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If they were not able to get their hands on a goddess like Willow, they did not want anyone else to have her either!

However, Sean held Willow's hand as they both slowly entered the gala venue.

Everyone was extremely jealous of Sean.

"Phew!"

A lot of people let out sighs of relief. They then averted their gazes forcefully.

They were all from the upper social circle. It would be inappropriate for them to keep staring at someone else.

Although they wanted to stare at Sean and Willow, they had no choice but to resist the urge to do so.

However, a few other people continued staring at Willow.

After all, Willow's beauty was lethal. It was a great enjoyment for them to be able to stare at her.

"Mr. Clarke? Mr. Larson, Mr. Summers, you're all here! Come here and sit down!"

Everyone greeted Harry and the others when they arrived at the gala.

"It's fine, we'll just sit next to Mr. Lennon."

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Nevertheless, Harry waved his hand slightly and rejected everyone else's offers.

They sat down next to Sean.

Odd expressions appeared on everyone's faces after they noticed this scene.

Initially, they assumed that Harry and the others must have run into Sean by coincidence since they arrived just after them.

However, they now realized that they had come to the gala together!

Meanwhile, Harry and the others were showing off their stance to everyone by doing so.

They were on Sean's side.

Given the situation that River City was currently in, everything was extremely clear.

Jen-Bond Holdings was doing extremely well. The Zimmer family's social standing in River City rose greatly as well.

A lot of people chose to take Jen-Bond Holdings' side.

After all, would it not be better to take the side of the strong player in the industry?

However, Reach For Will Group and Sean would not budge. They would not concede to Jen- Bond Holdings.

Therefore, River City was currently being contested by two different parties.

One could either take Jen-Bond Holding's side or Sean Lennon's side. However, supporting Sean might not lead to great outcomes.

"Is Mr. Clarke from Reach For Will Group taking Sean Lennon's side?"

“This town isn’t big enough for two parties. If Jen-Bond Holdings intend to take over the whole of River City, they must get rid of Reach For Will Group. They have no other choice.”

“You’re right. However, Reach For Will Group has no other choice as well. However, Mr. Larson and Mr. Summers have other choices! They aren’t fools!”

“If they aren’t fools, why would they make such a decision?”

The more everyone pondered upon this, the more confused they felt.

They know that one would definitely be at risk of getting overthrown if they took Sean’s side.

However, Harry and Chadwick still took Sean’s side without hesitation.

Were they fools or madmen?

Nobody could explain things to them right now.

Everything could only be set in stone after the host appeared.

Meanwhile, the host of the gala was naturally the person in charge of Jen-Bond Holdings in River City, James Thomson.

The atmosphere of the gala became rather awkward after Sean and the others arrived.

Everyone gathered together in a large group.

Meanwhile, Sean and his supporters stood apart from them. They sat down in one of the corners of the gala venue.

Although there was quite a distance between both parties, those people did not dare to gossip about Sean.

It was not because they were afraid of Sean, but they did not want to cause unwanted trouble.

Plenty of them knew that today would be the day Sean lost his status and reputation.

Therefore, they were not afraid of anything!

“Sean, they seem to be staring weirdly at us.”

Willow tugged at Sean’s shirt as she said softly.

“Of course, these people are all here to make a fool out of us.”

Sean reached out to take a plate of dessert. He then placed it in front of Willow.

Willow paused momentarily. She then asked him with a frown on her face.

“Are they all here to go against us?”

“Yes. However, don’t worry.”

“I have made arrangements.”

Sean raised his glass in the direction of Harry and the others. He then took a sip from his glass.

He was extremely nonchalant. He did not seem awkward at all.

Even if there was no one else supporting him and only Willow was left by his side, he would not feel awkward at all.

He was once the nine-star commander when he served in the army.

One could be as strong as an entire troop. One could win against hundreds of thousands of hostile opponents.

What did he have to fear?

Behind him, Zander, Harry, Homer, and the others, all heard what Sean said.

Before, they all felt extremely anxious and worried.

However, they felt much more at ease after hearing what Sean said.

It was hard to believe that Harry and Chadwick, who were both in their forties, trusted a young man in his twenties so much.

However, they had to admit that Sean had a strong aura and convincing abilities.

The aura he possessed could not be feigned. He was born with it.

“Mr. Lennon, I’m betting the entire Summers household on this.”

Chadwick remained silent for a while. However, he could not resist speaking up.

“I know.”

Sean nodded lightly.

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“Mr. Lennon, the Old Master says that it’s true that businessmen only pursue benefits.

“However, one would still have to determine what kind of benefit they’d gain and what kind. of situation they’re in.

“He asked me to tell you that even if we lose, he has no regrets.”

Homer turned around and looked at Sean intently.

“I won’t lose.

“You guys won’t lose either.”

Sean’s gaze was extremely calm. The decisive tone of his voice left no space for objection either.

“Alright!”

Homer nodded. The few of them then clinked their glasses lightly.

Soon after, more and more people entered the gala venue.

Meanwhile, everyone, the Quinn family included, joined the larger group of people.

Sean’s group consisted of extremely few people since the start.

The people on Sean’s side basically included some of the people with the highest profiles in the social circle of River City.

Sean did not know all of them, but Homer and Chadwick introduced him to each of them in soft voices.

Although the main people in charge of some companies could not attend the event personally, they had sent over their representatives.

This showed just how influential Jen-Bond Holdings was in River City.

After Jon and Quill Zimmer finished greeting all the guests, they returned to the main hall as well.

“Mr. Zimmer!”

“Young Master Zimmer!”

Suddenly, plenty of people got up to greet them.

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Meanwhile, Jon simply glanced at Sean and walked over to the crowd.

Everyone greeted Jon and showered him with praise. Jon and Quill could not help but feel like they were on cloud nine.

Families that were once much more powerful than the Zimmers spoke to Jon in courteous

tones.

“Please take your seats, everyone. Mr. Thomson will be here soon.”

Jon waved his hand and gestured for everyone to take their seats.

Meanwhile, Quill turned around and pointed his middle finger at Sean.

Once James arrived, Sean would become the public enemy of everyone in River City.

Therefore, Quill felt beyond overjoyed right now.

Everyone on Jon’s side was talking loudly and jovially.

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Meanwhile, the people on Sean's side were relatively quieter.

It was as if the winner had already been determined. The battle had ended before it began.

Chadwick started feeling anxious once again.

He had distanced himself from so many companies and families just because of Sean. He had even offended Jen-Bond Holdings.

Was this really worth it?

However, there was no way back right now.

He had to stay seated even if he could not sit still.

"Mr. Thomson is here!"

Suddenly, someone shouted out. Everyone got up at once.

James smiled as he slowly walked into the gala venue from backstage.

He was dressed in a luxurious Western suit. It cost at least 15 thousand dollars.

Even his tie cost at least 1500 dollars.

A luxury, limited edition watch shone brightly on his wrist.

Meanwhile, two long-legged beauties in gowns flanked both his sides as he walked in.

As soon as James appeared, the atmosphere in the hall grew heated at once.

"Welcome, Mr. Thomson!"

Jon got up and started clapping loudly.

Everyone, Old Madam Quinn and the others included, all got up and applauded James' arrival.

There were several hundred people in the hall. Everyone except for the dozen of people in Sean's group got up and welcomed James.

Even Mr. Luke got up and clapped twice.

This showed just how terrifyingly huge James' influence was in River City.

Although not everyone was on his side, the majority of the people in River City supported him!

"Everyone is being way too kind. Please sit down!

"Please forgive me if my greetings are lacking in any way."

James smiled and gradually walked to the front of the gala venue.

There was a high platform that resembled a stage there. There was a large screen behind the platform.

"Let's invite Mr. Thomson up on stage to give a speech."

As soon as everyone sat down, Jon chuckled while he spoke up.

"Sure!"

Everyone agreed at once. Applause rang out once again.

Only Sean and the others watched upon everything silently.

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"Thank you to all of you for taking the time to participate in the gala that I set up today.

"I'm extremely honored!"

James looked extremely humble as he accepted a microphone and started speaking to the audience below the stage.

Sean did not listen to any of the nonsense that he had said just now.

"I invited all of you here today because there was something I'd like to tell you.

"Jen-Bond Holdings has received a lot of support and help while settling down in River City.

"Jen-Bond Holdings promises to create an excellent business ecosystem for everyone. We will make sure that River City's GDP is boosted rapidly.

"After that, we'll reallocate the resources across the financial circle of River City and form a chamber of commerce to ensure that we have a complete business system in place.

"By then, River City will develop to become bigger and better!"

Everyone applauded after James' beautiful speech.

"Shhh!"

James lowered his hand, and everyone went quiet.

"But..."

James wanted to let Sean know that everything that was meant to happen would take place now.

As expected, the smile on James' face gradually vanished.

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“Jen-Bond Holdings, all the businesses in River City, and all the employees of government offices hope that River City’s development will keep improving.

“However, there are around a hundred people that haven’t contributed to River City at all. They’re even trying to destroy the financial system we have in place right now.”

“Jen-Bond Holdings will not tolerate such behavior. Everyone in River City should not tolerate such behavior either.”

James’ words stirred up everyone’s curiosity.

“Mr. Lawrence, what do you mean by that? Who’s that?”

Just then, someone in the audience asked James.

“That’s a great question!

“In other words, someone tried to scheme against other companies to get their hands on others’ company assets. They then transferred the funds to someone else’s account and blamed everything on someone else. They have created a huge fund shortage.

“Up to a hundred companies have been involved. They’ve almost gone bankrupt.

“The financial circle of River City will not tolerate such treacherous behavior.”

As soon as James spoke out, the companies that had once been affected by the financial crisis all stood up to show him their support.

“That person is here right now.”

James shook his head slowly while he spoke. He then looked at Sean.

Immediately, everyone fixed their gazes on Sean.

Suddenly, Sean became the center of everyone’s attention.

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Howard, Chadwick, and the others all looked at Sean.

Before this, they had really been oblivious to the fact that Sean had done all of this.

Howard only knew that Sean prevented Larson Pharmaceuticals from being affected by not allowing him to invest in the Zimmer Corporation back then.

This showed that Sean definitely knew about this incident beforehand.

However, Howard really did not know that Sean had planned all of this out.

However, Sean did not speak right now. He remained silent.

Therefore, Howard and the others remained silent as well.

"Mr. Thomson, we don't really understand what you mean."

A middle-aged woman slowly got up and asked James.

"Yes, Mr. Thomson, is there something that we don't know about?"

"Mr. Thomson, tell us what you know straight away. The financial circle of River City has been in extreme turmoil lately. We can discuss things together today."

Some people agreed as well.

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"Please calm down, everyone.

"Although Jen-Bond Holdings is pretty capable, it's still our first time in River City. We won't dare to offend anyone else either.

"Therefore, I have no choice but to keep some things quiet for now!"

James sneered in his heart. However, he shook his head slightly as a look of exasperation appeared on his face.

It was as if he was being threatened by someone else.

"Mr. Thomson, what are you afraid of?

"All of us here will support you.

"Tell everyone the truth. Whoever that dares to go against you will be going against all of us as well!"

Jon immediately stood up and declared out loud to James, who was standing on the stage.

"That's right! Mr. Zimmer is right!"

"Mr. Thomson, we'll all support you!"

Plenty of people stood up to express their support for James.

There was a conflicted expression on James' face. He finally nodded.

"Sean, what is he trying to do?"

Willow could not sit still anymore. She had noticed the gleeful gaze in James' eyes.

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"It's just a show. Let him continue putting up an act."

Sean waved his hand slightly. He remained calm and nonchalant.

"Alright..."

Willow remained silent for a while. She then nodded obediently.

James gathered his emotions as he stood on the stage. He then started talking about the so-called "evidence".

"All of you know that Zimmer Corporation acquired the land with the greatest potential for development in the city center some time ago.

"However, Zimmer Corporation faced a financial crisis after that. They had no choice but to temporarily loan out the development approval of the land in exchange for working capital.

"However, it was all a scheme. The culprit got his hands on the development approval and used it to carry out his next plans."

An uproar rose in the audience when James mentioned this.

However, James did not give them the chance to speak. He then continued speaking.

"After that, Zimmer Corporation raised funds and received more than 45 million dollars.

"However, this sum of money suddenly vanished. That person took over those funds through illegal means.

"This caused up to a hundred companies to get involved. They all closed down because they didn't have enough working capital!

"That person also caused River City's financial circle plenty of trouble. He's a terrible sinner!"

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James spoke out in an infuriated tone. A lot of people shared his sentiments at once.

After all, the companies of a lot of people in the audience had been affected by the incident.

James' speech had something to do with their individual benefits. How could they not share the same enemy as him?

"This person is..."

When James realized that the atmosphere of everyone in the hall was under his control, he prepared to expose Sean.

Everyone's gazes were focused on James.

"It's him, Sean Lennon!"

James suddenly reached out and pointed at Sean.

Meanwhile, Sean's name reverberated through the hall from the speakers after James announced it out on the microphone.

His name echoed in the hall for a long time.

Jon and the others cast their gazes at Sean once again.

However, Sean's calm demeanor stunned Jon and James.

Why was Sean still so calm when things were in such a dire state?

Did he have another trump card?

However, James changed his mind and sneered.

He had prepared a long time for today. Sean definitely would not be able to worm his way out of this.

“Sean Lennon, it was you?”

Jon turned around and put on an act together with James. He shouted out at Sean.

“It’s no wonder my development approval ended up in your hands.

“It turns out that all of this was part of your scheme!”

Jon’s acting skills closely rivaled James’.

The look of righteous indignation on his face caused a lot of people to sympathize with him.

“Mr. Lennon, it isn’t right for you to do this, right?”

“You’ve ruined our company. How dare you try to steal our company?”

“Have you started scheming against us a long time ago?”

“Shouldn’t you give us an explanation about this incident?”

A few middle-aged men and women got up and questioned Sean as well.

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As soon as Jon and the others started questioning Sean, more and more people started casting cold glares at Sean.

“Sean Lennon, what else do you have to say?”

James laughed out loud. There was an outraged expression on his face.

It was as if he were interrogating an evil criminal..

Then, Sean began to speak.

“Who do you think you are? Who knows if you’re telling the truth?”

“You’re just saying anything right now. Where’s your proof?”

Sean remained calm as he sat on his chair with a calm expression on his face. He swirled his glass of wine lightly.

As soon as he spoke back to James, a lot of people agreed with what he said although they did not say anything.

Although James was from Jen-Bond Holdings, that did not mean that everything that he said was right.

Everything could only be verified with proof.

James could not just make everyone believe in his words without any proof, right?

“Look at what’s going on now. Are you still going to be stubborn?”

“Since I’ve dared to tell everyone that, it goes without saying that I have enough proof.”

James sneered as he took a document file from his assistant, who was standing by the

side.

“There’s proof of how you schemed against us to get your hands on the development approval inside this file.

“Also, there are records of how you transferred Zimmer Corporation’s funds illegally inside

as well.

“This includes all the people that were involved in this process. It’s all recorded in detail.

“Would you like me to read it out loud for everyone?”

James took out a pile of documents from the file. There was a huge sneer on his face.

The confident look on his face made Zander, Howard, and the others furrow their brows.

Meanwhile, a gleeful gaze appeared in the eyes of Jon, Quill, and everyone else from the Zimmer family.

Was Sean Lennon not an extremely foolish person?

They had sufficient proof now. How bold could he be right now?

“Sean Lennon, why aren’t you saying anything?”

James shook the documents in his hand when he noticed how silent Sean was.

“Mr. Lennon assumes the same stance.

“Who do you think you are, Mr. Thomson? Why do you have the final say in everything?”

Zander glanced at Sean before slowly getting up. He then frowned as he looked at James.

They could not admit to this regardless of anything.

Gossip was a terrifying thing.

The public opinion was extremely frightening.

If Sean could not prove his innocence today, that would mean that he was to blame for everything.

“Hehe, I knew that you guys would try defending yourselves.”

James sneered. He was still extremely confident.

He knew that Sean would not accept things just like that. He definitely would not admit to

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Therefore, he had prepared more than this.

“As all of you know, Mr. Zimmer from Zimmer Corporation initially planned to loan out the development approval in exchange for working capital.

“That development approval was loaned off to Flint from River City.”

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Everyone nodded after hearing what James said.

After all this time, they all knew about this.

Back then, Jon had borrowed money from Flint using this development approval.

Besides, he came to an agreement with Flint. They agreed not to let this development approval fall into the hands of Reach For Will Group.

However, after that, Sean managed to get his hands on the development approval.

One could not help but wonder how!

"I've invited Mr. Flint Howard over today. He will tell everyone everything that happened." James clapped his hands. The door of the venue opened, and Flint slowly walked in.

"This..."

Many people were shocked the moment they saw Flint.

Everyone was familiar with Flint's name!

Flint was the new leader of River City's underground forces. He was the strongest man in River City's underground forces.

Besides, not only did he have a high social status, but he was also involved in this incident.

Therefore, his appearance told everyone that the truth of this incident was about to be exposed.

Bill, who was standing behind Sean, had a confused expression on his face.

Had Flint been bought over by Jen-Bond Holdings as well?

However, why had none of his subordinates received any orders from Flint?

Suddenly, Bill could not bring himself to sit still.

Zander and Harry frowned at once.

They knew that Flint and Sean were extremely close.

Flint was only capable of achieving everything that he had today because of Sean.

Flint had been involved in many of Sean's plans.

Flint had betrayed Sean now. He might put Sean in great trouble!

"Mr. Lennon..."

Zander immediately turned around to look at Sean.

He felt slightly panicked right now. Once Flint exposed everything, Sean would not be able to escape the blame.

Therefore, Zander felt like killing Flint right now.

"Sit down. It's alright."

There was a calm expression on Sean's face. He simply waved his hand slightly.

Everyone could not guess what he was thinking when they noticed the calm expression on his face.

Flint walked on the platform with his gaze fixed on the audience below the stage.

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"Mr. Howard, you came over just to clarify the truth for River City's peace. You're an extremely righteous person!"

"I truly admire you!"

James put on a show before handing the microphone over to Flint.

Flint glanced at James and asked, "Mr. Thomson, what do you want me to talk about?"

James immediately replied, "Of course, you should tell us about how Sean Lennon got his hands on the development approval of the central business district through shady means."

Everyone in the audience nodded at once.

"Shady means?"

"I don't agree with this.

"I'm a businessman. I only care about profits.

"Mr. Lennon offered me a suitable price. Of course, I chose to sell the approval to him.

"It was a voluntary decision on both ends. How is that shady?"

Flint's voice rang out in the hall through the speakers.

James was stunned. Jon was confused as well. Meanwhile, everyone else had stupefied expressions on their faces.

Was he not the witness?

Was Flint not going to expose Sean's schemes as agreed?

Why did it seem like Flint was supporting Sean right now?

"Flint Howard, how dare you deny it?"

"You're close to Sean. Both of you must've planned out everything since the very start!"

Jon was infuriated. He suddenly pointed at Flint.

"You knew that I'm close to Mr. Lennon, yet you still intentionally loaned out the development approval to me. Weren't you trying to hand it over to us on purpose?"

Flint questioned Jon in return. Jon was rendered speechless.

"You! You!"

Jon was so infuriated that he trembled all over.

Meanwhile, everyone in the audience had odd expressions on their faces.

James was the one who called him over to give his account of the incident as a witness.

Should they believe in Flint's words or not?

"Mr. Howard, what do you mean by that?"

"Haven't we reached an agreement previously?"

James took a step forward and lowered his voice as he whispered to Flint.

Meanwhile, Flint sneered. He had known Sean for some time now.

He had made a mistake once. He would not dare to make the same mistake twice.

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"You don't understand.

"Do you think that money is the only thing that people in this industry care about?"

After Flint spoke up, he took two steps to the side to put some distance between him and

James.

He understood that he only had everything that he had today because of Sean.

If it were not for Sean, he might have been utterly defeated by Charles Christian right now.

Sean had single-handedly brought him to his current position.

How could he push Sean down an abyss right now?

If he set such an example in front of his subordinates, he might not be able to stay in his position for long!

Of course, Flint had never forgotten the words that Sean had told him previously.

If Sean could kill Charles, he could kill Flint as well.

Flint had to consider all of these factors.

"Mr. Thomson, I'll tell everyone about the development approval since you want me to do

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"Back then, Mr. Zimmer looked for me and loaned the development approval to me in exchange for 150 million dollars.

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“However, Mr. Zimmer did not return the money to me within the agreed deadline. Of course, I had the right to sell off this development approval.

“After all, I can’t develop such a large piece of land. It’s useless for me to keep it either.

“Therefore, I sold the development approval to Mr. Lennon.

“This is the truth behind everything.”

As soon as Flint spoke up, the expressions on the faces of James and the others darkened.

Meanwhile, triumph appeared in Sean’s gaze.

He smiled like he was in total control of the entire situation.

He had watched James put on a show for such a long time. It was about time for him to make a counterattack now, right?

Everyone within the upper social circle of River City was here today. It was the perfect timing for him to overthrow James.

“Thank you, Mr. Howard. I’ll definitely visit you to express my gratitude one day!”

James gritted his teeth slightly. His voice had a threatening tone in it.

“My six hundred men and I will welcome you any time, Mr. Thomson.”

After speaking, Flint dropped the microphone, turned around, and left the gala venue.

Two minutes after Flint left, the atmosphere in the hall was still rather awkward.

“Did you

invite us here just to watch you put on a show for us?"

Sean asked James in a sarcastic tone as he remained seated in his seat.

"Sean Lennon, you're pretty capable!

"However, it's alright. Everyone in the audience won't be fooled.

"You know exactly what you've done!"

"Mr. Zigger, tell everyone what he has done."

James slowly turned around to look at Gordon, who was seated within the audience.

Gordon used to be pretty close with Sean as well. However, he was now on James' side.

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"Alright."

Gordon nodded lightly before walking up the stage.

"I don't know much about the development approval.

"I'll just let everyone know where Zimmer Corporation's 450-million-dollar fund went to."

As soon as Gordon spoke up, Zander and Harry furrowed their brows.

Gordon had truly been involved in this incident.

After all, it involved the transfer of such a large amount of funds. It would be hard for them. to make a transfer quickly without the help of someone from the government office.

Was Gordon going to tell everyone everything right now?

“Sean Lennon has transferred 450 million dollars to an offshore account.”

Gordon slowly turned his head and met Sean’s gaze.

It was as if he had pushed Sean, who was at the edge of a cliff, down a bottomless abyss with his words alone.

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Who was Gordon?

He was a member of the government.

He represented River City’s government.

Therefore, he was more convincing than James.

No one would doubt him if he said Sean had touched Zimmer Corporation’s funds.

Furthermore, there was some problem with Sean’s witness Flint.

However, with Gordon testifying, Flint’s statement did not matter.

“Mr. Lennon, well...”

Homer panicked, and Chadwick was desperate.

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Homer listened to Old Master Larson, and Chadwick trusted his daughter.

Therefore, they wanted to take this gamble with 'Sean.

Gordon had now come forward and confirmed what Sean had done.

Sean was for sure, going to lose.

They were going to lose too!

There would be no place for them in River City after tonight.

"What shall we do?"

Chadwick slowly looked up at Homer with a pale face.

"I don't know."

Homer was afraid to look at Jon and the others.

It was because many people were looking at Sean with sharp gazes.

If looks could kill, Sean would have died many times by now.

After all, many companies suffered a funding crisis because of the funding debacle.

They now knew Sean had tricked the Zimmer family into transferring their money.

Sean was responsible for all this!

Instead of looking at those people, Sean stared at Gordon on the stage.

Two years ago, one of his right-hand men-Blaze, betrayed him and brought him to River City, where he barely survived.

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He was betrayed once again in River City.

Sean's usually calm eyes turned violent.

"I was going to give you a chance.

"But you asked for trouble."

Sean shook his head slightly, mumbled to himself, and withdrew his eyes.

Gordon looked into Sean's eyes without flinching, showing no nervousness.

He feared Sean, but only because Damian had Sean's back.

Even though Damian was under pressure from Jen-Bond Holdings, Gordon did not have to be so nice to Sean.

"Mr. Zigger, tell us what happened."

James reminded Gordon as he stood aside.

Gordon nodded slightly before raising the microphone to his mouth.

"Some time ago, Sean came to me and told me that he had contacted a powerful foreign company and wanted them to go to River City to drive River City's development.

"But there is a fund that needs to be transferred overseas to a company account we're cooperating with.

"I thought it was good, so I pulled many strings to help him.

"I didn't know it was money from Zimmer Corporation's funding.

"I don't know how he did it, but I did it for River City."

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Gordon not only hurled all the mud on Sean but also distanced himself from it in a few words.

He even made himself a victim of Sean's scam.

As soon as he said that, the crowd got even more aggravated.

"Sean, you screwed us so bad!

"You took Zimmer Corporation, the development permit, and put me in so much debt!"

Jon instantly turned around, glared at Sean, and started swearing.

"You've screwed us over too!"

"You broke our company's capital chain first."

"Then you hypocritically bankrolled us and took 60% of our shares!"

"You're despicable!"

Countless men and women got up and shouted at Sean.

Sean had become River City's enemy at this point.

Company executives of all genders and ages shouted at him.

James, Jon, and Gordon sneered.

Although members of the government there were not as furious as the company leaders, they also looked coldly at Sean.

Sean disturbed the order of the business circle and did whatever it took, even breaking the law to achieve his goal.

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It was inexcusable.

Only Hayden closed his eyes slightly, feeling solemn.

Sean cured him. He was considered his savior.

It was a pity Hayden could not do anything for Sean right now.

Not helping Gordon and the others by kicking Sean when he was down was good enough.

“Mr. Zigger, you don’t have to blame yourself.

“You wanted to make River City better. You just got fooled!”

Jon had told James what to say and he spoke right on cue.

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“Yeah! Mr. Zigger, we don’t blame you.

“It’s none of your business. We know right from wrong.

“There is no hatred without cause. There is no one to blame but Sean.”

The others nodded along.

Thanks to James and Jon, Gordon was instantly believed.

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He instantly became an honest government worker, who was scammed, when he did it all for River City's development.

Gordon was smug. He had made the right choice by being with Jen-Bond Holdings.

It was as if he could already see the moment when he would be promoted and made rich. With Jen-Bond Holdings' help, he might even be able to take over Damian's place.

The more Gordon thought about it, the happier he became, but his expression remained the same.

Next, they would see how Sean was going to die.

He had now disrupted the order of the River City business circle.

River City government would take the downtown development permit back from Sean.

'You loser!

'This time, I'm not only going to make you return everything but put you in prison for 10 to 20 years!

'By the time you get out, me and Willow's baby will be in junior high!'

Quill turned slightly and looked coldly at Sean, thinking of all these things happily.

"Sean, do you agree?"

James looked at Sean and shouted angrily.

It was like he was the judge presiding a trial, and Sean was on death row.

Sean slowly got up in front of everyone.

Looking at all the people around him with different expressions, Sean smiled.

Lennon Group was founded a few days ago. It teamed up with Reach For Will Group and was about to take over River City's business circle.

When the companies met Sean for help, everyone respectfully called him Mr. Lennon.

Even those government officials were polite to Sean.

However, only a few still stood by his side.

"You know who's your friends when you're at your worst.

"It's true."

Sean shook his head slightly and took two steps forward.

"Gordon, you're turning the facts upside down and slandering me.

"Are you worthy of the uniform you're wearing?"

Sean asked, causing Gordon to frown slowly.

Although what he said was slightly different from the actual situation, it was true that Sean transferred Zimmer Corporation's funds!

Why was Sean trying to argue now?

"Sean, what do you mean?"

"Would a government official like Mr. Zigger sit around and frame you?"

Jon shouted at Sean, frowning.

The others nodded too.

Gordon represented the government.

Were they going to trust Sean instead of the authorities?

“What if someone bribed him?

“So that he would deliberately come forward and made false statements.

“Jen-Bond Holdings did all this to push me out as a scapegoat.

“Of course, you can call it revenge for the Zimmer family.”

Everyone at the wine party was briefly quiet as soon as Sean spoke.

No one in this room was stupid. They knew what Sean said was possible.

After all, Sean’s fight with the Zimmer family was something they had all heard about.

“Sean, I’m the head of the River City government. How dare you speak nonsense?

“You’re publicly slandering a government official. I’m convicting you now!”

Gordon’s eyes widened with anger.

However, Sean only sneered and shook his head.

Since Gordon chose to follow Jen-Bond Holdings, he should have seen this coming.

Sean was not going to take it easy on him either.

“Before you condemn me, please look at something.”

Sean faced the room, reached out, and snapped his fingers.

Swoosh!

Just then, the image on the big screen behind James changed suddenly.

Video loading...

These words appeared on the screen.

James and Gordon's hearts instantly tightened for no reason.

They also had a bad feeling at the same time.

"Sean, what the h*ll are you doing?"

James turned his head around and yelled as he looked at Sean.

He had booked the entire Hill Hotel.

He had no idea why Sean could use the big screen.

However, why would Sean explain the reason to him?

With just a smile, he looked quietly at the screen.

The video finished loading, and an image played on the screen.

Looking at the environment, it should be a private room of a high-end club.

Besides that, the camera's location was relatively hidden, so the angle was not great.

Even so, it was clear that there were two people in the video.

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One of them was Gordon.

James sat across from Gordon.

James and Gordon's eyes widened instantly. The bad feeling they had finally come true.

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"B*stard! He's framing me! He's setting me up! Turn it off!"

Gordon lost his composure and immediately tried to turn off the big screen.

However, the screen was remote-controlled, and there was no on-off button.

Gordon could not even find the wiring headboard.

He wanted to block everyone's eyes, but he could not.

The scene on the screen continued.

"Mr. Zigger, I thought this was a nice briefcase, so I bought one for you.

"Please pay more attention to that thing with Sean!"

James' voice came from the video.

A brand-new passcode briefcase was also pushed up to Gordon.

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The contents of the briefcase were unknown, but they could figure out what it was.

“Sure!

“We’ll ruin Sean this time.”

Gordon laughed and accepted the briefcase without hesitation.

“Let’s talk more about our next plan...”

James in the video continued to talk.

Frantic, Gordon suddenly lifted a chair and hurled it at the screen.

Bang! Clang!

Gordon instantly smashed the screen.

After a few flickers, it darkened instantly.

The image on the screen disappeared too.

“No, it’s false. It’s all false. I didn’t!”

Gordon slowly squatted on the ground, his eyes filled with horror.

However, others had already seen the most critical aspect of the video.

This video was enough to prove that Gordon and James were involved in shady business.

Gordon did take a bribe from James.

If it got exposed, he would be put to prison, never mind getting a promotion.

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There was a deathly silence at the wine party.

Many people had aghast expressions.

No one dared to speak first to break the silence for a while.

“You guys conspired to make a plan.

“Then you used me as a scapegoat and treated the entire River City business circle like clowns.

“Is this what you call development for River City?”

It was eventually Sean who spoke first and broke the silence.

“I...”

Gordon crouched, his face ghastly pale.

James was shaking with anger. How could he have known that Gordon had filmed their deal?

It was okay to film it, but how did Sean get it?

Now that everyone had seen the video, what should they do?

Whatever James said, there was no way to hide the fact that he was in cahoots with Gordon.

Jon and Quill slowly slumped in their chairs.

The situation was now out of their hands.

Even if Gordon told the truth, Sean had transferred Zimmer Corporation’s money.

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However, the video proved that Gordon and James were in cahoots.

Then everything he said could have been lying for James.

How could the company owners not suspect them?

Sure enough, the company owners who had been outraged all fell silent.

Their trust in James also disappeared gradually.

“People can sense injustice.

“I won’t say much. You can judge for yourselves.”

Sean slowly turned around and went back to his seat.

It was still quiet.

Willow’s eyes were full of admiration as she could not stop staring at Sean.

Just now, Sean was the public enemy, and Willow was distressed.

However, when everyone thought Sean could not get back on his feet, he counterattacked with a special move.

Gordon and James were now put on the spot in front of all the people there.

“Comm... Mr. Lennon, when... when did you make this arrangement?”

Zander could not resist asking.

As Sean’s most trusted subordinate, he had been helping Sean with various plans.

However, he did not even know this.

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"I'll tell you later."

Sean shook his head slightly, not wanting to explain right now.

It was because he knew James and Gordon would never admit defeat.

They must have other plans too.

Sure enough, James was quiet for a few seconds before targeting Sean again.

"Everybody, we have no right to intervene with Mr. Zigger's business. It's up to the higher-ups to decide."

The main point of this wine party was to expose Sean's conspiracy.

"I hope you don't get confused about your priorities."

James glanced at Sean before saying to the crowd.

It was important to calm down the crowd.

"What a joke!

"You've bribed your witness. Can we believe his words?"

Homer immediately hit the table and got up with a sneer on his face.

Bill picked his teeth as he added.

"Well, if that's a credible witness, I have many more witnesses on my side.

"I have hundreds of men who want money from me, and they will say whatever I tell them."

The two's words seemed to speak everyone's mind.

James had bribed Gordon.

He would say whatever James told him to say.

What he said before about Sean transferring the money did not make sense.

Maybe it was what Sean said.

Jen-Bond Holdings and Zimmer Corporation had teamed up to take on the River City business circle and make Sean the scapegoat.

James's face darkened as he clenched his fist slowly.

Was this fight going to end with Sean winning?

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"What do you think, Mr. Thomson?"

Sean asked calmly as he sat in a chair.

He disliked bickering.

However, he had no choice as they were not in the army.

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You could solve anything in the army with a fight.

However, they were out in the real world and could not avoid bickering here.

After all, gossip was a fearful thing.

If they did not clear this up, even Sean could not survive in River City, no matter how capable he was.

Therefore, he had to sit here even though he thought it was a waste of time.

James, Jon, Gordon...

Many people were reluctant to speak.

Sean was about to lose his reputation and become a public enemy of River City.

Who would have expected Sean to do that?

He turned the situation around in an instant.

“Sean, you’re trying to divert our attention.

“No matter what you say, you stole Zimmer Corporation’s money!”

Jon panicked and began shouting in a fluster.

However, the more he did it, the worse he looked.

“What makes you think Mr. Lennon transferred your money?

“Also, why aren’t you suing him for fraud if Mr. Lennon did cheat you out of the money? Instead, you’re trying this complicated business.”

Homer took over the conversation and asked Jon.

Many people around him looked at Jon again.

Three hundred million dollars in fraud, an amount which would kill Sean.

However, why did Jon not just report it to the police?

“L... I...”

Jon clenched his teeth slightly, but he could not say a word.

He did not report it because he was not innocent.

Firstly, he did not have the development permit but wanted to get money for nothing. That itself was a fraud.

Moreover, he called a press conference to attract investment for the land, but the contract declared it a private loan in his name.

It was fraud within a fraud.

Therefore, Jon would be the first to be arrested if they reported it, regardless of what would happen to Sean.

“By the way, I heard the money you raised was from personal loans, Jon.

“You’ve planned everything, don’t you?”

Homer’s tone was pretty sharp.

Asking twice a row

He was trying to b

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made Jon turn red, and he could not say a word.

smart then, but he outsmarted himself and shot himself in the foot!

Old Madam Quinn, Samuel, Fion, and the rest had horrified expressions.

The Quinn family was betting on the Zimmer family this time.

Therefore, they wanted the Zimmer family to win.

By now, they had thoroughly offended Sean.

If Sean gained the upper hand, the Quinn family would suffer.

“Mr. Zimmer, say something...”

Samuel was worried as he urged in a whisper.

However, Jon had nothing to say now.

Sean gradually gained control of the situation.

Even James and Gordon were silent at this point.

Jon could not even talk to them.

“Thank you for giving us a good show, Mr. Thomson.

“Mr. Thomson, you must have put a lot of thought into it, right?”

Chadwick also smiled, finally relieved.

"Haha, I'm just being honest.

"I can't stand having someone sabotage River City business circle."

James sneered and replied as he clenched his teeth.

"Mr. Thomson is a noble man, and the briefcase in the video is delicate."

Homer laughed and praised as he clapped his hands.

Even in James's state of mind, he could not help turning red.

Pretending to be righteous, he had been waging a crusade against Sean.

However, he personally bribed and conspired with many people. He was only embarrassing himself!

"Homer, shut up!"

Gordon slowly got up from the ground and pointed at Homer.

Homer frowned slightly but did not say much.

After all, Gordon still had considerable status.

Even a businessman like Homer was afraid to challenge him until he stepped down.

"I was bribed? When was I bribed?"

"I'd like to ask who saw me receiving bribes?"

Gordon's eyes were cold as he slowly scanned the crowd.

He already looked a little out of his mind.

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Swoosh!

Gordon suddenly reached out and pointed to the big screen behind him.

"I, Gordon Zigger, will like to ask every one of you.

"Did anyone see me receiving bribes?"

Gordon faced the room and asked again.

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The crowd frowned slightly, but they said nothing.

Sean glanced meaningfully at Gordon.

"Are you calling black as white?"

Sean snorted coldly. Gordon already looked demented.

Therefore, was he still going to flounder around and make himself look worse?

"I saw it."

Bill was the first to raise his hand in the silence.

"What are you?"

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"I told you. It'll only take a minute to get rid of you!"

Gordon suddenly reached out and pointed at Bill. "You!"

Bill gritted his teeth slightly and could not help looking down.

After all, people from the underworld feared government officials the most.

If Gordon flexed his identity to fight them, Flint would be the one to suffer. "I saw it too."

Homer slowly raised his hand.

"You're all with Sean. What's the point that you saw?"

"I'll ask my colleagues whether anyone saw me take it?"

Gordon slowly turned to look at the other members of the government.

Members of the government, including Hayden, frowned slightly and did not answer.

Gordon's position in River City's government was already significant.

If

anyone could restrain him, it was CIA director Damian.

However, everyone could see that Damian was not there!

"You're quiet. It seems you didn't see it.

"If you didn't see it, you didn't see it!"

Gordon sneered and looked back at Sean.

“Sean, who are you to brag about that in front of Gordon?”

“I didn’t accept it, but so what even if I did?”

“You can’t bring me down!”

Gordon held gestured wildly again, pointing straight at Sean.

He looked as if he was the most important at the wine party.

Hearing this, James finally recomposed himself.

“That’s right!

“I’ll also contact the Souz River government and sue you for defaming government members!”

James spoke up, also pointing at Sean.

He did not say that to threaten Sean.

It was about telling others that Jen-Bond Holdings also had deep roots in Souz River.

Sure enough, everyone remembered it after James said this.

Jen-Bond Holdings knew some big names at Souz River.

The reason that these members of the government in River City were willing to help Jen-Bond Holdings was because of the pressure that the Souz River put on them.

With that in mind, Hayden and the rest dared not say anything.

Even though they knew Gordon was calling black as white, they dared not contradict him!

Besides, what would they gain by contradicting Gordon?

Jen-Bond Holdings might even retaliate.

The more they thought about it, the more they kept silent, and no one spoke.

“Mr. Lennon, Gordon’s shameless!”

Homer’s face turned pale with anger as he felt aggrieved.

How could they not be outraged at Gordon’s insistence on calling black as white?

However, with Jen-Bond Holdings’ influence, no one at the wine party would go against them.

“Haha!”

Quill smirked and took a sip from his glass.

He wanted to see what Sean could do next!

“Sean, what do we do?”

Willow was also at a loss.

Sean did not answer. He only took out his phone and checked the time.

They should be here by now.

“Come on. Tell me. Who saw me accepting bribes?”

Gordon withdrew his gaze and asked the audience again.

“I didn’t!”

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Quill was the first to raise his hand.

"Neither did I."

Simon and Faye shouted too.

"No!"

"None of us did!"

River City's affluent families, government members, and the company owners shook their heads.

Hayden said nothing, but he would not have made much difference even if he did see it.

Hundreds of people shouted no.

Gordon had simply called black as white.

"Hahaha! Sean, what do you have to say now?"

"Everyone didn't see it. So what if you have a video?"

Gordon could not have been more proud.

"Didn't you see it?"

"Then I suggest you get your eyes checked.

"Because I saw it."

Just then, a loud voice came from behind them.

'Who is it?'

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Gordon quickly turned to look in the direction of the sound.

The others turned their gaze and looked this way. 1

Homer and others were confused too.

Who would disagree with Gordon at this point?

“The person who should be here is here.”

Only Sean was calm as he took a sip from his glass.