

Save Myself From Desperation by Cara Agnes

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Ashley nodded slightly. "Good."

Then, she left with Tom.

Evan froze on the spot as if being hit by a big blow.

He tried to curry favor with Tom, while Tom came to pick Ashley up.

His mind was filled with questions. 'Is Tom here for Ashley? Why is he so respectful to her? How could it be?'

Thinking of Tom's indifference to him, Evan frowned in a sulk, "Jeremy, what's going on?"

Jeremy was also puzzled. "Last time Ashley ran away from home, it was Tom who came to pick her up. Could it be that...she has something to do with the Kingsley family?"

Jessica had her heart in her mouth, both nervous and jealous.

She thought, 'How could Ashley be close to the Kingsley family? Why would the Kingsley family be interested in her? It's impossible.

Even though Jessica was trying to comfort herself, she couldn't deny Tom's respectful attitude towards Ashley.

The seats of three invitations that the Ramos family had worked so hard to get were located in the hall on the first floor.

Logically speaking, they were not qualified to go to the second floor. It was Jessica who wanted to come up for a visit, so Evan and Jeremy came up with her.

The auction was about to start. The three of them couldn't stay any longer, so they hurried back to the hall on the first floor.

Ashley could be in the private room on the second floor, while Jessica could only be in the hall on the first floor, which caused jealousy and resentment to brew in Jessica's heart again.

Returning to the private room on the second floor, Ashley sat on the chair next to Valentin.

There were many exquisite snacks and fruits

on the table.

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Ashley ate a few pieces of fruit, staring at the hall on the first floor, wondering if there would be anything amazing in the auction.

Finally, the auction officially began.

The auctioneer came on stage, made some opening remarks, and then started bidding on the first lot.

Each guest in the audience was given a paddle. If they were interested in the auction, they could raise the paddle and bid. The highest bidder would get the lot. Once the

auctioneer hammered three times, the deal would be completed.

The auctioneer presented enthusiastically, "The first lot is this princess crown! Inlaid on it are 108 diamonds and 99 pearls, and it was once deeply loved by Yavelyn's queen!" As the auctioneer presented, the hostess displayed the crown around to the audience. When the atmosphere was livened up, the auctioneer began to call out the price. "The starting price of this princess crown is 160 thousand dollars. Anyone interested in it can start bidding!"

"170 thousand!"

"180 thousand!"

"190 thousand!"

Many guests began to bid, and soon, the price reached 190 thousand dollars.

Jessica's eyes were sparkling upon she saw the princess crown.

Jeremy noticed her expression and immediately raised the paddle. "200 thousand!"

Jessica was so surprised that tears welled up in her eyes. "Jeremy..."

Jeremy smiled and behaved like a good brother. "You deserve this princess crown.

You're the only little princess of our family."

Evan also nodded. "Jeremy is right. Jessica, let Jeremy buy it for you since you like it."

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Jessica was so moved that her eyes turned red. "Dad, Jeremy, thank you!"

The auctioneer on the stage heard the bid and repeated it loudly, "200 thousand! Mr. Jeremy Ramos bids 200 thousand! Any more bids?"

On the second floor, when the lot was first brought onto the stage, Valentin looked at Ashley beside him. She looked indifferent and was obviously not interested in the pearl crown.

Valentin didn't bid but turned to look at Tom.

Tom understood and went to the first floor.

The auctioneer raised his hammer and asked the bid again, "Mr. Jeremy Ramos bids 200 thousand dollars. Any more bids? If not, this princess crown will belong to Mr. Jeremy Ramos! 200 thousand first, 200 thousand second..."

At this moment, a clear male voice sounded in the hall. "240 thousand!"

The auctioneer immediately stopped hammering and looked in the direction of the bidding, feeling very excited. "Mr. Tom Shaw bids 240 thousand!"

Hearing Tom's name, Jeremy, Jessica, and Evan all turned their heads and looked over.

"Mr. Shaw? He also wants this pearl crown?" Jeremy wondered.

He thought for a moment and didn't want to bid more since Tom wanted it.

The Ramos family had been working on getting close to Tom, and this pearl crown could be regarded as a gift.

But Jessica liked this pearl crown very much...

The auctioneer on the stage continued to ask, "Ladies and gentlemen, the bid has now reached 240 thousand. Who still wants to bid for it? Any more bids?"

"260 thousand!"

A middle-aged man in the audience raised the paddle and also took a fancy to the crown.

Jeremy immediately looked in the direction of

would bid again, but Tom was sitting there with an indifferent expression.

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and no longer bid.

"What's going on?" Jeremy wondered.

Evan frowned slightly, "Jeremy, bid for it again."

Jeremy nodded. He raised his paddle. 270 thousand!"

As soon as he finished speaking, Tom raised the paddle again. "280 thousand!"

"280 thousand! Mr. Shaw bids 280 thousand!" The auctioneer smiled wildly, "It seems this princess crown is very popular. Is there anyone who wants to bid? If you miss this chance, there will be no next time!"

"300 thousand!"

In the corner, a middle-aged rich man raised the paddle and wanted to buy the crown for his mistress.

Jeremy stared in the direction of Tom, waiting for him to bid, but Tom was careless and seemed not determined to get the pearl crown.

But as soon as Jeremy bid, Tom would follow up and outbid him.

"Dad, what should we do..." Jeremy frowned in confusion.

Evan also noticed something was wrong. Tom was obviously targeting them and didn't want them to take away the pearl crown.

Jeremy pondered for a moment and said, "Did we offend Mr. Shaw?"

Evan recalled carefully. He thought, 'It's even difficult for us to see Tom. How could we have a chance to offend him? Is it because of the fight we had with Ashley just now? Is Tom avenging Ashley? How could it be possible?'

Jessica showed deep reluctance in her eyes but said generously, "Dad, Jeremy, since Mr. Shaw has misunderstood us, we'd better not compete with him for now. Maybe I'm not lucky enough to deserve this pearl crown."

Seeing her being sensible, Evan was pleased and felt sorry for her. "Good girl. Sorry for that! There will be other items in a while. If you like any of them, I will buy it for you!"

Jessica nodded. "Dad, I'm okay with that."

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In fact, she was simmering with rage. She wanted that princess crown so badly, but Tom was giving them a hard time.

Jeremy put down the paddle and stopped bidding.

As soon as he stopped, Tom also didn't bid anymore.

In the end, the pearl crown was bought by a wealthy man for 360 thousand dollars.

On the second floor, Ashley was slightly startled by what happened.

When she saw Tom bidding, she thought he liked this princess crown very much.

Now, she finally realized Tom was giving Jeremy a hard time.

Jessica failed to get what she wanted. Ashley was sure she must be furious right now.

Ashley pondered and suddenly thought of something. She turned to look at Valentin and asked, "Did you send Tom to the first floor?"

Valentin looked at her, tapped the cup, and said calmly, "No."

"So, he went there by himself?" Ashley felt touched and didn't expect Tom to do so.

Tom returned to the private room on the second floor and was excited after

experiencing bidding at will. "Ms. Ramos, Mr. Kingsley asked me to go down and bid. Did you see the frustrated expressions of Jessica and Jeremy?"

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