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"Half a month ago, didn't you obtain a manufacturing order for three 5,000-tonne cargo ships through your connections in Harbor City? This was originally a good thing. The entire shipyard has been working together to complete this order.

"However, a few days ago, the buyer suddenly came to the shipyard for an inspection. He found out that we were using a batch of imported steel plates of subpar quality. He was furious about it and he proceeded to sign a new contract with another shipyard.

"I received news that the other shipyard had secretly contacted the buyer a long time ago. They offered him a price that was nearly 20% lower than ours.

"Therefore, this deal was determined to be done for. The old mister and madam have been so troubled over this lately that they can't focus on anything else."

After listening to what Lucas said, Jasper frowned. "I obtained this order through a special connection of mine. However, one always has to consider their own interests in business," he said in a heavy tone.

"I know about these three ships. The value of each ship is around seven million dollars. It makes up a total of 21 million dollars, which isn't a small number. The buyer will definitely be careful about it.

"Why are we using a batch of imported steel plates of subpar quality?"

"That's the odd thing," Lucas replied immediately.

"Mr. Laine, you've told us time and time again that we must only use genuine materials. The old mister and madam have never violated this rule. We would never dare order a batch of defective steel plates.

purchasing record. It

must have been in the factory the night before without anyone knowing. The next day, the buyer

batch of defective steel plates in the factory. The

expression darkened as he gently rapped his knuckles

received it. When the buyer was here for an inspection, a batch of defective steel plates from an unknown source suddenly appeared in the factory

a fit of rage. Not long after, another

while, I thought that I should report it to

decision. Someone is plotting

the shipyard's market in Harbor City and Auma City through this. That's

someone

won't allow others to fool and belittle my parents' shipyard like that. Furthermore, this is such

a trip to Brac County

said excitedly as he breathed out

raised his head and caught sight of Wendy who had walked

gone to bed?" Jasper

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Wendy and Tiffany got along with each other exceptionally well. Jasper was extremely relieved to see this.

He wanted to make up for the regrets from his past life. Anyways, since fate had arranged for Jasper and Tiffany to meet again, he could not bear to watch Tiffany continue to live as miserably as she did in her past life.

Jasper was not one who did many good deeds, but he did not mind putting in some effort to provide a pitiful girl like Tiffany with a better future.

The next day, Jasper woke up early as he had to head over to Brac County. As soon as he stepped out of his room, he noticed that the door of the room at the end of the corridor was open. Tiffany, who had finished washing up, walked out of the room with her luggage.

Jasper was stunned. "Where are you going with all your luggage?" he asked.

Tiffany seemed to be shocked by Jasper's sudden appearance. After a momentary daze, she said in a soft voice, "I'm going to work."

"Didn't Wendy tell you that you don't need to work anymore?" Jasper asked.

"Huh?!"

began to well up in

really get

he heard the teary tone of her voice. "What are you thinking? We just don't think that you should be working as a waitress in the hotpot

do you know about the responsibilities of an assistant manager? An

is a managerial position. Do you think that you'll be able

as a sense of inferiority overcame her upon registering Jasper's words. "No, I don't know how to do

home. You can start from

main responsibilities include cleaning, tidying up the house, and tending to

to these chores, but you can learn from them. If you find it hard to learn from them, you can cook for us. The cook who used to be

know how

After all, she was a young and pretty lady. It would

he was taking Tiffany's self-esteem

actually extremely determined and sensitive despite her weak appearance. She would reject the charity of others as she hoped that she could

to cook!" Tiffany nodded

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"There's something else... Brother Laine, could you lend me 1,000 dollars?"

Tiffany sounded like she was about to cry. "I know that it's wrong for me to do this, but my brother's school fees have been in arrears for almost a week now. I...I don't want the others to look down on him in school," she said.

Jasper sighed lightly as he looked at Tiffany's conflicted expression.

1,000 dollars was nothing to him.

The profits that he had earned effortlessly from the companies under his name exceeded this amount by a lot. However, this sum of money was enough to cause Tiffany to feel conflicted and awkward.

He took out 2,000 dollars in cash from his wallet and stuffed it into Tiffany's hands. He then spoke to Tiffany who was desperately searching for the right words to say to him in a kind tone.

"Here's 2,000 dollars. 1,000 dollars is for your brother's school fees, and the remaining 1,000 dollars is for your brother's living expenses. You need to take care of the remaining expenses on your own. However, this money is part of your salary. I'm just giving it to you in advance. When you get your salary, it'll be deducted from the total."

Tiffany nodded nervously as a bright expression flashed across her face.

She felt like the 2,000 dollars he

Brother Laine! I will work hard!"

at her. He then turned around

had driven over to the villa after receiving Jasper's call and was

County. I think we'll be

got into the car and accepted the breakfast sandwich handed over to him

the attention of passersby on the street. It then entered the highway and dashed toward Brac

at Brac County in the afternoon, and Jasper

were shocked to see

you here, Jasp?" Sally asked while she turned her head to look behind his back. The expression on her face dimmed when she did not see the person she wanted

here alone this time. If you want to see her, call her and ask her

a hassle," Sally said as she

has anything special happened

Come on, let's eat at the canteen.

Chapter 954

Everything that Charlie told him was roughly the same as what Jasper already knew.

However, he discovered something new from his father's account of the incident.

There were surveillance cameras in the factory. Although there were not many cameras, they covered most of the important areas.

However, none of the cameras had captured the scene of the batch of defective steel plates being moved into the factory.

"I've checked before. There are at least three surveillance cameras along the way to the factory. There's one at the main entrance, another one at the entrance of the production area, and one at the entrance of the warehouse. These are all important pathways, but none of these cameras managed to catch anything on footage.

"Therefore, there can only be two explanations for this. It was either a supernatural event where everything was the work of a ghost or the perpetrator is someone familiar with the environment of the factory and acted as a snitch."

Lucas brought two executives over in a hurry when Charlie mentioned this.

arrived. We should have come outside to greet you,"

don't have to be so courteous around me. I don't like such behavior. Have you guys eaten?

a meaningful gaze at one of the executives. The executive rushed off to

of them sat down. The small table was occupied by six people. The atmosphere

the surveillance cameras. Do all of you know about it?" Jasper

Chairman Laine was the one who proposed this idea to us. After investigating and drawing

wasn't a supernatural event, I'm sure that there's a snitch among

never believed in ghosts. Our investigation will begin with the internal staff of the

List down some suspects and carry out the investigation slowly. As

weren't there on the

already lost a huge order, so everyone is feeling uneasy. Therefore, you need to carry

nodded sternly after listening to what he said.

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Jasper did not really care about the shipyard. It was not worth it to allocate so much of his efforts into this business.

He only came over personally to handle this issue because he did not want it to affect his parents' emotions.

However, from the way his parents were behaving right now, it seemed he had to resolve this problem as best as he could. Otherwise, they would be sick with worry.

After lunch, Charlie and Sally headed back to rest. Meanwhile, Jasper and Lucas discussed the investigation procedures to be carried out in order to find out who the snitch was.

Once that was done, Lucas left to continue with his work whereas Jasper and Julian left the shipyard together.

"They plotted against us when we least expected it. We don't even know what exactly happened. It won't be easy to find out the truth in just a few days."

Jasper massaged his temples in the car. He had a headache.

slowly investigate if you don't manage to find out anything within a few days, Jasper. There's no need to pressure yourself," Julian said

said, "I don't have that much time

the car

to an emergency stop by the

short distance away from the car, a huge scene was taking place at the entrance of

pushing a baby stroller and carrying a lot of vegetables with an apron wrapped around his waist was being slapped by

yesterday night? I want to drink sweetened milk, but you bought me pure milk. Did you do it on purpose so I won't feel

in a shrill voice

raised his arm to block the woman's hand. However, he did not dare to

night. I haven't been sleeping well for almost an entire week. You've misunderstood me. Don't hit me anymore. There are many people

"Good, then. I want everyone to see how useless you are. You're just a piece of garbage who relies on women for money. I'm paying

at him. "I'll buy some sweetened milk for you right now," he said with a dark

Chapter 956

Greg Costa and Jasper were from the same hometown.

They were childhood friends who had grown up together. They had been playmates when they were young.

Both of them graduated from the same high school in the town in their past and current lives. Jasper went on to study in university whereas Greg, who lost his father at a young age, gave up on his opportunity to attend university and started working. After that, they lost contact.

In Jasper's past life, he had met Greg once after a long time.

At the time, he was dressed extravagantly and had a posh car. In the eyes of the people from their hometown, he was the epitome of success for those from their generation. However, Greg had told Jasper not to envy him back then as his life was worse than that of a dog.

Jasper, who had been buried in debt back then, did not understand what he meant. He was dressed in clothes worth tens of thousands of dollars and had a car that cost a few hundred thousand dollars. Nothing was bad about all of that.

What kind of dog could live a life like this?

However, Greg did not explain much, and Jasper did not ask him any questions either.

seen each other since then, which was

to bump into Greg

was that just

saw everything?" he

looked at his childhood friend. "I heard that you got married. That woman

ever seen a wife who treats her husband like a dog? Have you ever seen a wife who scolds

stroller in his arms. "Look, this is my

then, a genuine smile finally appeared on Greg's face. This was a sight

cute child. However, the child was still frightened

you. What's his name?" Jasper

Terrius Wellington,"

is Wellington?" Jasper asked with a

I married into the Wellington

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Just as he was about to say something, Greg said, "Wait for me. We rarely see each other. I'll send my son home so that someone can look after him. I'll be back soon. Let's have a drink together."

Greg then turned around and ran off.

Jasper shook his head as he looked at Greg who was carrying his son in one arm while pushing the stroller with another. He was also carrying bags of groceries with an apron wrapped around his waist.

In his memory, Greg had always been a strong, independent, and capable man. He did not expect him to choose a path like this. A moment later, Greg appeared in front of Jasper after changing his clothes.

Greg was quite handsome, tall and dashing too. During their high school days, he was the school's most popular hunk. He was pursued by many girls back then, and he was way more popular than Jasper.

Otherwise, that woman from the Wellington family would not have fallen for him.

"Let's go! I know a restaurant nearby. It serves pretty good food," Greg told Jasper with a smile as he pulled him toward the entrance of the residential area.

Jasper instinctively walked toward his Bentley, which was parked a short distance away. However, Greg stopped him.

are you going? Let's go this way. My car is

an Audi. He laughed and said, "Did you want to take a look at that Bentley? Haha, don't look at it. Only prominent figures deserve to sit inside a car like that. If we offend such people, we'll be

After all, he could write a whole novel if he were to tell him about his entire experience up

now, he was more curious about what had happened to Greg throughout the

turned on the engine and started driving. He tapped the

alone is enough for me to buy three commercial houses in our town, but it's nothing to the Wellingtons. It was just their 'betrothal gift' to

living like this isn't all that bad. After all, if I were to work hard on my

people scold me for being a weak and useless

stern voice, "Greg, I know that you aren't someone like

I have my

"If my mother hadn't been lying in the ICU while waiting for the surgery fees to be paid, I wouldn't have done

if I get beaten up, scolded, and my son doesn't share the same last name as me? He's still my son. I live in a better house and drive a better car than

Chapter 958

The most unbearable thing for a man was seeing his woman with another man.

The scene unfolding before their eyes evidently left a great impact on Greg.

He gripped the steering wheel tightly as if he wanted to crush it with his bare hands.

The corners of Jasper's eyes twitched as he watched the woman fool around with the man.

This woman was being way too reckless.

Just when Jasper thought that Greg would get out of the car and do something about it in a fit of rage, he suddenly spoke up.

"Let's go."

Greg's voice was terrifyingly calm.

It was as if the woman outside the car was not his wife.

Jasper stared at him in shock.

"Aren't you going down to take a look?"

Greg gritted his teeth and said, "There's nothing much to see. It isn't the first time."

Jasper was rendered speechless by the calm and icy tone of Greg's voice.

Was it worth it?

Living like this just for a posh car, a luxurious house, and a life without having to worry about basic necessities?

he willing to tolerate his wife cheating on him

once knew anymore. He was no longer a daring

car

not utter a single word throughout the

destination. Greg had brought them to a Criucian restaurant. His preferences for food

after arriving at the restaurant. He also ordered two bottles of Criucian wine, which the restaurant had limited

Jasper told Greg who still

anything you like. If you can't finish the food, we'll just throw it away. It

his brows. "Greg Costa, I know that you have a lot of money now, but is it fun for

looking down on me as well, Jasper Laine. You're mocking me for using my wife's money, right?!" Greg roared at Jasper, suddenly bursting into a fit

not looking down on you. You're the one who's giving up on

his teeth as he remained seated without saying

the bottle of Criucian wine after the dishes were served. He raised his head and downed a whole glass of past because of me. You also told the teacher that everything was

our friendship so that I would end

closed his eyes slowly. He seemed to be recalling the past incidents that Jasper had mentioned. A carefree smile formed across his

were really fools in the past, haha."

you? Are you still with

up," Jasper said in

infatuated man like you actually broke up with her? Who

don't suit each other. I must have been blinded in the past. After calming down and returning to my senses, I finally understood everything," Jasper said. He

they choose to make a certain decision. I won't ask you about it, and I respect your choice as well. Come on, let's not mention anything today. Let's just talk

"That's right, that's my brother.

to numb himself by getting drunk whereas Jasper had no choice but to accompany him. Both of them continued to drink and eventually finished the two

as Greg began feeling tipsy, the door of

and began to scold him, "Greg Costa, I asked you to take care of our son and do the chores at doing housework everyday?! If I hadn't walked by and seen your car parked at the entrance, I would've

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"Greg Costa, what do you mean?

"What nonsense are you talking about? Are you saying that I'm fooling around with other men outside? Are you still a f*cking man? How dare you say that about me?!"

Mary Wellington's high-pitched screams almost shattered the glass panels of the private room.

She panted heavily, her shapely chest rising and falling rapidly. She pointed a finger at Greg with her eyes rounded in anger. Her expression was so hideous it was almost distorted.

"Just look at you! You're nothing but a wastrel of a kept man, eating and living off me! Even your pocket money is given to you by me! You're only worthy of washing my underwear at home, cleaning the floor, and cooking. What else can you do?

"You don't have any capabilities but now you want to throw me under the bus, huh?

"You wretched ingrate! Are you even worthy of being called a man?"

Mary's finger almost poked Greg on the nose.

It was not apparent if it was because of the effects of alcohol or because of the long-suppressed anger that had reached the point of exploding, but Greg let out a furious roar.

"That's enough!"

After all, Greg was a tall man of 1.8 meters with a burly figure, so his roar was enough of a deterrent.

Mary was taken aback by that yell, her screams and curses coming to an abrupt halt.

"I'm a f*cking kept man of yours, but so what? All these years, you've just been raising a dog. Even if I only wag my tail in front of you every day, I should still get some benefits, right? I deserve all of that!

saying that I'm your kept man. Your Wellington family is rich, the shipyard you established is very influential, and you have assets worth tens of

this, Jasper raised his

A shipyard?

were only two shipyards

him, while the other one was called Eastwind Shipyard. It would seem that it belonged to this

for the problems faced by his shipyard, the order was taken away by this Eastwind Shipyard. Right now, Lucas and the others were suspecting that Eastwind Shipyard had bought off some of their internal people which led to

the waters

about this, Greg was

been working my *ss off for you. If you wanted to wash your feet, I'd carry a basin of water and wash them for you. I cut your toenails, I

the whole time, I can put up with it. Who told me to choose this path in the first

many men do you have outside? Do you really think I don't know? I've seen six of

night and I listened to it next door all night!

cooking oil. He's the big boss from Harbor City who you've been accompanying the past

slept with you before even if I just go out

from

from

at her appearance, the latter was

being caught cheating at all. Instead, she cursed more vigorously, "Fine, I'll go out

keep a few outside. You're not capable,

you have the ability, why don't you divorce me? I can kick you out of the house immediately. At that time, you'll end up begging on the streets! I'll see what you can

like a knife that stabbed

with bloodshot eyes, wishing

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Initially, Jasper had no intentions to interfere in this matter.

That was because no matter how excessive Mary was, or how much Greg was suffering due to his weaknesses, this was the couple's domestic affairs.

As a bystander, it was hardly appropriate for him to say anything. No matter how close they were as friends, it was most taboo to intervene in the matters of other families.

Not to mention the relationship between Jasper and Greg. Although they practically grew up together, that was in the past, after all.

Although they were not as unfamiliar as strangers, they had each experienced different growth and changes. It would take some time before they could be as close as during their teenage years.

However, Mary's words and actions, combined with Greg's response, made Jasper unable to bear it any longer.

Regardless of anything else, just because he was suspecting that Mary Wellington was involved with the matter of his shipyard, made Jasper determined to get to the bottom of this.

As soon as Jasper spoke, Mary immediately gave him a sideways glance.

are you? What gives you the right to

sitting here drinking and talking, but you started yelling the minute you stepped in. Have you never been and screamed, "Are

say

she could

call your friend. Greg Costa, just look at the attitude of your friend. By hanging out with such a person, what else do

200 bucks? You can only find

don't need you to point fingers at my

expect that Greg would dare to retort her, so she said angrily, "Well, you've

that said, Mary raised her hand to hit Greg's mouth, but this time, her raised hand was

me enough?" Greg stared at Mary as though he wanted to swallow her whole and said with

frightened by

tall man. There was an innate difference in their physical sizes now, haven't you,