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Chapter 621 Although I cant teach the great healer the way I saved Fram, I do have a few medical prescriptions and techniques from the ancient art of medicine that a healer like you would probably appreciate, Andrew said with a smile.

He figured offering something valuable to satisfy Cedrics appetite was better.

After all, Cedric had always wanted to become his apprentice, but Andrew had always refused

Even though they could not be mentor apprentice, Andrew did not mind teaching Cedric a few real skills, especially since he had a good opinion of the Aickers.

If thats the case, then thank you so much, Dr.

Lloyd! Cedric said excitedly when Andrew handed over the items.

Cedric had already learned quite a few secret methods from Andrew, and each one left him utterly captivated

With every lesson, his admiration for Andrews medical skills grew even more

After spending a little more time at the Aicker residence, Andrew returned to the Moonlit Sanctuary.

It had been quite a day he had opened a new medical center, Aspen had caused a scene with Gordon there, and it had ended in disaster.

In a rush, Andrew had gone to the Aicker residence to chase off Simon and save everyone.

The hardest part had been rescuing Francesca; even with his stamina far beyond the average person, it was exhausting

He had to fight off Francescas clinginess while suppressing his own rising desires, a struggle any man would find difficult.

[Dr.
Lloyd, are you asleep?] Lauren texted just as Andrew was about to lie down, including a cute emoji.
Andrew smiled and replied, [Almost ready to sleep, what about you?] Lauren responded, [Im already naked, all cleaned up and in bed.
Want to see ?] Andrews face turned dark with frustration
That mischievous little troublemaker had been begging him for mercy earlier, and now she was trying to tease him
He had the urge to hop in his car, head over to the Rhodes residence, and teach her a lesson.
Nonetheless, he did not act on it, knowing Tianas stern demeanor, and figured the Rhodes family had everything locked up tight no chance of getting in.
[Sorry, Im not interested.
I prefer to take charge and go straight to the point,] Andrew replied, maintaining control of the situation. Sure enough, Lauren sent back three angry fist emojis, clearly upset.
[Dr.
Lloyd, I never realized how naughty you really are] she typed
Andrew thought for a moment but decided not to tell Laurem about Francesca.
He felt it would be disrespectful to Francesca.

He would wait until she was fully recovered and tell her the story himself.

[Good night, Lauren,] Andrew replied, feeling exhausted after such a long day and ready to rest.
Before turning off the lights, Lauren sent one last message.
[Good night, Dr.
Lloydnoveldrama
Sleep well, and you better dream about me.
Love you !] She added a selfie with a few playful, mischievous emojis.
Andrew glanced at it and felt his blood rushing
It was a seductive picture of Lauren in lace lingerie her creamy white skin tightly held in the bra, her long legs, and perky backside on full display
It was a reminder of Lauren being Jayrodales irresistible beauty.
Shes definitely doing this on purpose! he muttered under his breath.
Though the lights were out, Andrew tossed and turned all night, unable to get comfortable.
His thoughts constantly drifted back to Lauren and that tempting image
The next day at the Stevens residence in Jayrodale, Aspen had returned from the hospital, looking much better, though her face was still a bit swollen
Aspen, how are you feeling? If youre not feeling well, you should rest a bit longer, Christina said with

concern

Aspens condition made Christina uneasy, and she could not help but worry.

Chapter 622 Aspen lay in bed, her eyes glistening with tears, her gaze blank as she said nothing. Meanwhile, Irene and Leroy stood outside the room, peeking in

Irene asked, Leroy, do you think Aspens brain was messed up from the hits? She hasnt said a word since she woke up.

Mom, youre overthinking.

Aspen just got a few slaps, probably just a concussion.

Nothing too serious.

The mother and son did not notice their raised voices as they continued to discuss.

Christina glanced at them and coldly said, Mom, Leroy, if youre done, why dont you go do something

else? Aspens in a bad mood, so please, no more of your sarcastic comments

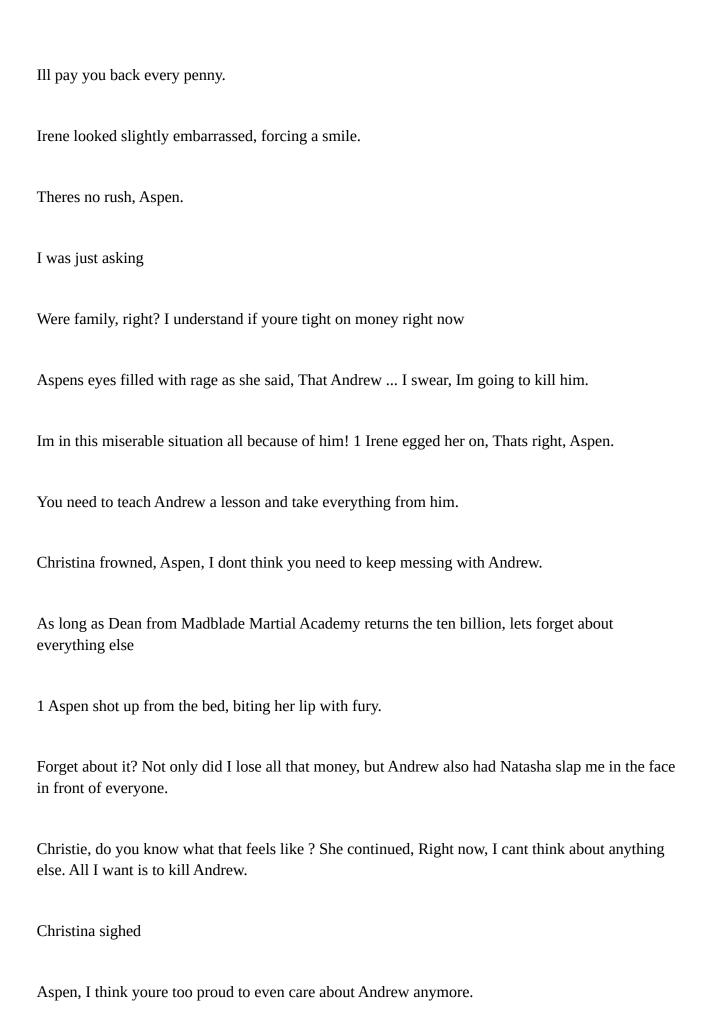
Irene gave a dry laugh and said, Christie, if Aspen is awake, can she let me know when she will pay me back the money I invested in her? Christina frowned and said, Mom, you know that money is gone. Why are you still asking Aspen for it? Irene pouted, looking displeased.

Its lost, sure, but thats Aspens loss, not mine.

She cant just bully me, especially since that money was meant for my retirement.

Christina could not stand how shallow and materialistic her mother was being

Before she could respond, Aspen, who had been silent, suddenly said, Irene, dont worry.



Hes nothing compared to you. He might have a little power in Jayrodale, but youre the pride of the Stevens family in Bridgefields. Places like Bridgefields and Blumedale are where you should be building your future. Really, you dont need to waste your energy on Andrew. Hes not worth it. Aspen gritted her teeth and screamed, I dont care! Im going to kill him! Im going to make him pay for the humiliation he caused me. If I dont, Ill never be able to live with myself. She pulled out her phone and immediately called Gordon. Mr.noveldrama Woods, where are you right now? I need your help to kill Andrew! Chapter 623 Gordons voice was cold as he spoke, Aspen, Im having some health issues and cant take action right now. But dont worry, it wont be long before I take care of that brat for you.. If it werent for him, I wouldnt have almost poisoned myself to death. Im going to make him pay with a brutal death. Aspen gritted her teeth and said, Alright, Ill wait for you, Mr.

Woods.
I have only one request Rodney and Andrew both need to die.
Gordon responded coldly, Dont worry.
Last time, that little punk got lucky.
I couldnt deal with him then, but this time, he wont escape.
After hanging up, Aspens face was frozen in anger
She muttered to herself, Just wait, Andrew.
Youve made me hate you even more than Rodney now.noveldrama
Christina asked, Aspen, is Mr.
Woods okay? Aspen sneered, Dont worry, Christie.
Mr.
Woods strength is unmatched.
Forget Andrew
He doesnt even care about the Weller family, the Rhodes family, or the Aickers
He doesnt think twice about them! Christina hesitated before speaking up, Aspen, have you considered

informing the main family in Bridgefields about this? Aspen warned, We absolutely cannot let the family know about my failure in Jayrodale I need to regain my dignity first before I tell them. Aspen had always been obsessed with maintaining her pride, and being a proud and arrogant person herself, Christina understood her approach. Christina had a photo of Aspen with a bloodied face on her phone She had considered sending it to the Bridgefields family but now decided against it. She thought to herself with a bitter laugh, Andrew, although were done, if I wanted to ruin you, all Id need to do is send that photo of Aspen getting beaten to the Bridgefields family. Then, the fury of the entire Stevens family would come crashing down on you. You wouldnt know what hit you. At that moment, Aspen said, Christie, I have a huge opportunity to make money. Lets partner up, what do you think? Christina was a bit hesitant After Aspens string of failures, she was unsure she should trust her, but she hid her doubts and smiled

Aspen, tell me about it

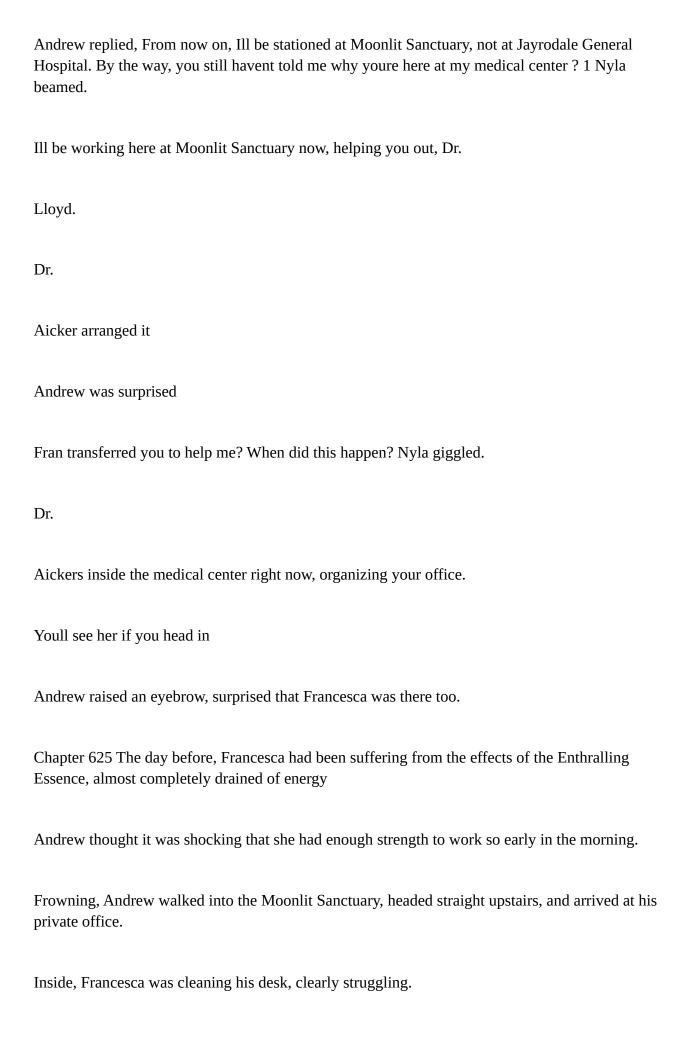
If its a good project, we can develop it together! Aspen pulled out three prescriptions and handed them to Christina

Christie, take a look at these After glancing through them, Christina was uncertain. These look like medical formulas. The data is very precise, and the formulas contents are extremely specific. Looking at Aspen, Christina was shocked Aspen, medical formulas have always been top secret. Pharmaceutical companies guard them like treasures Where did you get these? Aspen smiled and said, Theyre from our Bridgefields family. Do you think I would have something like this otherwise? Take them. The Stevens Corporation needs to expand its business, right? This is our chance to team up and enter the pharmaceutical industry together. Christina was still uneasy Aspen, Jayrodales pharmaceutical market is dominated by the Rhodes and the Wellers. If we jump in now, can we compete with them? Plus, Stevens Corporation has never been in this industry Chapter 624 Aspen raised her hand to interrupt, Christie, I know what youre worried about, but let me tell you, theres no need to be afraid These three formulas have been market tested, and once we produce them, theyll definitely sell big. Even if we dont achieve huge sales, it will still be a win for Stevens Corporation.

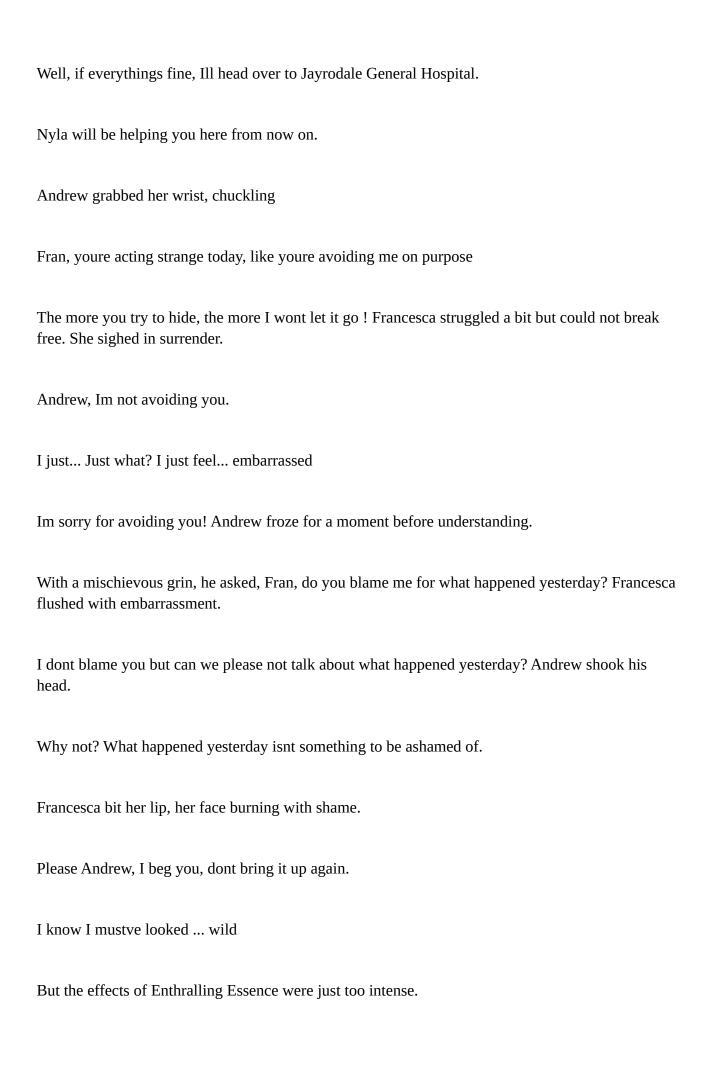
Because you wont need any R & D costs or any time spent, you can just jump straight into the industry. Im sure you can calculate how much money and time well save. Christina was immediately intrigued. As Aspen had said, with three ready made formulas, Stevens Corporation could just buy the machinery, set up a factory, and start producing. The most difficult and intimidating part of the pharmaceutical industry research and development would be skipped entirely. Stevens Corporation could save potentially billions of dollars by bypassing this process. Aspen, I could have Stevens Corporation start working on it as soon as tomorrow. But I need to ask you again: are these formulas really from the main family? Christina asked, her gaze fixed on Aspens eyes Aspen smiled harmlessly, her expression unwavering. Christie, were family. Why would I lie to you? These formulas are from our family, and they belong to me. So, feel free to use them. When we succeed, well split the profits 50-50. Christina let out a relieved sigh and smiled. Alright, thank you, Aspen.

As Christina hurried off to make the arrangements, Aspen lay back on the bed, her eyes growing cold. Of course, the formulas were not from the Stevens family; they had been stolen from Rhodes Corporation through Ruby. However, Aspen was not about to tell Christina that.noveldrama She did not actually want to help Stevens Corporation grow or expand; she was just using them to produce the same products that Rhodes Corporations Pharmaceutical Division made Then, she planned to ruin Rhodes Corporations pharmaceutical market in Jayrodale, make a huge profit, and recover her previous losses. Once she had done that, she would leave Jayrodale, head to Bridgefields, and wash her hands of it all. Whether Stevens Corporation would be left stuck in a deep mess did not concern her. For the sake of revenge, Aspen was willing to do anything. Early the next morning, Andrew went to open the door at Moonlit Sanctuary. To his surprise, the door was already open when he arrived. A slender figure with a high ponytail was sweeping in front of the door. When Andrew stepped inside, he was shocked Nyla, what are you doing here? Nyla, a nurse from Jayrodale General Hospital, quickly turned around at the sound of his voice, offering an embarrassed smile. Dr.

Lloyd, good morning.

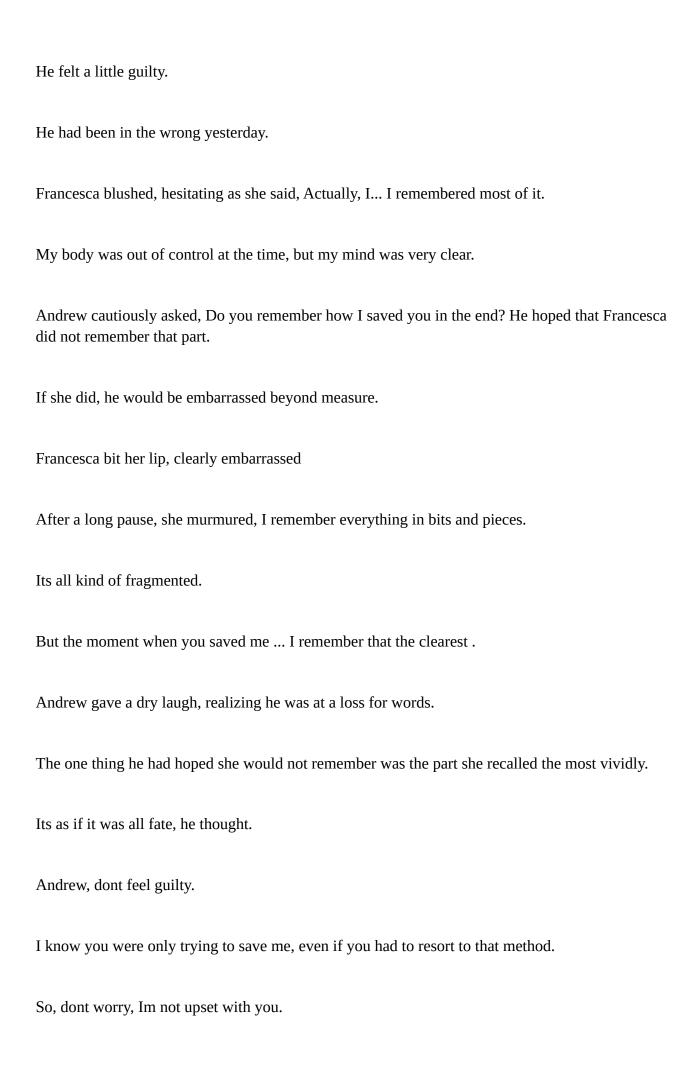


Thanks to her efforts, the desk was spotless.
Andrew approached her, placed his hand on her shoulder, and said irritably, Who told you to do this? Stop
Your body isnt ready for this yet
You need to rest! Francesca jumped in surprise, quickly dropping the cloth and blushing.
Andrew, when did you come in? You scared me! Andrew looked at her seriously.
How do you feel? Is anything bothering you? Francesca shook her head quickly.
No, Ive recovered well
Im just a bit tired, but other than that, Im fine.
Andrew was not convinced.
Come here
I need to check you out.
I dont really trust what youre saying
Francesca stepped back, shaking her head, her neck and ears turning bright red.
She lowered her head, speaking softly.
No need, Im really okay.



Everything I said, I couldnt help it. Seeing her look so vulnerable, Andrew pausednoveldrama Wild? Fran what are you talking about? Yesterday, you didnt look wild at all. Francesca lifted her head, clearly doubtful Really? But I clearly remember saying so many ... embarrassing things. Honestly, I really regret it now! Andrew chuckled lightly. Compared to what you did, those words were nothing. Fran, you still remember everything from yesterday, right? Francesca, frustrated, rushed forward and covered Andrew mouth with her hand, grinding her teeth Andrew, dont you dare mention what I did yesterday! Not a single word. Otherwise, Ill be mad at you and never talk to you again Andrew raised an eyebrow. So, you remember everything did yesterday, even in that situation? Francesca had been in a deep, confused trance the previous day, completely caught up in her emotions. Andrew had assumed that once the effects of the drug wore off, she would forget everything, like someone after a night of heavy drinking However, it seemed like she remembered certain things after all

Chapter 626 Andrew wondered if Francesca still remembered that he had helped her with his hands.





Thats enough for me. 11 Then, she added with a slight pause, Dont worry, Ive been at the hospital recently, testing with pregnaney strips every day I guarantee... theres no baby, so you dont have to worry about that! Seeing her bashful, delicate demeanor, Andrews mind buzzed He could not believe what he was hearing.noveldrama Fran, you... you think we ... did that? Francesca gave him a playful glare, turning her head away and feigning anger. Theres no one else here. Are you saying you did it, but you wont admit it? Andrew panicked and fumbled for words No, I ... He had never expected Francesca to think they had actually gone that far the night before. However, Andrew had only used his fingers. A cold shiver ran down his spine, and it only took a second for him to realize that Francesca had probably gotten things mixed up She had been inan excited, disoriented state, unable to tell what had really happened. Fran, you misunderstood. Actually, I- Andrew quickly tried to explain.

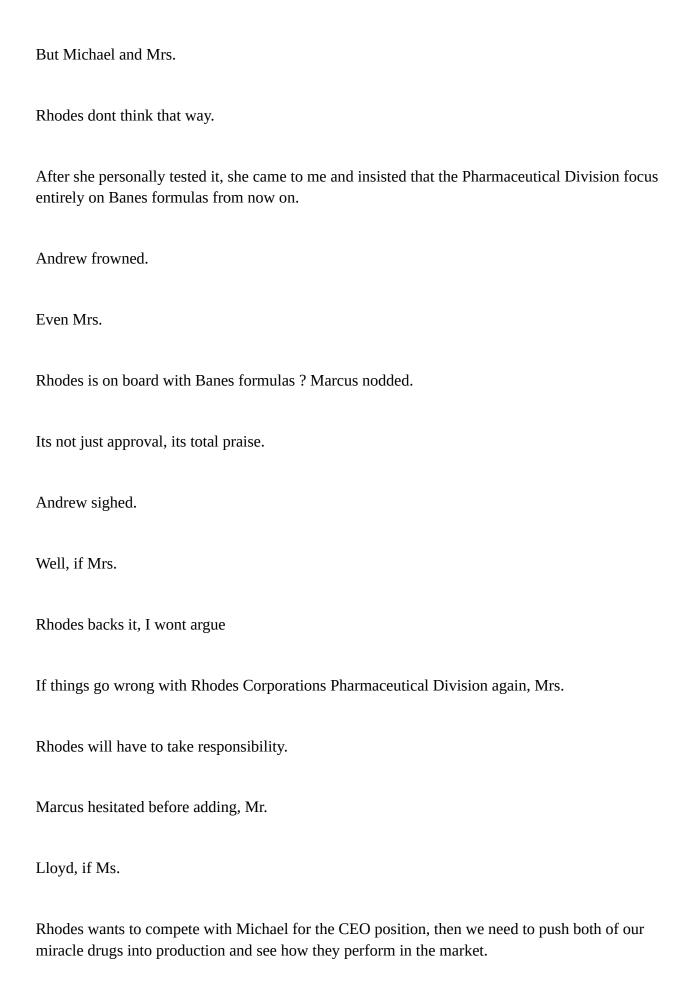
This was something that absolutely needed to be cleared up.

Chapter 627 Yet, Francesca would not listen. She pouted and grumbled, Andrew, if you keep talking, Im going to get mad. I know you dont want anything to do with me, but you dont need to act like we didnt do anything together Why wont you admit it? Tears welled up in her eyes, and she glared at him, full of resentment, as she asked, Am I really so unworthy in your eyes, Andrew? Andrew stood there, stunned for a moment. He sighed, knowing there was no point in explaining. The more he tried, the worse it would get He would have to find the right time later to clear things up. He said, Fran, dont be angry. I didnt mean anything by it Francesca sniffed and replied, Dont worry, I wont tell Lauren. I wont bring it up again, so you dont have to feel guilty. Anyway, I need to get to the hospital for my shift. So, III leave it at that! Andrew asked, Do you want me to drive you? Youre still weak! Francesca blushed and said, If you want to drive me, Id appreciate it. Andrew grinned and said, Youre my woman now.

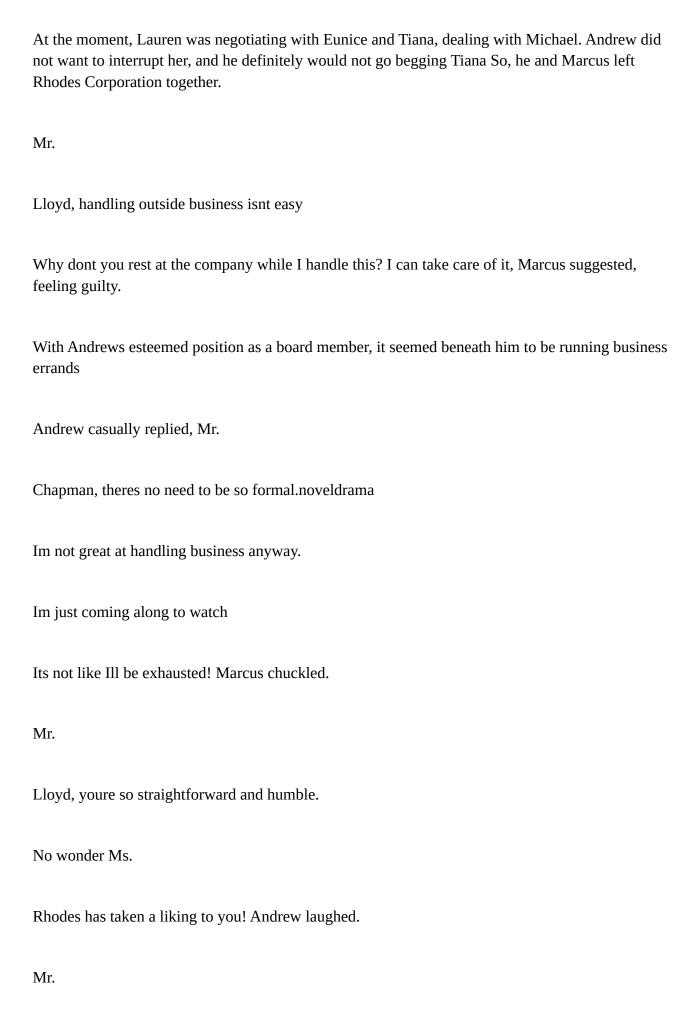
Of course, Ill drive you.

I wouldnt want to seem like Im abandoning you, would I? Francesca chuckled, her face brightening with a smile
I guess you still have a bit of a conscience! Andrew felt a little frustrated.
He had not gotten anything out of this situation, but now he had to bear the consequences.
He really did not know who to turn to for help.
After dropping Francesca off at Jayrodale General Hospital, Andrew turned around and headed toward Rhodes Corporation
Since Nyla was at the medical center, he was not too worried.
As soon as Andrew reached Laurens office, he ran into a nervous Marcus, who was waiting outside. Mr.
Lloyd, you finally made it! Andrew asked, Mr.
Chapman, is something wrong? Marcus smiled and said, Youre right, Mr.
Lloyd
Something happened, but its not badnoveldrama
On the contrary, its actually great news! Andrew raised an eyebrow and said, Tell me more! Marcus beamed.
Mr.
Lloyd, the two formulas you gave us? The first batch of samples is ready, and the results are fantastic.

Its like a miracle drug, its effectiveness is off the charts! Andrew was not surprised.
He knew exactly what kind of quality his prescriptions were.
So if the samples are good, does that mean we can move on to mass production and get it to the market ? Andrew asked.
He had high hopes for these two prescriptions.
After all, good medicine should benefit everyone.
If they kept it locked away for the rich and powerful, never reaching ordinary people, it was nothing but wasted potential
Marcus smile faded as he replied, frustrated, We cant do mass production yet because the factory needs to prioritize Banes medicine.
Andrew raised an eyebrow
Banes formulas are ready for production? Marcus nodded.
Yeah, its unbelievable how quickly Bane came up with it.
Andrew śneered
Even I couldnt come up with a useful formula in such a short time.
Banes formulas are probably a half baked or even useless ones.
Hes just fooling the people who dont know any better.
Marcus gave a wry smile.



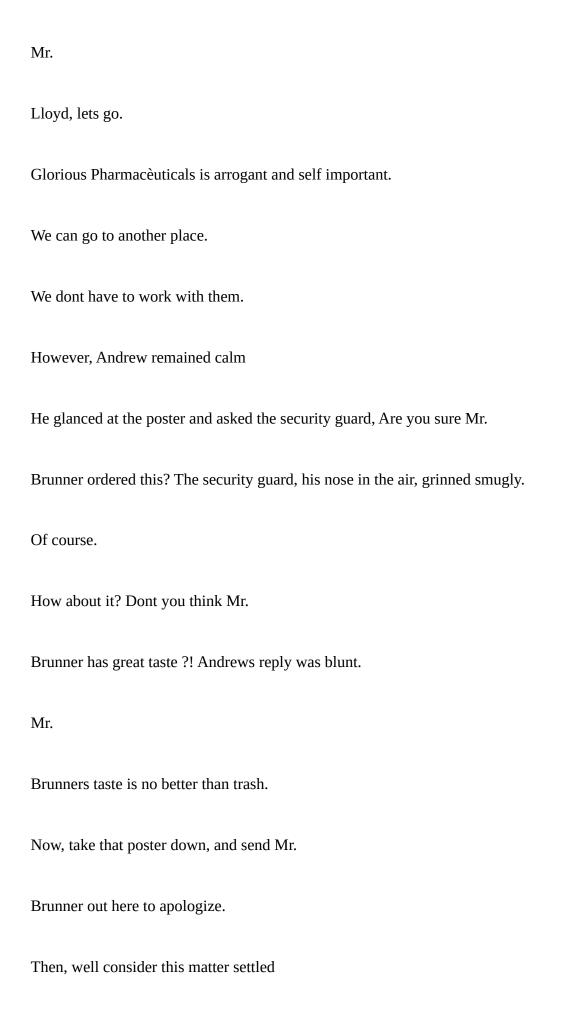
Chapter 628 Marcus said, Right now, we only have a few samples.
If we try to compete with Michael using just these, it wont be convincing at all! Andrew nodded.
That makes sense.
Then lets go to the factory and get a batch of both miracle drugs produced.
Well release them into the market and see how they perform! Marcus remarked darkly, Speaking of this, Mr.
Lloyd, you might not know.
Michael has already made arrangements with our suppliers on the manufacturing side.
Andrew sneered.
What kind of dirty tricks is that trash pulling behind the scenes now? Marcus gritted his teeth.
The suppliers are all leaning toward Michael.
Theyve agreed to work with him exclusively
Ive been to them a few times now, and each time, they came up with some excuse to delay. Finally, they just flat out told me theyll only cooperate with Michael.
Andrew remained calm
Good medicine is rare, but there are plenty of factories.
Dont worry, well find another partner.

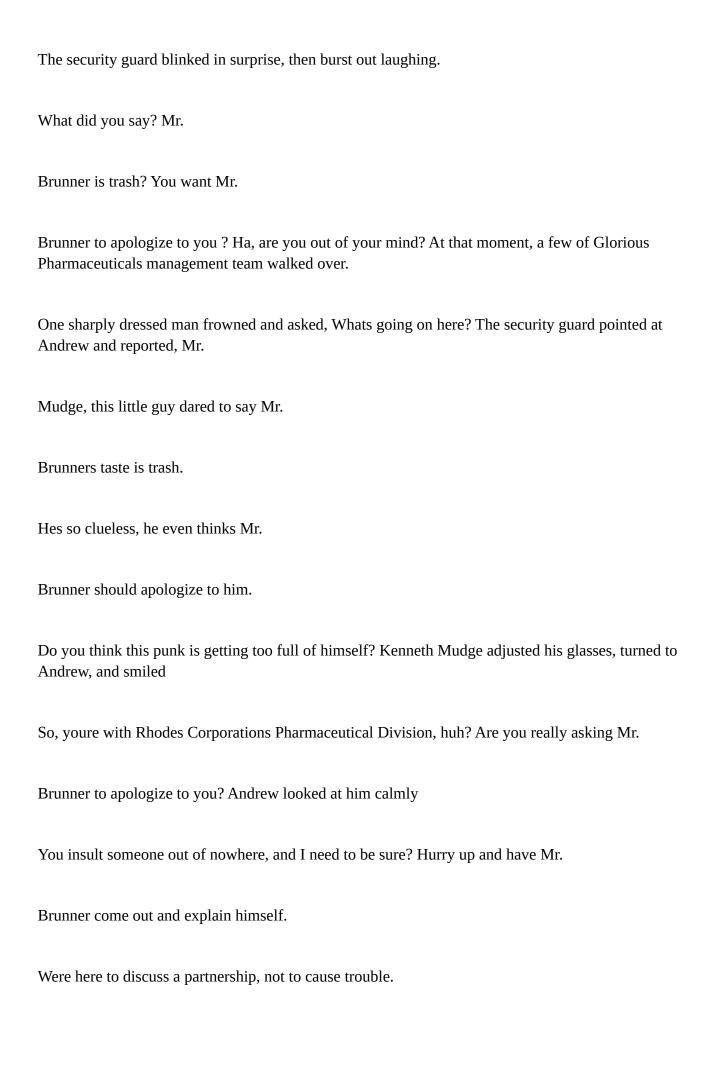


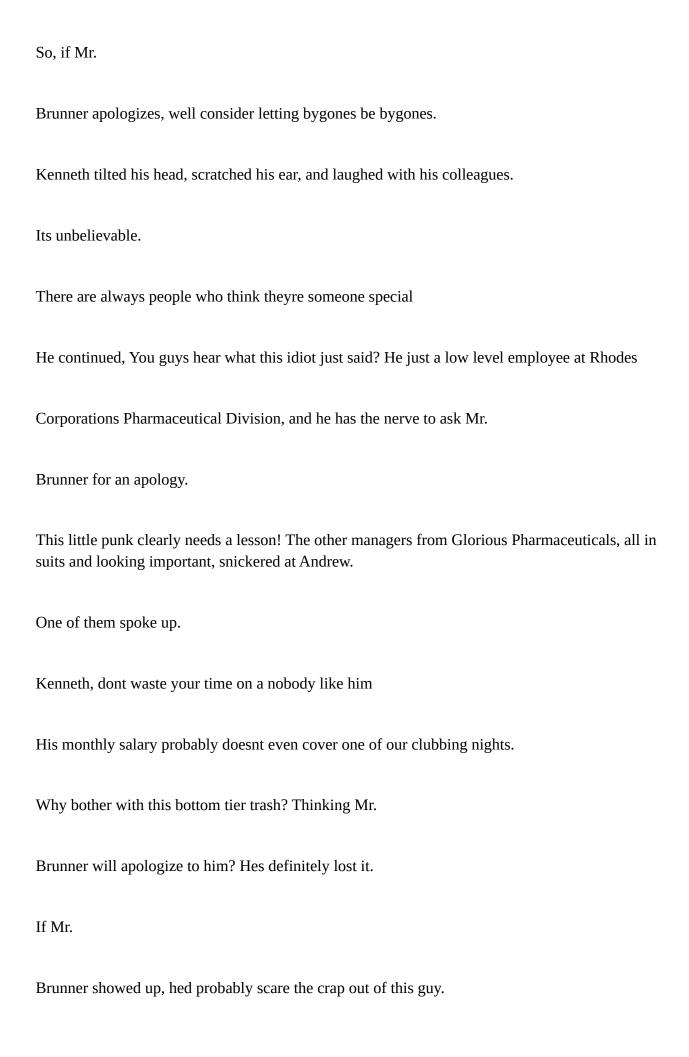
Chapman, are you trying to flatter me now? Marcus sighed.
I have to, dont I? In the short half month Ive known you, Mr.
Lloyd, youve gone from being the deputy chief at Jayrodale General Hospital to becoming a major shareholder in Rhodes Corporation.
And thats not even the most impressive part.
Youve saved my life and even dealt with the Weller family for us.
Honestly, Ive never met anyone like you, Mr.
Lloyd.
Someone who can handle everything so effortlessly and make it all look easy! They chatted as they quickly drove to the largest pharmaceutical manufacturing company in Jayrodale, Glorious Pharmaceuticals! Marcus handed his business card to the security guard at the entrance.
Hello, were with Rhodes Corporations Pharmaceutical Division.
Im the department director, Marcus Chapman, here to visit Mr.
Stephen Brunner
The security guard glanced at the card and shook his head.
Sorry, gentlemen.
Mr.

Brunner has given specific instructions no visitors from Rhodes Corporations Pharmaceutical Division. Marcus frowned
No one from our Pharmaceutical Division? What does Mr.
Brunner mean by that? Weve had several collaborations with Glorious Pharmaceuticals before. The security guard replied, Im just following orders.
As for the reason, Mr.
Chapman, you can take a look at this.
As Andrew and Marcus watched, the guard pulled out a large poster and hung it up next to the entrance of Glorious Pharmaceuticals.
It read: [No Entry for Rhodes Corporations Pharmaceutical Division or Dogs !] The massive poster, at
least four meters long, immediately caught the attention of everyone entering and exiting the building. The guard grinned, Mr.
Chapman, this is a personal request from Mr.
Brunner.
What do you think? Satisfied? Marcus face darkened, his expression turning stormy.
Chapter 629 Someone mocked, Heh, the sign says, [No entry for anyone from Rhodes Corporations Pharmaceutical Division or dogs.
Doesnt that mean people from Rhodes Corporation are worse than dogs? Hahaha! Another commented, Mr.
Brunner of Glorious Pharmaceuticals is a real entrepreneur here in Jayrodale.

Rhodes Corporation may have a big name, but Mr.
Brunner clearly doesnt care about that! Without a doubt, Rhodes Corporations Pharmaceutical Division must have offended Mr.
Brunnernoveldrama
Sure, Rhodes has a huge reputation in Jayrodale, but in front of Mr.
Brunner, theyre nothing
They have to come crawling and begging! Glorious Pharmaceuticals employees, as well as others passing by, stopped to watch and gossip about Andrew and Marcus.
The employees, especially, could not hide their contempt, their expressions dripping with disdain. Marcus turned to the security guard, his voice cold.
We havent done anything to offend Mr.
Brunner, have we? Why would he pull something like this without any reason? The security guard crossed his arms and sneered
Thats not something a small security guard like me can know.
But Mr.
Brunner gave the orders.
So, sorry, but you need to leave.
Marcus was furious but held back his anger and turned to Andrew.







Chapter 630 One of the men said, Marcus, youre the head of Rhodes Corporations Pharmaceutical Division, and were giving you face today.
Hurry up and take this fool and get out of here.
We at Glorious Pharmaceuticals wont entertain trash like this! Laughing, the employees of Glorious Pharmaceuticals, including the security guard, were all enjoying the moment.
They acted as though they had won something, looking at Andrew like he was nothing.
Marcus gritted his teeth and said, Kenneth, we may not have gotten the visit we wanted, but we still have our dignity
Are you really planning to cut ties with Rhodes Corporations Pharmaceutical Division over this? Kenneth sneered
Marcus, dont get ahead of yourself.
Right now, Mr.
Brunner has already secured a big deal
The mysterious VIP guest is negotiating with him as we speak.
Rhodes Corporation? Maybe they were relevant in the past, but now? We at Glorious Pharmaceuticals dont owe you anything.
Marcus looked at Andrew and muttered, Mr.
Lloyd, lets just go
From now on, well blacklist Glorious Pharmaceuticals from any future partnerships.

Kenneth laughed mockingly.
Rhodes Corporations Pharmaceutical Division is probably on the verge of collapsing, huh? Dont you feel ridiculous, Marcus? If you want to leave, then leave! Andrew smiled calmly.
Mr.
Chapman, please relax.
Honestly, I dont care much about the partnership.
What bothers me is that poster.
Its really irritating, and it needs to come down.
So, Mr.
Brunner needs to come out and apologize, and then III let this go
11 Marcus started sweating
He knew that in business, being flexible and diplomatic was key, and Andrews approach was pushing things into dangerous territory.
Glorious Pharmaceuticals was one of the top players in Jayrodale, and causing a scene would not benefit either side.
Sometimes, stepping back was the better option.
Kenneth let out a harsh laugh.
Did you guys see this? This idiots still going on.

Marcus wont say a word, yet this punk keeps running his mouth.

One of the bigger executives from Glorious Pharmaceuticals, a towering man, sneered and approached Andrew

Without warning, he slapped Andrew hard across the face.

Do you think youre something special? Let me teach you a lesson and remind you that Glorious is not a place for you to act out! The sound of the slap echoed, and Kenneth could not help but laugh. You little punk, after getting a few slaps, youll probably learn your place.

The security guard cheered.

Great job, Mr.noveldrama

Wright! Anyone who causes trouble at Glorious deserves to get taught a lesson! To their surprise, Andrew did not even flinch.

He stood there with an innocent smile, while Ben Wright, the massive executive from Glorious Pharmaceuticals, now lay on the ground, groaning in pain, his face swollen

Ben! Damn it, how dare you slap one of my guys! Kill him I want him dead! Kenneth screamed in disbelief.

He never expected that the one who had been slapped was his own guy.

Furious, he twisted his face into an angry snarl and led a charge toward Andrew.

However, before he could reach him, Andrew swiftly lifted his leg and kicked him hard in the chest, sending Kenneth crashing to the ground.

The impact was so strong that Kenneth vomited, his face turning an ugly shade of purple

Gasping for air on the ground, Kenneth screamed, his voice full of rage and desperation

Everyone, get him! Kill him and his whole family!