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"You... Did you actually purchase a fake diamond?" Edwin asked, puzzled.

Johanna interjected, standing between them, "No, no, there's clearly some confusion here."

Edwin glanced at the gift box in Hannah's grasp.

"May I take a look?"

Finding no reason to refuse, Hannah tossed him the gift box nonchalantly.

Upon inspecting the diamond, Edwin's expression shifted instantly. As someone well-versed in luxury, he knew a genuine diamond when he saw one.

Observing Edwin's changed expression, Johanna assumed the worst.

"Never mind, Edwin. It's unimportant if it's a fake. We..."

Edwin cut her off, "This diamond is not fake. It's real."

The moment Edwin spoke, the room fell into hushed quiet.

"Edwin, are you sure you saw that correctly?" Johanna was the first to break the silence.

Realizing she may have been too forward, she hastily added, "The pink diamond isn't exactly small. Are you certain it's real?"

Edwin's brow furrowed.

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"The hue, cut, and purity of this diamond come from ME store. I can't be mistaken."

Just then, a figure rushed into the birthday gathering.

"Boss, I've arrived!"

The newcomer immediately drew the crowd's attention.

"Isn't that Mary, the design director from ME?"

"Did you catch what Mary just called that woman? Boss!"

"How could that be? She's the boss of ME?"

Hannah retrieved the pink diamond from Edwin and handed it to Mary.

"Some here suspect that the pink diamond is fake. As far as I recall, you only crafted five such diamonds, and this is the last one. Can you confirm its authenticity?

Mary inspected the diamond closely after opening the gift box. Her face tensed as she declared, "Absolutely not! This pink diamond is real!"

"Really?"