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Laura looked at Miranda and asked, "What's his name? Did he tell you?"

Miranda shook her head obediently. "No. He seemed pretty nice, though. He knew I was a celebrity and didn't leak the news

about my near car accident. He even helped me keep it secret."

Laura pondered for a moment and thought maybe she was overthinking.

She doubted Miranda would coincidentally encounter Ryan...

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After Miranda finished talking about the car accident, she took Ashley's hand, worriedly saying, "Ashley, when I was coming to

the lounge earlier, I saw Jeremy and Matthew outside. I think they came specifically for you."

Miranda used to like Matthew a lot, enjoyed his songs, and even idolized him.

But after learning what the Ramos family had done to Ashley, Miranda decisively stopped being a fan and didn't like Matthew

anymore.

She would unconditionally stand with Ashley if she had to choose between the Ramos family and Ashley.

When she heard Jeremy and Matthew's names, Ashley's expression immediately became indifferent. "Don't bother with them."

As soon as she finished speaking, there was a knock at the door.

Bryce, who had been sitting silently on the couch, turned his head to look at the door.

Laura went to open it. When she opened the door, she found Jeremy and Matthew standing there.

"Ashley..." Jeremy looked straight at Ashley, ignoring everyone else. "Can you come out for a moment? I have something to

hand over to you."

Bryce stood up from the couch and walked next to Ashley protectively, coldly eyeing Jeremy and Matthew.

Miranda also showed no kindness towards Jeremy and Matthew.

Ashley saw that Jeremy was indeed holding a box in his hands. After looking down and thinking for a moment, she decided

staying there

wouldn't solve anything and walked over. Then, they walked out of the lounge and into the corridor.

Matthew stared at Ashley intently. He didn't want to miss her expression change. "Ashley, how have you been lately? Are you

okay?"

Ashley ignored him, looking impatiently at the box in Jeremy's hands, signaling him to get to the point.

Jeremy hurriedly said, "Ashley, you must have heard. Frankie has been missing recently. I don't know if he had an accident or

went somewhere... I haven't been able to contact him either."

Ashley's expression remained calm and detached as if she was listening to something insignificant.

Matthew continued, "Before Frankie disappeared, he came to Jeremy and me. He left us something to pass on to you.

Jeremy and I didn't know where you lived and couldn't contact you, so we came here after hearing you were attending a charity

dinner tonight."

Jeremy handed the box to Ashley, saying, "This is what Frankie asked us to give you. Matthew and I haven't opened it."

Ashley glanced at the box but didn't even take it, not wanting to accept it.

Knowing Ashley's disdain, Jeremy opened the box himself. "Ashley, you should take a look first, then decide whether to take it or

not."

When he moved the lid, they saw what was inside the box.

Ashley's eyes widened when she saw what it was.

Inside the box were two items. On the left was an emerald necklace.

Ashley recognized it instantly it was her emerald necklace.

She had been adrift since childhood and had an emerald necklace with her birth date engraved.

Ashley had carefully preserved this emerald necklace since she was young.

Unfortunately, two years ago, when she returned to the Ramos family, Jessica saw her emerald necklace and curiously took it

away to play with it. Ashley, wanting to fit in with the Ramos family, agreed for Jessica to play with it, only to be told the next day

that Jessica had lost it.

Ashley was really angry and anxious at that time, urging Jessica to search thoroughly for it, insisting that she must find it.

When Frankie learned about this, instead of blaming Jessica, he sternly reprimanded Ashley, saying that it was just an old

emerald necklace. It was not worth to ask them to find it for her. He even worried that Jessica might have played with it all night

and dirtied her hands with the emerald necklace.

Since then, the emerald necklace has been lost and never found.

Now, Frankie had specially found it and asked Jeremy and Matthew to give it back to her.

In addition to the emerald necklace, there was also a broken diamond hairpin in the box, which had been glued back together

from its shattered pieces.

That was the first Christmas Eve Ashley spent with the Ramos family. Evan and Bertha had prepared luxurious and valuable gifts

for Jessica. But for Ashley, the gift was an old diamond hairpin that Jessica was about to throw away because she didn't like it

anymore.

Such a second-hand, used, and old gift was eventually crushed under Frankie's foot.

Now, Frankie had painstakingly glued it back together piece by piece.

Ashley found it all quite laughable..

She couldn't understand why Frankie had kept the crushed hairpin all this time.

But the act of gluing it back together seemed foolish and ridiculous to Ashley.

Jeremy carefully asked, "Ashley, this is what Frankie asked me to give you. Do you...want to take it?"

Ashley only took back her emerald necklace, feeling that even touching the diamond hairpin would dirty her hands.

Matthew quickly added, "Ashley, Frankie also had a message for us to convey to you."

Ashley didn't want to listen and was about to head back to the lounge.

But just then, she saw Lester approaching.

She was puzzled to see him there.

In a black shirt with long legs, Lester sheered, "You should just give such persistent people a good beating."

It was clear he was referring to Jeremy and Matthew.

Jeremy and Matthew immediately looked at Lester, realizing his hostility towards them.

Ashley, not wanting to see Jeremy and Matthew anymore, signaled Lester and walked with him to the other end of the corridor.

Only when Jeremy and Matthew were out of sight did Ashley stop and ask, "Why are you here?"

Lester smiled, saying ambiguously, "I made a donation for charity, so I was invited to the charity dinner. It's quite a coincidence to

meet you. here."

Ashley was speechless.

Lester said it was a coincidence, but he obviously came specifically for Ashley.

He wanted to personally find out if Ashley was indeed his sister, who had gone missing when they were children.

As for how to do a DNA test, he thought that hair with follicles could be used for testing...

With a thoughtful look, Lester eyed Ashley's long hair, thinking that instead of waiting for another day, he might as well take this

opportunity to get some of her hair.

Without making a sound, Lester moved a step closer to Ashley and reached his hand toward the hair on her back.