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James and Helen quickly rose to their feet. There was a need for them to maintain their image in front of the rest of the Cunninghams because they had once been badly bullied by them.

James chided through gritted teeth, "Charlie Cunningham, what are you doing here? Where're the security officers? Aren't you guys prohibited from coming here without our permission?"

Eric stepped forward from somewhere behind Charlie and scoffed, "James, I see you've developed a temper since we last met each other several days ago! Are you the king father of this company because your daughter is the president? How dare you meddle with the company's development without first reflecting on your own capabilities?"

With his face reddened, James snapped back through gritted teeth, "Dad, I'm different from you. I am not the king father, and neither do I meddle with the business of the company. However, Sasha is the one who is managing the company now and I don't think she's too happy to see you guys here!"

Eric jeered, "Ha, she has no say in this because today, I'm not here alone. All the shareholders of the company are here. Are you going to chase them all out of the company?"

Looking alarmed, it was only then did James notice there was a crowd standing outside the door and they were made up of the shareholders of the company. How did Eric manage to summon all the shareholders here? What exactly was he trying to do? At that juncture, those shareholders strode into the room.

"President Cunningham, I was told that our company is facing some sort of problem at the moment. Many of our customers demanded to cancel their orders and even the contract which was worth 3 billion that we got some time ago was terminated. Despite the crisis, you still decided to put up all the shares of our company as collateral for a loan of 200 million from the bank to invest in some shady project. Is that true?" one of the shareholders questioned in a grim voice.

James looked despondent all at once. Things were going to get more complicated as the shareholders were now aware of the investment.

Demi shot a contemptuous glance at Sasha and whispered to her, "I told you to withdraw that investment but you refused to listen. Look at what you've gotten yourself into! I'm looking forward to seeing how you will handle this!"

Helen then said quickly, "Nothing of that sort happened! Ladies and gentlemen, you guys must have gotten the wrong idea. The company is going in the right direction and everything is running smoothly..."

Lily snorted at her and cut her off by yelling, "Shut up, you old hag! I can't believe you have the face to say that the company is going in the right direction. Do you think all the shareholders are blind or dumb enough to believe you? Do you dare to let them have a look at the accounts and balance sheets of the company?"

Helen was left stumped at once.

Lily then cast Sasha a sideways glance and challenged, "What's the problem? Do you have the guts to do something but aren't brave enough to admit doing it? Sasha, aren't you very talented? Come on, tell all the shareholders how you've been running the company. Hmph, do you think you're superior to everyone else just because you somehow managed to get the deal that was worth three billion with your good looks? Let me remind you that using your body to exchange for contracts isn't going to work in the long term because being competent is the only way to survive in this harsh real world! Without competency, men will be sick of your looks one day no matter how beautiful you are!"

Many of the shareholders burst out laughing and their eyes were brimming with malice when they stared at Sasha.

Sasha, whose face reddened in embarrassment, rebuked through gritted teeth, "Lily Cunningham, you'd better watch your words! I fought for all the contracts with my own ability. And yes, the company is having some issues right now but I'm trying hard to settle them. Also, I believe I can steer the company out of this predicament!"

Charlie sneered, "Sasha, I'm really impressed by how good you are at bragging. Can you tell me how you are going to solve the issue? Also, I want you to explain to all of us here about the purpose of the 200 million loan that you took by putting up our shares as collateral. Don't tell me it's for an investment because we're not dumb! It's obvious to us what you're trying to do. You're going to seize all the cash and run away because you know the company is going to be done for, aren't you?!"