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Demi took the 28,000 and returned home happily.

"Mom, this jade bracelet is somewhat valuable. I managed to sell it for 28,000!"

Helen was surprised. "Really? You were able to sell it for 28,000? Which fool was willing to pay such a high price? You're joking, right?"

"Mom, it's real. I sold it in the jade shop. The owner has been in the business for years. In the beginning, he only offered 18,000, but I managed to push the price to 28,000!" Demi replied.

Looking at the money in Demi's hands, Helen had to believe it, though she was very surprised. She couldn't help but mutter, "I really did not expect that the jade bracelet given by Old Mrs. Graham was slightly valuable." Demi nodded in agreement. She, too, did not expect that this jade bracelet would be worth so much.

"Mom, looks like this bracelet is not cheap. If Sasha knew that we sold it, would she be upset?"

Helen pursed her lips and said, "Why would she be upset? The bracelet is so old-fashioned and ugly, plus she doesn't even wear it. What a waste keeping it in a box. She should be happy that it was at least worth something."

"I meant that if Old Mrs. Graham knew about it, wouldn't she be unhappy?" Demi asked.

Helen waved her hands. "I don't care what she thinks! This jade bracelet was given to Sasha, so it belongs to our family. Whatever we do with it is up to us; it has nothing to do with her. Do you think she would just openly break relations with us over a few thousand?"

"You're right." Demi nodded. "Mom, what

should I do with this 28,000 then?"

Helen smiled. "Since you're the one who sold it, you can keep it. You and Liam have no jobs right now, so you certainly have no money to use.

Go and buy a few decent clothes. When we finally open the drugstore and you two are the managers, you would have to dress properly then!"

Hearing that, Demi took the money excitedly and went out shopping.

It was evening when Sasha returned home.

When she entered her room and saw the box on the bed, she was startled. She immediately opened the box, only to find that the jade bracelet was gone.

"Mom, where's my jade bracelet?" Sasha asked anxiously.

Helen replied coldly, "It's been sold."

"What?!" Sasha was rooted to the spot. You sold

something so important? "W-Why did...Why did you sell my jade bracelet?

That was given to me by Old Mrs. Graham as a gift. It's an heirloom, and I wanted to pass it on to my daughter in the future. W-Why would you sell it?" Demi yelled anxiously.

James was reading a newspaper at the table. As soon as he heard Sasha's words, he immediately chided, "Sasha, how can you talk to your mother like that? Is this the way to treat your elders?"

"What attitude should I have then, Dad? It was such an important thing to me, yet you didn't even ask me before selling it? How do you expect me to explain it to Old Mrs. Graham?" Sasha asked helplessly.

Helen pursed her lips in disdain. "Explain? It's just an old jade bracelet; what's so great about it? She gave it to you, so it's ours now.

We can do whatever we want with it. She's just your adoptive mother, while I'm your biological mother. I've never seen you this sentimental when it comes to me!"

Sasha flushed red with anger. "Mom, stop it with this nonsense! Since when have I not cared for you? The key thing is, this is a jade bracelet given by my adoptive mother. You can't just sell it! Forget it, I'm ending this conversation. Just tell me where you sold it and I'll go get it back."

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"How dare you! I gave you so many things, yet I don't see you keeping those properly. You don't even wear the jade bracelet. It's such a waste of space, so why keep it?" Helen asked angrily.

"How can you compare it that way? I still keep what you've given me. Moreover, this jade bracelet was given from my adoptive mother, and it's a family heirloom, passed on for generations at that. If I'm the one who loses it, wouldn't I be a sinner?" said Sasha.

Helen pursed her lips. "Bullsh*t! It is just a piece of trash, and you're making such a big fuss! The Cunningham Family is well known and has power in Eastcliff. Don't lower yourself over a mere jade bracelet."

Sasha waved her hands around. "Forget it, you just won't see sense. Tell me where you sold it, and I will go get it back!""

However, Helen simply ignored her.

Sasha insisted on knowing the name of the shop. Only after a long while was she able to find out which shop it was. Hurrying downstairs, she ran to the jade shop, and to her dismay, it was closed.

Sasha dialed the phone number on the signboard, but it had been turned off.

She then asked the shop next door, but they too were surprised.

The jade shop usually closed around eight o'clock in the evening. It was now only slightly after six, which was unusual.

Having a bad feeling about it, Sasha quickly called Matthew and told him everything.

Matthew had just left work and was on his way home.

After hearing her out, he did not dare to make any assumptions.

He inherited the family's ability of appreciating antiques, and he knew a thing or two about them.

At that time, he knew that the jade bracelet was not as simple as it looked.

He even reminded Sasha to keep it well.

He did not expect that Helen would actually make a scene and sell the jade bracelet.

On one hand, he comforted Sasha and asked her to return home first.

On the other hand, he hastily called Tiger and asked him to deal with the matter.

The jade shop was located in South Street, which was Tiger's territory. Thus, it seemed best to let him handle it.

As expected, Tiger was indeed efficient.

Before Matthew could even reach home, he received a call from Tiger.

The owner and his family had left hurriedly in the morning, and were no longer in Eastcliff.

Matthew frowned; no doubt the owner must have known the true value of the jade bracelet.

Afraid that someone would eventually come knocking, the owner immediately left with the jade bracelet.

Matthew then ordered Tiger to have people start looking for the owner immediately. They had to get the jade bracelet back, no matter what.

Worse comes to worse, they could turn to Billy

Newman and Timothy Wayne for assistance.

Tiger was shocked when he received Matthew's order.

He knew that Billy Newman looked up to Matthew Larson, but he did not expect that Matthew could even mobilize Timothy Wayne's people.

It seemed that Matthew's power went far beyond his imagination!

Tiger agreed readily, then personally led a team to hunt down the owner and his family.

As soon as Matthew returned home, Sasha ran up to him.

"Matthew, how is the situation?"

Helen pursed her lips. "How serious can it be? Sasha, you're overreacting! It's just a jade bracelet! The jade in that shop is probably worth a hundred times more.

Do you think he would really run away with that

measly jade bracelet of yours? Besides, why do you still want that cheap jade bracelet?"

Matthew sighed and said in a low voice, "The owner seems to have taken off..."

"What?" Sasha staggered back, nearly falling down.

Helen was also a little stunned. "Run away? What are you talking about? Is it necessary to run off just for that jade bracelet? Matthew Larson, are you trying to scare me? If you're lying, I won't let you go so easily!"

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James leaned over and asked, "Matthew, do you know the owner? You're saying he ran away, but do you know where his family lives? Do you know what his name is? Do you know him very well?"

Helen couldn't help but feel smug and nodded in agreement. "Yes, that's right! Do you know what the boss' name is? You even said he ran away. Aren't you afraid that they'll sue you for slander?"

Matthew ignored them and gently patted Sasha on the shoulder. "Don't worry, Sasha. I've asked a friend to track him down. We will de

Sasha nodded helplessly. There was nothing much anyone could do now.

"Those friends of yours again? Matthew, you better watch out! The Cunningham Family has fame and prestige in Eastcliff, and are considered high society.

If you want to go associate with those scumbags, then you can leave the Cunningham Family and divorce Sasha. We Cunninghams do not want to associate with those who are not cultivated and civilized!" Helen pursed her lips. Sasha was annoyed. "Mom, what are you talking about? How can you say that Matthew's friends are not civilized?

Also, when did the Cunningham Family become high society in Eastcliff? Don't you know our position? Have you seen any high society people that still live in a three-bedroom house?"

Helen was tongue-tied at that.

James, on the other hand, angrily said, "Sasha, that's very wrong of you. We're only in a temporary rut, and this will soon be over. We can't expect life to be smooth sailing. Experience the twists and turns, and overcome it proudly!

We just got hold of Cunningham Pharmaceuticals. This year's company dividends will definitely be tens of millions, maybe even hundreds of millions. By then, we can live wherever we want. We could even buy a villa in the Grand Garden!" Helen nodded enthusiastically. "Yes, let's buy a property in the Grand Garden. After a few years when our business is bigger and we are on par with the Ten Greatest Families of Eastcliff, we could even stay in Lakeside Garden!

By then, our family would really be at the top of the Eastcliff pyramid! Hah, we'd have to get a Lakeside Garden pass for your dad's car and make a trip back to the Cunningham family home. I can't wait to see their faces then!"

James had a longing look on his face.

In recent years, the Cunningham Family had suffered too much. As such, he looked forward to the day that he could raise his head proudly.

If they could live in Lakeside Garden, driving a luxury car with a Lakeside Garden pass back to the Cunningham home, it would be his proudest moment.

When the time would come, he would be able to clear all the past grievances and start anew.

Eric, Jason and the entire Cunningham Family will have no choice but to look up to him then!

Sasha, however, couldn't help rolling her eyes.

Have both of them gone crazy?

They wish to live in Lakeside Garden by using Cunningham Pharmaceuticals' qualification?

Even The Grand Garden would be a long shot!

She couldn't find the energy to argue with these two, so she took Matthew's hand and went back to their room.

Sasha then looked at Matthew sincerely. "After this year's dividend is out, I will buy a new house. Even if there is only one room, it would still be ours! We'll move out then; I can't bear to see you suffer any longer!"

Feeling warm, Matthew smiled gently at her. "When we are done with all our work, we will move into Lakeside Garden!"

"Are you crazy?" Sasha rolled her eyes at him.

"Even if we had the money, Lakeside Garden would still be out of our reach. I highly doubt we'll be able to buy it even in this lifetime."