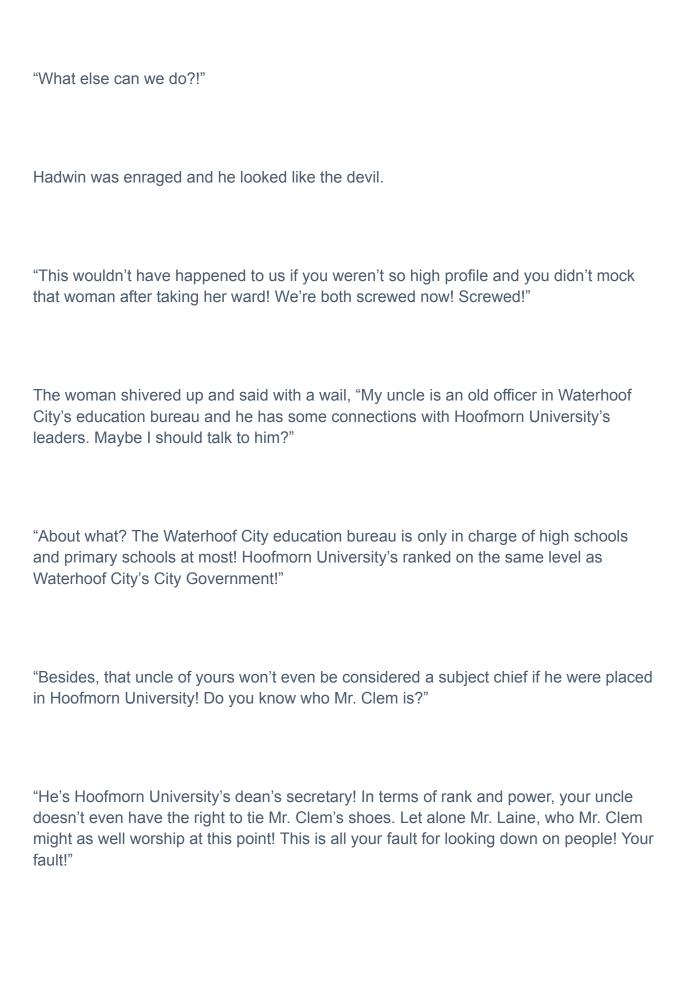
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Jasper nodded and walked into the inpatient department with Ms. Tiana.
"Will this cause more trouble for you, Jasper?" Ms. Tiana asked worriedly.
Jasper looked at the president and vice presidents that ran over to prepare a room for Ms. Tiana and smiled, "Something this small isn't any trouble at all, Ms. Tiana."
"Favors and connections are necessary in many aspects of our society right now, and this isn't something we can change. However, I'm sure that the situation will improve in the future. All we can do until then is do our best to protect ourselves."
Ms. Tiana nodded thoughtfully at Jasper's words.
After the group of people left alongside Jasper, Hadwin and the woman's legs completely gave out.
"Mr, Mr. Wheatley. What do we do now?" The woman sobbed to Hadwin.



The color drained from the woman's face after what she heard.
If Mr. Clem were personally helping Jasper, then even the president and his aides did not have the right to help Jasper set up the hospital room.
However, thanks to these leaders of the hospital, Ms. Tiana was arranged to stay in a special care VIP hospital room with the best professionals in the hospital soon gathering to diagnose her.
A treatment plan was produced within a day.
"Don't worry, Mr. Laine. The professionals have already looked at her. It's not too problematic and it's easy to treat. There's no life-threatening danger and she'll be able to move around like a normal person after resting a bit post-surgery."
Mr. Clem told Jasper in the hospital room's VIP reception area.
Having either money or power during such times brought plenty of benefits and privileges.

VIP hospital room was an example. Normal hospital rooms contained at least three r patients, where the scope of the patient's activity was limited to their small hospital
ever, the VIP room not only had a private for the patient to rest in, but there were a bedroom for care workers, a reception area for guests, and an independent room. There were also 24-hours on call nurses.
ght."
er nodded, finally smiling at Dorian.
nk you for the trouble, Mr. Clem."
an sighed and replied, "There's no need to thank me. What happened today was esult of our negligence."
per waved him off, not wishing to further dwell on this matter, and said, "The nership with Hoofmorn University has already officially begun, and the first batch of s will arrive immediately.

"However, I am a businessman at the end of the day, and profiting is still my goal. Therefore, I do hope that research results can be produced as soon as possible."

Dorian nodded and replied sternly, "Don't worry, Mr. Laine. Not only will our university do our best, but the officials at Swallow Capital really support us as well."

"We can request Swallow Capital for governmental technical support when the time comes. Considering all this, I'm sure we'll be able to produce good results as soon as possible."

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Jasper and Dorian chatted for another thirty minutes or so before the latter had to leave. Dorian had business to attend to, so he got up and excused himself after they arrived at an understanding.

Jasper did not hold him back and walked him out of the hospital room himself.

Jasper returned to the patient's room and pulled out an apple from the fruit basket sent over by the vice president of the hospital. Peeling the skin off the apple, Jasper joked.

"How important of us, Ms. Tiana. Other patients come into the hospital and think of ways to win the doctors over, while the vice president himself brings fruit over for us."

Ms. Tiana leaned against the headboard and told Jasper gently, "All thanks to you."
Jasper saw how healthy Ms. Tiana appeared, and took the initiative to ask, "Ms. Tiana. What about your kids?"
Ms. Tiana's expression changed and she replied after sighing, "There's no point talking about that unfilial son."
"Tell me anyway."
Jasper handed Ms. Tiana a peeled apple.
"I heard that he angered you so much you had to be sent to the hospital's emergency room."
Ms. Tiana replied sorrowfully, "He said he's too poor and he can't afford to pay his child's school fees. I gave him my old house and he said it wasn't enough. He knows that I'm managing the money from the foundation, so he wants me to transfer the money to him secretly.
"There's no way I'd do something like that.



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"But I'm not wrong."

Jeff shrugged then sat on the sofa bossily and continued, "That's what he did all those years, he's a poor student that ate and drank from our house. Besides, if I don't have a sense of propriety, isn't that your fault?"

"If I'm being real, Mom, you had this coming, no? You're in charge of so much money, so what's wrong with pulling out a few hundred thousand for me? You wouldn't need to come to the hospital if you just listened and gave me the money at the start."

Ms. Tiana replied painfully, "How many times do I have to tell you? This money is from the foundation to be used to support poor children who cannot afford to go to school. The only property I have is my house and you already forced me to give it to you. I don't have any more money."

"Tsk tsk."

Jeff's expression was one of disbelief and mockery. He turned his head and looked at the hospital room to say, "Don't give me that nonsense, Mom. I already asked before I came here, this VIP room alone costs a good few hundred bucks a day."
"Tsk tsk. I'm only earning 1100 Somer Dollars a month, and you're telling me that you don't have money?"
"How'd you manage to stay in such a nice hospital room if you didn't have money?"
"So you're telling me that your mom is supposed to live in those normal hospital rooms with other people? Whilst the better alternative she is enjoying must be because she took money from the foundation?" Jasper asked icily.
Jeff laughed out loud and replied, "That's not what I said. I also don't have the time to waste on reasoning with you people."
"Don't think that I don't know what you're thinking, Jasper. A poor student like you definitely haven't achieved anything yet, right?"
"You must've got your eyes on the money my mom is in charge of and you're here to get a piece of it too, right?"

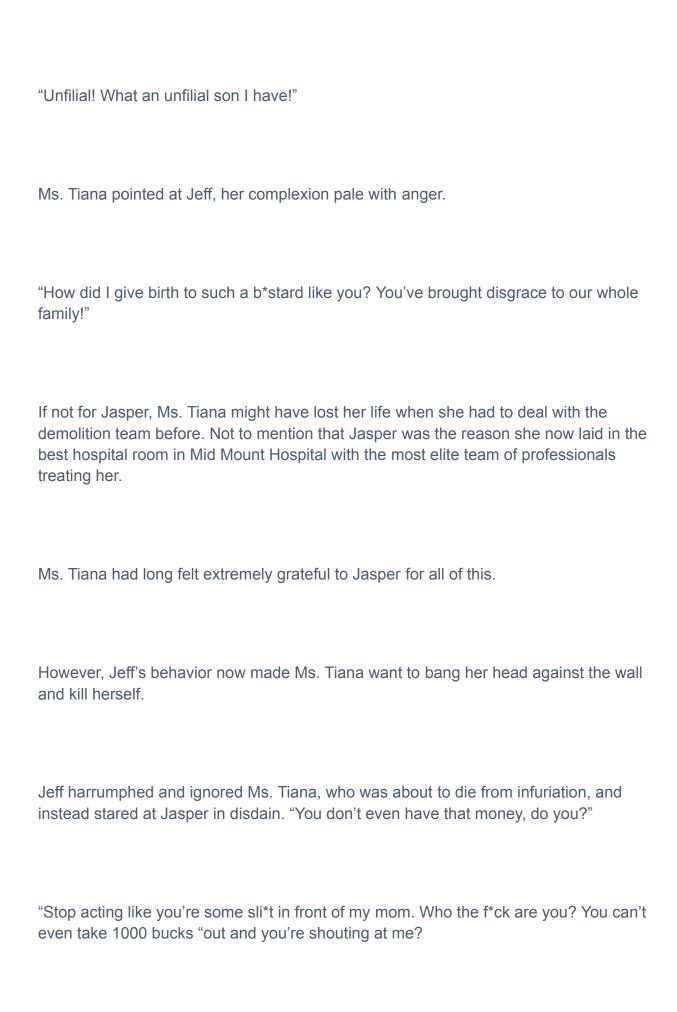
"You wish, I'm telling you! She is my mom! Only I have the right to ask her for money. You're just her student, so how do you have the gall to ask her for money?"
Jeff then pointed at Jasper and turned to tell Ms. Tiana, "I told you long ago, didn't I, Mom? I told you that as long as you have a bit of money, these f*ckers will all have their eyes on you! Don't be softhearted and fall for their lies. Especially not the lies of broke f*ckers like him!"
"Do you really have the heart to watch me be forced to live on the streets? Ava's going to divorce me if I don't bring money back! Do you want to see your son live single and alone for the rest of his life?"
Ms. Tiana heaved heavily and hit the hospital bed as she said, "You've disappointed me too much, Jeff! Go away, leave right now! I told you I don't have a single cent to spare for you!
"Your wife is your problem. If she wants to divorce you, then that's your own issue to deal with. I'm old and about to go for surgery. Have you ever even asked about my health?
"All you did is ask for money since you first walked through those doors. Is this how you treat your mother?"
"Get out! I don't have a son like you!"



"Look at this group of ungrateful children you taught, Mom. He's been eating our food for years and this is how he acts now! What kind of repayment is this?"
Then, Jeff seemed to have remembered something and shouted at Jasper, "My mom is your teacher and she even fed you all those years. Now that my mom's sick, you're coming here empty handed?"
"Don't you even understand that you need to come with money?"
"I want 500, no, at least 1000 bucks!"
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This sentence had emphasized j ust how shameless Jeff was.
Normal people did not take the initiative to ask someone to pay back a favor in cash.

Let alone in such an arrogant and matter of factly way. Ms. Tiana was the first person to

object. She could not accept her son's shamelessness.



"I'm telling you, you better get lost if you knew what's good for you. Otherwise, forget this 1000 bucks, I'll make you pay for the food you ate in my house too!"
These two sentences made Ms. Tiana explode. She raised her hand to throw the apply Jasper peeled for her at Jeff.
"Get out! Get out right now!"
Taken aback, the apple hit Jeff square in the face as juice spurted all over his head. He shouted at Ms. Tiana angrily, "How dare you throw things at me, old woman?!"
"How dare you throw an apple at me because of an outsider?"
"I call you mom because you gave birth to me and took care of me. But if you're treating me like this, then I won't even call you 'Mom'!"
"Why do I have to acknowledge you as my mom when you're throwing things at me because of an outsider? Give me 500 thousand and I'll sever all familial ties with you!"
Ms. Tiana panted and pointed at Jeff from where she sat on the bed and said, "Get out! Forget 500 thousand, I won't even spare you 5 cents! You rascal!"

"Yes, don't acknowledge me as your mom at all! I don't need a rascal like you for a son anyway! Get out right now!"
Jeff scoffed and raised his hand to wipe the juice off his face. "Fine, then! You want me to leave, right? Then I'll go back and tell the world about how horrible you treat me, old hag!"
"Don't you cherish your reputation the most? I'd like to see how you plan to live with your head held high once I ruin your reputation!"
"You keep saying that you can't use the foundation's money, so where did you get the money for such an expensive hospital room, then? You must've used that money!"
"You're already a dead woman walking at this point, so what's the point in holding on to that money? You'd rather hold on to money you won't have the time to enjoy instead of giving it to your son, me."
"How're you going to face my dad once you die, huh?"
"Are you done?"
Jasper interrupted Jeff's maddening shouts coldly.



question.

"But I have parents too. So, I'm really curious just what kind of b*stard child you have to be in order to say something like that to your mom."
Jeff's expression darkened at Jasper's questioning.
The man's words had touched the little shred of dignity he still had in him, and it made him feel mortified.
"As an outsider, I really didn't plan on interfering in your family issue, but there's something I have to tell you since it's the foundation you're targeting."
Jasper looked at Jeff and chuckled.
"The money in the foundation you have your eyes on belongs to me. It's my investment that your mother's managing, and she does not have the right to use this money as she wishes. Every single cent taken from this foundation has to undergo a professional review before it can be transferred."
"Of course, telling a rascal all this is pointless because people like you will never understand the management of a foundation's funds.

"All you know is probably the insignificant amount before your eyes that you equated with your mom's hard work."
As that moment, Jeff was too shocked to even get upset at the disdain in Jasper's tone.
He felt his blood vessels were about to burst.
Jeff was only so aggressive to his mother because he came to know that she was managing a total investment of 10 million worth of funds.
As far as Jeff was concerned, an amount of 10 million was pretty much beyond his imagination.
He did not think there was a problem in taking a small amount out of this mountain of funds.
However, he had never expected this investment to belong to Jasper.
'Doesn't this mean that the poor boy Mom brought home to feed every day before is already the owner of a huge business and has at least 10 million worth of assets?'

Jeff shuddered as if electrocuted when he thought of this.
"Bullsh*t! You haven't even seen so much f*cking money in your life before! You think you'd get to pull out that much money so easily?"
Jeff said in disbelief.
Jasper shook his head and replied calmly, "Whether you believe me or not doesn't matter. Why do I have to prove it to you?
"All you need to know is that I speak the truth, and your mom's right not to give you any money. That's all."
Then, Jasper shouted at the door.
"Jul."
"Right here!"



"He's hitting me! I'm getting beaten up! Is there no sense of order around here?! How dare you beat me up in broad daylight!
"Mom! Are you just going to watch me get beaten up?"
The man had just finished speaking when the hospital room opened again to reveal Mr. Knowles and a group of professionals.