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Darrel did not sit, opting to stand and speak to Jasper instead. "Jasper, did the Southface River construction site catch fire?"

There was no way such a grave incident could be covered up.

While it was still New Year's holiday, it was not an excuse for the media not to report such a large incident.

The news of the fire at the Southface River construction site was being heavily discussed in the entire Southeast Province.

It had become the first large incident in the year 2001.

"Indeed. There was no way we could've foreseen such an accident," Jasper replied calmly.

Darrel's expression was conflicted as he spoke softly, "Jasper, this fire... You lost quite a lot because of it, haven't you?"

"Not too much, just 100 million." Jasper's tone was casual as if he was talking about 100 bucks instead.

very

suddenly bent forward as he kneeled on the ground. With a sob, he apologized,

stared at Darrel kneeling before him.

biggest decision, Darrel clenched his

reply and

Darrel felt as if the oxygen around him was getting sucked and he was

filled with beads of sweat and he felt like he was about to suffocate, Jasper finally broke

you know what your biggest

looked up at Jasper

to speak, "You

a businessman. I even decided that if you made a big loss,

expected to be the first person you're lying to since

to

at Jasper in disbelief.

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Jasper's bellow made Darrel pale in shock.

He was frozen in place, and he did not dare to look up at Jasper at all.

Jasper merely sighed when he saw Darrel's reaction. "I know that the only reason Terence is brave enough to do something like this is that he has someone supporting him.

"In fact, he desperately wishes that you join him in dealing with me, correct?"

Darrel looked up in fear and replied, "How did you know that?"

Jasper replied calmly, "The only way no one can find out about something is if you don't do anything.

"The only reason why I haven't dealt with Terence yet is that he's just a pawn the opponent is exploiting. My target is the mastermind behind this."

Jasper then looked at Darrel intently. "The fact that you've come to me today means that you don't dare to join them, so I'm hoping that you'll tell me who this other person is."

"It's not that I don't want to tell you, but I have no idea who

didn't pay Terence any attention no matter how he persuaded me. But I know how

whom I think is the person supporting him. I heard Terence say that he was the one who set

That's why I

the table slowly as he heard Darrel speak. After that, Jasper looked up

"Yes!" Julian immediately replied.

"Bring Terence to me."

expression changed immediately when he heard Jasper. He

too aggressive. If he's home, try not

worried about, Jasper instructed Julian in

left, leaving Darrel to sit despondently on the ground with a bitter smile. "This is the end of

tossed Darrel a cigarette and replied, "You have to believe that you're doing this for his own

cigarette with a bitter chuckle. "Let's hope he understands,

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"Let's ignore whether I'll get anything out of this or not. Do you know that arson leading to huge property loss and injuries is a severe crime? Do you know that you'll get at least ten years in prison?"

Terence's expression changed drastically at Jasper's words, and he replied guiltily, "I don't know what you're talking about! You're telling me you brought me here so I could listen to you talk about the law?"

"The fire you set made me lose 100 million Somer Dollars. More than a dozen workers are severely injured and there are still a few workers in the emergency room as we speak. Do you think by denying

you know anything regarding this matter will get you exempted from legal consequences?” Jasper looked at Terence and asked.

Terence’s heart thumped frantically, and his expression turned fierce as he spoke, “I don’t know what kind of nonsense you’re talking about here! What the f*ck does your construction site catching fire have to do with me? Don’t think that being rich gives you the right to slander me however you want!”

“Sigh...”

Darrel sighed and looked at Terence disappointedly. “Stop struggling, Terence. Jasper already knows everything. Be more sincere and I’ll ask him to let you go. I won’t be able to help you even if I want to if you’re going to continue being so stubborn.”

Terence was enraged. “Darrel Laine! How dare you help an outsider instead of your own brother? What are you saying here?!”

Darrel replied hopelessly, “I overheard your call last night. I know that you were the one who lit that fire. Did you think you left no leads behind? Jasper has had his eyes on you a long time ago, so will you stop being so stubborn for once?”

words, and he looked at Jasper in disbelief. Deep fear tinted his

I don’t know what you’re talking

Terence remained

to setting the fire,

wanted to join forces with Zayden, but that did not mean he was

have to tell me who’s the

a painfully conflicted expression on his

more difficult to solve

was not to alert the opponent, it would be inappropriate

mastermind Jasper was looking

talk to him alone,

and stood to exit the room with Julian in

that could cause immense pain, Jasper. People like Terence

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‘Zayden Hanks!’

Hearing the name, the calm Jasper was shocked as well.

In all honesty, he had almost forgotten about Zayden.

While Zayden had caused Jasper some problems back in Harbor City, Jasper had also dealt with him and Zayden dropped off the grid afterward.

Jasper then had to face quite a few other issues and did not have the mind to think about Zayden anymore.

He had never expected this bothersome man to appear again.

Jasper could acutely sense that Zayden's appearance this time was not as simple as it seemed.

"He was the one who sought me out first. Seeing that he was rich and powerful, I decided that I'd get acquainted with him. He ordered me to do things mainly so he could deal with you.

"Seeing that our goals were the same and I'd also be benefitted by this, I agreed."

Terence spoke coldly and stared at Jasper. "Yes, I set that fire. I've already told you everything you want to know. You said you won't hold me accountable!"

"And I'll stand by my word."

Jasper smiled and turned to Terence. "But I do hope that you'll do one more thing for me."

Terence scoffed. "You wish. There's no way I'll help you do anything."

"Alright, then." Jasper nodded and turned to Julian. "Contact the city's government and tell them that we've found the arsonist. Have them come over and take him to jail."

as he roared, "Jasper! You f*cking b*stard, you said you won't

"That real estate company is both mine and my father-in-law's. I can opt not to hold you accountable for my loss,

he ground his teeth and shouted at Darrel, "Do you see what I mean?! I told you that Jasper is sinister and sly! He's sending me to prison now

he turned to Jasper only

spoke, "You have two choices here. Work with me,

gaze was fiery when he growled. "Fine. What do you want me to

out who the other people he has been in contact with

scoffed at Jasper's words. "Who else can he be in contact with? Except for his

trying to deal with me in the dark? He has lost to me too

twitched as he looked at Jasper disdainfully.

what I've asked you, and I can promise no

better keep your

some unknown reason, Darrel stayed back instead of leaving with his

window, Jasper drank his coffee as he watched Terence leave the villa. Suddenly, he turned to Darrel who stood behind him and asked with a smile, "What do you think your brother is going replied, "Isn't he going to find out who else that was that simple. I'm willing to bet that the first thing this brother of yours will do How would he dare to? Plus, he is more of a businessman than you are when it comes down to both your personalities. You're too soft lie and he's selfish. He also knows how to to look at Darrel who was gaping in shock and spoke, "The chances of people like you ending up as a large businessman is one out of 10,000. Either that, or you'll die trying. For two had just now, so don't you find it weird that still wanted to argue, saying, "That's because he understands where I'm coming People like him harbor a hatred for me that's so deep it might as well be engraved in his already come up with a plan. He'd pretend to be against it first and then agree to it after some persuasion. That way, he'd get to be

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"Mister... Mr. Hanks, why are you looking at me like that..."

Startled by Zayden's gaze, Terence asked with a tremble.

Zayden clenched his jaw and glared at Terence. "Why am I looking at you like that? Let me ask you instead, how did Jasper know that you were the one who set the fire, huh? Also, he told you to find out who else I'm in contact with? Did you tell him I was here?"

Terence's mind buzzed, and he was dazed.

Countless excuses had flashed through his mind on the way here before he decided that he would just be frank instead. After all, he would be screwed if Zayden found anything out.

However, it had not occurred to him that he had a fatal loophole in this script of his.

Jasper did not know that Zayden had returned at all, so the fact that Jasper would tell Terence to find out who else Zayden was in contact with meant that Terence had already confessed about Zayden being the person he was taking orders from.

another choice,

everything that

him, Mr. Hanks, but how

I don't mind going to prison, but I can't end up delaying your plans just because of my

to agree first and then came to report

spoke with a wail, truly afraid that
done speaking before he landed a harsh and
ago. What the f*ck is wrong with
cupped his cheek, and his gaze was filled with fear and resentment when he spoke, "I never expected
that he would help
and there's nothing we can do about this anyway. I'm no longer the same person
you to help him and find things out for him. We'll just feed him a fake piece of
but chortle at the thought. Sinister schemes had already rushed into his mind and he could

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"I'll have someone prepare the things for you at the Orchid Bar downstairs. Go find a few women to fool
around with tonight. Without my explicit orders, you're not to return for the time being," Zayden spoke
calmly.

Terence's eyes shone as he received the money. Holding it in his hands, he immediately beamed and left
after saying words of gratitude.

Zayden scoffed as he watched Terence leave and chided, "Useless piece of trash. Go, spend that f*cking
money. The more you spend, the faster you'll die!"

As he thought about that, Zayden then dialed a number to Harbor City.

"It's me, Mr. Langdon. Zayden Hanks."

Zayden spoke on the phone courteously.

The person on the other end harrumphed after a long pause and replied calmly, "Didn't I tell you not to
contact me unless necessary?"

as he replied, "There's been

relay

never crossed his mind that his careful and polite demeanor now was no different from how Terence
was

other end raged. "You useless piece of trash! Just how useless are you that you

because

you think you'd still find such

can move so unrestrainedly and cause such a big ruckus. He started with nothing and he's only getting
stronger by the day. What about you? I gave you such a simple

the enraged words of the other. All he could do was wait carefully

Get to it as fast as possible. I didn't give you the money or

replied, "I

"Good."

phone hung up did Zayden dare to curse, "F*cking hell! A bunch of Harbor City freaks, why are you

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Sirius glanced at Zayden and replied calmly, "Why are you two so rushed? This is something big, after all."

Zayden shrugged. "I'm not particularly impatient, but the people at Harbor City are tired of waiting. It's just Jasper Laine, so he's not worth so much of their time and thoughts.

"Getting rid of Jasper means the fall of Schuler Group as well, Uncle Sirius. By then, the entire Schuler Group will belong to the Hanks family. What else are you worried about? Just look at how great the rewards will be."

Sirius lit a cigarette and took a few small drags before he replied, "I'm not worried, it's just that Dawson's power has really spread throughout the Southeast Province right now. It won't do us any good to offend him."

Zayden replied calmly, "I knew that you'd be worried about something like this, so I came up with a fool-proof plan."

Sirius arched a brow at Zayden, waiting for him to continue.

While they sounded close and called each other 'Uncle' and 'Nephew', Sirius was well aware of how ingenuine his nephew was.

Not to mention that the power of the family only resided with him now because Zayden had lost to Jasper once. That was how Sirius managed to take the title of head of the family from Sylva.

two of them were family, neither minded backstabbing the

to help when we decide to attack," Zayden

in Sirius' hand shifted as he gasped. "The Monty family?!

the Southeast Province despite having

considered a large family in the Southeast Province, then the Monty family would surely be the

for them to

unspoken fact known by all that the Monty family's benefits in the Southeast

chuckled, unsurprised by

more shocked than Sirius when he

Harbor City is giving

well go straight to the point. Before I got back from Harbor City, I

family. He's only 32 this year but I've seen him before on some special occasions. He's indeed an outstanding character. They say that the

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"Mr. Monty, why are you..."

Zayden was cut off by Conrad's dismissive wave. With a warm smile, Conrad spoke, "There's not much that can go on without my knowledge in the Southeast Province."

Zayden felt his body grow cold.

He knew that the Monty family had a strong influence in the Southeast Province, but he had not expected such unimaginable power.

'Doesn't that mean Conrad knows about everything that I've been doing since I got here?'

At that thought, Zayden's expression turned sour.

It seemed like the people in Harbor City did not trust him, after all. Conrad must be the true person they were working with.

"Please sit, Mr. Monty."

head of the table before

and replied calmly, "I have quite the understanding of Jasper, but I'm not interested in dealing with him not create complications, or it would be difficult for me to explain it to

90% in agreement with the plan. He asked, "Excuse me for pressing unnecessarily, Mr. Monty, but does your family intend to further develop

up at Sirius and asked calmly, "Why ask if you

apologies, Mr. Monty. I shouldn't

rising on his arms after being subjected

Whatever is left is up to you. Like

your plan wasn't bad at all. Jasper has taken up many real estate projects within the province. While confidence is commendable in youths, problems will surely arise if they

no way a real estate company can continue operating when accidents occur

smile, Conrad opened

for less than five minutes and only spoken a few words, yet he had completely controlled the

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Jasper waved his hand and Julian immediately turned off the deafening music in the private room. Then, he ushered the girls who were drinking with Terence out the room as well.

The rowdy private room instantly quietened.

“This is how Zayden makes you work for him?” Jasper asked with a wide smile.

Terence’s expression darkened as he asked grimly, “What do you want from me?”

“Bring me to see Zayden,” Jasper stated calmly.

Terence was stunned for a moment before he scoffed. “Are you crazy? You want me to bring you to see Zayden now?”

Jasper clasped his hands together and placed them under his chin, saying to Terence, “I’m informing you, not discussing this with you. Do you understand the situation you’re in?”

Terence huffed. “Didn’t you tell me to find out who else he’s in contact with? I’ve only been back for a few hours and you want to see him already? How am I supposed to help you do anything then?”

All Terence wanted to do now was find an excuse to escape and then immediately tell Zayden the news.

all he needs to in these past

patience to waste more of his time on Terence. He

to Terence expressionlessly and spoke, “Would you like me to move you, or are you going to

taught him that this man could

you two there!” Terence clenched his

walked, “Don’t think about trying anything.

up on the idea of

brought Jasper upstairs to the door of the apartment on the highest floor where

Terence claimed as they

he turned

lying to you at all.

turned to Julian. “Is there any way to

and

window at the end of the corridor. Grabbing the upper edge of the window with one hand, he crawled

the 16th floor!”

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“Watch your mouth. As far as I’m concerned, Julian is close enough to be my brother while we are no closer than strangers.” Jasper turned to Terence who had a hand on his cheek and was currently being dragged into the room by Julian.

Terence clenched his jaw but did not speak anymore.

He knew that regardless of what happened today, he was screwed.

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Ignoring their intentions and whether they were only doing this for their own benefits, Zayden and Sirius seemed to have come to an agreement.

That put Zayden in a great mood.

He had the Monty family’s support and the green light from his uncle.

The series of attacks he had diligently prepared for Jasper could begin tomorrow.

The uncle-nephew pair, who each had their own agendas, was in a great mood. They ended up drinking a substantial amount of alcohol.

by the time

was swaying as he opened the door to his apartment. Zayden kicked his shoes off and yawned as entered the house. Clouded by alcohol, he wondered if he should find a woman

the house. He stared in disbelief at the sight of Jasper sitting

run haywire at

had never expected to

was stunned, surprised, and also a little

in his mind, Zayden asked hoarsely, “What the f*ck?!”

a shock, any sense of intoxication Zayden felt had now disappeared.

prank. There was no hostility in his smile when he replied, “A human, of course. Are

person you can’t wait to get rid of for good has appeared in your supposedly secluded and safe house. I guess it

Zayden then speedily

he did not

Terence was here too!

hiding in the corner of the room frightfully, not daring to look at

going on and chuckled furiously. “You’re the one who brought Jasper here, weren’t you, you