

Yoli had heard a certain rumor while working at her stand about a certain pillow pile at the back of Dan's Dango. Seemingly a bun named Shibani had filled it full of pillows and sometimes random "treasures" could be found if truly lucky. This whole situation seemed just like something Yoli had to get her scheming little hands in on.

To all her customers' shock...She actually closed down for the evening and headed on over to Dan's to check things out. She entered the shop, but it seems Dan himself was out getting ingredients according to a sign and a white bun was slumped at the register barely awake.

Yoli peered at the bun, noticing the red roping accessory upon them and wondering how comfortable such an intricate thing could be. Since Dan wasn't present, she carefully reached out and poked the round pink cheek of the bun before her. The bun slightly jolted, looked up and he mumbled something Yoli couldn't quite catch.

She asked when Dan would return (so she could try to charm him into telling her about the so-called special pillow room) and inquired who the sleepy bun was before her. The bun rubbed their jewel-like red eyes and introduced himself as Shibani and Dan would be gone for some time today to restock.

Yoli mentally swore. She had shut down her entire operation for this and refused to go home empty handed. She quickly calculated a new idea and turned to Shibani, feigning exhaustion.

The striped bun "lamented" how overworked she was and how "badly" she wished she could rest, but alas she had to return back to work since Dan was not present. Shibani watched her ham it up and with a soft smile informed her he knew a place she could catch a nap while she waited for Dan to return.

Score! Yoli forced back a sly grin and sweetly thanked Shibani for being SO generous and considerate towards her. Shibani lead her to a back room and what she saw was simply amazing.

The room was filled with super plush and luxurious pillows, the entire thing like a giant comfy nest of sorts. Yoli spied many trinkets littered about...And the unmistakable gleam of a few random carats, her ultimate love of her life.

Before she could react, Shibani gently pushed her into a stack of pillows. Yoli screeched why on earth he would do that...Only for Shibani to flop down beside her and catch her in a hug. Yoli went bright red, her entire body as stiff as a possum playing dead. Shibani yawned and told her that there was no time to waste on a good nap.

Within seconds he was completely out, like someone had flipped off a switch! Yoli internally screamed, this was not calculated in her plans in the least-! She tried carefully to wiggle free...But his paws were wrapped around her like a bloody vice-!

Yoli soon was desperately trying to claw herself away, but the soft pillows made it nearly impossible to get much traction. She kicked and flopped like a fish, but Shibani was out cold. She secretly envied that he didn't even react in the slightest!

Soon Yoli was so exhausted, so mentally strained from her attempts to escape...She laid back, barely able to think straight anymore. She felt the softness of the pillows and the warmth from Shibani's grip...And the sleep took hold.

A dream of endless glittering carats filled her head. They fell like rain and Yoli laughed triumphantly as she danced about, finally falling back and making a snow-angel-like motion amongst the piling items. Her greed had never been so satisfied and she sat up, grabbing an armful of carats, only to toss them about like confetti.

She then felt a shadow upon her. She looked up to see a giant Shibani looming there. He was easily as tall as a building and let out a yawn that sent a gale across the area. Yoli desperately tried not to get sent flying, gripping the ground with her paws and to her horror, all of the carats were getting blown away!

She couldn't even grab one single carat as they disappeared behind her into a void of darkness. The yawn subsided and Yoli managed to stand, yelling at the giant bun that he was ruining her plans. The Shibani merely let out an adorable sleepy noise...And without warning...Started falling forward-!!

Yoli screamed in fear, turning to run but she tripped on a pile of pillows that appeared out of nowhere! She scrambled to get up...But it was too late.

The Shibani crushed her, soft white fur engulfing her and drowning out her last shriek of terror. Blackness, sheer blackness and then the weight started to lift. Yoli awoke in a panic, sitting up and patting herself down to realize she was indeed whole.

She peered over, seeing Shibani had rolled over onto his other side away from her...And instantly knew it was time to make a break for it. She started moving away when Shibani made a small noise, causing her to freeze up.

He then mumbled something along the lines that he hoped she had a good nap and Yoli quickly fibbed that it was "very interesting". She then high-tailed it out of there, forgetting the carats and any smidge of potential treasure within that room. Once back at her stand, she felt something hard stuck in the backside of her fur...

Only for it to be one single shining carat.

It MUST have gotten tangled when she was flailing about...Otherwise she didn't know what to believe after that crazy, crazy dream!