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“But none of that is important now. As for these rules you speak of, I’d like to know whose rules you’re following here? Are they yours? Or are they his?”

Jasper pointed at Sirius and then at Zayden as he spoke.

He then redirected his finger to point at his own nose. “I only follow my own rules. Meaning whoever dares to try and screw me over will have to be prepared to be screwed over by me.”

Sirius’ expression was dark when he spoke, “Stop it, Jasper. Don’t you think you’re going too far? You wouldn’t dare throw Zayden in prison.”

“Bullsh*t. Why wouldn’t I dare?” Jasper asked.

“Since he dared to get someone to light my construction site on fire, making me lose 100 million and severely injuring my workers, what’s stopping me from sending him to where he belongs?”

The space between Sirius’ eyebrows began to twitch as he scoffed. “Business conflicts should be dealt with through business means. Aren’t you afraid that doing so will prompt the people supporting Zayden to attack you?”

Jasper asked with a bright smile, “Is it possible that you, the head of the Hanks family, think that I’m on good terms with the person supporting Zayden? Or perhaps you think we’re on terms well enough to meet each other for a polite meal?”

Sirius was stunned, and his expression darkened. Staring at Jasper, he warned, “You’re too arrogant, Jasper. It isn’t your place to make the Southeast Province your territory yet.”

“I don’t care nor am I interested in making the Southeast Province my territory. But I’ll make myself clear, no one will be able to stop me from putting Zayden behind bars,” Jasper stated firmly.

Sirius was furious and roared, “What an insolent child! You’ve got no respect for anyone at all! The Southeast Province is huge, do you really think you can stand atop us all?”

At that, the room door opened to reveal Terence. The man walked out with a despondent look on his face.

His appearance had attracted the attention of Zayden, Sirius, and everyone else.

Captain Vaughn walked over and spoke solemnly, “Terence Laine, you’re suspected to have played a major role in the serious incident of the fire that spread in the construction site at Southface River a few days ago. Please come to the station with us and cooperate with our investigation. Is there anything you would like to add?”

Terence turned to look at his parents and Jasper before his gaze finally fell on Zayden.

“Don’t you dare say what you’re not supposed to, Terence,” Zayden warned with his jaw clenched tight.

Terence’s lips quivered before he turned to Captain Vaughn. “I admit to setting the site on fire.”

Zayden looked elated upon hearing that and was about to guffaw.

However, he heard Terence continue speaking before he could laugh out loud. “But Zayden Hanks was the one who forced me to do everything. If you must arrest me, I only ask that you arrest him as well.”

Zayden's smile froze on his face before it could fully grace his features. He was stricken by what he just heard.

"What are you talking about, Terence?!"

Zayden completely exploded. Amidst the anger and fear was a dense layer of indignance, and it caused Zayden to rage like he had gone mad. Zayden roared, "Don't f*cking drag me into this just because you want to f*cking die! I'll f*cking kill you, I swear to God!"

Then, as if hit with an epiphany, Zayden immediately turned his head to Jasper and glared daggers at the man. He growled, yelling, "It's you, isn't it? You did all this, Jasper! Are you happy now, huh?! I'm going to kill you!"

With that, Zayden pounced on Jasper.

However, his movements only garnered angry shouts from the few officers who were holding him down, and they pressed Zayden against the floor.

Lying face-down, Zayden looked up and glared at Jasper enviously. He struggled maddeningly and spat out the words, "I'm going to f*cking kill you, Jasper!"

"Why? It's not fair! I put in so much effort, and I think about getting rid of you so much that I start dreaming about it! So why do you get to win every single time?!"

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"Because your methods are wrong."

Jasper looked at Zayden calmly, and his tone was indifferent.

“Our resentment is an issue between you and me only. Come at me if you want to make a fuss, but the people heavily injured in the hospital are innocent.

“The fact that you dragged innocent people into this because of your hatred for me is the reason why you’re going to lose everything.”

Zayden glared at Jasper and seethed, yelling, “Bullsh*t! Those people are nothing but trash! I don’t even give a f*ck about them at all, they’re nothing to me!”

Jasper replied calmly, “I know that you won’t understand. But that’s alright, you’ll have ten or maybe even 20 years in prison to slowly think about it.”

He smiled as he continued, “I don’t mind giving you time, but what about the people in Harbor City? I wonder if they’d be able to forgive you for causing them such a huge loss? Who knows if they have the patience to wait for your release? Maybe they’ll teach you a lesson while you’re still in there.”

Zayden’s complexion immediately paled.

He knew that those Harbor City freaks were hardly negotiable people.

He had come back to the Southeast Province with a huge amount of financial support and all sorts of help from Harbor City.

However, instead of getting rid of Jasper, Zayden was landing himself in jail instead.

There was no way the people in Harbor City would forgive him.

Kennedy had warned him before he came to the province that his head would be on the chopping block if he were to fail.

Zayden knew that in Kennedy's eyes, he was no more valuable than a pest and it would be too easy for Kennedy to get rid of him.

Terrified, Zayden turned to Jasper and suddenly spoke, "Forgive me, Jasper. How about this, like Terence, I'll join you and help you deal with Kennedy? Just save me."

Jasper smiled brightly. "That sounds like a great deal.

"It's a shame that I'm not interested. You and Terence are too fundamentally different. Terence is just blinded by benefits, while you want nothing more than to get rid of me. It'd be unwise for me to have someone like you by my side. What if you backstab me one day?"

Zayden shook his head frantically and replied in fear, "I won't. You're too capable, and I lose every time I try to fight you. I don't have a death wish, so why would I continue to attack you when I know I'll lose? I'll be your most loyal subordinate!"

"Enough."

Sirius interrupted Zayden and approached Jasper. "I'll give you one last chance, Jasper. Stop this and have them take Terence only. Then we can end all of this here. I'm sure Zayden will compensate for every Somer Dollar you've lost."

Zayden frantically agreed. "That's right! 100 million, right? I'll pay you 200 million for compensation!"

"Looks like Kennedy gave you quite the sum." A broad smile graced Jasper's features as he turned to Captain Vaughn. "I've said what I wanted, Captain Vaughn. There's nothing more I can say to people who ignore the law. My apologies for holding you back from performing your legal duties."

Captain Vaughn nodded and scoffed at Zayden and Sirius. "Negotiating in front of me, really? Do I look like a joke to you?"

With that, Captain Vaughn waved his hand and spoke, "Take Zayden Hanks away!"

Two officers pulled Zayden off the ground and dragged him away.

All while Zayden continued to struggle and shout, "No, Jasper, please! Please forgive me, just this once! Help me, Uncle Sirius!"

Sirius took a deep breath and stared at Jasper coldly. "You will regret this, Jasper."

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"I heard the Hanks family has been doing business in the electronics industry. It seems that business is great and you're earning quite a lot?" Jasper asked calmly.

Sirius' expression darkened. "What are you implying here?"

"Nothing much. It's just that the biggest electronics trade in the south is mostly in the hands of the Haddock Chamber of Commerce Waterhoof City branch, no? I'm sure that you're working with someone from there, aren't you, Mr. Hanks?" Jasper asked with a wide grin.

Sirius scoffed and spoke, "Are you telling me you're going to steal my business now? I'm not looking down on you, Jasper, but aren't you overestimating yourself here? This is a business cooperation that makes a couple of billions every year. Who are you to steal it from me?"

“I can generously tell you that yes, my boss is the largest electronics company in Waterhoof City and they’re indeed from the Haddock Chamber of Commerce. But so what? Do you think they’ll agree to work with you instead?”

Jasper smiled. “My apologies, I must’ve forgotten to tell you. I’ll be going to Waterhoof City in a few days when the New Year’s holiday is officially over. I have a new identity now, the vice president of Haddock Chamber of Commerce’s Waterhoof City branch. I’m sure you’re well aware of what this position entails, right, Mr. Hanks?”

Sirius’ expression changed drastically. He looked very uncomfortable as he stared at Jasper. “Bullsh*t. You’ve never been a member of the Haddock Chamber of Commerce, so what makes you think you could be the vice president of its Waterhoof City branch, huh?”

“I’d say the fact that Gale himself asked me to take on the role is reason enough.” Jasper shrugged as if he was dissatisfied by the fact.

“I didn’t really want to take the role considering how I already had a lot on my plate, but it’s hard to refuse someone when they’re so sincere about it. He’s an old man, and it wouldn’t be right of me to continuously disrespect him by rejecting his proposal, would it?”

Sirius’ eyes shone with disbelief as he gasped. “You were the one who overthrew Ian?”

“Oh! I’m surprised to see that you’re so knowledgeable, Mr. Hanks,” Jasper commented.

“Don’t act so proud!”

Sirius now regretted ever being blinded by the prospect of gaining benefits and agreeing to join Zayden in this scheme. At this moment, he had no other choice but to bow down to Jasper.

“The chamber is no more than a loose business organization. What makes you think a vice president like you will be able to convince someone to drop a partnership that makes them a couple of billion Somer Dollars each year? You’re too naive!”

Jasper looked at Sirius intently and spoke, “What if it was for a trade that guaranteed ten billion Somer Dollars per year?”

Then, without looking at Sirius’ aghast expression, Jasper and Julian walked toward the door.

“Jasper!” Sirius called out.

Jasper’s figure halted just by the door but he did not turn around.

“Are you really going to go so far? How about we talk about this?” Sirius sounded aggrieved.

“Even if you agree, will Sylva?” Jasper asked.

“I’m the head of the family here,” Sirius frowned and uttered distastefully.

“But from what I’ve seen, Sylva was much smarter than you and Zayden put together. After everything that’s happened, have you ever seen him put himself in the spotlight?” Jasper asked calmly.

Sirius seemed to have been enlightened and was stunned by the revelation.

“As long as Sylva is still here, I have no other choice but to completely crush the Hanks family.”

By the time Jasper’s words reached Sirius, the man himself had already left.

“You leave me no choice, Jasper!”

Sirius roared embarrassingly in the empty house.

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By the time he arrived downstairs, Captain Vaughn's team had already left with Terence and Zayden with them.

Darrel and his parents were still waiting grimly for Jasper.

Jasper walked over and turned to Honey and her husband. "Uncle, Aunty, would you prefer we go back to my place and talk there?"

Jasper's uncle waved him off despondently. "It's alright. We just have a few things to say and then we'll go home."

Jasper replied seriously, "Please do, then. I'm listening."

Jasper's uncle looked at him and said, "In all honesty, we can't nor do we intend to blame you for what happened today.

"However, it wasn't a nice feeling to send our own son off to prison either.

"Darrel is all we have left now."

At that, Jasper's uncle looked sorrowful as he continued, "No matter what, Darrel is still your cousin. He and Terence are different. Darrel's an honest boy and he's not the kind who would hurt you.

"All this child wants is to do business, but it's not something us parents can help him with. As his cousin and the most outstanding child in the Laine family, I ask that you help him wherever you can."

Jasper quickly replied, "I'll do that even if you hadn't asked me, Uncle. The business plan he's come up with will begin very soon, and your family will get to relax and enjoy life by then."

Jasper's uncle smiled warmly and nodded. "That's nice, then. Very nice. We'll get going now, don't let us delay you from your work."

"Don't worry, Uncle. About Terence, I've already decided that I'll find the best lawyer I can for him. I'll do everything I can to reduce his jail time. It'll also be good if you urge him to cooperate when you visit him later on."

"Mainly so that he would be frank, considering how it's best if he doesn't hold any information he knows back from the authorities to help with the investigation. Another reason being that good behavior tends to decrease jail time."

"That way, he'll most likely be able to get out in three to five years and it still won't be too late for him."

A genuine smile finally graced his uncle's features and he spoke, "That's for the best. You're a capable boy, Jasper, and you know a lot of people. Farmers like us don't even know where to look for a lawyer. I'll have to trouble you with this, then."

Jasper looked up at Darrel. "Send your parents back first. Contact me if you need anything afterward."

Darrel nodded and helped his parents back. The two looked like they had suddenly aged a few years.

"Darrel wouldn't have a problem with you because of this, right, Jasper?" Julian approached Jasper and asked.

"He won't." Jasper smiled. "He knows better than anyone that I'm the last person he should have a problem with."

“Alright, enough about this. Let’s go back first. We’ve spent the whole day out, I’m exhausted.”

Jasper massaged his tense shoulders and got into the car lazily.

Julian rushed to the driver’s seat. He spoke as he started the car and drove off, “I have updates about the matter you asked me last time, Jasper. So that martial artist friend of mine, I told her the situation and she’s interested. She says she wants to meet you to talk about this.”

Jasper was immediately awake at the sound of it. “Great. You decide on the meeting date, then. But do have it as soon as possible since I’m going to be very busy for the next few days. The sooner we settle this, the more I can rest assured to leave Wendy at home.”

“Nice. I’ll have her come over tomorrow, then,” Julian spoke.

Just then, Jasper’s phone rang. It was a call from Wendy.

“Jul and I were just talking about getting you a bodyguard when you called,” Jasper stated joyfully.

However, Wendy did not talk to Jasper as she normally would. Instead, she asked, “When are you coming back, Jasp?”

Realizing that there was something off about Wendy’s tone, the smile hanging off the corner of Jasper’s lips vanished. “I’m on the way back, around 20 minutes before I arrive. What’s wrong?”

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“A guest just arrived and he’s talking to my dad in the study. I brought coffee in just now and Dad hinted at me to ask you to come back soon,” Wendy explained.

“Alright. I’ll be back as soon as I can. Do you know who it is?” Jasper asked.

Wendy replied, “I don’t. He looks pretty young, I’d say he’s in his 30s? He’s wearing a tunic and seems a little weird, but Dad is being really polite to him.”

Jasper gave it some thought and realized that he did not know such a person either. All he could do was promise to be back soon.

Hanging up the phone, Jasper turned to Julian. “Step on it, Jul.”

“Got it, Jasper.”

15 minutes later, the car came to a stop before Dawson’s villa. Jasper alighted the car and saw Wendy waiting for him at the door.

Jasper glanced at the unfamiliar car parked in the spot next to his.

A Maybach 57.

‘This was a luxury car with a value of ten million!’

Not many people might know about it, but an improved 62S would be released in a year. It was a car that would cost ten million as well. The 62S would continue to be an unmatched legendary car even in the year 2020 before Jasper reincarnated.

The 62S could be described as the most favored car by extremely wealthy people in the country.

Yet these wealthy people were most likely still suffering through hardships now. For this was the year 2001, long before the time Jasper reincarnated.

The Mayback 57 was not as eye-catching as the 62S when the latter would be released next year.

Still, countrymen who could afford the 57 now were surely the elders of the wealthy generation of entrepreneurs who drove the 62S in the future.

This was not Dawson's car, so it had to be that mysterious guest's.

"They're still in the study. It's almost been an hour," Wendy whispered as she walked to the study with Jasper.

Jasper nodded. Standing outside the study, he knocked on the door.

Soon later, Dawson's voice was heard from inside the room. "It must be Jasper, come in."

Jasper pushed open the door to see Dawson sitting on a side chair. A man in his early 30s and wearing a tunic sat on the main seat. The unfamiliar man looked young, yet he was filled with the calm aura of an experienced man.

Generally speaking, seating arrangements were an important aspect of etiquette in formidable families—especially when it came to sitting in the study.

Jasper did not count since he and Dawson were considered family. Not to mention how Jasper had fallen asleep on Dawson's imported, 100,000 Somer Dollars chair countless times before.

However, they had a guest today and Dawson had chosen to sit on a side chair. This was not just any man.

“Let me introduce you, Jasper. This is Conrad Monty, the head of the Monty family. They’re the strongest family in the Southeast Province with the deepest roots. They’re very low profile despite the amount of money they earn. The only aluminum mine in the Southeast Province is the Monty family’s business.”

Dawson used this chance to introduce him to give Jasper a wide overview of Conrad’s identity and capabilities.

Jasper arched a brow at the introduction.

Excluding coal, the country also had other unique minerals to mine. However, those were not to be touched by just anyone.

The aluminum mine in the Southeast Province was the first in the province and the sixth in the entire country. ‘To think that it belongs to the Monty family... That means there’s more than meets the eye to this Monty family that I’ve never heard of.’