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Chapter 901 You Put Me in a Lurch

Helen started seeing doubles and almost blacked out, but she kept herself awake. "Peter...? Is that yyour fiancé? You gave him the money?" she asked.

Minerva nodded dumbly.

Helen flew into a rage. "Why did you do that, Minerva? I told you he's a scammer. I told you to be careful. Why didn't you listen to me? There's no free lunch in this world. You should have known it was too good to be true. Now you made me lose ten million. Do you have any idea how serious that is?"

Minerva started crying. "I-I'm sorry, Aunt Helen. I shouldn't have dragged you into this. I don't wanna live anymore. J-Just let me kill myself..." Immediately after, she stood up and ran toward the window.

But Helen stopped her. "Calm down, Minerva! Don't do that!"

in fear as the full impact of the situation sank in. Ten million. How am I supposed to explain myself? I mean, it's nothing for us now, but if James finds out I gave it to Minerva, he'll chase me

while of silence later, Helen made a decision. "Let's call the police. Maybe

shook her head. "No! We ... We can't call the cops,

to find that scammer if we don't call the

Helen, he... he took a lot of pictures of me. If we call the cops and stir things up, he'll upload my photos online. I-I'll be ruined

understand what she was saying. "What? It's

Helen,

didn't know what to say

so she wouldn't call the cops. When she searched Peter's place, she found her nudes in there. Peter left a message on the photos, saying he'd upload her photos all over the internet if

Chapter 902 A Pro Actor

Minerva and Helen cried in each other's arms, regretting everything they did. It took them a long time to calm down, and finally, Helen sighed. "Now, what should we do? It's ten million, not ten dollars. How am I supposed to tell James about this?"

Minerva had an idea. "Aunt Helen, Liam is managing a construction company, so he must have a lot of money. He probably won't ask you to return the ten million soon. Why don't you ask him to give it to you so you can tide things over. As for me... Tate and I will start working and pay you back once we make enough money."

If anyone else was there, they'd know Minerva was just lying. After all, it'd take the both of them a few lifetimes to make ten million.

Helen, however, looked at her lovingly. "Oh, you silly girl. That'll be too much for you and Tate."

Minerva sighed. "This is our fault, so of course we'll have to pay you back. I'm sorry, Aunt Helen. I really want to kill myself, but I can't do it. Not when I know you'll have to shoulder this debt alone. Don't worry, Aunt Helen. Tate and I will save up and pay you back no matter what."

patted Minerva's hand. "Don't blame yourself, Minerva. I... I'll try to come up with something. Worstcase scenario, James will give me an earful, but we're already married for a long time. He... probably won't chase me away. Don't put too much

calmed the siblings down and left, looking

moment she left, Minerva and Tate started smiling. "Told you. Just act innocent, cry a bit, say you'll jump off a building, and she'll start to

a smug look on her face. "I did well, right? Cried a lot thanks to the eye drops I put in beforehand. Couldn't have

a thumbs up. "You

a chuckle, but then she sighed. "Goddammit. I didn't see that one coming. Never thought Peter's a scammer. And he scammed me out of seven million! Why did I even fall

Cathay guy. You shouldn't put your trust

Chapter 903 Three Million Left

Peter only needed seven million, but Tate and Minerva borrowed ten million from Helen. They gave seven million to Peter, leaving them with three million.

That cheered Minerva up. "Oh, I almost forgot about that. Now that Peter is gone, they have nobody to ask, so we can pocket all of the remaining money. How do you plan on spending it?"

Tate answered, "I'm getting a Harley bike and keeping the rest for future use."

Minerva scoffed. "We'll be taking a million and a half each, and you're only getting a bike? Well, I'm getting a car. A Porsche, to be exact. I'll be stepping into the socialite circle, and if some rich guy falls for me, we'll be set for life."

a half is only enough for a regular Porsche. I won't even touch it. First I'll get the bike, then I'll ask Aunt Helen

the money to you later. Put

The both of them laughed

When she met him, she hesitated for a while before saying, "Liam, I-I might not

the problem is, Matthew owns the company. His men come to audit the accounts every few days or so. If he finds out the money is missing, he'll be asking about it, and I'll have

accounts? You're the general manager, so you should

Chapter 904 Who Are You to Check My Accounts?

Helen felt like her heart was about to leap out of her throat until she heard what Liam said. As long as Liam wasn't in desperate need of money, she wouldn't be exposed for the time being. Furthermore, she felt rather touched by Liam's words.

She nodded. "You're the sweetest, Liam! It's no wonder I am so fond of you. Once this project is over, Dad and I will find a way to make you the CEO of the company. Just give us some time! You'll have to do your best, okay? Don't let us down!"

Liam responded with a few consecutive nods. "Don't worry, Mom. I won't let you down!" He spread his lips into a smile the moment Helen left.

Soon enough, Julian flung the door open and rushed into the room. "What... What did you do this time? Why was another 30 million transferred out of the company's account? You've only been in the company for a few days, and you've spent nearly 500 million, Liam. You could've at least told me about the money before spending it. I'm the one in charge of the company's finances, after all. I don't even know where all the cash has gone now, so how am I supposed to manage the company's funds?"

"Stop blabbering!" Liam shot Julian a dirty look. "I'm the general manager of the company, and there are so many minor and major matters that I have to handle in this company. Do you expect me to report every single one of them to you? Are you the general manager, or am I the general manager? You need to know where you stand, Julian!"

the general manager, Liam. But as the finance officer of the company, I have the right to handle all

he headed over to see if Julian wanted to have lunch. Matthew had just arrived at the office when he heard voices of people bickering in the room. "Who do you think you are? Who are you to check my accounts? You're just one of Matthew's dogs! Even Matthew is just one of the dogs under the Cunningham Family. He has never had the guts to check my accounts, so who

frowned. He recognized the voice-it

to manage all of the company's accounts. But now, I don't have anything with me since you're keeping all of the accounts to yourself! Don't you think it's my duty to clarify these issues with you? How am I supposed to do my job if I don't know

talking nonsense!" Liam howled. "I'm the general manager! I have the right to manage these matters! If you feel like you're unable to handle the company's finances, you can quit your job and f*ck off! I'm not going to stop

with my job right now!"

retarded, limping piece of trash! You would've been begging for food on the streets if the Cunninghams didn't take you in! How dare you come over and point fingers at me now? As I said, I'm the general manager, and I'll do whatever I want to! You can go on and tell Matthew about this if you're not pleased with this incident. Go on and see if that piece

Chapter 905 You Have No Right to Question Me!

"Well? Isn't that the truth?" Liam growled. "There's renovation going on outside the villa area now, and I have to manage all the efforts to go green in the community. I have so many things to worry about! I'm putting all of my efforts into this company, yet you got Julian to check up on the finances. He's checking my accounts twice a day, and he's refusing to give me money every now and then. Dad's the one who wanted me to be the general manager, Matthew. What is going on in your head when you do this? Are you worried that I'll steal the company's money, or are you worried that Dad will steal the company's money?"

Julian was about to lose his mind at this point. "Stop trying to put the blame on others, Hayes. There has been an expenditure of nearly 500 million ever since you came to the company. When have I ever not given you the funds you needed? Don't you think you're spending the money a little too quickly? I'm managing the company's finances, and I gave you a total of 500 million, yet I don't know where you spent this money. What's wrong with me coming over to ask you a few questions about it? How could you say that we're causing you trouble just because of this?"

"How did Liam spend so much money?" Matthew was stunned after he heard Julian's words.

"How should I know?!" Julian's face was flushed with anger as he replied. "The money's all gone, but I don't know where it went."

walls of the residential area? Furthermore, look at how huge the villa's residential area is. Do you think it's cheap to kickstart the greening initiatives in that whole area? We're trying to sculpt a high-end residence here, not one of those trashy, cheap housing areas. It only makes sense for me to choose the best for such a project! What's wrong with spending a little more money? Do you even know how many properties our company has sold out recently, Matthew? I'm doing all of this for the sake

construction company in recent days, so he didn't actually know much about the company's

do with the company's sales? Half of the clients who come over to purchase properties are people who have already surveyed the area in the past. They already intended to purchase our properties. The other half of the clients are friends of Tiger

were built so well? Do you think we're selling houses to idiots? Do you think we

at Liam. "You sure have a big mouth, Liam! You only started handling the later stages of renovation a few days ago. You haven't even started the renovation when those clients

Julian. "F*ck! Who do you think you are?! How dare you speak to me like that?! This construction company belongs to us Cunninghams. We will deal with all our matters on our own.

Chapter 906 He Has No Right to Check the Company's Accounts

Matthew furrowed his brows. I already knew that Liam would take this opportunity to slip some money into his own pockets. I didn't really care about it at first because I didn't want to have another argument with James and Helen over something like this. But I never expected Liam to be so greedy. He's trying to turn a 200-million-project into a one-billion-project! He's going to get a huge sum of money from this.

The moment Liam left the company building, he hurried over to meet Demi, who was in the middle of her shopping spree. "Matthew came to the office, Demi. He's about to check the company's accounts!"

Demi's expression transformed into one of shock. "Why is this happening so soon? What... What are you going to do now?"

Liam grinned. "It's fine. I spoke to Mom and Dad before this. We can talk to them about this matter when we meet them for a meal later. Matthew won't be able to do anything as long as Mom and Dad don't allow him to check the accounts!"

She seemed to come to a realization after hearing his words. "You've really thought this through, honey! You got Mom and Dad on our side even before anything happened. Things would've been harder to deal with otherwise!"

You can go and look for Mom, and you can tell her about this.

few weeks, and he seemed rather puzzled

Liam replied with a smile. "By the way, Dad, how are things going with the stocks

some profit out of it. James figured that this would be a good way for him to get rich. That was why he transferred one

money then, and he even suffered some losses. He was afraid that

he encountered in the stock market. Therefore, he went to Liam, who offered him a total of 20 million

with this investment. He lost about 40% of his investments, so his starting capital of 20 million had turned into just a little more than 10 million.

Chapter 907 He Can't Proceed With This Investigation

That night, Matthew told Sasha about this incident once they got home. She knitted her eyebrows in anger after she heard about the incident. "I knew it. It wasn't a good idea for Liam to be the general manager. Forget it. I'll talk to Dad at night and get Dad to kick Liam out of the company," Sasha said in a huff.

Matthew nodded agreeably. He had the same idea in his head, but for some reason, he felt like things weren't going to go so smoothly. James still shows a sense of hostility toward me, after all. He might not agree with our idea of kicking Liam out of the company!

James and Helen hadn't returned home even after it was past eight in the evening. Thus, Matthew and Sasha had no choice but to head out for a meal. When they were back, they realized that both James and Helen were back home as well. Liam and Demi were sitting by one side, and their faces were both flushed. It looked as if they had had a few drinks.

James smacked a palm against the table the moment Matthew stepped in. "You're finally back, huh, Matthew?!" He yelled at Matthew the moment the latter stepped into the house. "Get over here right now!"

a moment. What is going

trying to do, Dad?" Sasha

unhappy because I got Liam to work as the general manager? You probably think I shouldn't meddle with the construction company since I'm an old man, right? Is that why you keep causing trouble for Liam? Is that why you try to pick

ever caused him trouble,

to do? You arranged your men to handle the finances in the company, Matthew. How do you expect Liam to do anything when you're putting a leash

uttered with a sigh. "The truth is that Julian felt like the company's accounts have been all over the place recently. A lot of the accounts didn't tally, and it seemed like a lot of money was disappearing. Julian

Chapter 908 An Indication of Trust

Sasha's words seemed to have stirred up the hornet's nest, and Demi immediately let out a loud scoff. "That doesn't sound right, Sasha! Sure, the construction company exists under Matthew's name. However, I hope you didn't forget that Dad was the one who transferred the shares to Matthew. In other words, Dad was the one who gave him the company. Furthermore, Matthew's just a live-in son-inlaw. Is there anything here that truly belongs to him? His clothes and meals are all provided by us Cunninghams. How dare he say that the company belongs to him? All of it belongs to the Cunninghams, do you understand?!"

Similarly, James lost his temper after hearing Sasha's words. "What do you mean by that, Sasha? Matthew is just a live-in son-in-law. How could you say that the construction company belongs to him? Even if you guys ever get a divorce, a live-in son-in-law like him should leave without taking anything from us. What has our family matters got to do with him?"

Helen shook her head disappointedly. "How did you turn out like this, Sasha? Why are you supporting an outsider instead of your own family? Don't you know who's the closest to you here?"

All of their words only made Sasha more furious than ever. "You guys... All of you are talking nonsense! What's wrong with being a live-in son-in-law? Does that make him any less of a person? Sure, you were the ones who transferred the construction company's shares to Matthew, but don't you forget the reason you did it! You wanted Matthew to take the blame for you because you were afraid of going to jail. Now, you're trying to claim the construction company back for yourself after Matthew put in the hard work to mend the business. Don't you have any shame?"

out in anger. "Say that again! What's this?! Are you embarrassed to have a father like me? Fine! If I've embarrassed you in any way, then I'll just walk out and get a car to run me over now! I won't embarrass you anymore once I'm dead. How does

to manage the company. Why don't you just allow Matthew to

heart stopped for a moment. You might not be guilty of anything, but I am! James thought. The moment Matthew goes through all the accounts, he'll find out about the sum of money that

look of terror surfaced on Helen's face. She couldn't have her incident with the ten million exposed. Therefore,

accounts just because he wishes to do so? Who is he? Look—your mom and I are the only two people who can check the accounts in the company, all right? From tomorrow onward, both of us will take turns to keep an eye on the construction company. We won't be so nice if

will never be able to check the accounts

Chapter 909 Unsatiable Greed

"Mom, you're not making sense at all!" Sasha wore a dazed expression as she spoke. "Matthew's just trying to check the accounts. How is this related to the Cunningham Family's pride and reputation? Furthermore, who even cares about what's going on in our family?"

"Of course it makes sense!" James growled. "If Matthew checks the accounts now, it shows that he doesn't trust me! I can tell you for sure that your grandfather and uncle are waiting for me to make a fool out of myself! They keep saying that our family is obeying the words of a live-in son-in-law nowadays. If Matthew actually checks the accounts, won't it prove them right?"

Helen gave a dismissive wave as she spoke. "Anyway, I'll go over to keep a lookout from now onward. Also, I want you to transfer Julian to some other department, Matthew! I don't want to see him at the construction site!"

"Yeah! Transfer Julian somewhere else!" James nodded. "If he appears at the site again, then... I'll drop dead right in front of your eyes!"

fight back when Matthew reached an arm out to stop her. "Let's go along with your wishes since you guys insist on doing this, Mom, Dad!" he replied. Sasha shot

for. Once Matthew was gone, he would be able to freely take all of the construction company's money for himself. Did they say that the green initiatives outside would use up to 200 million? Hmph! I'm going to make it

the room, Sasha immediately confronted Matthew. "How... How could you agree to go with their wishes, Matthew? There has to be something wrong here. I'm sure there must be some issue with the construction company's accounts!

with a faint smile. "Of course we'll do that, but there's no rush. We'll only continue to fight with Mom and Dad if we insist on doing it now. There's no point in keeping the

She agreed with what Matthew

Liam's spending only got more out of control after Julian left—he spent 100 million just within that day. At the same time, he gave Matthew a call and asked Matthew to prepare more money for the construction

Chapter 910 Forged Documents

That night, Matthew handed a folder to Sasha once he got home. "The construction company's accounts," he said curtly.

While she was taking the documents out of the folder, she asked, "How did you manage to get them?"

"I got a professional to do the job," Matthew replied. Sasha then went through the documents briefly before a stern expression formed on her face. All of the accounts were a complete mess—there was obviously a huge issue with it.

She immediately brought the documents downstairs before smacking them down on the table in front of Helen. "Look at this, Mom, Dad! These are the construction company's accounts! What exactly is Liam doing in the company? It has only been a few days, but look at how much they've spent already! Where did all of the money go?! Nearly 600 million is gone when you add the amount that was spent today. Most of the money wasn't even spent on purchasing materials for renovation. Furthermore, there are a few sums of money that were transferred to some unknown accounts. What is this about?" she cried.

Both James and Helen's faces darkened as they hastily took the books over to glance through it. Both husband and wife were dumbfounded. "W-Where did you get these documents?" James asked in an impatient tone.

for us. Are you still going to

"Hurry up and get Liam to come

and Demi rushed home, only to have James throwing the same documents at their faces. "Explain yourself, Liam.

kept himself composed. He picked the documents up and looked through them before knitting his brows together. "Where did

get it!" James cried. "You'd better give us an explanation right now, Liam. How did

response. "Do you think these accounts are

"Matthew hired someone who's specialized in