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Their conversation stunned the Benson brothers.

No one expected anything from Ward since he was an idiot anyway. The same could not be said about Edie.

As the president of the Southeast Province's Lawyers' Associates, he knew which enterprises he could not to offend within the province.

Thus, he had come today for two reasons. Firstly, Ward was his brother, and secondly, Ward had guaranteed him that he had evidence of JW Company's owner's woman cheating on him behind her man's back.

The second reason was the most important piece of information since Edie wanted nothing more than to use Mortimer's identity and status to climb higher up the social ladder. He also wanted to use this opportunity to show his ability in front of Mortimer.

However, not only did Jasper, the owner of JW Company, appear in person, but the man was also acquainted with Mortimer?!

This had Edie's heart thumping erratically.

At this moment, Ward still had no idea of the deeper implications of their little ploy. He was just confused about how Jasper and Mortimer knew each other.

“Mr. Higgins, don’t let this stupid f*cker lie to you! He’s just a boy toy and a piece of trash that relies on his woman’s paychecks!”

“You might not know, but he has an affair with Wendy, JW Company’s owner’s mistress!”

“JW Company’s owner will definitely kill him once he finds out!”

“He’s nothing more than a liar and a b*tstard!”

Ward felt refreshed after scolding Jasper, thinking that he had exposed the man’s true form.

He looked at Jasper and was waiting to see a frantic expression on the man’s face before he realized that everyone in the room was looking at him like he was insane.

Jasper’s gaze was the most unique of them all. It was playful but also carried a hint of pity.

“Why are you guys looking at me like that?!”

Ward’s chest tightened in fright, and he turned to a pale faced Edie as he repeated, “Ed, I said that boy toy over there is a f*cking idiot!”

“Don’t be afraid of him, I told you before already. We won’t offend JW’s owner at all. All we have to do is tell him the news and he’d even thank us!”

All he got in response was a huge and heavy slap.

Edie slapped Ward harshly across the face.

Taken aback, Ward’s entire face was twisted sideways by the force.

“F*ck you, stupid moron!”

Furious and frantic, Edie opened his mouth to scold Ward. He did not have the mind to keep up the demeanor befitting of the president of the Lawyers’ Associates.

“Do you know who he is? That’s Jasper Laine, the owner of JW Company! If you have a death wish then go kill yourself somewhere else, don’t drag me into this with you! I don’t have a stupid f*cking brother like you!”

A slap and a harsh round of scolding. This was a metaphorical bolt of lightning.

It metaphorically struck Ward right on his head. The man was stunned, and he felt half his soul get shocked out of his body upon hearing the news.

“How could that be?!”

Ward shouted raspily.

Ward pointed at Jasper and said frustratedly, “How can he be JW’s owner?! He’s still so young! You’re lying to me!”

“You’re really an imbecile!” Edie’s tone was frigid. At this moment, he even felt the desire to eat Ward alive.

No one dared to offend Jasper in Southeast Province. He truly regretted being tempted by Ward into coming to cause trouble in JW right now. He even pitifully wanted to

show his capabilities in front of Mortimer, and perhaps become acquainted with Jasper too.

All his plans were screwed now.

Ward also felt screwed.

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Ward sat on the chair limply and looked at Jasper with fear.

His mouth twitched a few times as he wanted to beg Jasper for mercy, but nothing came out despite the words being on the tip of his tongue.

In the end, Ward simply looked at Eddie and said with a sob.

“Ed... Save me...”

Eddie clenched his jaw. He wanted nothing more than to beat Ward to death now, but despite all this, the man was still his brother.

At this thought, Edie mustered the courage to tell Jasper, “This is really a misunderstanding, Mr. Laine.”

Jasper sat at the front of the meeting room and placed his interlocked fingers under his chin. He replied with a crescent eyed smile, “A misunderstanding? I thought you two came to file a lawsuit against JW?”

“After all, as you said before, it’s written in black and white on the contract. Either JW pays the compensation according to the contract, or you’ll sue us until we’re broke. What misunderstandings can there be?”

The corner of Edie’s lips twitched twice at Jasper’s words.

He chuckled wryly and replied, “There’s no point in hiding this from you since it’s gotten to this point, Mr. Laine. My brother was the one who urged me to come here, and we did discuss it among ourselves. However, we only did that to seem threatening. There’s no truth behind the statement.”

“We thought that you’d compromise because didn’t know about what happened and wouldn’t want to blow up the issue so as not to affect your employees.”

“Still, this incident was caused because my brother and I were tempted. My brother’s told me about this before and I’ve been thinking that since it’s just a bit of rebate, perhaps we could all just turn a blind eye and move on. I didn’t expect this incident to develop to this point.”

After hearing so much from Edie, Jasper asked calmly, "Then are you going to sue us or not?"

Edie quickly replied, "No, definitely not. "

Edie kicked Ward harshly and scolded, "Mr. Laine asked you a question! Did you go dumb?"

Ward replied to Jasper with a sob, "I was blind, Mr. Laine, I'm sorry for starting a conflict and offending you. Please forgive me, I promise I won't dare to sue you anymore. I'll stay far far away, and I'll never anger you again."

Jasper took in the sight and turned to Eugene, "Send them out, Mr. Rowse."

At the end of the day, Edie was the president of the Lawyers' Associates, and the company would have to interact the Judicial Bureau many times in the future.

Jasper would gain nothing out of offending the legal industry.

Jasper's company did business, and peace was a key aspect in that.

Not to mention that this was never a huge problem and Jasper had planned to let them go to begin with.

Ward and Edie were elated when they saw how Jasper decided to forgive them.

They thanked him and followed Eugene out.

After they left, Jasper got up and smiled at Mortimer. "Let's talk in my office upstairs, Mr. Higgins."

Mortimer got up and replied with a smile, "Since you've invited me, then please lead the way."

Jasper called Wendy over too once he arrived at his office upstairs.

Since this was an interview of the first person to lead the supervision department, Jasper did not plan to involve the opinions of Malcolm, Chad, or the others. Only his and Wendy's opinions mattered.

After a brief introduction, Jasper sat on the sofa in the reception area and told Mortimer straight forwardly.

“To be frank, Mr. Higgins, I am in great need of outstanding talent like you to build a supervision system for the whole of JW.

“If you’re willing to join us, then I’ll be open to giving you what you need, be it subordinates, money, or authority. You will only answer to me within the entire company and you’ll work independently of the administrative system. You will not be affected or

disrupted by anyone else.”

A few sentences were all it took for Mortimer to feel Jasper’s determination and sincerity.

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His eyes lit up and he replied, “I also wish to continue my career in a position where I can best show my strengths. But before that, there’s a lot of questions I need to discuss with you, Mr. Laine.”

“Do tell. Let’s not leave any thought unsaid today.” Jasper smiled.

Two hours later, Mortimer walked out of JW Capital with a wide smile on his face.

In the presidential office, Jasper told Wendy, “Call Malcolm, Chad, and all other decision makers of large departments over for a meeting. We’ll start transferring suitable employees from the whole company and start employing new ones too. The supervision department will be officially established once Mortimer starts working.”

The establishment of the supervision department meant that JW was taking another big step in developing into a more modern group.

This was a significant step to take, be it for the development of JW Capital or JW as a whole.

JW Capital’s decision makers were in a meeting for the entire afternoon.

The establishment of the supervision department would surely infringe upon everyone’s interests. Some people would be forced to give up much of their authority, which would undoubtedly lead to conflicts.

All the departments hoped that the supervision department would be laxer with them. After all, no one hoped to have the guillotine dangling over their necks.

Meanwhile, Jasper, the most important decision maker, remained silent and watched.

Leaving Chad, Malcolm, and the others to flush in agitation and fight amongst themselves.

This was quarrel and compromise between small interest groups in the company. It was a virtuous circle so Jasper would not interfere.

Not to mention that this was the appearance of a new system, and a supervisory one at that. Too many moving parts were involved, and by the time the meeting was adjourned and everyone came to a mutually agreeable decision, it was already seven pm.

“Alright. Since everyone’s fine with this, then we’ll do it this way. People from the presidential office will draft out the document tomorrow and it can be officially sent to all the subsidiaries after I sign it.”

Jasper clapped his hand to announce the end of the meeting.

Everyone left except for Chad, who remained unmoving in his seat.

There was something he wanted to tell Jasper personally.

“What’s this, Chad? Do you not want to hand some of power over to the supervision department?” Jasper chuckled as he asked Chad.

The supervision department's authority overlapped with the human resources department's right to review employees. Chad had made a huge concession on this point, so Jasper understood if the man was displeased.

Despite this, Chad chuckled wryly and replied, "The decision's already been made, I won't disrupt the company's natural development because of my personal desire. The supervision department will do the company more good than bad, and it's worth losing a bit of my human resources department's authority to pursue it."

"The main thing is... Do you still remember Baz Willis, Mr. Laine?"

This question Jasper stunned while the latter gathered his meeting documents alongside Wendy.

'Isn't that my past life's superior that I sought out in Waterhoof City?'

Jasper left Baz alone after he arranged for the man to learn about investments in the company. Jasper was busy with work, so it had been a long time since he heard anything about Baz.

"Yeah. Why, is he not doing well?" Jasper asked.

Chad replied weirdly, “Not exactly, it’s just... he’s creative and I arranged for him to work under Albion. It’s only been a while but Albion’s already sent me two reports.”

“He handed in a proposal directly today and Albion didn’t know what to make of it so he threw it to me. I thought about it but I thought you should be the one to decide on it, Mr. Laine.”

“What proposal? If he’s under Mr. Harper, then Mr. Harper should still hand the proposal to the head of the Investment department if he couldn’t decide. Why did he give it to you?”

Chad smiled wryly and replied, “That’s the thing. Even the head of the Investment department couldn’t decide. Since this is someone you especially employed, Mr. Laine, none of us feel right making the final decision. Baz requested that we acquire a business with a market value of 30 million Somer Dollars!”

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Chad immediately pulled out the proposal in question.

After handing it to Jasper, Chad continued to say, “According to normal protocol, Baz is still no more than a small employee in the investment department. He doesn’t have the qualifications to lead a team yet, and this proposal would’ve been discarded by the manager once it was handed in if he was anyone else.”

“But everyone knows that you especially approved his employment Albion also checked it out and found that this proposal actually seems pretty legitimate, so preliminary market research was also done. Therefore, he didn’t really dare to reject it outright”

“He gave it some thought and handed it to me, most likely so I could pass this to you, Mr. Laine.”

Jasper looked down at the proposal in his hands. After a short moment of thought, he chuckled out loud. History sure does repeat itself.

Jasper wondered that Baz would end up living a new life due to him employing the man. He did not expect Baz to retrace the steps he did in his past life, be it by coincidence or due to fate.

This superior of his had accumulated his first big sum of money through the stocks and the financial market when he was young.

What truly started the man’s business and changed him from a common retail investor to the president of an investment company, and gave him the chance to climb the ranks of the social ladder, was the acquisition of Tefa City’s Downstream Investment Company.

‘It was a profitable purchase.’

That was what Baz frequently told Jasper in his past life.

Thanks to all sorts of boasting from Baz, Jasper came to understand the process of this acquisition as well.

Downstream Investment Company was the first investment company in Tefa City funded by the state. However, due to horrible management and the Tefa City City government deciding to reduce state owed liabilities, the company decided to be put on sale.

No one could see into the future, so while many people knew of this offering, not many people were actually willing to acquire it.

Baz had then taken all his savings, back then a total of 11 million, and acquired Downstream Investment Company.

Then the economy in the mainlands skyrocketed and the stock market faced a bullish trend. Downstream Investment Company's market price grew tenfold in just a few years.

This was how Baz joined the line of top notch wealthy businessmen in Tefa City and became a true multimillionaire.

"Is he still in the office?" Jasper asked.

Chad nodded. "He should be. I heard that he's a workaholic who always does overtime. He's the most diligent and hardworking person in his department. This is something Albion told me many times. He's got great potential."

"Tell him to meet me at my office."

Jasper stood up and said.

Wendy then spoke to Jasper in dissatisfaction as they rode the elevator, "How important is this matter that we have to deal with it today instead of tomorrow? It's already very late and you still haven't had dinner yet. You're going to get a stomach ache later."

Due to a long history of irregular eating times, Jasper had recently suffered from stomach aches. It was nothing severe, but it had gotten Wendy attention. Therefore, Wendy could not accept Jasper not eating when he should.

"It's fine. It'll only take around half an hour. Just wait for me for a while and we can go eat together," Jasper comforted.

Wendy glared at Jasper but had no other choice than to conform.

She understood Jasper the most, so she knew that he did not care about something as insignificant as eating once he was in the business headspace.

Jasper had just entered his office when Baz arrived as well.

Opening the door for Baz to walk in, Jasper first gave the man a good look before he chuckled, “Not bad. You’re skinner but you look much more energized.”

In comparison to how Baz looked back in the audio rental shop then, the man looked completely different. He was now with vigor and energy.

Baz chuckled and replied, “Now that I have a goal to strive for, it’s only normal that I’d look different. After coming to work here, I found that I really like the investment industry. I was wasting my life away before this.”

Baz was truly grateful to have met Jasper.

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During this time, Baz had come to know just how wealthy Jasper was. He also understood the full extent of Jasper’s influence in JW Company and even the whole of Southeast Province.

This made him even more grateful to Jasper. This man was of extremely high status, yet was willing to help his ordinary self.

Afraid that dallying would evoke Wendy's nagging, Jasper moved on from small talk and waved the proposal in his hands. "Did you do this proposal?"

Baz replied embarrassedly, "They already handed it to you? I was the one who wrote it. Am... am I being overzealous?"

Baz knew his current level within the company, and how inappropriate it was to hand in a proposal on such a huge project.

He regretted it once he handed the proposal in, thinking that he would have to face a harsh scolding.

After all, JW Company had a strict employee hierarchical system and he had overstepped the boundaries of his position by handing in that proposal. Like a security guard doing the task of a director general. It would be weird if he was not chided.

"I'm more curious about why you think so well of this Downstream Investment Company. It's in Tefa City, but most of JW Company's main business is in the provincial capital, Nauritus City," Jasper said.

Baz's eyes lip up and he began to speak without stopping.

"Trust me, Mr. Laine. This Downstream Investment Company's definitely been undervalued. If the company acquires it, then it'll definitely be a profitable purchase. I've done market research too and I found that..."

Baz spoke for a whole ten minutes.

Jasper listened quietly while he looked through the report in his hands.

After Baz was done, Jasper replied, "You're right. But did it occur to you that companies and owners local to Tefa City also have their eyes on this cash cow? We're from Nauritus City, and to suddenly enter the competition would surely evoke hostility."

Baz was stunned for a moment before he replied solemnly, "All I see is that this is a worthy investment. It might cost more than 10 million but it'll definitely bring even bigger returns. I didn't think about the other factors, but doesn't every business have competition?"

Jasper did not say anything after this.

Baz was a little nervous as he stood in place.

He realized that his words were too impulsive.

'Would this invoke Mr. Laine's ire?'

Baz felt unsettled.

He was just a normal employee, after all. He had no right to tell Mr. Laine how to do business.

While Baz simmered nervously, Jasper spoke up. "Prepare your things and come with me to Tefa City tomorrow."

Baz was overcome with joy when he heard Jasper.

"You agree to the acquisition, Mr. Laine?" Baz asked excitedly.

"Don't look so happy just yet," Jasper said with a crescent eyed smile, "Since we're interfering with the purchase of Downstream Investment Company, we'll surely be attacked by Tefa City's local powers."

“I’ll keep an eye on your performance and if I realize that you’re performing below standard, then I’ll give up on this investment and you alongside it.”

“Yes, Sir! ” Baz knew that this was a great opportunity and he immediately shouted.

A moment later, Jasper pressed his palm against the proposal as he watched Baz leave the office happily.

He knew that it had not been easy for Baz to acquire Downstream Investment Co., Ltd. in his past life. Back then, the man had almost been tossed by Tefa City’s huge family, the Covingtons, to feed the dogs.

However, as Baz had said just now, Downstream Investment Company was a profitable acquisition and business had always been filled with competition.

Jasper had no reason to give up on a business that would bring him ten times the profit in the future.

‘So what if you’re the Covington family?’