

『The moment that Lilah's special ability is recognized by her friends』

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Lilah and Sophia have been good friends for ten years. They met at school. After graduating from university, Lilah became a psychological counselor. Sophia got a job at a famous department store.

Lilah often provided consultation for her friends since school days. Now, she is a professional counselor. It is so natural that friends receive counseling treatment and pay her. The cozy friendship causes problems sometimes. Lilah cannot mention that if you receive counsel you need to pay. Also, her friends don't say "We will pay for your counseling".

Sophia is Lilah's best friend. One day Lilah told her about the distress. "I cannot say to them 『please pay for counseling』. What do you think about it". Sophia was flabbergasted! "Why don't you say such an important thing. I cannot believe it. And I cannot believe Mary and Clair. They should pay for your counseling. Because you are a professional psychological counselor. You should be proud of yourself. You shouldn't share your great skill for free. Lilah was relieved that Sophia understood her problem.

After a week, Sophia suggested the 4 friends gather at a bar. She had planned the solution for Lilah. They enjoyed drink and talking very much. When they calmed down, Sophia began to speak. "Lilah, I have one problem at my workplace. Can you listen to my problem? Of course, I will pay your fee." Lilah was surprised by her sudden offer never the less, she assumed a professional attitude to her. "Of course, I will do that. I will send a LINE message after confirming my schedule." Sophia implied that Lilah is a professional counselor and we should pay for her services.

After that, Mary and Clair didn't take consul from Lilah for free. I wonder how their attitude changed toward Lilah?

Lilah and Sophia's views

Lilah: Thank you for your help about my problem. But Mary and Clair might get angry.

Sophia: Oh, Lilah! You are a professional psychological counselor, aren't you? You should have confidence. This is a job, not play. They will understand about you.

Lilah: I fussed about them so much. I feared that I lost my friends.

Sophia: What? It is so normal paying for your counseling.
Please listen to my problem at my workplace, right away!

Lilah: OK! What happened...?

*****After an hour*****

Sophia: Thank you so much, Lilah! You are great!
I will try that way to change my relationship with my boss, so it is smoother.
I should have asked you earlier. But this time was a good opportunity for me. I could know your skill as a counselor.
I want to introduce my colleague to you. OK?

Lilah: Thank you, Sophia! I will support many people from now on, too!

Sophia: Don't worry about Mary and Clair, if they stopped asking you for help. You can separate if they are real friends or not. You don't need to relate with someone with stress.
Please enjoy your job!

Lilah: Sophia, thank you so much. I'll try my best!

Sophia: Good luck and please counsel me, again.

Lilah: Yes, off course!

Mary and Clair's views

Clair: What did you think about Lilah and Sophia? We could take Lilah's counseling as a friend. It became difficult to ask her for help.

Mary: I had reflected about her counseling for free. I needed to pay for equivalent value. That's why she studied psychology very hard in university. You know well? I am so sad, if our positions were opposite. I will think that I am a professional counselor nevertheless. We cannot ask Lilah for help for free. When we want her advice, we should pay for her service. Why didn't I recognize it earlier?

Clair: I don't feel the same way. We are good friends. From now on, too. Why can't I ask Lilah? I don't understand. I don't want to pay for her at this late hour. And I have many friends, not only this group. I'll never ask Lilah for help again.

*****After 3 months*****

Mary sometimes went to Lilah's office as a client. After a few times, she could be completely fine, because her family problem was solved. Lilah had regained confidence. She thought that she will provide much better service by receiving fee.