## CAN'T WIN ME BACK

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As the board meeting concluded, the crowd gradually dispersed.

News of Justin securing his position as president and Alyssa joining the board quickly spread through Beckett Group.

After the meeting, Alyssa escorted Newton back to Crescent Bay while Jasper remained at the corporation to handle some matters.

With Xavier accompanying him, Jasper strode toward the chairman's office, his expression cold and unreadable. Nearby, a few employees huddled together, whispering.

"Psst! Do you think Alyssa joining the board means she's teaming up with Jasper to take down our new president?" "People have been saying they broke up since they haven't been seen together for a while," another speculated.

"But at the press conference, Alyssa openly condemned Mr. Justin. That looked like she was siding with Jasper. So, are they still together or not?"

"Come on, to people like them, personal feelings don't matter-only their own interests do. Even if they broke up, they can still work together if it benefits them."

"Oh? I thought what they had was true love ...."

"Heh, don't be ridiculous! There's no 'true love' in the world of aristocrats. Besides, I doubt Alyssa joined the board just for Jasper's sake." The sudden remark stopped Jasper dead in his tracks a wave of inscrutable feeling washed over his eyes, leaving them clouded and unreadable.

"Think about it--who holds the real power in Beckett Group? It's Mr. Justin! Even after the public crisis, his position remained intact. That means Mr. Javier and Mr. Newton are backing him completely.

"In other words, Mr. Jasper is out. There's no way he's taking over the corporation."

Unaware of his impending doom, the employee grew bolder. "Besides, Alyssa and Jasper have split. She has her family to consider. She has no choice but to side with the strong unless she's some hopeless romantic.

"But that's unlikely. They've already parted ways-"

Xavier could no longer hold back and cleared his throat loudly.

The gossiping employees stiffened. As if trained soldiers, they lined up against the wall, heads lowered, too terrified to breathe.

"Got too much free time, huh?" Xavier's voice was laced with sarcasm. "Should I bring you some chips so you can snack while you chat?"

His expression darkened as he stepped toward the loudest employee. "You're fired. Someone from HR will handle your paperwork this afternoon. Don't bother showing up tomorrow."

That employee paled. "What? Why am I fired?"

Xavier met his gaze with an icy stare. "For saying things you shouldn't and gossiping about people you shouldn't. The company rules explicitly forbid discussing the Becketts in public. It's in your contract."

"I refuse to accept this!" the employee protested, his frustration now directed at Jasper. "Mr. Justin is the president. You're no longer his secretary, which means you don't have the authority to fire me! This is an abuse of power!" Jasper, who had remained silent until now, let out a quiet chuckle. His dull eyes gleamed with cold amusement. "No authority?" he murmured.

Then he smiled-slow and dangerous.

"As a major shareholder of Beckett Group and a Beckett myself, I have every right to fire you. If you don't like it, go cry to your dear Mr. Justin. Let's see whose side he takes."

The employee flushed in humiliation and stormed off while the rest of the group scattered in silence.

Xavier clenched his fists, his voice seething with frustration. "Damn it... Just because you stepped down, they think they can look down on you?"

"They only see what's on the surface," Jasper replied, his posture unwavering. "I don't feel at a disadvantage." Lifting his chin slightly, he resumed walking.

Just then, Justin appeared, Eden trailing behind him. They stopped a few steps away from Jasper.

Justin smirked. "Jasper, if I recall correctly, you always kept your work and personal matters separate. You never interfered in non-work-related issues and were exceptionally understanding with your subordinates. What changed?"

His smirk deepened. "Lost your authority overnight, and now you're taking it out on employees? I get why you're doing it. But don't think people won't see it as you lashing out because you can't accept that you lost to me." What the hell? How was Jasper "lashing out"?