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Yesenia's words struck a chord with Liam, inducing a sense of guilt. Despite her aggression, he chose not to argue.

Witnessing his silence, Yesenia grew even more arrogant, proposing, "Give me ten million dollars, and you can have your son back. Otherwise, Julie and Asher will suffer living with you. They might fare better if Julie remarries, and Asher adopts a different surname."

Yesenia's resentment was evident despite the surface changes in her demeanor.

Liam was torn between guilt and fury. He angrily clenched his fists, and his knuckles audibly cracked.

He reluctantly agreed. "Fine, I'll give you ten million dollars, but after that, Julie and Asher are coming with me. They will have no ties to you anymore."

As Julie witnessed the heated exchange between her mother and Liam, her eyes welled with red. Slamming her hand on the table, she demanded, "Enough! Just

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Her commanding voice jolted Liam and Yesenia into a momentary silence.

Julie, still seething, continued, "Mom, are you willing to sell your own grandson? Liam has faced challenges in the past five years, and we're family. Shouldn't we support and understand each other? I want us to live happily together. If you continue to act like this, I'll move out with Liam!"

Confronted by Julie's anger, Yesenia reluctantly suppressed her own and remained silent.

The phone suddenly rang, breaking the tension.

Glancing at the caller's name, Julie's demeanor shifted, and she answered, "Hey, Erick. What's up?"

With the phone not on speaker, Liam and Yesenia couldn't hear Erick Gomez, Julie's secretary, but they observed Julie's darkening expression.

Curious about the untimely call, Yesenia inquired, "Why is Erick calling you now? Is there an issue with the company?"

After a brief pause, Julie nodded, revealing, "My cousin used the Cortez family's influence to pressure the bank into recalling a portion of our loan. Now the bank is pushing us to repay the debt publicly."

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Liam, bewildered, questioned, "The Cortez family's influence? I thought they were destroyed. How do they still have resources and the influence to pull this off?"

Julie clarified, "This Cortez family is different. My uncle separated from them decades ago, built his own success, and returned to Salem two years ago. We're currently residing in his house."

At this moment, Liam realized that Yesenia and Julie had sought refuge with a distant relative.

Concerned about the company's debt, Yesenia asked, "Julie, it's just a part of the loan. Why is the bank demanding immediate payment?"

Julie sighed and explained, "He also contacted the market manager of Star Culture Company to halt our brand's promotion. This delays the payment period, leading to a stockpile of goods. It's putting the company in jeopardy."

Yesenia, alarmed, stood up and cried, "What?"

However, she quickly regained composure, furrowing her brow as she questioned, "You're saying your cousin was responsible for this? Why would he do such a thing? He's my nephew! I really can't fathom why our family would provoke him."

Julie discreetly glanced at Liam, fully aware of the underlying reasons. She understood that her cousin

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sought revenge after Liam had confronted him and
his wife earlier.

Not intending to place blame on Liam, she
acknowledged that her cousin's son and wife were the
instigators, insulting and harming her son first.

Choosing not to dwell on the matter further, she
calmly added, "Don't dwell on it too much. I'll head to
the company to address the issue now."