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"Dr. Mulach is the one who took i answered.

"Did you know that Dr. Mulach

"I am not aware," Solia calmly said

Bother at the recommendation of my stepfather, Lawrence Lockhart," Sofia wolved in this smuggling ring too?"

cer, on the inside, she was already fuming. Dr. Mulach poisoned her mother at the

request of Lawrence. However, she cannot tell these people that

"Thank you for your cooperation" Special Agent Parker smiled. She got up and shook Sofia's hand, and the two agents left her other without saying another word.

"Do you have to say that?" Special Agent Eeynolds asked his partner.

"Did I lie?" Emily asked.

"We cannot prove that Lawrence is involved in this smuggling ring" Reynolds asked.

"We cannot find anything on Sofia Lockhart. However, clearly, she had been distancing herself from her stepfather and stepsister. She even moved her mother into an unknown hospital. I believe she knows something. Baiting her was the best course of action."

"You-really-" Agent Reynolds shook his head before he started the car.

Meanwhile, Sofia was still sitting on the couch as she thought about everything that Lawrence did. Sadly, she could not find any tangible evidence. A voice recording is not enough!

She needed something that she could touch. She needed Dr. Muach to confess, but that man was a dead end. The government is already working with him because of his knowledge of poisons.

She needed something more

After a while, Sofia got up and went back to her computer where she finally had the chance to examine Mrs. Phelps files, However, just as she expected, there was nothing noteworthy in those files. She knew that Mrs. Phelps would be smart enough not to put anything important on her computer.

But... what of her laptop?

After a few minutes, she sent another text to Alexander asking him if he was busy tonight.

The reply was only a smirk which for some reason made her check hot

“When you asked me if I would be busy, I didn’t think you would want me to drive you around...” Alexander said the moment he drove out of the parking lot of Sofia’s building.

Sofia looked at him. “You could easily say no?”

“Do you really think I would say no to you?” he responded.

Sofia smirked in response. “I need to go to Mrs. Phelps’ house...” he said. “And distract the people.”

“Huh?”

“I meant her family.”

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“What do you were to do he asked

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“Just borrow it” Sofia said Wille Etran

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other files Then I will return it immediately

“You can easily distract someone Sedia was almost retain about this. This guy looked like a celebrity. He was handsome and tall, and his car was pretty nice. He could easily attract anyone’s attention while Sofia sneaked inside Mrs Presen to copy the files

To her surprise, however, Alexander stopped the car at the side of the road.

“Why did you stop” she asked.

“You are serious?” he asked.

“Well..”

“Do you realize how attractive you are Alexander said. “Do you really think that people will not notice you

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A wave of frustration washed over Solia. Alexander’s words were true. Her initial plan, while seemingly clever in her desperation, was riddled with holes. She had been so focused on finding a solution that she hadn’t stopped to consider the practicality or even the legality of her actions

She met his gaze, defeat evident in her eyes I don’t know what else to do, she admitted, her voice barely a whisper. There has to be something I can do to take Lawrence down, to prove what he’s done

Alexander sighed, the amusement fading from his eyes. He reached out, gently taking her hand in his “I understand your frustration,” he said softly, “But what you’re proposing could put you in even more danger. We need to be smart about this!

His words resonated with her. She knew he was right. Rushing into things, fueled walely by her anger and desperation, could lead to disastrous consequences.

“So... what do we do?” she asked, a flicker of hope rekindling in her voice. “If I can’t get into Mrs. Phelps house, is there anything else we can try?”

Alexander pondered for a moment, his brow furrowed in thought. “We need to approach this strategically,” he finally said. “Instead of focusing solely on Lawrence, we might have better luck investigating the company itself. Perhaps there are financial irregularities, hidden transactions, or discrepancies in the company records that could point towards his wrongdoings

Sofia’s eyes widened. The company records? But wouldn’t Lawrence have covered his tracks? Besides, she already checked this and came up with nothing! Lawrence would be smart enough to hide everything! After all, he had been doing this for years!

“Lawrence is undoubtedly cunning. Alexander acknowledged. “But even the most meticulous criminals leave traces, especially over an extended period. We just need to know where to look and how to interpret what we find.”

“While a direct approach like examining surface-level company records might not yield immediate results, there are other avenues we can explore. I already talked to a forensic accountant someone specializing in uncovering financial fraud. They have the expertise and tools to analyze complex financial data, identify hidden patterns, and potentially unearth discrepancies Lawrence might have missed.

Sofia pursed her lips. No. She needed something more than that “Thank you.” she uttered. Right. Alexander had been very helpful since this started. “However, I have something else in mind..” she narrowed her eyes.

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“What about Sofa Lockhism

“She’s useless without her grandmother and that Alexander Beaumont would not dismantle the world just to see her happy. He already put his shares. I don’t see any reason for him to help her again.”

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mixture ist anger and hurt Wh wow not doing anything about your son?"

"Daniel, please." The Beaumont was already crying as she tried to stop her son from talking back to his father "Daniel"

"My brother is currently with my ex fiancée yet you are not doing any thing to stop it? Father. I know you always favor my older brother, but this Dumel's eyes were so full of rage as he glared at his father

"Bring him outside" Daniel's father said "I don't want to see him around this place

So you are going to kick me out?" Daniel hissed "Is this the only thing that you are good at? Kicking your sons out?"

Call him back Daniel roared his voice thick with a slur that hadn't been there before. Tell him to stop messing with my

Arthur jaw clenched tight. It is not your place to interfere in Alexander's life. Nor is it my place to interfere in his personal choices

So is it his place to mess with my life! Unul now, Daniel could still see his brother's smirk when he saw them on that balcony. "He's messing with my life Daniel repeated, his voice rising. He has no right to go after Sofia

"Thats between Sofia and Alexander Arthur said firmly, his vence low and dangerous. Stay out of it before you do something you'll regret?"

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ret it!" Daniel shouted, throwing another fistful of something at the wall missing a framed portrait by a hair. T

him: I regret ever thinking he was a decent brother!"

died out, trying to grab Daniel's arm. "Honey, stop this! You're hurting yourself? Please.

watted her hand away, his eyes blazing. Don't touch me! This is all your fault too! If you hadn't-You-This is your

resa finched tears streaming down her face.

Leave Arthur hissed "Leave now before I call the cops

Arthur! How could you kick your son and

"You can leave too if you want to Arthur said. "Both of you have been throwing tantrums because of Alexander. Since you truly wanted to intervene, then you go and talk to him. With that. Arthur walked back to his study and ignored the mother and son

Seeing this, Daniel was unable to contain his anger. He always thought that Sofia would come back to him. He always thought that she would be back soon! That she would forgive him for his mistake! After all, they have been together for

years!

Who would have thought that she would actually go to Alexander A primal roar escaped Daniel's throat, raw and full of pain that twisted his features. He stumbled back, knocking over a chair that clattered to the floor. It was a childish reaction, he knew, but the image of Sofia in his mind. laughing with his brother on that damned balcony, sent a fresh wave of fury crashing through him.

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a tantrum like this, but she already consulted a specialist and she was assured that what happened in the pour sould not happen again as long as Daniel continued taking his met

Who would have thought that this would happen again

Naturally, the mediately blamed Solia for this mess bomething like this would not have happened if she had past simply forgiven her on Instead, that woman made things more complicated!

After what felt like forever, the medical personnel linally arrive and helped calm Damel down.

Seeing his son sleeping on his bed peacefully, Teresa could not helplan grit her teeth

“Are you really not going to involve yoursell in this matter? Ta said, “Year are a towardt What kind of Lather would

“Teresa “You abandon their child like the the glared at Arthur who stead silently beside her

However, instead of saying her word, he simply sorted and left Daniel’s room

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awed at her von hielone she stepped out of Daniel’s room. Then she went to the balcony and made sure that no ont re before she dialed someone’s number.

ced you to take care of Sofa Lockhart, Teresa uterol.

Really?” A voice suddenly echoed behind her.

Teresa fine hed. She immediately turned around and lound Alexander standing not too far away from her. “You-Why are

dorned that Alexander was back if the mansion? Then she recalled how she told her maids you here?" Why was she not not to disturb her as she was inside Daniel's room

"Theard someone just threw another tantrum. "Alexander took step towards her.

"You Get away from me," Teresa said as she took a step back.

However, Alexander did not stop. "You are not going to hurt Sol"he said, his voice as cold as his gaze.

A gasp escaped Teresa's lips, her heart hammering against her ris.

"Alexander, she stammered, her voice cracking with

fear and surprise. She didn't expect him to arrive just in time for her to call her people! "I wasn't..."

Alexander's gaze remained icy. "You were about to make a grave mistake, Teresa. He stepped closer, each step echoing ominously in the silent hallway, "Sofia has nothing to do with what happened. It was your son who made a mistake. Don't you dare bring her into this mess?"

Teresa wanted to argue, to justify her actions. She wanted to scream and shout, fueled by her anger at Sofia and the

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inly blame yourself." he said.

"It-Are you still punishing him for what he did in the past? Teresa said. "I just told you. I didn't hurt your mother 1-

"Bullshit." Alexander sneered "Do you really think I'm still the five-year-old boy that you met that time??

1-Teresa paled. There are a lot of things that she regrets doing in the past, but she does not have the courage to say it in front of Alexander. "He is your brother."

"Right of course, he is

"What he did back then.. he only did it to protect me

"Of course, Alexander smirked. A three-year-old toddler making a mistake is cute, but a nineteen-year-old boy who siredly knew the difference between right and wrong was a different story. Alexander stopped walking just in front of Teresa "Listen bitch..." he uttered, his voice dark. The only reason why you are still alive is that I wanted you to suffer for what you did to my mother. You are unscathed now, but I can assure you that if you touch a single strand of Sofia's hair, you will suffer"

"You-

"Along with your son." Alexander gave him a sadistic smile that sent shivers down her spine. "You wouldn't actually want your son to suffer along with you, right?"

"Alexander Teresa's hand started trembling. The air crackled with tension, thick enough to choke on. Teresa's voice trembled as she tried to speak, but no sound emerged. Her mind raced, searching for a way out of the suffocating situation but every avenue seemed blocked by Alexander chilling words and menacing presence,

His cold, calculating gaze held hers captive, stripping away any shred of defiance she might have harbored

“Thread carefully Teresa I am no longer the weak boy of the past. Alexander said before he suddenly patted her shoulder “Now, it seems that everything ended up fine. I suggest that you put him in rehab. or a facility. That would be good for his mental health. On the outside, Alexander sounded like a caring and kind brother. But Teresa knew what he really meant by

his words.

He wanted to send Daniel away.

“He is your brother, Alexander. Your own flesh and blood. Teresa said. “Don’t go too far

“What are you talking about?” Alexander asked. “Sending him to a facility would be good for him. Keeping him away from Sofia is going to heal him. Unless you wanted him to read the news about Sofia’s upcoming wedding with me!”

“What?” Teresa felt like a cold bucket of water was poured into her soul. “You- Seeing the smirk on Alexander’s face, Teresa knew that the latter was not merely joking

He really intends to marry Sofia!

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“You cannot do this Teresa! Her horror apparent in her eyes how could you marry your brother’s fiancée? You – What the hell do you think you’re doing? Are you out of your damn mind!”

“Why can’t two people who love each other! everything has been taken care of

Relet should have flooded Teresa. Yes, he is evil to the core

Alexander arched an eyebrow. Then he suddenly chuckled “Scrapping leaving”

Alexander left. Instead, all she felt was extreme fright. That man is wicked

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“Hey how was it?” Sofia asked, curiosity Lining her voler

“We are working with the authorities

Lawrence called for a special meeting with the board to talk abot my
grandmother’s health Enlanda was already in her 70s, so it’s easy for people
to wonder if she is still fit to handle the company. Meanwhile, with Eunice will
in aroma, the sty possible solution is to pass the responsibility to hunice’s
daughter – Sola.

It would be nice, but Sofia herself knew that she was nos prepared to handle a
conglomerate. She was raised to think that the would handle it one day, but
the knew that the still lacked the proper training and the would not be that self
to take up that responsibility and risk the company that employs thousands of
people

Dopf worry, we will do everything we can to complete it

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Thank you, Sofia let out a sigh of relief. She then ended the call and looked at the all that Alexander sent. This was about Daniel Apparently, Daniel was taken to a facility to heal. Alexander did not really talk about the reason why he was taken to a facility, but Sofia already had her guesses

Daniel mentioned how difficult his life was when he was still younger. This was because of the constant comparison and the blatant disregard from his father. Because of this he was diagnosed with various mental illnesses and was taking some prescription drugs

However, Sofia never thought that their breakup would prompt Daniel to fall that hard. After all, he still has Charlene Speaking of Charlotte the woman had been silent lately and honestly? This was worrying to Sofia She wouldn't understand why Charlotte would just agree to leave after everything Alexander told her that Charlotte was obediently staying in Europe In fact, she had been posting a lot of images on her socials lately It seems that she was enjoying her vacation

Charlotte has yet to call Sofia. She also stopped sending her messages or tagging Sofia in her posts. Which was honestly good but then again, Sofia could not help but feel that she was missing something.

She let out a sigh and closed the email. She was no longer Daniel's woman. This has nothing to do with her. Whatever happens from now on has nothing to do with her anymore.

"Miss, here is your schedule for the rest of the week Miss Amores said as she started reading Sofia's schedule Somehow this made Sofia smile. She simply listened before she asked Miss Amores to get her a cup of coffee. Then she started working again.

The next few days were just peaceful Sofia had been very busy creating strategies for the future of the company. With the rise of Social Media, Sofia thought it would be very important to involve herself in the process of creating a buzz in the world of Social media. To do this, she had meetings with various influencers as she wanted to send some of their clothing to influencers for them to promote it online.

Soon, the minutes turned into hours and hours into days. The day that Lawrence scheduled was only two days away. However, Lawrence was not exactly in a very good mood.

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Then the news hit The F had busted the smuggling ring

Luckily Lawrence had been clever enough to stay out of the diget line of fire. He d used his money to manipulate others

to doing the dirty work. However, the sting of losing tens of millions was undeniable. Those smuggled goods, destined for various states, were supposed to be his golden ticket.

Whe sitched Lawrence growled his eves narrowed

“I’m on it, Mr. Oh replied, his jaw clenched. He, too, had lost a significant amount in this failed scheme. Whoever tipped them off will pay.”

Everything down to the last detail, had been meticulously planned to ensure the smuggled goods remained hidden. Now, their carefully constructed house of cards lay in ruins.

Lawrence paced the room like a caged animal, his frustration simmering. “We can’t afford any more slip-ups. Mr. Oh, the FBI is breathing down our necks, and if they find even a shred of evidence linking us to this mess, we are done for. He was done for. This time is crucial. He needed the money for his plans.”

“Agreed. We need to cut our losses and lie low for a while. Let the storm pass before making any further moves.” Mr. Oh, who looked usually composed, looked pale and shaken.

Lawrence

This pacing a dangerous glint in his eyes. “Lying low isn’t my style. We need to find a way to salvage this.”

FBI will

rowed. “But how? We can’t risk another operation while they’re still sitting around.”

one way. After a few hours, Lawrence found himself inside another restaurant with Mr. William Clarence.

at you still decided to see me. William smiled, his voice a little croaky. “Is there something I could help you with?”

you still have connections in Russia, Lawrence said. In response, the old man only smiled. “I believe you already know that they are somehow connected to me.”

The smuggling ring that the FBI had been following around lately is related to you.” William lifted an eyebrow.

“Stop feigning ignorance Lawrence said. The smuggling ring had been his hope. He needed the money that it was bringing. He could obviously approach other people, but he had once worked with William

He thought it would be better to work with William than with other people. Besides, William was also really careful because of Eulanda. They have a common enemy.

The old man chuckled. He slowly took a sip of his tea before he asked. “What is it that you want this time?” the old man said.

“I am waiting for you to ruin Eulanda why was it taking so long

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you really at hopeless”

Lawrence pursed his lips to the toy ki working with a few people who

Will looked surprised but he started laughing. “I know you would actually do something like that. Knowing she is still the major shareholder at the company Besis Alexander Beaumont is closely working with her granddaughter now It would be very hard to get rid of them

In the real world, getting rid of someone like Eulanda is challenging The fact that she was a major shareholder is only a small part of this. The other part was because of the connection that she built over the years Eulanda had many friends she had dined with kings and masters

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This is the reason why Lawrence targeted Eun and Sulia first, However, his plan is crumbling down

Just as he thought he had it under control, the dust will involve themselves and now, he is losing money!

"I need another safe passage for my goods. Lawrence said "Siy torty he added "just assure that it would be evenly distributed in the states.

"Fifty fifty sounds about right. William immediately added Haring this, Lawrence let out a sigh of relief Yes When it came to business, he knew that the old man would. obtain an that would

millions: This is just how life

works

"I can only offer you sixty fenty Lawrence said.

"Fatty-five, forty live and this is my bottom line."

Deal. Lawrence immediately agreed. After talking about the specifics, Lawrence happily left the place, thinking that everything had been fixed. With William's backing, he was almost confident that everything would go well this time

"Hehehehe" William started chuckling the moment Lawrence Jeh, his laughter echoed inside the closed Japanese restaurant. "How did you know that he would actually come here offer me something like this? William asked without looking at the person who walked out of the shadows Slowly, this person walked and sat opposite the old man.

"Because I was the one who reported the shipments. "The other person was none other than Solia. She looked at William, a smile appearing on her face

"So, you guessed it" William nodded

This time, Sotia did not say a word. On the outside, she looked composed and confident but she couldn't lie to herself. Talking to someone like William honestly made her nervous. However, she came here for a reason;

She is going to light Lawrence light fire with fire. And this is your start.

"It seems that you are just like Eulanda all along." William said,

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William narrowed his eyes at Sons Tost this was a presumption He never expected the woman to come here on

her own and talk to him the

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was already in his contacts in the black market were more relevant.

why he wanted to avoid the attentions of various individuals However though she warned her granddaughter not to involve herself in the matters the case

"Then would you like some tea? This is a tea that I personally brewed" William said.

brewed."William

*Thank you, but I would rather we talk about business. "Softa said.

"Then what do you want to talk about?"

Lawrence's shipments Softa said. She was listening to Lawrence's conversation earlier, but the latter only said that he would be sending William the details once everything was fixed on his end. Aside from this Soha had nothing. "I need it Everything

"And in exchange?" the old man said.

will ask my grandmother not to involve you when he drags Lawrence down."

Somehow, this made the old man laugh. His old shoulders shook as he tried to contain his laughter. "Little girl, it seems that you are still inside your safe bubble

"What made you think I am scared of Eulanda" the old man continued.

Sofia pursed her lips in response. She only stared at the old man, Again, she looked composed and calm. It was as if she already expected this reaction from him. However, on the inside. Sofia's heart was beating so fast, it was almost the only thing that she could hear.

Luckily, this place's light was not good or the old man would have immediately noticed how pale she currently looked even with her makeup on.

"Then what was it that you want?" she asked.

"Your grandmother has something that belonged to me, William said. "To put it simply it was once mine. Her family took it when they kicked me out. I want you to give it to me"

"Tell me the details about it." Sofia said.

"It's a music box" William said, his voice softening slightly as his gaze drifted to the window. A small, wooden one with a carved ballerina on top. It wouldn't be worth much to anyone else, but it held memories for my parents."

He looked back at Safra, his eyes hardening again. It was the last gift they ever gave each other before they... before they passed away"

Sofia's facade remained composed, but a thicker of surprise crossed her eyes. This wasn't what she had expected. It wasn't money or power, but a seemingly insignificant object.

"And you think my grandmother stole it?" she asked, her voice carefully neutral.

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was that the old man died in an accident. Eunice refused to elaborate and at that time the young Sofia did more questions. However, she knew that something must have happened which also involved Lawrence's father.

do you know about Lawrence's father? Sofia asked. For a moment the old man seemed surprised. Then he smiled.

Linda must have already told you the reason why she never liked that boy.

The way William called Lawrence a boy somehow made Sofia smile inwardly. However, she was smart enough not to.

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"Walim

Then what are you going to give in exchange for what I know?" said "Or did you assume I am giving you things for free?"

Sofia parted her lips. Then she got up to leave.

"That quick I thought we were enjoying each other's company."

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Thank you for your

Sofia said cooly. She did not want to stay in this place any longer.

"I thought you wanted to know about Lawrence?"

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r of the restaurant and jogged towards the car that was waiting for her outside

The moment she got into the car,mediately let out a sigh of relict “Let’s go
“she muttered: Almost immediately. Josef, who was driving the car complied

“That old man is cumming Alexander said “Are you alright?” he asked.

“I am line. Soha said. Alexander had been listening to her conversation with William just outside of the restaurant. Aside from this, he had people stationed outside, ready to help Solta ofice they encountered a problem. Because of this, Sofia confidently walked inside that place. “Ma Enever expected Lawrence to come tonight”

It turns out that the place and date that Mrs. Phelps sent her before she died was the place where a new shipment of smuggled goods would arrive. Luckily, they were able to figure out and immediately reported it to the police

Because of this, the goods were confiscated and many people were arrested. Sola was then informed that the one behind the smuggling lost millions as this was a really huge shipment. While they were not able to find any connections between Lawrence and the smuggled goods, Sofia still assumed that this would have caused him a few problems-especially in the amount of money that he lost.

Now, Lawrence was well known for always being clean and smart. He never had any issues in the company yet everyone knew how Eulanda disliked him. Because of this, the board had been waiting for him to make a mistake and had been watching his every move.

This was the reason why it would have been very hard for han take a move when it came to money involving the company,

With that said, losing a few tens of millions would surely affect m

So, she immediately thought about people who could help Lawrence, and the one person that came into her mind was none other than William Clarence.

Alexander had given Sofia information about William in the past. She knew he was not a simple man. He started his illegal connections abroad- to be more specific in Russia and Europe.

He was able to build a company and was able to build a life for himself and his family. However, his ties to the mafia never disappeared.

So why would Lawrence ignore those ties? Lawrence would definitely take advantage of this and would try to work with William again!

And, Sofia was actually right! Lawrence indeed appeared, asking to work with William again. Naturally, this made Sofia happy. It seems that Lawrence's facade is going to crumble very soon!

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A collective sich ripplest through the room a testament to the weight of
Lawrence's words. He held their attention he sore

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been Eulanda's top priority, and I'm content she would want the same

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nison of many people online. However, this doesn't end here. Many investors have called

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about this matter. When the news that the chairwoman's mate partner had duplicate properties abroad that were already under her name, many people simply started doubting the chairwoman's capabilities to distinguish right from wrong. As you can see, "Lawrence made a strategic pause. What affected the shares? Many had been mocking the company for having a senile chairwoman, among other things."

He looked around and observed the

reactions from Mr. Lee, Miss Paine, and the other shareholders. "To clear this situation needs careful handling. We need to act swiftly to protect not only the chairwoman's health and reputation but also the company's stability, and the trust of

everyone. I propose a two-pronged approach. Firstly, we need to ensure that the chairwoman receives the best possible care and support. We should explore the best options available, sparing no expense. To do this, I would like to let the chairwoman take some assessment that would prove she is still capable of handling the company.

Lawrence looked around the room, his gaze lingering on each shareholder. Secondly, we need to address the public

with a statement acknowledging the situation while ceasing speculation and investor concerns. We'll release a statement emphasizing the chairwoman's dedication to the company and her commitment to good governance. Additionally, we need to demonstrate strong leadership and assure everyone that Loup remains in capable hands.

He paused again, letting his words sink in. I understand this is suggestions and ideas on how we can navigate this crisis for LH Group.

On this sensitive matter, and I value your input. I'm open to your thoughts on transition and continued success.

Sofia mumbled inwardly as she listened to Lawrence talk. As always, he sounded very charismatic and confident. It was something that could easily sway anyone into following his works.

“Mr. Lockhart, it seems that this meeting is just about the tabloid news,” Miss Paine said. “The numbers that you presented us aren’t exactly relevant as the data were only for three days. Please do not insult our intelligence.”

“Apologize, Miss Paine,” Lawrence said, his voice remaining calm despite the slight tremor in his hand. However, the three-day data is just a glimpse into a larger trend. We’ve seen a concerning decline in investor confidence, and we need to take immediate action.

He cleared his throat and continued, “But you’re right, there are other issues at hand, I wouldn’t be here if they weren’t serious. Lately, Eulanda’s behavior has raised red flags. We’ve witnessed instances where she well, where she seems disoriented.”

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Lawrence hesitated. His eyes flickered around the room before landing on Sofia, who sat with her arms crossed, her expression unreadable. He pressed on. There have been moments where she laughs inappropriately or seems lost in thought from the past. Recently, at a business meeting she spent the entire time reminiscing about her late husband even addressing him as if he were still there.

A murmur rippled through the room.

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—reholders exchanged worried glances. Lawrence continued, his voice gaining

these personal details if it weren't for the larger context. These incidents. pany funds for personal travel."

He paused, then gestured to ask of documents on the table. These, for example, are receipts for private jet travel-trips Eulanda took for personal reasons, not company business. I understand that Eulanda has dedicated her life to LH Group and I wouldn't question her commitment if there weren't such concerning signs."

Lawrence continued. "Just today. I received another email from an environmentalist stating their concern about these various trips

Sofia continued listening. This man truly sounded so convincing even she was convinced that he was telling the truth. Sofia pursed her lips. She was tempted to say a word, but she knew that she had to wait for the right opportunity.

"So, what does Mr. Lockhart propose Mr. Lee asked, frowning just like most of the shareholders present.

"I suggest that we ask the Chairman to have an assessment. This is not only for our peace of mind but for our investors. I believe this will do good for the company Lawrence said, his gaze landing on Sofia. "Don't you agree with me. Miss Lockhar

"I honestly don't see any reason why I should disagree with you, Sofia smiled. She did not miss the surprise in Lawrence's eyes. "My grandmother is already in her seventies: it is only normal for people to start worrying about the future of the company. Given the fact that her only daughter is still sick, many would wonder who will manage the company once my grandmother retires."

Since Mr. Lockhart is showing so much concern for my grandmother, I am very grateful and would like to vote to demand health assessment as soon as possible. This would not only ensure that Miss Lockhart is healthy; it would definitely assure

Sofia gracefully smiled.

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ut how to handle this situation when she received the email. She thought about fighting back and insulting wever, all of this would highlight how immature she was

trying to accuse Lawrence of kicking her grandmother out of the company, it is best that she simply agrees and is for Lawrence's concern.

one in this room knew that Lawrence was a caring father and husband. They also knew that he had been lowering his in front of Eulands because of how much he loved Eunice Aside from this, these people knew that Lawrence was Ally good with business!

So, she is not going to shoot her foot and show her hostility towards the person currently running the company. In fact, she was planning to do the opposite.

"Since Miss Lockhart already agreed, I don't see any reason why should disagree, Miss Paine immediately chimed in. "I agree with Miss Lockhart's sentiments. It is indeed important that we prove that the Chairwoman is still healthy and wise. I vote to have an assessment for the Chairwoman's health."

"Obviously, the Chairwoman can decline this," Mr. Anderson, another one of the shareholders said. "However, I do agree with Miss Lockhart and Miss Paine. Yes. We need to assure everyone else that our chairwoman is perfectly fine."

After this, the rest of the shareholders agreed as well

"As for those images. Sofia said before she gestured to her secretary to give the shareholders the files that she was holding "The man in the images is my grandmother's nephew, Simone Flaire. I do not see the point of explaining something like

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actress and singer from the past. She changed be ed in her early twenties

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affe family: shat sister was my grandmother Soda smiled

Seeing everyone’s various reactions Soda added “This information was purposely hidden by the Lockhart Family as they did not want to associate themselves with someone in the industry at that. My grandmother and I do not care about the opinions of the other people However I believe it is best that we explain some matters to everyone just to clear my grandmother’s name.” She then sent a beautiful smile towards Lawrence

In response. Lawrence smiled at her as if he

new this cater before he started his presentation

Thank you for clearing it all up. Sofa Lawrence looked at everyone, a slight smile

reiten his face

Soda nodded and observed everyone’s reaction. It seems that everything is going well. However, why was it that this was not giving her the relief that she thought she would have

The answer to her own question came in the form of a phone call However, since she was still in a meeting Sofa’s phone

Sedly, when the meeting ended and Sofa was able to answer the call it was already too late