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Yet, Jasper's heart sunk when he watched the duo's expression change upon reading the text on their phones.

It would be unwise for him to look down on these large investment banks. It had only been a few minutes since the contract was signed and they had already been informed of it.

New businesses like JW could not possibly compare to these large investment banks when it came to gathering information.

JW had almost no intel sources at all.

At this moment, Jasper officially placed the topic of gathering information as one of the most important agendas in his mind.

He had to establish an information network for JW as fast as possible.

Otherwise JW would not be able to take the initiative in conflicts as they would be dead before they knew it.

Reading the message, Echo was certain that Jasper had not put on an act just to frighten him. Echo looked up at Jasper seriously and suddenly smiled.

"I have to admit, Mr. Laine, I've underestimated you."

Jasper replied, "If that's a compliment, then thank you."

"But you don't understand. Even if you've partnered with Sentel, I've already achieved my goal.

"You're forced to partner with Sentel just to continue holding a stake in Sunrise's market.

"You're still earning fewer profits when all I had to do was make a few phone calls and send a report to Headquarters."

Echo looked at Jasper pridefully and said, "As I said, either give Abbylon up, or Softwin will continue to attack JW.

"This will continue until you give up the partnership with Abbylon, or... until JW dies."

Echo stared at Jasper aggressively and with overwhelming pride.

"You might be furious now, Mr. Laine, but the weak have no right to feel angry. All you can do is accept reality, Mr. Laine, so please give me your answer."

"You're a great negotiator, Mr. Welch," Jasper looked at Echo calmly. "I've already resolved your obstacles yet you've somehow managed to spin it into your victory. You make it sound like you're in the right, Mr. Welch, but you seem to have forgotten something.

"This is Somerland and both JW and Abbylon are Somer companies. So what if Softwin's powerful? What power do you think you have over JW or Abbylon?"

Echo immediately shot to his feet at Jasper's words and said coldly, "Then there's no point in further negotiations."

Jasper did not even look up at him as he spoke, "You're free to leave if you're busy, Mr. Welch. The door's that way."

"Hmph!" Echo harrumphed and suppressed the fury within him as he spat icily, "I hope you don't regret this. Once I leave this room, I won't back down easily even if you beg me."

"I've never begged anyone before," Jasper replied calmly.

"Fine!" Echo huffed a sharp laugh and turned to walk to the door. "Until we meet again."

Furious, Echo walked to the door and was about to raise his hand to push open the handle when someone opened the office door from the outside.

Wendy wanted to talk to Jasper about something when she was met with the two men standing at the door. She was about to speak when Echo suddenly cursed–the fact that a woman blocked his path had only infuriated Echo further. "You idiot! F*ck off, b*tch!"

Having remained silent throughout the entire interaction in the office, Malcolm's features twitched when he heard Echo curse.

He did not even need to look at Jasper to know that Echo, this Sunriser, was screwed today.