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Jasper had his own reasons to bring Henry over from Swallow Capital.

This Young Master Law might not be proficient in much, but he was a master at picking fights and stepping over people.

While Jasper could deal with people like Derick himself, it would be a waste of time.

Jasper was short on time now.

Ian must have acquired help from Gale when he took a trip to Suesville. That was something Dawson had stressed over when he told Jasper the news.

Jasper sincerely agreed.

Which was why he had to speed things up on his end, especially when it came to contacting ICBS' Waterhoof City branch. They had to keep a closer eye on the happenings in Harbor City as well.

People like Derick were most afraid of people like Henry, trust fund babies with huge familial support who were unafraid and brash. People like him were very ready to screw someone's entire family over at the slightest offense.

Not to mention that Henry was the most powerful of all trust fund babies.

person Jasper could get to deal

was very excited

family gets wind of it, but it's all different

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the airport with a stuffy head and

to fall apart

very close, so only special domestic

than half an hour, meaning before the plane reached its highest altitude, it was already

only purchase the earliest flight since he had

ended up waiting three whole hours in the

flight

car ride resulted in an entire night of torment

signs of

you

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With all his gambling chips in hand, Ian took his seat at the figurative gambling table and began to set up his trap.

Jasper did not waste any time either.

Jasper arrived at ICBS' Waterhoof City branch early in the morning.

With Vita's help, Jasper had a very joyful negotiation with the Waterhoof City branch.

At noon, Jasper paid the 300 million in cash and signed a land transfer agreement with ICBS.

Jasper then had his capital verified by the ICBS, which received a joint guarantee agreement issued by Schuler Group in the Southeast Province. He obtained a commercial loan credit for a maximum of 12 billion right off the bat.

Walking out of the branch's doors, Jasper shot Vita a smile. "That's one hell of an ambitious bank you work at."

While he only needed eight billion funds to kickstart his plan, the ICBS seemed to have more in plan for a 'cash cow' like him. They signed him the maximum amount of commercial loan credit the Waterhoof City branch was capable of—12 billion Somer Dollars.

is worthy of our trust. Not to mention that

the headquarters if

time. Jasper chuckled. "I'm pretty sure you were afraid that I'd be tempted by the other banks, no? A 12 billion Somer

bank doesn't have much of a

but did not comment

how banks worked. They would stuff your pockets full of money when you needed funds but would turn their

own unspoken rules. This was just

rights to those commercial

had spoken precisely of the main reason why Jasper wanted

I think there's a G.S. Trading Export Limited Company there?

Their president, Ian, is an old

furrowed his brows

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"I'd suggest your bank be extremely cautious when it comes to giving them loans because this isn't a small amount. You'll get in trouble too if they end up being investigated and the loans lead back to you."

Vita forced his erratically thumping heart to calm and replied, "And I was the one who managed this transaction too! Forget everything else you've done for me, Mr. Laine, but if what you say turns out to be true, you've just saved my life!"

This was an astronomical loan of two billion Somer Dollars.

The ICBS would track down those accountable if anything happened.

As the manager, he would be the first one to be caught and would have to take the brunt of the blame.

Vita instantly broke into a cold sweat. He was exceptionally relieved, and he was also immensely grateful to Jasper.

"If you'll excuse me, Mr. Laine, I should report this to the higher-ups right now."

Jasper smiled. "Don't worry about it. We're friends, aren't we? There's no way I'd just stand and watch you suffer a loss when I've already got wind of such news. Go do what you must, I have my work to do too."

professing his thanks, Vita rushed back into the branch building. Evidently, this matter would pan out in the

it would not take too long before they finished investigating

save

was pleased with

did not last for

was because both Dawson and Jack

within the Southeast Province were facing the attacks of

was essentially done in the form

a normal activity among

strange to see all supermarkets of different brands and sizes targeting Schuler Supermarkets at the same time with the same

Schuler Group off guard, so the turnover for Schuler Supermarkets across the province was reduced by 50% in just

only

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Jasper did not have to worry too much about Schuler Group.

While the capital chain was taut, the group had a large market.

As the biggest supermarket business in the country, Schuler Group was only suffering the normal amount a group would when they acquired another company. Once Schuler Group got its cash flow back on track, its true force was something Jasper could never compare to.

Not to mention that Schuler Group had Dawson watching over it.

This incident made Jasper realize that his future father-in-law was the most low-profile and crafty man.

The power he held that was hidden from the public was unimaginable.

After getting rid of the Hanks family, Dawson's prestige and ability in the Southeast Province had long surpassed what he had accomplished in Jasper's past life.

Schuler Group would surely be

had to be more cautious at

in the investment

of deep consideration, Jasper gave Jack

the signed partnerships we have is our main priority. Put all new business transactions on hold, and I'll

away in Swallow Capital, Jack suddenly asked, "So someone is indeed targeting us then,

go through such a difficult process. So put all our new transactions on hold first. We won't lose anything

our investment will doubt our credit and ability if we suddenly stop investing in new companies now. It won't be

plans and ideas to start up their own businesses but are vastly lacking

of companies before, and while there are tens of

is over, and we'll stop investing in companies without much of a future. I'd rather we have a

and while Jack was the one overseeing

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Moreover, while Jack had invested in many projects, most of them were profitable. There were only a few insignificant losses in comparison to the profits made.

"Alright, I understand."

Jack replied embarrassedly when he heard the displeasure in Jasper's tone.

Jasper sighed. "Most results aren't caused by a single reason or person, Jack. Both you and I have our own shortcomings, and it isn't too late for us to adjust with this opportunity.

"Don't think too much about this. I'm well aware of how capable you are. And now that you've been given a platform where you can go all out and excel, I'm sure you'll do great."

Despite being a man in his 40s, Jack still felt his heart thrum in his chest at the words and replied sincerely, "Don't worry, Mr. Laine. I'll do my part well."

Once he returned to the hotel, Jasper was met with a surprised, though expected, 'guest'. Ian Hull. raised his wine glass at Jasper who was walking over. He smiled sinisterly and began, "This was where you sat

Ian and replied, "Threatened? I don't think I understand what you're saying. How me so quickly. I suppose your roots run deep here in Waterhoof City after doing business here for so my defeat. But this time, you're handing yourself over to

"And you're so certain that you'll manage to must've received news already, hmm? Let me tell you, I'm not the one attacking you this time. It's the competition from other supermarkets? Most of his customers are also buying expired goods and products without a manufacturing receive the news very soon of someone reporting your investment company using investment as it comes to the products they sell. There's no way there would be expired goods or products without my investment company, well that's even more simple. Every Somer Dollar I need to be afraid of. You can't possibly think that this is all it'll

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Jasper looked at Ian coldly. The man was growing more arrogant by the second. "You really do think that you can devour all my assets, don't you?"

Ian snorted and returned to his chair. Picking up his wine glass, he laughed loudly. "You're telling me you have another trick up your sleeve? Look around you, Jasper. This isn't Swallow Capital, nor is it the Southeast Province. I'll show you just how powerful the Hull family is!

"You drove my son mad! I'm going to make you kneel before him and prostrate in apology! I'm going to destroy you!"

Ian glared at Jasper through the transparent wine glass and scoffed. The latter was expressionless. "And this is only the first wave of my plan! I'm only going to continue attacking you from here on!

"So are you here to show off or are you here to mock me?" Jasper looked at Ian calmly as if whatever the man said was not enough to faze him.

"Or perhaps, you're here to compromise?"

Ian's expression froze.

His eyes drilled into Jasper, and at that moment, Ian wanted nothing more than to take a look at Jasper's brain to see what was going on inside.

Jasper had got it right. Ian did not come over to boast or mock Jasper at all.

Such things were normal for youths like Ben, but for Ian who had seen his fair share of business struggles, he knew that he had to be careful until the last moment before victory was confirmed.

The only reason he would compromise was due to the importance of the two ships that were detained in Harbor City!

Ian scoffed and replied meaningfully, "It's always better to resolve conflicts than add to them. You've seen what I'm capable of, and to speak the truth, maybe I do need to put in a little more effort to completely crush you. But there's no way you'll ever be able to crush me.

"This is the difference between the both of us. We've got completely different foundations.

representing yourself, and

businesspeople of Haddock on my side. You screw with me, you screw with the entire Haddock Chamber of Commerce. Forget you, not even the Law family is powerful

breath and stared at Jasper icily. Slowly, he began, "Leave my two ships in Harbor

"Why? You're scared?"

three words had caused a drastic change in Ian's

Ian snorted. "Scared? Did you forget

the Hull family's territory, but so what? I'm here anyway, aren't

comfortable posture and looked at Ian

These tricks you're playing, they're nothing grand at all but that's because this is the best you

you're panicking, or you wouldn't have come to me so hastily and tell me so much right after pulling

looking at Ian. "Just what are

be the two detained ships of yours in Harbor City? And the

word cut into Ian's heart

felt his

words were the

aware that he had

a total of 100

huge value, Ian was utterly screwed if it

emotions within, Ian's

there. Do you think I'd be sitting here

The world is more complicated than you think. Everything you see is just the image others want you to

"You're right, the world really is complicated. Or at least, your acting skills have opened a new world to me. I would've gone and turned myself in or fled long

Ian replied calmly, "So you're really going to fight until one of us

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Jasper merely chuckled when confronted with Ian's anger. "I'm sorry, I don't think I understand what you mean."

Ian slammed his palm on the table with a loud bang, causing the snacks and wine on the table to splash and scatter all over the floor.

"Stop pretending to look innocent, Jasper. You were the one who leaked the news to the ICBS, right?! How else would they know about what's happening in Harbor City if you didn't tell them?!"

"Now they're asking me to repay the loan immediately too! Why else would they react so quickly if you hadn't done anything?!"

Ian glared at Jasper ruthlessly. Fury burned bright red in his chest, and he wanted to throw Jasper into the Harpoon River to feed the fishes.

Jasper shrugged and replied coolly, "I have nothing to do with the bank and your loan.

"The bank recognizes that you broke the law and they want you to repay the loan in advance. That's a matter between you and the bank. What does it have to do with me?"

Ian glared at Jasper coldly. If a look could kill, Jasper would have died thousands of times in Ian's hands by now.

"Don't be so proud, Jasper. It's just a two billion Somer Dollar loan!

"I'm Ian Hull, there's no way I'd be stopped by a mere two billion loan. If you think you can win me like this, then you can f\*cking dream on!"

Jasper finally made a move in the face of Ian's words.

Ian watched Jasper arrogantly, waiting for a reaction.

He saw Jasper slowly pull out a document and place it on the table.

'Land Ownership Transfer Agreement.'

Ian's pupils contracted.

building for G.S.

and became horrifyingly

that moment,

last thing he expected was for Jasper to find

belonged to the

was well aware of

the ICBS to purchase this plot of land as he believed that this plot of

it was still the plot of land his office building sat on and he would

to make a decision back then, nor had they agreed on a

he did not expect Jasper to

There are still a few months before the lease you signed comes to an end, right, Mr. Hull? That's okay, I'll pay compensation according to the lease

and tapped on the contract lightly. "It's just a few hundred thousand dollars.

flushed abnormally red, and his breathing turned heavy as he stared at Jasper. Clenching his too far,

did all the horrible things. All I'm doing now is retaliate,

it's my fault for being bullied around by you, and I should just die because you want

"What kind of logic is

at Jasper, the fury in his eyes bubbling over. "You're not good enough to offend the

If you continue to act so ignorantly, you'll be the one dying in a

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Ian's pupils contracted. He was about to say something when Jasper spoke again.

"Maybe you don't have to go through all that trouble. After all, even if you find a new place, who knows if you'll get to stay there, right?"

Ian felt a wave of unease rush over him at Jasper's subtle smile.

He could not help but feel like there was something he had forgotten, a weakness that Jasper had already gotten hold of.

Yet no matter how he thought about it, Ian still thought that everything was in his grasp.

"All you have is the ICBS' loan, the two ships in Harbor City, and this plot of land. That's just three axes and you think you can win me? You wish."

Ian sneered when he was done, but his phone suddenly began to ring again.

Ian had heard no good news every time his phone rang today, and now that his phone began to ring incessantly once more, Ian did not want to pick it up at all.

However, the display on the phone stated that it was from the hospital.



Ian had no choice but to pick it up.

"Mr. Hull, I'm calling to tell you that Ben has run out of the hospital!"

A nurse's agitated voice echoed through the speakers.

Ian was stunned for a moment before he exploded. "What do you mean he ran out?! He's a patient, how could you let him run out? Are you stupid?"

The nurse replied indignantly, "We're a hospital, not a detention center, Mr. Hull. The patient is in control of his own legs. Not to mention that Ben is mentally unstable and there's no way we can watch over him every single second.

"All the more reason to watch over him if his condition is unstable! Do you think you can take the responsibility if anything happens after he has run out?!"

Ian roared.

nurse on the other end did not dare

breaths, Ian knew that this was not the time to throw a tantrum. He clenched his jaw and ordered, "I'll be there right away. Go look at

turned and left, leaving Jasper to

told Ian, Jasper could more

'Ben ran out?

a mentally unstable

the problem and instead

it going for

legs crossed. He was grinning as he looked at the man kneeling in front of him. The man was having his face beaten

"Have him turn himself over after you're

up the phone, Henry snapped his fingers at Derick who was kneeling before

of Derick's lips, and the man looked conflicted.

be a f\*cking idiot? Do you actually think that \*sshole, Ian, is a good person

promise you that he has already decided to

time before they issue a joint investigation with the Mainland, and by then, you can

all the evidence they found points to you being the culprit behind everything. This means Ian has completely removed himself from the narrative while you're still

contracted slightly at the

at his door was, but from everything that had conspired since then, Derick knew that this was an arrogant young man who did things without caring about

also seemed to be very aware of what was happening in Harbor City as if he was the

Derick and spoke, "I don't like wasting my time, and

think they'll have a nice life if you went to jail for

patted Derick's swollen face. "Think again. Work with me, and I'll have Ian put behind bars. You're just an accomplice. By

a check from his breast pocket

wife and kid to wait

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It was already getting late when Ian finally found where Ben had run off to.

G.S. Trading Export Limited Company's rooftop was the last place anyone would have expected a mentally unstable Ben to appear at!

No one knew how Ben managed to walk tens of kilometers barefoot and alone to the office's rooftop.

When Ian rushed up to the rooftop, he was met with Ben sitting on the railing, dangling his feet in the air. The ground was tens of meters under his feet.

The sight had Ian's heart lurching to his throat.

"Benny! Come down from there!"

Ian yelled.

Ben turned around to see Ian and smiled dumbly. "Hey. Come and play with me, come and play."

Ian's heart hurt as he looked at Ben who was now dirty and unkempt everywhere since he had walked his way here. Ian's hatred for Jasper reached the extreme.

"Come down first, Benny. Let's go home, hmm?"

"Don't worry, Jasper, our enemy, won't get to be arrogant for much longer. He'll kneel before you and beg for forgiveness very soon!"

Ian spoke as he carefully approached Ben.

Initially somewhat calm, Ben's expression immediately turned wretched at the sound of Jasper's name. Crazy resentment and hatred flared in his eyes.

"Jasper! Jasper's the devil! I want to kill Jasper! I want him dead!"

While Ben was agitated, Ian quickly dashed forward and grabbed his son's waist tightly. He dragged him to safety.

and

pull Ben off him, Ian already had open wounds all  
raised his hand to wipe the burning wounds on his face. He watched with anger and infuriation as a few  
people held Ben down  
have to  
harbored for Jasper was  
“Let’s go downstairs first, Mr. Hull. We should send Young Master Hull  
jaw and got up to speak. However, he frowned as if he had thought of something and asked, “Where’s  
Derick? Why haven’t I seen him  
his head. “I don’t know. We  
unease appeared. He had someone  
number you have dialed is unavailable  
automated intercept  
hell are you doing,  
unease in his chest, Ian was about to exit the rooftop  
Jasper and a person from the ICBS branch came over to ask us to repay the loan and hand over  
out with his jaw set, “So they’re really  
Ian asked, with Jasper,  
when he saw a large group of uniformed men  
these people froze  
indifferently, “Are you Ian  
the unease in his chest away to reply bravely, “I  
of his subordinates immediately rushed over. They took one side of Ian’s shoulders  
are you doing? Who are you to arrest  
is your arrest warrant. We have enough reason to believe that you’re involved in smuggling goods.  
Please cooperate with our investigation and  
one who did everything! It has nothing to do  
at the station. He has already testified against all your crimes. I suggest you

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"There's hard evidence of you being involved in smuggling goods! All your accounts are now frozen, so how are you going to repay our bank's loan?"

Vita stared intently at Ian, and his tone was extremely frigid.

"Two billion Somer Dollars is a huge sum of funds to a bank, and according to the contract we signed, the bank has the right to request to seize your company and all the assets under your name if we find ourselves in such a circumstance.

"Of course, since the sum in your personal account has been seized, we have no other option but to auction all your assets to prevent a loss on our side.

"Mr. Laine took pity on you and is willing to repay your loan, so it's only right that we transfer your assets to Mr. Laine.

"If you're unwilling, you're very welcome to bring this to court with Mr. Laine when you're released."

Vita then smiled and continued, "That is, of course, if you get released at all."

Ian ground his molars together and glared at Vita, roaring at the man. "You were nothing more than a dog wagging its tail when you f\*cking begged me to take a loan! You'd even lick my shoes if I asked but now this is how you're talking to me?!"

Vita's expression darkened, and his voice turned icy. "I was just doing business. You didn't have to listen to me if you didn't want to, Mr. Hull. What you think doesn't really matter anymore anyway."

"Hahaha!"

looked up at the sky and scoffed self-deprecatingly. He then turned to glare at Jasper. "What a well-thought-out plan you have there, so great that you've managed to destroy me and the entire Hull

"What grandeur, Jasper Laine!"

that bit of money the Hull family owns. If I didn't have the habit of seeking profit returns with everything I do, I wouldn't have even wasted my time on something as

bank would sue you for loan fraud, now worsened considering the immense value of two billion. Coupled with you smuggling goods, you'll be charged for both crimes and that'll definitely guarantee you a life sentence in

be

one at Jasper's words, and he began to struggle maddeningly as he roared at Jasper. "Just wait, Jasper! Do you think that you'll be safe now that you've

the entire Haddock

that's Gale Hurlbutt's money! Do you

Somer Dollars, right? I'm sorry, but I don't think you understand what's going on here. I'm not the one seizing your bank account. Regardless of who gave you that three billion, the court will still take

is, I'm sure he won't

importantly, so what if he

think he'd want to clash with the Law family for a doomed

froze Ian's crazed