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As soon as Brad said this, the atmosphere between the four fell into an awkward moment of silence.

Brad smiled, but his eyes were full of profound meaning when he looked at Jasper as if he was waiting to see how he would respond.

Zachary had no expression on his face and was looking at Brad with a slightly pissed look in his eyes. However, he had always respected Jasper's image.

It seemed that as soon as Jasper spoke, Zachary would be able to say something to counterattack Brad.

After all, regarding how hedonistic Henry was, it was also passed down from Zachary.

Although the current patriarch of the Laws had, on the surface, withdrawn himself from this for many years, it could be said that the Law got rich because of the old master. Zachary was the second generation of the Laws in the true sense.

If this Mr. Law became ruthless, his methods would be countless times superior to Henry's.

As for Erik, there was no way for him to speak.

Erik just relaxed and looked at Jasper from the corners of his eyes, waiting for him to respond.

This awkward silence only lasted for a few breaths. Jasper smiled, saying, "No matter how strong the second generations are, they will always follow the

trajectory and experience of their predecessors. So, there's still a lot to learn, but the younger generation is also separated into different kinds, that's all.

"If I were to compare myself to Uncle Law, I think I still have a lot of room for improvement."

As soon as his words came out, Zachary was beaming with joy. Brad laughed along with him, but his laughter sounded a little awkward.

With that statement, Jasper had humbled himself, lifted Zachary, and made a comeback at Brad.

"Not bad. Very good."

Brad's words were full of significance. He turned his head and said to Erik, "See? I always tell you that there are people better than you out there and it's people like Jasper. You're about the same age, but there's such a huge difference between the two of you. You need to learn from Jasper."

Erik said respectfully after hearing the words, "I know, Dad. I will humbly learn from Jasper."

"Mr. Turner, you're over-praising me. I just have better luck and don't really have a lot of talents. You'll make me lose my sense of modesty if you praise me too much," Jasper said unenthusiastically.

Brad laughed and said, "You have accomplished such achievements at a young age, so it's alright even if you lose your sense of modesty because it is as it ought to be.

"However, Jasper..."

Brad's tone faded as soon as he switched the conversation to another subject.

"Our country is vast and rich, filled with outstanding people with great talents. We must always keep in mind the principle that there is always someone better than us in the world just like how I taught Erik. Don't look down on everyone in the world just because of some achievements.

"Your generation is still young and has insufficient experiences, so making too many enemies is not a good thing."

Jasper said insipidly, "Thank you for reminding me, Mr. Turner. I'll keep it in mind."

Zachary also spoke up at this time. He said, "Turner, I don't like to hear that. Are young people still young if they're not impulsive and have a pioneering spirit? It's fine if they cause trouble, just treat it as gaining more experience. The people from the older generation like us will just bear it for him.

"If we can't bear it, the old man is still around, don't you think?"

Upon hearing Zachary's words, Brad's expression suddenly became serious. He looked at Zachary deeply and smiled faintly. "It seems that you Laws really admire this young man named Jasper so much that you're even letting out such words."

Zachary said calmly, "This is not my intention only, but also my father's."

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Brad looked at Zachary seriously. After a long while, he smiled. "Okay, very well."

"No matter if you think it's good or bad, this is how it is. The reason is very simple, you and I were once young and vigorous before, and we also caused a lot of trouble. Back then, we asked our parents to solve those issues for us. Now

that we're parents, we naturally have to take care of our younger generation. We can't keep letting our younger generation get bullied, at least."

Zachary looked at Brad directly, chuckled, and said coldly, "Turner, don't you think so?"

Brad took a deep look at Brad and Jasper before suddenly saying insipidly, "Erik, say goodbye to Uncle Law. We'll be leaving now."

After Erik heard that, he immediately said goodbye to Zachary respectfully.

"If you have something to do, go ahead. It's late and my old man is still waiting to say a few words to Jasper," Zachary said dully.

Brad snorted before turning around to leave with Erik.

After the two left, Zachary patted Jasper on the shoulder and said magnanimously, "Don't worry. Just attack Erik back if he dares to try and do something to you. If Brad has the nerve to go into court and deal with you personally, I'll go head-on with him. I've disliked him since the very beginning."

Jasper smiled bitterly. "Uncle Law, this was originally a matter between me and them. It's not worth involving the Laws in this."

Zachary said seriously, "You're wrong about this. Now everyone knows that you're an ally of the Laws. If you lose to Erik, then there's nothing to be said. You're just not capable enough. However, what do Brad's words mean?

"He's 12 years older than you and keeps using his family's power to pressure others. Does he seriously think that you don't have support? I said that the younger generation should resolve their own grievances themselves. Does he think that I'm dead by putting his foot in as an elder?"

Jasper was also moved by Zachary's domineering words.

Ordinary people would not say such a straightforward statement so easily if they did not have a family that was as huge and powerful as the Laws.

Now that it had been said, it was final. Zachary would definitely support him to the end now.

"Okay, don't think too much. Brad is not a fool. He's smarter than anyone else, so you need to be more careful in your actions in the future and don't let anyone get their hands on something that they can use against you. Let's go now, the old man is still waiting," Zachary said to Jasper warmly.

After Jasper heard that, he nodded. As they were walking and chatting, they reached a car.

The car the old master was sitting in was parked by the roadside, waiting for Jasper to come over.

Jasper opened the car door and apologized to the old master who was looking at him with a smile. "Old Master, there was a delay just now. Sorry for making you wait."

Zachary, who followed him, saw Jasper being so tactful and added, "Brad just threatened Jasper."

Old Master Law ignored Zachary and smiled gently at Jasper. "It's okay, you can just go on with your business first. I just wanted to have a casual chat with you. If someone is using seniority to oppress you, you can look for Zachary. If he can't solve it for you, come and find me."

Jasper suddenly felt his scalp turning numb.

Sure enough, Henry's fiery temper was inherited.

The old master was so old now, yet he was also a person who refused to admit defeat.

"Uncle Law and Old Master are speaking so highly of me. So, of course, I won't impetuously rush headfirst into everything myself. When it's time to ask for help, I won't be courteous." Jasper laughed.

The old master chuckled a few times and said with satisfaction, "Yes, this is the spirit that young people should have. Don't be afraid of anything, and don't go looking for trouble. If you think it's right, do it."

Jasper said, "Speaking of what should be done, I really have one thing I need to do and I need your help for that, Old Master Law."

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Jasper's words intrigued Old Master Law.

Although the two were decades apart and their position and status were also greatly different, the things Jasper had done so far proved that what he wanted to do next was not going to be easy for him.

"What is it that's able to make you so serious? I'm interested," Old Master Law said warmly.

When Old Master Law said these words, he actually believed that Jasper had probably encountered a difficult opponent and needed to use the power of the Laws to solve the issue.

The old master did not think there was anything wrong with this.

In his opinion, the better a person was, the more enemies they would have. If there were no enemies, it was either that person was invincible, or the person was simply a pile of mud and nobody had any interest in dealing with them. Old Master Law himself only got to where he was now through dealing with one enemy after another.

However, what Jasper said next made Old Master Law's white eyebrows tremble.

"Old Master, regarding the burst of the dot-com bubble and the plummet of Harbor stocks, it's obvious that the Western capitalists have entered the market and are the ones responsible for these behind the scenes.

"Just like the year of the handover, their evil intentions are still alive. They're always trying to steal our economic results through such despicable means.

"This is equivalent to the Western capitalists viewing us as the livestock they've raised in captivity. When we grow fat and strong, they can open our doors at any time to take away all our hard-earned money."

The gentle smile that Old Master Law displayed in front of Jasper disappeared. Those eyes that had gone through countless vicissitudes of life were now full of resentment and unwillingness.

The Laws could stand out among the many wealthy families in Harbor City because Old Master Law was truly a patriotic businessman at heart.

He had shown his patriotism through practical actions. He had given up or even harmed his own huge profits for the collective benefit instead of just verbally expressing his patriotism like how some rich people clamored to do every day.

It was because whether it was the year of the handover or the financial crisis earlier this year, Old Master Law had long hated the Western capitalists.

"Jasper, you can even see through this scheme at your age. It's great." Old Master Law opened his mouth, but apart from his appreciation of Jasper, his tone was also full of helplessness regarding the reality they were facing.

"However, whether it's Harbor City or the entire Mainland, the actual situation is that we're still weak and poor. In the face of those with power, we have no way to fight back, and we can only endure this resentment for the time being.

"Only when we're strong enough and have enough capital and power, then no one will dare to bully us."

Jasper heard those words and said, "I can't say for the others, but I can't bear it."

Old Master Law laughed. Instead of striking Jasper down, he praised him. "Yes, young people should have such vigor and energy.

"Us old people will be tolerant because we have to proceed based on the overall situation, but you're still in the stage of developing yourself, and learning to hide your light under a bushel too early may not be a good thing."

"Old Master, I'm going to do it," Jasper said suddenly.

The smile on Old Master Law's face froze for a moment. Although it was only for a few breaths, the uncontrollable emotions that were apparent on Old Master Law's face was enough to show the impact of Jasper's words on him.

"Jasper, don't be too impulsive." Old Master Law frowned.

A second ago, he was still complimenting Jasper for being an impulsive young man, but now, he had to stop him from being too impulsive...

"Old Master, I've thought it through. Even though it seemed that I had protected Harbor Stocks the last time, I actually know very well that I still lost a lot while fighting with the other party. Otherwise, the result would not turn out the way it did."

Jasper's expression was very calm. Ever since his debut, everything had gone smoothly for him, but this did not mean that he was invincible.

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He had also lost before. He lost to a trader behind the scenes during the fight between Harbor Stocks and the Western capitalists.

The opponent's advantage was too great and they got a decisive opportunity. If it had been someone else, they might only get a crushing defeat.

However, in Jasper's view, all of those were not reasons for denying failure.

If you lost, you lost. It was fine to admit it.

On the contrary, this would only arouse his fighting spirit.

Old Master Law looked at Jasper deeply and said, "Jasper, don't be too demanding of yourself."

Jasper shook his head and smiled. "No, Old Master, I'm not being demanding with myself. I know very well that there are people better than me out there. It's not shameful to lose once or twice.

"However, I need to get back this reputation whether it's because of my position as a person of Somer descent or my personal point of view."

Old Master Law frowned slightly and said nothing.

Jasper continued, "Old Master, you need to start from the present conditions, and your position and status as the elder generation are too sensitive. A slight move in one part may affect the situation as a whole, and it may become an international event, so you can't rashly take action.

"But I'm different. If you throw me to the west, how many people will know who I am? I'm still young. This is my advantage and my protection. If I go to the western capital market to do something, no one will take me to the international level to deal with me."

Old Master Law said with emotion, "However, you have to be clear that once you do it, us old people can't help you directly because of many complicated reasons."

Jasper smiled and said, "This is my own matter, why would I need help from others?"

These words sounded plain, but in fact, they were overbearing.

Even Zachary, who was silent next to him, looked at Jasper in surprise.

Ever since knowing Jasper, Zachary had to constantly refresh his inner evaluation of Jasper, but after improving it time and again, Zachary still found that he had still been underestimating Jasper.

If Jasper's life was not cut short, with this kind of aggressiveness, what would he achieve in the future?

Zachary felt that he did not dare to think about it.

Old Master Law was silent for a long time before asking, "What are you going to do?"

Jasper told him the plan that he had already reviewed countless times in his heart. He said, "What I'm doing now is to accumulate my own capital. The money I have right now is enough for me to live my life comfortably and it'll be more than enough for generations to come. However, it's still not enough to move Wall Street.

"So, I plan to accumulate more and when I have at least more than ten billion US dollars in cash on hand, then it's time for me to start to carry out my plan to take down Wall Street. I'll let them get a taste of having their riches 'harvested' by others in the market."

Ten billion US dollars!

Was it a lot?

It was an astronomical number for most people.

However, in Jasper's opinion, it was just a prerequisite for the execution of the plan.

Then, how big was his ambition?

Old Master Law looked at Jasper intently and could not help asking, "Do you really want to do this? Once you fail, you may get a crushing defeat and there will be no chance for you ever again."

Jasper smiled and said, "For the sake of justice and self-interest, it must be done. Once I succeed, then it'll be time for Jasper Laine to get a taste of being the richest man in Terra."

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"Pretty ambitious." Old Master Law smiled and praised.

Jasper chuckled and said, "Being the richest man in Terra is just a mid-term goal. I have a bigger vision. It's just that those things seem to make me look like I'm biting off more than I can chew now."

Old Master Law did not think so. He said in a warm voice, "A person should always have a short, medium, and long-term plan for his life and career whether they're working or have a business in order to make money.

"A life without a plan will have no goals, and it's also the easiest way to get lost and lose your heart. Only by knowing what you want all the time, you can concentrate more on achieving it."

As he said that, Old Master Law looked at Jasper with encouragement and said, "Can you talk to me about your long-term goals?

"Actually, I've asked Zachary to know more about your industry. I found that what you've done the most up to this point is investing in the industry. Also, you're operating in the financial market and you're not involved in any substantial industries?

"This kind of approach is somewhat similar to some angel investment funds in the west."

The old master was the old master indeed. His vision and manner of operating from a strategically advantageous position were really not comparable to that of the general public.

When ordinary people looked at Jasper's current industrial layout, they might think that Jasper's assets were too scattered. It would seem that he was involved in too many industries but he was not proficient in any of them.

This was taboo for people in business.

Since Jasper never had a core pillar industry, this meant that his comprehensive strength and anti-risk ability would be very low.

However, the old master had spotted something different.

Jasper sorted out his thoughts after hearing the words and then said, "I do plan to take this path, but it's not comprehensive because to be honest, angel funds will be my core business but won't be everything.

"My idea is to build JW into a series of groups. As long as it's a leading industry, it'll be involved. This will then involve all aspects of social development and people's livelihood, so we still have to look at it as we go.

"At the end of the day, my idea is to build a modern and comprehensive commercial carrier so that JW will become a system and a global consortium that spans across different fields."

In fact, Jasper's idea came from the later generations where people were already familiar with many business concepts.

Take, for example, opening up the upstream and downstream industrial chains of high-end industries to achieve the industry's ecosystem.

However, these concepts were too advanced. At this moment, even in the west, these concepts were still in their infancy. Even Old Master Law might not be able to understand it, so Jasper did not tell him about that.

However, with just what he had said so far, Jasper's words were enough to shock Old Master Law and Zachary.

They knew that Jasper had great ambitions, but they did not expect them to be so big.

If it were someone else who said something like this in front of them, Old Master Law and Zachary would probably only think that the person was crazy.

However, Jasper was different.

Also, Jasper was the only one who could receive this treatment.

It was because they had watched with their own eyes how Jasper went from a little-known nobody to where he was now step by step.

"If this is successful, not only will you be the richest man in Terra, you might even be the richest man in the world," Zachary exclaimed.

Jasper chuckled and said, "I don't care about those false reputations, but when I can fight for that position, I will definitely fight for it!"

Old Master Law smiled and said, "We'll talk about the future when the future is here, but your plan is very good. If there's anything you need in the future, just tell us."

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"Preposterous!"