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At that, Jacob forced himself to speak, “Mister... Mr. Laine, this is indeed my and my brother’s fault. Please forgive us this one time. I promise that we won’t trouble you again.”

Jasper smiled.

“I believe you.”

Jasper’s words had Jacob and his brother breathing a large sigh of relief.

“That everything you say right now is the truth, but I can’t be certain that one day you won’t think back to the humiliation you felt tonight and come up with a plan to trouble me. I told you, didn’t I? I don’t like trouble.”

Jasper’s tone was getting progressively harsher.

Jacob wiped the blood from his face and begged again, “Please, Mr. Laine. I promise that we won’t trouble you again.”

“If I tell you to leave the media and entertainment industry, will you?” Jasper asked.

Jacob’s expression changed.

The industry was the Combe family’s main source of income. He earned tens of millions of profit annually from the few companies under his name.

This was not a question of whether he was willing to or not since it interfered with his family’s roots. He did not have the right to decide.

“Seems like you won’t.”

Jasper took in Jacob’s expression and stated faintly.

“Since you’re unwilling to leave on your own, I’ll just have to kick you out myself.”

Seeing Jasper’s firm attitude, Hector opened his mouth to protest by the side,
“You’re going too far, Jasper!”

Hector did not hold back. ‘So what if Jasper is formidable? He’s still an outsider and I refuse to believe that the Law family will sever ties with us just because of him.’

They would apologize if that was what he wanted, but there was no way the Combe brothers would agree when told to cut a source of their family’s fortune.

“I’m going too far?”

Jasper looked at Hector intriguingly and replied in an unaffected tone, “Out of everyone here, you’re the last person who has the right to tell me that I’ve gone too far.”

Jacob held Hector back before his brother could refute and turned to look at Jasper. “We’ll apologize if that’s what you want, but I cannot agree if you want us to exit the media and entertainment market.

“Leave the Combe family some dignity, Mr. Laine. Let’s just end this here before we pass the point of reconciliation. It’ll do no good to either of us.”

“Good, you’re alacritous. I like talking to alacritous people.” Jasper chuckled and pulled out his phone.

The first call he made was to Easy Media’s general manager.

“There’ll be a meeting at the conference room tomorrow morning at eight o’clock and I want all department deputy managers and above in attendance. It’ll be a video call with Harbor City’s Advent Entertainment Group, previously known as Gladness Movies. Contact the technical department in advance so they can set things up.”

With that, Jasper then made the second phone call without even a glance at the ugly expressions the Combe brothers sported.

“Ryder, it’s me, Jasper. There’ll be a video conference at 8 a.m. tomorrow with Mainland’s Easy Media that I’ve already bought. The meeting will discuss mainly the partnership between the two media companies to develop the entertainment industry in Mainland as well as canceling the three media companies in Swallow Capital.

Jacob looked at Jasper in utter shock.

That moment, he finally knew that Jasper was the hidden owner behind Harbor City’s Gladness Movies!

Harbor City’s entertainment industry was more than ten times more developed than Mainland, and Gladness Movies was one of the top four companies in Harbor City. Naturally, the fact had Jacob stricken.

While the three companies under Jacob’s name did require his family’s resources to develop the way it had today, to compare it to Gladness Movies would be comparing a village community to an urban group.

Incomparable.

That was not all, for Jasper then turned to ask Henry.

“More than half of Mainland’s media companies are in partnership with those in Harbor City, hoping to exchange a spot in the market with resources. Could you help me send the word when you return to Harbor City?”

Henry chuckled and replied, "Sure, their companies in Harbor City will definitely be at an impasse. But I don't think you need my help though, just having that Ryder dude of yours send word on your behalf should be good enough. Your name hits stronger than mine when it comes to the big shots in Harbor City."

Jasper laughed and turned his wrist to show the back of his hand. "Alright then. We're done here, let's go."

Henry got up and followed Jasper out. Jim quickly followed after as well.

Just as Jasper got to the door, he heard Jacob roar at him from behind.

"Do you really want to go that far, Jasper?! You won't get anything out of cornering the Combe family!"

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Jasper pulled the door open by its handle and turned to glare at Jacob and Hector with a wretched and fierce gaze.

"F*cking childish."

Then he turned and left.

The luxurious private room was suddenly empty, leaving Hector and Jacob to stand embarrassingly alone inside.

Hector glanced at Jacob's bloodied and pitiful face. He handed a few pieces of tissue to his brother and whispered, "Here, Jacob. Wipe the blood off your face first. Should we go to the hospital?"

Jacob could feel his face and body burning with pain.

“Motherf*cker...” Jacob wiped the blood off, his eyes flaring red with anger.

“And Jim f*cking riding on their coattails!” Thinking about how more than half of his injuries were caused by Jim, Jacob wanted nothing more than to drag Jim back and cut him to death.

“F*cking hell, Jim’s nothing more than a piece of trash! Hitting and kicking you just because Jasper and Henry were here, he must have a f*cking death wish!” Hector clenched his teeth and spoke.

Indignation flared within him, and Jacob spat out the words resentfully, “Jim’s just a nobody, we can deal with him however we want. The problem here is Jasper. There’s too much about him that we don’t know about. I didn’t expect him to be so strong!”

Fear flashed through Hector’s eyes. “What do we do now, Jacob? Jasper didn’t look like he plans to let us go at all... Not to mention that he still has Henry supporting him.”

“Let’s go home first. We’ll discuss this with Dad,” Jacob clenched his teeth and spoke.

Hector shuddered and replied with fear, “Dad’s going to kill me when he finds out.”

Jacob glared at Hector and growled. “We would never have gotten to this point had you not provoked the wrong people outside, you useless piece of trash!

“You heard the call Jasper made just now, didn’t you? Harbor City’s Gladness Entertainment Movies is his too. We have nothing to fear when it comes to Easy Media, but how long can my companies hold on if his company from Harbor City steps foot here?

“Does this look like a problem either one of us can deal with? I’d rather we confess now than confess when we’ve gone beyond the point of saving. Go home with me now!”

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“Are you sure you don’t need to go to the hospital, Uncle Yapp? It’s better to let a doctor take a look.”

Jasper asked Jim kindly after descending the stairs in the clubhouse.

Jim shook his head and smiled. “It’s just a small injury. I’ll be fine after a bit of rest.”

Jasper nodded. “Alright then. I still have other things to do, so I’ll have Julian send you back.”

Jim hummed in acknowledgment and glanced at Henry not too far away carefully. “Jasper, about you and the Law family...”

Despite the truth written before his eyes, Jim still could not believe that Jasper was so close to the Law family.

Especially when it came to Jasper’s attitude. Jim could tell that they were more than just friends.

It was very unusual for the son of such a prominent family to treat Jasper with not an ounce of temperament but instead with respect and slight fear.

Jasper smiled and replied, “I spent some time in Harbor City and worked with the Law family before. It’s something Dawson knows about.”

Jim nodded in understanding and reminded, “Be careful then.”

Jasper gave him a small smile. "I know my limits."

Jim still wanted to ask Jasper what his relationship with the Law family's daughter was, but he sighed and swallowed his words back when he saw that Jasper was already walking toward Henry.

Despite without the qualifications to be a part of such a high social class, Jim had made a living in Swallow Capital for so many years now that he knew relationships of husband and wife were mere lies to feed the common folk.

All those truly with power and authority were surrounded by women.

Especially when it came to members of the Residence. If they came from a wealthy family, women were something they did not lack.

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Especially rich daughters who were flirty and had family backgrounds prominent enough to scare people to death.

For a young and rich man like Jasper who was skilled and mature in the ways he acted and dealt with issues, he was a promising talent worth the investment of these rich daughters.

Still, Jasper's love life was not something an outsider like Jim could give his two cents on.

Getting into the car with Henry, Jasper turned to ask him, "Why did you come to Swallow Capital?"

Henry did not hide it from him and instead leaned to chuckle by Jasper's ear. "We've got a big thing lined up this time. You know how Swallow Capital was approved to host the Olympics?"

Jasper nodded. There was no way he would not know about something when the entire country was celebrating it.

However... Jasper suddenly widened his eyes.

The Law family did more than real estate, for they also dabbled in the sports industry. The Law family had been the one to take on Swallow Capital's Olympic Village project in the past life.

It was a large project that cost 30 billion!

What mattered the most was not the size of this project, but how much one could potentially earn from it.

It was a national-level project and countless people had their eyes on it, probably everyone in the entire country did too.

The prestige and brand effect of its completion was enough to urge countless real estate businessmen to fight for it even at the cost of making a loss.

Now that he thought about it, after Swallow Capital was approved to host, there were only less than eight years before the Olympics.

It was indeed time to begin planning for Olympic Village.

"Olympic Village?" Jasper asked.

This time, Henry was the one whose eyes widened in shock.

“No way! All I did was tell you about Swallow Capital being approved for hosting the Olympics and you already thought of Olympic Village?!”

Henry really wanted to open Jasper’s skull to take a look at what was inside.

Before he came over, his dad Zachary had called him over to the study. It had taken him a long time before he understood what Swallow Capital being approved for hosting the Olympics had to do with his family.

Even then, he only understood because his dad had told him straight up.

Yet Jasper got the meaning in such a short amount of time. Henry could not help but suspect if his IQ was truly that low.

Jasper knew he guessed correctly by Henry’s reaction.

He smiled and replied, “Why did Uncle Law trust you with such an important project?”

Henry’s expression darkened and he replied disgruntledly, “What’s wrong with me? It’s not like I lost an arm or a leg. What’s wrong with me being the representative?”

Henry felt discouraged when he saw how Jasper looked at him with a shadow of a smile on his lips.

“Fine, fine. I’ll tell you the truth. I’m actually here to scope out the competition since the entire project is technically on paper but yet to be confirmed. When people are truly fighting for it, then Dad will come and secure the project himself.”

Jasper nodded seriously. “That makes more sense.”

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“It’s more than just the Olympic Village this time. There are still a few main stadium structures that we’re interested in. Like the swimming, track, and archery venues.”

Jasper shook his head. “I think you should put your focus on a few projects that you’re certain about. The entire Olympic stadium will be an immense project as a whole and there’s no way one person can finish the entire cake. You’d die from planteration, you know?”

Henry’s eyes widened in horrification when he looked at Jasper. “That’s literally what my dad said! How on earth do you do that?!”

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Jasper merely smiled at Henry’s shock and asked, “Do you think the Law family is the only one with their eyes on this project?”

Henry replied subconsciously, “Of course not. I already heard from some other families that are just as strong as the Law family.”

“Exactly my point. Cake is meant to be shared with everyone, be it the Law family or other families as well. Everyone will have to discuss and compromise for it to work. You take a slice here, and I’ll take a slice there.

“But if someone decides to be greedy and wants to monopolize the entire cake, then everyone else will be without cake. Who else but him would deserve the beating, then?”

At that, Jasper turned to Henry and spoke intently, “We don’t garner hatred of the majority.”

Thoroughly impressed, Henry gave Jasper a big thumbs up. “That’s what my dad said too. I’m impressed, man. You’re good with stocks and you also understand traditional business too.”

Jasper merely smiled but remained silent.

From what he remembered of his past life, the Law family had only gotten the Olympic Village project but not any of the other venues.

The Law family even had a big issue at the end with the Olympic Village project alone.

After racking his brain, he then remembered how there was a small rumor about a mismatched distribution of profits. A lot of people were disgruntled because of it, so they started sabotaging each other. They ended up fighting so badly and involving the higher-ups that it was only resolved by the leader on top.

From how it looked now, everyone seemed to have their swords out and were ready to fight before it officially began. Things seemed way more complicated than what he had heard in his previous life.

Now Jasper wondered how he too could get a slice of cake with the Law family’s help.

It did not matter even if the Olympic Village was out of the question, for being in charge of even a single venue was tremendous news.

A stadium was not to be underestimated, for these main stadiums had ended up being renowned locations in his past life. The Olympic Stadium, however, had fallen short of its expectations due to all sorts of reasons.

The track stadium, for example. Many might not know where one was referring to by that, but everything would change if you named it differently. Say... the Honeycomb Stadium!

The stadium for water-related competitions as well, also known as... the Aquatic Center!

Still, all of this required further planning.

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At the Westin, Anna was very surprised and elated to see Jasper.

Yet with her character, there was no way that she would run over to hug him without care like a little girl.

Such was the case when they bade farewell at Harbor City's airport. A hug from behind was the most that she could bring herself to give.

This was the biggest difference between Anna and Wendy as well.

Perhaps it was due to their upbringing, so Anna was more introverted and could control her emotions better while Wendy was more extroverted and obvious when it came to her likes and dislikes.

"Why are you here in Swallow Capital?"

Anna pushed Henry out the door and closed it behind her with practiced ease, completely ignoring Henry's impatient knocking outside. Lifting her hand to tuck a strand of hair behind her ear, Anna asked gently.

"Would you believe me if I said I was waiting for you?" Jasper teased.

Anna pursed her lips and glared at the man's lack of self-restraint, but she did not reply.

Jasper immediately gave in at the sight of Anna's alluring and charming reaction. "I actually came here to buy Easy Media."

“I told you that I plan to buy an entertainment company in both Harbor City and Mainland, then develop both sides to enter the entertainment market together.”

Anna asked, “Did it go smoothly?”

“More or less. I’ve gotten everything done.” Jasper smiled.

Nodding, Anna suddenly pardoned. “Give me a moment.”

Then she rushed out the door.

Jasper had no idea what Anna went to do, but she had her reasons why. As such, he sat down on the sofa in the living room and waited for her to return.

Upon leaving the room, Anna went to knock on Henry’s door.

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Henry lay on the bed angrily and indignantly while bemoaning. He was Anna’s brother, and as her brother, he brought Jasper back only to be treated no more like a driver who said sister proceeded to get rid of once Jasper arrived.

Then he heard knockings on his door. Excited, Henry wondered if his sister had finally found her conscience and came to apologize as well as invite him to join their conversation.

‘Hmph!

‘Now do you remember what I’ve done for you?

'Now, you're sorry?'

He would stand his ground and make sure his sister knew that it would not be so easy to beg him for his forgiveness.

With that, Henry opened the door, his arrogance slightly slipping into his supposedly stoic facade.

"Are you here to apologize—"

"Where's the Lafite you brought over from Harbor City?" Anna fiercely cut Henry off and forced the other to swallow his words.

Henry's eyes widened as he asked warily, "What do you want? I saved that Lafite for myself!"

"Give it to me," Anna replied emotionlessly.

Henry's expression darkened. Had she no respect for her brother?!

"You wish!"

Henry decided that he would fight to the death for his dignity.

Anna smirked. "Are you sure? Dad told me to watch over you before we left. Or should I call Dad and tell him that you're spending every night drinking and have forgotten what you came here to do?"

Henry's lips paled in anger. "That's a lie and we both know it!"

"Do you think Dad's going to trust me or you?" Anna's lips quirked at a devilish angle.

Thinking about how this was the first time his dad had given him such an important job and how his sister's false accusation would easily screw him over... Henry's lips paled further.

"Screw you!"

Stuffing the bottle of wine into Anna's arms harshly, Henry's expression darkened. "You don't even drink alcohol, what do you want my Lafite for anyway?"

"Jasper likes red wine." Anna carried the Lafite in her arms and turned to leave with a chuckle.

Stunned, Henry stomped his feet angrily. "What the f*ck, you're doing it for him? Jesus Christ, at least invite me too! That's an '82 Lafite! I only have three f*cking bottles myself!"

Henry marched out of the room indignantly and followed Anna tightly.

Anna ignored him and returned to the room, waving the bottle of red wine before Jasper's eyes as if in wait for praise. "An '82 Lafite, wanna try?"

Then, she casually pointed to Henry for him to open the bottle.

Henry found the bottle opener, and he felt his heart cry silently.

'What the f*ck, how could she cheat my wine off me?!

'Then treat me like I'm her waiter!

'I'm your brother here! We're related! By blood!'

Jasper smiled. He took a look at Henry's extremely stormy expression and got a gist of what was happening. "Great, I'd like to discuss with Henry about securing the Olympic Village project."

Henry's ears perked up as he grinned.

With Jasper's help, his chance of success would now increase by more than 50%.

He wanted to ask Jasper, 'Would you like something to go with your wine, Brother-in-law? I'll buy it all for you right now...'

It must be known that Henry currently had no doubts when it came to Jasper's ability. He admired the man extremely and wished to become a man like Jasper!

"Quick, Jasper... tell me your thoughts!"