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"Dad, what do you mean?" Travis asked. He had never felt this humiliated in his entire life.

How could his father have an affair at such an old age?!

If Audrey found out about this, she would surely explode in rage!

Even Travis himself was furious.

"Dad, get this woman out of here right now!" he shouted. Thankfully, he managed to control his temper and stopped himself from pulling Fidelia out of the car.

Fidelia was so frightened that she hid behind Gunter and held him close.

Her beautiful face had turned pale with fear. When Gunter saw this, his heart softened with pity. Then, he glared at his son and said, "Don't think you can yell at me just because you've gotten control over the Paramount Corporation! I'm your father! You have no right to speak to me like that!"

Then, he turned to the driver and ordered him to drive.

The car sped away, leaving Travis in the dust.

He clenched his fists so tightly that his body began to shake.

Lilith approached him and tried comforting him. "Maybe it's not what you think—"

"Do you want me to catch them in bed before I believe it?!" he snapped at her. He was seething with rage.

"Lilith, you go back first. I'm afraid I can't take you to meet my parents today," Travis told her.

Understanding the current situation, Lilith replied, "Okay."

Although she wanted to meet his parents badly, she had no choice but to accept that it wasn't going to happen today.

Travis drove back to his house as fast as he could. However, when he got there, he knew that he couldn't say anything to Audrey.

After all, he knew his mother's temper.

If she learned about his father's affair, she would definitely have a huge fight with Gunter.

The company was still in the process of adjusting. He couldn't do anything to jeopardize that.

If given the choice, he would rather prioritize the company rather than his own mother.

Then, all of a sudden, something unexpected happened.

Prior to this, Travis had just invested six hundred million dollars into Alick's company. After less than half a month, Alick called him and said, "We've encountered some problems and may need more money."

Since Travis had just found out about his father's affair, he was in a bad mood for the past couple of days. So, when Alick told him this, he snapped at him and almost shouted, "Didn't you say that this was the last stage? You told me that the six hundred million I had invested is enough. Now you're saying that it's not enough? What are you trying to

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tell me?"

"I told you that if nothing goes wrong, then I won't ask you for any more money. However, something did go wrong! If you don't give me the money, I'll find another investor—"

"It's clearly indicated in our contract that I'm the only one who can join this project," Travis cut him off. "If you find another investor, you'll be violating the terms of our contract!"

Instead of feeling threatened, Alick became more arrogant and bolder with his words. "The project is almost finished. If I don't find another investor, then I'll watch the project that I've spent so much time, energy, and resources get ruined! Look, I'm not blaming you, but you're not as generous as Isaac. Back when he was CEO, every businessman showed him respect. In fact, he's famous for his generosity—"

"What are you trying to say?" Travis was already feeling upset due to what was happening with his family. So, when Alick mentioned Isaac, his anger was aggravated further. "Are you telling me that I'm stingy?"

"I'm just telling you the truth. The Paramount Corporation owns hundreds of billions of assets, and yet, you're refusing to give me a billion. What would you call that if not stingy?" Alick was no longer afraid of offending Travis now. After all, they had already signed the contract.

Travis' eyes turned cold all of a sudden. "What did you just say? You need a billion from me?"

"Yes."

"Damn it! I just gave you six hundred million dollars just half a month ago! And now, you're telling me that you want another billion dollars? Do you think I'm printing money?!" Travis was so enraged that his chest began to tighten. His

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blood was boiling, and he felt like he was on the brink of running amok.

Nothing was going his way recently.

"Research and development are always costly—"

"Are you using our money to wipe your ass?" Travis cut him off again. After saying that, he took a deep breath and calmed himself down. "I don't want to talk nonsense with you. Just tell me the truth: how much money do you need? And will this be the last time that you'll be asking? When do you think you'll be done with the research and development?"

"Like I've told you before, this is already the last stage of the project. However, I don't want to rush this and cause an accident. You're not the only one who had invested a few hundred millions to this project. I've also invested money of my own. In fact, I've spent more than ten billion dollars for this project! So, if this fails, I'll go bankrupt as well! That's why failure isn't an option for me. After the accident in the research, I was in a bad mood, which was why I yelled at you. For that, I apologize."

After hearing Alick's side, Travis forced himself to calm down.

Alick had spent more than ten billion dollars on this project. He, on the other hand, had only invested a couple of hundred millions. Once the products got launched, he was entitled to earn fifty percent of the profits. He could still earn a lot when that time came.

"How much do you need?" Travis asked him.

"1.5 billion," Alick answered.

When he heard the amount, Travis almost cursed out loud.

That was so much money!

"I know this isn't a big deal for the Paramount Corporation..."
Alick added.

Upon hearing that, Travis pursed his lips and said nothing.

The truth was that the company didn't have that much money.

The last time he checked, all the company had was six hundred million dollars.

Of course, he couldn't tell others that. He had to protect his reputation as well as his dignity! Not only that, if the directors found out, he would surely be in hot water.

"Give me some time," Travis said.

Suddenly, an idea popped in his head. He remembered that the company still had a few projects that were operating. If he could sell those, he might be able to obtain the necessary funds.

He didn't want to give up his investment in the Hexagon Inc. After all, this was his first project after joining the company. He didn't want to quit halfway. Besides, he had already signed a contract. So, he had no choice but to invest this money.

After his conversation with Alick, he contacted someone in private to sell some of the company's projects that were still operating.

Luckily, he was able to find a buyer within a short amount of time.

There was a foreign company that was willing to take over the company's projects and could pay the full price.

In order to make sure that the company was legitimate, Travis even conducted his own investigation online.

The company was called Mercury Corp. Based from his research, he learned that the company was registered in Clouland. Three years after its inception, it grew big enough to become a well-known company abroad. Based on the rumors, it seemed that a mysterious manager was running the company. It was also said that he had an infallible eye for business. Every project that he had invested in became profitable. In fact, two years ago, he had invested in an internet project and earned himself a great amount of money from it. Until now, that project was still producing huge profits every year. Aside from that, he also had investment in many other fields, including entertainment, media, medicine, and others. All of those investments were raking in tremendous amounts of profit.

Looking at all this, Travis thought it was a reliable company.

So, after being introduced, he connected with the president of Mercury Corp.

Then, after negotiating, he managed to sell the last two good projects of Paramount Corporation.

For those two projects, he received a total of two billion dollars.

After getting the money, he ordered the financial department to transfer 1.5 billion to Alick.

Once the transaction was complete, Travis called Alick and said, "Now, we have to make sure that the project succeeds. We can't afford another failure."

Alick glanced at Isaac, who was sitting at the desk. Then, he said to the phone, "Don't worry. I won't ask money from you ever again."

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He made sure to emphasize his last few words.

After hanging up the phone, Alick said, "It's from Travis."

Even though Isaac had heard their conversation, there wasn't a trace of satisfaction on his face. Instead, he just leaned against the back of his chair and stretched his legs.

Right now, everything was under his control.

He knew better than anyone else what was left in the Paramount Corporation.

Travis had just sold the last two profitable projects that could support the company. Now, there was no way for him to back out even if he wanted to.

"Continue on with the plan. I'll ask Willie to go to the head office," Isaac said.

"Okay. We're very close to succeeding," Alick replied. His tone was dripping with confidence.

The last step of their plan was to drain Travis of all his money.

Isaac's cold eyes narrowed. It was now time for Audrey to know about Fidelia's existence.

"Go and complete this mission for me." As soon as he said this, his face darkened. There was a mysterious look in his eyes that was hard to comprehend.

"Yes, sir," Alick replied before leaving the study.

As he went out, he happened to bump into someone by accident.