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"Grandma! Can you be more reasonable?" Felicity was so angry that her face turned red.

Steven's eyebrows became knitted at once. "Felicity, be more respectful when you speak! How dare you speak to Grandma in that tone! How could you accuse Grandma of being unreasonable?"

Felicity's face went stiff, and her eyes turned red at once.

At this moment, William stood up and retorted calmly, "That's exactly what we mean. Yasmine is being unreasonable."

Everyone went tongue-tied at William's words!

They were staring at William in disbelief!

How dared this good-for-nothing speak to Yasmine in such a tone?

And he was addressing Yasmine by her first name!

William's remarks rendered everyone speechless!

How dared he!

However, William continued nonchalantly, "You want to talk about being reasonable? Sure, let's talk about it then. Who was the first one to mention promoting and advertising the Heption

Herb? Who was the one who suggested buying the Heption Herb in bulk? And finally, who was the one who insisted on investing money in spreading this false news and made everyone in the city know about it? And because of that person, the whole Bai family has to bear the blame!"

Steven's face turned pale.

Everyone knew the answers to these questions!

But no one dared to say them out loud!

Where did this good-for-nothing find the guts to do so?

How dared he opposed Steven publicly!

Just as Steven was about to lose his temper, William glanced at him.

His stare was as cold as ice, as though he was going to pierce Steven to the grounds with his eyes.

"Drawing first blood, right? Since you wanted to draw first blood you should be ready to bear the responsibility then!"

He turned to Felicity and said, "Let's go, Felicity."

After William finished speaking, he held Felicity and left right away.

Everyone who was at the scene was furious!

"You're crazy! Both of you are crazy! How dare you, a good-for-nothing defy us, the Bai family!"

Steven's blood was quickened with anger. He hissed, "Stop right there! Apologize to Grandma right now!"

However, William didn't stop until he reached the doorway.

This was because standing right at the doorway were a dozen people, their faces covered by the black umbrellas they were holding. There were thunder and lightning; the wind blew hard while the rain was pouring down.

Those people quickly entered the villa.

Seeing these people, Yasmine and Steven's faces fell at once!

Among this group of people, the leader was an old man in his fifties.

As he walked, he said, "This is the Bai family, right? I'm Bernard Hsu, the vice president of the Qena City Pharmaceutical Association. On behalf of the association, I come to send two notices to the Bai Family."

It was from the Pharmaceutical Association of Qena City!

This title made all the people present shudder.

Given the unique advantage of Qena City, the medical industries in this city were constantly booming.

Therefore, this made the Pharmaceutical

Association the immediate superior of all the pharmaceutical companies.

This was to guard the order of the industry and to penalize dishonest conduct in the industry.

There was not a single pharmaceutical company that would dare to offend the Qena City Pharmaceutical Association.

But, at this moment, the people of the Pharmaceutical Association were here.

They came here so fast!

Something terrible was about to happen.

Sure enough, Bernard took a notice from his subordinate and threw it to Yasmine and boomed indifferently, "The first notice is to instruct the Bai family to send all the Heption Herb for immediate testing. The test result will be out after seven days. If the Heption Herb is found to be poisonous, then the Bai family will be severely punished for its misconduct! Should the matter be found more serious, you will all be held with criminal responsibility!"

"As for the second notice, it is to instruct the Bai family to cease all medical businesses. This notice comes with immediate effect. At the same time, all the misleading promotions the Bai family has made will be announced to the whole city as a warning to others."

The two notices were like two claps of thunder

that set off the entire Bai family. Each one of them felt as if they had fallen into an ice pond!

The people of the Pharmaceutical Association in Qena City had started to intervene in this matter.

It looked like it would not be easy to solve this matter...

The Bai family was now in deep trouble!

Bernard and his men left as promptly as they came.

The two notices in Yasmine's hand were telling the Bai family that they were in a dire situation.

The Bai family had been targeted!

They would have to pay a heavy price for their arrogance and ignorance.

Yasmine was no longer angry like before. Vanished was her pomposity. She staggered to a chair with a pale face.

No one would dare to go against the Pharmaceutical Association!

Seven days...

Would there only be seven days left for the Bai family before it perished?

When the time came, who would be the one to be blamed?

Who would be the one to be locked up in the jail?

The whole Bai family felt as if they were sitting on

pins and needles.

A night passed by.

The rain in Qena City didn't stop. Instead, it rained even heavier.

It was as though it was going to drown the whole of Qena City.

And the next day, everyone in Qena City went cold with fury.

The false information spread by the Bai family had caused more than a dozen people to take the Heption Herb. Up till this moment, they could not help but feel worried about their health. Fear was creeping across Qena City.

The Bai family had instantly been termed a black-hearted pharmaceutical company in everyone's mouth.

Accusations against the Bai family could be found in the newspapers and the TV. All their news was powered with rage.

Some people even proposed to ostracize the Bai family and chase them out of Qena City!

Some even wanted the Bai family to repay their sins with their lives for those patients who had died consuming the herbs.

The Bai family was in a complete chaos.

Everyone sat on the chairs as if they were waiting for a death sentence.

No matter how many problems the Bai family had caused in the past, they had never led to anyone's death.

More than a dozen human lives had been involved at this moment!

Who in the Bai family could take up the responsibility? Who was brave enough to shoulder it?

Yasmine looked as if she had been defeated completely. Countless strands of her hair had turned grey within a night. Energy seemed to have seeped away from her system.

"What should we do? What should we do now? Even the Gods want to destroy us now! What did the Bai family do wrong? Steven, hurry up and find a way out!" Yasmine said tearfully.

However, there was nothing Steven could do.

In fact, he was the most exasperated one there.

He had lost everything!

Besides, he might even be brought to court for his wrongdoings!

Seeing that Steven didn't dare to speak, Yasmine cursed at this useless good-for-nothing and glimpsed at Felicity.

After all, every time when the Bai family was in trouble, it was always Felicity who helped them solve the problem.

"Felicity, hurry up and think of a solution. I know you have a way, don't you? Please go and ask that mysterious tycoon!" Yasmine was begging Felicity; she was not as arrogant as before.

Felicity looked at all the Bais who were in a hysterical state and sighed. "What can I even do? If you really want me to come up with an idea, there's only this one way. That is before the test results are out, none of you should sell the Heption Herb to anyone to avoid any further controversy."

As though triggered by Felicity's words, Steven retorted with a distorted face, "D*mn! We were in a hurry to sell it out previously because the test result isn't out yet! Will we ever be able to sell it if we wait for the test result? By then, those herbs are going to be the evidence that put us down! Felicity, what are you thinking when you said that? Are you trying to push us deeper into this pothole?! Have the Bai family ever mistreated you?"

Felicity looked at Steven, her eyes sparkling with a stern gleam.

Steven's mouth twitched when his eyes met her stare. He didn't dare to make any more comments.

Felicity, one step at a time, walked towards Steven!

What she said next was as cold as ice and unforgettable!

"Steven, you were unwilling to sell the herbs off when Grandma told you to do it before. But now you're in a hurry to sell it. Hey, I hope I'm not mistaken. I think there's something fishy about your attitude!"

She put her chin on her palm and continued, "Let me guess!"

She then glimpsed at Steven and questioned, "Did you embezzle the company's money and use your own personal name to buy a large amount of Heption Herb?"

Steven's face turned ashen at once.

Everyone looked at Steven in incredulity.

"Steven, tell us! Is what she said the truth?" A wave of fury crashed through Yasmine at once!

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Steven's body trembled.

He looked at Felicity in horror. He never imagined that Felicity would be able to see through his dirty tricks!

As he avoided Felicity's gaze, she knew she was right.

"Steven Bai! You better come clean with me!"
Yasmine suddenly flounced over and stared at Steven.

Everyone's words turned as sharp as a dagger when they began to pressure Steven.

At once, Steven gave in.

There was no way around it.

If he remained silent, these herbs would wither in his own hands.

All the hush money he spent on Nathan would go down the drain.

"I admit that I personally bought a bit of the herbs..." Steven stammered.

"What do you mean by a bit? Tell me clearly!"
Yasmine shouted.

In a panic, Steven responded, "Five thousand, five thousand kilograms..."

All the members of Bai Family were shocked at the number he stated.

Five thousands kilograms!

The Bai family already had a five- thousand-kilogram in their hands.

Steven must be crazy! Who gave him the guts to do it!?

He bought another 5,000 kilograms in private!

Was he planning to wipe out the Bai family?!

Yasmine was so enraged that she picked up her crutch and knocked Steven's head.

Steven was beaten up by her so badly that he was thrashing around the floor, wailing in pain.

Five thousand kilograms!

Where did Steven find the money to buy it?

The money must be from the company!

Steven was indeed a good-for-nothing!

Not only did he embezzle the company's funds, but he also put the Bai family in deep sh*t and shoulder such severe criminal responsibility!

Now, the Bai family had ten thousand kilograms in their hands.

As everyone thought about it, despair permeated their features.

They had only one wish on their minds.

Hopefully, the test results that would be released in a few days would reveal that the Heption Herb was actually harmless and prove that all of these had nothing to do with the Bai family.

Right at this moment, somewhere across Qena City...

The Zhao family members were toasting and celebrating together.

Lincon gently swirled his glass of wine as he read the newspaper, his mouth curled up into a smile.

"The Bai? William? Who do you think you are? Trying to play tricks with me? Hmph!" Lincon muttered to himself.

Nathan, on the other hand, was very excited.

This time, the Bai family could be said as already having one foot in the grave. Their endings of their glory were near.

As for Felicity, that little b*tch would definitely come and beg him soon! He could not wait any longer!

He was going to make her his!

Let's drag them six feet under altogether!

"That couple better get down on their knees in the face of my splendor!" Nathan thought.

As the Zhao family executed their second step of their plan, Qena City was stirred up once more.

While the storm was brewing in Qena City, two sensational articles were released abruptly.

The Zhao family had come forward and made a vow.

The first article was a picture released by the Zhao family.

Astonishingly enough, it was the first page of the thesis that Lincon had secretly photographed.

"The Deadly Heption Herb!"

These four words loomed ominously, making the headlines of all news.

Nathan went to the media and proclaimed justice!

"This thesis was personally taken from the dean of Qena City Hospital. Isn't this proof enough to tell you that the Heption Herb is deadly? If you don't believe me, you can ask Vinson to validate the authenticity of this picture."

He spread out his arms as he continued, "The Bai family is so corrupted that they do not mind endangering our lives in exchange for money! Shouldn't they be punished!?"

"The Bai family earns dirty money while some are dying because of it, won't their conscience bother them!?" He looked around the crowds as he slammed the podium continuously.

"It's raining cats and dogs in Qena City today. It's a sign that even the heavens are enraged at their

behavior! To make the whole Qena City atone for the sins of the Bai family, is it fair to us?"

This piece of news had caused Qena City to fall into utter disarray.

And then there was the media who went to interview Vinson immediately.

Seeing the photo, Vinson's face became ghastly pale.

He responded, "This picture is real. The Heption Herb is indeed poisonous."

He paused for a while before he added, "But this thesis is incomplete. I have no idea why the picture is in the Zhao family's hands. I wonder what the purpose of the Zhao family is. Why would they stoop so low? Would they feel ashamed even if they achieve what they are after?"

However, aside from the part where Vinson mentioned the herbs were poisonous, none of the other parts of his interview made it onto the news.

Soon, Vinson's statement spread like wildfire through Qena City.

They now had irrefutable evidence!

The Bais deserved to be sentenced to death for their sins!

All the media and citizens of Qena City regarded

the Bai family as a thorn in their side.

All the store windows of the Bai family had been smashed overnight as people vented their anger.

The entrance of their company was completely blocked by a crowd of people who were filled with indignation.

They were carrying banners made of clothes. The red handprints on it made a striking contrast to the snow-white banners.

A petition saying, "The Bai family earns money while the people of Qena City dies! The Bai family must end their lineage, and people the Qena City will be happy to witness their demise!"

All the members of the Bai family gathered in Yasmine's house, but each of them had already lost their desire to speak.

Everyone knew there was no way they could have found themselves a way out.

All these waitings caused the Bai family to experience even greater suffering!

In the meantime, the Zhao family released a second piece of news.

"According to reliable information, the new product that the Genuine Care Medical Center is releasing today contains the poisonous Heption Herb. "

With just a few words, half of Qena City's focus

turned to the Genuine Care Medical Center!

At the same time, the Qena City Pharmaceutical Association took immediate action.

They sealed up the Genuine Care Medical Center!

All of them were waiting for the test results, the final verdict of their fates!

Seeing that the Genuine Care Medical Center had been sealed up, Melissa was so furious that she almost blew up.

The Zhao family!

How dare they lay their hands on the Genuine Care Medical Center!

She reported to William right away.

But on the phone, William's voice was placid.

"I know. Let's continue on with the acquisition. Don't stop. I believe you'll be able to remain rational while everyone else's in turmoil."

Melissa hung up the phone bitterly.

She didn't understand why William did this!

However, she was also somewhat amused.

Qena City was in the middle of a storm yet William was able to be so calm!

What was this son of a b*tch thinking? What was he scheming?

She wanted to find Lydia to vent her frustrations, but she found Lydia in a stupor. She was staring at

her new product's prescription.

"Dear, what's wrong with you? Are you also upset because the medical center is sealed up?" Melissa gave her a depressed nudge.

Lydia gave a violent shudder and revealed a look of horror on her face.

The prescription she was staring at was the one William helped to modify previously.

Back then, she could not comprehend why William wanted to modify it.

In hindsight, everything seemed as clear as a crystal.

"Melissa, I think I understand everything! That little b*stard's plot is simply horrendous!"

When the Bai family first heard that the Genuine Care Medical Center was also affected, they were in shock.

As of late, the Genuine Care Medical Center had become an influential cornerstone of Qena City's medical science.

It was unthinkable for them to stumble into the mess of the Heption Herb incident.

A peculiar feeling arose in the hearts of the dazed Bais.

"Hehe, I feel much better seeing that Genuine Care Medical Center is also dying." Steven muttered in a low voice.

As they looked at each other, they noticed that everyone had the slightest hint of gloating in their eyes.

This grievance shouldn't be borne alone by the Bai family.

Now that someone else was falling alongside them, they felt relieved.

Felicity was disheartened as she saw the vile thoughts coursing through the minds of these people who knew no repentance.

At this moment, a servant of the Bai family suddenly looked out of the window and let out a gasp of surprise.

"Look, everyone, it seems that there is someone out there kneeling at our front door in the heavy rain!"

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Everyone looked out of the window, and sure enough, there was a black silhouette kneeling despondently in the heavy rain.

He simply knelt, without saying a word nor uttering a sound.

He was like a wandering ghost.

At the sight, goosebumps crawled across everyone's skin.

Who on Earth was that man?

Was that another nemesis who came to taunt them?

William looked at the person and his brows furrowed slightly.

That man was Vinson.

When everyone saw that it was Vinson, they immediately burst into an outcry.

"Why is Vinson kneeling at our doorstep? What was he intending to do?"

Yasmine asked as she looked at Vinson with a trace of resentment in her eyes.

Vinson had always been Yasmine's doctor.

She should be grateful to him.

However, times had changed.

That b*stard had actually helped the Zhao family to plot against them!

He was literally worse than a beast!

Had he finally found guilt in his conscience? Was that the reason he came to kneel down in regret?

Everything was too late now!

"Let's ignore him! He's a double-faced traitor!"

Yasmine hissed as she slammed the window shut with a loud bang!

However, William walked out of the house with an umbrella.

At his action, the Bai family was so angry that they were in a stomping fit!

"F*ck! You two traitors! You both deserve to die together!"

Holding the umbrella, William stood in front of Vinson.

Vinson had been kneeling in the rain for over an hour now.

His whole body was trembling.

As he raised his head and saw William's grim face, a burning sensation welled up at back of his eyes.

In his opinion, William was a peerless doctor, a miracle worker.

But William was also the person to whom Vinson felt the most remorse.

Doctors should have a benevolent heart. Vinson lived a greater part of his life holding onto that belief.

Yet, when he was treating Frank, he found himself indifferent and blind-minded.

Now that William was in front of him, Vinson felt even more inferior.

Due to his shame, he felt he had no right to show his face around William again in this lifetime.

However, when the reporters questioned Vinson about it previously, he felt conflicted.

He couldn't go against his conscience and lie to the reporter by saying that the picture was fake.

If only he had denied its authenticity, the Bai family would not fallen into such a boundless hell.

He felt ashamed and full of regret. Vinson could no longer bear the weight on his conscience. Therefore, he came to the door of the Bai family to kneel in the rain.

"Divine Doctor Lu, I have wronged you! I'm sorry for everything I had done to the whole Bai Family!" He put his hands together, rubbing them.

"When the reporters interviewed me, I questioned the source of the picture of the thesis! I swear that it must be Lincon who took the photo secretly!"

He clambered forward and continued, "I have said all these things, but I don't know why the media

collectively choose to turn a blind eye to it."

"I'm the one who wreaked havoc on you and everyone in the Bai family!"

Vinson's weary face was wet with rain. He looked deadbeat and was in low spirits.

He was choking with sobs, looking like an orphan abandoned by the world.

He wanted to explain the grievance in his heart. He yearned to let William know that he was not a despicable villain.

That was all he wanted to tell.

"How did you get that thesis?" William asked.

After a brief pause, Vinson answered in a faltering voice, "I saw it by accident when I helped a friend in sorting out the documents a while ago. Unfortunately, the thesis was incomplete and there was only half of it. It was also said to be a student's graduate thesis."

He squirmed a little as he added, "However, even that half of the thesis filled me with trepidation, hence I loaned it for further scrutiny. I didn't expect that it would be used by Lincon, that vile man, to frame you."

William nodded. "Alright, I get it now."

Saying that, he turned and walked away.

The rain continued to pour down onto Vinson to cleanse him of his sins.

Seeing William's decisiveness, Vincent couldn't help but felt sombre.

"Divine Doctor Lu, are you still not willing to forgive me?" Vinson thought.

That was understandable. After all, the grave sin he committed caused the entire Bai family to fall into depravity.

How could William so readily forgive Vinson?

With that thought in mind, Vinson's tears poured from his eyes like the rain.

He continued to grovel, allowing the rain to wash over his body. It was as if this was the only way he could be purged of his sins.

He remained there the whole night.

An entire night, where everything shifted out of focus as his mind became befuddled.

It was not until dawn pierced the sky that he got up shakily and shuffled away in a wreck.

"Divine Doctor Lu, I will find a way to save you and the Bai family," Vinson thought.

Even if he had to sacrifice everything, he would atone for his crimes.

Wait, didn't William mention something the previous night?

He asked Vinson how he got the thesis!

Right!

"I need to find that thesis!" Vinson clapped his head.

Even if he had to journey to the ends of the Earth, Vinson knew that he had to get his hands on the full text!

Although the first half described the detrimental properties of the herb, Vinson had a feeling that the second half would describe the miraculous healing properties of the herb!

It had to!

"Divine Doctor Lu, wait for my return!" Vinson turned around and looked at the house behind him.

All the members of the Bai family immediately cursed Vinson as he left.

Steven squeaked, "Sh*t! He just knelt for a night and then left! Is that the attitude of a remorseful person?!"

The lady next to Steven echoed, "Tch! What a famous doctor! All he wants is to take credit and keep his reputation clean. He must have been bought over by the Zhao family. That's why he framed us!"

"The Zhao family! We will forever be sworn enemies! Yes, the reason the Zhao family wants us dead must be because Felicity and William offended Nathan previously!"

As the members of the family spoke one after another, their animosity was eventually aimed at William and Felicity.

Like an avalanche, their hostility snowballed and gained momentum as their discussion ensued. Then, with the sheer force of a stampede, their resentment hit Felicity, burying her alive.

Felicity was distraught.

It was already the third day.

The Bai family had been swirling around in the vortex of condemnation by the public for three days.

Felicity's heart was in her throat at this moment.

She recalled something.

William suddenly pinched Felicity's cold, dainty hand and softly whispered, "I'll go with you."

Felicity was startled as tears welled up in her eyes.

For them, words were not needed to understand the other's thoughts.

With just a look from William, Felicity immediately felt at ease.

He knew clearly what she was troubled about.

Felicity nodded wistfully. "No matter what, we have to give them an explanation."

The duo ignored the accusations from the Bai

family and walked out of the house with their umbrellas.

The place they were headed to was Heption Village.

Three days had passed.

It was the day Felicity promised to sign the contract and collect the goods from them.

Thinking about the group of herb farmers and the poor old man, Elder Li who was so hopeful about the future, Felicity couldn't bear to be cruel and to forego her promises. She could not abandon them.

Even if this trip was not to complete the purchase but to break the contract, she had to give them a clear explanation.

They drove to Heption Village, holding their umbrellas as they got off the car.

When she saw the scene in front of her eyes, Felicity abruptly burst into tears.

Leaning into William's chest, she choked and sobbed as words failed her.

The beautiful sea of purple flowers from three days ago was now completely immersed in turbid water. It was a depressing sight indeed.

The forlorn rain added to the scene, filling the air with dreariness.

A group of at least thirty consisting of children

and elderly lay soaked in the heavy rain as they knelt in front of the Heption Herbs that were already destroyed beyond recognition. They were distressed and helpless, however, their sobs were silent.

"Oh Heavens, are you punishing our Heption Village?" An elderly man spread his arms and genuflected.

"What on Earth did we do wrong that we have to suffer like this..." He lifted up his head upon the sky as raindrops poured onto his face.

"How can we live without the Heption Herb..."

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