

Life at The Top – Chapter 1241

Mid Mount Hospital, the Cardiovascular Department.

Jasper saw Ms. Tiana on the ground floor of the inpatient area.

It had only been a few months since they last met but Ms. Tiana looked much frailer.

Despite being forced to move, threatened with the demolition of her house, and being in bad health back then, Ms. Tiana had still seemed rather energized.

However, Ms. Tiana looked exhausted and despondent now when Jasper saw her again.

Under the cold breeze of the deep autumn, Ms. Tiana sat alone on the bench next to the inpatient department. She held a stack of invoices in her hands while her expression was troubled.

“Ms. Tiana.”

Jasper greeted softly and sat beside her.

“Huh? Jasper? Why, why are you here?”

Ms. Tiana was surprised by Jasper’s arrival.

“Wendy told me what happened. Why didn’t you take the initiative to contact me when you needed help?” Jasper chided.

Ms. Tiana waved him off and replied with a smile, “There’s no need to bother you. I can deal with this myself. You’re a busy man. How could I bother you over this small issue of mine?”

“Sigh. The wind’s rather strong here, Ms. Tiana, and your body’s too weak to be subjected to the elements. Let’s talk about this in your room, okay?” Jasper suggested, instead of directly asking about her children.

Ms. Tiana looked rather embarrassed. “Uh, there’s no need. You’re a busy man, Jasper. Don’t let me hold you back from work. I’m fine here.”

Jasper frowned slightly and asked, “Are you hiding something from me, Ms. Tiana?”

Ms. Tiana replied awkwardly, “I’m still lining up and waiting to be given a room.”

Jasper arched his brow,

Mid Mount Hospital was a renowned hospital beside Hoofmorn University. The hospitalization process in big hospitals like this was difficult and normal patients often needed to line up before they could be assigned a room. This was common knowledge and Jasper was well aware of it.

However, Ms. Tiana was transferred from Southeast Province to Waterhoof City’s Mid Mount Hospital. Wendy had been in charge of the procedures, so there should have been nothing wrong with the documents.

‘So why was Ms. Tiana lining up now?’

Jasper was about to probe further when a man and a woman walked out of the inpatient building.

The man was in his forties and donning a lab coat. He was a doctor at Mid Mount Hospital. Meanwhile, the woman was dressed alluringly and held the car keys to a BMW in her hands.

The couple smiled as they chatted, looking extremely intimate.

“Yo, you’re still alive, old woman?”

The woman saw Ms. Tiana sitting on the bench and said with a sneer.

She crossed her arms and walked over, then stared down at Ms. Tiana disdainfully. “Oldies like you are going to die soon anyway. What’s the point of coming to the hospital? Just find somewhere else to die in if you’re sick. Why come here and waste society’s resources?”

Ms. Tiana’s lips trembled in anger and replied, “How could you be so cruel, young lady? You already stole my hospital room, and you’re still cursing me to die?”

The woman scoffed and said, “All that matters in this society are connections, old woman. Don’t think that just because oldies like you found a channel to stay in the hospital that it means you’re suddenly very powerful. I have the power to make you leave

immediately if I want!”

“You were arguing just now, weren’t you? Go on, then. Keep arguing. But after all that arguing, you’re still lining up downstairs, aren’t you?”

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“I refuse to believe that there’s no order!” Ms. Tiana said in distress.

Just then, Jasper reached out to place a hand on Ms. Tiana’s shoulder. He pointed at the other woman and asked, “Did this woman stole the hospital room Wendy arranged for you?”

Ms. Tiana did not hide from Jasper anymore and told him, “I already had a room the first day I transferred over, but then this doctor suddenly told me to move out. I thought something was wrong, and turns out they wanted to give this woman a place.”

Ms. Tiana pointed at the middle aged doctor next to the woman when she said ‘doctor’.

“I told them I came first, that my illness is severe, that I have to do surgery soon, but they refused to listen and immediately asked people to throw my things out. I was alone against them, so I had no choice but to wait here.”

Jasper suppressed the anger he felt and turned to look at the expressionless doctor to say, “Give me a reason.”

The middle aged doctor slowly pushed up his glasses and replied, "Reason? For what?"

"Why you threw out a patient from their room. Who gave you the courage and right to do that?"

Jasper shouted forcefully.

Being of high status, Jasper dealt with society's most sophisticated people every day. He was no longer the immature and small businessman from before.

Thus, the doctor was stunned by Jasper's shout. However, he reacted immediately.

As if feeling embarrassed by the fact that Jasper shouted at him, the doctor replied tensely, "I'm the deputy director of the inpatient department. I decide who stays in the hospital and who doesn't! Who are you to demand a reason from me? Why do I have to give you any reason?"

"Do you even know anything about the hospital? What can you say if I claim that her illness is even more severe?"

The middle aged doctor pointed at the woman by his side as he sneered and taunted.

The woman snorted and said, "You're from the villages, aren't you? How unsophisticated. You think that just because you can shout, that it makes you powerful?"

"Society is rather straightforward. People with authority have special powers. Don't like it? Then become someone with authority. Ridiculous foreigner."

"So, to you people, authority is what allows you to disregard a patient's health?" Jasper asked icily.

The middle aged doctor snorted and said, "Are you crazy, young man? Don't think that just because you've read a few books and know a bit of knowledge, that suddenly you have the right to argue with me.

"Do you know where you are, right now? This is a hospital!"

"Not a place where people like you can solve problems through shouting!"

"Look at how many patients there are outside! All of them are lining up to be hospitalized, and all this? I..."

The middle aged doctor then pointed at his own nose and said arrogantly, "Get to decide!"

“This old woman would still have been allowed to line up for a room before this, but let me tell you right now! She can die here for all I care, and I still won’t give her a hospital room!”

The doctor then pointed at Jasper and scolded, “You unsophisticated outsider! This is a lesson for you. Don’t start shouting wherever you go, it’ll only tell people how low classed you are! Understood, outsider?”

“That’s right! You’re nothing more than a dog! You know nothing and yet you dare to shout at Mr. Wheatley? ” The woman agreed.

“Jasper.”

Ms. Tiana tugged Jasper’s clothes and sighed. “It’s alright Let’s just go to another hospital. I wouldn’t dare to let such an unethical doctor treat me either.”

However, Jasper held Ms. Tiana back and said, “No, Ms. Tiana. We will stay here tonight. He’s just a deputy director of the inpatient department. He doesn’t have the right to treat you. Don’t worry.”

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Both Mr. Wheatley and the woman reacted as if Jasper had told them a hilarious joke.

“I know! said you didn’t know anything, outsider, but I didn’t expect you to be so stupid.”

“Did you not hear me correctly? Mr. Wheatley is the deputy director of the inpatient department. He’s the one that decides who gets to be hospitalized or not. If he says this old woman can’t stay in the hospital, then no one can help her at all. Who do you think you are?”

The woman pointed at Jasper and laughed out loud.

Mr. Wheatley also scoffed and looked at Jasper pitifully. Then, he turned to the woman. “Forget it. He’s just an idiot, let’s leave him alone. He’ll just make a fool out of himself if he starts shouting until nightfall.”

“Let’s go. Hoofmorn University’s leadership team is coming to inspect the hospital with the hospital’s heads. I have to reach there before they do.”

The woman nodded and turned to Jasper proudly, “You have a plan, right? Then try and get this old woman a hospital room. Now I’m curious how you’re going to do that. Hahaha...”

As they spoke, a group of people was ushered over from afar.

There were a few men in suits and a few others in lab coats, all looking majestic as they walked over.

Among the group of people were Hoofmorn University's leaders and Mid Mount Hospital's president, all walking over while chatting happily.

Jasper saw one of them and put away his phone that he had previously pulled out.

At the same time, one of the middle aged men also saw Jasper.

Dorian was rather surprised when he saw Jasper.

He did not expect to see Jasper at Mid Mount Hospital. Hoofmorn University's professional team had met JW Electronics' professionals over the past two days while their partnership over the stepper had also been officially reviewed and approved by Swallow Capital's education bureau.

Dorian had his own sources of inside intelligence which told him that the higher-ups seemed to value this huge project greatly.

One of the higher officials in the education bureau even praised this partnership between an academy and an enterprise with three consecutive 'good's.

Dorian also understood, from the change in the dean's attitude lately, that Jasper was Hoofmorn University's true VIP.

"Mr. Laine! Why are you here?"

Due to the various reasons, Dorian immediately pushed his way through Mid Mount Hospital's president and vice presidents to run toward Jasper.

Dorian's rare courteous and enthusiastic attitude, as well as tone, immediately made the hospital's group of leaders understand the situation.

Each of them now looked at Jasper politely.

Mid Mount Hospital was a hospital under Hoofmorn University. This meant that Hoofmorn University's leaders had the direct authority to direct Mid Mount Hospital.

As the dean's secretary, as well a high ranking employee from Hoofmorn University that was close to the university's core authority, Dorian was extremely valued by the

hospital's leaders. Therefore, they became extremely careful when interacting with someone Dorian respected greatly.

Seeing Dorian's enthusiastic smile, Jasper did not speak to the man as usual. Instead, he replied coldly.

"An elder of mine had to line up for a hospital room. She's alone and very ill, but she even got thrown out of her hospital room. As a youth, it's only right I wait here with her."

Dorian was stunned by what he heard.

The hospital's group of leaders who rushed after Dorian were dumbfounded as well.

"An elder of mine had to line up for a hospital room." This alone was fine.

Since it implied how noble Mr. Laine was and how he did not demand special treatment because of his high status.

But the next thing he said, "even got thrown out of her hospital room". This statement slapped awake the group of seventeen to eighteen leaders.

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There has never been an incident where a patient was chased out of their hospital room!

This would be a huge scandal if word got out.

“Mr. Laine. What... what happened?”

Dorian asked confusedly. He had no idea what Jasper was talking about.

Jasper pointed at Mr. Wheatley, who was stunned by the scene before him, and said, “How about you ask Mr. Wheatley? He emphasized to me quite a few times that he was the one who decided who stayed and who left the hospital. He also said he wanted to see what I could do about it.”

Dorian’s expression darkened after he heard Jasper. Technically speaking, this was an incident of poor management in the hospital. As such, this incident reflected on the medical ethics of the entire hospital.

When a doctor made a mistake, the hospital had to take responsibility. But if the hospital made a mistake? Then it would be Hoofmorn University, the parent organization, that would have to take responsibility! Dorian glared at Mr. Wheatley harshly.

However, due to the huge difference between the two's identities, Dorian could not possibly recognize a mere deputy director of the inpatient department. Therefore, he turned his head and shouted, "Please explain what's going on, Mr. Knowles!"

Mr. Knowles walked out from behind Dorian. Sweat could be seen on this old man's forehead.

"Explain yourself, Hadwin!"

With no other option, Mr. Knowles could only interrogate Mr. Wheatley.

Mr. Wheatley was close to tears.

The tables had turned too quickly, and he had not come to terms with what was happening yet.

"I... I... I didn't mean it that way."

Everyone understood when they heard Hadwin.

The people present were either from Hoofmorn University's or the hospital's managerial ranks. They were considered imposing figures to ordinary people. Those who assumed such positions and roles were not idiots.

From Hadwin's reaction, they instantly understood that Mr. Laine had told the truth.

Hadwin had surely said something similar.

"You... How powerful of you, huh! You even get to decide who stays and leaves this hospital, hmm?" Mr. Knowles was infuriated as he wanted nothing more than to slap Hadwin.

"Our hospital cannot afford to have someone as powerful as you in here. You're suspended with immediate effect, and I'll suggest for your dismissal to be reviewed at the hospital admin office!"

Mr. Knowles' statement confirmed Hadwin's future. Hadwin had put in a lot of hard work and made plenty of sacrifices to assume this greatly desired position as the inpatient department deputy director of a big hospital like Mid Mount.

He was reluctant to give it away now that he was used to the benefits it brought.

He immediately sobbed, “No, Mr. Knowles, Mr. Clem! Please listen to me, that’s not what I meant!”

“It’s all this woman’s fault She’s the one who lied to me and said that this old madam’s all alone and still able to run and walk. She said this old madam was pretty much recovered, that’s why I arranged for her to give up the room.”

“How about this? I’ll arrange a room for this old madam immediately. The best ward with the best treatment I won’t make the same mistake again!”

Hadwin was moments away from kneeling and begging at this point.

Dorian looked at Jasper.

“Why are you looking at me?”

Jasper said indifferently, “This falls under your internal affairs, Mr. Clem, so as an outsider, it’s not my place to interfere. But I am a little disappointed in your management regarding this incident.”

“The hospital is a place to treat and save patients, not a place where people can rule with absolute authority.” Jasper had essentially decided the outcome with his words.

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Without needing to see Mr. Clem's gaze, Mr. Knowles immediately replied, "You're right, Mr. Laine. We'll make sure to reflect on this."

"Since all important leaders of the hospital are here, then I'll make it clear now. The hospital will undergo rectification over the next few months and we will not allow black sheep like Hadwin to remain in our hospital's ranks!"

The other vice presidents and directors of the important departments were smart and they all patted their chests and promised to carry out the president's instruction. They also stated that this would affect the hospital greatly.

Under the applause and praise, Dorian saw Jasper's expression smooth over. Only then did he let out a sigh of relief.

In all honesty, this was a small issue, it was just that it was so vile.

Thank goodness this elder who was somehow related to Jasper was alright. Dorian would be at a loss if something had happened to her.

He would be implicated if Jasper wanted to blow this incident up and the school decided to investigate further.

Dorian's eyes flickered over at that thought.

Since he already started, then he might as well do everything thoroughly so that Jasper was satisfied. "This person too."

Dorian pointed at the woman next to Hadwin. She had remained quiet the entire time and even wished that she was transparent as the scene unfurled before her eyes.

"Find out how she got in. If there's been any contact between her and Hadwin in private, then sue them for corruption."

The woman exclaimed when she heard Dorian.

She was smarter than Hadwin, after all. So instead of begging Mr. Knowles and Dorian for mercy, she knew that Jasper, the man she looked down on and called an outsider, was truly the formidable person she needed to plea to.

She disregarded her image and dignity as she immediately fell to her knees in front of Jasper. "Please, Mr. Laine. Forgive me, please. I was blind, I didn't know who you were. I didn't know how powerful you were."

“I’ll immediately give back the hospital room back and leave. I’ll run far away, so please don’t let them sue me.”

Jasper looked at the sobbing woman before he glanced at the BMW car keys in her hands. Then, he said calmly, “You have authority and connections, and that’s why you think you can do whatever you want in society, right?”

The woman shook her head frantically and replied, “No, that’s not true. That’s all nonsense, it’s bullshi*t.”

“No, you’re right.”

Jasper replied calmly.

“This is how society works now. The only difference is that I’m more powerful and have better connections than you do. That’s why when you’re running rampant and accidentally knock into me, you’re the one that falls.”

Jasper then looked at Hadwin, whose expression was colorless.

“You asked how I’m going to get a hospital room. Do you see how now?”

Hadwin shivered and did not dare to say a word.

Not in the mood to care about these two, Jasper helped Ms. Tiana to her feet and said, "Come on, Ms. Tiana. Let's go to your hospital room."

Dorian immediately shouted, "Quick! Arrange the best hospital room for Ms. Tiana!"

Jasper looked at Dorian with a subtle smile. "Mr. Clem, would this be considered a backdoor method?"

Dorian was a smart man and he recognized that Jasper had said this to shut the mouths of people who would comment on the matter upon witnessing it.

Therefore, he replied cooperatively, "No way. Didn't you say Ms. Tiana already had a hospital room? We're just changing her room for her right now. This isn't a backdoor method. Not at all."

It sure was easy talking to smart people.