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After hearing this, Jasper said with a smile, “Mr. Soros, since you know that today is a celebration party, why didn’t you prepare a gift? Is it possible that you’ve lost all your money after this battle? If this is the case, will I still see you talking to me in three years’ time all fine and dandy?”

After this, the person on the other side of the phone went silent for three seconds. One could only imagine the anger in Soros’s heart at this time. “Jasper, you have always been so sharp-tongued.”

“Mr. Soros has an even sharper tongue,” Jasper said with a smile before hanging up the phone.

He did not want to say anything to Soros even though he knew that Soros would not call him for no reason, but at this time and place, Jasper did not have any intention to continue with the battle of words with this group of people.

“Excuse me.” After Jasper hung up the phone, he filled his glass with wine and apologized politely to everyone he passed. Then, he walked toward the hotel’s large terrace.

At this moment, the little prince and Lord Alvarado, who were looking at Jasper’s back, were talking as they sat at a table.

“Tell me, was that kid Jasper at the same level as us back then?”

“Look at him now, there is such a big change,” the little prince said with some emotion.

“Maybe some people are born to change everything, and Jasper is one of those people,” Lord Alvarado said with a laugh.

As soon as Jasper walked into the terrace, he saw a figure in a wheelchair looking up at the sky.

“The sun is shining brightly today so it’s a good day to bask in the sun.”

When he heard Jasper’s voice, the crippled Brown was not surprised. He smiled and said, “The night sky is different every night, and it’s very different from the day. Yet, I much prefer the night.”

“Of course, there is another reason. You can see everything too clearly under the sun...”

“Jasper, to be honest, it never occurred to me that I would come out of the residence one day after I became lame, but you made this happen...”

The two of them stood on the large and wide terrace, the breeze blowing on them both. This reminded Jasper of the scene at the Southface River as the scene kept popping up in Jasper’s mind. It had been so long since back then things have reached this stage, yet what happened in the past seemed like it had only happened yesterday.

Seriously, what a pipe dream...

“Are you not drinking now that you’re here?”

Jasper smiled and handed a glass of red wine to the crippled Brown. The latter looked at Jasper and smiled. Then, he sighed and took the glass.

“I know, all of you are just pushing me into the spotlight for this,” Jasper said with a smile.

After hearing this, the crippled Brown smiled. “Not everyone has this opportunity. Plus, you didn’t disappoint everyone.”

Jasper smiled and remained silent.

“Well, how are you going to deal with this?” The crippled Brown’s expression was a little serious.

However, Jasper was beaming and he said very freely, “We won’t allow anyone to trample on or bully Somerland. Would you believe me if I say we will become the most powerful country in the world?”

After hearing these words from Jasper, the crippled Brown did not respond. The two clinked glasses. Now, only the breeze and wine remained...

Suddenly, a beautiful figure ran over from the door. She looked charming as she trotted over on this empty terrace.

“What’s wrong, Adele?” The crippled Brown asked with a smile.

“Huh? Nothing. It’s been so long since you came out alone, so I was a little worried. Why don’t you continue with your chat? I’ll continue to look around.” After Adele said that, she shifted her gaze and deliberately turned around.

When Jasper saw that she was leaving, he quickly stopped her. This girl almost displayed what she was thinking on her face.

“You don’t have to leave. We were not talking about anything important,” Jasper said with a smile.

Adele was not a naive little girl who had not yet experienced the world, and this side of her would only ever appear in front of her brother.

The crippled Brown looked at the two, his smile reaching all the way to his eyes. "I'm a little hungry. Tonight's dinner is so good, so I can't miss it."

As he said that, he pushed his wheelchair to leave. Adele tried to keep up with him, but she was rejected by the crippled Brown.

"You should stay out there to get some air first. You can come in later..."

After the crippled Brown left, Adele looked up at the sky and said, "My brother doesn't usually do much activity or eat. I wonder what happened to him today. By the way, Jasper, how have you been during this time? Has your life changed? You are now a big celebrity in Somerland."

The evening wind blew past Adele's ear and she tucked her hair behind her ear. At one side, Jasper looked at her dazedly. This beautiful woman looked so picturesque, and it was unknown how many men in the world were fascinated by her.

"Changes, huh? There are some, but no big changes," Jasper said lightly.

"Really..?"

"Maybe it's because I'm not at the same height as you, so I don't understand that feeling."

Adele turned her head and said softly to Jasper's figure.

Jasper represented the new generation of youngsters. Meanwhile, he was the one chosen by the heavens in the eyes of the older generation.

He started from scratch and depended on his own ability to start JW Foundation. Then, he forcibly opened up a new path for himself.

“Do you have any plans for the future?”

After she said that, Adele held her forehead and smiled helplessly.

“Why did I ask you this question? You’re so smart so I’m sure you already have plans for the future. Also, you will also apply yourself more rigorously than normal people.”

Adele pressed back the hair on her forehead that had been messed up by the wind and spoke softly.

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“Then I’ll go first. The wind at night is a little cold, so you should take care.”

After telling Jasper that, Adele entered the banquet hall. After a while, Jasper pulled his clothes firmly around his body and walked back.

“Sly child, Dean and I will leave first. Come over to play more often next time, I, the old fart will be waiting for you.”

Jasper had a bit of a headache when he saw that Gale was slightly drunk. He had arranged for someone to keep an eye on Gale in advance, but he did not expect him to drink until this state. Dean walked over to Jasper, pursed his lips, and opened his mouth, but in the end, he said nothing.

After seeing his expression, Jasper understood at once. “Go, don’t embarrass your grandfather in the future.”

“You’re in charge of the Haddock Chamber of Commerce from now on.”

Jasper did not have any comments regarding Dean. Since the Haddock Chamber of Commerce was in his hands, he had to accept this burden and support it. No matter how difficult the road ahead was, he had to keep walking.

Looking at Dean's figure that was getting further and further away, Jasper was filled with emotion. Sure enough, in the end, everyone would have to assume responsibility...

A week after the banquet, all economic operations returned to normal and the companies originally destroyed by Soros gradually came back to life. Plus, all the money brought back from the United States was used domestically.

Jasper sat in the office and looked at the candlestick chart on the big screen. The anxiety he used to feel was gradually wiped out.

Knock knock!

There was a knock at the door.

"Come in..."

The person who walked through the door was Jake, but he looked a little off-colored.

"What's the matter?" Jasper asked.

Jake held the invitation in his hand. He looked at Jasper hesitatingly before handing it to him.

“Mr. Laine, Dean from the Haddock Chamber of Commerce asked someone to send this here.”

After hearing this sentence, Jasper seemed to have realized something. He did not want to open the white letter at all as he stared it. After struggling internally, Jasper sighed deeply.

“This day has finally come.”

He lifted the white letter and after he opened it, he only saw a few words. Yet, the contents made the atmosphere very heavy.

[Hereby informing you that Gale’s treatment was ineffective, and he passed away at 8:10 this morning]

“Gale will no longer be in the Haddock Chamber of Commerce anymore.”

When Gale was still in charge of the Haddock Chamber of Commerce, his method could be described as merciless. He managed to merge the scattered Haddock Chamber of Commerce into a tight knit unit.

“Ask someone to get me a white shirt. I’m going to the Haddock Chamber of Commerce.”

“Yes.”

Dean followed Gale’s wishes and did not hold a memorial service, while the people who came were all Gale’s relatives while he was alive. It was also Gale’s order to let Jasper come.

As soon as he entered the door of the Hurlbutt Manor, a familiar feeling came over him. When he walked into the hall, Gale's photo and coffin were placed in the center of the room. It was just that this coffin no longer held Gale's body, but a handful of ashes.

Jasper carried the flowers and walked to Gale's ashes to place the flowers in front of his urn. He had a lot of things he wanted to say to Gale, but in the end, it all turned into a sigh...

Back in the living room, he spotted Dean, who had a frown on his face.

"Do you feel stressed?"

Dean was slightly startled. When he came back to his senses, he realized that the other party was talking to him. He shook his head.

"No, since Grandpa entrusted me with this burden, I will persevere no matter what happens in the future."

This road in front of him was not the only road he could take, and there were many more paths for him to choose. It seemed that Dean had suddenly grown up.

Yes, people would always change a little after they had experienced some major events.

When Jasper heard this, he only spoke after a long time. "You can call me if you need me. If you are unable to bear the burden, there is someone to help you. But, more often than not, it'll all be up to you."

After saying that, there was no need for him to continue speaking. It would be fine as long as Dean understood what he meant.

“You should handle the rest of the funeral, I’ll be heading off now.”

Jasper said this before he glanced at Gale’s portrait. Then, he left.

Dean followed the old man’s order. His portrait was in color and was a picture of him smiling. Perhaps the old man was happy on the other side.

At the same time, Harbor City also got news.

“Old friend, why did you leave so soon? You can’t see the beautiful scenery of the future now...”

“Henry, come here...” Old Master Law called out to Henry.

When Henry stood behind him, he patted Henry’s shoulder. “Henry, no matter what happens in the future, you’ll be the one managing the company. You have to learn how to manage it next and the burden of the entire family will fall on you in the end.”

“Grandpa, what are you talking about? Your body is still strong. Plus, my old man can still work for one or two decades. It’s too early for you to say this.”

“Is it? It’s not...” Old Master Law murmured and closed his eyes slowly. Then, he started snoring softly...

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At this time, Jasper and the little prince were walking slowly beside the busy street. The passing pedestrians were in a hurry but no one could have imagined that these two young people who were wandering beside the road were the true leaders among the young people in all of Somerland.

“Are you not going to go in and have a look?” Jasper said slowly.

“No. I’ll arrange for someone to send flowers inside. I think it’s the thought that counts. It’s also due to the arrangement of the elders in the family. I have no relations with the Haddock Chamber of Commerce,” the little prince said lightly.

“By the way, the crippled Brown has not been out of his residence in a very long time but this time, he stepped out because of you. Isn’t he a difficult person to get along with?” He stopped, turned his head, and asked Jasper beside him.

The little prince, Lord Alvarado, and the crippled Brown were all in the same circle, but the crippled Brown had the most special identity and the highest status among them. Moreover, when it came to the crippled Brown, the little prince had very little contact with him, so he learned a lot of things through rumors. It was undeniable that the crippled Brown’s identity and status were superior, but he was not very familiar with the him.

After all, the crippled Brown stayed in his residence all year round and was withdrawn by nature, so few people could ever get in touch with him. Therefore, little prince was still unfamiliar with him in some aspects.

Jasper pondered for a while, then said, “Fortunately, he is not serious in speech and manner, but his thinking is different from most people. Many people can’t get along with him. Even people in our circle can hardly get along with him.”

The little prince shrugged and then lamented, “But in comparison, we are much more dashing than him. Maybe it’s because Heaven is jealous of his talents, so he can only stay in his residence all his life.”

The crippled Brown had been living in his residence all year round, but he could understand the outside world clearly. Perhaps only he could do something like this.

After he heard this, Jasper did not continue to speak. He did not think the crippled Brown was difficult to get along with. Instead, he felt that getting along with him could reduce many obstacles because the crippled Brown could see things and people very clearly.

Sometimes, Jasper even wondered if the crippled Brown had reincarnated from the later generations just like him.

The two then went to a tea house. After getting out of the car, the aroma of tea filled their noses.

The waiter of the tea house immediately came to the two of them and led them to the door of a private room. "Mr. Brown, your guests are here."

"Let them in."

The attendant bowed at Jasper and then left.

Jasper stepped forward to open the door. When he saw the crippled Brown in a wheelchair, the two smiled at each other.

"You came earlier than I expected."

Jasper stepped into the room and sat directly opposite the crippled Brown. Before Jasper could speak, the crippled Brown's gaze shifted to the little prince.

"Member of the Royal family, why don't you come in and take a seat?"

"I didn't expect you to finally step out of your residence."

After the little prince finished speaking, he sat down. The crippled Brown in front of him always gave him a sense of oppression. The crippled Brown looked away and made tea for the two of them.

“Jasper, how’re things with the United States?”

“It’s done, and they are doing the finishing touches over there,” Jasper took the cup and said warmly.

“There’s nothing to worry about, now it’s just time to test the waters. We’ll see the development of the industry in three years time.”

Jasper was brief with his three sentences.

At present, the most important thing was to stabilize the development of domestic industries first.

The crippled Brown took a sip of tea and looked at him. “It seems that we have come up with a plan. Are you planning to start with things such as the infrastructure and technology industry?”

“That’s right, domestic economic development and technological advancements such as science and technology are key.”

The crippled Brown agreed with what Jasper said and nodded silently.

After this financial war, whether it was the crippled Brown, Jasper, or other people involved, almost all of them had noticed a problem. This time it was a tie, but if the domestic economy stagnated, it would mean they were suffering a setback.

“What are you going to do?”

The crippled Brown exhorted, “It’s not an easy thing to do. If everything in the world were easy, would there be anything difficult?”

Jasper said in a very relaxed tone, “And I believe that in the next few years, our domestic economy will develop rapidly.”

The crippled Brown kept looking at him without saying a word. The current Jasper gave him a different feeling now. In the past, he was only regarded as an ordinary businessman, but now he seemed to be more than that. He had potential that other entrepreneurs did not have.

“You have to be able to endure setbacks on the road to revival. If you have anything you need, just tell me. Whether it’s the Browns or otherwise, we will help you when and where we can,” the crippled Brown said profoundly.

Everyone knew that the crippled Brown had a withdrawn personality, but they did not know how much suffering he had experienced over the years. Although he had not walked out of the residence for many years, he had done a lot in secret. Furthermore, his family sacrificed even more.

All of this was for Somerland.

However, Jasper shook his head and said with a smile, “I don’t dare to alarm you. If you take action, others might feel bad. Besides, it’s not that time yet, so don’t worry.”

Now, all walks of life were springing up like mushrooms after a rain. Jasper wanted to be the owner of this garden.

The little prince sat on the side and did not interrupt. It was a little uncomfortable to see the two of them chatting with each other. He could

naturally understand what the two of them were saying, but was it not tiring to talk like this ?

The little prince looked at the two of them and said, “There are not many industries in the country that are as attractive as the automobile industry. We have a large population in our country, so when the economy rises, people’s demands will inevitably increase. Outsiders cannot meddle too much with the big pie that is the automobile industry.”

“Not only the automobile industry but also the technology industry, the communications industry, and so on. We can’t miss all of these,” Jasper took a sip of tea and said slowly.

After hearing this, the crippled Brown had a solemn look on his face, “Three years. Are you sure you can build up these industries in three years ?”

“Not necessarily, but I absolutely have to,” Jasper shook his head and said seriously. “Everything is difficult at the beginning, nothing is ever easy.”

The crippled Brown nodded. He came here this time to comfort Jasper, but it seemed that he was overthinking it.

Right, how would someone who was not scared of Western power be defeated by the future ?

Also, he had no idea that Jasper’s every move was meticulously planned and thought over.

He would take one step and then plan ten steps ahead. Jasper would be very clear about the surroundings of the road he was taking. If he wanted to win on this road, he would need to strategize for everything.

“I’ll still say the same thing. Just tell me if you need anything. We will definitely help you when you need it.”

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“Next time then,” Jasper said with a half-smile.

The three of them drank tea in the room for a while and only came out after half an hour.

The matter here had come to an end, and Jasper intended to start with the automotive industry as the next step. Right now, there was still a big gap in this part of the country, and everything was starting from scratch.

After he went back to the company, Jasper completely locked himself in his office and asked Jake and Baz to get him all of the information about the automotive manufacturers in the country.

“Analyze the data surrounding the manufacturers clearly and then give me a copy of the data of cars from other countries. You should investigate everything properly.”

“Go...”

After receiving Jasper’s order, Jake went out with Baz. The two stood at the door and looked at each other.

“Is Mr. Laine starting again?”

“It’s pretty obvious. It seems that we will have a domestic car brand soon.”

Thinking of this, the two instantly became excited.

Jasper stayed in the office and rarely went out since he started with the development of the car. Occasionally Wendy would come over to check

on him, and the two would chat with each other about work and daily life.

Jasper was quite busy, but Henry, who was always free, would go over to Jasper's place almost every day.

"Do you not have anything else to do? Why are you always running to me? Don't you need to go on dates?" Jasper looked at Henry in front of him and chuckled.

"I don't want to talk about it. My grandpa asked me to visit you more and he also asked me to learn something from you. I don't know what's going on in his head. My father can still work for another one or two decades. What's there to worry about?" Henry began to complain. Then, he sat on the sofa and sighed exhaustedly.

Jasper could not hold back his laugh as he looked at Henry's pitiful appearance.

"You punk, what the hell are you laughing at? I was forced to come here. I am utterly helpless. If my grandpa didn't insist, I would have married Jill."

When Jasper heard what Henry said, his eyebrow lifted in interest before asking.

"Is your marriage with her settled?"

"It's not so easy, right? We can tell she's not someone who's after wealth and rank..."

"Did you manage to get her so quickly? I don't believe you."

Jasper exposed Henry in just a few sentences.

The latter scratched the back of his head and laughed. “Yeah, yeah, you’re the smartest. Of course, Jill is not after wealth and rank. To be honest, even if I inherit my family’s fortune right now, I can’t marry her. She said we can only get married after she becomes the world champion.”

Jasper nodded.

This was Jasper’s expectation. Jill was a good woman that was hard to come by. Even if she was wearing very plain clothes, she had a righteous flame in her heart, and it would never go out. If the two wanted to end up together, they might need to wait for about seven or eight years.

Jasper sighed earnestly and patted Henry’s shoulder. “There’s still a long way to go.”

Henry was confused by that sentence. ‘What nonsense is he saying now?’

“Can you speak to me in the human language, you punk? What’s the meaning of that? Do you think we won’t end up together?”

When Henry thought about this, he started to worry. Jill’s smiling face kept popping up in his mind.

As soon as Jasper saw his nervous expression, he knew that this guy was truly in love. Sure enough, no one could escape a marriage bestowed by God.

“I didn’t say that,” Jasper shook his head and said with a smile.

Henry was relieved when he heard Jasper’s words. “I heard that you are busy getting into the automotive industry recently. Haven’t you found a

suitable manufacturer yet ?” Henry looked at Jasper with a suspicious gaze.

Jasper frowned suspiciously when he saw Henry’s gaze.

“Why ? Do you have resources ?”

Henry got excited while they were on the topic. He then winked at Jasper.

“Uh-huh, there is indeed a very suitable car factory, but it’s not with me.”

Henry looked a little embarrassed, which made Jasper feel even more strange.

“Not with you.. ?”

“Is it in Harbor City ?” Jasper asked.

Henry nodded. “Well, this factory was left by a rich young man from the United Kingdom. He was just playing around with it and now, he’s abandoned it. It’s still in Harbor City now. If you’re considering it, you can go over and take a look. Although this guy has abandoned it completely, the things inside are genuine.”

When he said that, Jasper was moved. He could go and scrutinize it.

As for the original owner of the factory, they would still need to see who he was.

“Are you familiar with that person ?”

Henry recalled the previous drinking sessions. Apart from chatting and drinking with girls, he had no other communication with him. He had

only interacted a little with the guy while they were having fun. They could only be regarded as acquaintances. Even though Henry was a young master, he was not stupid. It was not easy to just muddle through this.

Upon hearing this, Jasper already made up his mind.

“You’ll know when you’re there anyway.

“My family is also busy with the damage done in Harbor City, and are like repairmen repairing the holes. Of course, if you have any requests, my dad and my grandpa will definitely be able to help even if I can’t,” Henry patted his chest and said.

“I’ll be leaving for Harbor City tomorrow. I’ll go back before I go over.”

“No problem, should I tell my little sister?” Henry looked at Jasper with a wicked smile, but Jasper rolled his eyes at him.

Afterward, the two left the building together. The two went different ways.

Henry watched Jasper leave and sighed slightly. “It seems that Anna is going to suffer because of him...”

He was talented, handsome, and rich. Plus, he was also very concerned about the feelings of others. Having gone through this financial crisis again, he knew the righteousness of the nation well and had a unique personal charm.

If Henry were a woman, he would probably fall head over heels in love with Jasper. Sure enough, excellent people would shine everywhere.

He spread his hands helplessly, feeling a little melancholy in his heart.

“Sure enough, everything is a calamity...”

After speaking, he put on his sunglasses and drove away.

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When Jasper went back home, he spotted Wendy, who was still busy. So, Jasper stepped forward and hugged her from behind while feeling warmth in his heart. Burying his head in the crevice of her neck, he sniffed the fragrance in her hair.

His warm breath landed on Wendy’s neck, causing her body to tremble. Her delicate body trembled slightly like a small beast.

“What’s wrong? Why are you so clingy?” She turned her face sideways and said to the man behind her in a low voice.

“Nothing, I just missed you...” Jasper tightened his arms around her as he spoke.

Wendy was so amazing, like a soft cake, she blushed and lowered her head shyly.

“Oh, when did you become so corny? What the hell is going on?”

Wendy turned to look at Jasper and helped him straighten the tie on his chest.

Looking at her shy face, Jasper raised his hand and caressed her cheek.

“I’m fine, I just missed you. The rest are all work-related matters.”

Wendy immediately understood when she heard this, her slender arms wrapped around Jasper's waist. "Are you going on a business trip again?"

"It's okay, it's normal to travel for business... I'm also busy these days and I'm worried that I'll neglect you. It just happens that we both have something to do. You should take care of your business first, let's talk after we're both done."

When he saw how considerate Wendy was, Jasper could not hide his enthusiasm and planted a kiss on her cheek before holding her in his arms.

"I'm going to have to aggrieve you and leave you at home to wait for me. You still have to take care of the company here."

Wendy leaned on Jasper's arms and felt the warmth in his arms.

"You don't have to think that way. I know you have a lot on your shoulders, so I won't force you to do anything. Now is the time for us to work hard for each other. Although I am a woman, I can understand."

Jasper knew that Wendy was not someone who could not figure out the circumstances.

"Alright, wait for me to come back."

Wendy was the best person for the job because many things in the company needed to be handed over to someone whom he could trust. There were a lot of trivial things left over after the last crisis. Everything had to be arranged properly this time he left.

"Okay, I'll wait for you."

Night fell. Everything in the future was full of unknowns.

The next morning, after saying goodbye to Wendy, Jasper went to the airport. From a distance, he could see Henry waiting for him in a casual white outfit.

The other party waved after seeing Jasper's figure. "Jasper, over here!"

Jasper pulled his suitcase along and walked over to Henry. Baz was behind Jasper but this time, Jasper was smart and he arranged for Julian to protect him in the dark. He would not need to follow Jasper when it was unnecessary and he could just protect Jasper secretly. Jake, on the other hand, was left in the company to deal with its affairs. He still had a lot of things to handle, so he could not leave.

"Jasper, we'll go home directly after landing. I think Anna misses you too."

Jasper's face stiffened and he coughed lightly. "There's no need to stay at your place, but I will go and say hello to Old Master Law and Uncle Law."

"And... Did your friend reply?"

Henry took out his phone and looked through his messages. "Yeah, he said he'll host a party to welcome you tonight. As for whether you want to go, it all depends on you."

'A party?' Jasper thought about it and felt like the other party wanted to meet him too.

“Let’s go now.”

After they got onto the plane, Jasper felt a little melancholic as he looked at the view outside the window. He had gone through so much and he was finally heading into a new era...

A few hours later, the plane landed. The moment Jasper and the others walked out, they saw a very familiar figure in the VIP waiting area.

She was wearing a two-piece suit and her long hair was flowing in the wind. When her long and thin fingers removed her sunglasses, a pair of charming eyes appeared.

“Jasper!”

Anna stood at the door like a treasure of the earth. Her long legs were also attracting a lot of attention. She walked over magnanimously in her stilettos. After that, she looked into Jasper’s eyes.

The two had only separated for a while but when they met each other again, they felt strange.

When Henry saw how head over heels Anna was, he felt troubled and helpless. After the two exchanged courtesies, Henry could not take it anymore and said, “Anna, let’s go back first. Is Grandpa at home?”

“Of course, when he heard that Jasper was coming, he immediately came back home,” Anna said with a smile on her face.

“Okay, Baz and I will put things in front while you two can follow behind us.” Henry understood the woman’s thoughts, so he decided to satisfy her and ran forward with Baz.

Jasper walked with Anna at the back

“How have you been?” Anna asked, looking directly at the ground.

Jasper on the side looked at her from the corner of his eye. “I’m fine...”

After hearing this, Anna nodded, feeling a little lost inside her heart.

Did Jasper not miss her at all?

“What about you? I heard from your brother that you are researching clothing brands?”

“Yes, there are quite a few clothing brands abroad and their haute couture is very well recognized by the international elite, so I want to create our own brand.”

“I believe in you.” Jasper nodded, but he knew that Anna’s knowledge in this area was no worse than other famous designers. Furthermore, she had her family behind her. Many people could not surpass her with just her identity as the daughter of the Laws.

“Do you need investments? If possible, I’ll invest in it,” Jasper said with a half-smile.

“Okay, if it’s successful, I’ll make you a shareholder.”

“How could it fail?” Jasper asked with a smile.

“Don’t forget that you are Anna Law, and you are a unique existence.”

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“Anna, can you two hurry up?” Henry shouted impatiently from not far away.

Upon hearing this, Jasper smiled and looked at Anna. He very gentlemanly reached out his hand and bent over slightly.

“The future owner of an haute couture brand, we have to go quickly now.”

“Jasper, I already know about you coming here. I have heard people talking about that factory, but I am not familiar with it. If you want to build a domestic car brand, you will face a lot of pressure. Right now, in this industry, both technology and brands from overseas are already far ahead.”

Old Master Law took a sip of tea and said to Jasper, who was sitting beside him.

Upon hearing this, Jasper smiled. “Old Master Law, we can’t limit the economic development in Somerland. The current situation is not beneficial to us, so we must find a breakthrough.”

“Although cars are not a must-have means of transportation for every family right now, they will definitely be in five or ten years time. We cannot do without our own brand, and this independent brand must be known across the country and even the world.”

These few words of Jasper made his position clear. He understood that the economy was a protracted war and there would not be a result in just two or three years. Time was needed to prove everything.

Old Master Law nodded and was very pleased.

“Okay, as long as you’ve made up your mind. Somerland will surely be able to realize its wish for revival with you at the forefront. You can bring Henry along in Harbor City. This boy, although he is not as smart as you, he has some tricks up his sleeves when you need someone to act like a poser or be a little unreasonable,” Old Master Law said with a smile.

Henry could not hold himself from spitting out his tea when he heard this.

Was his grandfather praising him or criticizing him?

‘Grandpa, your praise is really unique...’ Henry did not dare to retort his grandfather directly, so he could only murmur.

His look of resentment delighted Jasper.

The place where they were meeting was at a high-end hotel. This time, it was mainly for the factory so they had no idea how much the other party would ask for.

“Jasper, when we get there, I’ll try to get more information first. I asked him about the price on the phone, but he refused to tell me, so I had to go to the scene to ask him,” Henry said.

Henry seemed to be a playboy who only knew how to eat, drink, and have fun, but he would not dilly-dally when he needed to be serious. Furthermore, this was Harbor City, his territory.

“Okay.” Jasper nodded.

The evening breeze brought some warmth over, which was very pleasurable. At the front of the hotel was a line of people. They were all dressed in suits, and when Jasper saw their outfit, Jasper could not hold back his laughter.

“Henry, look at those people. Do you think their outfit looks exactly like what your subordinates would wear back then?”

“Cough cough. I don’t have such cheap taste, okay? Also, I don’t know what motivated this kid to arrange for a bunch of people to stand at the door.”

“Perhaps this looks cool to him?”

“Let’s go in and have a look.”

When they walked into the hotel, they saw a group of hostesses bending over and bowing to them.

“Welcome, Mr. Laine!”

Jasper was slightly stunned, obviously not expecting the other party to do this.

“It seems that the other party has long been prepared. This is not a small layout either, so he’s giving you enough face.”

Behind him, Henry held back his laugh and said in a low voice. “These are all fake.”

Jasper did not have much of a reaction, he just smiled and nodded at those hostesses. Then, the head of the hostesses walked over quickly and made a gesture in front of Jasper.

“Mr. Laine, Mr. Jefferson has been waiting for you. Please come with me...”

After she said that, the hostess led Jasper and the others into a private room.

Inside the Culture Private Room on the second floor. When Mr. Jefferson saw Jasper coming in after opening the door, he went over to shake Jasper’s hand.

“Mr. Laine, I’ve heard about you a long time ago. Now that I’m finally meeting you in person, you are indeed very elegant. Let me introduce myself, my name is Rowan Jefferson...”

Jasper smiled and nodded. “Hello...”

Rowan seemed passionate and he looked very cheerful. He did not put on airs like the other rich young masters out there.

“Since you’re here, let’s eat first.”

Rowan went back to his seat and clapped his hands lightly. Then, the servers who had been waiting outside for some time came in with the dishes.

“Bring me the two Brandy’s I saved here as well,” Rowan said to the server.

“Alright, please wait...”

After a while, the two extremely expensive Brandy’s were sent to the table.

“Mr. Laine, have some food. There’s no need to be so humble.”

Rowan opened the two bottles of Brandy's at one go, and after he poured a glass, he put it in front of Jasper.

"Mr. Laine, here you go..." Rowan smiled and did not say much.

Jasper nodded and took a small sip. "I think it's better if we go straight to the topic."

"Sure..." Rowan answered and showed Jasper three fingers.

Life at the Top Chapter 2047

"Three hundred million and the car factory is yours."

Three hundred million was no problem for Jasper in his current situation. However, whether it was worth it was another question.

At this moment, Henry stood up and toasted Rowan.

"Rowan, isn't three hundred million a bit too much? As far as I know, your car factory's revenue is very low and you're just playing around with it. It's better to sell it at a cheaper price."

Henry wanted to lower the price for Jasper.

Rowan thought for two seconds before nodding. "Alright, we are all friends anyway."

"Mr. Laine, how much can you pay?"

Rowan never mentioned the price on the phone call previously, so Henry never thought that he would agree so happily at the dinner table.

Jasper did not know what was on Rowan's mind.

“Two hundred million.” Jasper said directly.

“Okay, two hundred million it is. However, you still have to grant me a request.”

This time, Rowan blurted out without hesitation. It seemed that he had long thought of what to say.

“Oh? What is the request? Let’s hear it.” Jasper also wanted to know what Rowan was going to do.

In just a few words, Rowan was willing to waive 100 million dollars, so he must have other plans.

“Actually, my request is very simple. Mr. Laine, I know that you bought the car factory in order to enter the automotive industry. My request is let me be your partner so that we can do business together.”

Rowan paused as if feeling a little inappropriate. Then, he continued, “As long as you promise me this, I can even give you the car factory for free.”

‘For free?’

This was interesting.

Jasper finally realized that Rowan did not care about how much money he could sell the car factory for. Rowan actually cared about the chance to work with him.

At this moment, Jasper looked at Rowan. “Rowan, you were only playing around back then, so why are you so serious now?”

Rowan smiled in embarrassment after he heard that. “To be honest, I was really just fooling around in the automotive industry. However, when I heard you’re entering the industry, I saw it as a chance. Everyone knows that Mr. Laine is a genius among geniuses in the investment industry. So, I want to follow you and make something of myself in the automotive industry.”

Rowan did not hide the truth and he directly told Jasper what he had on his mind. His intentions were clear. He wanted to use this opportunity to share a slice of the cake with Jasper.

Henry looked at Jasper. He wondered if Jasper would say yes to Rowan’s request.

At the same time, Rowan was also longing for Jasper’s answer.

From Jasper’s perspective, it was a matter of involving an extra partner.

After staying silent for a few seconds, Jasper spoke slowly. “Mr. Jefferson, do you want to be a shareholder?”

“No, I can forgo the shares. I just want a chance to work with you. I am fine with anything as long as you agree.”

Rowan stopped and continued, “If you agree, I’ll only ask for 1% of the profit. The rest will go to you.”

Rowan became much more respectful. Perhaps he was really desperate for this chance.

“1% is too little. I’ll give you 10%.” Jasper lifted his glass and took another sip.

“Mr. Laine, does this mean you’re saying yes?” Rowan lifted his glass in excitement to toast Jasper.

“Yeah.” Jasper nodded slightly.

“This is great! Right, Mr. Laine, you can just call me Row from now on.”

“From this day on, we’ll be partners. I’ll listen to you no matter what you say!”

Rowan had a bright smile on his face. For him, it was such a rare chance to work with Jasper. So many people who wanted to work with Jasper, but they did not have the chance to do so.

“Mr. Laine, let me wish for our car factory to make a fortune in advance!”

Then, Rowan downed the rest of his Brandy in one gulp. After they had a few drinks and ate some food, Rowan brought Jasper and the gang to the car factory.

The car factory occupied a space of about 20 thousand square meters and it was very well-equipped. It did not lack anything.

After they walked around, Rowan stood still. “Mr. Laine, should we give this car factory a new name?”

Jasper nodded slightly. “We should. But I don’t know what to call it yet. We can talk about this in the future. No hurry.”

After they saw the car factory, Jasper was very satisfied. This was not too different from what he expected. Next, he should confirm the production

plan and hire the technicians. Then, they should be able to officially manufacture cars.

Before they left, Rowan took out an unrequited transfer agreement.

Jasper scanned it and signed. Just like that, the matter with the car factory was settled.

Before they left, Rowan also asked for Jasper's contact information, and before Jasper left, he gave Rowan a task.

He asked Rowan to find an expert in car manufacturing. It would be best if it was an engineer with more than ten years of experience. For Rowan, this was not hard. That night itself, Rowan offered a high price and hired a few engineers from another famous car factory.

Life at the Top Chapter 2048

These engineers had all been in the automotive industry for more than ten years, and one of them had also worked as a chief engineer in a large foreign factory.

The next day, Jasper came to the car factory again. While standing in front of the car factory, Jasper looked at the gate and said slowly, "Starting today, the car factory will be renamed Lane Automobile Factory, and the cars we will produce in the future will also belong to the brand Lane."

"Okay, we'll do as you say, Mr. Laine."

Rowan then contacted the advertising agency to customize the logo for the car factory.

"Isn't Lane just wordplay on Laine?"

A smile spread across Rowan's face.

“Mr. Laine, I hope our cars will sell well in the future. I also hope that our car factory can rise steadily like you, Mr. Laine.”

Upon hearing Rowan's compliment, Jasper just nodded slightly.

“Where are the engineers? Bring them here so I can look at them.”

“Okay, let's move to the office.”

Rowan pointed to the most conspicuous building in the center of the factory. It was the office space that had just been cleaned up. After a while, Jasper followed Rowan into the office.

The engineers, after receiving the notice, came to the office ahead of time. They stood in a single file and when they saw Jasper, their faces were filled with respect.

“This is Mr. Jasper Laine. You guys should introduce yourself so that everyone will become familiar with each other. We'll be colleagues in the future, so you don't have to be so reserved.” Rowan scanned the engineers.

“Hello, Mr. Laine.” A young man standing at the door was the first one to speak.

He had glasses on and looked polite. Other than that, he was behaving like an academic in every way.

“My name is Beckett Saunders and I'm 28 years old. Mr. Laine, you can just call me Beck.”

“Alright, Beck.” Jasper nodded and his gaze turned softer. It was clear that he was satisfied with Beckett.

From Rowan’s introduction, Jasper knew that Beckett had been a chief engineer abroad even though he was young. Thus, it was obvious that he was good at his job.

“My name is Cliff Chapman...”

“My name is Holden Novak...”

Everyone started introducing themselves.

“Alright, I remember you all now. From now on, the responsibility of running Lane Automobile Factory will be in your hands. I hope you all can work hard.”

The engineers nodded quickly when they heard that. Then, Rowan spoke.

“Mr. Laine, to be frank, these engineers came here because they heard about you.”

“Oh?” When Rowan said that, Jasper was interested.

“Even though I have some connections, it’s still impossible to get so many talents in just one day. They heard that you want to start an automotive factory, so that’s why they came.”

Jasper understood now. It seemed that Beck and the others came for him.

“Mr. Jefferson is right. We heard about you a long time ago, Mr. Laine, so that’s why we...” Beckett paused and did not continue.

While they were talking, Beckett and the gang were looking at Jasper increasingly respectfully. At the same time, they also admired him a lot.

“Even though you came here because of me, I also hope that we can be friends in the future. I can’t guarantee other things, but I will definitely give you decent treatment and a good future.”

Jasper stood up straight, his eyes deep and piercing. He was not budding, instead, he was very confident. It was because he had already planned the future of Lane Automobile Factory.

When he wanted to venture into the automotive industry, he did not think much, but now, he planned to use the technology of the future on his cars. More than a decade later, hybrid cars would gain popularity. Moreover, alternative fuel vehicles from Spore and Tesla would also set off a frenzy.

Life at the Top Chapter 2049

What Jasper intended to do was to combine the current automotive technology with future technology.

“Mr. Laine, what are we going to do next?” At this moment, Beckett asked.

“Please sit down first.” Jasper pointed to the sofa by the corner.

“I want to ask, which section were you responsible for before?” After the engineers sat on the sofa, Jasper asked slowly.

“I’m in charge of the chassis and the frame.”

“I’m in charge of car painting and installation of other parts.”

“I’m in charge of interior installations like car seats and so on.”

Jasper was satisfied with their answers.

Although these people were responsible for different processes, they could form a complete workflow once they were integrated. There were only a few major parts of the car structure.

“I’ll give you three days.

“Can you guys assemble me a complete car by then?”

After hearing what Jasper said, the engineers looked at each other and nodded.

“No problem.”

“We can definitely get it done.”

“We might even be done in a day or two.”

Jasper nodded with a grin after seeing how confident they were. “Alright, that’s all for now. I’ll come and inspect it at any time.”

After he said that, Jasper got up and left.

Rowan quickly followed behind him. His eyebrows were furrowed and it was clear that he did not understand Jasper’s arrangement.

“Mr. Laine, there are some car parts in the factory that I left here e last time. If you want a car, I can assemble a new one for you in half a day.”

Jasper shook his head when he heard Rowan’s doubts. “You heard it yourself. You said you were only fooling around back then. So, your car

will not be able to compare to the first-class brands when it comes to the details.”

“Tell me, can your car compare to BBA ?”

Rowan scratched his head in embarrassment. “It can’t. BBA is among the top three giants.”

“Right you are.”

Jasper paused before confirming. “Since I want to manufacture cars, I have to manufacture the most high-end ones. I need everything to be the best, regardless of if it’s the details or quality. I want it to be at least on the same level as BBA.”

Being on the same level was just a temporary goal Jasper set for himself.

In this era, BBA was not everywhere yet, but it was still pretty common. As long as anyone could drive a Benz, BMW, or Audi, they would be considered rich by other people. In this era, BBA was considered the symbol of luxury cars.

However, he had another long-term goal and that was to build an automotive empire and sit atop throne.

“Beckett and the rest came from big factories, so they have the first-class skills in automobile manufacturing. I want to see what they will create for me.”

After hearing that, Rowan made a sound to indicate he understood.

At the same time, he was also shocked. He thought Jasper was just joking when he said he wanted to manufacture cars. However, when he

learned of Jasper's ideas, he finally understood that Jasper was being serious.

“Actually, the goal of being on the same level as BBA is hard to achieve... But I believe in you, and I am willing to do this with you.”

Rowan's gaze became more resolute.

Jasper did not say anything more.

To Rowan, perhaps his goal was hard to achieve. The path to manufacturing cars was indeed difficult but building a brand was even more difficult. However, one should not forget the thousands of years of history in Somerland and himself, who came from the future.

Now, Jasper decided that there should be a brand in the country that was on the same level as BBA!

Life at the Top Chapter 2050

Two days later, Jasper received a call from Beckett.

“Mr. Laine, it's done. Please come and inspect it.”

“Alright.”

Jasper went to Lane Automotive Factory and called Rowan along.

Under Beckett's guidance, the gang arrived at the workshop.

The huge workshop had more than ten obsolete assembly lines. These were all left behind by Rowan after he was done with them. In the middle of these assembly lines was a walkway that was about 5 meters wide.

The car Beckett and the gang manufactured in two days was parked on this walkway. It was a black car and both the interior and the exterior were flawless.

“Mr. Laine, please have a look...” After Beckett said that, he opened the door.

A set of luxurious interior decor appeared in their vision, and Rowan who was standing at the back was taken aback.

“This car looks pretty decent.”

“I’m guessing you guys worked a lot of overtime in these two days,” Rowan said, flabbergasted.

Back then, he had hired a lot of experienced designers to help him design his cars. After spending half a year, the cars that were designed were not up to standard at all. He never expected that Beckett and the gang could come up with such an excellent car in just two days.

“Actually, we just put the body and the interior decor together. Since we didn’t have much time, we didn’t come up with the engine. So, you can’t drive the car yet.”

Beckett scratched his head and felt that this was a pity.

“It’s already great.”

Jasper affirmed Beckett, “We can push back the matter with the engine.”

After he said that, Jasper got into the driver’s seat. After half a minute of sitting in the driver’s seat, he eventually got out. Then, he checked the chassis and the wheelbase.

Beckett asked curiously when he saw Jasper inspecting the car so meticulously. “Mr. Laine, are there any problems?”

“There’s no problem for now. However, there are still many places that can be improved. Continue to work hard and try to use the shortest time possible to perfect it.”

“Okay...” Beckett answered.

At this moment, there was a commotion outside Lane Automotive Factory.

“What’s that noise?”

“I’ll go look.” Rowan quickly walked to the entrance.

When he saw what was happening at the door, he quickly called Jasper.

“Mr. Laine, the entrance is filled with reporters! There are so many of them. I think there are at least ten agencies outside.”

When Jasper heard this, he was shocked. He probably knew what was going on. If not, these reporters would not come here.

Soon, Jasper came to the door.

When the reporters saw Jasper, they descended into madness.

“Mr. Laine, please give us an explanation!”

“Yeah, please explain this!”

“If not, you can tell us what you think about this matter!”

Jasper was a little confused when he was faced with the questions from the reporters.

What was going on ?

He had no idea what was going on

“Everyone, you can ask me if you have any questions, but I have no idea what you’re talking about.” Jasper raised his voice, his face still solemn.

“Mr. Laine, don’t you have any idea what happened ?” A young female reporter walked in front of him and opened the browser on her phone.

Then, he saw the first three trending topics on the phone which were all related to him.

The reason he was going viral was because of a video.

“Can I have a look ?”

“Of course.”