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Unnerved by Jason's response, Linda expressed her concern. "Mr. Murray, are you... alright?"

Upon hearing the lady, Jason quickly noticed his embarrassing reaction and said, "My apologies! I guess I must have been desperate in searching for this pair of bracelets for way too long. Anyway, now that I've finally found a useful lead on it, I'd be grateful if you could answer my question, Miss Dunn. Is your mother still alive?"

Soon, a saddened look flashed across Linda's face. "Nope. She passed away many years ago."

Meanwhile, Jason's eyes were filled with lament and grief as he took a few moments to snap out of his trance and wondered. "She would likely be in her fifties if she were still alive, but why did she even..."

While Linda looked down with a sigh in a depressed manner, Jason thoughtfully took a piece of tissue paper and gave it to her. "I'm sorry for being so... direct, Miss Dunn."

"It's alright. That was many years ago, anyway. My mom married my father because she loved him deeply, yet he repaid her love with an affair and broke her heart. When she found out about this, she became so depressed that she fell ill and left the world not long after that." Linda took the tissue paper from the man and wiped her tears.

At that moment, Jason's heart sank, as if it had just stopped beating. Despite years of effort in searching for the bracelets, he didn't do it because of their valuable worth but because of the owner who used to possess them.

"You seem eager to get your hands on the bracelets, Mr. Murray. Do you know my mom?" Linda continued to wipe her tears.

"Did your mom ever mention anything to you about your grandparents?"

Knowing Selena's background like the back of her hand, Linda opportunistically seized the chance and used the knowledge to her advantage. Soon, she responded by shaking her head and said, "I've never ever seen my grandparents before, even though I had heard bits and pieces about their stories from my mother. Nevertheless, when I tried to find out more about them every time, she'd ignore my questions and left me wondering. Thus, I don't really know much about my grandparents."

"I see." Jason appeared to look a little disappointed. "My grandpa used to have a daughter whom he treated as the apple of his eye. She was my aunt, and her name was Jessica Murray. When she was in her twenties, her dream was to become a designer, but my grandfather didn't see eye to eye with her on that. As a result, they both had a heated argument shortly before she left home in a fit of pique and never returned."

Intrigued by Jason's story, Linda gazed at the man in disbelief. What did I just learn? Gosh! Is Selena's grandpa the famous Jerry Murray all the time? What a twist! Despite her amazement at the twist of events, she was jealous of Selena's fortunate life, thinking that she didn't deserve to have a grandfather who was so rich and powerful.

"When my aunt left home, she didn't bring anything with her, except the pair of bracelets. Over the years, we've exhausted every resource available to search for her whereabouts, only to be disappointed

every single time. Then, we subsequently figured that she might have changed her name and identity, and it was because of that, the bracelets became the only clue that we reckoned might lead us to her."

"You mean..." Linda pretended as if she didn't know anything and stared at Jason in disbelief.

Jason nodded in response. "That's right! Assuming my aunt never gave anyone this pair of bracelets, she was likely the same person as your mother. May I know any other details about her?"

"Yeah, but... My mom's name was Cecilia Davis, not Jessica Murray. Nevertheless, she was indeed a designer, despite the huge difference in their names."

"Cecelia Davis? Davis is my grandmother's last name, but she always called my aunt Ceci." Bingo! Everything makes sense now that the dots have been connected. "So..." Jason stared at Linda with a bright and heartwarming smile.

In that instant, Linda's tears began to roll down her cheeks. "I didn't think I'd still get to see my grandparents again."

"Grandma has been depressed ever since my aunt went missing. In fact, she's sobbed so much that the crying has already taken a toll on her eyes. As for Grandpa, he is still as fit as a horse, but I'll still have to give them a heads-up about the news. After all, they're old and have long accepted the worst. So I don't want them to be devastated by any disappointment again."