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Her comments set off murmurs in the crowd.

"Asserting a family Link now does appear rather convenient."

"What standing does she have to claim the Garza heiress was her mother? Why hasn't the Garza family acknowledged her?"

"Regardless of what she concocts, the Garza family in Muvrand will remain oblivious. She can inflate her own worth, aligning herself more suitably with the Mitchell family."

The crowd's affirmation bolstered the young woman's arrogance.

"Well, speechless now? Spare yourself the humiliation."

Hannah smiled at the young woman.

"I don't need to justify myself to you. I just want to clarify that this necklace isn't a symbol of romantic love. It was designed by my mother when I was just five.

Originally, the design didn't feature this ruby. The gem was included because my youthful curiosity led me to add a red stroke to the draft in my mother's studio. She opted to incorporate it into the final design. That's the true origin of 'Love of Mona'. It's less about romantic fervor, and more about familial bonds."

With her serene and gentle words, Hannah managed to calm the increasingly restless hall.

Bryson looked up, his gaze meeting Hannah's luminous presence, and he found himself reevaluating her.

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Softly caressing her necklace, Hannah continued, "My mother once told me that the red symbolizes her eternal love for me."

Unable to contain herself, Grace burst into applause, tears streaking her face.

Lydia also joined in, her eyes welling up as she clapped passionately.

Their response catalyzed a wave of applause that filled the hall, effectively quelling any further baseless chatter.

"I'd Like to express my gratitude to Mr. Mitchell."

Hannah directed her eyes toward Bryson.

"Thank you for purchasing this necklace for me."

Bryson returned her gaze, his smile gentle yet alluring.

"If it holds significance for you, then it's worth every penny."

The chairwoman of Mia Jewelry was visibly captivated by the evening's unforeseen developments, particularly keen on a partnership with the Mitchell family. She took it upon herself to seek out Hannah after the banquet.

"Miss Moore, our philosophy at Mia Jewelry is that every necklace tells a story. You were the showstopper tonight. Actually, I'm quite taken with Miss Garza's work. We went to great lengths to acquire this piece from a collector. It's gratifying to see it returned to its rightful owner today. I look forward to a future collaboration with you, Miss Moore."

The chairwoman of Mia Jewelry extended her hand toward Hannah.

"Would you consider a partnership with us?"