tense atmosphere.

Norman, Ian, and Lisa looked up and saw Erik and Brad confronting Henry and Zachary.

Although they had no idea what had just happened, everyone present on the scene was no fools and could easily tell that the air hovering over their heads was extremely tense.

"Erik!" Lisa called out to him, eager to show everyone that she shared a unique relationship with Erik. She rushed up to Erik and took his arm, asking softly, "Are you okay?"

Erik was extremely annoyed, but he found it inappropriate to remove Lisa's hands in front of Norman and Ian, hence he said with a cold expression, "I'm fine. I just bumped into an annoying man, that's all."

turned to look at Henry and sneered, "Look, you invited us and we came. Is this how you treat your guests? By blocking them at

witch. Know your place. Who says it's your turn to

filled with a surge of confidence that she had

on airs and talk to me nicely. Otherwise, when I

said those words, the expression of everyone on the scene

knew that Lisa was in trouble and were eager

this the kind of thing that one could say

Erik and Brad looked at Lisa as though

had even planned to make Lisa his daughter-in-law, but right now, it seemed like this woman was too risky to be married into the

Lisa. Judging from his status and identity, nothing Lisa said could infuriate him, let alone

not mean that Zachary could tolerate

I suppose the Gardners have really good family education

already grown accustomed to all kinds of storms

this young lady. I will teach her a lesson right away. I kindly ask you to let this

how Henry treated us when he came to our house? He infuriated you so much and nearly put you in
elders are here today, I

narrowed his eyes at Lisa and asked, "I'm arrogant?"

said that, Henry raised his hand and struck Lisa's face without

hard that half of Lisa's

and crisp

coldly, "You witch! Do you really think I won't drag you to the back of the mountain and bury

strings of blood hanging on the corner of Lisa's mouth. She covered her face, her head ringing. Under
the tremendous humiliation and pain, she felt

hitting me again, Henry Law? Are you going to put me in

guess you're not that dumb

you're really something, aren't you? You forced me to make this exception for once. Motherf*cker, how
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No one stopped Henry from slapping and kicking Lisa.

Even Norman himself could do nothing but suppress his heartache and fury.

After all, Lisa was the one who said the wrong things first, and Harbor City's top-notch aristocrats were right in front of him. Norman had neither the qualification nor the guts to go against Zachary.

Though when he noticed that Henry was planning to kick her a few more times, Norman had no choice but to step in regardless of his fear of the Laws.

He stepped in front of Henry and begged for leniency with a smile on his face, saying, "Calm down, Mr. Law. Calm down. My daughter doesn't think before she speaks. Don't argue with the likes of her.

"It's a great day today, let's not ruin our moods for trivial matters like this, shall we? I will apologize on behalf of my daughter."

When Henry saw how Norman was relentlessly apologizing, he sneered and said, "If your daughter was half as smart as you, things wouldn't have gotten to this point either."

Norman gritted his teeth in secret. The anger in his heart was boiling, but the smile on his face remained. "Please forgive my daughter, Mr. Law. Look, why don't we all go in first?"

little unwillingly. He had planned to use

it was impossible for him to feel sorry for a

the

was more, Lisa had provoked and annoyed him
for a really long
was all over, Imperial Ballroom's
out while talking and
here and not going in?" Jasper swept his gaze across the scene and could roughly guess what was going
Lisa saw Jasper, her
culprit for all the things that
not have
in the hospital unconscious while she was humiliated in public. Even her father was insulted
the culprit
stood up immediately and screamed at Jasper's face, "Jasper Laine! Why are you still flirting with Anna
when you're already dating

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If he put their grudges aside, Lisa impressed him, actually.
She must have a death wish to speak to Jasper like that.
The last person who spoke to Jasper like that was probably buried in a grave with grass that was three
feet high by now, right?
Lisa seemed to have gone all out.
She cared for nothing and pointed at Anna, saying, "Do you think this man is really that outstanding? It's
all just for show!
"I'm sure you don't know this, but he's dating another woman other than you and her name is Wendy
Schuler! You? You're just a spare!"
Lisa's face was filled with maniacal resentment and thrill. It seemed as though she would never grow
tired of smearing Jasper's name.
"How ridiculous! I can't believe that you, the Laws' daughter, actually got deceived by a man from the
Mainland and don't even know you're an intruder in someone else's relationship. Don't you feel
embarrassed at all?"
was ashen, and even Ian looked
that this was all over
cold frost in the
man, Henry?"

Lisa by the throat while sneering, "You really know how
Norman pounced forward
and sneered, "Do it for your sake? Who do you think you are? If you have the energy to beg me for
"Know when
around while narrowing his eyes, looking Erik up and down. He then grinned from ear to
began twitching. He had no intention of intervening actually, but his father Brad gave him a look just
now so
the host, I think it's a little too much for you to beat your guest. If you have anything to say, we can
always talk after our meal, don't you think?
and said, "Stop talking nonsense. Why should I wait just because
coldly at Henry, he said, "Our elders are here, it's

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Jasper's words eased up the tense atmosphere a little.
Zachary smiled, leading Henry and Anna into the room first.
Brad and Erik followed closely behind.
When Brad walked past Jasper, he stopped in his tracks and sized Jasper up and down. He suddenly said
with a smile, "Would you like to come to the Turners' to have tea some time?"
Everyone else put on a skeptical expression as soon as Brad said those words.
What was that supposed to mean?
Was he trying to draw Jasper over to his side?
Was he trying to mess with the Laws?
Zachary, who had not walked too far yet, smiled without a single care. He then walked straight into the
Imperial Ballroom.
that useful, then he, Zachary, would
it to be. After going through so many
other richest families in Harbor City, it was common knowledge that if anyone laid
a gorgeous and outstanding daughter like Anna. What the
Ian both looked at Jasper with a complicated
did not expect Jasper to be so outstanding
rare that even the two of them who were from the same

he stared fixedly

the invitation, Uncle Turner, but I have too much to do lately. If I can find the time to make a visit, I

was not disrespectful when

not make it too embarrassing for Brad as his 'elder', but at

and Jasper had clearly gained full proficiency in

not surprised when Jasper declined his invitation. He had even prepared himself for Jasper's

saw Jasper in a new light because his words did

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Norman's expression shifted, and he stared at the embarrassed expression on his daughter's face with heart-wrenching pain. He took a deep breath and decided. "We won't be joining you for dinner later."

Jasper replied calmly, "Why not come in for a seat since you're already here anyway?"

Norman had a complicated expression on his face. "Benny's still in the hospital and he has an operation waiting for him. My daughter doesn't seem up for it today either, and I wouldn't want to make a fool of myself in front of the two old masters."

Jasper looked at Norman indifferently. "It's too late for you to regret it now that you've already chosen your stand. Did you think that retreating now will keep you out of the problem?"

Norman growled. "What do you want, then? A fight to the death?"

Jasper smiled. "Your words are a little too harsh for my liking. I much prefer peace, and I'm sure there's nothing that we cannot negotiate."

Just then, Ian walked over and stared intently at Jasper. "What do we have to do for you to leave us alone?"

Jasper smiled. "Isn't it too late to ask me this question? Plus, say that I let you off, what makes you think the Turners will too?"

"Then that is still a problem between us and the Turner family. What I'm talking about right now is your attitude!" Ian bellowed.

turned to Lisa and saw the utter resentment in her eyes before he suddenly spoke, "No room for discussion

unwarrantedly, for he had

not mean he was

bore grave distaste

people had both money and power and

Ian would not thank him for his mercy if he kindly forgave them but would only take advantage of it to recover and

had to make sure that he completely removed any

through both Ian

regret, indignation, and most importantly,

Jasper was looking

you've already crushed both our families, then leave."

turned to

sitting scattered on the sofa in the magnificent and shimmering Imperial Ballroom. The round table had already been

was there, Jasper then notified