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Although Rosalie Naiswell was a cold and aloof beauty, Mandy Zimmer on the other hand, was a charming natural beauty. Those two women sat there together just like two beautiful flowers. It was such a pleasing sight, just like a world renowned painting.

But Harvey York just took his seat there casually, and he soon ruined the rare and exquisite sight.

At that moment, both Jake Surrey and Wyatt Johnson had a drastic change in their facial expressions.

“You’re just a live-in son-in-law. How did you even get in here? Staff! What’s wrong with your auction here? How could you let a person without an invitation card enter the auction house? Aren’t you going against the rules and regulations here?” Jake queried.

“That’s right! Someone thought that he could

enjoy the same treatment as ours after he became the live-in son-in-law. In the end, he doesn't even know that he's just a nobody!" Wyatt said coldly.

"Yes! What is happening exactly?"

"Don't you organizers care to give us an explanation?"

"If any random people can come and participate in this auction, then where's the exclusivity of this Mountain Top Auction?"

There were a lot of people who started to voice out their opinions. In fact, it was because Harvey appeared quite obnoxious at that moment. The others would not even bother about him if he went and sat at another place. But the main problem at the moment was that he sat between the two beauties and he was casually sitting there too. Who gave him the right to so?

Harvey looked at Jake coldly. After that, he started to fish for something in his pocket again.

Jake broke into laughter. "So, you're searching for

something in your pocket again. Do you think that you're doing some magic tricks here? You didn't find anything just now. Now you..." Jake laughed loudly but before he could finish talking, he stopped laughing.

Previously, Harvey did indeed not have the invitation card with him. But after he went out of the place, Yvonne Xavier retrieved it for him from his coat.

At that moment, Harvey held the invitation card and threw it straight to Jake's face. He then said lightly, "Now could you please keep your goddamn mouth shut?"

"You..." Jake was deeply infuriated. "Don't think that you can put up a show here in front of me after you got a fake invitation card from god-knows-where... Staff! There's not even the name of the inviter or invitee on this thing. This is a fake one, right?"

At that moment, a staff member who was wearing a

suit and a pair of leather shoes rushed toward them. He then took the invitation card and examined it. After a short while, he returned it to Harvey respectfully and gave an explanation. “Although there’s neither the name of the inviter nor the invitee on this invitation card, I assure you this is the real thing. Besides, according to our rule here, we have to approve of one’s identity no matter where he received the invitation card as long as he comes with the invitation card.”

Having said that, that staff member excused himself and left. What he said was true. The Mountain Top Auction was prestigious, so there were a lot of big shots from both business and politics who participated in it. Besides, those people wanted to keep a low profile, so they disliked the idea of having their identities being exposed. That was also the reason why they had anonymous invitations cards as such.

That incident concerned one of the rules of the Mountain Top Auction. However, it was an unwritten rule. Therefore, that staff member would

not give much explanation about that. But inwardly, he respected that seemingly poor man more.

It was because an invitation like that was not a trivial thing, and it could not be easily obtained from just any place. No matter how he gained the invitation card, it could only signify that he was not just any ordinary man.

Harvey put away the invitation card and sat back down there indifferently. He did not even bother about Wyatt and Jake.

“Harvey, where did you get that invitation card?”
Sitting beside him, Mandy could not help but ask.

Surprisingly, that thing was indeed true. The Zimmers did not even have the chance to get that.

Harvey smiled faintly and said, “If I say, I picked it up on the ground when I was thrown out of this place just now, would you believe me?”

Mandy was stunned for a short while. ‘How could it be like that?’ She could only think that she found it

harder to see through Harvey now. She did not even know whether Harvey was telling the truth or not. She could only conclude that Harvey looked very mysterious at that moment.

“Did you pick it up? What a lucky b*stard! But even if you indeed picked that up, you’re still useless here if you’re poor.” Wyatt said coldly.

“Miss Naiswell, why don’t we change our seats? It’s quite unfortunate to sit close to that person.” Wyatt took a glance at Rosalie and said in a flattering tone.

‘D*mn! This live-in son-in-law is just being too shameless. He doesn’t even care where he is, and he took a seat there indifferently.’ If it was not for the fact that the place was crowded, he would have beaten Harvey up by then.

Rosalie did not take up his suggestion that time around. However, she only glanced at Harvey in a strange way and responded calmly, “There’s no need. I’ll just sit here.”

She did not get much of an impression from

Harvey. For the people who were dealing with antiques like them, she was aware that luck played a more important role than the ability to differentiate the good from the bad. If that live-in son-in-law indeed picked up an invitation card by luck, she indeed needed to pay some attention to him. Maybe he would have his eyes on something later, and she could take advantage of that to pick up something valuable.

Wyatt did not know about Rosalie's thoughts. At that moment, he could only sit back down in his seat though he was filled with resentment.

In that instant, Jake was very angry as he endured the deep rage. Cecilia was sitting between him and Mandy. That time around, he put in a lot of effort to invite Mandy over. However in the end, that live-in son-in-law was the one who reaped the benefits...

Just from thinking about that, Jake was filled with extreme wrath.

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Soon, Jake Surrey sent a text message to Cecilia Zachary.

Cecilia glanced at her phone. Although she was slightly helpless, she still stood up. She then smiled and said, “Mandy, don’t sit with this worthless piece of trash for the fear that you’ll be affected by his poverty and bad luck. You need to have some good luck today. Come and change your seat with me. Later, Mr. Surrey wants to take you to be acquainted with the superiors from the York Enterprise.”

Mandy Zimmer replied without hesitation, “Forget it. I’ll just sit here.”

At that moment, Mandy was in an awkward situation. But weirdly enough, she found herself feeling more comfortable and calmer, sitting there with Harvey York than compared to a while back when she was sitting beside Jake.

That kind of comfortable feeling did not have anything to do with wealth. It was a feeling like she had returned to her own home, and now she was lying in her own little bed.

Mandy also could not explain that feeling, where it came from or how it came about. But at that moment, she still inadvertently declined Cecilia.

Cecilia became so angry that she stomped her feet. However, she could not do much about it and tried not to display her irritation. Hence, she sat back down in her seat and glared at Harvey sternly. She then said, "You're just a worthless piece of trash. Let me warn you again. Don't be wasting Mandy's youth like that. You need to be mindful of yourself. It's useless to force things if they weren't meant for you. Nothing forcibly done is going to be pleasant!"

Harvey smiled. "Do I look like I care if it's pleasant or otherwise. I'll just do it my own way! Can you please don't act like a busybody and meddle in other people's affairs? How is it that the things

between me and my wife ever concern you? Am I the husband to Mandy or to you? Unbelievable!”

Hearing their quarrel, Mandy frowned and said, “Can the both of you please stop quarreling with each other? Cecilia, my marriage concerns only me. I’ve thought about it recently. For the time being, I still don’t want a divorce...” 1

After she said that, not only Cecilia’s facial expression changed, Jake, who was sitting beside them, also gave a grimacing expression.

If Mandy did not go through with the divorce, did it mean that he did not have any chance?

“Harvey, you... Are you coming home tonight?”

Mandy did not bother about the others but proceeded to ask with some hesitation.

Harvey thought about that for a while. He then said, “Sure. Let me give you a ride home tonight.”

Mandy appeared happy but on the other hand, Cecilia laughed coldly all of a sudden. “Do you want

to send Mandy home? Do you even know how much Mandy's clothes cost? Do you plan for her to walk home with you?

“We came in Mr. Surrey’s car today, so obviously we need to go home in his car too. Aren’t I right, Mr. Surrey?” Cecilia winked at Jake.

Jake laughed and said, “That’s true, Miss Zimmer. I still want to bring you to be acquainted with the superiors from the York Enterprise later when the auction is over. If you don’t want to leave with us, don’t blame me if you miss a chance like that. After all, you do know that the new CEO from the York Enterprise is such a mysterious person who keeps a very low profile. If it wasn’t for me, it’ll be extremely difficult for you to meet him.”

At first, Harvey did not plan to expose Jake’s lie. But after hearing that, he could not hold himself back, and he burst into laughter.

“Live-in son-in-law! Why on earth are you laughing?” Jake’s facial expression became slightly

cold when he said that. 'This live-in son-in-law is extremely obnoxious.' If not for the fact that they were at such an occasion, Jake wanted to beat Harvey up so badly now.

"At first, I didn't want to laugh. But I just want to ask you about one thing. You claimed that you know the superiors from the York Enterprise. And from the things you said, you even know their new CEO. Then you would certainly know what his name is, don't you?" Harvey smiled and said.

"Of course I do!" Jake sneered. "The York Enterprise is a corporation which belongs to the Yorks from South Light. Certainly, their new CEO has the surname York.."

Speaking of that, Jake laughed coldly and said, "You have the same surname as him. But how could there be such a vast difference between the two of you? He's the CEO, but you're just a live-in son-in-law!"

"Aren't you stating the obvious? Who doesn't know that the new CEO has the surname York? I asked you

what his first name is. Don't tell me that you don't even know about that." Harvey smiled faintly and said.

"You..." Jake's eyes twitched. He indeed had no idea what the name of the new CEO of the York Enterprise was. At that moment, he said coldly, "Who the hell are you? Do you even have the right to know the name of the new CEO of the York Enterprise? So, what can you do about it even after you learn his name? If you go and clean up the washrooms for them, I'm sure that they don't even want you."

Someone burst into laughter.

Beside him, Cecilia laughed out loud all of a sudden.

"What the hell are you laughing about?" Jake said angrily.

Cecilia covered her mouth and said, "Mr. Surrey, please don't mind me. I just feel that you're indeed quite awesome. I heard from Zack and learned that this guy is indeed working as a cleaner at the York

Enterprise.” She then burst into a roar of laughter.

“It never occurred to me that you have such capability.” Jake smiled faintly.

Harvey said calmly, “I’m indeed working at the York Enterprise, but I’m not a cleaner.” 1

“Then what is the job you do there? Don’t tell me that you’re the CEO of the York Enterprise. How crazy is that?” Jake laughed coldly.

“Does it mean that you don’t know the CEO of the York Enterprise?” Harvey said.

“Of course I don’t know him... You...” Jake said inadvertently. Upon realization, he was filled with deep wrath because of the humiliation. ‘How dare this live-in son-in-law trick me?!’

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“Dear, it seems like you don’t have to leave with this liar tonight. Since he doesn’t know the CEO of the York Enterprise, then he’s useless. Why don’t I bring you along tomorrow to meet my classmate—Yvonne? That may be much more productive.”

Harvey York said to Mandy Zimmer.

“Really? How nice!” Mandy appeared overjoyed. Yvonne Xavier was the secretary of the CEO of the York Enterprise. If they could get in touch with her, it would be certainly much easier to get to know any superiors there.

Jake Surrey’s facial expression worsened slightly. But Cecilia Zachary was shaking her head slightly, indicating to him that he clearly had a Freudian slip. He would not be able to turn the situation around no matter what he wanted to say.

At that time, the auction house soon became packed. In the end, there were around a thousand

people. It could be said that the Mountain Top Auction was indeed quite popular.

After a short while, the auction began.

The first few lots were some classic watches and jewelries. Although they were quite rare, the crowd was not really enthralled.

Those things ranged from a few thousand dollars to a few hundred thousand dollars when the deal was made. Although those things were indeed quite expensive, it was far from shocking for the crowd.

But when the next lot was being presented, all of the women present could not help but scream. Their eyes brightened.

That was an extremely large diamond ring. At first glance, it was at least a thirteen carat diamond ring. Besides, it was crystal clear, and it was exceptional in terms of its cut and transparency.

A diamond like that was indeed one in a million. At that moment, it was placed on the auction block as

is.

“Oh gosh! Is it the legendary pigeon egg diamond? It's rumored that it was the star diamond which was mined in South Africa in that year.”

“I heard that this diamond was cut by a European diamond master, and it was inlaid into a proposal ring. The name of the diamond ring is called Forever Mine!”

“Does it mean that the diamond will be everlasting?”

It never occurred to them that a thing like that would appear in such a place.

At that moment, Mandy gasped softly and almost subconsciously. She looked cute as she was astonished by the scene before her.

It could only be said that a diamond ring like that was indeed quite valuable. It was an extremely rare treasure which could only come by chance for literally everyone.

If one could wear such a diamond ring and be proposed by the man they loved deeply, then it would indeed be unimaginably romantic.

Now, that legendary diamond ring appeared in front of the public again. Then, the women present would certainly try to obtain that, if they could afford it.

Not only Mandy, Cecilia, who was always a flirty woman, her eyes brightened at that moment too.

Rosalie Naiswell, who was sitting by their side, focused her entire attention directly on the auction block at that moment. It seemed that she could not even sit still.

Soon, the starting price was being revealed by someone.

It was 7.6 million dollars. Besides, it was only the auction price. Every time they raised their bid card, it signified a raise of 1.5 million dollars. That kind of bidding indeed prohibited a lot of them from

bidding for the auction.

Certainly, it was because of the reason that a diamond ring like that was indeed very precious. If anyone set their hearts on gaining that, it might not be very easy as they anticipated.

“Mandy, it seems like you like the Forever Mine very much. Why don't I help you to bid for it later? As long as there's a ring like that, you can have the kind of wedding which is memorable for the rest of your life. How about that?” At first, Jake had decided to stop his advances for the moment, but now he noticed that his chance had come.

No woman could bear how precious that Forever Mine was, including Mandy.

Having said that, Jake did not even give Harvey the chance to say anything. Suddenly, he raised his hand up. He then stood up and looked around, feeling smug.

“I'll pay 7.6 million dollars for that!”

“7.6 million dollars! This gentleman came on

strong and decided to pay for 7.6 million dollars directly. If nobody else is going to bid for it, this Forever Mine will belong to this gentleman!” The auctioneer was a beauty with an alluring figure. She opened her red lips slightly and smiled faintly.

“Wow! Mr. Surrey is indeed generous. He looked so calm when he decided to pay 7.6 million dollars for you, Mandy. If there's a man who treats me like this, I'll marry him directly without any hesitation!” Sitting beside him, Cecilia exaggerated the facts. After that, she glanced at Harvey in contempt. She then continued, “He's nothing like someone else. After that somebody becomes the live-in son-in-law, he couldn't even buy you anything. That's fine, but he even asks for 15 dollars from you every day. What a worthless piece of trash!”

A roar of laughter was heard.

The people who sat in the second and third rows behind them could not help but burst into laughter. At a time like this, there were still some people who asked for 15 dollars from their wives every day as

their pocket money. That was indeed quite preposterous!

However, Harvey frowned slightly. 'Is Cecilia out of her mind? It's fine if she wants to sing praises for Jake. But why did she have to talk about me?'

Thinking of that, Harvey said coldly, "Cecilia, since you're deeply touched, why don't you marry Mr. Surrey yourself? Previously, you claimed that you wanted to get to know my boss. Now, there's a much wealthier big shot here if compared to my boss. Why don't you grab that chance? Don't blame me for not reminding you."

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Cecilia Zachary's facial expression changed. She did indeed have some interest in Jake. However, Jake Surrey was only interested in Mandy Zimmer, and he was not friendly to her. That had always caused her pain. If not, she would certainly throw herself at such a rich and handsome guy long ago. Why would she introduce him to Mandy then?

“Harvey, you can't even give your wife the things she wants. Could you please stop pretending. You're very annoying!” Cecilia sneered, and her facial expression changed ceaselessly.

“Harvey, Cecilia, please stop talking.” Seeing that scene, Mandy was put in a dilemma. Cecilia had always been disgusted with Harvey York. Harvey did not retort her before, so she would cease talking after condemning him for a short while. Until recently, Harvey was clearly different from before and Cecilia had suffered many times because of her

argument with him.

Sitting beside them, Jake smiled faintly, and as he was about to say something.

All of a sudden.

“9.1 million!”

“10.6 million!”

“12.1 million!”

They did not give Jake the time for him to feel smug about himself. In under a short time, the value of the Forever Mine had almost doubled up.

“What’s happening?” Jake was slightly astounded. ‘Are these women out of their minds? Although diamonds are good, it’s just diamonds. Do they need to spend so much on that?’

He had boasted about the fact that he could do such a thing just now. Hence, if he could not secure that diamond ring...

Thinking of that, Jake felt slightly nervous. But he

still gritted his teeth and said, “12.1 million... a hundred fifty thousand dollars!”

A roar of laughter was heard.

“Sir, our bidding price was 1.5 million. If you’re going to increase the price by only a hundred fifty thousand dollars, our auction house won’t approve of that.” At that moment, the female auctioneer reminded him in a reserved manner.

Having said that, the entire crowd burst into laughter.

‘What kind of a place is this Mountain Top Auction House?’ At that moment, a lot of people had seen through Jake given how he bid for the lot. He was clearly abashed slightly and he could not afford to increase as per the bidding price. If not, he would not act like that.

Jake’s facial expression became grimaced in defeat. It was true that his family was wealthy. But the operating funds he owned were quite limited, and it was impossible for him to spend extravagantly

without any limit.

Just when Jake's facial expressions changed, Rosalie Naiswell, who was sitting in the first row, opened her small mouth slightly all of a sudden. She then said calmly, "13.6 million dollars!"

"13.6 million dollars! The lady here offered 13.6 million dollars!" The female auctioneer became excited.

Apparently, the female auctioneer could gain some commissions from the auction process. Although it was only for one percent, she could now gain a hundred thirty thousand dollars. She could use that amount of money to buy a house. How could she not be excited about that?

At the same time, a lot of people realized that it was Rosalie who bid for that lot. She was a woman who owned an Amex Black Card. Besides, almost everyone from the upper class in the county of South Light knew who she was. At that moment when she voiced out, it could only mean that she

would certainly gain that lot. If the others competed with her for that lot, they were just trying to stand against her.

At that moment, Jake was stunned as he stood there. He was quite helpless as he did not know whether he should stand or sit now. If he continued to bid for that, he could only offer 15 million dollars. If he dared to offer such a price to buy a diamond ring, his father at home would certainly beat him to death.

Besides, upsetting the Naiswells would certainly be...

Sitting beside them, Mandy witnessed the whole scene. She said softly, "Mr. Surrey, you really don't have to buy that diamond ring. I won't accept it anyway. It's useless even if you bid for it."

Although Mandy said such a thing, she still could not avert her gaze from the Forever Mine. It could be said that literally any woman would be charmed by that diamond ring.

But Mandy knew perfectly well that she had no

right to buy that diamond ring now. Not only her, even the Zimmers could not accumulate that much cash.

As for Jake, she would not accept the ring even though he gained it at the end. After all, she had no intention to divorce Harvey for the time being.

“Mandy, let’s forget it since you don’t like it. If you find anything you like later, do tell me. I’ll definitely buy them for you.” Jake secretly breathed a sigh of relief. He just found himself some kind of excuse to get out of that awkward situation. He wiped away his cold sweat too. If Mandy claimed that she liked that ring, he did not really know what he should do about that.

A roar of laughter was heard. “Excuse me. I really can’t hold it in anymore...” Harvey could not suppress his laughter. “I really don’t want to laugh. But this Jack or something, could you please perform the entire show up until the very end since you really wanted to play pretend. Could you please don’t give it up halfway through? If you don’t have

the money, just don't brag about yourself like that, okay?"

In that instant, Harvey could not hold himself back anymore and thought. 'Is this guy out of his mind? How could he try to act like the others and put up a show here in the auction house since he's only merely capable? Is it the first time he came to such a place?'

"If you dare, go ahead and laugh again!" Jake was extremely angry because of his humiliation. "No matter what, I can still get a few million dollars! How about you? Not to mention a few million dollars, could you even get a few hundred dollars?"

"Harvey, you're a man, but you went and be someone's live-in son-in-law. Don't you feel ashamed of yourself? I heard that you lead a pathetic and pitiful life in the Zimmers just like a dog. How could you even act like a dog, barking here, saying irresponsible remarks! Are you out of your mind? Or are you just trying to prove your existence?"

In that instant, Jake was indeed extremely angry. ‘How could I be humiliated by this live-in son-in-law twice?’ He really had the urge to murder Harvey now.

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Mandy Zimmer's facial expression appeared slightly disgusted. At first, Jake could get so much money for her sake, and she was quite touched by that. But now she felt quite upset and annoyed inside since Jake Surrey always mocked Harvey York.

Although Harvey was poor, and he was a live-in son-in-law no less, he had been doing all the house chores during those three years. He devoted himself to the hardships wholeheartedly. Although Mandy could not accept him at first, she now started to recognize the good in him.

Besides, she would feel quite humiliated if her husband was being condemned like that in public no matter how bad her husband was.

At that moment, Mandy frowned slightly and said, "Mr. Surrey, I hope that you can take back what you just said and apologize to Harvey."

"Do you want me to apologize to him?" Jake burst

into laughter. “Actually, I just do it for your own good. Mandy, this guy is not an ambitious man, but he’s so arrogant in public. He may get into trouble sooner or later. I’m a kind person, so I won’t resent him for this. I’ll only give him some advice. If it was somebody else, they might have beaten him up right away!”

On the other hand, Wyatt Johnson echoed what was said. “Yes, Mandy. You’re being too naive, and you don’t know how cunning and vicious people can get. It’s fine if they are being outright frank with you, generally speaking. We’re just afraid that he might get into trouble, and the others resent him for that secretly. Then, the person who gets into trouble may not just be him. It might even include his entire family. Mandy, don’t go suffering a great loss because of a trivial thing like that. If I’m not your classmate, I won’t even say these things to you.”

Wyatt said earnestly.

Sitting beside him, Rosalie Naiswell glanced at him.

She had a better impression of him now. 'This man is not bad. Not only is he a polite gentleman, the most important thing is that he's quite considerate toward his classmate.'

'In comparison, Harvey is indeed quite disgusting. It's fine if he's a live-in son-in-law. But how could he have no self-awareness? How could he go and offend Jake? Doesn't he know that there are some people who a live-in son-in-law like him could never afford to offend?'

Harvey looked at Mandy as she appeared to be put in a difficult position. He could only smile coldly, took out his phone and sent a text message to Yvonne Xavier.

Looking at Harvey's phone, Rosalie was even more speechless. 'In an era like this, how could there be anyone who uses such an ancient phone from three years ago? He's indeed a worthless piece of trash!'

When Wyatt and Jake saw that scene, they only chuckled softly. Under such a circumstance, they

did not bother to do anything about Harvey. If they bothered about such a poor and worthless piece of trash, they would succumb to a lower level for no reason.

At that moment, the auctioneer on the stage was waving the little hammer slightly. She said excitedly, “Ladies and gentlemen, is there anyone who wants to bid for this lot? If not, Miss Naiswell will be the person who bid the highest price this time around. It’s going once at 13.6 million dollars... Going twice...”

“Going thrice...” 1

“15 million dollars!”

Just when the female auctioneer was about to slam the hammer to end the bidding process, they heard a pleasant and faint female voice from one of the VIP rooms.

Shush—

The present crowd could not help but draw in a cold

breath.

If a person bid for that lot under such a circumstance, it did not only concern the issue of money, but he or she might even offend Rosalie.

It could only be explained that the women now had gone insane. They were not only rich, but they were quite tough in bidding for that lot.

At that moment, Yvonne had asked someone to open the door of the VIP room.

The next second, a lot of people recognized her.

“It’s her! The secretary of the CEO of the York Enterprise—Yvonne!”

“It turns out that she’s from York Enterprise. No wonder she dares to offer such a high price!”

“The Yorks from South Light are indeed not afraid of the Naiswell!”

Clearly, Yvonne showed herself for some reason. She just wanted to show her identity so that the

others understood that York Enterprise wanted that lot now.

After Rosalie heard of Yvonne's identity, she frowned slightly, but she said nothing more. It was just like how the others were reluctant to offend her. She did not want to offend the Yorks because of such a trivial thing like that.

“It's going once at 15 million dollars! Going twice! Going thrice!” At that moment, the auctioneer on stage pounded the gavel and was deeply excited to announce. “Congratulations, Miss Xavier. You successfully bid for the Forever Mine!”

There was a round of applause from the crowd. They had indeed witnessed something great and magnificent that day.

Rosalie sighed softly for she knew that she had no chance to gain the Forever Mine for the rest of her life now.

Mandy looked dull and gloomy too. Certainly, every woman imagined that her husband could help to

put on such a ring on her finger. But it seemed like there was no such chance for her now.

Thinking of that, Mandy laughed at herself again. ‘Not to mention 15 million dollars. I’m sure Harvey could not even get 1.5 million dollars. Although he could get eight hundred thousand dollars before, he borrowed them from someone. Certainly, it’s impossible that his classmate would lend him so much money just to buy a ring.’

“Mandy, do you like that very much?” Harvey asked out of the blue.