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The next day, Aurelia arrived at the office to find the atmosphere strange.

If she didn't need Zachary's sign for certain procedures, she wouldn't even want to drop by the office,

After all that had happened the night before, everyone had labeled Millie as a foolish gold digger.

Millie, on the other hand, acted like nothing happened. She dressed in brand-named clothing and even said that it was bought by Jackson as compensation.

Everyone felt struck.

Compensation? How shameless did she have to be to say such things?

Aurelia went to Zachary's office for his signature. He glanced at her with a pointed look but didn't say anything.

He swiftly signed and sent her on her way.

Aurelia returned to her seat and opened her laptop to handle other work, intending to go to the event venue in the afternoon.

She was quite close with the workers and they could often work efficiently whenever it was an event hosted by her. Hence, she wasn't worried at all.

As she walked past Kimberly's seat, she could sense a pair of malicious eyes on her.

Speaking of which, Kimberly wasn't present when Jackson was beaten up.

She sure was great at evading responsibility.

Apart from Jackson, Kimberly was the most enthusiastic in getting others to drink, so she definitely had a role to play in Jackson's scheme.

Clearly, she knew something was about to happen when Leslie ran outside, so she didn't bother showing up at all.

Ignoring Kimberly, Aurelia went straight back to her seat and opened her laptop:

While everyone was focused on their work, the quiet space was interrupted by the sound of someone rubbing their hands, followed by the noise of something falling.

Out of curiosity, everyone turned their heads simultaneously and noticed Millie applying hand cream.

Suddenly, she stood up and started searching for something.

"Oh, my diamond ring! Help me find it."

Everyone exchanged glances.

In the past, they would all start asking questions, but today, no one moved.

Millie paused when she realized no one was helping. She then picked up the diamond ring from the floor and put it back on her finger.

She gestured toward her colleagues. "Doesn't it look nice? It was a gift from Jackson. He's proposing to me."

Her colleagues nodded with a disdainful expression.

How could Jackson still propose to Millie after what he had done to Aurelia? Was the Morrison family incapable of finding a suitable match?

Seeing that her colleagues weren't cooperating, the smile on Millie's face stiffened.

On the other hand, Kimberly stood up and walked over to lift Millie's hand.

"Harry Winston. This must be around twenty-eight thousand, right?"

"Yeah." Millie nodded, pleased that someone joined the conversation. "Jackson said he had a bit too much to drink yesterday.

"Actually, he only has me in his heart, so he bought this diamond ring to propose to me. It was a bit hasty, so he could only get one this small."

"That's still considered small? Look at Aurelia. She got married without even having a ring. You've got a whole carat right away. I envy you.

Kimberly smoothly shifted the topic to Aurelia.

Aurelia stopped typing and looked at Kimberly in confusion.

"My husband is an ordinary person, so he can't afford such an expensive diamond ring. That's normal. Your fiancé is the company's CEO, right? Why are you wearing such a plain ring?"

As everyone's gaze turned to Kimberly's hand, they were all surprised to notice that she wasn't even wearing an engagement ring.

It couldn't help but make people wonder if there were any problems with her upcoming marriage.

Kimberly quickly hid her hands behind her back.

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Millie glared at Kimberly.

Frustrated, Kimberly said, "Aurelia, what are you talking about? We were talking about how your husband didn't buy you anything. We are all women so we know that you were just fooled by his good looks."

"Well, someone did get fooled by his looks. You, right?" Aurelia retorted.

"Why you-" Kimberly pursed her lips and then asked, "What did your husband get you then? Just a few outfits?"

"He bought me the necklace I wore last night," Aurelia said.

"Ha! Aurelia, listen to yourself. I mean something real. That necklace of yours was definitely fake. Get your husband to buy something more ordinary. Do you have any idea how much an actual emerald necklace would cost?"

“Are you being discriminatory? Does your fiancé know that about you? When did we ever mention that it was real? You were the one who said it, right?” Aurelia said.

Millie sneered and rubbed her diamond ring. “Aurelia, fake is fake. Wearing something fake is just cheap.”

“Is everything you wear real, then? You’re just trying to look expensive by adding diamonds here and there? Are you human or an item?” Aurelia retorted.

Millie froze.

The others nodded and said, “Yeah, Aurelia didn’t claim it was real or very expensive. She just mentioned her husband gave it as a gift. Besides, the necklace looked really nice with the dress she

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“That’s right. We’re all ordinary people. Looking good is enough. You and Millie act like wealthy ladies and throw around tens of thousands. What are you aiming for, to show off in front of us?”

“Kimberly, Millie, since the two of you are so rich, why bother working at all? Are you trying to provoke us?”

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“Deliver something?” Aurelia thought for a moment and said, “Alright, where are they?”

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The receptionist stepped aside, and four men walked in. One of them was the manager from the Japanese restaurant yesterday.

“Ms. Simmons, hello.”

“Hello,” Aurelia greeted politely.

“We found your emerald necklace. Today, we had security accompany us to deliver it to you.” the manager said, pointing to a leather box in the security guard’s hands.

Aurelia was stunned. Did they think it was a real emerald necklace?

This was bad.

Aurelia felt awkward and didn’t know how to react.

Kimberly noticed her discomfort and chuckled. “Aurelia, it seems that you didn’t make it clear. They’ve gone through all this trouble to deliver something to you. How embarrassing for you.”

“Aurelia, are you trying to deceive people into thinking your necklace is real? Did you go through all this trouble just to show off?”

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She merely considered Leslie a roommate. She couldn't possibly accept such an extravagant gift from him.

"Why?" Leslie hesitated.

Since he had learned about Aurelia's financial struggles and understood her need for money, it seemed logical for her to desire it.

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"Aren't you her daughter-in-law?" Leslie replied, his breath catching unexpectedly.

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Aurelia's cheeks heated up. Amidst the silence, she heard Leslie's slightly uneven breathing.

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Aurelia pursed her lips and said softly, "Where should I put it? I don't have a safe."

Leslie couldn't help but suppress a laugh. "You didn't deny it."

Flustered, she said, "I'm busy. I'll hang up."

Leslie stopped her, "There's a safe in the study."

"Oh."

Aurelia hung up abruptly, Touching her warm cheeks, she took a few moments to regain her composure before returning to her office.

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“Aurelia, is your husband that wealthy?”

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Her previous business ventures and a collection justified such a purchase.

Everyone knew their roles between a mother-in-law and a daughter-in-law.

Upon hearing that Aurelia was just borrowing it, the curiosity of the colleagues diminished.

“Well, that’s good. I’ve never worn anything so expensive in my life.”

“Aurelia, can you show it to us?”

Aurelia intended to refuse, but had to nod as they wouldn’t give up otherwise. “Okay.”

Fortunately, everyone understood the value of the necklace and didn’t dare to touch it. After a brief look, they dispersed.

Aurelia quickly placed the box into her purse.

Millie still hadn’t returned for the rest of the day and no one knew where she went.

Kimberly, on the other hand, received a phone call and left during lunch break.

Aurelia took out her lunch box and went to nap after finishing her food. However, upon remembering that she had something valuable in her purse, she held her purse as she fell asleep.

Suddenly, her phone vibrated. She was shocked when she saw the caller ID.

“Mrs. Parker? What’s wrong?”

“Aurelia, I’m at the lobby of your office building. I can’t reach Millie. She’s close with you, so can you help finding her?”

It was Millie’s mother.

Aurelia had gone to Millie’s house to dine with them before. Mrs. Parker had been extremely kind to her and even called from time to time to check on her when her mother fell ill.

Aurelia immediately got up and went downstairs. She immediately spotted Mrs. Parker standing helplessly in the lobby.

“Mrs. Parker.”

“Aurelia, you’re finally here. Can you tell me what exactly is going on with Millie lately? Why did she borrow so much money?” Mrs. Parker sobbed.

“She borrowed money?” Aurelia asked

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Aurelia was momentarily stunned. She quickly helped Mrs. Parker to a nearby couch and asked cautiously, “Millie... How much money did she borrow?”

Mrs. Parker's expression stiffened and she explained helplessly, "About 140 thousand dollars. I received a debt collection notice today and then learned that she had borrowed an online loan. If she doesn't pay them, they say they'll go to her office to cause trouble."

Aurelia gasped.

Online loans were no different from usurious loans. Every year, police officers visited the company to educate employees about anti-fraud knowledge. They explicitly mentioned various online loan traps.

Millie should be aware of this, so why would she resort to borrowing online?

Without much time to think, Aurelia immediately dialed Millie's number. After a few beeps, the call connected.

"Why are you calling me?" Millie said resentfully.

"Millie, did you borrow money from an online loan?" Aurelia got straight to the point.

Millie took a sharp breath on the other end and cursed, "What's it to you? It's all fake! Jackson will give me money. He is rich. I'm his girlfriend, so why would I need an online loan? You're smearing my name!"

As Millie repeatedly emphasized Jackson's wealth, Aurelia lost patience. "Millie! Your mom is here! She received calls from debt collectors. She couldn't find you and got scared, so she came to the company looking for you."

"You're making things up!" Millie refused to believe her.

Aurelia handed the phone to Mrs. Parker.

Mrs. Parker immediately leaned in. "Millie, where are you? Why did both your father and I receive debt collection calls? Why did you borrow so much money?"

They assumed that Millie would show some restraint upon hearing her mother's voice, but were shocked that she cursed at her own mother as well.

"Mom! Have you lost your mind? Did you go to the office to embarrass me? I'm already an adult. I know what I'm doing. Do you understand the concept of early investment? I'm doing this for the good of our entire family!"

Mr. and Mrs. Parker were factory workers with an average income. Their targets had been to let Millie study well, work hard, and earn a bit more money for a better life.

They had never borrowed a substantial amount of money before, so the sudden revelation of a 140 thousand online loan bewildered them.

Mrs. Parker frowned at the mention of "early investment" and looked at Aurelia.

Aurelia became increasingly angry as she observed Mrs. Parker's gray hair.

Snatching the phone back, Aurelia scolded, "Millie! Do you have any common sense? If Jackson truly loves you, why would he let you take out an online loan? He's just toying with you. Wake up! Your parents aren't getting any younger, and they can't withstand something like this."

Millie snorted. "Aurelia, you just can't stand to see me doing well, can you? Since I got together with Jackson, you've been flaunting your wealth. You must be really proud of yourself for wearing an expensive necklace, right?"

"You're even saying that Jackson is toying with me. Would he behave that way if you didn't show up in front of him so often? Just give up. Jackson is mine!"

"You..."

Beep, beep, beep...

Millie had hung up.

Aurelia glanced at Mrs. Parker resignedly and gave a random excuse. "I think she's busy. The signal here is bad."

Mrs. Parker wiped her eyes helplessly. "Aurelia, you are a great girl. Help me out, will you? Ever since she started dating, she is nowhere to be found and rarely comes home at night. She used to listen to you. Help me talk some sense into her."

Aurelia hesitated.

If this was in the past, she would have agreed to help readily.

However, Millie had developed a misunderstanding toward her, and every word she said ended up being misinterpreted.

Hence, she didn't think she had the ability to help Millie.

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After a few thoughtful seconds, Aurelia held Mrs. Parker's hand and said, "Mrs. Parker, I will keep an eye on her for you, but I don't think we should let anyone in the office know. It's better if you handle it at home. After all, you are Millie's mother, and she will listen to you."

Mrs. Parker thought about it and realized that Aurelia was right.

Millie's current job had a decent salary and benefits. As long as she accumulated enough experience, she would earn more in the future. If things escalated, it wouldn't benefit her.

Wiping away her tears, Mrs. Parker said, "Aurelia, you are so considerate. I came to you today..."

"Mrs. Parker, don't worry. I won't say anything. You go back and talk to Millie. Find out how much money she borrowed, and then make a decision. If she has any unused money, ask her to return it quickly to avoid bigger losses," Aurelia advised.

"Okay, I'll listen to you. I'll go back now. Thank you so much."

"Mrs. Parker, take care of yourself."

"Sure."

Feeling relieved, Mrs. Parker thanked Aurelia again and left.

Aurelia watched as she left, feeling uneasy.

She couldn't shake the feeling that this matter was not over. Now, she could only hope that Millie

would reflect on her choices and repay the money she borrowed promptly.

However, Aurelia couldn't help but wonder.

Recently, Millie had been flaunting the things Jackson bought for her. Why would she need to borrow so much money? Could the diamond ring be something she bought herself?

Back at the Parker family's apartment, as Mrs. Parker climbed the stairs to the fourth floor, she heard the sound of the iron gate opening downstairs.

Glancing down, she saw Millie rushing in.

“Millie!”

Hearing her mother’s voice, Millie hesitated for a moment and then quickened her pace to the fourth floor.

She forcefully pulled Mrs. Parker into the house.

“Why are you yelling? Mom, why did you go to Aurelia? Do you think I haven’t been embarrassed enough?”

“What’s embarrassing? Aren’t you good friends with Aurelia? You didn’t answer the phone, and you didn’t come back yesterday. What exactly have you been doing?”

“I... I was with my boyfriend. I told you before that I’m in a relationship now. My boyfriend is a wealthy bachelor,” Millie explained.

Hearing this, Mrs. Parker pursed her lips and tapped her on the head.

“Have you lost your mind? We never said that you couldn’t be in a relationship. We’re just asking you why you’re living outside. Don’t you have any self-respect as a woman?”

“Mom! What era do you think we’re living in now?” Millie dismissed it.

Mrs. Parker was so angry that she could barely stand. She fell on the couch.

Mr. Parker heard the commotion and came outside. When he saw Millie, he took a deep breath and slapped her on the face.

“You shameless girl. How could you say such things? Even if that’s your boyfriend or some rich guy, you can’t live with him unless your relationship is official! You’re a girl, so if anything happens, you’ll be the one suffering in the end!”

“Dad!” Millie cried, covering her swollen cheek.

“Don’t call me that! You’re not my daughter!” He turned around with a dark expression.

Mrs. Parker got up and helped him sit down.

“Don’t get upset. Let’s just clarify this matter. You wouldn’t want to impact your health because of this.”

Mr. Parker sat down quietly.

Although Mrs. Parker cared for her daughter, having an enormous online loan was simply something that she couldn’t let slide.

“Millie, tell me that the call about the online loan is a lie. It’s some kind of scam, right? We keep receiving pamphlets telling us to be aware of scams. I get it. That’s what this is, right?”

Mrs. Parker still held hope within her.

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Upon hearing these words, Millie's face alternated between shades of pale and red.

She bit her lip without saying a word.

Mr. Parker seemed to realize something and slammed the coffee table in anger. "Speak! Cat got your tongue?"

Hearing her father's furious roar, Millie jolted and paled further. "I... I..."

"Millie, tell us the truth. Is the online loan real or not?" Mrs. Parker still thought it was a scam.

Unable to meet her parents' eyes, Millie could only nod.

Mrs. Parker's body swayed and she collapsed onto the couch, clutching her chest. "It's over. It's over."

Furious, Mr. Parker grabbed the teacup from the table and hurled it at Millie. "Have you gone mad? What do you need 140 thousand dollars for?"

Millie's knees were struck, and she fell on the floor in pain. She held onto the coffee table as she looked at her parents. "This is an early investment. It's necessary!"

"What are you investing in?" Mr. Parker asked.

"Myself. Otherwise, how can I match up to Jackson's family when I come from a background like this? I must have money. Only then will Jackson like me," Millie said seriously.

Her parents were stunned by her words.

Mr. Parker pointed at her. "You did all that for a man? If his family is wealthy and looks down on you, what makes you think you can marry him?"

“Now you’re deeply in debt, and you still hope to marry into a wealthy family? He has to be blind to agree to that. Take a look at yourself first. I’ll disown you!”

Seeing the situation, Mrs. Parker hurriedly stepped forward to hold him back. “Don’t hit her.”

Millie chuckled coldly. “You want to hit me? Isn’t this what you wanted?”

You arranged for people to introduce me to wealthy suitors because my cousin married a small business owner, and you were envious. As a result, I almost got assaulted on that blind date!

“Now I’ve found a wealthy second-generation man on my own. He loves me, and I love him. What’s wrong with that?”

“Millie! Stop talking,” Mrs. Parker cried. “He loves you? If he loves you, why did he allow you to borrow money? Why didn’t he come to our house to introduce himself officially? This man is just toying with you! Don’t be so stubborn!”

“No!” Millie stood up from the floor and glared at Mrs. Parker. “Is it because of Aurelia and what she told you? She can’t stand to see me happy now!”

“If she hadn’t seduced Jackson, I would’ve been married to him long ago! It’s all her fault that I’ve been embarrassed in front of my colleagues and Jackson!”

“Millie!”

“Just wait and see. I will definitely marry Jackson!” Millie vowed and stormed out without looking back.

Mr. Parker couldn’t catch his breath and clutched his chest as he collapsed.

“Darling! Darling! Millie! Come back!” Mrs. Parker yelled.

At that moment, Aurelia was making arrangements for the decorations of the venue when the staff from One Technology arrived for the testing of the products.

They would be using their newest robot as the servers of the ceremony, so they needed to adjust the respective programs.

To her surprise, it was Leslie who came.

She felt slightly shy especially after admitting to being Leslie's wife on the phone earlier that morning.

Leslie took on a professional mannerism and scanned the venue, before nodding his head at Aurelia and testing the robots.

Watching how focused he was, Aurelia felt her heart racing. Not wanting others to see this, she ran to discuss with the others about where the decorations would go.

When she turned around, she bumped into someone. Shocked, she asked, "Mr. Xenos? Why are you here as well?"

He was supposed to be the assistant of the founder, so why was he so free?

"The boss sent me here to check how everything is going. Um... Ms. Simmons, I'm sorry!"

"Huh?" Curious, she said, "Mr. Xenos, why are you apologizing to me?"

"I was the one who threw your heels away by accident. I thought it was a bag of trash," he explained.

"Oh, it's fine."

Daniel had once helped her. Besides, since the heels had eventually been found, she didn't think much of it.

However, on second thought, she realized that something was off.

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Aurelia tilted her head and stared at Daniel. "You've been to my house? No, to Mr. Synder's house?"

"Yeah, I went to get him some clothes, no, to get some documents."

"Documents? Aren't you the boss' assistant? Why would you go to his house for documents?"

"Uh... I... you..."

The two of them stared at each other, both stunned by the flaws in their respective explanations.

"Daniel, did you come here to hang out? Hurry up and get back to work," Leslie shouted.

Daniel seemed to see a lifeline and smiled at Aurelia. "I happened to be nearby, and then I went to get some documents for him. I'm really sorry for causing trouble. It's truly not his fault. If you want to blame someone, blame me."

"No, it's okay." Aurelia shook her head.

Daniel ran over to Leslie, and the two chatted.

Daniel's expression looked helpless.

Why did it seem like Daniel was afraid of Leslie?

Regardless, both of them were exceptionally serious when they worked. Aurelia didn't dwell on it and quickly focused on her own tasks.

Suddenly, Aurelia's phone rang.

It was Mrs. Parker again.

Worried that something had happened, Aurelia quickly answered the call. "Mrs. Parker..."

"Aurelia, help us..."

"Mrs. Parker, please don't cry. What happened?" Aurelia grew anxious.

"Millie has gone crazy! She angered her father so much that he has been sent to the emergency room. When I went to pay the fees, I discovered that all the money in the bank card had been moved by her! What should I do?"

Mrs. Parker burst into tears.

"Mrs. Parker, don't worry. I'll be right there," Aurelia comforted.

After hanging up, Leslie seemed to have overheard the phone call and stood in front of her.

The frown on his face indicated that he had heard the content of the call.

“Mr. Synder, I...”

“Let’s go.

I’ll take you. It’s not easy to get a cab here,” Leslie said as he turned toward the ext

Aurelia quickly followed him.

On the way to the hospital, Aurelia tried calling Millie many times, but each call was rejected. Eventually, she was blocked.

Aurelia sighed, unable to understand why things had turned out this way,

“Once she’s gotten something without putting in much effort, it’s hard to make her give up on it *

Aurelia sighed. “Her mom said that she has an online loan of about 140 thousand dollars and that she has used all her family’s savings as well.”

Leslie took advantage of the red light to look at her. “What do you plan to do?”

“Huh? What do you mean?” she asked in confusion.

“She’s from around here, right? They should have other relatives around, but her mother didn’t reach out to any of them. Why is she reaching out to you now?” he pointed out.

“I-I don’t know.”

Aurelia couldn’t understand why Mille’s mother had sought her help instead of her relatives’ help.

Once they arrived at the hospital, Leslie got out of the car and said, "Don't agree to help with anything too soon and observe first."

"Alright."

She nodded and followed Leslie to the emergency room.

The two spotted Millie's mother there. Her eyes were swollen from crying and her voice was hoarse.

"Aurelia, you're finally here."

"How's Mr. Parker?" Aurelia asked worriedly.

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Mrs. Parker choked on her tears. "It was a heart attack. The doctor managed to save him, and now they are urging us to pay the fees."

Afterward, Mrs. Parker looked at Aurelia with anticipation.

Aurelia froze and realized what Mrs. Parker wanted.

It seemed like Mrs. Parker was expecting Aurelia to take care of the expenses,

She suddenly remembered Leslie's advice not to agree to anything hastily.

"Mrs. Parker, I'm sorry, but I don't have much money on me. I only have a hundred dollars for living expenses. I'll ask the nurse if it's possible to accumulate medical debts for treatment," she said gingerly.

Mrs. Parker was familiar with hospital procedures due to her husband's extended hospital stay, so she understood that hospitals wouldn't neglect a patient in critical condition.

"But what about later? If there's no money in the card..." Mrs. Parker was at a loss.

"Let's try to reach Millie first. She should be able to help." Aurelia steered the conversation back to the focus.

However, Mrs. Parker grabbed Aurelia's hand and pleaded tearfully, "Aurelia, can you keep this matter private? If word got out, it would ruin Millie's reputation as a woman. Borrowing money online and getting involved with wealthy young men could ruin her."

Aurelia finally understood why Mrs. Parker had sought her help.

It wasn't just about money but also about preserving Millie's dignity.

Mrs. Parker didn't want other relatives and friends to find out about the situation.

Aurelia patted Mrs. Parker's hand reassuringly and said, "Mrs. Parker, I won't say a word. But you must discipline Millie well in this matter, or it will lead to bigger problems"

Mrs. Parker nodded apologetically. "Aurelia, I'm sorry. I just... I really don't have any money right now."

"Mrs. Parker, I understand. I'll go find a nurse. Let's first take care of Mr. Parker's situation. You can try to call Millie."

Seeing how helpless Mrs. Parker was, Aurelia couldn't help but feel sympathetic.

She glanced at Leslie and the two left the room to find nurses and doctors.

After completing the necessary procedures, Aurelia tried calling Millie again. However, the call went to voicemail once more.

She looked at Leslie and asked, "Mr. Synder, when you collided with Jackson's car before, did you

manage to get Jackson's phone number? Millie is wearing a diamond ring worth over twenty-eight thousand today, claiming it's a gift from Jackson. I think they might be together."

"That's impossible. Jackson has been confined to his home by his father since last night. His father is preparing his paperwork for going abroad. How could he have given a diamond ring to Millie?" he

said.

This information came directly from Jackson's father when he personally came to apologize for the car incident, so it couldn't be false.

Aurelia was taken aback. "You know that much?"

"Yeah, Mr. Xenos mentioned it," Leslie said.

"Then... Did Millie really buy that diamond ring herself? Why is she doing this?" Aurelia inquired.

"Because she's ashamed," Leslie responded bluntly.

"Isn't dignity something earned through one's own efforts? What's the point in depending on loans and men?" Aurelia asked.

“How many people are willing to work diligently after obtaining things without paying a price?” he replied.

Leslie was right.

Millie had had a taste of the glorious life she could obtain from Jackson, so how could she ever want to return to an ordinary life?

Jackson was merely having fun, but she took it seriously and became increasingly blinded by it

Now that Jackson was traveling overseas, she started borrowing money to continue a luxurious lifestyle.

Aurelia felt a headache coming on. “What should we do now then? Are we supposed to just stand idly by?”

“We shouldn’t go beyond our capabilities to help. If you mess up, this will all be your fault.

“You just mentioned that Millie bought a diamond ring that cost around 28 thousand dollars. If it’s new and from a designer brand, it can still be sold. All her designer brand products can be sold as well.

“That should be enough to help her father,” Leslie said as he looked at her.

Aurelia didn’t own any designer brand products and didn’t know they could be sold. She saw hope the moment Leslie gave his suggestion.

“Alright. I will tell Mrs. Parker now.” She hurried over to Mrs. Parker and told her that the luxury items could be sold.

Mrs. Parker nodded. “I saw a lot of purses and clothes in Millie’s closet. Can those really be sold?”

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Aurelia nodded and glanced at Leslie.

Leslie spoke in a composed tone, "In Seacester, there are several legitimate luxury item recycling centers. You can take these items for evaluation, and the transaction should be completed on the spot. It's best not to delay. It's challenging to estimate the interest on online loans."

140 thousand was not a small sum for ordinary people, and compound interest was especially dreadful.

Mrs. Parker pointed at Leslie and asked, "Aurelia, who is this?"

Aurelia realized she had forgotten to introduce Leslie. "Mrs. Parker, this is my husband, Leslie."

After sizing Leslie up, Mrs. Parker turned to Aurelia and said, "he looks much more reliable than the one before. You have good taste."

Aurelia felt a bit embarrassed and said, "Thank you, Mrs. Parker."

Leslie felt strangely content after hearing this compliment. Though he rarely meddled in others' affairs, he took the initiative to speak.

"I have a colleague who knows a reliable recycling organization. I'll ask him to come and take you home to pack your things and then go for an evaluation. If you think the price is right, sell it."

"Okay, okay. Thank you, Leslie. But what about this place?" Mrs. Parker worriedly looked at her

husband on the hospital bed.

“Mrs. Parker, you go. Leslie and I will stay here. If anything happens, we’ll call you immediately.”

“Aurelia, thank you so much for today. I don’t know what to say.”

“Mrs. Parker, it’s not a big deal.” Aurelia smiled at her.

Mrs. Parker was relieved. After ten minutes, Daniel came to take Mrs. Parker away.

Watching Daniel’s back, Aurelia’s doubts deepened.

“Leslie, Mr. Xenos seems to listen to you.”

“We’ve known each other for many years.”

That was true. After all, Daniel was his first assistant, and they had been spending time together until now.

Aurelia nodded in realization.

Spotting no doubt on her face, Leslie felt something indescribable in his heart.

“You...”

He was about to test Aurelia’s opinion on his identity when Mr. Parker’s machine started beeping

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with an alarm.

The doctor rushed over. "It's a cardiac arrhythmia. Hurry! Prepare for resuscitation."

Aurelia was momentarily stunned, and Leslie pulled her away to wait outside the curtain.

They listened to the sounds of the defibrillation, and Aurelia held her breath.

Fortunately, the doctor came out after a while, looking a little exhausted.

"He's alright now."

"Thank you."

"Are you his family? The patient's condition is quite severe, and we believe that there are other issues with his heart. We'll need to perform a thorough body check, so please be prepared."

"Please go ahead with the body check then." Aurelia didn't hesitate. Nothing was more important than a person's life.

"Alright. We'll start the preparations." The doctors and nurses left a few words of reminder before leaving.

Aurelia turned around to find Leslie frowning. "Mr. Synder, what's wrong?"

"It's nothing."

He didn't have the heart to tell her the truth when he saw the concerned look on her face.

Millie was blinded by the glorious fantasy she had been living. If her father actually had a severe heart disease, would she do whatever it took to help her father like Aurelia did for her mother?

They could only hope that Millie's father was merely suffering from a minor issue, or the situation

would escalate further.