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"Even if they're backed by Reach For Will Group, they're no match for Jen-Bond Holdings!"

Samuel spoke confidently.

"Sam's right."

Old Madam Quinn nodded in agreement.

Kent said no more. He only sighed and kept quiet.

He finally understood Sean's meaning when he said the Quinn family was unrepentant and blind.

However, he could not resist anything and could only watch the Quinn family go on.

A private room.

Jon and Quill were already waiting.

Seeing Old Madam Quinn and the rest come in, they greeted them enthusiastically.

"Mr. Zimmer, we're not going to eat.

"Let's get down to business..."

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Old Madam Quinn sat down and got straight to the point.

She agreed to meet Jon, but she was still unsure.

If what Jon said did not satisfy her, she would have to find another way.

“Are you in such a hurry, Old Madam?”

“Alright, I’ll be honest with you.

“Mr. Thomson asked me to invite you to dinner today.”

Jon picked up a coffee cup and took a slow sip.

“Mr. Thomson?”

Old Madam Quinn immediately froze at the mention of James.

“Yes.

“Sean did receive some help.

“But do

you think Jen–Bond Holdings is going to stop?

“Next, Jen–Bond Holdings headquarters will use more money and connections to move into River City.”

The look in the Quinn family’s eyes changed as soon as Jon spoke.

They knew Jen–Bond Holdings would not sit idly by.

“Mr. Zimmer, what do you want us to do?”

Old Madam Quinn perked up too.

“Let Quill and Willow tie the knot as we agreed earlier.

“If we maintain a good relationship with the Zimmer family, it naturally means the Quinn family and Jen–Bond Holdings are friends too.

“No one will go after the Quinn family while we’re here.

“Sean is nothing to be afraid of.”

Jon looked cocky, as if he had everything in control.

After all, what he said was the truth.

James gave him these instructions too.

“Are you serious?”

Old Madam Quinn and the rest were instantly motivated.

They thought they could only make peace with Sean to solve the Quinn family’s crisis.

Now it seemed that Jen–Bond Holdings would continue to fight. Then they would choose. to hold on to Jen–Bond Holdings!

“Of course.

“Mr. Thomson will come and talk to you in a moment.”

Jon smiled and said, pretending to be calm.

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The Quinn family was even more excited at this point.

Knock knock!

Just then, there was a knock at the door.

“Mr. Zimmer, Mr. Thomson is here.”

The door of the private room opened just a crack as someone was heard outside.

“Please come in!”

Jon got to his feet and headed to the door.

Old Madam Quinn and the rest also got up and looked toward the door.

However, everyone froze as soon as the door opened.

They saw a young man in his twenties slowly appearing in the doorway and in front of everyone.

It was Sean!

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Old Madam Quinn looked puzzled.

Jon and Quill were equally surprised.

None of them could figure out why Sean was here.

Did Jon not invite the Quinn family here to talk things over?

Why was Sean involved in this again?

Also, the person outside said Mr. James Thomson was here.

Then why did Sean show up instead of James?

In a short time, countless thoughts raced through the minds of the people in the room.

Eventually, none of them could figure out what was going on.

“What’s the matter? Do I need to introduce myself?”

Sean put his hands behind his back and asked indifferently as he looked at the crowd.

The crowd gradually came to their senses after he spoke.

“Sean, what are you doing here?”

Quill instantly hit the table, got up, and shouted as he pointed at Sean.

“Watching a show.”

Sean’s eyes were calm as he muttered.

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“What show?”

“Whose show?”

The crowd was more confused to hear that.

They had a feeling that Sean was in control.

They even felt like they were clowns in front of Sean.

That feeling filled their hearts.

“Sean, why are you so arrogant?”

“I’m telling you. Jen–Bond Holdings isn’t as simple as you think.

“Don’t think you can do whatever you want just because you’re temporarily in power.

“I’ll see which of us has the last laugh!”

Jon’s face was cold, his eyes menacing.

Sean shook his head slightly before walking up to Jon.

There was no fury in his eyes, only scorn and playfulness.

“What do you want to do?”

Jon and Quill took a step back.

They knew Sean’s character.

He would slap you no matter the occasion, the time, or status.

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If he said he would slap your left cheek, he would not hit you on the right..

They did not want to suffer that.

“Can you stop me from doing whatever I want?”

Sean slowly turned and asked as he looked at Quill.

“You!”

Quill was so mad that he wanted to beat Sean up.

However, he knew ten of himself combined together could not even get close to Sean’s strength!

“You...”

Sean slowly raised his hand as he spoke.

Quill stepped back for fear that Sean would slap him.

“You seem afraid of me.”

Sean said indifferently as he reached out his hand.

“You! Why should I be afraid of you?”

Quill wanted to back away, but he gathered his courage and stood still after Sean spoke.

He did not want the Quinn family to look down on him.

Slap!

Slap!

Sean raised his palm and patted Quill's face.

It was not strong but insulting.

"This meal is set to humiliate the Zimmer family."

Sean leaned forward and indifferently said in a tone they could only hear as he chuckled.

"You f*cking..."

Quill flew into a rage and reached out to slap away Sean's palm.

"Ahem."

Someone outside cleared their throat, and everyone turned to look.

It was James Thomson, head of Jen-Bond Holdings' River City branch.

"Mr. Thomson? Mr. Thomson, there you are!

"Just now..."

Jon ignored Sean and rushed to meet him.

"I just ran into someone I knew and was catching up with them."

James waved his hand slightly as he answered casually.

"I see. Have a seat, Mr. Thomson."

Jon pulled out the chair for James and was very polite.

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He was subservient and humble.

Old Madam Quinn and the rest had no time to bother with Sean as they greeted James.

Sean was smiling as he took a chair and sat down.

Besides, he sat right next to Fion and Kent.

Fion was silent for two seconds before giving a cold snort and moving her chair aside.

“Sean, what are you doing?”

“You have the balls.

“Are you freeloading our meal?”

Quill turned and glanced. He was furious that Sean sat down instead of leaving.

However, Sean did *not* even look at Quill. He grabbed a fork and picked up a slice of fruit.

He looked as calm as if he were the host of the meal.

“You!”

Quill did not expect Sean to be so bold that he instantly came over to chase Sean away.

“Ahem.

“Since you’re here, have a seat.

‘Let’s get down to business.’”

James coughed suddenly and spoke as if nothing has happened.

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Quill instantly stopped walking and looked blankly at James.

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"Quill, Mr. Thomson is a generous man. Don't argue with Sean. Stop speaking."

Jon immediately said as he gave Quill a look.

He thought James was going to use Jen-Bond Holdings to humiliate Sean.

That was why he deliberately asked Sean to stay.

"Yes."

Quill answered before sitting down.

"Sean, what do you mean? Mr. Thomson hasn't even touched his cutleries yet. You!"

Suddenly, Quill saw Sean picking up a slice of fruit and could not help losing his temper again.

Many people were waiting for James to sit down and start eating.

Even someone old as Old Madam Quinn waited.

Sean not only had the cheek to freeload a meal but had the gall to eat before the others.

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Quill could not stand it.

“Can we talk business in peace?”

“Get out if you can’t!”

James yelled as he suddenly banged the table.

“Yes! Sean, get the f*ck out right now!”

Smug, Quill shouted as he pointed at Sean.

“I’m talking about you!”

James suddenly picked up a cup of coffee and threw it at Quill.

Bang!

The coffee cup hit Quill, and his clothes were instantly drenched in brown stains.

It's a good thing the coffee was not too hot, or Quill would have been scalded on the spot.

Jon and the Quinn family were confused to see that.

“What’s going on? Why is James so mad at Quill?”

‘Is it because Quill was rude to Sean?’

‘But it shouldn’t be!’

‘James and Sean are sworn enemies!’

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'Jen-Bond Holdings would have taken over Janestown by now if it weren't for Sean, and

James's position in River City is at its peak.

"It all went up in smoke because of Sean.

Is he going to defend Sean?'

"Mr. Thomson, I..."

Quill froze for a few seconds before trying to explain.

"That's enough. Sit down."

Jon scolded Quill with a grim expression.

"Got it..."

Quill clenched his teeth slightly before nodding and sitting down.

However, he was forced to suffer the grievances in his heart.

"Look, Mr. Thomson. The Quinn family is here today.

"These are the core members of the Quinn family. You've met them before.

"Shall I introduce them to you?"

Jon calmed himself down before slowly standing up and smiling at James.

"Forget about the introduction.

"What does the Quinn family think?"

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James asked casually, his hands folded on the table.

“Well...”

Jon froze before looking at Old Madam Quinn, Samuel, and the rest.

“Mr. Thomson, we have always been on good terms with the Zimmer family.

“The Zimmer family is a partner of Jen–Bond Holdings, so we’re your partner too, Mr. Thomson.”

Samuel instantly got up with a smile, raising a glass of wine.

Other members of the Quinn family also nodded, including Old Madam Quinn.

Old Madam Quinn asked Kent to make peace with Sean.

However, she immediately changed her mind again now that Jon had told her that James had bigger plans.

A leopard could not change its spots.

No matter how much Old Madam Quinn regretted it yesterday, she immediately went back.

on her word after finding out the change.

Even though Sean was sitting beside her, she did not care.

“Do you want to work with me?”

James asked quietly after hearing that.

“Yes! We want to work with Jen–Bond Holdings.”

Samuel nodded and beamed.

After all, a company as big as Jen–Bond Holdings was among the best across Dragon Kingdom.

Working with them was an opportunity for the Quinn family to make it big.

“Is that why you invited me here today?”

James shook his head slightly and looked at Samuel and Jon.

They had no idea if it were their misconception, but they thought James had a sarcastic look in his eyes.

They were no strangers to sarcasm.

It was because Sean had shown the same look in his eyes earlier.

It was as if they were looking at a fool.

“Uhh... Yes...”

Jon froze for a moment before nodding gently.

“Then your plan may not work out.”

James shook his head slightly with a hint of regret on his face.

Everyone froze slightly at that. Then they looked at James anxiously.

Sean started eating nonchalantly.

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However, whenever Sean wanted to get a serving of food, Simon and Quill deliberately took the food he wanted.

They were trying to annoy Sean by doing that.

“What do you mean, Mr. Thomson?”

Jon froze for a moment before asking cautiously.

“Jen–Bond Holdings wants to divest and return to Janestown.”

James did not keep him in suspense and told the truth.

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“What?”

Everyone froze instantly.

They also stopped taking food.

Sean casually picked up another slice of fruit again.

The private room was quiet except for the sound of Sean picking up food.

His calm demeanor was in stark contrast to the Quinn family and Jon’s panic.

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“Mr... Mr. Thomson, is... is this a joke...”

A few seconds later, Jon forced a smile and said as he looked at James.

“Yes, Mr. Thomson. You...”

Samuel nodded too. He thought James must be joking too.

Jen–Bond Holdings had no reason to divest!

They had put so much money and effort into taking over River City.

Besides, the future profits of the developing River City was immeasurable.

Why would Jen–Bond Holdings want to give up such a profitable land?

Was it because Sean knew Souza River’s Mr. Freeman and was backed by Reach For Will Group?

With Jen–Bond Holdings’ powerful financial resources and terrifying background, they should not fear Reach For Will Group!

“I’m not kidding you.

“HQ has announced it.

“They asked me to wrap things up and return to Janestown.

“You can do whatever you want in River City. Jen–Bond Holdings isn’t getting involved anymore.”

James said, slowly rising to his feet.

Everyone finally confirmed that James was not kidding.

Jen–Bond Holdings was indeed pulling out of River City!

In other words, the Zimmer family lost their big backer, Jen–Bond Holdings.

Therefore, would the Quinn family’s plan to use the Zimmer family to get connected to Jen- Bond Holdings has gone down the drain?

They suddenly remembered what Sean had said when he got here.

Looking at Sean’s calm demeanor, did he know this would happen in advance?

Was that why he was so confident?

“Mr. Thomson, don’t go....

“We’ve worked so hard. How can we give up?

“We’ve done so much and only missing the last step. We can’t give up halfway!”

Jon got up, his face humble and pleading.

If Jen–Bond Holdings withdrew from River City, the Zimmer family and the Quinn family would have an unimaginable future.

“You can take the last step yourselves.

*Jen–Bond Holdings don’t want to be on bad terms with Reach For Will Group, let alone with Mr. Lennon.”

James shook his head slightly and said calmly.

However, his calm words set off a storm in Jon and the others' hearts.

Did James mean they had made peace with Sean?

He did not want to be on bad terms with Sean. Did they want to be friends?

With that in mind, the Quinn family, Jon, and Quill could not help but turn to look at Sean.

Sean looked calm as he ate quietly.

He seemed to have no interest in their conversation.

The food today tastes pretty good.

Sean put down his spoon and fork and got up slowly.

Old Madam Quinn and the rest looked at Sean with mixed expressions.

Fion who was beside Sean even kept a distance from Sean.

She silently moved her chair toward Sean.

She wanted to say something to Sean but did not know how.

"Sean, you... you're despicable!"

Quill pointed at Sean, his anger rising.

He thought Sean must be behind James' decision.

He could not lose his temper on James, so he took it out on Sean.

"Do you believe what I just told you?"

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Sean gave Quill a meaningful look and slowly pulled out his chair.

Quill remembered what Sean had just said to him.

Sean said the dinner tonight was held to see how the Zimmer family got humiliated.

Sean's words had come true.

They had invited the Quinn family over for discussion.

However, Jen-Bond Holdings stopped and got rid of the Zimmer family.

The benefits the Zimmer family promised the Quinn family had become a joke.

"Sean, actually..."

Samuel gritted his teeth, looked at Sean, and wanted to speak.

"Shut up."

Sean glanced at Samuel and shut him up with one sentence.

Samuel turned red and lowered his head slightly.

Old Madam Quinn kept giving Kent a look.

Old Madam Quinn knew now would be the best time to suck up to Sean.

Otherwise, they would have no more chances in the future.

After all, Kent was Sean's future father-in-law. He should give him face.

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Kent was silent for two seconds before calling out to Sean.

“Shut up.”

However, Sean was ruthless as he looked at Kent and said.

It was not that Sean did not respect Kent. He did not want to see Kent get used by the Quinn family.

“Okay...”

Kent lowered his head and said no more.

Knock knock.

Sean reached out and tapped on the table.

“The Zimmer family’s recent fundraising has affected nearly 100 companies.

“Lennon Group owns more than 60% of these companies’ stakes and is the largest shareholder.

“So the Zimmer family owes Lennon Group 60% of these debts.

“When is the Zimmer family going to pay back this money?”

Sean slowly turned to look at Jon.

After all this preparation, it was time to settle the score.

The Zimmer family could not get away this time.

Sean wanted to see if someone else like Jen–Bond Holdings would be involved.

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“Sean! You’re gone too far!

“Don’t you know what happened to the money and who took it?”

Jon was furious and pointed at Sean, trembling.

“I do.

“I took the money.”

With a sneer on his lips, Sean admitted it without hesitation.

“What?”

Jon had no idea Sean would admit it on the spot.

The Quinn family also looked surprised.

Shocked by Sean’s method, they were also surprised that Sean would admit it.

“But do you have proof?”

Sean’s next sentence sent Jon to hell.

They had no proof.

Even if they did, with Sean’s current power, it would be hard for the Zimmer family to do anything to him!

What were the facts?

The winner often wrote them.

Sean was the winner.

Therefore, whatever he said was facts.

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“Sean!

“Don't go too far!”

Jon fumed and banged the table.

“So what if I bully you?”

Sean replied, leaving Jon silent instantly.

‘So what if he bullies us?’

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He was so straightforward that Jon could not retort him.

Sean was no longer the same wheelchair-bound loser that people could trample over.

He was wealthy and powerful.

He had Reach For Will Group behind him.

He was capable of getting Reach For Will Group on his side.

Jon wanted to suck up to them, but Reach For Will Group did not even care about them.

During the process, the Quinn family said nothing as if they were mute.

Even James stood by and said nothing.

Sean had taken control of the entire room.

They could feel unwilling but could only accept it.

“I don’t care about the rest.

“You raised three hundred million dollars through illegal financing.

“You must pay it back in two days.”

Sean folded his cuffs and started to walk away.

Everyone in the room looked at Sean hesitantly.

“Mr. Thomson, we... we still have a chance...”

Jon suddenly turned his head around. He was trying to get any help he could get.

However, he could only cling to James as a lifeline.

However, James seemed to have not heard him as he did not even look at Jon.

Sean slowly walked around the table and headed toward the door. Then he slowly turned around and walked back after hearing Jon speak.

Jon watched as Sean moved closer to him and subconsciously took two steps back again.

“Calm down. I won’t hit you.”

Sean smiled, but Jon did not believe him.

“I wanted to tell you.

“If

you hadn’t involved Jen–Bond Holdings, I would have let you live for Jason’s sake.

“I would have helped you pay your three hundred–million–dollar debt. You could have sold your properties, left River City, and live a comfortable life.

“But you involved Jen–Bond Holdings.”

Sean said and turned to leave.

James paused slightly before turning around and walking out.

The Quinn family, Jon, and Quill fell into a long silence.

No one knew how depressed and aggrieved Jon was.

No matter how Sean treated them, Jon never wanted to give in to Sean.

However, Sean's last speech plunged into Jon's heart like a knife.

What better way to crush a man than that?

If Jen-Bond Holdings had not been involved, Jon would have been guaranteed a comfortable living for the rest of his life after this battle.

However, he got in touch with Jen-Bond Holdings and wanted to fight Sean to the end.

As a result, there they were.

Not only did he lose his company and his backer, but he also had to pay off a huge debt.

What Jon had done spoke volumes.

You would not be in trouble if you did not cause it.

However, he caused trouble.

Sean was now going to crush the Zimmer family.

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“Whew!”

Jon took a long breath and slowly sat in a chair.

Old Madam Quinn and the rest also had ghastly expressions.

They thought Jon and Jarnes had bigger plans.

It was why Old Madam Quinn changed her mind and attended the dinner.

However, this happened.

She regretted it again.

“Let’s go.”

A few seconds later, Old Madam Quinn slowly got up to leave.

She could not count on the Zimmer family and Jen–Bond Holdings anymore.

Therefore, Old Madam Quinn would have to do whatever it took to make things better with Sean.

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“Old Madam Quinn, lend me some money, and the Zimmer family will rise again!”

Jon quickly looked at Old Madam Quinn and said urgently.

“Mr. Zimmer, when you raised money some time ago, the Quinn family has already put up a lot of money.

“We’re currently in a situation where our capital chain could break anytime.

“How do you expect us to give you money?”

Samuel took over the conversation by saying and frowning at Jon.

They were not going to help Jon.

Even if they wanted, they could not help!

Sean’s plan had affected the entire River City business circle since he started it.

It included the Quinn family.

Therefore, the Quinn family did not have any money.

“Mr. Quinn, you’ve got to help me.

“Otherwise, the Zimmer family would be doomed!”

Jon stepped forward and took Samuel’s arm.

“Hmph! Let go of me!”

Samuel shook Jon off, and his face was cold.

Samuel was humble in front of Jon before they started the dinner.

Their statuses had now switched.

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“Well, Mr. Quinn, help me out. Talk to Sean.

“I’ll do anything as long as he will leave the Zimmer family alone...”

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Jon grabbed Samuel's arm again and said urgently.

However, Samuel glanced at Old Madam Quinn and shook his head helplessly after hearing Jon's speaking.

How could they talk to Sean?

Forget about the Zimmer family. They had no idea if Sean would go after the Quinn family

next.

His biggest enemy—the Zimmer family had been eliminated.

No one knew if Sean would go after the Quinn family now.

Samuel tore Jon's arm off before turning away.

The Quinn family also left.

Only Jon and Quill were left in the private room.

"Dad, is... is there nothing else we can do..."

Quill asked, clenching his fists and gritting his teeth.

He was deeply unconvinced.

However, he had to accept it.

Sean was so brutal and shrewd that they were caught off guard.

"Run! We must run now."

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Jon pondered for two seconds before looking at Quill.

“Run? We’re blacklisted for breach of trust.

“We can’t book train or plane tickets.”

Quill shook his head with a wry smile.

“Then we’ll drive.

“I still have some money. It’s enough for us to live on.”

Jon said again after a few seconds of silence.

“Dad, Sean has no proof. How can he say we took the money?

“We can say he took the money too.

“So we have nothing to fear.”

Quill was still reluctant to leave River City.

“You b*stard! What do you know?”

Without bothering to explain to Quill, Jon swore and walked out of the private room.

The parking lot outside the hotel.

Sean sat in the back of the car, playing with a fidget spinner.

James sat in the front passenger seat.

Sean watched the Quinn family exit the hotel and get into their cars before slowly withdrawing his gaze.

It seemed that the Quinn family had finally accepted the reality.

After all, the facts were already presented to them, and they had no choice but accept them.

“Mr. Lennon, I’ve done everything I need to do.

“I hope you will keep your word too.”

James looked ahead and whispered.

“You have one more thing to do.”

However, Sean was not ready to let James off the hook.

“What do you mean?”

James instantly turned his head and looked at Sean coldly.

Swoosh!

The driver, Zander, reached out and grabbed James by the collar.

“Watch your attitude and tone. 1

“You can f*ck off if you don’t want to talk.”

Zander stared at James coldly.

James shuddered before nodding obediently.

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Jen–Bond Holdings were indeed pulling out of River City.

However, they had already done so much in River City that it was impossible to pull out cleanly.

If Sean tried to go after them, James would have to bear a lot of responsibility, and even their Janestown headquarters would also be affected.

It was something that neither James nor Jen–Bond Holdings' headquarters wanted to happen.

They asked James to work with Sean to wrap things up.

They had to do Sean decided what to do, of course.

"I hope you understand that Jen–Bond Holdings isn't something you can deal with just because you want.

"Don't go too far."

James' voice was slower but still menacing.

"Say it again if you dare."

Sean looked at James and said indifferently.

"If I can create Reach For Will groups, I can create countless more Reach For Will groups.

"Jen–Bond Holdings is strong, but I'm not afraid.

“Bring up Jen–Bond Holdings one more time, and I will open a Reach For Will branch in Janestown.

“I can make no money and still go after you.

“I can afford it. Can you?”

Sean leaned forward slightly and looked at James as he spoke indifferently.

His tone was calm, but the power in it left James speechless.

“You!”

James and Sean looked at each other for a moment, not daring to speak.

“Someone will tell you what to do tomorrow.

“When this is done, Jen–Bond Holdings can leave, and we’ll be alright.”

Sean said indifferently, leaning against the back of the seat.

“Okay!”

James was silent for a few seconds before finally gritting his teeth and nodding. Then James got out of the car, and Zander drove Sean back to Golden Villa Garden. That night, Sean’s phone almost exploded with calls from the Quinn family.

However, Sean only turned on the silent mode and did not answer any of them. They humiliated Sean and ignored him.

Now, they could no longer approach Sean.

“Sean, how are things?”

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Willow brought Sean warm water for him to wipe his face.

“After tonight.

“River City Business Circle will belong to me.”

Sean picked up a wet towel and laughed as he wiped his hands.

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“Well...”

Willow froze. It felt like a dream.

She even thought Sean was bluffing.

However, they would find out tomorrow whether Sean was bluffing.

12 a.m.

Desperate, Jon and his family packed up to leave River City overnight.

He could not afford to repay the debt of three hundred million dollars.

His only option was to run.

“We’ll take the back road out of River City later.

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“As long as we can get out of here and go overseas, we’ll be alright.”

Jon checked his phone before saying to Quill.

“Okay!”

Quill got into the driver’s seat and started driving.

Vroom!

The car started.

Swoosh!

At that moment, a light flashed in the distance.

The blinding light was like the sun in the sky, making Quill’s eyes ache.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Then several blinding lights came on.

They opened their red eyes like bloodthirsty beasts in the endless night.

“What happened?”

Jon asked quickly as he felt a pang in his heart.

“Somebody’s here. The headlights...”

Quill was no fool as he immediately guessed what the cars were here for.

Then he paused, put on reverse gear, and began to turn away.

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Swoosh!

Just then, several lights lit up at the back.

The road was blocked by cars at both ends.

Quill opened the window and looked around.

The roads around their villa had been blocked.

“Who are you? Why get in our way?”

Jon mustered the courage to get out of the car and swear.

Swoosh!

Jon was confronted with an identification card.

“Mr. Zimmer, you’re blacklisted. Your freedom is restricted.

“So where are you going?”

A staff in uniform said indifferently to Jon.

“You! What proof have you got?”

Jon gritted his teeth slightly, despair welling up inside him.

“We don’t.

“That’s why you can stay in your villa.”

The staff replied with a faint smile.

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If they had enough proof, Jon would be in jail right now.

“Do you think Mr. Lennon will make a stupid mistake like that and give you a chance to escape?”

Zander slowly got out of the car and looked at Jon with a faint smile.

“You!”

Jon immediately recognized Zander as one of Sean’s men.

“You had a chance to escape earlier because Mr. Lennon wanted to give you a chance.

“But you didn’t appreciate it, so you can’t leave now.

“You can only leave River City when Mr. Lennon allows it.

“If he wants you to stay, you have no choice but stay.

Zander tapped Jon on the shoulder and spoke in a playful tone.

Jon gave up.

“Hmph! I’ll see what proof you can find!”

Jon spoke harshly and led Quill back to the villa.

As he said, Sean wanted to mess with him but had no proof.

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Without proof, he could not do anything to Jon.

Even though he ruled River City, the amount of money involved in Jon's case was too much.

It would cause a big stir and maybe make the news.

No matter how bold Sean was in front of the news cameras, he would never dare act recklessly.

Jon was a little flustered but not too flustered.

It was silent.

Things in River City changed again overnight.

Some people wanted to keep observing at first.

However, James did nothing. He had gone off the grid.

Some well-informed people got word that Jen-Bond Holdings was preparing to pull out of River City.

They finally confirmed that the business war affecting the entire River City ended with Jen-Bond Holdings' retreat.

More people began to accept the reality and approached Sean.

Only a few companies still held the last glimmer of hope.

These were people who used to be on good terms with Jon.

They were also involved in Jen–Bond Holdings' core plan against Sean.

In other words, these people knew more and were involved more than others.

If Jen–Bond Holdings won, they would rise to the top.

However, if Jen–Bond Holdings failed, their impact and losses would be even greater.

Therefore, the small group contacted each other and ended up in the building where Jen–Bond Holdings' River City branch was located.

Jen–Bond Holdings had deep pockets.

Although it was only a branch company, the location of the company building was also upscale.

Besides that, the entire building had been bought out by Jen–Bond Holdings.

It could compete with the Reach For Will Group building.

Five or six middle–aged men arrived in luxury cars each.

They did not cooperate with Lennon Group but watched to see what James would do.

However, James did nothing, and they got restless.

They were relieved when they reached the building and saw the staff and security working as usual.

If they saw the place empty, they would be more anxious than the others.

"Hello, we're looking for Mr. Thomson."

Several middle-aged men in suits went to reception and said.

“Mr. Thomson?”

“Are you looking for our boss?”

The receptionist froze momentarily before asking softly.

“We’re here for your boss, of course.”

A middle-aged man at the back said.

“Okay, please wait a moment.”

The receptionist answered before immediately arranging for someone to take the middle-aged men upstairs.

The middle-aged men whispered in the elevator.

“Who said Mr. Thomson has run away? Isn’t this still in business?”

“Haha, Sean must have put the word out to sway us.

“Sean takes himself seriously. Does he think he can beat Jen-Bond Holdings?”

“Mr. Thomson won’t lose to them unless the sun rises in the west.”

The more they spoke, the more they sneered.

In their minds, Sean was seemingly only an ant that Jen-Bond Holdings could crush at any

time.

The assistant who brought them over said nothing and took them straight to the chairman's office.

A man sat in a swivel chair with his back to the others behind the desk, and all they could see was half a head sticking out.

"Mr. Thomson, we want to talk to you."

The middle-aged men hurriedly smiled and headed toward the desk.

"You should go to Jen-Bond Holdings for James!"

The man behind the desk slowly turned his chair around.

"Hmm?"

The crowd froze. 'Isn't this the Jen-Bond Holdings building?'

"This is Lennon Group."

The swivel chair straightened, and Sean's face slowly emerged.

Swoosh!

The middle-aged men's eyes widened instantly.

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Sean was in the Jen–Bond Holdings building!

He also sat in the chairman’s office and the chairman’s seat!

What did that mean?

The middle–aged men widened their eyes as they looked at each other.

“Sean... Sean Lennon, what do you want? What are you doing here?”

A short–haired middle–aged man was the first to ask after a moment of silence.

“Why can’t I be here?”

Sean leaned forward and placed his hands on top of each other on the table.

“This is Jen–Bond Holdings’ office building.

“And you’re sitting in Mr. Thomson’s seat.”

A middle–aged man in glasses nearby also said as he took over the conversation.

“I’ll say it once again. Listen well.

“This is now the Lennon Group office building.

“I’m the representative and chairman of Lennon Group.

“So this building is mine.

“That includes every inch of ground you’re standing on.”

Sean slowly reached out his hand and pointed to the crowd's feet as he spoke indifferently.

The middle-aged men fell silent again.

Their heart rate increased at the same time.

Had Sean made a deal with James?

Otherwise, how did the Jen-Bond Holdings building become Sean's office building?

These things even changed overnight.

"Whew!"

A few seconds later, everyone slowly let out a sigh.

They had mixed feelings.

Just a moment ago, they talked about how Sean would be no match for James.

Then reality slapped them hard.

They did not even know what attitude to take toward Sean.

Based on how things were going, they would suck up to Sean.

However, what if James had some bigger plan? Would they not suffer huge losses?

Everyone had different expressions and ideas.

Someone finally made a decision.

“Mr. Lennon. Congratulations, Mr. Lennon!

“Our company wants to talk to Lennon Group about working together too. What do you think?”

The middle-aged man in glasses said with an obsequious smile.

“No thanks.”

When the middle-aged man in glasses thought Sean would say yes, Sean waved his hand and refused.

Sean’s refusal left everyone a little confused.

They thought Sean was doing all this to gain control over River City’s business circle.

Why was he not willing to accept a surrender now?

“Mr. Lennon, you might be on a roll right now.

“But we’re local companies at River City.

“You will only gain from working with us.”

The short-haired middle-aged man spoke with pride in his eyes.

“Lennon Group now works with 89 companies.

“Do I need you?”

After Sean said that, the short-haired middle-aged man was speechless.

The others were equally silent.

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They thought Sean would be more than happy to work with them.

After all, Sean did approach them the other day.

However, Sean did not need them anymore!

“Take care.”

Sean waved his hand, and Zander immediately walked in.

The middle-aged man was upset but dared not challenge Sean, so they could only leave.

“Commander, since they want to cooperate, why won’t you accept it?”

Zander did not understand Sean either.

“If we took over everyone, who would we compete against?”

Sean asked softly, picking up a glass.

“Huh? Compete? Compete with who?”

Zander froze momentarily before coming to himself.

If Sean took over all companies, they would be on their side, and they could not go after their people.

‘But isn’t that a good thing?’

‘Isn’t it Sean’s goal to take over River City?’

“We’re already successful by taking over 80%.”

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"I don't want to take over 100% because it's pointless.

"Just like people are either law enforcers or lawbreakers. The government catches thieves every day, but thieves still exist.

"If there were no thieves, won't the government be a decoration?"

Zander could not understand it when Sean said that.

He could not understand how the company had anything to do with what Sean was talking about.

"Commander, I still don't understand."

Zander asked quietly, scratching his head.

"You don't need to understand.

"You must be good at leading troops into battle and charging forward."

Sean took a sip of water and gave Zander a meaningful look.

Zander blinked before coming to himself suddenly.

"Commander, are... are you going back?"

Zander's eyes widened as his heart rate increased slightly.

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"We've taken over River City, so we have leverage.

"It's time to collect our debt."

Sean put down the coffee cup. The bottom of the cup clinked with the table, making a sharp sound.

"Hsss!"

Zander took a deep breath before nodding heavily.

In the past two years of Sean's disappearance, he dreamed of following Sean into battle again.

That day was finally around the corner.

"Okay!

"Everything is at your disposal."

Zander nodded heavily and even rubbed his hands together in excitement.

"Tell Harry to speed things up with Lennon Group.

"Work these things out.

"I have other things to do."

Sean looked at Zander and said quietly.

"Yes! I got it!"

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Zander nodded heavily before turning and walking out.

Sean slowly turned around, walked to the floor-to-ceiling window, and looked into the distance.

The direction he was looking at was Dragon Kingdom's northwest.

It was home to Dragon Kingdom's largest military zone. The number of soldiers in the army could reach a million.

Sean's adoptive father brought him there when he was only a few years old. He lived, grew up, enlisted in the army, and practiced there.

It was where Sean grew up and reached the pinnacle of greatness.

It was also where Sean was brought down.

His enemy took his place and preyed on his men.

Sean ended up here two years ago when Blaze brought him down.

He fell into a deep slumber like a tiger stripped of its claws and teeth.

Two years later, the sleeping tiger, Sean, finally woke up.

Taking over River City meant the tiger had regrown its sharp claws.

Since it had sharp claws, it would tear open its enemy's chest.

"Blaze, enjoy your last moments."

Sean's eyes were smiling, but they were icy and creepy.

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Blaze was now powerful with millions of troops.

However, Sean was undaunted.

He had the confidence of a nine–star commander who once commanded a million troops.

At the same time.

River City’s garrison area.

Jason had just heard the news about River City from his subordinate.

Then Jon called.

Jason did not want to answer the phone call at first, but he could not stand Jon’s constant calls, so he could only press answer.

“Mr. Yeast, save me. You gotta save me!”

Jon’s desperate voice came through as soon as the line got through.

Jason and Jon had known each other for years. It was the first time he heard Jon lose his composure like this.

“How can I save you?”

Jason was silent for two seconds before asking indifferently.

“Why can’t you save me?”

“You’re stationed in River City and are influential. You can help me solve my problems if you say something.”

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Jon gritted his teeth and said to Jason.

“Soldiers don’t participate in politics, and I can’t interfere in the government’s affairs.”

Jason was rejecting him discreetly.

However, Jon refused to accept it.

Even if Jason rejected him head-on, he would not give up easily.

It was because they were desperate.

James had abandoned them.

They were now burdened not only with huge debts but also with limited freedom.

Jon could not think of anyone else to save them except Jason.

“Jason, are you going to watch me fall to my doom?”

“We’re relatives, and I did you a lot of favors.

“Have you forgotten all about it?”

Jon fumed and called Jason by his first name.

“Whew!”

Jason exhaled gently. He did not even want to explain.

Jon had indeed done Jason a lot of favors.

For example, Jon set up Jason’s sister’s job.

Jon also sent Jason's mother, Old Madam Yeast, to River City.

He also provided them with accommodation and arranged for someone to look after Old Madam Yeast.

However, Jason had also done the Zimmer family a lot of favors.

He had helped the Zimmer family grow quickly without breaking too many rules.

Sometimes, a piece of advanced information could make the Zimmer family a lot of money.

Therefore, Jason had already returned the favor.

He did not feel guilty about Jon or owe them anything.

"Are

you ignoring me because I'm useless to you now?"

Jon said coldly again when seeing Jason's silence.

"Can you be logical?"

"You're an adult, not a child!"

"Ignoring you? If I'm ignoring you, you wouldn't even have access to Jen-Bond Holdings!"

Jason slapped the table and yelled into his phone.

It was Jon's turn to fall silent.

After all, everything Jason said was true.

“Talk to Sean for me.

“As long as you help the Zimmer family get through this, I will do anything for you in the future.”

Jon said to Jason after a long silence.