

Chapter 1824 The Environmental Protection...

Trevor and Luisa reached the orphanage shortly after.

Collen continued to stir up issues there.

Spotting Trevor's and Luisa's entrance, Collen flashed a brazen grin. Far from being intimidated, he taunted them.

"Raven, you're right on time. Hand over the money! Return my land's payment! Or else, expect a daily complaint from me to the Environmental Protection Administration about any little mishaps here! To tell you the truth, I've already tipped them off. So, brace yourself!"

Trevor, fixing his gaze on Collen, responded with a steady tone, "Collen, have you taken up extortion now? That's against the law. Would you like another trip to the police cell? If it's money you're after, try begging. Maybe you can get some money."

The surrounding construction crew erupted in chuckles.

Luisa, standing by Trevor, couldn't help but beam with delight.

Collen, face crimson with humiliation, erupted, "Let's see how long you keep that smug face! The administration will shut this orphanage down! Humph! Mark my words, if not today, I'll ensure it happens soon!"

Not long after, a car emblazoned with the insignia of the Environmental Protection Administration pulled up to the orphanage's ruins.

Several individuals, donned in green uniforms, disembarked one by one, including their director, Lawson.

Witnessing the scene, the orphanage director grew anxious, fearing Collen might have swayed the Administration's officials. He voiced his concerns, murmuring, "Are they genuinely going to shut us down?"

However, Trevor remained unfazed, reassuringly smiled and said, "No worries. Such a petty scheme won't succeed. The director is someone I'm familiar with. He's a staunch upholder of justice. I trust he'll uncover the truth!"

Approaching with deliberate steps, Lawson queried with a stern tone, "Who lodged the complaint that the construction here is environmentally non-compliant? Do you possess tangible evidence to back this claim?"

Collen's spirits lifted at the question. Shooting a defiant glare at Trevor, he blurted out, "It was me! I did! I live close by! This construction kicks up excessive dust and releases a torrent of wastewater, severely diminishing my quality of life!"

The orphanage director, along with the head of the construction crew, bristled with indignation, countering, "Our construction adheres strictly to regulations. This is nothing but a baseless claim on your part!"

A heated exchange ensued between the two parties.

A mild crease appeared on Lawson's forehead. He directed his gaze at Collen, pressing, "Do you hold any proof indicating their breach of construction guidelines?"

With a smirk, Collen responded tauntingly, "I'm just a local resident. How would I have any proof? All I know is their activities here are a huge disturbance to my daily life!"

Catching the mischievous glint in Collen's eyes, Trevor chimed in with a sly grin, "It's useless to say so much. Director Ramos, I'd suggest deploying experts to assess the situation."

Finding merit in the proposal, Lawson gave a nod of agreement, instructing his team.

"Assess the area based on construction and environmental standards. Alert me immediately should any discrepancies surface."

His personnel promptly swung into action.

After a thorough evaluation, they regrouped to relay their findings. "Sir, everything checks out with the standards!"

Upon hearing the results, Lawson turned to Collen with a hint of annoyance.

"Hey! Are you telling the truth? I haven't found any issues here."

But Collen, far from being apologetic, only went berserk.

"I'm just a regular guy living close by. I've no clue about these standards. Perhaps the orphanage folks have a vendetta against me, singling me out. They kicked off their noisy work just when I was catching a break,

sending plumes of dust my way."

His emotion got the best of him as he talked. "I voiced my grievances here, and they nearly got physical with me before you showed up! Where's the justice in all this?"

After saying that, he looked at the orphanage director and pretended to say unintentionally, "If we don't solve this today, expect my complaints daily! If I'm inconvenienced, trust me, the orphanage won't have a moment's peace!"

Luisa, from her position behind Trevor, had reached her limit with Collen's theatrics. Stepping up, she lashed out, "How shameless you are! You're the one who tried to blackmail the orphanage. Now you have the nerve to point fingers at them?"

Collen just shrugged nonchalantly, his voice dripping with sarcasm. "I'm just exercising my rights as a citizen. Isn't that right, Raven?"

He threw in Trevor's name at the end, hoping to catch a flustered reaction.

But Trevor, unflappable as ever, simply responded with a smirk, "Do you think I can do nothing to you just because you are being so unreasonable?"