

Genius 971

Chapter 971 Things Got Out of Control

Just three days after Jefford and the other shareholders pulled out from the investment, a piece of news broke out in Eastcliff.

'Construction of Villa Residential Area Cut Corners with Materials! 130 Million Dollars Incurred for Materials Valued Less Than 10 Million Dollars!'

'Evil Developers Commit Malicious Fraud!'

'The Truth Behind the Villas' Whopping Prices!'

All kinds of titles appeared one after another in Eastcliff's major media outlets, all referring to the Cunninghams' villa residential project.

News traveled quickly in a short period. Soon, almost everyone in Eastcliff was talking about it.

On that day, the villa residential area's sales department was filled with people asking for a refund for the villa units that they had bought.

not bought yet decided not

reputation of the villa residential area was completely destroyed. Many buyers got together in hopes of being compensated for their losses by suing

knowing this, James was dumbfounded. He never

time, he called the press, hoping that they could help to dismiss the rumors. However, all of them rejected him because they had

and started

evening, Liam came home pale-faced with his hair in a mess. His

asked at once, "How are things? What

bruises on her face, told

have right now? Do you know how powerful we are? Though we're not as powerful as the Ten Greatest Families of Eastcliff,

hearing this, she sighed and decided not

are from the Ten Greatest Families of Eastcliff.

Chapter 972 It Was Vincent Who Leaked It

Softly, Liam reminded James, "Dad, the Jacksons from the Ten Greatest Families of Eastcliff was the one whom we worked with before; don't you remember? The Jacksons are quite influential among the ten families, and they connected us to many buyers. Besides, our villa residential area is located in a key urban development area that has a lot of room for appreciation. That's why they were willing to buy. As a result, the Ten Greatest Families of Eastcliff became the major buyers of this project."

Hearing this, James slumped on the couch. Now that the Cunninghams had successfully expanded their business, he couldn't care less if it was ordinary buyers making trouble. However, things would become troublesome if it was the Ten Greatest Families of Eastcliff that made a big fuss; the Cunninghams would never be able to win against any one of them. It was impossible to refuse to refund the ten families their money now that they were making noise.

"What should we do? They said that they would put us in jail if we refused to refund. At this point, they're willing to do anything..." Demi squeaked.

Immediately, James' face turned pale. Of course I know what they're capable of doing.

"Calculate the amount of money we'll need to refund them. Let's just give them a refund if nothing can be done!" He trembled.

that. If we give them a refund, we'll have to compensate all the other buyers
pay them back. As for the individual buyers, why should

The officials are watching us right now. So, we either do a full refund, or we don't. We'll be screwed if we do a partial refund. Besides, those who were able to buy the villas are quite well-to-do, so even the Ten Greatest Families of

was speechless, knowing

"How did this happen? How did it
and

can't use defective materials for construction! I also warned you that cutting corners would get us into trouble, but you didn't listen! What do we

Chapter 973 Why Don't We Let Matthew Take the Blame?

Angrily, James glared at Liam. "Vincent's your friend?"

"I don't know him that well..." Liam replied awkwardly.

Hearing this, Sasha fumed, "You don't know him that well? Don't think that I don't know how you conspired with him to embezzle the company's funds! Even we aren't certain about the company's accounts, but Vincent is. Also, I saw the video of you eating and drinking with him. How do you explain that? You should know!"

Unable to fight back, Liam lowered his head and kept quiet.

"Look at what you've done! Why did you work with him in the first place?" James scolded.

Sasha was filled with anger; she couldn't believe that James still couldn't see what the real problem was.

To begin with, what

quite some time, James asked softly,

serious? We won't have enough money to compensate them even with the

was at a loss for

we

sat up. "Don't compensate? What will we do,

need to find someone to take the blame! With that, not only will this matter

guessed what Demi was about to suggest, so she roared, "How dare you! This has nothing to do with Matthew! Don't you dare

fall for this matter, and it so happens that he's the director of the company. Who else should take the blame? Surely

Chapter 974 A Terrified Liam

Listening to James' mockery, Sasha almost lost her mind.

In the end, the Cunninghams were adamant that Matthew should be held accountable and go to jail for this issue.

With her fists clenched, Matthew spoke just as she was about to. "I'll take responsibility for this matter, Dad."

Everybody was ecstatic while Sasha froze when he said this.

Immediately, James stood up. "Really? You're the best, Matthew! I don't know what to say... Don't worry. I'll find you a good lawyer to solve this."

As for Demi, she nodded furiously. "You're my hero, Matthew! You're so manly, responsible, and strong! Hats off to you!"

questioned anxiously, "Are you

to handle this alone, though. The whole world's in an uproar, saying that the managing director's behind it. Of course, I can't shirk off my responsibility as the director, but they are keener on holding the managing

frowned. Why am I

the director, the problem will be resolved in an instance once you step forward. Who would even care about

he explained, "It's not as simple as you think it is. The people have evidence of Liam committing fraud, so they would never

making noise, asking Liam to give them an explanation. Everybody's looking for Liam, not Matthew, so Liam can't escape from this. Dad, we should let Matthew and Liam turn themselves

"No! My husband can't go! Dad, Just let Matthew go alone,

did you become so selfish? Can't you learn from Matthew how he handles matters? You preach so much when

she was speechless. Even James did not support the idea of letting Matthew take the blame alone, so her hand and said softly, "I... I

Helpless, she looked down.

Chapter 975 I'll Drag You Two Down With Me if I Go to Jail

Pale-faced, Liam trembled. "Dad... I can't go to jail! What will happen to Demi if I do? I-I only did this for our family..."

"If you really did it for us, it's all the more reason for you to turn yourself in! We can only overcome this hurdle if you and Matthew take responsibility. You're a dutiful son-in-law; surely you don't want to see your mom and I live on the streets," James replied coldly.

Liam looked at Demi helplessly. However, she turned her head and looked away.

Seeing this, Liam was stunned. There was no doubt that the whole family was ready to give up on him.

Then, Matthew walked toward the door and chuckled. "Come on. Let's go turn ourselves in!"

At that moment, all eyes were on Liam. His face flushed red and then turned purple.

shouted, "I'll never turn myself in and go to jail! You can go if you want to, Matthew. I'll...

for our family now? Look at Matthew, and then look at yourself! Both of you are sons-in-law of

It was not my own idea.

Sasha interjected, "Who said you're going to

only right that he goes to jail. Why should I?"

go to jail? How can you be so shameless? It was your fault that this even happened in the first place. He couldn't stop you guys! In fact, what does he have to do with this problem anyway?

nodded furiously. "She's

because Mom and Dad

as he said this, James' face turned as cold as stone. "So you want your mom and I to

Chapter 976 A Few Years of Jail Time Won't Matter Since He's Young

Seeing the look on James' face, Liam knew that he was afraid.

Anxiously, Liam said, "I can't take responsibility for this, Dad... You'll be affected too if I do. That's the problem. They'll definitely check my accounts, and once they do, they'll find out you're involved. It'll be a big problem if things get serious. I'm fine with going to jail for a few years, but you and Mom won't be able to bear it since you're so old already. Let's think of another way, okay?"

At that moment, James looked so downcasted that he seemed to have aged a lot.

Not long ago, he was running around showing off his new car, watch, and a billion dollars in his account. However, he suddenly realized that all these were pieces of evidence to prove his wrongdoings. He and Helen would be dragged into this and wouldn't be able to escape if things got out of hand.

"How did it get to this? What should we do now?" He sighed. Right then, he was close to collapsing.

Meanwhile, Liam secretly rejoiced as this was what he wanted.

take the blame

now? Will they not check the accounts if Matthew takes responsibility? Your

one behind it and he planned it all himself. If that's the case, we were only following his orders. Then, things won't get out of hand and

she raged, "If you do that, do you know what a serious crime he

so it wouldn't be a problem if he goes to jail for

that? Sasha was

his head to look at Matthew. It was obvious that Liam's

even think about it, Dad! It's all your fault, so why should he take the blame? I'll never

all our idea, okay? It's fine if we die in jail since we're so old and useless. We'll only be a bother to our children at home. Find a good place to bury us if you still have a conscience. Otherwise, just forget we were

Chapter 977 I'll Raise Some Money

As soon as James heard this, he slumped on the couch. What he feared most had finally happened.

He and Helen would never be able to run away from this if the company's ledgers had really been leaked.

Meanwhile, Liam was stunned. Initially, he intended to use the transactions to blackmail James and Helen to force Matthew to take the blame.

However, he no longer had any leverage on them now that the ledgers had been exposed.

"H-How did they get exposed?" James stammered.

Helen replied, "I heard that it was the Jacksons who leaked them."

stuttered, "I was wondering why they pulled out from the investment. Turns out that they

asked nervously. The ledgers included her expenses, so she would not be able

that moment, everyone went speechless. Then, James and

and insisted that it was a business technique. Now, you're reaping what you sowed! Didn't you know that the Jacksons were one of our

they could've earned around 5 billion in peace: that would have been great. However, not only

to solve this. We could do a fundraiser and look for people to finance us

hearing this, James and Helen looked at each other. Then, Helen said softly, “Do you know how much money we’re supposed to pay back? I heard we’d need around 56 billion. How could

give it a try no

helplessly. “Alright, then. I’ll leave the construction company to you. Don’t let us down,

Chapter 978 Get Out of My Sight

Bitter resentment welled up within Liam, and Demi was all the more upset as she demanded incredulously, “D-Dad, are you actually being serious right now? Aren’t you worried about letting Matthew be in charge of all the assets in the construction company? What’s going to happen to us if he were to take them all for himself? Someone in the family has to keep an eye on him no matter what! Whatever happened this time was an accident, but I promise Liam will do better!”

Upon hearing this, James glared at his daughter balefully and snapped, “As far as I can tell, the only ones who have their eyes on our family riches are the both of you! I know how wildly ambitious and greedy you can be, Demi. Let me make one thing clear: I will only give you what is rightfully yours out of the family fortune, so don’t you dare think about claiming everything for yourself! Now, stop wasting my time with this nonsense. If you have any objections, then you and your husband can get the hell out of my sight!”

Demi opened and closed her mouth, but in the end, she dared not so much as make a peep. She could hardly believe that James would go to the extent of casting her and Liam out in a fit of rage!

Presently, James walked up to Matthew and clapped a hand on his shoulder. “You’re the most responsible one of the lot, Matthew! You’ve always been the only one to stand up for the family whenever it mattered the most. Don’t you worry—from now on, the construction company is yours alone, and I’d put my life on the line to make sure no one takes it away from you!”

nodded somberly. “Thank you,

over the construction company is hard, even with my

out of the Cunningham Residence, Matthew gave Connor a call. In fact, Matthew had been the one to set the wheels in motion for the incident this time. He knew that the project would end up barely breaking, even if Liam were to go on with his ridiculous antics. Thus, as a matter of necessity,

the Jackson Family and Jefford managed to come up with a large sum of money. Moreover, Matthew had successfully recouped all of Liam’s losses, including the three hundred-something million in the latter’s bank

had refused to refund the money, given how they

been recouped, the funds were nearly restored. Combined with the money that Wilson had secretly amassed, the financial problem that

being said, even if the money had been recouped, the refund to the buyers wasn't facilitated immediately. After all, among those who wanted to vacate their villas, some had been persuaded by the Jackson Family and Jefford to do so. However, they had a change of heart when they heard

Chapter 979 I Underestimated You, Matthew

It wasn't until after several grueling days that the whole fiasco about the villa neighborhood project finally came to an end.

During this time, James and the others paid particular attention to the construction company and how it was handling the situation. They were stunned speechless when they learned that only one-third of the buyers insisted on backing out of their purchase.

In all honesty, James and the others hadn't thought that Matthew could put the fire out, even if he could come up with enough funds to quell the demanding crowd. After all, in the heat of the moment, all the buyers had been adamant about getting their money back.

Alas, who could have expected that the number of those who insisted on a refund would be in the minority? By some miracle or other, the rest of the buyers had decided to stay.

From the looks of how things had turned out, the construction company wouldn't be making a huge loss at all.

Moreover, with Tiger lending aid, the inspection process went a lot smoother.

construction company did not crumble, and it

dinner when James lifted his wine glass and mused, "I must say, I underestimated you in the past, Matthew! You really are the definition of competent! I didn't think you could settle such a tricky situation with such

done for! Who could have thought that everything would turn out fine?

acknowledgment of Matthew's competence. What can I say? Life could only get

distinctly gloomy. They were disappointed to learn that the construction company had found a way out of the sticky situation because Matthew had taken away

rest were sold off as secondhand goods, and the proceeds went into the company account. This meant that Demi and Liam had essentially schemed hard for nothing, and it left them angry as well

In fact, they thought they could watch him make a fool of himself. However, he had gone and proved them wrong by easily putting out the fire, which enraged them to no end. Now that James and Helen were

their minds as soon as you showed up? Could it be that you were the one who persuaded them to frowned at this. I can't believe she's

"What are you talking about,

explain to me why those people changed their minds as soon as Matthew showed

Chapter 980 Liam's Resentment

When dinner was over, Demi stormed into her bedroom with steam coming out of her ears. In a fit of rage, she grabbed everything from her bed and threw them onto the floor.

She spat through gritted teeth, "I can't believe this is happening! I just can't! How did that loser win Mom and Dad over? Liam, at this rate, it's only a matter of time before the both of us are driven out of the family."

Contrary to Demi's outburst, Liam merely sighed in resignation. Admittedly, things had gotten out of hand this time; the construction company was worth several billion in revenue, and they nearly threw it to the dogs.

It was normal for James and Helen to snub him after all that had happened, but when they switched over to Matthew's side, that was adding insult to Liam's injury.

After all, for as long as James and Helen continued to put Matthew down as an incompetent fool, then Liam would still stand a chance at proving himself.

However, now that he had lost out on his in-laws' favor, he couldn't even dream of getting back into their good graces, let alone ask for another chance.

With that in mind, he urged in a low voice, "Demi, we really are in hot water this time. From how I look at things, we have to find a way to make your parents continuously nitpick on Matthew. Otherwise, we'd lose out on our right to speak in this household!"

with a murderous gleam as

break as he

Julian had already returned to work in the construction company, with the latter assuming the role of general manager and being placed in charge

new group of buyers for the vacated villas. In less

was brainstorming

a hospital near the villa neighborhood with Joseph as the resident doctor, which would surely bring in

and the specifics of constructing a hospital. Stanley, on the other hand, was an expert in these matters and had been generous enough to personally dispatch a team to lend Matthew a helping hand. With the way things were going, the villa neighborhood

to become a shadow director who spent most of his

well. Having successfully set up a foundation to sponsor medical treatment for the impoverished, she spent every day helping out

genuine desire to make Matthew see her through fresh eyes. As far as she was concerned, she needed to pull

friends. Instead, she put her time and energy into helping out impoverished

had even gone and asked around her friends, most of whom were jet-setting heirs and