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Sasha cracked up. "That's right! Liam, the fact that they released Matthew goes to show that he's not the murderer. What do you have to say now?"

Tightening his jaw, Liam said in defiance, "T-They haven't found these evidence when they released you! These evidence w-were uncovered just now."

"Really?" Matthew sniggered. "If that's the case, then call the police on me now!"

Liam was speechless. He was simply telling tales; these were not the evidence the police got at all!

When she saw the look on his face, Sasha giggled. "Why are you quiet now, Liam? Call the police if you have the evidence. What is holding you back?

Are you afraid to verify the tale you just made up? If you're not calling the police, then I will! You're spreading rumors and slandering others. Do you know what crime that is?"

The look on his face changed instantly as he blurted, "I-I remembered it wrongly. This isn't the news from the police. T-This is the information from the Jacksons, but these evidence are absolutely true!"

Sasha snorted and questioned him, "Information from the Jacksons? Can you believe anything they say?"

"As one of the Ten Greatest Families of Eastcliff, their words carry the weight worth more than a thousand gold. Will they spout nonsense?" he spat angrily. With that, Sasha simply snorted indifferently as a reply, which angered him as he shouted, "You don't trust me, do you? Fine, I dare you to make a bet with me!

You're the loser if Matthew is the one who did it, but if you lose, you'll have to hand over Wellness Herbary to me! How about that? Do you have the guts?"

Matthew knitted his brows at the sight of Liam who got all fired up, still coveting after Wellness Herbary at this time.

"Why would I be afraid?" Sasha burst out furiously. "I'm telling you, Liam, if it's Matthew who did it, not only Wellness Herbary, but I can even hand over the entire Cunningham Pharmaceuticals to you!"

Matthew's heart filled with warmth as he stared at her. Even in critical moments, she never left his side and supported him! Meanwhile, Liam was overjoyed because he felt that he was sure to win!

Then, Matthew asked him instead, "Liam, what happens if you lose?"

"If I lose?" Liam jeered.

"Since you want to make a bet, then you'll have to make it clear. Without telling what you will do if you lose, then how can you make a bet with someone?"

Glaring at him angrily, Liam chided, "This is a bet I made with Sasha. What has this got to do with you?"

"She's my wife, of course I can't watch in vain if someone tries to fool her!"

Gritting his teeth, Liam hissed, "Fine, so tell me what you want."

"That's simple!" Matthew chortled. "If you lose, just kneel in front of us and kowtow in apology to us three times!"

"Larson, are you insulting him?" Demi lashed out at him.

Instantly, Matthew slammed the table and shouted, "Your husband wants to take away Wellness Herbary worth tens of millions with just one word, and yet he didn't want to fork out anything.

So who's being insulting now? Demi Cunningham, do you really take everyone else as an idiot? You want to snatch away Wellness Herbary with just one word?"

Demi was dumbfounded as she had never seen him lose his temper so greatly before. On the other hand, Liam hurriedly stopped her with his hand, smiling from ear to ear.

Kowtow in apology was nothing because he was confident that Matthew would be proven to be the murderer. Basically, he didn't have to do anything and still be able to make a windfall!

"Fine, it's a deal! Since James and Helen are here, how about if we let them be the witness?" Liam suggested with a sneer.

Catching each other's eyes, James and Helen then nodded slowly.

"Liam, remember what you said today!" Sasha warned, sniggering.

With a conceited face, he promised, "I won't take back anything I said and I'll do it since I've already spoken it. Unfortunately for you, it's destined that I won't lose!"

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In the evening at six o'clock, Tiger arrived all out of breath at Lakeside Garden. "Mr. Larson, the preparations are done. We can act now!"

Tiger was unable to hide his excitement knowing that after tonight's incident, Matthew's name would be able to hold down the Ten Greatest Families! Besides, this would also be his opportunity to rise up.

Composedly, Matthew nodded in acknowledgement and stood up. After changing into the clothes he brought with him, he paced leisurely toward the doors.

In the area outside of Lakeview Garden, a few dozen cars driven by all of Tiger's men were waiting. Tonight, all of them would bear witness as to how Matthew could finally crush the Ten Greatest Families under his feet!

At seven o'clock, Liam drove the Cunninghams to the Jackson's Estate, and everyone was dumbstruck by the scene which greeted them when they arrived. Built on the beautiful mountainous region in the northern suburbs of Eastcliff, the Jackson's Estate included a lake at the side of the mountain with a mesmerizing environment.

The estate covered more than a hundred acres and kept many of its original decorations and construction, but every corner didn't look simple at all.

At this moment, the parking lot outside was already filled with more than a hundred luxury cars. Even though Liam was driving the Panamera from Wellness Herbrary, it was nothing next to these vehicles. "Why are there so many luxury cars? Are the Jacksons that rich?" Helen asked in a whisper.

Liam chuckled. "This is not the wealth of the Jacksons. All these cars belong to the Ten Greatest Families! Basically, all the heads of the families are here for the event tonight."

Shocked, she asked, "The heads of the Ten Greatest Families are here? Do they actually take this seriously?"

"The Ten Greatest Families have always been a coalition, and whenever something major happens, they would solve it together. Zachary was once the heir to the Jacksons and held a high status in his family.

That was why the Ten Greatest Families can't just look the other way with regard to his death! Also, Matthew had some connections with Mr. Newman preciously, so they'll definitely make a grand scene because they're worried that he'll help Matthew out!"

James snorted, "Matthew already had nothing to do with Mr. Newman since a long time ago. So, forget that he'll receive any help from Mr. Newman. Even if he does, what could Mr. Newman do, now that the Ten Greatest Families are here?"

Liam nodded his head smugly. "That's for sure! Looking at the setup tonight, it seems unlikely that Matthew will get away with it. Sasha, why don't you sign the divorce papers now so that you won't have to be widowed when he dies later?"

In a cold voice, she replied, "Cut your crap! I'll never divorce him and he'll definitely be alright."

"Looks like you'll only give up at the sight of the gallows, Sasha!" Demi said sarcastically.

They entered the estate and saw that it was brightly lit, filled with people. Acting ignorantly, they were giddy with everything they saw, as though they had never

been in such a setting before. Finally, they reached the inner atrium where many people were seated in the hall, including the heads of the Ten Greatest Families.

Harvey was among them and when he saw James and his family, he instantly sneered, "Wow, I thought you would never show up! Who would have thought that you actually have some guts and came!"

"Mr. Jackson, t-this incident has got nothing to do with us. We don't know anything about it," James hurriedly clarified.

Waving his hand impatiently, Harvey dismissed him. "Enough with this nonsense! This time, not even the death of Mr. Larson can settle this! The lives of the Jacksons are very valuable! It's not even enough if you pay with every single life of yours!"

James and his family were shocked, and Helen was so terrified that tears started to well up in her eyes. Suddenly, a voice bantered from behind them. "Hey, isn't this President Cunningham? You appear even prettier in just a few days' time!"

Everyone spun their heads around, only to see Samuel with a group of men marching toward them in big strides.

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The people around all stood up and greeted Samuel, and even the heads of the Ten Greatest Families nodded in his direction as a sign of respect.

With a look of envy, James asked, "Sasha, who's this? Look at him. Now that's how a truly important figure should be!"

Samuel paced to her and said, "President Cunningham, I've already heard about what happened. I am also made aware that the Jacksons not only want Matthew dead, but also to destroy the Cunninghams. How could your husband get so reckless?

I could already tell from the last time I visited your company that this guy has a problem somewhere up in his head, but I didn't expect him to create such a big trouble within a few days' time. How could he do such a thing?"

Sasha pursed her lips tight and didn't speak. But James stuttered, "Excuse me, sir. You seem to be really familiar with the Ten Greatest Families. Could y-you please put in a good word for us?"

Glancing at him, Samuel said casually, "Of course I can put in a good word for you, but the problem is, I need a good reason to involve myself in this matter!

If you had joined the Pharmaceutical Union a few days ago, even the Ten Greatest Families would have to show us some face! However, since you're not one of our members, I-I'm afraid I'm not in the position to speak up for you!"

Surprised, James asked, "You're from the Pharmaceutical Union? It's a good thing to be a member of the Union! Sir, c-can we join the Union now?"

"Well, that's not impossible," Samuel replied with a smirk. "However, I'm afraid the procedure will be complicated because you want to join so suddenly. If it's not handled properly and someone finds out, I'm afraid even the Ten Greatest Families wouldn't even spare me some dignity."

"T-Then what should we do?" James asked, gripped by anxiety.

In a whisper, Samuel answered, "The only way now is to get the procedure done in the dark. But we'll have to get it done quietly at a secluded place. President Cunningham, why don't you come to my car with me and we'll get the application done there?" Sasha's face turned bleak. Of course she knew what Samuel was thinking about; he purely wanted to take advantage of her!

With a troubled look, James agreed, "That's fine. Sasha, it's a good thing to join the Union, and it can even solve our current crisis. That's hitting two birds with one stone. Go with this gentleman quickly and get it done."

Sasha was so frustrated that she almost burst into tears. How could her own father be such a fool? She lamented silently in her heart, Can't you tell that this man wants to take advantage of me? Besides the company and your own interests, don't you even care about your daughter anymore?

On the other hand, Samuel was gazing expectantly at her with a smile. From the moment he first set eyes on her, he had already decided that he would make her his own. Everything was falling together nicely now.

He could kill three birds with one stone—besides getting rid of Matthew and having his revenge, he could take Sasha with him and even seized Cunningham Pharmaceuticals. Just the thought of all these were pleasing to him!

"That's impossible!" she said through gritted teeth. "Save your crocodile tears! I'll never ask for your help even if I'm going to die here!"

Samuel's face froze as he glared at her viciously. "President Cunningham, you have quite a strong and determined character! Fine, then I'll wait and see what will happen to the Cunninghams tonight!" With that, he stomped off in a huff.

"Have you lost your mind, Sasha?" James cried angrily. "This man is an important figure from the Union who can help us. H-How could you make him angry? Do you really wish for your mom and I to die here and our whole family to perish together with Matthew?"

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Sasha shot James a furious look. "Am I the one who lost my mind or is it actually you? Can't you tell what Mr. Hughes meant with that?

By asking me to get in his car to complete the application, do you think that's how it should be done? Dad, do you think that I should set aside my dignity and chasity for the sake of the company?"

James froze for a while before lashing back, "What are you speaking about, Sasha? Mr. Hughes is not that kind of person. You've misunderstood him! He really wants to help us out!"

With a forlorn look, Sasha chuckled. "He's not that kind of person? Dad, how long have you known him? Are you so close to him to be able to tell that he really wants to help us out?

Why would he do that? Is it simply because you fawned on him a little? How did you live your life all these decades, Dad? In the world of reality we're living in, interest comes first and there are no fairy tales!"

James's face was pale from anger as he chided, "Sasha, what kind of attitude is this? I fawn on others for the sake of our family and for the both of you! How much longer could your mother and I live and how much money can we still spend? I'm doing all this for the both of you! Sasha, you've disappointed me greatly!"

"Sasha, how could you speak to Dad that way?" Demi asked immediately. "Mom and Dad have worked hard their whole lives and did everything for us. Sasha, you've changed! Look at what you've become now! You were not like this in the past. Previously, you were really obedient to Mom and Dad! It must be Matthew's fault. Don't you know that you're completely under his spell now?"

"Look how mature your younger sister is, Sasha," Helen praised. "How did you become like this? But that's alright since Matthew doesn't have longer days to live. Our family will return to normal and I won't have to see the wretched face of that jinx anymore!"

Sasha trembled with anger as she began to realize that she should move out of the house. If she was to continue living with her family, she would suffer a mental breakdown soon.

In the midst of the noises around, the people began to take their seats, where only Sasha and her family were standing in the hall. No one came to welcome them and they were now in an incredibly awkward position without even having a place to sit.

Finally, the noises died down when Old Master Jackson appeared. He greeted the heads of the Ten Greatest Families and some other important figures of Eastcliff before settling down on his seat.

"I guess everyone knows why you're invited here tonight, so I won't say much. Our time is precious, so let's not waste it on small talk. Let's begin!" he announced in a booming voice.

Everyone present nodded their heads and Harvey stood out. "I'm terribly sorry, but Matthew is not here yet. He probably has fled to escape punishment and didn't dare to show up. But I've already sent our men to look for him and they should be back soon. To not waste everybody's time, I've decided to let his wife and family stand trial on his behalf!"

Everyone nodded in agreement while James exclaimed fretfully, "Mr. Jackson, we've cut our ties with Matthew since a long time ago!

My daughter has already divorced him and we have nothing to do with him! He's a wicked criminal, whereas we are law-abiding and kind people! H-How could we stand trial on his behalf?"

Harvey snickered, "James, you seem to be pretty close with him the last time you attended the Cloud Nine Cocktail Party together!

So have you now parted ways with him because a great calamity is at hand? It's useless, I tell you! Your family cannot distance yourselves from this incident! Men, bring their whole family forward!"

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A group of men came over and wanted to grab them without waiting for an explanation. Panic-stricken, James cried, "Everyone, what I said is true! We have nothing to do with Matthew at all."

"This jinx really got us into deep trouble," Helen said furiously. "He committed a crime, fled to escape punishment and left us here to be his scapegoats. I've never seen such a despicable person!"

Through gritted teeth, Demi berated, "Sasha, is this the husband whom you trust? Do you consider his actions as humane? We've told you so many times not to rely on a person like him, but you refused to listen! Great, now we all have to pay for it. You must be happy now!"

With a solemn face and tightened jaw, Sasha said, "You can save your sarcasms! Mr. Jackson, Matthew is my husband and his problems are mine as well! If

there's a trial, then I alone will stand trial on his behalf. This has nothing to do with my family! Let them go and I'll step forward!"

Harvey sniggered. "I've told you this before, Sasha; the lives of the Jacksons are very valuable, but yours alone is not enough to pay for it!

Your whole family has to pay this time! Stop these small talk and bring all of them here! If they refuse to come forward, then break their legs and drag them here!"

The men flashed out their weapons aggressively and seemed like they were ready to attack them straight away. Terrified, James and Helen pleaded shakily, "Please don't hit us. This has nothing to do with us."

Sasha tightened her jaw and placed herself in front of her parents. "Mr. Jackson, a life for a life. If you could prove that we killed your nephew, then I'll pay with my life. What has this got to do with my family? The Jacksons have to be reasonable!"

Immediately, he laughed and sneered, "Reasonable? You want me to be reasonable? A life for a life? Can your cheap lives be compared to my nephew's? It's the same as comparing you to a beggar on the streets. Is your life the same as a beggar? If I compare your life to a dog, are they of the same value?"

Upon hearing that, the whole room burst into laughter and Sasha's face turned pale. The Jacksons were such tyrants!

Just then, a chilling voice came from the door, saying, "Mr. Jackson, your life is worth less than a dog in my eyes!"

Everyone spun their heads around only to see Matthew pacing in slowly and they broke into an uproar. The sight of him sparked Harvey's anger as he yelled, "You sure have some guts, Larson! How dare you insult me at my home! This is as good as insulting my whole family!

Men, slap him!" He was already holding a grudge against Matthew after getting beaten up by him earlier, and he wanted to use this opportunity to deliver the first hard blow on him directly.

A dozen men from the Jacksons rushed over aggressively and surrounded him.

Matthew snickered, "What now? You're already starting a fight without even a trial? Is this how unreasonable the Jacksons are?"

"I'm beating you up because you insulted us!" Harvey shouted. "As for the trial, that will come later!"

In a cold voice, Matthew argued, "So are you going to slap me because I insulted your family? Then should I slap you for insulting my wife earlier?"

Caught dumbfounded, Harvey retorted, "This is the Jackson's Residence."

"So what if it is?" he asked indifferently. "So are you saying that you're above everyone else in your own home? Based on your logic, is everyone here tonight also a level below your family?

The heads of the Ten Greatest Families are all here and you're using your family's rules to suppress people instead of speaking sense and justice. Do you really think that the Ten Greatest Families are just as unreasonable?"