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Old Master Jackson's face turned as pale as a sheet.

Although the Jacksons was one of the Ten Greatest Families of the city, the family was nothing in the presence of Billy.

There was nothing he could do now that Billy was threatening to take the ten lives of his family.

At that juncture, Harvey remarked indignantly, "Billy Newman, it was Matthew Larson who wanted to exchange his life for 300 million. My family didn't say anything of that sort! What's more, his life can't be worth the same as my family members!"

Old Master Jackson was so pissed off to hear Harvey's remark that he nearly puked blood. "Keep your mouth shut!" he boomed angrily.

Harvey looked baffled not knowing what he had done wrong.

Billy first glimpsed at Harvey before challenging him in an icy voice, "Why do you think so? Do you think that my friend isn't as respectable as the people of your family? Harvey Jackson, do you think too highly of yourself or do you have too low an opinion of me?"

Looking shaken, it suddenly dawned upon Harvey why he was criticized by Old Master Jackson just now.

His statement just now was akin to a humiliation to the First King of Eastcliff!

With resignation written all over his face, Old Master Jackson caved in with a sigh, “Master Newman, of course he’s worth 300 million since he’s your friend! Scott, go and get the money ready and apologize to Mr. Larson on my behalf!”

A slight commotion ensued among the people present seeing that the Jacksons had yielded to Billy.

Billy sneered, “Connor Jackson, I’m impressed by how flexible you are. But, your son humiliated me just now. Don’t you think you have to do something about that?”

Old Master Jackson asked, “Master Newman, what would you like me to do?”

“At first, I’d like to offer 300 million to buy his life. But since you’re willing to offer the compensation together with the apology to Matthew, I’ll help you salvage whatever is remaining of your dignity. Well, just beat your son up until he loses all his teeth and I will then forget about everything that has happened today!”

Old Master Jackson’s face looked grim when he heard Billy but in the end, he still waved his hands to summon his men and ordered through gritted teeth, “He deserves to get such a punishment for having the guts to humiliate Master Newman! All of you, come and do exactly as Master Newman said!”

Harvey trembled with horror as he pleaded, “Dad,! Dad, please don’t do this to me, please don’t...”

Old Master Jackson shut his eyes because there was nothing he could do despite the intense pain in his heart.

Harvey would not have received that punishment if he had not made that statement just now.

However, since he had said that, he had no choice but to accept the punishment!

Soon, someone from the Jackson Family passed a card to Matthew informing him that they would transfer the 300 million to the card.

That was the end of the dramatic saga and Matthew decided to keep the pendrive with him.

He would leave it to the Jacksons to deal with Samuel.

Seeing that the issue had been solved, Billy and Timothy bid farewell with Matthew before leaving with their men.

Instead of leaving, Matthew made a dash to the backyard to pick up Sasha and her family who were locked up inside a room.

Sasha was so anxious that she kept on pacing back and forth.

Demi scoffed, "Sasha, why're you panicking? Don't you believe that Matthew isn't the murderer? Why have you lost your confidence all of a sudden? Everything will be alright. I'm sure Matthew will live a long life, even longer than a turtle! Ha ha ha..."

Sasha looked grim when she heard Demi's frivolous remark.

Liam taunted, "He will live a long life? I guess we'll be asked to collect his dead body soon!"

Sasha, who was enraged to hear that comment, confronted him, "Liam, what nonsense are you talking about?"

Demi snapped back immediately, "Did he say anything wrongly? The evidence clearly shows that Matthew is the murderer and I'm sure the Jacksons will get him killed by tonight! Let me tell you right now that I won't help him collect his body!"

James nodded his head slowly in agreement. “She’s right. He has nothing to do with our family! None of the Cunninghams is allowed to collect his body or I’ll sever any ties with the person and the person will be asked to leave my house immediately!”

Sasha panicked and exclaimed, “Dad, how could you say something like that? Matthew has always done everything for the good of our family. He’s still trying to ask for compensation for our family even at this hour! Can’t you just pray for something good to happen to him?”

Helen countered with her lips pursed, “Who cares about the compensation he can get us? I’m making my stance very clear right now—even if he manages to get us the compensation, I won’t even look at it and I won’t use a single cent of it!”

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Sasha said through gritted teeth, “Well, I’ll remember what you just said! You won’t ask Matthew for a dime from the 300 million compensation!”

Helen laughed out loud when she heard Sasha. “Sasha, is there something wrong with your mind? When did I ask money from Matthew before? Does he have money? He has been relying on our family for a living for the past three years. Will I ask money from him?”

You must be kidding! Do you think he’s the same as Liam? Liam is the best son-in-law one can get. Time and again he will send us stuff and bring us gifts. What about Matthew?

What did he buy for our family? Other than asking money from us to pay for his sister's treatment, which is a debt that can never be fulfilled, what else is he capable of?"

Liam let loose a guffaw before he said, "Mom, please save Matthew some face because we shouldn't be angry with a dying man! But, Sasha, I don't think you should focus too much on the 300 million compensation. Why don't you think about the shares of Cunningham Pharmaceuticals instead? I've contacted a lawyer and we can get the shares transferred to Dad just by signing some documents!"

Sasha felt disheartened as all her family could think about was Cunningham Pharmaceuticals' shares while Matthew's life was put on the line.

Meanwhile, James was nodding his head in approval as he was getting more and more satisfied with Liam.

Suddenly, the door to the room was flung open.

Demi was the first to stand bolt upright. "Sir, how was it? Has Matthew died? How did he die? Sir, please tell Old Master Jackson that we aren't related to Matthew in any way and we won't go and collect his dead body..."

Looking pale, Sasha asked in a quivering voice, "W-What happened to my husband? He isn't the murderer, is he? It's just a misunderstanding, right?"

The man from the Jackson Family who stood by the door did not make a voice while he maintained a bleak expression.

At that juncture, a man stepped into the room and it was none other than Matthew!

All of them inside the room were stunned to see him.

Sasha scurried over and wrapped her arms around Matthew. "Matthew, how are you feeling? Are you alright?" she asked in a croaky voice.

Caressing her smooth hair gently, Matthew muttered in a soft voice, "You silly girl, I told you I was blamed wrongly by them. Now, they have already apologized and compensated for my loss. We're allowed to go home!"

James and his family were dumbfounded.

"H-How's this possible? Isn't the evidence conclusive enough to show that he's the murderer? Have you guys made a mistake? Have you guys been deceived by Matthew?" Helen squealed in a fit of panic.

However, none of the Jacksons responded to her. Instead, one of them yelled at them through gritted teeth, "You guys may go now!"

Demi questioned in an anxious tone, "What do you mean we may go now? What about Matthew? Isn't he the murderer? Can he go too?"

Assuming that she was taunting them, the Jacksons couldn't help but snap angrily, "Stop pretending as if you knew nothing! Yes, we indeed made a mistake and mistook Mr. Larson as the murderer. But, we have already compensated and apologized to him. What else do you guys want from us?"

All of them in the room were puzzled. Did the Jacksons really apologize and compensate Matthew?

Liam said urgently, "How did you guys make such a mistake? Did Matthew show you guys some proof? I'm telling you it can only be fabricated! He is the murderer! My friend, Jacob, told me he was the one who killed Young Master Jackson! Don't believe what he said! Just do some checking on the proof he offered. I'm sure it must be fake!"

With a frown, Matthew challenged, "Liam, are you really this keen to see me getting killed?"

Liam couldn't help but be speechless.

Demi raised her voice and shouted, "We're trying to make sure justice is done! Since the Jacksons are holding such a conclusive evidence against you, how can they make a mistake with that? You're a murderer, so how can we allow you to get away with this? What should we do if you just decide to kill my family and I in the future?"

Sasha interrupted immediately by saying, "Demi, what nonsense are you talking about? Why would he do such a thing?"

With a contemptuous look, Demi snapped, "Everything is possible since he is an evil and unscrupulous murderer! Sir, whatever he showed you guys must be fabricated. Please do look into it!"

The Jacksons roared angrily, "Shut up, b*tch! His video captured the murderer very clearly, even his face. Can he fabricate that? Damn it, all of you here must be a bunch of fools!"

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After hurling a barrage of curses, the Jacksons left the room leaving behind Helen and her family who were exchanging blank looks at each other.

It was only after a while did Helen mumble under her breath, "I-Is it just a misunderstanding? Liam, didn't you tell us that the evidence against Matthew is conclusive?"

Looking puzzled, Liam stammered, “I-I have no idea what this is all about too... I wonder why they could still make such a mistake although they claimed they were holding a very strong evidence against Matthew. I-I guess his video is fabricated?”

Sasha, who was annoyed by his comment, challenged, “Is there something wrong with your mind? Could a video which captured a man’s face be fabricated? If you think it’s fake, try making a fake video yourself with a human’s face captured!”

Liam was left stumped.

Grinning triumphantly, Sasha gloated, “Now, I don’t think you guys have any other comments to make, do you? I told you guys that Matthew wasn’t the murderer before this!”

Holding their heads low, they did not make a sound because there was nothing else they could say in the face of the truth.

Demi remarked disdainfully, “Hmph, what’s so big a deal that he has now proven his innocence? I would pay him more respect if he were the murderer. Now, he’s shown everyone that he’s a useless guy who doesn’t even dare to kill someone!”

Sasha, who was furious to hear her comment, challenged, “Demi, what did you mean by that?”

“Nothing special. He’s just an eyesore to me. What’s the problem with that?”

Exasperated, Sasha snapped, “Why is my husband an eyesore to you?”

“Just because my husband is more competent than him! Your husband is a useless kept man who doesn’t even have the guts to kill someone. Why do I have to think highly of him?” Demi asked.

Sasha was quivering with rage. “Y-You...”

Looking proud, Demi confronted her, "What is it you're trying to say? Did I say something wrong? Just correct me if you can!"

Sasha, who was looking furious at first, suddenly jeered, "I almost forget about one thing without your reminder. Liam, didn't we make a bet before this? According to what we agreed before, you have to kneel down and offer kowtows to Matthew as an apology, right?"

Liam looked rattled in an instant. He only dared to make the bet with Sasha because he had never expected to lose.

Who would have thought that Matthew would actually turn out to be innocent, which meant he had lost the bet.

Demi panicked too because she had totally forgotten about the bet and she only remembered it when Sasha mentioned it just now.

Immediately, Demi said with a smile, "Sasha, why are you taking the bet so seriously? Since we are a family, the bet is just a joke and we shouldn't take it too seriously."

With a long face, Sasha refuted, "It's just a joke? Your husband has already found himself a lawyer and got the share transfer agreement drafted only waiting for my signature! Now, you're trying to tell me it's a joke? Do you think I would buy it?"

Looking embarrassed, Demi couldn't help but regret being too mean just now. Now, there was nothing else they could do to excuse themselves.

Sasha urged, "Liam, what're you waiting for? Honor your promise now!"

Liam looked extremely distressed as the idea of offering kowtows and apologizing to Matthew seemed outlandish to him.

He then glanced at James and Helen for help.

James only furrowed his brows without saying anything whereas Helen's heart went out for Liam. "Sasha, just forget it! Since we are a family, I don't see the need to make a fuss out of it. Well, since everything has been solved, let's head home!"

Liam took to his heels immediately but he was stopped by Sasha. "That's not the right way to go! A man must honor his promise!"

Demi was annoyed. "Sasha, do you really have to be so fussy?"

Sasha scoffed, "Demi, I don't want to be fussy. In fact, I thought of forgetting about the bet at first because nothing else matters as long as Matthew managed to make it back safely. However, as you kept making humiliating comments about him just now, I have no choice but be fussy. Since you said that my husband is a useless man, I want your husband to offer kowtows and apologize to my husband as compensation!"

Demi was stunned. It was only then did she realize that she had put herself in such a mess just because she had failed to watch her mouth!

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Helen furrowed her brows and growled, "Sasha, you should know when to stop your tantrum! What're you trying to achieve since we're a family? Isn't demanding Liam to kneel down and offer kowtows too humiliating for him?! Will you only be pleased to see our family be broken apart?!"

Sasha went fuming when she heard her mother. “Am I trying to break this family apart? I’m just trying to reason with y’all! Why is he allowed to avoid the responsibility after losing the bet while I would have to honor my words if I were the one who lost?”

Helen snapped furiously, “Sasha, you’ve never meant well by having this bet right from the beginning. While Liam has to lose his dignity by kneeling down and offering kowtows to apologize to Matthew if he loses the bet, all you have to do is let Liam manage Wellness Herbarry if you lose. You won’t suffer any loss because the company is still an asset belonging to our family but Liam has to pay the price for losing his dignity! See how forgiving and gracious Liam has been to you! How can you insist on making him do such a thing?!”

Sasha went dumbfounded because she had never thought that her mother would actually make such a nonsensical statement.

While her company was at stake in the bet, it was still nothing compared to Liam’s dignity in Helen’s eyes.

You guys said nothing’s going to be different because the company is merely transferred within the family. Do you guys think I have no idea what you guys have been thinking? If the company is really transferred to the two of you, it will be seized by Liam and Demi any minute. Do I look like a fool to the two of you?

However, Sasha did not voice even a single sentence of that out.

She knew very well that her parents had always favored Liam.

If she really said her thoughts aloud, her family would really be broken apart.

With a sharp intake of breath, Sasha said through gritted teeth, “Mom, please save your effort to make it sound so noble because I believe all of us here have a very clear idea of what’s the truth! There’s only one thing I want—Liam has to kneel down and offer kowtows to apologize to Matthew!”

Helen was so incensed that she was having difficulty trying to speak. “What have I done to have such an unfilial daughter like you?!”

While Helen started stomping, patting her chest and wailing in tears, Demi put on a disgusted look and exclaimed, “Sasha Cunningham, I finally realize who you really are! I’m deeply sickened by how you behave now!”

Amidst their uproar, Sasha looked ominous but she was determined not to cave in.

This time, not only did she want to make sure what they promised in the bet was honored, what was more important was she wanted to protect Matthew’s dignity.

Meanwhile, Matthew put on a frown. In fact, he didn’t care at all whether Liam did kneel down in front of him or not.

However, since Liam had agreed to take the bet with his wife, he was not allowed to go back on his promise!

Amidst the commotion, Matthew suddenly waved his hands and shouted, “Sasha, forget it! Since Liam is unwilling to kneel down, don’t force him to do it!”

Liam looked elated at once. “Sasha, did you hear that? Since your husband has already said so, there’s no reason for you to be so persistent.”

Sasha, who was annoyed, shot Matthew a glare and demanded, “Matthew, why are you being so kind to him? He caused you so much trouble and made so many slanderous remarks about you. Why do you want to spare him the punishment?”

Matthew chuckled and shook his head leisurely, “Sasha, I’m not interested in seeing him getting down on his knees. By the way, my friend, Tiger, has already called the police. Defamation isn’t too big a deal. Tiger will get his lawyer to represent me during the trial and by the time it happens, Liam will just have to be

sent to prison for several years. It's nothing since his dignity is what matters the most to him, isn't it?"

As soon as he said that, Helen and the rest looked shaken at once.

While Liam became so terror-stricken that his whole body was trembling, his wife said anxiously, "Matthew, d-don't you bring this too far! What did my husband say that made up to defamation on you? D-Do you have any proof?"

Matthew chuckled softly and said, "Oh, I've forgotten to tell you about this—I switched on the voice recorder when he made that slanderous remark about me that day."

Both Liam and Demi were left stupefied at once.

Helen asked apprehensively, "We're a family. Mathew, do you really need to do that?"

Looking unruffled, Matthew explained, "Mom, it's no use persuading me because it's Tiger who called the police. Some friends of mine just couldn't help but take actions because they couldn't stand me suffering such an injustice. If you aren't happy with what Tiger did, you may visit him and confront him yourself!"

Helen's face turned pale at once. Just the thought of how Tiger had dealt with Jacob and the rest last time was enough to send her a gust of fear.

There was no doubt she would not have the guts to visit Tiger!

Sasha laughed out loud immediately. "I see! Very well, I won't ask him to get down on his knees again. Liam, remember not to kneel down and apologize to Matthew!"

Colors drained from Liam's face as he pleaded in a trembling voice, "Matthew, we're a family. D-Do you really need to do that?"

Matthew drawled, “A family? Did you think of that when you were trying to get me killed?! Liam, I’ll give you two choices right now—either you get down on your knees and apologize to me or you will be sent to jail. Make the choice yourself!”

Demi freaked out when she heard him. “Matthew, d-do you really have to be so harsh?!”

Matthew first glimpsed at her before answering her with each and every word sounding crisp and clear, “I can be even harsher. Do you want to have a taste of it?”

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Much intimidated by Matthew’s threat, Demi trembled and she was deterred from making any further comment once she thought of Matthew’s friendship with Tiger.

In the end, Liam decided to yield to Matthew.

He got down on his knees and held his head low when he apologized, “Matthew, I’m sorry. I-I’ve made a mistake...”

Matthew sniggered disdainfully as he couldn’t be bothered to respond to Liam who was just a piece of crap.

Demi, who was enraged, looked grim thinking that Matthew must have deliberately hatched this plan to sabotage them.

She hauled Liam up to his feet and snapped furiously, “Well, now that my husband has already kneeled down and apologized, are you happy now?”

Sasha, who finally had her grievance avenged, commented icily, “He brought that upon himself! He only has himself to blame for gloating over people’s misfortune!”

Liam did not say anything to refute her with his teeth gritted whereas Demi said crossly, “Just cut the crap! Is your husband any better? Yes, my husband did that but at least he’s better than someone who only knows how to brag! Your husband has been telling everyone that he will get a 300 million compensation for our family. What happened to it now? Did the Jacksons pay him a dime?”

James and Helen glanced over at Matthew. The thought of Matthew claiming that he would ask the Jacksons for compensation was hilarious to them.

The Jacksons were one of the Ten Greatest Families of Eastcliff. How could they be willing to compensate them?

Matthew muttered, “They did!”

“Huh?” Helen was stunned first before asking out of instinct, “How much did they pay you?”

“300 million!” Matthew announced.

Helen and the rest first exchanged looks among each other before they soon roared with laughter.

“Matthew, are you so traumatized by them that you have lost your mind? Compensating you with 300 million? Why did they need to do that? Do you really think that they’d look at you in that kind of light?” Demi said in between laughter.

Sincerely, Matthew emphasized, “It’s true. The Jacksons really promised to pay me 300 million compensating for the loss of reputation our company and our

family suffered as well as our damages of distress! Dad, Mom, this sum of money belongs to our family and I am thinking of giving the money to the two of you..."

Helen cut him off by saying, "No way, please don't give it to us! You can keep the money to yourself and please don't give us a dime because we aren't worthy of that money! Ha ha ha, do you guys want the money?"

Liam and Demi, who were laughing heartily, shook their heads and said, "Matthew, just keep the money to yourself. We don't want a dime from you!"

James shook his head and sighed regretfully. "Matthew, do you know why you're so detestable? It's because you're too cocky, too presumptuous and you brag too much! Even if the Jacksons did accuse you wrongly, you should consider yourself lucky to have an apology from them. Why would they pay you 300 million? Is the money in joss paper?"

Once again, the other three let out a round of guffaw because they did not believe the Jacksons would compensate them with a sum of 300 million at all.

Looking indignant, Sasha held one of Matthew's arms and confronted them through gritted teeth, "What are you guys laughing at? Why wouldn't they pay us the money? I'm sure what Matthew said was true and I believe him!"

Demi laughed out loud and remarked, "Sasha, you're so pathetic. Do you really believe something so illogical? Do you really think the Jacksons would pay him 300 million? Tell me why did they need to do that?"

James waved his hands dismissively and said, "Well, that's enough of embarrassment for one day. Let's go! What're you guys waiting for? Do you really think they will give you the money now?"

The rest of them burst out laughing again before turning around to head toward the exit.

Just as they reached the door, they saw a group of people from the Jackson Family coming their way and they were led by Scott.

They were carrying someone whose face was fully covered with blood on a stretcher—Harvey.

Scott looked anguished but when he saw Matthew, he tried hard to squeeze out a faint smile.

“Mr. Larson, according to Old Master Jackson’s instruction, we have beaten Harvey up and made him lose all his teeth. Once again, I offer my apology to you on behalf of the Jackson Family.”

James and the rest widened their eyes in astonishment as they were surprised by how sincere the Jacksons offered their apology.

Scott then added, “By the way, we’ve transferred the 300 million compensation to your card and you may check the balance anytime!”

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“What?” James and the rest exclaimed in unison.

Did they really compensate them with 300 million?

They then made it back to their car in a state of confusion. Just as Matthew was about to get into the car, Demi asked, “Matthew, what’re you doing? This car is a

five-seater, and we happen to have five people here. Can't you understand what this means?"

Before, it would have been fine for Demi to make such a statement.

But this time, James was annoyed as soon as she said that. "Shut up! You and Liam should go back home by yourselves. Matthew, please drive us back home tonight!"

Demi was baffled by her father's behavior.

Looking puzzled, Helen grabbed onto James' arm. Just as she was about to say something, he raised three fingers in a hand gesture.

Helen was stunned for a moment before it suddenly dawned upon her.

300 million in compensation!

Helen quickly chimed in, "Your Dad is right! Demi, since you've already gotten married, you shouldn't keep asking us for help! Well, we're heading home first. The two of you should settle it among yourselves!"

The four of them then departed in the car, leaving Demi standing rooted to the spot, a blank look on her face.

"Dear, what's wrong with Dad and Mom?"

Liam sighed, resignation written all over his face. "Can't you tell? They must be eyeing the 300 million that Matthew has."

Demi looked stunned all of a sudden, realizing that Matthew had now become a changed man.

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It was completely quiet in the car on their way home.

James and Helen—who were sitting in the back passenger seat—were embarrassed beyond words.

What had taken place earlier that night was beyond their expectations.

Not only was Matthew innocent, the key was that he also managed to get a 300 million compensation for their family.

There were plenty of things they could do with that money.

It was time they upgraded to a better house from their current cramped and dilapidated old house.

It was time they bought themselves a car to travel around, because so far they had been using company cars.

Also, it was about time they bought some new furniture and electrical appliances.

Getting clothes, jewelry and everything they had ever wanted used to be something out of their reach.

However, things would be different with the 300 million!

The money would be enough to fulfill all their dreams.

They could purchase a lavishly renovated mansion that came with new furniture and electrical appliances. They could also afford to have luxurious cars, new clothes and all sorts of jewelry.

With the 300 million, the Cunninghams would be able to live their life like the riches!

However, the card was in Matthew's hands.

And not too long ago, they just told him loud and clear that they didn't want a dime from him. So, how should they ask for the money from Matthew now?

When they drove past a bank, James shot a look at Helen.

Despite feeling slightly embarrassed, Helen braced herself and said, "Matt, please stop the car."

Both Matthew and Sasha looked bewildered because Helen had never spoken so politely to him before.

After pulling up the car, Matthew asked, "Mom, is there anything wrong?"

Face red, Helen said hesitantly, "Hmm... I'm thinking that the Jacksons might not have honored their promise. Although they said they had transferred the money, it might not be true. Since we happen to pass by a bank, let's go and check it out. If we don't see the money in the account, we should go look for them as soon as possible. We simply can't give them a chance to go back on their words!"

Matthew chuckled and explained to Helen, "Mom, nothing will go wrong! Since the Ten Greatest Families were all there to witness when the Jacksons made the promise, I'm sure they would honor it, and I believe they must have already transferred the money!"

Helen was embarrassed, but at the same time, her curiosity was killing her.

She was dying to take a look at the 300 million.

"Matthew, I-I think it's better we take a look at it so that we can all be at ease!"

Laughing softly, Matthew then parked the car by the roadside.

Both Helen and James followed Matthew closely and went to the bank. The compartment that held the ATM machine was so small that they couldn't even close the door after squeezing themselves in.

James and Helen then craned their necks, trying to see as Matthew inserted the card into the machine. He then entered the password before clicking on the screen to check the account balance.

James and Helen were trembling with excitement, their eyes glued to the screen.

Shortly after that, several figures popped up.

It was a number three followed by a string of zeros.

They couldn't be sure how much that figure meant, even after trying to count it twice. In the end, Helen pressed her fingers on the screen and counted the zeros with her fingers.

"I-It's really 300 million..." Helen's voice was trembling because she had never witnessed that much money in all her life.

Although the Cunninghams claimed their family was worth over 100 million, most of what they owned were properties. In reality, they did not hold much cash.

However, what was inside the card was all cash!

Matthew took the card out of the machine and said with a smile, "Dad, Mom, now that the money is in the account, there's nothing to worry about. Come on, let's head home!"

James and Helen followed Matthew back to the car, the both of them stuck in a trance.

When they finally reached home, Helen suddenly spoke, “Matthew, y-you told us before that you would give the money to us...”

Sasha cut her off directly and said, “Mom, both of you made it very clear just now that you don’t want anything to do with this money!”

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James and Helen were left speechless.

The two of them felt a pressing urge to slap themselves for making such a statement earlier, leaving them with no room to maneuver now.

After sending the both of them home, Matthew turned around and drove Sasha to the office.

Just as Helen was about to persuade them to stay for the night, she was stopped by James.

After they entered the house, Helen questioned James immediately, “Old man, what were you thinking just now? That was such a good chance to ask them to stay for the night. We could have had a chance to discuss the money matter with Matthew, and it would’ve been perfect if we managed to get him to hand the card over to us. Why did you allow him to leave?”

James glared at her and snapped, "Do you think everyone else are fools? You're still thinking of asking money from him after we made things so ugly just now. Do you really think he's that stupid?"

Looking lost, Helen countered, "B-But, we can't give up that money, can we? That's 300 million we're talking about. With that money, our wealth will surely surpass your father's! Although we have Cunningham Pharmaceuticals, we don't really own much assets. Once we have the money, we will finally be able to hold our heads high in the Cunningham family! How can we let this chance slip by us?"

James waved his hands in the air and said, "You don't have to tell me all that; I understand the situation. The problem is, tonight is not the time to ask for the money. Matthew nearly got himself killed at the Jacksons' place, and we just had a dispute with him. It's not right to ask him for the money directly. On top of that, it will be harder for us when Sasha is around. You know her personality very well; she only listens to her husband now. Will she allow Matthew to give us the money if you ask him for it now? Not only will we not get the money, we might even start another argument with them, and any hopes to get our hands on that money will be completely dashed by then!"

Scratching her head, Helen let out a resigned sigh. "Alas, what's wrong with Sasha that makes her take the side of an outsider? What do you think we should do now? Surely we can't let Matthew have the money, right?"

After a moment of contemplation, James told her, "Let's pay a visit to Matthew tomorrow; just the two of us. If we manage to flatter him and shower him with enough compliments, he might just give us the card. Matthew is much easier to manipulate."

Helen was delighted to hear his plan, and nodded her head vigorously. "Yes, you're right! We should butter him up first and then get the card from him. There's nothing else he can do after giving us the card!"

Meanwhile, Matthew sent Sasha back to Cunningham Pharmaceuticals, where she had been staying recently.

“Sasha, please take the card!” Matthew handed her the card given to him by the Jacksons.

She shook her head and rejected him immediately. “I can’t take the card! You should keep it, since the Jacksons gave it to you as compensation.”

Matthew smiled. “Since we’re a married couple, what difference will it make?”

With a solemn expression, Sasha answered him in a serious tone, “Of course that’s going to make a huge difference! When you had no funds, people around us kept on labeling you as a man who relied on a woman for a living. Now that you have money, let’s see who still dares to make such a comment about you! Besides, men who have no money have no confidence. Why would you do that?”

Matthew laughed and said, “I don’t need so much money to be confident!”

Sasha shook her head and insisted, “No matter how much money is inside that card, it’s yours, and it goes without saying that you should keep it. By the way, I’m sure Dad and Mom will come up with some ways soon to seize this card from you. Promise me you won’t give it to them no matter what happens! Once you give it to them, you’ll not be able to get it back!”

Matthew pretended to look troubled when he asked, “What should I do then? I can’t disobey what they tell me to do. Why don’t I just leave the card with you?”

Sasha waved her hands and said, “I told you I can’t keep it. Hmph, I’m sure they will force you into giving them the card. Why don’t you just tell them that you lost the money?”

Looking befuddled, Matthew questioned, “Losing 300 million at one go? Do you think anyone would believe me?”

“Don’t we have the issue with the Grahams regarding the jade bracelet? You can just tell them that you’ve given the money to the Grahams as compensation for the bracelet. By doing this, we’re killing two birds with one stone!”

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Matthew left after walking Sasha upstairs to her room.

It was not appropriate of him to stay and keep Sasha company. After all, it was her workplace.

On top of that, he had a more pressing matter to attend to.

After leaving Cunningham Pharmaceuticals, he had a feeling that he was being followed by a car.

He pretended not to notice by leisurely making circles around the city with his electric motor.

At last, he arrived at a secluded construction site on the outskirts of the city.

All of a sudden, a thundering sound of a car engine came from behind as it accelerated toward him.

As the pathway was not much wider than the width of a car, there wasn't enough space for Matthew to avoid said car which was charging in his direction.

The car crashed squarely into his motor, which sent him flying. He fell to the ground and lost consciousness.

Several men came out from the car. The group was led by none other than Samuel Hughes.

With a sinister expression, he waved at the rest of the group who immediately carried Matthew into the car.

Just shortly after they sped away, another car came to take care of Matthew's motor.

With Matthew in his car, Samuel and his men took a route which avoided all CCTV cameras, and finally reached a secluded spot in the suburbs.

Matthew, who had been tied up tightly, was woken by Samuel pouring a cold bucket of water on him.

"Larson, here we are again! Are you surprised to see me?" Samuel said with a sly smile.

Matthew glimpsed at the men around him and said lightly, "Samuel, you really managed to leave the Jackson Residence? Seems like the Jacksons are more timid than I imagined. I can't believe they actually let you go although you murdered one of theirs."

Looking ominous, Samuel snapped, "Larson, stop sounding so sarcastic. Do you have any idea the price I had to pay? All the business in Eastcliff owned by the Pharmaceutical Union will be given to the Jacksons in the future! That was the price I paid in order to stay alive! This is all your doing! How do you think I will kill you?"

Matthew chuckled. "Samuel Hughes, you think too highly of yourself, and you've underestimated me. Do you really think Zachary Jackson's death came as a surprise to me?"

Looking skeptical, Samuel asked, "W-What do you mean?"

"Zachary Jackson's death was all planned by me! To be honest, I really wanted to kill him. However, if I were to kill him myself, it would just bring about endless trouble for me. But things would be different if you were the one who murdered

him! I was glad that you really went along with my plan by killing Zachary Jackson. You see, I managed to finish both you and Zachary off at the same time!”

Samuel went livid with rage.

At that time, he thought he had successfully framed Matthew by murdering Zachary and pushing the blame on Matthew. With that, he would be able to sit on the sidelines and watch them dispute over Zachary’s death.

Little did he know, he was the one who had fallen into Matthew’s trap and was sabotaged by him.

“Matthew, y-you are despicable!” Samuel was so furious that his entire body was trembling.

By falling for Matthew’s trap, not only did he fail to seize Cunningham Pharmaceuticals, he also had to pay a huge price to exchange for his life, not to mention being punished by his family later on.

Matthew shrugged and clarified, “I didn’t ask you to kill him; you did it out of your own free will. You willingly took the bait and fell into my trap. If you didn’t have the intention to sabotage me, you wouldn’t have to suffer so badly.”

Samuel, who was gritting his teeth in rage, suddenly roared with laughter. “You’re right! I was the one who willingly took the bait! But, no matter how shrewd and cunning you are, you’re still my captive! You must pay the same price as what I have paid! Don’t go worrying about things after your death because I’ll take over the responsibility of caring for your wife and Leanna Sandel...”