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A displeased look flashed across the faces of the heads of the Ten Greatest Families because everyone here tonight was from their family. By saying that the murderer was among them, wasn't that as good as saying that a person from the Ten Greatest Families had killed Zachary?

In the meantime, everyone was silently judging others around them, watching their expressions and trying to look for a trace of a tell-tale sign.

Mad with fury, Harvey burst out, "Mr. Larson, you're still trying to sow discord among us when you're at the brink of death? Everyone present is a friend of the Jacksons, so how could they have killed my nephew? Don't try to frame others, I tell you!"

Matthew retorted with a small laugh and said, "There's no need for me to frame another. I am telling you that I have the evidence! Weren't you speaking about conclusive evidence earlier? Fine, I'll show you what a real conclusive evidence looks like!" Pointing a finger at Harvey, he questioned him, "Let me ask you, did you check Zachary's cellphone and his call records?"

Startled, Harvey stammered, "O-Of course I did!"

"Really?" Matthew sneered. "Since you've checked it, then you should know that Zachary made a call after I've left. May I ask, how could he have made the call if I've already killed him?"

Again, his words created a commotion in the room. Everyone from the Ten Greatest Families were stunned. Was there going to be a turn in the chain of events now?

tone, "What call? I've checked Zachary's cellphone and there were no calls made after that at all! Mr. Larson, don't try to confuse

malicious intent and picking on me, but now I realized that that's not

did you

scene? If there was unfavorable information to you in the cell phone, wouldn't you delete it? So what's the point of checking his cell phone then? Don't you know how to check his call records from the service provider? That can show where the real problem is, and it's also something which can't

froze when he saw how the situation had spun out

and agreed, "Well said! The Jacksons must have been blind to put you in charge of

rebut, Harvey's face flushed

a call, but it was merely a call.

older was

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However, Harvey waved him off immediately. "Cut your crap, Matthew! We don't want to see any footage. Just show us your evidence."

Matthew laughed. "Idiot, the footage which I want to show is the real evidence!"

Another round of laughter broke out which turned Harvey's face as bright as a tomato in embarrassment, completely basked in shame at the event tonight.

"T-This is the Jackson's Residence, and I can't let you play some footage just because you want to!" he hollered in his feeble attempt to salvage some dignity.

When he finished, Old Master Jackson shut his eyes straight away and sighed again while the room continued to clamor.

On the other hand, Timothy slammed the glass heavily on the table and scorned, "How great the Jacksons are! If you want Mr. Larson dead, you could have just sent someone to kill him. Why do you have to go through the trouble of a public trial? Even now that the Ten Greatest Families are here, you're the only ones who are allowed to speak without giving a chance to Mr. Larson to present his case as a rebuttal. Is this the way the Jacksons handle matters or is it the same for the Ten Greatest Families as well?"

even if Mr. Larson was the real killer, he has the right to speak up for himself. But, you're forbidding him from playing the footage and displaying

in agreement. "That's right. Even if this is your turf, you can't just act like a

of public criticism. Utterly taken aback, he finally realized the outcome of shooting his mouth off in a rush of the moment. Looking at

to display his evidence, but I was just refuting his attitude. After all, the Ten Greatest Families are

of them said, "Enough with all these nonsense! Mr. Larson, you can play your footage, but I hope that it will really

and strode over to the computer. After connecting his cellphone to it, he played the recording. It showed the dark forest in

face fell. Wasn't this the spot where

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Having sensed that something was not right, Samuel intended to take to his heels right away.

However, he had no chance to do so because Matthew had been fixing his gaze on him.

All eyes were on Samuel at the moment.

Some of them who were sharper than the rest could see that Samuel must have had something to do with the murder.

Old Master Jackson's face turned ominous all at once.

In the beginning, he thought the murderer was Matthew, who was a man without a powerful background.

Even though he was backed by both Timothy Wayne and Billy Newman, he still didn't have a strong foundation in the city.

Killing him would not result in too big a fuss.

However, things would be different now that the murder had something to do with the Hughes.

Samuel Hughes was quite well respected in his family. If they killed him, they would have to face the revenge from the Hughes Family.

That was one of the Ten Greatest Families of Eastcliff who was way more powerful and influential than the Jackson Family. Therefore, they could not afford to let that happen.

Jacksons were left in a very awkward

the death

who had lost the right to inherit the family wealth. It was not worthwhile to offend the entire Hughes Family

Greatest Families were here observing their

the reputation and status of the Jackson Family in the Ten Greatest Families would suffer

be deemed as a bunch of cowards who feared the strongs and only had the guts to

them a great effort to build would dissipate all at

his refusal to let Matthew go and his mistake had put his family in a very

eyes and cast a secret

walked over to the table and pretended

screen darkened at once

people at the scene went

how could you be so careless? How could you make such a blunder at such a crucial moment? Alas, it seems like we won't be able to continue watching the video tonight! Ladies and gentlemen, should we carry on

them sniggered contemptuously

Jacksons had deliberately damaged the computer so that the matter could be postponed for the time

what should they do if Samuel

is not a big problem because we can solve it

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After the voice came Billy Newman, whose tall and muscular figure exuded a domineering aura when he stepped into the mansion.

Everyone felt as though the steps Billy took were hitting right at their hearts.

The nearer he got to them, the more stressful they felt.

When Billy reached the living room, even the masters of the Ten Greatest Families had to keep their heads held low submissively in his intimidating presence.

That was the aura belonging to the First King of Eastcliff!

The Ten Greatest Families were nothing in his presence!

Billy Newman was someone who could easily wipe off any of the ten families just by giving out an instruction to his men; he was a big shot in the city who had unparalleled power and influence.

rose to his feet and held his head up to

enough to catch Master Newman's attention! Master Newman, did you

at all! Everyone here can see what's right and wrong according to their own judgment! I'm here to defend Mr. Larson if he's really the murderer. But if he isn't the murderer, I'm just here to witness how justice is

that's the case, my family will show you the justice you would like to

the crap, will you? I just have one question for you—do you think Mr. Larson is the murderer? If you think he is, we should continue watching the footage but if you don't, just point

by his comment that he nearly puked blood. No one else had the guts to say

dared not refute Billy considering that

saw from the video shown by Mr. Larson just now, we can see that Mr. Larson

broke into a grin immediately before she stood up to congratulate Matthew, "Mr. Larson, congratulations for having your

her a faint smile with

Timothy said, "Since Mr. Larson isn't the

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Harvey went stupefied at once.

He had not taken Matthew's words seriously before this thinking that he was just spouting nonsense.

It was only after the shocking plot twist unfolded did he realize that Matthew really meant what he said because he had had everything premeditated!

"Are you crazy? I can't believe you have the face to ask for 300 million from us. We merely interrogated you as a murder suspect and the most we can do is to prove that you aren't the culprit. What makes you think you have the right to ask us to pay you 300 million?" Harvey confronted him anxiously.

Matthew shook his head and clarified, "Nothing is wrong with interrogating me but you have to offer something to compensate for defaming Cunningham Pharmaceuticals and myself."

Harvey snapped through gritted teeth, "I-I don't suppose they are worth a compensation of 300 million? How much is Cunningham Pharmaceuticals worth? Even as compensation, tens of thousand will be more than enough. Why do we need to pay you a sum of 300 million?"

Matthew scoffed, "Harvey Jackson, let me ask you—are the evidence in your hands enough to prove that I'm the murderer?"

Harvey opened his mouth but he could not come up with anything to say.

Before this, they had been very adamant that Matthew was the culprit but they only realized all the evidence they found was in fact useless.

culprit, you guys still dragged me here to carry out the investigation and even threatened to kill me! That's a person's life we're talking about! I have to risk my life here to undergo the

story to make it sound logical... As long as your innocence can be proved, we'll let you go. Who told you that

innocence with his own effort. If he was not capable of doing that, he might have had to die

"But we didn't kill him in the end,

million after killing him, is that what you mean? Harvey Jackson, why don't I

too far-fetched! After all, this is our family affair. Don't you think it's inappropriate of you to meddle

stand doing nothing to help him. We just want an answer-are

ominous, Old Master Jackson confronted him, "Mr. Wayne, are you

spoke at that juncture, "You've described it with too much exaggeration. All we want is justice! Mr. Larson is my friend. He was blamed for something he didn't do, he was humiliated and he was nearly killed by you guys. Now, he is merely asking for a sum of 300 million as compensation for his loss. I don't think his request

rage while he refuted, "What he suffered isn't worth that kind of money. Is his life even

think anyone's life is worth 300 million, do you? In that case, I'll offer 300 million to buy your life

out a roar which resounded the entire mansion as though an explosion had

group of men stormed in from outside carrying one huge box after

boxes on the floor close to each other, forming a

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Old Master Jackson's face turned as pale as a sheet.

Although the Jacksons was one of the Ten Greatest Families of the city, the family was nothing in the presence of Billy.

There was nothing he could do now that Billy was threatening to take the ten lives of his family.

At that juncture, Harvey remarked indignantly, "Billy Newman, it was Matthew Larson who wanted to exchange his life for 300 million. My family didn't say anything of that sort! What's more, his life can't be worth the same as my family members!"

Old Master Jackson was so pissed off to hear Harvey's remark that he nearly puked blood. "Keep your mouth shut!" he boomed angrily.

Harvey looked baffled not knowing what he had done wrong.

Billy first glimpsed at Harvey before challenging him in an icy voice, "Why do you think so? Do you think that my friend isn't as respectable as the people of your family? Harvey Jackson, do you think too highly of yourself or do you have too low an opinion of me?"

Looking shaken, it suddenly dawned upon Harvey why he was criticized by Old Master Jackson just now.

His statement just now was akin to a humiliation to the First King of Eastcliff!

With resignation written all over his face, Old Master Jackson caved in with a sigh, "Master Newman, of course he's worth 300 million since he's your friend! Scott, go and get the money ready and apologize to Mr. Larson on my behalf!"

present seeing that the Jacksons had yielded to

are. But, your son humiliated me just

Master Jackson asked, "Master Newman, what would you like me to

you're willing to offer the compensation together with the apology to Matthew, I'll help you salvage whatever is remaining of

his hands to summon his men and ordered through gritted teeth, "He deserves to get such a punishment

horror as he pleaded, "Dad, ! Dad, please don't do this to

his eyes because there was nothing he could do despite the intense pain in his

that punishment if he had not made that

he had no choice but to accept

someone from the Jackson Family passed a card to Matthew informing him that they would transfer the 300 million to the

the dramatic saga and Matthew decided to keep

would leave it to the Jacksons

been solved, Billy and Timothy bid farewell with

a dash to the backyard to pick

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Sasha said through gritted teeth, "Well, I'll remember what you just said! You won't ask Matthew for a dime from the 300 million compensation!"

Helen laughed out loud when she heard Sasha. "Sasha, is there something wrong with your mind? When did I ask money from Matthew before? Does he have money? He has been relying on our family for a living for the past three years. Will I ask money from him?

You must be kidding! Do you think he's the same as Liam? Liam is the best son-in-law one can get. Time and again he will send us stuff and bring us gifts. What about Matthew?

What did he buy for our family? Other than asking money from us to pay for his sister's treatment, which is a debt that can never be fulfilled, what else is he capable of?"

Liam let loose a guffaw before he said, "Mom, please save Matthew some face because we shouldn't be angry with a dying man! But, Sasha, I don't think you should focus too much on the 300 million compensation. Why don't you think about the shares of Cunningham Pharmaceuticals instead? I've contacted a lawyer and we can get the shares transferred to Dad just by signing some documents!"

Sasha felt disheartened as all her family could think about was Cunningham Pharmaceuticals' shares while Matthew's life was put on the line.

Meanwhile, James was nodding his head in approval as he was getting more and more satisfied with Liam.

Suddenly, the door to the room was flung open.

Has Matthew died? How did he die? Sir, please tell Old Master Jackson that we aren't related to

asked in a quivering voice, "W-What happened to my husband? He isn't

stood by the door did not make a voice while he

man stepped into the room and

them inside the room were

around Matthew. "Matthew, how are you feeling? Are you

I told you I was blamed

his family were

the murderer? Have you guys made a mistake? Have

her. Instead, one of them yelled at them through gritted teeth, "You

if you knew nothing! Yes, we indeed made a mistake and mistook Mr. Larson as the murderer. But, we have already compensated and apologized to him. What else do you guys

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After hurling a barrage of curses, the Jacksons left the room leaving behind Helen and her family who were exchanging blank looks at each other.

It was only after a while did Helen mumble under her breath, "I-Is it just a misunderstanding? Liam, didn't you tell us that the evidence against Matthew is conclusive?"

Looking puzzled, Liam stammered, "I-I have no idea what this is all about too... I wonder why they could still make such a mistake although they claimed they were holding a very strong evidence against Matthew. I-I guess his video is fabricated?"

Sasha, who was annoyed by his comment, challenged, "Is there something wrong with your mind? Could a video which captured a man's face be fabricated? If you think it's fake, try making a fake video yourself with a human's face captured!"

Liam was left stumped.

Grinning triumphantly, Sasha gloated, "Now, I don't think you guys have any other comments to make, do you? I told you guys that Matthew wasn't the murderer before this!"

Holding their heads low, they did not make a sound because there was nothing else they could say in the face of the truth.

Demi remarked disdainfully, "Hmph, what's so big a deal that he has now proven his innocence? I would pay him more respect if he were the murderer. Now, he's shown everyone that he's a useless guy who doesn't even dare to kill someone!"

Sasha, who was furious to hear her comment, challenged, "Demi, what did you mean by that?"

to

snapped, "Why is my husband an eyesore to

who doesn't even have the guts to kill

was quivering

Demi confronted her, "What is it you're trying to say? Did I say something wrong? Just correct me if

Liam, didn't we make a bet before this?

rattled in an instant. He only dared to make

out to be innocent, which meant he had lost the

about the bet and

go

said with a smile, "Sasha, why are you taking the bet so seriously? Since we are

refuted, "It's just a joke? Your husband has already found himself a lawyer and got the share transfer agreement drafted only waiting for my signature! Now, you're trying to tell me it's a joke? Do you

couldn't help but regret being too mean just now. Now, there was

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Helen furrowed her brows and growled, "Sasha, you should know when to stop your tantrum! What're you trying to achieve since we're a family? Isn't demanding Liam to kneel down and offer kowtows too humiliating for him?! Will you only be pleased to see our family be broken apart?!"

Sasha went fuming when she heard her mother. "Am I trying to break this family apart? I'm just trying to reason with y'all! Why is he allowed to avoid the responsibility after losing the bet while I would have to honor my words if I were the one who lost?"

Helen snapped furiously, "Sasha, you've never meant well by having this bet right from the beginning. While Liam has to lose his dignity by kneeling down and offering kowtows to apologize to Matthew if he loses the bet, all you have to do is let Liam manage Wellness Herbary if you lose. You won't suffer any loss because the company is still an asset belonging to our family but Liam has to pay the price for losing his dignity! See how forgiving and gracious Liam has been to you! How can you insist on making him do such a thing?!"

Sasha went dumbfounded because she had never thought that her mother would actually make such a nonsensical statement.

While her company was at stake in the bet, it was still nothing compared to Liam's dignity in Helen's eyes.

You guys said nothing's going to be different because the company is merely transferred within the family. Do you guys think I have no idea what you guys have been thinking? If the company is really transferred to the two of you, it will be seized by Liam and Demi any minute. Do I look like a fool to the two of you?

However, Sasha did not voice even a single sentence of that out.

She knew very well that her parents had always favored Liam.

If she really said her thoughts aloud, her family would really be broken apart.

With a sharp intake of breath, Sasha said through gritted teeth, "Mom, please save your effort to make it sound so noble because I believe all of us here have a very clear idea of what's the truth! There's only one thing I want—Liam has to kneel down and offer kowtows to apologize to Matthew!"

to speak. "What have I done

look and exclaimed, "Sasha Cunningham, I finally realize

their uproar, Sasha looked ominous but

they promised in the bet

care at all whether Liam did kneel down in

Liam had agreed to take the bet with his wife, he

commotion, Matthew suddenly waved his hands and shouted, "Sasha, forget it! Since Liam is unwilling to kneel down, don't

looked elated at once. "Sasha, did you hear that? Since your husband has already said so,

caused you so much trouble and made so many slanderous remarks

head leisurely, "Sasha, I'm not interested in seeing him getting down on his knees. By the way, my friend, Tiger, has already called the police. Defamation isn't too big a deal. Tiger will get his lawyer to represent me during the trial and by the time it happens, Liam will just have to be sent to prison for several years. It's nothing since his dignity is what matters the

that, Helen and the

body was trembling, his wife said anxiously, "Matthew, d-don't you bring this too far! What did my husband say that

"Oh, I've forgotten to tell you about this—I switched on the voice recorder when he made that slanderous

were left stupefied

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Much intimidated by Matthew's threat, Demi trembled and she was deterred from making any further comment once she thought of Matthew's friendship with Tiger.

In the end, Liam decided to yield to Matthew.

He got down on his knees and held his head low when he apologized, "Matthew, I'm sorry. I-I've made a mistake..."

Matthew sniggered disdainfully as he couldn't be bothered to respond to Liam who was just a piece of crap.

Demi, who was enraged, looked grim thinking that Matthew must have deliberately hatched this plan to sabotage them.

She hauled Liam up to his feet and snapped furiously, "Well, now that my husband has already kneeled down and apologized, are you happy now?"

Sasha, who finally had her grievance avenged, commented icily, "He brought that upon himself! He only has himself to blame for gloating over people's misfortune!"

Liam did not say anything to refute her with his teeth gritted whereas Demi said crossly, "Just cut the crap! Is your husband any better? Yes, my husband did that but at least he's better than someone who only knows how to brag! Your husband has been telling everyone that he will get a 300 million compensation for our family. What happened to it now? Did the Jacksons pay him a dime?"

James and Helen glanced over at Matthew. The thought of Matthew claiming that he would ask the Jacksons for compensation was hilarious to them.

one of the Ten Greatest Families of Eastcliff. How

Matthew muttered, "They did!"

asking out

"300 million!" Matthew announced.

first exchanged looks among each other before they soon roared with

Compensating you with 300 million? Why did they need to do that? Do you really think

Jacksons really promised to pay me 300 million compensating for the loss of reputation our company and our family suffered as well as our damages of distress! Dad, Mom, this sum of money belongs to our family and I am thinking of giving the

please don't give it to us! You can keep the money to yourself and please don't give us a dime because we aren't

laughing heartily, shook their heads and said, "Matthew, just keep the money to yourself.

you brag too much! Even if the Jacksons did accuse you

let out a round of guffaw because they did not believe the Jacksons

indignant, Sasha held one of Matthew's arms and confronted them through gritted teeth, "What are you guys laughing

believe something so illogical? Do you really think the Jacksons would pay him 300 million? Tell me why