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Jasper smiled. "This is of great importance. Tell me the truth, how's your relationship with him?"

John patted his chest and spoke, "I was the one who helped his daughter enroll in school. We've been friends for over 20 years. It's no problem if you're asking about something normal."

"That's great, then. Could you help me ask if their branch is intending to sell a piece of land around Pearl Tower?" Jasper chuckled.

In his past life, the ICBS branch in Waterhoof City had made a loss trade.

By the shore of Harpoon River, right next to Pearl Tower, was a piece of commercial land owned by ICBS' Waterhoof City branch.

With the piece of land next to Pearl Tower, which was a significant structure in Waterhoof City, an awkward situation emerged because no one dared to buy it despite their praises on how nice that plot of land was. Mainly, it was because no one could predict Waterhoof City's future.

Therefore, the ICBS decided to shift and sell the land to a state-owned real estate company at an extremely low price in the year 2002.

ask how much it was

230 million Somer Dollars.

the

build the country's tallest high-rise building began in the year 2008. In Jasper's past life,

was Waterhoof City Financial Tower, which had a height of 632

the other shore of Harpoon River. It had Pearl Tower on its left and the building in a shape of

Jasper reincarnated, had collected up to

to see

wanted to build

Waterhoof City's significant structure and what

about the plot of land at such a time for another important

piece of land had yet to be sold off, it was still a plot of land next to Pearl Tower in Legends District. It was

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In Suesville, while Jasper and John were meeting.

As one of the two renowned older cities in Riversloth, Suesville's air of grace was a quality that most other cities did not possess.

In a gray-bricked manor hidden within the mountains and rivers in the outskirts of the city, Ian stood courteously in the middle of the traditional-styled main hall.

A few servants were waiting soundlessly at the hall's corners, waiting for orders.

Soon later, footsteps approached and were followed by a strong-looking old man who entered the hall from a room inside. The man had a head full of white hair and was wearing traditional clothes.

The man who seemed no different than any other old man who did daily morning exercises was Gale, the spiritual leader of the country's Haddock Chamber of Commerce

Despite being in his 80s, Gale was still very lively and full of vigor. While he did need a cane to walk, his pace was not slow at all.

"Mr. Hurlbutt..."

his body become taut at the sight of Gale. He nodded and bowed courteously when

grandmaster's chair. He pointed at an empty chair beside him and spoke, "Come, sit

Ian did not move and only clenched his teeth to continue speaking. "Mr. Hurlbutt, forgive me for my brows furrowed

had retired, his students could

of his many students, and as hardworking this student was, he was not one of the outstanding ones in comparison to the

to him like a mistreated

slowly," Gale spoke gently and notified a servant to bring

told

the story had changed to Jasper being

family begging for mercy and giving in every

relationship between Jasper and the Law family since it was a significant relationship.

anything about what Ben

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Having lived for more than 80 years, Gale had seen too many of such power struggles ever since he began to do business in the last era.

He did not need to think into it to guess that there was more to the story than Ian claimed.

While he did not know what kind of people the rest of the Hull family were, he knew very well what kind of person Ian Hull was.

“You are my student, Ian. You followed under me for seven to eight years before you made a name for yourself. I would like to think that I know you well.

“Perhaps in this incident, this young man called Jasper and Dawson Schuler have done you wrong, but can you be true to your conscience and claim that you were in the right this entire time?”

In face of Gale’s question, Ian clenched his teeth and replied, “I was doing my business properly, Mr. Hurlbutt. If I were to have offended them, then it would be taking that project in the Southeast Province and taking their benefits.

“But that’s just normal business competition. If I lost, then, of course, I wouldn’t be saying anything about it. I’d accept my failure.

“But they’re not following the rules here and they’re even using dirty tricks. Not only did they use their resources and power in the Southeast Province to pressure me, but they even crossed the line and hurt my family. They’ve ended the Hull family’s bloodline.

just disrespect to me! They’re disrespecting all the

and looked at Ian intently. “So

will be

“That’s not what

waved a hand dismissively and sighed. “I think I know very well whether that was what you meant or not, but I have decided that

your classmates and seniors have come to me when they found themselves in trouble over the past few that I’m a retired old man. I no longer involve myself in business, nor do I wish to care so much

felt his heart sink

my father

Gale’s expression darkened.

the hall

felt his heart clog his

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Excitement and glee flashed through Ian’s expression at Gale’s words.

“I know that you’ve already retired for many years, Mr. Hurlbutt, so I wouldn’t dare to request that you deal with this in person. Not to mention that Jasper’s just a mere junior. He isn’t worth you entering the business world again just to deal with him.

“Which is why I hope that you could ask a few of your students, my seniors, to spread the word so that they can support my next move.”

Ian’s understanding attitude slightly smoothed Gale’s expression.

After all, considering his age, Gale was no longer as enticed by the prospect of money or benefits after experiencing so much of life.

However, his reputation mattered a lot to him.

Otherwise, he would not change his mind just because he owed someone a favor.

happen was

in the business world. An old retired man in his 80s

in mind first, then I will think about who I should help you contact," Gale

I originally planned to use commercial tactics to win Jasper, but that

need first is three billion Somer Dollars worth of funds. These funds will

well. According to what I know, Dawson's Schuler Group is currently the largest supermarket chain

company will currently be tight on cash flow. I remember that one of my senior classmates also works in the supermarket business. I can use the funds and the help of my senior to crush

be able to get

difference between his and Dawson's foundations. He's just a young brat in

with hefty amounts

he kept the most

support from the businesspeople of Haddock, he would be able to use all these connections to dismantle Jasper's capital chain in the

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Beneath Gale's pure white brows were a pair of wise and experienced eyes. He looked at Ian indifferently and spoke.

"Like I said. After this, you will no longer be my student."

Ian replied calmly, "But you'll always be my most respectable teacher, and I will continue to be a member of the Haddock Chamber of Commerce."

"Haha..."

Gale smiled ambiguously and picked up the coffee cup by his side before speaking faintly, "The help you require will appear by tomorrow."

Ian secretly clenched his fists to hide the excitement in his heart.

However, he could tell from the way Gale drank his coffee that he did not want to entertain him as his guest anymore.

he wanted, Ian did not dwell and courteously bade Gale farewell. He quietly exited of the old manor hidden away in a land of green. His I'll show you how stupid your actions are in the cruelest way I don't care if Benny has gone mad had already contacted the Ian would immediately attack Jasper's too young breath and closing his eyes, Ian Ian's phone his ringtone broke through the silence in the car and Ian's brows furrowed slightly at the realized that it was from the call without thinking too

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"How could that be? We've been importing and exporting all this while and it's always been through Harbor City! We've never had this problem before so why now?!"

"Did you contact the leaders we have there? What did they say?" Ian frowned and asked sternly.

The Hull family had already shifted their entire business focus from real estate in the Mainland to the import and export trade.

While it may not sound like a big deal that only two of their cargo ships were detained, those two ships carried hundreds of tonnes worth of goods. It was accumulated to a backlog of 600 million of the Hull family's funds!

If something happened to this batch of goods, the Hull family would not be able to sustain such a huge loss no matter how wealthy they were. After all, there was still 500 million of the one billion Somer Dollars they had lost in the Southeast Province to account for.

"The same thing, Mr. Hull. The leaders aren't willing to pick up our calls at all, and we don't even have the opportunity to meet them... Excuse me for speaking excessively, Mr. Hull, but I think there's more to what's happening here."

Ian's expression darkened. He suppressed the unease and anger within him. "Tell me what you think of this."

the country in this industry who don't smuggle at least some sort of goods. Ours are minuscule in comparison, and it's an

them every month. This time, our ships are the only ones being detained and without us after the initial panic. He snapped back to reality with his confidant's this incident was too unexpected and there was no way customs onto his to retaliate so soon, and straight at ships detained when doing import and export trade shoulder, he also had to pay at once he was charged with smuggling, influence Harbor City's customs and customs inspectors, but Law family need to do is put in a word for this to

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Jasper's calm tone echoed from the other end of the line.

"And here I thought you called to beg for mercy. I thought you'd call to ask for an easier and more painless death, but it seems like I misunderstood."

Ian raged and growled. "Don't think that I'd be afraid of you now just because you did something in Harbor City, Jasper. I've seen these tricks before. Do you think they'll stop me?"

"Of course not."

Jasper's tone was laced with deeper intent.

"It'd be too easy if I kill you off in one go. That'll be too painless, no? I'd much like to play with you slowly."

Ian scoffed. "So it really was you!"

looking for you at your house even if you didn't call me. It would only be a matter of time

was stunned and he immediately caught on. He questioned Jasper coldly, "Come looking

the Peninsula Hotel in Waterhoof City, Jasper stared at the calm Harpoon River beneath his feet and the bright Pearl Tower on the opposite shore of the river. He chuckled. "I don't think I need to explain

so I'll have to cut our conversation short. But tell your driver to drive a little slower and steadier on your way

the phone and stood to walk toward the entrance of the rooftop bar, approaching the

I was talking to you about, Vita. The youngest millionaire entrepreneur

old colleague, Vita Layne. The office manager of ICBS Waterhoof
Mr. Layne. I've heard a lot
to shake Vita's hand with a
and it was evident that he had heard of Jasper on the way here
of the branch in a financial center like Waterhoof City, Vita had seen his
shine in his

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On the highway between Suesville and Waterhoof City, Ian told his driver to stop the car just as they arrived at the southern entrance of Suesville. His expression was cloudy.

The man was wondering what Jasper meant by his last words.

"But tell your driver to drive a little slower and steadier on your way back from Suesville, Mr. Hull. It'd be a shame if you died in a car accident."

'Was Jasper warning me?'

Ian took a long drag of his cigarette and looked up at the sky above. The highway stretched onward to the horizon, curving from time to time like a large dragon. The unease in his chest grew.

It was like there was a sinister plan waiting to devour him somewhere under the dark night ahead.

"Motherf*cker, this b*stard! If he has no qualms playing dirty and hurting Benny and Hans, then there's no saying whether he'll let me go unharmed or not."

Ian abruptly tossed the cigarette onto the ground and looked up at the driver. "Send me to the airport instead. I'll fly back to Waterhoof City. You can drive over."

to fly, with security

I say. Am

how stupid his decision looked to others, but he did

when he had already gotten Gale's support. The large support would arrive tomorrow, and he would get to start his revenge

rather act foolishly than risk his

out to be crazy and attacked him while he

the driver did not dare to comment further and turned the

and Vita's conversation had slowly arrived at

Layne, I'd say we aren't complete strangers. I'd like to just get this

side of Pearl Tower, on the other shore of Harpoon River, as

life of the Harpoon River, the current

Jasper pointed was precisely where

land does belong to our branch now, and John has already told me of your intention, Mr. Laine. Our branch does intend to sell, but the price... It's

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"Since you're in charge of the asset management in your branch, Mr. Layne, could you give another discount on the price? After all, this is a valuable plot of land and it's practically impossible for your branch to get rid of it so quickly," Jasper spoke.

A business negotiation was an art of deception.

450 million Somer Dollars had not exceeded Jasper's price, for the plot of land would easily appreciate, amounting to over tens of billions in a decade.

Yet if its price could be reduced, then he would be an absolute moron not to reduce it.

Vita was placed in a difficult situation.

In truth, the branch had been wanting to sell the plot of land a long time ago.

Its market price evaluation had long been completed before the meeting to discuss it being sold was held.

Vita was very aware that Jasper was speaking the truth.

was a valuable plot of land, but

words, those who could afford it might not be interested in the plot of land. After all, there was no guarantee about how

in the plot of land did not have the funds to buy it. They just want to make a cheap gamble at

on his features, Jasper smiled. "I plan to move my company's headquarters to Waterhoof City in the future, Mr. Layne. Plus... for the latter half of next year, I

I

at the words, and he stared

came to working in a bank, attracting customers to make deposits

deposits came with

from deposits for investments and financial management. This was how

source of profits was through

Dollars, 20 years into the future before Jasper reincarnated, was already considered a huge transaction. It was

be a great deal for Vita's future development if he

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After a friendly negotiation with Vita, the trio's conversation then shifted from business-oriented into something more laidback to better acquaint themselves with each other.

While they were talking about issues of faraway lands, Jasper was very willing to put a bit of hard work into what looked like nonsensical chatter.

Within the country, business was always a game of favors.

People like Vita were not eye-catching characters, and he would be considered as someone from the lower classes among those whom Jasper dealt with on a daily basis.

However, Vita held a very important position.

Even if Jasper had called for a meeting with the chief of ICBS' Waterhoof City branch, there was no guarantee that he could haggle the price to 300 million Somer Dollars.

Yet with Vita, he could.

While the chief of the branch would certainly hold more authority than Vita, the chief had much more things to think about. Vita was only in charge of this singular aspect, so mediation became much easier.

That was why, in some ways, the lackeys held more power than the boss.

his side, and Vita hoping

John had a study meeting to attend the next day, so he left Waterhoof City

much about it, considering his friendship with John ran much deeper than his friendship with Vita. The

of a branch? Why'd you spend

immediately began to complain once Jasper returned, having lost his patience due to staying in the room for

the right to talk to

and huffed a reply. "This infinitesimal character that you look down on just saved me 150 million tonight. You

in

widened, and he looked at Jasper suspiciously. "What kind of profitable business did you do? You're not

"We definitely are. Want

head vigorously. "Forget it. My dad's

thing I asked you

do much else, but there's no one better

a freshly printed research document

document. His tone was pleased when he replied, "Not bad. I'll