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“Yes, the Laws are not unequaled, but does it mean that the Atticus family is?”

Henry looked at Fabian from the comers of his eyes and scoffed. He looked extremely arrogant.

“Atticus, I’ve disliked you for a very long time. You always look so peculiar. Who are you putting on this show for?”

“Do you think you’re all that because you know how to plot and scheme? You’re always behaving like God’s number one and you’re number two. Why? Did those losers from the second generation circle in Harbor City flatter you so much that you’ve grown to have an exaggerated opinion of your own abilities?”

Henry’s words caused Fabian’s face to turn extremely dark. No one dared to speak to him this way throughout his entire life.

However, Fabian soon turned his anger into laughter and said while pointing at Henry, “Alright Very good, Henry. You’re ballsy. I hope you won’t regret saying those things!”

“Idiot!”

Henry scoffed and cursed.

“Do you think I came all the way here to talk sh*t with you?”

“Well, I want to see what else you’ll do,” Fabian replied.

“Look how thick-skinned you are. You really think you’re all that, huh?”

Henry smiled evilly and turned his head to look at Alex. He said, “Do you dare to have a go at him?”

Alex swallowed his saliva as his eyes filled with fear and excitement.

“Of course! Damn, we’re here anyway. It’ll be the same no matter if I have a go at him or not, no? I’ll be able to do whatever I want in the second generation circle in Harbor City if I win, and if I don’t, then I guess I’ll spend the rest of my life in bed.”

After Alex said that, he turned around and took out a container of gasoline from the trunk of the sport’s car.

“What are you doing?” Fabian asked coldly as he narrowed his eyes and stared at the container of gasoline in Alex’s hands.

“What are we doing?”

Henry laughed and said arrogantly, “I am not happy with Empire Meet, so I want to burn it to the ground.”

After Henry said that, Alex cried out and opened the lid of the container to splash the gasoline onto the villa grounds.

“Stop him!” Fabian yelled angrily.

Immediately, more than ten bodyguards surrounded Alex.

Fabian had a lot of loyal people under him. Therefore, when they saw Alex carrying the container, about to splash it, some of them who were brave even used their bodies to block the liquid.

Even the Fabian’s bodyguards knew that if Henry and Alex set fire to Empire Meet today, Fabian would not be able to show his face in the second generation circle in Harbor City anymore.

He would become a laughing stock.

Fabian was such a proud person. How was he supposed to endure this kind of humiliation?

He stared straight at Henry and said coldly, "Henry, I don't have any beef with you. I only have grievances with Jasper so do you really need to stick your neck out like this?!"

"Do you think you can protect him just by doing this? You're too childish."

Henry grinned and said, "Protect him? You're overthinking things."

"You're always plotting and scheming. I think you must have damaged your brain after doing all that, huh?"

"How much f*cking money did you lose to Jasper over the past few days? You're even about to sell your underwear, right? Yet, you say I want to protect him when you're in this state?"

"Let's be honest, I genuinely think you're a tough one to handle, but from the looks of things now, you're not really anything special."

“You won’t be able to win against Jasper when it comes to strategy. Now that I’m standing right in front of you, you’re telling me that there’s no need for me to stick my neck out like this.”

“Me. Atticus, if you’re scared, you can apologize to me. If I’m in a good mood, I might let you off the hook.”

Fabian looked at Henry as his eyes turned from angry to calm.

After Henry finished saying that, his eyes turned completely icy.

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“Alright, it’s just an apology. Mr. Law, I, Fabian Atticus, have made a mistake. I hope you can forgive me.”

What Fabian said felt like a bolt from the blue.

Fabian’s bodyguards at the scene looked at him in disbelief. Then, they a look of grief and indignation spread over their faces. It seemed as if they were willing to lose their lives for their humiliated master.

Alex was also stunned.

Meanwhile, Henry had an alarmed look on his face as well, much less Alex.

Henry was just fooling around and decided to ask Fabian to apologize spontaneously.

He never expected Fabian to actually do as he was told. However, who would have expected Fabian to admit defeat so quickly.

After spacing out for a while, Henry laughed and said, “Mr. Atticus, you’re really something else. Are you really going to throw away your entire image and all your prestige?”

Fabian replied flatly, “Image and prestige are usually the most worthless things.”

Even though he said that, Fabian was simultaneously hiding the anger in the deepest part of his eyes very well.

It was just like a volcano that was about to erupt, but Fabian used his strong self-control to stop it by sheer force.

If this was any other day, Fabian would have shed all pretense of cordiality with Henry.

Fabian was above everyone in the second-generation circle in Harbor City, and this was not by chance. Fabian's ability was far superior to his peers.

When Kayden suffered greatly that day and decided to let it slide, Fabian's ability was put on display for everyone to see.

However, that was then. Things were different now. Fabian pumped all of the resources and assets under his name into the United States stock market. After his dispute with Jasper over the past few days, he did not have much left.

At this critical moment, Henry came to him looking for trouble. It was as if they had based their fangs while he was at his weakest.

Therefore, Fabian could only suffer this grievance and endure it

The time was not right. Even if he wanted to avenge himself, he would have to wait until this difficult period was over.

Once he took care of Jasper, Henry would be nothing. After Fabian thought of this, he decided to admit defeat and apologize decisively.

In other words, he was scared!

However, he was not scared of Henry. He was scared to be affected by Henry, causing him to lose to Jasper completely during the main battle. It was clear which one was the priority now.

“I’ve given you the apology and respect you want. If you still feel that it’s not enough, you can do whatever you want with the dog under your foot I won’t have any objections.”

Fabian did not even look at Matt when he said that. Matt felt as if he had plunged into an icy cave after he looked at Fabian, who was being so cruel and heartless.

Fabian was his last shred of hope. He did not expect Fabian to abandon him when they were in trouble.

“Mr. Atticus, you can’t do this. I’ve been loyal to you and I’ve done everything you asked me to. If you abandon me right now, who else would dare to work for you in the future?”

Matt did not care about his fear toward Fabian during this critical moment, hence he started yelling.

“What did I ask you to do? Why am I not aware of it?”

Fabian looked at Matt frigidly and said, “Think before you speak. If not, you’ll not be the only one dead. Your family will be implicated too. Do you understand what I mean?”

After Fabian said that, Matt felt like a duck that was being grabbed by the throat. He could not utter a single word.

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His face changed.

Finally, Matt collapsed on the ground limply as if someone had removed his spine. He did not say anything, and he did not dare to blame Fabian for abandoning him. He knew that if he kept spewing nonsense, his family would be in trouble too.

Thus, Matt could only submit to his fate when he was faced with such firm threats. This was because Matt did not have the slightest capital to fight back against Henry or Fabian.

This was the sorrow of the weak. There was no right or wrong between the weak and the strong.

Matt, who was already on the ground, curled himself up like a dead dog. His body started shaking gently as he sobbed silently.

He was a man, and he was a man with some power, yet, he was reduced to this state when he faced with Fabian and Henry.

However, no one at the scene felt that this was inappropriate.

This was the reality of society!

“Is this enough?” Fabian said while looking at Henry.

“Yes, you’re so sincere.”

Henry smiled brightly.

It was not easy to make Fabian bow his head. However, after the smile, Henry’s face suddenly became cold.

“However, I still decided to do what I initially intended.”

Fabian flew into a rage after he heard that.

“Henry, don’t go overboard!”

Henry looked at Fabian with a cold smile. He taunted Fabian, “Why? I told you I might let you off the hook if I’m in a good mood after you apologize. However, I feel that I’m still in a bad mood!”

When Fabian heard that, he pushed the bodyguard in front of him away and walked straight to Henry.

He walked over slowly such that Alex, who was standing next to Henry, felt the hair on his body standing up.

It felt as if a primitive beast on the verge of killing its prey was walking toward them rather than a human. Alex, who was timid, took a step back subconsciously. However, he immediately bumped into Howard.

Alex was startled and he turned his head to see Howard’s disdainful gaze looking down on him.

Howard's gaze hurt Alex, the latter of which had only just been dreaming about shooting to fame overnight.

Alex soon spat on the ground, it seemed that he was also mad at himself for being such a disappointment. Thus, Alex lifted his head and puffed his chest out before standing his ground. A moment later, he grabbed the gasoline and stared straight at Fabian.

However, Fabian was not bothered by him at all. He did not even look at Alex as he walked toward Henry.

When he stood still in front of Henry, Fabian said faintly, "Henry, respect is very important if you want to stay in the circle."

"Tonight, you're the one who barged through my door. I've shown you the respect and recognition you wanted. However, if you insist on pursuing this matter further, don't blame me for having a fall-out with you."

Henry smirked and said, "Oh, Mr. Atticus is still not convinced, huh?"

As he said that, Henry got close to Fabian and said coldly, "Why don't you show me how you'll have a fall out with me?"

“I’ve seen an idiot fall flat on his face but I’ve never seen a fall-out before. Why don’t you teach me something new today?”

As he said that, Henry straightened his back and chuckled coldly while he looked at Fabian. He continued, “Stop being such a poser. Everyone knows who you are and who I am, so why are we still doing this?”

“If you genuinely decide to fight me to death, you wouldn’t have said that cowardly statement just now. Right, Mr. Atticus?”

Fabian looked at Henry and laughed suddenly.

“Back then, I only saw you as a brainless second generation, the kind that I could kill easy as pie. However, I guess I’ve underestimated you. Similar to Kayden, you’re one of the descendants of the four rich families.”

Henry was slightly stunned and then he laughed and replied, “You place regard me so highly, Mr. Atticus. “I’m just a normal lad. You need to thank the people around me for setting me up.”

After Henry said that, he tilted his head. “Alex, why are you still standing there? Go light the place up!”

“Splash the gasoline all over the villa. If anyone wants to stop you, let him. We’ll see who genuinely will risk their lives for Mr. Atticus when you light the fire. At the same time, we will be the good guys and help Mr. Atticus see which of his dogs are the most loyal.”

After Henry said that, Fabian looked at Alex suddenly. His gaze was as cold as a blade.

Alex kept swallowing his saliva. He wanted to move, but the container in his hand felt as if it weighed a ton. It was so heavy it was making it a little difficult for him to move his fingers.

To be honest, Alex was really scared. This was Empire Meet!

Before today, Alex would never imagine that he would bring a container of gasoline to this place to light Empire Meet on fire in front of Fabian.

A few seconds ago, he was still very vigorous as he was immersed in the beautiful dream of shooting to fame overnight. However, now that it was time to take action, he was a little scared.

Meanwhile, Henry was scolding this good-for-nothing for being a huge disappointment when he sensed Alex’s fear.

Right now, they were doing this because they were mad. If he was still mad, his awe-inspiring authority would be able to defeat Fabian.

However, if he was not mad anymore, he would revert back to his old self. Fabian would not need to do anything and he would get the upper hand.

Why did Henry drag this dead dog along today?

He wanted to criticize Fabian violently and pressure him while they were still riding that high.

From the looks of it now, the effect was pretty good.

Fabian did not have anything on hand to fight back, and that was why he was not so confident right now.

Regardless, now that it had come to this, neither Henry nor Fabian could turn back now.

However, Alex started to feel scared at this critical moment, which might screw everything up. This made Henry have the urge to go over and slap Alex heavily across the face.

Fabian started to display a cold smile on the corners of his lips.

He knew that Alex was terrified, and that this would be the key for him to turn the situation around.

However, at this moment, another hand pulled the container away from Alex's hand.

"Henry, if this coward doesn't dare to do it, let me."

At this critical moment, Howard stepped forward. After Howard said that, he did not wait for Henry's reply. He carried the container and strode toward the villa.

After he moved. All of the bodyguards started to move as well.

It was as if Howard could not see them. He grabbed the container and threw away the lid before splashing the gasoline around furiously.

A few of the bodyguards wanted to go snatch the container away from Howard in a moment of desperation. However, with Howard's figure, he was able to send two to three bodyguards flying with just a wave of his arm.

“Back away!”

Fabian roared and stopped his bodyguards who were starting to get restless and increasingly desperate to take action.

While Fabian said that, he was staring straight at Henry.

“I’m going to stand here today. I want to see who has the balls to light Empire Meet on fire!”

After he said that, Fabian turned around and walked to the door of the villa. He stepped on the gasoline that had flowed to his feet and looked at Henry coldly. Then, he curled his lips into a mocking grin.

“Henry Law, aren’t you the devil incarnate who’s not afraid of anything? Come, I’m standing here right now. Light me up!”

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Fabian’s action caused the expression on Henry’s face to freeze for the first time tonight.

This was beyond Henry's expectations.

At this moment, he wanted badly to press pause and call Jasper to ask him what he should do.

Before he departed, Jasper told him so many things, including what he needed to do and say. Jasper instructed him on what he should do in all kinds of different situations.

Even though Jasper had not met Matt or Fabian, he predicted what their reactions would be.

That was why Henry was able to handle this matter so skillfully and easily.

Even though Henry's growth during this period also played a huge role in this, the key factor was Jasper's accurate predictions. It seemed that he had perfectly predicted how Fabian would react in every situation.

How was Fabian supposed to win in this kind of setting?

However, Fabian still did the unexpected after they managed to predict everything before this to a tea.

He stood in front of the villa and bet on the fact that Henry would not dare to light the fire.

If Henry lit the fire, Fabian would die right here.

Even if Henry had an impressive background and amazing abilities, he would need to suffer the consequences for this crime.

The Laws were powerful, but the Atticus family were no pushovers.

This would easily become a battle where the two families fought to the death. No one would be able to do anything to stop them.

The Laws would definitely protect Henry, but if the Atticus family lost Fabian, how would they be willing to just let this go?

Therefore, at this moment, his decision might just escalate to a battle of death between two rich families that would send the entirety of Harbor City into chaos.

As such, Henry was stunned. At the same time, he was impressed by Fabian.

This sudden action was indeed impressive.

Meanwhile, Fabian spotted all of Henry's expressions. As he stood in front of the villa with his feet in the puddle of gasoline, Fabian said calmly, "Henry, either you light me up along with this villa, or you get the hell out!"

Henry narrowed his eyes and did not say anything.

To be honest, he genuinely wanted to turn around and leave.

So what if it was embarrassing? The shame would not be that bad considering he managed to force Fabian into this state.

He had revealed the true form of this poser, and in this situation, no one would laugh at him if he turned around and left. Moreover, Henry believed that if Jasper were here, he would do the same too.

They would not go all the way if they were trying to do something. This was the hidden rule in the circle of the second generation.

None of the families would be able to bear it if they accidentally killed someone. They could argue and fight, but there was still a limit when it came to conducting their business.

Coincidentally, Henry had been a devil incarnate for so many years that he knew his limits very well. He would make people hate him, but they would not dare to risk everything to seek revenge against him because they were scared of the Laws' power. Even the before him worm did not retaliate, so what more those families?

However, so many years had passed as the number of second generations that Henry had bullied were numerous enough form a union. Even so, Henry was still fine.

This was not just because the Laws were powerful, but also because Henry knew his limits.

He never truly caused anything irreversible.

“Henry, why don't we just leave it at that?”

At this moment, Alex was terrified and felt remorseful.

Just a small spark would be able to cause a fire that would devour this villa and the entirety of Harbor City.

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He said to Henry carefully, “We’ve already won tonight. Who would have expected Fabian to act so shamelessly and take the bullet himself? We’ll applaud him for being ballsy, but we still didn’t lose. It’s not worth causing something major over this.”

After Alex said that, Henry’s face became dark, and he did not say anything.

However, Henry internally agreed with what Alex said, “Indeed, it would not be worth it.”

However, what Fabian said next caused Henry to stop in his tracks just as he was about to walk away.

“So what if you’re a Law? Old Master Law is a formidable character indeed. Everyone in Harbor City and even Somerland respects and admires him, me included. Even so, Henry, you still have a long way to go.”

“So what if he’s Jasper Laine? He’s just a nouveau riche with a little bit of power. He might be able to defeat me for now, but can he defeat me forever? Soon, he’ll kneel in front of me and beg for my mercy.”

“I heard that the Laws value Jasper a lot, and I heard your sister, Anna, has a special relationship with him? Haha, too bad, you got the wrong person.”

Fabian stared at Henry as he vented all of the dismay and anger he had accumulated in his heart over the past few days without restraint.

“Today, I can make you f*ck off. Tomorrow, the day after tomorrow, in ten years, or in twenty years, you will have to bow your head in front of me. Henry, if you have the balls, you’d light the fire. If you do, I’ll applaud you for having balls of steel.”

“If you don’t have the balls to do it, then don’t be so arrogant and don’t end up regretting it. You will only have one chance to do this in your life!”

“Do you really think you’re all that because you’ve grown? You’re just like Jasper, destined to be a loser under me!”

After Fabian said all of that, he felt much better.

Yet, Henry’s face was extremely dark.

It never crossed Fabian’s mind that he should not speak to Henry in such a disrespectful tone.

A young master like Henry was fearless when he wanted to be. He would even flip off God if he was blinded by rage. There was no expression on Henry's face; He looked so cold it was horrifying.

Alex could only feel a buzzing in his head right now.

At this moment, he really wanted to take out a piece of feces from the base of his pants to stuff into Fabian's mouth.

Other people might not understand Henry, but as his friend who grew up with him, Alex knew the man too well.

Whenever Mr. Law displayed this expression, it would mean something major was about to happen.

The last time Henry wore this expression was when a blind and foolish second-generation assailed Anna with Obscenities after she had just come back from studying abroad.

After Henry learned about this, he drove to that second-generation's home in the middle of the night and dragged him out of bed. Then, he beat that guy so badly that he became a paraplegic.

If Anna did not say anything that time, Henry might have even beat that wealthy second-generation to death.

Henry was severely punished by Zachary for two days straight after that incident, and he was also grounded for half a year.

Henry suffered a lot of beatings in his life, but at that time, he did not make a sound nor beg for mercy. He endured everything head on.

“H-Henry, don’t listen to him. Let’s go, okay? Please?” Alex sounded as if he was about to cry.

Henry looked at Alex coldly and said, “If you want to leave, you can leave yourself.”

After Henry said that, he pushed the dumbfounded Alex away and extended his hand toward Fabian.

Then, he slowly raised his thumb.

“Fabian, you’re such a badass.”

Unfortunately, something unexpected had happened as Henry was about to deliver a cool one-liner.

While he was knitting his eyebrows together, Henry slowly took out a cigarette and put it between his lips. As he was looking for the lighter, a large hand with a lit lighter approached him from one side.