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For Sawyer, even though Fabian had lost everything, the money really did not matter. Rather, it was the fact that his son, who had never failed before throughout his whole life, was completely defeated when he faced Jasper.

“What is wrong with you? You were so amazing when you faced Jasper. Even the elders in the family had nothing to say about you. And that was the time you and I had completely established your position and strength in the family. How did you lose everything this time?”

It was only reasonable for Sawyer to be mad.

As the old saying went, these rich and famous families emphasized the honor the parents received when their children’s position rose. Even though they were not in a feudalistic era now, within the family, the performance of one’s offspring could affect the elders’ opinions of their parents to a certain extent. This was an age-old fact.

If Fabian was useless, then Sawyer might not get his position as head of the family.

After all, the previous head should not only consider the issue of the transfer of power to the next generation during the handover, but also the issue the third generation would have a hundred years later.

If Fabian was useless, and if Sawyer forcefully handed down the position of the head to his son upon growing older, he might cause turmoil. This was something that a wise head of a big family would never do.

When Sawyer criticized him, Fabian replied grimly, "I lost and there's nothing to justify the result. However, I didn't completely lose. I still have some cards in my hand. Once I play them, Jasper will die for sure."

"Are you confident?"

"I am confident!"

Sawyer thought about this for a very long while and then chose to believe in Fabian once again.

"Alright, what do you need me to do?" Sawyer asked in a deep voice.

"Continue to take action against the Laws. Even though we let Henry go, this doesn't mean we'll let this issue rest. Otherwise, it'll be hard to explain to the family."

"I need the family to distract the Laws for me. If not, it's going to be difficult for me to do this with the Laws helping Jasper unconditionally."

“Aside from that, I don’t need anything else. I can handle it myself.”

Sawyer said calmly, “As a descendant of a rich family, your starting point is a finishing line that a lot of people won’t be able to reach even in a few lifetimes. And because of this, you don’t have a lot of chances to make mistakes.”

“If you make even the slightest mistake, a lot of people will place you under a microscope. Therefore, you should consider the advantages and disadvantages of this carefully.”

“As for what you asked me to do, I will do it well.”

After Sawyer said that, he hung up the phone.

Fabian closed his eyes and thought for a long time after he put the phone down. When he slowly opened his eyes, his gaze was extremely icy. He knew what his father said just now was more like a warning than a reminder. He could not lose again. If he lost again, his biological father would abandon him, let alone his family.

Power was always more important than relationships in a family.

Besides, if he and his father let go of their power, what else would they use to maintain their relationship? Those elders in the family were not easy to deal with.

“How can I lose this time? Jasper, tell me, how are you going to win?”

Fabian’s icy gaze was filled with venom as he murmured to himself.

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Fabian was a man of his word. He said three hours, so Jasper saw Henry and the gang getting escorted out of the detention center not a minute more or a minute less.

Henry was grumbling as he strutted out of there. As he walked, he was boasting to Alex who looked very off-color.

“What did I say? So what if he’s Fabian Atticus? Does he have an extra ball hanging between his legs? Even if I f*ck him up, what can he do to me? He’ll still let us out obediently in the end.”

While he was being detained, Henry knew no one would dare to do anything to him. On the other hand, Howard’s hot temper and impressive body ensured the latter did not suffer much.

On the contrary, Alex, who was weaker and did not have a powerful family, suffered quite a lot. Therefore, he became the target for them to vent their anger. Those people were obviously venting the anger they accumulated from Henry and Howard onto Alex. Thus, Alex's face was swollen and bruised. He was even walking with a limp.

However, fortunately, he only suffered some flesh wounds. Even though Alex did not have a strong family like the Atticus Family or the Laws, he was still someone well-known and reputable in Harbor City. Even though those people listened to the Atticus family, they did not dare to go overboard with this.

“Mr. Law, you're fine, but I'm not. ”

Alex clutched his face and said with a sob.

However, after he said that, he did not hear Henry's response for a very long time. He lifted his head and saw Henry running toward a man on the opposite of the road while screaming on top of his lungs.

“F*ck me! I knew you wouldn't leave me to die!”

Henry ran toward Jasper and pulled him into a tight hug.

This action stunned Alex and Howard. Everyone knew Henry's temper and behavior, so who was worthy of being treated like that by him?

As Henry's two best friends, Alex and Howard never experienced this kind of affection before, even though they had gone through thick and thin with him. Alex started to feel a little jealous inside.

Meanwhile, Howard stared at Jasper while looking pensive.

After patting Henry's back heavily, Jasper said, "How are you? Did you suffer in there?"

Henry said cockily, "They wouldn't dare to even if you gave them balls of steel."

Jasper nodded and said, "This is my fault. I didn't think this through."

Henry grinned and said, "What does it have to do with you? I let it go to my head back then. I can't stand seeing that idiot Fabian looking pleased and arrogant. That's why I decided to stir sh*t up."

"Well, your father put all important matters aside and is waiting for you to go back home now," Jasper said.

Henry's expression changed and he said, "Damn, straight out of the pan and into the fire, huh? I can't go home now, if I do, that old thing will kill me."

"Don't worry, I'll be with you," Jasper said with a soft smile.

At this moment, Alex and Howard walked over.

"Let me introduce you guys, this idiot with the swollen and bruised face is Alex Jean, and that's Howard Branson."

Henry pointed at the two of them and said, "This is the boss. He's my brother-in-law, Jasper Laine."

When Alex heard Jasper's name, his eyes lit up. Not a lot of people knew what Jasper looked like in the circle of young masters in Harbor City. However, almost everyone had heard of him.

News of his work from the previous market rescue to the direct monopoly of half of the entertainment industry in Harbor City that almost disabled Mitch and the others had spread like wildfire.

Moreover, they knew that Henry was causing trouble for Fabian for Jasper's sake.

“Hello, boss!” Alex had no limits. He immediately went and greeted Jasper to try to suck up to him.

On the other hand, Howard merely nodded at Jasper and said stiffly, “Hello.”

Jasper had a good feeling about these two men who were willing to risk everything for Henry. Hence, he smiled and said, “Thank you both. I owe you one.”

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Alex chuckled. His eyes were filled with happiness. Even though the second generations looked as if they were simple-minded and they did not need to consider anything other than thinking about how to have fun and cause trouble, in reality, they were all very stressed.

They were at the age where the burden of the task of succession had begun to subtly affect all aspects of their lives.

For example, Alex was the only son of the Jeans. Therefore, there would be no pressure for him to fight over the family property. Meanwhile, Phil was still healthy so he could still work for a few more years. However, Phil was not getting any younger, and Alex could not always be a second-generation who only knew extravagance.

Therefore, his instinct drove him to draw up a relationship with Henry and also win Jasper's favor.

Even though from the looks of it now, Jasper did not have any foundation in Harbor City, which made this feel like an empty promise.

However, smart people would know that it was only a matter of time before Jasper rose now that he had long list of glorious past achievements and also the unconditional support of the Laws in Harbor City.

Right now, if the families in Harbor City wanted to expand their business to the mainland, they would only have to do half the work to reap twice the reward if they had Jasper's help.

One would know this if they just looked at the Laws' huge investment in the mainland over the past year. One would have more ways out if one had more friends. Jasper was a young man with the Laws as support and he also had a lot of resources in the mainland.

This was a golden blue-chip stock.

"I hope I can use this favor now."

Howard suddenly spoke up. Henry, Alex, and Jasper were all stunned.

Soon, they came back to their senses. Jasper smiled and asked Howard, "Okay, what can I do for you? However, I might not have as much advantage as you guys in Harbor City, so I might not be able to help you with things that are too difficult."

Howard shook his head and said seriously, "You can definitely help me with this."

As he said that, Howard pointed at Julian, who was standing behind Jasper. He had an intense desire to battle shooting from his eyes. He said, "I want to learn from your bodyguard."

Jasper turned his head to look at Julian dumbfoundedly. Then, he answered Howard, "He's not my bodyguard but a brother of mine. If you want to learn from him, you can ask him yourself. If he's unwilling, I won't force him."

Julian's expression changed slightly upon hearing that. Then, the corners of his lips turned upward.

Henry chimed in happily, "Julian is kind of like my master. So, Howie, you're not strong enough to fight him yet!"

Howard ignored Henry as he looked heatedly at Julian. He said, "My friend, I can feel a power from you that makes me tremble. I want to fight you with everything I have."

Julian did not say anything. Instead, he just looked at Jasper silently.

Jasper shook his head. He had never seen such an odd request before. This guy was willing to get beat up voluntarily.

"Julian, you can decide for yourself. If you're interested, you can accept his offer," Jasper said.

Julian shrugged and said to Howard, "I won't go easy on anyone."

"That's good. If you are being cautious not to overdo it, it'll end up being a performance and not a fight which you can learn from. Only true men fight properly!"

Howard yelled in excitement. He was a man standing 1.9 meter tall, looking very much like a bear in human form. His entire body emanated a desire to fight.

"This place is not suitable. Come with me," Julian said flatly.

When the two of them disappeared from the corner of the road, Jasper smiled at Henry and said, "Your friend is pretty interesting."

"He's a sucker for kickboxing. He's on the brink of madness after so much training." Henry shrugged. Even though he was saying that, he had a look of admiration in his eyes.

"The bodyguards in my family and my father's private bodyguard fought with him before. Whenever he sees someone strong, he won't be able to hold himself back. However, those bodyguards said that kid is such a genius with his fists. If he started training ten years earlier, he might be a master."

Alex pressed his lips together and said, "I wonder why he doesn't want to enjoy his life and instead constantly hangs out with dumbbells. He either stays in the gym or the boxing ring. What's so fun about a life like that?"

"Everyone has their own interest," Jasper said insipidly.

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While they were talking, Julian returned.

His breathing was steady, and there was no indication that he had done any exercised.

Howard followed him with a limp. He looked quite embarrassed. However, Howard had a strange grin on his face. He looked as if Julian had beaten him stupid.

“Wow, that was f*cking amazing!”

Howard yelled. When he opened his mouth, Jasper and the others could see that Howard had lost half of his front tooth. Howard looked a little goofy like that.

“Can I still ask you for a fight next time?”

Howard looked heatedly at Julian. It was as if Julian was his first love that he simply could not forget.

Julian ignored him and stood behind Jasper silently.

Howard was a little disappointed when he saw this. He scratched his head and said, “I guess I am still too weak. When I become stronger, I will definitely look for you.”

As he said that, Howard planned to return to Henry.

“Your physical stamina is still okay. I can see that you have been trained to use certain skills, but the way you exert force is weak and you don’t have enough foundation in the bottom half of your body. If you want to make greater progress over a short period, I suggest you train the bottom half of your body more.

“Don’t think about any fancy moves-you are only suited to using your fists. Stand on a stump and do the horse stance for at least five hours a day. Then, you can gradually increase the intensity.”

Julian’s sudden statement excited Howard.

He bowed deeply to Julian and said sincerely, “I’m learning every day. Thank you for your advice.”

With a wave of his hand, Julian gestured at Howard to stop being so courteous. Then, he stopped talking. Jasper and Henry smiled at each other.

“Your elders are still waiting for you to go back to Law Manor. You should show your faces to them first,” Jasper said.

Henry was surprised. “Aren’t you going back together with us?”

“I’ll go to the hospital first. I’ll meet Uncle Law later,” Jasper said.

Henry instantly knew that Jasper was going to go visit his employees, so he did not say much. He nodded at the two of them and left directly after that.

Howard was very grateful to Julian when he left. Judging from his posture, it looked as if he wished he could ask Julian to take him as a disciple.

Jasper turned around and went back to the car. Then, Jasper smiled at Julian, who was currently driving. “It’s rare for you to take the initiative to advise someone.”

“He is not bad.”

Julian said, “It’s just that he did not have much innate talent. However, he has perseverance.”

Did not have much innate talent...

Jasper recalled how Henry once said that Zachary's private bodyguard praised Howard for being a genius with his fist, but to Julian, Howard was reduced to someone with not much innate talent. Jasper could not help but feel a little curious. Just how talented was Julian when it came to fighting?

However, this was all gossip. Right now, Jasper should go to visit Jake as soon as possible.

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Harbor City Heavenly Hospital.

This was a high-end private hospital in Harbor City. Only the rich in Harbor City could stay here.

When Jasper arrived at Jake's room, Jake was attached to the IV while he watched television.

"You're so dedicated to your job. You should rest since you're hurt. You should recuperate before you think about work."

Jasper pushed the door open to walk in. He said this when he saw that the television on the wall was showing the financial news of the United States.

When Jake saw Jasper, he started panicking. However, Jasper pressed him down on the bed right before he could do so.

“Don’t move. I’ve asked the doctor and he said you have a slight concussion. You can’t move too much as you need to rest well.”

Jake said emotionally, “Mr. Laine, why are you in Harbor City?”

“You’ve been abducted, so as your boss, how can I not come to rescue you? If not, who would want to work for me?” Jasper chuckled and replied.

Jake said shamefully, “Mr. Laine, I’m sorry for being too careless. If I had known about this, I would have moved our workplace to a more secluded place. Perhaps we won’t have run into this issue if I did that.”

Jasper shook his head and said, “This has nothing to do with you. Your previous workplace was a secluded villa provided by the Laws who found you that place. Where else can you go if you intend to hide again?”

If Fabian wanted to find someone, he would be able to unless that person was not in Harbor City. Moreover, Jake had so many people in his team, and they had been doing transactions in the Dow Jones market this whole time. As long as someone got the IP address of their system from the securities regulatory commission, they would not be able to hide.

“Mr. Laine, is it over?” Jake asked.

“Half of it,” Jasper replied faintly.

He had nothing to hide from Jake, so he straightforwardly told Jake what had happened afterward.

When he heard that Henry had wanted to burn Empire Meet to the ground, he was dumbfounded.

However, when he heard that Jasper had reached a deal with Fabian, he could not control himself and said, “Actually, we can completely crush Fabian this time.”

Jasper smiled and said, “It’s not like that.

“You’re only thinking about it from a financial angle. You forgot that Fabian still has his family behind him. Now, Fabian doesn’t want things to escalate to an unconcealable level, so he will still cling onto his last card. He is also willing to pay a price for this.”

“However, if we forcefully removed his last card, Fabian will totally embarrass himself in front of everyone. However, this will also give his family a reason to brazenly intercept and put their foot into this matter.”

“At the end of the day, the thing that people of our level need to do is compromise and exchange terms. If we were to completely crush Fabian, he wouldn’t die unless we could also get rid of his family’s power in one go.”

After hearing what Jasper said, Jake nodded thoughtfully.

Jasper wanted to remind Jake of this as well.

After all, he still needed Jake to stay in Harbor City to take charge for him. Jake needed to look at an even bigger picture if he were to stay in this position. After all, he would not just be a financial agent Jasper had appointed to stay in Harbor City.

“Mr. Laine, does that mean we are giving up the chance to completely take down Fabian?” Jake asked reluctantly.

“He only has half a life left. It’ll be the same whether we finish him or not. He only has 500 million US Dollars, which will be just enough to pay for his funeral. What damage could he possibly cause?” Jasper said flatly.

Jake frowned and said, “Mr. Laine, I heard a lot of rumors back then. It seems that Fabian still has more tricks up his sleeve. Also, looking at his performance on the Dow Jones Market toward the end, I still see a lot of abnormal behavior.”

“It’s abnormal indeed. Now that we’ve relented on our assault, based on common sense, he should rush to flee the market. Yet, he’s not moving at all.”

Jasper said as he narrowed his eyes and recalled what Baz told him while he was on the way here.

“No, there must be more to this. Does Fabian not want to give up yet?” Jake answered immediately.