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Reading the hesitation in her eyes, Bryson chose not to pry any further.

"Grace isn't well. Why don't you relax in your room? I'll stop by later to remind you about tonight's banquet," he suggested.

"Thanks, appreciate it."

The door to the cabin shut, and Hannah stretched out on the bed, texting Lydia. Almost instantly, her phone buzzed with a return call.

"Which room are you in?! Why didn't you inform me as soon as you got here? I've been completely in the dar!

Confused, Hannah asked, "I thought you were swamped with taking over your dad's business. How'd you manage to attend the jewelry show?"

The sounds of hastily putting on shoes filled the background.

"I jokingly said Brayden was my boyfriend just to irritate some people, and now they're pushing for us to get married as soon as possible!

Since they knew Brayden was also going to be on this ferry, they manipulated an invite and pressured me into coming!"

Lydia questioned as she swung open the cabin door, "What floor are you on? I need to find you!"

"I'm in the second room on the top floor."

"Got it, I'll be right there!"

Lydia soon joined Hannah in the cabin, and they dove into a lively chatter.

"I thought you were heading overseas to sort out your diploma and thesis? You've never been a fan of these jewelry events.

Did you come because of Bryson?"

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"Enough already! Men aren't the only things I see!"

Pausing briefly, Lydia nodded earnestly and said, "You've scarred me for life. You were so set on joining the Edwards family..."

"That topic is off-limits!" Hannah playfully tickled Lydia.

"Keep going and you'll see!"

"I quit, I quit!" Lydia instantly surrendered with a cheeky smile.

Hannah then unveiled an invitation.

"This is the reason."

Unimpressed, Lydia glanced at the necklace featured on the invite.

"Ah yes, the 'Love of Mona.' What's so special about this piece that everyone's so captivated? Also..."