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"According to what I know, there's a vice president in Ambition Corporation who has the surname Quare. I think he's also the biological brother of the boss of Future Industries?"

Hearing Jasper's question made Xavier, who thought Jasper would first discuss business with him, dumbfounded.

"You're right, Mr. Laine, but my vice president is also my friend, my brother. Even though he's Douglas Quare's biological brother, they've long since been separated.

"Initially when I got transferred back from the military, I couldn't find a good job for a while. It was this brother of mine who brought me onto this path of building materials. I can say that Ambition Corporation was able to get to today's scale mostly thanks to my brother."

Xavier did not hide anything. This incident was known by everyone in Brac County. As long as one went asking around, they would be able to figure it out.

"However, Mr. Laine, does this have anything to do with the corporation between your company and Ambition Corporation?" asked Xavier.

Jasper said faintly, "Of course, there's some connection to it because right now, JW Real Estate is choosing a reliable partner in the building materials industry. Obviously, we can't just find someone who will end up losing his family because of his brother to cooperate with us."

Xavier's expression changed drastically after hearing it.

He was quite joyful when he initially heard that JW Real Estate was having the intention to choose a reliable partner.

In Brac County, that was just a branch company to JW Real Estate. Even though there were some difficulties that prevented it from moving forth because of the pressure exerted by the Zion family, however, in the view of the entire province, JW Real Estate was definitely an upstart in the property industry.

'If only we can become their reliable business partner, then Ambition Corporation will be in charge of all the building materials of JW Real Estate throughout the entire province. That'll be such a great thing!'

However, Jasper's words made Xavier's good mood immediately disappear into thin air.

"Mr. Laine, what do you mean by that? My relationship with my brother is not something an outsider like you can understand. How is it possible that he'll make me lose my family? I wouldn't be here if it's not for him."

Although he had changed countless jobs throughout the years, Xavier still retained the boldness of a soldier from his time in the military deep in his bones. At this moment when he saw that Jasper was trying to 'sow discord', he argued back ruthlessly.

"He can even betray his own biological brother, so what more you?" said Jasper immediately.

That statement left Xavier speechless for a long time.

"Mr. Johnson, honest people won't say things behind other people's back. You can look into it, how the siblings got into a fight in the beginning and ended up going their own pathways. Besides, go and look at your company's account. You'll know what I'm talking about soon enough.

Xavier's expression became more awful as he heard Jasper's words.

Out of trust, he had basically handed over the company's account to his brother to manage and he would not bother with those matters.

However, Jasper's words were like a thorn, making it hard for him to accept the words.

Jasper shook his head slightly when he saw Xavier's expression that was changing for the worst.

'So it means that people like Xavier aren't suitable to run a business.

'He's too honest and easily trusts others.'

Take Jasper for example. No matter how good of a relationship he shared with others or how great the ability of that person was, he would never hand over the financial authority to another.

Except for Wendy.

She was different because she was Jasper's lady.

However, for those who were not his family, Jasper would beat that person's head into pieces with a bat if they wanted to lay a finger on the finances of the company.

"Mr. Laine, you called me over today just to talk about this matter?" asked Xavier.

Jasper said faintly, "As I said before, I'm planning to choose a building materials supplier who is reliable for JW Real Estate. Ambition Corporation is the first company that I'm considering, but if you can't solve the problems within your company, then I won't choose you guys."

Xavier gritted his teeth and said, "I need to go back and have a look."

“Since the opponent has already decided to do it, he won’t allow you to catch him red-handed so easily. I have a better idea that can help Ambition Corporation conquer the market of building materials in Brac County, and it can also make this whole incident come to light. It’s up to you whether or not you’ll give us your cooperation, Mr. Johnson.”

Xavier’s eyes sparkled, and he looked at Jasper before saying, “I’m all ears.”

Jasper said with a smile, “Strike down Future Industries.”

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Xavier was dumbfounded when he heard it.

He felt that Jasper was making fun of him.

Future Industries was his greatest enemy. Never in his wildest dreams would he think of taking down Future Industries. ‘But why is he taking it lightly?’

“Indeed, there’s some difficulty to it but with the full support given by JW Real Estate, things will be much easier.”

It was as if Jasper could read one’s mind and had seen through what was on Xavier’s mind.

“The building materials market is mostly just like other industries. From supplying the goods to providing the goods, the account is being settled in a cyclical phase, right?” asked Jasper.

Xavier nodded. It was not just building materials, most of the industries were like that.

Even if they were the one providing the building materials to JW Real Estate, JW Real Estate would at most pay 20% or around 30% of deposits for the goods and pay the rest later.

“Mr. Johnson, you can go get in touch with your supplier. Ambition Corporation will pay full for the goods with the only request that they have to stop supplying goods to Future Industries.”

Xavier was shocked when he heard Jasper’s comment and said, “This is indeed a way to finish someone off. But where do I get so much money to immediately pay everything to them?”

“JW Real Estate can pay for all the goods. With this, don’t you have the money?” said Jasper with a giggle.

Xavier was stunned for a long time. He looked at Jasper deeply and said, “Mr. Laine, do you mind me asking you something? Do you happen to have a grudge against Future Industries?”

Jasper answered faintly, “Nope. I just don’t like them.”

Xavier took in a deep breath. He could not comprehend what was going on in this young man’s mind. He immediately blurted such huge news the moment they met up. First of all, Jasper claimed that his brother bore ill intentions, then he told him a method to take down Future Industries—both in just a single night.

The main point was that Jasper did not just provide the idea, but the execution of the plan as well!

Currently, JW Real Estate’s business was doing very well. As long as the company was willing to clear off all their debts, then he would be able to hold on to all the supplies and make Future Industries fall.

To be blunt, this was like having a dog sitting on a chair. Even a dog could accomplish it well, hence it was not something that could only be done by being ambitious.

‘And this is just because Jasper despises Future Industries?’

Xavier felt that this world had changed.

“I’m doing it!” said Xavier, determined.

Jasper said with a smile, “A toast to our cooperation.”

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After Xavier left, Jasper pinched Wendy’s nose and said, “What are you thinking about? Why are you being absent-minded?”

Wendy blinked her eyes and said, “Isn’t it going to be very troublesome if you want to take down Future Industries?”

“If it’s within the rules of the game, Future Industries is deeply involved in the building materials market in Brac County. Even Ambition Corporation is not worthy of being their opponent. It’s indeed not an easy feat for a property company like mine that comes from a foreign land to take the company down.”

While saying this, Jasper shrugged his shoulders. “But why should I abide by the rules of the game? I can just overrule these rules anytime I want. When I’m the one who gets to have a saying about the rules, what is Future Industries going to use to go against me?”

“Hurting others with the lowest cost.” Wendy covered her mouth and smiled.

“Smart lady.” Jasper held his phone, lowered his head in search of a number, and praised her.

“Who are you calling?” asked Wendy curiously.

“It took me about half an hour to contact Xavier and convince him to take down Future Industries. Now, I’ll let you see how long it’s going to take me to take down the Zion family,” said Jasper to Wendy with a smile when he dialed a number. He was waiting for the call to go through.

“How long?” asked Wendy.

“Just a phone call’s time.”

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Over at Harbor City in another shipbuilding company. Jasper was calling the Ship King, Spencer Boyle.

He did not wish to trouble Spencer over such a trivial issue. It was because he did not know any of the Boyle family members who were slightly younger.

Spencer, who was far away at Harbor City, was flabbergasted to receive the call from Jasper. After laughing while talking for a moment, Jasper then revealed his intention behind this call.

Spencer knew what was going on and was able to grasp the situation after just listening to half of Jasper’s speech.

“I’m not familiar with the Zion family’s shipbuilding factory in Brac County that you’re talking about. After all, there are just way too many shipbuilding company partners who provide us with the original equipment manufacturer. Most of it is being arranged by the underlings.

“However, in regards to this issue, I’ll order my men to settle it. So, rest assured.”

The Ship King’s reply showed that he greatly respected Jasper.

After all, as the head of one of the four affluent families in Harbor City, to be able to say such a thing already represented an attitude.

“Thank you. Next time when I head over to Harbor City, I’ll definitely come to visit you,” said Jasper with a smile as he also knew how to reciprocate with the same respect.

Spencer burst into laughter and said, “Sure. When you’re here, be sure to be my guest.”

After another word or two, Jasper hung up the call.

“Just now was...” Wendy looked at Jasper, astonished.

Even though she was aware that Jasper had a good relationship with the four affluent families in Harbor City, witnessing Jasper being able to call Spencer straight and even have a nice conversation with him made her feel that it was rather ridiculous.

“It’s exactly the person who you’re thinking of. The next trip to Harbor City, I’ll bring you along and introduce you to him,” said Jasper with a smile.

Wendy let out a faint smile.

“Earlier, I think you said a total of ten sentences. Among them, eight of them were greetings. With just two sentences, the matter is settled.”

“You finally get to witness the ability of your man, right? Come, let’s go have lunch.” Jasper smiled and held Wendy’s hand before walking out of the office.

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In Harbor City, Spencer indeed attached great importance to Jasper. As soon as he ended the call with Jasper, he immediately dialed another number.

He made a call to his son, Eustass Boyle. Currently, most of the businesses of the Boyle family were under the control of his son.

Eustass, who was having a meeting, immediately raised his hand to stop the meeting when he saw the incoming call. He ordered a group of staff from the higher management to watch over the situation while he answered the call.

“What’s up, Dad?”

Hearing Eustass’ reply made all of the higher-ups stand up straight subconsciously as if the old man was able to see them through the phone.

After listening to the words, Eustass answered and said another two sentences before hanging up the call.

A dead hush befell the conference room. Eustass loosened his necktie and asked, “Who knows if we’re cooperating with a shipbuilding company under the Zion family of Brac County in the Mainland?”

All the bosses exchanged terrified looks. ‘Who the hell is that? We’ve never heard of them before.

‘Such a trivial matter yet it made Spencer, who is half-retired, personally make a call to enquire?’

After some time, a man who was sitting at a corner of the conference room got up weakly. “Mr. Boyle, I vaguely have an impression of this name. It seems that it’s true.”

Eustass waved his hand and said, “You shouldn’t continue with the meeting. Go give them a call and tell them that we, the Boyle family, will not continue working with them.”

Eustass thought for a moment and added, “Send regards to others who are involved in the same industry. Just say this is my old man’s intention.”

‘Old man’ referred to his father, and the crowd knew the meaning as well. The identity of Eustass’ father...

The higher-ups sighed internally. ‘I wonder which unknown shipbuilding company this is. It seems they are done for this time.’

Spencer’s intention was passed on. It was foreseen in the future that anything that floated on the ocean, even if it was just a little boat, would not involve the shipbuilding company of the Zion family.

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The plan to go against Future Industries still needed some time to take effect. However, the call from Harbor City immediately made the entire Zion family fall to their doom.

Initially, Harvey was still in a good mood.

Even though in the property industry he had lost his pride because he could not win against JW Real Estate over that piece of land, the arrangement after that incident still made Harvey rather confident that he was able to exert pressure on JW Real Estate.

Plus, their shipbuilding company had received another two boat orders. With this, the Zion family was able to enjoy their lives even without needing to work for the remaining year.

However, just when he was having his lunch, he received a call from Harbor City.

The caller, without even being courteous, immediately claimed that they were going to halt all cooperation agreements. From then on, there was no more cooperation, let alone the two orders for ships that were just placed.

At that moment, Harvey was dumbfounded.

He wanted to ask but the caller had hung up the call.

Following then, he received a call from the underlings of the shipbuilding company, saying that the caller had released an official memo to officially halt all cooperation.

The underlings were stunned, and even Harvey was stunned as well.

“What the f*ck?!” Harvey was so mad that he threw his cutleries and plate. “Who the hell is making fun of me?!”

Mark, who was sitting at the same dining table, was dumbfounded as well. “Dad, I thought our cooperation over at Harbor City was proceeding well? Why did they suddenly call off the agreement?”

Harvey was like a disgruntled bull and said through his gritted teeth, “Someone is setting us up!”

Mark thought for a moment and said, “We didn’t offend anyone, though.”

Suddenly, Mark thought of something and said with a shocked voice, “Could it be JW Real Estate?”

Mark said with his brows furrowed, “Where did JW Real Estate gain the ability to exert influence in Harbor City?”

“However... I met with the boss of JW Real Estate yesterday...”

As he said that, Mark then blurted the entire incident that occurred last night.

“You fool! JW Real Estate from the province is the one who worked with the Law family of Harbor City in developing the project on the Southface River. This incident caused a huge turmoil at that time. It’s obviously Wendy and Dawson trying to set us up through their relationship with the Law family.”

Harvey’s words were making so much sense as he spoke. He frowned and glared at Mark ruthlessly, roaring, “You useless thing! All you know is to cause trouble outside. How is it possible that Wendy will not seek revenge after you humiliated her?”

Mark’s expression was dark as he said through gritted teeth, “I also didn’t expect that lady who was so quiet to actually carry out such a cruel plan.”

“Even if she didn’t, did you think Dawson wouldn’t?!” Harvey kicked Mark’s body and roared, “You’d better go and look for Wendy right now to apologize to her. Whatever she requests you to do, you have to obey her!”

Mark’s face went pale as he said with a teary face, “Dad, if I show up before them, do you think she’ll let me off the hook?”

“Our family relies on our shipbuilding business. If this business is gone, that will be the end for the Zion family! Go over this instant! If Wendy is not satisfied, don’t ever think of coming back!” Harvey barked.

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"Alright... Alright... Alright... I'll go find them now..."

Mark could sense the anger from his father. He dared not waste a single second and immediately nodded to agree.

He made a move to search for Wendy to apologize to her.

After having a meal with Jasper, Wendy happily planned to drag him to watch a movie with her. However, she did not expect to see the person whom she did not wish to see.

Mark Zion! He was standing at the entrance of their hotel room.

Judging from the looks of it, it seemed that he had been standing there for quite some time.

"What are you doing here?"

Hearing Wendy's cold tone, Mark silently gritted his teeth. However, he had a smile on his face to try to get on her good terms.

"Miss Schuler... I-I'm here today to offer my apology.

"I've thought through it and realized that my attitude last night was terrible. I was being too arrogant. So, I purposely came here to apologize to you, Miss Schuler. I hope you'll be generous enough to forgive me."

Mark tried his best to lower his ego as he blurted the most humbling words. Even so, he cursed with the crudest words internally.

Throughout his entire life, he had never suffered such humiliation before. He engraved the entire incident in his mind and vowed to seek revenge. 'I will!'

Wendy looked at Mark coldly. Naturally, she knew that it was impossible for this person to have realized his mistakes.

'It seems that Jasper's method has already taken effect, forcing him to show up to apologize.'

Wendy let out a cold smile. Then, she spun around and looked at Jasper.

Wendy would never make any decision when it came down to dealing with outsiders. As such, she granted the final decision to Jasper.

Jasper smiled. After opening the room door, he entered with Wendy.

Since the beginning, Wendy and Jasper never reacted to Mark's apology.

They did not mention any words of forgiving him but did not comment that they would never forgive him either.

They just ditched him at the doorway!

Mark was dumbfounded. He looked at the room door that was half-closed. Finally, he gritted his teeth and followed them to enter.

Upon entering the room, he stood still in the middle of the hall. Mark saw Jasper sitting on the main seat while Wendy was... cutting an apple for Jasper!

At that moment, perhaps Mark was deeply jealous of Jasper.

'F*cker! Steve was right. Jasper is just a b*stard who relies on ladies. How dare he rely on ladies like this?!'

Since the beginning, Mark never thought that the incident had anything to do with Jasper.

In his opinion, this fight was obviously because Wendy had suffered some grievances and experienced terror last night. She then told Dawson about it, leading Dawson to arrange all of this.

As for Jasper, he was just a b*stard who relied on ladies!

Hence, seeing Jasper sitting in front of him and showing off his mightiness made Mark feel mentally uneasy!

“I’m here to apologize to Miss Schuler. Why are you sitting here? Hurry up and get lost!” Mark said in a mystifying tone.

Jasper leaned on the sofa and looked at Mark calmly. He let out a vague smile and said, “Aren’t you here to apologize? Looks like you’re not sincere enough in your apology.”

“Son of a b*tch! Why are you acting all mighty? Since when was it your turn to put on an act before me?! I’m here to apologize to Miss Schuler, not to some f*cker like you!” Mark said with a cold smile.

Wendy looked at Mark coldly. Then, she carefully cut the apple into smaller pieces and used a toothpick to poke on it. She fed them to Jasper.

That gesture explained it all.

Mark gritted his teeth. His icy yet exasperated gaze stared at both Jasper and Wendy.

In Mark’s opinion, Wendy was intentionally using someone who relied on ladies like Jasper to humiliate him.

'As for Jasper, he's an arrogant f*cker who relies on ladies. That's more disgusting!'

"I heard that your family's shipbuilding business is about to come to an end?" said Jasper faintly.

'Indeed!'

Mark clenched his fist while his expression tensed. 'Indeed, it's this stupid couple who's responsible for this.'

Mark took in a deep breath. He went all out and said coldly, "This time, I admit my defeat. Spit out what you want me to do. I just request that you'll let go of the Zion family's business!"

"Alright, nice. Being able to say this statement can at least prove that your dad didn't waste his efforts bringing you up for so many years," said Jasper with a smile.

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Mark stared at Jasper and said with a cold smile, "Shut the f*ck up. You're a b*stard who relies on ladies! You're just relying on the power of the Schuler family. I despise such a worthless man!"

Jasper got up and sauntered lazily to Mark. When he raised his head, there was a dark gleam within his eyes.

Mark did not seem to back off as he matched up to Jasper's gaze and coldly said, "What do you want?"

“Down on your knees,” said Jasper calmly.

Mark’s eyes widened. His pupils were dilated as he glared at Jasper as if he was trying to confirm whether it was Jasper who said it wrong or it was himself who misheard it.

“You want me to get down on my knees?!” Mark got so mad that he ended up laughing.

“It’s fine if you don’t kneel down.”

Jasper’s chin was in the direction of the room door that was still left half-opened. He pointed at it, saying, “The door is just right there. Off you go. I won’t be seeing you off.”

“Jasper Laine!” Mark raised his voice. “Don’t cross the limits!”

“Is it?” Jasper sneered and fixed his gaze on Mark.

Smack!

Suddenly, a slap was swung and landed on Mark’s face, leaving behind a fiery red palm mark.

“This is your last chance. If you don’t get down on your knees and apologize, then get lost!”

Mark felt the burning sensation on his face. He gritted his teeth and stared at Jasper. If it had occurred in the past, Jasper would have long ago been tortured to death by him!

However, at that moment, Jasper was with Wendy. Besides, if he failed to obtain Wendy’s forgiveness, then that would truly be the end for the Zion family’s shipbuilding company!

He had a ferocious expression as he glared at Jasper. He spun around and looked at Wendy, saying with much effort, “Miss Schuler, I—”

“Don’t talk to me.”

Wendy lowered her head and played with her phone. “I only listen to Jasp.”

Gnash!

Mark was gritting his teeth as he stared at Jasper mercilessly. He said with a miserable smile, “Do you think you have what it takes to make me get down on my knees?”

Jasper looked at Mark calmly and said, “I have no interest in your knees. When I asked you to kneel, I wanted you to kneel before Wendy to make up for the inappropriate comments you said to her last night.”

The thought of his family’s business made Mark so mad that his body was trembling when he recalled his father’s fierce and merciless gaze before he left home.

Jasper just looked at him faintly, not saying a word.

After some time, with his teeth clenched, Mark gradually lowered his head and bent his knees.

Bang!

Both of Mark’s knees knocked against the floor, letting out a deep sound.

“It’s my fault, Miss Schuler. Please forgive me.”

Mark lowered his head, and his voice was heard.

“You’re too soft. I can’t hear you.”

It was as if Mark was going all out as he raised his reddened eyes and roared, “It’s my fault, Miss Schuler! Please forgive me!”

Jasper smiled, then got back to his seat and said calmly, “Get lost!”

With both of Mark’s hands supporting his thighs, he stumbled to peel himself from the floor. Mark, with a cruel gaze, glanced over at the two people then spun around to sprint out of the room.

“Jasp, I’m afraid he won’t just let this matter end like this.” Wendy put down her phone and said to Jasper, “Earlier, did we just do something that crossed the line?”

“Obviously not. Just now, his gaze was saying that he wanted to eat us up so badly.” Jasper nodded. It was not the first time Jasper was meeting a young master from a rich family like Mark.

‘Isn’t Zayden just like him? However, right now, Zayden is not even worthy as a dog!’

“Then, will he go and do anything irrational?” asked Wendy.

Jasper smiled and said thoughtfully, “If he doesn’t become irrational, how are we going to utterly defeat the Zion family?”

Downstairs of the hotel, Mark sprinted out. He sat in the car and slammed the car door. He was panting hard, out of breath.

Bang! Mark’s punch smashed against the steering wheel. His ferocious and cruel voice echoed within the car.

“Jasper! Wendy! Just you guys wait and see! I’ll never let this matter slide aside!”

It was as if Mark had thought of something. He took out his phone and made a call, roaring into it in a hysterical manner, "Steve, come and look for me now. I want to make that lowly couple suffer like hell!"