

Ovn in the hall. They were probably trying to capture a fugitive.

Xander and I rushed to the security checkpoint, not thinking too much about i t.

At that moment, the men walked toward us, a picture in their hands. They glanced a tit and said, "Are you Wanda Lane?"

Though I was a little surprised, I still nodded slightly.

"We're from the Salt City Administration for Industry and Commerce. We can't believe you've actually been this fast.

Don't try to run. Come with me!" One of them looked at me with a grim expression.

I was completely dumbfounded and stood rooted to the spot, not knowing what to do. Standing beside me, Xander said, "Why are you looking for her? We're in a rush."

"We know you're in a rush. Why else would we be squatting here this late at night?" one of the young men snapped.

I calmed myself down and went forward, saying, "I'm a law-abiding tax-paying

ving, "I'm a law-abiding tax-paying citizen. Shouldn't you at least give me a reason before you take me away?"

"Your company has been suspected of long-term money laundering. There were two deaths last night, and although you're not the one legally responsible, as the president's wife, you are obliged to cooperate in our investigation."

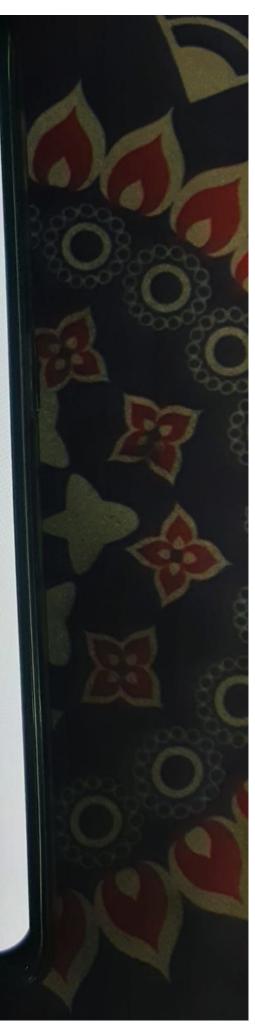
Our company, Grant Corporation?

I was not just dumbfounded, but stupefied too.

"Although Mid-Nutri Technology isn't your company, your name has been signed on all its documents over the years. Come with us first."

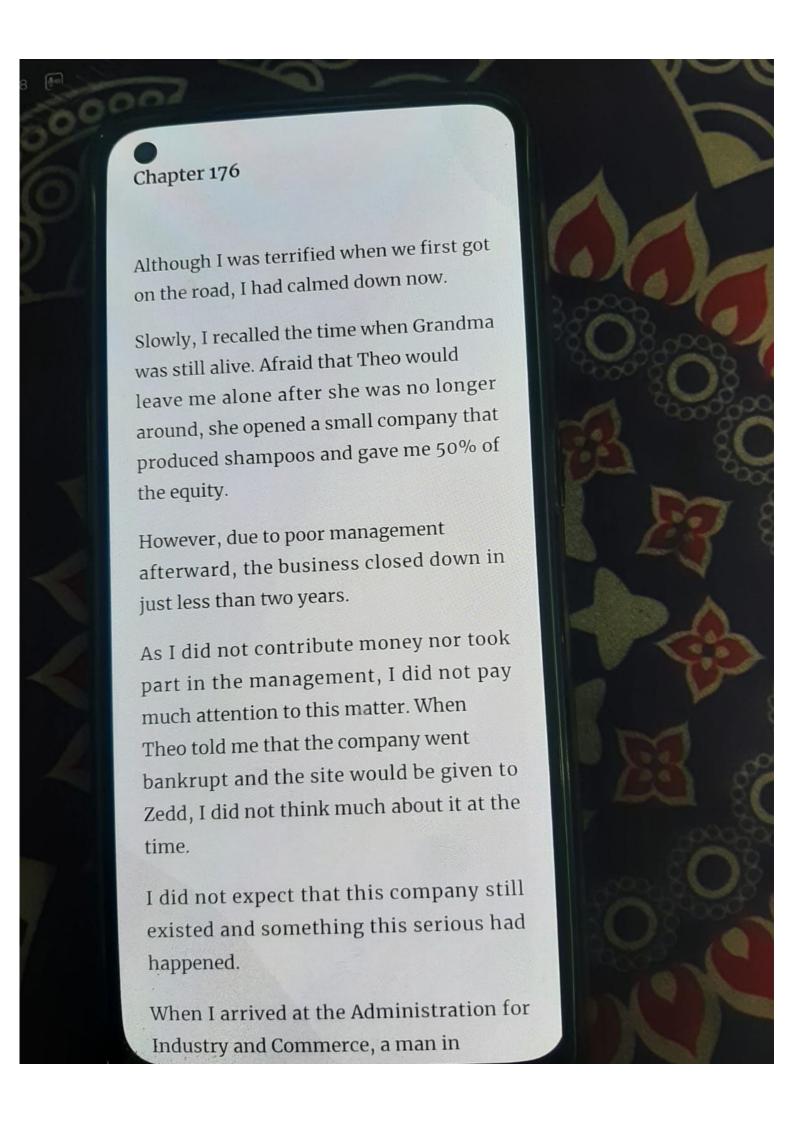
"You've got the wrong person, right? She doesn't have her own company. All those companies belong to her husband. You should go to Theo Grant, Grant Corporation legal owner, and not come here giving a pregnant lady trouble."

"Sir, you can hire an attorney if you have any doubts. Don't stop us from performing our duties, or we will take you away too." After such a long delay, the patience of these men was running



you away too." After such a long delay, e patience of these men was running thin.

Although I did not know what was going o n, I had calmed down completely, so I said to Xander, "I'm fine. You go ahead and see what's going on over there. Contact me if there's any news. I'll join you as soon as I'm done here."



lustry and Commerce, a man in civilian clothes sat across from me.

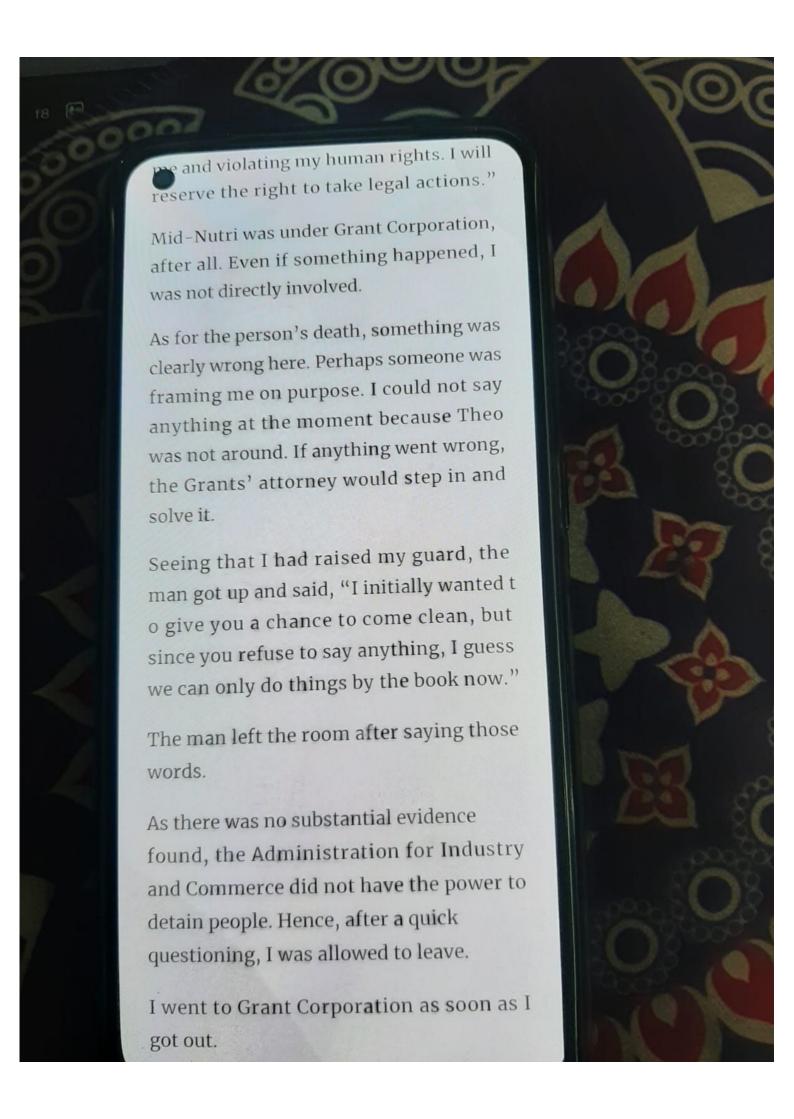
"Ms. Wanda, we learned that your company's product caused a customer to experience serious hair loss due to issues in product quality two years ago. The customer eventually suffered from depression and committed suicide. Just last night, a family member of the deceased consumed poison to commit suicide in front of the factory. Are you aware of this?"

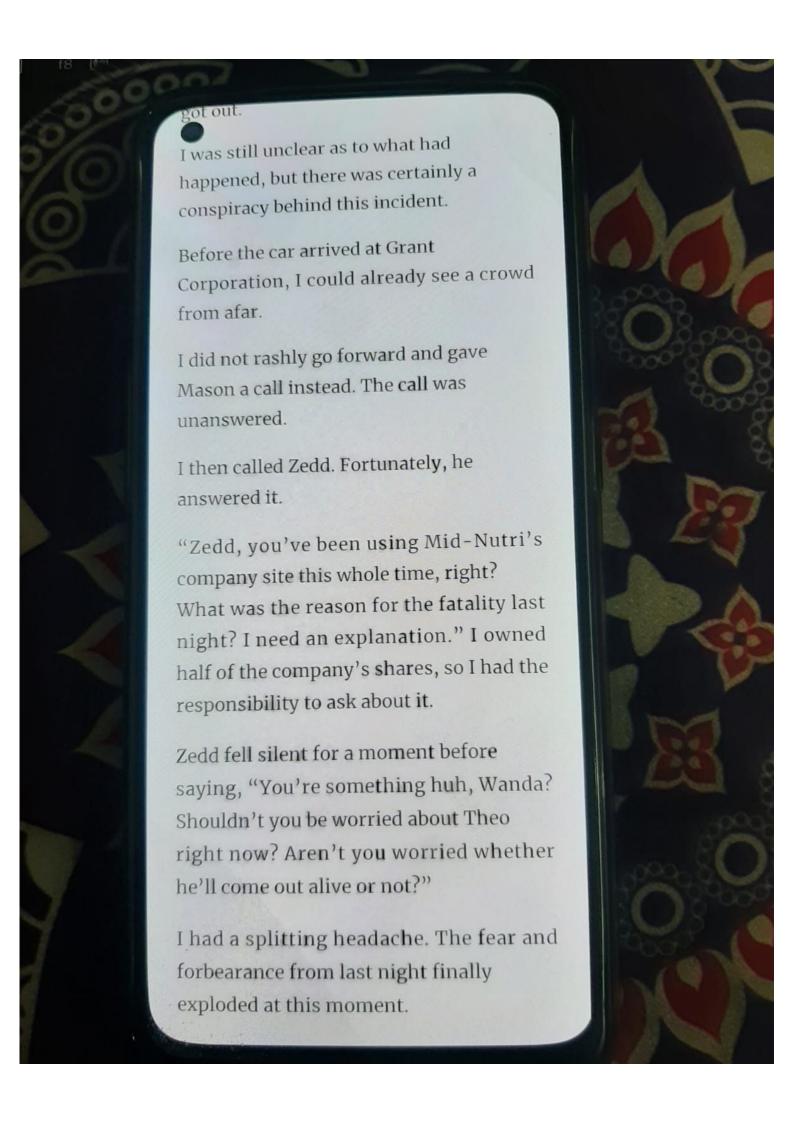
I shook my head immediately. "I'm not aware of it at all. I admit that this company exists under Grant Corporation, but production halted two years ago. As for the customer you just mentioned, it's actually my first time hearing about this case."

I was honestly unaware of this incident.

"Ms. Wanda, you said that this company has halted production, yet you've still been earning profits in the last two years. Moreover, many of the documents were personally signed and approved by you. Don't tell me you're unaware of these things?"

mmgs: Unbelievable. I had no idea how to defend myself at all and could only keep shaking my head. "I don't know. I don't know anything at all." "Please calm down, Ms. Wanda. You're the company's shareholder and the one who signed all the Mid-Nutri documents. We have evidence of it." After a pause, he continued, "As for the two lives, they're not directly related to you, so the police will handle it. Therefore, this case is more industrial and commercial in nature. You just need t o explain to us about the money laundering, but as far as you're concerned, you're not in any trouble." The man's words reminded me that the person had only died in front of the factory but the reason was still unclear. This was not a criminal case yet, so it could only be considered an economic case. After calming myself down, I looked at the man in front of me and said, "I'm really sorry but I can't answer your questions now. You're illegally detaining me and violating my human rights. I will





Appoded at this moment I yelled without a single care, "Do you think it's my responsibility if he insists o n dying in a car accident with his lover? Did the two agree not to stop until they could die together? What, so one car accident isn't enough and they got into another in Whaldorf City?" Zedd fell silent. After a very long time, he said, "I've sent someone to handle Mid-Nutri's incident. You indeed signed some of the documents because you hold half of the equity, hence you have the right to decide. Theo knows this. You can ask him yourself when he's out of danger!"

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Having said that, he fell silent again before saying, "If you're smart, Wanda, you should know that sometimes, if you insist on doing something, you'll only end up being the unlucky one in the end."

"What do you mean by 'I'll end up being the unlucky one in the end'?" I felt like I was being pushed into a major conspiracy. Most importantly, I had no idea what they were up to at all.

Zedd did not say any more and hung up straight away.

Seeing the crowd, I felt a little afraid and pulled out my phone to call Cecilia.

"Where are you? I was just about to call you." As soon as the call connected, Cecilia's anxious voice was heard.

"Downstairs of Grant Corporation," I replied weakly.

"Don't go in. I watched the news and this is huge. I'll come and pick you up immediately."

Il suffer a major crisis and may even face bankruptcy."

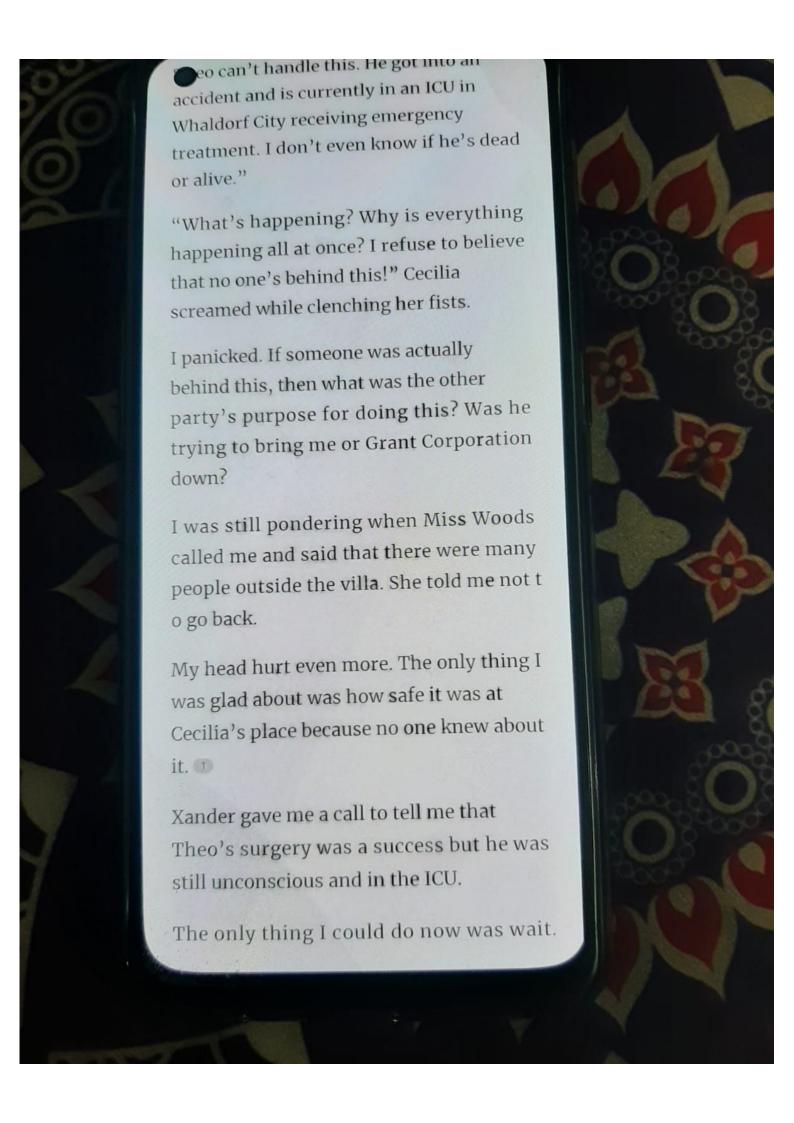
"I don't care about other stuff. Bankrupt or not, I don't care. I'm just worried about you. Everyone on the internet is saying that you're the one who's behind the deaths.

"Also, something has happened with the new product endorsement. They say that the shareholders are all putting the blame on you for starting the rumors and leaking the master copy. Some of the shareholders are particularly extreme, so you must be careful."

I held my forehead. For a moment, I felt like I was being attacked from all sides.

Seeing how I was behaving, Cecilia said, "Don't panic first. Theo will probably take care of the monetary problems for you. However, I think it'll be hard for you to go to work again in the future. Perfect timing, I suppose. We can leave everything behind and head straight to Rosella City."

My heart was a mess. I crouched down on the floor and hugged my head, saying, " Theo can't handle this. He got into an



This lasted several days. The bad thing about the internet was that even the smallest things were infinitely magnified. Grant Corporation's status in Salt City spoke for itself. The headlines published by major news agencies, selfpublished media, and trending hashtags recently were all about these matters. Someone died in Grant Corporation's factory... Mrs. Grant had a lover boy, resulting in the delayed release of new products and breach of Newlight Media's contract... They also talked about Grant Corporation's internal management issues and so on. All of a sudden, the so-called insiders started exposing all sorts of slander and misinformation. I was also described as being an unconventional and promiscuous sinner. As expected, Grant Corporation's stocks crashed to a limit down. Many shareholders could not stand the pressure and stood downstairs of Grant Corporation every day to demand an

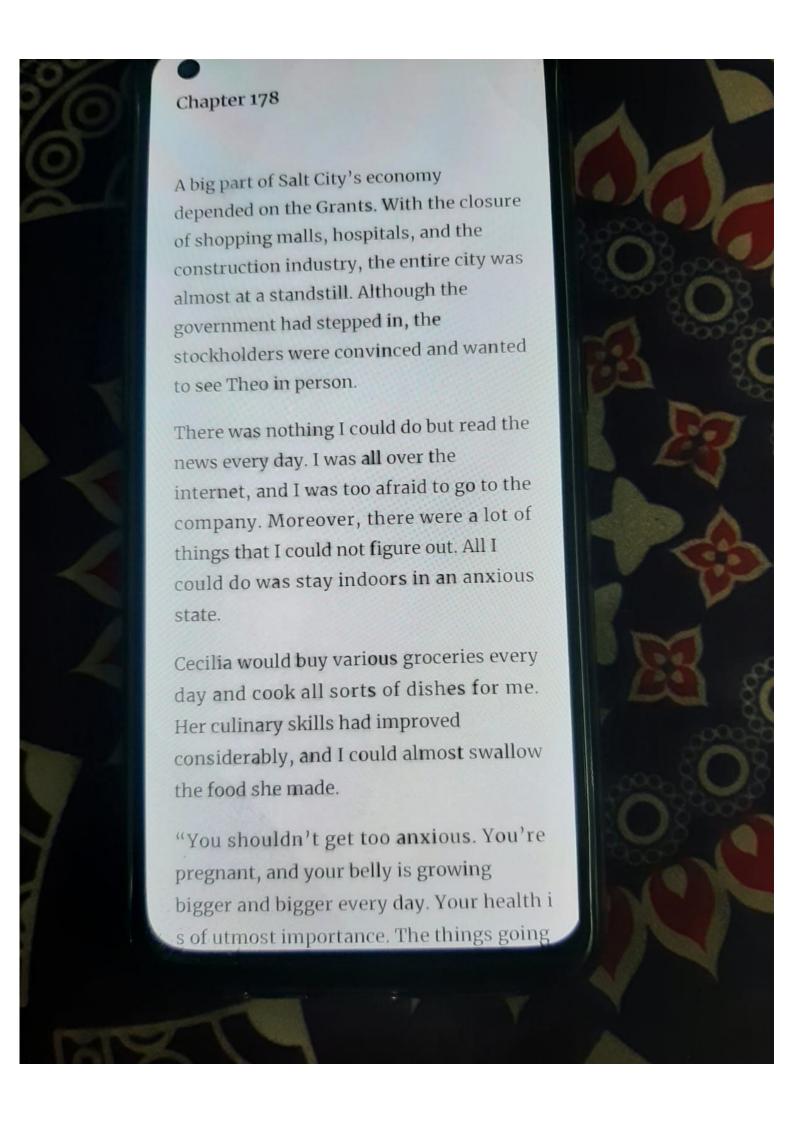
rporation every day to demand an explanation. They demanded that I, the vicious criminal, show myself.

Although the company held a press conference, it was of no use because Theo and I did not show up. It did not put things to rest.

The fuss that the stockholders created directly led to the shutdown of all the Grants' businesses.

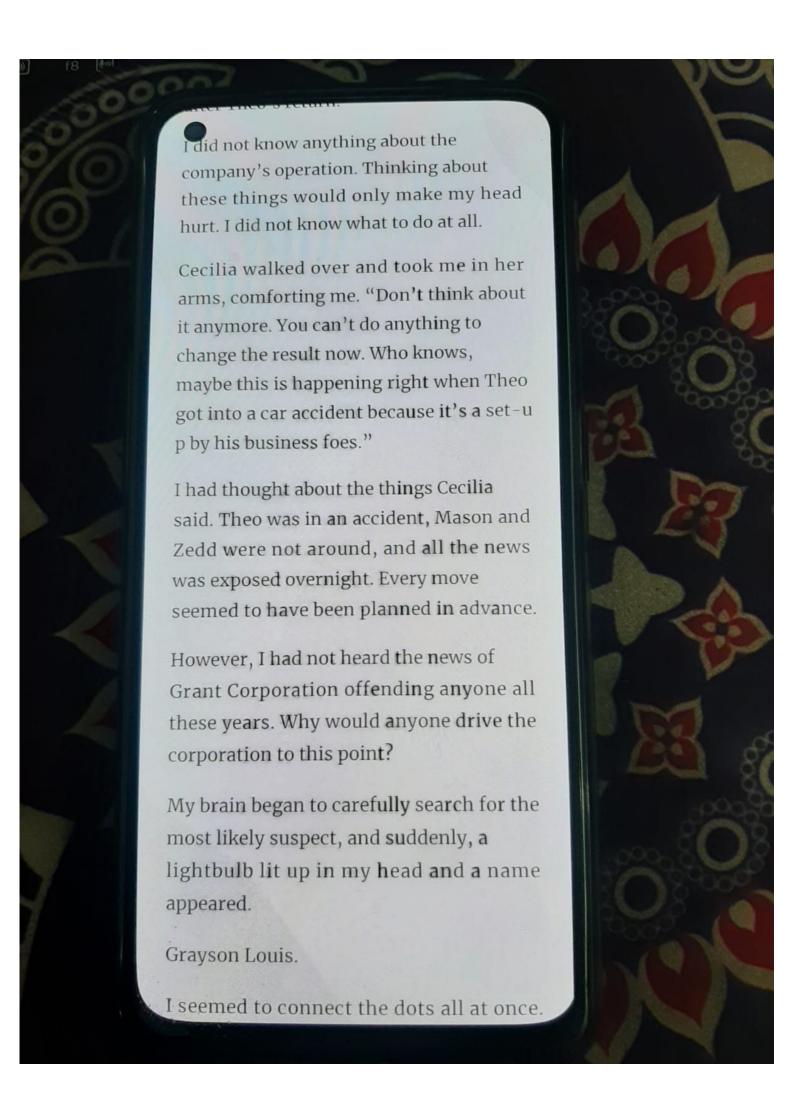
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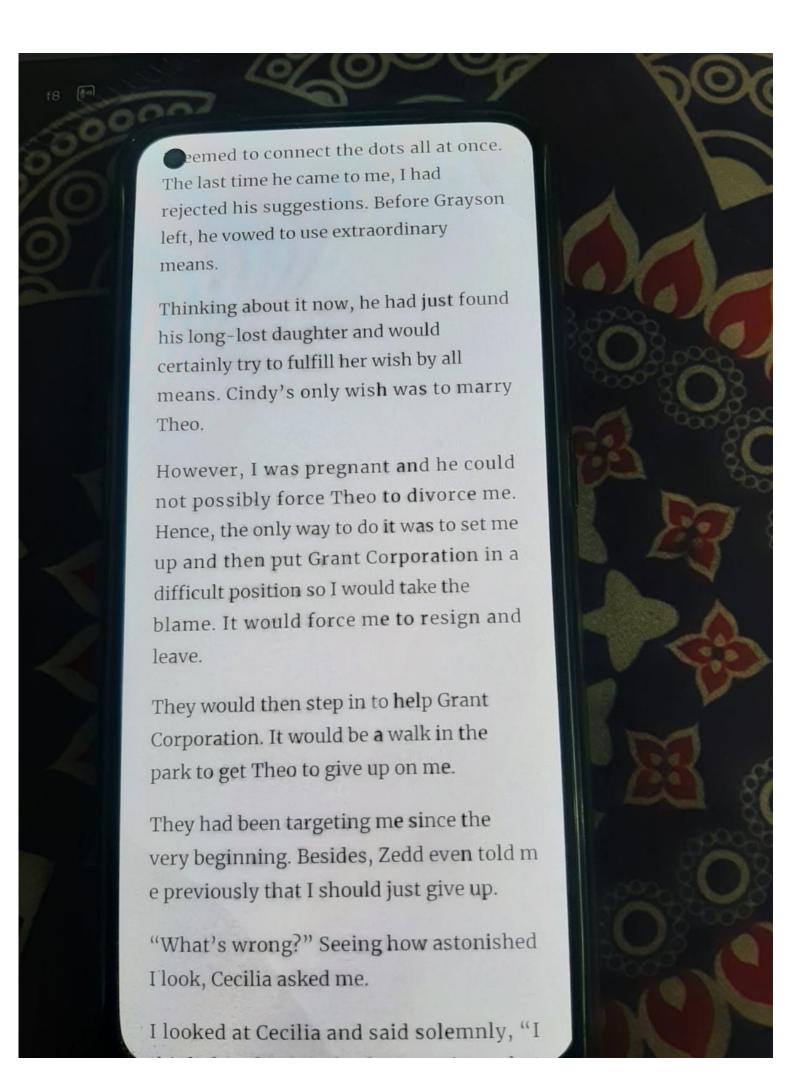
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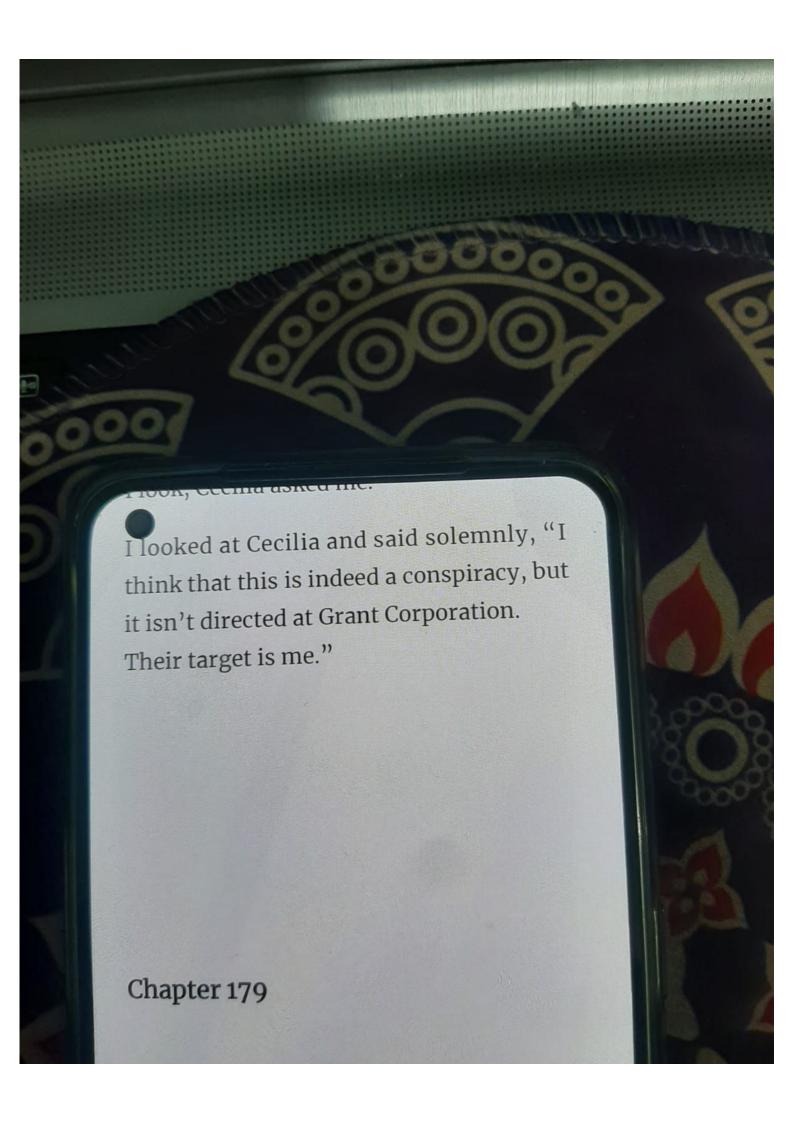


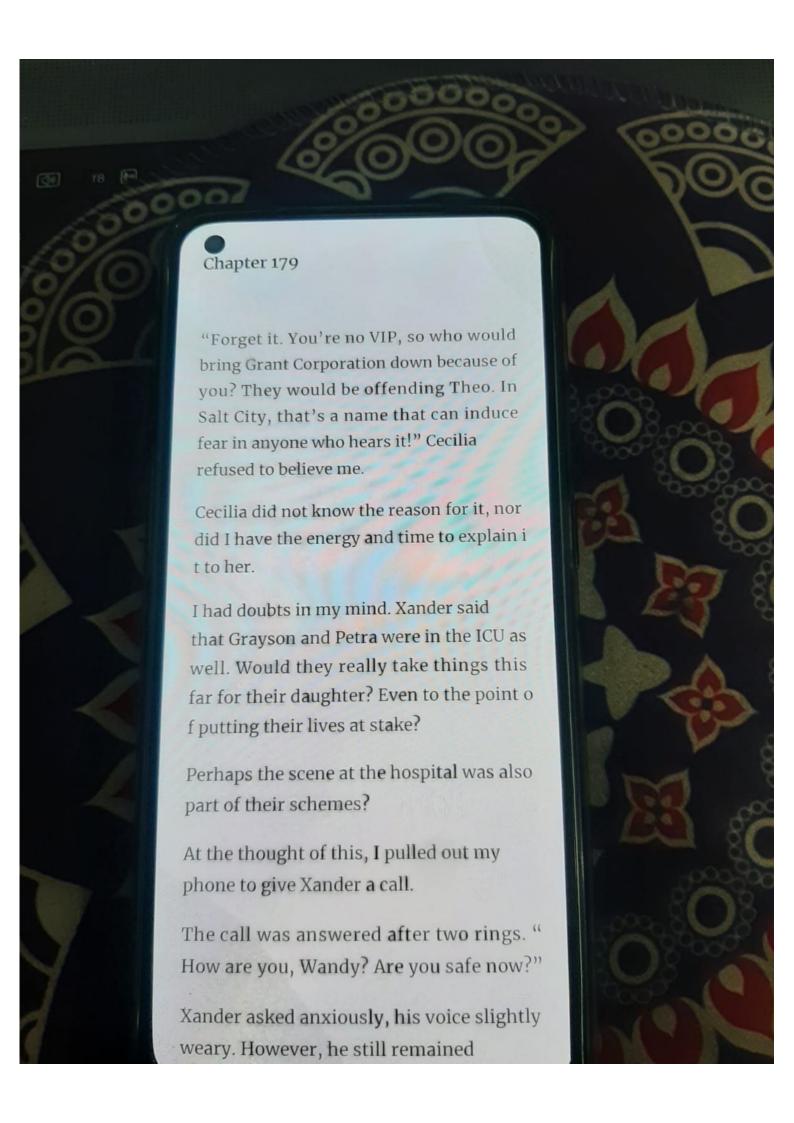
f utmost importance. The things going on now are completely out of your control," Cecilia said and comforted me. I nodded, but I had no appetite to eat. Although I understood Cecilia's words, it was impossible for me not to worry. "I hope the audit results will be released soon. At least, it'll allow Grant Corporation to resume business because the loss this time is incalculable." "I don't think it's possible. Theo has shot himself in the foot big time. If Grant Corporation goes bankrupt, then he'll have a lifetime of debts that he can't repay. Wanda, you need to divorce him immediately after he wakes up!" Cecilia looked worriedly at me. Standing in Cecilia's shoes, I knew that she was just worried about me. Humans were selfish. It was an undeniable fact that we would always choose to stand on the side of those who were closest to us. However, I could not do so. I said, "Grandma was really nice to me back then. If I ask for a divorce at this moment, then I'll not be able to ease my conscience for the rest of my life. If Grant

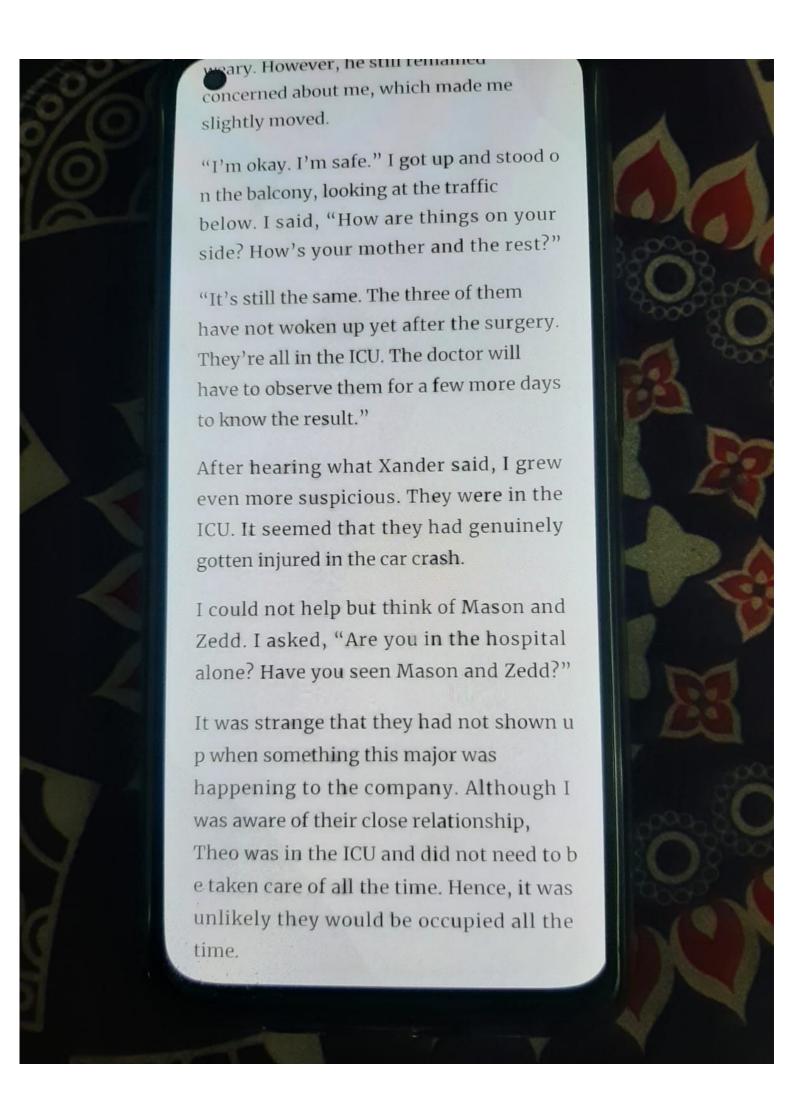
ascience for the rest of my life. If Grant Corporation really goes bankrupt, then as his wife, I'll accompany him through the difficult times." Cecilia did not respond to that and merely looked at me before asking, "Have you ever wondered if Zedd is the one behind this? Mid-Nutri got in trouble under his management but the signatures were all signed by you. Do you think he used you because he has been wanting to deal with Theo for the longest time?" I had suspicions about this earlier but Theo brushed it off when I mentioned it t o him. Zedd had said himself that Theo was the one who authorized the signing o f the documents. Also, Zedd and Theo managed the company together, so if anything happened to Grant Corporation, Zedd would not be able to safeguard himself either. This was evident from their company's share situation. Zedd was no fool. He would not do such a thing to hurt his own interests. Hence, the truth of the matter would only be out after Theo's return.











"Mason is taking care of them inside.

Zedd went back to Salt City today. Don't worry about Grant Corporation. Take care of yourself. Don't leave the house."

"Okay, got it. You take care."

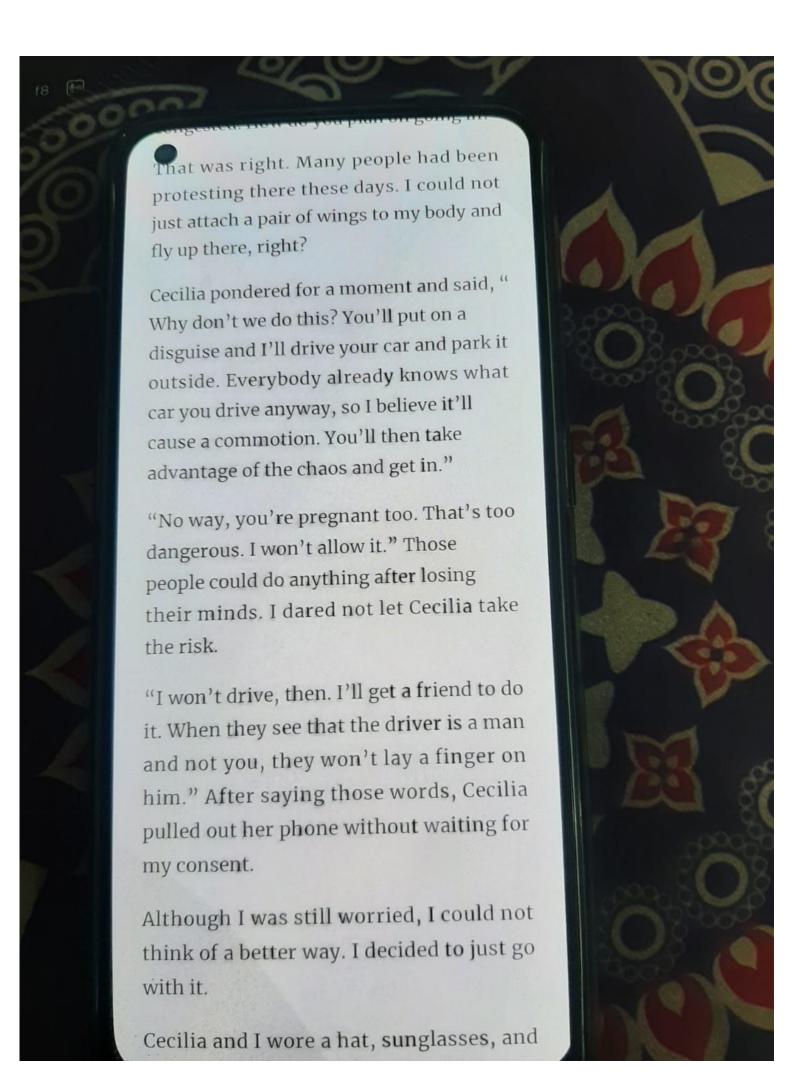
After hanging up the call, my head hurt even more. Their behaviors were unusual but I could not figure out why. The business field was like a battlefield. There were all sorts of deceitful tricks, and nobody bothered to put on a false pretense.

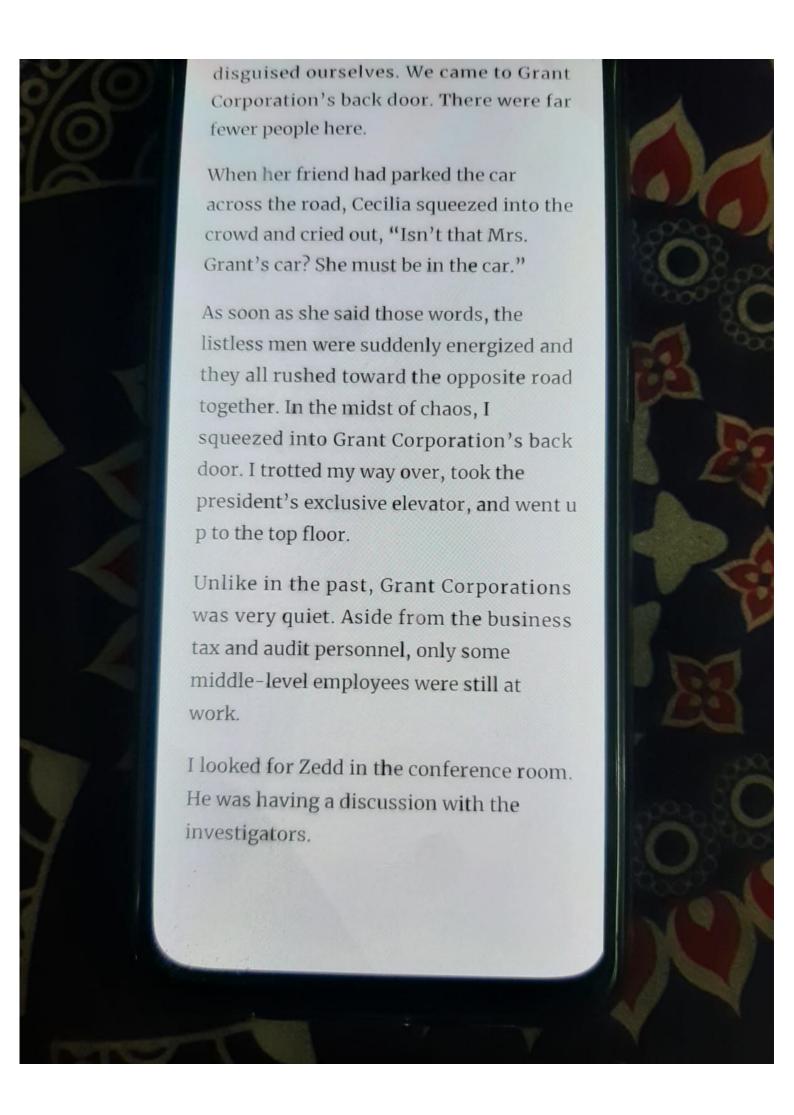
After lunch, I got ready to leave. Since Zedd had returned, I needed to think of a way to go to the company to meet him.

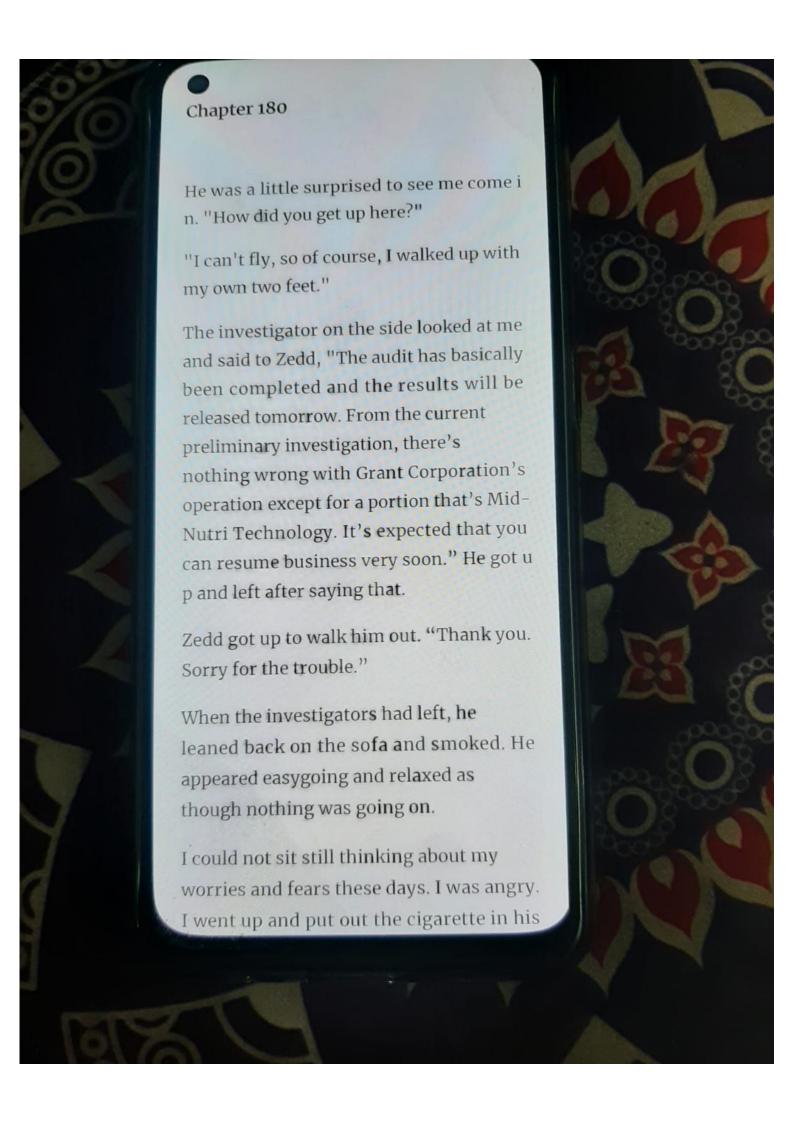
Cecilia saw me grabbing my bag and came up to grab me. "You can't go out. It's dangerous out there. What do you need? I'll buy it for you."

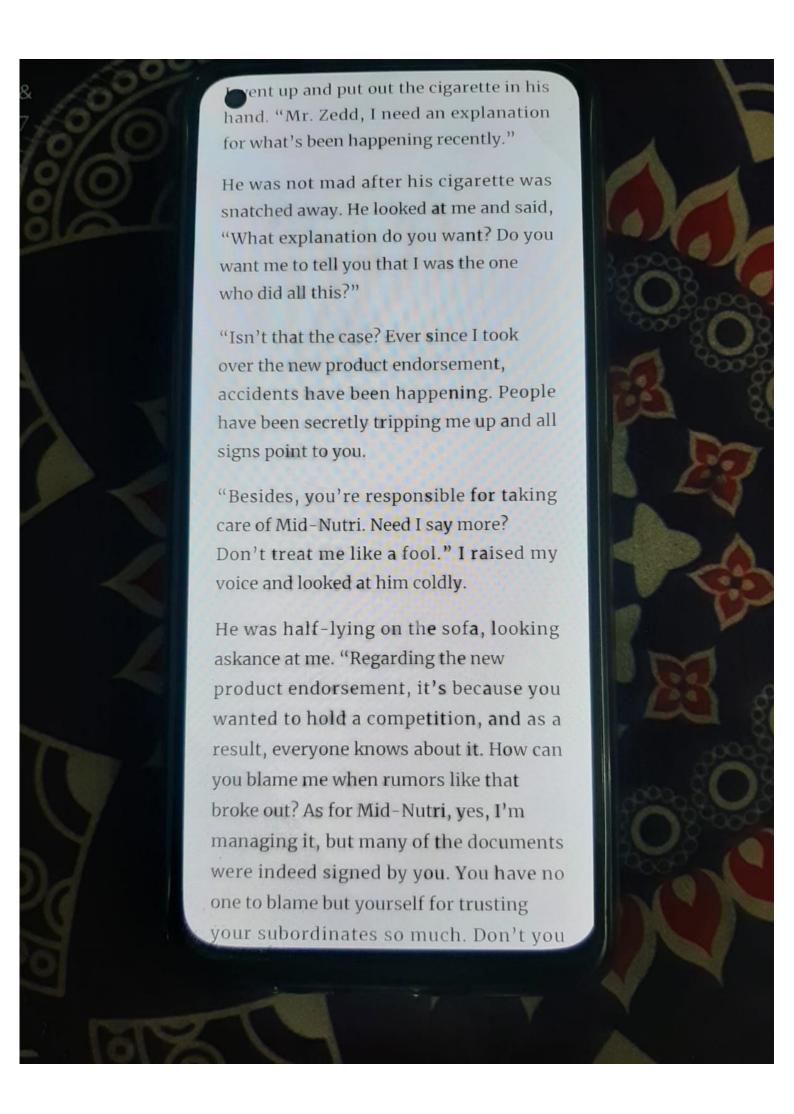
"I'm not going out to buy anything. I heard that Zedd is back. I'm going to the company. I can't eat or sleep if I can't clear things up."

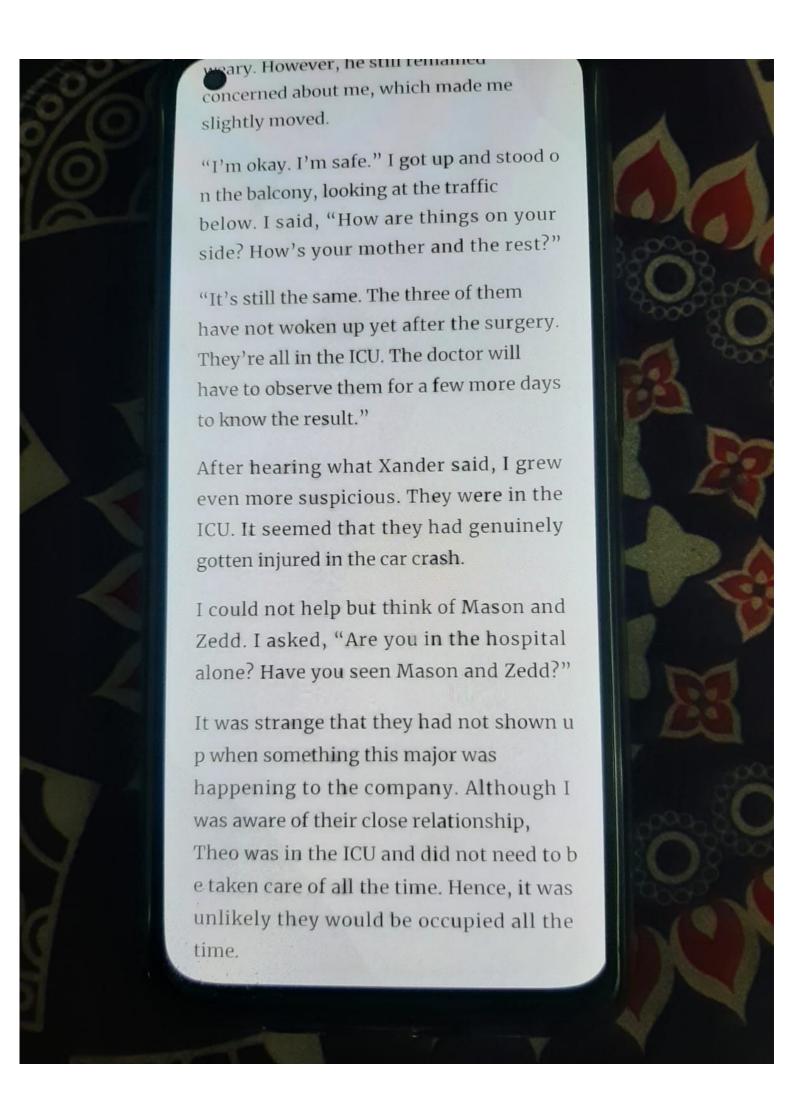
"There's a crowd outside of Grant Corporation. Even the basement is congested. How do you plan on going in?"

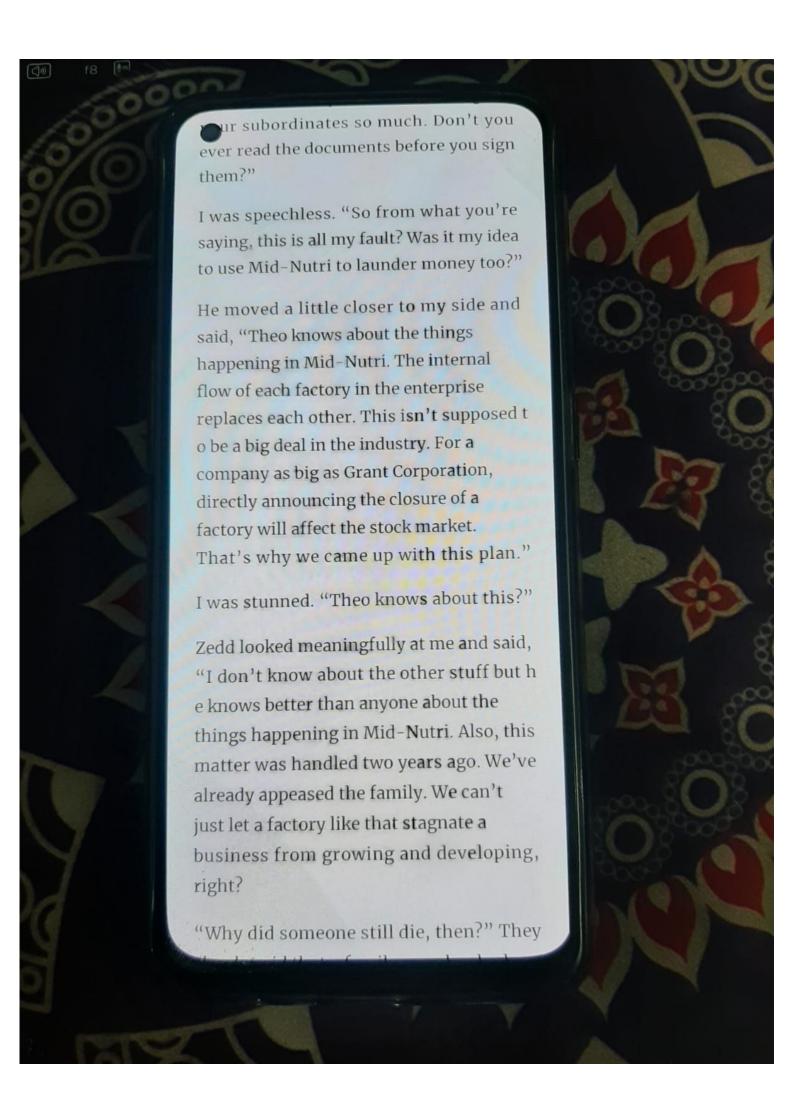


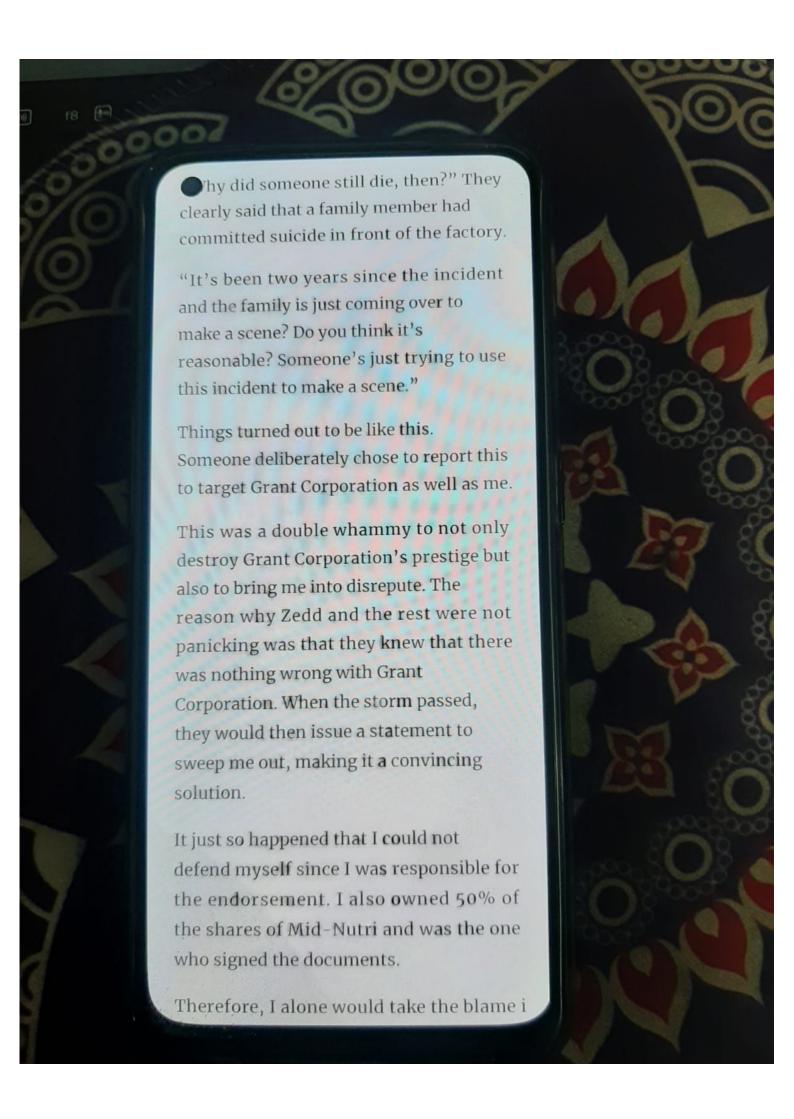


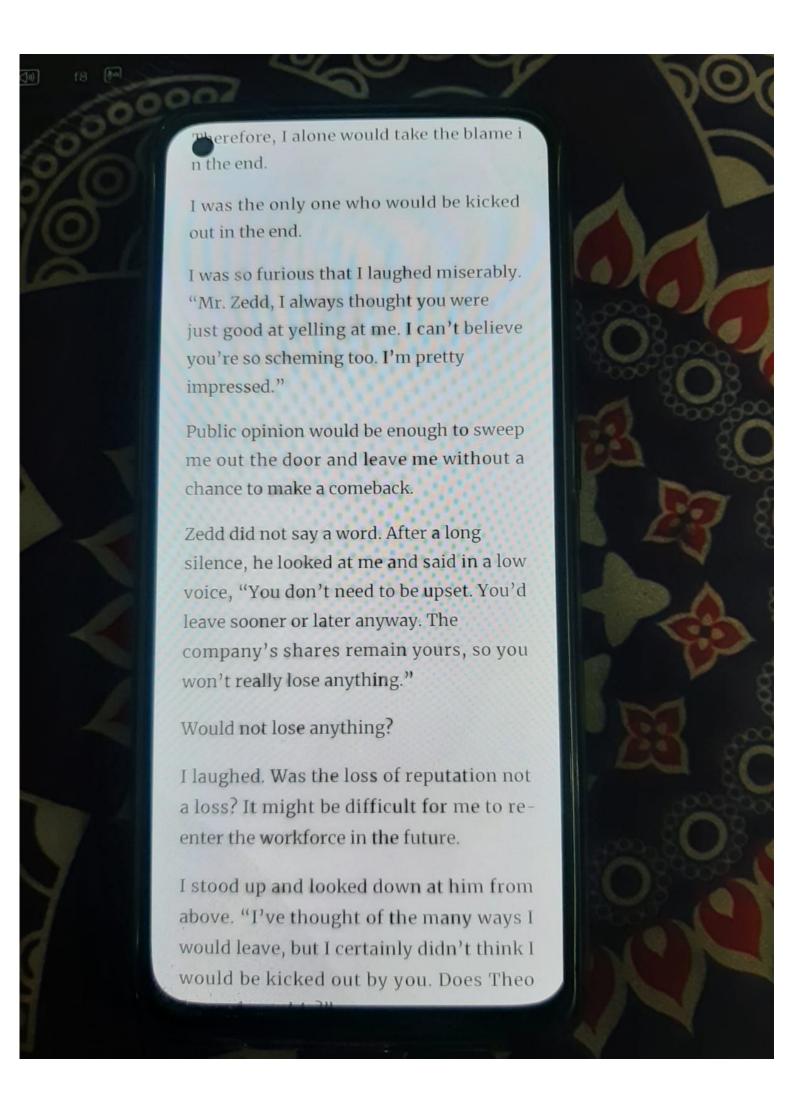


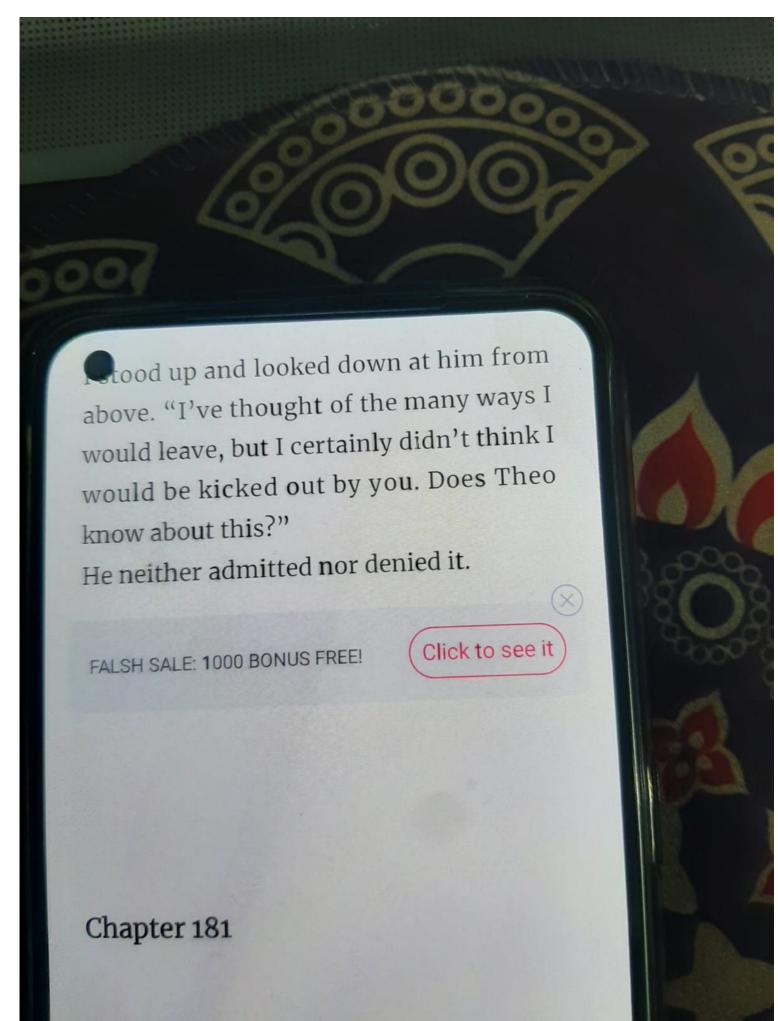


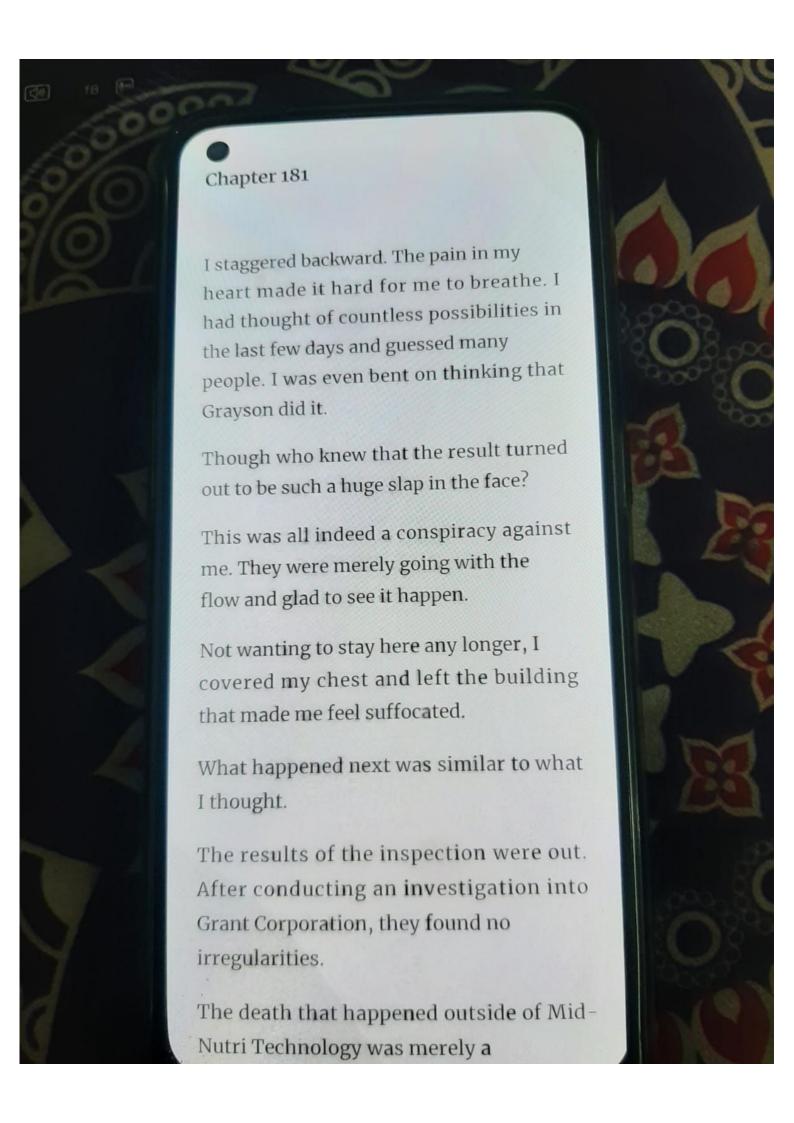












coincidence. There was no direct evidence to prove that it was related to the company. As for the accounts, I was the one doing it in secret and had to bear all the responsibility for it.

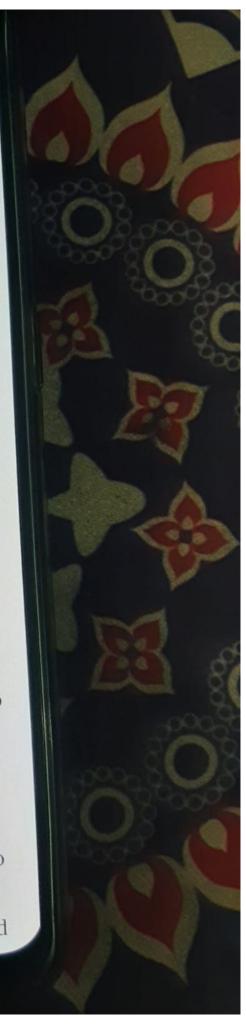
Therefore, I was expected to bear the penalties and fines alone.

The company resumed business, and after bearing all the compensation, I was fired from the company, never to be hired again.

Things had finally settled down after days of drama. Grant Corporation suffered huge losses because of this incident. Their stock price slumped as well. Business was closed for a few days, but thankfully, everything went back to normal again.

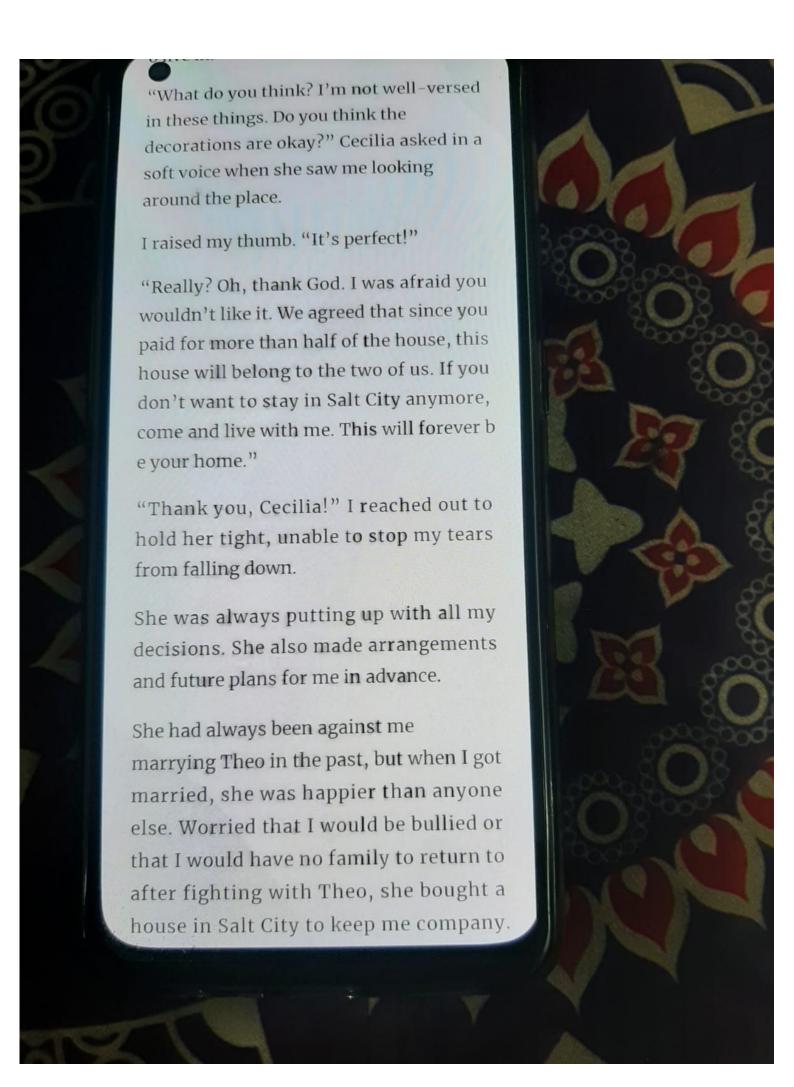
As I was willing to take responsibility for i t, the company was able to salvage parts o f its reputation. Everything went back to normal after business resumed operations as usual.

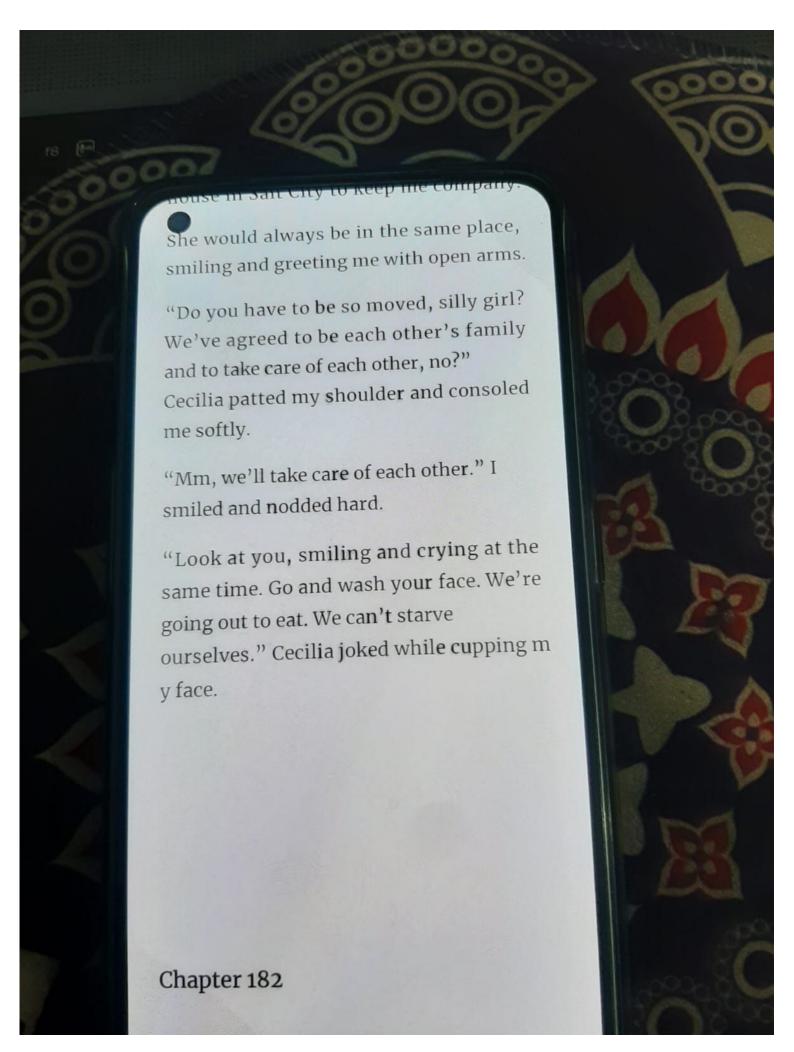
I went from being in despair and sad to slowly calming down. However, I continued to have low spirits and could

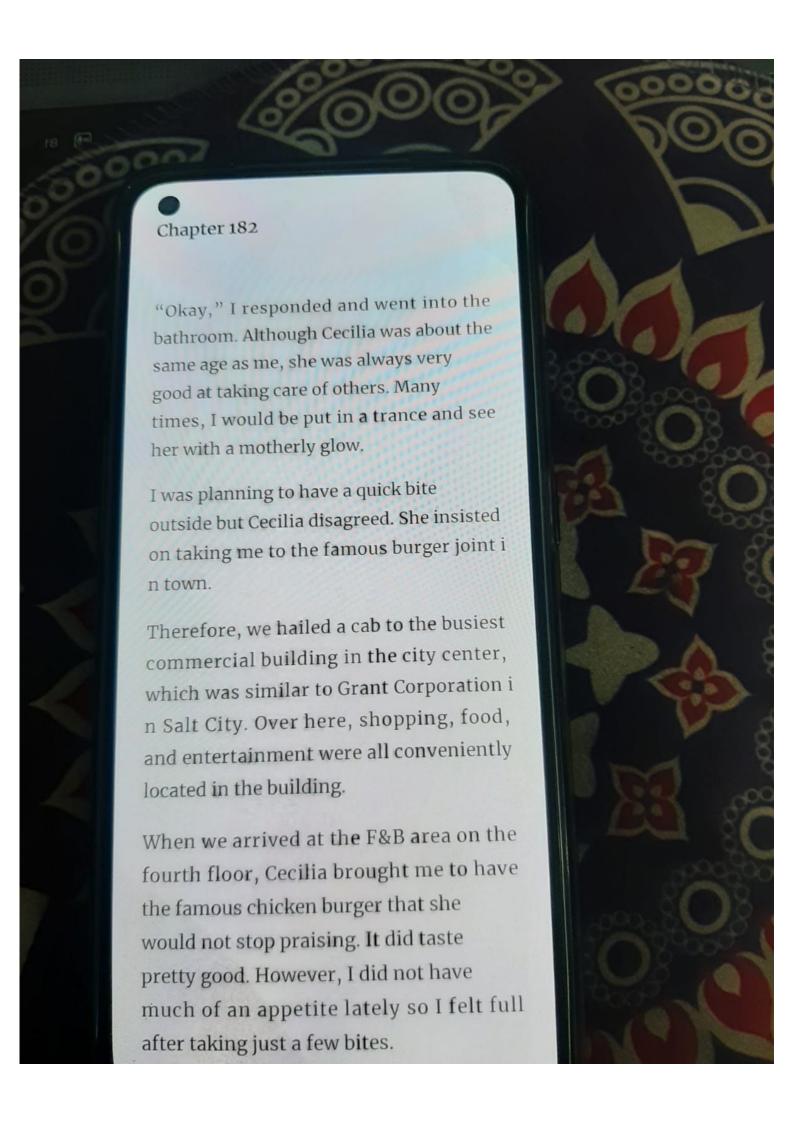


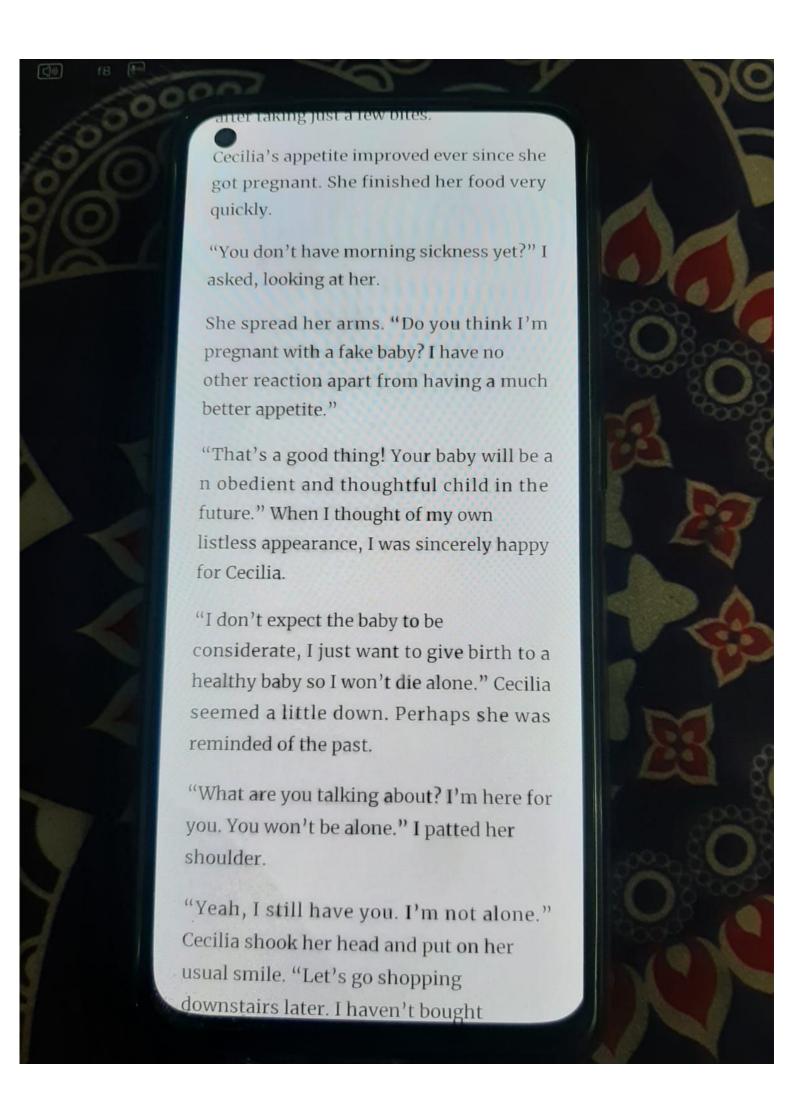
ntinued to have low spirits and could barely cheer myself up. I had been staying in Cecilia's house without returning to the villa. As I no longer needed to go back to work, I had nothing to do at home and daydreamed all day. My stomach grew very quickly, and a bump was already visible. I no longer cared about what was happening in the outside world. I did not watch the news nor did I care about the current situation. I also stopped asking about Theo. Cecilia was anxious to see me like this. She had been making all sorts of different dishes for me every day to cheer me up. After dinner, Cecilia said to me, "Wanda, our house in Rosella City is done. Should we go over and stay for a few days? I need your help to check out the place. I don't know much about renovation works." "Okay." Although I did not feel like going out, I had to accompany Cecilia since she had asked. I knew very well that she just wanted to

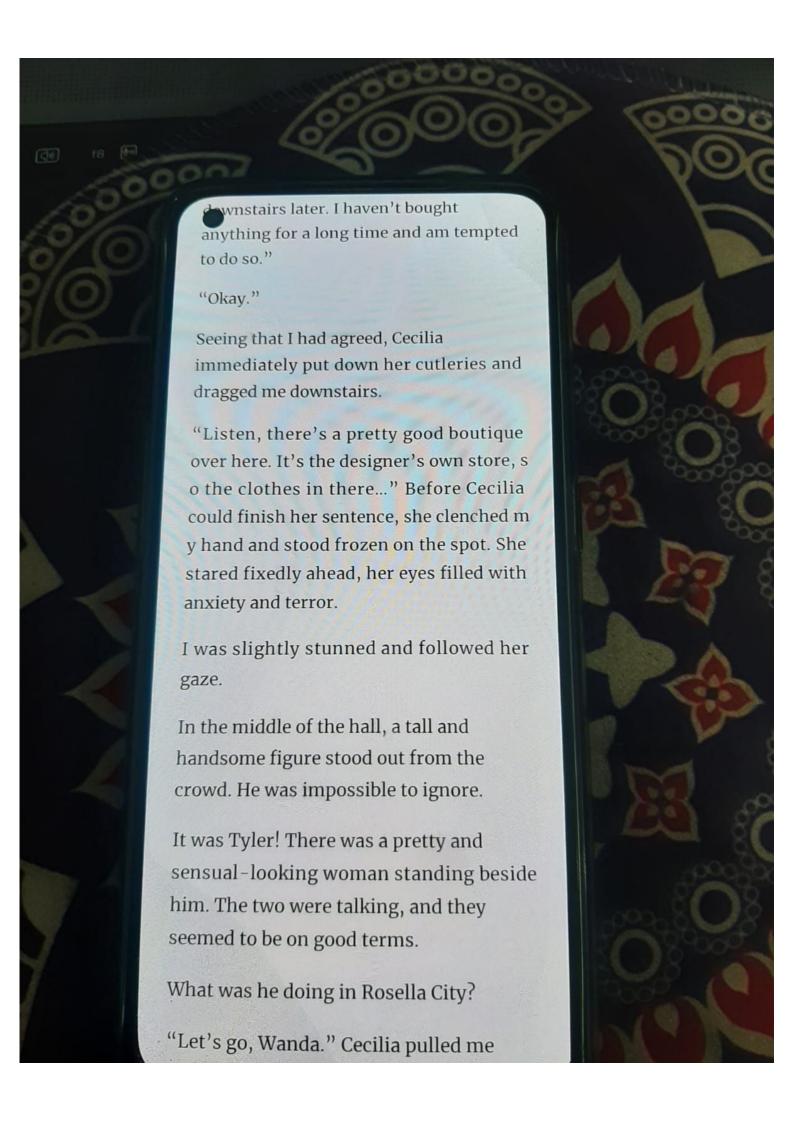
use this as an excuse to bring me out. For the sake of my child, I should go out to take a walk. I should not allow the sullenness in my heart to devour me whole. Rosella City was not very near to Salt City, but the high-speed train made things convenient. We arrived in just three hours. Cecilia's house was in a high technology zone. The government was planning for a new education park that would have public and private schools. There were many schools here, and all the area was being improved. It was a good living environment. Cecilia did not buy a villa according to the original plan but chose a luxurious townhouse community where each building had only six floors. Moreover, the buildings were all set apart from each other with impressive green spaces. Looking at the place as a whole, it seemed really worth it. A house of more than 2,152 square feet was more than enough for the four of us t o live in.

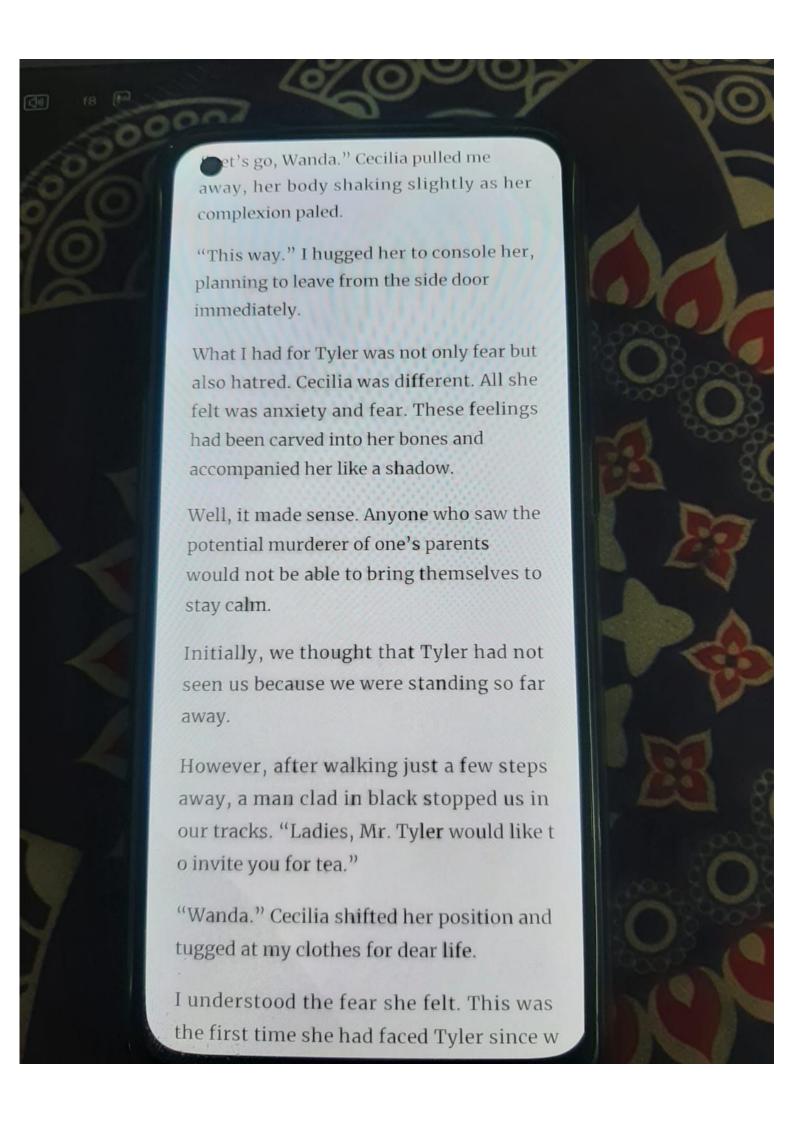


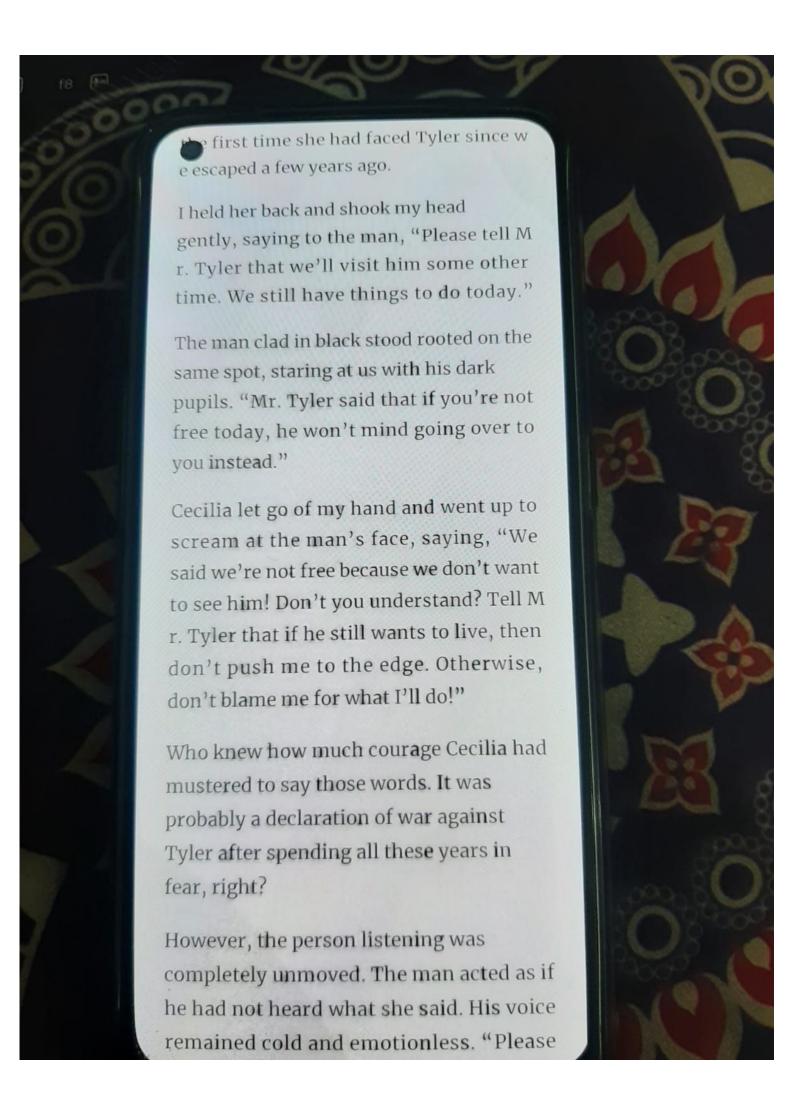












nowever, the person listening was npletely unmoved. The man acted as if he had not heard what she said. His voice remained cold and emotionless. "Please don't make things hard for me. Don't blame me for being rude." Cecilia stomped her feet in anger as an anxious look crossed her face. I pulled her hand and said softly, "Looks like we can't escape this today. Don't be afraid. I'm here with you." Chapter 183

