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Ethan still remembered how Harry had helped him settle the issue of the car accident that resulted in someone's death. Hence, he always held that debt close to his heart.

Harry appeared deeply moved and said, "Ethan, your kindness touches me. Don't talk about owing me anything as we're family and there's no such thing among family members. You're still young, and taking care of you is only natural.

"To be honest, if it weren't for the fact that I had no other choice, I really wouldn't have asked you to come over"

"Harry, you can always count on me whenever you need help. Just tell me how can

I help you no

you now," Ethan said earnestly with anticipation in his eyes.

"Harry started but choked up, unable to continue talking.

Ibrahim stepped in and said, "Mr. Ethan, here's what happened. Mr. Harry faced some investment issues recently, and then something unfortunate happened to Miss Ashley too. Gina demanded 200 million dollars from Mr. Harry to treat Miss Ashley"

Even though Ethan now knew Gina was the renowned doctor, Genevieve, he was still shocked by the amount of medical fees. "What? 200 million dollars? Is Gina deliberately extorting money?"

Ibrahim sighed and commented, "Who wouldn't think so? But Mr. Harry has no choice but to pay for Miss Ashley's treatment. The medical fee is a necessity, isn't it? After spending so much and facing investment problems, Mr. Jackson has a cash flow problem and also needs to compensate his partners" losse

Upon hearing this, Ethan understood what was going on. "Harry, how much is needed? Tell me, I'll help you pay."

“Well, Ethan, you’re indeed successful in your career now, but you’re still in the beginning stages. You should keep your money for yourself. I’m quite old now and never expected a young man like you to clean up my mess, I find myself useless.”

Harry started crying sadly while Ethan hurriedly comforted him.

“Harry, how can you say that? Everyone will encounter some difficulties throughout their lives. You can just take the money as my appreciation for your previous help. How much is it? help to pay.”

Harry replied, “It’s 100 million dollars.”

Ethan froze upon hearing the amount since this sum would practically deplete all his savings.

“100 million dollars?” Ethan repeated in shock.

“Yes.” Harry nodded and continued, “Ethan, if you can’t come up with that much money now, it’s play. figure something out on my own, I don’t want

to trouble you.”

However, Ethan didn’t want to let Harry down. “No, Harry, I can do it. I can pay.”

Even though paying 100 million dollars would leave Ethan in financial difficulty, he was determined to repay Harry’s kindness.

Harry was moved and said to Ethan, “Ethan, I’m deeply touched. I’m fortunate to have you by my side, thank you. Please don’t worry as I’ll return you the money once my finances stabilize.”

Harry was just being polite to Ethan as he had no intention of repaying him. Even if Ethan insisted on repayment, Harry wouldn’t give it back.

Shaking his head, Ethan said, “Harry, there’s no need to talk about repayment. We’re family and 100 million dollars is nothing. You don’t owe me anything”

While he acted confident, Ethan was feeling the pinch. However, he believed her all-in-one medical examination machine project would prosper, earning him more than a billion dollars in the future. With all his achievements thanks to Harry’s support, repaying Harry was the least he could do. This way, Harry might also continue to support him wholeheartedly.

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Ethan felt that Harry had no sons, but had treated him like his son, especially since Harry hadn't supported Ashley's career but had helped him instead. With this, he was determined not to let Harry down.

Harry sighed and held Ethan's hand, saying earnestly, "Ethan, I'm very grateful to you. To be honest, I believe the most capable and suitable person to help me is Gabriel. But as you know, Gabriel has almost disowned us because of Gina, and I can't make him help me anymore. Otherwise, Gabriel could easily come up with 100 million dollars, and I wouldn't need to take your hard-earned money."

"Harry, don't say that. I'm not like Gabriel. Gabriel turned his back on us for a woman, but I won't. To me, family always comes first," Ethan declared boldly.

Harry nodded. "It's good to hear you say that, Ethan. I know you're usually very busy with work and need your rest. I shouldn't have disturbed you, but I called you over anyway. Now that the issue is resolved, you should go home and rest."

Ethan was taken aback, not expecting how quickly Harry was sending him away.

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Ibrahim quickly chimed in to smooth things over. "Mr. Ethan, Mr. Harry has been feeling unwell because of the recent stress. You two can meet together again when Mr. Harry feels better."

Harry just wanted to get rid of Ethan as soon as possible because he had no interest in continuing the show.

Ethan didn't doubt Ibrahim's words and said, "Alright then, Harry, you take care. I'll come visit you again soon."

"Okay, see you."

Ethan said sincerely, "Harry, if you're feeling unwell, just call me. If there's anything I can do to help, I'll be there. Since Ashley isn't well, let me take care of you in her place."

He had benefited greatly from Harry's support, and after enjoying both fame and fortune, his ambitions had grown. Now he started to think that it would be perfect if he could inherit all of Harry's assets after Harry's passing.

However, Harry did have a daughter, so Ethan decided to act more helpful and obedient than her. With this, perhaps one day

inheritance to him..

would leave his

Ibrahim offered to see Ethan out. "I'll escort you,

Mr. Ethan."

After saying his goodbyes to Harry, Ethan strutted past Ibrahim, giving him a haughty look and barely acknowledging him with a grunt.

Ibrahim wasn't angered by Ethan's arrogance but found it amusing, thinking that this fool didn't even realize he was being used and drained. Ibrahim thought, 'No wonder Mr. Harry has chosen Ethan as his cover for shady dealings.

As Ibrahim walked behind Ethan, he glanced back at Harry.

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The two exchanged a knowing smile without saying a word.

After seeing Ethan out, Ibrahim lowered his posture and asked, "Mr. Ethan, now that you've filled the financial gap for Mr. Harry, won't this make your

funds tight?"

Ethan stopped in his tracks, sneering as he started lecturing Ibrahim. "Is this something you need to worry about? Why are you asking so many questions? Don't ask about things that aren't your concern."

Ibrahim forced a smile. "Mr. Ethan, have you forgotten that I am the chief advisor for the all-in-one medical examination machine project? If your funds are tight, won't that affect the subsequent mass production and other aspects of the project?"

Ethan felt a bit embarrassed, having forgotten in his arrogance that Ibrahim was indeed the chief advisor for the project. "So, did you come out here just to ask me this? As my subordinate, shouldn't you be thinking of ways to solve this problem? If you can't come up with a solution, stop asking so many questions."

Ibrahim almost laughed out of anger, feeling that Ethan was indeed a true member of the Jackson family as he spoke in a manner strikingly similar to Harry. However, Ethan was certainly overestimating himself while considering Ibrahim as a mere subordinate.

“I do have an idea. Mr. Ethan, but I wonder if it sounds good to you,” Ibrahim said.

To be precise, Ibrahim had thought of a new way to exploit Ethan.

Since this fool was so easily manipulated, why not make use of him?

“Speak,” Ethan urged as he was also very curious.

Ibrahim took out a business card from his pocket. “The CEO of the Julius Commercial Bank is my friend...”

Ethan interrupted before Ibrahim could finish, “What do you mean? Are you suggesting I get a loan!”

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Ethan was so angry that he laughed before continuing disdainfully, “I thought you had a brilliant idea, but this is something even a three-year-old could think of”

“That’s not it, Mr. Ethan. Please, let me finish my words,” Ibrahim said patiently. “Let me teach you, you can use a small amount of money to make a big

profit

Ethan suddenly turned angry. “Are you trying to teach me? Do you think I need you to teach me how to make money? Ibrahim, aren’t you overestimating yourself?”

Ibrahim clenched his fists as being looked down upon by such a stupid and ignorant person was a great humiliation to him.

Despite feeling angry, he chose to bide his time, waiting for the right moment to strike.

“I’m sorry, Mr. Ethan, my words were inappropriate. I shouldn’t have said about teaching you to earn. What I meant was..”

Ibrahim then lowered his voice and whispered in Ethan’s ear

Upon hearing Ibrahim’s words, Ethan’s expression changed dramatically. “Are you suggesting me to engage in loan sharking?”

“Oh, Mr. Ethan, you’re not giving out high-interest loans. You’re just helping people in need and solving their urgent problems. It’s a mutually beneficial arrangement,” Ibrahim said, trying to lead Ethan astray.

“I think about IL”

It was rare for Ethan to put away the arrogance on his face and think seriously. After thinking about it, he still felt that doing such a thing would more or

less lower his status,

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But on the other hand, his funds were indeed tight and he might be in trouble if he suddenly needed money. Thinking of these, he was conflicted.

On second thought, he felt that he might be overthinking and shouldn't always assume the worst.

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His project was going well, and his partnership with Blue Vale Hospital was solid. Even though he felt uneasy without sufficient funds, it didn't mean he had to resort to Ibrahim's suggestion.

To Ethan, this kind of shady business was too embarrassing.

Ethan took the business card from Ibrahim and threw it on the ground. "No need for such a terrible idea. Don't waste my time."

With that, he got into his car and drove off, leaving Ibrahim both amused and annoyed as he looked at the discarded card. [Search the website](#) to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Ibrahim thought, 'Ethan, you'll regret this

Ethan didn't go home but drove to the Jackson family's old mansion. Upon entering and seeing Isaac, he asked, "Where's Grandpa?"

"In the garden, feeding the fish," Isaac replied.

Ethan headed straight for the back garden.

"Grandpa!"

Nell turned around and teased, "You're here? Why are you free to come to my place today?"

Ethan came here for a reason. However, he didn't visit often because Nell never showed him much affection and even sided with Gina to bully him. He could never

forget the heart-wrenching moment when Gabriel almost strangled him, and Neil didn't intervene. That feeling of coldness and betrayal remained etched in his memory.

Despite recognizing and admitting that Neil favored Gabriel over him, Ethan still came as he wanted Neil to help.

"Grandpa, I'll help you feed the fish. How have you been? How's your sleep quality is everything alright?" Ethan tried to hide his urgency, grabbing some fish food and tossing it into the pond.

Neil put down the fish food and looked at Ethan, who seemed to care about him but was absent-minded. "Ethan, if you have anything to say to me, just say it. What's wrong? Are you embarrassed to say it?"

Knowing his thoughts had been exposed, Ethan felt a little awkward. However, he really could not continue acting caring anymore, so he decided to get straight to the point.

"Grandpa, you've seen how well my medical project is doing now, but I need some funds for cash flow. So, can I..."

"Grandpa, I'm not asking for a handout, but can I borrow money from you and I'll return it after a while?"

Neil asked, "How much do you need?"

Ethan was stunned, unable to believe it. "Grandpa, are you agreeing?"

Neil nodded. "Yes, I agree. Also, don't talk about borrowing money, it's yours. We're family and there's no need to stand on ceremony."

Ethan suddenly felt everything was surreal because it was going too smoothly. "Thank you, Grandpa. I need 40 million dollars."

"Okay, L

Before Neil finished his sentence, Gabriel interrupted, "No way."

Gabriel had returned to retrieve a USB drive left there and noticed Ethan's car thrked outside. He also learned from Isaac that Ethan seemed to have rushed to look for Neil, Feeling that something was wrong, he came to the garden and heard their conversation.

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Neil turned around in surprise. "Gabriel, why are you back suddenly?"

“Dad, never mind why I’m back. Ethan wants you to give him 40 million dollars for his medical project, I disagree.” Ever since Gabriel insisted on letting

Ethan separate the project from Jackson Group, he indicated not allowing other family members to get involved with it.

Moreover, Gabriel and Gina suspected major problems with the project, so he couldn’t agree to Neil giving money to Ethan.

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Ethan was furious but also wary of Gabriel, not daring to be too harsh. “Gabel, give me a break. You nearly strangled me to death once, and you’re still not satisfied? Yes, I targeted Gina before, but I’ve already paid the price. What more do you want from me? Do you want me to die to make you happy?”

Tell me.

“These are completely different matters and I’m not targeting you because of Gina,” Gabriel clarified.

Ethan didn’t believe Gabriel’s words and snorted. “Grandpa has already agreed.”

“Dad, even if you agree, I will intercept the fund transfer,” Gabriel said.

Ned was silent for a while, but he suddenly remembered Gina mentioning that the investment

in Ethan’s project wasn’t suitable. In any way, he trusted

Gina’s judgment.

“Well, this...” Neil wanted to say something but hesitated since he had agreed to Ethan’s request earlier and it would be inappropriate to reject it now.”

However, Ethan already knew the answer from Neil’s hesitation, blaming inwardly on Gabriel for stepping in.

Ethan gritted his teeth. “Forget it, Grandpa, I don’t need the funds anymore.”



his, he turned to walk away angrily.

With this,

As he passed Gabriel, Ethan wanted to punch him but restrained himself.

After Ethan left, Neil said, "Even if I gave him 40 million dollars and he lost it all, it wouldn't matter."

Gabriel interrupted,

"Dad, it's not about losing money. The all-in-one medical examination machine project has serious issues and might involve death."

Neil was stunned. "What? What has Ethan done?"

"We're not sure yet, but two people who had done the cheap medical checkup using the machine at Blue Vale Hospital had accidents. One died while another went missing luckily the missing one has been found," Gabriel briefly explained the situation

Neil was shocked. "How could th

this happen?"

"We're still investigating," Gabriel replied.

Suddenly feeling a tightness in his chest, Neil clutched his heart Gabriel was worried, stepping forward to support Neil "Dad, are you okay?"

"Gabriel, no matter what, you need to watch over Ethan. Don't let him go astray. His past indulgences weren't a big deal, but anything involving death is unacceptable." Neil felt dizzy, thinking that if Ethan committed such heinous acts, it would spell the end for the Jackson family.

Gabriel's expression was grave as he suspected Ethan had already gone astray. [SEARCH THE website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.](#)

However, he didn't want to worry Neil too much. "Okay, Dad, don't worry. I'll handle it."

"Alright."

Neil took a deep breath and added, "I'm a bit tired. I'll go rest for a while."

Ethan returned to his parents' house.

Abbie was especially happy to see him back, saying, "Ethan, you haven't been back for so long. I called you for dinner, but you never came. No matter how busy you are, you should have time for a meal. We miss you so much, Ethan."

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She walked up, holding Ethan's hand while looking him up and down, then slapped his shoulder lightly. "Have you not been eating well? You're so thin, breaks my heart."

Ethan impatiently shrugged off Abbie's hand. "Can you stop nagging? I rarely come home, and you're already bugging me. Maybe I shouldn't come back

at all

Abbie was taken aback upon hearing his words. "Why are you throwing a tantrum? Are you upset about something? Tell me, don't let it out on me. I can help you."

"You?" Ethan sneered and continued disdainfully, "What can you do?"

Abbie was speechless. "I'm your mom and you don't even respect me anymore. Fine, you're capable now and if you look down on me, so be it, but can't you at least tell me what's bothering you?"

"..." Ethan hesitated

Clinton entered

into the living room. "You look troubled. Is there a financial problem?"

It was not a problem, just that Ethan had no money at hand, which made him uneasy. He was just afraid that there would be a sudden issue with the project.

"Tell me, are there any cash flow difficulties that you need money? That's why you are coming to us for help, right?" Clinton asked.

"No," Ethan denied it since there was no such a problem.

Clinton continued, "It's your first time working on a project, so it's normal for there to be problems. If you face any issues, just tell us and we can think of a solution together. As long as it isn't too serious, there's a way."

Ethan grew impatient and clarified, "There's no problem with my project."

“No problem? It doesn’t seem like it. It’s normal to encounter some challenges along the journey, especially when you’re handling it alone.”

“What do you mean I need help?” Ethan exploded. Back then, Gabriel started at a young age and succeeded on his own without any help. Ethan thought that he could do the same since Gabriel could achieve it. His project had no issues and he came home hoping his parents could lend some money as a backup. However, seeing his dad’s expression and insistence that there were some problems with the project, Ethan got frustrated.

He thought if he asked for money now, they’d think his project was failing

Ethan didn’t want them to doubt him and could only angrily say, “Why are you assuming things? I said there’s no problem. You two have lived so long. what have you accomplished? Do you think you know a lot?”

Clinton was dumbfounded by Ethan’s words. “Ethan, you’re so arrogant just because you have some success. I just asked a question, why are you so

agitated?”

“Why do you have to ask? In the Jackson family, you’re the most useless. If you had any capability in the Jackson Group, I wouldn’t have to endure Gabriel’s attitude.” Ethan started bringing up old grievances since he was getting angry.

“You are so ungrateful. It’s fine if you don’t want to go home, but you are now coming back just to argue with me. Are you looking for a beating? Clinton

was so angry that he wanted to find something to beat Ethan, simply reaching for his belt.

Ethan fired back. “Am I wrong? You’re a failure, but I’m not. You don’t get to question me.”

“You...” Clinton was infuriated because he asked out of kindness, but it was wrong in Ethan’s eyes.

Abbie intervened, pushing Clinton aside. “Alright, stop it. Do you want to hit Ethan? I think Ethan’s right. I’ve been married to you for so many years, and what have you done besides living leisurely? Now that Ethan’s successful, you can’t help, and you still want to criticize him? You must be crazy.”

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Clinton, fuming from attack from both A b b e and Ethan, felt a wave of dizziness. "Fine, I'm leaving

Ethan interjected, "You don't need to go. I'll leave right away. This is so annoying. I just wanted to have a meal, and all I get is this nonsense!"

Without another word, Ethan stormed out while A b b e tried to stop him. "Hey, Ethan, don't leave, you haven't eaten yet. Don't listen to your father's nagging."

„Ethan didn't even glance back

A b b e glared at Clinton angrily. "Are you happy now? You drove our son away. Marrying you must have been my punishment for past sins."

fault?" Clinton was also speechless. "Why are you blaming me? I didn't even mention the problems with his project yet, and he exploded. How is that my

The couple started arguing again.

Ethan was deep in thought as he walked out of the house. He didn't have much money on hand, and his project was worth a few hundred million dollars. He worried about not having enough funds if an urgent need arose. But everything seemed fine with the project for now, so he decided to stop worrying unnecessarily and not scare himself

Ethan was about to relax when he suddenly received a call from his secretary. When he picked up the call, he heard the secretary say anxiously, "Mr. Jackson, the chief technical researcher of our team has just tendered his resignation."

"What? Wasn't he doing well? Why did he suddenly want to resign?"

Ethan listened as he got into his car SEAR\*ch the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

"Mr. Jackson, our research on the all-in-one medical examination machine has been very successful, attracting a lot of attention. Many are eyeing our core technology and someone offered him a higher salary, and he was tempted," the secretary explained.

"Tempted?" Ethan laughed angrily. "Have I treated him poorly?"

"No, but people always look for better opportunities," the secretary said.

“Does he think I’m underpaying him? He’s such a traitor!” Ethan was furious. The project was based on unique technology and if others acquired it, his competitive edge would be lost.

Ethan felt something was off as problems started to arise just when he was low on funds. He wondered if someone was trying to sabotage him and guessed that it might be Gina or Gabriel

Ethan felt that his suspicions were reasonable, thinking that they were the ones who wanted to poach his technicians as they couldn’t bear to see him doing well.

His thoughts were interrupted by the secretary’s voice. “Mr. Jackson? Mr. Jackson?”

“What is it?” Ethan was getting impatient

“I would like to ask about our next steps,” the secretary said.

“Isn’t it obvious? We need to retain the researcher Ethan thought.

Ethan punched the steering wheel in frustration “What’s the use of having you? You only know how to ask me what to do, don’t even know how to help me solve the problems.”

“Sorry, Mr. Jackson.”

Ethan hung up the phone angrily, messaging his temples while calling Ibrahim,

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Ibrahim was not surprised that Ethan would call him immediately and answered with a sneer. “Mr. Ethan, what a coincidence. I was just about to call

you

Ethan rolled his eyes. “Why do you want to call me?”

“Our team is busy upgrading the all in one medical examination machine. Hence, the lab needs new medical equipment, and we need funding,” Ibrahim

explained.

“Why didn’t you tell me earlier when I was at Harry’s house?” Ethan was enraged,

Mt. Ethan, don't be angry. Mr. Harry had something to tell you back then and how could an outsider like me interrupt?" Ibrahim continued to pretend to

be humble.

Ethan gritted his teeth. "You did it on purpose, didn't you?"

"Mr. Ethan, please calm down. Even if I interrupted at that time, what would it change? Are you going to choose not to help Harry?" Ibrahim countered.

Ethan was stunned by Ibrahim's question.

Ibrahim continued to press on. "Mr. Ethan, you care for your family and are grateful to them, so I couldn't tell you that our project needs money and suggest you not help your uncle. Later, I did give you a solution, didn't I? I didn't spell it out, but I was considering our team and the project's success."

Ethan sighed, rubbing his forehead. "Give me the bank manager's contact."

"Right away," Ibrahim replied smoothly while laughing silently as Ethan had taken the bait.

Gina arrived at Xander's ward.

As soon as Xander saw her, he immediately tried to get up from his bed.

"Miss Miller"

"Stay in bed," Gina said calmly.

She then sat on a chair and asked, "How did you get kidnapped?"

"I don't know. I was unconscious after drinking a glass of water at home. After that, I was kept in a sack the whole time and I didn't even see my kidnappers, Xander explained, holding his head.

"Do you or your father have any enemies?" Gina still wanted to ask Xander about the situation.

Xander thought for a moment and replied, "if I had to name someone, it would be Henry, but he's already been arrested."

So, the problem lies with the Blue Vale Hospital," Gina concluded.

"Blue Vale Hospital? What's wrong with them?" Xander was puzzled.

“We’re still investigating. Besides you, has anyone else around you been to Blue Vale Hospital for check-ups?”

“The hospital offers cheap check-ups, so many of my neighbors have been there.”

“Did anything happen to them?” Gina asked.

“No, they are all fine.”

Gina stood up after getting the information “Rest well. I will continue to investigate. Since I’ve promised to help you find your father, I will keep my word. Don’t worry.”

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Xander was so touched that he choked and said, “Miss Miller, thank you. I can never repay your kindness to my family. If there’s anything I can do to help. please let me know. I don’t want to just sit and wait for news.”

Gina said calmly, “Xander, don’t worry. Sorry for saying it too directly, it’s just that you really can’t help.”

The hospital issue is too complex and it wasn’t something an ordinary person like Xander could get involved in. Hence, it was better for Xander not to participate in the investigation.

Seeing his disappointment, Gina added, “Don’t get me wrong, I’m not looking down on you,”

“I understand. Alright, Miss Miller. Anyway, thank you!” Xander said.

“No problem.” Gina got up and left the ward.

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Late night at the Blue Vale Hospital, the door to the room housing the all-in-one medical examination machine quietly creaked open as someone snuck

In under the cover of darkness.

In the next second, all the lights in the room suddenly blazed on and the person in black was instantly exposed.

Panicking, the intruder turned around to flee, but a group of people lying in wait surrounded him, leaving him with no escape. In a flash, he felt a sharp prick at his neck and after touching his neck, he realized someone had shot him with a tranquilizer. Though he quickly pulled it out, his body soon lost strength, and he collapsed to his knees, unable to move.

Ibrahim stepped forward with his footsteps soft but steady, removing the intruder's mask before remarking, "You must be one of Gina's men, right?"

Ibrahim knew Gina had saved Xander and would likely trace the trail back to Blue Vale Hospital. Anticipating this, he had been prepared. Gina's operative

was skilled, but luckily Ibrahim's readiness paid off.

The man in black passed out without saying a word.

One of Ibrahim's men asked, "What should we do with him?"

"Handle him like those goods," Ibrahim replied without hesitation.

"But shouldn't we interrogate him?" the subordinate asked with confusion.

Ibrahim clicked his tongue in irritation, "What's the point? We know he's Gina's man. Do you think we'll get anything useful from him? Or do you have some specific questions to ask? His purpose of sneaking here is obvious, as he's after our machine.

"Are you an idiot? Why are you doing such a time wasting thing?"

The subordinate felt wronged and explained, "That's not what I meant, I thought if we got him to admit Gina sent him, we could use it against her. We could tell the media that Gina, the head of Prover Hospital, tried to steal our technology or destroy the all-in-one medical examination machine. This could ruin her reputation and her hospital will be affected."

It was a decent idea, but Ibrahim dismissed it. "Do you think Gina is merely a business rival?" Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.



The subordinate was puzzled and asked, "Isn't she?"

She was, but it was more than that.

Therefore, Ibrahim had no interest in such a petty tactic.

Ibrahim instructed, "Just do as I said. Right now, it's a matter of life and death between us and Gina."

"Understood," the subordinate replied:

The next day, Gina was busy at her hospital

equipment.

Her project on the artificial seed palace had reached the next stage, requiring a new batch of equi

She was now making a list and once it was done, she'd have Dylan handle the

chases.

Her phone rang, showing that it was a call from Michael.

"What's up?" Gina asked while continued writing

Michael's voice was heavy, informing. "Gina, we've lost contact with Keith after his mission failed."

Upon hearing. Gina paused and dropped her pen.

She had tasked Michael with sending someone to investigate Blue Vale Hospital's all-in-one medical examination machine. Keith was skilled and cautious but had still been captured, showing the other party was well-prepared.

Taking a deep breath, Gina said, "We must rescue him."

understand," Michael replied.

"No. I'll go myself." Gina suddenly decided.

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Michael knew how much Gina valued her team as she never forced them to risk their life in completing tasks and wouldn't sit by when they were in danger.

“Okay, we’ll keep looking for Keith. I’ll update you immediately if we find anything,” Michael said.

“Alright.”

After hanging up the phone, Gina struggled to calm her nerves, not wanting Keith to be harmed.

A knock on the door brought her back to the present when she turned to see Dylan. She completed the final list of equipment before handing it to him,

instructing, “Get these as soon as possible.”

“Will do,” Dylan replied, glancing at the list before nodding.

At a downtown bar, Ethan sat alone at the bar, lost in thought.

Ibrahim had shown him a quick way to make money, which he had started using.

Ethan had mortgaged his properties to take out loans, using the money to lend to others at high interest rates. It didn’t sit right with him, but he was desperate for cash and too proud to ask his parents for help.

With Gabriel blocking funds from Neil, Ethan felt trapped and frustrated, wanting to find a bar to have a drink

He didn’t need to personally handle the loan sharking business as Ibrahim had already taken over that burden.

Ibrahim said to him, “Mr. Jackson, isn’t this a special situation? Let’s handle it differently for now. I know you don’t want to be involved in the loan shark business, but how about we stop after a while? Just temporarily stock up on funds for any unexpected needs. Once the all-in-one medical examination machine starts mass production and we make more money, we won’t need to do this illegal business anymore. Trust me, leave everything to me, and

nothing will go wrong”

It was not that Ethan didn’t trust Ibrahim. Although Ibrahim was a doctor, Ethan felt that sometimes he was more like a businessman. It seemed like Ibrahim was usually busy with business deals and rarely treated patients.

Ethan still remembered that Ibrahim was originally brought in by Harry to treat Neil’s heart condition, but it didn’t work out.

Ethan took a sip of his drink when suddenly someone patted his shoulder. Being initially immersed in his thoughts, Ethan was startled. He was about to turn around and curse when he saw Shane's grinning face.

"Mr. Jackson, what are you doing here? I don't think I've seen you around here before. What a coincidence!"

Shane tried to get close to him.

Ethan didn't recognize Shane and asked, "Who are you?"

Shane was a little surprised. "Mr. Jackson, you don't know me? Alright, let me introduce myself. My dad is Edward Benderson

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Mentioning Edward jogged Ethan's memory and he started to recall that Edward was a shareholder of the Jackson Group. However, Ethan thought that this had nothing to do with him since he wasn't currently involved with the Jackson Group, and its shareholders were even less relevant to him.

Ethan didn't feel like talking to Shane and he put down his glass, deciding to leave when Shane chased after him. "No, Mr. Jackson, why are you so cold? want to be friends with you.

Ethan snorted coldly. "I'm very busy and don't have time to make friends."

"Hey, M. Jackson, don't say that. The more friends you have, the more opportunities you have."

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Ethan looked at Shane as if he were crazy, wondering if something was wrong with his mental state.

Ethan wanted to distance himself from Shane, but Shane leaned in closer and said, "Mr. Jackson, I've been watching you for a while and you seem to be drinking alone. Why is that? Don't you have anyone to talk to?"

"Are you feeling a bit stressed lately? I've heard about your impressive achievements. You're the future business king of Norwood and I think you'll surpass Gabriel one day." Shane hiccuped after saying that,

Ethan couldn't deny that Shane's flattery was quite pleasing, making him willing to stay and listen to Shane for a bit, but he still put on airs. "So, why are you trying to chat with me? Is it that you want to invest in my project?"

"No, to be honest, I don't have the ability as I don't have much money. I merely want to be friends with you," Shane said apologetically.

"By the way, Mr. Jackson, if you're feeling stressed or unhappy, I know a way to cheer you up." Shane gave Ethan a knowing look.

"What way?" Ethan asked.

Shane leaned in and said, "This bar offers special services. Are you interested, Mr. Jackson?"

Ethan understood Shane's hidden meaning immediately but had concerns. "Are they clean?"

He was worried about getting in trouble due to diseases.

"Don't worry, Mr. Jackson. They undergo regular check-ups and if anything goes wrong, y

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can hold me responsible. You can even take my life."

Shane patted his chest in assurance.

"You said it."

Ethan pointed at Shane, his tone carrying a threat.

"Of course," Shane said as he put his arm around Ethan's shoulder, trying to act brotherly.

Ethan let Shane lead him to the back of the bar after considering that he hadn't relaxed in a while and needed some fun.

Half an hour later, Ethan was done and lay in the private room, having sent the two girls away. Feeling exhausted, he wanted to rest, feeling that this way of relieving stress was very effective, and thinking of coming again the next time.

"Mr. Jackson," Shane said as he pushed the door open and walked in.

When Ethan saw Shane, he instinctively pulled the blanket up to cover his upper body as he wasn't that familiar with Shane. "What are you doing? Are you crazy? Why did you come in suddenly?"

"Mr. Jackson, don't be angry. I just wanted to ask how you felt to get some feedback. Were the girls' services satisfactory?" Shane asked.

Ethan was speechless and felt that Shane was a bit of a p e v r t . "You're such a o

Shane laughed, looking a little dizzy when he rubbed his temples.

He blinked as if trying to wake himself up from drowsiness, then looked at Ethan before saying "Mr. Jackson, I'm not a p s y c h o. But now that you've enjoyed yourself, I want to discuss something with you

Ethan had a bad feeling. "What is it? Why now? Why can't you talk about it tomorrow?"

Ethan was so tired that he just wanted to rest

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Shane shook his head and answered, "No, I have to say it now since it is the perfect time.

"Mr. Jackson, now that you've made it big, if I ask to borrow some money from you, you wouldn't refuse, would you?"

Ethan frowned. "We're meeting for the first time and you're asking me for money? Are you crazy?"

Shane decided to stop pretending and said, "Mr. Jackson, I'll be honest with you. I'm not negotiating with you, I'm demanding. This room is under surveillance without any blind spots and I've captured your majestic appearance just now. If you don't lend me money, I'll upload all your videos.

“You’re a man of status now and no matter what, you need to protect your reputation, right? Besides, I’m to you in future,” Shane said without feeling ashamed.

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Only then did Ethan realize he had been set up and his face turned red with anger. Shane laughed at Ethan’s reaction, clutching his stomach and squatting down.

Shane said, “Mr. Jackson, I never thought you’d fall for it so easily. A few drinks and some sweet talk, and you’re h o o k e d. Don’t you have any sense of

caution?”

Shane was practically calling Ethan an idiot, starting to wonder how someone so naive could succeed in the medical field.

Ethan gritted his teeth, realizing he had underestimated Shane.

He was angry for a while but suddenly had an idea after thinking about Ibrahim’s suggestion to lend money at high interest. He felt that if Shane had the courage and wanted to play dirty, so could he

For the first time, Ethan kept his cool and asked, “How much do you want to borrow?”

Shane was surprised and a bit skeptical. “Wow, Mr. Jackson, you agreed so quickly. Are you willing to lend me money?”

“Yes, what else can I do? You have my private video,” Ethan said as he didn’t want a scandal to ruin his rising career. If his partners thought he was unreliable, they might back out and stop collaborating with him.

Also, Ethan was worried that Gabriel would make use of this matter to make a fuss and it would be troublesome.

“Great, Mr. Jackson, you’re so straightforward. You’re a real man.”

After a round of flattery, Shane tried to soothe Ethan’s mood. After all, Ethan was a member of the Jackson family, and provoking him would not end well. “Mr. Jackson, please don’t blame me as I had no choice but to resort to this. If I had known you were such a straightforward person, I would have asked to borrow the money directly instead of using such tactics. Rest assured, once the money is in my account, I will immediately delete all the videos, without keeping a single backup. You can come to check, and if you find any backup, I’ll return the money to you on the spot, okay?”

Ethan sneered. "I don't need your verbal assurances. If you want to borrow money from me, let's sign a contract. Tomorrow, I'll have my assistant contact

you."

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"Sure, Mr. Jackson, whatever makes you comfortable. I don't need to borrow much, only 10 million dollars.

"10 million dollars is probably a small amount for you, right? After all, you recently secured an investment from the foreign company, Scion Investment, didn't you? You probably don't care about such a small amount of money."

From the earlier conversation, Shane figured out that Ethan loved flattery because Ethan lost his bearings after being praised a bit. Now, Shane was complimenting Ethan to ensure Ethan didn't hold a grudge against him.

Ethan thought, '10 million dollars is not a lot?'

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Fortunately, Ethan did have the money. Despite looking displeased, he didn't say anything more but cursed inwardly, "He even dares to scheme against me. Well, then don't blame me for playing dirty."

The next day. Ethan arranged a meeting with Shane in a private room at the Grand Restaurant,

As Shane entered, he saw Ethan, who was accompanied by another man

Shane entered with a cheeky smile, greeting, "Mr. Jackson, sorry for making you wait, I didn't expect you to arrive so early. My apologies."

Ethan didn't even turn his head to greet Shane.

At the side, Ibrahim glanced at Shane without standing up. "You're Mr. Benderson, right?"

"Yes, and you are?" Shane sat down directly.

Lam Mr. Jackson's assistant." Ibrahim introduced himself offhandedly.

Upon hearing he was just an assistant, Shane's face darkened. It was fine to Shane that Ethan didn't get up to greet him, but Shane was angry with his

assistant's attitude.

Ethan remained silent, not wanting to deal with Shane, whom he found disgusting.

Ibrahim took a contract out of his briefcase. "Mr. Benderson, this is the contract for the loan you requested from Mr. Jackson."

Shane took the contract with a sour expression before glancing through it and immediately expressed dissatisfaction. "Mr. Jackson, isn't this interest rate too high? Can we negotiate

"No, it's not high..." Before Ibrahim could finish his sentence, he was interrupted by Shane. "It's not high? What do you mean it's not high? Do you have the right to speak here? I'm negotiating with Mr. Jackson. We're friends, right, Mr. Jackson? You wouldn't overcharge a friend, would you? After all, we already agreed, didn't we?"

Shane thought he was saving face for Ethan by not mentioning the private video incident, but he was hinting at it.

dog, you have to consider its owner, right? He's my assistant. How dare

Ethan turned to Shane coldly and said, "Who are you insulting? Even if you bully a dog, you you insult him?"

Hearing Ethan describing him as a dog, Ibrahim didn't say anything, only thinking that he would deal with both of them sooner or later.

Shane toned it down. "Mr. Jackson, I apologize. I'm a bit agitated because the interest rate is high, almost like a loan shark, if it's a loan shark rate, this contract isn't legally binding, is it? Besides, if you sign it but can't repay me, wouldn't you be upset? So, a lower rate can better ensure smooth repayment

Doesn't it sound better?"

"You speak," Ethan instructed Ibrahim as he didn't want to say more to Shane

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Ibrahim understood and replied, “Mr. Benderson, you said the rate is close to a loan shark’s, but only close. Unfortunately, I must tell you, this is just the official rate while the actual rate is 50% monthly.”

“What?!”

Shane immediately got up from his seat, thinking that this was pure loan sharking as the interest rate was too high.

“Mr. Jackson, are you serious?”

Shane was in disbelief and speechless. Just a moment ago, he was delighted at the prospect of getting 10 million dollars, but now he was at a loss, feeling that Ethan was trying to play dirty.

“Why am I not serious?” Ethan asked.

Shane rubbed his nose. “Mr. Jackson, let’s be serious. 50% Interest is insanely high. What if I can’t even afford it by then?”

Ibrahim smiled. “Mr. Benderson, don’t be modest. Doesn’t your family have Jackson Group stocks? How could you not have money to repay?”

Shane gritted his teeth. “The shares belong to my father, not me.”

“You’re his only son and wouldn’t those shares be yours if he dies?” Ibrahim countered.

Shane exploded. “Damn you, are you cursing my father?”

Then, he picked up a wine glass intending to smash it on Ibrahim’s head. He was dissatisfied with Ethan but couldn’t directly target him, so he wanted to vent his anger indirectly by hitting Ibrahim...

“What are you doing?” Ethan stepped in to protect Ibrahim.

Since Ibrahim was his assistant, Ethan’s action of protecting Ibrahim also meant protecting his self-dignity.

“Mr. Jackson, can we talk properly?” Shane pleaded urgently.

Seeing Shane’s anxious look, Ethan sneered. “Why are you in such a hurry? Haven’t been talking to you properly? The rate is 50% monthly, and I’m not negotiating with you. You must take the loan today, whether you like it or not

Shane was stunned, scratching his head, and suddenly chuckled. "Mr. Jackson, what do you mean by that? What do you mean I have to borrow it even don't want to? If I don't take it, I can just walk out, can't it

"And Mr. Jackson, you don't need to worry

ry about bad news coming out if I leave. It's fine, this is our first negotiation and I'll give you another chance.

"Let's not discuss this today. Once you're ready to lower the interest rate,

e, we can talk again. I genuinely want to be friends with you instead of making enemies."

Shane stood up and walked towards the door, but after finding it wouldn't open, he suddenly felt a chill down his spine.

Ethan slammed the table before standing up and approaching Shane to grab his collar and punch him in the face. "D a n it, who said I wanted to be friends with you? You dare scheme against me the first time we meet? Do you think you're worthy of my friendship?"

After taking the punch, Shane realized that Ethan had set a trap for him by inviting him to meet.

There was no way he could get out now

Understanding this, Shane immediately protected his head and begged, "Mr. Jackson, please stop. I know I was wrong.

Ethan didn't intend to push it too far because Shane's father, Edward, was a shareholder and had a good relationship with Neil. Making it too big of an issue would probably make Gabriel find out.

Ethan let go of Shane, disgustedly wiping his hands with a tissue. "D a m n, hitting you makes my hands dirty!"

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Ibrahim watched the scene unfold with a calm and composed demeanor.

Shane distanced himself from Ethan with fear evident in his eyes. “Mr. Jackson, the interest rate is too high. There’s no way I’m signing this contract. Even if you hit me, I won’t sign it. If it comes down to it, we’ll both go down together”

“You son of a...”

Ethan’s temper flared again, but just as he was about to strike, Ibrahim stepped in to hold him back. “Hey, Mr. Jackson, don’t get worked up. Come on, we’re all educated people here. Let’s talk it out.”

Shane, who had previously looked down on Ibrahim, now felt a hint of gratitude towards him and quickly seized the opportunity. “That’s right, let’s talk, don’t light.”

Ethan retorted, “I’m not a gentleman.”

Hearing this, Shane shrank back.

Ibrahim motioned for Ethan to calm down. “Mr. Jackson, take it easy. Let me handle this.”

He took the contract and approached Shane. “Mr. Benderson, let me explain. If you had just signed the contract earlier, we wouldn’t be in this mess. You’ve been using a video to threaten Mr. Jackson. Did you ever consider that you also have your dirty laundry?”

Shane remained defiant. “So, you’re saying I have a few skeletons in my closet. That’s not a big deal, you can just call the cops on me if you want.”

Ibrahim chuckled. “Mr. Benderson, do you think no one knows about your drug use and dealing?”

Shane’s face paled instantly. His drug use had been a long-standing issue, but he had only dealt drugs once and then stopped because he didn’t have a stable supply to continue and was fear of the severe consequences like a death sentence. He couldn’t believe that Ibrahim had discovered this.

In disbelief, Shane looked at Ethan. “Mr. Jackson, did you investigate me?”

Ethan hadn’t investigated him and Ibrahim was the one who found out. However, he wasn’t going to miss the chance to claim credit saying, “Why, can’t I investigate you? You messed with me, Shane, and now you’re going to pay for it.”

Shane was instantly terrified. "Please, don't tell anyone. Mr. Jackson, I'll sign the contract. Right now."

Shane quickly grabbed a pen and signed his name on the contract, muttering, "I'll repay you in half a month, just half a month."

"Half a month? That's not acceptable, Mr. Benderson. The minimum term is two months."

"What?" Shane was stunned.

Two months meant that he would owe Ethan 30 million dollars and he simply didn't have that much money.

Ibrahim clicked his tongue before saying, "Mr. Benderson, what are you questioning? Do you think there's still room for negotiation? If you don't want to borrow for two months, I can call the police right now and have them come over. How about that?"

Ibrahim was true to his word and pulled out his phone to start dialing.

Shane immediately pleaded, "No, please don't agree, two months will be fine."

Ibrahim looked pleased. "See, Mr. Benderson? If you had agreed earlier, we could have settled this in the first minute of our meeting. In that case, we won't waste each other's time, don't you think so?"

Hence, he handed the contract to Ethan, who took it and smiled triumphantly "Alright, that's it for today, Shane, remember to repay the money jobwo

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ying this, Ethan got up and left, with Ibrahim following closely behind.

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Watching the two walk away, Shane regretted deeply, wishing he could travel back to last night and slap himself for scheming against Ethan. He covered his face and cried out in despair, "It's over, everything is over!"

At the Norwood International Airport, Gina was waiting for the flight to Mosnioca as Dylan had already placed the order for the medical equipment she required.

Given the high value of the equipment, she wanted to personally oversee both its shipment and storage to avoid any future disputes.

Additionally, according to Michael's information, Keith was still alive but had been smuggled out of Shyran, possibly to Mosniaca through sea transport Gina had arranged for people at various ports in Mosnicca to inform her of any updates so she could rescue Keith

After boarding the plane, Gina noticed Ethan was also on board.

Ethan, who had been lounging comfortably, became uneasy upon seeing Gina and wondered why she was on the same flight.

Gina glanced at Ethan but then ignored him, while Ethan kept sneaking glances at her, Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

On the other hand, Gina paid him no mind and slept through the flight.

After getting off the plane, Gina, who had enough rest, went straight to the medical equipment company, YL Medtechs.

Upon arrival, Gina met with the sales manager, who greeted her. "Miss Miller, welcome. You must be tired after such a long flight. Let me take you to the VIP lounge to rest for a bit. Our boss will come to greet you personally."

Gina refused, "No need for all that. Just take me to inspect the equipment"

The manager

was surprised by Gina's straightforwardness and hesitated. "Miss Miller, I'm sorry, but I can't take you to inspect the equipment just yet."

"Why not?" Gina asked succinctly.

The manager smiled apologetically. "Miss Miller, I'm sorry, but I can't say. Is it okay for our boss to explain everything when he arrives?"

"No," Gina replied.

Her answer left the manager at a loss. "Well, this is

"Is there something wrong with the equipment? Is it damaged? If there's a problem, just tell me directly. Don't beat around the bush."

er was helpless. “Miss Miller, it’s not that I don’t want to tell you, I really can’t. Only our boss can discuss this matter with you.”

The manager

“Fine, then where is he?”

“He’s in his office, but he’s currently meeting with a customer, so he can’t see you right now,” the manager explained.

Gina would never make things difficult for the staff, but she had made an appointment with the boss, who had assured her that he would meet her as soon as she arrived. Yet now, during her scheduled time, he was with another customer.

Gina found it unacceptable and said firmly. “Take the to your boss’s office.”

The manager was troubled. “This...”

“you don’t lead me, I’ll find it myself.” Gina stepped out, ready to search on her own

Worried that Gina would disturb others by wandering around, the manager quickly went forward to stop her. “Miss Miller, please wait. I’ll take you to him.”

Gina followed the manager to the CEO’s office and as soon as the manager opened the door, she saw Ethan sitting on the sofa.

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Ethan, who had been lounging with his legs crossed, immediately sat up straighter, and his expression turned grim when he saw Gina.

It wasn’t fear that made him change his posture, but a desire not to let her think he was still the same idle playboy he used to be, wanting to show that he was competent.

Kenneth Layne, the **owner** of YL Medtechs, was surprised to see Gina and greeted her quickly, “Miss Miller, hello. I apologize for the inconvenience as I’m quite busy at the moment and couldn’t greet you.”

He then turned to the manager, saying with a scolding tone, "What's going on? Didn't you take care of Miss Miller properly? How could you mess up such a simple task?"

The manager felt helpless because he couldn't stop Gina just now, nor did he dare to. Offending such an important **guest** would do no good for the company.

In that case, the boss would still blame him.

Before the manager could respond, Gina spoke first, "Mr. Layne, now should be the time for us to discuss the cooperation and inspect the equipment."

Kenneth apologized again, "Miss Miller, I know, I'm very sorry, but I had no choice. Mr. Jackson was recommended by Ryder Leon, the boss **of** Scion Investment. Ryder has been a benefactor to me as I wouldn't have been able to grow my medical equipment business here without his investment.

"**Please** understand my predicament, Miss Miller, Kenneth said as he stood up and made a gesture inviting her to sit. "Since you're here, please come in and sit down. I have something to tell you."

"Miss Miller, please," the manager echoed.

Gina entered the office and sat on the sofa opposite Ethan.

**She** didn't spare Ethan a **glance**, which made him visibly annoyed.

Ethan snorted internally, thinking, 'Gina, there will be a time when **you** won't be able to laugh'

Kenneth **said**, "Miss Miller, the thing is, the integrated diagnostic equipment you ordered is currently out of stock. So, I'm sorry, we can't sell it to you right now as it will take some time."

Gina frowned and asked, "And you're telling me this only now when I'm coming for the inspection?"

"Miss Miller, this is a sudden situation as I didn't foresee it. I apologize for this." Kenneth pretended to be regretful.

"I want to hear the real reason, don't anyhow give me an excuse," Gina said, displeased.

"Well, Miss Miller, please don't make things difficult for me." Kenneth glanced at Ethan.

Ethan suddenly coughed, drawing Gina's attention.

**Gina** spoke coldly, if you have something to say, just say it. Don't pretend to be sick."

Ethan was speechless, feeling so angry that he choked on his saliva and couldn't stop coughing

Seeing this, Kenneth, hurried over to pour water and patted Ethan on the back. "Mr. Jackson, are you alright? Here, have some water, take **your** time."

Once Ethan calmed down, he gestured for Kenneth to step back before turning to Gina. "The real reason is, I urgently need the equipment **you** ordered, so Mr. Layne sold it to me first."

Kenneth quickly added, "Miss Miller, please don't be angry Let me explain, I heard that Mr. Jackson's project on the all-in-one **medical** examination machine is very meaningful. It's already in use **and** ready for mass **production**. When these machines are produced in bulk and used internationally.

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won't it benefit society? Miss Miller, you're such an outstanding person and you surely understand the bigger picture. So, please allow Mr. Jackson to have the equipment first."

Gina laughed coldly, thinking that Kenneth's high-sounding words were just nonsense, only to boil down to a matter of favor.

Moreover, since she doubted the legitimacy of Ethan's research team and their all-in-one medical examination machine, she certainly won't let go of this

batch of medical equipment.

"Don't talk to **me** about the bigger picture. I just want the equipment I paid for, immediately," Gina said without backing down.

"Miss Miller, I'm afraid I can only... Before Kenneth could finish his sentence, he was interrupted by Ethan. "Gina, this is not Shyran. **Don't** push Mr. Layne and you can come at me if you have the guts. Let me tell you, you won't snatch that medical equipment from me."

Ethan spoke with increasing intensity, even standing up and pointing down at Gina.

Gina chuckled calmly, lifting her eyes to meet Ethan's. "Come **at** you? Fine."



Ethan was intimidated by her sharp gaze, feeling it resembled that of Gabriel more and more.

As soon as Gina stood up, Ethan was so frightened that he took two steps back, no longer daring to point at her, and said warily, "What are you going to do? Do you want to hit me? **Gina**, I'm not afraid of you. Mr. Layne, where are the bodyguards?"

Kenneth was shocked and wanted to mediate. "No, Miss Miller, things aren't to the point of physical violence, right? Let's talk this through."

"**That's** right. Gina, if you dare to hit me, I'll not let you off. We're abroad now and Gabriel isn't here to protect you," Ethan said.

"Why are you so nervous? Did I say I was going to hit you?" Gina asked with a mocking smile.

The moment she stood up, Ethan was scared out of his wits.

She took out her phone and shook it. "I'm just making a call."

Ethan said disdainfully, "Gina, don't be ridiculous. Are you calling Gabriel to tattle? Go ahead, if you have the guts, bring Gabriel here now and have him beat me up. Come on."

Gina ignored him and dialed a number she hadn't contacted in a while.

"Hey," Gina said softly.

"Miss Miller, is that you?" The voice on the other end turned from incredulous to shocked and excited.

Both Ethan and Kenneth froze upon hearing the voice.

It was Ryder, the CEO of the world's largest investment company, Scion Investment.

Ethan thought, 'Just how many connections does she have worldwide? How does she even know Ryder?'

Ethan felt a bit **desperate** as he had initially thought that Gina couldn't possibly take the medical equipment from him, but now it seemed a little uncertain.

"It's me, Mr. Ryder. I have a matter to discuss with you. You helped Ethan snatch the medical equipment I was supposed to buy, and I'm quite displeased," Gina said bluntly.

Ryder was shocked and quickly apologized, "Miss Miller, listen to me, I didn't know the other buyer was you. I'm truly sorry, please don't be angry. Tell me, Miss Miller, what can I do to make it right??"

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Gina chuckled lightly. "So, are you saying that if it were another buyer, you

Ryder was speechless.

u would have helped Ethan secure this batch of equipment today?"

Gina continued, "Since you asked about what to do to make me calm down, let me tell you now. From now on, you are not allowed to help anyone in securing purchases like this. Understand?"

"Okay, I understand," Ryder nodded obediently.

Kenneth widened his eyes in shock after learning Ryder, a prominent figure in the investment world, acted so subserviently in front of Gina.

"You should know that if you go against this, I will find out," Gina added.

Gina was warning him not to even think about hiding it from her.

"Yes," Ryder said respectfully as he knew the consequences of angering Gina.

Gina turned to Kenneth, indicating that it was time for h

him to express his stance.

Kenneth wiped the sweat off his forehead. "Miss Miller, I mishandled this matter. Please forgive me. This batch of medical equipment was meant for you since you made the first purchase. It's yours, and I apologize for the misunderstanding. I had no choice earlier as Mr. Ryder asked me to sell to Mr. Jackson, and I had to comply."

Ryder was speechless, but he didn't dare speak up at the moment, only inwardly scolding Kenneth, 'Idiot, he didn't even tell me beforehand that the other buyer is Gina:

"I don't have time to dwell on this. Show me the equipment so I can inspect it," Gina said expressionlessly. Although her demeanor seemed indifferent, her words carried a significant weight.

"Sure."

Kenneth immediately went forward to lead the way, Ignoring Ethan.

Gina left with Kenneth while Ethan stood in the office, having nowhere to vent his anger.

After Gina walked away, Ethan cursed, "Gina, you

b\*\*h!"

Outside the door, the manager was shocked to hear Ethan daring to curse Gina like that. Ethan noticed the manager's gaze and glared back fiercely. "What are you looking at?"

The manager tactfully shifted his gaze away and kindly reminded, "Mr. Jackson, I'm going to pretend I didn't hear what you just said to Miss Miller. Please be careful

Ethan got even angrier, and then he shouted at the retreating manager, "If you have the guts, go report me. Do you think I'm afraid of her? Let me tell you, I'm not afraid."

He was just talking tough as he knew the manager wouldn't bother reporting this incident.

Still furious, he kicked the sofa before storming out.

On the other side, Gina finished inspecting the goods and instructed Kenneth to arrange for packing and shipment.

Along the way, Kenneth was busy flattering and apologizing to Gina as Gina's cold demeanor worried him that she might hold him responsible

"Are you done talking? Gina had been focused on checking the equipment and finally spoke, unable to tolerate any more.

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Kenneth immediately complied. "I'll stop talking now, I won't say anymore."

Gina said, "Then leave."

"Okay." He immediately left Gina's sight.

Gina then took out her phone, which had been vibrating in her pocket for a while to answer Michael's call

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“Miss Miller, Indeed, Keith was sent to Mosnioca by ferry, but sen tracking is difficult, and we lost track midway. Now, the ship that originally carried Keith has arrived at the border port, but we can’t confirm if he is still on board.”

Till go take a look.”

“Miss Miller, please be careful,” Michael said anxiously, intending to ask Gina not to go and send someone else, but Gina insisted on rescuing Keith

herself,

Nothing had ever happened to the people who helped her before but Keith was the first, while Gina thought that she had to be responsible for this.

As for Michael, he was in Oriata City and was also not skilled enough to help Gina. He felt frustrated as he could only remind Gina to be careful over the phone.

The feeling of wanting to help but being unable to was unbearable.

“I will” Gina replied and hung up before immediately heading to the port at the border.

The border port was clandestine, not under the jurisdiction of Mosnioca’s government. The comings and goings of ships are convoluted, and the people even more so. Unless by accident, no ordinary person would risk their life to come here.

Today, the border port was exceptionally quiet as even though numerous ships were moored by the shore, there didn’t seem to be a single person

around.

Gina felt that something was wrong as it seemed unusual.

But Gina still went to confirm if Keith was there. Based on the clues Michael provided, the ship where Keith was supposed to be had no personnel disembark since docking. It was likely a long voyage, and the crew, having illegally entered, had nowhere to go ashore, so they could only remain on the

ship.

Gina found the ship and went up without hesitation. Her decisiveness wasn’t recklessness as it was backed by her determination and capability.

Inside the cabin, Gina didn’t see anyone at first, but there were many boxes, and she smelled a strong metallic scent of blood while some boxes even had

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At that moment, Gina's heart skipped a beat, fearing that those boxes might contain Keith's remains.

Gina hesitated for the first time, wondering if she should open the boxes.

If Keith was inside, there was a high probability that he was already dead and dismembered.

Gina clenched her fists in anger and thought, "What secrets about the all-in-one medical examination machine are the Blue Vale Hospital hiding? Why are they so afraid of being discovered? And why did they take Keith away?"

Gina vowed to investigate thoroughly but she also feared that Keith would become a piece of evidence if he had been harmed.

If he had really been killed, she swore she would avenge him and make those who harmed him suffer a thousandfold.

Gina finally made up her mind to open the box. The moment she opened the box, she didn't find bloody corpses but rather sleek black rifles.

Gina was stunned and then she heard footsteps approaching outside the ship.

Many, and some in an organized manner, indicating it wasn't just one person.

Gina frowned slightly as she wondered what was going on.

At this moment, the people outside began to shout, "People on the ship, surrender immediately and come out, or we will shoot from all sides."

They didn't seem to be targeting her specifically because if they were, they'd be hiding inside instead of keeping at a distance. So, who were they?

"Come out quickly. You have no chance of resisting. If you don't come out now, you'll face death."

Gina turned and walked towards the deck.

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