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Alyssa's round eyes turned cold. She gave Landon a deadpan look.

Jasper noticed his indecent behavior, and his face turned dark!

"How did I do just now?" Landon returned to Jasper's side with a grin, nudging his elbow.

"Great. I'll kill you if you try that again," Jasper replied with a chilling glint in his eyes.

Landon felt hopeless as he said, "Why are you always picking on me? You're harder to deal with than all the hundreds of girlfriends I've had combined!"

Soon, the first auction item was presented to the audience.

It was a landscape painting from the 20th century. It was a simple brushwork painting that captured the essence of the scenery, truly a masterpiece. But, the artist wasn't famous, so the

starting price was only one million dollars.

Jasper's interest in antique artworks was limited. However, he had his fair share of knowledge since his grandfather and father were both avid collectors.

He immediately recognized the painting upon seeing it. There was an identical one in his grandfather's studio, an authentic piece. The one being auctioned was most likely a well-crafted replica.

Replicas and fakes were quite different. High-quality replicas could fetch high prices, but it was unlikely in the presence of authentic work.

"One million five hundred thousand!"

"Two million!"

"Three million!"

Just as the auctioneer was about to hammer down, a clear and gentle voice rang out

"Five million." Alyssa casually raised her paddle. She surprised everyone with her bid.

Jasper glanced at Alyssa's face and felt suspicious.

First, the painting wasn't worth five million. The three million was already too much.

Second, Alice had spent so much time with his grandfather. She helped him manage his treasures, antiques, and paintings. She must know his grandfather had the authentic piece.

So why would she spend her money on this replica?

"Six million!" Everyone turned around to see Liana raising her paddle high. She couldn't bear to

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"Seven million!" Alyssa raised her paddle once again.

"Eight million!" Liana followed and yelled loudly.

Rosaline was nervous. She had never attended such an auction before. The price of a single painting had already reached seven million.

It was just the first item. Shouldn't they wait and view the others?

"Mom, should we follow along?" Betty asked Sophia quietly. She was slightly displeased with Liana stealing the limelight.

"We are family. Let's not compete with each other." Sophia had attended many auctions and knew the superior items were usually kept until the end.

"Nine million." Alyssa raised her paddle again. She was determined to win the painting.

Rosaline's blood pressure rose. She hadn't planned to spend such a high budget on the birthday gift for Mr. Beckett Senior. She was truly feeling the pinch!

"Ten million!" Liana was already caught up in the bidding frenzy, her eyes red as she raised her paddle again.

The crowd was in an uproar!

Yet, Landon burst into laughter. "It's the first auction item, and it's not something valuable. Yet it has reached this price. I've made quite a huge profit! So, Jasper, should I thank the ex-Mrs.

Beckett or the current Mrs. Beckett?"

Jasper clenched his hands into fists. His lips were pursed into a thin line, and his face was dark as an impending storm.

"Lia, don't follow Alice into whatever she bids! Ten million is too much!" Rosaline held Liana's hand. Her palms were sweating as she advised her.

Alyssa smiled mockingly. It seemed like she was about to raise the paddle, but she refrained.

"Ten million! Sold! Congratulations to Miss Liana from the Gardner Group for acquiring the famous painting!"

Liana's face was flushed with joy, feeling triumphant. She thought she had outshined that despicable woman.

However, Rosaline felt her heart sink. Her face froze into a frown.

At that moment, Sean watched the situation unfold through his phone from outside the bidding hall