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The Hoffmans' household staff gasped and covered their mouths in shock.

Knowing that Gregory would act in her favor, Shannon tried to push

the blame on the Hoffmans.

Everybody, including a wide-eyed Mrs. Hoffman, looked at Zoe in

unison.

"Is that true, Zoe?"

Zoe played it innocent and refuted Shannon's accusations with furrowed brows. "I would never do such a thing, Mommy. Bethany

was the one who came up with the idea to give Ada Wang counterfeit

jewelry."

Bethany was furious with Zoe for twisting the facts. She glared at

Zoe and shouted angrily, "You're lying, Zoe! You suggested the idea to

help me win Ada over and defeat Bella in the process."

"Bella? Are you talking about Bella Thompson? What does she have

to do with anything?" Mrs. Hoffman asked in surprise.

"I-" Speechless, Zoe broke out in a cold sweat.

Bethany, the pea brain, threw Bella's name out. She must be

determined to end their friendship.

"Where do you think you are, Mrs. Salvador? This is not a place for

you to raise your voice."

A chilling voice echoed through the room, startling Bethany.

Ryan approached from the main entrance with a smirk.

"I don't have a problem with you embarrassing yourselves, but don't

drag my family down with you."

"Young Master Ryan!" The butler and other household staff greeted

him.

"Ryan!" Zoe's eyes welled up as her hero came to save the day.

Ryan could not stand Bethany to begin with. Since Ryan adored his sister unconditionally, he would definitely take Zoe's side, no

questions asked.

"You're great friends with Justin, Ryan. Our families have a long-

standing relationship. How can you be disrespectful to me?" Shannon

was furious.

"Justin and I are buddies, and that's between us. What does our

friendship have to do with you? You didn't give birth to or raise

Justin."

Tilting his head, Ryan smiled and added, "You have never been nurturing to Justin, so don't use that on me now."

It never occurred to Shannon that Ryan was so two-faced. He was courteous when he was at the Salvadors' residence, but on his turf, he did not hide his contempt and disgust for her.

That was only because Gregory backed her up. Should one day

Gregory lose interest in her, Shannon would probably become a nobody in her social circle.

Shannon felt chills down her spine.

She had been Mrs. Salvador for over two decades. She seemed like

she had it all, but she could not even get the basic respect.

"Bethany went too far. She tried to drag me into her own mess and frame me, Ryan!"

Zoe threw herself into Ryan's embrace and wrapped her arms around him. "I was wrong, Ryan. You told me to stop hanging out with her, but I didn't listen. I realize now that I was dumb enough not to take your advice. I will never act on my own again. I'll stop being stubborn and listen to you for once."

"Is it true what Bethany said, Zoe?"

Ryan stared at Zoe as if to see through her, his voice strained with

emotion. "Did you have the jewelry forged with the intention of

harming Ms. Thompson?"

"No! It wasn't me! It was Bethany's idea." With a pale face, Zoe shook

her head in a panic.

"Stop talking your way out of it, Zoe!"

Bethany pointed at Zoe's face with rage. "The man who forged the jewelry is Alexa's apprentice, and he's from Inalia. Even if I wanted to

seek an imitation, I would've found someone locally on short notice. Why would I get someone from Inalia?"