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It was a very tempting offer for Nichol.

While it was true that Pearl Company had secured partnerships with Joy International Media and Red Murray Group, it was important to note that these collaborations were still in their early stages. It was impractical to think that Pearl Company would grow exponentially within a short time frame.

This meant that it would take a long time to see a substantial profit.

And it would be too late for Nichol to earn brownie points with his management from this deal. The returns on his investment in Pearl Company might not add any value to his portfolio.

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Nichol hung up the phone and returned to his office.

But this time, Nichol put on a different face. "Miss Fiber, my apologies. I've got a meeting this afternoon, so lunch won't be possible. About your loan, our bank's risk department just did an evaluation and concluded that this investment is too risky. Unfortunately, we can't provide the funds," he informed.

Julie's face fell and her heart sank. But she didn't try to convince Nichol to change his mind.

She believed that they had a good conversation before. However, Nichol's attitude changed after the mysterious phone call. Something was wrong.

It couldn't be as straightforward as what Nichol was claiming. The reason behind her loan being denied had to be the person who called earlier.

The first person Julie thought of was Elian from the

Haynes Group. Currently, only the Haynes Group had such hostility towards her company and the power to throw a wrench in the works.

Julie didn't expect Elian to be so ruthless, but she couldn't do anything about it.

Blackgem Bank was the prime branch in Salem. If they turned down the loan, the regional branches wouldn't give her the loan, either.

This realization made Julie feel desperate. She stood up and got ready to leave. She felt that her project was going to be ruined.

If Pearl Company failed to secure the loan, it wouldn't be able to uphold the terms of the existing collaboration. Since the contract had already been signed, a failure to fulfill it would entail substantial penalty payments. What was a promising opportunity could turn into a disaster for the company.

Baxter recognized this situation as a golden opportunity to showcase his abilities once more. He discreetly pulled Julie aside and whispered, "Julie, don't worry. I assure you that I could get you the loan."

Then, he turned to Nichol and pressed on, "Nichol,

consider this. I belong to the Williams family, and we highly value Pearl Company's cooperation. You would be doing the Williams family a solid favor by approving that loan."

But Baxter's words had no effect on Nichol.

In the business world, the Williams family and the Haynes family were on the same level. Nichol was acquainted with the top brass of the Williams family, and he was aware that Baxter held a relatively minor role while Elian was the true powerhouse in the Haynes family. Baxter didn't hold a candle to Elian.

So, Nichol politely refused. "Baxter, please don't make things difficult for me. The bank has its own risk assessment system, and I can't go against the rules."

His words extinguished Julie's hope again. "Forget it. Don't put Mr. Green in a difficult position. Let's go," she said dejectedly.

Julie and Baxter stood up and left the office with heavy hearts. When they were walking out, the hall manager suddenly approached Julie. He spoke in hushed tones to avoid being overheard. "Mr. Haynes from the Haynes family just gave me a call. He said

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that if you spend one night with him, he'll give you twenty million dollars without interest," he whispered.

His words hit Julie like daggers. Feeling offended, she slapped the manager. "This is sickening! I knew he was the one causing issues for me. Fine! If I can't get a loan from this bank, I'll find another one!" she declared before storming out.