

## Chapter 131

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"What's the problem with that?" Matthew was surprised. "Shouldn't the pharmacies and customers have a choice in this?"

Nodding, Stanley answered, "That was what we thought in the beginning, but some problems popped up afterward. The pharmacies later started to price war in order to appear more competitive. In the end, smaller pharmacies were forced to close down while the bigger ones were unable to make much profit. But the same situation was not only happening within the pharmacies—it also happened to hospitals, medical institutions and medical equipment manufacturing companies. Anything related to the medical field would be affected."

Matthew frowned as he thought about Cunningham Pharmaceuticals. Now it was clear to him why it almost toppled over a few years ago; this must have been the reason.

Stanley continued, "Because of this, the medical families in the six southern states come together and decided to hold this medical conference annually. Even though they call it a conference, what we actually do there is compete with each other and see who has the best medical skills. The state that wins will get the most benefit while the state that loses will have to give up part of their interests."

Costing a glance at Stanley, Matthew asked in a low voice, "So you would like me to compete and assist Eastshire?"

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