

Never Say 368

Bryson's eyes met Hannah's, a subtle smile forming on his lips. He chose not to unveil the simmering tension.

Abruptly, the hall's lighting faded.

A spotlight focused on the stage ahead.

"Good evening, everyone! Welcome to the Mia Jewelry Exhibition.

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Please, let's welcome the chairwoman of Mia Jewelry for some opening remarks."

With a joyful expression, the host passed the microphone to a middle aged woman standing behind her.

Draped in an elegant gown, the woman radiated both grace and authority. She took the microphone and began with a welcoming smile, "We hope for nothing but success for this jewelry exhibition. In addition, this is an occasion of double joy. Not only are we celebrating Mia Jewelry Company's 20th anniversary, but we also extend our best wishes to Mr. Declan Edwards, CEO of Edwards Group in Valmere, for a prosperous marriage proposal."

As the chairwoman of Mia Jewelry delivered her statement, a low murmur of whispers surged through the banquet hall.

"Declan Edwards is popping the question? Wasn't he previously married?"

"Oh, that's ancient history! Haven't you heard? He's divorced now.

The lady with him tonight is his newest partner."

"You're kidding! Didn't his former wife come aboard this ship with him?"

"She actually arrived with Mr. Bryson Mitchell. It appears that Bryson is currently..."

Chatter and speculation swirled throughout the room.

Listening to the buzz about Declan Edwards remarrying, Eliana fought to keep her facial expression steady.

"Declan." She gave a soft tug on Declan's sleeve.

Yet Declan appeared to be in a world of his own, his eyes locked on Hannah, who was engrossed in lively conversation with Bryson.

Whatever Bryson had said had clearly made Hannah beam with joy, seemingly untroubled by the onstage announcement.

Suddenly, a spotlight hit Eliana and Declan, as the chairwoman's voice resonated from the platform.

"May I ask Mr. Edwards to join us on stage and say a few words for this special occasion?"

This seemed to snap Declan back to reality, and he ascended the stage with a calm presence.

“It’s been a long road for Eliana and me. I’ve adored her for over ten years. Life took us on many detours, but she’s finally back with me. My affection for her knows no bounds. Tomorrow, I’ll bid on Mia’s treasure, ‘Love of Mona,’ to reveal my true emotions for her.”

Hannah seemed disinterested in Declan’s onstage ramblings.

But the moment he mentioned ‘Love of Mona’, her expression subtly shifted, and her gaze lifted to the stage.