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The Turner family seemed to understand that too, which was why they had not even bothered to transfer the accounts.

They had also kickstarted the registration process for their newest company, which would be approved shortly.

“Both the local faction and Harbor City’s business groups have their eyes on the construction project for the Olympic stadium. However, the project has not been formally established yet. The most anyone can do now is wait.”

Jasper and Zachary were sitting in the study, exchanging their views on the current situation in Swallow Capital.

Zachary nodded and said, “Not bad. That’s what we considered too, which is why we’ve only just registered our company. There’s no need for operations yet. When the project is formally established and tenders are open to the public, that’s when conflicts will erupt.”

Jasper sighed. “It’ll take at most one year and at least half a year. That’s when things will start to get interesting. The year is quickly approaching an end, and there shouldn’t be anything else happening.”

Zachary smiled as he said, “We plan to return to Harbor City tomorrow.”

Jasper asked in surprise, “What are your plans for here?”

Zachary answered, “Not much is happening here now, but a lot is going on in Harbor City. Many things can’t function if I’m not present. Besides, Old Master Law is getting old now and is no longer accustomed to spending long periods away from home.”

Jasper smiled and said, "You're right. The air quality in Swallow Capital is not great. It's not a place suitable for Old Master Law to spend long periods in."

"I'm planning to have Henry take over the investments I made in the Mainland. Old Master Law, Anna, and I will take a plane back tomorrow. The three other families will be doing the same," Zachary said.

Jasper smiled. "He should have matured quite a bit after what happened this time."

Zachary lowered his voice and said, "I know Henry. He's not stupid, but his heart's just not in the right place. I deliberately did not place pressure upon the Turner family this time round so Henry can remember his lesson!

"We'll have to fight against the Turner family in either a year or in six months, whenever the project goes public. However, I can't deal with Erik personally. This is something Henry has to take care of himself.

"It'll be good for him if he can get revenge, but if he can't, he'll have to admit his shortcomings and return to his life as a rich kid in Harbor City. He won't be allowed to embarrass himself publicly anymore."

Jasper said seriously, "The Turner family don't have much to talk about in terms of benefits either. All Erik got were garbage shares worth absolutely nothing in a shell corporation. As for the project proposal, it was rendered useless the minute it got leaked. Neither we nor the Turner family will be able to use it again.

"This is merely to comfort them psychologically."

Zachary nodded and patted Jasper's shoulder. "Luckily we had you around this time. Else, the Law family would have embarrassed themselves thoroughly."

Jasper said sincerely, "It's my responsibility. In both love and reason, I will never abandon or ignore the family."

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The next day, the Law family had a plane to catch in the afternoon. Jasper spent the morning talking to Old Master Law and left when he began to grow tired.

Jasper had just left the room when he met Anna.

"I'm going abroad for further training next week and might not be back for New Year's," Anna said softly as she stood in front of Jasper. She lifted strands of hair off her face with her hand.

"I'll go visit you," Jasper said.

Anna laughed softly. "You're not scared that your girlfriend will be jealous?"

"I'll bring her along," Jasper said after a moment's thought.

Anna stared at Jasper in shock. "You've got some nerve. Do you find it particularly exciting to cheat on your girlfriend when she's right in front of you?"

Anna had just finished speaking playfully when the man in front of her took a step forward and got even closer to her.

The height difference between them was immediately highlighted. Anna had her back against the wall and had no room to retreat. Jasper was merely a few inches away from her.

The man's strong body and steady breathing caused Anna to become flustered.

They were so close that she could even hear not just her heartbeat but also his heartbeat.

Their hearts were so close to each other.

She felt her chin being lifted upward flirtatiously. Anna was forced to raise her head, her gaze directly meeting Jasper's eyes.

Jasper's gaze was domineering as he stared at Anna and said slowly, "Did you think I can't make you submit to me?"

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Jasper's unexpected movements caused Anna to unconsciously tense her body.

She tried instinctively to push Jasper away, but when she put her arms on Jasper's chest, she realized that the little strength she had was not enough to push the man away.

Their warm breaths caused Anna to become even more flustered. Instinctively, she lowered her eyes and did not dare to make eye contact with Jasper.

"What, what are you doing? Let me go!"

Anna was mortified at how soft and tender her voice sounded.

It was supposed to be a strict statement, but it sounded weak and helpless when she said it. Conversely, it even sounded as if she was only pretending to resist.

"Are you scared?"

When he noticed the dramatic changes in Anna's mood, Jasper leaned over slightly and chuckled as he whispered into Anna's ear.

Anna felt Jasper's warm breaths envelop her ear as he whispered.

The man's burning aura made its way right into her ear.

When she felt his aura, Anna felt her limbs turn into jelly. There was no strength left in them.

Anna felt her heart racing as her entire body, particularly her face, turned warm. She did not need a mirror to know she was burning red.

Then, without knowing where she had gotten the courage from, Anna pushed Jasper away.

Jasper took two steps backward and smirked as he gazed at Anna.

The latter was panting as if she had suddenly gotten fresh oxygen again after being deprived of it.

Her cheeks were rosy, and her eyes reflected light like a lake at sunset.

She was so stunningly beautiful that the whole world stopped to look at her.

That was how Anna looked like now.

"Do you have a death wish?!" Anna glared at Jasper, but she knew she looked anything but threatening right now.

For some inexplicable reason, she had lost her dominating edge. Not only had Jasper managed to take advantage of that, but most importantly, she had failed to live up to her expectations.

He managed to break through all her defenses, and she was unable to even fight back.

It was a source of annoyance for Anna.

Anna turned and ran off after giving Jasper one last glare.

She seemed as if she were escaping from him.

Jasper watched her run off before he raised a hand to his nose. Hmm, her smell was still on it.

He had not suffered major losses this time!

He had to make sure the little vixen learned her lesson sometime soon.

Else, she was going to climb right over his head.

He could treat a woman with wholehearted kindness, but he would never be a lapdog.

That was Jasper's motto. He had enough of being a lapdog in his past life. After being given a second chance at things after losing everything he had due to being a lapdog, Jasper was determined to never take the same path as in his past life.

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It was not clear if it was because she was embarrassed or angry, but Anna refused to meet Jasper's eyes even when it was time for her and her family to board the plane.

Jasper sighed as he watched the plane carrying the Law family soar into the clouds.

Regardless, matters at Swallow Capital had come to an end.

The Turner family had not yet been taken care of, however. Erik Turner was still eyeing them covetously.

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However, this was inevitable. The Turner family of Swallow Capital could not be compared to other smaller families. They had way more tricks up their sleeves than Jasper currently did.

Thus, if one wanted to get rid of Erik Turner, they would not be able to do that within a day.

All they could do was take their time laying things out.

Jasper had the advantage of reincarnation on his side. The rate at which his wealth increased was bound to exceed everyone's expectations. It would not take long before Jasper no longer needed to pay attention to these families.

"Will you continue staying at Swallow Capital?" Jasper asked Henry.

Henry's face radiated delight as he said happily, "There are still a few processes the newest branch office has to complete, so I'll be here for a while longer. I can only leave when everything has been taken care of."

"I'll be returning to Southeast Province soon. Come meet up with me once you're done with business here. The Southface River project we collaborated on is almost done but I need you to look over some developmental details before we can wrap things up," Jasper said instructively.

Henry pouted as he said, "Can't you make the decisions? I don't understand anything anyway. I sort of want to spend a few more days in Swallow Capital—"

"Swallow Capital is a messy place. Not only should you leave as soon as possible, but you should ensure you don't get into any trouble during the time you

have to stay here. Both Old Master Law and your dad have left, so no one can protect you anymore,” Jasper said as he frowned.

Henry raised an eyebrow as he said disdainfully, “So what? Since when has Henry Law required protecting when he goes to hang out?”

“How wonderful of you. Should we pay the Turner family another visit? I heard you were very high and mighty the last time you delivered them the invitation,” Jasper said calmly.

“...” The corners of Henry’s mouth twitched before he grumbled, “F*ck, it’s hard for me to deal with that idiot Erik when we’re in his homeland. I’m not being a coward this time, I’m just making a strategic decision to back off.”

“It’s good that you know to back off,” Jasper answered calmly.

“By the time you arrive at Southeast Province and do the last bit of work for the project, the year will have ended. When the New Year celebrations end and spring arrives, we can encash the project. We’re pressed for time, so not a single second can be wasted.”

“When are you leaving?” Henry asked.

Jasper thought for a moment before answering, “Probably tonight. There’s nothing left to take care of here and I haven’t returned to my company in the province for months. There’s a ton of paperwork waiting for me.”

Henry clicked his tongue as he said, “I don’t understand what you people are thinking. What’s the point of earning so much money when you don’t enjoy life and work yourself so hard that you can’t tell the days from the nights? You should enjoy life while you still have the time to do so!”

Jasper could not be bothered to pay any attention to the fool with twisted views.

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After bidding farewell to those he had connections with in Swallow Capital and taking care of everything else, Jasper took a plane and left Swallow Capital.

Erik received that piece of news the minute Jasper left.

“What about Henry Law? Has he left too?” Erik asked.

The confidant who had come bearing the news answered respectfully, “No.”

Erik laughed coolly as he said, “Ignore Jasper for now since he has left. Someone will naturally cause trouble for him. As for Henry, arrange for someone to spy on him 24/7. Report to me immediately if anything happens.”

“Yes, Young Master Turner,” the confidant replied before leaving.

When silence returned to the room, Erik picked up the phone.

“Mr. Hull, it’s me, Erik.

“I just received news that Jasper has left Swallow Capital. You should set any plans you have in motion as soon as possible.

“Don’t worry, I’ll do my best to assist you in any way you require. However, this is still a grudge that’s between you and Jasper in the end. It’s not suitable for the Turner family to make a direct appearance for various reasons. I’m sure you understand.

“Alright, I’ll await your good news.”

Erik laughed loudly after he hung up the phone.

He had received a call from Ian and Norman last night indicating their intentions to launch an attack against Jasper.

This was right up Erik's alley. Naturally, he supported them fully.

Jasper was going to suffer major losses if he got these two powerful puppets to do his work for him.

Erik narrowed his eyes slightly as he mumbled, "Just wait and see, Jasper Laine. Soon you'll have to kneel in front of me and repent for everything you've done!"

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The plane landed smoothly at Province Airport.

Jasper had not informed anyone of his return this time. On one hand, he did not think Wendy needed to travel to the airport to pick him up. On the other hand, he wanted to give Wendy a surprise as well.

Jasper hailed a cab and traveled to the villas at Thornton Park. Jasper was going home.

"Mom, I'm back," Jasper said tiredly as he entered the house.

"Why didn't you tell me in advance? Hurry, go take a rest." Sally came to the door and took Jasper's luggage from him. When she placed it aside, she asked warmly, "Have you eaten yet?"

"I just got back from Swallow Capital. I ate on the plane," Jasper smiled as he answered.

Sally immediately turned and walked toward the kitchen when she heard that. She said, "That must mean you haven't had a full meal. I'll cook you some noodles."

Jasper knew his mom's personality. She would nag him endlessly if he did not eat that bowl of noodles, which was why he did not bother stopping her.

Jasper followed Sally to the kitchen and stood at the door, asking, "Where's Dad?"

"A distant relative of his passed away, so he went to attend the funeral. He won't be back for another two days," Sally answered while she bustled around the kitchen.

Jasper smiled. "Are you used to living here?"

"It's fine here, but I don't know that many people so it's kind of quiet," Sally sighed as she spoke.

"Even though I got to know a couple of tenants my age around here, they have to take care of their grandchildren and don't have much time to talk to me and ease my boredom. I feel so envious when I look at their grandchildren. They're so tiny and cute."

There was a hidden meaning in Sally's words.

As she spoke, she glanced at Jasper, trying to convey what she was not saying in words.

Jasper said with difficulty, "Well then, you'll have to continue being envious. I don't plan to have kids anytime soon."

Jasper's career was taking off now, and he was growing busier and busier by the day. He needed to focus all his energy on his work.

Furthermore, he was not even that old. He had not even begun considering marriage, let alone children...

Sally scowled as she said, "You're not that young anymore. Wendy is a good girl. You two should hurry up and tie the knot and have kids soon. I can take care of the child while you two work on whatever you need to. Isn't that a good idea? How long are you going to drag this on for?!"

"Are you going to wait until I'm so old that I can't take care of the children anymore?"

Jasper answered, "That's fine. We'll just get a nanny."

Sally nearly threw her spatula at Jasper's head. "Nonsense! Do you think a nanny can take better care of a child than me? I'm the kid's grandma. How could I let someone else take care of my grandchild?"

Jasper smiled bitterly. "We haven't even begun talking about that. I'll try my best, alright..."

After he wolfed down his noodles, Jasper immediately bounded out of his chair and ran out the door. He crept over to the villa where Wendy stayed.

Jasper had been planning to give Wendy a surprise, but he had not expected Wendy to not be at home today.

She had gone over to Dawson's place.

"My dad's blood pressure has been rather high lately and he hasn't been feeling well. I came over to take care of him." Wendy chuckled as she held the phone to her ear and spoke to Jasper.

"You silly thing. You should have just told me you were coming back."

Jasper sat in the empty villa and sighed as he said, "I wanted to surprise you... Is your dad alright?"

“He’s fine. The doctor said it’s caused by extreme stress and an irregular sleep schedule. He just needs to rest,” Wendy said gently.

Jasper massaged his forehead as he said, “He’s been really busy lately. The supermarket had a large expansion recently, and he’s in charge of the real estate business too. I’ll hire some people to assist him when I have time so that he can relax.”

“I brought it up before, but he refused. He said he doesn’t trust anyone to take care of the business while it’s still in the early stages. He’s been doing everything himself. Besides, I think there’s been some trouble going on in the Southface River project,” Wendy sighed as she said.

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“What sort of problems?” Jasper asked as he frowned.

Not only were the provincial government and its higher-ups in the department paying close attention to the Southface River project, but it was also currently the most important local project JW Real Estate had ever taken on. It did not make sense that there would be any problems.

“I think a real estate company from Waterhoof City is interested in developing the north bank of Southface River, and they’ve been in contact with Nauritius City’s government lately. The city hall is tempted by the favorable conditions they’re offering.”

“I’ll go check on them tomorrow,” Jasper said in a low voice.

The Southface River cut through the province. Its south bank was a wide, open area that was situated in a core area of the New City project. That naturally made it an important area.

However, the north bank was filled with mountains and would be a difficult piece of land to develop. Thus, it was not worth much.

However, a real estate company from Waterhoof City suddenly appeared and claimed to have an interest in developing the north bank. Without a doubt, that meant that they were challenging Jasper.

Jasper recalled his past life and confirmed that nothing like that had happened. This only further solidified his feeling that whoever was in the real estate company from Waterhoof City would not be a friendly face.

JW Real Estate had currently invested roughly 800 million dollars in the Southface River project. Nothing could go wrong with the project. Otherwise, the company would immediately collapse.

The next day, Jasper first went to sort out some documents at JW Company.

Jasper realized that although he had not been here, the office was in tip-top shape thanks to Wendy and Jack who had also been at Swallow Capital albeit for a short while.

The various departments were starting to fill up with employees and no longer looked like empty shelves. Instead, they had each started to function in their ways.

JW Company was now in control of various companies, including Terizone and Sena in Swallow Capital. Moreover, they also had a real estate company and an investment sector in the Mainland's stock market under their name.

All this needed large amounts of manpower and physical resources to operate.

Thus, the villa, which used to be spacious, was now starting to become a little cramped.

It was time to consider constructing an office building just for JW Company.

Jasper pocketed that thought as he drove to Dawson's house.

The smile on Wendy's face had not left from the minute she spotted Jasper's car parked downstairs.

All her love was on Jasper, who had just gotten out of the car.

"Tired? Come on in, my dad's waiting for you. We can eat shortly after," Wendy said gently as she took Jasper's jacket from him.

Jasper smiled and took Wendy's hand in his. "Come on, let's go in first."

Jasper's worries lessened considerably when he saw the healthy glow on Dawson's face.

"How's your health?" Jasper asked.

Dawson smiled and said, "It's just an old problem. I'll be fine after a couple of days of rest."

After they finished exchanging pleasantries, Jasper addressed the elephant in the room. "Tell me more about the real estate company in Waterhoof City."

The expression on Dawson's face darkened slightly as he answered, "Haddock Chamber of Commerce."

One simple name was all it took to clear the confusion from Jasper's eyes.

Ian Hull and Norman Gardner were the president and vice president of the Haddock Chamber of Commerce branch in Waterhoof City. If the real estate company was from Waterhoof City and belonged to the Haddock Chamber of Commerce, then it was clear who was behind the scenes.

“Of course, it’s them,” Jasper said calmly. He had a neutral expression on his face that did not give his emotions away.

“What do you plan to do?” Dawson asked.

Jasper smiled as he said, “Of course, I’m going to fight. Have I ever been scared?”