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"I'm sorry! I am the owner of the car." Annie was still in a state of shock. Her face remained pale.

"Could you tell us what happened? Please start from as far back as you can remember." The police officer took out his book and prepared it for note taking.

"Sure." Annie narrated the entirety of the incident accordingly as she remembered it. As for what would happen next, it could only be determined by the police.

"Do you mean to say that the perpetrator did it on purpose?" The police officer looked at her. He just wondered that how could such a beautiful woman be hated by someone, not to mention someone who would act on that hate.

"I'm not sure about that. So please do a more thorough investigation." Annie guessed that the people who came and tried to kill her might have had connections with the Ke family. That was what made sense for the time being. But since she had no solid evidence, she had no choice but to keep it to herself.

"Well, Ma'am, we will need your full cooperation during this investigation. We will be in touch with you again at any time before the case is finalized. So please keep your communication lines open." After writing down Annie's testimony, the police officer noted Annie's name and phone number. Then he turned to continue the site investigation.

And right at that moment, Annie heard a loud screeching of the brakes from behind. Her body shrank in fear. But when she saw that it was Rain, she heaved a sigh of relief and relaxed.

"Annie, are you all right?" Rain even did not have the time to close his car door. As soon as the car stopped moving, he quickly ran towards Annie and looked at her from head to toe to check that if she was okay.

"I'm all right. I am just a little scared, that's all," answered Annie. As it was winter, she was dressed in layers. Her thick clothing helped to soften the impact. So she was not seriously hurt when she fell to the ground. She did have a few minor scratches.

"Don't be afraid. It's all right, I'm here now," Rain said. He gently pulled her to his arms and gave her a tight embrace to comfort her. Unknown to her, he himself was also scared bloody cold after seeing the twisted and mangled metal of the two cars. If he did not arrange for people to protect her, he really dared not to i

site of the accident. 'Damn it, how could she still be alive under such a circumstance, ' she grumbled in her heart.

These people arrogantly left with their heads lifting high. They were confident to the core that Rain could not find any evidence against them.

"Let's go! We need to find Tom so that he can give you a thorough check up. You may look fine now but we don't know if you are sustaining any internal injuries." Although Annie said she was okay, Rain couldn't be complacent. He needed the final word from a reputable doctor like Tom to declare that she was indeed ok. He did not want to take any chances and risk the shock in the future that an illness would suddenly arise because of this accident.

"But what about here? Are we free to go?" Annie looked around the scene of the accident with a bit of worry.

"It's okay. I've arranged someone to come and help deal with it," Rain said. He then helped Annie get into his car. Until he was finally in the driver's seat, grasping the steering wheel, he realized how frightened he was because he could clearly see his hand still shaking. Inside the car, the noise from outside had been muffled. So he could hear his own blood pulsing in his head.

"Rain, what's wrong?" Seeing that Rain still did not start the car, Annie could not help but ask.

"I am okay. Don't forget to buckle your seat belt." Rain calmed himself down. He could not let her know that he was scared. After all, as the man of the house, he was expected to protect her and their children.

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When they arrived at the hospital, Tom had just finished one surgery. After he heard what had happened today, he was also inexplicably shocked. Fear was written on his face. He merely thought that the people from the Ke family were too overbearing. He never thought that they would be this ruthless to even dare

do such kind of thing. These people had no morals.

"The left elbow has a tendency to fracture, so I have to have the nurse bandage it. You will not be able to use it for a while." Tom's assessment of Annie's condition wasn't as serious as they had thought. There were no signs of internal bleeding nor any concussions. In addition to the hurt in the left hand, there was no massive injuries like they feared she would have. Considering that they were aiming for her to be no less than dead, it was a miracle that she was able to walk away with just a few cuts and bruises.

"Well! Thank you very much!" Annie smiled lightly. She really cherished such a new lease in life after such a near-death disaster. And all this was owing to Rain's foresight. If he did not ask people to secretly follow and protect her, she might have been dead today.

The nurse was very gentle and caring as she applied the bandage around Annie's cuts. After completing a few other procedures to make sure that Annie was comfortable, she smiled and went out.

"You'd better pay more attention to this in the future. It's really horrible." From their narration, Tom imagined such a breathtaking scene comparable to the special effects action sequences in Hollywood blockbuster movies.

"I hear you and yes I agree 100%! They almost got us once. Do we still not know how to protect ourselves against them? They need to be stopped!" Rain was glad that he had thought of this in advance. If not, he could have lost his wife today. Then he would not really know how to go on in this life without her.

"That was close. You might not be so lucky next time if they decide to come at you again. And next time they will leave nothing to chance and make sure that they succeed. For now, you'd better take her home and have a

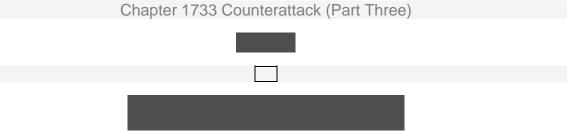
ks to me. We are good brothers. But don't just focus on the safety of your wife and children. There is a good chance that their next target would be you." Edward thought that there was indeed such a kind of possibility. Failing to completely hurt Annie, they would guess she was sure to take extra precautions from here on and it would be hard for them to even get close to Annie. Furthermore, Rain would certainly strengthen security around her, perhaps add more bodyguards. So it would be easier for them to approach Rain. "Thanks, I will also pay attention to this, so rest assured! I also want to live long enough to grow old together with my wife." Rain said firmly. In order to secure a peaceful life in the future and for him to give his family a safe and harmonious environment, he must do something about it.

"I wish you the best of luck." For the first time, Edward talked sincerely with him. He was always a joker around Rain and never took him seriously. But in crucial times when there was a matter of life and death, he had reserved his gentlemanly character for such an occasion.

"Thank you!" Rain winked at him.

In the following days, Rain took a series of personnel adjustments in KD Group. The key personnel from the Ke family were all dismissed with different reasons. For a period of time, the whole company had become stirred up and muddled because of these drastic changes.

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"Rain, what are you doing? Why are you driving me out of the KD Group? Don't forget, that this company belongs to the Ke family, not the Xia family." Vance rushed into the President's office, angrily pointing his finger and shouting at Rain.

"So what? May I remind you who is in charge of KD Group now? And I suggest that you never, ever forget." Even though boiling with anger inside, Rain just slightly retorted. He knew that many people would come to him in protest. This was going to be a long day.

"Well, are you finally willing to show what your intentions are in KD Group? You no longer need to pretend." Vance was the first one who was dismissed from the company. So it was just natural for him to be furious about it.

"What I did today was all because of what you all did first. You should have left my family out of this. If you hadn't tried to hurt them, this would not have happened to you." Rain meant to let them stay in the company. But they were ungrateful and went on to try and hurt Annie. As a husband, it was natural for him to react this way.

"Who hurt your family? Have you produced any evidence? If you have not, then you have nothing to use against us. Stop being such a hypocrite." Vance said this with a little guilt. But he also thought that Rain would never find anything to link them to the accident. Because of this he was able to act arrogantly in front of Rain, while crossing his fingers behind him.

"Well! Don't you worry... or actually you should worry, because I am getting closer to it. And I will let you see it all and rub it in your faces, before taking you to court!" Rain then turned around. He did not want to argue with him further. As for the evidence, he had let the people in the Mayfly take care of it. He could not believe that the Ke Family could act so arrogant all the time.

"I'm telling you that I'm not going to leave KD Group no matter what. So do you think that you could dismiss me so easily." Vance, after all, was the legal son of the Ke family. He would not accept such a kind of treatment. He was the future of the Ke famly and even by himself, he was the face of it. No one had the right to drive him away from the company associated with his family for such a long time. He would not leave KD Group now. Rain would have to pry his hands away fro

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hold a candle to you. Who would have thought that you were capable of such an upset in this company. But don't be fooled. Sooner or later, you will be the one to pay for everything that you did today." Vance shrank in hopelessness. He just blamed himself for lacking the foresight to see this coming. Now he and his family had been beaten by a single man. It hurt to think that he had failed miserably. It seemed that none of them was as smart as Rain who had outwitted them, slowly but surely. Today he won this battle.

"I will be waiting. But know this. You forced me to do what I have done today. If you had not challenged my threshold and hurt my family, all things would have been the same as they were. I have been the main share holder for a long time now. And I gave you face and let you continue to stay in the KD Group. But I didn't expect that my kindness would encourage you to be more cruel and wicked! I think we are done here. There is nothing more for us to talk about. William, please escort these people out of my office, and then tell the security to make sure that they have all vacated the company premises. Without my permission, they are not allowed to enter this company." All this time, Rain did not use his anger to settle the matter. Instead, he was a gentleman all throughout. Once someone forced him down the end of his rope, no one could change his mind. He did not and would not mind what others said about him. Cruel? Arrogant? Whatever. For his family, he did not fear anything, no matter what they called him.

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Chapter 1734 CY Technology (Part One)

The pointed tip of a black stiletto tapped in a staccato beat on the glossy marble floor. Tiana walked to her brother who sat on an ottoman swivel chair at his desk. "Rain, are you driving me out of the company as well?" she asked. There was a heated discussion between him and her brothers and sisters-in-law and she stood behind them by the door, waiting for them to finish. It was not until they left that she had a chance to talk to Rain. She didn't know why Rain was mad and threw a fit at them.

Rain stared at her and his cold heart softened. "If you want to stay, then stay in the company." Actually, Rain was not all made of hardness and cruelty unlike people made him out to be. He had a heart and although Tiana was part of the Ke family, she was the only one who was nice to him. Because of that, he was willing to at least repay her in kind.

"I want to know what you think. Do you want me to stay?" she asked hopefully. Tiana carefully watched his reaction. She knew how much he despised the Ke family, so she never dared to mention anything related to her family before him. She didn't want him to stay away from her and it was already hard enough to try to build a friendship with him.

"Don't push me. You know the answer would be hurtful," he answered coldly. If he was rational enough to really put the company's interests first, he would have driven her out of the company along with the rest of her family. She was part of the Ke family after all, and might turn herself against him one day. "I think I know the answer now. Rain, take good care of yourself. Goodbye!" Tiana gave him a long, deep gaze before she turned to leave the office, tears pooling in her eyes and streaming down her cheeks. She had always treated him as her brother, but it seemed that he never liked her.

Rain's lips trembled as he watched her leave his office in tears. He wanted to stop her, but in the end he decided not to. Since he was resolute on taking revenge against the Ke family, it would be the best to draw a clear line with every member of the family.

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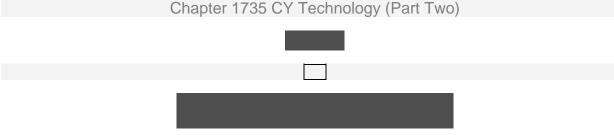
anymore. You'll still be a shareholder. I think I've been merciful enough to you." No matter what Sanford had done to him and his mother, he was his biological father. Rain would give him a peaceful and affluent life, and that was all he could offer.

"A shareholder? Don't you think I would appreciate that. It's you who destroyed our family!" Sanford hit the floor hardly with the end of his mahogany cane and suddenly heaved. He then placed one hand on his chest. Apparently, he was not feeling well.

"Really? I destroyed your family? I think you know best who destroyed your family. If the company hadn't been deep in crisis, you wouldn't have asked me to manage the company from the very beginning. You would have treated me as a stranger as you had already done!" Rain's heart ached painfully as he spat out those words at his father.

Sanford stared at his son, his eyes wide in disbelief. He was quite stunned as he didn't expect him to be aware of his true intentions. When the company had been in crisis, Sanford had gone to Rain, for the latter was the VP of FX International Group. Sanford had believed that Rain would be able to save the company. To his credit, Rain did save the company. However, all the members of the Ke family had been driven out except for Sanford. Moreover, the seniors and upper management of the company all followed Rain's lead now.





"Are you done talking now? If so, please take your leave. I still have work to finish," Rain said coldly. The overall renewal of the shareholders would definitely cause inconvenience to the company. Rain needed to make sure that KD Group got back on track.

"Rain, why don't you let go of your hatred? Your brothers and sisters-in-law have nothing to do with your mother's death. Why did you have to turn yourself against them? You're family," Sanford said as he sighed with profound resignation. He believed that Rain had made up his mind to destroy the Ke family, and he could do nothing but intercede for his sons and daughters-in-law. "Hahaha! Family? Have you ever treated me as your family? Have they ever treated me as their family?" Rain shouted at Sanford once again. He had completely lost control of his emotions now. 'All that matters to him is his family, and he never ever cared about me once. I should've known it from the very beginning. Why is my heart still aching? I'm such a coward, ' he thought sadly to himself.

"Please show mercy to your brothers and sisters-in-law for my sake. They are nothing when they leave the company. I know you would by no means keep them here. Why don't you assign them to the branch offices? They won't be a threat to you that way." This was Sanford's last request. He knew Rain had made up his mind, and he could do nothing now.

"I'll consider it." Rain's heart softened when he saw his father's face. It was like he truly looked at him for the first time. His hair was greying and his pale skin wrinkled in many places, particularly around his eyes. It was as if he felt his father's aging.

"I hope you'll keep your word." Sanford gave him a long look before leaving the office. He had asked Rain to come back and save the company. Now the company was saved, but the Ke family members except for him were all driven out. Although he was still a shareholder, all the seniors weren't on his side anymore.

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hoose to stay in the company and remain by your side." Tiana felt that Rain had treated her better than her own brothers, so she was willing to stay around him.

"Are you sure? I'm warning you, if you betray me, I would not spare you," Rain said seriously with a slight frown. To be honest, Tiana was a capable worker, and he thought highly of her. If she would be loyal to him, it would be a good idea to have her stay in the company.

"Yes, I'm sure." She sniffed. Before she decided to meet Rain, she had actually put a good word for him before her mother, but that only enraged her. Sheena had struck her violently across her cheek and even grounded her as punishment. She only got to the company because she escaped the house through the window, but she wouldn't tell Rain about that.

"Follow me." Rain cast a glance at her before proceeding to his office without saying anything more.

Tiana didn't expect Rain to agree to her stay so easily. She was thrilled and followed him silently. 'I knew it! Although he looks cold, he still treats me as his sister, ' she thought to herself.

"You'll be responsible for the Marketing Department for now. If you need help, just go to William." Rain decided to give her a chance. If she was doing very well and was loyal to him, he would not mind her staying in the company.

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Chapter 1736 CY Technology (Part Three)



"Thank you, Rain. I will do my best." Although she was unfamiliar with the field of marketing, she would try her best to learn.

"I must warn you, I don't allow incompetent people to stay in the company. You have to show me your best abilities," Rain said coldly. When he said this, he hoped that she would give up now if she had some ill will against him.

"Rest assured." Tiana bit her lower lip. Her family was already scheming and plotting against Rain. She was afraid that they would use her as a tool to merge together with other companies. She previously heard Eugenia suggest to Sheena that Tiana marry the head of CM Company so that they could fight against Rain together.

"You may go to work now." Rain lowered his head, not intending to speak to her again.

Tiana secretly pumped her fist to encourage herself and then quietly left his office. It seemed that her efforts to get close to him in the past two years had finally paid off.

Meanwhile, a heated fight ensued between two women at an office in YS Group.

Eleanor and Annie weren't in good terms. Annie was always pissed off every time she had to work with Eleanor as the latter had a talent for stirring up trouble. Eleanor even cut her own finger to frame Annie. She allegedly said that her finger was cut because of the jewelry Annie designed. Annie really didn't know how to deal with the likes of Eleanor.

"Annie An, did you do it on purpose? You dislike me, so you set up a trap for me, huh?" Eleanor asked, pointing at Annie. Her finger was bleeding, but it

was actually sliced with a sharp cutting tool. Annie didn't think the ring she made would cut a person's finger. She knew it was all part of Eleanor's plot.

"Miss Xiao, why would I set up a trap for you? Your getting injured doesn't do me any good. It wil

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can't be there all the time." Belinda thought she had to remind Annie. Otherwise, Eleanor would not only continue to belittle Annie, but also delay the company schedule. She wondered why Annie was so soft. Annie was from a prominent family, and she shouldn't have been acting like this.

"I know, Belinda. I just thought that I should be lenient whenever it's possible, so I always try to avoid arguing with people." Annie smiled sheepishly at Belinda. During the time when she had left home and lived alone, she didn't have the life skills to support herself and thus, had a lot to learn. Because of this, she had always swallowed the insults and humiliation silently. After all the meekness and internalizing everything, she had gotten into the habit of being soft towards others. Even when she had made a name for herself as a famous designer now, she was still humble and modest. "Silly girl! How's your arm? When can the sling be removed?" Belinda asked with a frown. She felt quite uneasy to see Annie's arm in a sling, for it always reminded her of the scene she had seen in the CCTV cameras. If it hadn't been for Rain who arranged bodyguards for Annie, she would have been killed by then.



"Pretty soon. Oh, right," Annie said, a bit embarrassed. "Tom told me it'll only be a few more days. Don't worry!" Wearing the bandage to work had been rather inconvenient. Due to her hand being temporarily out of commission, there were also instances where doing day to day activities felt rather tedious.

"That will be great. I was worried that you would have to wear the bandage on your wedding day," Belinda said, heaving a sigh of relief. "Since it's Tom taking care of your wound, I feel more at ease." Glancing at the bandage, she offered a warm smile. Annie shouldn't have to suffer the same pain as she did - the pain of struggling to put on her wedding dress.

"It's actually not as serious as it looks," assured Annie softly, fiddling with her long hair. "I just need to take some medicine, and I'll be fine. But Tom - well, you know how serious he can be. He insisted that I wear the bandage like this." Since one of her hands was injured, she often had a hard time tying up her hair. And as much as she wanted to pull it up in a neat ponytail, she had no choice but to leave it hanging down her back nowadays.

"I guess he thought that since your wedding was coming soon, he should help you recover as quickly as possible," Belinda said, laughing cheerfully. As a former patient of Tom's professional services, she wasn't new to his dedicated spirit. So Belinda fully understood what Annie had to deal with.

"Yeah, maybe!" agreed Annie. Noticing the time, she prepared to leave in haste. "Belinda, I'm so sorry but I need to get back to my work now. I'll see you later!" The shooting wasn't finished yet, and she had to be back before they ever noticed she was gone. Besides, if she stayed longer, Eleanor might decide to create more trouble for her.

"Okay!" said Belinda immediately. "You get back to your work. But I'll see you at lunch!" These past few days at work had been rather dull since she had been having lunch alone, and she had gotten tired of the routine. Hopefully, Annie could accompany her later.

"All right," Annie said earnestly, "It'll be my treat." Considering Belinda had always been helping her out of trouble, the least Annie could do was to buy her lunch to show her gratitude.

Smiling, she responded, "I'll gladly accept that," Lunch wouldn't cost a lot, so Belinda agreed to let Annie pay without hesita

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" She had been knowing Rain all too well. If she gave him the money directly, he would refuse to accept it at once. For that reason, she had no choice but to bring it up as an investment proposal. Even though the money wasn't a lot, it was sufficient for CY Technology to get through its most grueling period.

"Leena, I know you too well," Rain said, unwilling to accept her money. "Your investment is clearly just a ruse. You're just trying to help me out!" Frankly, he was quite moved that she thought of helping him out of his current financial difficulty. But it wasn't like he had fallen into an inescapable financial situation where his company couldn't survive without her help.

"It's not what you think. I really want to invest. You see, Kevin's a military officer, and he's not allowed to do business outside. So, it's my duty as a mother to make a long-term financial plan for our son," Leena explained sincerely. "Just in case we don't have anything to offer him when he's all grown up." 'On the one hand, I really want to help you out. On the other hand, I also have a selfish motive - that is, a mother's deep financial concerns for the future of my son.' Leena wondered, waiting for him to respond.

"Do you mean it?" asked Rain, still skeptical. Uncertain whether to accept her explanation, Rain folded his arms and looked at her in the eyes.

"Of course, if it's not for my son, do you really think I'd be that generous to you?" she asked in a nonchalant tone. Holding back a sigh of relief, Leena could see that he was starting to get convinced.

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Chapter 1738 Not Your Moneymaking Tool (Part Two)



After what seemed like a long time, Rain finally said, "Well, if that's the case, I'll take your card. And since it's money in exchange for shares in my company, later I'll ask William to prepare a document showing your shares based on the money you put in." Even though she had her shares in the Group Company of the Leng Family, no one would assume that they were too wealthy to earn more. Not to mention, as she said, it was to create a better future for Richard.

"Pfft! You really don't need to be so formal about this!" Leena said in an uneasy tone. She didn't realize he would be so serious about the legalities of the investment proposal. Her mouth twitched. If he was going to settle her shares accordingly with the money she provided, she wasn't completely providing support as she had planned to, but was instead robbing him when he was already in trouble.

"There's nothing to discuss. I insist we do it that way, or I won't accept a single penny from you," Rain said firmly. Looking at her reaction, he frowned and realized that her ultimate purpose was to help him out of his financial trouble. But since she had the will to invest in his company as a shareholder, he would definitely make her investment more valuable.

"All right, then!" Leena said glumly, pouting her lips. As soon as he brought up his conditions, Leena was reluctant to agree as it might put him in a more difficult position in the future. But seeing it was the only way for her to help him at the moment, she decided to accept his proposal.

"Well, I want to propose a toast," Rain said happily, raising a cup. "To our pleasant partnership." Clinking his cup with hers, he took a sip of his coffee. Perhaps on another day, somewhere in the brighter future, they would be sharing another toast but with wine instead.

"Wow! I guess it's official! Cheers to a happy partnership," Leena beamed, and took a sip as well. She, too, felt it was odd of them to be consuming coffee for the toast. Probably, only the two of them would do something as strange as that.

When it was time for Leena to leave, Rain returned directly to his company. As he reached the entrance of his company, however, he saw Tiana and Sheena having a loud argument free for everyone to see.

"Did you hear me? You need to go back home with me right now!" Sheena yelled, "Stop hanging out with that little ba

ithout another thought, the older woman raised her hand, and gave Tiana another hard slap in the face.

"You..." Tiana was too stunned to complete her sentence. She never thought it would be possible to be slapped twice on the same day. Meanwhile, Rain was stunned to witness the second slap as well. Wasn't Tiana supposed to be the favorite princess of the Ke family? It just didn't add up. What he was seeing was totally different from what he had thought this entire time.

"Tiana, you have to stop behaving this way right now. Or else, you'll suffer so much more. So, let's go. Come with Mom now," Sheena said gently. Once she found that tough approach wouldn't work on Tiana, she decided to try a softer approach.

"You know what? These two slaps you so nicely gave me was the last straw. Now I've lost my attachment to the Ke family, and it's completely impossible for me to go back with you." Tiana said firmly, wiping the blood out of the corner of her mouth. She was completely heartbroken now. It wasn't until that moment that she really doubted whether she was Sheena's real daughter.

"It's not up to you. I'm not leaving until you agree to go back with me," said Sheena, starting to get irritated again. Although it wasn't long enough, Sheena figured that the soft approach wasn't going to work on Tiana as well. "I said it's impossible unless you kill me first," said Tiana, completely resolved. If her mother thought she was going to agree to marry that old man, then she must have gone completely insane. Tiana would rather die than get married to him.

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"You think you can threaten me with that? If you wish to die so badly, I'll grant your wish with pleasure," Sheena sneered, raising her hand again. For more than two decades, she wore the image of a loving mother to Tiana. It was all destroyed in a single eye-opening argument where Sheena revealed her claws. This time, however, her hand was held back by another powerful hand.

"If you want to teach your daughter a lesson, please teach her at home. It's office time. Don't get in the way of my staff's productivity," said Rain flatly. Granted, it was originally their family business. So it felt inconvenient for him, as an outsider, to interfere in their personal affairs. Nevertheless, he couldn't take another minute of watching Tiana being bullied by her mother.

"Rain," Tiana beckoned to him, looking helplessly sad. Aware of her pathetic situation, she lowered her eyes to hide her pain from Rain.

"What does our family affair have to do with you, you son-of-a-bitch? What? Now that you're the president of KD Group, do you really think that you've become noble now? Don't forget that regardless of your status changing, it will never erase the fact that you're still just an illegitimate child." Sheena said coldly towards him. Then, with great force, she pulled her hand back. If it hadn't been for him taking over KD Group, she wouldn't have become the villain shouting in public and humiliating her daughter.

"So what? At least I took over KD Group by my competence, not by selling out my daughter for power and wealth like someone," Rain said ironically. Glancing at Tiana's face, he saw the reddish marks on her face. She must be in great pain at the moment.

"Hah! Did you say, by your own competence? That's right. When it comes to being brazen and sly as a fox, who's better than you?" Rain bit back a response, and let her continue, "Did you think that after you putting my sons and daughters-in-law in the branch office, I'd be grateful to you? Oh, on the contrary, I'll curse you to die like a dog forever." Sheena snapped, gritting her teeth. She didn't even attempt to conceal her hatred for him.

"Whatever! If cursing actually worked, maybe you'd be dead several times now," Rain retorted, flaring up at the insensitive woman. If she thought that her resentment towards him was bigger than the other way around, she had another thing coming.

"You stupid girl, did you hear what he said? He's a man who wants us to die, and you're stupid enough to stay here and work for him. Do you have any self-

he was inevitably involved in it again.

"I'm so sorry!" Tiana said, sensing his anger. His animosity must have been induced by her mother scolding him, and so naturally, she felt like she owed him an apology.

"Don't say sorry to me. Say sorry to your cheeks! You owe me nothing! And why didn't you tell me that your family wanted to marry you off to the president of CM Company?" Rain questioned her. He was almost positive that the people of the Ke family had lost their minds. Otherwise, why on earth would they let such a beautiful young lady marry a man who was so much older than her? Did it really mean that deep in their hearts, money was more important than family?

"I was afraid you wouldn't allow me to stay at your company, so I hid it from you," Tiana said, biting her lips anxiously. If she had told him the truth earlier, he wouldn't have cared about her. With the fact that her beloved family could treat her that way, she could only assume that he would do the same since he had always regarded the other members of the Ke family as his enemies.

"You're really very aware of the whole situation," Rain remarked, honestly. As soon as they emerged from the elevator, Rain pulled her into the office of the president, raising people's curiosity for a while. Soon enough, he walked out and ordered casually, "William, go get me some ice, and gauze," 'If Tiana's face wasn't treated immediately, it would swell up like a pig's head, ' Rain thought to himself.

"I'm on it, Sir," William said quickly, "I'll bring them to you right away." Although William didn't know what was happening, he didn't bother to ask questions and preferred to follow his boss' orders.



"Why doesn't your father do something if your mother keeps treating you like this?" Rain drew a piece of tissue from the desk and gave it to her. He was confused why Sanford would let Sheena treat their daughter like this. Something like this shouldn't be happening, in his opinion.

"My dad went abroad, right after you announced that KD... no, CY Technology was founded. He said that he felt too ashamed to stay in this city anymore. He

has no idea what happened after he left. That is why he couldn't do anything about it," Tiana replied in a small sobbing voice, taking the tissue from Rain's hand and used it to wipe her tears away. Her action was gentle and cautious because her face was badly hurt. Even with her gentle hands, she could still feel her face throbbing, every movement creating ripples of sharp pain from the wounds. She felt so bitter and hurt right now.

"By the way, where have you been staying these days?" Rain knew that she hadn't been going home. In fact, it had been a few days since she had left home. That was why he asked out of curiosity. He hoped that she at least had a decent place to sleep.

"I have been staying at one of my friends' house," Tiana answered honestly. She knew that it wasn't a very good idea to keep staying with her friend. She couldn't intrude for too long. But she just had no other choice right now. She just needed a few more days before she figured out what to do next.

"You've been staying with your friend? I mean, don't you have your own place? Your family didn't get you your own house or something?" Upon hearing Tiana's words, Rain couldn't help but feel a bit surprised. How come Tiana didn't have her own place? Usually, rich parents would buy at least one piece of property for their children. So he couldn't understand why Tiana didn't have a place where she could stay and had to stay at someone else's house. She should have her own villa, or at least a small apartment.

"No! Of course not. They only give me money to spend when I need it

ould tell that the two of them were alike, having so many similarities.

"Like home?" Rain had a confused look on his face. He didn't know how to feel about her confession. He knew that she wasn't lying at all. Did he really make her feel so much at ease and welcome? Did she really feel like she was at home when she was around him? Did he really give off that kind of family vibe that she was looking for? If the answers to his questions were yes, then why hadn't he ever felt it himself?

"Yes, like home. What is it, Rain?" Tiana asked, looking at him with confused eyes. She didn't know why he looked so serious all of a sudden. What happened?

"Nothing. I have already asked William to bring an ice pack for you. He should be here in a minute. Gently place it on your swollen cheek. I am sure that it will make you feel better." Rain avoided Tiana's question, walking over to his desk and sat down on the chair. He turned his back to her, trying to hide what he had been really thinking just now.

"Thank you so much, Rain." Tiana felt happy, that he seemed to care about her. Even if it was just a tiny bit of concern, she was already satisfied. Rain's actions told her that she didn't get slapped for nothing. She defended Rain in front of her family, and in return, Rain was seriously concerned about her well being and safety.