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The Turner family seemed to understand that too, which was why they had not even bothered to transfer the accounts.

They had also kickstarted the registration process for their newest company, which would be approved shortly.

“Both the local faction and Harbor City’s business groups have their eyes on the construction project for the Olympic stadium. However, the project has not been formally established yet. The most anyone can do now is wait.”

Jasper and Zachary were sitting in the study, exchanging their views on the current situation in Swallow Capital.

Zachary nodded and said, “Not bad. That’s what we considered too, which is why we’ve only just registered our company. There’s no need for operations yet. When the project is formally established and tenders are open to the public, that’s when conflicts will erupt.”

Jasper sighed. “It’ll take at most one year and at least half a year. That’s when things will start to get interesting. The year is quickly approaching an end, and there shouldn’t be anything else happening.”

Zachary smiled as he said, “We plan to return to Harbor City tomorrow.”

Jasper asked in surprise, “What are your plans for here?”

Zachary answered, “Not much is happening here now, but a lot is going on in Harbor City. Many things can’t function if I’m not present. Besides, Old Master Law is getting old now and is no longer accustomed to spending long periods away from home.”

not great.

Old Master Law, Anna, and I will take a plane back tomorrow. The three other families

have matured quite a

“I know Henry. He’s not stupid, but his heart’s just not in the right place. I deliberately did not place pressure

the project goes public. However, I can’t deal with Erik

but if he can’t, he’ll have to admit his shortcomings and return to his life as a rich kid in Harbor City. He won’t be

garbage shares worth absolutely nothing in a shell corporation. As for the project proposal, it was rendered useless the minute it got leaked. Neither we nor the

merely to comfort them

“Luckily we had you around this time.

sincerely, “It’s my responsibility. In both love and

...

the afternoon. Jasper spent the morning talking to Old Master Law and left when he began

the room when he

Year’s,” Anna said softly as she stood in front of Jasper.

go visit

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Jasper’s unexpected movements caused Anna to unconsciously tense her body.

She tried instinctively to push Jasper away, but when she put her arms on Jasper’s chest, she realized that the little strength she had was not enough to push the man away.

Their warm breaths caused Anna to become even more flustered. Instinctively, she lowered her eyes and did not dare to make eye contact with Jasper.

“What, what are you doing? Let me go!”

Anna was mortified at how soft and tender her voice sounded.

It was supposed to be a strict statement, but it sounded weak and helpless when she said it. Conversely, it even sounded as if she was only pretending to resist.

“Are you scared?”

When he noticed the dramatic changes in Anna’s mood, Jasper leaned over slightly and chuckled as he whispered into Anna’s ear.

Anna felt Jasper’s warm breaths envelop her ear as he whispered.

man’s burning aura made its way right into her

limbs turn into jelly. There

racing as her entire body, particularly her face, turned warm. She did not need a mirror to

without knowing where she had gotten

backward and smirked as he gazed at

panting as if she had suddenly

eyes reflected light like a

that the whole world

Anna looked

Jasper, but she

had Jasper managed to take advantage of that, but most importantly, she had failed to live up to defenses, and she was unable to even

a source of annoyance for

after giving

as if she

a hand to his nose. Hmm, her smell

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However, this was inevitable. The Turner family of Swallow Capital could not be compared to other smaller families. They had way more tricks up their sleeves than Jasper currently did.

Thus, if one wanted to get rid of Erik Turner, they would not be able to do that within a day.

All they could do was take their time laying things out.

Jasper had the advantage of reincarnation on his side. The rate at which his wealth increased was bound to exceed everyone's expectations. It would not take long before Jasper no longer needed to pay attention to these families.

"Will you continue staying at Swallow Capital?" Jasper asked Henry.

Henry's face radiated delight as he said happily, "There are still a few processes the newest branch office has to complete, so I'll be here for a while longer. I can only leave when everything has been taken care of."

"I'll be returning to Southeast Province soon. Come meet up with me once you're done with business here. The Southface River project we collaborated on is almost done but I need you to look over some developmental details before we can wrap things up," Jasper said instructively.

Henry pouted as he said, "Can't you make the decisions? I don't understand anything anyway. I sort of want to spend a few more days in Swallow Capital—"

"Swallow Capital is a messy place. Not only should you leave as soon as possible, but you should ensure you don't get into any trouble during the time you have to stay here. Both Old Master Law and your dad have left, so no one can protect you anymore," Jasper said as he frowned.

when has Henry Law required

the Turner family another visit? I heard you were very high and mighty the last time you delivered

mouth twitched before he grumbled, "F*ck, it's hard for me to deal with that idiot Erik when we're in his homeland. I'm not being

that you know to back off," Jasper answered

the time you arrive at Southeast Province and do the last bit of work for the project, the year will have ended. When the New Year celebrations end and spring arrives, we can encash the project. We're pressed for time, so not a single second can be

are you leaving?" Henry

before answering, "Probably tonight. There's nothing left to take care of here and I haven't returned to my company in the province for months. There's a

so much money when you don't enjoy life and work yourself so hard that you could not be bothered to pay any attention to the fool with

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those he had connections with in Swallow Capital and taking care of

about Henry Law? Has he left too?"

come bearing the

will naturally cause trouble for him. As for

Master Turner," the confidant replied

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The plane landed smoothly at Province Airport.

Jasper had not informed anyone of his return this time. On one hand, he did not think Wendy needed to travel to the airport to pick him up. On the other hand, he wanted to give Wendy a surprise as well.

Jasper hailed a cab and traveled to the villas at Thornton Park. Jasper was going home.

"Mom, I'm back," Jasper said tiredly as he entered the house.

"Why didn't you tell me in advance? Hurry, go take a rest." Sally came to the door and took Jasper's luggage from him. When she placed it aside, she asked warmly, "Have you eaten yet?"

"I just got back from Swallow Capital. I ate on the plane," Jasper smiled as he answered.

Sally immediately turned and walked toward the kitchen when she heard that. She said, "That must mean you haven't had a full meal. I'll cook you some noodles."

Jasper knew his mom's personality. She would nag him endlessly if he did not eat that bowl of noodles, which was why he did not bother stopping her.

Jasper followed Sally to the kitchen and stood at the door, asking, "Where's Dad?"

he went to attend the funeral. He won't be back for another two days," Sally answered while she smiled. "Are you

fine here, but I don't know that many people

they have to take care of their grandchildren and don't have much time to talk to me and ease my boredom. I feel

a hidden

Jasper, trying to convey what she was not

continue being envious. I don't plan to have

and he was growing busier and busier by the day. He needed to focus all his energy on his

old. He had not even begun considering marriage, let alone

the knot and have kids soon. I can take care of the child while you two work on whatever you need to. Isn't that a good idea? How

going to wait until I'm so old

We'll just

think a nanny can take better care of a child than me? I'm the

haven't even begun talking

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"What sort of problems?" Jasper asked as he frowned.

Not only were the provincial government and its higher-ups in the department paying close attention to the Southface River project, but it was also currently the most important local project JW Real Estate had ever taken on. It did not make sense that there would be any problems.

"I think a real estate company from Waterhoof City is interested in developing the north bank of Southface River, and they've been in contact with Nauritius City's government lately. The city hall is tempted by the favorable conditions they're offering."

"I'll go check on them tomorrow," Jasper said in a low voice.

The Southface River cut through the province. Its south bank was a wide, open area that was situated in a core area of the New City project. That naturally made it an important area.

However, the north bank was filled with mountains and would be a difficult piece of land to develop. Thus, it was not worth much.

However, a real estate company from Waterhoof City suddenly appeared and claimed to have an interest in developing the north bank. Without a doubt, that meant that they were challenging Jasper.

Jasper recalled his past life and confirmed that nothing like that had happened. This only further solidified his feeling that whoever was in the real estate company from Waterhoof City would not be a friendly face.

800 million dollars in the Southface River project. Nothing could go wrong with the

went to sort out some documents at
been here, the office was in tip-top shape thanks to Wendy and Jack who had also been at Swallow
fill up with employees and no longer looked like empty
in control of various companies, including Terizone and Sena in Swallow Capital. Moreover, they also
had a real estate company
of manpower and physical
the villa, which used to be spacious, was now starting to become
an
pocketed that thought as he drove to Dawson's
smile on Wendy's face had not left from the minute she spotted Jasper's car
love was on Jasper, who
We can eat
took Wendy's hand in his. "Come on, let's
worries lessened considerably when he saw

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Dawson nodded in satisfaction when he saw how confident Jasper was.

"If you're in the business world, you'll meet all sorts of people, including royalty and smugglers.
Competition among your peers is inevitable.

"It might be healthy competition among businesses, or it might be malicious competition with intent to suppress. There's no way you'll be the only person in an industry. Competition exists as long as you have peers.

"Competition itself is not scary, but you should always ensure you never underestimate your enemy and confuse yourself. No matter who the competition is, you must make sure you have a thorough understanding of them before fighting against them. Your mindset is the most important thing here."

Dawson gave his diligent advice and said kindly, "If you're going to take matters into your own hands, I can help by contributing ideas, but most of it will be up to you to handle."

Jasper understood that Dawson was giving him a chance to gain more experience in fighting business battles, which was why he did not modestly decline. He smiled and said, "Alright, you should take this time to rest up. I'll come to you if I face any further problems."

Dawson smiled and said, "You've already proved your ability and vision in making money. You're much more powerful than anyone I've ever met, but you still need a little practice in business battles. I'll help keep an eye on things while I still can. You don't need to worry."

Dawson's phone rang while he was still talking.

It was a phone call from the executives at JW Real Estate.

A moment later, Dawson hung up the phone. He had a grim expression on his face.

“The people from Waterhoof City are quite aggressive.”

Wendy hurriedly asked, “What’s wrong? What did they say?”

City’s government just called. Something about how the company that wants to develop the south bank intends to have contact with me because they plan to build a bridge across Southface River that is supposed to do? Since when were companies in charge of that? Our main goal as a real estate company is to earn money, and

“Nauritius City’s government thinks it’ll definitely be a good thing if the south bank is developed as well. Not only will it build a better image for themselves, but they’ll also be able to boost the

of the things the real estate agents at Waterhoof City used to tempt

to fund a portion of it as well. In the end, we’ll have paid

nodded. He was deeply

said in a low voice, “But either way, developing the north bank is a project that neither Nauritius City’s government nor the Southeast Province City’s government can reject as it will boost their economy. We’ve already gotten the

approach us all they like. When will that

Norman were going to drive up to his door, there was

had never considered

at the conference room of Nauritius

a brief moment before he raised his head and said, “I’m fine with the time, but I get raised an

the south bank of the Southface River. If we’re going to discuss the development of the south and that’s

inform Nauritius City’s government of

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well-known figure in Southeast Province, a territory that covered Nauritius City. When the call was made, the city hall only hesitated for a

time with Wendy before getting into the car and

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“The whole south bank of Southface River will undergo development. The site is about 900,000 square feet. After meeting with the planning department, our current plan is to build an integrated city center right in the center.

“That includes a Central Business District, a CBD. The CBD will include two 20-floor commercial buildings and one 40-floor office building. These three buildings will serve as the core of the district. The remaining buildings will surround it.

“In terms of lifestyle, we plan to build four neighborhoods. One high-end neighborhood, two on the poorer end of the spectrum, and one for those in the middle. There will also be two large shopping malls, two kindergartens, and one elementary, junior, and high school each.

“Other supporting facilities such as hospitals, municipal offices, and bus lines have all been allocated into the budget.”

Sean could not help but become excited as he reported to Jasper. He said, “Mr. Laine, to be honest with you, I used to work at a state-owned real estate agency where I thought I had a lot of experience.

“However, our understanding of real estate used to be nothing more than the construction of a few neighborhoods or business buildings. At the very most, we would be contracted for multiple-use buildings.

“I only realized how much one can do as a real estate agent when I saw JW Real Estate’s proposal for the Southface River project. We’re constructing a miniature city!

epitome of what it means to be in real estate. All the other real estate agencies in the country seem like the one who had come up

future. There would not be any surprise anymore. However, when such a concept was introduced in a world 20 years

merely drew on some experience I gained overseas and combined it with what

This design was redone several times when it was delivered to the design institute before it got approved. You

was stunned. “Mr. Laine, you designed

as

My old friends in the industry have been asking me who came up with the design for Southface River for the longest

famous for sure once

they spoke, the car pulled to

contact with

and their supervisors were at the car door, fighting for the chance to open

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He was not the only one. Norman, who was with him, also had a tense expression on his face.

The person standing beside them was the person in charge from Nauritius City's government, and he sounded somewhat delighted and proud as he introduced the two to the site.

"Excluding Swallow Capital, Waterhoof City, and Cavern City, the Southface River project is the most advanced and modern city construction project in the country.

"Furthermore, it's also currently the most important project in the province. Once this project is completed, it'll help enhance the province in terms of the level of influence and competitiveness!

"It's currently about 40% completed, and we estimate it'll be fully completed by the first half of the next year!"

Norman felt annoyed as he listened to him talk.

He and Ian had not made the trip from Waterhoof City to listen to people praise Jasper's ability!

would never have believed a 20-year-old boy was in charge of such a massive project if I hadn't witnessed

spoke in a

Dawson is just a supervisor while the actual mastermind is Jasper! Seems

after a long pause,

like this for another ten years, I'm guessing that not even we will have the guts to challenge him

powerful compared to us now. Most importantly, look at how old he is. What tricks could he have witnessed in

same thoughts as

bad feeling now as he stood with his back to the Southface River. He looked at the construction site, which was slowly revealing its majestic

great price. However, was it a wise choice

turbulent. He felt as if he had boarded a train that had left the

the person in charge said, "Here come the people from JW

of people walking toward them, and among them was a young man they would recognize even if he had been burnt to

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"This is an unfortunate misunderstanding. I initially thought Southface River was worth developing and had the south bank as my first choice. Unfortunately, luck wasn't on our side, and the developmental

rights for the south bank have already been claimed. Thus, we can only go for the second best choice now and develop the north bank.

“I never thought that you would be in charge of developing the south bank, Jasper.”

Ian had a slight smile on his face as he replied.

Jasper chuckled. “I think it’s quite a good thing. I was just thinking about how unbalanced it would be if the north bank were to be a desolate area while the south bank became a modern city after the project is finished. It’s a good thing now that your company has come forth and expressed interest in developing the north bank.”

“It’s good if you think about things that way. However, please don’t think we’re targeting anyone by coming here. We don’t mean it that way,” Ian said as he smiled.

Jasper laughed. “Of course not.”

As the two chatted and laughed, everyone else spectating could sense the hidden edge in the peaceful, jovial atmosphere.

Including Sean, everyone from JW Real Estate had a hostile look in their eyes as they looked at Ian and Norman.

here to take their business away from them and launch a fight against

atmosphere started turning

smiled and said, “Mr. Laine, you’re one of the up and coming young entrepreneurs in the province. Now that Mr. Hull and Mr. Gardner have set their hopes on the future of the

person in charge and smiled slightly as he said, “We’re all just going about our own business. Of course, I would never say no to anything that would help boost the

that and said, “Mr. Hull and Mr. Gardner came up with a proposal some time ago. They plan to connect the north and south

banks of the Southface River will be connected. That will greatly boost the economy of the north bank.

the minute he

with a clear eye could tell that Ian and Norman had suggested building a bridge so they would also receive a share in

of the Southface River. It restricted the development of

south bank would become the new province capital once the

needed to do then was sit back and look

for Ian and Norman to walk away with such benefits after Jasper

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Jasper’s straightforward attitude was causing them to feel uneasy.

However, now that Jasper had mentioned his two requests, it meant he was about to retaliate.

Ian and Norman made sure they were on high alert. They were interested in what Jasper would do.

“Please go on, Mr. Laine,” the person in charge from Nauritius City’s government waved a hand as he spoke jovially.

‘Persuading Jasper’ had been one of the items included in the task list their superior gave them. That was no easy feat.

It would be alright if the person was an average businessman as these people never dared go against the city hall. However, Jasper Laine was no ordinary businessman. Even though he was the person in charge from Nauritius City’s government, he did not have the guts to act cocky to Jasper either.

However, he had not needed to say anything before Jasper indicated his interest and cooperation. How could he not feel happy? Jasper seemed like the most handsome man in the world to him right now.

“It’s simple. Building a bridge is a good thing, and although I intend to support it, I currently have a project that requires several million dollars of payments every single day. Thus, I won’t be able to support the project financially. That’s my first request.”

apprentice who was bashfully

where the Southface River meets the sea. Not only will we be able to connect the north and south banks, but we’ll also be

ferries to travel, and they have no roads that

started cursing when

Jasper Laine, he

to stop himself from punching Jasper as he watched the latter

the south bank would accumulate. This way, they could attract some people over to the north

Ian and Norman had only mentioned paying for the construction of the bridge themselves to get into the city hall’s good

fork out a fund of several billion dollars from their

would get Jasper to fund the project as

pleased with himself after

placed in a bad light