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Everyone was floored by the second option. Jafford was the first one to break the silence by saying, "I'll definitely go for the second option. The medical conference is an annual event. I'm sure President Carlson will make a good fortune out of having full control over the medical resources for the coming year. President Carlson is leading us to a gold mine! Only a fool would choose the first option!"

The rest of the shareholders also chose the second option excitedly. All of them were wise men who had been in the business for decades, after all. They knew very well that under normal circumstances, Stanley would not want to have anything to do with them and would only give them money in return for their medical resources. He merely offered them the second option to give them a chance to make even more money as a token of appreciation for their support. No one else would ever get a chance like this! Of course, they felt even more grateful for Matthew because they were aware that Stanley only offered them the option for Matthew's sake.

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What she said was driving Sasha crazy. Demi dropped out from school purely because she wasn't interested in studying. Not to mention that back then they were still a part of the Cunningham Family. The family owned Cunningham Pharmaceuticals, and it was natural for them to support her education. James and Helen clearly did not need to work hard to provide her the funds needed.

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