

Chapter 131 The Ultimatum

Celia clicked open the message indifferently.

As expected, his message was ridiculous. "Cece, what happened yesterday is all my fault. I hope you don't hold a grudge against us. Also, don't be angry with Mabel. After all, she is your stepmother, and everything she does is purely for the sake of the Kane Group. "

A sneer appeared at the corners of Celia's mouth. She didn't feel the slightest belief in the words Adrien sent.

It seemed that Adrien really cared about Mabel. The whole point of his text was to find excuses for what Mabel had done and to tell Celia not to blame her.

Celia calmed her anger and replied, "I don't care about Mabel. I just care about taking back the sapphire ring. I hope you can redeem the ring as soon as possible, or I will go to the court with the original copy of the agreement! Don't think I dare not file for the lawsuit!"

Her reply was full of unquestionable determination.

Adrien's attitude was more or less affected by her threat.

"Can you give me more time to get back the sapphire ring? At the moment, I really don't have much money at hand, and like I said, I sold the ring just to save the Kane Group. The Kane Group is the fruit of not only my years of hard work but also your mother's painstaking efforts. I can't watch it go bankrupt! If I had had any other choice, I wouldn't have sold the ring. Cece, trust me, I really don't have money to redeem the ring now! I am powerless, too!"

His words sounded sincere. However, the person on the receiving end was Celia who had been deceived and suffered due to his lies over and over again. She couldn't trust him anymore.

Suspecting that he was deliberately buying time, her attitude was still very tough. She asked coldly, "Then, how long do you want to delay? At least, you have to give me a deadline. I can't wait forever just because of your words." She had no intention to let herself waver at all.

In a somewhat humble tone, Adrien asked, "Then, can you give me one more week? During this period, I'll try my best to save money to redeem the ring. And I'll give you my reply in a week."

In fact, one week wasn't too long, but Tyson said that Wayne's uncle would soon get a kidney replacement for Flavia, which meant that saving money for the surgery couldn't be delayed any longer.

Thinking of this, she took the opportunity to negotiate with Adrien.

"One week is okay, but I want you to lend me five hundred thousand in the meantime to save Flavia. I will pay you back monthly and settle the debt in two years. The interest will be calculated according to the bank loan. Is that okay?"

Adrien didn't want to agree as he just asked, "Doesn't Flavia have a son? Why should you be the one to raise money to save her? You don't even have any blood relationship with her. Why do you let yourself be bothered with this?"

Celia's patience was running out, and truth be told, she was basically demanding it. So, her tone became irritable and brief.

"It's none of your business. Just tell me if you will lend me the money or not."

After a long time of thinking, Adrien replied, "It's not that I don't want to lend it to you. I'm just really short of money. I'm not sure if I can transfer that money to you right away. I'll give you my reply later, okay?"

Even though Adrien was negotiating with her humbly, Celia was still indifferent. It had to be said that her heart was as cold as ice when it came to the pretentious people like the Kane family.

"You'd better not play tricks on me. I'll wait for your reply. I hope you can think it over quickly, or be prepared to meet in court!"

"Cece, you are too aggressive! Can't you give some good attitude for your father?"

Adrien couldn't help but retort in frustration.

Celia could not care less about his sympathetic bluff and gave him an ultimatum. "I will wait until tomorrow night at the latest. If I don't get your reply by that time, count on me to sue you!"

After that, Celia directly hung up, threw her phone away and buried herself back in work.

No matter what Adrien would reply, she no longer cared to read.

She knew Adrien too well by now. He was a honey-tongued but ruthless man. No one knew what he was planning behind that humble facade. If she didn't show an unyielding attitude, it would be difficult for her to get the money to save Flavia, let alone take back the ring!

Celia was so absorbed in her work that she didn't notice that Alick walked past the design department all while keeping an eye on her.

Since he didn't dare to get close to her, he stood at the door and stared at her with obsessive eyes for a while, before he left reluctantly.

He had to go out for some work and take this opportunity to check on Kiley in the hospital.

He had something important to talk with her.

He took a taxi to the hospital as soon as he finished his work.

At the hospital, with gauze wrapped around her legs, Kiley was lying on the bed dispiritedly. Once she saw him coming in, her empty eyes suddenly became lively as if she had found her savior. She immediately threw herself to him while dramatically crying out as if she was in extreme pain.

"Mr. Juarez, you finally come to see me. You have no idea how long I have been waiting for you alone. I have become miserable here because of that bitch, Celia!"

