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Upon flipping the cover page, the full interview contents were basically in it. There were also a few pictures printed that were taken during the interview.

Contents and pictures of professional-level magazines like this were meticulously designed, which made it very interesting to read.

The things that Jasper said were pretty novel too.

For example, the things he said about choosing friends, his goal to be the richest man in the world, and so on... Not a single thing he said was left out.

To appear on such a strict and traditional financial magazine, it was clear that Jasper's words were extremely appealing.

The most unique thing of all was that Henry was included as well. Henry's internal monologue had set Jasper off to a considerable height.

If even Henry had admitted that Jasper was outstanding and thought of him as his teacher, who would have the guts to say that Jasper was only fishing for fame and reputation?

What was more, Jasper's record was evident. Harbor City's financial crisis had just passed not long ago.

"I'm so envious..."

Henry had already read the contents, but he still said sourly.

“When you’re capable enough, you too will be the main character one day,” Anna said.

Henry snorted and said, “That will happen sooner or later!”

“Oh?” Anna looked over. “Sure, I’ll be waiting.”

Old Master Law smiled and said to Jasper, “You did really well, Jasp. Although I wasn’t around, I knew about everything that was going on. Excellent! You have once again proved me right.”

Jasper said with great sincerity, “If the Laws hadn’t helped me, things wouldn’t have moved so smoothly for me either.”

Jasper expressed those words from the bottom of his heart.

The Laws had helped him a lot since the beginning. Both parties were not so much allies because both Old Master Law and Zachary treated him as one of their own juniors.

Jasper was not an ungrateful person. He would remember their kindness and the favor they showed him.

Old Master Law said with a chuckle, “You’ve helped the Laws tremendously too. Zachary told me that you’ve helped the Laws earn 30 billion this time. That’s a huge favor you’ve done for the Laws.”

Anna’s eyes glowed when she looked at Jasper.

Henry clicked his tongue.

He knew that Jasper had helped the Laws earn a lot of money this time, but since Zachary did not say how much exactly, he did not ask either.

Henry was startled after hearing that the exact amount was 30 billion.

Even for the Laws, 30 billion was a big sum.

Jasper was able to do it without anyone knowing

“Old Master Law, I’m returning to Mainland soon, but before that, I still have a few investment projects in Harbor City. I’ll need all the help I can get from the Laws,” Jasper said.

Old Master Law said, “Take this to Zachary. Your business is the Laws’ business.”

As he said those words, Old Master Law thought for a while and glanced at Henry with a meaningful look on his face.

Henry tensed up subconsciously. No matter how prodigal he was, as soon as he was facing Old Master Law, he would turn as obedient as a puppet. He would be afraid to cause any trouble at all.

“Actually, I’m optimistic about Mainland’s development,” Old Master Law said slowly.

Jasper nodded. Among the richest in Harbor City, the Laws were indeed the first to invest in Mainland. They had invested a large sum of money as well.

Of course, Old Master Law was hoping to drive Mainland’s economy. He was not running a charity. No matter how powerful a family was, it could never drive a country’s economy on its own.

Therefore, all investments made by the Laws were still done based on interest.

A virtuous cycle was when a project could drive the local economy, make money, then use the profits to continue investing. This was what the Laws had been doing.

“Mainland’s economy will advance by leaps and bounds next, so we plan to enter earlier to make arrangements, but we need someone to coordinate. Zachary is too busy, so I plan to train Henry for a period of time by sending him to Mainland.”

As Old Master Law spoke, he did not notice Henry’s jaw dropping. He only said to Jasper gently, “This is supposedly unrealistic. Henry is ignorant and incompetent. No matter how much money I give him, it’ll all go to waste. But things are different now that you’re here.

“This was also my initial intention, and that’s to let Henry follow you and learn from you.”

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Jasper was not surprised by what Old Master Law said.

He could already have predicted this when Old Master Law sent Henry to him.

Surely, as the one and only third-generation son who had inheritance rights to the Law family, Henry was not going to keep fooling around.

In the future, Henry did learn as silver tried in a furnace.

Jasper’s appearance, however, had caused the Laws to change their initial plan.

Therefore, Jasper did not hesitate to accept Old Master Law’s request.

“Okay.”

Jasper answered straight away.

Henry was moved to tears.

“Do you believe in me so much?”

This was the first time Henry had ever felt Jasper’s kindness.

“Old Master Law, if there’s really no way around this, then ask Uncle Zachary to give birth to another son. He’s still young anyway... Or maybe you can let Anna be the heiress instead.”

No ordinary person would ever have the guts to sit in someone else’s home, especially not in front of Old Master Law, and tell them what to do.

This was an absolute taboo in every family. Outsiders had no right to comment on their family.

Jasper, however, did it ever so casually.

Not only did Old Master Law not take it to heart, but he even laughed and said, “You’ve hit the nail on the head. I’ll consider it.”

Henry erupted on the spot.

“Believe me, Grandpa. I know I was wrong now. What I’ve been doing in the past was nothing but a waste of time. I only fooled around all the time. I’ve repented and turned over a new leaf...”

When he got to this point, Henry glanced at Jasper and then said in a very serious tone, “That’s because Jasper taught me that a true man is absolutely

dope! And those who only rely on their family to gain status and power are simply using their powerful connections to intimidate others.”

Old Master Law did not understand what Henry meant by dope, but he knew it was something good.

For the first time ever, Old Master Law did not lecture Henry like he always did.

Instead, he said earnestly, “Grandpa is getting older. I don’t know how much longer I can live. Once I leave, I can foresee great changes befalling the family. Young people like you need to grow up quicker.”

Both Henry and Anna put on a stony resolve. Henry said, “Grandpa, you’ll definitely live to a ripe old age.”

Anna added, “Why are you saying these things all of a sudden, Grandpa?”

Old Master Law smiled and said, “Do you think I’ll never die? Am I supposed to turn into an old fairy or something?”

As he said that, Old Master Law waved his hand and said, “I’m tired. I’m going upstairs to get some rest. Jasp, stay for dinner tonight.”

“Okay.” Jasper got up and sent Old Master Law upstairs.

Zachary also took the opportunity to have dinner at home.

At the dinner table, Zachary and Jasper talked in detail about certain projects that they were working on together.

“Real estate is the best way for the government of Harbor City to recover its economy quickly. With that being said, real estate will soon usher in great development.”

Zachary agreed with Jasper.

No matter which country or region, the real estate industry was definitely a pillar industry that could drive the economy. Although real estate in Harbor City was still in a downturn, it would soon flourish.

“My plan is to establish a real estate company in Harbor City in the future. Although market competition over here is fierce enough, I may still have a chance.”

Jasper said while smiling at Zachary, “Are you interested, Uncle Zachary?”

Zachary smiled and said, “A large part of the Law family’s properties are in real estate, so of course, I’m interested. But Jasp, are you planning to buy the property for hoarding or buy a piece of land to develop it yourself?”

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“I’m buying a piece of land to develop it,” Jasper replied resolutely.

He had memories about the future and knew areas where housing prices would rise dramatically, so naturally, he would not do tacky things like being a middleman.

“You need a large capital to enter Harbor City’s real estate industry,” Zachary said.

Jasper nodded even though his total wealth had already reached ten billion.

Of the ten billion, two billion would be left in the Harbor City’s stock market to make money.

1.8 billion had been invested in Advent Entertainment Group.

There was only 6.2 billion cash left in his hands.

Though it seemed like an awful lot, it was still not enough to enter the real estate industry.

“Let’s wait until Harbor City’s stocks recover.” Jasper chuckled lightly, sounding extremely confident.

Jasper needed the Laws’ help to watch over the two billion investment funds that Jasper gave to Jake. Zachary was aware of this.

“With your ability, I’m sure you can make a fortune out of the two billion. But how much can you make in the short run? In my opinion, Harbor City’s real estate will launch early next year,” Zachary asked curiously.

“It’s enough. When the time comes, the two billion will triple,” Jasper said lightly.

Everyone at the table was startled.

There were only two months left before the end of the year and at least four months to the beginning of next year.

300% profit in four months?

Henry looked at Jasper and thought how he was constantly deepening his understanding toward pomposity.

There was no limit to this person’s pomposity!

...When would he ever get to this stage?

Had those words not come out of Jasper's very mouth, others would have regarded him as a fool by now.

"Sure, I'll order someone to invest according to your list." Zachary laughed.

"Let's make a fortune together. When the Laws' capital comes in, we can then make advance stock speculations. It's a good thing," Jasper said with a smile.

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The Langdons'.

With a bang, a magazine was thrown far away. Mitch stared at Terra's Financial Weekly on the ground with gloomy eyes and raged, "Are these editors crazy? How can a man like that go on a cover!?"

Bob sat on the couch and said lightly, "Don't get so angry, Mitch. I'm not surprised to see him on Terra's Financial Weekly after what he has done."

"The things he said are really novel, eh?" Kennedy said.

Mitch sneered. "He's only making those bold and arrogant claims to attract attention. I can't believe those rubbish media are actually currying favor with him! Does he really think he's now Harbor City's king?"

"Mitch," Kennedy looked at Mitch and said faintly, "If you can't bring yourself to recognize your opponent's strength, then you will forever remain at the bottom of the ladder."

Mitch's expression darkened as he gritted his teeth. "I can't stand his arrogant face."

Bob glanced at both father and son before saying meaningfully, "He has officially acquired Gladness Entertainment Movies, renamed it Advent Entertainment

Group, and divided it into three major business groups. He seems ambitious and wealthy.”

Mitch sneered. “He’s only trying to court people’s favor with his nonsense. Does he really think he’s capable enough to enter the entertainment industry?”

“Well, after taking a look at his plan, I can say that you’re right. Today, he fired Joseph White, a veteran who previously worked for Michael. Joseph came to me to ask for a job,” Bob mused.

Kennedy raised his eyebrows slightly. “A veteran? He must be really familiar with Gladness then?”

“At least this saboteur will create enough trouble for him,” Bob chuckled and said viciously, “Since he has invested heavily in the entertainment industry, we will then knock him down and suppress his arrogance.”

Mitch said excitedly, “That’s right! We can’t allow him to keep being so arrogant! Who does he think he is? He’s just a country boy acting absurdly in Harbor City. We must teach him a lesson.”

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“What are you planning to do?”

Kennedy looked at Bob.

There was a sinister smile on Bob’s face when he said, “What else?”

“Jasper has spent more than a billion to buy Gladness and renamed it Advent Entertainment Group. It’s obvious that he needs to spend a lot of effort doing this.

“It’s not easy to succeed in one thing, but it’s extremely easy to destroy it.

“I intend to start with Joseph White. He was in Gladness for many years and knows many secrets and scandals. We’ll ask him to reveal some of it after some time. I call this controlling public opinion.

“I’ll then ask him to poach several top-notch celebrities from Gladness. I call this pulling the carpet from underneath.”

As he said that, Bob chuckled and said, “Once these are all done, we will contact Emperor Entertainment. They won’t want to see a big entertainment company backed by the Laws rise to popularity. They’re more anxious than us. How do you think Gladness is supposed to stay in business if all the industries are against them?”

The more Mitch listened, the brighter his eyes glowed. Bob did not sleep with so many female celebrities for so many years for nothing.

At least he was clearer than anyone about the entertainment industry’s rules.

“I’ll take care of this.” Mitch offered.

“I want to trample Jasper to the ground myself!” Mitch’s expression was grim, and his eyes were exceedingly sinister.

Kennedy mused on how Jasper was almost turning into a demon residing in his son’s heart. If this issue was not resolved, his son probably would not be able to get over it.

At the thought of this, Kennedy nodded and said, “Okay, I’ll leave this to you. We’ll give you a portion of our family’s resources to support you. Also, discuss this with Uncle Bob. He’s more experienced than you and can point you in the right direction.”

Mitch nodded and said excitedly, "Got it. I'll come to you for help if I need any pointers, Uncle Bob."

Bob laughed. "Sure. But it's best that we start this plan a little later. We will easily alert our enemy if we act now."

"I understand."

Mitch gritted his teeth and stared viciously at the magazine he had tossed to the ground, saying, "I'll let him have fun for a few more days first."

Bob's eyes flashed with a deep, meaningful smile. "Before Harbor City stabilizes, it's best that you stay put. Don't cause a stir. We'll defeat Jasper sooner or later!"

"Yes!"

Mitch nodded. Although he was eager to end Jasper now, Jasper was simply too reputable at the moment. With the Laws as his backer, it was impossible to get rid of him alone.

He could only wait for the perfect opportunity!

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On the other side, Jasper was done packing up his luggage and was ready to leave Harbor City.

Many things in Mainland had been put aside because he was in Harbor City for so long. Now that everything here had been dealt with, it was time for him to hurry back.

Mainland's industry was Jasper's top priority after all.

After his farewell this time, it would probably be a very long time before he would return to Harbor City again.

Henry and Anna came to see him off at the airport. They had spent a considerable amount of time together during this period of time and had naturally formed a much stronger bond now.

Henry was completely awake by now. What started as a dislike for Jasper in the beginning had turned into admiration today. Jasper had become his role model.

Anna had witnessed everything that Jasper did with her own eyes. An outstanding man like him had sparked the fondness in the depths of her heart.

When they were bidding farewell at the airport, Henry said to Jasper casually, "Let's both be pompous together the next time I go to Mainland to visit you."

"I'm not really good at being pompous, to be honest," Jasper said sincerely.

"Look, you're being pompous again."

Henry twitched his lips. He was already used to Jasper's unexpected pomposity.

On a side note, their relationship was different than before. They were so close that they could joke around with each other at any time.

Jasper looked at Anna who remained silent the whole time and chuckled. "I'm leaving now, Anna. I'll come and visit you in Harbor City next time, or maybe when you visit Mainland. I'll definitely take good care of you."

"Okay, it's a deal!" Anna nodded, her eyes flashing with a hint of obscurity. She muttered under her breath, "Have a safe journey."

"Thank you."

Having said that, Jasper turned to leave.

He had just lifted his suitcase when a fragrant breeze whizzed past him. The soft and graceful woman was embracing Jasper from behind.

Jasper was taken aback. When he turned around, he was surprised to see that it was Anna hugging him!

He did not expect Anna to be so bold!

One must know that this was Harbor City Airport and she was the Laws' daughter. If anyone saw this, then this would surely make it to the media headlines tomorrow!

“Don't move, don't talk, don't turn around!”

Anna sounded really anxious. It was as if she was afraid that Jasper would turn around and see what she looked like at the moment.

“I'll let go after hugging you for a little while,” Anna said.

“I might not have the same courage again next time.”

Jasper could hear her trembling voice and smiled bitterly. “Why are you doing this? You're acting like death is separating us. I'm going back to Mainland, not to die...”

Her slender and dexterous fingers pinched his belly gently. The charming lady was annoyed. How inappropriate were the things he was saying at this moment!

“Uh...”

Standing next to them was a completely dumbfounded Henry. His first reaction was to stop the man and woman who were bursting with hormones as quickly as he could.

Anna's identity aside, even Jasper was Harbor City's celebrity right now. These two! This pose! If a paparazzi captured a picture of this scene, even their children's names would appear at the celebrity gossip corner tomorrow.

"Gosh, Sis, can you please behave yourself? What happened to being demure?!"

Henry said in a panic, and at the same time, he was sweeping his gaze around the place for fear of being noticed.

Anna ignored him and continued burying her face in Jasper's back. She said in a slightly trembling voice, "I know you have a girlfriend, but... I have the right to pursue my own happiness too."

"Yes." Jasper nodded, a wry smile emerging on his face.

"Ask her to prepare herself."

Jasper, "..."

Henry yelled, "Ah!"

Anna did not continue and let go of her hands.

"You should probably go through the airport security now," Anna said.

Jasper gave a chuckle and strode off.

He did not turn back at all.

As such, he did not see the blush on Anna's beautiful face either.

The maiden's tender bashfulness had vanquished every other maiden out there...

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It was not until Jasper was completely gone that Henry stared at Anna with an extremely strange gaze.

"Let's go."

Anna immediately restored her ever unruffled expression.

"You'd better train and study hard. Try your best to get Dad and Grandpa's consent to go to Mainland as soon as possible," Anna lectured him.

His sister's conflicting attitude threw Henry off balance completely.

Why!?

Why was she so gentle in front of Jasper but pulled a long face in front of him, acting like his big sister instead?

"Why do you care when I go to Mainland? Grandpa asked me to go, not you." Henry sulked.

"I want to go with you!" Anna said resolutely.

Henry stared at Anna and understood what she meant immediately. He said in surprise, "Sis, you clearly know that he has a girlfriend and yet you insist on

putting yourself down to be with him?! Have you forgotten who you are? You're the Laws' precious daughter!"

Anna looked at Henry and suddenly chuckled, saying, "Do you think I look good?"

Henry turned away with a disgusted expression. "No matter how good you look, I'll still get sick after having looked at your face for 20 years..."

After saying those words, Henry saw the change in Anna's expression and quickly corrected himself. "Don't look at me with those murderous eyes... You look beautiful, okay!"

"So why can't I fight for my relationship? We're not married yet, so we're all free to choose our partners," Anna said indignantly.

Henry was amused and shook his head helplessly. "This is my first time seeing someone using such high-sounding words to intervene in other people's relationships."

"You impregnated a trust fund baby's fiancée the first year you came back from abroad. If it weren't for me, this incident would have reached Dad's ears. Don't you feel embarrassed at all to say that to me?"

"...How are we the same!? I'm not going to lose anything, but you! You're a girl!"

"You're shameless!"

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On the plane. Jasper bought a first-class ticket.

It was the same flight yet it was three times more expensive.

Jasper knew how to enjoy life. He was not a miser who would make a lot of money and then refrain from using it.

It had never been his intention to be frugal. Take the local Warwick Company's CEO for example. In the future, his company became a multinational giant, but when he went out, he still took a second-class seat on the high-speed rail and an economy seat on a plane.

Jasper expressed his admiration for the older generation's diligent and thrifty spirit, but no thanks.

Had this not been the crucial time for him to put every single penny he had to good use, Jasper would have even bought a private jet.

If a man did not spend the money he earned, then that man would be no different than a dead man.

Jasper had just taken his seat when he caught a whiff of fragrance in the air whizzing toward him. Two women walked over and sat not far away from him.

"Queenie Shaw?"

Jasper was a little surprised. He did not expect himself to bump into a Harbor City celebrity—one whom he had encountered before too!

"Oh, Queenie, Your Majesty, we're just adding a last-minute event, that's all. Those Mainlanders are foolish people who have too much money to spare. You'll earn 500,000 bucks just standing there for a few minutes and saying a few words. Why wouldn't you want to go?"

Standing beside Queenie was a woman who looked like her agent and was painstakingly persuading her, saying, "You must attend this event no matter what! Otherwise, the money will go down the drain!"

The other party obviously had not noticed Jasper.

Jasper did not plan to go up and say hello either.

If this happened when he had just been reborn, he would at least feel a bit more excited.

As Jasper's wealth and status had improved, his mentality changed as well.

Right now, Jasper was certainly not interested in idolizing a star. This was not something he would do in the past life, let alone now.

As far as his current status was concerned, only celebrities would come to him to curry favor with him.

Therefore, Jasper looked down at the magazines prepared for him on the plane. It just so happened that Terra's Financial Weekly was there...

"Don't say anymore, Liliana. I really don't want to go. I'm going to Mainland to film a movie this time, so I'm not going to the additional event you scheduled for me," Queenie said helplessly.

When Liliana saw how resolute Queenie was, her expression grew sullen as well.

The sponsorship from Mainland hoped that Queenie would attend their event, and in order to get this to work, Liliana had taken the other party's money.

If Queenie refused to go, not only did she need to return the money she received, but she would also be greatly humiliated.

"You must go to this event, Queenie. You don't have a choice! It's so easy to earn Mainlanders' money, and if you don't go, then you're not showing due respect for my feelings."

Queenie frowned at Liliana's words.

Jasper was frowning too.

Jasper did not want to be nosy at first, but since Queenie was his company's artist, how could he just let her agent bully her like that?

Besides, her agent was plain condescending!

"What's the matter with Mainlanders? If you look down on Mainlanders so much, why are you going there to make money then?" Jasper said lightly.

Liliana turned her head to look at Jasper, then frowned and said, "I'm not talking about you. What are you barking at?"

"I'm a Mainlander. You said that Mainlanders are fools but I'm not allowed to comment on that?" Jasper said lightly.

Liliana snorted when she heard what he said. "You're from Mainland too? I'm not wrong then. You Mainlanders live in poor and remote places, and all the nouveau riche are fools who are too easy to trick, no?"

At this moment, Queenie looked over after hearing his voice and her expression changed drastically!

Liliana might not know who Jasper was, but Queenie had met Jasper at a charity dinner. Plus, Gladness had been acquired by Jasper and was renamed to Advent Entertainment Group, so Jasper was now her boss!

As soon as Queenie recognized Jasper, her complexion paled. She wanted to cry out subconsciously.

Jasper motioned to her with his eyes, hinting at her not to say anything.

Queenie clammed up silently, glanced at the lofty and self-conceited Liliana, and gloated a little inside.

In Harbor City, there were many agents who assumed great airs—even more than the celebrities themselves. It was just because they thought they were really experienced.

Liliana was one of those people.

She had, on many occasions, tried to squeeze as much income from her reputation as possible.

Take this event for example.

Queenie was aware of Liliana's underhand dealings with those investors but was powerless to do anything about it. She had signed a contract with Liliana, so she could not do anything even when Liliana invested outside without the company knowing.

Things were different now. Liliana had shot herself in the foot. This was going to be her unlucky day!

"You need to be responsible for your words and deeds," Jasper said to Liliana.