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The appearance of the emerald diamond necklace made the crowd erupt into excited chatter.
Any clear-eyed person could tell that the necklace was of top quality,
from the purity of the jewel to the cut of it. It was probably worth
millions!
Iverson Group was indeed generous to offer up such a precious piece
of jewelry to contribute to the charity auction.
Right then, an eye-catching spotlight shone on Christopher's elegant.
and dignified figure.
The crowd's curious gazes followed it. When they saw the refined
man, they all made sounds of awe at how good-looking he was.
However, Christopher's beautiful eyes looked openly in Bella's
direction, as if he could only see her.
He had only wanted to see her alone.



As soon as the auctioneer finished speaking, the attendees started
raising their paddles, one after another.
"\$3 million!"
"\$4 million!"
"\$4.5 million!"
"\$5 million!"
The atmosphere burned with passion, and the competition was just
as fierce.
Actually, before the auction started, Bella's stomach had been feeling
uneasy.
But the moment she saw the bids for the first lot rise to \$5 million in
the blink of an eye, the results were gratifying, and she immediately
stopped feeling tired and sore.
Money cured all ailments.

Meanwhile, Shannon and her daughter were feeling the complete opposite. Their resentment was so deep that it could open a door straight to hell.

They originally came to watch Bella make a fool of herself, but they did not expect the auction to go so well from the start. The plan they originally made to attack her via public opinion now seemed

ineffective and meaningless.

"Mom! Christopher Iverson came as a representative of the Iverson Group to support that bitch and even donated such a precious piece of jewelry. He's definitely put a lot of thought and money into that bitch!" Bethany seethed as she glared at Bella, who was chatting and laughing with Alice.

Shannon sneered, "Why? Are you jealous?"

"How could I not be jealous?!"

Bethany clenched her hands in her skirt as she looked dejected. "No man has ever doted on me like that ever since I was young, apart from Dad. Not only do Bella's older brothers all dote on her, but even Mr. Hoffman and Mr. Iverson have become her protectors. Recently, even Justin hasn't seemed as cold to her as he used to be. I don't

understand what's so good about her. Why are those men always revolving around her? With her always overshadowing me, I feel like even the sky is gray when I wake up every morning."

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She dreamed of living a life like Bella's, with suitors lining up

the block and with brothers to go the extra mile for her and spoil her

to the high heavens!

But what did she have instead? All she had was a silly younger sister, who was as stupid as a rock and put her in a bad mood at the very sight of her! "Wipe away that damned self-righteous and self-deprecating look. You're my daughter. Why do you always dream so big but undermine yourself? You're such a helpless loser!" Shannon was so angry that she pinched her daughter's thigh. It was so painful Bethany cried out in shock, which attracted frowns. and sideways glances from the people surrounding them. "Ryan Hoffman is already soon to be my son-in-law. Your marriage alliance with him is set in stone. No one should even dream of ruining it unless they've gotten tired of living!" Shannon glared at Bella as she sneered in a low voice. "And as for this Mr. Iverson, you can worry even less about him. It'd be best if Bella Thompson got together with that useless thing. Not only will that stop Justin from thinking of her,

but it also won't spoil our plans. That's killing two birds with one stone!"

"B-But Mom, he's the legitimate son of Lance Iverson. His mother is Chairman Iverson's legal wife. If Bella Thompson really got together. with him, wouldn't that just end up helping her?" Bethany asked with at confused expression.
"Helping her? More like ruining herself."
Shannon crossed her arms leisurely. "That Christopher Iverson is Chairman, Iverson's least favorite son. His mother isn't liked either.
They're often left overseas, and he doesn't concern himself about them. All he has is the status of being an Iverson. He actually has nothing else. He doesn't own any Iverson Group shares or any
property. He has no position in the Iverson Group. A useless thing like him suits Bella Thompson the best."
She sneered, her mind full of treacherous thoughts. "I really want to
make sure the deed is done That way, Bella will never be able to get
rid of that troublesome man for the rest of her life."
By that time, the bids for the emerald diamond necklace had risen to \$
6 million.