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Pauline didn't understand what Linda's cough meant, and neither did it concern her since she was a typical workaholic. "President Yard, I've prepared a proposal for your perusal." Pauline then handed a file over to Selena.

At that moment, the expression on Selena's face changed because she no longer wanted anything to do with Pierre.

Soon, Pauline added, "We must enter Astoria's market as soon as possible, and Fowler Corporation will be our ticket in. If we were to go for the other alternatives, it would only cost us more time and resources. The worst part of all, it doesn't even guarantee half of our success."

After hearing Pauline's bold and confident words, Selena knew that she must have done a thorough market analysis. Thus, she had to concede that Pauline knew better about the market than she did. At the same time, she set her eyes on the thick proposal, acknowledging her employee's hard work in compiling all her findings.

"I hereby announce that we will abort the plan to cooperate with Fowler Corporation." Selena made her decision known after long deliberation. Her words left everyone nonplussed, as they stared at her with their mouth left wide agape. Since it was known that Selena had visited the Fowler Family with Linda earlier, they all thought that the company's plan to work with Fowler Corporation was etched in stone. Therefore, none of them could believe their ears when they heard Selena's announcement.

"That's all for today's meeting! Entering Astoria's market and building our own brand are both our big goals, so let's take our time to map out our plan. I know everyone's been working around the clock recently. So, please take two days off, ladies and gentlemen!" Selena stood up and walked out the door, only to be followed closely by Pauline.

"President Yard, this is our best chance, and it's now or never! Please take a look at my proposal!"

"Pauline, I know you've done your job well, but you must be exhausted from all the work lately. So, go ahead and take two days off." Selena then stepped forward, leaving Pauline behind because she didn't know how to face her after witnessing the latter's effort. Nonetheless, only she herself knew deep down that she was even more unwilling to confront Pierre.

In the meantime, Pauline adamantly caught up with her as she refused to give up. "Please, President Yard! I implore you to take a look at my proposal, as I'm sure the plan will work out!"

Once again, Selena was forced to stop in her tracks.

"Pauline, there are many companies out there who have expressed their interests in working with us. So, Fowler Corporation isn't necessarily our only choice. Moreover, this situation is like a double-edged sword to me, although I must admit that it is indeed a great opportunity for us. Fowler Corporation is not as simple as you think it is. Working with them may benefit us immensely, but it could also lead to unfavorable consequences. So, if we're not careful enough, we could land ourselves in deep trouble.

Thus, this is not a risk I'd like to take. Do you understand me?"

At that moment, Pauline didn't say a single word, as she slowly began to understand that returns came with risks. Although the partnership with Fowler Corporation could indeed bring a lot of benefit to our company, those people are not fools either, as they will probably expect something great in return as well. If we fail to deliver that, we could find ourselves in an inescapable dilemma, just like President Yard said.

Meanwhile, Selena patted Pauline's shoulder and left the office. Since the meeting had ended sooner than usual, she decided to make her way to Juniper's school. After driving her daughter to school a few times, Selena began to be more and more familiar with the traffic around the area, knowing that the roads would be congested every day when the school was over. Therefore, Selena parked her car some place further away from the kindergarten, after which she walked there to fetch Juniper. I think it would also be a good opportunity for both of us to take a stroll along the way.

As soon as she parked her car, Selena caught a glimpse of a familiar figure in the rear mirror. Pierre Fowler? The man was seen with a new car, a red Lamborghini with the word 'Veneno'. In fact, it was a Spanish word that meant venom, which later became the name that was known to everyone.