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When Hendrik heard what Jasper said before, he was already nervous.

He knew that Jasper could definitely see through his tricks, but he did not expect Jasper to strike back so soon.

The words that he so casually mentioned had placed him in a difficult position.

Hendrik smiled and replied to Erik, "Mr. Turner, let's take it easy. Didn't I call both parties over so that everyone can take a seat and discuss a solution together?"

Erik slammed the table and said coldly, "Stop bullsh*tting me! Combe, do you take others for fools?"

"I know you're planning not to offend either one of us and have the two of us fight it out before signing the contract with the winner. You won't have anything to lose this way. Are you trying to get smart with me?"

Hendrik looked calm, but he was extremely tormented on the inside.

Erik's words had driven him into a corner.

However, the one who instigated everything was Jasper.

Sure enough, one should not look down on people and treat others as fools. Sooner or later, one would be fooled as well.

Hendrik was somewhat regretful.

He could not afford to offend either Erik or Jasper. This was initially a game of sitting and watching in safety whilst the two of them fought, then reaping the rewards when one of them won. One misstep and he had drawn the fire upon himself. He had basically tied a noose around his own neck.

Just when Hendrik was about to break out in a cold sweat, Erik suddenly laughed. The latter stared at Jasper and spoke insidiously.

“Laine, I have a habit and that’s regardless if I want it or not, no one else can take away whatever I have my eye on!

“However, since you want to take it away, that means you’re the enemy!”

As he spoke, Erik stretched out his index finger and pointed at Jasper. “It’s been a while since someone dares to snatch something from me in Swallow Capital. Combe is nothing good, but you, maybe you’re nothing at all!”

Jasper looked at Erik plainly and said calmly, “So what if I want to take it?”

Erik laughed out loud upon hearing this. He then stared at Jasper ferociously. “Then, you should go to hell!

“The Turner family is not comparable to these pieces of trash like the Combes. If you offend me, I can make you suffer a pain worse than death!”

Henry clicked his tongue and sneered, “If I didn’t know any better I would’ve thought that you’re the king. How arrogant of you. Don’t be all bark and no bite. What do you wanna do? Come on, do you think I’m afraid of you?”

Erik gave Henry an insidious look. The former then stood up and said, “Sure. Come on, let’s see who’ll chicken out in the end.

“Mr. Laine, you’ve recently acquired Easy Media, yes? Consider it my defeat if your company is still in business tomorrow!

“Also, Combe, you played me for a fool. Just you wait, I won’t let you off the hook either!”

Erik smashed the cup and stormed out after he said that.

The atmosphere in the room fell into an unprecedented silence.

After a long while, Jasper looked at Hendrik who wore a gloomy expression. The former chuckled and said, “Do you know what it’s meant by tying a noose around your own neck, Mr. Combe?”

Hendrik gritted his teeth and said nothing.

Jacob could not help but say, “Don’t be so pleased. Erik won’t let you off the hook now. Let’s just see what will happen to you.”

Jasper chuckled and said, “I’ve offended all kinds of people since my debut. There aren’t over 100 of them in total, but there are at least 80 of them. Erik is not the first nor the last, let alone the strongest.

“I have a solution to my grievances with him, but the Combe family is done for.”

After saying this, Jasper got up and turned around to leave.

Henry also stood up and spat on the father and sons who were wearing unsightly expressions. “You three idiots, are mental handicaps also inherited? Scheming when you’re so incompetent yourselves, do you think of yourselves as Napoleon? What a joke. Just wait for your deaths!”

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Jasper asked Henry with a deep expression as they exited Shallow Grass Hall, “How much do you know about this Turner family?”

Henry’s expression was ugly as he said, “They’re difficult to deal with. The power of the old master in their family is no less than my grandfather’s.

“There’s this one thing he said that isn’t wrong. The main power of our Law family resides in Harbor City. In Swallow Capital, however, the Turner family can be said to be the stronger family.

“There are a total of three generations in the Turner family now and Erik Turner is the most brilliant of the third generation. They’ve been involved in business and politics since the second generation, basically combining the two.

“The Turner family is very strong especially in terms of capital. You know of Empire Bank, yes? Their family is their second-largest shareholder. Not to mention that the largest local media company in Swallow Capital, Motley Media, is also owned by the Turners. Erik Turner is primarily in charge of it.”

After reaching this point, Henry frowned and said, “The strength of their family is inviolable. Motley Media is a listed company and its market value is less than two billion dollars.

“But it was handed over to Erik to manage. On the one hand, Erik has the capability. On the other hand, it also shows that the Turner family’s capital is solid.”

Motley Media... Empire Bank... Jasper frowned. Motley Media was nothing, but being the second-largest shareholder of Empire Bank, this meant something.

The banking industry had always been an exclusive industry for those with large capitals. Ordinary people simply could not engage in it.

Thinking of the rumors involving the two companies from his previous life, Jasper suddenly asked, "Does the Turner family still have a holding corporation?"

Henry was surprised. "How did you know? Few people know about this. I only heard some news of it when my dad talked to me about it before. Navy Capital Holdings Group belongs to them.

"This Navy Capital Holdings Group is very low profile. Even within the same industry, not many people have heard of it, but their capabilities are simply outrageous. The group is involved in high-end industries, such as insurance, banking, and securities. They only engage in these big businesses."

Jasper exhaled and said, "This explains it."

"What's the explanation? What did you think of?" Henry asked curiously.

Jasper said with a smile, "It's nothing. I'm thinking of a way to deal with Erik and now I have an idea. Since Motley Media is a listed company, it's easy to deal with. It won't be a big deal since the market value is around two billion dollars or more."

Henry heard this and frowned, saying, "Motley Media may be nothing, but this is the Turner family's property. If you move against Motley Media, the Turners can mobilize huge funds to support it at any time. In the end, the ones who may fall into the pit may be us."

"A family like the Turners won't get into a full-scale war with us over trivial matters," Jasper said indifferently.

"And if they really do that..."

Jasper's voice was lowered as he clenched his fist lightly. His tone was gentle but forceful as he said, "I can raise at least ten billion in a week. If that doesn't work, we'll go to Harbor City. I'm confident we can at least get 30 billion in capital.

"With more than 40 billion in funds in this domestic plate of the industry, I have the confidence to be able to flip their table even if God is right in front of me."

Henry listened till his blood surged. He could not help say, "Rest assured. Even if it's 50 billion, much less 30, our Law family will definitely fork it out."

Jasper chuckled and patted Henry's shoulder.

Prosperity brought friends and adversity tested them. The Law family was definitely his most steadfast ally and Jasper knew this fact well.

"There's no need to be so pessimistic. Things have not reached that point. We have an ace in the hole so we need not be afraid of the other party raining an all-out war on us. But in any case, I will definitely move against Erik's Motley Media," Jasper said lightly.

Back at the hotel, Anna, who had already returned, quickly learned of the situation.

"Those Turners are intolerable bullies." Anna's expression was ice-cold.

"Do you want to go up against Erik Turner?" Anna asked Jasper.

Jasper nodded and said apathetically, "I've never been one not to return a favor."

Anna smiled and said, "Good. Wait for me for a while."

After saying this, Anna left to make a phone call.

On the side, Henry looked on and was shocked.

“My little sister doesn’t usually have a bone to pick with others but when she’s angered and does take action, her methods are more aggressive than anyone else’s,” Henry said to Jasper quietly.

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Puzzled, Jasper asked, “From what I can see, she’s not someone who starts a fight with others easily or uses underhanded means. Do you really need to be so afraid?”

“Damn, you may think that you’ve seen how she does things, but you don’t know that she has a really broad network. I don’t know how many resources she has, but she can basically settle the issue for me whenever something happens to me...”

As Henry said this, he seemed to have realized that saying so would greatly affect his reputation as the big brother.

He let out a dry cough before continuing, “Anyway, my dad even told me before that if Anna had been born before me or if she was a boy, then I wouldn’t have stood a chance at getting the Laws’ inheritance. I’m sure you know what this means.”

When they were talking, Anna came back and stared coldly at Henry. “Did you say something nasty about me?”

Henry quickly laughed dryly and said, “No, I didn’t. I was praising you.”

Anna snorted, then walked up to Jasper and said, “As Erik is involved in the media industry, he keeps close contact with those in Harbor City. I just contacted

a person who was once in frequent contact with him and he holds compromising materials on Erik, which I think will be useful to you.”

Henry cocked his ears when he heard what she said. He asked curiously, “What compromising materials? Normal materials are useless when you’re dealing with a man like that.”

Anna sneered. “A material of him fooling around with a few ladyboys after taking drugs. Is this enough?”

Jasper, “...”

Henry, “...”

The usual news about corruption and bribery would have no effect at all on children from aristocratic families.

However, if the news of Erik fooling around with some ladyboys after taking drugs spread to the Turner family, Erik would be done for without needing Jasper to do anything at all.

Most of the time, the struggles and conflicts in a wealthy and distinguished family were particularly tragic. Even so, most of the seniors would be glad to see it happen. After all, this was just like the law of the jungle. The winner who survived the struggle would also be the strongest and the most capable of leading the family toward a glorious future.

It was precisely because of this that the compromising material on Erik was enough to have him consigned to eternal damnation.

Jasper looked at Anna with a bizarre expression. ‘She has really powerful means,’ he thought.

It only took her a few minutes to obtain such materials?

Anna blushed a little, and she explained in a low voice, “Actually, I don’t usually do things like this.”

As she was saying, she looked at Jasper uneasily. She appeared afraid that she would ruin her image in Jasper’s eyes.

Jasper coughed to clear his throat and said slowly, “I believe you.”

At this point in time, the esteemed and most ruthless queen of JW Consortium had exhibited her power for the first time.

In the future, there would be people in JW Consortium who would be brave enough to slam the table and argue with Jasper. There would also be people who would stick to their own principles and chose not to do things for Jasper’s sake.

However, no one dared to offend Her Majesty Anna Law... No one could compare to her ruthlessness.

In the blink of an eye, it was already the second day.

The sun was shining brightly when Jasper received a call from a senior executive of Easy Media, saying that the company had recently made a cooperative negotiative but their partner had breached the contract completely, causing them to suffer heavy losses.

No doubt, Erik had started taking action against him through Motley Media and the Turners’ powers.

In response to this, Jasper gave all Easy Media employees a holiday.

Now that he had a plan to deal with Erik, nothing he did would affect his plan.

He would let him enjoy himself first. It was also the perfect time for the employees to take a break. Then, he would reorganize!

He turned on the computer in the hotel room.

From this moment onward, the domestic stock market would set off another bloody storm!

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Following the good news of the Olympic Games, the domestic stock market thrived during this period with the stocks booming.

Jasper pulled out Motley Media's stocks and studied the short-term trend carefully, realizing that there were obvious signs of a dealer in Motley Media's stocks.

This dealer was different from the traditional dealers who would buy stocks at a low price and then raise the price and pull out.

This dealer in Motley Media was probably a long-term one. He was constantly absorbing the retailers' stocks. Seemingly afraid of being discovered, this was all done in an extremely subtle manner, hence there was no major stir in the market.

As time went by, Motley Media's stock price would gradually rise.

The stock investors had not noticed it yet because the dealer's movement was extremely subtle and done with enough patience.

When the stock investors finally realized the decreasing circulating stocks and increasing stock prices, that was when Motley Media would surge into a hot stock.

After living two lifetimes and accumulating more than 40 years of experience in the stock market, Jasper knew that this dealer could only be one person.

The Turners themselves were speculating this stock.

It was strictly forbidden for shareholders to speculate their own company's stocks.

Without hesitating, Jasper transferred one billion in funds into his security account, and he began to buy the retailers' stocks at a lower price.

Unlike other dealers that moved stealthily, Jasper placed a large buy order directly.

The entire tape of more than two billion surged up a bar after Jasper threw in a big order.

At the same time, Jasper gave a call to Jake Cullen, who was far away in Harbor City, and ordered him to enter the market with his traders at the same time.

Not only that, Henry, who had been displeased with Erik a long time ago, joined in as well.

However, to avoid the spread of this impact, Henry did not involve the Laws. Instead, he used his own network to build a team of traders with his own money and began buying Motley Media's shares.

All three parties attacked in unison, and Motley Media's stock price soared. In just half an hour, the dealers noticed something amiss and began to increase their efforts to acquire more stocks.

Unfortunately, they were too slow. Motley Media's stock price had hit the limit up before they could acquire any stocks.

“That’s the end of today’s battle.”

Jasper shut his computer, turned around to take a cup of hot tea that Anna made him, and thanked her with a smile.

Henry was a bit displeased. “Why is there even a darn limit up setting? We still need to wait several more days before we can buy enough stocks.”

Jasper laughed and said, “When two armies confront each other, they pay attention to pre-planning and the mobilization of resources. A few months is simply not enough for preparation. This is already considered fast enough.”

Henry curled his lips and stood up, saying, “I’m going to participate in a meeting about the construction of Olympic Village and several other venues today. Basically, it’s just to discuss with the higher-ups each of our opinions for reference.”

Jasper said, “Hold on.”

While talking, Jasper took out a folder and handed it to Henry. He said, “Take this with you. I pulled an all-nighter for this. It’ll probably help you in your meeting.”

Henry opened the folder curiously, and after taking a few glances, his eyes widened.

Although Henry did not understand architectural design, he, who grew up in the Law family, knew more things than most people. He could tell at one glance if a design was good or bad.

At the sight of the document that was in his hand at the moment, Henry could feel his scalp tingling.

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“Aquatic Center... Honeycomb Stadium... You designed these yourself!?” Henry said, looking at Jasper in astonishment.

Anna grew interested when she saw this and walked over to take a look.

She had a background in fashion design, and although it was a completely different concept from architectural design, she understood how this worked by analogy. Anna was relatively better and more professional at visual perception than Henry.

She could tell at a glance that this was the most creative design ever.

Not only did it carry a profound significance that many people in the country cared a lot about, but it was also a stroke of genius design in terms of aesthetics.

“This document is worth a lot of money,” Anna exclaimed.

Jasper smiled and said, “I guess you can say that I had a sudden burst of inspiration. This is just my suggestion. I have no idea whether this architectural design can be realized nor do I know anything about the specific design. We will need professionals for it.”

Henry said excitedly, “I’m quite confident now that I have this document. I’ll show this document to my dad later...”

“By the way, I told my dad about you last night and he said that he’ll come to Swallow Capital to discuss this with you. He wants to invite you to become a shareholder so that we can make a fortune together.”

As Henry spoke, he looked rather troubled, saying, "I thought our family will be the one to help you make a fortune this time, but with this document, I have a feeling that you're the one helping our family instead."

Jasper smiled and said, "Without the Laws' resources, JW is far from qualified to participate in such a major project domestically. I call this mutual benefit."

Jasper was not trying to sound polite either. Without the Laws, it would have been really difficult for him to have a finger in every pie.

It was a good thing that the Laws were willing to bring him along.

In business, apart from mutual friendship, profit was the most fundamental.

Being a freeloader once or twice was fine, but as time went by, it might not necessarily be good for the relationship between both parties.

In Jasper's case, this document's creativity that was adopted from the future had placed him in a win-win situation no matter who he worked with, and this was what made Jasper so valuable.

When both parties' values were evident, only then would their cooperation be lasting and loyal.

When Henry got the document, he was really excited to carry his family's huge burden. He walked out of the hotel to attend the meeting without stopping to rest.

Anna invited Jasper out for a walk as well.

Of course, Jasper did not refuse.

The two walked downstairs while talking and laughing. As soon as they walked to the hotel lobby, Jasper saw Erik sitting cross-legged while looking at him with a

smug expression on his face. From the look on his face, anyone could tell that he was intentionally waiting there for him.

“Hey, I was wondering why Henry is so close to you. It turns out that you’ve moved in with the Laws eh, boy toy?” Erik said in a lukewarm tone. Looking at Anna’s face as she smiled like a blooming flower while standing next to Jasper, a touch of jealousy and greed flashed in his eyes.

As Erik spoke, he stood up and put his hands in his pockets. He walked over sullenly.

“Do you know how powerful I am now, kid? If I say that your company will go bankrupt, it’ll go bankrupt. All of Easy Media’s deals have fallen through, right? Hahahaha!

“This is only the first wave!”

Erik was both triumphant and arrogant. “Next, relevant departments will investigate your company. If they find something illegal, then you’ll have to face the consequences!

“It’s not too late to beg for mercy. Why don’t you get down on your knees and bark like a dog? If I’m happy with your barking, I might consider letting you off.”

Erik leaned over slightly, moved his annoying face toward Jasper, and said sarcastically, “Are you mad? That’s how powerful I am! No one can save you even if you die of anger, hahaha!”