

Chapter 10 Robert's Past

When Eliam got in the car, Rhonda couldn't help but ask, "What did you tell them?"

"Nothing. I went to a friend and inquired about the situation."

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Eliam didn't even bother raising his head. He simply nodded absentmindedly and continued to stare at his phone.

Rhonda took the opportunity to ask Eliam when he could lend her the five hundred thousand dollars.

Eliam finally put down his phone and looked at her.

"As far as I know, you have the loan, taxes and other fees to pay. After that you won't be getting five hundred thousand dollars. How can you guarantee that you'll repay the entire

amount?"

He was right. After deducting various miscellaneous expenses, she would only get four hundred thousand dollars at most.

Rhonda was taken aback.

She shifted on her feet, not knowing what to say.

"I am preparing for the CPA exam. If I successfully pass the examination, I will surely get a good job with much higher pay."

However, Eliam didn't seem to believe it. He thought Rhonda was only buying time.

But he had promised to lend her the money so he wouldn't go back on his word.

"I will transfer the money to your account tomorrow morning."

He paused and added, "But you must keep your mouth shut about the prenuptial agreement. My grandfather should never find out about it."

Rhonda agreed without thinking.

The next morning, Eliam arrived at the company.

The first thing he did was to find Kevin Dixon, the director of the human resources department. He asked Kevin to send someone to inform Santino that the company could promote him to the technology department under one condition. Considering that the technology department was the core division of the company, it required a confidential deposit

of sixty thousand dollars. Santino could get the promotion if he paid the amount.

Kevin was an intelligent man. He was curious to know why Eliam cared so much about the new employee. Santino joined the company only a few days ago. Eliam had revised his position and pay several times.

He also found various excuses to set up obstacles for Santino. Kevin had worked in the company for many years but had never heard of the confidential deposit to get a promotion.

He finally understood the consequence of offending Eliam.

Santino was overjoyed when he got the rent. The last time he wanted to buy Cristina a ring, Rhonda ruined his plan and embarrassed him in public. The mere thought of it infuriated him.

He finally got the chance to vent his anger. He rented Rhonda's apartment to the family and got sixty thousand dollars. He felt he had paid Rhonda more than that during the past few years. Therefore, he didn't think it was unfair.

Thinking of the sixty thousand dollars in his account, Santino called Cristina and happily told her that the company had paid him a month's salary in advance and promised to take her to the jewelry store after work that evening to buy her the ring she wanted the last time.

Cristina was so thrilled that she almost jumped up from her seat. She was thrilled to show off in front of Rhonda again. She was sure she could get back at her this time.

However, life was unpredictable.

As soon as Santino hung up the phone, he received a notice from the HR department. The company promised to promote him to the technology department if he paid the confidential deposit of sixty thousand dollars. If Santino worked in the technology department, his salary would be above five thousand dollars a month, and it depended on his work performance.

Santino flew into a fit of rage when he heard that.

He had just received sixty thousand dollars. How could he spend it all at once?

But he felt it would be stupid to lose such an opportunity.

He believed that with his ability, he would undoubtedly make thirty or forty thousand dollars a month.

However, he had promised Cristina to buy her the ring. If he used the money to pay the deposit, how could he explain it to her?

Santino was stuck in an internal dilemma.

Finally, he decided to get the promotion first.

Santino could buy the ring later. He believed Cristina would understand him.

In Kindness Hospital

After Eliam sent the money, Rhonda dashed to the cash counter to pay the surgery fee.

But the cashier told her the rest of Nora's operation fee was already paid.

Rhonda checked the payment record and found that Robert had paid it. 2

She was taken aback. The remaining operation fee was nearly five hundred thousand dollars. It was not a small sum for anyone.

She wondered why Robert went out of his way to help her.

He didn't even mention it to her afterward.

Were all doctors empathetic and helpful?

When Rhonda arrived at the ward, she met Robert, who had just finished his rounds.

"Miss Horton, we've set the date for your grandmother's operation. It's next Wednesday as we originally planned," Robert said.

"Dr. Coyle, thank you for paying the fee for me. I've got the money. I'll transfer it to you right

away." 2

Robert's body stiffened. He forced a smile at her.

"That's all right. There's no hurry. Let's make the arrangements for your grandmother's surgery first. It's the most crucial thing at the moment."

However, Rhonda insisted on transferring the money to him again.

Just then, Robert received a call.

The loud squeaky voice from the other end of the line made him flinch. It sounded like Amanda. She asked Robert if he had paid the operation fee for Rhonda's grandmother.

Robert covered his phone and quickly strutted to his office.

Rhonda didn't follow him. Robert seemed busy, so she decided to visit her grandmother first.

When Robert entered the office, he heard Amanda still rambling.

He grew frustrated and placed his phone upside down on the table in disgust. He was in no mood to talk to Amanda.

After a while, the phone finally became silent.

Robert opened the drawer and took out an exquisite photo frame. It was a photo of him

and a girl.

The girl looked pristine and sweet; her physique and features were similar to Rhonda's.

Her name was Sally Hawkins. She was Robert's first girlfriend, who died of cancer when she was twenty.

Her beloved girlfriend's unfortunate demise pushed Robert to become a doctor. He vowed to save more cancer patients and spare their families from suffering the same pain as him.

At noon, Rhonda finally found Robert and transferred the money to him.

Nora would have to undergo several preoperative examinations, and Rhonda had to accompany her at all times. Therefore, she had to arrange everything at home and in the company in advance.

That afternoon, Rhonda didn't see Cristina when she returned to the company. Word said her boyfriend had taken her to the jewelry shop to buy a diamond ring.

It was almost time to get off work. Rhonda had already finished the work, so she took her leave. Just as she stepped out of her office, Cristina returned to the company with a mask on. Her eyes were puffy and bloodshot as if she had cried.

Cristina walked into the office and took her medical card. When she turned around, she saw Rhonda standing at the door.

"What are you looking at?" Cristina barked.

"I need to ask you something," said Rhonda.

"I'm busy."

"Do you know that Santino rented my apartment to someone else?"

Cristina was taken aback.

"What? When did it happen?" ①

"Just a couple of days ago."

"How much did he get?" Cristina asked through gritted teeth. ①

"Sixty thousand dollars." ①

"No wonder he suddenly wanted to buy me a diamond ring. He lied to me that the company had given him an advance of sixty thousand. And now, he told me that he had lent the money to his friend. What a sick liar!" Cristina angrily stomped her foot and dashed out of the company. ④