Matthew immediately told Sasha all about the issue with the herbs after leaving Wellness Herbary.

Sasha, who looked deeply shaken after listening to him, intended to call James in an instant but she was stopped by Matthew, who was of the opinion that something was fishy with the deal.

It was too much of a coincidence that someone sent a huge amount of defective herbs to James right after Wellness Herbary was established.

Obviously, this was a trap set by someone with the intention to sabotage James.

Therefore, Matthew decided not to alert the mastermind prematurely before he managed to lure him out.

When the Astragalus was delivered to Cunningham Pharmaceuticals from Wellness Herbary, Sasha had them moved to the storeroom instead of using it.

There were CCTV cameras installed in the storeroom which could capture the entire period of time the Astragalus was stored to serve as evidence in the future.

Ten days later, Francis suddenly visited James' office.

As James had gained a huge profit from the deal, he started having an even more favorable opinion of Francis

"Francis, you're here. Come on in and take a seat!" James made some tea and served it to him.

With a bleak look, Francis exclaimed, "Mr. Cunningham, something bad happened!"

"What's wrong?" James was stunned for a moment when he heard him.

"I was sabotaged by someone..." Francis muttered. "Mr. Rodgers kept a batch of defective Astragalus behind my back. They're chemically processed and their quality is far below the required standard! I was just told that the government is currently trying to trace the herbs!"

With a clank, the teapot in James' hands was dropped onto the floor.

Looking terror-stricken, James asked in a trembling voice, "H-How did this happen?"

"Alas!" Francis sounded helpless as he lamented, "We should never judge a book by its cover! Mr. Rodgers used to be so respectful when he worked for me back then. It's out of everyone's expectation that he would pull off something like that behind my back!"

"S-So... What will happen if the batch of Astragalus is found by the government? Will they confiscate everything? I spent a lot of money on the herbs. Wh-What should I do if they all get confiscated?" James said.

In a resigned tone, Francis said, "Mr. Cunningham, it's not a big deal if just the herbs are confiscated. The problem is, the herbs were delivered to Cunningham Pharmaceuticals and used to manufacture other medicines, and all the medicines that contain the defective herbs have already been released to the market. This issue is capable of destroying Cunningham Pharmaceuticals for good if the government manages to track it down!"

"What?!" James collapsed onto the chair directly after listening to Francis.

It was with painstaking effort did they manage to seize the right to manage Cunningham Pharmaceuticals.

Their luxurious cars, their distinguished social statuses and their expenses all relied on the company.

If the company collapsed, did that mean they would have to go back to the penniless life they once had?

James had toiled for most of his life to get the life he was having now. How could he give it up so easily?

On top of that, the shareholders of the company would definitely give him a hard time if Cunningham Pharmaceuticals was destroyed because of the defective Astragalus.

All of a sudden, it dawned upon him that he had made a huge blunder this time.

"Francis, y-you have to help me solve this mess since you're the seller..."

With a sigh, Francis said, "Mr. Cunningham, that's exactly why I'm here—to help you. The only way out is to find another pharmaceutical company and claim it as the one which bought the batch of defective Astragalus. This way, the pharmaceutical company will be made the scapegoat for Cunningham Pharmaceuticals, but that company will be ruined!"

Looking lost, James asked, "Wh-Where am I supposed to find a pharmaceutical company to take the blame?"

"I happen to own a pharmaceutical company right now..." Francis said.

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James' eyes widened immediately. "Francis, y-you have to help us! You have to help Sasha! Sasha is managing Cunningham Pharmaceuticals right now. Since you love her so deeply, I suppose it will hurt you too to see her sad?"

Francis admitted in a soft voice, "Mr. Cunningham, you're right. I do love Sasha, but she's another man's wife now and I'm not related to her in any way. Meanwhile, my pharmaceutical company is

worth around sixty to seventy million. Losing that kind of money for a woman who isn't related to me at all is just..."

James frowned, knowing vaguely what Francis meant.

"Francis, you know very well that the marriage between Sasha and Matthew is never going to last! Since their marriage only exists in name, they will divorce each other sooner or later. We've always favored you and you are the ideal husband for Sasha. Helen and I think the marriage between you and Sasha will be perfect," James said with a simpering smile.

With a sigh, Francis responded, "Mr. Cunningham, you're right. However, I still don't have any chance because Matthew and Sasha have yet to divorce each other. Since they're still married, don't you think it's not quite appropriate for me to spend sixty to seventy million to settle this issue?"

James was stunned for a second before he asked, "Do you mean that y-you will help us solve the problem as long as they get a divorce?"

"Mr. Cunningham, I need to have something that I can look forward to. As long as I can see some hope in my relationship with Sasha, I will help you solve the problem. What do you think?"

Taking a deep breath, James nodded his head slowly. "Okay, it's a deal! Francis, while I get them to divorce each other, you help me settle this issue. What do you think?"

Francis nodded immediately. "Mr. Cunningham, please don't worry because I can definitely settle it!"

After walking Francis out, James found Helen and recounted the issue to her.

She was so shaken by the problem that she nearly broke into tears.

However, she sighed in relief when she heard the latter part of the story.

"Cunningham Pharmaceuticals can be protected as long as they get a divorce. What a great bargain! Well, let's visit Sasha then. This time, I'll get them to divorce each other by hook or by crook! If she refuses to divorce him, I'll kneel down in her office until she says yes! Let's see whether her mother or that useless man is more important to her!"

As soon as James and Helen stepped into Sasha's office, they snapped at her directly, "Sasha, you must get a divorce with Matthew this time! You have to divorce him even if you don't agree! If you refuse to do so, we will sever our ties with you!"

Sasha, who was baffled, asked, "Dad, Mom, what's wrong with the two of you? Why are you guys still picking on Matthew even after you started the company? What did he do to offend you guys again?"

Helen exclaimed furiously, "He offended us on many occasions! Just looking at how incompetent he is is enough to make me angry! He knows nothing but he's confident enough to interfere with our business! Sasha, I don't really expect you to find yourself a very capable husband, but you just can't have a useless man as your husband! By doing that, not only have you brought embarrassment on yourself, but you also brought disgrace to your family, do you know that?"

With a frown, Sasha emphasized, "Mom, I'm repeating this one more time—I won't divorce Matthew! He has done nothing wrong! Throughout the past three years of our married life, he didn't even complain once about how we've been treating him! So, we have no right to talk about divorce with him!"

After glancing at each other, James and Helen straightaway knelt down on the floor with a thud.

"Dad, Mom, what are you guys doing?" Dumbfounded, Sasha ran over to help them to their feet.

Meanwhile, Helen pleaded with tears, "Sasha, we're begging you to divorce Matthew!"

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With their knees on the floor, both James and Helen implored in a croaky voice, "We're doing this for your own good! Since Matthew isn't a nice man and you can find yourself a better husband, why are you so insistent on keeping him?"

Sasha urged anxiously, "Dad, Mom, please get up first before we talk!"

"Sasha, we won't get up until you agree to divorce him!" James said.

"Yes, we won't get up until you agree to divorce him and we'll have our knees on the floor until you say yes! Sasha, if you are cruel enough to let us kneel down in front of you, you may say no!" Helen threatened.

Sasha was panic-stricken as the sight of her parents kneeling down before her put her under immense pressure. After a moment of contemplation, she gritted her teeth and got down on her knees too. "Dad, Mom, I'll kneel down too since the two of you refuse to get up. Let's talk this way! However, my stance is still the same—I won't divorce Matthew!"

Both James and Helen were stunned. At first, they had intended to use this trick to compel Sasha into divorcing Matthew but that trick no longer worked now that Sasha had gotten down on her knees too.

After glancing at each other, James let out a sigh at last and confessed, "Sasha, to be honest..." He gave her an account of the batch of defective Astragalus.

"Sasha, your mother and I really can't think of any other way to solve it. We only managed to get Cunningham Pharmaceuticals after putting in a lot of effort. If it's destroyed in our hands, we'll be condemned by the rest of the family for the rest of our lives and we might really have to kill ourselves by the time it happens! Now, you just need to get a divorce with Matthew and Young Master Cooper will settle everything. I suppose you won't allow Cunningham Pharmaceuticals to be destroyed by this problem now that it's worth up to one billion?"

Sasha chuckled when she heard her father. "Dad, Mom, is that the thing which has been bothering the two of you?"

Helen grew anxious when she heard Sasha's tone. "Sasha, that is a very serious problem! Since the drugs manufactured by Cunningham Pharmaceuticals have already been released to the market, countless consumers out there might have already bought them! If the government finds out about this, it will be the end of our company!"

Laughing heartily, Sasha helped her parents to their feet and said, "Dad, Mom, you guys don't have to worry about anything if that's what's been bothering you guys."

Looking astonished, both of them asked, "Why's that so?"

"It's because I've never used that batch of Astragalus to manufacture the drugs!" Sasha said.

"Huh?" Both of them went wide-eyed with pleasant surprise written all over their face.

"You didn't use it? S-Seriously? Didn't the company just happen to be short on Astragalus?"

With a smile, Sasha said, "Come to think of it, it's all thanks to Matthew!" After explaining what Matthew had done to her parents, Sasha continued with a laugh, "That batch of Astragalus is still in the storeroom now. The CCTV camera inside had been kept running right from the moment the herbs arrived at our company. This will leave no room for anyone to sabotage us with the defective herbs because the CCTV footage will be able to prove that we're innocent!"

Both James and Helen looked flabbergasted because it had never occurred to them that things could actually turn out this way.

"R-Really?" James sounded overjoyed.

"Of course! If you don't believe me, I can bring you guys to the storeroom later to take a look!" Sasha said.

"Terrific! That's just terrific!" James exclaimed.

Looking delighted, Helen asked, "Sasha, was this really Matthew's idea?"

"Of course!" Sasha said proudly. "Matthew was of the opinion that someone must have deliberately set up this trap in order to sabotage us. Dad, Mom, obviously it's Francis who is trying to frame us!"

James scratched his head and doubted, "Really? But Young Master Cooper is a nice guy. Why does he need to sabotage us?"

"Hmph!" Sasha snapped with her lips pursed, "This isn't the first time he tried to sabotage us. He was the mastermind who caused our business account to be frozen last time! Bart Jenkins is his uncle!"

"What?!" James widened his eyes in disbelief. "You must be kidding!"