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Facing the confident Kayden, Jasper chuckled lightly.

“What are you laughing at?” Kayden asked, frowning slightly.

From the beginning of the meeting, he could feel that the one in control of the conversation was not himself. This made Kayden a little unsure, since he liked to be the one in control whenever he was talking to anyone. This was what his father, Half-the-Harbor Langdon, taught him for decades. One could say less, but every sentence had to be said straight to the point so that they could always remain in control.

However, the tricky thing now was that Kayden did not even know what Jasper wanted to say, so even if he wanted to get to the point, he would not know where to start.

“Mr. Langdon, you and I are sensible people, so I won’t talk nonsense. The United States stock market contains one of the biggest business opportunities in decades. If you seize it, it will put the Langdons at least 20 years ahead. Are you willing to miss out on this chance?”

Jasper’s words caused Kayden’s eyes to light up.

He was not a fledgling newcomer in the business world, so naturally, he would not be tempted by Jasper's words.

"It's true that the United States stock market plummeted because of the terrorist attack a few days ago, and even now there is no sign that the dip is ending. However, people all over the world knew this, so there won't be any way to profit if one were to attempt a short sale."

Kayden had good foresight and he immediately pointed out the core problem of the question.

Everyone knew that the United States stock market had plummeted, but so what?

"The entire market was full of short-sale orders. Even if you entered the market, if no one reciprocated your order, you would not be able to profit."

"In the current situation, with the exception of a few lucky people, you are the biggest beneficiary, right, Mr. Langdon?"

"You didn't think of me when there was such a good chance earlier, but now that the opportunity is gone, you approach me and tell me that such an opportunity was previously available to us? You're so insincere."

Kayden shook his head and smiled.

“What if I tell you, Wall Street and the Federal Reserve are going to join forces to rescue the market?” Jasper said suddenly.

Kayden narrowed his eyes as soon as he heard this. He knew that Jasper was not lying to him.

The simple truth was that it was impossible for the officials of any country to simply watch on as its stock market plummeted.

The stock market was facing a massive dip, which in turn was indicative of the overall economic downturn of the country. This would eventually lead to a series of social problems such as struggling businesses, bankruptcy, unemployment, and economic depression. Therefore, the United States officials were bound to want to rescue the market.

Even so, the United States was always the one forcing other countries to find a way to save the market, but this time, the United States was going to save itself. Everyone knew this. The problem was that no one knew when and how the United States would do this.

If someone knew of this in advance, it would indeed be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Kayden suddenly smiled as he stared closely at Jasper.

“Mr. Laine, I’m afraid it won’t be that simple, right?”

“Let me think, the United States wants to rescue the market so this will of course be the top priority, but even if it is a market rescue plan, it will only stop the stock market from falling, while the losses will inevitably arouse dissatisfaction among the civilian population.”

“Another important thing is that the accident this time was caused by a terrorist attack which caused heavy casualties. Now, the United States is facing a lot of domestic anger, and they’ve also become the laughing stock of the world, so they will definitely fight back.

“One objective is to divert the attention of the people, and the other is to show their strength to the world and tell everyone that the United States is still the same entity as before and that they are still the world’s largest country.”

Kayden tapped his fingers on the surface of the table. He was speaking more confidently and faster.

“This would definitely happen. It involves international politics and the upcoming election in the United States, so no one can stop it from happening.”

“Because of all this, they’ll need to find a scapegoat... Mr. Laine, should I admire you for your ability, or should I mourn you for being so unlucky?”

“Unfortunately, it seems that you are sacrificial lamb. This is not a good thing.”

“You make a lot of money, but that doesn’t attract the attention of the United States government. Now, are you planning ahead for the purpose of self protection, or do you want to get more people to die with you?”

Jasper admired Kayden’s foresight immensely. He could already guess what was going on with so little information.

It was impossible for him to know that the source of this incident was that Fabian had gotten two investment banks and a series of other forces to target himself.

Jasper definitely would not tell Kayden about this.

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Otherwise, Kayden, who knew how to protect himself, might have just stood up and left without turning his head.

“Businessmen have only interest in their eyes. They do not care about life or death.”

Jasper took a sip from his teacup. The hot tea entered his throat as the fragrance filled his nose.

“The level of risk has always been in direct proportion to the profit. If you dare not fight, why are you still doing business?”

Kayden’s expression was as still as stagnant water while his fingers slowly tapped on the surface of the table without saying a word.

Jasper glanced at the time and smiled, “Mr. Langdon, there is not much time.”

“How confident are you?” Kayden asked, raising his head and looking at Jasper with a burning gaze.

“How confident am I?” Jasper laughed involuntarily. “Of course, I’m not.”

When Kayden heard this, he widened his eyes and almost cried out.

“If I’m confident, Mr. Langdon, why would I ask you to join me? This is certainly an opportunity to make a lot of money, but if I could do it myself, why bother to share it with you?”

Jasper’s next statement caused Kayden to swallow his words.

“Hahaha! How interesting!” Kayden burst out laughing.

“Contact me when you start to take action.”

After getting this answer, Jasper finally got up with satisfaction and extended his hand toward Kayden, “Well then, let’s hope for a joyous partnership.”

Kayden also got up and shook Jasper’s hand. Kayden suddenly sighed. “You are growing too fast.”

“What do you mean?” Jasper asked with interest.

“To be honest, making friends with you in the past meant investing in your future to a certain extent I genuinely felt from the bottom of my heart that you would not climb to my level,” Kayden said.

“That’s not very nice, but it’s very pertinent.” Jasper nodded.

Who was Kayden?

The designated successor of Half-the-Harbor Langdon.

Meanwhile, J. Langdon Corporation would be the richest in Terra in the future. Moreover, they held the position of the world’s richest Somer descendant for a long time during their peak. It could be said that, in terms of history, the J. Langdons were nothing compared to the Laws within the four richest families in Harbor City.

However, in terms of wealth, the wealth of the J. Langdons would equal the sum of the bottom two families among the four in just ten year’s time. Even the Laws could not compare to them.

In a way, Kayden could be regarded as the number one young master in Harbor City since he was born into such a family. Therefore, it was only natural that Kayden would look down on him.

“But now, I think I must treat you as equal, otherwise I will suffer,” Kayden said solemnly.

“I love making friends the most.” Jasper smiled.

Seeing that Jasper was preparing to leave after saying this, Kayden could not help but ask, “Are you leaving now?”

“I still have to talk to a lot of people. I’m very busy,” Jasper said without looking back.

Looking at Jasper’s back, Kayden’s brows trembled.

He realized that Jasper was really going to be playing a big game this time.

While he thought about this, Kayden lost the mood to continue enjoying the delicious food. Thus, he got up and called a car. He was going to see his father, Half-the-Harbor Langdon.

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As he walked out of the hotel, Jasper thought about the situation.

The Laws were on his side. Needless to say, the Langdons were 50% settled. It was only 50% because Jasper knew Joe and Kayden’s characters too well. Interest would always be their top priority. Thus, if something went wrong, they would definitely be the first to back out.

It could be said that this father and son duo fully represented the role of the businessman more than anyone else.

Merchants would always chase profits. The father and son duo pursued profits until their dying breath. As for feelings for their family and country, they felt it all irrelevant.

This was not Jasper's random guessing. A little more than ten years later, the father and son duo would withdraw tens of billions of capital from the country.

This was the concrete truth.

Hence, Jasper could not count fully on them, and had to consider the half chance that they changed their minds. After some consideration, he realized that there was not much power in Harbor City that he could use anymore.

The remaining family would be the Boyles. They had always been easily swayed and were also the weakest among the four wealthy families. Hence, Jasper was afraid that they would not want to be involved in this matter.

As for the W. Langdons, it was basically hopeless. Mitch was still paralyzed and could not move. He was Fabian's backbone, so they were enemies and could not ally. Naturally, there was no possibility of them cooperating.

“Are you done?” Henry suddenly appeared in front of Jasper with a smile on his face.

“Did you really not want to see Kayden that much?” Jasper smiled.

He knew that Henry did not need much effort to settle Mitch. Therefore, the reason why he did not show up was that he must not have wanted to meet Kayden.

After waving his hand, Henry said nonchalantly, “My family and his family are not the same. So, naturally, he and I have a lot of disagreements. We won’t show any respect to each other so it’s best if we don’t even see each other.”

“How hypocritical.”

Jasper could not help but smile when he thought of the later generations’ comments on the J. Langdons.

“It’s fine. The matter has been discussed anyway.”

“Good. My dad called me just now and he recommended that you see someone,” Henry said mysteriously.

“Who?”

Jasper was interested. The person Zachary recommended him had to be someone extraordinary.

“The Godfather.” Henry huffed and pointed in the direction of Auma City as he said that.

Jasper was shocked.

“Okay. I can’t stay long in Harbor City anyway. Let’s go now.”

Henry lay down comfortably on the top deck of a private yacht and sighed.

“This is the life.”

Henry drank his juice with his sunglasses on. He had his legs crossed as he said while enjoying the sea breeze.

“The only people we are lacking are two girls.”

Jasper, who was watching the news on his computer, looked up and asked. "As far as I know, the old master has no relationship with the Godfather. He even said that he will not allow the Godfather to step foot into Harbor City as long as he's alive. Why did your dad ask me to see him?"

Henry replied with a grin, "Benefits, of course. The old master is the old master, my dad is my dad, and you are you. Everyone has different opinions."

"The reason why the old master fought with the Godfather was that the Godfather framed the old master while they partnered on a huge commercial complex."

"They agreed that they wouldn't open a casino in the commercial complex but eventually, the Godfather did it without telling the old master. What the old master hates most in his life are gambling and drugs, so they had a fall-out right there and then."

"I think that the Godfather himself regrets it too, but everyone is sensible. They can't demolish a complex involving an investment of tens of billions of Harbor dollars because of such a matter, so the dispute remained."

"Even though the old master has beef with the Godfather, the Godfather is good at interpersonal communication. He will give us what we deserve according to our assigned dividends, and not a dime less. However, the old master just turned around and donated all the money to the mainland."

Jasper nodded and said pensively, "If that's the case, the Godfather is pretty loyal too."

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“Loyal?” Henry lifted his eyebrows and said in disdain, “What else can he do if he’s not loyal? Does he think he’s safe if he just hides in Auma City forever after he crossed the old master?”

“You have to know that during the Handover, he was able to keep his assets and he made Auma City the only place in the country that allows legal gambling. The old master helped him with that, you know?”

“So, at the end of the day, it’s still only about profit.”

While the two of them chatted, a smaller yacht appeared next to theirs.

It was evident that this yacht was the kind that was rented to tourists and guests. The level and the look of the yacht could not be compared to Henry’s private yacht.

However, there were a lot of beautiful ladies on the smaller yacht.

“Wow, that yacht is so beautiful. Did you rent this yacht, handsome?”

A beautiful lady in a bikini on the smaller yacht asked Jasper with a twinkle in her eyes.

Jasper grinned and said, "I'm just a crew member. My job is to steer this thing."

"Oh?" There was a hint of disappointment on the lady's face.

However, she continued, "Can we come over and take some pictures?"

When Jasper was faced with the beautiful ladies' hopeful gazes, he shrugged and said, "I'm just a crew member, I can't make the decision."

"Yeah, Mel... What decision can he make when he's just a crew? Let's not ask him," another beautiful lady said with disappointment

"Sigh, what a nice yacht. My best friends and colleagues will be so jealous if I could go up to take pictures," the lady named Mel said in disappointment.

At this critical moment, Henry got up from the sofa and pointed at the other side. He said, "The Godfather's yacht is here."

Everyone looked over and saw an extremely luxurious yacht cruising over from afar. The word 'Bose' was written in extremely eye-catching detail on the side of the yacht.

"Wow! This is the Boses' yacht! It's the Godfather's private yacht!"

A lady who knew what was what suddenly screamed. Almost everyone knew who the Godfather was.

"Oh my, I wonder if he's on the yacht. I'd do anything to get a chance to go onboard!" Mel had a look of shock on her face.

While they were talking, they noticed the yacht driving over slowly.

"My gosh! The Godfather's yacht is coming over! Is it here for us?" Another lady shrieked in surprise.

Instantly, every woman onboard started panicking and began looking for their makeup bag frantically. They were all making a hasty last-minute effort to freshen up. If the Godfather set his eyes on them, their social status would immediately skyrocket.

While those women were frantically trying to display their most beautiful side, an aged yet handsome old man with a tall figure walked out from the yacht.

Jasper and Henry did not expect the Godfather, who had not left Auma City for a long time, to come to welcome the two at sea.

“Hahaha, Henry, my boy, the last time I saw you, you were still in someone’s arms. You’re so big now,” the Godfather laughed at Henry.

Henry looked ashamed and he said, “Don’t make fun of me, Godfather.”

Even if Henry was a rascal, he would not show that side of him in front of the Godfather. He knew not to do this as, all things considered, judging from their age and seniority, the Godfather was from the same generation as his grandfather.

The Godfather looked at Jasper and praised, “Young hero!”

Jasper smiled and replied, “Thanks for the compliment, Godfather...”

“Come, let’s talk on board,” the Godfather waved his hand and said.

The two of them climb onboard the Godfather’s yacht using the ladder while the women were left dumbfounded.

“The guy who called himself a crew was just invited on board by the Godfather. He looks like the Godfather’s guest too.”

The women were extremely remorseful. This time, they had lost the opportunity to ride someone else’s coattails.

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The three of them were in high spirits on the Godfather’s yacht. The weather was nice that day so they decided to sit on the top deck.

“Tch tch, Godfather, your yacht is so amazing. I heard that you spent 60 million US Dollars on this yacht.” Henry envied.

The Godfather looked at Henry with a faint smile and said, “Do you like it? I’ll give it to you.”

Henry hurriedly waved his hand and said, “Forget it, forget it. Even if you give it to me, I can’t afford to maintain it.”

The Godfather laughed loudly and said, “Yes, the Laws have always been traditional and simple, so naturally you did not develop the habit of spending money lavishly.”

Henry said happily, "That's right, Godfather. Why don't you tell my grandpa to give me more pocket money?"

The Godfather shook his head and replied, "Never mind. Mr. Law doesn't like me, so I won't go and poke my head where it doesn't belong."

Henry grinned. There were not many people who could make the Godfather how his head or even grow apprehensive. It just so happened that his grandfather was one of them, so as his grandson, Henry naturally felt proud.

After some chatting, the Godfather looked at Jasper and said, "Zachary told me some of the news. I'm interested."

Jasper lifted his eyebrows slightly.

It seemed that even though the old master and the Godfather had beef, the current head of the family had a pretty good relationship with the Godfather.

"What's wrong? Are you wondering what he told me?" The Godfather asked in rumination.

Jasper answered, "Uncle Law asked me to come to you, Godfather. So, of course, he respects you a lot. There's nothing to hide either. I think he has already told you what needed to be said, I don't need to worry about it."

"How thorough. You're very sly indeed," the Godfather remarked on Jasper's reply.

Jasper smiled bitterly and said, "Don't blame me, Godfather. I'm not as capable as you so I have to be more careful."

"You're not as capable? That is not right. Everyone knows that the Laws are treating you like their second son," the Godfather said pensively.

Jasper did not plan to let the Godfather steer the conversation. Hence, he said straightforwardly, "Godfather, this matter will affect many things, and there are very high risks involved. I have to tell you all this beforehand."

Jasper had completely different attitudes toward the Godfather and Kayden.

One could be friends but not best friends with a fox like Kayden. Whether it was cooperation or otherwise, both sides were always cautiously testing each other, lest they suffered losses.

However, this was not needed with the Godfather. Being honest could actually earn him brownie points. Jasper knew that his wealth was nothing compared to what the Godfather had.

However, he still needed to be careful. After all, the Godfather was not a Law.

“But the benefits are greater, aren’t they?”

The Godfather’s eyes flashed with a complex light. Then, he said in a deep voice, “After Zachary told me about this, I plan to intervene.”

“When the time comes, I’ll support you unconditionally with regards to money and connections. Basically, everything you can think of.”

Jasper’s expression changed upon hearing that.

With his current status and position, the Godfather could not say anything willy-nilly. Once he said something, he would have to keep his word.

“Thank you for being so principled, Godfather,” Jasper said seriously.

The Godfather shook his hand and said, "Don't think of me as such a powerful figure. We've suffered a great loss from those old scoundrels in the past. So this time, you can think of it as me seeking revenge on them because of my personal grievances."

Back then, the Godfather got rich from gambling in Auma City, but one had to remember that the biggest and most famous casino was still in Las Vegas of the United States.

The rise of Auma City made Las Vegas very uncomfortable.

Dirty conflicts between the two sides occurred numerous times over the years. The Godfather had suffered a few big losses, so he always carried this hatred.