

## **In A Flash 181**

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The song ended and everyone returned to their seats.

Aurelia hastily pulled away from Leslie and returned to her seat.

Leslie glanced at his now empty hand and curled his fingers, before returning to the table.

After the meal, Aurelia called the waiter over for the bill and Leslie took out a black card to place on the bill.

He shot a steady look at the waiter. "It's a coupon."

The waiter came close to losing control of his expression. No one ever told him that being a waiter required acting skills as well.

"Sure, please wait."

The waiter returned to the counter and whispered to the manager for a long while.

They spent quite some time operating on the computer before finally returning to Aurelia with the bill with a resigned expression.

Aurelia took the bill and was surprised. The meal was supposed to cost five hundred but had now been reduced to around seventy with the discount.

Aurelia handed her card over and stood. "I didn't think that coupon would reduce the amount to this

extent.”

Leslie nodded.

“Please come aga...Please be careful on your way out,” the waiter said.

He silently wished that this couple would never come again or the computer may actually break down.

Aurelia didn't think much of his words and left with Leslie.

After getting into the car, Leslie said, “Where are we going now?”

Aurelia glanced at the time and said, “Let's go to the supermarket. You gave me quite a lot of money so we can get some of the things we need at home.”

Leslie shot her a confused look. “That money is for you. You can just buy whatever you want.”

Aurelia considered it and said, “But I don't need anything. You and your mom bought me so many things that I don't really have anything else I want. Let's just get the things we need at home.”

Leslie was hesitant, but nodded in the end.

On the way to the supermarket, Aurelia switched on her phone and stumbled upon a lively conversation in the company group chat.

Her colleagues at the restaurant just now had taken a photo of her and Leslie dancing.

“What's going on? Wasn't this Kimberly's handsome and wealthy boyfriend?” One of them wrote.

“Today has been an eye-opener for me. If I hadn’t been there in person, I would’ve never believed that this is true. This isn’t Kimberly’s boyfriend. This is Aurelia’s husband!”

“What? Aurelia’s husband? But Kimberly clearly said he was her suitor.”

Kimberly chimed in. “It was an honest mistake. The photo is so blurry. It’s normal to make a mistake.

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“Kimberly! Do you take us for fools? Blurry? How did you recognize this person so quickly, then? Can’t you distinguish between 1.75 meters and 1.90 meters, or a 200-pound fat guy and a perfect figure of 160 pounds? Are you blind, or are we?”

“You tricked us into coming to the restaurant, then ran away. They charged us a hundred for a glass of wine and a piece of dessert. Are you out of your mind? It’s outrageous!”

Kimberly replied. “I’ll pay you back! I made a mistake, It was just a mistake! If he’s Aurelia’s husband, why didn’t she say so before? She clearly did this on purpose!”

What a move to shift the topic.

Aurelia quickly typed. “The photo is so blurry that I didn’t recognize him right away. Besides, I wasn’t in the group when Kimberly identified him. How would I know? The later photos only showed the back of his head. How could I recognize him? If I had seen his figure, I wouldn’t have possibly mistaken him for someone else.”

She used Kimberly’s excuse to shut her up and then turned off group notifications to let them argue.

“We’re here.” Leslie parked the car and asked, “What are you smiling about?”

“Take a look.” Aurelia handed her phone to Leslie.

Looking at Aurelia's response, Leslie furrowed his brows. "You seem to know a lot about my physique.

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Aurelia's smile stiffened. "Mr. Synder, let me explain."

"Let's go." Leslie turned around, curled his lips, and walked away.

Aurelia put her phone away and followed.

When they entered the supermarket, Leslie quickly took a shopping cart.

Her hand could only rest on the handle as she followed Leslie into the supermarket.

She felt more at ease than dining in a fancy restaurant.

After buying groceries for the next week, Leslie made a sudden turn into the pharmacy section of the supermarket.

An employee immediately approached. "Hello, may I help you with anything?"

Leslie glanced at Aurelia and said, "External injuries. I have some swelling."

Aurelia tilted her head, confused as to why he looked at her.

She definitely didn't cause him any injury.

Puzzled, the employee asked, "External injuries? Where? Can you show me? This way,

recommend something suitable. It's been hot lately, and sweating can lead to infections..It's essential to handle injuries with care."

Leslie furrowed his brow and nodded. "Alright.

With that, he unbuttoned the top four buttons of his collar.

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Both Aurelia and the employee were stunned.

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While the employee was stunned by Leslie's physique, Aurelia only just remembered she had scratched him.

"Ah!" she screamed and swiftly covered Leslie's chest. "T...There's no need to expose so much. Just a little...just a little will do."

As she spoke, she pulled on Leslie's collar, revealing the three scratch marks.

The employee's gaze shifted between Aurelia and Leslie, finally settling on Aurelia's fingers.

"Haha, I understand. It's not severe. The redness was likely caused because you didn't treat it in time and exposed it to water. Just use some anti-inflammatory ointment," the employee explained, handing a relatively large tube of ointment to Leslie.

Just as Leslie was about to take it, Aurelia raised her hand to intercept. "Isn't this tube too big? It's just a small wound."

"Miss, it's better to be prepared," the employee said.

Aurelia was momentarily stunned and instantly realized that the employee had misunderstood.

In her embarrassment, Leslie took the ointment.

“Makes sense. This one, then,” Leslie said and paid.

Aurelia’s face turned red.

What was Leslie implying?

Watching her hurried departure, Leslie reminded her, “Aurelia, you’re going the wrong way.’

Aurelia hurriedly ran in the opposite direction.

Unable to hold back, Leslie laughed.

Aurelia passed Leslie and muttered curses to herself.

She looked around and found a corner with a window for shoe and clothes repair.

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Aurelia stood at the counter and pointed at a picture of high heels with a broken heel on her phone.

“Sir, can you fix something like this?”

“Let me have a look.” The old shopkeeper adjusted his reading glasses and examined them for a while before nodding. “It can be done, but these shoes have been worn for a while, right? The soles are almost flat and it’s easy to slip down if you wear them.”

“Yes, it’s been three years. These shoes are important to me, so they must be fixed.”

“Don’t worry, it’s not a problem. I’ll attach a new sole for you, and it will be as good as new.”

“Great, thank you.

She was relieved. She had been meaning to take her heels for repair but hadn’t found a suitable place for it

When she saw the shoe repair shop just now, she decided to give it a try but didn’t expect it to work out

Seeing the contentment on her face, the old man glanced at something behind her.

She turned around and found that Leslie was behind her. “Mr. Synder, I...”

“Let’s go,” he said and turned to leave.

His sudden change of attitude left Aurella feeling slightly lost.

She didn’t know what happened and wondered if he was mad because she injured him.

She hurried after him and got into the car.

On the way home, she tried to speak a few times but was interrupted by the music Leslie was playing.

She understood that Leslie didn't want to speak to her.

Once home, Leslie placed all the things they bought on the table.

Aurelia, on the other hand, opened the shoe cabinet and took out her broken pair of heels.

She placed it in a bag carefully and prepared to take them to be repaired the next day.

Once it was all done, she stood and found that Leslie was staring at her heels from a distance.

"Are these important?" he asked.

"Yeah." She nodded.

Leslie didn't question further and thought, "A gift from the ex-boyfriend is so important that she doesn't even bother lying to her husband.

"Aurelia, I've underestimated you. You are living with me now, yet your mind is still on your ex-boyfriend."

Did she really think that he wouldn't find out where those heels came from if she didn't say anything?

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Aurelia felt that something was off.

When she looked at Leslie, she was startled by his cold and distant gaze.

"Mr. Synder..."



“I have something to do. Don’t wait for me.’

Leslie left immediately after that.

Aurelia stood still for a moment.

For an instant, she felt like she could reach Leslie, but an invisible force pushed her far away from him.

Leslie had once again become a man who kept others at a distance, just like when they first met.

She didn’t even know what had happened.

In the evening, she prepared dinner for the two of them as usual, but Leslie wasn’t home even when it turned nine.

To be precise, Leslie did not come back that night.

Aurelia woke up feeling a bit groggy the next day.

She hastily ate something and went to work.

Halfway there, she remembered she had forgotten to take her high-heels for repair.

“Oh well, maybe tomorrow,” she thought.

When Aurelia arrived at the company, everyone's expression toward her had changed.

As soon as she sat down, she was surrounded by people.

"Aurelia, was the man who danced with you really your husband?"

"Yes." Aurelia nodded.

"You're really good at hiding things. How come you never brought such a handsome husband to meet us? We should have a meal together so can wish you both happiness," a colleague teased.

"He's quite busy, and he's always working overtime. I don't think he has the time," Aurelia declined.

She doesn't that these people were genuinely happy for her.

"Aurelia, it's just a meal and your husband won't even entertain us. He seems so arrogant, Are you sure you can control him?" another colleague chimed in.

"Aurelia, I noticed yesterday that you and your husband weren't really that intimate. He was even late to dinner with you."

Sharp voices could be heard from the entrance. It was Kimbely and Millie.

Seeing the duo, everyone looked at them and there was an awkward silence in the air.

On her way to the company in the morning, Aurelia roughly read through the contents of the group chat.

Kimberly insisted that she mistook the person in the photo and returned the money to everyone who went to the restaurant.

Only then did those who were present at the restaurant corrected their statements and stood with Kimberly again.

Later, Kimbely deliberately posted a photo of her latest suitor, a mixed-race model.

However, no one was willing to indulge Kimbely's arrogance anymore as they were afraid that they would end up embarrassing themselves again.

Seeing no one paid any attention to her, Kimberly did not speak in the group chat for the entire morning.

Aurelia thought that Kimbely and Millie would've minded their own business.

She didn't expect these two to become more audacious instead.

Aurelia looked at the two. She didn't fall for their provocation.

"Whether we're close is something that should matter only to me. I don't think I have the responsibility to share that with you, right?"

Kimberly smiled. "Aurelia, Millie and I meant well. We just think that men should be more outgoing. Why couldn't you introduce us? We're your colleagues, after all. Right, everyone?"

In the past, everyone would've agreed with whatever Kimberly said.

However, now, only silence could be heard.

Kimberly's lips twitched as she glanced at Millie.

Millie stepped forward.

“Aurelia, why are you so reluctant to introduce your husband? Are you worried that we might discover something?”

“I was baffled as to why you would marry another guy when you were about to get engaged to Seth.

You didn't even tell me about this.

“Why is that? Had you been cheating all along? Were you just using the fact that Seth didn't pay you as an excuse?”

Aurelia was taken aback and sensed the gazes on her were changing.

She frowned and stared at Millie.

It was truly ridiculous that Millie was so eager to fight other people's battle for them.

What would Millie gain from slandering her?

Kimberly didn't wait for Aurelia to respond and nudged Millie.

“Millie, don’t talk nonsense. That man’s far more handsome than Seth. He can also buy beautiful dresses for Aurelia and take her to high-end restaurants. It’s normal for Aurelia to choose him,” Kimberly said.

“Can a man who behaves sneakily be any good? He looks like a player at first glance. If he’s really faithful, he should be more like my Jackson and escort his wife to and from work. It’s only normal for him to want the whole world to know about their relationship.” Millie chuckled.

Everyone remained silent and watched Aurelia.

Aurelia knew it would turn out this way.

These people didn’t care about whether she was doing well or not.

They were just eager to find flaws in her.

Aurelia smiled indifferently.

“We’re officially married and legally bound. How about you and Jackson? When are you getting married? Has he never mentioned it? Isn’t that playing hard to get? Or maybe you’re not qualified to marry him.”

Jackson was clearly a second-generation rich kid just playing around. It would be impossible for him to consider marrying Millie.

Millie looked genuinely worried, probably fearing Aurelia’s right.

Aurelia then turned to Kimberly.

“Ms. Watson, Mr. Carn looked pretty decent from what I saw yesterday. I thought you finally wanted

to settle down. I didn't expect you to move on to a model with a fantastic physique so quickly. How would Mr. Carn feel about this? One might think that you were deliberately toying with him."

Yesterday, she heard from Leslie that Howard is the son of the owner of Sunlit Legal Agency.

The people they dealt with were usually CEOs of listed companies.

If Howard was humiliated in public, his father would not tolerate it.

Otherwise, how else would they face those distinguished CEOs in the future?

As she spoke, Kimbely's expression shifted and revealed a hint of panic.

Aurelia stopped talking and returned to her own desk.

Just then, everyone's phones pinged with notifications.

Aurelia opened the notification.

It was a message from the office group chat tagging everyone.

"Breaking News! Sunlit Legal Agency just issued a statement saying they will sue someone for emotional deception and defamation."

"My goodness, they might as well attach Kimberly's name in the statement."

"She's done for! She just crossed the most powerful law firm in Seacester."

Aurelia raised an eyebrow.

She was surprised at how quickly karma had caught up to Kimberly.

A few minutes later, a screenshot was posted on the group chat.

Surprisingly, it was a post from Kimbely's uncle's company.

“The romantic dispute between Kimbely and Mr. Carn is Kimbely's personal affair. It has nothing to do with our company.”

Just like Leslie had predicted, Kimberly's uncle would be the first person to abandon her if something happened.

Kimberly stood in the middle of the office, frozen in place like a statue.

Everyone kept their distance from her, not wanting anything to do with her.

Shortly after, Kimberly received a call and she ran outside.

Aurelia screenshot the group chat and send it to Leslie.

“Mr. Synder, you are practically a prophet.”

There was no response and her joy instantly depleted.

She stared at her screen in a long daze, wondering if Leslie was busy.

An hour later, Kimberly was removed from her position as vice director.

She became the most short-lived vice director in the company.

Under everyone's mocking gazes, Kimberly gathered her belongings and returned to her previous workstation.

She tightened her grip on her phone and glared daggers at Aurelia.

"Aurelia, this won't end here! Just wait!" she thought.

She took out another phone from her purse and made a call to a certain number with a vicious sneer.

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Kimberly sneaked out of the office when nobody was paying attention.

She found a hidden corner and dialed a number.

It wasn't until the third attempt that someone on the other end impatiently answered the call.

"Who is it? Stop bothering me!"

"Seth, how have you been lately?" Kimberly asked softly.

"Kimberly? Why are you calling me? Why do you care how I've been doing?"



It was evident that Seth hadn't been having a pleasant time recently. Otherwise, he wouldn't be so irritable.

It was no wonder that he hadn't been active in the group chat lately.

Kimberly raised an eyebrow.

She was secretly hoping that Seth was going through a rough patch. After all, she wanted Aurelia to suffer a worse embarrassment than she did. Pretending to be concerned, she said, "Seth, you haven't been active lately, I thought you were upset by Aurelia. So, I called to check on you. I'll hang up now if you're doing alright."

"Wait a minute, Aurelia? What happened to her?" Seth stopped Kimberly from hanging up.

Recently, he had been constantly troubled by his superior at work.

Worse yet, things weren't going smoothly for him at all.

Failing to get a promotion was one thing, but now, even his job was in jeopardy.

He was so stressed that he was losing hair.

What energy does he have to care about what was happening in the group chat? Besides, he had at least twenty WhatsApp groups.

It was impossible to keep track of everything in every group.

However, something big must have happened if Kimberly mentioned Aurelia.

Could it be that she and her so-called cheap husband were separating, and now she wanted to reconcile with him?

He laughed inwardly.

As he had said before, the only man who could accept her family's situation was him.

If Aurelia approached him, he would insist that she transfer the house's ownership to him first to prevent her from relying on her family for support. "I get it now. Aurelia wants to get back together with me, but is too embarrassed to ask me herself. Is that why she asked you to talk to me instead?" Seth said. "Seth, why don't you have a look at the group chat?" Kimberly said hesitantly. "Why can't you just say your piece? Who has time to go through the chat history?" Seth said impatiently.

"Seth, we're friends. So I called you to let you know you were cheated on. Don't tell anyone that I said anything. By the way, I heard that you were almost about to get a promotion, so congratulations."

After being arrested and taken to the police station, there was no way that Seth would get a promotion.

Kimberly knew that.

She was rubbing salt on his wound on purpose.

After saying what she needed to say, Kimberly hung up and thought, "Aurelia, just you wait. If you make me suffer, you will suffer too."

How could a selfish man like Seth accept that he was cheated on?

If Aurelia truly cheated and abandoned her boyfriend to marry another lover, he might just consider skinning Aurelia alive.

Kimberly was eager to see who would still envy Aurelia when that happened.

On the other end, Seth froze when he heard that he had been cheated on.

Then, Kimberly mentioned his promotion and this merely made him even more angry.

If it wasn't for Aurelia, he would have gotten a promotion long ago.

He wouldn't end up getting reprimanded by his boss all the time and mocked by his colleagues.

Clenching his fists in rage, he opened the office group chat.

After reading thousands of messages, he stared at a photo of Aurelia dancing with a man while looking stunningly beautiful.

His eyes turned red from jealousy.

He had always known that Aurelia was beautiful.

Otherwise, he would have never fallen in love with her at first sight.

However, that was just one of the many reasons why he chose to pursue her.

Another reason was that he needed to stabilize his footing in a big city. Marriage was a shortcut to his goal.

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Marrying a woman from the big city was too costly for Seth.

His parents were already struggling to support him, so how could he burden them further?

That was why Aurelia became his prime choice.

She had a simple family background and parents who were both working.

She was born and raised locally. She had a coveted school district residence.

Most importantly, she had never been in a romantic relationship before.

To someone as experienced as him, she seemed like an easy catch.

However, Aurelia's qualities were also appealing to the others, leaving him without any advantage.

Hence, he took an unconventional approach and intentionally made his pursuit widely known.

He professed his deep affection for her to make everyone speak favorably of him.

Then, he got close to her by learning her preferences and orchestrated numerous coincidental encounters.

Women were emotional beings, and Aurelia was no exception.

After a few attempts, she agreed to be his girlfriend.

Even though they were officially in a relationship, some men were still eyeing Aurelia.

Worried about complications before marriage, he relentlessly belittled Aurelia and criticized her.

He claimed that her make up was bad, she was too fat, and insisted that she wore suits that made her look dull and unattractive.

Surprisingly, his tolerance for her dullness earned him praises from others.

Despite Aurelia's prowess in her career, she was remarkably innocent in matters of love.

Just a little kindness from him made her reciprocate generously, which fueled his vanity.

He was proud of the girlfriend he trained.

To ensure that Aurelia would be more obedient after marriage, Seth followed his mother's advice and constantly whined about how poor his family was.

Surprisingly, because of that, Aurelia's family didn't demand a dowry or a house.

He only had to contribute very little after her father's death to make Aurelia genuinely moved.

He was pleased when her mother fell seriously ill, knowing that Aurelia would have no choice but to rely on him in the future.

He couldn't be bothered to keep up the act anymore.

However, when he decided to buy a car, Aurelia turned around and married someone else.

It wasn't until Kimberly's call that Seth finally understood why Aurelia had found a new partner so quickly.

She had already been unfaithful to him all along.

That wretched woman.

He lived paycheck-to-paycheck, laboring every day.

How dare she wear expensive clothes and dine in high-end restaurants.

"I'll teach her a lesson for this!" he thought.

Meanwhile, in One Technology.

Leslie closed a file and rubbed his eyes.

Just then, Daniel entered with breakfast and coffee.

However, he was taken aback when he saw the look on Leslie's face.

Leslie had been in a rather good mood for the past two weeks.

Daniel wondered how he reverted back to the cold, distant man he used to be overnight.

"Mr. Synder, did you go through all the documents for the rest of the week overnight? Did...Did something happen to you?"

"Nothing. The opening ceremony is approaching and the Synder Corporation is on the move. I'm just playing it safe." Leslie took a sip of coffee expressionlessly.

Sensing that something was wrong, Daniel asked gingerly, "You've never worried about Synder Corporation, so what exactly happened?"

"Nothing," Leslie said coldly and changed the subject. "What's the schedule for today?"

"One of our clients responded and agreed to the collaboration in the technology section. We can sign the contract today. The client is located one floor above Ms. Simmons' office. Do I need to..."

Before he could finish, Leslie raised his hand to interrupt him.

"No need. What does this have to do with her?"

"Alright, Mr. Synder. You've finally come to your senses. Ms. Simmons may be talented, but it's not okay to pursue a married woman, not to mention she's still somewhat involved with her ex-boyfriend."

Daniel thought his words would touch Leslie.

To his surprise, Leslie's expression darkened..

"Daniel, do you have a lot of time in your hand? Go prepare the contract," he said coldly.

"Sure, of course." Daniel felt a chill down his spine.

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In the afternoon, Leslie arrived at Aurelia's company building.

He was about to get out of the car when Daniel pointed at something in surprise.

“Isn’t that Seth?”

Leslie raised his gaze to look outside the car.

It was indeed Seth.

He was wearing a smart-looking suit holding a large bouquet of roses.

Daniel chuckled.

“Ms. Simmons is already married. Why is her ex-boyfriend still so infatuated? In this scenario, no woman can remain unmoved. Ms. Simmons’ husband is really unlucky.”

Just then, Daniel heard the sound of something cracking behind him. Turning around, he saw the screen of Leslie’s work iPad had shattered.

“Boss, this is the second one this month.”

“You can head up first.” Leslie’s voice lacked warmth, and his expression hardened.

Daniel felt a chill down his spine and nodded. “Of course.”

After Daniel left, Leslie stared coldly at Seth and thought, “Aurelia better not come down!”

In the office, Aurelia was in the middle of selecting a venue for One Technology’s opening ceremony.

She suddenly felt the people around her staring at her.



As she looked up, she was surprised to find that she was right.

“What’s wrong?”

“Aurelia, haven’t you checked the group chat messages? Seth is here,” a colleague said.

Hearing Seth’s name, Aurelia felt a headache coming on.

After not hearing from him for days, she thought that she and Seth had nothing

to do with each other anymore.

What was he here for?

Aurelia opened her phone in confusion and saw photos of Seth from different angles in the group.

In the photos, Seth was wearing the same suit he had worn when he confessed to her three years ago.

He held a large bouquet of roses that looked like the one three years ago.

However, Aurelia had long lost the excitement she felt three years ago.

In her heart, Seth had simply become a stranger to her.

“Aurelia, why don’t you go down there? Just look at how devoted Seth is. I know that you are struggling to let him go. After all, he was your first love. How can your husband compare to him, right?”

Millie smirked smugly and urged Aurelia as she leaned back on her chair.

Aurelia's expression darkened.

She didn't care about what others thought, but Millie knew about what happened between her and Seth.

Yet, she tried to mislead others into thinking that Aurelia cheated on him.

She stared at Millie and asked, "I didn't know that first love matters that much to you. I should probably remind Mr. Morrison to not treat you so well, then. After all, you only have eyes for your first love."

Millie choked.

"Why you...I'm just saying this for your own good. You were the one who wronged Seth. He can't let you go, so don't you think you're at fault here?"

"First of all, I've never wronged him. If you truly have my best interest in mind, why would you ask a married woman to meet with her ex-boyfriend? What exactly is your intention? Besides, I'm doing great with my husband, so I will never meet with Seth no matter what."

Aurelia pointed out that Millie was just meddling and Millie was left gritting her teeth in silence.

Just then, Kimberly gasped and raised her phone at Aurelia.

"I'm sorry, Aurelia. I accidentally sent an audio to the group chat. I'll delete it right now."

Aurelia was livid and picked up her phone to check the group chat.

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Though Kimberly deleted the audio, some people still heard what she said.

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“Aurelia is so cruel for not showing up even in such a situation.”

“Seth wouldn’t actually die, right?”

“With all he has done, I will only believe that he loves Aurelia if he dies.”

“Oh, she can drop the act. I don’t believe in spontaneous marriages. Everything is premeditated. Seth was probably cheated on, right?”

Everyone didn’t shy away from stirring up trouble and began to add fuel to the fire.

Aurelia looked at Kimberly, who had her arms crossed, looking like she was enjoying the show.

Suddenly, a new video appeared in the group.

In the video, Seth had a large megaphone and was shouting at the building.

“Aurelia! I was wrong! I truly love you! You never loved him. I know all about it. You married him just for his house!”

“Aurelia! Let’s get back together! I don’t mind if you divorce! I will definitely work hard to make money for you to have a good life in the future!”

“Aurelia, why won’t you admit that you still love me? I still have the messages you sent me late at night after you got married. I’ll read them out to everyone now!”

“Seth, I love you. You are my first love, and I belong to you for the rest of my life!”

“I married him just to find someone to help me pay for my mom’s medical expenses.”

“After I divorce, I can take away his money and house and I’ll give it all to you. Then, we can live happily together.”

Seth’s words caused a commotion in the office and everyone’s gaze was fixed on

Aurelia.

Aurelia expression paled,

She never expected Seth to be so shameless.

She had never encountered such a situation before and didn’t know how to refute

it.

Kimberly sneered.

“Aurelia, your husband is so good to you. He bought you clothes and took you to fancy restaurants, yet you’re secretly plotting behind his back. What kind of person are you?”

Millie immediately stood up and said with a smile, “Aurelia, even if you envy Kimberly and me for finding good men, you don’t have to degrade yourself and your husband like this, right?”

Aurelia took a deep breath.

While she was trying to figure out what to do, Zachary walked out of his office.

“Aurelia! What is going on? I’ve reminded you to handle your personal matters properly. Do you still want to work here?”

“Sorry, Mr. Zeller.” Aurelia pursed her lips.

“Hurry and get him out of here, or you’ll be in trouble,” Zachary said displeased.

“Okay.” Aurelia escaped the stares of everyone and went downstairs.

Fortunately, it was working hours so not many people were watching.

There were only a few onlookers and some cars parked nearby.

As soon as Aurelia walked out of the building, Seth pounced on her.

Fortunately, she reacted quickly and dodged him.

“Seth! What do you want? You and your mother promised me you wouldn’t come looking for me again!”

“My mom was the one who agreed to that, not me.” Seth smirked with a dark look in his eyes. “What’s wrong? Embarrassed? You asked for this, Aurelia!”

Aurelia was horrified as she realized that Seth was doing all this on purpose.

“Aurelia, you cost me the chance to get a promotion. My superior has been giving me a hard time lately. Do you know how they’ve been mocking me behind my back?”

“They say that I’m a man who attempted to climb the social ladder with a woman’s help, only to end up getting played! You, on the other hand, have the audacity to cheat on me!

“You have been having the best time of your life with that man and flaunting your relationship in front of everyone! You are trying to humiliate me on purpose.

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“Aurelia, if I’m suffering, I’ll make sure that you suffer as well. Now that everyone thinks you are still in love with me despite being married, your husband

will surely think that you are cheating on him. Let’s see how he’s going to treat you from now on!”

Aurelia stared at Seth in disbelief as rage and despair overwhelmed her.

Feigning composure, she argued, “He isn’t like you.”

Seth chuckled.

“Aurelia, you’re being naïve. No man likes being the topic of gossip. Once rumors start to spread, he will eventually start taking it seriously.”

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“He won’t!” Aurelia said firmly.

Seeing how she was defending another man with such determination, Seth became infuriated.

His face contorted in rage.

Those eyes were only meant for him.

Why should another man get to replace him?

Seth forcefully grabbed Aurelia.

“Aurelia, if you don’t agree to divorce today, I will come here every day to bother you. I will let the whole world know that you cheated on me before your marriage and had an affair during the marriage. I wonder if your mother will still acknowledge you as her daughter after this,” he threatened.

He violently shook Aurelia’s body.

She trembled with anger, but her strength was no match for Seth’s.

She felt like her arms were almost being broken off by Seth.

She took a deep breath to control her anger and realized that dragging this on would not bring good results.

Seth had gone mad.

He used to be so proud of his job in a big company with a promising future.

With a promotion coming up, he had shared many dreams with Aurelia and revealed his ambitions for the future.

He lost the opportunity and suffered at work.

His colleagues were all backstabbing him, so he must have been miserable.

But what did it have to do with her?

It was Seth who lied and spread rumors about her in the group chat.

When her colleagues mocked and ridiculed her, she never came looking for trouble with him.

What gave him the right to threaten her now?

“Aurelia, tell everyone now! The person you love is me! You have to divorce and be with me!” Seth sneered and whispered.

“No, I won’t say it,” she refused.

Seth granned Aurelia’s arm even harder, causing her to sweat from the pain. Then, he brought his face closer to hers and sneered even more.

“Aurelia, it seems like you won’t appreciate what we had before unless I give you a hard time. If you don’t get back together with me in public, I’ll go straight to your mother! I heard she barely survived the surgery. I wonder if she can withstand my meddling.”

“I’ll count to three. If you don’t say it, I’ll go to your mother right now!”

He knew Aurelia’s weakness well, so he wasn’t worried about getting her to compromise.

Today, he was prepared to make the whole building know that Aurelia was a fickle woman.

He had to restore his reputation.



As soon as he mentioned her mother, Aurelia looked at Seth in shock and fear. "Seth, you...Don't mess around!"

"No more nonsense, speak up, or I'm leaving."

Seth opened the megaphone he was holding and slowly brought it to Aurelia's lips while giving her a stern look.

Aurelia bit her lip and said, "I...I will do it."

With that, Seth smirked and let her go, before shouting at the building through the megaphone.

"Thank you, everyone. Aurelia agreed to get back together with me."

Aurelia held her arm in pain and didn't notice that a car silently left the parking lot.

As the car drove past a crossroad, it crossed paths with a police car in the opposite lane.

Inside the car, Daniel felt like he was suffocating despite having witnessed a great drama between Aurelia and Seth.

"Mr. Synder..."

"Shut up."

"Yes, sir."

"Go to my apartment and pack some clothes for me. I'll be staying in the office for the next few days."

"Alright."

With that, Leslie stared outside the window, his expression darkening further as he thought, "Aurelia, you came downstairs in the end."

After what Aurelia said, there were cheers coming from the windows upstairs.

Just then, she spotted her savior at the corner of her eyes.

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## Chapter 190

While Seth wasn't paying attention, she snatched the megaphone out of his hand.

"I said I will do it! I will send you to prison! You don't need to thank me for it!"

"What are you talking about?" Seth was confused.

The people from upstairs shouted, "The police are here!"

Seth instinctively tried to run, but ended up getting restrained and pinned against the floor by the officers.

Aurelia continued to shout into the megaphone, "Seth, you blackmailed me. I have the right to call the police. I'm going to make things clear in front of everyone today. I will never get back together with you. I didn't cheat on you or fall in love with other men at the same time!"

Seth struggled. "Aurelia, you have nothing to prove what you said."

Aurelia smiled.

“I

“Of course, I do. I recorded every single word you said earlier. Let us all hear the devoted love-sick hero’s confession!”

She took out her phone and played the recording of Seth threatening her through the megaphone.

As she was coming down, she knew that she couldn’t have a civil conversation with Seth.

At that moment, she recalled what Leslie had said.

Instead of trying to resolve the situation, it would be better to deal with the person who caused trouble.

Instead of trying to prove herself to others, she might as well use Seth to prove her innocence.

Hence, she called the police and stalled while talking to Seth.

She let him think that he had control over everything and lured him into a trap.

It was bad enough that Seth was threatening her, but the fact that he blackmailed her with her mother was a direct threat to someone’s life.

There was no way that Seth could talk his way out of this.

As soon as the recording was played, everyone in the office was shocked.

“Jerk!”

“You scum!”

“Die!”

The curses grew louder, and Seth’s face turned paler.

Worried about a potential fight, the police officer pulled him away.

Seth stumbled in front of Aurelia.

“Why did you change all of a sudden? You used to love me so much! You always listened to me! Is it because of that man?” he questioned.

“Maybe, but he did teach me one thing,” Aurelia replied.

“What?”

“This!” Aurelia clenched her fist, raised it, and delivered a punch to Seth’s nose. No more talking!”

Seth was taken away by the police officer with blood streaming down his nose.

Upstairs, applause erupted.

“Aurelia! You were great!”

“You’re so cool!”

Aurelia didn't say anything and followed the police officer to the police station.

Seth's threats to her safety and the disruption of public order were already established, and writing a reconciliation letter would not get him off the hook this time.

He would surely be detained for a few days.

Aurelia took the opportunity to bring out the recording of Seth's mother and applied for a restraining order at the police station.

The application process was troublesome and required waiting for the court's decision.

But the thought that Seth and his mother being kept away from her and her mother in the future made her feel immensely relieved.

Upon hearing the consequences he would have to face, Seth got scared and ignored the police officer's blockade.

He rushed towards Aurelia.

"Aurelia, Aurelia, I was wrong. I really was! I was just confused for a moment! I heard that you cheated on me and got angry!"

"I came to your company today just to embarrass you and to make your husband suffer the same humiliation of being cheated on. I really didn't mean to hurt you! Can you let me go?" Seth pleaded and bowed his head.

you that?" Aurelia grasped the key point.

"Who told you

“Kimberly! It was her who called and told me!” Seth immediately pointed the blame at Kimberly.

“Don’t worry. I won’t let her off the hook either!”