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Fabian was livid as he kicked the wooden sofa by his side.

The heavy and sturdy sofa did not budge. However, Fabian's face turned red before it went dark.

His toes hit the hard wood. Anyone would know how that would feel.

Fabian was in so much pain he could not speak. When Morrison saw this, he shook his head. He knew Fabian must have been on the verge of an emotional breakdown.

So, he spoke for Fabian, "Forgo the unimportant positions."

One of the subordinates said carefully, "Mr. Morrison, we already let go three positions in a row yesterday, so we are only holding the bigger positions now."

"Start letting go of the ones with the least amount of invested funds!" Morrison replied impatiently.

“The more positions we hold on to, the more funds we will need to cover up and the more pressure we’ll be under. If we spend everything, how are we going to make a comeback in the future?”

The group of elite stock traders did not dare to speak as they looked at Fabian. Fabian was their boss, so if he did not say anything, how would they dare to do anything?

When Morrison noticed this, he frowned slightly as a hint of displeasure flashed across his eyes.

“Atticus, we have to make a decision now.”

Morrison’s words forced Fabian to endure the pain in his toes and the anger in his heart.

“Do it then. Forgo the seven positions with the least amount of invested funds,” Fabian said helplessly.

His statement was filled with humiliation and dissatisfaction.

Everyone around him lowered their heads toward Fabian ever since Fabian finished his education and entered society. When had someone else ever forced his head down and

made him suffer grievances before this? This person was even a Mainlander who came from an ordinary family.

Fabian could not bear this at all.

However, the news he was about to receive would soon cause him to break down.

“Mr. Atticus, the plan to target Advent Entertainment Group is not going too well.”

Conrad came back inside and reported to Fabian with no expression on his face.

As Fabian’s assistant, even though Conrad did not hold any substantial position in Empire Meet, everyone knew Conrad was one of Fabian’s dogs.

Therefore, Conrad was tasked to coordinate and lead everyone in Empire Meet in targeting Advent Entertainment.

Fabian’s face turned icy when he heard this. He said in a deep voice, “How so? Jasper is not in Harbor City, and even if he was, he wouldn’t have the power to fight Empire Meet. How can there be any obstacles to this unchangeable fact? Did the Laws do something?”

Aside from the Laws helping Jasper, Fabian could not think of any other reason for this fight between the two widely disproportionate powers to go wrong.

Conrad shook his head and said, “They didn’t do anything. However, Advent Entertainment made some strategic changes.”

“They are going to give up on all terminated contracts and they did not demand insistently about it. Also, they suddenly signed a series of contracts on endorsement, cinema, distribution, screening, and advertisement with some companies from the mainland today.”

Conrad paused after saying that. When he saw Fabian’s expression turning stagnant, he continued, “They want to leave the market in Harbor City and move to the mainland...”

“Mr. Atticus, please excuse my bluntness. This whole time, Jasper has focused his entertainment business on the mainland. You can see this when he purchased and restructured Advent Entertainment Group before also purchasing Easy Media from Swallow Capital.”

“I think our coercion this time might be playing right into Jasper’s hand. He’s able to use this chance to wipe out all remaining ideas of staying in Harbor City that the management and the artists from Advent Entertainment Group previously held. This way, they’ll be forced to change their mind and start focusing on the mainland.”

“If not for us, he would have needed to convince the management and artist to leave Harbor City, but now, I think he might even thank us.”

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Smash!

The expensive coffee mug was thrown on the floor, shattering into pieces.

The porcelain pieces and coffee flew everywhere. The strong scent of coffee wafted across the room as this cup of kopi luwak that had cost at least 50 US Dollars was gone just like that.

No one knew how many times Fabian had lost his cool.

“I didn’t expect this at all.”

“When we were targeting Jasper’s conglomerate back then, I thought he was nothing special. I thought he was just good at problem-solving.”

“However, he’s starting to reel back his net now! Hahaha..! This kid made me suffer several serious injuries before. Good. Very good!”

Conrad spoke insipidly, as if he did not see Fabian’s face that was gradually turning sinister and maniacal, “Mr. Atticus, what should we do now? Should we keep going or give up? Everyone’s waiting for you.”

“Continue, of course. Why should we give up?” Fabian said sinisterly.

“So what if Jasper shifts his entertainment business from Harbor City to the mainland? Advent Entertainment Group is still rooted in Harbor City.”

“The artists’ business and resources are all concentrated in Harbor City. Can he move the entire Advent Entertainment in just one night?”

“Even if he moves his business away, can he shift the resources he has based in Harbor City away?”

Fabian’s gaze was malicious. He turned his head to say to Conrad, “Not only are we continuing, but we also have to go in with more force. Isn’t Advent Entertainment Group moving away? Alright then, spread the news!”

“Create all kinds of negative news. I want Advent Entertainment Group to become rats that everyone in Harbor City despises!”

“If their reputation is ruined, people in the mainland will think twice before working with them even if they shifted over there.”

“In short, I’m not scared of paying the price. I just want Jasper to hurt!”

Conrad could hear his ears ring when he heard Fabian saying that he would hurt Jasper even at the cost of his own interest.

“I understand. I’ll get on with it now.”

After Conrad left, Fabian sat on the sofa with a gloomy expression on his face. He settled down from his initial rage and said in a deep voice, “How can Jasper react so quickly?”

At this moment, Morrison walked over.

“Atticus, I’m going back to the United States tonight.”

Fabian lifted his head and looked at Morrison with a frown. "But we need you here."

Morrison said flatly, "You'll be able to handle this. I have to go back. On one hand, I need to report back to the investment bank's headquarters. On the other hand, I need to see my father and talk to him."

"About Jasper?" Fabian asked suddenly.

Morrison looked at Fabian with a half smile on his face. Then, he said calmly, "Atticus, will you tell your elders about this?"

Fabian's face fell.

Naturally, he would not complain about this to his family. He was not those useless second generations. This was a private matter between him and Jasper. If he went back and asked for help, it would be no different than admitting defeat.

"Atticus..."

Morrison patted Fabian's shoulder and said, "From my father's perspective, Jasper is a rather interesting young man whom I'll be able to train my skills with. That's all..."

“I think your family feels the same way too.”

After Morrison said that, he noticed Fabian staying silent, so he changed the topic, “However, I’ll still notify you whenever I see fit. I don’t want to ask my father for help now either. I think that would be no different from admitting defeat to Jasper.”

“I was too impulsive,” Fabian said flatly.

As a person that was respected by all of the first generation in Harbor City, Fabian was powerful in his own way. He hid his true feelings swiftly and admitted his mistakes magnanimously.

“However, I can give you a piece of advice.”

Morrison narrowed his eyes slightly and hid the cruel glint in his eyes.

“You haven’t utilized the advantage you have in Harbor City. We already know that it’s pointless to fight someone like Jasper from a business perspective. At the very least, we know it’s less than ideal.”

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“Why don’t you use all of your connections and power to force Jasper’s business in Harbor City to close down?”

Fabian lifted his brow when he heard that.

He was a very smart man. If not, he would not be able to attack a formidable character like Kayden back then. Therefore, when Morrison reminded him of this now, he immediately understood.

“You mean...”

“Atticus, you know what I mean. Alright, I have to go now. Damn, I’ll have to get tortured with the long hours in the air and that damned jet lag. I always feel so horrible for a few days after. I hope the next time we meet it will be at a celebratory party.”

After Morrison left, Fabian sat in his room for a very long time.

By midnight, he had already made numerous calls.

“Hello, Mr. Ryder Lawrence, we’re agents from the Commercial Crime Bureau. We received a report and we also have concrete evidence proving that your company has committed huge business fraud. Furthermore, you’re involved in tax evasion.”

“Because of this, we have to sequester your company now and take away your computers for investigation. Please cooperate with us.”

Ryder looked angrily at the men in suits with serious expressions on their faces. He said coldly, “Let me see your warrant. ”

The agent who spoke just now took out the document immediately before handing it to Ryder.

Ryder glanced at it and he knew immediately that this document was genuine.

“What a good strategy.”

Ryder threw the document back at the agents after chuckling coldly.

“Mr. Ryder Lawrence, please get up. We have to take your computer away too,” the agent said strictly as per the rules.

Ryder got up with no expression and did not attempt to stop them.

He knew these agents were just carrying out orders. Or perhaps, they had no idea what the truth was.

It was meaningless to talk to these people.

However, Ryder was surprised by Fabian's power in Harbor City. Fabian was able to create so much falsify evidence to make it seem that he had committed a crime. Fabian was even able to make the government officials say something as incriminating as 'concrete evidence'.

It seemed that there were some bad apples in Advent Entertainment Group, and this was a simultaneous attack from both inside and outside the company.

When the agent saw Ryder cooperating, he let out a sigh of relief. Then, he waved his hand and asked his subordinates to dismantle the CPU from Ryder's computer.

After this, the agents grabbed the CPU and left immediately.

When Ryder came out of his office, he saw that the entire company was a mess.

The employees had been forced to one side and the agents from the Commercial Crime Bureau were everywhere. Some of them were dismantling the computers while some of them were questioning the employees.

When Ryder saw this, the corner of his eyes twitched. He called a manager over and told him, "Tell everyone to cooperate with the agents and please trust the company."

"The company never did anything illegal. This groundless claims is just a trick that can't be brought to the court. This matter will resolve itself after a few days."

The manager nodded like a chick eating grain and did not dare to say anything else. After that, he quickly left to spread the message.

Soon, Jasper heard about the incident. He hung up the phone after he said 'okay'.

Ryder understood what he meant, and he knew what to do.

After he hung up, Jasper turned his head and spoke to Jake, who was on a video call with him.

"Expose all of Fabian's heavy stocks."

“Also, take out 500 million US Dollars. I’ll trade it myself.”