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The waiter quickly moved to block her path.

“Who are you searching for? We’re still closed. Please return later.”

Hannah paused, looked at the waiter, and then showed him a photo on her phone.

“Have you seen this girl here last night?”

The waiter glanced at the photo.

“Can’t say that I have. I wasn’t on shift last night. Maybe try coming back later.”

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Regulars at bars like these often proved elusive when it came to extracting valuable information.

Hannah cut to the chase.

“A 1000 dollars for one question. If you’re not interested, I’ll find someone who is. The waiter’s demeanor shifted instantly.

“Ask away, I’ll tell you whatever I know.”

“Who was working last night’s shift?”

“Cornelius. He’s off resting in the dorm after his shift, and now I’m in charge.”

“And what time did you relieve him?”

“At 9 o’clock this morning.”

“Did you happen to see the girl in the photo leave this place?”

The waiter shook his head and said, “No, haven’t seen her. She’s young. I’d remember her if she’d been here.”

Satisfied, Hannah transferred 5000 dollars to the waiter’s account.

Seeing the money land, the waiter’s expression turned even more respectful.

“Miss, that’s \$5000 you sent.”

“I’m aware. Now, could you please contact the guy who worked last night and ask him to come in? I hope that’s not too much trouble for you.”

“Absolutely not!” The waiter’s face lit up with a smile.

“Have a seat right here. I’ll fetch the person you’re looking for immediately!”

Within moments, the waiter came back, bringing along a man with sleep -deprived, weary eyes.

“Meet Cornelius Rivera. He worked the night shift yesterday.”