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It was a guest list with more than 100 guests, most of whom Jasper did not recognize. Fortunately, their identities were stated beside their names.

It was just like Jon had expected. There were only a couple of small fries and no one formidable on the guest list at all.

Ted felt a little embarrassed. “Mr. Laine, these are all we could contact. They’re mostly presidents from chambers of commerce here and there, and some of them had also applied for an invite with us. After sifting through, these are who we have left.”

Jasper glanced at the screen and suddenly raised his hand to point at two names. “Ben Hull and Lisa Gardner, how did they get in?”

Ted immediately replied, “The Turner family brought them in.”

Watching the change in Jasper’s expression carefully, Ted asked, “Should I remove them?”

Jasper gave a small smile. “Leave them, they’re the children of the president and vice president of the Haddock Chamber of Commerce in the Waterhoof City branch. I’d say they borderline qualify.”

Ted let out a sigh of relief.

After reading the guest list, Jasper then spoke, “It’s mostly alright, but there are too many of them. Excluding the people we’ve all decided should remain on the list, cut down two-thirds of everyone else and leave around 70 to 80 of them.”

Ted was stunned. “Isn’t that too little people, Mr. Laine?”

Jasper then pulled out two sheets of paper. “Then add the names on these two papers.”

Ted took the paper and projected the first list to the screen.

It was still quite an ordinary list with Jacob, Hector, Wendy, and a few of her classmates’ names. They were all children of renowned families and were considered outstanding if compared to the others on the main list.

The entire meeting room fell silent for a few seconds when the other list was projected, and everyone gasped in shock. Ignoring the fact that their big boss, Jasper, was present.

A shocking list of names appeared on the screen.

“Old Master Law, his son Zachary Law, and his grandchildren Henry and Anna Law!”

“Spencer Boyle and his son Eustass Boyle!”

“Joe Langdon and his son Kayden Langdon!”

“Wallace Langdon and his son Kennedy Langdon!”

In addition to the four household surnames were more than a dozen other densely packed names underneath. The fact that they appeared after the four rich families meant that the rest all held some form of high status in Harbor City.

One might even think that this was a national leaderboard of rich families within the country if they did not know better!

Everyone knew that those first four surnames belonged to the four rich families in Harbor City.

Even though it had only been three years since the handover of Harbor City, the other three families, excluding the Laws, had already done much business with the Mainland.

That was to say the three families had their eyes on the Mainland and were uncertain whether it was worth their trust and investment.

Yet Jasper was planning to invite all four families?

It was something that had never happened since the handover.

It would be earth-shattering news should it come true.

Everyone was speechless as they looked at Jasper with utter surprise in their eyes.

Ryder was the only one grinning silently. Having come from Harbor City, he was well aware of how influential Jasper was in Harbor City.

The mere fact that he had saved the city had put Jasper at a spot where he was worthy of inviting the four rich families.

“Mister... Mr. Laine. Won't the higher-ups tell us to redraft the list if we hand those names up?” Ted asked carefully.

He did not believe that Jasper would be able to invite people of such caliber, so he assumed that Jasper merely suggested these names in hopes that the higher-ups would invite them.

That was the only way it made sense.

The other senior executives let out sighs of relief. ‘Exactly, that makes much more sense. Or this would be an utter exaggeration.’

“Why would they tell us to redraft it? I’ve already contacted everyone, so just hand the list over to them.”

Jasper’s words struck everyone again.

“Just follow as I say and it’ll be fine.”

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Jasper did not plan to explain too much.

The only reason why no one had slammed the table and swore, calling Jasper a madman, was because Jasper was their boss.

‘The Laws, the Boyles, and the two Langdons!

‘Harbor City’s four main families are people with huge influences in the entirety of Terra, let alone Somerland.

‘And Jasper says that he has already confirmed their attendance?’

Everyone’s initial reaction was disbelief.

The gap in statuses was just too large.

While no one wanted to admit how lacking their company was, the reality was that in comparison to the four rich families, even the above par Easy Media was no more than a speck of dirt.

“Compile the list as fast as possible and hand it over.”

Jasper had set in stone the most important topic for the meeting and left no room for protest.

“We don’t have much time left. How’s the progress looking for everything else?”

The following few hours had Jasper participating in the preparation of the banquet.

While he did not understand the specifics, he had still reincarnated with the memory of what was going to happen in the next 20 years into the future, after all.

He had seen a considerable amount of large-scale banquets in his past life. Both the concept and creativity from 20 years later would certainly end up at the forefront right now.

Therefore, most of Jasper’s suggestions had enlightened Ryder and Ted quite a bit.

The atmosphere in the meeting room slowly returned to normal.

Ted immediately brought people to hand over the newly drafted guest list after the meeting was over.

Jon was waiting in the office when the higher-ups called him to tell him that the guest list had been sent over. Ecstatic, Jon ran over to their office.

“Mr. Williams, I heard Easy Media has sent the guest list over?” Jon asked the moment he walked through the door.

Mr. Williams was a majestic man over the age of 50. Jon saw him holding the list in his hand when he entered.

Meanwhile, Hendrik was laughing about something beside him.

“Yeah, it’s here.” Mr. Williams glanced at Jon calmly and spoke, “I heard you left before the meeting even started?”

Jon glanced at Hendrik, who looked unfazed, and knew that it was his rival who had tattled on him. His expression immediately darkened, but he forced a smile and replied, “It’s mainly because of that Jasper. That young man is too arrogant. He has no respect for anyone else at all.”

“Enough. Do you take me for an idiot?” Mr. Williams spoke plainly.

“I already know what happened. You’re the one who didn’t respect him first. They already told you the time and place a few days in advance. They even sent someone to drive over and pick you up. You’re the one who deliberately took your own sweet time and arrived on the dot. I wouldn’t let you in the meeting room either if it were me!”

Hearing Mr. Williams’ harsh tone, Jon was stunned for a moment and immediately replied, “Mr. Williams, I—”

Mr. Williams dismissively waved a hand to interrupt Jon’s explanation and placed the guest list before him. “Take a look at this.”

Jon took it and looked through it. A moment later, his eyes widened as he burst into laughter.

“Is this Jasper Laine crazy or something? He really put Harbor City’s four rich families and all these other rich families’ names on it. What, is he asking us to invite them?”

“I told you this Jasper Laine is still too young and immature, Mr. Williams. Just look at this! Does he even know what he’s doing?”

“He talks big and he’s expecting us, the higher-ups, to clean up after him? How on earth are we supposed to invite these people? What a mess!”

“We should deal with this problem sternly, Mr. Williams. This Jasper Laine will remain ignorant forever if we don’t teach him a good lesson.”

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Hendrik chuckled and spoke, “Don’t jump to conclusions so quickly, Foxx. Mr. Williams hasn’t even said anything yet.”

Jon halted mid-grumble and looked at Mr. Williams reflexively, only to realize that the other was frowning and looking at him with displeasure.

Jon immediately lost all bravery to speak, not knowing where he had made a mistake.

“The people from Easy Media have made it very clear when they sent over the list that we don’t have to invite a single person on the list. Easy Media has already contacted them and confirmed their attendance,” Mr. Williams spoke calmly.

Jon instantly paled and shouted in shock, “No way! There’s no way someone like Jasper could invite the four rich families!”

Mr. Williams replied coldly, “Are you suggesting that my eyesight and my hearing are horrible because of my age, or are you implying that Jasper is so gallant he’s making a joke about something like this?”

Jon sputtered and was lost for words.

With a scoff, Mr. Williams replied, “The older you get, the more close-minded you are! Leave! You don’t need to follow up on the banquet’s preparations anymore!”

Jon walked out of the office despondently and muttered under his breath with his teeth clenched fiercely and resentfully.

“Just wait and see, Jasper Laine! I won’t let you get away with this! There’s no way you’ll be able to invite all four rich families to the banquet! I’d like to see how you plan to save your dignity when you make a fool of yourself!”

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At Swallow Capital University, the doors to the MBA refresher course.

Jasper was currently waiting for Wendy’s class to end.

The two of them had agreed to go out for dinner together.

The banquet was in two days and all the guests on the list had already received their invitations.

This MBA class was made up of formidable students. Four to five of them received invitations thanks to Wendy.

The rest of them had also received invitations thanks to their own contacts and ways.

Everyone was currently bragging about the invitation they had, leaving those without invitations embarrassed and disappointed.

In Swallow Capital right now, being invited had become a symbol of their strength.

Wendy walked out of the class excitedly and turned to Jasper happily. “My classmates are very grateful. They keep asking me how I did it but don’t worry, I didn’t sell you out.”

“How are you going to thank me, then?” Jasper chuckled.

Wendy took in Jasper’s gentle smile and her mind was filled with rather indecent thoughts.

She must have thought of something for her cheeks suddenly flushed lightly and she averted her gaze while muttering, “You rascal!”

Jasper felt very wronged considering the ‘rascal’ was completely unwarranted and he was about to speak when he saw Ben and Lisa walking over.

“What are you doing here again?” Lisa asked Jasper distastefully.

Jasper simply replied, “Fetching my girlfriend.”

Lisa scoffed. “I’ve never actually seen someone as shameless as you. You’re even calling her your girlfriend, did you not hear a word I said that day?”

“Sorry, I don’t have the habit of listening to flies whizzing around my ears,” Jasper replied.

Lisa turned slightly pale due to being infuriated and spoke angrily, “Who are you calling a fly?”

Ben spoke calmly, “There’s no need to be angry at the lower class, Lisa. You should take good care of your skin. You’re going to the banquet with Mr. Turner in two days, after all. People from the lower class like him will only get to watch it on TV.”

Lisa scoffed. “You can never be sure. With how good Miss Wendy’s connections are, who knows? She might even manage to get him an invitation.”

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Ben chortled at the suggestion. “So what if he shamelessly finds a way in? Think about the setting.

“Who’s going to pay him any attention, hmm? He can’t possibly introduce himself as Wendy’s boyfriend every time someone talks to him. The host will just think that he’s an idiot and throw him out! Hahaha!”

Lisa covered her mouth as she snickered. “Maybe no one will even talk to him at all? He’s just going to stand in a corner and take a few pictures so it’ll prove that he managed to smuggle into the upper class.”

Jasper calmly watched the two cousins’ performance and asked, “So you’ve been invited too? You’ll definitely be going, right?”

Lisa replied arrogantly, “Mr. Turner and I are close. We might even get married in the future, so what are two invitations? Of course, we’ll be going. Why, are you scared? Or are you upset that Miss Wendy didn’t get you an invitation at all, hmm?”

Jasper replied unaffectedly, “Neither. It’s nice to know that you’ll be going. It’d be a shame if you weren’t.”

Ben was sharply aware that Jasper’s words held more meaning to them than it seemed, but Lisa spoke before he could say anything, “Stop playing around. Oh, how I wish Wendy didn’t get you an invite this time.

“Then at least you’ll truly understand what the upper class actually is. It’s not something a nobody like you can pretend to be part of. You’ll only look like some cheap replica and make a fool of yourself!”

“The upper class?” Jasper asked and huffed a laugh. “Then I shall anticipate understanding what this upper class you claim is.”

Lisa scoffed. “Of course, you’ll anticipate it. What a shame that you can only dream of becoming a part of it one day.”

Lisa then turned to Wendy and chided even though the latter’s expression was completely indifferent. “I’ll say this again, Miss Wendy, but you should really consider it. Ben is more outstanding than that nobody in all sorts of ways imaginable. Why can’t you just understand such simple logic?”

“That nobody can’t do anything else except gloat baselessly. He’s just going to cling to you and feed off you. He’s not worth your time at all. Someone as outstanding as my cousin should be your correct match here.”

Wendy stared at Lisa coldly and suddenly sighed.

“To be honest, this is the first time I’ve met someone like you. Everything you talk about, you try and drag the upper class into it. Do you really think that you belong in this so-called upper class with your resources and ability?”

“The real upper class don’t act like you.”

Wendy’s words made Lisa’s expression turn sour. The woman glared at Wendy and spoke angrily, “I’ve been polite to you this entire time. What are you trying to say here?!”

Wendy scoffed. “All you do is mock my boyfriend and there’s only so much I can endure before you piss me off. Humiliating him is no different than humiliating me, and you expect me to welcome this, why?”

“You keep acting like you’re better than everyone else as if everything you say is for my sake. Let’s be blunt, what does my relationship have to do with you?”

Lisa was irked with humiliation. "I'd ignore women so easily deceived such as you had it not been for the fact that Ben likes you!"

"Then please ignore me." Wendy took Jasper's hand and spoke, "Let's go, Jasp. There's no point in talking to ignorant people like this."

"Hold on."

Ben called out after the two who were turning to leave.

Looking at Jasper calmly, Ben spoke, "Do you have the guts to take up my challenge for a fair fight? I won't hold my familial background over you, but I will make Wendy change her mind and choose me within three months."

Lisa scoffed. "You don't need a woman who won't admit to her mistake until it's too late, Benny. What fair fight? As if he's worthy of it."

"Enough, Lisa. I know what I'm doing," Ben spoke calmly.

Ben then turned to look at Jasper arrogantly and sneered, "Do you dare?"

Jasper laughed and replied, "A fair fight?"

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He waved his and Wendy's interlocked hands before Ben as he spoke, "Wendy isn't a piece of property. She's not something anyone can just buy over just because they're willing to propose a higher price. Plus, why would I need to take up a fair fight with you when I've already won?"

Jasper then pulled Wendy away. She had wanted to leave long ago.

A pair of cold eyes watched the duo leave, and Ben flushed in humiliation and fury. His molars ground together as he shouted, "You're just too much of a chicken, Jasper! Admit it!"

"You'd take on my challenge if you were a man!"

Jasper did not even look back as two words drifted over to them, "F\*cking stupid."

"You're just afraid! You just don't have the guts to take me on!" Ben clenched his teeth and roared.

Jasper did not even reply this time and walked farther away.

Lisa saw the irritation on Ben's face and consoled him, saying, "Don't waste your time getting angry at people like them, Benny. From what I see, Wendy's just a stupid girl. She's not worth your effort."

Ben harrumphed, but there was indignance in his cold eyes when he spoke, "The more unattainable she is, the more I want her! I'm Ben Hull. Since when has anyone dared to humiliate me like this?!"

Lisa gave it some thought and spoke, "The banquet is in two days, Benny. We could contact a few friends then so that you can show off how capable you are in front of Wendy. Even if Jasper's there, what can a useless nobody do?"

Ben nodded in agreement and scoffed. "People with contacts and ability will always rise above in a society like this. He's dead wrong if he thinks bluffing will get him anywhere. We'll wait these two days out!"

"We'll leave the matter be if Jasper doesn't show up. We just need Wendy to understand that I'm the only one who's a proper match for her. But if he does

come, hmph! I'll make him pay for trying to force himself into this circle he doesn't belong in!"

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Swallow Capital was known for its roasted duck.

Wendy was not a fan of French cuisine, nor did she like dishes that included a lot of deep-frying. As such, the renowned restaurant offering roasted duck became the best choice for the two's dinner date.

"Don't you find it weird? Coming to this renowned shop for roasted duck and a bowl of noodles instead of going to a romantic or grand restaurant? I'm on a date with my girlfriend here." Jasper chuckled.

Wendy merely pursed her lips and scoffed lightly. "But I like these dishes. What's so good about French or other high-class restaurants anyway? A simple dish of vegetables here boosts my appetite way more."

"That's fair," Jasper agreed.

Many customers were walking about as the two ate, most of whom were from foreign lands. There were quite a few TVs in the shop as well.

Be it the tourists or the news on the television, everyone was talking about the same thing.

Mainly, the celebratory banquet for gaining the right to host the Olympics. It was in a few days.

Under the vicious publicity of its citizens and government, the fact that Swallow Capital had been approved to host the Olympics had now turned into big news even within the country. In extension, its specially prepared celebratory banquet had also become an opportunity to show the world the country's prestige and might before the Olympics began.

“They’re all talking about the banquet you’re hosting,” Wendy whispered.

Jasper smiled. “Yeah. What a capable boyfriend you have, am I right?”

Wendy’s beautiful eyes shone as she glared at him. “Is everything prepared? This is something big. Be careful of any potential blunders, okay?”

Jasper chuckled. “Don’t worry. I’ll surprise everyone.”