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Therefore, Selena discussed the matter with Pierre. While he didn't initially agree with it, he acknowledged that the family trip was already ruined by the series of unfortunate events, and was no longer the trip that they'd hoped for. Seeing that leaving now made no difference, Pierre booked flight tickets for a flight back home. However, Selena got a call from Madeline the next morning.

"Miss Yard, didn't you tell me to find out who bought the bracelet during the auction? I have news for you."

As soon as Selena heard that, she was both surprised and elated, as she already lost hope to ever find the bracelet. "Who was it that bought it?"

"It's a lady I know. She already has a lot of other jewelry, so while she liked the bracelet, she got tired of it after wearing it for a few days. When I told her about your situation, she agreed to a negotiation, so go ahead if you're still interested."

Selena was overjoyed. "Is that true? That's great!"

"Indeed, Miss Yard. When will you have time for that? I can help arrange for a meetup."

"I'm okay with any time, Miss Perry. I need to meet her as soon as possible, so please make the necessary arrangements."

"Sure. I'll set up an appointment right away."

After hanging up, Selena looked at Pierre in amazement. Before she even spoke, he already guessed what happened.

"I don't think we'll be able to leave."

Upon hearing that, Pierre lifted his chin. "I got a call from the hotel when you were on the phone. Bradley wanted to meet me, so it might have something to do with the ancient scrolls."

"What should we do, then?"

"We'll have to adapt to the situation. You should go work on your stuff while I handle things on my end."

Selena nodded in response after that. In the afternoon, she got a call from Madeline to inform her that she had an appointment with the lady at eight o'clock that night in Hilton Hotel. When Selena arrived at the hotel, Madeline was already waiting for her over there.

"Miss Perry, I hope you don't mind me asking, but why did we ask to meet in a hotel? We're all women, so isn't it better if we met at a restaurant or a cafeteria for tea?"

"The lady is a bit of an oddball. Besides, she bought the bracelet using fifty million. While it might not be a huge amount for you, it was a significant amount for her, so of course she felt the need to be careful," Madeline replied with a smile. "Oh, I see..." Selena didn't say anything else. If the woman did bring the bracelet with her, it made sense to err on the side of caution. After all, the bracelet was priceless. Seeing that she bought it with fifty million, of course she would treasure it.

After that, Madeline led Selena to the top floor of the hotel where the best room in the hotel was. The living room and dining room were situated right next to the entrance, with some refreshments, fruits, and pastries on the table.

"Miss Yard, the lady sent me a text to tell us to wait for her, as she is stuck in a traffic jam."

"Sure, tell her to take her time."

After that, Madeline and Selena sat by the dining table to chat over some snacks. They were in the same line of work, so they had a lot of common interests. Time passed as they chatted away, but even then, the lady didn't show up. Upon checking the time on her watch, Madeline complained, "She sure is something else. We agreed to meet at eight o'clock, but she hasn't arrived even though it's already nine! I'll give her a call to urge her."

"Sure."

Madeline then left the room with her phone, leaving Selena alone in the room. Feeling bored, Selena began fiddling with her phone. All of a sudden, the room was filled by the faint and exquisite fragrance of a burning incense, which Selena noticed she was beginning to get addicted to.