

Chapter 847 Ariadna's Escape

At the hospital

After the completion of the surgery, Ariadna's recovery was quite remarkable. Less than half a month after the surgery, her youthful looks had returned and her once frail face had regained a hint of healthy color.

Now that her strength had returned, Ariadna found it increasingly difficult to stay put in her hospital room. In the past, when she was weak, she had been very quiet and looked quite resigned to her fate. But now, her eyes were bright and filled with vitality.

Over the last couple of weeks, Loraine had only visited her twice, each time offering a few caring words before hastily departing.

Ariadna understood that this was because of Loraine's busy schedule and her father Clifford's cold attitude.

She wasn't sure how and when Clifford's bias against Loraine had originated, but the fact was that she missed Loraine a lot and longed very much for the exciting world she used to describe to her.

So, as soon as her health allowed her, Ariadna began to cajole Clifford, "Dad, I want to go out and have some fun. Can I?"

She had consulted with her doctor privately and had been assured that, given her current condition, she could leave the hospital as long as she took certain precautions. But Clifford, on the other hand, had remained adamant and still continued to treat her as if she was critically ill.



When he heard her making this request again, he looked up from his laptop and said with a frown, "No." His response left no room for argument or dispute.

But seeing Ariadna's face fall in disappointment, he quickly explained in a softer tone, "Come on, what is there to do in Vagow, this small city? If you feel well enough, we can just go back to Zodiac. You can do whatever you want there, and I will make sure you always have someone to accompany you."

But Ariadna didn't like this. In a rare expression of dissatisfaction, she said, "But I want to stay in Vagow and have fun with my friends, Dad. I'm all better now, and I've grown up. I don't need to be protected like before. Going out is not a problem. I can handle it!"

Zodiac was where she had grown up, but in her memory, it was just a collection of cold, imposing buildings. She felt the city was nowhere near as vibrant as Vagow.

When Clifford heard this, his expression darkened and he clenched his fists tightly.

Friends? Was she referring to Marco and Loraine?

His worst fears were finally coming to reality. His obedient and sensible daughter was daring to defy him by seeking to be with Loraine!

With this thought in mind, Clifford became even more resolute and said to her in an icy tone, "I said no, and that's final. Don't make me get mad at you, Ariadna."

Ariadna wanted to continue pleading, but Clifford stood up and immediately summoned Tillie into the room. Then he said to Tillie in a stern tone, "Stay here and watch over Ariadna. I have some matters to attend to in Vagow. When I'm done, we'll all

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return to Zodiac. Throughout our time in this city, if anything happens to her, you will be held responsible!"

Tillie trembled and nodded vigorously. "Sir, rest assured, I will take good care of Miss Ariadna," she promised.

Clifford didn't say anything in response. With one last glance at Ariadna, he walked out of the room.

Ariadna's eyes were slightly red. She threw aside her blanket and began to sulk.

Tillie became very concerned and sat down beside her. "Miss Ariadna, your father is doing this for your own good," she explained. "There are so many unscrupulous people out there. But you are so pure and kind-hearted. What if someone takes advantage of you? You should understand what he's trying to do and make things easier for him."

Even though Ariadna didn't say a word in response, Tillie kept talking, "Very soon, we'll finally go back to Zodiac. Just be patient for a while. When we return, you can have any kind of friend you want."

All of a sudden, an idea occurred to Ariadna and her eyes darted mischievously.

She was well aware of some of Tillie's little habits, so she felt that there was actually a good chance that she could get what she wanted.

All she had to do was to slip out unnoticed and she could go out and have all the fun she wanted. As long as she returned to the hospital before her absence was discovered, everything would be okay and Tillie wouldn't get into trouble.

Being a young girl, once she made up her mind, Ariadna didn't dwell too much on the consequences. She knew that if she Chapter 847 Ariadna's Escape #+120 Points at most missed this opportunity, it would be even harder to escape Clifford's control.

So, while Tillie continued to prattle on, Ariadna pouted and said, "Tillie, it's been so long since I last went shopping for clothes. I heard that Vagow has some very fashionable clothing, and I really wanted to take a look. But Dad won't let me go outside!"

"How can the clothes in Vagow compare to those in Zodiac?"
Tillie said with a smile. "If you want these clothes so badly, we
can order them when we are home and have them sent over."

"But I want them right now!" Ariadna pouted. "You know, we can't order clothes from Zodiac and get them right away!"

Of course, this wasn't possible. Tillie hesitated for a moment. Then she suggested, "How about I contact those high-end fashion boutiques and have them send over some of their new arrivals?"

For the Cruz family, such a request was a trivial matter. When she saw Ariadna nod in response, Tillie beamed happily. "Now, what's so difficult about that? Let me go take care of it right away!"

Almost immediately, she began making phone calls, contacting staff members at several high-end boutiques to arrange for the delivery of their finest clothing options for Ariadna to choose from.

While Tillie was on the phone, it soon became time for the nurses' rounds. Ariadna, due to her innocent and sweet demeanor, had already become very friendly with a few of the nurses.

So when the rounds started, she grabbed one of the nurses and said to her in a sweet tone, "Nurse, can you... can you please do me a favor?"

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The nurse paused at Ariadna's request, recognizing that fulfilling it would bring Ariadna great pleasure. Given Ariadna's influential family background, she couldn't afford to overlook the opportunity to fawn over her.

The nurse hesitated for a moment before nodding her head in agreement.

Tillie was oblivious to this arrangement. When she finally went back to Ariadna, she had a big smile on her face. "Guess what, Miss Ariadna, when they heard that you wanted to choose some clothes, all the shops in Vagow agreed to bring out the best of their stock. You just have to take your pick tomorrow!" she said excitedly.

Ariadna didn't say anything. But since she had obeyed Tillie's instructions to take her medicine and rest, Tillie had no reason to be wary.

The next day, various styles of clothes from different shopping malls were sent to Ariadna's exclusive ward.

Ariadna walked around while Tillie followed closely, making comments like, "Though Vagow is not as big as Zodiac, the fashion here still looks okay."

Ariadna hummed in agreement, pretending to be really interested. But in reality, she was extremely anxious, contemplating how to find an excuse to send Tillie away.



Suddenly, there was a commotion outside the door. It seemed someone was forcefully trying to make their way in. In the noisy argument, one of the voices sounded very familiar. It was a female voice. "Don't get in my way. I'm also a member of the Cruz family. I want to see Mr. Cruz!" she shouted authoritatively.

This voice... belonged to someone from the branch of the Cruz family in Vagow!

Ariadna's eyes lit up when she came to this realization. She remembered that the woman's name was Florence Cruz. She was not someone with whom it was easy to get along.

So Ariadna immediately pretended to be annoyed and said with a frown, "Tillie, who is shouting unnecessarily at the door? She's distracting me from what I'm doing!"

Of course, Tillie had also recognised the voice as that of Florence. She was far from happy. In fact, her face had turned a little gloomy. What did Florence think she was doing?

Tillie had been with Ariadna for many years and knew a lot about the Cruz family. She had heard that the main family had been secretly choosing the heir from among the branches of the family.

During the last test to find a match for Ariadna's surgery, Florence had come to the hospital with her son as if he was already a match and started acting arrogant.

At that time, Tillie already disliked them. How dare Florence come to the hospital again to create a scene?

Tillie glanced at the door and said with a snort, "Just a member of a poor branch of the family. Forget about it."

Ariadna was not happy with this answer. "But she's disturbing me!" she said with an angry pout. "Tillie, you need to go and drive her away. She should stop disturbing me while I'm going through these clothes!"

Tillie hesitated for a moment. She couldn't help but recall what Clifford had told her.

But on second thought, she didn't like Florence at all. Also, it was rare for Ariadna to be so tough. Hence, she must be really angry.

Being the apple of the Cruz family, no matter how goodtempered Ariadna was, it was only expected that she would be willful sometimes.

Besides, Tillie was only stepping outside the ward. She would be able to see her if Ariadna tried to leave.

With this in mind, Tillie made for the door and stormed outside. "What are you doing? Who the hell are you? How dare you come here and act so presumptuous?" she shouted at Florence.

When Ariadna saw that Tillie had gone out, she broke into a smile. Grabbing two customized clothes from the ones the shops had brought, she immediately ran into the changing room.

The nurse she had arranged with was already waiting for her there. She was so nervous that her face was red. Hurriedly, she pulled out a nurse's outfit and gave it to Ariadna.

"Miss Cruz, if someone finds out..."

"It's okay," Ariadna said comfortingly as she took off the hospital gown and wore the nurse's dress. "I won't get you involved. Besides, the money I gave you is enough for you to quit this job and live a comfortable life!"

The nurse nodded and helped Ariadna put the haute couture into her backpack.

But all of a sudden, they heard footsteps outside. In the middle of the battle with Florence, Tillie had come back in to have a look. When she entered the ward and saw that Ariadna was not there, her face turned pale and she called out in alarm, "Miss Ariadna!"

"Tillie, I'm changing my clothes! I've chosen several clothes and it will take a long time to change. Don't come in here unless something happens!" Ariadna called out to her.

When Tillie heard her voice, she breathed a sigh of relief. So she turned around and left the ward. Going back outside, she resumed scolding Florence, "Haven't you learned your manners? How dare you come here and shout anyhow you like? You..."

She paused as she caught a glimpse of a masked nurse hurrying out of the ward with a tray in her hand.

Tillie was surprised and confused. Where did this nurse come from? Why hadn't she ever seen her before?

While she was wondering about the nurse, Florence launched an attack at her. "You're just a housekeeper! How dare you teach me what to do? At least, I am a member of the Cruz family and you're not!"

Tillie turned back to Florence and started cursing her. Concerning the nurse, she thought that perhaps the nurse had just come to change some dressings for Ariadna, so she didn't think too much about it.

Meanwhile, Ariadna had made her way to a bathroom. She quickly took off her nurse's outfit, changed into a white dress, wore a mask, and then changed her hairstyle. When she caught

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a glimpse of herself in the mirror, she beheld her eyes shaped like a crescent while wearing a smile. Satisfied with what she had done, she swaggered out of the bathroom and left the hospital.



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Florence and Tillie were quarrelling bitterly right in front of the hospital room. For someone who didn't know them, it would be hard to tell who was the maid and who was the aristocrat. The commotion soon attracted the attention of the hospital staff, and a group of young nurses gathered themselves with the intention of intervening, but they were just too scared to actually do it. They could only murmur among themselves.

"This is a hospital. Please, both of you need to stop arguing," one of the nurses finally said to quarreling duo tentatively.

Meanwhile, amidst the chaos, a young nurse had managed to sneak into the crowd unnoticed.

Tillie had all her attention on Florence. With her hands on her hips, she pointed at the woman's nose as she shouted, "Didn't you hear that? This is a hospital. No shouting allowed! You're always flaunting the Cruz family name and embarrassing the family at every turn!"

Florence's face became livid, and she exclaimed in anger, "You stupid old woman! I've been gentle with you long enough. You're nothing but a servant, yet you dare to talk back to me and even shout at me, forgetting that I'm superior to you. Do you really think you can bully me?"

But Tillie replied to her with a sneer, "You seem to lack a clear estimation of yourself. It's already a serious violation for you to disturb Miss Ariadna today. If I were you, I would apologize to her and beg for mercy, otherwise there will be no reason for you to come here again!"

Florence felt frustrated, but she couldn't do anything to the wicked servant out here in public. The Cruz family name was simply too prestigious for that. So all she could do was to grit her teeth and console herself with the thought that once Grady took his place, she would be able to deal with the servant anyhow she pleased.

Now that Florence had suppressed her anger, she said to Tillie in a cold tone, "I have neither the time nor the inclination to exchange words with a crude servant like you. The only reason I came here today was to report certain important matter to Mr. Cruz. So go tell him that I'm here!"

"Oh please," Tillie scoffed scornfully. "What important matter could you possibly have to report? Aren't you just trying to take advantage of this opportunity to meet Mr. Cruz so you will be able to climb the social ladder? But I'll advise you to forget about it. Mr. Cruz is very busy and he doesn't have time to see you."

Hearing her response, Florence became so angry that she wanted to fight Tillie right then and there, but she managed to suppress the urge, and instead focused on thinking about her own bright future. "This is a matter of great importance. If it's delayed, I guarantee you that the consequences will be too much for you to bear!" she warned hotly.

"I'd love to hear what important matter you're referring to. If your message is indeed important, I will certainly report it to Mr. Cruz," Tillie said with a careless shrug.

Florence took a few breaths to calm herself down, and then replied, "I want to report Marco and Loraine's conspiracy to deliberately deceive the Cruz family with the intention of causing harm to the family!"

But to her surprise, Tillie did not react with shock or

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immediately promise to take action and report her claim to the Cruz family as she had anticipated. Instead, Tillie glanced at her strangely as if she was a crazy person.

"I'm serious!" Florence pointed out.

But Tillie's facial expression only grew worse. A look of disgust and disdain now enveloped her face.

After all, Marco was suspected of being a member of the Cruz family, and Clifford himself had come to Vagow to bring him back to Zodiac. Tillie was impatient to be on Marco's good side in light of his true identity, there was no way she would be so stupid as to tell on Marco and offend him.

As for Loraine, if Florence had made this claim much earlier, Tillie might have believed her. But now, it was too late. Loraine did not only provide the surgical robot that eventually saved Ariadna's life, she also had a close relationship with Marco. Unless Tillie was crazy, it would be highly unlikely for her to pick a fight with someone like Loraine.

In fact, if Tillie had any suspicions about anyone, it was Florence. She felt that Florence might be up to something sinister, perhaps even using her son to further her own ambitious agenda. She believed Florence was dreaming of gaining significant power and influence within the Cruz family.

Tillie was not only Ariadna's personal attendant, she was also pretty much a member of the main household. It was unlikely that she would be happy with any move from a member of the side branches to vie for the position of the head of the family.

Her face as cold as ice, she immediately instructed Ariadna's bodyguards in a stern tone, "Take this woman away immediately. If you ever see her approaching Miss Cruz again in the future, just chase her away! Or are any of you willing to take the consequences for allowing someone to interrupt Miss

Cruz's rest?"

The bodyguards, of course, were not interested in suffering such consequences, so they stepped forward to "escort" Florence away. As a result, Florence fell into a panic and exclaimed in desperation, "I swear, I'm telling you the truth! Marco and Loraine are in some big conspiracy!"

But Tillie did not pay any attention to her and instead ordered the bodyguards to hurry up and drag her out of the hospital.

As they dragged her out, Florence kept shouting, "Why do you think Marco passed the compatibility test instead of others? There must be some manipulation by Loraine behind the scenes! Tillie, are you driving me away because Loraine has bought you off and you're scared that I'll expose the truth about her? Let me see Clifford! He will surely believe me!"

Tillie couldn't help but roll her eyes and hiss dismissively. For a moment, she had thought that Florence really had some "big news", but it turned out to be such nonsense claims.

The reason Marco was a successful match was because he was related to the Cruz family by blood. In fact, Tillie was the one who personally begged him to submit to the test.

But there was no need to explain all these to an insignificant member of the family like Florence. "Do you think Mr. Cruz is someone you can meet simply by saying you want to see him?" Tillie called after the still screaming Florence. "After you've been thrown out, you'd better stay far away from this hospital. If you keep making noise, it will affect Miss Cruz's mood. By then, being thrown out will be nothing compared to what will be done to you!"

Eventually, despite all her struggles, the bodyguard threw Florence out of the hospital.

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After Florence was dragged out of the hospital, all the nurses that had gathered around went back to their stations. Tillie then walked slowly back to the ward like a proud winner of a prize fight. But all of a sudden, she remembered the strange nurse she had seen earlier and her heart immediately skipped a beat.

Tillie went over to the door of the bathroom, which was temporarily being used as a dressing room. She wanted to knock, but she hesitated when she saw the outline of the figure inside.

She knew that Ariadna wasn't in a good mood today and she also knew some of the reasons. Maybe one of the reasons was that Clifford had refused her request to go out and have some fun.

Not long ago, Ariadna had acted abnormally fierce, so perhaps it would not be a good idea to disturb her now. Besides, the most important thing was for Ariadna to make a full recovery. If Ariadna's anger affected her recovery, Tillie would feel very guilty for annoying her.

With this in mind, Tillie turned around and went to look at the rows of clothes in the ward.

But she felt that these clothes might not be enough for Ariadna to choose from. It was rare for Ariadna to ask her for anything, so Tillie was determined to ensure that she did it perfectly in order to make her happy. So she began to contact other stores, asking them to send their new clothes over.

Though Tillie thought that Ariadna was changing clothes, little did she know that the girl had since left the hospital.

This was the first time that Ariadna had gone out by herself. Even when she was younger and not seriously ill, she still had plenty of bodyguards around her whenever she went out.

Now, all on her own, the innocent girl marched into the wonderful world. Everything looked fresh to her and she was dazzled and amazed.

In the past, she rarely had any cause to find her way around. Hence, she lacked such an instinct. So she had to stop and check the map on her phone to see what places were nearby.

As she followed the directions on her phone, a small label on the map caught her attention. So she went in that direction for a while and finally ended up in front of a bar.

All her life, Ariadna had been obedient and sensible, always suppressing her rebelliousness. She had heard of bars before, but she had never been to one. The only thing she knew was that it was a place only adults could go, so she walked in out of curiosity.

Since it was daytime, the bar was not very lively and the lights were not as dazzling as they would be at night, but Ariadna wouldn't know about this because she hadn't been to such a place before. Tucking her white dress around her, she found a corner to sit down and began looking around curiously.

Before long, a considerate bartender walked over to her table and asked her what she would like to drink. After hesitating for a while, Ariadna finally ordered a glass of juice.

The bartender couldn't help but chuckle in amusement. "Good girls shouldn't sneak out to bars," he said to her playfully.

Ariadna blushed, but quickly gathered courage and pointed at the fruit cocktail that had the lowest alcohol level on the menu. "I want this!" she said authoritatively.

The bartender glanced at her white dress with an evil look in his eyes. Seeing that, Ariadna pretended to be calm and glared at him fiercely.

But her action was more of an act of flirtation than a threat in the eyes of the bartender. After an amused laugh, he turned away and left. A moment later, he returned with a glass of dark blue wine and winked at her. His gaze was very lecherous.

"I'm sure this is the first time you'll be having a drink. Don't get drunk. But even if you do, I will be here to protect you," he said to her with another wink.

Ariadna's face turned a little pale. Though she was inexperienced, she was far from stupid. The bartender's gaze was so lecherous that it made her sick.

When she finally turned her attention to the wine, she found that it had a strong smell of alcohol. Being a member of the prestigious Cruz family, though Ariadna didn't drink much, she knew quite a lot about alcohol.

At least enough for her to know that the wine in front of her was definitely not the one she had ordered!

With a fierce look on her cold face, she pursed her lips for a moment and then said angrily, "This is not the one I ordered!"

The bartender shrugged casually. Then he glanced around and made a low whistle. Immediately, four or five men stood up and surrounded Ariadna, all of them grinning hideously.

"Hey, this glass of wine is our treat. After drinking it, you should

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come with us. We'll all have fun," one of them said with a lecherous grin.

Ariadna was pure and had just entered the colorful bar for the first time. From the moment she walked into the bar, these men saw her as a plaything.

But Ariadna put on a brave face. Even though her hands were trembling slightly, she didn't lose her composure.

After all, she was the potential heir of the Cruz family. Even though she had been bedridden for more than ten years, she was far from being a weakling or a coward.

At this point, several of the men that had surrounded her reached forward to grab her. Immediately, Ariadna poured the glass of wine into the nearest pair of eyes. She did it quickly and accurately.

As the man covered his face and screamed in pain, Ariadna hurriedly ran towards the door.

These men were caught off guard. This seemingly weak girl had dared to attack them! It felt as if they had all been disgraced, and they became very furious. The bartender in particular had a ferocious look on his face. Without thinking twice, he blocked the door before Ariadna could reach it. When Ariadna saw this, she turned around and ran back to the counter. As she ran, she pulled out her mobile phone and dialed a number.

No matter how composed she pretended to be, she was actually very frightened, and tears were about to roll down her cheeks.

She had thought it would be safe to go out in the daytime. But then, what did she know? She had virtually no experience. She never expected that they would be so bold as to do such a thing. The phone Ariadna was calling rang several times, but no one answered. Suddenly, she remembered that Loraine had told her earlier that she had an important meeting today and couldn't come to see her.

Immediately, Ariadna's heart sank, and she became even more desperate. Being someone who had all but recovered from a serious illness, she soon got tired and the men surrounded her again, forcing her into a corner.

Both parties were out of breath. The bartender shouted at her with an evil grin on his face, "Damn you! Now, you have nowhere to run anymore!"

Ariadna was so frightened that her hand began to shake. At this point, her phone fell off her hand and the men rushed at her like bees. "Bitch, you're doomed today!" one of them threatened hotly.

Ariadna couldn't help but shrink back and squeeze her eyes shut in fear.

But surprisingly, no one touched her.

Ariadna half opened her eyes tentatively, and the first thing she saw was a lock of red hair.

A man who had his back to her was kicking one of the men that had tried to attack her. "You bastards, what did you plan to do to her?" he cursed angrily as he delivered the kicks.



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Chapter 851 Ariadna Disappeared

At Universe Group, a meeting had just been concluded.

Loraine had made arrangements to return the surgery robot and had also discussed the follow-up matters with the representatives of Solar Company.

Overall, the meeting lasted for more than half a day. Loraine stretched her tired arms and legs before taking her muted phone out of her pocket to check it.

She was a little surprised when she saw a missed call from Ariadna.

Immediately, she called her back, but no one answered.

Two days ago, when Loraine had gone to visit Ariadna, she had told the girl her schedule for the next two days. Ariadna was a sensible girl, so she wouldn't call her during her working hours. Yet, this was exactly what she had done.

Loraine felt a little uneasy about it. She called Ariadna again and again, but there was still no answer. At this point, she became very worried about her.

She was supposed to go to the hospital to personally pick up the robot, but now, there was going to be a change in plans.

Quickly, Loraine stood up, took her coat from her seat, and walked out. As she went, she called her assistant and ordered her, "Deal with the matter of returning the robot to Solar



Company. If you encounter any problems, contact me."

"Yes, ma'am," the assistant said obediently. Loraine then went downstairs, hopped in her car, and drove straight to the hospital. When she got there, she went directly to Ariadna's hospital room.

Standing right outside the room, Tillie was talking on the phone, but she didn't look anxious. Instead, she was smiling. From a distance, Loraine could hear her saying, "Send some new clothes over for Miss Cruz to select from."

At this point, Tillie suddenly raised her head. To her surprise, she saw Loraine coming over to meet her. Immediately, she hung up the phone and asked in confusion, "Miss Torres, why are you here? What's wrong?"

Loraine took a deep breath and asked without any preamble, "Where is Ariadna?"

Tillie pointed into the room and said, "She's trying out clothes inside."

Remembering how much Ariadna respected Loraine, she quickly added, "Miss Torres, I need you to persuade Miss Cruz. I'm sure she will listen to you. Mr. Cruz didn't allow her to go out and this made her unhappy. She felt bored, so she asked to see the latest clothes from the biggest clothing stores in Vagow."

Loraine was shocked to hear this. Even though she nodded in understanding, she did not feel relieved at all.

If Ariadna only wanted to check out some clothes, why did she call her in the first place?

Even more surprising was the fact that no one had answered when she called her back several times. It was strange that Ariadna had decided not to answer the phone. The Ariadna she ## +120 Points at most

knew would never fail to answer her call.

Meanwhile, Tillie, seeing the confused expression on Loraine's face, asked her, "Miss Torres, what's wrong? What brings you here today?"

Loraine wanted to tell her about the fact that Ariadna had called her, but she decided to keep it to herself. She was not yet sure about what had really happened, so she felt that there was no need to cause panic by telling Tillie about this.

After all, if Ariadna had snuck out without Tillie's knowledge, it was not a good idea to tell Tillie about it.

So Loraine calmed herself down and said, "I know about the clothing thing. Ariadna called me to help her choose the best clothes."

When Tillie heard this, she looked into the hospital room and muttered, "But that's not a big deal. Why didn't Miss Cruz tell me about it?"

She was about to enter the room, but Loraine quickly stopped her and said with a smile, "Ariadna asked me to help her for a reason. So please don't disturb her. Also, I know some jewelry stores. Stellar Galaxy belongs to me. If Ariadna wants to choose the best jewelry, I can give her some valuable advice."

Tillie hesitated for a moment and then nodded in understanding. She had heard of Stellar Galaxy. The Cruz family had tried to acquire it back then, but it had already been bought.

She no longer had much dislike for Loraine like she used to, especially now that she had learned that a limited edition jewelry that even the Cruz family couldn't acquire was in Loraine's possession!

She felt that since Ariadna had invited Loraine, there must be something that the pair wanted to talk about apart from the clothing and jewelry issue. So, she stepped aside and allowed Loraine to go in alone.

As she stood outside thinking about what Loraine had said, she couldn't help but nod to herself in agreement. Frankly, she had not been considerate enough. It was rare for Ariadna to ask for something, so as someone in charge of caring for her, she was obligated to ensure that she always thought of such things on Ariadna's behalf. How could it be enough for Ariadna to just stick with choosing the best clothes? Of course, she also needed to buy some jewelry!

With this in mind, Tillie started placing calls to some popular jewelry stores. Meanwhile, after entering the ward, Loraine closed the door behind her and looked around the room. All she saw were rows of clothes. There was no sign of Ariadna at all.

Had the girl snuck out?

What kind of situation would make Ariadna call her? And why had Ariadna not answered her phone when she called her back?

Loraine couldn't help but have a bad feeling about it all. As she walked to the door of the bathroom, she saw the outline of a figure through the translucent door. She stood in silence for a while, but the figure did not move.

So she gently pushed open the door and stepped in. When she saw what was inside, her heart skipped a beat.

The figure she had seen through the door was actually a mannequin, and on the chair was a note left by Ariadna. It read, "I'm going out to play. Don't worry. I'll be back soon."

Loraine didn't know what to do. Ariadna was such an obedient



