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Sasha spoke anxiously, "Dad, the crisis didn't happen because we've offended them! Do you know what the Pharmaceuticals Union demands? They want half of our business!"

James was confused when he heard her. "W-What do you mean by that?"

After Sasha gave him an account of the encounter with the Pharmaceutical Union earlier, James went dumbfounded at once, who never expected that the Pharmaceutical Union would actually make such a greedy request.

After a moment of silence, Demi voiced her opinion all of a sudden, "I think the Pharmaceutical Union can't possibly be so angry with us just because we refused to join them!

I think this crisis must have something to do with Mr. Hughes whom Matthew offended! Matthew, how did you upset such a big shot in the Pharmaceutical Union? He is now angry with you and because of that, he wants to finish our company off! Matthew, how are you going to handle this?"

"Demi, how could you pin the blame on Matthew?" Sasha questioned.

Demi snapped back, "Who else should I blame if not him? If he hadn't offended Samuel Hughes, this crisis wouldn't have happened! Matthew, oh, Matthew, you're really a jinx to our family. Look at the trouble you've caused us because of what you did.

Firstly, the project at the construction site was forced to take a halt, causing the reputation of our company to be tarnished. Luckily, we received a compensation

of 300 million for all the losses we suffered, but you decided to give the money to somebody else.

Now, the company has to face another crisis because of you. Will you only be satisfied after breaking our family apart?!"

Matthew couldn't resist revealing, "Mr. Hughes has died!"

"Huh?" Demi was stunned before she queried, "How did he die? Did you kill him?"

Matthew was so taken aback by how Demi associated Samuel's death to him that he was left speechless. Why do you think that I must be the one who killed him? You just can't wait to pinpoint me as a murderer, can you?

Sasha challenged Demi, "Demi, what nonsense are you spouting? How is Matthew related to his death? Mr. Hughes was killed by Young Master Jackson's parents!"

James, who was shocked to hear that, doubted, "That's complete gibberish. Why would Young Master Jackson's parents kill Mr. Hughes? He is after all a big shot from the Hughes Family!"

"It's because Young Master Jackson was killed by Mr. Hughes!" replied Sasha.

"What?!" James and Helen exclaimed at the same time.

"Therefore, as I've told you guys before, this crisis isn't related to either Mr. Hughes or Matthew. The Hughes is looking for trouble because they are eyeing our company and our business.

Dad, Mom, the company really can't afford to fork out 10 million at this juncture. Why don't the two of you go back home first and we'll talk about it after I finish dealing with this situation?" Sasha suggested. James and Helen glanced at each other, looking reluctant to accept that.

"Sasha, t-the Hughes are way out of our league in terms of wealth and power! Why don't we just offer half of our business to them directly?

At least in that case, we can still keep the remaining half! Although our company might become smaller, it's better than ending up having nothing!" Helen suggested in an undertone.

Sounding resigned, Sasha insisted, "Mom, we must have some backbone! Should we be intimidated just because they are stronger than us? This time, they are asking for half of our business. What should we do if they want the entire company next time?"

Helen was unconvinced. "Baloney! After giving them half of our business, we'll naturally join the Pharmaceutical Union and become one of them. Will they sabotage one of their own? What you just speculated won't happen at all!"

Sasha got so frustrated that she went speechless. Waving her hands continuously at them, she said, "Forget it. You guys should go home first and I'll contact you after I am done handling this matter."

Despite looking reluctant, Helen had no other choice but to accept that the company really couldn't fork out 10 million for investment at this hour.

"Matthew, you are a jinx and you should stay as far away from my sister as possible! Look at how much trouble you've brought upon the company! You aren't allowed to step foot into the company in the future. Do you understand?" Demi accused angrily before leaving the place together with James and Helen.

Matthew looked baffled as he wondered why he was to blame for the ongoing crisis.

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Matthew then gave Sasha some advice to handle the crisis—he reminded her not to panic and calming down the existing customers should be her first priority. After that, Matthew left the company as he planned to seek direction and counsel from others.

As soon as he reached the lobby of the building, he spotted James and Helen from afar. Just as he tried to avoid them, to his dismay, the two were heading his way. "Matthew, stop right there!" Helen roared.

Matthew had no choice but to stop. "Mom, how can I help you?"

Helen nodded at him and yelled, "James has something to say to you!"

James, who looked sullen, first glared at Matthew before asking solemnly, "Matthew, what do you think about the way to solve the crisis at this time?"

Matthew reassured him in a soft voice, "Dad, I'm trying to come up with a solution. Don't worry. I'll handle this well and I won't make the company suffer any loss!"

Demi sneered and scoffed, "Pfft, I can see that you're getting better and better at bragging! Did you say that you will handle the crisis? How are you going to do that? Don't you know who's behind the Pharmaceutical Union? It's the Hughes, one of the Ten Greatest Families of Eastshire! The family is so powerful and influential in Eastshire that even Billy Newman is not their match. Who can help you this time? That old lady from the Graham Family is nothing compared to the Hughes. In what way are you going to settle this?"

With a frown, Matthew responded, "Demi, there is a solution to every problem. Please don't panic because I'm sure I can handle this!"

James waved his hands dismissively at him. "Stop boasting about something you can't do! Matthew, this is what I want to discuss with you. I'm sure that you can't handle this, so I have a solution which can save the company as well as Sasha out of this predicament. Now, it all depends on your willingness to go along with my plan!"

Matthew was stunned for a second before he quizzed, "Dad, what is your proposal?"

James uttered, "I'm sure you know very well about this whole issue surrounding the Hughes. They dare to bully us because we aren't powerful enough when we don't have a strong foundation! If we have a strong backup, will they still have the guts to oppress us?"

A crease appeared on Matthew's forehead because he could see that James was trying to imply something else.

"Let me be very honest with you—I met a big boss, President White at the Cloud Nine Cocktail Party several days ago. He enjoys a very respectable status in Eastshire and he is very close with the Ten Greatest Families of Eastshire. His son is a graduate from the University of Cambridge, who is now the Vice President of the company of his family. Also, he is still single and he will be a perfect match for Sasha. If Sasha marries his son, our family will have a strong backup. President White will only need to pull some strings to solve the little crisis that Cunningham Pharmaceuticals is facing." Staring unflinchingly at Matthew, James continued, "Matthew, we just need to carry out something before we start the plan—you must get a divorce with Sasha first! She can only marry his son after you've divorced her. With this plan, we could help both the company as well as Sasha."

Helen nodded her head vigorously in agreement. "That's right. It's the only solution for the time being. On top of that, Sasha can get a perfect husband too after this. Matthew, you've always claimed that you love Sasha but if you really

love her, you should let her pursue happiness instead of keeping her in your life! Now that Sasha is going to meet her perfect man, I don't suppose you will do anything to stop that from taking place, right?"

Matthew was puzzled because he really couldn't figure out how they managed to utter things as outlandish as this. Weren't they embarrassed at all by making suggestions like these?

Seeing that Matthew was keeping quiet, Demi spoke through gritted teeth, "Matthew, I know what's in your mind! Let's do it this way—as long as you're willing to give up your marriage with Sasha, we will let you manage Wellness Herbary as a compensation. On top of that, we won't stop you from having a relationship with Leanna Sandel too. Mind you, such a good chance won't come by again in the future if you let it slip away this time!"

Then, Liam eyed Matthew meaningfully and advised, "Matthew, making right choices is the most important thing in life, while golden opportunities will only appear once in a lifetime. If you make the right choice, you will strike the jackpot but if you don't, you might not be able to redeem your mistake for the rest of your life! I hope you will think twice this time!"

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Matthew was left speechless knowing that James still wanted to compel him into getting a divorce with Sasha. On top of that, James even made it sound so noble by telling him that he should let Sasha go if he loved her. In conclusion, all James wanted was to realize his dreams of living a life of the riches.

Judging from their attitude, Matthew reckoned they had long planned for this while they merely made use of the crisis to exert more pressure on him. "Dad, I'm not going to do that! I really love Sasha and I won't divorce her. As for the crisis, I'll handle it well, so please don't worry about that!" Matthew answered.

Demi was annoyed at once by what he said. "You will handle it? How are you going to do that? If you were a capable man, you wouldn't have depended on us for a living for the past three years!

You are only good at bragging! Instead of letting you handle the crisis, I'd rather just shut the company down right now!"

Helen chided, "Matthew, you kept telling us how you love Sasha, but is this your way of showing your love for her? Don't you understand that you should let her live a better life instead of keeping her to yourself?

It seems like you don't love her at all but rather, you just want to fulfill your own possessive desires of her! Would you only be happy to see Sasha be drowned in debts and be announced bankrupt? Would you only be satisfied to see her go through hell?"

Sounding resigned, Matthew emphasized, "Dad, Mom, I really meant what I said and I will really settle this problem!"

Demi flung her arms angrily and fumed, "I can't believe you are still bragging at this juncture. Matthew, we don't expect you to become a very successful man, but at least we hope you can be more down-to-earth.

You are the reason why this crisis happened, so you have to help us to settle it! We know you can't handle it, which is why we provided you with a solution in the first place. However, you refuse to go along with it. How could you be so irresponsible?"

Matthew reiterated solemnly, "I really can handle this! Please just give me some time to do that!"

Helen snapped angrily, "Matthew, I can see you're living in your own fantasy. Do you really think you're capable of handling the crisis? You'd better stop dreaming!

Fine, if you could solve this in the end, both of us would treat you like a big boss in the future. Otherwise, you will have to divorce Sasha and you will never step foot into our house again. What do you think?"

James nodded his head vigorously thinking that there was no way Matthew could resolve the crisis.

Matthew shook his head and rejected Helen's offer, "Mom, Sasha is the love of my life and I won't use her as a stake to bet on something!"

Demi taunted him immediately, "I knew you were a coward! You're good at nothing other than bragging! What makes you think you are capable of handling the crisis? Bah! Matthew, I'm so disgusted with you!"

Matthew shot Demi a furious glare. If it wasn't because James and Helen were around, he would have already landed several vicious slaps on her face. After taking a deep breath to suppress his rage, he declared in a grim tone, "No matter what, I won't bet on Sasha.

But if you guys insist on getting an assurance from me, I can offer that! If I can't handle this, I will jump off from that building. How does that sound?"

Helen glanced at the building Matthew was pointing at, consisting of more than ten levels. Anyone who plunged over from such a height would surely die!

Helen and James glanced at each other before nodding their heads immediately in agreement. "Great, you'd better remember your promise! Matthew, you can't go back on your words when the time comes!"

Matthew let out a sigh in resignation, lamenting the fact that the old couple were really keen to see him die as long as they could get rid of him. However, he did not make any comment in the end.

All he did was nod his head slowly to acknowledge his promise. After all, they were Sasha's parents and he couldn't get into an argument with them, because that would put Sasha in a difficult position between her parents and himself.