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Alasa was taken aback but didn't reach out to take the box. She hadn't expected Jasper to have kept that by his side all this time.

Ace couldn't possibly accept that from you. I'll do it in her stead." Before Alyssa could say anything, Colene had taken the box from

Jasper.

toside was a gorgeous bracelet carved from the finest lavender moon quartz. It gleamed with a soft light, looking like a treasure from centuries before

Alyssa could instantly tell this was a one-of-a-kind material, not usually for sale to the public. If Jasper had given this to her years ago, she would have been so happy she wouldn't have been able to sleep.

But her low was now buried beneath a cold, lonely desert. Unrequited love was a waste of time, along with the gifts it brought.

Hector, but even I can tell how expensive this must be. Look at this crystal. You're very kind, Mr. Beckett Colene drawled.

She suddenly raised her hand. What followed was the sound of something breaking into pieces on the ground. Just like that, the quartz bracelet shattered at Alyssa's and Jasper's feet.

Jasper's expression darkened almost immediately. His heart throbbed painfully as he witnessed his gift being humiliated. 1

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a turned away, avoiding his eyes.

"How could you, Madam? Mr. Beckett had this made just for Ms. White. You didn't have to break it if you didn't intend on keeping it!" Xavier cried, so upset that his neck had turned red.

"A. Beckett, if you had a gift for Alice, why didn't you give it to her before the divorce? Do you have any idea what this looks like now that you're giving this to her?"

"Pure embarrassment. Or are you just upset to see her happy with someone else? When will you finally give up?" Colene shrieked.

She stomped her heels on the broken bracelet. "Alice has accepted your token. Now scram! Back to Solana City you go. You're not welcome here!

Those words shot through Jasper's chest like arrows.

He gazed brokenly at Alice one last time, trying to say something though no words would come.

Alyssa ignored his gaze and went to Colene, holding onto the woman's arm. "Let's go back inside."

"Madam? You" Xavier was stunned that Alice wasn't helping his boss. The feeling then turned into pure disappointment.

Meanwhile, Jasper felt like a doll with its strings cut.

"Let's go. We don't want strangers or busybodies ruining our evening." Colene snorted and went back into the manor with Alyssa by her

side.

Mandy shot a look at Jasper and then shook her head. "What an embarrassment."

When Alyssa returned to the house, she could finally let down her defenses. Exhaustion had consumed her entirely.

She felt terrible as she recalled the broken bracelet, followed by Jasper's desperate and pain-filled gaze.

Mandy and Colene had only been doing what they thought was best for her, but it was too much.

Alyssa started feeling like the bad guy here.

"Lyse! Just then, Silas ran up to her, panting. "Axel has gotten into a light with Dad. Dad even hit him!"

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