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As Vitality Biotech Group's laboratory and research data were not in Marvonian, Eric was fearless in confronting the Marvonian representative directly.

Angeline had said that at worst, they could just withdraw themselves from the Marvonian market.

Angeline switched off the television and looked at the photos Yasmine sent from a few days ago.

Sean and Robert had been taking care of Yasmine these days. Because Yasmine loved the amusement park after they visited one, Robert decided to build one for her.

Angeline rubbed her temples and was about to say something. But she stopped when Robert said, "But Sean loves it, too!"

Perhaps Angeline wasn't old enough to understand why the elderlies always unconditionally pampered their grandchildren. Since she couldn't outargue Robert, she could only accept that Yasmine would be getting an amusement park from Robert.

"Ding dong!"

The doorbell rang. Angeline stood up to get to the door and saw Sherryn standing outside.

Angeline was surprised but greeted, "Hello, Mrs. Fletcher."

Sherryn shoved Angeline away and entered her house. "Where are the kids? Where did you hide the kids?"

Sherryn walked around her house in heels to look for Yasmine. Angeline glared at her and called Ned.

Ned was anxious about the Yates Group's problem. He saw an unknown number calling him and immediately hung up the phone.

Sherryn searched all the rooms and couldn't find the kids. She walked toward Angeline angrily and asked, "Where did you hide the kids?" .

"Yasmine is with my husband and in-laws," Angeline said while maintaining her usual calm demeanor. "But, Mrs. Fletcher, how did you know my address?"

Holding her bag in her other hand, Sherryn said with a serious face, "You're in Oceanford. I can find whatever I want to as long as it's in Oceanford!"

"Tell me, Angie. The kids... They're Ned's kids, aren't they?"

"Mrs. Fletcher, didn't I tell you? Ned's not the father. If you don't believe it, I don't mind arranging a paternity test with Ned," Angeline said. "Ned and I never had sex. So how could he have his kids?"

"There's no way! The kids' age matches the year you and Ned were married!" Sherryn continued, "I know your rejection of contact with men stemmed from your mom's torture in Emerson Village. Even when we were dating Ned, you didn't step out of your boundary because of your trauma!"

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Sherryn knew a lot about Ned and Angeline's past. She continued, "Plus, you loved Ned a lot back then, so there's no way the kids were someone else's! You conceived them when you and Ned were drugged!"

"I'm going to be honest, Mrs.

Fletcher. Surprisingly, we didn't do anything that night when we were drugged, Angeline replied. "Mrs. Fletcher, you know what kind of person I am since I grew up under

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your watch. Do you know why I divorced Ned after that night? It was because he was calling Ingrid's

name when he was hugging me

while drugged!"

Angeline continued calmly, "Yes, you were right that I loved him. I would never have had sex with any other men, considering my traumatic past." Sherryn nodded.

"But Ned drugged me after that." Angeline chuckled. "Because he wanted me to sleep with another man so that I'd be too ashamed to bother him anymore. You can ask Ned or Tommy. They know everything about this. The babies were conceived with another man during that time!"

Sherryn was in disbelief.

"Anyway, would you like some tea, Mrs. Fletcher?" Angeline calmly asked.

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Sherryn didn't want to stay longer with Angeline. She gritted her teeth and asked, "Are you saying this because you're worried that we will fight you for custody of the kids?"

"Please, Mrs. Fletcher. Like I said, if you want a paternity test, I'll gladly cooperate!" Angeline did a quick math before continuing, "Right now, Yasmine is with my husband. If you want to do a paternity test, we can do it in about... 20 days. You're free to call me after that." .

Angeline wondered if Sherryn would still be in the mood to talk about the paternity test after 20 days.

Seeing how determined Angeline was, Sherryn couldn't decide what to do. She let out a sigh and said, "Angie, since you said the kids aren't Ned's, how about you leave Oceanford and never come back for all of our sake?"

"I'm going to decline that request, Mrs. Fletcher. I have my life planning," Angeline replied.

Sherryn couldn't hold her temper and shouted in an ordering voice, "Then change your stupid life plan!"

Angeline chuckled. "I made my plan. No one has any say in it."

"You!" Sherryn flushed in anger. "I can't believe we Fletchers had raised an ingrate like you!"

"I'm sorry, Mrs. Fletcher. While it's true that I had spent years with the Fletchers, it wasn't for naught. Without me, would Lawson Global have helped Fletcher Corporation? Will Fletcher Corporation reach its scale today?" Angeline questioned calmly. "I'm not going to be overt about it, but we both know what we've contributed to the family.

"Regardless, I'm always grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher for bringing me gifts every New Year's Day, even if they were an act for Mr. Lawson. But it did warm me a little, at least."

Seeing Angeline open up about this infuriated Sherryn. She sized her up and jeered, "You've changed. You've become a stubborn woman with Mr. Lawson and Lawson Global at your back, even dared to fight back against me!"

"I'm just telling the truth. After all, I've always had Mr. Lawson at my back for a long time." Angeline stepped aside and showed her hand toward the door. "Mrs. Fletcher, if you don't want tea, then please take your leave!"

Sherryn stepped before Angeline and muttered, "You're nothing without Sean Lawson. Also, he's merely the adopted son of the Lawson family.

"Without the Lawsons, Sean is nothing too."

Smiling, Angeline nodded. "Should I pass this message to Mr. Lawson?"

Sherryn never changed, just like Angeline remembered.

Sherryn always spoke without hesitation when she got angry, which was why she was easy to get a handle on.

It was because of this temper of hers that caused her to lose to the mistress three years ago. Although Barry and Sherryn hadn't divorced, Barry hadn't returned home for a year.

Sherryn flushed and left.

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After Sherryn left Angeline's house and entered the car, she calmed herself down and realized she had made a blunder. She shouldn't have told Angeline that Sean was nothing without the Lawsons.

The private investigator Sherryn had sent to find out Angeline's whereabouts told her she had been going in and out of the casino.

Hence, Sherryn felt uneasy about

Yasmine and confronted Angeline at

her house.

If Yasmine was truly her granddaughter, she couldn't accept Angeline leaving her granddaughter alone and gambling her night away with someone else.

She was infuriated by the thought. That was why she couldn't hold herself back.

"Go, Albert! Now!" Sherryn vented her anger at her chauffeur.

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Sherryn saw Ingrid sitting in the living room as soon as she entered the Fletcher residence. Sherryn vented on Ingrid, "Why are you here?"

Ingrid quickly put down her glass of water and stood up to greet, "Hello, Mrs. Fletcher."

Ingrid thought Sherryn was mad at her because of the Yates family and explained, "I went to Fletcher Corporation, and Ned wasn't there. I thought he was back home, so I came to wait for him.

"I wanted to know if there's anything Yates Group could help since it's Tommy who screwed up to begin with. I'm worried that something would go wrong with Ned's and Vitality Biotech Group's contract." Shocked, Sherryn shouted, "What did Tommy do again?"

The confused Ingrid stared at Sherryn and stuttered, "I-It's about Yates Group's fund. Something went wrong with our working capital."

Although Sherryn wasn't involved with the company's affair anymore, that didn't mean she hadn't caught up on its situation.

When Fletcher Corporation signed the contract with Vitality Biotech Group, Fletcher Corporation was short of funds. Thus, they collaborated with Yates Group and shared the profit.

Sherryn had always objected to this idea. However, Ned convinced her to share the project with Yates Group because he found a loophole in the contract and managed to get help. As the contract involved confidentiality of the formula, Yates Group was the only one Ned could trust.

Though they never expected Yates Group to make such a mistake!

"Mary, call Ned and tell him to come home now!" Sherryn shouted at Mary.

"Ma'am, Mr. Fletcher is back!" Mary reported.

Sherryn walked quickly to the entrance and saw Ned tiredly taking off his shoes while holding onto the wall.

Sherryn yelled at Ned's face, "What did I tell you? I've always objected to collaborating with Yates Group. Look at the mess they've brought to us!"

Ned looked up and saw Ingrid standing behind Sherryn. Her eyes filled with tears as her lips pressed together.

"Now it's not the time to hold anyone accountable. We must find a way to deal with this problem," Ned replied. "Since I'm in charge of Fletcher Corporation, you don't have to worry about it."

Ned sounded harsh. He decided not to enter the house and took off the slippers that he had put on. "Come, Ingrid. We're leaving."

Clutching her chest, Sherryn said, "Yeah, yeah. All of you should just leave! You always bring me worries anyway. Go as far as you want!"

"But before that, you'd better find Angeline and her kids for a paternity test. It's fine if they're not your kids, but if they are, I don't want the kids to have a mother who frequents the casino!"

Sherryn went upstairs afterward.

Suddenly, Ned thought of something and said, "Wait a minute, casino? Why would Angeline go to the casino?"

Sherryn took out the photos taken by the private investigator from her bag and shoved them at Ned. "See for yourself!"

The photos depicted Angeline leaving the casino.

Ingrid walked closer to Ned and looked at the photos together. She was confused when she saw the casino was the one Tommy frequented. Suddenly, Ingrid came up with a bold assumption.

She wondered if Angeline was involved in making Tommy addicted to gambling.

"Mom, do you know where Angeline is?" Ned asked.

Ned knew that someone's life would

be over if they were addicted to gambling. He must find out if

Angeline was merely passing by, or if she was gambling for quick cash, or if she too was addicted to gambling.

Sherryn gave Angeline's address to Ned and advised, "You'd better quickly get your paternity test done!"

Ingrid quickly followed as Ned left the house. While Ned was opening the car door, Ingrid grabbed his arm.

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"Ned, wait!" said Ingrid.

Ned comforted Ingrid, "Don't get me wrong, Ingie. I'm just worried that Angie is addicted to gambling like Tommy."

"No, Ned. Tommy frequents this casino," Ingrid explained. "Do you think... she wants to get revenge on me for taking you away, so she "

"No! She's not that kind of person!" Ned interrupted.

Words got stuck in Ingrid's mouth as she snapped her mouth shut. She slowly let go of her hands from Ned and asked, "Ned, do you regret that you chose me instead of Angie?"

"Baby, please. I don't mean that!" Ned couldn't put it into words for Ingrid. "Even as a friend, I don't want Angeline to get addicted to gambling just like Tommy did."

"You can just get Zach to talk to Angie, can't you?" Ingrid asked.

Seeing Ned remain silent, Ingrid gave in and said, "Alright. If you must go, then let me go with you."

Ned opened the car door and said, "Hop in."

Ingrid quickly opened the car door and sat in the passenger seat.

En route to Angeline's house, Ingrid held the seat belt with both hands and asked softly, "Ned, have you come out with a way to deal with Tommy's mess?"

"We've contacted Eastern Pharmaceutical," Ned replied with his forehead furrowed. "But I'm afraid we'll have to share our future profit with them in the long run."

Ingrid gripped the seat belt tightly. She couldn't get herself to tell Ned what Carmen had said before she came to the Fletcher residence.

"I know you have nothing to do with this. Don't take what my mom said to your heart," Ned comforted Ingrid.

"Don't mind if I ask, Ned. What will happen to Uncle Henry and his family?" Ingrid bit her lips before continuing, "Are they going to pay a fortune as liquidated damages?"

"Baby, I hope you don't interfere with this issue," Ned said. "Let's separate the empathy from the business, okay?"

"But that's my uncle! Uncle Henry knew you collaborated with Yates Group because you believed in them and wanted to help them. And he's trying his best to help you!

"It was Tommy who caused the trouble, and Uncle Henry had..."

"What are you trying to say, Ingie?" Ned asked with annoyance.

"Because of this project, Yates Group got a loan from the bank to buy the machines from Fletcher Corporation. It was such a big expenditure that they almost used up their working capital," Ingrid explained.

"But because of that prodigal

Tommy misappropriating the funds,

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the company turnover has had some problems." Ingrid's eyes started welling up. "If Fletcher Corporation can inject some capital into Yates Group instead of abandoning them, perhaps Yates Group can still make it! Content

"Otherwise, Uncle Henry may not make it out alive! Please, Ned. I've never begged you for Yates Group all these years. Just this once. Could you please—" .

"If Fletcher Corporation had the

funds, we wouldn't have shared the project with Yates Group," Ned interrupted Ingrid. "I already have a lot on my plate with the mess that Yates Group brought me. Where do you expect me to get the funds to save them?"

This was the first time Ned was harsh to Ingrid since they were together, which froze Ingrid.

Ned turned on the signal and stopped his car on the side of the road.

He turned to look at Ingrid with one hand on the steering wheel and said, "If we can't deliver the promised goods to Vitality Biotech Group, it's not going to be enough even if I pay them with my whole company!

"Tell me. How am I supposed to save Henry? Should I give Vitality Biotech Group my company to save the Yates family?"

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"I didn't mean that, Ned," Ingrid explained in panic. "I-I didn't know it was this serious for you too!"

"Just don't interfere and ask anything about this! If Fletcher Corporation can make it through safely, I won't pursue any further with Yates Group," Ned said. "But, if we can't make it through and fail to deliver our promise to Vitality Biotech Group, I won't let any of the Yates go away with this."

Ned was about to start the car when his phone rang suddenly.

"Hello?" Ned picked up the phone.

It was unclear what the other person said, but Ned's expression immediately turned scrunched up. "Don't worry. Let me tell them. I'll handle it."

Ned hung up his phone, then quickly called his assistant, "Darren, contact the Yates family. Let them know they must let Eastern Pharmaceutical in by the afternoon."

"Tell them it is my order. Otherwise, we will pursue them for breaching the contract."

Ingrid was worried listening to the conversation. She saw Ned hang up the phone and asked softly, "What's wrong, Ned? Is there anything I can help you with?"

But before Ned could reply, Ingrid's phone rang. It was from Carmen.

Ingrid looked at Ned while picking up the phone. "Hello, Aunt Carmen?"

"Ingie, did you tell Ned? Why is Fletcher Corporation telling us to let Eastern Pharmaceutical take over our factory?" Carmen asked in confusion. "They said something about Eastern Pharmaceutical renting our factory or something."

"Don't tell me the Yates family has nothing to do with Vitality Biotech Group's project anymore? How could they do such a thing when your uncle is still in a coma?"

Ned heard Carmen's voice coming

from Ingrid's phone. He snatched .

the phone from Ingrid and said, "Does the Yates family have any working capital? All we can do right now is quickly make up the loss and deliver the goods to Vitality Biotech Group before the deadline

"As long as we can keep our promise with Vitality, I won't pursue Tommy and Yates Group for breaching the order. But if you try to stop Eastern Pharmaceutical from entering the factory again and causing a delay in delivery time, I'll pursue you for legal responsibilities according to the contract!" Content

If they didn't have to inform Vitality Biotech Group to disassemble the machines, Ned could have just told them to disassemble them and moved them to Eastern Pharmaceutical instead.

"Ned! Can't you help the Yates family, considering we're Ingrid's family? We know Tommy messed up this time, but please! Just help us once more!" Carmen pleaded.

"The amount was too big. Plus we don't have much time. I can't do anything about it," Ned replied calmly. "Either let our legal department deal with you, or you let Eastern Pharmaceutical enter right now. You decide, Mrs. Yates."

Carmen remained silent. But just when Ned was about to hang up from not getting a reply, Carmen said, "Your contract with Vitality Biotech Group stated you must deliver high-quality products to them in a month, or you shall pay sky-high liquidated damage.

"Our contract with Fletcher Corporation also stated the same. We must deliver the product in a month, which we still have the time!"

Ned's forehead creased. "What are you trying to say?"

"Ned, I don't wish to come to this point, considering we'll be a family once you marry Ingrid," Carmen said. "Please, This is the last time, and truly the final time. I'm asking you to save the Yates family. If you inject capital into Yates Group, it's a Win-win for both of us. Content

"But if you don't, then we're both going down! I'll never let Eastern Pharmaceutical enter our factory. In the worst-case scenario, we'll delay the manufacture until the end of the month per the contract." "When we broke the contract and filed for bankruptcy, you and Fletcher Corporation would file for bankruptcy, too! I'll let you decide what to do!" Carmen said sternly and hung up the phone.

Anger and disbelief filled Ned's eyes. He never thought after years of helping the Yates family for Ingrid's sake, they turned up to be an ingrate!

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"Are you okay, Ned? What did Carmen say?" Ingrid carefully asked.

"Baby..." Ned composed himself, trying not to vent on Ingrid. "How about you leave Oceanford and stay with the film crew for a few days?"

"But Uncle Henry is still in a coma at the hospital. I spent my childhood at Uncle Henry's house. I can't ignore the Yates family!" Ingrid said with teary eyes. "I'll try to raise money as much as I can. But I'm worried that I might slow down Fletcher Corporation's progress. Even if the Yates get another loan from the bank, they won't get the money quickly!"

"Ned, how about you lend some of Fletcher Corporation's fund to the Yates? Once we've weathered the storm, I promise I'll pay you back!"

Angeline had received the news of Ned in a fix for Yates not cooperating with him.

Angeline showed no reaction and continued packing her luggage when she knew Carmen firmly denied Eastern Pharmaceutical from getting involved in the project.

"Eastern Pharmaceutical had always been interested in Vitality Biotech Group's project. I'm sure Fletcher Corporation had spent a lot of money to convince Eastern Pharmaceutical to join the project!" Angeline said to the phone.

And for Yates Group, however, they would never let go of such a great opportunity.

The Yates family relied on Ned too much. Every time they had any problems, they would always get Ned to help them out unscathed.

It didn't matter what kind of problem it was. The Yates didn't care as they believed Ned could save them.

On the other side of the phone, Danny, the head of Vitality Biotech Group's Lonla Division, laughed. "Well, too bad I didn't snoop about that. But if you're interested, I'll send someone to investigate it."

"It's okay. Let's see how Ned deals with this first," Angeline said. "If Fletcher Corporation manages to deliver the products on time, we'll just show them the video of them leaking the formula. Either way, there's no way out for Fletcher Corporation."

As Angeline finished her sentence, she got a notification on her phone that she received another call.

She saw that it was Sean and hung up the phone after informing Danny, then picked up Sean's call. "Hello, Mr. Lawson."

"Xavier wants to see you," Sean said. And without letting Angeline reply, he continued, "Since I haven't taken days off work for years, and given the company was progressing systematically according to the plan, this is the perfect time for me to take a vacation."

"It's okay if you haven't completed your work. I'll just stay with Xavier."

"I'm planning to return to Krontos and packing my luggage. I should get what want by tomorrow or the day after tomorrow," Angeline said while looking at her luggage. "After that, I'm thinking of going to River Town."

"Can Xavier and I come with you?" Sean asked.

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Angeline remained silent. She thought it was a good idea for Xavier to visit Anne and Henrietta's grave.

"Sure. Sorry to trouble you for bringing Xavier over. Let me know the time, and I'll pick the two of you up," Angeline said.

"It's okay. Don't worry about it. You can send me your address. Xavier and I will meet you there," Sean replied.

While waiting for Sean and Xavier to arrive, Angeline got a message from Billy that they had caught Tommy.

She heard that Ned had gone to Yates Group for Tommy. Tommy found out Ned was unwilling to help the Yates, and he couldn't pay off the debt from the casino.

Tommy worried that the casino

would get him to sell his organs, so he ran away through the sea route overnight. Unfortunately, the casino henchmen caught him, tied him up, and returned with their yacht. .

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Angeline replied to Billy's message, "You all may follow Lily's instruction and take good care of Tommy. I hope Tommy can return with satisfaction." Just then, the doorbell rang as Angeline sent the message. She put down her phone and got to the door.

Sean was waiting at the door with Xavier, who stood silent with a pouty face and arms crossed before a suitcase way taller than him.

Patting Xavier's head, Sean said, "Xavier missed you, and I'm free for a few days. So here we are!"

Angeline knelt to carry Xavier and reached for the suitcase.

"It's okay. I got this," said Sean.

Angeline moved aside to let Sean in. Without noticing Xavier's weeping red eyes, Angeline asked Sean, "Is everything in Lawson Global settled?"

"Don't worry. Everything is under control!" said Sean. "I haven't taken any day off for years. I've told Taylor to contact you if there's any emergency when I'm away." Sean took off his coat and checked the fridge. "I'll take Xavier to the supermarket to buy some stuff for dinner tonight. You can get on with what you're doing." Although this was the first time Xavier visited Angeline's house, he was familiar with the environment as if it were his house.

"Did Xavier make any trouble in these two days?" Angeline asked with a smile while patting Xavier on the butt.

"Of course not! Xavier is an independent boy. He can do everything by himself!" Sean said impressively.

For a boy who was barely four years old, Xavier was independent.

Xavier lifted his chin to give a proud look.

Angeline smiled and pinched Xavier's cheek. "Is it? Our baby is an independent boy!"

The three of them went to the supermarket together. Sean pushed the shopping cart with Xavier sitting inside, and Angeline walked before them while looking at milk.

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shopping car's handle, Xavier tried reaching his hand for the strawberry milk on the shelf. But before he could get them, a large hand grabbed two cartons of strawberry milk

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and put them in the shopping

cart. .

Xavier looked up and saw Sean taking a pack of cheese sticks for him. He gave a shy smile with his tiny ears flushed.

After they returned from the grocery shopping, Sean and Angeline made dinner in the kitchen while Xavier sat in the living room, eating snacks and watching television.

Xavier secretly took a photo of Sean and Angeline with his tablet and sent it to Yasmine. Soon, he received a video call from her and went to the room to pick it up.

"Bad Xavier! Why are you with

Mommy and Daddy!" Yasmine said

while pouting in jealousy. But she didn't forget to ask in concern, "So how is it? Do Mommy and Daddy look like they're getting back

together?"

"I think our speculation might be wrong," Xavier said thoughtfully. "Mommy and Sean don't look like they've argued and separated. Mr. Lawson Senior may disagree with them living together. "Try to ask about this, Yasmine. Be careful, and don't get caught by them!"

"Roger! Leave this to me!" Yasmine made an "okay" sign. "By the way, Xavier, what do you think about Daddy?"

Xavier pressed his lips together without replying. Yasmine giggled and said, "You think Daddy is a great person too, isn't he? He's strong, and he tells us bedtime stories."

"Just be a good girl and spend time with Mr. Lawson Senior and Beautiful Mrs. Lawson. Let me know if there's any update," Xavier changed the topic and advised Yasmine.

"Don't worry, Xavier! Mr. Lawson

Senior is a strong man. I'll be safe as

long as I'm with him," assured

Yasmine. It was evident that

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Yasmine was doing very well with Robert, as she had grown chubbier.

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"Hey, Yasmine!" Xavier heard Robert's voice coming from Yasmine's side.

Robert wore casual wear and got close to Yasmine. She quickly hung up the video call, worrying that Robert might get angry seeing Xavier with their mother and father.

After putting Xavier to bed, Angeline received a notification on WhatsApp.

She looked at Xavier to confirm he had fallen asleep, then muted her phone and looked at the message.

It was from Billy. The message contained a video and a voice message from him.

"Hey, Ms. Emerson. Tommy is truly a spineless coward. In less than half a day, he had surrendered and said he's willing to be a dog if we spare him."

Angeline didn't watch the video and replied, "Just do exactly as Lily ordered, Billy."

After sending the message to Billy, Angeline sent another message to Lily. "Lily, try to take it easy on Tommy and don't kill him. A scumbag like Tommy deserves to be disparaged by the public. After he has received enough mental torture, then we'll finish him through legal sanction." .

Lily hated Tommy as much as Angeline did, for he had also caused her dear sister, Evelyn Korn's death.

Tommy loved using indecent videos to blackmail innocent girls. After torturing the girls both physically and mentally, he would then leak the videos to the public as the final blow.

Evelyn had experienced the same torture done by Tommy, causing her to suffer from severe depression.

Just as Lily was about to take Evelyn

to leave Oceanford and move to Krontos to start a new life, Tommy sent Evelyn insulting messages, together with the videos he claimed as deleted."

These had broken Evelyn's final straw, and she took her own life. That was the reason why Lily hated Tommy to the bone.

If the spy Angeline had sent to follow Tommy hadn't noticed Lily hiding in the garage with a knife two years ago, Lily might have attempted to perish with Tommy.

Angeline had managed to stop Lily and advised her not to waste her future on a scumbag like Tommy.

In the end, Angeline sent Lily to school and slowly waited for a chance for vengeance.

This time, Angeline had fulfilled her promise. But she truly hoped Lily could live a good life after her vengeance.

Again, Lily should never waste her future on a jerk like Tommy.

On the flip side, the situation between Ned and the Yates family was still very awkward.

Ingrid looked at the unconscious Henry and told Carmen, "Aunt Carmen, shouldn't saving Yates Group be our top priority instead of thinking about the teeny profit we'll get?"

"Just think about it. You're

preventing Eastern Pharmaceutical

from using our factory. Will Yates Group survive alone when Fletcher Corporation files for bankruptcy after a month? Aren't you aware of how powerful Fletcher Corporation's legal department is?"

Carmen clenched her fist and looked at Henry before turning to Ingrid. "If this project is equally important to Fletcher Corporation, why can't Ned help us? Didn't he help Tommy out of all his mess for all these years? Why can't he help us this time?"

"It's not the same, Aunt Carmen! If we don't settle this issue properly, even Fletcher Corporation will be in trouble!" said Ingrid.

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"I don't care! Tommy became like this because of Ned!" Carmen said. "If Tommy learned from his mistakes, he wouldn't have made such a mess this time! It's all because Ned pampered him too much in the past!"

"Now that Tommy had made a huge mistake, but Ned isn't going to help us this time? How could he do this?"

Carmen's irrational comments dumbfounded Ingrid. "What are you talking about, Aunt Carmen? All these times that Ned helped Tommy were because of my sake! How could you shift the blame to him because he's not helping Tommy this time?"

Seeing Ingrid this angry, Carmen quickly grabbed Ingrid's hand and said, "Please, Ingrid. Try talking to Ned again. Didn't you see that your uncle is still unconscious? If he wakes up and finds out that not only is Yates Group not involved with the collaboration

with Vitality Biotech Group, but Eastern Pharmaceutical has taken over our factory and bought our machines, he'll be so mad that he passes out again!" "Stop it, Aunt Carmen! Just let Eastern Pharmaceutical use our factory. There's still enough time!" Ingrid pleaded in despair. "If Fletcher Corporation goes bankrupt, the Yates family will go bankrupt, too! All hopes will be gone by then!"

Regardless of what Ingrid said, Yates Group belonged to the Yates family and not her. All she could do was give advice, but she could never decide in place of the company owners like Carmen. Before Carmen could say anything, Ingrid's phone rang.

She saw it was from Ned and went outside the ward to pick up the call.

"Hello, Ned. Don't worry. I'm still trying to convince Aunt Carmen," Ingrid said as tears flooded her eyes.

"I'm sorry, Baby. I've already done all I can for Yates Group in all these years," Ned said dejectedly. "You can stop convincing Carmen now. I've talked to Eastern Pharmaceutical. They're not going to use Yates Group's factory and machines.

"But Baby, if Yates Group can't deliver the goods as promised by the end of the month, I'll have to do as the contract says. I hope you won't blame me by then."

Ingrid clenched her fist. "I'm sorry, Ned. It was all Tommy's fault. Don't worry, Ned. I know you've done all you can for the Yates family. It's their fault for being greedy!"

"I'm not going to blame you. Just do what you should do."

After hanging up the phone, Ingrid leaned against the wall and wiped her tears away.

Carmen came out of the ward and asked, "So? Did Ned agree to inject capital into Yates Group?"

Ingrid looked up and saw Carmen staring at her with a face full of expectations. She said, "Fletcher Corporation had found another way. Ned will take the appropriate action, according to the contract if Yates Group can't deliver the product by the end of the month." Content

"W-What?" Carmen trembled and leaned against the door frame. "All he had to do was inject funds into our company! Why can't Ned just do it?"

"If Fletcher Corporation had the

funds to do that, do you think they would share Vitality Biotech Group's project with us, Aunt Carmen?"

Ingrid said in agony. "If you've just let

Eastern Pharmaceutical use the
factory, although we won't get our
share of the profit, at least Ned
won't go too hard on us
for
my sake!

"But now? Because you insisted on having him inject funds into us, you broke Ned's heart! Do you think Ned will let us go that easily according to the contract?"

"Is it... Is it possible that Ned is just .

trying to scare'us?" Carmen had a sudden thought and said

confidently, "As you said, if Fletcher Corporation can monopolize the profit from Vitality Biotech Group to themselves, why would he share it with us?"

"I guarantee Ned's trying to scare us so we can change our mind and let Eastern Pharmaceutical into our factory!"

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"Aunt Carmen!" Ingrid was on the verge of tears.

"Please, Ingrid. Call Ned again. I don't care if you beg him or cry to him. As long as you get Ned to inject funds into us!" Carmen begged as she grabbed Ingrid's hand.

Ingrid pushed Carmen's hand away and said, "I'm sorry, Aunt Carmen. I'm not going to beg Ned again. If you think Ned is trying to scare you, so be it! Keep denying Eastern Pharmaceutical from entering the factory!"

"I'll pay all of Uncle Henry's medical expenses. You're on your own for the rest of it. I've done all I can for the Yates family."

Ingrid turned around and left.

"Ingie! Wait, Ingie!" Carmen called for Ingrid, but that didn't stop her. "That ingrate!"

While Carmen still denied Eastern Pharmaceutical from entering Yates Group's factory, Ned had already given up on them.

Ned wasn't the kind of person who would use a petty trick like intimidation.

Ned had given Yates Group to make it up. If they didn't appreciate it, he still had other choices than Yates Group.

Eastern Pharmaceutical agreed to collaborate by injecting funds into Fletcher Corporation. All Fletcher Corporation had to do was to have the staff work overtime and give them higher pay. Although this increased the cost, at least they were no longer subjected to others.

For the rest of the projects with Vitality Biotech Group in the future, Fletcher Corporation would no longer involve Yates Group. Instead, they would share the profit with Eastern Pharmaceutical to ensure they could deliver their promise smoothly.

Angeline had received this news and jeered, "Here I thought how far Ned would go to save Tommy and the Yates family for Ingrid. I can't believe he would give up on them that quickly!"

Ned would cover for Tommy no matter what the latter did in the past. All because Tommy brought no harm to his interest.

When Ned became Tommy's victim, he finally felt the pain he brought.

Angeline wondered how both Ned and Ingrid felt at the moment.

"But I must say that I'm slightly impressed by Ned's quick wit." Danny laughed. "I heard he went to the factory personally and told the staff he would pay them three times the salary.

"And when the project finishes smoothly, he'll give everyone in the factory a bonus. That gave the workers a huge morality boost!"

"I guess this is his best move to cope with Yates Group not cooperating with him, or else he'll be paying a fortune in compensation," Angeline said with a smile.

Angeline wasn't worried. She still had the formula leak as her trump card.

Xavier came out of the bedroom while rubbing his eyes. Angeline saw him and told Danny, "Xavier is awake. I got to go."

Angeline hung up her phone. Xavier looked around the living room and didn't see Sean.

"Mr. Lawson went to buy breakfast.

Didn't you say you wanted cinnamon rolls for breakfast last night?"

Angeline smiled and carried Xavier. "Look at you. Looking for Mr.

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Lawson as soon as you woke up. Do you not want me anymore?"

"Only little kids like Yasmine will look for Mommy," Xavier said while snuggling into Angeline's neck with his hands wrapped around it. "Are we visiting Grandma Anne and Aunt Hatty later?"

"Yup!" Angeline put Xavier on the couch before making hot milk. "My work in Oceanford is finished. Once we're back in Krontos, you can go to Mr. Lawson Senior's place like Yasmine did."

"What about you, Mommy?" Xavier walked to the open kitchen, climbed on the stool, and stared at Angeline, who was preparing the hot milk.

"I'm going to Lawson Global," Angeline said with a light smile.