

Chapter 312 Stubborn And Strong

In the car, Nelson turned to Camila and informed her, "The auction will feature a lot of priceless works of art, including paintings, jewels, and calligraphy. If something catches your eye, tell me, and I'll buy it for you."

He then added, "I don't mean anything by doing this. It's just that since you're Cathy's daughter-in-law, I consider you the same way."

"I'm not really interested in those things," Camila replied smilingly.

Nelson muttered, "She frequently shopped with me for antiques, paintings, and calligraphy because I enjoyed collecting those things."

As always, whenever he talked about Cathy, he could not help but feel sad.

Camila chose that moment to change the subject. "I'm assuming everyone who will attend the auction must be very well off. Am I right?"

After all, ordinary people usually did not participate in such events.

Nelson replied, "Well, yes. In all likelihood, the world's wealthiest people will be present."

More often than not, auctions served as a form of entertainment for the wealthy.

Camila hummed in acknowledgment.

Soon, the car stopped, indicating that they had arrived.

Outside the venue were a large number of expensive cars, many of which were limited editions of their respective models.

Camila was familiar with nearly all of them.

It was because Isaac owned the vast majority of them.

He owned a lot of vehicles, even if he rarely used them.

It was not a surprise, though, as it was universal knowledge that men liked buying vehicles while women liked buying clothes.

At the entrance, everyone had to have their identification checked. However, the personnel at the auction house believed Nelson when he claimed that Camila was his daughter because he was a regular client who often brought his daughter there, and they were able to enter without any problems.

The men at the door treated Nelson with great deference. They obviously knew who he was.

"You'd be able to enter without any problems even if I didn't tag along, wouldn't you?" Despite Camila's query, she already knew the answer.

Nelson laughed heartily. "You saw right through me. I wanted to take you out for a while because you'd been working too hard. It's true that Annis has returned, though. I didn't lie to you. She really went to investigate Cathy's grave."

"You won't learn anything if he doesn't want you to know."

Nelson regarded her knowingly. "You know him very well."

"I guess I have a better understanding of his temper than anyone else," Camila stated.

Nelson led her to their table. There were already a lot of guests inside the venue.

"Annis isn't my biological daughter," Nelson suddenly said.

That caught Camila off guard.

She was wearing a mask, but the look of surprise in her eyes was still visible.

Her lashes fluttered.

Nelson sighed melancholically. "Not having a child with Cathy is one of my biggest regrets in life. I lost a kidney, and she was sick."

The doctor had stated he could still conceive, but Cathy was not healthy enough to bear a child.

"We adopted Annis from an orphanage, and we've always treated her as our own daughter," Nelson stated.

Camila recalled Cathy telling her that her twenty-year-old daughter's name was Annis.

Nelson and Cathy had only been together for a little over ten years.

That explained why Annis' age did not fit the narrative. It turned out she was adopted.

"I told you Annis went to investigate Cathy's grave. Aren't you worried that she might run into Isaac?" Nelson asked.

Camila immediately figured out what he was implying. "He can be with anyone he wants."

Isaac was free to choose who to love.

Camila raised her head.

She had dignity.

She had her own pride.

She loved him, and leaving him had crushed her heart to pieces.

However, she did not want him to love her just because of Joe.

He did not love her, so she set him free. She gave him the freedom to love anyone he wanted. She did not want to ensnare him with her by using a child.

That was one of the reasons she chose to leave.

Nelson regarded her with admiration in his eyes. "You're a strong woman, but you're also very stubborn."

"I'll take that as a compliment."

"It is a compliment. I'm not like you, though. If I like someone, I'll try to get her even if she doesn't love me," Nelson said.

Cathy's affections for Nelson were no secret to Camila, so she said, "Maybe she loved you."

Nelson smiled.

He took her words as an attempt to console him.

The venue was slowly becoming crowded as they talked.

Camila glanced casually at the table in front of her and spotted the person seated at it.

Suddenly, the look on her face changed.