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No one in the spa retreat could stop Julian.

In a few breaths' time, Julian had already raced to the second floor where the scream had sounded.

Ignoring the surprise and anger on the faces of the female customers and employees upon seeing him, Julian barged through the half-closed door to the office.

When Julian opened the door and saw an unfamiliar woman on the floor, he immediately raced toward the open window.

Looking down from the window, Julian saw a woman getting into a car. She was holding Wendy in her arms.

Aaron, who was sitting in the passenger seat, met Julian's eyes through the window.

Smiling, Aaron made a finger gun and directed it at Julian before pretending to shoot it.

He was being deliberately provocative.

The next second, the car's engine started and it raced out of the alleyway.

Julian's aura was like a wave crashing over the rocks.

Grabbing hold of the window ledge, he flipped out of the second-floor window. Julian did not seem to care that the window was seven meters above the ground as he landed with a thump.

However, the car had already rushed out of the alley and seemed to be escaping.

Julian was just about to run after them when two shrewd men surrounded him. Without saying a word, they started attacking Julian.

Julian was confident that he could defeat these two, but it would take up some of his precious time.

With his rage fueling him, Julian roared like an angered dragon and took out all his anger on the two men.

These two men had been placed there to delay Julian, acting as human shields.

Although they had mentally prepared themselves for this, the two still felt as if they were a boat stranded amid turbulent waves. They were about to break into countless pieces as they faced Julian's rapid attacks.

The two soon fell to the ground with blood dripping from their mouths as they stared at Julian with fear in their eyes.

They knew he was powerful, but they had not expected him to be this powerful.

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At Schuler Manor in the province.

Julian landed on his knees with a thump.

When he knelt, the impact was so great he managed to create two craters in the ground. Cracks that looked like dense spider webs spread out from his knees.

The sharp stones grazed Julian's skin, and blood seeped through his pants before dyeing them red.

However, Julian did not seem to feel it.

He only lowered his head to Jasper and curled his hands into fists as he said in a quivering voice, "Jasper, I'm so sorry!"

Jasper did not have any expression on his face as he stared at Julian. He did not say anything.

Julian did not come up with any excuses for himself and only said, "Jasper, I know that not even my life can be used in exchange for Ms. Schuler's safety. I'll head out and look for her right now. I would much rather die outside if I can't find her! I'll come back and repent when I find Ms. Schuler!"

Then, Julian got up and was just about to head out.

"Stop."

Jasper's calm voice rang out.

"You're only one person. There are millions of people in the province. How much area could you cover alone? Stand here!"

Jasper's voice rose in volume.

"I didn't say I wouldn't blame you, but nothing will change even if you die now. What you should do now is remediate this with me!"

Jasper suppressed his rage and annoyance. His eyes were frosty as he took a deep breath and said, "Investigate! Investigate it for me! Look up all the license plates in the province, and more importantly, look up the hotel the Hull and Gardner family were staying in! I want a report within half an hour!"

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After Julian went out, Jasper took a deep breath and sat on the chair. There was a deep look on his face.

Nearly a year since his reincarnation, Jasper had grown accustomed to having everything under his control.

There were rarely situations of things happening beyond his expectations.

Today, Jasper suddenly realized that he was not a god and he had not done enough in many things.

Keeping Wendy safe was one.

Why did he allow Wendy to go out and run about when he had already discovered that someone was following her?

Even if it meant hiring bodyguards, he should have hired a few more female bodyguards to protect her!

At this moment, Jasper was extremely upset. He felt a surging wave of resentment and regret in his chest that were roaring like sea waves.

Successive victories had caused him to lose himself and become overconfident.

Right now, the question remained, where exactly was Wendy?

If the Hulls and Gardners did it, what would they do to Wendy?

Jasper was afraid to delve deeper into his thoughts. He was a little flustered now.

At that moment, the door to the study opened and Dawson walked in.

“Uncle Dawson.” Jasper stood up, looking guilty.

“Sit down.” Dawson waved his hand and sat down across from Jasper.

“I already know what’s going on and have sent someone to investigate it. You must not be thrown into confusion at this time. Remember, no matter who the other party is, they have their reasons for doing this. Before they reveal their purpose, we know that Wendy is safe.”

Jasper took a deep breath and blamed himself, saying, “Actually, there have been signs, but I was too careless.”

Dawson said in a rather understanding manner, “I know my daughter all too well. She doesn’t like being restrained and disciplined. Besides, she’s an adult who has hands and feet. What could you possibly have done? Tie her up?”

Jasper said in a deep voice, “I shouldn’t have been so careless at least. It’s all my fault!”

Dawson got up, walked around to the back of the desk, and patted Jasper on the shoulder. He said softly, “I understand how you feel. When Wendy’s mother had an accident back then, I sank into immense self-blame and agony for a very long time.

“As a man, this is the price you have to pay in order to protect your family and woman. Unless, of course, you’re willing to be an ordinary person who lives an ordinary life.

“However, how can you just be resigned to circumstances your whole life even when a storm strikes?

“I don’t blame you, nor will Wendy, but you must cheer up and use your fist to show those who have offended you that certain things can cost them their lives!”

Jasper raised his head and looked at Dawson. At this moment, Dawson's eyes were full of trust and encouragement. There was no hint of blame or criticism at all.

Jasper stood up and took a deep breath. Clenching his fists, he said, "I know what to do now."

Pleased, Dawson nodded and said, "Now that's the Jasper I know. Remember, no matter what you encounter, don't throw yourself into confusion because as soon as you do that, the enemy will have succeeded by more than half."

At this moment, there was a knock on the door.

A servant walked in with a folder and said, "Mr. Schuler, Mr. Laine, someone put this at the door just now. He said that you need to take a look at it and left after that."

Jasper took the folder and saw a compact disc in it.

He inserted the CD into the computer and clicked on the video file inside.

The screen flashed. It showed a room with a drowsy woman lying on the bed. That woman was none other than Wendy.

Ben's face emerged in front of the camera, and he was smiling triumphantly.

"Surprised, Jasper?"

"I don't know what you're feeling right now, but I can tell you that I'm enjoying myself a lot! Hahahahaha!"

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When Ben was done laughing, his expression abruptly turned cold.

He stared sternly into the camera lens as if he could look at Jasper across the screen.

“Don’t blame me for being mean, Jasper. You can only blame yourself for being too arrogant and too full of yourself. Who do you think you are?! I have many ways to teach you a lesson!

“I don’t have the time to slowly have fun with you, though. That’s why I’m using the easiest and harshest way to let you know that provoking me will be the worst mistake of your life!”

Ben’s expression grew darker with his words.

He then took out a piece of paper with a series of short numbers on it. His expression grew increasingly overbearing.

“Hurry up and add this KK ID number. Quick, I can’t wait anymore. I’m so excited to have a video call with you, to see you kneeling in front of me, crying and all snotty!

“Remember, you don’t have much time. Also, don’t try and find out my physical address. I’m hiding in a place where you can’t find me. I’m also not that stupid to meet you. This is your territory after all, no? Hahaha!

“But at the same time, I really want to see you get down on your knees and apologize to me. I’ll record it to admire it slowly once this is all over. So, add this KK ID number. You only have ten minutes!”

The video ended after that.

Jasper's eyes lit up gradually as he stared at the KK ID frozen in frame.

Was God helping him?

The video function was a new function that KK released recently.

Although the current network bandwidth was extremely poor, it was still usable.

Ben was so pleased with himself that he had lost his sense of measure. What he did not know was that he had just dug his own grave when he exposed his KK ID in an attempt to humiliate him.

Next, Jasper immediately did two things.

First, he summoned Julian back to wait in the room.

Secondly, he gave Hudson a call right away.

Hudson answered Jasper's call in no time at all.

"Hud, I need you to do something really important. I'll be having a video call with someone later. Can you retrieve the other party's IP address in the shortest possible time?"

Time was running out, so Jasper went straight to the point without having the time to exchange greetings with Hudson.

Hudson did not ask any questions and instead replied straight away, "This is technically easy and can be done, but do you need the IP address or the physical one?"

Jasper was delighted. "Can you get the physical address too?"

Hudson laughed and said, "Have you forgotten how powerful our technical team is now? As long as we can get the IP address, then we can find out the physical address in just a few minutes, provided that the other party isn't a master hacker, of course. Otherwise, it'll be more troublesome to track them down."

Jasper said, "The other party is bad at computer technology. Start locking on my KK and when I start the video call, I want you to track down the other party's physical address immediately!"

After contacting Hudson, Jasper logged in to his KK and added the other party's ID as stated in the previous video.

Soon, the friend request was approved.

A request for a video call was sent.

Dawson got up and walked out of the range of the webcam. He exchanged glances with Jasper, and they both nodded their heads. Jasper accepted the video call request.

Ben was seen alone on the screen.

He was sitting in a chair, looking expectantly at the screen.

Jasper saw Ben, and Ben obviously could see Jasper on his own computer screen as well.

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At this moment far away in Cavern City, Hudson picked up his phone and called Theo.

“Theo, call your technical mainstay to come to my office immediately. I need them to do something really important!”

A few minutes later, Theo brought several of Terizone’s most professional technicians to Hudson’s office.

Once Hudson explained what was going on, everyone switched on the laptops they brought with them and got to work immediately!

Theo smiled and said to Hudson, “Don’t worry, Mr. Theo. A rookie who has studied computer technology for two years can do stuff like that, let alone us.”

Hudson nodded with a smile and then said sternly, “This is the first time Mr. Laine has asked us for help to handle his private affair, so we must do our best.”

Theo gestured to show that he understood before getting to work.

The atmosphere in the office was tense.

“Start establishing a connection!”

“Scan the IP connected to the target’s KK account and server!”

“We have obtained the other party’s IP address successfully. Start tracking him down!”

At this moment in the province, Jasper and Ben had started their conversation.

Ben looked at his watch and chuckled. "Not bad. You're more efficient than I thought. There are still two minutes before the scheduled time. Looks like you're really anxious, huh?"

Jasper said coldly, "Cut the crap. I will not negotiate anything with you until I can confirm that Wendy is safe and sound."

Ben's expression gradually turned cold and sinister. He looked at Jasper and said arrogantly, "Do you think you're qualified to make terms with me now?"

Jasper replied calmly, "I only saw a side profile from the video just now. How can I be sure that it's Wendy? I must make sure that Wendy is in your hands and that she's safe and sound and can speak to me. Otherwise, I'll exit the video call!"

Ben's expression turned cold. He then smiled in a sinister manner and said, "Okay, I'll fulfill your request so you can die willingly."

Having said that, Ben waved his hand.

The scene changed and Jasper saw Wendy with her hands and feet tied up. She was already awake and sitting on the bed guarded by a woman.

Wendy seemed to know that Jasper was looking at her. She was eager to speak, but her mouth was taped, hence she could not express herself at all.

"Let Wendy talk to me," Jasper said coldly.

Ben popped up on the screen and sneered. "Don't be so insatiable. I'm the one who holds the power right now!"

"I said, let Wendy talk to me!" Jasper raised his tone.

“Otherwise, I won’t agree to any of your conditions. I want to make sure that you didn’t do anything to harm her.”

As Jasper said those words, he looked at Ben coldly and continued, “Since you’re cautious enough to negotiate with me using video call and are making sure that you won’t be located, why are you afraid to let Wendy talk to me? Do you feel guilty?”

Ben roared with laughter and said, “Me? Guilty? I’m the winner! And you’re just a humble garbage insect. Fine, I’ll fulfill your final request.”

Ben waved his hand after saying those words, and the woman standing beside Wendy immediately reached out to remove the tape from Wendy’s mouth.

When Wendy was able to speak again, she did not yell or have a hysterical emotional breakdown. Rather, she said to Jasper calmly, “Don’t worry, Jasp. They just knocked me out and brought me over. They didn’t do anything to me. You must never agree to any excessive demands they make!”

At this moment, Jasper’s eyes flickered.

On his KK, Hudson had sent him a message and he was notified through the system.

[We found the address. Number 303, Building A, Warsaw Community, Habersham East Road, Southeast Province, Province!]

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Ben was being extra careful indeed.

He seemed to know that Jasper would check all the hotels' check-in records in order to track him down.

As such, he checked out of the hotel he was staying in and moved into a residential building.

To some extent, this had increased the difficulty level for Jasper to track him down.

What Ben did not know was that Jasper was Terizone's controlling shareholder, hence he could trace his physical location with his IP address.

After writing down the address quietly and handing it over to Julian calmly, Jasper said to Wendy affectionately, "Don't worry. I know what to do. Don't be afraid. I'll pick you up as soon as possible."

Jasper had just finished saying those words when Ben stood in front of the webcam.

"Alright, Jasper, stop playing out romance dramas in front of me. I'm not in the mood to watch. Now that you've seen her and talked to her, can we begin our negotiation now?" Ben said to Jasper eagerly.

Jasper looked at Ben calmly and said, "Go on then. Your conditions."

Ben laughed and said, "Simple. Get down on all four and apologize to me. Beg me for mercy. This is the first condition!

"As for the second condition, I want you to sign a project transfer agreement. Transfer the Southface River project to me at once!

"The third condition is, I want a compensation of one billion!"

As he spoke, Ben stared at Jasper on the screen with a grim expression before continuing haughtily, “All three conditions must be fulfilled. I’m not negotiating with you, I’m informing you of the things you must do.”

When Ben finished speaking, Wendy was already starting to resist by making a lot of noise before Jasper could even speak.

However, she could not say a word because the woman had sealed Wendy’s mouth with duct tape.

Jasper said calmly, “I need time to prepare and fulfill the second and third conditions.”

“That’s your problem!”

Ben raised his voice. “I don’t care what you do, but I must see results within two hours. Otherwise…”

Ben clapped his hands at this point.

In the room, Hans, who was eager to act, finally appeared.

“Let me introduce you to my second uncle.” Ben looked at Jasper and laughed wildly. “I don’t think I can even count the number of women my uncle has slept with. Would you like to watch my second uncle having fun with Wendy live on screen for you?”

Hans looked at Jasper on the screen smugly and curled his lips, saying, “So you’re Jasper?”

“How dare an insignificant character like you offend my nephew and the Langdons?”

Hans raised his voice abruptly, full of hostility and viciousness.

“How dare you? Believe it or not, I’ll dig your ancestors’ grave!”

In a place where the camera could not capture, Jasper clenched his fists firmly. His nails were digging into his flesh, and blood was flowing out of his wounds.

Despite that, Jasper seemed to have lost all sense of pain as he continued to cut deeper into his flesh. Blood had stained his palm, yet he still refused to let go.

It seemed as though only intense pain like this could help him suppress his emotions and avoid an outburst.

“Trust me, Ben, if any one of you dare to lay a finger on Wendy today, I’ll make sure you regret being born.”

Every word that Jasper said was squeezed out of his clenched teeth.

Not far away, Dawson looked at Jasper with an extremely complicated look.

He was furious and equally anxious too.

However, this was the first time he saw Jasper behaving like that.

As a businessman, or even a scholar, Jasper had always been calm, unhurried, and gentle.