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Stanley first glanced at Matthew before he added in a soft voice, “The 10 billion fund will be in the form of a direct investment. Once you take part in the medical conference, you will have to offer the fund at the medical conference as the medical resources of Eastcliff. In the event you lose at the medical conference, a part of that money will be seized by the other five states. Coupled with the oppression from the Hughes Family, it’s highly likely that the 10 billion fund will all go down the drain in the end. So, I think it will be challenging trying to get people to invest in the association.”

Matthew looked even more troubled because he had never expected that Stanley’s method just turned out to be more and more strenuous.

Seeing that Matthew was keeping silent, Stanley spoke suddenly, “Mr. Larson, if you’ve really decided to do this, I can offer an investment of 1.5 billion! I’m going to get the money by putting up Carlson Pharmacy as collateral to the bank. Mr. Larson, you will have my full support even though I might have to sell off all my assets!”

Matthew was deeply moved by Stanley. To be frank, Stanley really trusted him a great deal. Based on the wealth owned by Stanley, 1.5 billion was the maximum he could allocate for the investment and he probably had to take on loans to get cash. If Matthew was defeated at the medical conference, Stanley might be bankrupt too.

Matthew nodded at him in gratitude. “President Carlson, I’ll keep your kind gesture in my mind! I’ll come up with ways to gather the rest of the fund.”

After saying goodbye to Stanley, Matthew went on to visit Timothy, who agreed to offer an investment of 2 billion to support Matthew very decisively. Together with what Stanley had offered, Matthew had a total of 3.5 billion at the moment. Next, he made his way to visit Billy. Being very confident with his strong financial foundation, Billy asked Matthew to try finding himself more investors first because he would offer him whatever amount he lacked in the end.

Matthew heaved out a sigh of relief. All in all, he was really impressed by how much those three trusted him. After doing a calculation in his mind, he estimated that he could get another 500 million from Cunningham Pharmaceuticals and with that, he would have a total of 4 billion. In other words, Billy had to fork out another 6 billion to bring up the total to 10 billion.

Matthew felt slightly resigned about this. Although Billy trusted in his medical skill a great deal, to fork out a sum of 6 billion at one go was very challenging, and it was a risky gamble even to Billy. Just as he was cracking his brain for solutions, Leanna called him to invite him to her office to have a chat.

Matthew rushed to Creative Cloud Group and he saw Leanna’s secretary waiting for him when he arrived at the building. Instead of bringing him to Leanna’s room, she brought him to a secluded room located in the basement parking lot. Matthew was bewildered and he wondered what Leanna was going to pull off this time.

Right after he stepped into the room, the first person he saw was not Leanna but Old Master Jackson, whose first name was Connor. The man looked like he had aged a great deal within the past two days because he looked frail with his back hunched.

Matthew scanned his surroundings in astonishment and found no one else in the room.

“Mr. Larson, you don’t have to look around because you and I are the only ones here,” Connor spoke in a deep but weak voice.

Feeling doubtful, Matthew asked, “So, you are the one who wants to meet me?”

Connor nodded slowly and said, “You can think of it that way. Mr. Larson, please have a seat.”

As soon as Matthew sat down, the secretary exited the room and closed the door.

“Old Master Jackson, how can I help you?”

Connor coughed several times before he muttered, “Mr. Larson, do you know how heavy the price my family has paid this time?”

Matthew put on a frown and countered, “Old Master Jackson, I can’t see why you’re telling me this. I don’t think this has anything to do with me.”

Connor laughed bitterly and recounted, “Yesterday, Master Jackson and I made a trip to Eastshire planning to talk it out with the Hughes. But, you know what? They’ve already captured my son and my daughter-in-law, who are Zachary’s parents.”

Matthew’s heart gave a lurch. Was he going to be exposed soon?