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Everyone had thought the bid would either end in Jasper clenching his teeth and calling out for a higher bid while Marcus watched calmly as Jasper lost a large amount of money.

Or perhaps it would end with Jasper being understanding and giving up the land to Marcus at a low price only to buy it over at a high price.

Still, the current situation was something no one had expected.

Everyone understood now as they watched Jasper show his hand.

It had been a set-up ever since the beginning, a trap where he would lure Marcus in only to end Marcus with one strike.

The owners of the two real estate companies shared a look.

They looked at each other in confusion.

The same thought appeared in their heads, 'Are all outsiders so fierce nowadays?'

Then, they looked at Marcus. Having lost the game and his dignity, Marcus resembled an aggravated lion as he suddenly shot to his feet and slammed his palm on the table before him. The impact came with a loud bang.

that was a roar even louder

you

in his chair, unfazed by Marcus' roar. He spoke calmly, "What do you mean? You were the one who jumped out and challenged me for this plot of

Marcus' eyes were bloodshot. He was

950 million Somer

'Almost f*cking one billion!

is now gone! In its place is a 1,500-acre plot of

Marcus' hands, for he had no idea nor understanding

more was how he

Marcus extremely uncomfortable, as business for him had always

Marcus, Ned was

rest were such a tight-knit group of friends because

had his fair share of shares as well. This 950 million loss meant that

was already so infuriated, one could only imagine how much at the heights in Jasper's past life. There were only so many

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Julian placed a foot over Ned's chest and spoke coldly, "This is a warning. If you try anything dangerous again, I'll break more than just your arm."

'He broke his arm?!'

Stunned and dazed, everyone snapped back to reality and turned to look at Ned's arm. They found that his right wrist was bent at a strange angle. It was a shuddering sight.

"Chupse..."

Everyone present sucked in a cold breath.

They did not expect Jasper's bodyguard to be so strong, especially considering that Ned had fought his way up in Reed City.

Yet when faced with Jasper's bodyguard, he did not even last a single second.

At that moment, everyone realized that Jasper was someone truly formidable.

As expected, Marcus roared.

dare you

calmly, "Everyone in the room saw very clearly that Ned attacked me first. My bodyguard merely countered his

had a wretched expression on his face. "You've broken Ned's

to pay that 950 million first if I were you," Jasper

cut deep

Marcus clenched his jaw, utterly

you can't afford that plot of land,

misunderstood. I saw how much you wanted that plot of land, Mr. Coine, so I had no other choice but to give it to you. After all, I'm just an outsider and I'd

to build my factory. Reed City is huge, there's bound

pointed at Jasper with a trembling finger. He angrily barked out

"Very f*cking good!

"Just wait, Jasper!"

still whimpering in pain. He glared at Jasper
had come to a momentary end as

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Mr. Powers did not know what the two fleeing real estate owners were thinking.

All he knew was that his mind was currently blown.

Mr. Powers had not expected Marcus to actually act so well according to Jasper's plan.

The plot of land had a starting bid of 100 to 200 million and Mr. Powers believed that it would only come to a maximum of 300 to 400 million.

Mr. Powers had no qualms with that, for it aligned with the city government's desire to oppress Marcus.

Yet... Jasper had just taken 950 million from Marcus in one go!

"We're very well aware of Fortune Co., Ltd's financial situation, Mr. Laine. The entire company is worth around one billion only, and with how much he has to pay this time... I'm afraid it would only cause you trouble."

Mr. Powers' words were extremely subtle.

Jasper smiled and replied calmly, "There's no way I can invest in anything with Marcus still in the picture. Plus, the city government wants to get rid of Marcus too, correct? I believe the city government's and my interests align on this topic. I'm sure that you wouldn't want someone to slander the reputation of Reed City either, right?"

With that, Jasper then clapped Mr. Powers on the shoulder. "I understand that there are many things the city government is not in the position to do, so I'll do them for you instead. All I hope is that the city government is able to provide me support during necessary times."

Mr. Powers replied sternly, "I'll make sure to relay your message word for word, Mr. Laine."

Jasper politely bade Mr. Powers farewell and called out to Julian before he exited the meeting room while stretching.

a grim expression on his face as he watched Jasper vanish

and whispered to Mr. Powers, "What should we do about this,

The only option is to report this to the higher-ups and let them decide what to do next.

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dealt with the most complicated problem with the simplest method.

man sat in the spacious and solemn office. There were two flags on this

before the table as he reported the details of the bid this

without missing a detail to that middle-aged

a moment of thought, the middle-aged man waved his hand. "I still have a meeting later. You'll be in charge of overlooking

and remain impartial. But you must do your part

and left the room while deep

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best people's hospital,

the hospital bed, his face sickly pale. He had just got out of surgery and was enduring

arm has suffered a comminuted fracture. We've already done our best to repair it, but there will be lifelong complications with his right hand. He'll

at the group of people who had sinister and bloodthirsty expressions on their

trash! Your entire family is made out of f*cking

the same answer no matter where we go. At least his right hand isn't completely crippled. That's

Len spoke expressionlessly.

Could you please leave us

out a sigh of relief and he quickly excused

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Fletcher replied grimly, "No matter what the actual situation was, he did break Ned's arm. The Adkins family can forget about working in Reed City if I'm not even going to get justice for my son."

Nodding, Len replied, "Alright, it seems like we're on the same page, then. The Coine and the Adkins families have been close since our father's generation. There's no way I'd stand still and watch as someone bullies Ned."

"Dad, Uncle Adkins, I don't plan on giving the city government that 950 million," Marcus spoke darkly.

"They're obviously targeting us. The past few years of work would've been for nothing if I just gave them that money."

Len was about to speak when Marcus' phone rang.

"It's Mr. Powers from the city government." Marcus' expression changed as he accepted the call.

After a moment, Marcus hung up the call angrily and spoke, "Dad, Uncle Adkins, Mr. Powers wants me to pay the 950 million bidding price within three business days as per the regulations. What the f*ck is that supposed to mean?"

"Don't spout nonsense!"

Len glared at Marcus who did not seem to know how to choose his words properly and growled. "There are some things that you can just keep to yourself, okay? You don't have to exclaim every single thought that comes to your mind! How old are you, huh? Can you still not tell the difference between what you can and cannot say?"

Marcus replied angrily, "Mr. Powers sounded really stern on the phone. He said that if I don't pay up, the city government will then sue us and we'll be brought to court. By then, they'll even investigate and charge me for defrauding state-owned property! It's not even that big of a deal and they're blowing this out of proportion!"

At that, Len's expression changed as well.

He looked at Fletcher and spoke grimly, "It's that person who newly took office in the city government, isn't it?"

Fletcher sneered, "It has to be. He's the only one who doesn't like us. They've made quite a few moves against us recently so there's no way they'd let go of this opportunity."

Coine family isn't their punching bag." Len scoffed and turned to Marcus, saying, "You have three more days, right? So before those days are up, I'd like

it?" Marcus

bribed this man called Chad? Then go and think of

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Coine and Adkins families were terrifyingly powerful in Reed City. The following night, Jasper

a skewers stall and saw Chad smoking by the road

here, Mr. Laine." Chad quickly snuffed out the bud of

before, Chad was also speaking to Jasper with a shred of respect

change and glanced at the small pool of cigarette buds on the floor beside Chad with a smile. "Is something bothering you,

"You don't have to

I'll tell you

table. Chad smiled at Jasper and spoke, "I love skewers, Mr. Laine, so much that I'd eat it every few days. So

farmers. I don't care much about how cheap the food is, especially when it comes to

he turned to shout at the owner, "I'll have

cold beer. He also handed Julian a few bottles of non-alcoholic drinks

Mr. Wright. What

to transfer me to a small village south of Reed City,"

city to being demoted straight to a small village? Not even to a town first? That's unusual," the Coine family's work." Chad scoffed and downed a beer bottle that had been keeping bottled with you, Mr. Laine. So I was wondering if I still

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By the time he finished speaking, Julian had already dashed over to stand in front of Jasper. He held a beer bottle in his hand and with a backhand smash against the table, the thick beer bottle shattered.

Julian's gaze was frosty as he pointed the sharp end of the bottle at attackers who were rushing toward them.

He did not rush up to them, for his most important mission was to protect Jasper.

After all, they were faced with around a dozen men now and it would end horribly if he rushed forward only to leave an opening for someone to attack Jasper.

Despite having lived more than half his life, Chad had never seen such a scene before and he grew pale from utter fear.

"Don't worry," Jasper's gentle voice sounded...

"Jul's here, we'll be fine."

Chad turned to look at Jasper only to see him calm as usual. There was no sign of panic on the man's expression at all.

Perhaps it was Jasper's influence, but Chad found himself calming down as well.

In a short while, the men with machetes rushed over.

It was evident that these people had been through professional training. They were on a completely different level from ordinary gangsters and were extremely professional machete wielders.

Their target was clear—Jasper.

The first three rushed over, and Julian was extremely focused as he raised his hand to whack the beer bottle on one of the trio's heads. The opponent staggered with a pitiful whimper and fell. At the same time, Julian grabbed another's throat before tossing him against the third person harshly.

Julian was extremely strong, especially when his strength exploded. Jasper had seen how the man burst a sandbag with one punch in practice.

three men like a train and they were sent flying with pitiful screams. They ended up toppling the adjacent table

and with a weapon in hand, Julian resembled a God

rushed toward the men and sliced his way through
been defeated, the remaining five to six shared a look. Jaws set, they changed
had three of them surround Julian while another three rushed to
one hand. Then, he threw the table at them as if it were a
were immediately
same time, two machete-wielding men
there and let them do as they wished. His opponents had weapons and were professionally trained, so
fighting back was not an option. Jasper immediately took two steps back
petrified and remained rooted in
two men watched as Jasper retreated. Julian was angrily rushing over as well, and they did not have
time to run
that moment, Jasper's heart
able to find a manager who met his and JW
forward and reached out to pull
arm instead, while Jasper ended up taking
from fury at
two attackers just like how one patted a watermelon. The two men's chests folded inward upon impact.
Countless ribs must have fractured and they immediately
turned to flee.
a couple of steps and grabbed the two by the shoulders as easily as grabbing small chicks. He then
pressed
the tiles on the floor shattered and the two attackers were on the ground before they could even shout.
They
Laine!" Chad finally reacted to what was happening. Ignoring the wound on his arm, he rushed over to
hold Jasper. Color
that Jasper was hurt from protecting
"Get lost!"
up, considering Jasper had only gotten

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Jasper was severely injured and in shock. When he entered the hospital, he was already unconscious.
The entire Southeast Province was in an uproar when news spread to them.

Wendy received a call from Julian in the middle of the night, and she was too shocked by the news to even speak.

Dawson was the calmest and immediately contacted Henry who was also in Nauritus City.

Henry flipped a table at the news.

That night, Henry called for his private plane to fly over from Harbor City. The plane landed in Nauritus City only to fly toward Reed City within ten minutes of landing after Henry and Wendy boarded.

In the shortest amount of time, the situation had progressed at the most terrifying speed.

Its influence involved multiple circles and many people were losing sleep over the knowledge.

The first to know of the news was the chief of the government of Reed City.

in the middle of the night, the composed and sturdy man dropped his

how ignorant of the law those people were for three consecutive times,

eyes on what's happening and I heard that Jasper's family is making their way over tonight. At the same time, tomorrow is Marcus' deadline to pay up

braved through as he

middle-aged

doing everything they can to keep him alive," Mr. Powers

middle-aged man quickly calmed down from his anger and began to analyze

you to keep a close eye on Jasper's condition at the hospital. If Marcus is unwilling to pay us tomorrow, we'll put this on hold first. We need Jasper's

before they made a move. If Jasper woke up, then everything would continue according to plan. If Jasper passed tonight,

and replied, "Alright, I'll

if he doesn't, our plan

"Yes, Chief."

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that moment, Ned chortled exaggeratedly in his hospital

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"Can you?" Ned's eyes shone, but he seemed a little hesitant.

"Why the f*ck not? You just have an injured hand. Everything else is still working, no?" Marcus snickered evilly.

"Then bring me two! I'm going to f*cking celebrate!"

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At the same time in Nauritus City, Southeast Province.

Someone knocked on the bedroom of a villa.

"Come in."

Conrad's tired voice sounded from inside.

entered and Conrad switched his desk light on. "What is it?"

eye on Jasper and the Schuler family. Something has happened to Jasper in Reed City and he's currently in the emergency room in the hospital. We don't know if he'll make it through

he asked in a raspy voice,

plane. From that, I think we can

brows. He was elated a moment ago, yet now he was in despair. He did not even know what

asked, "Do we know who did

confirm is that he was attacked by a local family, most likely due to conflict

even I, Conrad Monty, could win, yet they managed to send him to the hospital so easily. What brutal countrymen

"What's next, Mr. Monty?"

"Nothing. We continue constructing our factory for the MP3 players. Regardless of whether Jasper lives or

City, it'll only be a matter of time before they know

be leaving now if

door clicking shut before murmuring to himself, "I thought I'd be elated to know that you're dying soon, Jasper. So why can't I seem

here without

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"You have to take revenge!"

Wendy's usually gentle and calm gaze was now laced with never-before-seen hatred and anger.

Jasper was just about to speak when he heard Wendy continue, "You can't stay here anymore. It's too dangerous."

Jasper smiled bitterly. "I was careless. It won't happen again, I promise... By the way, what time is it now?"

Indeed, Jasper had successfully distracted Wendy and changed the subject. "You've been asleep for more than a day already."

Jasper rubbed his temples. "That's not too bad... Where's Jul?"

"He's been kneeling at the door for more than a day."

Wendy sighed.

"He said he had to apologize."

brow. "That idiot. This has nothing to do with him at all.

think I haven't tried

awake and I asked him to come in," Jasper spoke calmly and patted

to vent her anger on him. After all, Wendy did not know what had happened then, and considering Julian's personality, he would surely put the blame on himself when he tried to

was angry at Julian when all she knew was that Jasper had gotten

and got up to ask

the effects of kneeling for an entire day despite his physique, and he was slightly limping when

seat." Jasper pointed at the

to say something but Jasper glared at

sat on the

if I hadn't reached out for Chad

the Human Resources Department in JW Capital. He's a very important character, so I

if you get hurt?" Wendy

us knew what was going to happen. Plus, I couldn't just watch as Chad died after getting attacked by a machete-wielding man right

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Jasper smiled. "Are you hurt?"

Chad shook his head. "You saved me at that crucial moment so I just got a small nick in my arm. I'm so sorry, Mr. Laine!"

Chad had just spoken when the woman beside him fell to her knees before Jasper and sobbed. "You're our family's savior, Mr. Laine. I don't know how to thank you for what you've done!"

Jasper quickly gestured for Wendy to help the woman up before he smiled and spoke, "You must be Mrs. Wright, then?"

"No, please, call me by my name, Mr. Laine. I'm Alina Tyler."

“Chad’s older than me by quite a bit. It’s only right I call you Mrs. Wright.

“It’s not that big of a deal, actually. I’m awake now, aren’t I?”

Jasper then turned to Chad. “What has been going on outside these two days?”

Chad sighed. “A lot of people have their eyes on you now. But at the same time, that’s also all the extent of it. Marcus was supposed to pay the 950 million yesterday but he didn’t, and the city government didn’t react either.”

I would make it out alive or

waking up would disappoint quite a

“Jasp,” Wendy called out.

turned to

a slightly weird expression, “I actually came here on Henry’s private plane. He’s been here this entire time too, but I think he found out that the people

“Why didn’t

lesson. Plus, he has Fallon with him. He’ll be fine,” Wendy spoke

matter how knowledgeable, would channel all their thoughts to their men once they had one by was much more terrifying than

his temples and

his phone when the door to the

had been a few days since they last met. Ned was kicked into the room pathetically with

not been for the fact that Ned had a unique physique, Jasper might not even be able to recognize the man before him. Ned had tears and snot

room after. The sinister look on his face immediately morphed into a wide smile when he

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Ned had been caught completely off guard when Henry suddenly dragged him off the hospital bed and began to beat him up.

He was still ready to fight and protest at first, but as time progressed, he realized that Henry was not joking and truly planned to beat him to death.

Ned was ready to surrender.

Ned was a patient with a handicapped right arm, so he was hardly a match for Henry and his dozen top-notch bodyguards. Not to mention that there was Fallon, who certainly was stronger than Julian, watching from the sidelines as well.

Ned's end was pretty much already determined.

It was only when Ned was dragged like a lifeless dog from his inpatient building to Jasper's and he saw Jasper upon entering the room did he know that Henry had come for revenge.

At that, Ned calmed down.

face by Henry. He was in an exceptionally sorry state, yet his expression could not be more arrogant when

still alive! Very good,

"Haha!

Jasper! Just wait, I'm

too easy on you, then! Don't worry, I'll make sure

remained expressionless at Ned's threats but everyone else in the room was

"Jul!" Wendy called out.

slapped Ned across the

him angrily without holding

his vision turned dark for a second. Following that came the burning feeling on his cheek, making him feel as though he had

he spat out blood and there were several white chunks of what was most likely his teeth.