

Life at The Top – Chapter 1191

If Ulric was only slightly doubtful before, but Jasper's words had him dazed now.

There were only two possibilities here.

The first being that Jasper, the f*cker, was crazy.

The second being that Jasper was an extremely powerful person. Someone who could potentially be a senior executive in Easy Media.

However, Ulric did not think this was very likely.

The young man before him was in his twenties. There was no way this man could be a senior executive of the company.

Yet, Jasper's calm and majestic aura could not be faked either.

At that moment, Ulric was at loss about what to do. Ulric felt that calling his cousin would be too embarrassing an act.

It implied that he was scared of Jasper.

“Mr. Sandoval, I think it would be safer to make the call,” A subordinate gave him the chance to extricate himself from the awkward situation.

Ulric harrumphed and glared at Jasper. Then, he pulled out his phone and made a call beside them.

At the same time, Baz walked over.

The man looked Jasper up and down before he frowned and asked, “Do we know each other?”

Baz thought that this might be some friend of his, but no matter how he looked at the man, he was certain he had never seen the younger before. Hence, he had to ask this.

“This is the first time we’re meeting.” Jasper smiled at Baz.

Baz was stunned and asked, “Then why are you helping me?”

“I came here to look for you,” Jasper explained.

Baz was even more confused.

At the same time, Ulric’s call with his cousin connected. Horace, the Vice president of Easy Media’s Waterhoof City branch picked up the call.

“What is it?”

Ulric heard the indifferent voice on the other end of the call and said carefully, “I’m here at Golden State Street collecting payment, but there’s a really arrogant brat here, Horace. I was afraid that he’d be someone from the company so I wanted to check with you first.”

Horace was stunned for a moment. He glanced at the employees from the headquarters that were sitting in his office and asked, “Someone from the company? What’s his name?”

Ulric blanked.

He had no idea what Jasper’s name was.

Ulric turned to glance at Jasper before replying, "I don't know. But he's a young man in his twenties and he doesn't seem like a local from Waterhoof City."

Horace gave it some thought before he replied grimly, "The branch doesn't have a senior executive in his twenties. He's probably just an entry-level employee."

Ulric was immediately relieved and replied, "Good, then. I'll get rid of him right away. F*cking brat, I can't believe I actually got scared when he acted like he's someone powerful!"

However, Horace was smarter than Ulric, and he frowned in thought before saying, "Don't be so rash. The situation's a little tense over at the headquarters, and a few people from Waterfall South seems to have found out about your business. The headquarters' senior executives are angry and an investigative team have come over to our Waterhoof City branch office.

The general manager from headquarters is sitting in my office with their team right now."

"You never know. The investigative team could be sitting here while they send someone to dig around in secret. I have to go over and check out the situation first."

Ulric replied uncaringly, "But Horace, you've been contributing to Easy Media for years already. What can they do if they catch you? We've already used most of the profits we've earned in bribes."

“Nonsense!”

Horace scolded, “Will you only stop after you’ve caused a huge ruckus? Don’t act rashly for now. Wait for me to get there. You can do whatever you want if it’s a false alarm.”

Life at The Top – Chapter 1192

Horace then hung up the phone and looked up at Truman, the general manager of the headquarters’ Inspection Department, and smiled. “Mr. Geis, did you send anyone from your investigative team directly to the audiovisual product shops?”

Truman was stunned when he heard Horace and shook his head. “There hasn’t been any arrangements of that manner as far as I’m aware, Horace. We’re old colleagues, aren’t we? I’d tell you in advance if I’d made such an arrangement.”

Horace’s expression darkened and he told Truman, “Then, I suspect that someone’s impersonating your people, Mr. Geis. The agency caught them red-handed, so perhaps we could go and take a look.”

Truman was enraged. “How could such a thing happen? Let’s go right away. We have to deal with these people harshly.”

At the same time in the shop, Ulric was overcome with joy to learn that Jasper was most likely pretending to be someone formidable.

“Just you wait, you little brat! You like to act, don’t you? I’d like to see how you f*cking keep this act up once they arrive!”

Ulric pointed at Jasper and scolded him loudly.

Despite this, Jasper remained calm.

In all honesty, considering Jasper’s current identity and status, he would truly be lowering himself if he were to engage Ulric in a verbal fight.

On the other hand, Ulric took Jasper’s silence as guilt. Ulric scoffed and looked at two of his lackeys as he cued them to block the door so that Jasper could not run.

Then, he said with a sneer, “Do you know how much trouble you’re in today, brat? I’ll beat you up and make you call me daddy later while you lie limply on the ground.”

“You’re going too far!”

Baz could not endure Ulric's attitude any longer and said.

Horace had told Ulric not to act rashly with Jasper, but the man was not in the mood to be soft with Baz.

Slapping Baz with the back of his hand, Ulric scolded, "Who the f*ck do you think you are? Who are you to shout at me? Give me the money you owe me, or I'll get rid of your shop!"

After taking the slap head on, Baz was utterly mortified as he glared at Ulric with reddened eyes.

He wanted nothing more than to charge head on and fight Ulric.

However, this was his relative's shop and not his. Not to mention that Ulric's people outnumbered him. Baz knew that rushing into a fight would only get himself beaten up.

Hence, All Baz could do was suppress the fury he felt and swear that he would one day make a name for himself and never be taken advantage of like this again.

"Touch him again and you will regret it." Jasper's icy tone drifted over.

Ulric stared at Jasper and smiled wretchedly, “You can’t even protect yourself, brat Stop acting like a here.”

As they talked, a commercial vehicle came to a stop outside the car. The car doors opened, and a good number of people got out.

Horace led the group, with Easy Media’s Inspection Department’s general manager Truman trailing after him. The other employees of the Inspection Department walked behind Truman.

Ulric saw Horace and went to greet the man happily. “Horace, the stupid f*cker I was talking about is right inside.”

Horace frowned slightly since Truman was also present, and he scolded Ulric, “Watch your choice of words. This is Truman Geis, the general manager of the headquarters’ Inspection Department. He’s an old colleague of mine. What are you waiting for? Greet him!”

Ulric was not a blind man, and he immediately bowed to greet Truman, “Hello, Mr. Geis.”

Ulric chuckled and continued pleasingly, “Mr. Geis. I should make preparations to celebrate your arrival. Perhaps we could do dinner?”

This was the general manager from the headquarters' Inspection Department!

This man was considered a formidable figure beyond Ulric's usual network.

It made sense that he wanted to be acquainted with the man.

Truman gave a small smile and was about to reply when he looked up and saw an extremely familiar young man looking back at him expressionlessly in the shop.

Life at The Top – Chapter 1193

As an entry level agent, there was no way Ulric would recognize Jasper.

As the vice president of the Waterhoof City branch, Horace should have been able to recognize Jasper.

However, since Jasper did not involve himself in most of the company's daily operations after he acquired Easy Media, Jasper only knew what Ted reported to him. High-level employees consisting of general managers of the headquarters' many huge departments only occasionally saw Jasper during video conferences.

A vice president of a branch like Horace was not high-ranking enough to know who Jasper was.

Truman was the only one here who was different.

As the general manager of the Inspection Department, Truman was not qualified to be a part of the core decision making team. However, the man had seen Jasper before during a few huge video conferences. Truman felt an impending headache when he saw Jasper.

He did not expect to meet his superior for first time under such circumstances.

Before Truman had the chance to think further, he pushed away all nonsensical thoughts in his mind and leaned forward. With a flattering smile, he jogged into the shop and straight to Jasper.

Ulric's hand froze mid air as he had pulled out a packet of CW, initially having planned to acquaint himself with Truman through a smoke.

Even Horace was stunned.

The two cousins exchanged a look in utter confusion.

By then, Truman had already reached Jasper.

“Mr. Laine. Why are you here, Mr. Laine? Why didn’t you tell us you were visiting in advance?”

Ulric felt extremely familiar with the act of absolute humility Truman had shown Jasper, as if it he himself had experienced it just moments ago.

However, Ulric’s object of flattery was Truman, while Truman was trying to win over that little brat!

Before he could fully process the shock, he heard Jasper say.

“Tell you in advance? If I didn’t happen to come across this then I would never have known how powerful Easy Media’s personnel all are now, would I? As an Easy Media employee, you’re even stealing from your own company now. You take orders for your company, but you turn around to sell pirated goods!”

“I’d be watching a peaceful play if I called in advance, wouldn’t I? Huh?!”

Jasper’s shout had Truman’s complexion paling immediately.

Sweat began to form on Truman's forehead and he was about to respond in anguish.

"You're Waterhoof City branch's vice president? Ulric's cousin?"

Jasper did not recognize Truman at all.

Seeing how Jasper had mistaken him for someone else, Truman quickly explained, "I'm Truman Geis, Mr. Laine, the general manager of the headquarters' Inspection Department. I've met you before in a few video conferences. He's Waterhoof City branch's vice president, Horace Sandoval."

In the matter of life and death, Truman sold Horace out without hesitation.

Rather than 'selling out', Truman would argue that he was merely stating the truth.

Jasper looked up at Ulric and Horace, who were frozen in place and said, "I remember now. I've seen you before, you were the second in command while hosting the conference, right?"

Truman smiled wryly, "I was. Thanks to your and Mr. Swanson's trust, I officially assumed the position of general manager half a month ago."

“Ted must’ve been blind,” Jasper replied calmly.

Truman turned cold at that statement.

He felt aggrieved. After all, this matter had nothing to do with him at all.

In fact, he did not even know what had happened.

Life at The Top – Chapter 1194

Just then, Ulric and Horace shivered. They realized that they were in big trouble.

Ulric was confused and he pointed at Jasper to ask, “Who, who are you?”

“This is Mr. Laine! The owner of Easy Media!”

Truman looked at Ulric like the latter was an idiot. To think that the man would still dare to point at Jasper now... Truman scolded him frantic and impatiently.

In all honesty, Truman did not care about what would happen to Ulric or even Horace. He just did not want these idiots to get him involved too.

At that moment, Horace snapped back to reality and he slapped Ulric across his face. Then, he dragged Ulric who was wailing pitifully over to Jasper and said sorrowfully, "I'm really sorry, Mr. Laine. I never knew that there'd be such a failure by my side!"

Jasper looked at Horace and smiled. "Officially speaking, he's the agent for Legends district and is directly supervised by the Waterhoof City branch. Privately, he's your cousin. Are you telling me that you have no idea what he's been doing?"

Horace's complexion paled and he looked at Ulric darkly like he wanted to eat the other man alive.

"If you knew, then there's a huge problem with you as a person. If you didn't know, then it's still your fault for being negligent."

Jasper's words put a stop to any of Horace's excuses.

As he was at his wit's end thinking about what to do, Ulric suddenly fell to the floor with a thud and kneeled in front of Jasper.

“Mr. Laine, please forgive me. It’s my fault for being a snob, for being blind to the reality of the situation, for offending who I should not have.”

Ulric slapped himself as he apologized.

The clear slaps accompanied by Ulric’s tragic pleas turned the scene into something extremely strange.

“Not bad. All you knew were expletives moments ago, but I see you’ve changed,” Jasper stated calmly.

Ulric sobbed and continued, “I’m really sorry, Mr. Laine. Please forgive me this time. I’ll never do it again.”

Jasper did not look at Ulric, instead turning to Truman coldly, “You’re the person in charge of the Inspection Department. You should know what to do in this scenario.”

Truman clenched his jaw and replied, “I do. Firstly, Ulric is undoubtedly in the wrong. After requesting payment from the company, he then bought cheap pirated CDs to resell them at a high price. We’ll sue them accordingly and call the police if we see fit. In addition, the Waterhoof City branch will have to face severe consequences for leadership negligence. Horace is a major suspect and we’ll launch an investigation on him according to the company’s bylaws.”

Horace's expression paled and he turned to beg Jasper frantically. "Mr. Laine, Ulric was the person who did everything. I knew nothing at all!"

"We'll know of your involvement once we investigate everything and the truth comes to light."

Jasper waved his hand and told Truman, "Bring them away. I don't want to see them again."

Truman immediately had the other officers bring the two away.

Truman looked at Jasper hesitantly, but seeing how the man showed no signs of talking to him, he quickly left uneasily.

Ulric and Horace were definitely screwed, but he did not know if he would be affected too.

As he processed this train of thought, Truman felt utter hatred for the devastated Horace and Ulric. Truman felt like he had been implicated by them for no reason.

"Damn you two!" Truman cursed resentfully.

Jasper shook his head as he watched the commercial vehicle drive away.

Jasper had understood everything since the moment the group had alighted the car. Truman's relationship with Horace and the words he told Ulric was enough for Jasper to fire the man.

Everything happened so fast but ended even quicker.

Ulric and Horace were screwed. Seeing how the situation was against them, Ulric's lackeys fled as well. In the blink of an eye, only Jasper and Baz were left in the shop.

Jasper smiled and walked over to a stunned Baz as he extended his hand. "Nice to meet you, my name's Jasper Laine. Laine with an I."

Life at The Top – Chapter 1195

Baz looked at a beaming Jasper dumbly.

His mind had yet to register what had just happened. He could not understand how Jasper, who was still silent a moment ago, had suddenly become a formidable person.

Meanwhile, Ulric, who was flaunting his power arrogantly, had suddenly become a pitiful mess and was brought away.

Taking in the situation before him, Baz recognized that Jasper was someone none of the people just now could afford to offend.

Baz had also acutely caught on to something Truman said.

The owner of Easy Media!

For Baz to meet someone of this caliber was like a civilian meeting the richest man alive.

It felt unreal.

“Why, why... do I feel like I’m watching Records of the King’s Travel Incognito?”

Jasper laughed out loud at Baz’s statement.

Baz made this point as that television series was what had kickstarted the country's trend of acting weak to lower your opponent's defenses before finally revealing how formidable you were in order to win.

Despite being a king, the man loved traveling incognito and only revealed his identity after meeting various oppressive or corrupted officials.

Jasper felt the analogy rather apt.

After calming down, Baz immediately realized

something.

In comparison to a formidable man like Jasper, he was nothing more than a pond loach in the mud.

'Why is he looking for me?'

With this question in mind, Baz wiped both his hands on his clothes embarrassedly before he shook Jasper's hand. Then, he asked, "We don't know each other. Why did you look for me?"

Even though Baz did not believe that someone as formidable as Jasper could seek him out for anything, he did not know what else to say.

Jasper smiled and was about to reply when the back door of the video product shop opened.

A stealthy middle aged man walked in.

“Did they leave already Baz?”

Baz frowned when he saw the middle aged man.

He replied indifferently, “They’re gone. You can come out relax.”

“Mr. Laine, this is my uncle Ross.”

Under Baz’s introduction, Jasper came to know that Ross was the shop’s true owner.

Still, this uncle and boss had hidden when Ulric and the rest came to ask for money, leaving Baz to bear the humiliation and the attacks.

From this, one could tell that Ross was not a good man.

“Mr. Laine?”

Ross was shocked by the way Baz referred to Jasper. Due to his fear that Ulric would be adamant about looking for him, Ross had hidden next door. Therefore, he had no idea what happened within the shop.

As a result, he did not know who Jasper was either.

Ross looked Jasper up and down a few times before he grinned. “You’re so young, what’s with the ‘Mister’ title.”

From Ross’ casual and arrogant tone, the man did not seem to believe that Jasper was a powerful figure. Naturally, Jasper did not care about how Ross viewed him either.

However, Jasper recalled the huge problem Baz had faced at home in his past life, and how it was directly related to this Uncle Ross here. Thus, he promptly told Baz, “I came to look for you. There’s something I’d like to talk to you about in private.”

Logically or emotionally speaking, Baz had no reason to reject Jasper after the man had just saved him.