Sasha was so furious that her body was shaking and she was close to having a breakdown because of her parents' threats. Just then, James walked toward the window sill.

Seeing that Sasha still wasn't saying anything, he gritted his teeth and punched the window. The window instantly shattered to pieces and blood dripped from his hand.

"Dad!" Sasha screamed in horror as she hurriedly ran over.

Seeing this, James immediately put one foot out of the window and roared, "Don't come any closer! Stay where you are! Just stay there! Don't come close!"

Helen yelled, "Darling, have you lost your mind? Get down from there! We need to stop the bleeding..."

James roared at her angrily, "Why should I stop the bleeding? Just let me die so I don't have to attend my daughter's funeral!"

Sasha was extremely anxious. "Dad, don't say that. Get down from there. Please get down from there!"

James shouted in reply, "I'm not coming down! Sasha, if you don't save your sister, I'll jump right in front of you! I'll count to three. If you don't make the call, I'll jump.

Even though I raised you up, I don't expect you to repay mel. However, after I die, please bury me next to your sister. I didn't take good care of her when I'm alive but after I die, I promise I'll take good care of her..." As James spoke, he started to wipe away his tears.

Sasha was about to lose her mind. After giving it some thought, she gritted her teeth and said, "Fine, I'll make the call! I'll do what you ask. I'll call Matthew after you get down from there!"

James and Helen immediately glanced at each other and there was triumph in their gaze.

"Call him now! I'll come down after you finish the call!" James yelled loudly.

Sasha was infuriated but there was nothing else she could do. Having no other choice, she pulled out her phone and dialed Matthew's number, then told him everything that happened. After Sasha hung up the phone, she directly fell to the ground as if her soul had left her body.

"How was it? Did he agree to help?" Helen asked anxiously.

Sasha weakly replied, "He agreed..."

After hearing this, Helen was overjoyed. "Really? That's great! Your sister will be saved! Hurry and call that man and tell him to free Demi!"

James jumped down from the window sill and hurriedly pulled out the phone. Then, he called the man.

After hearing the news, the man sneered, "Good, you've done a great job! However, we'll keep the hostage here and only free her after the conference ends!"

Helen hurriedly said, "Can you please at least let them out of the cage? Please get the dogs away from them..."

The man sneered, "Don't tell me what to do! Remember, if Matthew cures anyone, your daughter will be fed to the dogs immediately!"

Helen quickly muttered, "I-I understand. H-He'll definitely stay put and do nothing..."

The man laughed delightedly. "That's the right thing to do!"

At that moment, Sasha suddenly said, "I've already done what you asked. However, can you answer a question?"

The man was momentarily startled before he replied, "What is it?"

In a solemn tone, Sasha asked, "How did you capture my sister?"

The man instantly burst into laughter. "Capture? There was no need for us to capture her. Sasha, your sister came to us on her own and surrendered herself to us.

To be frank, we almost forgot that you had a sister. However, she and her husband came over to look for Young Master Hughes saying that they wanted to give him an explanation.

Sasha, I've worked for Young Master Hughes for many years but I've never met someone as stupid as her. There aren't many people who would voluntarily court death! Hahaha..."

After Sasha hung up the phone, she turned to look at Helen who flushed red and mumbled, "Wh-Why did she do such a silly thing?"

Sasha was extremely angry. "Mom, you heard what he said! Demi went over herself and nobody captured her! What else do you have to say now?"

Helen looked embarrassed and she gritted her teeth. "So what? We have to look beyond the surface and get to the root of the problem.

All of this is Matthew's fault! If Matthew didn't provoke Young Master Hughes, he wouldn't hurt Demi even if she went over! He only kept Demi hostage because Matthew hit him!"

Sasha was so furious, she grabbed the tea cup on the table and threw it to the ground before she roared, "All you do is put the blame on Matthew! Can't you be reasonable for once?!"

Helen was stunned while James blew his top. "Sasha, what are you doing? Is that the right way to speak to your mother? How dare you throw things in anger in front of your parents? Have you lost your mind?"

With tears streaming down her face, Sasha gritted her teeth and said, "What else can I do to express my frustration? Let me put this straight, if anything bad happens to Matthew this time, I don't want to live anymore! You two can just live the rest of your lives with Demi!"

After Sasha finished speaking, she directly went back to her room.

James and Helen looked at each other. After a moment of silence, Helen muttered, "It'll all be fine. She'll get over it after a while."

James nodded in agreement. "You're right. This child has fallen for Matthew's tricks. Once she meets someone better, she'll know our intentions are good! Oh, by the way, where is Sasha's phone? Go and get her phone so that she doesn't secretly call Matthew."

Helen immediately started to panic and hurriedly said, "You're right. We should go and take her phone away."

With that, the two of them ran into Sasha's room and took her phone away. Then, they scanned the room but they were still worried even after making sure there weren't any other communication devices, so they simply stayed there and kept an eye on Sasha.

Sasha naturally knew what the both of them were thinking and she was mad. She was sick of their antics and didn't even want to look at them, so she hid herself under the blanket.

Meanwhile, at Thousand Lakes Manor, after Travis heard the report from his subordinate, he grinned widely.

"Excellent! Once I finish with the conference, I'll make sure to reward you for your good work!" Travis said with a chuckle.

The man was really happy to hear this and he thanked Travis repeatedly. Later, Travis led everybody to the Eastshire representatives' room. At the moment, a group of people were already gathered in the room and they were all big shots in the state's medical field. When they saw Travis, they got up one after another to greet him.

Just then, a man in glasses leaned in and asked, "Young Master Hughes, didn't you say that Dr. Ellis is representing Eastshire to join the competition? Where is he?"

Hearing this, everybody turned to look at Travis hopefully. In fact, these wealthy men wouldn't personally attend conferences like this in the past and only waited

for the results. However, the news that Dr. Ellis was coming out of seclusion and joining this year's conference had attracted a crowd because after all, he had a great reputation in the medical field of Eastshire.

Before Dr. Ellis went to practice in hiding, Eastshire was often in the top three in the annual Six Southern States Medical Conference, but after he stopped participating, Eastshire had ranked in the last place for several consecutive years, which caused everyone in the medical field of Eastshire to feel embarrassed. Now that Dr. Ellis had come out of hiding, everyone was naturally encouraged and confident so they rushed over to meet Dr. Ellis.

Travis let out a sigh and said, "Gentlemen, Dr. Ellis won't be representing Eastshire for the competition!"

As soon as he finished speaking, it was as if a bomb had been dropped onto the crowd. Everybody was dumbfounded.

"Why? Didn't you say that Dr. Ellis was participating in the competition? Why is he suddenly not participating?" the crowd asked in panic.

With a helpless look on his face, Travis replied, "Gentlemen, there's nothing I can do. Dr. Ellis was bewitched by a man named Matthew, but I'm not sure how. Just a moment ago, he announced that he would be withdrawing from the competition at the last minute!"

Everybody was in shock after hearing this. "Matthew? Who's Matthew?"

"What does he do for a living?"

"Why is Dr. Ellis following his orders?"

"What kind of a person is he? Is he deliberately trying to ruin Eastshire's reputation? How could he do such a thing?"

Everyone was in a heated discussion and some with bad tempers even directly started cursing Matthew.

They had all rushed over to watch the competition, having full confidence that the Eastshire representatives would win. Furthermore, they had already invested a lot of money and were expecting to rake in a lot of profit.

If they lost the competition, they would lose a lot of money, which was why whether Dr. Ellis was participating in the competition or not was extremely important to them. After hearing Travis say that Matthew was the one who persuaded Dr. Ellis and stopped him from participating in the competition, everyone hated him to the core.

Meanwhile, Travis secretly chuckled because this was the result he wanted.

After a while, Travis gestured to the man beside him with a glance. Understanding what he meant, the man immediately yelled, "Matthew is from Cunningham Pharmaceuticals in Eastcliff. Not only has he bewitched Dr. Ellis, but he also founded his own Eastcliff representatives group which is separate from the Eastshire representatives group so that he can participate in the competition.

In order to win and gain profit for himself, he has tricked Dr. Ellis to withdraw from the competition! It's obvious that he's going against the Eastshire representatives!"

After hearing this, everyone was even more furious and all of them started cursing Cunningham Pharmaceuticals. In fact, some people from the crowd had business relations with Cunningham Pharmaceuticals and they were also angry after they heard the man.

Each of them swore to completely cut off ties with Cunningham Pharmaceuticals, which made Travis delighted. He wanted to grab this opportunity to completely ruin Cunningham Pharmaceuticals and Matthew's reputation.

This time, not only did he want to humiliate Matthew, but he also wanted to acquire Cunningham Pharmaceuticals. If his plan succeeded, he would have achieved something great. By then, his position in the Hughes family would definitely rise!

The crowd continued to be in a heated discussion when Travis suddenly waved his hand and said, "Gentlemen, there's no need to panic!

Everything will be fine even if Dr. Ellis doesn't represent Eastshire in the competition because we've already prepared a backup plan. Leonard the acupuncturist from Mightwater will represent us instead! As long as you support me, I promise that we'll definitely win this competition!"

These words instantly made everybody feel excited. After all, Leonard was an even more famous doctor than Dr. Ellis. They had a better chance at winning if Leonard replaced Dr. Ellis in the competition.

"Young Master Hughes, you're a genius and you've made a thoughtful arrangement!"

"We're all at your disposal, Young Master Hughes. If you want us to do something, just ask!"

"Young Master Hughes always does things thoughtfully and meticulously. With you as the heir of the Hughes, we won't have to worry about the medical industry in Eastshire."

Everybody started to praise and flatter Travis.

With a delighted expression, Travis smiled and said, "Thank you all for trusting me. I hope that all of you will continue to support me in my future endeavors, but for now, let's focus on the conference.

This time, not only do we have to win, but most importantly, we have to completely defeat the Eastcliff representatives! Otherwise, the weak and useless will continue to disturb us in the future!"

Everyone nodded in agreement to Travis' words. Some of them even directly made a call back to their company and ordered their staff to immediately cut all business ties with Cunningham Pharmaceuticals, which pleased Travis very much.

After this, the company would be hated by everyone in the Eastcliff medical industry. Not only did they want to win the Eastcliff representatives tonight, but they also wanted to completely ruin Cunningham Pharmaceuticals.

Now that these people had cut ties with them, the company was pretty much doomed. By then, Travis wouldn't even have to spend a penny to acquire it!

The conference started as scheduled. All the representatives from the six southern states entered the venue, including Matthew and Dr. Ellis. Dr. Ellis then led Matthew to the first row of seats and sat down, and beside them were other famous doctors from other states.

The venue wasn't big and there weren't many people who could enter. Only representatives were allowed to enter and even so, taking the Eastshire representatives for example, only a dozen from the group were granted access.

Even though there were many investors at the scene, most of them couldn't enter the venue as well, excluding Travis and a few famous doctors.

Not long after they sat down, they heard a commotion at the entrance. Everybody turned around to see what was happening and saw the security guards being pushed away by a group of aggressive people.

Then, the seats near the entrance were taken away and the people who sat there were also chased away. They wanted to fight back but were forcefully held down by the group of aggressive men.

Following that, the group of men divided themselves into two rows and stood at each side respectfully, as if they were waiting for someone. Seeing this, everybody was even more surprised.

Who can it be? Why does he or she need such a grand entrance? Under the eyes of the crowd, an arrogant elderly with white hair and white beard entered the venue. He was wearing a shining tuxedo and as his stern gaze looked around the room, there was a hint of disgust on his face.

"Is that Leonard the acupuncturist?!"

"Why is he here?"

"This is the Six Southern States Medical Conference and he is from Mightwater, so why is he here?"

"Could... Could it be that a representative group hired him for help?"

"Oh my! Which state hired Leonard? Are they crazy? Imagine how much they have to pay!"

Among the heated discussion, Travis directly stood up and walked toward the entrance excitedly.

"Uncle Leonard, welcome. Welcome!" Travis reached out to shake Leonard's hand from a distance.

However, Leonard only glanced at him with a disgusted expression and didn't shake his hand. Instead, he coldly asked, "Is your grandfather not here?"

Travis was slightly embarrassed but he didn't dare to throw a temper. After all, Leonard's status was much higher than his grandfather's!

With a smile, Travis replied, "Uncle Leonard, I'm sorry but my grandfather hasn't been feeling well so he's staying home for recovery.

He won't be coming to the competition but he repeatedly instructed me to serve you well. He said that your medical skills are the strongest that he has ever seen in his life and he even asked me to learn from you!"

Hearing this, Leonard seemed to be pleased. "Your grandfather sure has good taste. Since you're so sincere, stay by my side later and I'll show you my medical skills!"

Travis was overjoyed to hear this. "Thank you, Uncle Leonard! Oh, please take a seat!"

Leonard nodded and followed Travis all the way to the first row. His gaze only swept across the other so-called famous doctors but landed on Dr. Ellis. "Dr. Ellis, I see that you're here early.

However, you've done the right thing. After all, the slow learner has to start early!" As Leonard spoke, he turned to look at his group of apprentices and said, "All of you can learn something from Dr. Ellis! Even though his medical skills suck, at least his passion is admirable."

Leonard's group of apprentices laughed and nodded as they looked at Dr. Ellis mockingly. Meanwhile, Dr. Ellis looked extremely upset but he gritted his teeth and said nothing.

He had competed with Leonard in the past and lost all three out of three rounds so he had nothing to say. However, after hearing this, Matthew frowned. This man sure is arrogant.

Leonard walked over to the side and sat down. Then, he smiled and said, "Dr. Ellis, later when it's your turn to get onstage, let me know if there's something you need help with.

After all, since Eastshire invited me over, it is my duty to help. There's no need for you to be embarrassed to ask me for help. Otherwise, if Eastshire loses the competition because of you, it's none of my business!"

With a cold expression, Dr. Ellis gritted his teeth and said, "Oh, Leonard, you can be rest assured! I've already left the Eastshire representatives group. Just focus on your own matters."

Leonard was startled but he quickly laughed and said, "Why did you leave? Did you purposely leave the team after you found out that I was coming because you are afraid? However, it's the smart thing to do.

After leaving the team, you won't need to participate in the competition. With that, you won't have to go on stage and nobody would compare us both so naturally, you won't be humiliated. Dr. Ellis, I never thought that you would learn from your mistakes!"

Leonard's apprentices once again burst into laughter and they looked at Dr. Ellis in contempt.

Meanwhile, Dr. Ellis was angered because he had never been insulted so badly before. However, it was common among the medical industry. His medical skills were weaker than Leonard's so there was nothing he could do.

Just then, Matthew suddenly said, "Leonard, are you unwilling to leave because you're planning to represent Eastcliff in the competition? I'm sorry but Eastcliff doesn't have enough money to hire a greedy creature like you!"

Nobody expected that Matthew would dare to scold Leonard, and even Dr. Ellis and Travis were dumbfounded.

After all, Leonard was a big shot. He was the most skilled doctor in Mightwater and one of the top ten doctors in the country. Other than his noble status, he had relationships with wealthy families and nobody in the venue could compete with him!

Even though Leonard was arrogant, he was qualified to do so. Even Old Master Hughes had to treat Leonard respectfully and politely. Nobody had spoken to Leonard so disrespectfully in a long time!

With a cold expression, Leonard solemnly asked, "Who are you? How dare you speak up in front of me?"

Matthew chuckled and replied, "This is the seating area for the Eastcliff representatives. You're standing in our area but you think that I have no right to talk to you? Leonard, you really are shameless!"

His words instantly caused the crowd to burst into laughter. At the same time, they looked at Matthew as if he was a fool.

Not a single person in the venue dared to go against Leonard and even a big shot like Dr. Ellis had to treat him respectfully. However, Matthew actually dared to yell at Leonard rudely. In their eyes, Matthew was seeking for death.

Sure enough, Leonard's face darkened. He angrily turned to look at Travis and asked, "Why is there a team of representatives from Eastcliff?"

Travis hurriedly explained everything that happened with some exaggeration and in the end, he gritted his teeth and said, "This b*stard bewitched Dr. Ellis to completely destroy the Eastshire representatives team.

Fortunately, my grandfather was smart enough to invite you. Otherwise, I'm afraid the Eastshire representatives would lose terribly!"

Hearing this, Leonard glared at Matthew in disgust and said, "How dare an immature young b*stard like you act rudely in front of me? Is it because the elders in your family are all dead so nobody could teach you manners?"

Matthew chuckled and said, "Of course I know manners. However, I don't think there's a need to treat elders who don't deserve respect with good manners."

Leonard immediately flew into a rage. After all, Matthew was implying that he didn't deserve respect. "You impudent b*stard!" Leonard roared angrily.

His apprentice at the side hurriedly kicked Matthew and yelled, "As*hole!"

However, Matthew easily dodged his kick and he sneered, "Leonard, as a elderly, you didn't teach your apprentice well either!"

Leonard watched from the sidelines and he arrogantly said, "He is my apprentice. If he does nothing when someone humiliates me, that would be the true sin!"

Matthew's voice suddenly turned cold. "Well, does that mean that you're not planning to stop him? Since you can't discipline them, I'll do you a favor and teach them a lesson!"