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They were deeply regretting their actions. How great would it be if they had not withdrawn their orders at the time? They were aware that one of the business owners had not withdrawn his orders. Due to that, he had cooperated greatly with Stanley. Furthermore, Stanley had provided him with a lot of medical resources. Therefore, he was probably raking in a lot of money now. Looking at that business owner, then looking back at themselves, they couldn't help feeling bitter. Still, what other choice did they have? They could only blame themselves for being shortsighted and missing the opportunity for their businesses to skyrocket. They had to reap the fruits of what they sowed—they brought it upon themselves.

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At the time, what they did dealt a huge blow to Cunningham Pharmaceuticals—the company nearly went bankrupt because Daniel and the others had breached their contracts. To be honest, with their strength and status, they did not need to fear the Hughes. However, the Hughes had promised them some benefits. Moreover, they were certain that the Hughes would be able to bring down Cunningham Pharmaceuticals. Therefore, they chose to lend the Hughes a hand. As a result, they didn't reap any of the benefits due to the miserable defeat of the Hughes. More importantly, Eastcliff gained a lot of medical resources.

At that time, if Daniel and the others had continued their business dealings with Cunningham Pharmaceuticals, they would be able to enjoy those medical resources too. As they were all businessmen, they naturally understood the way business worked. Therefore, they did not hesitate to rush over to apologize to Matthew and Seshe. Afterward, they immediately began to discuss the terms for a new contract. In the end, they were successful in their negotiations and managed to renew their contracts with a 30% increase on their original terms. Seeing as the original price had been three billion, the additional 30% was equivalent to 900 million. So, Cunningham Pharmaceuticals earned a pure profit of 900 million without doing anything.

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