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It was either Fabian let Henry and the gang go or he would be left with nothing.

Jasper was confident because he knew that even if Fabian did not agree to let them go, Henry would still be safe. He would just need to suffer a few more days of hardship.

After all, the Laws were still around, and the Atticus family was not prepared to have a complete fall out with the former. Moreover, if they really fell out with the Laws, the Laws would go mad if Fabian targeted Henry. This would force the old master to show his face. This would bring no benefits to the Atticus family.

Hence, what was in front of Fabian right now was a deal. Jasper was willing to use 500 million US Dollars in exchange for Henry's early release.

It seemed that Jasper would suffer a huge loss from this, but this bold yet foolish behavior made Fabian feel extremely humiliated. Because this 500 million should belong to him! He even got this loan after he mortgaged 100% of Empire Meet's stock rights. Right now, Jasper was using his own money to bargain for Henry!

"Jasper, you're so calculative. This money should be mine! You don't even need to spend a dime and yet you want to take Henry away from me?" Fabian said coldly.

Jasper shook his head and said, “Mr. Atticus, firstly, you have to know that in this situation, if I say the money is yours, then it’s yours. If I say it’s not, then it’s not.”

This statement felt like a huge kick to Fabian’s ribs. He immediately exploded. “How dare you come to Harbor City and strut around in front of me?”

“I have the ability to do so.” Jasper shrugged and placed the fruit knife down slowly. He smiled softly at Fabian and continued, “If you’re the one who wins, I guess you’ll be even more nefarious than me, right?”

“Good! Amazing! Jasper, I lost so much money and I don’t care about this last 500 million US Dollars. Worse comes to worst, I don’t want any of it!”

Jasper grinned and replied, “Of course, you have the right to choose...”

“However, you’re no stranger to this thing, right, Mr. Atticus?”

As Jasper said that, he took out an agreement.

When Fabian saw the header of this contract, his eyes contracted.

'Mortgage Agreement'. And below that was his signature!

With just one look, Fabian was sure that this was the agreement he signed when he mortgaged 100% of Empire Meet's stock right to loan 500 million US Dollars.

"How did you get that?" This was the first time in this meeting that Fabian failed to control his expression.

Fabian had been deliberately showing Jasper when he was mad, or when he was mocking him, or when he was being calm.

When one got to this stage of life, no one would be so stupid as to show their true emotions on their faces. However, at this moment, Fabian could hold himself back anymore.

He could not imagine that the loan he got from the underground money firm would end up in Jasper's hands.

Jasper chuckled lightly. He recalled how when he got off the plane, he ran into Kayden's people. Kayden's present really helped him a lot.

That was why he dared to come here. It was because he understood Fabian's true condition from this agreement.

If Fabian did not use his family's power, he would have nothing.

This was exactly the confidence Jasper needed to pin Fabian down on the negotiation table.

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Jasper did not care how Kayden obtained this agreement. However, this did not stop Jasper from getting to know Kayden once again.

Indeed, the good guy with a smile always on his face was not a good person.

The Langdon father and son duo had almost the same temper. In order to seek revenge, he was able to suffer in silence for so many years.

Jasper also had reason to believe that Kayden had planted a lot of spies around Fabian.

He even had a bolder suspicion. He suspected that the ambition and preparation the Langdon father and son had poured into Harbor City was far beyond anyone's imagination. If not, how would one explain why Kayden's people had been waiting at the airport before Jasper even got off the plane?

The Langdon father and son were horrifying.

However, they shared the same enemy, so it was not the time to think of such a thing.

"Mr. Atticus, you have to know that all the lender needs is to recover the principal sum and interest on time. However, if someone is willing to pay a higher price to buy the mortgage, they would naturally be willing to trade," Jasper said flatly.

"You bastard!" Fabian was immediately infuriated.

"I know those heartless scoundrels from the underground money firm were god for nothings. For the sake of money, they'll even kneel and call a dog their father!"

Fabian had a malevolent look on his face and he did not realize he had just exposed another secret to Jasper.

He borrowed his money from the underground money firm.

After remembering this information, Jasper said, "To the Atticus family, it doesn't matter if it's 500 million US Dollars or even a billion US Dollars, those are all small numbers. They can accept it, no?"

"If you were to tell everyone about this, I think you'd be able to settle all of your finance problems, right?"

Fabian turned around and looked sinisterly at Jasper. He said, "Are you threatening me?"

Jasper shrugged and replied calmly, "I'm talking about a business deal with you, Mr. Atticus. I'm just analyzing the current situation for you right now."

"Do you think I need you to analyze this for me?" Fabian said with a cold chuckle.

"Perhaps not. So, Mr. Atticus, are you going to make the decision, or am I going to make it for you?" Jasper asked.

Fabian's expression was bone-chilling. He was looking at Jasper like he was going to eat him alive.

However, he did not reject Jasper's offer immediately. His family was loaded, so why did he put up collateral at the underground money firm?

Even if he used his name to put up collateral or ask for a loan in the bank, he would be able to get the money within the shortest time possible along with the lowest interest rate.

Do not think that rich people did not care about interest. With a loan of 1 billion US Dollars, the daily interest would be an astronomical figure. The rich were just smarter and more meticulous in planning and accounting than the poor.

If they could avoid any unnecessary expenditure, they would not spend a penny more.

However, the reason Fabian did such a thing was so that he would not become the talk of the town.

He was very famous and there were so many people looking at him.

If he took money from his family, then getting defeated by Jasper and losing a billion US Dollars would serve as the catalyst for the other families to attack him and his father.

Both he and his father, Sawyer, did not want to face a situation like this.

Meanwhile, it would be the same if he asked for a loan from the bank. There were no secrets in banking. Fabian knew if he put up collateral at the bank, everyone in Harbor City would know he was facing bankruptcy. If he handed the documents in the morning, his dirty laundry would be aired for everyone to see before lunchtime.

Now, Jasper was using this to threaten him.

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It was a blatant conspiracy. Fabian had to agree no matter what.

The helplessness and the humiliation caused Fabian to despise Jasper.

As Fabian looked at Jasper, he said, “So what if you get Henry and the gang out? Of course they have to pay the price after they did something like that.”

“Even if I agree to let them go free, do you think my family and I will forgive them?”

Jasper replied insipidly, “If you touch them, I will take action. If your family wants to touch them, the Laws will seek revenge. This is what’s going to happen.”

“I don’t expect us to completely eradicate our shared hatred with this trade alone. It’s not realistic. There’s no way that we’ll shake hands and be friends.”

“However, a long-term hostility shouldn’t affect our small collaboration this time. Also, this collaboration will be like swapping our chess pieces on a chessboard.”

“You’ll get back some of your losses so the damage won’t be so bad. Meanwhile, I’ll get what I want. It’s a win-win situation, no?”

Fabian looked at Jasper and burst out laughing all of a sudden.

“You abandoned the chance to easily defeat me just because you want to get Henry out of mere sooner.”

“You and I both know that if you expose the information you have in your hand, all of my positions on the Dow Jones Index will be liquidated. I will also become a laughing stock in Harbor City. I’ll also be put under huge pressure by my family.

“It’s such a useful card and you want to use this to get Henry out sooner, is it really worth it?”

“Some thing’s value can’t be measured on paper,” Jasper said calmly.

Henry caused such a huge kerfuffle, and this outcome aside, even if Henry did not come to Harbor City under his instruction, Jasper would still do everything to get Henry out after he was caught up in so much trouble. This was not something he could place a value on.

“How touching.”

Fabian chuckled coldly, but obviously, he did not believe Jasper.

In his opinion, either Jasper was stupid for doing this, or he was trying to use this chance to get on the Laws' good side.

Fabian was someone who simply would not do something that would not bring any benefit to him. Furthermore, he would also harm others to benefit himself. Hence, this was possibility not totally unimaginable to him.

And could Jasper, someone who would be able to defeat him, really be so stupid?

Even if Jasper was conceited, he would not have this thought right now.

Therefore, he immediately suspected that Jasper merely wanted to get something from the Laws.

Judging from Fabian's expression, Jasper knew what he was thinking. However, it did not matter. What Fabian had in mind was none of Jasper's concern.

As he said back then, they were enemies, so even if they worked together this one time, their rivalry on the chessboard would not change. Therefore, Jasper did not care about what Fabian thought.

Fabian did not say anything and Jasper did not urge him.

At this moment, the atmosphere was tense.

"This matter touched upon the family's profits. I can't let him go just because I want to."

After a long while, Fabian said slowly. Even though he did not agree immediately, he was more lenient now.

"That's your business to handle."

"If you agree, then I can give you some time to fix this. Perhaps three to five hours. I would think, Mr. Atticus, that this would be enough time to convince your family."

Fabian said indignantly, “Just a few hours? What do you think I am? Even if I’m the head of the family, I still have to consider how the elders and other family members feel. How is so little time enough?”

After he said that, the door of the room burst open. A body covered in blood crashed through the door and flew into the room alongside a cloud of sawdust.

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The sudden change surprised Jasper and Fabian.

The two of them turned around to see what was going on. Then, they saw Julian walking through the door that had crashed open while stepping on the sawdust.

At this moment, Julian’s entire body was hot. His skin was glowing abnormally red as if he had been burnt.

After they looked closely, they could see that his head was also steaming slightly.

However, Julian looked as if he was in great condition. He was breathing normally and his eyes were shining. Furthermore, he did not look like he was injured.

On the contrary, the person on the floor was almost unrecognizable. His body was covered in blood. The tastefully chosen clothes on his body had been ripped into pieces and were now hanging from his body.

His two arms were twisted in bizarre angles. They were like two knots by his side. He wanted to get up but the severe internal injuries and the wound on his arms prevented him from doing so. Hence, he could only turn his body and cough out blood while lying on the ground.

This person was Waterson, who had been accompanying Fabian.

The outcome was clear after the two of them fought.

Fabian narrowed his eyes, he was feeling extremely shocked.

Waterson had worked with the Atticus family for many years and been with them through many things. Fabian was even kidnapped by some kidnappers when he was in senior high.

However, at that moment, Waterson saved him while defeating six ferocious heavily armed desperados single-handedly.

Fabian had also seen Waterson severely injure an adult man who had constantly trained.

Because of all this, in Fabian's eye, Waterson was without equal. He knew Waterson was good with his fists.

Now that Fabian had gotten into trouble, the Atticus family asked Waterson to come here to protect him. However, Fabian did not expect that the unequalled Waterson would be beaten to the ground one day.

He lifted his eyes to glance outside the room. Even though he could not see the entire corridor, he could see the upper body of his bodyguard lying on the floor near the door.

There was no doubt about it, more than ten bodyguards outside had all been defeated.

Fabian's face turned dark and he said frigidly, "Jasper, is this one of the tokens of your discussion with me?"

Jasper shook his head and laughed, "No. Even if I were stupid, I wouldn't use force to threaten you in Harbor City. I still want to leave Harbor City alive."

“Stop talking nonsense. The Laws are so close to you. If my family or I want to touch you, we’d have to be prepared to start a battle with the Laws. We’re all smart people so stop pretending to be dumb.”

Fabian’s angry roars caused the smile on Jasper’s smile to become more radiant.

He looked at the time and said, “Mr. Atticus, we’re busy people so let’s not waste time.”

The corners of Fabian’s lips twitched. This was the first time he had felt so helpless. At this moment, even if he had a lot of tricks up his sleeves, he could not do anything.

It was obvious that Jasper would not stop until he reached his goal. Yet, Fabian could not say no to the terms he offered.

After taking a deep breath, Fabian said calmly, “Three hours. I need three hours.”

Jasper got up after he heard that. He said, “Then I shall wait for your good news.”

After he said that, Jasper turned around and walked to the door.

Julian did not hesitate and he immediately followed Jasper out.

Fabian looked at Waterson on the floor and said coldly, "I will remember this."

Jasper did not turn around and immediately walked out the door.

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After Jasper left, Fabian's furious roars came from the hospital room.

"Damn it!"

Fabian grabbed a vase from the side of the bed and smashed it against the television that was hanging on the wall opposite the bed. With a loud crash, the vase and the television both broke.

At this moment, Waterson struggled to get up from the puddle of blood on the floor. He lowered his head and said to Fabian, "Mr. Fabian, it's my fault."

Even though Fabian was furious, he hated that he could not kick this useless old thing to death. After he took a deep breath and suppressed the impatience and anger in his heart, he flashed a stiff smile.

Then, he said, "That punk is so wily and mischievous. He has someone powerful with him too, so how can I blame you, Waterson? You're so badly injured. Let me ask the doctor to come look at you. You have to recuperate now."

Anyone would be touched if they were cared for and not criticized after a serious failure.

After Waterson heard that, he was even more remorseful. He said, "Thank you for your forgiveness, Mr. Fabian."

'What a good-for-nothing!'

After Fabian cursed in his heart, he said faintly, "Waterson, you've worked in the Atticus family for so many years. Even if weren't able to contribute this time, you've worked hard for us. Therefore, this small failure means nothing. Jasper will surely regret this in the future. Waterson, you should go get someone to take a look at your wounds."

After he watched Waterson walking away with a limp, Fabian murmured coldly. "If I didn't feel that you're useful to the family, you won't be able to suppress my anger even if you died a hundred times."

After a while, Fabian picked up the phone and called a number.

“Father, it’s me. Jasper came over just now.”

There was silence on the other end of the phone.

“Let Henry and the gang go,” Fabian continued.

After a long while, Sawyer finally said, “It’s easy to let them go, but it’ll be difficult to get such a good chance again in the future.”

“Father, a lot of the elders in the family don’t agree with us starting a battle with the Laws, right?” Fabian said calmly.

“Until that old thing from the Laws doesn’t die, those good-for-nothings won’t dare to do anything... However, we have to make the Laws pay.”

Fabian said coldly, “It’s of paramount importance that we fight the Laws. We still need some time to prepare for this. However, this is not the best time.”

“Even so, I can’t wait a second more to defeat Jasper!”

Sawyer was silent for a while, then he said, “This is your affair to handle. You’re not a child anymore so you have to make your own decisions. If you think this action will be more beneficial, then I’ll entertain you.”

“However, you have to be aware that your previous failure has led to the others in the family holding different opinions about you. “If you get defeated by the same person twice, then it’ll make us look very passive.”

Fabian thought about the price he had to pay and then the corners of his lips twitched.

“Dad, I don’t have another way out.”

Sawyer asked with a deep voice, “How much did you lose?”

“All of the assets under my name.”

Fabian’s answer caused Sawyer to start breathing heavily on the other side of the phone.

As Fabian's father and the head of the Atticus family, naturally, Sawyer knew how much money that was. However, what shocked him the most was not the money. The loss of this money was nothing to the Atticus family and Sawyer.

What truly shocked him was the fact that Fabian had lost everything this time. This had never happened before!