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Jasper was all the calmer when faced with the furious Ian.

Although Jasper had vented out a portion of his anger on Ben and Hans, that did not mean Jasper would let this matter drop just like that.

Who gave Ben and Hans the right to touch Wendy?

Just because they were born into the Hull family, they felt secure in the knowledge that they had the Hulls to fall back upon, hence they could do anything they wanted without consequences.

Like what Jasper said earlier, this time, he would tear the Hulls apart and throw them into chaos.

It was only by doing so would he be able to impede a future disaster.

He could also use this punishment as an example to warn his past, current, and future opponents.

If they wanted to deal with him, sure. They should just be blunt about their actions and intentions and take the gloves off.

However, for anyone who tried to touch his woman and cross the line, then Jasper's craziest revenge would await them!

Jasper still could not let it go, and he would not stop until he ended the Hulls!

"Make me pay?"

“Your brother and son are currently paying the price, and in my opinion, this is still far from enough.”

Jasper sounded calm and indifferent, not even remotely stirred by Ian’s infuriated roar.

Ian stared at Jasper with eyes full of anger and hatred. He pointed at Ben and Hans lying on the ground. At the moment, they looked nothing like humans. Ian was so furious that he laughed aloud. “Can you at least give a more decent excuse? What did they do to deserve this?”

“Do you even know the rules, Jasper? Business matters stay in the business field. If you’re bold enough to attack them today, I will use the same method to retaliate against you tomorrow!”

“You broke the rules first, so don’t blame me for not warning you!”

Jasper did not intend to have a meaningless argument with Ian. He motioned to Julian with his eyes.

After taking Jasper’s hint, he lifted Hans from his feet, tossed him to Ian, and said in a low voice, “Tell him all the things both of you have done!”

Julian’s words sounded like the curse of a devil at the moment, so how could Hans possibly defy him?

Almost immediately after Julian finished speaking, Hans made a clean breast of all the things he and Ben had done.

Ian’s expression grew grimmer and more sullen as Hans spoke.

Ian gritted his teeth, glaring at Hans and Ben while saying incredulously, “You... You!”

“I can’t believe you did something this serious behind my back!”

When he heard that Hans and Ben had colluded to kidnap Wendy and even nearly raped her, he felt as though he was about to have a heart attack.

Actually, the incident itself was not terrifying.

The most terrifying thing of all was that they had done something wrong and even got caught red-handed by Jasper.

If Hans and Ben had succeeded in carrying out the deed, Ian might be furious, but he would not do anything to punish them.

In a sense, the two of them would have successfully dealt a heavy blow to Jasper.

If that was the case, what Ian had to consider next was how to deal with Jasper’s revenge.

However, things were different now.

They had failed to carry out their evil deeds.

Similar to burglary, they were caught red-handed by the owner before they could even steal anything. The burglary had now turned into a robbery.

It was a completely different concept.

At this moment, even the astute and scheming Ian felt a little flustered.

However, Hans could not care less anymore. He crawled on the ground and held Ian’s thigh firmly. His face was all snotty and teary as he said, “I know I was wrong, Brother. They’re no humans. They drove Benny crazy and castrated me! You must save us.

“I’m your brother, and Benny is your son. You can’t just stand there and do nothing!”

As Ian listened to Hans, he raised his head abruptly only to see blood and flesh on Hans’ lower abdomen.

What was more horrifying than that was that from the moment he stepped in through the door, Ben had only been laughing the whole time. Not only was he laughing, but his gaze was also turning duller and duller.

Ben’s reaction made Ian feel as though his heart had been hit by a boulder.

Anger had set his sanity on fire.

Ian raised his head and glared at Jasper with bloodshot eyes, roaring in a hoarse voice, “Jasper Laine, you should have come to me regardless of the things they did! How could you attack them in private?!”

“You even castrated my brother and drove my son crazy?!”

“You have committed an unforgivable crime!”

“I have committed an unforgivable crime indeed!”

Jasper stood up suddenly, staring at Ian while raising his voice as well.

“So what if you’re the Hulls? Do you really think the Hulls own the whole world?”

“If your brother and your son have the guts to do this to my woman, then I don’t mind turning the Hulls upside down!”

“Do you think I called you here to hear you lecture me? I’m here to tell you, Ian Hull, that this isn’t the end yet!”

Ian's chest rose and fell sharply as he glared at Jasper. There was nowhere to vent out the pent-up anger inside of him, and the congestion nearly had him spitting out a mouthful of blood.

"You want to turn the Hulls upside down, do you? Bravo!

"You're pretty gutsy, eh, Jasper? I wonder if your ability even matches up to your words?!"

"You'd better listen up then. The Hulls will not let this matter drop! My brother has been castrated, and if anything happens to Benny, I will make sure to bury you alive!"

After hearing Ian finishing his sentence with a blank expression, Jasper suddenly let out a chuckle.

From the huge contrast in Jasper's expression, Ian felt as though something very bad was about to happen.

He would rather see Jasper roaring insanely than to see him so calm all of a sudden.

An opponent who had lost his mind was far easier to deal with than an opponent who could remain calm in the face of anger.

At this moment, Ian suddenly wondered if he could even walk out of Room 303 intact.

The idea of it had made Ian's nerves extremely taut.

If Jasper could bring himself to torture Hans and Ben to this extent, then he would have no scruples about leaving him with a 'gift' either.

At the thought of this, Ian quietly stretched his hand into his pocket and grabbed his phone. He had decided to notify Norman immediately when something happened so he could send someone over to rescue him.

Soon after that, however, the words Jasper said made Ian realize how wrong he was.

How very wrong indeed.

He had underestimated the terror that Jasper was capable of causing.

“Say, how many years of prison sentence do you think your brother and your son would get if I call the cops now?”

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Killing was always the most low-class solution to a problem for truly ambitious and ruthless characters.

Compared to killing, torturing was a more effective way.

Take for example, Jasper knew very well that when dealing with Hans and Ben, killing them would only help him vent out his anger momentarily.

After a moment of thrill, he would then face endless problems.

There were not many heroes today that could rob the rich to help the poor unlike in ancient times. It could cost him his life if he murdered someone.

Moreover, this was not in line with Jasper’s idea of putting them through utter misery.

This was the same for Ian.

Jasper could easily order Julian to cripple Ian.

What then?

The Hulls would still exist.

Ian would still carry out his revenge after that.

Therefore, Jasper had not planned to lay a finger on Ian from the beginning.

Ian was different from Hans and Ben. He was not a direct participant in this incident, nor did he have any knowledge of this incident before it happened.

Jasper was not trying to give Ian a way out, but instead, he wanted to rain blows on the Hulls via Ian.

It was only when the Hulls had nothing left that Ian and his family would finally feel pain and regret.

After hearing what Jasper said, Ian was abruptly stunned. He stared fixedly at Jasper and sneered. "Call the cops? Are you bold enough to call the cops after what you put them through?"

Jasper said calmly, "We're all adults, so stop having childish thoughts like that. Did you see me do these things with your own eyes?"

"No one died. This incident could very much turn into a scene where my men saw an unlawful act and bravely stepped forward to help out. That led to both parties getting injured. Maybe my men would even be awarded for their bravery?"

Jasper's words sent deep chills down Ian's spine.

He must admit that Jasper was capable of doing so.

Southeast Province was Jasper's stronghold after all.

More importantly, Dawson was there to back Jasper up.

That old fox had not shown up, but he had been in the Southeast Province for decades. Who knew how powerful he actually was?

Ian, who had been expanding his business in Waterhoof City for a long time, was very much aware of this.

No one was deliberately distorting the truth. What Hans and Ben did was an obvious fact, and a bit of investigation was enough to verify their crimes.

This was where the Hulls suffered the most disadvantage.

After weighing the pros and cons for a few seconds, Ian took a deep breath. He looked at Jasper coldly and asked, "What are you planning to do?"

He knew that there was still room for negotiations seeing how Jasper did not call the cops the first thing itself.

This so-called 'negotiation' was sure to cost the Hulls greatly.

In the face of Jasper's overt plot, Ian had no choice but to jump inside despite knowing that there was a trap in front of him.

Unless he was able to bring himself to watch his brother and son getting tortured then later thrown into prison.

"Within three days, the Hulls will get lost from Southeast Province."

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Jasper stated his conditions.

Ian nearly fainted from the lack of oxygen when he heard what Jasper said.

“I’ve dumped 500 million into the Southface River Project, and after adding the penalty fee for breaching the contract, my loss will stand at one billion at least. I have to leave just because you asked me to?!”

Jasper said calmly, “That’s your problem. You can most certainly ignore me, but one thing for sure is that I’ll throw your brother and your son into prison.”

“You!”

Ian was furious. He pointed at Jasper, almost wishing he could skin the man before him alive.

Jasper looked at Ian calmly and said, “This is just the first step. If you can’t even take this, then I advise you to dissolve all of the Hull family’s industries and hide far away.”

Ian was so furious he laughed aloud. “Ha! You want to drive us away and exterminate all of us, huh? Don’t forget that the Hulls are based in Waterhoof City, Jasper Laine. Your petty little trick isn’t enough to get rid of the Hulls!”

Jasper said impatiently, “I will only ask you once. Can you or can you not get out of the Southeast Province in three days?!”

Ian gritted his teeth, his body trembling slightly from excessive anger and agitation.

He really wanted to yell at Jasper's face and then turn around to walk away.

However, Hans, who was on the ground begging for mercy, and Ben, who had now stopped laughing but was sitting on the ground dazedly, made it impossible for him to walk away.

After a long silence, Ian gritted his teeth and said, "Okay, I agree to your condition!"

Ian endured the great humiliation and grief when he said those words. He stared at Jasper and said, "But I will not let this drop so easily! Soon, I will make you regret everything that you've done!"

Jasper sneered. "You and your son have said similar things many times. Aren't you sick of it at all?"

"I hope you keep your word because I will not let this matter drop so easily either. When I say that I will commit an unforgivable crime against the Hulls, I will make sure to do it in a clear-cut manner. I will be happy to see you put up a fight because the more you struggle, the more satisfied I will be. How will I put you in despair otherwise?"

Jasper walked off with Julian immediately after saying those words.

Ian stood alone in the room, so furious that he nearly spat out blood.

He looked at Hans and Ben lying on the ground with an exasperated expression. He wanted so much to lecture them for spoiling everything and being unable to achieve anything, though when he saw the wretched states they were in, the words simply hung at the tip of his tongue.

He knew that it was useless to complain now. It was better for him to think of what to do next instead.

"Benny, wake up. Can you recognize me?"

Ian walked up to Ben, knelt down, and shook Ben's shoulders while speaking to him.

There was finally a reaction in Ben's sluggish gaze as it slowly focused on Ian's face.

Ian was about to speak when Ben pushed Ian away abruptly, screaming, "Jasper! You're Jasper! I won't spare you! I'm going to kill you!"

As he said those words, Ben charged forward.

At this moment, Ben's bloodstained face looked extremely eerie. He seemed to have mistaken Ian for Jasper and wanted to kill him.

Ian was astounded, and it was also at this moment that he heard a bunch of footsteps. Norman had run upstairs with his men.

Norman was taken aback when he saw the scene in the room.

He quickly ordered the bodyguards to pull the maniacal Ben away, helped Ian up, and said with a trembling voice, "What... What happened?"

Ian's eyes were filled with tears as he watched the guards keeping Ben under control as he continued to struggle. His voice quivered when he said, "Hurry, send them to the hospital. Benny... Benny has gone crazy."

Norman's heart started beating wildly. He ordered his men to call the ambulance and turned his head to say to Ian, "I saw Jasper leading his men away. What happened?"

Ian gritted his teeth, a malicious glow glinting in his eyes. He growled, yelling, "That brat destroyed my brother and my son! He has destroyed them completely! I want him dead!"

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Jasper did not go anywhere nor did he do anything for the following two days, opting to stay by Wendy's side instead where he channeled all his focus on her.

He relayed the details of what had happened to Dawson after he returned.

Out of all the details was his plan on how to deal with the aftermath of the problem.

At that, Dawson merely told him to leave the matters of the Hull family in the Southeast Province alone.

It then dawned on Jasper the power his future father-in-law had in the Southeast Province.

It was just as Ian had worried. Dawson's power had been running deep in the Southeast Province for decades, and while he did not flaunt it all the time, his power was beyond imagination when he decided to use it.

"Jasper, according to the latest news, all of the Hull family's power and funds have been pulled out from the market in the Southeast Province."

Julian reported to Jasper in the backyard of the villa.

Jasper was focused on peeling the apple in his hands. The smooth apple continued to turn in his hand while the long strip of its skin fluttered in the air. The peel seemed moments away from breaking, but it did not happen even after he had completely skinned the apple.

After the apple was skinned, Jasper then cut it into small slices and fed them to Wendy before he replied, "This future father-in-law of mine sure is powerful."

Wendy had completely recovered after two days of rest.

The slap was the only physical injury she suffered, and she had spent the two days recovering from the emotional shock she received.

After all, Wendy was not just any woman. She had already readjusted and recovered from her emotional trauma as much as she could in the shortest amount of time.

Hearing Jasper, she chewed the apple as she replied nonchalantly, "My dad didn't do anything at all yesterday. All he did was sit in the office of the city's government for an entire day and the results are seen today."

"The Hull family has invested quite a bit in the Southeast Province. So with them pulling out, not only would the Hull family lose everything, but the Southeast Province will also be unable to come out of this unaffected.

"Ignoring everything else, the projects that have already begun are doomed to halt indefinitely. Even though the groundwork for the construction in the North Bank has just been completed, that's as far as its progress will go. So there's no way the city's government will allow such a thing to happen.

"That's why someone has to stand up to give the city's government a direction. The city's government no longer has the right to decide what happens anymore, and since there's no way the conflict between our families can be resolved, their only option left is to choose one of the two families to remain.

"In comparison to the Hulls, after weighing our odds against theirs, it's not a difficult choice the city's government has to make."

Jasper analyzed it clearly.

After speaking, he then saw Dawson walk in.

“Uncle Schuler.”

“Dad.”

Both Jasper and Wendy greeted at the same time.

Dawson nodded and smiled at his daughter before asking kindly, “How are you feeling? Any better?”

Wendy nodded. “Much better. I didn’t really get injured or anything. It shocked me more than anything.”

“That alone is enough to warrant the Hull family’s death,” Dawson replied indifferently.

Dawson turned to Jasper. “What will you do next now that the Hull family has pulled out of the Southeast Province?”

Instead of replying, Jasper asked, “The Hulls pulled out really hastily this time. It must be an effect of the pressure you put on them. I heard they took a flight out without even packing their luggage and things?”

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Dawson replied plainly, “They already had no choice but to throw away one billion of investment funds, so what’s a bit of luggage?”

Jasper commented indifferently, “At least they fled fast.”

The Hulls had managed to truly infuriate both Jasper and Dawson.

Jasper and Dawson would have no issue with others as long as they played according to the rules.

Yet the Hull family had ignored the regulations and overstepped their boundaries!

Not to mention that this overstep by the Hulls had been a trigger to both Jasper and Dawson.

“This is only the beginning. A loss of one billion is just a surface injury to them, it’s not detrimental enough. I’m going to break them apart next and thoroughly remove them from the market forever!”

Jasper’s unfazed tone was filled with determination.

Dawson nodded in agreement. “Deal with them thoroughly or you’ll be in for future complications. There’s no way the two families can reconcile anymore, so there’s no point in showing mercy at such a crucial time. Whatever you do next, make sure you do it quickly.”

Jasper smiled. “Don’t worry. I already have a plan and it’ll be set in motion very soon.”

Dawson pat Jasper’s shoulder in relief. “I’ve never questioned your work... but there’s something that I have to discuss with you about.”

“Now that the North Bank is deserted, the city’s government is being very ambiguous about their plans with it. As far as they’re concerned, since they’ve already given the land out, the advertisement that’s already published will be seen as a huge joke if they take the land back due to the Hull family pulling out from the contract.

“There’s no way the decision-maker in the city’s government will allow such tarnish. Especially not when the development of the South Bank is completed and everyone can see the situation in the North Bank.

“We wouldn’t be having this problem if the North Bank had never been put on the development agenda in the beginning, but since it’s already there and its groundwork is already completed, there isn’t much of an option left.”

Dawson’s words were very ambiguous, but Jasper could hear the intent behind them.

“So the city’s government wants us to take over it?”

Dawson smiled. “Correct.”

Jasper frowned. “You’ll need to invest 1.5 times of what’s been invested in the South Bank if you want to develop the North Bank. That’s not very beneficial.”

“Duality is present in everything. If you look at it from a different angle, the North Bank might not be as worthless as you think,” Dawson reminded.

Jasper arched an eyebrow. “Or perhaps, we could develop the North Bank with a completely different plan?”

“Say, for example, a villa district? There are a lot of mountains and trees there, and it’s just by the Southface River that’s surrounded by a few old villages. The economy isn’t flourishing there, but that’s also why it has maintained most of its natural ecological appearance. We might end up with a completely different effect if we develop it into a villa district for the rich.”

Dawson looked at Jasper in approval. “Good job, you’ve got a sharp and clear mind there. It took me an entire night to think of this.”

Jasper smiled. “I wouldn’t have thought of it if you didn’t remind me... but what about transport?”

Dawson smiled. "We'll charge it at a tenth of the normal price, just for formality's sake. Since the Hull family has already paid for it for us."

Jasper's eyes shone. "Then it's completely possible. Instead of business development, a villa district would greatly lower our costs and still complement the South Bank. With the North and South Bank together, we'd reap much greater rewards."

"And we'll be making it easy on the city's government." Dawson smiled.

Jasper nodded. "Alright. JW Real Estate will take this project, then."