

Married in a Flash Embarking on the Journey to Wealth

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The jewelry was indeed a beautiful sight.

Aurelia ordered something random to eat and **then** started stealing glances at the jewelry across the glass wall.

She hesitated to be too obvious in front of Leslie. After all, she didn't have the money to buy jewelry, and if she kept staring, Leslie might think that she was hinting at something.

Still, no woman could remain unmoved when faced with such a sight.

Aurelia could not do it, in any case. So she stole glances while she sipped on her water, in between bites, and when she wiped her mouth.

The necklace before her looked great. When she looked at the price, she noticed it cost 25 thousand. She thought it was essentially daylight robbery to charge that much for a necklace.

The bracelet next to it cost the same as well.

"This is absurd. A bracelet isn't even as long as a necklace, so why do they cost the same?" she thought.

Aurelia glanced around. Eventually, a ring displayed on a seashell caught her eye.

It was a simple rectangular cut diamond with a ribbon-like pattern on the band. In the center of the ribbon, there was a ruby gem.

There was no price tag on it.

She assumed it was also absurdly expensive, so she did not let her gaze linger too long.

However, she could not stop herself from glancing at it repeatedly.

Perhaps she was looking at that ring because Kimberly showed off her ring earlier that day.

Looking away, she noticed that Leslie was exceptionally quiet. He didn't even make a sound while he

ate.

“Mr. Synder, what happened?”

He wouldn't have invited her to a meal if nothing happened.

“Yesterday's presentation went well. More companies are approaching us for collaborations, so I'm happy,” Leslie said.

“That's great. But... did Leon Synder give you any trouble?”

“No,” he said.

Leon wouldn't dare to and the Synder family couldn't afford such humiliation.

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From now on, Leon's life would only become increasingly challenging.

Aurelia felt relieved after hearing that.

The photo of Leon's stunned expression was spreading everywhere, and she couldn't shake off the uneasy feeling.

She couldn't forget the smiling yet sinister look in Leon's eyes. He didn't seem like someone who would easily give up.

Just thinking about it caused her eyelids to twitch again, and she immediately rubbed her eyes.

Leslie raised an eyebrow.

“What's wrong? You've been rubbing your eyes since earlier.”

“I didn't sleep well last night. My eyes are tired, so my eyelids keep twitching.”

“Let me see.”

Aurelia hesitated and wondered to herself, “See what? How?”

As she was pondering, his face approached her.

Leslie's face was still flawless from every angle except for the faint dark circles under his eyes from staying up late.

Aurelia tensed up awkwardly as she recalled her freckles, acne, and dark circles from lack of sleep.

Before she could step back, Leslie's warm fingertips touched her eyelids to examine if there was a foreign particle in it.

As she realized what was happening, Aurelia tried to move away but was too slow.

Leslie had already lifted her eyelids.

He remained true to his straightforward nature, showing no inclination to be gentle.

"Nothing's wrong. There's nothing in there," he said thoughtfully.

Aurelia sighed and nodded.

She had gotten used to embarrassing herself in front of Leslie.

At the sight of her disheartened expression, he asked, "What's wrong?"

Aurelia pursed her lips.

"It's... nothing."

She finally understood what her colleague meant when she said men working in the IT industry were

not romantic.

Aurelia continued eating when suddenly a shadow fell across the glass wall opposite her.

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An eerie gaze pierced through the wall.

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Aurelia suddenly looked up and saw Leon in the jewelry store behind the glass wall. Her heart dropped.

A woman accompanied him, and they were holding hands.

However, Leon's gaze was coldly fixed on her.

Her hands tremble involuntarily, causing her fork and knife to clatter onto the plate.

Aurelia had seen plenty of intimidating people, but Leon was the first man she found genuinely terrifying.

He appeared tall and handsome, wearing a rather gentlemanly smile. However, his eyes were filled with darkness.

He almost looked venomous, and she felt like she would be killed with a single misstep.

Aurelia felt breathless under his gaze. A hand suddenly extended before her, offering her a glass of

water.

“Have some water,” Leslie said.

“Sorry, I don’t know why this is happening,” Aurelia said uneasily.

Being stared at by Leon made her feel like she was prey.

“I ordered dessert. Try some,” Leslie continued.

Aurelia was puzzled.

“Are we still staying?”

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She wondered if they should leave since they encountered Leon.

“We haven’t done anything wrong, so what’s there to be scared of? It’s lunchtime, yet he’s at the jewelry store instead of a restaurant. His intentions are clear to me.”

He thought it was disgusting.

Aurelia nodded.

“Indeed.”

A moment later, she saw Leon put on all the necklaces and bracelets she had just been eyeing onto the woman beside him.

The woman was moved to tears, but Leon kept glancing at Aurelia. He even gestured toward her neck with his hand as if to say she would look good wearing those pieces.

Aurelia felt a chill down her spine and quickly stuffed a bite of dessert into her mouth to calm herself.

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The only relief was that Leon hadn't taken **the** ring she had her eye **on** for the woman.

Men were cautious when it came to giving rings, as they wouldn't want to trap themselves.

Aurella stopped paying attention to Leon next door and lowered her head to finish her dessert.

"I'm done. Let's go," she said.

"Yeah."

As they got up to leave, Leon's gaze became both angry and resentful—even a bit sinister.

Even through the glass, his gaze felt like poisoned arrows piercing Aurelia's flesh.

Aurelia couldn't afford to offend Leon, and she didn't want to involve Leslie, so she could only quicken her pace while holding Leslie's hand.

After leaving the restaurant, Leslie slowed down his pace and looked at Aurelia critically

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Aurelia raised her head.

"Is something wrong?"

"It's obvious that Leon **came** for you this time. Don't you have any thoughts?"

Leon was the young master of the Synder family, the richest family in Seacester. Plenty of women dreamed of marrying him.

It would be normal for Aurelia to feel tempted, but Leslie felt upset regardless.

He felt he shouldn't ask such a question but couldn't resist the urge to gain affirmation.

He wouldn't have been so nosy before.

Aurelia looked at him hesitantly and giggled.

“Mr. Synder, I would think you are jealous **if** you asked questions like that.”

“I’m not,” he said immediately.

“I know. **You** couldn’t possibly be.”

He fell into silence, feeling even more displeased.

Aurelia noticed he was not joking and took on a more serious tone.

“I’m married. So I won’t think about stuff like that. Handsome men are simply eye candy, but no one

is as handsome as you are.

The expression on his face eased. Yet, he still had a strange feeling.

When she got into the car, **she** fastened **her** seatbelt and waited for him to start the vehicle, only to notice that he had not yet gotten in with her.

“I need to use the washroom. Wait here.”

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“Sure,” she said.

While she waited, she unlocked her phone.

There was quite a lot of good news in the office chat group. Apart from Kimberly, Seth, who had disappeared for a while, was also getting married.

Seth was showing off his big house and new car, so the others asked him to share his wedding photos.

Seth ultimately sent a photo of himself in a wedding tuxedo.

“No one asked to see you. Show us your wife,” someone typed.

“She’s reserved,” Seth replied.

There was something clearly amiss.

Someone exposed Seth immediately, saying that Seth had married someone a decade older than him. He was spotted fawning over this woman.

Rumors had it that the woman had a son who was almost of age, and her fortune was already divided accordingly before their marriage.

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Seth was practically a sugar baby.

Seth was instantly offended.

“Defamation is a crime,” he typed in the office chat group.

Someone immediately posted a video of Seth holding dozens of shopping bags. He was slapped on the head simply because he couldn’t help adjusting the woman’s shirt.

In the video, Seth smiled sheepishly without daring to stand up for himself.

Seth left the group chat within three seconds of the video being posted. This amused Aurelia.

The mere mention of Seth felt like referencing a stranger to her, leaving her remarkably calm.

Seth was dead set on staying in the big city and managed to do so. Still, his marriage would indeed be

miserable.

Aurelia smiled. Just then, Leslie got into the car and handed her a bag.

Taken aback, she picked up the bag.

“What is this?”

He maintained a calm look.

“I happened to...”

“Happened to walk into the jewelry store?”

She mimicked the way he squinted.

“Yeah.”

She fell silent, realizing Leslie would never admit to doing anything nice.

She extracted the box inside and realized it was the ring she had her eyes on earlier.

She thought Leslie was focused on his food and didn't pay attention to what she was staring at. In the

end, he noticed it.

"Why are you giving me this?" she asked in confusion.

"Just treat me to a meal over the weekend. A ring would make us appear more like an ordinary couple," he said.

"That's true," she said.

Aurelia placed the box back into the bag, feeling a bit disappointed.

It turned out that Leslie only wanted to keep their colleagues from noticing anything odd.

When Leslie saw her stuffing the box into her bag, he asked suspiciously, "Why aren't you wearing it?"

"I'll wear it over the weekend so that it'll have less wear and tear. Maybe we can return it in the future.

Leslie's gaze darkened.

Aurelia immediately took out the ring.

"I guess I can get used to it in advance."

After putting on the ring, she found it fit perfectly, surprising her.

She wondered how Leslie knew her ring size.

"I ought to know after we've held hands so many times," he said.

Aurelia fell into silence.

Suddenly, she felt like the air was heating up.

She panicked and tried to divert her attention to something else **by** handing the receipt to Leslie.

"Keep the receipt. We can exchange it for another model later or resize it."

Their marriage was fake, and they would inevitably part ways when Leslie's enthusiasm faded.

The ring would be useless to him then. However, he couldn't simply waste his money. So he thought exchanging it with the receipt would be a good option.

Leslie was rendered speechless by Aurelia's considerate gesture.

Still, wasn't this the outcome he had anticipated long ago? Why was he so angry?

"Suit yourself," he said.

"Okay."

When they arrived at the company, Aurelia exited the car, and Leslie left.

"Strange, why is he so angry? Am I not understanding enough?" she wondered.

Aurelia shrugged and stared at the ring on her finger.

Even though she would only own it temporarily, it looked perfect.

However, she couldn't help but wonder why the ring was so shiny.

She initially thought the ring shone brightly only because of the light in the shop that was cast on it. However, even under natural light, it was unnaturally bright.

"By the way, how much did this ring cost? I forgot to check when I handed over the receipt earlier. It shouldn't be too expensive, right?" she thought.

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After consoling herself, Aurelia headed upstairs.

It was just after lunchtime, and everyone was stretching and getting up to grab some water.

As she sat down, the office lights were turned on. The ring on her finger shimmered, catching the

attention of those nearby.

"What's sparkling?"

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Aurelia was taken aback as she didn't expect her ring to shine so brightly.

The colleague rubbed her eyes and spotted the ring on Aurelia's hand.

“Aurelia!”

“You scared me!” Aurelia was shocked by the shout.

The colleague grabbed her hand to look at the ring.

“Is that a wedding band?”

“Yeah.”

It was something like that.

“When did you get it?”

“Haha, just now.”

Aurelia didn’t intend to lie since everyone in the building was sensitive to gossip.

Everyone would find out where she got the ring from and how much it cost by tomorrow.

Hence, she decided to tell the truth.

Just then, a voice chimed in, “I just showed you my ring this morning, and you went to get one in the afternoon. Aurelia, is that really necessary?”

The voice belonged to Kimberly.

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Aurelia anticipated this and said, “Don’t worry, I’m not trying to compete with you. After all, the diamond in mine is just an ordinary one. How can it compare to yours?”

She then showed her ring to everyone.

The diamond was moderate **in** size and indeed couldn’t compare to the big diamond on Kimberly’s

ring.

Still, Aurelia was unsure of why her ring shone so brightly.

The colleague noticed something. She took Aurelia’s and Kimberly’s hands, placing their two rings side by side.

“Looking at the size, Kimberly’s engagement ring wins hands down.”

Kimberly smirked arrogantly and flaunted her finger, evidently wanting everyone to see her ring.

“But...” the colleague hesitated.

“But what? You won’t say her ring is better than mine, right?” Kimberly sneered.

“Yours is certainly more expensive, but when I chose my own wedding band, I specifically consulted

an expert.

“You can’t just judge a ring by its size. You have to consider the quality, color, clarity, and cut, all of which affect the quality of the diamond. When compared to Aurelia’s, Kimberly’s ring appears slightly yellowish and lacks shine. Aurelia’s ring is perfect. Although it’s smaller in size, it’s definitely more expensive,”

Aurelia started to pick up on the differences as well.

Having previously worked on jewelry exhibitions, she had some understanding of the subject.

She knew about the quality of diamonds, so she found it strange that such a small diamond could be so shiny.

However, she didn’t know that diamond quality was categorized into so many grades, with each grade further subdivided.

“Kimberly, why does your large diamond have black spots inside? Were you scammed?”

“Nonsense! Mine is a custom-made piece!”

Kimberly quickly withdrew her hand and covered her ring.

Everyone chuckled at the realization that Kimberly’s fiancé simply wanted to spend the least amount of money to marry her.

Other people thought Kimberly was superficial and riddled with deep flaws.

However, this time, Kimberly didn’t behave as impulsively as before when she announced a new engagement in the morning and changed partners in the afternoon. Instead, she swallowed her pride because she knew her uncle would stop supporting her and she would never find a wealthier man

otherwise.

Hence, she could only endure it.

Aurelia shrugged indifferently.

“Your ring is much more expensive than mine, so there’s no need for any comparison. Let’s get back to work.”

With that, she returned to her workstation.

Kimberly felt that Aurelia was mocking her. She had bought such an expensive ring, yet it still

couldn’t outshine Aurelia’s smaller ring.

She clenched her fists in anger.

Just then, Zachary emerged with a displeased look on his face.

“Aurelia, come in for a moment.”

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Aurelia immediately stood **up** and headed to the office. The surrounding colleagues began to gossip.

“It’s definitely about IN Magazine. It seems Aurelia has offended their fashion director.”

“What happened?”

“I don’t know. She went in fine, but Ms. Hank stormed out after a while.”

“Is Aurelia growing too arrogant? How dare she offend people from IN? Even her programmer husband won’t be able to handle these people.”

“A lot of our advertising department’s collaborations are with IN Magazine. If Aurelia offends them, won’t it ruin the collaborations for our department?”

Kimberly furrowed her brows as she listened to the chatter.

Coincidentally, she had a friend who worked at IN Magazine. After a moment of thought, Kimberly got up to make a phone call.

Inside the office, Aurelia approached Zachary.

His expression was grim.

“Aurelia, you did a good job with the work for One Technology this time. I’m sorry you didn’t get the position of vice director, but you can’t take your frustration out on clients, can you?”

“I didn’t do that,” Aurelia replied.

“Are you saying that Ms. Hank lied? She said you were very unprofessional and treated the charity gala as a town celebration. You clearly wanted to embarrass them,” Zachary said.

“No, she asked for my opinion, and I conveyed some ideas. But she-”

Aurelia didn’t get to finish her sentence before Zachary interrupted her.

“That’s enough. Why do you always have so many excuses? I don’t want to hear them. Now, everyone is saying we’re unprofessional. What do you suggest we do?”

“Mr. Zeller, just say what you have to say.”

Aurelia could tell that Zachary was enraged with her. Ever since she competed with Kimberly for the position of vice director and Kimberly was demoted, Zachary seemed to look at her unfavorably no

matter what she did.

Eva’s accusation was just an excuse for him to make things difficult for her. After all, Zachary was the one who helped Kimberly plagiarize in the first place.

Aurelia’s existence would always be like a time bomb to Zachary.

Zachary turned and sat in the chair before swinging to a more pleasant top

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“Aurelia, 196 Magazine has been working with our Apartment for many years, if you and up

jeopardizing the entire company because of your actions, I won’t be able to protect you, Father convince Ms. Harris to cooperate and resign voluntarily to bear the consequences for everyone’s sake.”

“So that’s what he’s plotting,” Aurelia inwardly thought, pursing her lips

She had already dealt with One Technology, which was a tough nut to crack. It would be senseless for **her** to give **up** her job because of some basis of austion.

She refused to let Zachary get his way,

“Mr. Zeller, don’t worry. I will resolve the misunderstanding with Ms. Hanks. I won’t delay the project *

Zachery’s expression darkened, and he set his cup on the table.

“Aurelia, you should know when to quit.”

“I know, and I only wish to do **my** job.”

She pretended like she didn’t understand the hidden meaning of his words.

Zachary fell silent

“If that’s all, I **will** leave now,” she said before departing from **his** office.

Zachary gritted **his** teeth in rage.

He felt that Aurelia didn’t respect him simply because she knew the founder of One Technology.

Even the boss was on her side at the moment. If she rose to a higher position, she would surely seek revenge on **him** for the plagiarism incident caused by Kimberly.

Zachary was not young anymore and if he lost **his** job, no other company in the industry would want **him**. Hence, he had to **find** a way to force Aurelia out.