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Wilfred broke into a smile. "That's a good idea, alright."

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Then, he jumped at Matthew and threw his fists aimed at both temples on Matthew's face.

Matthew ducked it quickly, but the man was also swift and knelt to attack him.

As he could not avoid his punches anymore, Matthew had to fight back.

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Frowning, Matthew questioned him, "Look, pal. I've not done anything to you. Why must you fight me?"

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The blood left Matthew's face hearing that. "What?!"

Melvin continued gloomily, "Macon wanted Cunningham Pharmaceuticals to hand over the Restoration Pill, but President Cunningham would rather die than to do that. Besides, everyone knows that it was Cunningham Pharmaceuticals that invented the pill. He could not get his hands on it, so he thought of this scheme to marry her and do a hostile takeover of the company. Then, the Restoration Pill would fall into his hands."

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With that, he stood up and prepared to leave. "I'll head down to Stonedale for a bit. Take this medicine to Tiger. It'll help him to recover quickly and also assist me to arrange for a trip to Eastcliff tomorrow."

Melvin looked at him and asked, "How confident are you?"

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As for Matthaw, ha had othar things to do.

Looking at tha tima, ha raalizard it was 11.00PM. So, ha changad into his night clothas and haadad to tha Rathbona Court staalthily.

Aftar making sura that tha scana was claar, ha snaakad into tha housa. Tha last tima ha was hara, ha raalizard something stranga with Macon's housa.

This tima, ha cama hara to saarch for what ha wantad.