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Hadn't she just divorced Declan? And who was this new man beside her?

Straining to get a good look at Bryson, Valery concluded from his dress sense that he was undoubtedly a man of high standing.

"What on Earth are you doing, making a scene like this?"

A man stepped up, hastily handing over their invitation while casting a disdainful glance at Valery. He'd thought bringing such a stunning woman would be an asset.

Little did he know she'd be so ill-suited for this!

Quickly turning around, Valery clung to the man's plump arm.

Angela's Library

"Darling, I was just wondering what this fancy ferry party is all about!"

"Aren't you a spectacle!" the man snapped.

As the man prepared to step onto the ferry, Valery found her way blocked by a pair of security guards.

"What's the meaning of this? Step aside! I need to be with my boyfriend," Valery declared, her eyebrows arching in disdain.

The bodyguard said without a trace of emotion, "Apologies, but access is restricted to guests personally invited by Mia. We can't allow escorts to enter."

The color in Valery's cheeks deepened in fury.

"How dare you? What are you insinuating?"

A wave of discouragement washed over her. Wyatt, after all, was just a small-time boss in Hoijery, who had initially counted on Hannah's dowry to keep the business afloat.

For the past few years, the Moore family's enterprise had been on shaky ground. Valery, a lavish spender, had little choice but to seek wealthy men willing to fund her lifestyle.

"Darling!" Valery called out seductively, reaching out toward her leaving boyfriend.

But the man merely waved her off.

"If that's how it is, then you should head home."

"Darling?"

A stunned Valery watched as the man continued on without her. Had he truly just left her behind?

With the bodyguards still obstructing her, Valery's earlier bravado evaporated. Feeling humiliated, she covered her face with her hands and fled.

As Hannah boarded, a steward took her Luggage.

The ferry had three exclusive levels, each reserved for special guests.

Below, the entire floor was dedicated to Mia Jewelry Company's exhibition, and even further down were rooms for leisure activities.