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Unwilling to bear the debt, Liam lowered his head and argued, "E-Even so, I shouldn't take on the debt alone. How could I afford to pay back such a huge sum of money?"

Helen suddenly jumped to her feet before pouncing on Liam and clawing him. "It was you who proposed investing in this development project and promised us that the investment was sure to make money! It was also you who transferred the money! Who else do you want to shift the debt to if you don't want to take on the debt yourself? Give the 300 million back to me! Give the 300 million back to me..."

Stretching out her hands, Helen scratched Liam's face hysterically.

Lian hurriedly covered his face and dodged Helen.

Demi stopped her mother. "Mom, d-don't get so worked up. What's the use of you doing so? Can't we discuss the matter amicably?"

Helen snarled, "How should we discuss? What else should we discuss now that the 300 million is gone just like that? This matter will never be over if you don't get the money back!"

was irked. "Mom, what do you mean by saying that? Why should we be the ones who demand the money back? Are you putting all the blame on Liam for this? Don't forget that we had made it clear back when we invested the money. If the investment makes money, you two will get 70 percent of the profit, whereas we'll get only 30 percent. Now that we've lost the money we had invested, why should we take all the responsibility? Even if we really have to state who should bear how much

stunned at once. Staring at Demi in disbelief,

so? All investments are risky, so nobody can guarantee that an investment is sure to make money! Since you two wanted to get a bigger share of the profit, y-you two should take on

Demi, he thundered, "W-What an unfilial daughter you are! How could you say such a thing? How could you want me and your Mom to take on the responsibility? Do you want both of us to go to

lose a little money. If worse comes to worst, w-we'll just make

just lost a little money? We lost a total of 300

I know that you two are angry, but please don't get worked up first. None of us had expected our investment this time to end up like this; I didn't want this to happen too. We weren't defrauded by anyone this time; Young Master Lach really is the Lach Family's heir, and the development project of the villa area is true. Nobody could have predicted that such a thing would happen to the Lach Family. Let me put it this way: we would have made a lot of money from this time's investment if Young Master Lach's father didn't die and instead won the power struggle within the family. Investments are certainly risky; there can't possibly

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Helen was involuntarily startled. "W-What does Matthew have to do with this? It was you who borrowed the money and invested it; it was your name that was signed on the contract. Not only does Matthew have no idea about this matter from start to finish, but he never took part in it! So why should he bear the responsibility for this matter? This doesn't sound logical at all!"

Staring into Helen's eyes, Liam explained softly, "Mom, don't forget that Matthew's shares in the construction company haven't been transferred to Dad yet, so he is still one of the company's shareholders right now. This time's investment was a business collaboration between the construction company and a third party. Therefore, if someone really has to take responsibility for this matter, the company's owner should be the one to do so."

Helen's eyes widened. "I-Is this true? The construction company is under your Dad's name, s-so won't your Dad be in greater danger? I'm warning you, Liam—you must bear the responsibility for this. If you dare to make your Dad go to prison, I-I'll kill you!"

Demi objected hastily, "Why should he bear the responsibility for this matter alone? Matthew is also a shareholder of this company, so he must take responsibility for this matter too!"

Helen shot back angrily, "What about your Dad?"

and muttered to

responsibility for this time's investment even if I want to. The company's owner certainly has to take responsibility

his words. "Then what

and answered with a ferocious expression, "The only solution right now is to find a shareholder and transfer all of Dad's shares to him. That way, Dad will no longer be the company's owner, so he won't have

him take responsibility for this matter? Liam, do you think he'll agree to this? He isn't a fool, so how could he possibly take responsibility for this when

unwilling to give the company to Dad earlier, which means he must have wanted to have the company to himself. Therefore, he'll certainly be happy if we agree to give the shares back to him right now; even Sasha will be very

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James and Helen were still frowning.

They were very dissatisfied with Matthew, but as Helen had said, it would be too heartless of them to do such a thing. Therefore, they found Liam's suggestion a little hard to accept.

Liam's face darkened when he saw the expressions on their faces.

Gritting his teeth, he said in a low voice, "Mom, it isn't that I don't want to take responsibility for this matter, but I can't do so! If I want to bear the responsibility, the company's shares will have to be

transferred to my name. Firstly, Matthew will certainly refuse to transfer his shares to me, so more trouble will follow by that time.

Secondly, I'm not a shareholder of this company. If all the company's shares are suddenly transferred to me, even a fool will be able to tell that I'm being used as a scapegoat. Who knows what else will happen if the matter is investigated further?"

Helen panicked. "So... according to what you said, we can only let Matthew take responsibility for this matter, right?"

Liam nodded. "Mom, I know that it's wrong to do this, but Dad can't stand the suffering with his age. I also want to take responsibility in his place, but I really don't have the capability to do so."

Helen looked at James, who was silent for a long time with an ashen face. In the end, he gritted his teeth and nodded.

Helen sighed. "Alright, then. How exactly should we do that?"

across Liam's eyes as

Sasha finished work that evening, they received a phone call from Helen, telling them to come returned home to see that Helen had prepared a tableful of dishes; Demi and Liam were also waiting people looked cheerful, which was rare. Demi even trotted over to help Sasha take her handbag, saying, "Sasha, Matthew, you two must be tired after working for a whole day. Hurry up and

with a hostile expression when they came home, so what was

ask, "Demi, is there anything that you

Demi replied, "Nope."

at the tableful of dishes in surprise, Sasha asked,

got married, nor had she ever prepared such a tableful of dishes. Therefore, what she and Demi did

Dad and Mom just wanted to reward you two with

so she could sense that

said with a wave of her hand, "Alright, let's stop

looked dumbfounded as Helen invited him to sit next to

next to James in the past, so what was going on on

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Sasha was surprised. "Mom, wasn't Liam the one who has been concerned with the construction company the whole time?"

Helen explained, "You didn't understand what I meant. Your Dad is the construction company's largest shareholder, and thus, its owner. As you know, your Dad always keeps himself busy, so it's too tiring for him to keep an eye on the construction company's affairs every day. That's why I wonder if we can simply leave the whole construction company to Matthew. After all, he is young, so it won't be a problem for him to take up more burden. Isn't it so?"

Sasha looked confused as she couldn't figure out what was happening right now.

Helen and James had wanted to have the whole construction company to themselves before, and they even kicked up a fuss about this. Moreover, just three days ago, they forced Matthew to hand over his shares in the construction company, and the procedure for transferring these shares was nearly completed.

Why would Helen suddenly suggest that they leave the whole construction company in Matthew's hands at this time?

Demi chimed in with a broad smile, "Mom, it goes without saying that Matthew must have no problem with this! He should take over the construction company since it was originally a gift from Stanley to him. You and Dad are so old, so you two should actually relax instead of burdening yourselves with so many responsibilities. Matthew, why don't you quit your job at the hospital and concentrate on managing the construction company? You'll certainly make more money from real estate than from working at the hospital."

Sasha frowned. She asked directly, "Mom, did something happen? W-What exactly do you all want to do?"

her gaze upon hearing her

could have happened? It's just that I don't want your Dad to work so hard since he's getting old. Why would you suspect us? We're your parents,

behind this. Suddenly, she asked, "Could you all

turned pale at her

at once and yelled, "As expected, this was what happened! W-What have you all

skeptical of other people's sincerity, Sasha. Dad and Mom just want Matthew to strive for the better

to tell me the truth, are you? Alright, then. Just wait while I send

her cell phone to make a

to light

hastily said, "Don't make the

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Sasha's expression was cold. "You know very well in your heart whether or not you're trying to harm me!"

Demi looked embarrassed at once, for she had nearly gotten Sasha killed during the previous incident with Young Master Hughes. Just then, James—who had been silent the whole time—finally spoke, "I just want to ask you a question, Matthew. Are you willing to solve the problem about the construction company for me? If you're unwilling to do so, I'll find a way to solve it myself, but I'll no longer acknowledge you as my son-in-law!"

Sasha immediately objected, "Dad, how could you ask Matthew to solve a problem without explaining what it is? Matthew doesn't even know what exactly has happened, nor does he know how serious the problem is, so how could he know if he can solve it?"

James barked, "Shut up! Did I ask you the question? I'm asking Matthew right now! Matthew, answer it yourself!"

Demi curled her lips, saying, "What else is there to hesitate about? My husband would have agreed to it without the slightest hesitation. Since you've married into our family, you should treat my parents like they're your parents, yet you look so hesitant when Dad and Mom asked you for a little help. Oh, dear! This guy really has not the slightest bit of conscience right now!"

Sasha was burning with indignation. What kind of talk is that? How could it be reasonable to demand that someone solve your problem right now when he doesn't even know what exactly you have done? She still wanted to make her utmost efforts to argue with them, but Matthew answered right away, "Since you've said so, Dad and Mom, leave the problem to me."

instantly felt like a huge weight had been lifted off their shoulders. They would

As expected, I didn't misjudge you; you're worthy of being my son-in-law! Matthew, I'll support you no matter how you deal with the problem this time!" said James while

why James and Helen made demands on him over and over again. After thinking for a while, she suddenly asked, "Dad, if you transfer the company

transfer all my shares to him, the construction company will be entirely his, and we'll

the case.

"Just

away from the company first! He and Matthew aren't

"No problem! Matthew, I'll resign tomorrow and leave all the construction company's matters in your hands! Work hard; I'm sure that you'll

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With that thought in mind, Helen immediately nodded. "Sure! Since you've made these requests, let's write a letter of guarantee. Let me write it so that each of you will only have to sign your name on it."

Then, she returned to her bedroom and spent some time writing a letter of guarantee before leaving the room with it.

She stated clearly in the letter that they would no longer have anything to do with the construction company. Therefore, they wouldn't say another word no matter if the company made or lost money.

Of course, Helen added another clause to the letter, whereby Matthew must take over all of the construction company's shares. This way, once he signed the letter, he would have to take over the construction company's shares even if he didn't want to.

After reading the letter, Matthew signed his name on it.

James, Helen, Demi, and Liam also signed their names on it.

Demi and Liam looked delighted upon seeing that the letter was signed. The problem was considered solved, and they had finally succeeded in fooling Matthew.

Of course, they weren't explicit about this, though they couldn't help laughing to themselves.

Having returned to her room after dinner, Sasha immediately suggested, "Matthew, I can't help feeling that there's something wrong with the construction company's development project. Would you like me to have someone investigate it?"

his hand. "There's no

you afraid that you'll be made a scapegoat for some sort of mess that the construction company has gotten into? It's not that you don't know what kind of people Dad, Mom, Demi, and Liam are. If there really was a good thing, they wouldn't have given it up to you. How could they possibly give you all the company's shares unless

As it happens, I'm

little worried. "Matthew, a-are you really confident of that? Why don't we find out what's the situation need for that. I know what I'm

knocked on Matthew and

worried that there would be trouble if Matthew changed his mind after finding out what

going downstairs with the two

Demi had been waiting downstairs; they even considerately bought Matthew

you're on the way, Matthew. Let's have a feast when the matter is done!" said Demi

being guillotined in ancient times. Matthew will be going to prison after having this meal. Hmph! By that

he was totally unaware of these

the place, Liam even asked an acquaintance to expedite the

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Matthew turned his head to glance at James and the other three.

Feeling a little embarrassed, James and Helen avoided meeting his gaze.

On the other hand, Demi said with a sneer, "Wow, you're quite well-informed. You learned about this so quickly, but it's too late already. The construction company's shares have all been transferred to Matthew's name; as the company's President, he'll have to solve whatever problems the company has!"

Sasha asked desperately, "H-How did you all get the procedure done so quickly?"

Matthew explained helplessly, "They dragged me out and started the process early in the morning; they even contacted an acquaintance specifically to handle this thing. We were busy all day just to get it done."

Sasha was furious. "All of you were impatient just because you guys feared that Matthew would go back on his word. Is that why you all desperately had everything done within a day? Why are you all so sinister?"

tone, "How could you speak like that, Sasha? We're your parents and relatives no

Relatives? Are there parents and relatives who treat their family like this? You guys transferred all the shares to Matthew's name so urgently because you wanted

"Sasha, watch who you're talking to! We are

cut in furiously, "I'll say it again—Don't bring

you want to rebel against us? What now?

I'm telling you all what happened this time has made

didn't want to say something so cruel to her parents, but what happened this time had made

James pointed at Sasha and growled, "What did you say? Who is heartless and

"How could you speak to us like that, Sasha? Is that how you're treating us after we took so much trouble to

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Angrily, Sasha cried, "How dare you say anything about me? You guys are the ones who've refused to solve your own problems; are you proud of the fact that you guys lied to someone just so they'd be your scapegoat? Furthermore, Matthew is my husband and we're married. As a married couple, we share our money as well as our debts. His debts are my debts, so there's nothing wrong with me paying for his debts, right?"

"What kind of money do you have? Do you think all the funds and properties of Cunningham Pharmaceuticals belong to you? It belongs to the Cunningham Family! You have no right to manage any of those funds!" James shouted back at her.

To this, Sasha said, "Dad, I hope you understand that the Cunningham Pharmaceuticals has nothing to do with the Cunningham Family. Do I have to remind you that Stanley previously transferred the Cunningham Pharmaceuticals' shares to me, and not the Cunningham Family? Whichever way I handle Cunningham Pharmaceuticals' funds has nothing to do with the Cunningham Family!"

This left James tongue-tied for a moment before he hissed, "Y-You're my daughter. You wouldn't exist today if it weren't for me, so nothing in this house actually belongs to you! I am the head of the family; you have to give me these shares now that I'm asking for it!"

Sasha's voice was icy cold as she replied, "You can sue me if you really want these shares. We can resolve this issue in court! If the law agrees that you have the right to take these shares from me, I'll give it all to you immediately!"

With his entire body trembling, James lifted his hand up and smacked Sasha right on her cheek. "How dare you talk back at me?!"

rushed over and grabbed onto James's hand before shoving him away. This triggered Helen as she cried, "What are you doing? How dare you get aggressive

was even more furious as she cried, "You've lost it, huh, Matthew? That man is your father-in-law; how could you do that

close to Matthew. Instead, he stood beside James as he bellowed, "Matthew, do

However, I hope that you can also respect us. Sasha's a woman now; she's no longer a

do with you? Who do you think you are, Matthew? You're nothing but a weak man who depends on his wife; who are you to even tell me

person. However, that doesn't mean that you can get violent with Sasha. I can tolerate everything else, including this whole incident with the construction company, but I will not tolerate you hitting Sasha!" Matthew uttered

this point. He was about to continue his argument when Helen quietly held onto him. "Matthew, are you saying that you aren't against the whole issue with the construction company?"

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Demi's words didn't sound like she was praising Matthew at all; it sounded like she was just being sarcastic. Sasha was infuriated, but what else could she do at this point? The shares had already been transferred, and nothing else could be done even if Matthew didn't agree to it.

With a chuckle, Helen sighed gladly before she said, "You haven't let us down, Matthew. Although you can be a little insensitive and awkward sometimes, you are a responsible person! Responsibility is the most important trait in every good man. Alright. We trust you, Matthew; you can definitely do it. James, you should stop arguing with Sasha now. She was just worried about Matthew. We're a family after all; why do we need to do this?"

James nodded without saying anything more. He had been terrified when he first heard that Sasha wanted to sell the company's shares off, and he only relaxed once he knew that Matthew was willing to take full responsibility for this.

Their dreams of living the rich life would be ruined if the company shares were gone—this was the least desirable outcome to James. Now that Matthew had agreed to take full responsibility, this might just be the best outcome for James.

Once they returned to the house, Helen and Demi continued to shower Matthew with praises as they both talked about preparing a nice meal for him. Sasha was in no mood to deal with this, so she quickly pulled Matthew upstairs. "What were you thinking, Matthew? T-This... They're obviously getting you to take the fall. W-Why did you agree to it?" Sasha asked anxiously.

With a smile, Matthew said, "I've seen the project that you're talking about, Sasha. That's Young Master Lach's project; it's the development with the villas, right?

asked, "Y-You knew about

the listed projects in the company

on hold, right? They invested 300 million into this project, but Young Master Lach embezzled all of the money. Not only can they never get the money back, the project—which has been put on hold—is

that complicated. The money isn't actually

not?" She was confused. "Didn't Young Master Lach embezzle the

the money should've gone into paying for the construction fees." He shook his head

to hear this. "How

faint smile, he said, "Because a portion of that money has been directly returned to the

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"In that case, there shouldn't be much of a gap in the amount lost by the construction company. How much do you need, Matthew? You can tell me, and I can transfer some funds to you just to fill the gap up for now," Sasha said.

Matthew responded with a gentle smile. "It's fine. Although the 300 million made a whole round and came right back to the construction company, the company still suffered a loss of 300 million in construction labor fees. Now, I have to find a way to earn this 300 million back with the use of this villa area that's involved in the project."

Sasha was stunned to hear this. "But the whole project is halted now. How are you going to earn anything from it? Young Master Lach's in jail, and the Lach Family refuses to admit their faults. There's nowhere else you can get this money."

"It's possible for the project to be continued if all procedures related to the villa area can be completed accordingly. Since Young Master Lach is in jail, we have the right to directly handle the villa's

development since we are the investors. Once we manage to sell these villas off, we'll get the money back in our pockets, right?" Matthew suggested.

The woman's eyes widened upon hearing this. "C-Can we do that? However, I heard that procedures for this housing area are pretty complicated. Young Master Lach struggled to deal with these procedures back when his old man was still around. Now that the entire city has their eyes on this area, it's going to be even harder to get the procedures done, right?"

try! I think we should give it

the villa area, he'd definitely make a huge sum of money. Furthermore, they had already

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the other four of them were gathered in the room

barely works and has to depend on her? She even considered selling her company shares just

what's the point of saying this now? I told you from the start; having this man under our roof is equivalent to having a hidden disorder. Regardless, he has already agreed to take responsibility for this whole issue, so I think we should seize this opportunity to throw him into jail. That way, we can find a

Sasha might secretly sell off some of her company shares just to fill in