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"Don't act so proud, Jasper. Do you think you can step all over me?"

Enraged, Zayden gave up on maintaining pleasantries and sneered at Jasper.

"We've clashed many times already, so I think I know you well. You would've just dealt with me already if that's what you had in mind, but instead, you secretly came to look for me in my house. Haha, cut the crap. You're afraid, aren't you? You're afraid of the person supporting me!"

Zayden stared at Jasper and chortled.

"Hmm, not bad. Looks like you've learned something after being taught a few harsh lessons," Jasper turned to Zayden and said.

"Indeed, obstacles are the best way to make a person mature. Look at you now, you're way more mature than you used to be."

Zayden's expression turned more wretched by the minute, and he spoke to Jasper resentfully, "Stop mocking me, Jasper! Do you even know what kind of life I've been living in Harbor City for the past half a year? Even dogs have better lives than me!

"Those Harbor City freaks don't respect me at all. They hit me whenever they're in a bad mood. I've been living a life that's more lowly than pests!

"But I took all of that in stride because I will never forget that you were the one who made me become like this. I've sworn to myself so many times that I'll make you pay for all the suffering you made me go through. I'll return it to you a hundredfold!

"And this is only the beginning of my revenge!"

"So that's why you're so willing to be Kennedy's loyal dog? So that you can help him target me?"

Jasper questioned right after Zayden finished speaking.

Without further thought, Zayden replied easily, "Exactly. I'd rather do... Jasper, are you tricking me into talking?!"

Realizing that he had been played, Zayden was enraged and roared.

Instead of being overpowered, Zayden's self-esteem and desire for revenge were even more easily provoked by Jasper outsmarting him.

Seeing Jasper's elated expression on his face, Zayden had never once felt so much hatred for someone before.

He felt the urge to grab Jasper and skin him alive.

"I don't actually need to trick you at all. Harbor City has been fed up with me for a long time and there's only one Langdon who wants to see me dead. You merely confirmed my suspicions, that's all."

Jasper replied calmly.

Still panting in anger, Zayden mustered all his strength to control his rage as he glared at Jasper with a wretched smile. "So what if you know, huh? Like you can do anything anyway! The power that I have on my side is hardly anything you can defend against!

"I'd like to see how much longer you can keep this proud facade up."

Jasper got up from the sofa and leaned against the window where the moon outside could be seen. Looking out at the bright lights in the night view outside, he spoke, "Nauritus City has been developing even faster this year. You can see how much busier it is now, right?"

Zayden did not know what tricks Jasper had up his sleeve, so he merely scoffed but did not reply.

Despite not willing to admit it, Zayden was subconsciously afraid. He was terrified that Jasper would somehow manage to trick him to talk again.

"You must've gone to meet up with your accomplices tonight to discuss how you plan to get rid of me, right? After all, Terence has already brought you information that I want you to know.

"Knowing that you've been exposed, you knew that I'd retaliate very soon. That's why you couldn't wait anymore, and you didn't want to leave it up to chance as there's the risk that I'd manage to attack you before you can attack me. So, you decided to prepare and lay out your traps as soon as possible."

Jasper turned to look at Zayden. "Could you tell me who your other helpers are, then?"

Zayden scoffed. "Are you crazy? You want me to tell you? How about you beg me, then? I might just tell you who I asked for help and what exactly my plans entail!"

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Jasper crossed his arms and chuckled. "See? So you did find help, after all. It seems like Kennedy doesn't really trust you, considering how openly he asks you to get rid of me while he secretly asks someone else for help.

"Call it help or whatever else, but none of them truly trust your ability, do they?"

" "

Zayden glared at Jasper. This time, he did not even dare to refute him.

Jasper was just too terrifying, much more terrifying than the people he had met in Harbor City too.

With just a few words here and there, Jasper had managed to guess most of the truth from the small details and loopholes in his words.

"I didn't say anything at all. As to whether I have accomplices or not, well you can think whatever you want. Are you done? If you are, then get the f\*ck out of my house. You're not welcome here!"

Right after that, Zayden's phone rang.

Zayden glanced at the number displayed and suddenly laughed. "You want to know who my accomplices are, right, Jasper? Then I'll call him over right now."

Zayden then accepted the call.

"I've already prepared everyone we need, Zayden. I'm just waiting for confirmation from your side now. We can make our move tomorrow." Sirius' voice sounded from the other end of the line.

Zayden smiled and replied, "I've changed my mind, Uncle Sirius. We're still going to make a move, but don't you think it'd feel much better to see our enemy stand there and unable to do anything as everything unfolds at the same time?"

Sirius frowned. "What do you mean?"

"You know where I'm staying right now, right? Come over as fast as you can. I'll be waiting for you."

Zayden then hung up the phone. Turning around, he stared at Jasper resentfully and wretchedly.

"Just wait, Jasper. You're going to realize very soon that all your pride and arrogance are just a facade. You'll lose everything you have.

"I'd really like to see what you look like when you're hopeless and terrified."

Zayden stared at Jasper and guffawed. "Now that I think about it, I'm so excited I can't even wait anymore. Oh, I just hope that day will come soon.

"Remember everything I'm telling you now, Jasper. Everything you have, be it your money, your status, or your women, I will take everything from you and you won't be able to do anything but watch! This is what you get for offending too many people you never should have!"

Jasper looked down from where he stood by the window. On the first floor of the building that was pitch-black hid a few cars with red and blue lights. There were also the shadows of a few people who were standing alert.

"Your Uncle Sirius? That's your accomplice?" Jasper asked calmly.

Zayden smiled. "Exactly, but so what if you know now? It's too late anyway! You only have your own arrogance to blame!"

At the same time, the atmosphere was heavy in a car downstairs.

Jasper's Aunt Honey and her husband were both there. Wiping her tears with a tissue, Honey sobbed. "Oh Lord, how could Terence be so blind?!"

Darrel sighed. "It's just as Jasper said, there's no saving him anymore. Jasper told me before that Terence would sell him out but I didn't want to believe him. Now that I'm seeing it for myself, it looks like Jasper was right."

Jasper's uncle sighed deeply. "So you're telling me we have to send Terence to prison ourselves?"

"Dad!" Darrel shouted, pointing at the officers outside the car. "You see it too, don't you? It's already a fact that they're going to catch him. There's no way Terence can run anymore. But he's not the culprit, he's just the accomplice at most. We're saving him here. If we let him continue to act rashly, who knows what big trouble he's going to get himself into next time?!"

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"But Terence is your brother!"

Honey spoke as tears streamed down her face. "And... And Jasper too. Why does he have to send Terence to prison? Sure, Terence has made a mistake, but he's still his cousin. A little punishment would've been enough. You said he won't hold Terence accountable, so why is this happening now?"

Darrel sighed deeply and spoke, "I didn't want to believe Jasper when he told me that Terence would definitely betray him, so I made a promise to Jasper. If Terence betrayed him, it means that there's no saving him anymore and this is our only option left.

"If he didn't betray Jasper, then Jasper would let him go.

"Terence may only be an accomplice, but he could point Jasper to the culprit who's behind everything. This means a lot to Jasper because those people plotting against him are actually plotting for his death!

"This is already the most benevolent option Jasper can make."

With his eyebrows knitted tightly, Darrel's father hit his thigh and clenched his jaw tight. "He'll have to deal with the consequences of his own mistake. This is the most we can do for him. Enough already, we can only hope that Jasper will remember how we're cooperating with him this time and help Darrel with his business."

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Under Jasper's instructions, Sirius managed to drive his car into the underground car park of the apartment block without any difficulties.

Quickly after, Sirius hastily arrived at Zayden's apartment with two bodyguards in tow.

"Zayden, what..."

Sirius' eyes widened as his expression became filled with disbelief when he saw Jasper standing in front of Zayden.

Zayden was grinning. "Jasper had been waiting for me in my house long ago, Uncle Sirius."

Sirius furrowed his brows, feeling slightly unsettled as he asked grimly, "What's happening here?"

"Nothing much."

Zayden scoffed and replied in a wretched tone, "Jasper just can't wait to die!"

Sirius furrowed his brows slightly.

To be frank, Sirius would very much rather sit at home with victory in his grasp than to be exposed to his opponent before the plan even started.

Zayden's move caused a huge wave of unease to surge in his heart, and he had an ominous feeling.

"What do you want, Zayden?" Sirius asked.

Zayden guffawed. "What do I want? I want Jasper to watch as we destroy everything that belongs to him!

"Uncle Sirius, since we've already prepared everything and are going to make our move tomorrow, I don't see why we can't tell him about it tonight. But we won't tell him the specifics of what we're going to do and he'll just have to guess!

"You love playing guessing games, don't you, Jasper? Then take your time and guess. Guess how exactly we're going to screw you over!

"But all you have is one night. So what if you manage to guess it? You won't have time to prepare for a counterattack anyway. What a great feeling, wouldn't you say? Hahaha."

As he laughed, Zayden began to feel that something was wrong.

Jasper was now looking at him like he was stupid, and Julian's gaze on him was downright pitiful as well.

"Why are you looking at me like that?! Stop pretending that you're going to be fine. You're frantic, aren't you? Aren't you angry?" Zayden barked out resentfully.

Jasper sighed and spoke, "Looks like there's no more information we can squeeze out of him.

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"Yes, Jasper!" Julian replied courteously and pulled out his phone to dial a number. "Captain Vaughn, you can bring your team up now."

With that, Julian hung up the phone.

Faced with this scene, both of Zayden's and Sirius' expressions changed.

Especially Sirius, whose unease had reached new heights.

"What's happening? What weird trick do you have up your sleeve this time?"

As franticness and unease overwhelmed him, Zayden glared at Jasper and growled.

"Standing at different angles gives you a different scenery. Would you be interested in coming over here to see what my view looks like?" Jasper asked.

Zayden clenched his jaw and scoffed. "I do indeed want to see just what kind of bullsh\*t you're spouting this time. Don't try to play me, there's no way I'd—"

Zayden then arrived beside Jasper mid-speech and looked down the building from the window.

At the same time, police sirens broke through the silence of the night and the hidden police cars all lit their flashing lights. They had all driven out of the area they had been hiding behind and arrived below the building.

Through the red and blue flashing lights, Zayden saw a large group of uniformed officers form an orderly line before entering the building.

Zayden swallowed the rest of his words at the sight in front of him.

"What's the meaning of this, Jasper?!" Zayden looked at Jasper in terror and roared.

"The fire at the Southface River construction site is a case of great importance to both the city and provincial government right now. The officials are doing everything they can to solve the crime, and it's only right for a victim like me to inform them when I've found the arsonist. After all, I have no right to punish them myself."

Jasper's calm words pierced into Zayden's heart.

"Bullsh\*t!" Zayden suddenly chortled. "I don't know anything about a fire. Stop trying to blame me, he's the one who set the fire!"

Zayden pointed at Terence whose face was drained of all colors. He scoffed, saying, "This is all his fault. What does it have to do with me?"

Terence was utterly lost. Staring at Jasper with scorn, he yelled, "You promised that you wouldn't hold me accountable, Jasper! How could you lie to me?!"

"Tell them the truth, Terence, and you'll just be an accomplice. You'll receive a light sentence and be released in just a few years. Then you'll get to start all over again.

"But if you decide to take the blame for Zayden, then you'll be charged as the culprit of the entire incident. That'll give you 15 years at least, or even an indefinite sentence."

Jasper looked at Terence who had gone pale and spoke, "Whether you want a heavy or a light sentence is up to you now."

At that moment, Zayden had gone truly frantic. He knew that his future was in Terence's hands.

He had never expected that Terence, the man he ordered around like a dog, would one day be in control of his future at such an important time.

At this moment, Zayden was ready to give it his all.

"You'd better think hard on this, Terence. What has Jasper ever given you this entire time? All he has been doing is using you and lying to you. Even as an accomplice, you'll still be facing at least ten years in prison. I have people backing me up and these people will do whatever it takes to clear my name!

"By then, you'll still be the one screwed over!

"As long as you say what you're supposed to, then I promise you I'll give you one million Somer Dollars for every year in prison they charge you with!

"I mean what I say! You have to know that Jasper is the reason why this is happening to you! You wouldn't have to suffer such a terrible fate if not for Jasper! You're afraid now, aren't you? That means you've already fallen into his trap!"

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Jasper remained silent as he watched Zayden furiously persuade Terence.

Jasper's relationship with Terence was horrible and there was no point in trying to persuade him.

Not when Jasper had already found the person who would do it for him.

The moment Zayden finished speaking, the door was slammed open and a large group of uniformed officers entered the house.

Leading them was a middle-aged man with an angular jaw and stern features.

"Control the scene!"

Under Captain Vaughn's orders, Zayden, Terence, and Sirius were each surrounded by four to five officers.

Zayden immediately started to struggle vigorously. "What are you doing?! I'm an upstanding citizen, what right do you have to arrest me?"

Captain Vaughn frowned and replied, "We'll be the ones to decide whether you're an upstanding citizen or not. All you need to do now is cooperate with us."

Zayden scoffed. "You need to bring evidence out and tell me your reasoning first if you want me to cooperate. Where's your evidence, huh? What are your reasons, hmm?"

Captain Vaughn looked at Jasper.

Jasper furrowed his brows lightly and spoke, "Please bring Terence Laine's parents in, Captain Vaughn."

Captain Vaughn nodded and turned to give an order. Then, Darrel and his parents entered the apartment.

Honey began to cry the moment her gaze fell on Terence. Collapsing over her son, she hit and scolded him, "How could you disappoint me like this? Is it because I spoiled you too much? How could you get yourself into so much trouble? What am I supposed to do now?"

Terence had lived the past few hours with heightened anxiety. While the sight of his parents had shocked him, his eyes were now reddened in shame and fear.

Darrel walked over to Jasper and whispered, "Mom and Dad have already agreed to persuade Terence."

Nodding, Jasper clapped Darrel's shoulder but did not say any more.

"Captain Vaughn, could you give Terence and his parents some privacy to talk?" Jasper asked.

Captain Vaughn thought about it and replied, "No problem, but my men must stand at the door following protocol."

Jasper smiled. "Of course."

Watching Terence and his parents enter his room, Zayden felt his fear skyrocket to the extreme.

"What are you trying to do this time, Jasper?!" Zayden glared daggers at Jasper, overwhelmed by the utter fear and unease that threatened to drown him.

"Captain Vaughn."

Ignoring Zayden who was currently agitated, Jasper turned to tell Captain Vaughn, "This here is the true mastermind behind the fire. Please do be careful."

Captain Vaughn smiled and waved his hand, silently ordering the officers surrounding Zayden to grab both his hands and cuff them.

Zayden barked, "What are you doing? Do you even know who I am?! How dare you handcuff me?"

Realizing that the current situation was already beyond his control, Sirius mustered the courage to step up and speak, "You're going against the rules now, Jasper."

"The rules?" Jasper turned to Sirius with an intrigued gaze. "You're the head of the Hanks family, right? I'm curious as to what Zayden promised you. How'd you involve yourself in this as well?"