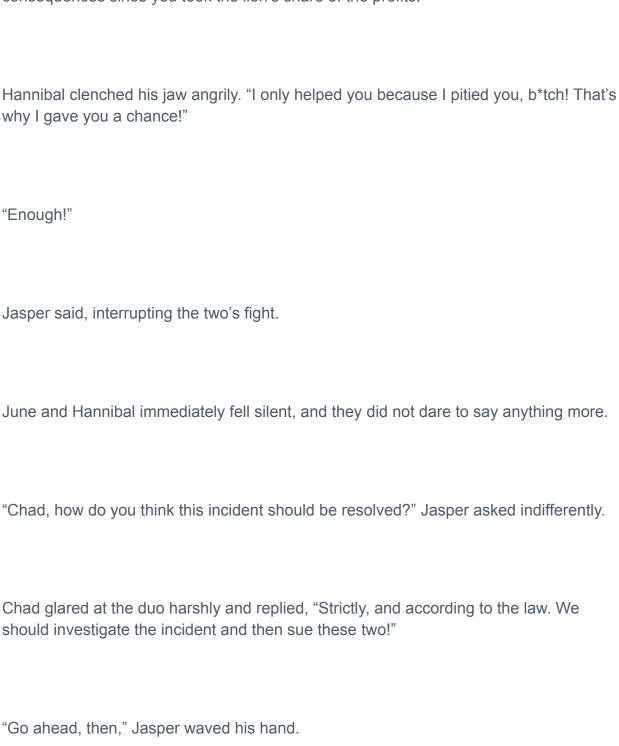
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"The agent you chose was actually your relative. How much rebates did you enjoy, hmm? All I got was a small taste of the benefits! It would've been fine if no one found out, but now that the cat's out of the bag, you definitely will have to suffer more consequences since you took the lion's share of the profits!"



As far as Jasper was concerned, what mattered most was to understand the truth of the situation. How the situation should be dealt with was a small matter.
June and Hannibal were just first line managers, G4 administrative employees. No matter how much trouble they caused, it was not worth Jasper's headache.
What truly posed a problem to Jasper was that if June and Hannibal could enjoy rebates over purchasing cars today, then another pair of July and Lectors could gain similar rebates over something else somewhere down the line.
Agents were not stupid, and there was no way they would give benefits out for free.
These benefits would naturally be earned back from JW Company.
Therefore, in the end, their corrupt behavior still interfered with the company's interests.
It was impossible for Jasper to completely prevent corruption. All he could do was try to minimize the possibility of it happening through strict regulations while rectifying the nature of his employees.

He did this by greatly increasing the cost of committing these acts. If the price to pay for breaking regulations was too huge, they would then be deterred from committing the crime.
It was unrealistic for Jasper to request that every employee treat the company as their own home.
Both June and Hannibal were horrified when they heard Jasper and Chad.
"Mr. Laine, I really only made the wrong decision because I was tempted by money! Please, considering how long we've worked with you, please forgive me this once!"
"Yes, Mr. Lainel I'm willing to return all the money I took! Please just forgive me this once! I promise! I will never, ever do this again!"
The duo's pleas were extremely pitiful and their voices were filled with fright and remorse as they begged Jasper for mercy.
They were both well aware that once they were sued, they would lose this widely envied job and be forced to go to prison.



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As far as Chad	was concerned	l, all he had	to think of	f was how t	o best carry	out Jasper's
instructions.						

However, as the highest-ranking member of his business, there was no one to tell Jasper what to do.

Because of this, it was unreasonable for Jasper to personally handle every single problem or matter within the company.

Instead, he needed to find the source of the problem and get rid of it at its roots.

Coincidentally, this was also what made this situation so difficult. The source of this problem was human greed, something impossible to get rid of altogether. "You're being stubborn, Jasper."

Sitting in front of a mountain painting, Dawson told his confused future son-in-law in his large Schuler Group office with a crescent eyed smile.

JW Company's overall ability had long surpassed the Schuler Group.

Thanks to the memory Jasper had of his past life as well as his extreme talent for management, the man was capable of pushing JW to even higher heights.
However, Jasper had to admit that Dawson's experience from a lifetime in this business world was something Jasper could not match right now.
Hence, he decided to go to the Schuler Group in the afternoon to ask Dawson for advice.
"I've never thought of myself as perfect and peerless. I have my weaknesses too and there are problems that I don't know how to deal with. But an elder will always have more experience than me, which is why I come to ask you for help."
Jasper told Dawson sincerely.
Dawson waved his hand and got up to pass Jasper a cup of tea.
"I've met a similar issue a few years ago, too.
"You should know that the Schuler Group's main business is the supermarket industry. Supermarkets have many constantly-changing supply channels, from daily products, to



"I was furious when I discovered this, and I ordered for a complete internal inspection to smoke out all the ongoing corruption within the group. Can you guess how that ended?"
Jasper smiled and replied, "You must've caught countless mice and dealt with them strictly."
Dawson smiled and said, "You're half right."
"I did indeed catch many mice, but I only dealt with a small portion of them."
Jasper was stunned for a moment before he frowned in deep thought.
"Yes. Because I realized that there were too many mice. Getting rid of them all meant losing at least half of the Schuler Group's employees."
Life at The Top – Chapter 1268  "The group was growing then. It shouldn't matter if people left since there would be more trying to get employed."

Dawson then clapped Jasper's shoulder and said meaningfully, "But so what?

"The fright from completely cleaning the business might last a few years at most before the same situation occurred again. Am I supposed to get rid of half my employees every year? The group will crash after I do this a few times."
"I didn't know what to do at that point, but Wendy's mom gave me an idea."
"Half a month later, the group set up a tidiness department. The department worked with the government to advertise the common law, mainly to induce fear and to increase the psychological cost of committing the crime."
"I let them know that they would be safe if the group did not catch them, but would be in huge trouble if they did."
"Then I got rid of the most severe cases and left the rest alone."
"From then on, this tidiness department would catch and punish a few cases every year, but would turn a blind eye toward the majority."
"Up until now, even as we talk, I'm confident that there are still people gaining rebates and being bribed within the Schuler Group. This seems to have become a publicly known secret within the group."

"If I know it, then they must know it as well. We have a tacit understanding that small cases are write offs, but anyone who does anything that might severely interfere with the group's interests will be in great trouble."
Dawson did not say anymore after this. He knew that with Jasper's intellect, the man only needed a small nudge and he would understand everything by himself.
"So, Jasper. As someone of higher status, what we need to do is control the balance and not the actions of our employees. Give them a baseline and let them know where the boundaries lie. Whoever oversteps this will face dire consequences."
"If you want to control everything your subordinates to, then not only will an owner like you die from exhaustion, but you'll end up alone as well."
"No one will want to stay when you're too controlling. As people of higher ranks, we have to remember to punish only those who cause bigger issues and forgive those who make smaller mistakes when we deal with internal conflicts. Our forefathers say that ruling with both kindness and ferocity is the way to go. There must be a reason why 'kindness' comes first."
Jasper fell silent for a long while before he slowly nodded. "I understand what to do, then."
"That's good. So, are you two coming home for dinner tonight?" Dawson changed the subject to a lighter and homely one.



Wendy had always been a black and white person. There was even less of a reason to tolerate these people when they were harming the company's interests.

"I plan to establish an independent supervision department in the future. This department will be independent of the administrative body and report to me and me alone. What do you think?" Jasper sat down and asked.

Wendy agreed, "I think that's a pretty good idea. It's just... it's very important who you choose to take charge of this department. Do you have any candidates yet?"

Jasper rubbed his temple and replied, "No one in the company right now is suited for this kind of work, so I don't plan to transfer existing employees but instead bring in somebody from outside. That way, I'd be able to avoid any ongoing connections they have with other company personnel."

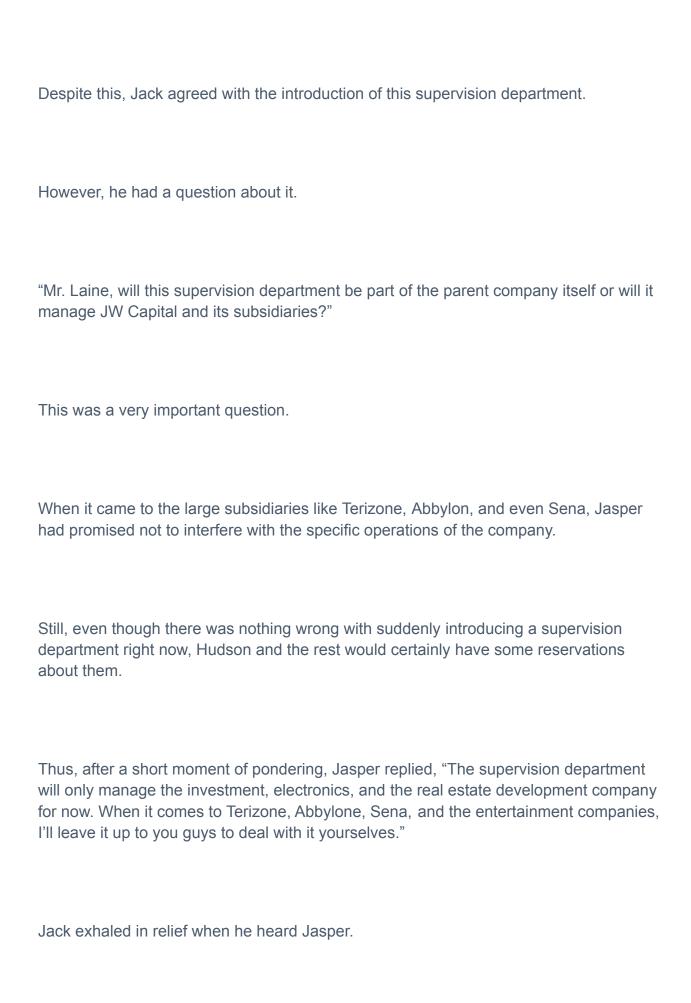
Wendy sighed and said guiltily, "Maybe I shouldn't have rejected the proposal for allocating cars so forcefully. The entire situation could have been avoided."

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Jasper walked over to Wendy when he heard her blame herself.

Jasper ruffled Wendy's hair and said, "What are you talking about, I haven't even thanked you for helping me bring this issue to light yet.

"From the way things look now, various issues have already occurred within the company since a long time back. I just didn't realize them before. It's great that we discovered them this early since it means we can deal with them early too.
"It'd be too late if the situation was already unsalvageable once we found out."
That afternoon, Jasper took time out to call Jack, who was far away in Swallow Capital.
As Weresoft's ex-senior executive, Jack was very experienced in this field.
To the point where Jasper was initially inclined to appoint Jack as the person in charge of this supervision department.
After all, Jack was the company's most senior executive. He was the first senior executive Jasper invited and employed at the early start up stages.
Both Jack's experience and prestige qualified him to keep people in line.
However, Jasper considered how Jack still played a role in Sena's current smooth operations and had no other choice but to give up that thought.



"Alright. I'll comb through Sena first."
Jasper waved to dismiss him. "Don't make too big of a deal about it either. After all, problems like this are still less prominent in Internet companies. It's mainly physical companies where these problems easily arise. You have relevant experience, so I'm sure you know what to do."
Jack nodded and suddenly asked, "Mr. Laine, do you have any particular person in mind to head this supervision department?"
"Do you have recommendations?" Jasper arched his brow slightly and asked.
Jack smiled and replied, "Of course not."
Jack was not stupid. He knew that this supervision department was something extremely sensitive. It might not have been officially established yet, but this department would surely turn into a sharp weapon Jasper wielded in the future.
For a position as crucial as this, Jasper would still be wary no matter how much the man entrusted him.

Nor could Jack willy-nil	ly suggest a	candidate	to take charge	of such an	important
department. It would no	ot be worth i	t to attract s	Jasper's suspi	cion for no	reason.

Jack knew that Jasper was not someone who doubted people easily, but at the end of the day, they were still superior and subordinate before anything else. As an experienced man, Jack would not do anything to garner unnecessary suspicion.

"But I do suggest that you employ someone who has experience in the government judicial branch. That would be best."

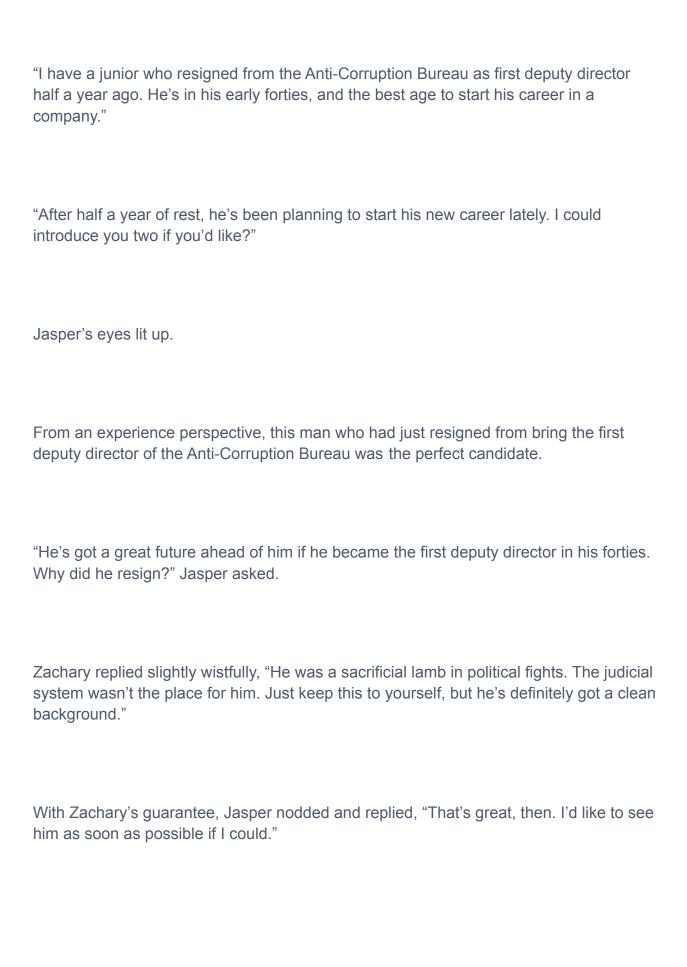
Jasper nodded when he heard this suggestion and replied, "I'll give it some thought."

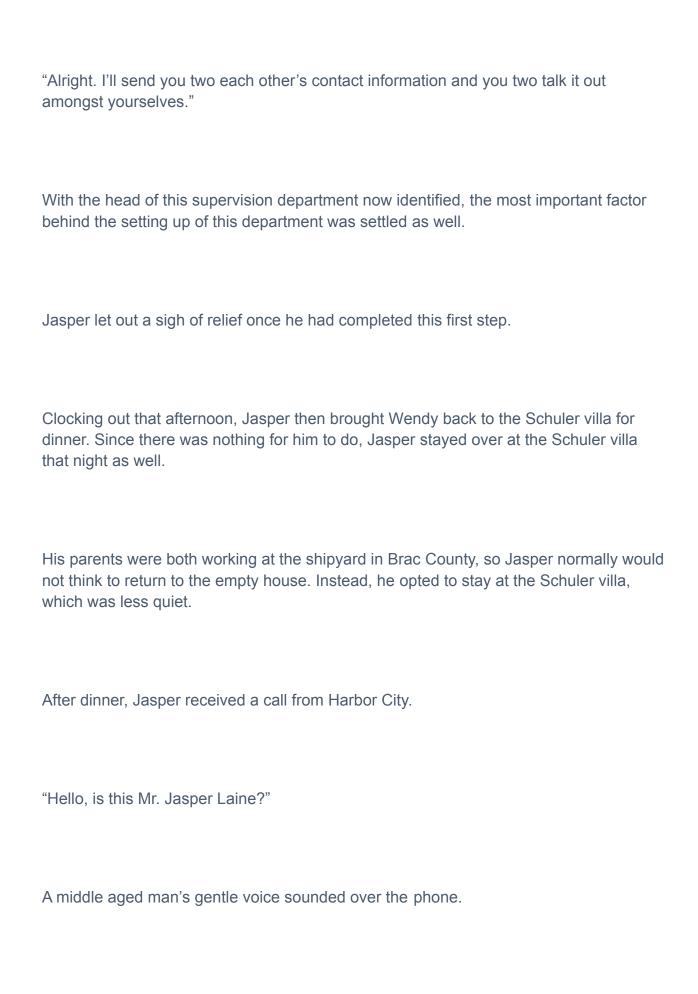
After ending the call with Jack, Jasper contacted Zachary next.

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Jasper did not have too great candidates for this position so the best solution now was to see if the Law family could help.

Jasper did not expect Zachary to actually provide him an exceptional individual.





There was a very strong Harbor City accent in the man's tone. Thankfully, Jasper had known Henry for a long time, or he might not have understood this accent at all.
"I am. Is this Mr. Mortimer Higgins, whom Uncle Schuler had introduced?"
Mortimer replied on the other end of the line, "That is correct. I heard that you have plans to employ someone to be the person in charge of the supervision department. I'd like to try for the position."
Jasper chuckled and replied, "It's not very convenient doing this over the phone, Mr. Higgins. Perhaps you could come to Nauritus City over the next few days? We could talk in person. Regardless of how our discussion ends, I'll pay for your traveling expenses."
Jasper's detailed and cautious behavior gained the favor of Mortimer, who normally dealt with judicial work. The latter quickly replied.
"Sure. I'll take an early flight tomorrow morning and we can talk in person  Coincidentally, I also received an invitation to a Legal Exchange Conference in Nauritus  City as well. So I might be a little late."
"That's alright. I'll await your grand arrival tomorrow, Mr. Higgins."

Wendy walked over with a cup of tea from behind Jasper as the latter ended the call.
"Was that a candidate to lead your new supervision department?"
Jasper nodded and replied, "He'll be here tomorrow. Then we can both interview this ex-first deputy director of Harbor City's Anti-Corruption Bureau."
"Is he someone of such high status? That status is almost equivalent to the Deputy Attorney General's of the Supreme Procuratorate! Would he want to work in our company?" Wendy was shocked.
Jasper chuckled and replied, "Don't underestimate our company either. We're very strong too, so who says we aren't worthy to have someone so powerful work for us?"