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The management staff was startled by Eugene's voice while talking to Melanie. He turned back to look and said, "The pipe upstairs has burst. We just want to take a look."

Eugene looked at Melanie, who frowned. "I'm pretty sure my house is fine."

"We're just concerned for your safety," the management staff insisted.

Melanie was not willing to let them in. It was the middle of the night, and she was worried about allowing three strange men inside the house.

She was about to reject them when Eugene spoke up coldly, "Let's go inside."

He moved toward the door when he said this, looking like he wanted to go in as well.

When Melanie saw him doing that, the annoyance from being woken up in the middle of the night showed on her face. "What are you doing, Eugene Scott?"

"Have you forgotten who bought this house?" Eugene looked down at her and spoke in the same cold

tone.

Melanie's expression froze. She clutched the doorframe tightly.

Eugene had bought this house for the sake of convenience.

Melanie had just joined LeapCo then, and Eugene thought it was a waste of time for her to travel back and forth on a bus. He got someone to buy this house on his behalf and managed to convince Melanie

to move in.

She had stupidly thought that this was Eugene's way of getting her to spend more time with him.

Melanie closed her eyes. She looked very upset as she allowed Eugene to go inside.

A breeze blew in from outside, and Melanie suddenly realized something important.

Eugene owned her house. That would mean Melanie would not have a place to live in should Eugene suddenly decide to take the house back.

The management staff quickly came out after checking the house.

Eugene followed behind. He glanced at Melanie. She wondered if he was being sarcastic when he said, "At least you're smart enough to prioritize safety."

Melanie looked at him. She was silent for a while before turning back into the house.

She could not go back to sleep after returning to her room.

Melanie took out her phone and for some reason, clicked on a property app. She began scrolling through the rental listing.

Jepton was an expensive city to live in. Melanie did not manage to find anywhere suitable and flung

her phone aside. She lay in bed and shut her eyes to clear her mind.

She knew she was not going to sleep well that night.

The next morning, Melanie was awakened by the ringing of her phone.

Xander's deep, magnetic voice was heard on the other end. "Did I wake you up?"

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Melanie looked at the time. It was eight in the morning. She massaged between her eyes and replied, "No. What's wrong?"

"I need you to get something for me. It's urgent."

Xander would never trouble Melanie if he had someone to help him with this.

Melanie replied, "Sure. What do you need?"

"It's a document that needs to be stamped and delivered to me," said Xander. "Stephen has a copy of

the document, but he isn't able to get it to me. Sorry to have to trouble you for this."

Melanie knew Xander well and said, "There's no need to thank me. I'm part of your team, anyway."

Xander told her the contents of the document and reminded her to ensure that the information was

correct before getting it stamped.

Melanie asked for the location and criteria for getting it stamped before hanging up.

Whatever happened the night before had caused Melanie some distress, but the call from Xander had actually managed to settle her down.

She dressed up and went out the door.

When she called Stephen about the document, he was already on his way to the administrative office nearby.

He instructed Melanie to pick up the document from his house, which he had left in his study.

It was the first time Melanie was going to Stephen's house, and it was already ten by the time she arrived.

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Stephen and his mom looked very similar. Both of them had a gentle look in their eyes.

Melanie was surprised to see Stella there as well.

Stella was taken aback to see Melanie, and she placed the cup in her hand on the table before saying with annoyance,

"What are you doing here?"

Melanie had no idea she would bump into Stella. She said, "I'm here to pick up a document for a friend."

Madam York nodded. "Stephen informed me about it. You're here for Xander's document, right?"

"Yes. He needs it urgently. I'm sorry if I've disturbed you," said Melanie.

Madam York was a university professor. She was gentle and gracious by nature and was very soft-spoken during her conversation with Melanie.

“The document is in the study. I’ll get it for you.” Madam York waved over a domestic helper to pour

Melanie a cup of tea before heading toward the study.

Melanie was unable to reject the friendly offer and sat down to take a sip.

She had just put her cup down when she heard Stella say sarcastically, “I see you have a close relationship with the Yorks.”

Melanie replied, “I’m only here to pick up something.”

Stella grunted coldly, but Melanie was unsure what she meant by that.

Melanie was not a talkative person. She used to rack up her brains for a conversation topic in order to get into Stella’s good graces.

However, all she did now was sit silently. She was no longer willing to try to get Stella to like her.

Madam York soon appeared with the document. She passed it to Melanie. “Is this what you were looking for?”

Melanie flipped through it and nodded. “Thank you.”

Madam York smiled. She had always been nice and gracious.

She was reminded of Xander and what Stephen had told her. Madam York could not help asking

Melanie, "Stephen told me that you're in the midst of working with Xander on a project?"

Melanie replied in a quiet voice, "I'm still learning from him."

"That's a good start." Madam York smiled after that and added, "You should drop by sometime for a meal with Stephen."

Melanie knew that Mrs. York was hinting at her that she could leave now. She nodded. "I'll be off to

help Xander with this. Goodbye, Mrs. York."

She paused and looked at Stella. "Goodbye."

Stella pretended not to notice her.

Melanie took the document and headed to the department Stephen mentioned to complete the stamping. It was already noontime by the time she was done.

She had a simple lunch and mailed the document out to Xander. After that, she went to visit her grandfather at the hospital.

Her grandfather looked much better than before. He immediately waved Melanie over when he saw her. "Have you had your lunch yet?"

Melanie put down the fruits in her hand and asked her grandfather, "How are you feeling today? Better?"

"I'm doing well. I feel great!" Her grandfather looked gratified. "The doctor said I can be discharged if I continue doing well for the next two days."

"So soon?"

“It isn’t soon enough. I have to spend more money for every day I’m in the hospital.”

He knew better than anyone that it cost a lot for a single room like his. This included payment for all sorts of medical check-ups and the nurse’s aid from his nursing home.

It was not easy for Melanie to earn a living. In addition to what happened with Dylan, she probably did not have much left on her.

Sighing, he said, “Mel, try to save up for yourself in the future if you can. You make a good living at LeapCo. At least that’s a safety net for you.”

Those words hinted at her situation with Eugene as well.

Melanie looked down. She gave it some thought and decided to tell her grandfather, “Grandpa, once my contract ends, I won’t continue at LeapCo. I want to resign.”

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Her grandfather was taken aback. “Why would you want to resign for no reason?”

Melanie had worked very hard to stay at LeapCo, and her grandfather had witnessed her dedication

back then.

Thinking about it, he frowned as he asked in a low voice, “Is it because of Eugene...”

Melanie’s grandfather had figured out what happened between Melanie and Eugene the last time he was admitted to the hospital.

However, he had no idea what to say about it when he looked at Melanie.

“It’s not him,” Melanie spoke up. There was not much change in her expression. She held her grandfather’s hand and sounded calm when she continued, “It’s just that I’m getting burned out working the same job for so many years. I just want to challenge myself with something new.”

Her grandfather frowned. He wanted to say something but hesitated.

Melanie changed the topic and asked, “Did the doctor say when you can be discharged?”

Her grandfather looked at her and sighed. In the end, he decided not to continue asking her about work.

Melanie stayed at the hospital until night and went home only after having dinner with her grandfather.

She received a message from Xander thanking her for the help earlier that day the moment she got home.

Melanie was about to reply when she received a call from an unknown number.

She hesitated before picking up. It was the voice of a middle-aged woman. “Is this, Miss Melanie Smith? How do you do? I’m from Brightman Agency. We noticed that you inquired about rentals last night. We’d like to know if you’re looking to rent or rent out a house?”

Melanie had not been able to sleep last night and registered an account while scrolling online for a place to rent.

She paused and lowered her eyes. “I’m looking to rent.”

“Are there any requirements you have or any particular place that you’re interested in?”

Melanie replied, “Somewhere cheap.”



She looked down and stared at the marks on her table. Her voice was very soft. "But I'm not sure when I want to move."

The lady from the agency was smart. She caught Melanie's drift and immediately said, "We can share each other's contact. You can contact me if you need anything in the future. I'll help you keep an eye out as well."

Melanie did not reject her offer and added the lady to her contacts before cleaning up and going to rest.

The morning meeting on Mondays had always been handled by respective departments.

When Melanie's meeting was done, she was informed to head to the office upstairs for another meeting.

Yana asked her in a whisper, "Melanie, is it time to conduct the analysis for the mid-year review?"

Melanie began packing her things. "It's probably about time."

"We'll have to work overtime." Yana looked sad.

The secretary's department had always feared this time of the year when they needed to conduct large-scale summary and analysis because almost the entire company's problems would be presented to them.

Their job scope was different from the secretarial work at the CEO's office. The secretary's

department downstairs was more like an office to handle odds and ends. They had to take care of everything.

When Melanie saw Yana still looking dispirited, she raised an eyebrow and said, "Relax. It's not as bad as you think."

Yana thought Melanie had no idea how bad the workload was going to be. She sighed and waved Melanie off. "You'll understand what I mean when the time comes, Melanie."

Melanie shook her head and left the office.

Yana thought Melanie did not understand how busy it was going to get.

However, Yana had no idea that Melanie had worked hard to get where she was today.

At the very least, Melanie had been in the secretary's department downstairs for more than a year before being transferred to the CEO's office.

When Melanie arrived upstairs, the management team from the other departments was already there.

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Melanie's head was lowered as she recorded the meeting notes in her notebook. Suddenly, she heard Eugene's cold voice ask, "Where are the people from the secretary's department?"

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Melanie looked down. "They're still going through the final review. You'll receive them this

afternoon.”

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instructions, Tina could not help giving Melanie a sympathetic glance.

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"Isn't Melanie need to put together the analysis data? Would that be too big of a time constraint for her?" Tina reminded him.

Eugene looked up slightly at Melanie, "Can't you do something like this well?"

Melanie was silent for a while before replying, "I'll oversee it."

Eugene did not say anything else, However, he was quickly reminded of something. "There's a last-minute meeting this afternoon regarding the piece of land belonging to Manson. Get ready for it."

Melanie nodded. "Alright."

"Come along with me for the meeting." Eugene did not even look up. It seemed to come naturally for him to order Melanie around.

It was only after they had left the office that Tina grunted and looked at Melanie thoughtfully before saying, "Why do I feel like you're still working with Mr. Scott? There doesn't seem to be much of a difference with your job scope."

Melanie's hands paused for a moment while still clutching the documents. She said slowly, "I don't think so."

"Why not? He's still asking you to be in charge of the interview and the meeting." Tina suddenly lowered her voice after that and continued, "Do you know that everyone downstairs is saying that Viola Shaw is Mr. Scott's pet canary? She can't do anything. She won't last long with just her good

looks."

Melanie remained stoic. She was not willing to talk about how long Viola would last at LeapCo. She was silent for a while before suddenly asking Tina. "How long does it take for an employee to resign from the company?"

Tina replied, "The resignation should be submitted half a month before. Just make sure the handover work is completed before leaving."

She asked Melanie, "Who's resigning?"

Melanie looked at her. "Me."

Tina was taken aback but immediately laughed. "You must be kidding, Melanie. You won't be leaving LeapCo even after I resign."

She said this with amusement, certain that Melanie would never leave the company.

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Melanie did not bother to explain as she headed straight to the office.

She informed her department about submitting the documents on Friday, and groans immediately echoed inside the office.

Yana looked sadly at Melanie. “Does Mr. Scott have something against the secretary’s department, Melanie? We used to have a week, but now we’re given only four days.”

Melanie replied, “LeapCo has been in several business negotiations recently, and it’s a busy period for us.”

This was true, and Yana had nothing else to say about it. She sighed again. “I’ll do my best on account of the bonus Mr. Scott hands out.”

Melanie emailed Eugene the two documents he requested and later sent him a message to remind him about them.

Lunchtime came, and Tina came by to have lunch with Melanie.

She was quite an efficient worker. She brought her laptop to lunch so she could filter through the resumes.

LeapCo had always given good benefits to employees, which was why many graduates did everything they could to join the company.

Melanie’s phone was also vibrating. She took a look at it and saw that Simon and the others had shared photos from Joshua’s birthday. Most of the photos were taken by Simon.

His photo-taking technique was not great, and the photos he took were terrible.



It was not long before the group chat was filled with angry messages.

“Melanie,” Tina called out to her while she was looking at the photos.

She looked up. “What is it?”

Tina winked at her and pushed her phone toward Melanie. “I was right. Viola Shaw has been converted to a full-time staff. Julie is personally handling her files.”

Her phone had a message from Julie requesting Tina to get Viola’s files later in the afternoon.

Melanie glanced at it and looked away. Julie had always had a high standard. If Eugene had not requested it, she would not have worked on anything involving Viola.

However, these now had nothing to do with Melanie.

After lunch, Melanie went to tidy up the meeting room and prepare the necessary documents.

Eugene did not bring anyone else with him when he arrived.

There was another ten minutes before the meeting started. Melanie placed the necessary documents in front of Eugene. “These are the notes from the last meeting. The solutions provided in subsequent meetings for the questions posed before are recorded here as well. You can take a look at it.”

Eugene flipped through the notes and said nonchalantly, “Speed up the process for the mid-year analysis.”

“Alright.” Melanie nodded.

She placed a few more documents where it was easy for Eugene to grab. It had now become a habit of hers that did not require any further thinking. Eugene was also used to how the documents were placed.

The other party arrived quite early. There were five or six of them, and Joshua was among them.

He had specially come to see Melanie the last time he was here. She smiled and nodded at him in greeting.

Joshua lowered his voice and asked, "Did you get home alright during the weekend, Melanie? I'm so sorry about that day. I was supposed to see you home, but I was drunk. I feel bad about it."

Melanie replied softly, "It's fine."

Joshua wanted to say something more but decided not to as this was the meeting room.

When everyone had arrived, Melanie sat next to Eugene.

The Manson project had been planned by LeapCo for a long time. Even though Melanie had been transferred, Eugene still passed most of the information to her.

That was why she was able to keep up with what Eugene said. When he required certain information, Melanie would pull out the correct data required.

After the meeting, Eugene gave her a rare praise, "Not bad. You were very quick to react."

Melanie said, "Mr. Levees and the others are waiting for you outside."

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Eugene tugged on his tie, and a look of frustration flashed on his face. He clicked his tongue but said nothing.

Melanie paused for a moment before continuing, "Mr. Levees is an important client for this project. Judging by his attitude, it looks like he needs more time to think about it."

Eugene's dark eyes looked at her for a moment before he sneered and strode out of the meeting room.

Melanie followed behind him. The moment they stepped out, they saw Joshua coming toward the meeting room.

He paused in his footsteps when he saw Eugene. "Eugene,"

Eugene asked, "Do you need anything?"

"I'm here to see Melanie." Joshua spotted Melanie behind Eugene and smiled at her. He walked past Eugene. "Do you have time tonight? I'd like to buy you a meal."

Melanie was surprised by his question. She frowned when she realized what he was asking.

She was about to reject him when Joshua said with slight embarrassment, "It was my fault during the weekend, and I think I owe you an official apology. I was careless with you."

Joshua had thought about this excuse for a long time.

He did not look at Eugene as it was over between him and Melanie. Besides, everyone knew that Eugene now had a girlfriend.

Before Melanie could reply, Joshua heard Eugene's cold voice.

He said, "Are you here at LeapCo during office hours to date, Joshua Hewitt?"

Joshua looked a little embarrassed as he replied quietly, "I'm just asking Melanie since I'm already here."

Eugene looked at Melanie. She looked calm.

She replied impassively, "I'm sorry, I have to work overtime tonight."

Joshua had asked her out on a whim, but he knew that he was being rejected when he heard Melanie's answer.

He smiled in embarrassment. "Next time, then."

Mr. Levees and his team left not long after and Melanie went with Eugene to his office.

They had just stepped into the elevator when Melanie's phone rang. She took out her phone and saw that it was a message from Yana asking her if she wanted to order some afternoon tea.

Melanie replied and looked up to see Eugene looking at her thoughtfully.

His tone was a little casual as she said, "Miss Smit, you're really good at socializing. When did you have such a close relationship with Joshua?"

Melanie pressed the elevator button and looked up at Eugene. "Is the company interfering with my personal time?"

Eugene narrowed his eyes. "Personal time?"

"Isn't it?" Melanie asked.

Eugene did not reply. He looked down nonchalantly after a while. He spoke in an impassive tone, "You really surprise me, Melanie Smith."

The elevator had a small space, and Eugene was much taller than Melanie was. When he looked emotionlessly at Melanie, it was quite intimidating.

"Next time, don't use working hours for your personal use."

Melanie's fingers fidgeted. She pressed her lips and said nothing.

She was not the one who brought this up in the first place.

Melanie followed Eugene back to the office and saw Viola standing outside his office door happily.

She looked surprised when she saw Melanie appear with Eugene, but she quickly recovered.

Melanie pretended not to notice and walked into the office with Eugene. She dutifully put together the meeting notes from the day and prepared to leave.

Before she turned to walk out of the room, Eugene said nonchalantly, "Handle Viola's transfer to full-

time staff."

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Melanie was not surprised that Viola was now a full-time staff member. Her probation was about to

end, anyway.

She turned to look at Eugene. "I thought Julie was handling it."

“Her files are still in the secretary’s department. They haven’t been transferred,” Eugene replied calmly.

Melanie frowned. The secretary’s department was where Viola had started when she first joined LeapCo. She was later brought over to the CEO’s office by Eugene.

LeapCo’s secretary’s department and the CEO’s secretary were two different departments. Melanie had thought that Viola had already been transferred over as Eugene took good care of her.

However, Melanie was reminded of how she had to help Viola even with her internship report.

A look flashed in Melanie’s eyes, but she quickly looked down to hide her emotions.

It was none of her business if Viola was transferred. All Melanie needed to do was her own job.

Melanie had just stepped out of Eugene’s office when she heard Viola say happily, “I’m buying everyone dinner tonight.”

She had just walked out when Viola blinked and looked at Melanie. A pretty smile appeared on Viola’s face. “Do you want to join us, Melanie? When I first came to LeapCo, you were the one who taught me the ropes.”

Melanie’s expression remained stoic. “Count me out. You guys have fun.”

Viola objected and said in a coaxing tone, “But Melanie, don’t you know why I’m buying everyone dinner? I’m about to be a full-timer here.”

There was a tone of delight in her voice when she was saying this.

Viola even hugged Melanie’s arm intimately. She raised her eyebrow and said happily to Melanie, Eugene said I’m the intern who became a full-timer in the shortest period. I’m just slightly quicker than you, Melanie.”

Viola emphasized the word 'full-timer', and Melanie wondered if she was also bragging about her relationship with Eugene.

Melanie said, "Congratulations."

Viola wanted to show off in front of Melanie but was not given any reaction. This made Viola slightly uncomfortable.

She asked Melanie moodily, "Are you in a bad mood, Melanie? Why don't you look happy?"

Melanie glanced at her. She wanted to ignore the little games Viola was playing and said calmly,

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Remember to report your full-time conversion to me"

Viola was taken aback. "Why?"

Melanie finally looked up at Viola and said curtly, "Because you haven't been officially transferred."

She left after saying this to Viola and did not see Viola's expression change.

Melanie returned to her workstation, and Yana came over with a huge stack of documents, “Melanie, these are half a year’s worth of data sent over by the export toxum.”

She looked at the heap of documents and knew that they had to work overtime that night.

There was a moody atmosphere in the office. Everyone looked depressed.

Melanie gave this some thought and turned to look at Yana. “Do all of you prefer pizza or barbecue?”

Yana replied indifferently, “I guess I’d feel like having pizza right now.”

“Alright, I’ll buy everyone dinner tonight.” Melanie nodded.

Yana’s eyes widened when she heard this. “Melanie, did you get a promotion and a raise?”

Melanie tidied the documents on her table and said nonchalantly, “It’s going to be a few days of hard work ahead. I’m buying everyone dinner in advance to pump up the morale.”

Everyone in the office perked up at Melanie’s words. Their efficiency had obviously improved too,

Yana came over to her and said, “It’s really generous of you, Melanie.”

Melanie flung a file over to her. “Extract the information here, double-check it, and deliver it to the finance department.”

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Yana joined LeapCo as an intern a batch earlier than Viola. She was still young, and when she took the document over from Melanie, she asked her, “This batch of interns is about to end their internship. Will all the newbies in our department be retained?”



There were five interns in the secretary's department, and all of them performed well.

Melanie said, "Let's wait until they're here to report for duty."

"I remember how hard I worked following Lisa around to meet clients because I wanted to be hired as a full-timer." Yana reminisced about when she just started at LeapCo and sighed.

Melanie knew that LeapCo had strict rules. Any intern planning on continuing with the company had to be outstanding.

As the workload was extremely heavy, the secretary's department worked overtime.

There were about 20 or more people working in the secretary's department. They did not go very far for dinner and decided on a pizza restaurant nearby.

Opposite the restaurant was a street that was designed with a heavy Italian influence and had many high-end restaurants.

Julie had just stepped inside, and she began sizing up the Italian restaurant that Viola had reserved. A look of slight ridicule flashed in her eyes.

She did not look highly at the way Viola acted. Viola did not know how to do anything yet was always putting up an act of being an elite at work.

Viola had no idea what was going through Julie's mind. There was a bright smile on her face. "You're here, Julie."

Julie nodded. "Where's Mr. Scott?"

She had no interest in the restaurant Viola picked. If it was not for the fact that Eugene would be here, she would never agree to have dinner with Viola.

However, Viola's expression froze when Julie mentioned Eugene. Viola said nonchalantly, "Eugene had a last-minute thing to attend to. He won't be coming tonight."

"Isn't Mr. Scott celebrating with you when this is such an important occasion?"

The look Julie gave Viola was not as friendly as before.

After all, Eugene had always indulged Viola. He should be here with her to celebrate Viola becoming an official full-timer.

Viola could sense Julie's change in attitude and quickly shook her head while trying to explain, "You know how busy Eugene usually is, Julie."

Julie said nothing. Lee from the office had also arrived.

Lee was the only male secretary in the office. He had a warm personality and had a way with people.

The moment he entered the restaurant, he said, "I'm sorry for being late. I bumped into Melanie and the others outside and was saying hi to them."

Viola frowned. "Melanie is nearby too?"

"Yeah. Their department is getting together for pizza."

Julie snorted with a laugh and said with disdain, "That's pretty low-class of Melanie. Even her dinners with colleagues have been relegated to normal pizza."

She said this sarcastically. Julie had insulted Melanie and even hinted at Viola's poor choice in picking

a restaurant.

However, Julie was suddenly reminded of something.

She had joined LeapCo one or two years earlier than Melanie and had watched Melanie work her way up from an intern to the position of Eugene's secretary.

Her eyes narrowed. When Melanie became a full-time staff at LeapCo, Eugene generously bought dinner for the entire secretary's department.

However, there were also a few others in the same batch who had been converted to full-time aside from Melanie back then.

However, when Julie went looking for Melanie with a glass of wine in her hand to congratulate her, she accidentally saw Melanie wrapped up in Eugene's arms. They were kissing each other.

They were hidden in a corner then. The elegant man had his hand clutched tight on the waist of the woman in his arms while kissing her passionately.

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Julie snapped out of her memories when Viola called out to her a few times.

When she looked at Viola, she suddenly felt bored with everything. Julie ordered a salad and sat down while staring at her phone.

On the other side of the street, Melanie was not a big fan of pizza, but she got into the mood due to the young interns. She started to emulate them by putting her hair in a ponytail and rolling up her sleeves.

Yana was still helping out with the orders. "Don't be so reserved. Melanie is buying us dinner. How about helping yourselves to more food?"

Even though Melanie had the image of being someone difficult to get close to, Yana knew that Melanie was easy to get along with as she had worked with Melanie closely during this time.

She asked Melanie, "Is there anything you'd like to order, Melanie?"

Melanie replied, "I'm fine with anything."

The entire table was bustling with noise, and a few interns began pushing each other before one of them finally approached Melanie.

Yana was sitting next to Melanie, and when she spotted the intern, she said, "Do you need to talk to Melanie, Cissy? I can let you sit here."

"No, no. That's not necessary." Cissy was pushed to the front, and her face turned red when she looked at Melanie. She stammered, "Melanie, we'd like to thank you for taking care of us during this time. Here's a toast to you. I hope you'll continue watching over us in the future."

Melanie knew that they wanted to ask about turning full-time.

She paused before replying, "Just focus on doing a good job."

They were still young, after all. Cissy was too embarrassed to ask anything further and left after saying some polite words.

Melanie had no appetite and did not eat much.

She left the table soon after and sat on the sofa at the side for some rest.

Xander would send over some updates on his work, and Melanie clicked on a document to read it. That was when her grandfather called.

She did not go to the hospital tonight, and her grandfather thought something had happened to her. He was feeling a little worried.

Melanie left the establishment to pick up the call. She found a quiet spot and said, "I forgot to tell you that I'd be having dinner with my colleagues."

"That's fine. You should continue having fun." Her grandfather was worried about Melanie because

of everything that had happened with Dylan.

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After she hung up, Melanie looked at the time. It was past eight.

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Melanie looked around. "Is everyone done? Let's go if you are."

She went to pay at the counter, and Yana came over to ask, "How are you going home, Melanie? How about sharing a ride?"

Melanie shook her head. "I need to go back to the office."

Yana looked at her incredulously. "You aren't going back to work overtime, are you?"

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Melanie said to Yana and headed back to LeapCo.

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