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Just as Helen was about to throw the jade bracelet, there was a knock on the door.

She immediately went to open the door, thereupon she saw Liam and Demi standing there.

"Mom, what are you doing?" Demi asked in surprise.

"Nothing, just cleaning up their room. Why are you two here?" Helen said as she put the jade bracelet on the table.

Demi walked to the table, her face indignant. "Mom, Liam and I have been fired from the company, and we don't even have a job now. We had nothing to do at home, so we are wandering around."

"Mom, what is this? Cunningham Pharmaceuticals is such a large group, yet your daughter and son-inlaw don't even have a job. If this gets out, people would surely laugh!" Liam added.

The more Helen thought about it, the angrier she got. "This is all because of Matthew, that son of a b*tch! If he hadn't aggravated those shareholders, Cunningham Pharmaceuticals would still be ours. It can't be that hard to find positions for you two."

and the managing director are all

him, so

"Mom, I

"Which is?""

another

her head immediately. "Impossible! Don't you remember what happened last time? Sasha will surely not support us. Besides, your dad and I don't know much about medicine; how can we start

Before, people had to have medical knowledge to acquire herbs.

is simple: we buy medicine from manufacturers, then sell them to the consumers. We just have to hire a

is open the pharmacy and go to the stores every day to collect

turned bright at the idea. "This really is a good idea. We can open a pharmacy, and I'll be the keeper. Your dad and I will have something to do from now on, and you two can come and help

happily. "The payoff is absolutely much more than selling herbs! Look at Stanley Carlson; he, too, relied on his pharmacy when he first started! Besides, we have Cunningham Pharmaceuticals to

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Demi recalled what took place. "Sigh, my sister is really blind, huh? She is the chairman of Cunningham Pharmaceuticals, yet that old crone gave her such a worthless jade bracelet, and even took her as a goddaughter?

That old crone is probably very happy now. In the future, she might even use our family's fame to cheat others!"

"Forget it, let's not bring it up again," Helen said angrily. "I'd get angry every time I think about it!"

Demi played with the jade bracelet and said, "Mom, let's sell this bracelet. On one hand, we can get some money.

At the same time, my sister will finally know that the old crone's bracelet is just a worthless piece of trash. Let her come to her senses for a bit!"

Initially, Helen wanted to throw the jade bracelet, but she didn't do it when she heard that they might make some money by selling it.

"Sure, go ahead. You can keep the money."

Helen did not think that the jade bracelet was worth much. It was dull; certainly not good jade.

As such, Demi and Liam took the jade bracelet and went directly to a nearby jade shop, intending to sell it.

When the owner saw the jade bracelet, he froze for a moment. Then, he leaned close, examining it for a long time.

"Hey, I think you've looked at it long enough. Quote a price now; I still have errands to

narrowed his eyes slightly and chuckled. "Miss, where did you

bracelet, so what's with the twenty questions?" Demi

"That's not what I meant. In our industry, we don't accept inauthentic jade. This is

she casually said, "It was an old woman who gave it to me. She wanted to pass it down to

spoke, however, she did not notice the look that flashed across the owner's

is easy to negotiate. This jade bracelet is not of good quality, and it is very common. However, I have a similar

have a bit more value. So, I can give you a higher price for this. What about 18,000?" The owner

thought the bracelet would be worth one to two thousand at most. She didn't expect it

she wasn't a

bid must

said, "18,000? Are you kidding me?! How can this

asked the boss, his

carefully before saying,

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Demi took the 28,000 and returned home happily.

"Mom, this jade bracelet is somewhat valuable. I managed to sell it for 28,000!"

Helen was surprised. "Really? You were able to sell it for 28,000? Which fool was willing to pay such a high price? You're joking, right?"

"Mom, it's real. I sold it in the jade shop. The owner has been in the business for years. In the beginning, he only offered 18,000, but I managed to push the price to 28,000!" Demi replied.

Looking at the money in Demi's hands, Helen had to believe it, though she was very surprised. She couldn't help but mutter, "I really did not expect that the jade bracelet given by Old Mrs. Graham was slightly valuable."

Demi nodded in agreement. She, too, did not expect that this jade bracelet would be worth so much.

"Mom, looks like this bracelet is not cheap. If Sasha knew that we sold it, would she be upset?"

Helen pursed her lips and said, "Why would she be upset? The bracelet is so old-fashioned and ugly, plus she doesn't even wear it. What a waste keeping it in a box. She should be happy that it was at least worth something."

Graham knew about it, wouldn't she be unhappy?" Demi

Whatever we do with it is up to us; it has nothing to do with

should I

it, you can keep it. You and Liam have no jobs

we finally open the drugstore and

the money excitedly and went out

evening when

was startled. She immediately

where's my jade bracelet?"

replied coldly, "It's

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"How dare you! I gave you so many things, yet I don't see you keeping those properly. You don't even wear the jade bracelet. It's such a waste of space, so why keep it?" Helen asked angrily.

"How can you compare it that way? I still keep what you've given me. Moreover, this jade bracelet was given from my adoptive mother, and it's a family heirloom, passed on for generations at that. If I'm the one who loses it, wouldn't I be a sinner?" said Sasha.

Helen pursed her lips. "Bullsh*t! It is just a piece of trash, and you're making such a big fuss! The Cunningham Family is well known and has power in Eastcliff. Don't lower yourself over a mere jade bracelet."

Sasha waved her hands around. "Forget it, you just won't see sense. Tell me where you sold it, and I will go get it back!""

However, Helen simply ignored her.

Sasha insisted on knowing the name of the shop. Only after a long while was she able to find out which shop it was. Hurrying downstairs, she ran to the jade shop, and to her dismay, it was closed.

Sasha dialed the phone number on the signboard, but it had been turned off.

She then asked the shop next door, but they too were surprised.

The jade shop usually closed around eight o'clock in the evening. It was now only slightly after six, which was unusual.

Having a bad feeling about it, Sasha quickly called Matthew and told him everything.

Matthew had just left work and was on his way home.

hearing her out, he did

antiques, and he knew a

time, he knew that the jade bracelet was not as simple as it

Sasha

actually make

one hand, he comforted Sasha and asked her to return home

hand, he hastily called Tiger and asked

which was Tiger's territory. Thus, it seemed best

Tiger was

could even reach home, he received a call

and his family had left hurriedly in the morning, and were no longer in

have known the true value of the jade

eventually come knocking, the owner

people start looking for the owner immediately. They had to get the jade bracelet back, no

could turn to Billy

was shocked when he received

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James leaned over and asked, "Matthew, do you know the owner? You're saying he ran away, but do you know where his family lives? Do you know what his name is? Do you know him very well?"

Helen couldn't help but feel smug and nodded in agreement. "Yes, that's right! Do you know what the boss' name is? You even said he ran away. Aren't you afraid that they'll sue you for slander?"

Matthew ignored them and gently patted Sasha on the shoulder. "Don't worry, Sasha. I've asked a friend to track him down. We will definitely be able to get the bracelet back!"

Sasha nodded helplessly. There was nothing much anyone could do now.

"Those friends of yours again? Matthew, you better watch out! The Cunningham Family has fame and prestige in Eastcliff, and are considered high society.

If you want to go associate with those scumbags, then you can leave the Cunningham Family and divorce Sasha. We Cunninghams do not want to associate with those who are not cultivated and civilized!" Helen pursed her lips.

Sasha was annoyed. "Mom, what are you talking about? How can you say that Matthew's friends are not civilized?

Also, when did the Cunningham Family become high society in Eastcliff? Don't you know our position? Have you seen any high society people that still live in a three-bedroom house?"

tongue-tied

"Sasha, that's very wrong of you. We're only in a temporary rut, and this will soon be over. We can't expect life to be smooth sailing.

of Cunningham Pharmaceuticals. This year's company dividends will definitely be tens of millions, maybe even hundreds of millions. By then, we can live wherever we want. We could even buy

few years when our business is bigger and we are on par with the Ten Greatest Families of Eastcliff, we

a Lakeside Garden pass for your dad's car and make a trip back to the Cunningham family home. I can't

a longing look on

too much. As such, he

could live in Lakeside Garden, driving a luxury car with a Lakeside Garden pass back to

able to

entire Cunningham Family will have no choice

couldn't help rolling

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"If we work hard enough, we might even be able to live in The Grand Garden. When that day comes, I will be really content. By the way, I heard that the villa at the Grand Garden has an attached swimming pool.

Matthew, imagine our future children playing in the pool, while we lounge about and to watch the sunset; how enjoyable it'll be! I really hope we can have that someday!"

Sasha's face was full of longing as she gazed off into the distance.

Matthew looked at her beautiful face and made a promise in his heart. Sasha, this day is coming! After I cure Natalie, we will go live in the Grand Garden. Everything that you want will be yours!

During dinner, Matthew's phone rang.

He took out his phone and looked at it. Turned out it was Leanna who was calling.

Matthew got up and was about to go into the bedroom to answer the phone when James yelled angrily, "Wait! Pick it up right here! Why so secretive about it?"

Matthew was irritated. After all, they had an argument last night because of Leanna Sandel, hence his decision to go into the bedroom to answer the call.

it's Matthew's personal phone call; why do you have

phone call? Just pick it up here! We won't

a phone call and turned on the

voice came over the speaker. "Hello, Mr.

wanted to throw a fuss. However, the two were afraid of Leanna, so they

and some businessmen will be in attendance. I'd like to invite you and Mrs. Larson to attend. I wonder

vigorously and

invitation, Leanna. Let us

seven thirty at Cloud Nine Villa. Just give my name

help

that?" asked Leanna,

so Matthew hurriedly said, "Sorry, we are having dinner with our

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Matthew was at a loss for words. He really had never heard of Cloud Nine Cocktail Party.

It was not surprising, in reality. This was something that only Eastcliff's businessmen and entrepreneurs would know.

Matthew was poor in his younger days, so how would he know the ins and outs of high society?

Helen was slightly emotional. "I remember when Old Master Cunningham wanted to attend the Cloud Nine Cocktail Party more than ten years ago. He came up with all kinds of ways and contacted everyone he knew, but he still didn't manage to get in.

The reason being the Cloud Nine Cocktail Party Committee thought that the Cunningham Family was not qualified to enter the high society of Eastcliff!

Who would have thought that not long after getting Cunningham Pharmaceuticals, we would be invited to the Cloud Nine Cocktail Party! It seems that their committee still recognizes Cunningham Pharmaceuticals!"

James nodded enthusiastically, feeling full of himself.

Sasha was a little annoyed. "Mom, what are you talking about? Leanna specially invited Matthew. She respects him, and that's why he was invited. How can it be related to Cunningham Pharmaceuticals?"

Party is only open to businessmen and entrepreneurs. Matthew isn't a businessman nor an entrepreneur. If he wasn't your husband,

in charge of the whole

a surprise though, as we recently signed a contract worth three billion.

they must have investigated thoroughly before inviting us. Leanna Sandel just used this as an opportunity. Do you really think it's all

wanted to argue, but

for those two would not be

that this was because of Matthew,

them did not say anything, James said smugly, "Right then, your mother and

Sandel only invited

ignorant! Is this an invitation for just the both of you? It's an invitation for the whole

spread around that the Cunningham Family is rude! If you want

is right. The elders of the family

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Early next morning, James and Helen went out happily. Both of them went to the best mall in the city and bought an expensive outfit each. They had haircuts, facials and went home to get dressed up well. From there, they headed directly to Cunningham House.

After losing in the power struggle, Eric Cunningham had completely lost his authority in Cunningham Pharmaceuticals. The shareholders didn't even bother listening to him, and his words held no weight there. It was better for him to stay at home.

When James and Helen arrived, they felt glee at seeing the grief of the Cunningham family.

"Oh!" Helen shouted as soon as she entered the door, "Dad, it has been some time since we last met. You've lost so much weight. With your age catching up, it's better you stay at home.

Don't worry, we have taken care of the company pretty well. It is showing positive results, much better than before. You don't have to worry about the business at all!"

Eric was so angry that he almost dropped the teacup in his hand. "What are you two doing here? I heard the both of you have caused such a mess. Starting a pharmaceutical company, only to be later controlled by your own live-in son-in-law?

may belong to the Cunningham family, and yes, you have

the hands of someone who does not carry the Cunningham surname, you will never be forgiven. Even after death, you will never be buried

embarrassed. This matter had been

That coward will not stay much longer in my house. Today, I bring you

at everyone present. "After tonight, our Cunningham family will have finally entered into Eastcliff's high

as he made

The company has barely signed on those businesses, so how can it be declared as high class? It's just a windfall gain. Look at yourself. Do

he smiled lightly as he said, "Jason, I know you are not convinced. But this is the truth. We have been

attend the Cloud Nine Cocktail Party, but had never been able to do so. Now, it

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Everyone in the Cunningham family was stunned. It was Leanna Sandal who had personally invited James and Helen? Seeing everyone's expressions, James' ego was satisfied. He finally got his long lost dignity back through this invitation.

Helen said smugly, "Dad, if I remember correctly, participating in the Cloud Nine Cocktail Party is something that you have always dreamed of.

Although you failed to make it happen, we have helped you achieve that dream. You should be very happy, right?"

Eric turned pale with anger. He could not accept that this son, who was chased out of the house, would have such a day! Just like James, he could not reconcile to the fact that Matthew Larson was invited by Leanna Sandel!

James and Helen left happily. It wasn't long before Eric slumped in the chair and almost lost consciousness. Those standing nearby quickly went to his aid. "Dad, don't believe him. James likes to brag, and we don't know how far it is true.

Cloud Nine Cocktail Party is not a joke. Why would Leanna Sandel invite them personally? He is definitely day dreaming!" said Jason.

The others nodded in agreement, not able to accept the fact.

At this moment, Lily Cunningham came over and whispered, "Dad, I-I'm afraid what they said might be true..."

"What are you talking about? Lily, how can you side them? How is he qualified

looked embarrassed. "Dad, I

Leanna Sandel seemed to have a good relationship; she even taught Zachary Jackson a lesson

Everyone in the room exclaimed

Cunningham had to be respectful whenever he saw him. Yet, Leanna Sandel had actually warned Zachary, just

was going on

wrong person? Was it really Leanna Sandel

I don't know Leanna Sandel, but Zachary Jackson must know her,

at each other. It seemed that they could not be

useless live-in son-in-law and Leanna Sandel? Why did

Charlie couldn't help

in Eastcliff. She was the eldest daughter

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"He rescued her daughter from a car accident and sent her to the hospital," explained Lily. "You think he'd be able to save her himself?"

Charlie suddenly realized what had taken place. "Oh, no wonder. Matthew is very lucky. Tsk, he managed to capture her attention." Charlie couldn't hide his envy.

Eric frowned and asked, "So, Leanna Sandel invited them to Cloud Nine Cocktail Party to thank Matthew?"

Lily nodded. "That sounds about right."

Eric sighed heavily. "I really didn't expect that after putting in so much effort for so many years, I can't even compare myself to Matthew who was lucky enough to be there to help! It seems like there is zero chance for us to get Cunningham Pharmaceuticals back in the future."

Suddenly, something flashed in Jason's eyes and he smiled. "Dad, it may not be a bad thing."

"What do you mean?" asked Eric in surprise.

do you think Matthew is so close

Leanna Sandel! In terms of looks,

a woman is likely to have chosen

Although their family is going to the Cloud Nine Cocktail Party, when he hooks

Having been ill-treated by James and Helen for so many years, do you think he will not retaliate

boasting about entering high society, but they are not aware that it is all because Matthew is planning to hook

Cunningham Pharmaceuticals. I can't wait to see the

"Dad, Cunningham's Pharmaceuticals is just a temporary loss. We have enough money to start

Pharmaceuticals has already been taken from her

exclaimed with joy, "That's great! That's really great! It's a pity for Cunningham

he said, "It's okay. Cunningham Pharmaceuticals is finished. As