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---- Chapter 461 When Celeste heard this, she was about to respond when Trevor spoke first, "Your mom is busy with work. Don't bother her." 2 Jordyn pouted unhappily and looked up at Celeste with puppy- dog eyes. Celeste said, "I have a meeting at the company, and then I need to go to another company for business. It's not convenient to bring you along-maybe next time, okay?" Hearing that, Jordyn sounded a little down but eventually let go.

" Okay..." Since Martha hadn't woken up and there was nothing more to say, Betty left with Celeste when she departed. Inside the elevator, Betty said calmly, "He's not worried that Jordyn will disturb your work. He's worried she'll be seen by someone familiar if she goes to your company with you, right?" 7 Celeste understood what she meant. If word got out that she and Trevor were still legally married, it would affect Wynn first and foremost.

To protect Wynn, Trevor would naturally keep the fact that he and his "ex-wife" were not officially divorced tightly under wraps ---- until the paperwork was finalized. Once downstairs, Celeste watched as Betty's car left before she turned and got into her own car. At the hospital entrance, Beck had just arrived and immediately recognized Celeste's silhouette as she got into the car. He instinctively wanted to call out to her, but Celeste had already driven out of the exit.

Beck swallowed his words. Miles walked around from the driver's side and patted Beck on the shoulder. "Why are you spacing out? Let's go." Beck snapped out of it and headed upstairs with Miles. When they arrived, Jordyn greeted them cheerfully. "Mr. Harper, Mr. Quinton!" Beck smiled and reached out to ruffle Jordyn's hair, then placed the fruit basket he brought on the side table. At that moment, he noticed the gift that Celeste and Betty had brought earlier.

A small card with Celeste's handwritten get-well message for Martha was clearly visible. Seeing her familiar handwriting, Beck felt a wave of warmth in his chest and stared at the small card signed "Cel" in a daze. ---- Noticing him standing there frozen, Miles called out to him, " Beck, come sit down. What are you looking at?" Beck came back to his senses and turned to see both Miles and Trevor watching him. As soon as he met Trevor's gaze, he instinctively looked away.

After replying, "Sure," he put down the fruit basket and walked over. 1 But before sitting down, he paused, turned back, and subtly shifted his fruit basket to sit right next to Celeste's gift. 4 Just as he sat down, Trevor's phone rang It was a call from Wynn. Trevor answered after seeing the caller ID. On the other end, Wynn asked with concern, "How's your grandmother? Has she woken up yet?" "Not yet." "How's Jordyn?"

Feeling any better?" "Much better." "Can I say a few words to her?" ---- "Sure." Trevor handed the phone to Jordyn. "Is it Wynn?" she asked. "Mhm." Jordyn quickly took the phone and said sweetly, "Wynn..." 4 Miles scratched his nose when he realized it was Wynn on the phone. 5 Before arriving earlier, he had asked Trevor over the phone whether Wynn would be coming to visit Martha. Trevor had said she wouldn't. It was later that he found out Queenie had already laid down the tules the night before, clearly stating that Wynn was not allowed to visit Martha, 5 Queenie's exact words were-"Don't bring any random outsiders into the hospital room to disturb your grandmother's recovery."

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---- Chapter 462 Thinking of that, Miles had wanted to gossip a bit more, but seeing that Jordyn and Peter were present, he felt it wasn't the right time and held his tongue. Trevor and Beck both had important work to attend to. So, after visiting Martha, Beck and Miles didn't stay in the hospital room much longer. 1 However, it had been quite a while since the group last had a proper meal together.

Before leaving, Miles suggested, "If you both can carve out some time, how about dinner together tonight?" 2 Trevor and Beck replied in unison, "Sure." Trevor then spent the entire day at the hospital handling work. That evening, Queenie came to take over, so he headed to the restaurant Miles had reserved Jordyn had already returned to the Rodriguez residence by noon, so Trevor went to dinner alone. When he arrived at the restaurant, Beck and Miles were already there.

Wynn was the last to arrive. 2 ---- As she pushed open the door to the private room, Trevor turned his head and was the first to speak. "You're here." Wynn smiled slightly, "Mm." 4 As she responded, she also noticed Beck sitting nearby. At first, when she found out Beck started to develop feelings for Celeste, she was shocked. But beyond the surprise, she was deeply confused.

She couldn't understand what it was about Celeste-aside from her good looks-that could possibly attract someone like Beck. 2 Especially considering that back then, because Celeste had drugged Trevor and forced him into marriage, Beck had been thoroughly disgusted by her. 5 She couldn't understand how his attitude had suddenly changed so drastically-to the point of falling for her. But now... 2 Thinking back to what she witnessed in the parking lot a few days ago.

Realizing that YodaVision was co-founded by Celeste and Matthias... ---- Realizing that the Cuap programming language she had long admired was actually developed under Celeste's leadership... © Recalling the way Celeste had addressed Nadine so affectionately... Knowing that Celeste was pretty involved in YodaVision's success and generating massive revenue...

And thinking about all the bits and pieces she had learned over the past half year about Celeste's connection to YodaVision- She suddenly understood exactly what it was that Beck liked about Celeste. 3 In fact, it was likely that Beck had known for a long time that Celeste was Zachary's student. He had probably also long been aware of Celeste's involvement with YodaVision.

2 And yet, even though he clearly knew so much about Celeste, he never once mentioned a word of it to her during all this time She thought back to how hard she had worked in front of him- how much she hoped to one day be noticed by Zachary. She remembered how many times she had mentioned her admiration for the creator of Cuap Now, she felt like nothing but a clown. 10 ---- She was absolutely ridiculous.

© With those thoughts swirling in her head, Wynn gripped her handbag tightly, biting her lip hard just to maintain a calm facade. But her eyes still shimmered faintly with tears from sheer shame. By this point, she finally realized-Beck probably no longer had any romantic feelings for her. His feelings had long, imperceptibly, shifted entirely to Celeste. This flurry of thoughts passed in just a few seconds.

Trevor noticed her suddenly standing still, and as he turned to speak, he caught sight of her unusually pale expression. 2 He paused, then asked, "What's wrong? You look so pale." Hearing that, Miles and Beck also turned to look at her. Wynn's knuckles had gone white from clutching her handbag. She took a moment to rein in her emotions and then, two seconds later, forced out a faint smile. "It's nothing." 11

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---- Chapter 463 To avoid raising any suspicions, Wynn made an effort to act as usual and actively joined in the conversation with Trevor, Beck, and Miles. That evening, when Wynn returned home, Linda and Patricia were sitting on the couch chatting. 3 Seeing her come in, Linda, who was eating some watermelon, turned her head and asked, "Wynn, has Mrs. Fleming Senior woke up yet?" Wynn shook her head. "Not yet." "Huh?

Then is there any way to know when she might wake up?" Wynn shook her head again. Hearing this, both Linda and Lennox frowned. They had learned about Martha's sudden illness not long after she was rushed into the emergency room. Because of this, Trevor decided to delay the divorce with Celeste, and he had immediately informed Wynn. Divorce wasn't exactly a good thing to many people.

With Martha so gravely ill, it would indeed seem inappropriate for ---- Trevor and Celeste to rush ahead with the divorce. So, while they could understand Trevor wanting to delay the divorce a bit, that didn't mean they were happy about it. \* After all, if Martha hadn't collapsed, once Trevor finished dealing with things, he and Celeste could have finalized the divorce in just a few days. 2 Now that Martha still hadn't woken up, no one knew how long the divorce would be delayed.

Ruby wasn't too worried, though. She tapped her daughter on the head and smiled, "Whether Mrs. Fleming Senior wakes up or not, or whenever she does, Trevor and Wynn are going to get married anyway. "The current situation is just a minor setback-just a case of good things taking a little longer. Why are you more anxious than the person involved?" 2 Linda blinked and smiled.

"Well, that's true." Then she snorted and said, "I'm just annoyed that that bitch Celeste is still clinging to the title as Trev's wife." 3 In the past, whenever others brought this up, Wynn would always remain calm and just go about her business, as if she wasn't at all worried about anything going wrong between her and Trevor. ---- But now... Listening to Ruby and Linda's words, Wynn lowered her eyes and didn't join in.

It was only after they finished talking that she softly said, "I'm a bit tired. I'll head upstairs first." 1 Linda didn't notice anything unusual. Hearing that she was tired, she cheerfully said, "Okay, good night, Wynn." Lilian, however, did notice that something was off with her daughter's expression. 2 A few days ago, Wynn had overheard some "truth" regarding Celeste in the parking lot.

At that time, although Lilian noticed Wynn seemed a bit different, since Wynn didn't say anything, she didn't think too much of it. She also had to rush back to her hometown for something urgent, so she hadn't been around to see how Wynn had been doing these past few days. That was why Lilian still didn't really know what had happened. Seeing Wynn's odd expression now, she simply assumed her daughter was truly tired and didn't think any further.

2 ---- Elsewhere, as Celeste finished packing up for the day, ready to leave work, Matthias knocked and came into her office, handing her a few gold-stamped invitations. Smiling, he said, "The anniversary celebration is mostly all set. These invitations are for you." Celeste took them and smiled. "Alright, thanks." 2 "What are you thanking me for?

There's no need to be so polite with me." Then, as if remembering something, he added, "Oh, right, we've sent invitations to the Fleming Group as well. After all..." Celeste nodded and gave a small smile. "It's fine. I understand."

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Queenie didn't like the idea of Celeste being her daughter-in-law, but since Celeste came to visit Martha, Queenie still thanked her politely. <sup>1</sup> Teagan also wasn't fond of Celeste, but since Celeste and Trevor were going to get divorced, she felt there was no point saying anything anymore. So, during their recent encounters, she refrained from making snide remarks.

<sup>1</sup> That day, when Celeste came to the hospital in the morning, the three siblings-Teagan, Trevor, and Tucker-were all there, along with Queenie. After checking on Martha, Celeste was about to leave when Trevor stood up and said, "I'll walk you out." ---- "It's okay." She refused flatly and left without even looking back. Seeing this, Trevor didn't insist. Teagan had been away from Baumond recently and, in fact, hadn't seen Celeste for quite a while before Martha's incident.

Watching Celeste leave without even a backward glance and showing no trace of the affection she once had for Trevor, Teagan commented, "Looks like she's really let you go." <sup>1</sup> Trevor gave a faint smile and was about to respond when his phone rang. <sup>4</sup> On the other side, Celeste went straight to Fleming Group after leaving the hospital. Around noon, she and a few staff members were preparing to head out for lunch.

As the elevator doors opened on the ground floor, they ran into Wynn, who was just walking toward the elevator. Although Wynn didn't visit Fleming Group frequently, she had been there enough times that many people recognized her. And just about everyone knew she was Trevor's girlfriend. © ---- Seeing her, the staff greeted her politely out of respect for her status. "Ms. Locket." Wynn didn't expect to run into Celeste.

When she saw her, she instinctively paused, then looked away while clutching her handbag. \* As everyone greeted her warmly, she responded with a polite smile and nod before walking past Celeste and into the elevator. Moments later, she reached the top floor. Zeke and Jacob greeted her courteously. "Ms. Locket." She smiled politely and nodded in return. She knocked before entering Trevor's office. Seeing him at his desk, still buried in work, she showed a genuine smile.

"Still not done?" <sup>4</sup> Trevor looked up. "Not yet." Though he had returned to Baumond for several days already, this was actually his first day back at Fleming Group-he'd been busy with other matters. Wynn smiled and walked over. She noticed he was holding what looked like an invitation and leaned closer, curious. "What's that? ---- Trevor replied, "It's the invitation to YodaVision's 10th anniversary celebration.

It was delivered a few days ago just got the chance to look at it now." Wynn's smile froze instantly. + Trevor noticed and looked up. "What's wrong?" Wynn quickly forced a smile

and gave a dry laugh. "YodaVision... It's already been ten years since it was founded?" 4 Trevor smiled. "Yeah." Wynn looked at him, tightening her grip on her purse. After a moment's hesitation, she asked, "Are you going to attend?" Trevor replied, "Yes.

With the current partnership between our company and YodaVision, even if I didn't have time, I'd make time to go." 14 Wynn gave an awkward laugh. "I see..." 7

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---- Chapter 465 Trevor said, "Shall we go together?" 16 Hearing this, Wynn instinctively started to refuse. She wanted to say she wasn't sure if she'd have the time then. But thinking that didn't quite match her usual demeanor, she changed her tune before finishing her words and said instead, " Sure." As soon as she said it, she was about to head to the couch, but her steps paused slightly when she noticed a document placed on Trevor's desk.

Upon seeing the title of the document, she hesitated. Noticing her gaze, Trevor said, "The company is planning to develop a new large model. This is a research report on YodaVision's programming language and two of their latest in- house projects. 1 "What they've put together is quite interesting-they've actually made some progress. You might learn a lot from it." 9 As he spoke, he handed the document to her.

If it were in the past, hearing this from Trevor would have made Wynn happy and intrigued, and she would've accepted it eagerly. ---- But now... Her expression stiffened slightly. Since he had already handed it over, she could only take it and replied, "Okay." After that, something crossed her mind, and she couldn't help but say, "If we're only starting to research YodaVision now to develop our own technology... "By the time it's done, won't the market have already moved on?

Tech evolves so quickly nowadays..." "That's true," Trevor said, "but the goal isn't to copy YodaVision- it's to extract the core technology that's useful to us and innovate from there." 5 "...That's true too." Trevor continued, "But YodaVision itself is developing very fast. And I don't think what they've created is just temporarily relevant. "Take their programming language, for example-people didn't recognize its value until years later.

« "As for the two projects they recently developed, even in today's fast-paced tech world, I think it would take at least three years for other companies to create something better. 2 - --- "So, studying it definitely won't be a waste of time." 5 From the way he spoke, it was clear just how much he admired and appreciated YodaVision's projects and programming language. Hearing this, Wynn felt her heart grow alittle colder. 5 Trevor really had a special appreciation for talented people.



5 If he ever found out that Celeste was the one who developed that programming language. Or worse... Those two recent projects were launched only after Celeste joined YodaVision. In other words, those two projects were most likely led by Celeste herself... 2 If Trevor ever found that out... 7 Wynn glanced sideways at Trevor, who had picked up a file and was now immersed in his work. Her grip on the document in her hands turned pale from how tightly she held it.

That evening, Wynn returned to the Locket residence for dinner. Everyone around the table had been chatting happily initially. But then, a news report about YodaVision suddenly appeared on the ---- TV. Wynn froze and looked up, only to see that the report was about YodaVision's collaboration with Jeffrey's company. On the TV screen, Jeffrey was being interviewed. He said he was very satisfied with the partnership with YodaVision.

Since the collaboration began, issues that had been troubling his company were quickly resolved, and many similar overseas companies had also reached out to YodaVision. Originally, the Lockets and the Shaws didn't have any issue with YodaVision. But ever since YodaVision snatched the smart traffic project that they had their eyes on, everyone in both families had grown to resent the company.

1 Even though YodaVision had only just started the smart traffic project, they had a new collaboration lined up-with even more people fighting to work with them. 3 Meanwhile, their own tech company and InnovaTech were still stuck in a rut, and everyone from the Lockets and the Shaws, including Harvey, fell into a foul mood. Harvey had already been stressed about the company, and now he was so frustrated he lost his appetite. 9 ---- He rubbed his temples and put down his cutlery.

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---- Chapter 466 Linda curled her lips and gave a cold snort. "Taking on so many major projects at once-let's see if they can swallow it all without choking." But even as she said that, she didn't sound confident-if anything, her words came off as sour. After all, if YodaVision dared to take on that many projects, chances are, they had the capacity to manage them. Linda's father, Luther Shaw, was also bitter.

Thinking about how both the Locket family's tech company and InnovaTech were constantly hitting bottlenecks, while YodaVision seemed to be progressing without any setbacks, he couldn't help but grumble, "I wonder how Matthias hires people- how does he keep finding such top-tier talent?" Ever since YodaVision became widely known, both InnovaTech and the Locket family's tech company had tried to poach people from them. But after YodaVision gained fame, countless big-name companies-both domestic and international-started trying to recruit YodaVision's tech staff.

The Locket family and InnovaTech had no real advantage in that ---- competition. 5 So, even though they offered decent packages, it was still incredibly hard to lure away truly outstanding talent. And the fact that YodaVision, despite constantly being targeted by headhunters from major companies, still managed to roll out new innovations from time to time, proved that they had no shortage of creative and capable people. Just that alone was enough to make others envious, jealous, and resentful.

Hearing all this, Wynn lowered her head, poking at the food on her plate without saying a word. Although both the Lockets and the Shaws had hoped Wynn could help achieve a technical breakthrough, the more they learned about the industry, the more they realized how incredibly difficult such breakthroughs actually were. 2 So when Wynn didn't respond, no one pressed her. They simply assumed she too was troubled over InnovaTech's stalled progress.

5 The next day, Celeste headed to the conference room for a meeting. Shortly after she sat down, Matthias arrived as well. ---- Before the meeting began, Matthias leaned in and said to her, \* This morning my mom mentioned that a certain auction house has been quite lively lately. They're about to auction off a rare, one-of-a-kind diamond.

"I remember you once mentioned that your mom really likes diamonds-do you want to go check it out?" Celeste paused for a moment, then asked, "Are you sure?" "Absolutely." The reason Matthias remembered this was because, back when he first met Celeste-they hadn't even known each other that long-there had been a rare diamond up for auction, with a starting bid of over 200 million dollars. 2 Celeste had only been sixteen at the time.

It was also when he first learned about her background She had told him then that she wanted to give her mother a diamond because her mother adored them-especially top-grade diamonds. If she could get her hands on one, maybe, just maybe, it would help bring her mother out of her confused, unresponsive state. 1 But such rare, top-tier diamonds were incredibly hard to come by.

---- Although the Rodriguez family was doing okay financially back then, they simply couldn't afford to shell out hundreds of millions at once for a diamond. Besides, believing a diamond could help Isabelle regain clarity had always been Celeste's own wishful thinking. There was no guarantee it would work. Who would dare bet their entire fortune on that? At the time, her cousins were still very young, and the Rodriguez family business was struggling to stay profitable.

So in the end, Celeste had no choice but to watch that opportunity slip by. More than ten years had passed since then. 2 Now, another rare diamond had finally surfaced-this time released by a private collector. So, it held great historical value. If they missed this chance, who knew how long they'd have to wait for another? Hearing what Matthias said, Celeste's heart stirred.



She couldn't help but say, "I want to go." Even if the diamond didn't end up having the miraculous effect ---- she hoped for, if her mother liked it-even just to hold or admire -it would be worth it. She wouldn't regret it. ®

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---- Chapter 467 On the other side, Wynn said, "Mom, here's the invitation you wanted." "Great. Thank Trevor for me," Lilian said as she put the invitation into her bag. "Tomorrow, are you going to the auction house with us, or is Trevor picking you up?" Wynn replied, "Neither of us is going tomorrow." = Lilian paused. "Alright." On the evening of the auction, Celeste arrived at the venue with her aunt, Adeline. At the ticket check, Celeste spotted Lilian and Lennox ahead of them.

Lilian and Lennox also saw them. When she noticed Celeste, Lilian frowned slightly. This auction had extremely high starting prices, so the invited guests were top-tier elites and wealthy individuals from around the world. 2 Ordinary rich families couldn't even get an invitation. ---- If it weren't for Trevor, Lilian wouldn't have gotten one either.

But Celeste- Well, given how popular Matthias was right now, and her relationship with him, it wouldn't be difficult for him to secure an invitation for her. 3 Thinking that, Lilian and Lennox averted their gazes. Since their invitations had been secured through Trevor, their seats were close to the front. Coincidentally, Celeste and Adeline were seated right next to them. 1 Just as Celeste and Adeline sat down, Miles also entered the venue. He was surprised to see Celeste there.

But then he noticed who was sitting beside her-Lilian. He let out a quiet "uhh..." This... this was an absolute top-tier battlefield. After sitting down with his female companion, he hurriedly sent a message to Trevor. "Celeste is at the diamond auction too... and she's sitting right next to your future mother-in-law!" 9 ---- Trevor replied quickly. "Okay." And that was it. There was no follow-up. He didn't seem to care at all. 5 Miles was dumbfounded. He glanced again toward Celeste and Lilian.

2 It was just then that Celeste noticed him. When she saw him looking her way, she turned her head away with a blank expression. Lilian, on the other hand, offered a polite smile and greeted him. "Mr. Quinton." Miles gave an awkward smile in return. "Mrs. Locket..." After the quick greeting, Miles returned to his seat. At that moment, Jorge also arrived. He spotted Celeste and the others almost immediately, since his seat was right next to Adeline's.

He couldn't be bothered to greet Celeste, and she ignored him as if he were invisible. Still, like Miles, Jorge politely greeted Lilian. 2 Lilian smiled and nodded in return. ---- Not long after, the auction began. Apart from the top-tier diamond, there were of course other luxury items up for bidding. However, all of them had high price tags-starting at tens of

millions at least. Celeste wasn't interested in the other items. Her goal was that one exceptional diamond.

So she didn't bid on anything else. Lilian also didn't place any bids. <sup>3</sup> Finally, the highlight of the auction arrived. When the diamond was presented, gasps of awe erupted from the crowd of diamond enthusiasts. Even though Celeste wasn't particularly into diamonds, she was still struck by the brilliance and sheer quality of the rare gem on display. As for Lilian—though she'd seen and owned many high-end jewels over the years, this was her first time seeing a diamond of this quality.

A self-proclaimed diamond fanatic, she was so awestruck she couldn't even speak. From the moment the diamond was revealed, she couldn't take her eyes off it. Amid the crowd's amazement, the host announced the starting ---- bid—400 million. As soon as the words left the host's mouth, numerous paddles were raised. Celeste was one of them. Sitting right beside her, Lilian saw her raise the paddle clearly.

Though she had noticed Celeste earlier, Lilian had assumed she was just there to join the spectacle. After all, rare diamonds were worth admiring even if you couldn't afford them. She never expected—<sup>2</sup> Seeing Celeste raise her paddle, a flash of surprise crossed Lilian's eyes. She finally tore her gaze away from the diamond. Just then, Celeste spoke up, "500 million." ©

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---- Chapter 468 As soon as Celeste spoke, not only Lilian, but Lennox, Jorge, and Miles were all visibly stunned. Lennox's reaction was expected. As for Jorge, he had previously looked into Celeste a little and knew her family background was relatively ordinary. <sup>2</sup> While the Rodriguez family's business had recently picked up, it still wasn't at the level where they could casually fork out several hundred million to buy a diamond, right?

Miles, for his part, believed he knew Celeste's situation inside out. <sup>8</sup> Given the Rodriguez family's current strength, even producing 100 million in spare cash would be difficult—let alone 500 million. Although Trevor had once paid Celeste two billion in advance as a thank-you gift, the money had been used to help the Rodriguez family with capital turnover.

<sup>2</sup> But even if the Rodriguez family business was doing better now, and even if she still had a large chunk of that two billion left, wasn't it a bit "too much" to casually spend this much money on a single diamond? <sup>2</sup> ---- Thinking of this, he immediately whipped out his phone, excitedly messaging Trevor. <sup>2</sup> "When I saw your wife just now at the auction, I was still wondering what she was doing here. Now I get it... "You know about the diamond being auctioned, right?

The starting bid was 400 million, and she immediately raised it to 500 million. Is she seriously trying to buy that diamond? My god, she's gone cra-"\_ 2 Before Miles could finish typing his message, someone bid 550 million. Then Celeste spoke again. She directly said, "700 million." Miles was speechless. 2 Even though he hadn't finished what he wanted to say, he still hit send and fired off the message to Trevor.

Tonight, everyone attending the auction more or less guessed that this rare diamond would end up going for no less than a billion But Celeste, every time she spoke, it was in leaps of 100 million or 150 million. In just three rounds, the bidding had already reached 700 million. + ---- With that kind of boldness, it wasn't just Lilian, Lennox, and Miles who were staring at her-everyone at the venue turned their heads to look at her.

Most of the people seated in the auction hall were either the wives or daughters of the top elites in high society. Even if they didn't know each other personally, they had at least heard of one another. Now, seeing Celeste acting like money meant nothing, and looking so unfamiliar to everyone, many of them leaned over to whisper to the people around them, asking who she was. The bidding continued.

Almost every time someone made a new offer, Celeste followed closely, and when she spoke again, the price instantly jumped to one billion. Seeing how decisive she was with each bid, Lilian suddenly understood-Celeste really intended to win this diamond. Her red lips immediately pressed into a thin line. Miles noticed it too. To be honest, he was alittle dazed. \* Trevor hadn't replied to his earlier message. But Miles couldn't hold it in anymore and quickly messaged him again.

---- "Your wife pushed the bidding to a billion. Damn, I think she actually wants to win that diamond. Does she like diamonds that much?" 2 This time, Trevor replied not long after. But it was just a single period character. 4 Miles wondered what the hell was that period supposed to mean. At the start of the auction, quite a few people had been interested in participating.

But from both an emotional and investment standpoint, once the price started climbing too high, many people chose to back off-they weren't going to chase it blindly. Some were truly obsessed with diamonds. Many of them were even far wealthier than Celeste. However, the wealth people saw in them wasn't necessarily theirs to control. Or even if it was, they didn't have the same freedom as Celeste when it came to how they used it.

= So, even if they wanted to compete, due to various considerations, by the time the bidding price reached 1.6 billion, almost no one else remained in the game. 10

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---- Chapter 469 In the end, Celeste won the bid for that diamond. © Even though Miles had mentally prepared himself, he was still a bit stunned when he heard the result. It wasn't until the auction officially ended and Celeste left with Adeline to handle the formalities that Miles snapped out of it and messaged Trevor. "Celeste spent 1.8 billion and won the diamond..." 1 "Okay." 1 Something this unexpected, and all he replied with is a casual " Okay"?

8 Miles then replied, "What did that period you sent me earlier mean?" Trevor must have been busy. After a while, he finally replied, "It meant stop gossiping." 1 Miles was dumbfounded. Wasn't he just too shocked and wanted to let Trevor know? Perhaps, to prove that marrying Trevor back then wasn't for money, Celeste had always dressed rather plainly during their ---- marriage. Lilian and Lennox were also stunned by Celeste's extravagant move and didn't recover for quite a while.

It wasn't until Jorge got up to leave and went over to greet them that Lilian snapped back to reality. At that moment, Lennox seemed to recall something and suddenly said, "This diamond... Celeste probably bought it for her, right?" She didn't specify who she was, but Lilian knew she meant Isabelle. Because they all knew Isabelle loved diamonds, and years ago, she also owned one that was extremely valuable. + But that diamond later on- © Remembering the past, Lilian lowered her eyes.

After completing the procedures, Celeste and Adeline were ready to leave. After witnessing Celeste's bold move, many people at the auction were eager to get to know her. Aside from Miles, Jorge, and Lilian's group, there were others at the venue who recognized Celeste. ---- While Celeste was handling the paperwork, many had already found out about her background For example, they learned that her family situation was actually average, and that she was currently dating Matthias.

Matthias came from a well-off family, and now that YodaVision was thriving, he had become both a highly sought-after elite in their social circle and an 'ideal son-in-law' in the eyes of many wealthy families. When people found out that Celeste likely relied on Matthias's support to win the diamond, many who had initially wanted to approach her quickly gave up the idea.

However, those who had worked with YodaVision or wanted to build a good relationship with Matthias still took the initiative to connect with her. Celeste was well aware of everyone's intentions. After exchanging a few polite words, she found an excuse to leave. 1 Many of the Lockets and the Shaws had been very interested in the diamond at today's auction. They all desperately wanted to see it in person, but since there was only one invitation, they couldn't attend.

---- When Lennox and Lilian returned, Linda quickly asked, "Aunt Lizzy, who won the diamond? What was the final price?" As she asked, Wynn and Patricia, along with the others, all turned to look at Lilian. Clearly, they were also eager to know. 1 After a slight pause, Lilian replied, "The final price was 1.8 billion, And the one who won the diamond... was Celeste." 5 "W-What?" Linda was stunned, thinking she must have misheard Patricia and Erin reacted almost the same way. Patricia's face sank.

"Her? How could it be her?" Linda quickly chimed in, "Exactly! How could it be her? Where would she get that kind of money?" 4 Wynn also froze for a moment when she heard the diamond went for 1.8 billion and that Celeste was the one who won it. 1 But after a while, she lowered her head and silently stared at the teacup in her hands. 7

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---- Chapter 470 At the Rodriguez residence, Celeste had already discussed the diamond auction with Betty before attending it. Looking at the dazzling diamond that Celeste had spent a fortune to acquire, Betty was silent for a long while before finally speaking. "Your mother truly did love diamonds... but if diamonds really have an effect, they could either help her regain her senses, or drive her deeper into madness "So... Cel, keep the diamond safe for now.

As for using it in your mother's treatment, let's wait and see how things go first." Celeste had actually thought of this possibility too. She agreed with her grandmother's reasoning. But such rare diamonds were hard to come by. If she missed this chance, who knew how long it would take for another opportunity? Besides, she wasn't short on money at the moment, so even if it wouldn't be used right away, she still went ahead and bought it.

Hearing her grandmother say this, she simply replied, "Alright." ---- She hadn't visited Martha at the hospital for the past couple of days. So, the next morning, she went again. 4 She arrived quite early, but when she got to the hospital, both Trevor and Miles were already there. Peter, however, was nowhere in sight. When she knocked and entered, both Trevor and Miles looked toward her. Celeste simply nodded at Trevor as a greeting and went straight inside to check on Martha.

Seeing Celeste completely ignore him, Miles widened his eyes and couldn't help but mutter to Trevor, "She really doesn't take anyone seriously anymore, does she?" © Trevor sat down and casually responded with a noncommittal hum. Then, he said, "So?" 1 Miles didn't answer. A while later, Celeste came out of the ward. But she didn't leave immediately.

Instead, she looked at Trevor and asked, "How has Grandma been these past two days?" 2 Trevor poured a glass of water and walked over to offer it to her. Celeste shook her head, indicating she didn't want it. 2 ---- Trevor didn't insist and set the glass down before replying, " She's shown some improvement. According to the doctors, she might regain consciousness in a few days." "Alright, got it." With that, Celeste said nothing more and turned to leave.

Just then, Trevor said, "Jo's gone for training. She'll be back tomorrow." 5 She wasn't particularly interested in Jordyn's whereabouts. But since Miles was right there, eyes darting between her and Trevor with an obvious look of gossip all over his face, she

decided not to respond. 2 She simply left behind a brief "Got it" and walked away without looking back. 2 Miles watched her leave and didn't turn away until her figure disappeared from view.

Then he looked at Trevor and said, "I've noticed... now that you two are getting divorced, your relationship actually seems better than before." 4 Trevor, typing away on his laptop, didn't even look up. He gave an ambiguous reply, "Is that so?" ---- Most couples tear each other apart during a divorce. What was happening between these two was rather rare. 2 But Miles didn't say that out loud. He suddenly seemed to think of something and said, "Whatever the case, you two have Jo between you."

Though she did make mistakes back then, it's all in the past. 1 "Since she's let go now, and if you can also let things go for Jo's sake, then... There really isn't some deep hatred between you that can't be resolved. 1 "For Jo's sake, maybe it's not such a bad idea for you to get along moving forward..." Trevor didn't respond. Miles looked at him, unsure what he was thinking. But since Trevor didn't say anything, Miles couldn't keep pushing either- so he just shut his mouth in silence. 7