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"This is getting interesting."

Norman said coldly, breaking the silence. He got angrier the more he thought about it.

"You're not paying, but you're deciding on the address. You have nothing to lose, yet we are still supposed to listen to you? What kind of logic is this?"

After hearing what he said, Jasper replied matter-of-factly, "Well, you guys want to build this bridge in front of the South Bank, yet I'm still supposed to welcome you guys happily? What kind of logic is that?"

Norman flared up in rage as his expression morphed into one of anger. "Jasper Laine, don't be an ungrateful wretch. The construction of the Southface River Bridge has been approved by the city government due to the benefits it'll bring to the people. Does it not hurt your conscience to reject this project because of your own personal interests?" He questioned.

"I don't understand what you mean," Jasper said calmly. "The construction of the Southface River Bridge is a good thing. I expressed my support for it as well. However, I suggested a location that's more suitable for the construction. Am I going against my conscience by doing so?" He asked.

"Alright, if that's the case, then don't mention the construction of the Southface River Bridge in front of me ever again. Even if you are going to build it, don't even think of touching a piece my land on the South Bank. Do you think that you can construct this bridge without my approval?" He added.

Norman's expression darkened. "Jasper Laine, you're just making things harder than they need to be. Do you want me to force you to do so?" He spat angrily.

that you're capable of forcing me to do such a

both Norman and Ian's faces changed

smiled and said, "We are all associates. There's no need to ruin our relationship over a small issue like this. Why don't we forget about the construction of Southface River Bridge for the time being? We can proceed after you guys settle on a set of conditions

Laine. Don't assume

to

and said in a controlled voice, "In that case, show me your capabilities. I really want to see what

few decades older than you. You should be more courteous toward

"You're right, Mr. Hull."

lips as he said, "However, I'm afraid that some people might have lived their few decades in vain. He seems to think that he's

Ian's expression

Jasper's words were directed at Norman. However, he was chiding Ian implicitly as  
arise very soon. The project in South Bank

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However, Jasper did not do so.

He knew how to grasp the overall situation well and pinpoint exactly what the city government wanted.

A person like this was a true talent.

"Alright, I'll tell everyone the good news at once. It's getting late, so I won't take up any more of your time."

Jasper smiled. "Work is the priority. I'll arrange for someone to drive you back," he said.

Without the need for further instruction, Sean Tucker immediately gestured at a few of his smart-looking subordinates, and someone accompanied the person in charge out at once.

After the person in charge left, Sean told Jasper courteously, "Mr. Laine, you have such powerful methods of handling things. Take that person in charge for instance, I thought that you wouldn't treat him nicely even if you chose not to point out that they were being greedy by trying to gain all the benefits without offending us."

minor role—the higher-ups are the ones who made the decision. Besides, the higher-ups tend to consider things from a holistic perspective,

still decided to give them the right to

and looked at the undulating slopes of the north bank opposite the river. He suddenly smiled and said, "That may not be a bad

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Inside the hotel.

Crash!

wine glass against the ground. His face was flushed

Does he really think that he's

lived a few decades in vain? How can an immature b\*stard in

was beyond agitated, and spoke calmly, "That's enough, Norman. Being angry serves no purpose. Jasper Laine's move was indeed something that we didn't consider. Your anger won't change the fact that we lost to him

unbuttoned the top button of his shirt. He took a few breaths before saying, "That's why I'm mad about it. This b\*stard is way too

used some small tricks. We had never expected that he

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"In Swallow Capital, Jasper Laine relies on the Laws' support to show off in front of us. Let's see how he intends to do so in the province! Without the Laws, there is no way that that b\*stard and Dawson Schuler, that old scoundrel, is able to beat us!"

A hint of coldness flashed in Ian's gaze as the corners of his mouth lifted slightly to reveal a devious smile.

"That's right. This time, we must let Jasper Laine know that no matter how powerful he is, there's always someone greater than him. Besides, he must pay several times over for everything that he's done to us!" Norman responded.

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Meanwhile, Jasper met up with Dawson to tell him about the order of events that took place today after returning from the construction site.

"This is interesting," Dawson said with a smile. He made a cup of tea for Jasper.

"My thoughts are the same as yours regarding the construction of this bridge. At best, this was just one of their tests. They never expected for us to agree to it in the first place.

"Besides, it's impossible for the construction to take place without our agreement. They just wanted the Nauritus City Government to form a bad impression of us."

a pedestrian greenway. The budget of the entire project should be around 10 million dollars. We can spend this money

the attractiveness

right. You considered everything thoroughly. However, there's no need to pay it too much heed. After all, business is business. Anyone with a discerning eye can clearly tell that there is no reason to condemn us even if we

plan," Jasper said while taking a sip of his tea. "They won't

better to lay low

They should be more anxious than we are. It would be the best if we didn't

ends in a few months, it'll be too late for them to do

nodded. Dawson's thoughts

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General Hospital, Wendy brought some fruits into the intensive

was looking after Cathy, got up once Wendy entered the room. "Ms. Schuler, why are you here?" He

surgery, so I didn't have time to visit then. I came over to visit her now

a seat on the chair that Julian had pulled out. Cathay opened her eyes weakly to look at her. "How are you? Are you feeling alright?" She

She still could not speak, so she could only nod her head slightly or use her gaze

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Stupefied, Wendy responded, "No, I'm always either at the company or at home. My life revolves around these two places. How could I offend someone? What happened?"

Julian's expression became more serious. However, he was a smart man. He knew what he could tell Wendy, and what he could not. He smiled and responded, "It's nothing. I was just asking. I dirtied the apple just now, so I'll take another one. Wait for a moment."

Julian picked up another apple. He then turned around and left the ward.

Wendy's mind wandered as she watched Julian's silhouette.

After walking out of the ward, Julian pulled out his phone and called Jasper immediately.

"Jasper, it's me, Julian.

"Ms. Schuler came over to the hospital to visit my sister...Yes, her surgery is over...Yep, it was a major success. Thank you for your concern, Jasper...

"Jasper, I discovered that someone was stalking Ms. Schuler just now. That person was extremely alert. He ran away once he noticed me. I was worried that they had something else up their sleeves, so I didn't go after him and came back to ensure Ms. Schuler's safety."

goodbye when he received Julian's call. He was on the way home at

listening to what Julian said, Jasper asked the driver to head over to the Province General Hospital immediately. "You made the right choice. Don't do anything for now. I'll head over right away. Let's talk after I arrive," he told

Jasper arrived at the hospital, Julian was

called out as he walked in front

as he patted Julian on the shoulder. He turned around to smile at Wendy and

Jasper said. He leaned down to press her back onto the bed after

side now. We have a pretty close relationship. Wendy told me that you have quite the talent in comes with grueling responsibilities, so you

He then turned around to face Wendy. "Why are you

asking you that, right?" Wendy asked as she cast a glance at Julian. Julian must have discovered something. He must have hid it from her and

stopped by on the way to pay someone a visit,”  
came over to pay Cathy  
said, “Wait for me here. Julian, let’s go  
to walk out of

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In a hotel within the province.

Ben Hull was resting on the bed in a suite that had been converted into a temporary ward.

His complexion was terrible after undergoing two operations. However, his gaze was even more terrifying.

Lisa Gardner and a man in his thirties, who looked a lot like Ben, were in the room as well.

This man was Hans Hull. He was Ben’s uncle.

Hans’ parents bore him at a relatively older age, so he had been spoilt since he was young. He had started looking for women when he was a teenager, and now that he was in his thirties, he had achieved nothing except for establishing himself as a renowned playboy.

Hans’ complexion was pale due to his constant indulgence in debauchery all year long. His body had long been a hollow shell that was dominated by women. His gaze shone as he stared at the photographs of Wendy Schuler in his hand with a lustful gaze.

“Are you all rubbish?” Ben yelled at a man standing by the door.

hunger on the streets. However,

after yelling at the man due to his overwhelming rage. He had a

“Don’t get all worked up, Benny. The doctor said that you have to control your emotions now,” she

formed on Ben’s face. “This bunch of rubbish can’t even follow a mere woman around. How could I not be angry?”

expect a professional to appear in the ward. That person is really skilled. He saw through my disguise almost immediately. I had to

you’ve been with the Hulls for a

the photograph of Wendy Schuler in his hand unwillingly. He raised

replied, “Yes, Second Master, it’s

bullying my nephew. Moreover, I really like the woman of the man that

any of your excuses or explanations. I’ll give you one more chance. I want to see

horrifying image of Julian flashed across Aaron’s mind. Although the two of them had never gone against each other before, he knew

Julian was definitely a powerful fighter

a master like

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Although Hans was Ben's biological uncle, he had a larger age gap with his father, Ian, than he did with him.

Therefore, in all honesty, the two of them could be regarded as birds of a feather.

Furthermore, Hans was the one who had brought Ben to his very first hook-up.

"Uncle, I wouldn't recommend someone of a subpar quality, would I? She's a woman of excellent quality. This is just her photograph. You are yet to see her in real life. Even I fell for her when I saw her in person."

As Ben spoke, a sinister smile formed on his face. "However, that man called Jasper Laine is Wendy Schuler's boyfriend. He's sort of difficult. As you know, my father and uncle have been going against him lately. Therefore, we will have to resort to tricks to kidnap her," he said.

Hans waved his hand at him. "What are you afraid of? Even if he's that powerful, he's just a young boy. With your father and uncle personally going against him, he'll be defeated for sure. How dare he go against the Hulls and Gardners?" He questioned indifferently.

Ben laughed and exclaimed, "You're really confident, Uncle! We just have to wait for the good news from Aaron now. When I picture the expression on Jasper Laine's face once he discovers that his girlfriend has slept with another man, I get all excited! Hahahaha!"

A vicious and venomous smile appeared on Lisa Gardner's face as well. "Once he realizes that he's been cheated on, let's see how high and mighty he'll be." She added.

He then tucked them

by Wendy Schuler. As for Jasper Laine, he could not care less

He could get away once or twice, but what was

or wife right before their very eyes. Hans did not feel an ounce of guilt when he did something

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Inside the ward.

a list of all the possible candidates who had sent someone to follow

in Swallow Capital, so it was impossible for him have such a far reach. If he had done something like

Hull and

were the most

there were still some problems that  
information at hand. There was no way for Jasper to pinpoint the perpetrator

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Jasper felt that Wendy made some sense.

Moreover, he did not want to force Wendy to stay at home in light of her insistent stance.

Wendy was one who could be persuaded by reason, but she definitely would not yield to a forceful approach.

After learning that someone was stalking her, there was no way that she would hide at home just because of it.

Dawson had previously told Jasper about an incident that took place when Wendy was sixteen years old. Back then, one of Dawson's business competitors intended to hire someone to kidnap Wendy in order to threaten him.

However, sixteen-year-old Wendy Schuler had insisted on continuing to attend classes with a taser and a knife in her bag.

At that moment, Jasper knew in his heart that although this young lady looked soft, gentle, weak, and appeared like an easy target for bullies, she was definitely not an ordinary woman who could be easily provoked.

If he were to draw a comparison between Anna Law and Wendy Schuler...

Anna Law was just like a poppy flower—she was beyond enchanting and charming. However, she had her means of poisoning others when they least expected it.

breathtakingly beautiful, but there were thorns concealed under the fragrant scent of her petals. Anyone who dared to approach her without thinking twice were likely to get

was a pretty lucky man. In front of him, Wendy had always  
side for the

Jasper," Julian agreed

her point of view, Jasper was in a position that

it was likely that those

she was about to express her thoughts, she caught sight of Jasper's stern gaze, which was directed at her. She instantly swallowed all the words that she had intended to

of the time. However, once he made a certain type of decision, nobody was allowed to question

Wendy said

plan, Jasper

left with them as

Cathy needed someone to look after her during her recuperation period,

had arranged for a team of experts to observe and oversee the entire process of Cathy's recovery. In

Julian did not need to worry

three of them left the ward and soon returned home. Jasper and Wendy did not tell Dawson about

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As soon as Jasper walked into the company, he invited Sean and a bunch of executives that had rushed over from the construction site to gather for a meeting.

"Mr. Laine, we had originally agreed on the shipment of a batch of cement with Hero Company today morning. However, they didn't send out the shipment. We tried to contact them by calling them, but they told us that the manager in charge of handling us had gone on a business trip and can't be contacted for now."

A person in charge stood up and announced. There was an unpleasant look on his face.

"Hero Company is one of the country's top large-scale cement suppliers. How can a single manager be in charge of handling the entire shipment? What about the other people?" Jasper asked.

"We couldn't get in contact with them. Meanwhile, the managers that that we did manage to contact after numerous tries told us that the company was facing a production shortage right now. Therefore, they have limited all of their distribution channels, and have no idea when they'll be able to distribute the supplies to us"

Jasper rapped his fingers against the table. His expression was dark and overcast. "Are there any problems with our payment for the goods?" He asked.

The person in charge reported, "There was absolutely no problem with the payment. We adhered to the contract strictly. We pledged two batches of goods, and paid for the first batch of supplies after the third batch was sent to us. There has been no problem until now."

Jasper nodded and said, "In that case, this isn't about money. What about the steel supplies? Are there problems with that as well?"

Another executive let out an audible sigh. "The situation at Stellar Company is pretty similar. We can't get in contact with the person handling our supplies. However, Stellar Company faxed us an official letter," he said.

that several of the boilers at Stellar Company are under maintenance, so they are currently shut down and cannot be used for production. They are unsure as to when

the payment on this either. We fulfilled all of the criteria mentioned in the contract that has been agreed



person in charge, who was in his forties, did not dare to meet Jasper's gaze at all. His forehead was beaded with sweat. With a bitter expression on his face, he said, "Not only are there problems with the cement and steel supplies,

reason, the procurement manager would be the first to be held responsible if there was a problem

manager felt like burying himself in the ground right

his words, the atmosphere in the meeting room fell

gazes at Jasper, who was seated at the head of the table, as they waited for him

there were problems with procuring one or two of the building materials. However, the supply of all our building materials, regardless of the shipment size, have been cut off at the same time. It's obvious that

Jasper did not reply.

something simple

smart. In fact, it was

was still

was a trick that utilized a predatory pricing strategy to buy up

their opponent would have lost all resistance instantly. They would be at the mercy

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Sean and a few of the executives looked at each other.

They all understood the reasoning behind their opponent's actions.

The development of the Southface Riverbank was an enormous project. They would lose millions if they stopped the construction for a single day.

Nobody would willingly want to stop the construction unless the situation was dire.

However, their supply of building materials had all been cut off. It would be impossible not to suspend the construction site under these circumstances.

Nevertheless, Jasper did not leave them waiting for too long. He drew up a plan immediately.

"There's a building material supplier called Ambition Corporation in Brac Country. The boss of this company is named Xavier Johnson. He's one of my associates. Later on, the head of the procurement department will have to get in contact with him and ask him to supply us with building materials from the Brac County market."

The head of the procurement department was overjoyed upon hearing this. "Don't worry, Mr. Laine. I'll handle this task well," he said immediately.

Jasper massaged his temples and said in a frigid tone, "I've found the person that you need, and I'll give you his contact information later. All you need to do is make a few phone calls and assess the quality of the supplies. If you can't even do something like that, I'll need you to pack up and go home."

The procurement manager instantly flushed a bright red. Overcome with awkwardness, he could not say a single word.

“There’s something else as well.”

Jasper did not give him another glance. Although it was not his fault that the supply of building materials had gotten cut off, this issue had revealed that JW Real Estates’ procurement department was seriously inadequate.

They did not even plan to look for another supplier after the original source cut off their supplies. The was the main responsibility of the department head.

However, this was not the time to penalize them. That would have to wait until everything was resolved.

Steel Co. Ltd. They are one of the largest steelmaking plants in the country as well. Even without Stellar Company, we can get

before saying, “Mr. Laine, we had to get quotations from both of these companies when we were selecting the suppliers. The quotation from Fortress Iron and Steel Co. Ltd. was 20% higher than that of Stellar Company. They didn’t give us any room for negotiation either. Therefore, we eventually chose

having our supplies cut off by Stellar Company, I’m

to it as long as the price isn’t too outrageous. If you aren’t sure, you can discuss the matter with Vice President Tucker. Our current priority is to resolve the issue

is the head of the

cold and hard expression on her face. “Mr. Laine, I’m Sarah

with Sarah Lund’s performance. She had always

of these contracts. There is no need to send them a lawyer’s letter. The other party will not care at all, and there is no need to discuss it further. We will sue them, and reject

from their compensation. This lawsuit is going to be a major battle. Don’t refrain from causing a huge ruckus. The bigger the ruckus we cause, the

carry out our actions according to your conditions, these lawsuits will be delayed for a long time. We

lot of time on my hand. I have tons of money as well. Through these lawsuits,

who dares to breach their contract with JW Real Estates will have to be prepared to face our lawsuit till the very

ended, Jasper returned

usually empty except for the times that the cleaners

television. The provincial

revolved around the development of the north

screen. He was standing with his back to the venue of the foundation laying ceremony, which had just ended. "The main goal we would like to achieve

into a central city that will integrate daily entertainment, and leisure.

North Bank will

the office table

was from the

Hull said

off the television. However, he changed his mind and

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300 million dollars.

At first glance, it sounded like a lot.

It would be considered a lot even twenty years into the future in the era Jasper had been living in before his reincarnation.

300 million dollars was enough for a family to achieve financial freedom. They would be viewed as admirable millionaires in everyone's eyes.

Nevertheless, however he looked at it, the price of 300 million offered by Ian Hull sounded like a huge insult.

"I won't say much about the value of the project's development rights. Putting that aside, I have already invested 800 million dollars in the project alone, and I've made a follow-up investment of more than 1.5 billion dollars. Despite all this, you telling me that you're going to buy this project for 300 million dollars. Mr. Hull, you have such immaculate decision-making."

Ian chuckled at Jasper's words. "Mr. Laine, I'm much older than you are. At first, I thought that you were really capable and wouldn't need many tips on what to do. However, I'd have to teach you a thing or two today," he said.

isn't based on its monetary value alone. Some things will end up being a

be worthless burden to

it'd be different in my hands. I can make it work. This is my personal ability. This is my capital. You can't fixed a calm

in an indifferent tone, "From your perspective, is there no doubt that I'll

being so pretentious, Jasper Laine. Isn't it meaningless to do so? Your supply of building materials have been cut off, and I'm telling you that you won't be able to purchase any building materials no matter where you go or who you look

This is what you

of the Haddock Chamber of Commerce, who would dare to get on my bad side? Who would choose to supply you with

is the construction site going to proceed with

satisfied expression on his face. "In this world, you can't do whatever you want just because you have the potential and have once

or once you're at my age,

gone through the torments of society. You wouldn't