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After hearing Jasper's words, Hector and Jacob felt rather touched.

Flattered, Hector immediately plastered a smile across his face. "It's all thanks to your detailed plan, Mr. Laine. We were just doing as you said. We didn't do much," he said.

Jasper smiled and replied, "Although I was the one who prepared the script, you guys needed to act your part well for this to work. Otherwise, this act wouldn't have succeeded.

"According to our agreement, you guys can take 30% of the 500 million dollars that Sebastian Walker lost tonight, and the rest will be transferred to the account that I have given you guys by tomorrow."

Hector and Jacob felt their eyes twitch after listening to what Jasper said.

They were not shocked because the sum was too small. Rather, it was too large.

They had previously thought that it would be good enough if they managed to squeeze out a hundred million dollars from Sebastian Walker via his gambling. In that case, they would get 30% of it, which would amount to thirty million dollars. It was not a large sum.

However, they had obtained 500 million dollars now. 30% of the sum was more than a hundred million dollars. They did not dare to ask for such a large sum of money.

"Mr. Laine, that's way too much. We didn't do much. Why don't we take 10%..."

Jasper interjected Hector while he was speaking. “There’s no need for this. I told you that I’d give you the money. No matter how much the amount, I’ll give you the share that we agreed upon. This is what the two of you deserve. Jim Yapp will send someone to contact you for the transfer of his company shares tomorrow.”

Jasper then stood up and walked toward the door. “Wrap up everything nicely over here. I’m busy with other stuff, so I’ll be going first,” he said.

Jasper led Julian out of the villa suavely.

Hector and Jacob met eyes. The excitement in their gazes was evident.

This was more than a hundred million dollars!

For a young man from a wealthy family like Hector Combe, this was an extravagant sum. Although the Combes were wealthy, Hector’s personal assets did not even reach a hundred million dollars!

However, he now had everything in the blink of an eye!

Hector felt like he was caught in a fever dream.

“Is this what it feels like to ride someone else’s coattails? This is f\*cking amazing,” Hector mumbled.

Jacob gave their tasks more thought. He told Hector, “We should contact the two trustees that you found and tell them about the remaining tasks. After that, we’ll give them more money so that they can leave Swallow Capital and go overseas immediately. It’ll be best if they never returned for the rest of their lives.”

Hector immediately nodded. “Right, this is an urgent matter!”

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Morning sunlight filtered into the restaurant through the tall floor-to-ceiling windows. Jasper and Dawson were chatting about the order of incidents that had occurred over these past few days.

“Sebastian Walker is done for,” Jasper said matter-of-factly.

Dawson was dazed after listening to what he said.

Dawson knew how hard it was to go against someone like Sebastian Walker. Strictly speaking, although there were many unknown factors surrounding the battle ten years ago, it was a known fact that he had lost to Sebastian.

However, Jasper had managed to defeat Sebastian in just a few days' time.

Dawson played out Jasper's plan in his mind repeatedly as Jasper briefed him about his entire scheme.

“Your plan was actually not that complicated. You succeeded because you managed to grasp the fatal flaw in Sebastian's nature. In the eyes of someone that has experienced it firsthand in the past, this scheme wasn't exceptionally complex.

“However, you did something that most people wouldn't. You centered your plan around the contextual circumstances and conditions. You came up with a plan that was tailored specifically to Sebastian Walker's unique characteristics. It would have been hard for him to not to fall for it. Excellent. This is simply excellent.”

Dawson praised him from the bottom of his heart.

Previously, he was just satisfied with Jasper. After all, Jasper was still a little too young and needed more real-world experience.

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Unknowingly, Jasper's achievements had already surpassed his own.

Dawson was both amazed and delighted. It seemed as if the heavens were not treating him too bad as they had delivered an impeccable future son-in-law like Jasper to his side.

Jasper laughed. "In truth, I had used some shady tricks. I could only resort to unscrupulous methods since I wanted to defeat him effectively within a short period of time. Alas, it was a disreputable plan, so it's nothing worth being proud of," he said.

Nevertheless, Dawson shook his head and said, "You're wrong. Regardless of the method that you used, the only criterion that determines success is the ability to achieve your goals.

"Winners all reach the top by stepping over the dead bodies of those that they have defeated. When that happens, people will just see their brilliant glory. Not many people would bother to look into their past."

Jasper nodded. Just as he was about to say something, a middle-aged man walked into the restaurant.

The man glanced at the table where Jasper and Dawson were seated at, then rushed toward them immediately.

Jasper knew this person. He was Chris Quarles. He seemed to get along with Dawson pretty well in the industry forum some time ago.

"Dawson, did you hear the news?!"

Chris sat down at their table with a shocked expression on his face. He turned around to face Dawson and spoke in a direct manner.

“Sebastian Walker is doomed!”

Dawson chuckled. “Has everyone found out?” He asked.

Chris smacked his thigh and said, “How can such a big issue be hidden from us? Sebastian Walker said that he wanted to hold another meeting today in order to specify the industry standards and the details regarding the election of the chairman of the board.

“Alas, we waited for a long time, but he didn’t show up. After that, we received the news regarding the closure of all of Kaymaroon’s supermarkets. The news also said that a lot of suppliers and private loan companies were looking for Sebastian Walker! “

Chris’s eyes glazed over in admiration. He lowered his voice and said, “You guys may not know about this. It is rumored that Sebastian offended a powerful man. That man was the one who caused him to go bankrupt.”

Jasper chuckled upon hearing what he said. News sure spread quickly within the business world. “Who’s this powerful man?” He could not help but ask him.

Upon hearing Jasper’s question, Chris spoke in an elder’s tone, “We don’t know either. We only heard that he is an extremely powerful man whose authority extends to the ends of the world. Thinking about it, if he didn’t have a strong background, how could he destroy Kaymaroon in just a few days’ time?

“That’s why young people like you should act humbler and keep a low profile outside. Don’t get on anyone’s bad side, because you’ll never know if the person that you’ve offended has the support of someone powerful. By then, you won’t even have the chance to feel regret. Do you hear what I say, young man?”

Just as Jasper was about to say something, Julian walked into the restaurant. “Brother Laine, Hector Combe is here. He wanted to ask you if you’re interested in Kaymaroon. If you’re interested, he can obtain full acquisition of Kaymaroon and hand it to you as a gift,” he told Jasper in a hushed voice.

Jasper pondered upon it for a while. “Should I give you a present?” He asked Dawson with a grin.

Jasper did not wait for Dawson to give him a reply. He held up a piece of tissue and dabbed at his mouth. After that, he got up and spoke to Chris, who was sitting down with a stupefied expression etched onto his face. “I have something to do, Mr. Quarles, so I’ll be leaving first. Your advice is absolutely right. I’ll make sure to remember it always,” he said.

After speaking, Jasper followed Julian’s lead. They went to meet up with Hector.

Chris felt like a fool afterward. He sat there and stared blankly into space for some time. He then turned around to look at Dawson, who was slowly enjoying his breakfast, with much difficulty. “It was Jasp...” he uttered slowly.

“He was the one who did everything,” Dawson chuckled. He loved looking at the expression on Chris’s face right now. “It’s a blessing to have such a capable future son-in-law,” he said in satisfaction.

Ring ring ring. Chris and Dawson’s phones rang simultaneously.

They picked up their phones. They had both gotten the same message from the person on the other at the end of the call.

Sebastian Walker committed suicide by jumping off a building.

He had breathed his last by the time people discovered his body.

Chris's mind buzzed loudly. He visualized Jasper's kind and warm face in his mind. He felt like he had just come face-to-face with God himself without knowing it.

"I... I've lived my life in total vain!"

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Jasper met Hector, who was waiting for him patiently in the hotel reception room.

"What happened?" Jasper got straight to the point.

"Sebastian Walker is dead," Hector said in a courteous tone.

Jasper was only just learning about this news. He frowned and asked, "He died just like that? Was it suicide?"

"Yes, I received the news half an hour ago. His body must have been transported to the morgue by now," Hector replied

"What a weak man," Jasper remarked. "Since he's dead, let it be. What does this have to do with what you told me?" He asked.

"I didn't expect for him to commit suicide just like that. I guess he didn't want to feel tortured. After receiving this news, I realized that we could do a lot in this situation," Hector replied hurriedly.

"Previously, Sebastian Walker held all the company's shares under the name of a distant relative last year in order to avoid loan risks. I know that relative. He listens to our orders well. Now that Sebastian is dead, Kaymaroon is fully owned by him in a nominal sense."

Hector's gaze flashed with glee as he lowered his voice and said, "I can transfer all those shares to your name, Mr. Laine."

Jasper sat on the sofa and looked at Hector with a small smile on his lips. "Kaymaroon's market value is around 4 billion dollars. Although it is now debt-ridden, there will be at least 2 billion in assets left after paying off the debts. Are you going to give it away just like that? Are you not tempted yourself?" He questioned.

Hector immediately explained, "We believe that maintaining a long-term cooperative relationship with Mr. Laine will bring much greater benefits than Kaymaroon."

Hector then continued to speak in an awkward tone, "Besides, to be honest, the two of us may be able to operate a company in the entertainment and media industry due to our family relations. However, we have no idea how to operate a company in the supermarket industry. Furthermore, Kaymaroon is such a large-scale company."

Jasper stared at Hector without responding. He seemed to be gauging the legitimacy of his words.

Hector's heart lurched as he felt Jasper's intense gaze fixated on him.

The truth was, before they came over, the Combe brothers and their father had discussed how best to deal with Kaymaroon.

The brothers had initially proposed taking the entire company for themselves. Even if they did not know how to operate it, they could still earn a large sum of money by selling it off.

However, this proposal was firmly opposed by Hendrik Combe.

From his perspective, this was an investment, or an entry permit. It was a ticket to board a big ship in the form of Jasper Laine!



The Combes would obtain greater benefits than this in the future.

Hendrik was quick to reject their proposal as he had way more experience than both of his sons. Furthermore, he was in a sensitive position, thus he had access to a lot of information that others did not.

Therefore, he understood just how terrifying the power that Jasper wielded was.

Hector also did not tell Jasper about something more important.

Jasper simply wanted to bring down Sebastian Walker. However, nobody knew about his true intentions when it came to Kaymaroon.

If the Combes angered Jasper by keeping Kaymaroon for themselves, what could they do?

Hector had thus decided to look for Jasper due to his worries and considerations.

“I’ll give you two choices,” Jasper said.

Hector raised his head to look at Jasper. The heaviness in his heart gradually vanished. It seemed like he had made the right move this time.

“Firstly, I could invest 1 billion dollars to acquire Kaymaroon’s shares. Although its market value is at least 2 billion dollars, it won’t be easy to sell the company off. Since this is the case, you guys won’t lose any money.

“Secondly, you can merge the entertainment company under the both of your names into Easy Media, and I will allocate 30% of the shares of Easy Media to the two of you.”

Even a fool knew that it would be wiser to choose the first choice. It was a cash transaction whereby they would gain both money and goods.

Nevertheless, Hector responded without hesitation, “I choose the second choice!”

If he chose the first choice, it would be a one-off transaction between both parties. After the transaction, they would both go their separate ways.

However, things would be different if he chose the shares. The Combes appeared to have lost out if they took the second choice, but Hector knew that Easy Media would become one of the country’s largest entertainment companies in the long term.

When that time comes, owning 30% of the company’s shares would be beyond valuable.

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Most importantly, this meant that the Combes would be in a mutually beneficial relationship with Jasper. They would become allies.

Hendrik had advised him to do this repeatedly before he left the house earlier.

Even so, Jasper was not surprised by Hector’s choice.

Given the Combes’ stable position and their copious amount of property, they were definitely not a short-sighted family.

Jasper could tell this from the way they went against Sebastian, who was their relative, without the slightest hesitation, and chose to work together with Jasper.

Profits were their main priority.

People like this were extremely sly and smart. Nevertheless, they were the easiest to control as well.

As long as he showed them sufficient benefits and the horrors of betrayal, they would remain his most loyal subordinates.

Jasper laughed as he stood up and extended his hand toward Hector. "To be honest, I wish that you'd chosen the first option, but since you've made your choice, let's work together," he said.

Suppressing the excitement in his heart, Hector clasped Jasper's hand with both of his hands. "Definitely!" He exclaimed.

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After Hector left, Jasper returned to Dawson's room. To his surprise, Chris was still there.

"Mr. Laine... Nice to meet you, Mr. Laine."

Chris bounced off his chair the moment he saw Jasper enter the room. He proceeded to greet him cautiously.

"You're being way too polite, Mr. Quarles," Jasper grinned.

Chris laughed along with him while he secretly gave Jasper a once-over.

He looked at his face and contemplated his personality.

No matter how he looked at him, Jasper looked like a completely ordinary person to him.

He was simply incredible. He managed to end Sebastian's life in the blink of an eye.

What kinds of skills did one need to have in order to do such a thing?

How old was he?

Jasper could not care less about the rich emotional drama that was playing out in Chris's mind. "Uncle Schuler, I intend to acquire Kaymaroon so that Schuler Corporations can take over its market. That way, you won't have any competitors in the national supermarket industry," he told Dawson.

Dawson frowned and said, "Kaymaroon is larger than Schuler Corporations. If we take over their market, we may not be able to operate well."

Jasper chuckled. "It's alright, we can just spend more time and allocate funds to sort out the matter," he said.

"Sure, but only under one condition," Dawson said after thinking about it for a bit.

"Uncle Schuler, there's no need to come up with conditions with it comes to the two of us. You can just tell me directly," Jasper said.

"Have JW Capital acquire 50% of Schuler Corporations' shares," Dawson suddenly said.

Jasper was stunned. He would never have expected Dawson to make such a request.

"Uncle Schuler, it seems like you're regarding me as an outsider," Jasper remarked.

Dawson waved his hand and said in a solemn voice, "Putting our personal relationship aside, business is still business. I'll have a big advantage if I exchange 50% of Schuler Corporations' shares for Kaymaroon.

“In any case, this will all belong to the two of you in the future. I’m just giving you some of it in advance. I’ve already made my decision,” Dawson said.

“Sure. In that case, I’ll let Wendy hold onto part of these shares in my stead,” Jasper said while sighing.

Dawson smiled as he poked Jasper. “This kid. You’re so slick,” he said.

Chris, who was seated beside them, did not dare to utter a single word. He had unintentionally witnessed the birth of the leading company in the domestic supermarket industry.

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Although there were some changes to the plan, at its core, it was still very much on track.

Schuler Corporations started as a company in the supermarket industry. Although, its acquisition of Kaymaroon was as though a small snake were swallowing an entire elephant, both companies were still from the same industry. Therefore, there would be no need for acclimatization.

Furthermore, Kaymaroon did not have a leader now that Sebastian was dead. In a situation like that, Schuler Corporations’ acquisition of Kaymaroon would not be faced with any problems.

In order to maximize Kaymaroon’s strength, Jasper and Dawson would be carrying out a joint investment to pay off Kaymaroon’s total debt, which amounted up to more than a billion dollars.

The merger between the country's leading supermarket company and Schuler Corporations caused an uproar within the industry.

After all, there had been no news of the merger previously. Sebastian committed suicide all of a sudden during his peak, while Kaymaroon's debt crisis soon followed suit. After that, Schuler Corporations announced that they had obtained all of Kaymaroon's shares and were going to formally acquire the company.

Before everyone could wrap their heads around this, both companies had already begun the handover process.

People now looked at Dawson Schuler differently.

Some even suspected that the man had something to do with Sebastian's death. Nevertheless, nobody had any evidence.

After Sebastian's death, Dawson became the leading figure in the domestic supermarket industry. However, he did not mention the establishment of industry standards, nor did he intend to become the chairman of the board.

As a result, the noise around the matter eventually quietened down. It was as if nothing had ever happened.

All that remained was to come up with the details regarding how the merger between Kaymaroon and Schuler Corporations should take place, and how to operate both companies to their fullest potential within the shortest possible time. In this regard, Jasper did not intervene much anymore.

"Why do I keep having the feeling that the two of you are hiding something from me?" Wendy asked while staring at Jasper suspiciously.

Jasper laughed. "You're so smart. How can I hide anything from you?" He asked.

Wendy was not fooled by Jasper's sugarcoated words. She huffed and said, "Although my father has been extremely busy these past few days, he has been

exceptionally energetic and passionate. He seemed so much happier than he was in the past. He was smiling in front of everyone!”

“Isn’t that a good thing?” Jasper joked. “You wouldn’t want to see him moping about everyday, right?”

“You’re so annoying!” Wendy exclaimed, glaring at Jasper. Since he kept avoiding the topic and seemed reluctant to tell her more, she did not bother trying to get to the bottom of it.

Thus, Wendy changed the topic. “Are you really going to send me to school today?” She asked excitedly.

“Yes, I’ll send you since I’m free today. I’ll be busy from tomorrow onward,” Jasper replied.

It had been half a month since Schuler Corporation acquired Kaymaroon. He had received some news from the Combes yesterday.

They told him that the higher-ups had decided to hold the gala in advance, and so, this task naturally fell on shoulders of Easy Media as they were the main organizer.

As a result, this made it even more difficult for him to cope with their tight schedule. Without much choice, Jasper resorted to asking Advent Entertainment Group to send most of their staff over to help out.

The venue confirmation, venue decoration, gala program arrangement, and the lineup of invited guests all had to be reported to the higher-ups for approval and for their consideration.

Those in lower positions were not qualified to make important decisions. Even so, Jasper had to be there to watch over the proceedings, and so he make provide the final say and compile everything into a plan report that would be submitted for approval.

The next day's agenda consisted of determining the list of invited guests. The higher-ups would also send someone over to participate in the meeting. Therefore, Jasper had to be prepared.

While they chatted, the car arrived at Swallow Capital University.