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Henry was disinterested when he saw that Dudley had held himself back. He mocked the latter with a pout and then ignored him.

Henry turned around only to see Perry, who he proceeded to mock with a sinister tone, “How much money did this coward give you to turn you into his dog, old baldy?”

Perry was stunned for a moment before he replied, mortified, “What nonsense is that! I’m a truly knowledgeable intellectual! A real expert! How could I be bribed? Stop defaming me! ”

“Yo, what a knowledgeable man indeed. Such formal terms even when you’re scolding people, ” Henry chuckled. “If It’s not money, then maybe it’s women? or perhaps he promised both money and women?”

Perry’s pupils contracted and he silently wondered who this young man was. This was someone that Dudley did not dare to fight back against even though he had been pushed around. Someone who seemed to be very aware of his deal with Dudley.

“My dad got tired of such immature slander years ago. What’s the point in acting like you’re some sh*t in front of me?” Henry said disdainfully.

“You know, old baldy, sometimes it’s easy to say things, earn easy money, and sleep with easy women. But these things all come with a price.

“The more you benefit, the more you have to pay. Unless, of course, you were born in a f*cking awesome family like I was. But seeing how you’re already so old, I doubt that you’ve been blessed in that area.

“Since you didn’t get born in a great family, then you should think twice before you take or sleep with anything. Think first if you can afford to pay the price, because if you can’t, then all that’s left for you is a tragic end.”

Henry patted Perry’s chubby cheeks arrogantly and snickered happily before he turned to leave.

Perry was a man reaching his sixties and this was the first time he had been humiliated so thoroughly. Mortified, he turned to Henry and scolded, “ Uneducated! How did your parents raise you for you to end up so disrespectful and undignified! You’re an eyesore and shame on your family!”

He had set himself up for trouble.

Henry’s head snapped back as he stared darkly at Perry, a storm brewing in his eyes.

Perry was startled by the look in Henry's eyes, and he took an instinctive step backward while exclaiming, "What, what are you doing?!"

"What am I doing?"

Henry scoffed. "Didn't you say that I was uneducated and that my parents didn't teach me well?"

"Then let me show you how an uneducated and undignified person behaves when they're angry!"

Henry dragged Perry by his collar and pulled him into the toilet a short distance away like he was a little chick.

Perry struggled for his life and tried to pry Henry's hand off, but the difference in their age and strength was evident as Perry simply could not break free.

"Mr. Ball, save me!"

Dudley's expression paled when he heard Perry shout. The memory of Henry's dark gaze from earlier reminded him of the fear associated with Henry, such that the man did not dare to stand in latter's path. Thus, he could only pretend that he did not hear

anything.

Perry's tragic yelling slowly faded as Henry dragged the man further away. Dudley exhaled deeply. 'All that matters is that I'm fine. As for what happens to Perry... Well that has nothing to do with me!'

At the same time, Jasper had already reached the podium.

As he faced dozens of pairs of eyes and cameras, the corner of Jasper's lips curled slightly into a charming smile that brimmed with confidence. This alone was charming enough that all the women present, regardless of age and status, instantly took an innate

liking to Jasper.

It was the same feeling men got when they looked at women.

Jasper cleared his throat, his voice echoing throughout the entire conference room.

“My apologies, ladies and gentlemen, that you had to hear a bunch of insincere experts babble on about nonsense that they had no idea about. Now, let me tell you what the future actually is.”

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Jasper’s first sentence had defined the future, and thus overturned everything the previous speakers had preached.

“The Internet is the future!”

No one could be certain of the Internet’s power in the future, so no one could step up and make the final call. All this required time and facts to prove.

Therefore, Jasper did not plan to persuade these people to believe him. He merely stated his line of logic.

“During the first industrial revolution, the steam engine’s appearance changed the world.”

“For the second industrial revolution, global capitalism erupted and humanity entered the era of electronics.”

“Now, the third industrial revolution will be a revolution of advanced technology, represented by computational atomic power and space biotechnology. This, is the era of information.”

“Every piece of technology I refer to today is closely related to our daily lives. It has the ability to change the way all of us live and even... Our understanding of the world.”

“The Internet can close the distance between people, making communication even easier and convenient.”

“With Sena, we can consume news and information from abroad much quicker, easier, and cheaper. If you click on Sena’s web portal, every important incident from around the world within the past 24hours will be clearly displayed before your eyes.”

“With Terizone, communication between you and your colleagues, family, and friends becomes much simpler. There’s no need to pay telephone bills at all, as you’ll be able to converse at a moments notice through texts or a network cable.”

“All of this will only become more convenient and quicker in the future. And before we’ve realized it, the new era will have already quietly arrived.”

“The people quickest to embrace the changing times will lead us down the path to the future, while those who choose not to improve will only be eliminated!”

Jasper’s words had put the entire room in an uproar. The topic of the Internet’s future was still a hot topic of discussion, but neither the people against it nor supporting it dared to come out and say anything with absolute certainty.

After all, everyone was terrified of being proven wrong, so they preferred to speak ambiguously, leaving them with room to backtrack.

Even so, Jasper’s words countered the mocking and disdainful speeches from the previous experts. No matter how you looked at it, Jasper’s speech was clearly a counterargument.

Alban’s expression was sour when he saw how easily Jasper had gained control of the situation.

Alban glanced at a few helpers he had employed advance to cue them in. Then, he scoffed and closed his eyes slightly, no longer reacting to the situation.

The few helpers shared a look after they received Alban’s cue. One of them suddenly stood up.

“Nonsense!”

The word was spoken loudly, instantly shaking the venue.

This middle-aged man pointed at Jasper and scolded, “Don’t think that you can say whatever you want just because you got lucky and managed to make a small business for yourself. How old are you, huh? You’re just in your twenties, so who gave you the right to point

fingers and comment on the world? Every entrepreneur here has managed their business since before you were even born! ”

“Exactly! A young man like you should be humbler instead of trying so hard to curry favors and rise in social status. Take a look at yourself first, at least.”

“Haha. I knew that the Internet was just a con industry. It’s not a serious industry at all! Look at him, this is supposed to be the so-called number one figure in the country’s Internet Industry. He’s just in his f*cking twenties-even my son is older than him. What does he know about commerce?”

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“That’s right. Without physical businesses like us supporting it, the Internet is completely useless. Seriously, it’s almost like anyone can get on the stage and start talking. It’s like they’re not even afraid that their ridiculous claims will be made fun of! ”

“Haha. The older generation like us has seen enough of huge waves like this to understand. I’ve seen my fair share of people like this. They think they’re so successful in the beginning, but they’ll just vanish overnight.”

“Doing business requires true strength and capability. How stupid can they be if they think having the ability to talk and persuade people is all they need?”

People who had been stunned by Jasper’s opinions slowly began to look at him doubtfully as they were slowly influenced by the opinions of the people around them.

Many of them now expected Jasper make a fool out of himself.

After all, Jasper’s words were too sharp and definite, so it only made sense that he would anger the group of people who did not agree with the Internet industry. This was their so-called revenge.

Jasper stood behind the podium as the scathing remarks grew louder. Even so, the man pretended not to hear any of them.

If this was anyone else, they might have walked off the stage in embarrassment after being doubted by everyone.

However, Jasper was different.

As a reincarnated man, Jasper had knowledge of the next 19 years. He knew that what he said was reflective of the genuine future of the world.

Instead of doubting himself, these words of opposition or even direct humiliation only furthered his belief that this was a group of imbeciles. No wonder almost all of these businesses would disappear 19 years later.

Jasper did not feel the need to fight with people destined to be eliminated by the changing of times. Thus, before Jasper walked away from the podium, he said one last thing.

“The truth will not change just because it has little support, nor will it disappear because it’s greatly opposed. Our society isn’t something decided by one person or a group of people.

“I never planned to persuade anyone here today, and whether you choose to believe it or not matters little to me. You can’t affect me, let alone the development of the Internet or the world.

“So with that, I urge everyone present to take a look back to today in five, ten, or even twenty years time. I’m sure who’s right or wrong will be very clear then.”

Jasper then turned and left coolly, walking away from the podium whilst leaving a crowd of people questioning him behind.

Back at the panel, Alban turned to smile at Jasper while the people’s opinions stewed in the crowd. “You’re a promising young man, Mr. Laine, to fight such a large group on your own.”

“Isn’t this what you wanted to see, Mr. Ball? Me cooperating with this show you put on?” Jasper asked calmly.

Alban answered calmly, “Is that necessary, Mr. Laine? You’ve been stating that this is an act ever since we began.”

“The conflict between the Teo and the Haddock Chamber of Commerce has never been reconcilable. I’m sure everyone already knows the goal of this so-called asset forum conference. The fact that you continue to hide, Mr. Ball, makes me wonder if I’ve overestimated you.”

Alban raised his brows at Jasper’s words.

“Alright. If that’s the case, then I’ll get straight to the point” Alban sneered.

“I’m very interested in your electronics company’s MP5 patent rights, Mr. Laine. I wondering if you’re willing to give it up to me.”

Jasper’s gaze immediately fell on Alban when the man said this. Jasper’s ocean-deep gaze focused on the other’s face as if he was trying to see through what the other man’s thoughts.

Despite this, Alban maintained his kind smile, showing no indication of his true emotions.

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“So your target was me all along, Mr. Ball?” Jasper said calmly.

Alban smiled and replied, “I’m a businessman, and I make decisions that benefit me the most I’m sure you understand, Mr. Laine.”

Jasper narrowed his eyes and asked, “Then what role does Old Master Hulbutt play in all this?”

Alban had finally shown his true intentions. The man's goal was not the Haddock Chamber of Commerce but rather Jasper's MP5 patents.

Jasper refused to believe that Gale was uninvolved when the man had invited him to attend the forum as the vice president of Haddock's 5 Chamber of Commerce's Waterhoof City branch.

Right now, it seemed more like a sinister setup against him.

Jasper had no idea what dirty plan Alban and Gale had plotted out

However, the truth now was that Gale had come up with an excuse to cooperate with Alban and corner him. Meanwhile, Alban had finally shown his true intentions and was about to make a move.

Jasper had only come to this forum conference in return for an asset in the form of Gale's favor. However, only now did he realize that the old and sly man was backstabbing him.

"We're talking about a deal between us, Mr. Laine," Alban sneered and said, ignoring Jasper's 5 question.

“Deal between us? Is there even a deal to be made? The MP5 patent rights, was it? Sure, 1 billion US Dollars, and I’ll give it to you when you hand me the money. I can give you all my production lines and my factory area too if you want,” Jasper said calmly.

Alban’s smile slowly vanished and he replied forcefully, “It would do you no good to be so temperamental, young man. Being emotional will do you no good, Mr. Laine.”

“Being setup is only normal in the business world and there’s nothing wrong with getting caught. At the very least, it shows you that you’re worth being targeted. It’s truly tragic for people who aren’t even worth the effort for us to scheme against.”

“So I should thank you then, for deeming me valuable?” Jasper commented calmly.

Alban smiled and said, “I understand that you’re unhappy, but I have a way to calm you down.”

With that, Alban waved a hand to gesture to someone behind him. That person approached with a document in hand, which he handed to Jasper immediately.

Jasper calmed down and took the document to take a good look at it.

He knew that this was something important if Alban was so certain it would make him surrender.

As expected, Jasper frowned slightly at the contents of the first page.

“This is the risk evaluation I commissioned Harbor City’s most powerful architectural office to do on the World Financial Center’s main building. We realized that according to your design, the building has a huge construction risk.

“Then again, this is just an evaluation, and this is just some risk. Nothing is certain.”

“The building might collapse before you’re done with construction, perhaps after it is complete, or perhaps it’ll never collapse at all. ”

Alban’s soft voice sounded by Jasper’s ear.

“But who knows and who cares?”

“I’m sure you’re very well aware, Mr. Laine, that if I release this statement today, the Waterhoof City City Government will surely call for construction of the World Financial Center to stop. Be it out of precaution, or consideration of actual risk factors.

“After all, it would be great news if this huge construction was a success, but also a huge problem if anything goes wrong. Do you think they’ll let you risk it?”

Jasper looked up at Alban calmly and asked, “What can this document alone prove?”

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“Nothing much, but it’s enough to stall your construction for at least half a year. You’ll have to pay for to undergo new evaluations every day and those expenses alone are enough to render any real estate comp any bankrupt.

“You have to know that this isn’t the only issue your real estate company is facing. I heard that an overseas investment bank is supporting many other competitors in Southeast Province to launch a comprehensive attack on JW Real Estates too.

“At such a time, the tallest building in the world, the World Financial Center is JW Real Estates’ most important project. Even if you manage to continue construction half a year later, times would’ve changed. Can JW Real Estate even survive that long?”

Alban had a confident smile on his face as he patted Jasper’s shoulder and said gently, “Rising up comes with a price, young man.

“While the country’s market is huge, there are only so many pieces of the pie. You and your JW are rising too fast and you’re interfering with too many people’s interests. People don’t want another greedy businessman on the already saturated market.

“This is only the first lesson I’m teaching you, so you understand the most important rule in the business world.

“Be humble and keep a low profile when it comes to business. Being too arrogant will only result in everyone working together to get rid of you.”

Jasper looked at Alban quietly and asked, “I’d like to know who this ‘everyone’ refers to, Mr. Ball.”

Alban laughed out loud and said, “Is that what’s important? No. What’s important now is whether you agree to this trade or not.”

Jasper’s expression was solemn.

This was the biggest trap he found himself in ever since he started his business, excluding the loss he made when Harbor City and Quantum Funds had a conflict. This was also the first time he had made an error in his calculations, which was mainly because Gale’s setup had caught him off guard.

Jasper was not a god, and there would always be situations when the unexpected arose.

Still, he had to make a decision now.

Alban would not give him the time and chance to think it through.

Ever since Jasper stepped foot into this asset forum conference, he walked himself into a huge net made just for him.

At the same time, Henry was currently smoking under the non-smoking sign and ignoring the exasperated gazes of the servers around him. He looked over at Jasper and frowned slightly.

'Did something go wrong for my infidel brother-in-law?'

'Did something happen that he can't quite handle?'

Henry pondered. This was the first time he was seeing such a dark expression on Jasper's face. In contrast, there was a silly smile on Alban's face as he sat next to Jasper and talked to the other. The more Henry looked at that smile, the angrier Young Master Law felt.

Just then, Jasper's gaze fell on him.

Henry did not know how, but something clicked in his mind when the two locked eyes. His mind suddenly cleared and he instantly understood.

It was as if a voice was telling him that his infidel brother-in-law needed him!

Young Master Law tossed his cigarette away and snuffed it out with his foot, ignoring the small black burnt hole on the expensive carpet underneath his feet. Then, Henry walked over to the panel on stage.

Young Master Law was in an extremely good mood as he ignored the hopeless look of the few servers behind him as they stared at the carpet.

'The day has come, where I become my infidel brother-in-law's savior!'

'I'll show you today how cool your brother-in-law can be!'