

Chapter 19

“Matthew, what’s this all about?” James couldn’t wait but ask as soon as the birthday celebration ended.

Sasha and the rest of the family too eyed Matthew with astonishment, considering that everything that had unfolded that night was too surreal. With a faint smile, Matthew revealed the truth to them, “It’s nothing much. I just managed to cure the illness of Mr. Newman’s daughter.”

“Mr. Newman’s daughter?” Helen exclaimed in surprise. “Miss Newman was knocked by a car who then turned into a vegetative patient. Ever since then, she had been in a state of coma for a year. Y-You actually cured a vegetative patient?”

At that moment, something dawned on Demi, who prompted anxiously, “Mom, do you remember that Sasha’s company once came up with a new drug that claimed to be a cure for vegetative patients? Matthew, did you use that drug on his daughter?”

“Is that true?” Helen asked curiously.

“That must be the case!” Demi continued, “Matthew is only a graduate from a technical college and he merely works as a cleaner at the hospital. How can he have such excellent medical skills? I bet he must have taken all the credit by using the drug manufactured by our family!”

“That makes sense!” Helen’s eyes lit up with excitement. If that was really the case, the credit of curing Mr. Newman’s daughter should have gone to the Cunninghams instead. With that thought in mind, Helen was once again overwhelmed with bitter resentment. Matthew had had his glorious moment that night which was supposed to belong to the Cunninghams! Helen then quickly probed, “Matthew, since you cured his daughter, how much did he pay you as a reward?”

“I received nothing!” Matthew shook his head and he did not offer an explanation about Demi’s speculation. He did not feel it was the right timing yet to tell anyone about his family heirloom—the jade pendant—so as not to put himself in danger.

“You didn’t receive any reward? Who are you trying to bluff?” Glaring at Matthew, Helen threatened, “Do you want to have it all to yourself? Matthew Larson, I’m telling you, you wouldn’t be able to cure Mr. Newman’s daughter at all without the drug manufactured by our Cunningham Group! All the glory was supposed to belong to our family and it shouldn’t have gone to you!”

Feeling helpless, Matthew emphasized, “I really received no reward but Mr. Newman did promise to do me a favor, and he helped me to prepare the birthday celebration tonight!”

“Say what?!” Helen nearly freaked out when she snapped, “You just let him prepare this birthday celebration for you without asking for a dime from him? Matthew, there must be something wrong with your mind!”

James too asked in his exasperation, “Matthew, do you have any idea what sort of man Mr. Newman is? He could easily reward you with two to three hundred million if you just ask for it! Did you just request for this birthday celebration?”

“Poor people indeed come with poor mindsets. You aren’t ambitious at all!” Demi commented disdainfully. “You don’t even know how to utilize an opportunity to succeed!”

Matthew turned to face Sasha and whispered to her, “I think I used it well!”

Sasha blushed slightly with sweetness overloading her heart. Although they had lost the opportunity to strike the jackpot, at least she could be sure that Matthew really loved her. Sometimes, what women truly desired was just something simple.

“Dumb*ss!” Helen cursed. Suddenly, she seized the box held in Matthew’s hands. “Let me see what Mr. Newman has given you as a gift!”

Helen’s eyes widened in shock at once when she saw what was inside the box. It was the keys of a brand new BMW.

“Mr. Newman has gifted you a BMW!” Helen’s voice quivered with excitement, knowing that it came with a heavy price tag.

Their family did not own a car and everytime they needed transport, they had no choice but to borrow one from Demi’s husband, Liam.

“What’s there to get so excited for?” James’s anger had yet to subside as he snapped. “He could have gotten at least a hundred million but now, all he gets is a car. Is that something worth celebrating?”

Helen, whose face turned bleak at once, criticized Matthew, “Tsk, you’re such a failure!”

“Forget it, at least we now have a car.” Demi took the keys over and asked with a smile, “Mom and Dad, the car is too good to be driven by Matthew. Can I have it?”

“What are you thinking?” Helen immediately seized the keys back from Demi and said, “Let your Dad drive it because he represents the dignity of our family, don’t you understand?”

Demi looked reluctant to give up having the BMW. “Dad doesn’t need a car since he doesn’t have a job,” Demi muttered under her breath.

Ignoring her, Helen then gave a once-over to Matthew and her gaze landed on his wrist at last. “Is that a Rolex?” Helen’s eyes gleamed up with greed.

“Hmm…” Matthew had no idea what to say.

“Since you’re just a cleaner, the watch will be a waste to you. Remove it and let your father wear it!” While Helen was talking, she moved her hands directly toward Matthew’s wrist.

“Mom!” Sasha was slightly annoyed by her mother’s behavior. After robbing Matthew of the car, she was now trying to snatch his watch too!

“What’s the problem? Don’t you forget that it’s our drug that cured Mr. Newman’s daughter. Everything he now has is supposed to belong to us!” After seizing the watch, Helen eyed the suit Matthew was wearing with a little disappointment.

It was a shame that Matthew was taller and more muscular than James. Otherwise, it would have fit him perfectly. Yet, she soon raised her voice and said, “Don’t leave any stain on that suit because I’ll try to sell it off. Since it was prepared by Mr. Newman for you, I’m sure it can fetch us a good price!”

“You…” Sasha was enraged at her mother’s outrageous behavior, but she could not come up with anything to say.

However, Matthew, who was smiling at Sasha, was unperturbed. After knowing how Sasha felt about himself, all he could see and think of now was his wife. The car and the watch did not matter to him. With his spectacular medical skill, he could get himself as many material items as he wanted.

While they were having their discussion, they reached the ground floor of the hotel. The car sent from Billy happened to be parked at the parking lot and it was one of the BMW 7 Series. At once, Helen and the rest had their eyes lit up with excitement at the sight of the car. Immediately, they made a dash toward it and sized up the handsome vehicle with exhilaration.

While Helen was stroking the car seats made of genuine leather, she remarked, “This is a BMW 760. Jason owns one too which costs almost one million!”

“The one Jason owns is a 740. It’s different from this which is a 760!” James, who was sitting at the driver’s seat, commented excitedly. “This one comes with the top specs and I estimate it to cost at least two million.”

“Goodness gracious, isn’t this way better than the one Jason owns?” Helen asked.

“Of course. I suppose Mr. Newman won’t offer anything less than the best!” Then, James shot Matthew a glare. “A hundred million is now transformed into a car in your hands. You’re indeed a genius in doing business!”

“Exactly!” Helen quickly commented. “He only managed to cure Mr. Newman’s daughter with the drug from our family, but he only asked for a birthday celebration in return for that. He’s spending our money in order to make himself look good!” Helen confronted him angrily, “Matthew, why are you so materialistic and shallow?”

Without any attempts to refute her, Matthew extended his hand to pull the car door open but Helen managed to lock it just in time. “Who gives you the permission to get into the car? Get lost! Do you actually deserve it?”

“Mom, this is a gift from Mr. Newman to him!” Sasha couldn’t help but object.

“This is a gift to us because it was the drug from our company that managed to cure Mr. Newman’s daughter, not him!” Helen said crossly. “Matthew, get away from us because you have no right to be in this car.”

“How is he going to go home then?” Sasha questioned.

“I don’t care! It’s best that he doesn’t go home because the sight of him gives me a headache! James, let’s just go!”

With a disdainful grunt, James drove his entire family away leaving Matthew behind.