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Casey was so enraged by what Demi said that he nearly blew his top. "That's b*llshit! When did I take your money? How dare you accuse me! Call the police now! I'm going to sue them!" he yelled harshly.

At this juncture, Casey would never admit to taking the bribe.

After all, what he had received from Liam was all in cash. No one witnessed how he had taken it, and he had already taken care of the money.

Without any proof, no one could do anything to him!

Deep down inside, however, Casey developed a deep resentment toward Liam.

That b*stard backstabbed me after pretending to offer me money to get things done. He wanted to sabotage me!

Demi only knew that Liam had given money to an assistant director named Casey, but she couldn't recognize the man.

So, she was rattled when she heard Casey's threat.

However, it took her only a short time to regain her composure. "What's going on? You have the guts to take the bribe, but you aren't brave enough to admit taking it? You accepted the money quite happily when my husband offered it to you! Can you still consider yourself a man by trying to deny it now?"

livid. "B*tch, how dare you frame me? Do you have any evidence that can prove that I accepted money from you? If you can't show

There was no way she could

confidence because he knew she did not have anything

any evidence! Do you think all of us at the

icy voice, "This is outrageous! Do all of you think you can just come here and humiliate our medical personnel? Someone call the

would get in big trouble

scene, not daring to linger at the hospital any

entrance, they saw

I tried calling Casey but he didn't pick up my calls. Did you manage to get the

the rundown on what had taken place just

infuriated after listening to Demi. "Is there something wrong with Matthew? That money doesn't belong to him alone. What gives him the right to give it all to the Grahams? No way, he has to get

now. By the way, who's that Casey guy that you contacted? Not only did he not help us, he to hear that. "Are you sure? But he took the money. Even if he refuses to help us, I don't think he slightly embarrassed, Demi kept

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Meanwhile at Sasha's room in Cunningham Pharmaceuticals; when Sasha saw her parents, she immediately knew what they were up to.

"Dad, Mom, are you guys here to ask about the 300 million compensation from the Jacksons? I can save you guys the trouble of asking because we have given the money to the Grahams," Sasha told them directly.

James and Helen were exasperated when they heard what she had to say.

"Sasha, you've known about this long before us? W-Why didn't you stop him from doing so?" Helen asked her anxiously.

"That's because I was the one who asked him to do it!" said Sasha.

Helen was dumbfounded. "You asked him to do it? Are you mad? That's 300 million we're talking about! Y-You asked him to give 300 million away to someone else?"

the Grahams gave to me was worth more than 300 million. Since the jade bracelet

answered her back, "Why should I compensate them? What will we do after you give the money to them? How

so many years, and we don't really need money that urgently. We used to be employees at Cunningham Pharmaceuticals, but now we own it. Do we still have to worry about how we are going

means? Sasha, are you just playing dumb or are you really this thick? Don't you have any idea the condition of our house? The house we're living in is terribly run-down, so isn't it time we move to a better house? The furniture

What's more, Mom just spent over seven thousand on clothes last month.

does he need to dress so

and mansions to be considered as a filial daughter? All of you know very

know nothing! Do you even know how to calculate? By sending Matthew to jail for several years, we can get 300 million in return. Don't you think it's

won't let me go through any suffering, I won't either!" Sasha looked unusually determined

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Liam hesitated slightly when it came to the Grahams.

Old Mrs. Graham was respectable in Eastcliff. If they destroyed their mansion, the consequences could be dire!

Seeing that Liam was quiet, Demi lost her patience. "Dear, what are you waiting for? Call your men now!"

A disdainful voice came from the door, "Are you tired of living? You really want to go look for trouble at the Grahams?"

Everyone inside the room turned around to find Matthew standing by the door.

While all of them looked stunned, Demi snapped through gritted teeth, "Matthew Larson, are you trying to scare us for no reason? Liam's men are all tough guys who fear nothing—"

James cut her off directly. "Demi, stop being foolish! We aren't bringing any men with us and we aren't going to get physical with them! Instead, we will try to negotiate with them! We will tell them Matthew only has the right to give them 10 million, and the remaining 290 million is out of his hands! Therefore, they must return the rest to us or we will get it back through legal means. Hmph, I don't believe the Grahams are powerful enough to be above the law."

Liam chuckled. "Dad is right. Reputation and image matters the most to a prestigious family like the Grahams. I'm sure they will be smart enough to know they will definitely be the losing party if we bring this to court. Therefore, I reckon we'll just need to throw some threats at them for them to return the money to us obediently."

Elated to hear that, Demi exclaimed, "In that case, what're we waiting for? Let's go and pay them a visit right now!"

Just as they were ready to set off, Matthew suddenly laughed. "Are you really going to visit the Grahams? Liam, I suppose you still remember that you were the one who sold the jade bracelet? If the Grahams really want to hold someone accountable for its loss, let's see who will be arrested and sent to jail in the end!"

Liam and Demi looked shaken

make your allegation based on proof! Do you have any evidence that can show that we were the ones who

triumphantly and chimed in, "That's right! You were the one who sold the jade

angrily, "Liam, stop throwing the blame at Matthew! You wanted proof, right? I'm the witness! I can prove that you and Demi

can you be so cruel? Are you really going to

"I make my judgments based on facts, and the fact

say anything. How could she endure life

"Sasha, your testimony won't be of much use. As Matthew's wife, your testimony won't be given any weight! But it will be a

each other

parents' reaction. "Dad, Mom, h-how

asked them to sell the jade bracelet. Therefore, Helen had no choice but to shove the blame to Matthew or

what else can you say now? Hmph, are you trying to sabotage me? Do you have the means to

felt disheartened by how shameless

let's visit the Grahams and ask for the money back! You'll be going to jail

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Helen cleared her throat before saying, "Sasha's solution sounds workable too. Liam, you've always been very nice to us, and we know that very well.

But this time, the two of you really did take the jade bracelet and sell it off, so it's perfectly reasonable for you to take the blame for its loss. Why don't you just admit to selling it? The Grahams look like a bunch of generous people, and they might not hold you accountable for it."

James nodded in agreement. "Yes, Liam; she's right. We will remember what you've done for our family. Even if the Grahams are really going to get you arrested, we will get you the best lawyer to reduce your sentence!

By the time you're released from prison, our family will become one of the prestigious families in Eastcliff! As our son-in-law, you'll become a member of high society too!"

Liam cursed them continuously in his mind for how nice they tried to make it sound.

If he was going to be sent to prison, they might ask Demi to marry another man right after that.

By the time he was released, he wasn't even sure whether they would still recognize him as their son-inlaw.

by seeing how they had treated Matthew. There was no way he was going to take

the need to maintain a friendly relationship with the two. After all, he was still trying to get his hands

respectful, Liam agreed, "Dad, Mom, you are right. I'll do whatever you tell

were worried at first

that Liam would readily take the

wipe the corners of her eyes as she said, "You're really such a nice kid. In fact, I wouldn't be willing to put you through this if it wasn't the last resort. Don't worry, as soon as we get the 300 million back, we'll try our best to get you out of prison. In future, we'll treat "Liam, you really didn't let me down! You are a tough guy who's willing to shoulder responsibilities, so much better than a certain useless guy who depends on our family for a living! Sasha, look at him. Your husband is a far

take a look

bewildered. She had not expected Liam to agree with the arrangement so readily. "Something's off. I wonder why he accepted it so quickly," Sasha told Matthew in a low

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James and Helen frowned at the idea immediately. Although fortune was their top priority, they still loved their daughters a great deal. They would not hesitate to send an outsider to jail, but if it was their own child, things would be different because it would hurt their hearts to do so.

Helen asked anxiously, "Is there no other way out? Liam, can't you take the blame by yourself?"

Liam did a smart shrug and murmured, "Mom, I really want to bear the responsibility alone, but we have to consider all possible scenarios that might take place. If they really wanted to get to the bottom of it, Demi would be in a very dangerous situation.

Sigh, I should have taken the jade bracelet to the jewelry shop alone at that time! Now that Demi is going to be implicated, I really am a very incompetent husband!"

Sasha, who was much disgusted by Liam's statement, grabbed one of Matthew's arms and whispered to him, "Matthew, your guess is right. This man is really shameless!"

Matthew chuckled because he knew Liam well enough to know that there was no way he would take the blame alone because he was an extremely selfish man. What he just said was merely an excuse to get away with it.

He purposely mentioned Demi's involvement in the issue so that James and Helen would give up the plan to make him the scapegoat. On top of that, he made himself sound so helpless about it as if he didn't want it to happen too.

to avoid being sent to jail and at the same time, everybody would think that he avoided

Matthew take the blame! What a shame it is! Indeed, we shouldn't compare ourselves with others. It feels so bad

comment, freaked out. "Matthew, I'm asking you one more time—are you willing to

speak, Sasha intercepted by exclaiming, "I won't

then. I'll sever my ties with you and we won't be

Helen said that her face reddened. "Mom, will you cut it out already? How many times have you threatened me

what's in your mind—you're trying to force Matthew to get himself sent to jail so that you could realize your dream life of being a

to somebody else for free, and leave Eastcliff together with Matthew for good. I'll follow my husband no matter where he wants to go and I won't ever be back again. Are you

warmth in an instant. No matter how Sasha's family had been treating him, it was enough for him

was taken aback by Sasha's aggressive reaction, went so enraged that her body was shaking, but she could not come

the roof and fumed, "You're outrageous! You want to give the company to somebody else for free, don't you? Come and show me how you're going to do it! I'm your father and I don't believe I can't

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James intended to continue criticizing Sasha but he was quickly stopped by his wife, Helen, who waved her hands to stop the argument. "Well, we got it.

Sigh, we'll forget about the money because we probably aren't lucky enough to have it. But, Sasha, you have to think about us from our perspectives. We can't just stay at home doing nothing else but wait for your allowance to support our lives, can we?"

Sasha heaved out a sigh of relief. As long as they were willing to compromise in terms of the money, she would accept their other requests more readily.

"Mom, the two of you should really live a relaxed life at home at your age. Although our company doesn't earn much, it's enough for all of us, so both of you don't have to worry about your finances," Sasha reassured.

Helen waved her hands dismissively and clarified, "Sasha, you don't quite understand what I meant. I'm trying to say that it's not good for your father and I to idle at home all the time. In fact, both of us are thinking of working on something."

Sasha looked slightly alarmed because they established Wellness Herbary after they mentioned something like that previously. Yet, in the end, their company nearly made a costly blunder. What trouble were they going to stir up this time?

However, she decided to welcome her parents' idea with more willingness when she thought about the 300 million.

guys interested in

at James and muttered, "We're thinking of opening a

internal affairs while we will just man the cashier. Moreover, I don't think anything can go wrong with having

over, Sasha thought it was a good idea. To open a medicinal company, they had to have a deep understanding about all the herbs, but they needed

to manage the store when all the drugs sold were approved by the

concerned whether it would bring a lucrative business or not, because the main purpose was to let her parents have something to work on. Otherwise, they would pester her time and again, causing her constant

his head slightly in approval. It was only then did Sasha nod and announced, "Mom, this idea of yours is great and you have my

the next two days. With my savings of several hundred thousands together with the dividends I am going to draw from the company in advance, I guess I have enough money to open

are referring to a small pharmacy but what I am thinking

went dumbfounded when she heard her mother. "Huh? W-Why

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Liam pointed out, "Mom, Sasha's not bluffing. Carlson Pharmacy is a listed company which has a market value of over one billion and it's still increasing. There's no way you can have something like that but you can still have one with multiple franchised stores albeit on a smaller scale."

Helen quizzed, "Can it be done? How small do you mean? Sasha, we would rather stay idle at home than having a small-scale business!"

Sasha was helpless. All in all, her parents wanted to have a chain of franchised pharmacy stores purely for vanity reasons. However, it seemed like she could no longer express her objection to the plan at that juncture.

At the same time, she thought about the two advantages of opening the pharmacy stores—firstly, it was highly unlikely that anything could go wrong with it and secondly, the business wasn't likely to incur much loss too.

Hence, Sasha nodded her head and declared, "Well, let's start a chain of multiple franchised stores then. I'll allocate ten million from Cunningham Pharmaceuticals as the seed money for the business."

Helen looked displeased to hear that. "Ten million is too little. We were given thirty million to work on Wellness Herbary back then!"

Sasha explained herself eagerly, "Mom, that's only the seed money. When the business gets better, I'll then allocate more investment on it."

Helen glanced at James, who nodded his head to approve the idea despite still looking sullen. The saga was finally put to an end with Sasha's allocation of ten million for them to initiate the pharmacy stores.

angry with Sasha judging from

Sasha faced Matthew with an apologetic look. "Matthew, I'm

at her and muttered, "I told you before not to apologize to me. You

tightly and rested her head on his shoulder, feeling as though she was having the entire world was soon broken when someone knocked on the door. She quickly loosened her hold from him with her inside. "President Cunningham, I've sorted out the conference room and the meeting will start "Well done! I have nothing for you at the moment and you may secretary walked out of her office, Sasha couldn't help but chuckle on, I have serious work to get back to," Sasha cooed as she grabbed one of Matthew retorted, "Aren't we saying, "Of course nothing can be as important as our Matthew nod his head with a grin. "By the way, Sasha, what should **Chapter 278**

Looking alarmed, Mathew asked in a grim voice, "What happened?"

"It's related to the Hughes..." Tiger said.

Matthew cut him off before Tiger could finish his sentence, "I'll wait for you at the hospital!"

After ending the call with Tiger, he headed straight to the hospital. Although he did not kill Zachary and Samuel himself, they had indeed died because of his scheme.

As the Hughes were a very powerful family, they might have already started investigating Samuel's death. Considering the possibility that his phone might be tapped, Matthew dared not mention anything about the Hughes to Tiger over the phone just now. It was best to have a face-to-face discussion about the issue thoroughly.

Ever since Matthew was transferred to the Department of Chinese Medicine, life became less hectic than the time he was working at the Emergency Department. At the moment, he was the only one working in that department. Not too long after he arrived at the hospital, Tiger secretly made his way there too, who then gave Matthew a brief account of what had taken place recently.

The bodies of Samuel and his men had already been discovered. Also, the Hughes had also managed to find out that Zachary's parents were the murderer. Needless to say, the Jacksons were caught by surprise when they learned about this.

Hughes to put an end to the issue. However, the Jacksons could no longer locate the both of them

course enraged to learn about their runaway. Master Hughes

to settle the dispute. No matter how

of pushovers, the Jacksons would not be able to

was within his expectations. "What did you mean by

deep breath, Tiger revealed grimly, "It's the Hughes. I was just told that the Pharmaceutical Union has issued a notice informing all pharmacies in Eastshire to stop selling drugs

to give Cunningham Pharmaceuticals a

he had never expected they would be targeted by the Hughes first. It seemed like the Hughes were very

voice when he

aren't allowed to meddle the business in Eastcliff—this rule was set by Master Newman decades ago! I'm sure the Hughes will not have the guts to make a big deal out of the issue if they are warned

a soft voice, "Since I'm the

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Sasha's phone call came not too long after Tiger left the hospital. "Matthew, s-something terrible has happened... All the drugs by our company have all been returned and p-people are demanding to cancel the orders they made earlier..." Sasha sounded very anxious.

The crisis was disastrous because it came at a time when the company was in the middle of rapid development and everything had been going smoothly.

Matthew immediately rushed his way to Cunningham Pharmaceuticals and found that it was in a state of chaos at the moment. The representees of various medical institutions in Eastshire swarmed to the company demanding to cancel their orders.

They were all requesting to terminate the agreements they had signed with the company before. And, the Pharmaceutical Union was the reason behind the mayhem.

Inside Sasha's room, more than ten people formed a circle around the table demanding her to allow them to cancel their orders.

"President Cunningham, you can spare the effort of talking about compensation with us because I just want to cancel my order by today. Either you give me my deposit back or I'll bring this to court to ask for it!

Hmph, if your company is going to be involved in lawsuits with all medical institutions in Eastshire, you won't have any hope to survive in this industry in the future!" yelled a man at the top of his lungs in a snobbish manner.

Everyone else present nodded their heads in agreement, looking smug as if everything was under their control.

all of you suddenly demanding to cancel your orders since we've been cooperating well

we've just developed and manufactured is going to be released into the market soon and all of you here will remain as our main working partners. I don't think now is the right time for all of

it seems like you haven't had any idea, have you, of that notice issued by the Pharmaceutical Union to inform

allowed to be sold in the future. Sasha Cunningham, why did you offend the Pharmaceutical Union out

news usually didn't travel fast on her side, she did not know that the mayhem was caused by the

Union was; they actually had all medical institutions in

able to step out of this room unless you pay us back by today!" The room went uproarious as the people were shouting loudly to

juncture, Matthew headed toward the

glanced at the people in front of him. In a crisp and clear

through the formal procedures to process it. Since agreements were signed between us for the orders

you here have to pay us 30% of the damages as agreed in the event of termination. Not

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Amidst the cacophonous voices, the group made up of around ten men advanced on Matthew. The man who led the group even picked up a handicraft from the table and waved it in Matthew's direction.

Suddenly, Matthew turned around and landed a kick on the chest of the man who hurled humiliating remarks at Sasha just now. The man was sent flying some distance away directly. After going through a brutal landing on the floor, he couldn't even get to his feet even after a long while.

Everyone else was horror-struck by the scene. In fact, all of them were not bold enough to hit Matthew for real because they were only good at bragging and boasting.

At that juncture, Tiger entered the room together with his men. "What's going on, Mr. Larson?"

Matthew waved at him and seethed, "These people here caused a mess and they were just threatening to beat us up just now! Drag them all out and teach them a lesson!"

Tiger went outraged at once. "Dammit, how dare you bunch of a*sholes try to make a mess at our place?! Somebody, come and drag them all out! Sh*t, I'll adopt your surname if I fail to make you guys learn from your mistakes today!"

The group of men was so terror-stricken by Tiger's threats that they all went dumbfounded. One of them appealed urgently, "President Cunningham, w-we are just here to cancel our orders with your company as instructed by the Pharmaceutical Union, and we don't dare to disobey it.

I-If you are going to deal with us in such a way, who else will have the guts to do business with you in the future if people realize this is how you handle your customers?"

first, "You don't have to worry about that because those who are sincere in

sure that all of you here have lost the rights to work with us in the

of Sasha's office. Looking anguished, Sasha quizzed, "Matthew, a-are you sure we

only here to cancel the orders, which is a completely normal reaction under their circumstances. If we really beat them up, the reputation of our company would be adversely

doesn't lie with these people but the Hughes. We won't be able to solve the issue even though we treat these people politely, unless we deal with the Hughes first. In fact, if we were lenient with their

who showed up today to cancel their orders. How is the company going to continue its operations if we have people coming here everyday

them know that they have to go through the formal procedures before getting their money back. It's a

and sighed helplessly. "What should we do now? The Pharmaceutical Union managed by the

finished! We can't afford to pay the debt even with all the cash our

Liam suddenly pushed the door open and stepped into

a workplace, not a wet market. Is this how you've been

them to follow, reminding them to be serious during office hours. It's not appropriate for the office to