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Fiona whispered to Rhonda, "Can you really get by on just five hundred dollars a month?"

Rhonda offered a bitter smile, realizing that Santino was aware of everything.

Not wanting to watch Santino and Cristina argue, she led Fiona away.

Seeing Rhonda prepared to leave, Santino tried to follow but was stopped by Cristina, who demanded, "Santino, make your intentions clear today. What are you trying to do?"

"Don't you get it? I've told you I don't want to see you again. Our relationship is over. Is that clear?" Santino said heartlessly.

"So you're just tossing me aside? You wish!"

Santino was left speechless.

In Fiona's car, Rhonda watched through the window as the two continued to bicker, feeling a mix of sadness and confusion.

She didn't know whether to hate Santino or feel sorry for him. Regardless, both Santino and Cristina were now out of her life.

"You're seriously unlucky. Why did they assign Cristina to our team? Having to face her every day will be unbearable," Fiona complained as soon as they were in the car.

"And I can't understand why our company placed her and Paget in the Sloan project team. Doesn't that just create more chaos? Isn't it incredibly unfair?"

Rhonda couldn't make sense of it either, so she decided not to dwell on it.

The two went to one of their favorite restaurants. After ordering, Fiona

started complaining about Steven, "Rhonda, you wouldn't believe how dishonest Steven is. He actually told his family that I wasn't interested in him. I wanted to get to know him better, but he blamed me for the blind date's failure, which led to my dad scolding me."

"What did your dad say to you?"

"He told me I was being too picky at my age. He praised Steven and said I was blind, that if I let him go, I'd never find another man as good as him."

Rhonda chuckled at Fiona's dramatic rendition of her father's anger.

"So, what are you going to do about Steven?"

Based on Steven's comments the previous night, they must have slept together. However, Rhonda doubted Fiona would have been so forward, given they had just met, even though Fiona wasn't particularly conservative when it came to relationships and marriage.

"I didn't really fancy him to begin with. What else can I do with him? He not only looks like a dumpster, but he's also quite scheming. You know I'm a straightforward person. I don't like overly complicated people. So he can say whatever he wants. We won't be seeing each other again, anyway."

"So, what's your relationship status now?"

"It ended before it even began," Fiona stated indifferently.

Rhonda decided not to pry any further, as it was Fiona's private matter.

However, she didn't think a candid woman like Fiona was a good match for someone as sly as Steven.

"Is your family going to set you up on another blind date?"

"Probably. With my stepmother's influence, my father's opinion of me has only worsened," Fiona admitted with a hint of resignation.

"But I hope the next blind date is with someone more handsome than Steven..."

"Speaking of the devil." Rhonda motioned for Fiona to look at the

Fiona turned around and saw Steven, donning sunglasses, entering with a slender woman.

"Why is he here?" Fiona was surprised, particularly when she saw Steven holding the woman's hand, appearing quite intimate. "Who's that woman?"

Rhonda didn't immediately recognize the woman, as she was wearing sunglasses and a sunhat.

However, she noticed the woman's diamond watch, sparkling in the sunlight. Upon closer inspection, Rhonda realized it was Michelle.

How could she be with Steven?

Seeing Rhonda's concerned expression, Fiona asked, "Do you know her?"

Rhonda shook her head, not wanting Fiona to learn about Michelle.

Michelle had been arrested but was released within twenty-four hours, likely due to someone posting her bail.

Rhonda started connecting the dots with recent events.

Since George had sold customer information, someone must have paid a hefty sum to acquire it. A clever buyer wouldn't have directly dealt with George to avoid getting involved in the matter.

Then there must be a middleman.

Rhonda suspected that Michelle was the go-between, and the one who purchased George's customer data was Steven.

After their meal, Rhonda visited Leonard and gave him the fifty thousand dollar bonus she had just received.

A couple of days later, news about George continued to circulate on the internet. Initially, the story of an enterprise executive paying for sex wasn't particularly noteworthy. However, now it was linked to the selling of Eden Accounting's customer information. Consequently, the company's performance took a significant hit, with many large clients terminating their contracts.

This development also impacted Eden Accounting's collaboration with Sloan Corporation. Rhonda's transfer to the project department of Sloan Corporation was put on hold.

In the midst of these challenges, another piece of bad news got out. The Leslie Group acquired the New Voyage, an Eden Accounting's competitor, and invested heavily in it, intending to create a financial consulting giant.

Eden Accounting was already struggling, and to make matters worse, many of its clients had signed partnership agreements with the New Voyage.

One day, during a meeting, Margret informed everyone that the company would be downsizing.

In short, they could either accept job losses or agree to a pay cut while taking on the workload that had previously been divided among several employees.

In the end, all members of Margret's team chose to stay. Margret was promoted to manager of the Consulting Department, resulting in Rhonda taking Margret's position as section chief. Ella was also transferred to another section to assume the role of chief, while Cristina and Fiona remained in Rhonda's section.

Faced with losing numerous clients, the company instructed Rhonda to secure a successful partnership with Sloan Corporation.

The following day, Rhonda was requested to accompany Eden to Sloan Corporation for a meeting regarding a potential partnership.

Rhonda spent the entire night preparing and felt nervous at the prospect of discussing business together with Eden, particularly since they would be meeting Giulio, with whom she'd had a one-night stand.

Rhonda arrived at the office early the following morning and awaited Eden's call.

When the time came, Eden's secretary called, explaining that Eden had an urgent matter to attend to, and asked Rhonda to meet with Giulio first.

With no other option, Rhonda took the documents to the Senton Building

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next door.

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Since they had arranged the meeting beforehand, the receptionist directed Rhonda to wait in the CEO's conference room.

Rhonda waited for two hours, and it was almost noon, yet Giulio still hadn't arrived.

Rhonda started to feel a bit anxious.

Rhonda's anxiety intensified when she learned that representatives from the New Voyage had also arrived to discuss with Giulio privately.

Rhonda fidgeted in her seat, feeling restless.

Suddenly, it dawned on her that she had Giulio's WhatsApp account.

After much hesitation, she sent Giulio a message.

"Are you done? I've been waiting in the meeting room for two hours."

In reality, Eliam hadn't met with representatives from the New Voyage. He had intentionally spread this rumor to Eden to gain leverage in negotiations.

However, to his surprise, Eden didn't show up and instead sent Rhonda in his place.