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Jasper was all the calmer when faced with the furious Ian.

Although Jasper had vented out a portion of his anger on Ben and Hans, that did not mean Jasper would let this matter drop just like that.

Who gave Ben and Hans the right to touch Wendy?

Just because they were born into the Hull family, they felt secure in the knowledge that they had the Hulls to fall back upon, hence they could do anything they wanted without consequences.

Like what Jasper said earlier, this time, he would tear the Hulls apart and throw them into chaos.

It was only by doing so would he be able to impede a future disaster.

He could also use this punishment as an example to warn his past, current, and future opponents.

If they wanted to deal with him, sure. They should just be blunt about their actions and intentions and take the gloves off.

However, for anyone who tried to touch his woman and cross the line, then Jasper's craziest revenge would await them!

Jasper still could not let it go, and he would not stop until he ended the Hulls!

"Make me pay?"

"Your brother and son are currently paying the price, and in my opinion, this is still far from enough."

Jasper sounded calm and indifferent, not even remotely stirred by Ian's infuriated roar.

Ian stared at Jasper with eyes full of anger and hatred. He pointed at Ben and Hans lying on the ground. At the moment, they looked nothing like humans. Ian was so furious that he laughed aloud. "Can you at least give a more decent excuse? What did they do to deserve this?"

"Do you even know the rules, Jasper? Business matters stay in the business field. If you're bold enough to attack them today, I will use the same method to retaliate against you tomorrow!"

"You broke the rules first, so don't blame me for not warning you!"

Jasper did not intend to have a meaningless argument with Ian. He motioned to Julian with his eyes.

hint, he lifted Hans from his feet, tossed him to Ian, and said in a low voice, "Tell him all the things both words sounded like the curse of a devil at the moment, so how could

Hans made a clean breast of all

grimmer and more

his teeth, glaring at Hans

can't believe you did something this serious
that Hans and Ben had colluded to kidnap Wendy and even nearly raped her, he felt
itself was
all was that they had done something wrong and
had succeeded in carrying out the deed, Ian might be furious,
of them would have successfully dealt a
had to consider next was how to deal with Jasper's
things were
carry out
they could even steal anything. The burglary had now
was a
astute and scheming Ian felt a little
the ground and held Ian's thigh firmly. His face was all snotty and teary as he said, "I know I was wrong,
Brother. They're no humans. They drove Benny crazy and
Benny is your son. You can't just stand
Ian listened to Hans, he raised his head abruptly only to see blood and flesh on Hans' lower
was that from the moment he stepped in through the door, Ben had only been laughing the whole time.
Not only
though his
had set his
Laine, you should have come to me regardless of
castrated my brother and
committed an
committed an unforgivable
Ian while raising his voice

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Killing was always the most low-class solution to a problem for truly ambitious and ruthless characters.
Compared to killing, torturing was a more effective way.

Take for example, Jasper knew very well that when dealing with Hans and Ben, killing them would only
help him vent out his anger momentarily.

After a moment of thrill, he would then face endless problems.

There were not many heroes today that could rob the rich to help the poor unlike in ancient times. It could cost him his life if he murdered someone.

Moreover, this was not in line with Jasper's idea of putting them through utter misery.

This was the same for Ian.

Jasper could easily order Julian to cripple Ian.

What then?

Hulls would still

still carry out

planned to lay

was different from Hans and Ben. He was not a direct participant in this incident, nor did he have any but instead, he

only when the Hulls had nothing left that Ian and his family would

Jasper said, Ian was abruptly stunned. He stared fixedly at Jasper and sneered. "Call the cops? Are you bold enough to call the

childish thoughts like that. Did

incident could very much turn into a scene where my men saw an unlawful act and bravely stepped forward to help out. That led to both parties getting injured.

sent deep

admit that Jasper was

Province was Jasper's stronghold

importantly, Dawson was there to back

old fox had not shown up, but he had been in the Southeast Province for

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Jasper stated his conditions.

Ian nearly fainted from the lack of oxygen when he heard what Jasper said.

"I've dumped 500 million into the Southface River Project, and after adding the penalty fee for breaching the contract, my loss will stand at one billion at least. I have to leave just because you asked me to?!"

Jasper said calmly, "That's your problem. You can most certainly ignore me, but one thing for sure is that I'll throw your brother and your son into prison."

“You!”

Ian was furious. He pointed at Jasper, almost wishing he could skin the man before him alive.

Jasper looked at Ian calmly and said, “This is just the first step. If you can’t even take this, then I advise you to dissolve all of the Hull family’s industries and hide far away.”

Ian was so furious he laughed aloud. “Ha! You want to drive us away and exterminate all of us, huh? Don’t forget that the Hulls are based in Waterhoof City, Jasper Laine. Your petty little trick isn’t enough to get rid of the Hulls!”

Jasper said impatiently, “I will only ask you once. Can you or can you not get out of the Southeast Province in three days?!”

body trembling slightly from

yell at Jasper’s face and then turn around

was on the ground begging for mercy, and Ben, who had now stopped laughing but was sitting on the ground dazedly, made

gritted his teeth and said, “Okay,

the great humiliation and grief when he said those words. He stared at Jasper and said, “But I will not let this drop so easily! Soon, I will make

similar things many times. Aren’t you sick of

word because I will not let this matter drop so easily either. When I say that I will commit an unforgivable crime against the Hulls, I will make sure to do it in a clear-cut manner. I will be happy to see you put up a fight because the more you struggle, the more satisfied I will be. How will I put you in

with Julian immediately after saying

the room, so furious that he nearly

ground with an exasperated expression. He wanted so much to lecture them for spoiling everything and being unable to achieve anything, though when he saw the wretched states they were

now. It was better for him to think of what

Can you recognize

to Ben, knelt down, and shook

sluggish

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Jasper did not go anywhere nor did he do anything for the following two days, opting to stay by Wendy’s side instead where he channeled all his focus on her.

He relayed the details of what had happened to Dawson after he returned.

Out of all the details was his plan on how to deal with the aftermath of the problem.

At that, Dawson merely told him to leave the matters of the Hull family in the Southeast Province alone.

It then dawned on Jasper the power his future father-in-law had in the Southeast Province.

It was just as Ian had worried. Dawson's power had been running deep in the Southeast Province for decades, and while he did not flaunt it all the time, his power was beyond imagination when he decided to use it.

"Jasper, according to the latest news, all of the Hull family's power and funds have been pulled out from the market in the Southeast Province."

Julian reported to Jasper in the backyard of the villa.

peeling the apple in his hands. The smooth apple continued to turn in his hand while the long strip of its skin fluttered in the air. The peel seemed moments away from breaking, but

into small slices and fed them to Wendy before

completely recovered after two days of

slap was the only physical injury she suffered, and she had

She had already readjusted and recovered from her emotional

do anything at all yesterday. All he did was sit in the office of the city's government for an

Hull family has invested quite a bit in the Southeast Province. So with them pulling out, not only would the Hull family lose everything, but the Southeast Province will also be unable to come out of this

the construction in the North Bank has just been completed, that's as far as its progress will go. So

The city's government no longer has the right to decide what happens anymore, and since there's no way the conflict between our families can be resolved, their only

theirs,

Jasper analyzed it clearly.

he then saw

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Dawson replied plainly, "They already had no choice but to throw away one billion of investment funds, so what's a bit of luggage?"

Jasper commented indifferently, "At least they fled fast."

The Hulls had managed to truly infuriate both Jasper and Dawson.

Jasper and Dawson would have no issue with others as long as they played according to the rules.

Yet the Hull family had ignored the regulations and overstepped their boundaries!

Not to mention that this overstep by the Hulls had been a trigger to both Jasper and Dawson.

“This is only the beginning. A loss of one billion is just a surface injury to them, it’s not detrimental enough. I’m going to break them apart next and thoroughly remove them from the market forever!”

unfazed tone was filled with

two families can reconcile anymore, so there’s no point

have a plan and it’ll be set in motion

shoulder in relief. “I’ve never questioned your work... but there’s something that I have to discuss with you

as they’re concerned, since they’ve already given the land out, the advertisement that’s already

decision-maker in the city’s government will allow such tarnish. Especially not when the development of the South Bank is completed and everyone can see the

Bank had never been put on the development agenda in the beginning, but since it’s already there and

words were very ambiguous, but Jasper could hear the intent behind

government wants us to take

Dawson smiled. “Correct.”

what’s been invested in the South Bank if you want to

it from a different angle, the North Bank

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At most, the Southface River’s North Bank project was an unexpected win for Jasper.

With it, he would attract more attention to the South Bank project, and the villa district in the North Bank would also be greatly anticipated in extension.

One could imagine that once the South Bank became the economic center of the province, the North Bank’s villa district on the other side of the river would thus become a place where the top wealthy people in the area, or even the entire Southeast Province, would gather.

It was the same piece of land, yet it churned out completely different results in the Hull family’s and Jasper’s hands.

Not that the Hulls had not thought of turning the North Bank into a villa district. Since the Hulls had managed to make a name for themselves among Haddock’s businesspeople and even found their footing in Waterhoof City, Jasper had never taken the Hulls to be idiots.

“The main thing is that both our families have different goals. The Hulls plan to develop the North Bank mainly to pick on our development in the South Bank. That’s why they decided on a business center plan like the South Bank to compete with us. They were only trying to overwhelm our project in the south.

“But with the North Bank’s development also up to us, we can have a business district in the south and a wealthy residential area in the north, so to shift the focus onto the Southface River. With developments on both left and right of the river, we’ll create a high-end district within Southeast Province.”

Jasper and Dawson came to a tacit agreement.

The North Bank project had thus fallen into JW Real Estate’s pockets.

“But the most important thing right now is to completely destroy the Hull family,” Jasper spoke calmly as he looked at the lush green land in the villa’s backyard.

“I’m afraid that’s something we can’t do on our own.”

Wendy had already retired for the night, and Jasper had sent Julian out on an errand. Dawson was the only one by his side.

Hearing Dawson, Jasper replied calmly, “Undoubtedly. After all, our power only goes as far within the Southeast Province, and our influence will only lessen once we’re outside.

where they’ve set up camp. They’ll be the hosts there while we’ll be their guests. It’ll be much more difficult to follow out

have completely given up their traditional business of tea-making

more demand than supply. They’ve earned a lot more from that, but there’s still

following eight years since

the connections to import goods from overseas, then even idiots could earn money without doing anything

started to use the real estate industry

a different industry, but I might have an idea if this is the import and

in surprise but

knew that Jasper was no longer the humble stock genius he knew

this was all the necessary development a business hero had

with the Hull family was an

by another name. If it were not because of Wendy, then it would be due to some other

for themselves with peace. The birth of a new force came with the downfall of a few, if not many,

much input on it. Like I said, do what you think

seriously. “Got

clapped Jasper's shoulder

change of heart after this incident for he realized that he did not have many opportunities to

up for it, or perhaps so that he could watch over Wendy as she recovered from her emotional trauma, but as long as he was free during these two days, he would

so, he had also managed to find time

thought for a moment after Dawson left. He decided

to speak too politely or apple-polish. He went straight to the point. "Uncle Law, would you be interested in doing a business in the Mainland that guarantees at least 500

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Why was the import and export industry so profitable within the country now?

Firstly, it was because there was a lot of demand in the Mainland, and there was no worry that the imported goods would not be sold out.

Secondly, it was because of the unique policies stemming from unique national conditions.

Due to issues in the past, most of Harbor City's goods were duty-free. After the handover, the Mainland had then written Harbor City a very generous tariff treaty.

Thus, most businessmen in the Mainland who profited off import and export trade would have their goods shipped to Harbor City first and then sent into the Mainland as Harbor City goods."

By doing so, exploiting such a loophole of a righteous policy resulted in a 15-25% discount in taxes.

"The Hull family has placed most of their focus into the import and export trade, and the method they use is more or less what everyone else is doing too. They import the goods to Harbor City and then ship them to the Mainland. Doing this, they've managed to dominate the Mainland's market while paying an extremely low amount of taxes."

Jasper had known the inner working of the Hull family like the back of his hand.

the Mainland would only give adverse results. The easiest way to do it would be to attack them in Harbor City, and I believe taking goods from a few ships in Harbor City shouldn't be too big a problem for the Law family, right?"

Zachary began to believe

But I'll have to look into how the Hulls deal with customs here in

ready to act anytime

moment. "What did the Hulls do to offend

until I've

had always been a gentle and humble man, so it

his

on this. I'll update you right away once I've investigated things on my end. Oh, and I'll send Henry over to you as well, then. He should be done with his work over in Swallow Capital.

thought and replied,

not just representing yourself here, Jasper. You have the Law family behind you ready to move together. You can be a little braver, Jasper. Since us Laws have already

"With your assurance, Uncle Law, then I see no need for me to worry about it

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"There's also been news from the Southeast Province this afternoon, saying that JW Real Estate has officially taken over the developmental rights in the North Bank from the city's government!"

"He did what? Who the f*ck does he think he is?!"

"We spent so much money to take over it and we even did the groundwork but now you're telling me we're just going to give it to the f*cking brat for free?!"

Hearing Norman's continuous complaints, Ian clenched his teeth and shouted, "Enough!"

"What, do you want me to watch Hans and Benny go to prison even though they're mentally unstable and crippled now?!" Ian glared at Norman indifferently and questioned coldly.

"If this is about your 500 million loss, then I'll just pay you back in the future!"

Norman was stunned. Seeing how Ian's gaze was void and devouring, he immediately suppressed the ire within him. He pushed his displeasure away to speak, "You know that's not what I meant."

With a harrumph, Ian spoke, "I know that you've lost a lot of money, but there's nothing we can do about this. He got ahold of Benny's and Hans' Achilles heel. Don't forget that the Southeast Province is their base. Pulling out was our only option."

we're just going to forget it like that?!" Norman

take revenge for what he did to Hans and Benny if it's the last thing I do!" Ian clenched his teeth and stood

have in mind?"

window and opened it with

the study and immediately cleared

using every single resource I have on hand, and I only have one objective—Jasper's company. Then, I'm lifted Norman's

most importantly, it was where Haddock Chamber of Commerce's spiritual leader, Old Hurlbutt just to deal with Jasper?"

lost his mind. Old Master Hurlbutt was Haddock Chamber of Commerce's only remaining veteran. He was their true spiritual

Old Master Hurlbutt was an old man who had retired long ago. There was no you know why our plan

replied hesitantly, "Because Hans and Benny... were

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Norman was stricken by Ian's words.

"I'll admit that you have a point, but are you really going to ask Old Master Hurlbutt in Suesville for help just like this?

"This is too unrealistic. Old Master Hurlbutt retired a long time ago. There's no way he'd help you for such a small issue."

At that, Ian scoffed. "Of course, there's no way Old Master Hurlbutt is going to personally lend me a helping hand. What I need is the old master's influence. I want to gather everyone from the Haddock Chamber of Commerce!"

Ian's eyes shone as he looked up at Norman. "Under those circumstances, just how difficult could it be to crush Jasper?"

Norman's expression changed. "Say Old Master Hurlbutt gives the green light and we manage to borrow most of Haddock Chamber of Commerce's strengths, still... We're owing too many favors here."

Ian's expression turned wretched as he roared, "So what? I don't care about anything else! I can repay the favors I owe and I can give whatever benefits they want, but there's no way in hell that I'm going to forgive Jasper without taking revenge!"

No longer recognizing the familiar partner he once knew, Norman sighed.

To be absolutely honest, Norman was beginning to feel afraid considering how Ian's actions now were detrimental to himself as well.

Sure, they were all businesspeople from Haddock, but Norman was too aware of how the others worked.

Even if Old Master Hurlbutt gave the green light, it was unlikely that the others would do anything unless they were certain of a win.

They were not the kind to do anything without benefits.

As such, it was destined for the Hull family to suffer greatly this time.

However, Ian was currently blinded by his hatred and cared for nothing else. All he wanted was to get rid of Jasper once and for all. He was willing to pay whatever price for it to happen.

made the rational

to

close their families were, the Hulls would still be the Hulls and the

...

following day, Jasper appeared at

afar. He had a bounce in his steps, and there was a beautiful lady

girl bade Henry farewell before

Mandy. I'll call

goodbye with a

wrapped an arm around Jasper's shoulder and boasted, "How's that? I met the girl on the plane, a fourth-year student in Southeast Province

Jasper replied, "I'll have to disappoint you then because you're going to be busy

He then stretched his body and laid on the Bentley's passenger seat.

them. Exciting, isn't it?"

sly youths like you make enemies?

and we'll go look

forces. It's likely that he has a lot of people helping him. Are you sure you want to

me to meet him at St. John's Road

than us! Helpers? Hah! I just need to make a call to Harbor City and I'll have

"It's enough for me to know that you're willing to help.

me for help. Alright, just tell me what you need me to

"Ian Hull," Jasper replied.

it some thought. "Is this f*cking idiot related to the stupid f*cker,

met him before. It's Ben's

you wouldn't forget me when you're doing something like this. Though to be honest, I'm no longer interested in f*cking

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That night, in a coffee house in the province, Jasper met with John after a long time.

"You're finally back. I've called you to meet up so many times but you weren't in the province."

John laughed as he spoke, pulling Jasper into a hug when the two met.

Jasper chuckled. "I was working on something in Swallow Capital for a while, so it took me some time to get back... But I have to say that I was surprised to hear that you're also in the province when I called. I thought you were still over in the towns."

At that, John smiled. "Thanks to you, I got transferred to the city branch as their vice president in charge of the credit system. I just came back to the province to participate in the provincial ICBS presidential study meeting."

"You got promoted? That's got nothing to do with me. I'm pretty sure it's all your hard work." Jasper smiled.

John shook his head. "You know how it is with banks, we're evaluated by deposit indexes. The accounts you opened with me alone already doubled, tripled our outlet's indexes.

not been for such a great client like you, it'd be another five to six years before someone my age could ever be a vice president in charge of the credit system in

chuckled. "Tell me if you need to raise more deposits. I can easily get

move at least ten billion worth of cash. Even if he had invested in something

ten billion in his personal account, Jasper could easily meet the city branch's

me and I don't want to bother you about this. Plus, you know how it is with target indexes, they change it every year. If we meet it this year, then they'll just raise it for the year after. I'd much rather it go

I came to look for you today because there's

turned serious at that and replied, "How can I help you? Tell me and I'll

how the social system worked, John had long learned to speak

John had no plans to hide

when the two were still using each other for mutual benefits, then the difference in their social standings and identities would now be miles apart with the rapid and continuous increase in Jasper's

John even when the other was no longer useful to him. If anything, Jasper

a huge role in his promotion, though it was not by putting in good words for John. The bank's system