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Madeline awkwardly smiled in response to that. "We should probably catch up for a bit, Miss Yard. Let's have a drink, perhaps."

"Sure." As Madeline and Selena walked away, Jane only glared at Selena with jealousy for stealing her limelight, swearing to have her revenge on her one day.

"Jane is the youngest daughter who got all the attention in the Oberlin Family. Furthermore, she was born with a silver spoon, so I understand her hubris can be a little difficult to deal with sometimes. Please forgive her, Miss Yard." Madeline quickly explained in Jane's defense.

"It's alright. I'm not surprised by that, considering her wealthy background. Moreover, she is a descendant of an aristocratic family, so I wouldn't call that hubris but perhaps confidence instead."

As both women exchanged gazes, they clinked glasses and continued to chat. Then, it suddenly occurred to Selena that Madeline should be able to tell her more about Yucarians since the latter had gotten married and since resided in Yucaria. I heard her husband was allegedly a playboy. Thus, she must have something up her sleeve to stand out among all other women in order to win his heart.

"Madeline, I attended an auction two days ago and stumbled upon a bracelet that caught my eye, but unfortunately, someone beat us to it and won the bid. Do you, by any chance, know who the bidder was?"

"Auction? Do you mean Ace Auction?"

"Yes, exactly! That's the auction I attended!" Selena spoke excitedly.

Madeline furrowed her eyebrows and said, "I know that auction, and I also know some of those people who attended. Besides, I remember the bracelet you just mentioned..."

Upon hearing Madeline's words, Selena's heart rose and pounded like a jackhammer. Please! Please tell me you know something about the bracelet, Madeline!

"I remember hearing someone mentioning they won the bid for a beautiful bracelet, but I'm not sure whether it's the same one you're talking about."

"Really?" As far as Selena could recall, there was only one bracelet at the auction, and that was the one that belonged to her mother.

"To be honest, I'm not very sure about what I heard either; plus, I can barely even recall who I heard about this from." Madeline apologetically added, "I'm sorry I can't help you."

"It's okay, Madeline. I'd still appreciate it if you could try to recall who won the bid for the bracelet."

However, Madeline only gave a casual reply. "I'll try my best to see what information I can get for you, but I can't guarantee anything, so don't get your hopes up so as to not be disappointed."

"Thank you so much!" Selena's hope was rekindled.

Soon, Madeline ended her conversation with Selena because she still had to attend to the other guests. At the same time, Selena's mood was lifted after the chat, so she decided to meet Pierre up, only to notice that the man was nowhere to be seen. Nonetheless, she didn't read much into that, believing that he might have just gone to the washroom.

Not long after that, Selena was taken over by her craving for cakes, so she decided to make her way to the table with pastries on it. As soon as she picked up a slice of cake, a few kids who were playing around bumped into her, knocking over the cake from her plate. In the next second, Selena lost her footing, due to her wearing high heels, and fell forward. Oh, man! This is going to be the biggest embarrassment in my life!

Just when Selena thought she was about to end up in an embarrassed state, she suddenly saw and felt a pair of hands getting a hold of her just in time. While she was saved from falling, her cake slid down onto the person's chest.

"Oops! I'm so sorry!" Selena quickly apologized and stood up.

"It's alright!" A magnetic voice was heard coming from above, instantly drawing everyone's attention.