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"If we work hard enough, we might even be able to live in The Grand Garden. When that day comes, I will be really content. By the way, I heard that the villa at the Grand Garden has an attached swimming pool.

Matthew, imagine our future children playing in the pool, while we lounge about and to watch the sunset; how enjoyable it'll be! I really hope we can have that someday!"

Sasha's face was full of longing as she gazed off into the distance.

Matthew looked at her beautiful face and made a promise in his heart. Sasha, this day is coming! After I cure Natalie, we will go live in the Grand Garden. Everything that you want will be yours!

During dinner, Matthew's phone rang.

He took out his phone and looked at it. Turned out it was Leanna who was calling.

Matthew got up and was about to go into the bedroom to answer the phone when James yelled angrily, "Wait! Pick it up right here! Why so secretive about it?"

Matthew was irritated. After all, they had an argument last night because of Leanna Sandel, hence his decision to go into the bedroom to answer the call.

"Dad, it's Matthew's personal phone call; why do you have to butt in?" said Sasha as she glanced at him.

"What personal phone call? Just pick it up here! We won't disturb him," said James.

Sasha was about to speak when Matthew interrupted. "Okay." He answered a phone call and turned on the speakerphone. "Miss Sandel, is anything wrong?" Leanna's voice came over the speaker. "Hello, Mr. Larson."

As they heard her voice, James and Helen's expressions grew cold, and they wanted to throw a fuss. However, the two were afraid of Leanna, so they did not dare to make a sound.

"There is a cocktail party tomorrow night, and some businessmen will be in attendance. I'd like to invite you and Mrs. Larson to attend. I wonder if the both of you are free?" Leanna asked.

James and Helen shook their heads vigorously and motioned for Matthew to not accept.

However, Sasha interrupted. "Thank you for the invitation, Leanna. Let us know the details, and Matthew and I will be there!"

Leanna chuckled. "Hello, Mrs. Larson. It's tomorrow night, seven thirty at Cloud Nine Villa. Just give my name once you have arrived."

Eyes wide, James and Helen couldn't help but stutter, "C-Cloud Nine Cocktail Party?" "Who is that?" asked Leanna, surprised.

Sasha was also shocked, so Matthew hurriedly said, "Sorry, we are having dinner with our family. Miss Sandel, we'll be there on time tomorrow. Thank you!"

"You're welcome. I'll be waiting for you tomorrow!" said Leanna.

Leanna hung up the phone, and James and Helen were still in shock. "Did I hear her correctly? D-Did she say Cloud Nine Villa?"

James was shocked to no end, while Helen was tongue-tied.

Sasha looked to Matthew and asked, "Did Leanna just invite us to the Cloud Nine Cocktail Party? D-Did I hear her right?"

"What is this Cloud Nine Cocktail Party?" Matthew was slightly confused.

James stared at Matthew. "Don't you know? It's a banquet that has existed for more than 20 years in

Eastcliff, and is where Eastcliff and Eastshire's businessmen and entrepreneurs gather.

A lot of big businesses are negotiated in this cocktail party. This is the best place to expand your network! It is held once a month, and the venue is always in Cloud Nine Villa. The banquet was initiated by the Ten Greatest Families of Eastcliff.

Each family takes turns each year to be in charge of the banquet reception. However, after Leanna Sandel rose to power, the reception has been managed by her for three years in a row. In Eastcliff, the only way to know if you're considered as high society is by participating in the cocktail party at Cloud Nine Villa!"

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Matthew was at a loss for words. He really had

never heard of Cloud Nine Cocktail Party.

It was not surprising, in reality. This was something that only Eastcliff's businessmen and entrepreneurs would know.

Matthew was poor in his younger days, so how would he know the ins and outs of high society?

Helen was slightly emotional. "I remember when Old Master Cunningham wanted to attend the Cloud Nine Cocktail Party more than ten years ago. He came up with all kinds of ways and contacted everyone he knew, but he still didn't manage to get in.

The reason being the Cloud Nine Cocktail Party Committee thought that the Cunningham Family was not qualified to enter the high society of Eastcliff!

Who would have thought that not long after getting Cunningham Pharmaceuticals, we would be invited to the Cloud Nine Cocktail Party! It seems that their committee still recognizes Cunningham Pharmaceuticals!"

James nodded enthusiastically, feeling full of himself.

Sasha was a little annoyed. "Mom, what are you talking about? Leanna specially invited Matthew. She respects him, and that's why he was invited. How can it be related to Cunningham Pharmaceuticals?"

Helen gave her a look. "Bullsh*t! Cloud Nine Cocktail Party is only open to businessmen and entrepreneurs. Matthew isn't a businessman nor an entrepreneur. If he wasn't your husband, and if it wasn't for Cunningham Pharmaceuticals, you think he'd be eligible to attend Cloud Nine Cocktail Party?

Although Leanna Sandel is in charge, however, they also have a strict internal audit team. She is not in charge of the whole thing. How could she have invited you if you didn't get the team's approval?" James nodded in agreement. "Your mother is right. Cunningham Pharmaceuticals is the key. It does not come as a surprise though, as we recently signed a contract worth three billion. Our company has also become a leader in the pharmaceutical industry in Eastcliff.

The committee is not daft; they must have investigated thoroughly before inviting us. Leanna Sandel just used this as an opportunity. Do you really think it's all because of her?"

Sasha wanted to argue, but was stopped by Matthew.

Arguing was pointless anyway, for those two would not be rational at all.

Even if they knew that this was because of Matthew, they would never admit it.

Seeing the two of them did not say anything, James said smugly, "Right then, your mother and I will join you tomorrow!" Sasha froze. "Why? Miss Sandel only invited Matthew and I!"

"Sasha, you are too ignorant! Is this an invitation for just the both of you? It's an invitation for the whole Cunningham Family! After all, your mother and I are the elders of the family.

I'm still in charge. If I don't go, it would seem that I do not care about the event. By then, people would spread around that the Cunningham Family is rude! If you want to enter high society, you have to play by their rules, understand?" James said.

Sasha wanted to object, but Matthew nodded. "Dad is right. The elders of the family should attend these events!"

James did not expect Matthew to agree with him.

He froze for a moment before nodding his head. "At least Matthew here is sensible. Okay, that's it then."

Sasha looked puzzled. After going back to their

room, she immediately asked Matthew. "Why did you agree with them? Miss Sandel did not invite them, and it's not polite to bring others along with us!"

Matthew chuckled. "It's not a big deal. It's just two extra attendees. Besides, don't you see? Mom and Dad really look up to this Cloud Nine Cocktail Party, and care very much about it.

They have suffered so much in the Cunningham Family. This is a great opportunity for them to be proud. If we don't bring them along, we'll never hear the end of this!"

Sasha looked at him helplessly. "Matthew, you're too kind! When they treat you like this, you really do not have to consider their feelings at all."

"Don't worry. It's just a small matter, and they are your parents after all!" Matthew smiled.

Sasha teared up. Being able to find someone who loved her completely was the greatest thing that could have happened to her in this lifetime.

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Early next morning, James and Helen went out happily. Both of them went to the best mall in the city and bought an expensive outfit each. They had haircuts, facials and went home to get dressed up well. From there, they headed directly to Cunningham House.

After losing in the power struggle, Eric Cunningham had completely lost his authority in Cunningham Pharmaceuticals. The shareholders didn't even bother listening to him, and his words held no weight there. It was better for him to stay at home.

When James and Helen arrived, they felt glee at seeing the grief of the Cunningham family.

"Oh!" Helen shouted as soon as she entered the

door, "Dad, it has been some time since we last met. You've lost so much weight. With your age catching up, it's better you stay at home.

Don't worry, we have taken care of the company pretty well. It is showing positive results, much better than before. You don't have to worry about the business at all!"

Eric was so angry that he almost dropped the teacup in his hand. "What are you two doing here? I heard the both of you have caused such a mess. Starting a pharmaceutical company, only to be later controlled by your own live-in son-inlaw?

Now, let me make it clear. Cunningham's Pharmaceutical may belong to the Cunningham family, and yes, you have power over it now.

However, if it falls into the hands of someone who does not carry the Cunningham surname, you will never be forgiven. Even after death, you will never be buried in the Cunningham Family grave!" roared Eric. James looked embarrassed. This matter had been a constant thorn in his side.

"Dad, don't worry about the business. That coward will not stay much longer in my house. Today, I bring you good news."

After he said this, James smiled widely and looked at everyone present. "After tonight, our Cunningham family will have finally entered into Eastcliff's high society!"

As soon as he made his announcement, everyone was shocked.

Jason said indignantly, "Stop pretending. The company has barely signed on those businesses, so how can it be declared as high class? It's just a windfall gain. Look at yourself. Do you think you're considered as high society?"

James was not angry. Instead, he smiled lightly as he said, "Jason, I know you are not convinced. But this is the truth. We have been invited to attend the Cloud Nine Cocktail Party tonight!" What came next was a commotion. After all, everyone knew about the Cloud Nine Cocktail Party. For more than ten years, Eric Cunningham had been desperate to attend the Cloud Nine Cocktail Party, but had never been able to do so. Now, it was James who was invited to the Cloud Nine Cocktail Party? How was it even possible?

Jason shouted loudly at once, "Are you out of your mind? On what grounds have you two been invited to the Cloud Nine Cocktail Party? Do you know what it takes to enter?

It's not something that can happen even if the company has signed a billion dollar deal. You have to have huge fixed assets, and these assets have to be in your hands for a long time to prove that you are eligible to enter the Cloud Nine Cocktail Party.

Y-You just had a windfall gain! How are you qualified to attend the Cloud Nine Cocktail Party?"

James replied smugly, "Calm down, everyone! I know it may sound far-fetched, but this is the

truth. It was Leanna Sandel who invited us to be a part of it.

Tonight, we are going to the Cloud Nine Cocktail Party in person. By the way Dad, you can also come to Cloud Nine Villa tonight. Although you're not invited, you can at least have a look from the outside. Don't miss out on the chance to witness the honorable moment when our Cunningham Family enters high society!