

Never Say 386

Eliana quickly covered her neck, coughing awkwardly.

“Just a cold from yesterday. Nothing to worry about.”

Declan chose not to probe further. He simply nodded and looked away.

Eliana sat next to him, her hand cautiously retreating, her eyes inadvertently drifting to Alick.

Declan too turned his gaze to the front row.

And so, the banquet began.

The room’s lights dimmed, casting the auction stage in a bright glow.

Mia Jewelry’s chairperson was deeply involved, personally detailing each showcased piece.

Though Hannah looked unimpressed, clearly disengaged from the exhibit.

Noticing her disinterest, Bryson leaned in and whispered, “Should we leave early if you’re not feeling well?”

“No.” Hannah dismissed him with a head shake. Despite her indifference to the other pieces, she had her sights set on one particular item. It was the ‘Love of Mona’.

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“Finally, we present the last necklace, the ‘Love of Mona’, a symbol of everlasting love! Comprising 108 D-class white diamonds, each of identical grade and cut! Centered by a grand ruby, representing love, known as Mona’s Tear! Bidding starts at 80 million!”

The opening price was set, and a cacophony of bids immediately filled the hall.

“100 million!”

“102 million!”

“105 million!”

From the back of the room, Declan lifted his paddle with an air of confidence.

“110 million!”

The bidding escalated, showing no sign of slowing.

That was, until a voice from the front called out, “200 million!”

Declan looked conflicted, hesitating with his paddle for a necklace with a 200 million price tag.

Having made a public display of affection the day before, he couldn’t back down without losing face.

With a strained look, Declan hoisted his paddle.

“201 million.”

