

Chapter 164

James' words were met with discontent from the Callahans.

Tommy yelled at him, "Who do you think you are, meddling in the affairs of the Callahans?" Megan recalled how James humiliated her in front of everyone and how she was forced to kneel at Yuna's banquet yesterday. Upset, she berated him sarcastically, "The remaining three are falling soon? Who do you think you are? Alex Yates? Do you get to decide their fates?" Gladys, too, reprimanded him, "What an embarrassment. Can't you just keep your mouth shut?"

Thea shot James a disgruntled look, insinuating that he should have kept his thoughts to himself.

She did not feel confident in leading the Callahans to glory. Becoming an influential family required not just wealth but also strong connections.

Lex completely ignored James and fixed his gaze on Thea. "Thea, Listen. I'll give you three years. If you can transform us into an influential family and grow our assets by a dozen times within that time, I'll give you fifty percent of the Group's shares. And I promise you'll remain the executive chairman of the Callahans family business."

"I..." Thea was intimidated. How would she be able to grow the family's assets by that much in three years? She was not omnipotent.

Gladys shot her a look "Why hesitate?" The look implied. "Accept his offer and acquire the shares." Thea glanced at her family. Gladys, Benjamin, David, and Alyssa looked at her in anticipation.

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She contemplated for a while. “Grandpa, I’m not making any promises. However, if I’m in charge of the Callahans’ family business, I’ll do my best to bring glory to the family. I’ll work hard for us to become an influential and powerful family.”

Lex was relieved upon hearing this.

Thea’s connections were extraordinary. If Thea wholeheartedly devoted herself to the Callahans’ cause, it was likely the family’s status would grow. Lex stood up. “A deal’s a deal. Thea, come to the Callahan residence for the negotiations on the redistribution of shares. Don’t worry. I won’t go back on my word.” “Thank you, grandpa, for having faith in me.” Thea stood with a look of gratitude on her face.

“We’ll take our leave.”

Lex turned to leave.

Howard and the others followed close behind. Their expressions were grim.

After they left, David jumped with excitement. “Yes! Fifty percent of the shares would mean we’re in control of half of the Callahans. Thea, you’ve made us proud.”

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Benjamin, meanwhile, was a little disoriented. All these years, Lex had not been treating him well. He received none of the Group's shares. All of a sudden, they now had fifty percent in their possession. It felt surreal.

Gladys glanced at James.

It was his idea.

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She had incidentally brought it up. She never expected Lex to consent.

“He’s not entirely useless.” Gladys pursed her lips.

However, Thea wore an anxious expression. “It’s too early to celebrate. He’ll still take the shares back if I have nothing to show for after becoming the executive chairman.” David dismissed her worries. “Thea, business is booming now that Eternality has established a permanent partnership agreement with Celestial Group! What are you afraid of? Besides, with how close you are to Ms. Lawson, wouldn’t it be a piece of cake to conduct business with Longevity Pharmaceuticals?” Thea was deep in thought. “That’s true.”

At that moment, the insecure expression on her face changed into one of anticipation.

Had the time finally arrived for her to apply what she had learned?

She was looking forward to it.

She looked forward to seizing the reins of the Callahans, entering the corporate world, and doing great things. She would bring glory to the Callahans, and they would truly become a powerful family. Watching the emboldened look on her face, James smiled. With him manipulating in the shadows, Thea’s business career would be smooth sailing. Not before long, her name would be known by all. Due to the redistribution of the family business’ shares, Thea’s family was thrilled. However, the opposite was true for Howard and John’s families. They were displeased. The majority of the Callahans’ shares were in Lex’s hands. The redistribution of shares would cause the number of shares in their possessions to shrink. There was no guarantee they would even receive any

Soon, night fell.

Wearing a glamorous dress and surrounded by her family, Thea entered the Callahans’ villa.

The living room was already teeming with people. Howard’s family and John’s family were there. Three generations of the Callahans were now present.