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The moment Jake bumped into Jasper again, he gritted his teeth. He was so eager to pounce on Jasper and feast on him!

After coming back from the Laws' household that day, Jake had been listening to people singing praises at Jasper while they mocked him.

He wondered who was the loudmouth who spread out the news of him being humiliated by Jasper in the Laws' household.

As such, he, Jake, a rich and influential person who led his life as if he was the main character in a novel, suddenly became the opposing character in a novel instead...

He would himself in the office for almost the entire day and not come out.

He knew that after this incident, he had humiliated his entire family throughout Harbor City. From then onward, no one would be willing to cooperate with him.

He, as a stock trader, had no funds to invest in himself, hence what awaited him in the future was only death.

Jake did not even consider whether to go to other countries to develop.

However, at that moment, Henry's men had found him.

Jake did not have the guts to not show up when faced with Henry's summon.

At this moment, he was looking at Jasper who was sitting on the balcony. His back was facing the sunny sky, and his casual white shirt made him look handsome under the umbrella.

Even Jake had to admit that Jasper's appearance and aura were definitely of a prestigious person.

'This guy, he's from a family that's slightly of the lower class. If only he was from an affluent family of Harbor City, perhaps he might be a very successful person.'

That was what Jake thought as he made his way to Jasper and Henry.

"Have a seat."

Jasper pointed at the only empty seat.

Jake said with a cold smile, "You called me over to continue humiliating me? You should begin right now. The winner is the king and the fallen will be the loser. I've got nothing to comment on that. However, in regards to sitting, I'll pass on that."

"Humiliate you?"

At that moment, Henry was not happy and said scornfully, "F*ck you. Who do you think you are? Do you have any idea how busy we are right now? There's a ton of stuff waiting to be settled. Who has the spare time to humiliate you? You've really overestimated yourself."

While being lectured, Jake gritted his teeth and roared, "Then why did you guys call me over here? Don't tell me we're here to be friends?"

"It's not that accurate if you say it's to be friends, but we can't say it's wrong from a different perspective," said Jasper with a soft chuckle.

Jake looked at Jasper with a hostile gaze. He realized he was no longer able to see through what was going through the mind of that person.

“Harbor City is a very important place. However, I can’t possibly stay in Harbor City forever. So, I need someone in Harbor City to help me settle some issues regarding business.”

Jasper said it without beating around the bush. He tapped on Jake and continued saying, “You’re one of the candidates.”

Jake found it hilarious yet felt exasperated at the same time. He said, “You’re not holding a grudge against me and are even thinking of putting me in a very important position? Do you think I’m some three-year-old kid who’s easily cheated?”

Jasper stood up and walked to the side of the balcony.

Jake was in doubt, hence he followed as well and stood not far away from Jasper.

At that moment, if it was not for a group of security guards glaring from a place not far away, Jake might really push Jasper down to end everything.

However, that was just a quick flash of an idea. Jake was aware that if he did that, he would be taken down before he could even make a move.

Even though he hated Jasper, the hatred he had was not to a point where he would take him down with his life.

“Harbor City is indeed a city that can spellbind others. It’s full of temptation, isn’t it?”

Jasper faced the wind and the vast sky that was hundreds of meters wide. He said those words while facing the entire Harbor City.

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Harbor City had just endured a financial crisis. Currently, its sky was so clear with sunny weather. Skyscrapers were standing tall under the dark blue sky. Each floor was shining, and there were lots of people strolling along the streets downstairs. Cars were passing by each other as well. Everything looked so lively. "Don't you wish to stand at the top of this city and enjoy its beauty from up here?" said Jasper.

Jake looked at Jasper's back view and raised his brow. He had to admit that at that moment, he was indeed being mesmerized by the beauty mentioned by Jasper.

'Standing at the peak of Harbor City? That will be an enormous honor.

'That will really make my ancestors proud of me as well!'

It was also a target that made Jake keep putting in the effort. It was just that the target was way too far and hard for him to reach. Aside from fantasizing about it, Jake dared not think further about it.

However, Jasper did not just have the guts to think about it, he even blurted it out. Besides, he was also making a move toward it.

At least at that moment, everyone in Harbor City had come to know of the name Jasper.

"There's no such thing as being enemies forever in the business world, only benefits exist. If you think that there's a miscommunication between us from earlier, and to you, it's a barrier that you can't overcome, then you may leave this instant. I give you my word that no one will stop you."

After listening to Jasper's comment, Jake's face twitched. Finally, he snorted and said, "Previously, I was the one who insulted you in the first place. Then later on, you made me kneel and grovel to you, forcing me to take you as my master. Doesn't that make things equal?"

"Equal? Maybe."

Jasper's comment made Jake's expression change for the worst. From the moment he arrived up to that point, Jasper's words and actions made Jake think that he was intending to solve the issue. However, he did not expect Jasper to say such a thing after he surrendered.

"However, to me, business is business. You have your strengths that I admire, and it's something that I need. This is the basis of our cooperation. It has nothing to do with other things. It's only up to whether or not you want to cooperate with us."

Jasper spun around. The curve on his lips at that moment was no different from a demon in Jake's vision.

He could not think it through. 'What kind of person will be able to really place their personal emotions aside when making a decision?'

Even if he previously had a very huge argument with Jasper, he should be discussing with Jasper with a calm spirit all just because he possessed an ability that Jasper needed?

'Does such a person really exist in this world?'

"For a time period, I'll be leaving Harbor City. When that happens, my investments in Harbor City will be under your supervision. You have the skills, but your temper is so bad. That's why I don't plan to give you the main authority. Without my permission, you can't make any decisions by yourself.

"I'll give you 5% of profits for your part for one year."

Jake sneered, “5%, isn’t that way too low?”

“You can choose not to agree to it. You can just turn around and leave.”

At that moment, Henry came over and stood beside Jasper. He chuckled and said, “Of course, the moment you leave, I might end up giving you lots of trouble!”

Jasper frowned and looked at Henry, saying, “Don’t frighten him.”

After saying it, Jasper’s expression became awful as he said to Jake, “This is win-win cooperation. We’re gaining benefits from each other. There won’t be any revenge if you don’t agree to it.

“Both parties cooperating on their own record is the basis to a cooperation process that will be guaranteed to be a success.”

Hearing Jasper’s comment made Jake’s expression look much better. Deep within his heart, he started having a good impression of Jasper.

After all, when compared to Henry, Jasper was so generous that he could gain the respect of others.

“5% is too little. It’s so much lower than the market price.” Jake was already inclined to give in, but he insisted on gaining more profits.

It was normal human psychology.

Jasper gradually raised his head and said, “The investments in Harbor City that I’m about to hand over to you are not less than two billion. Now, do you still think that 5% is little?”

“What?!”

Jake was shocked and looked at Jasper, horrified. He was stunned by Jasper's large sum of money.

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Since young, Jake was always surrounded by others and flattered by them. He grew up with the nickname of being a genius.

He was always the ideal kid mentioned by other parents.

Even on Wall Street, he was also considered to have become famous from a young age.

However, it was those incidents that created Jake's ego and proud character.

However, no matter what happened, no one would deny Jake's exceptionally strong working ability.

In his 20s, he was able to create fame for himself on Wall Street. Such an ability was impossible to be seen in any ordinary person.

Besides, Jake was also a bright person.

After leaving the Laws' household, even though he was very upset and suffered a lot, he took the time to calm himself. After looking back at his mistakes, he returned to witness Jasper's way of trading.

He had to admit that if he was the one who operated it, Harbor Stocks might be done for.

Jake was not willing to admit it verbally, but deep within him, he knew it crystal clear.

According to the momentum on the market, looking out for such an investment would require at least 15% of profits. Only then would it be considered as the norm.

However, that was only for those small customers with millions of investments.

‘This is two billion...’

To be honest, Jasper’s offer was considered luxurious.

Even if Jasper was not famous now, many people would still fight their way to get hold of the offer if it was extended to the public.

The thought of it made Jake grit his teeth and say, “I’ll take the offer!”

Jasper smiled and clapped Jake’s shoulder, saying, “This is what you call knowing what’s best.”

“When are we signing the agreement?”

Even though Jake had agreed to cooperate with Jasper, deep within his heart, he had completely surrendered to him. Even though his pride made him unable to step down without feeling awkward, he still forced himself to ask the question.

“I’ll get in touch with you after some time.” Jasper waved his hand.

“Sure. I’ll be waiting for your news,” said Jake, then he left the scene.

Looking at his back view, Henry elbowed Jasper. “Let’s not talk about me, but there are tons of talented people in Harbor City. Why bother looking for him?”

“Indeed, there are lots of talented people and investment management companies who can accept my task. However, in the near future, Harbor City will be operating as my second largest base. I won’t be able to rest assured if I hand it over to other companies,” said Jasper while shaking his head.

As for the details, which involved Jasper’s future and the plans for his business territory, there was no need to reveal them to Henry as he would not be able to understand it.

“Then you’ll be able to rest assured if it’s Jake? Don’t you forget that he’s a man with greed! Besides, he even has a grudge against you,” said Henry, astonished.

Regardless of what he said, those two people were considered to have suspicions toward each other. He had never heard of an enemy who would be much more trustworthy than other people.

“He’s aware of my relationship with your family, and he knows that I have good connections with the four affluent families of Harbor City, as well as the government of Harbor City. Hence, even if I’m not in Harbor City, he won’t dare do anything foolish.

“An enemy who knows how overwhelming you are will do things more cautiously compared to a stranger who knows nothing about you. The chances of them doing foolish things will be fewer as well.”

Henry heard the comment and thought about it for a long time. He then said with a sorrowful tone, “I don’t get it...”

“Aren’t you guys tired? Every day, you guys are calculating so many things. It’s as if you guys have to think through it ten times.”

“Let’s go. Let’s head home.”

Jasper stretched lazily.

Henry quickly followed happily. He was already used to being the character of Jasper's underling... He still did not find anything weird about it.

This time, Jasper did not return to the Laws' household.

Zachary was busy, and he was not able to divide his person to carry out other tasks at the same time. After the huge financial crisis that landed on Harbor City, Zachary would have to personally handle issues, be it the family's business or the issues in the government of Harbor City.

Zachary even brought Anna along to help out.

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Henry, who would only make things worse when he helped out, was cast over to Jasper without hesitation.

That was why when Jasper returned to the hotel, he immediately abandoned the idea of heading out to have fun, especially when he knew that Jasper was going to attend the interview session with Terra's Financial Weekly.

"Man, that's Terra's Financial Weekly! It holds such a great influence!

"They only interview big bosses, people like my dad. He was interviewed once. Even if that's the case, I haven't heard of such a thing as special interviews."

At the executive lounge of Mandarin Oriental Hotel, Henry was saying to Jasper with an excited look.

"Why don't you go for the interview since you're so excited about it?" said Jasper with a smile.

Henry's expression turned dark and he said angrily, "Forget it. If I'm able to attend an interview with them, my dad will laugh till he wakes up from his sleep. Knowing one's limit is the key to being a prestigious person... The key is to know one's limit."

"There's no such thing as something being impossible."

Jasper left a comment when he noticed Henry being lifeless.

According to Jasper's memories from his past life, later on in the future, Henry really got featured on a page in Terra's Financial Weekly. However, that was after he changed his ways and carried out a legit business. It was also after he married an athlete, the queen of diving.

While they were talking, three people consisting of a lady and two men rushed into the executive lounge.

The two men were carrying some supplies while the lady had delicate makeup on, looking quite stunning.

She had short hair that reached her ears and was wearing a lady's suit. She did not have heavy makeup on, which made her appearance look fresh. That lady was Leilani Carlson, one of the most famous hosts in Harbor City.

"Nice to meet you, Mr. Laine. I'm Leilani Carlson, representing Terra's Financial Weekly. I'm responsible for the interview session with you this time."

As a host who was used to dealing with lots of huge crises and had even interviewed many talented bosses from the business industry, Leilani was rather amiable and could easily leave a good impression on others.

Jasper smiled and shook hands with her, saying, "Nice to meet you. It's a pleasure."

After taking a seat, Leilani said, “We know that you’re quite busy, Mr. Laine. So, let me get straight to the point. We’re very grateful that you’re willing to spend some time and cooperate with us to sit for this interview.

“In light of the market rescue plan which you hosted, you managed to rescue the finances of Harbor Stocks and they didn’t suffer from further damages. Hence, the citizens of Harbor City are eager to know more about you. So this time, you’ll be featured on the front page of our Terra’s Financial Weekly.”

Henry, who was beside, was widening his eyes when he heard it.

Once again, he was able to sense himself being extraordinarily weak when compared to Jasper—especially when he recalled his younger days of fooling around with young models, racing cars, clubs, and going to yacht gatherings.

‘Look what others are fooling around with!

‘He hosted a rescue market plan that’s worth tens of billions!

‘He’s sitting for an interview with Terra’s Financial Weekly and is even f*cking getting featured on the front page!’

In Harbor City, the influence of Terra’s Financial Weekly was just only second to the magazine Fortune, which was famous throughout the world.

“Will you need to specially take pictures for this?” Jasper asked.

“If you have to take additional photos, then you guys can forget about it. I’m really very busy, and I have no time for makeup and taking photos.”

Jasper’s comment nearly made Henry, who was beside him, jumped to his feet.

‘F*ck you! You may not have the time, but I do!’

Leilani was stunned for a moment. A weird sensation was dwelling within her.

To be honest, Jasper was very easy-going. He did not have the ego of a young ambitious man. Even if he was rejecting something, he could make others feel his sincerity as well...

'But this is Terra's Financial Weekly!'

Even if it was a boss like Kayden, he had also given full cooperation and used one whole day for makeup and photoshoot when he was featured on the front page.

"If you're busy with work, Mr. Laine, then let's be flexible and immediately start with the interview. As for the photoshoot, we'll just seize any opportunity and take a few pictures. Later on, we'll choose a nice one and publish it," said Leilani.

"Let's start," said Jasper while nodding his head.

Leilani hesitated again and said awkwardly to Henry who was staring at a corner with an excited look, "Young Master Law, could you please move aside and have a seat while our shooting takes place? We don't want anyone else showing up beside Mr. Laine..."

Suddenly, Henry's expression turned dark. Flames of rage dwelled within him as he cursed internally.

'F*ck you!'

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Henry was so mad that his expression changed for the worst.

Since when would Young Master Law, who was all mighty in Harbor City and had a good reputation, be cast aside disdainfully by others?

‘She even thinks I’m a nuisance for being in the background?!’

“No need for that.”

Jasper suddenly spoke up and said with a smile, “Allow him in to be in the interview with me. After all, I think there are quite a number of readers who are rather curious about the identity of Young Master Law.”

Jasper’s request was one that did not comply with the standard set of rules. All this while, such a professional interview was on a one-on-one basis. When would there be a scene where two people showed up and were interviewed at the same time?

‘Plus, Henry is not on our list of to-be-interviewed as well.’

However, Leilani was not a fool. After giving it some thought, she understood that Jasper’s suggestion would work out. Henry was not some random person but the eldest young master of the Law family.

During this market rescue plan, the four affluent families of Harbor City had spared some funds, and among them, the Law family had put in lots of effort. Logically speaking, he should be allowed to stay for this interview.

The most important thing was that Leilani was able to recognize reality. If she were to reject the suggestion and did not do a perfect job, she would have to

endure an earful of a lecture when she returned. Jasper would definitely not be happy as well, and she would even offend a mighty young master of Harbor City like Henry.

‘Only a fool will do such a thing!’

“Alright, then shall we officially start our interview?”

After getting all set up, Leilani started with her first question.

“Nice to meet you, Mr. Laine. You came from Mainland yet have become so famous in Harbor City. You were elected as the host for the market rescue plan. Besides, your performance truly did not let anyone down. In regards to this, do you have anything that you’d like to share with everyone?”

Jasper thought for a moment and said with a smile, “If I were to share something, I will only say that gold will shine wherever it goes.

“I’m not trying to praise myself. I’m just trying to tell everyone that it’s 99% effort, as well as a little bit of luck and a tiny bit of talent. Only by persevering one will ultimately be successful.”

Leilani’s eyes sparkled.

She had interviewed so many people before. Unless they had already memorized their lines, it was very rare for someone to perform in such a perfect manner during a spontaneous interview session.

Jasper, at that moment, regardless of his mentality or vibe, all seemed natural without an ounce of anxiety.

While they were talking, Jasper was behaving appropriately and was able to fulfill a difficult task with the least effort.

Leilani had only sensed such a vibe and charisma on those bosses who had been famous for a very long time in the business industry.

After asking a few routine questions, Leilani did not give Henry a cold shoulder and asked him, “Mr. Law, you’re good friends with Mr. Laine. So, tell me, what kind of person is he in his usual life? Is he always this elegant and easy-going?”

Henry nearly burst into laughter.

He could not comprehend the fact that Leilani was able to sense that Jasper was elegant and easy-going.

‘This brat is using his looks to cheat others again.’

Even though he was cursing frantically internally, Henry had a bright smile on his face.

“You’re saying that about him? Previously, in my eyes, he was just a Mainlander... No, actually he’s a very good person.”

Henry nearly went with the flow and revealed his relationship with Jasper. He immediately became serious when he remembered that this was a serious interview.

“In my life, my relationship with him is actually... that of a master and a student.”

Leilani’s eyes were opened wide. She did not expect to get such an answer from the mouth of Henry.

“That’s right. You’re very surprised, right? Actually, I’m also quite astonished by my conclusion.

“Well to be frank, during this period of time, I’ve learned a lot from him. At least, I realized just how childish I was last time.

“Right now... he’s the target that I’m running toward.”

Henry shrugged his shoulders. Initially, he had not planned to praise Jasper, but as he kept talking, he realized that speaking out what was in his mind was actually not an embarrassing thing to do. As that was the case, he might as well blurt out everything that was deep within him.

‘Setting my master as my target and learning from him is not an embarrassing thing.’

Leilani’s eyes were gleaming with rays of excitement. She could already predict that with just Henry’s statement, this issue of the magazine would be able to sell out till it was out of stock.

“Mr. Laine, do you think you’re a genius in the investing world?”

Under the lightings that gathered together, Jasper sat on the sofa with the most natural and comfortable posture. When facing Leilani’s question, he kept silent for a moment.

“Maybe I have a bit of talent. Actually, I didn’t have any interest in investment at the very beginning. I’m actually quite a lazy person.”

Henry glanced at Jasper as the corners of his mouth twitched.

‘It’s starting!’

‘It’s starting again!’

‘This man is starting to put on an act!’