

Chapter 537 Caught The Interest Of Both Magnates

Anxiety had already taken hold of Wanda, and watching Milton and Cole disappear backstage made her even more restless. She did not hesitate for a second before chasing after them.

Backstage, the area was set up as a spacious dressing room where all the performers gathered before going on stage. Milton entered first, with Cole right behind him, but Lilah was nowhere in sight.

Their arrival caused an immediate stir. The sight of two tall, remarkably handsome men instantly drew every eye in the room, as if a pair of movie celebrities had suddenly joined the students.

A whisper of excitement ran through the crowd. "Who are those two? They're unbelievably good-looking! Are they part of the show?"

"No way they're students. The way they carry themselves, they look like executives straight out of a business magazine."

"You got it. I just checked out the VIP section across the stage. Those two are stars in the finance world—Milton Campbell running the Sun Group and Cole Evans managing the Evans Group!"

Whispers quickly grew into full-blown speculation. "Why would such powerful men come backstage? Could it be they've taken a liking to someone?"

The mention of their names set off a wave of excitement among the female performers, who began to crowd around Milton and Cole with eager eyes. Marrying into families like the Campbell family or the Evans family of Ublento would change anyone's life forever. The promise of wealth and social standing was almost too tempting to resist.

A teacher, spotting the growing commotion, realized the ceremony could easily fall apart with so many students distracted. Determined to keep things on track, she hurried over to Milton and Cole. "Is there anything I



can assist you with, gentlemen?" she asked, trying to maintain order.

Milton kept his focus on the room, eyes searching for Lilah, not yet realizing Cole had followed him inside.

The teacher's question made Milton glance over his shoulder. He finally saw that Cole was here too.

Milton understood exactly why Cole had come. A complicated blend of sarcasm and anger rose in his chest.

Earlier, before Lilah's face had been revealed, Milton had found Cole's words laughable. But now, his anger left no room for laughter. The girl known as Lilah looked astonishingly like his father, and her eyes reminded him of his mother's. His heart pounded with certainty that he had finally found the sister he had spent years searching for. Both of his parents had been exceptionally attractive, so only someone related by blood could inherit their best features so perfectly.

A powerful intuition told Milton he was right about Lilah. He wouldn't allow Cole to mistreat or take advantage of her. A man who was involved with Wanda could never think about pursuing his own sister, no matter how remarkable he might be.

A fierce sense of protection burned in Milton's eyes as he looked at Cole, making his hostility clear. Still, finding Lilah came first, so he quickly turned back to the teacher. "Do you know where Lilah went?"

Lilah's name was now well-known at Ublento Medical University.

Right after Lilah left the stage, students flooded the school's online forum with posts, calling her the most beautiful Campus Beauty in history, and photos of her stunning performance spread everywhere.

As soon as Milton spoke Lilah's name, everyone present reached the same conclusion—the Sun Group's heir was interested in her. Cole's expression left no doubt that he was also searching for Lilah. It seemed that after revealing her face on stage, Lilah had caught the attention of both of these financial magnates.

Realizing this, the female performers felt inferior and froze in place. Everyone knew Lilah had the looks and the background. Her family name matched her beauty, and only men like Milton and Cole could ever hope

to be on her level.

Standing in Lilah's shadow, the female performers decided it was pointless to keep trying. None of them wanted to look foolish by pushing their luck.

A sense of relief washed over the teacher when the female performers drifted away. She gave Milton a polite reply. "Since the dancers got soaked during the show, we sent them to the dormitory to dry off and change clothes so they wouldn't get sick."

Milton looked at her and asked, "Could you show me where the dormitories are?"

The teacher pointed. "Just down that way."

He gave her a quick thank you and headed in that direction, with Cole close on his heels.

Right after the two men left, Wanda finally managed to catch up. She hurried to the teacher, eager to find out what she had missed. When she learned that Milton and Cole were both after Lilah, she immediately went after them.

Milton had always seemed cold and unreachable to Wanda, a man she could never influence. Still, her engagement to Cole gave her every reason to chase after him. One way or another, she refused to lose both of these two men.



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Chapter 538 Our Engagement Is Over

A walk through a shaded, tree-lined path separated the dormitory from the backstage area.

Milton set a brisk pace, aware of Cole's steady footsteps trailing close behind. Irritation crept in, so he came to a stop and turned around to confront Cole.

Cole paused as well, matching Milton's gaze without hesitation.

Not far off, Wanda kept her distance, watching the two men with cautious eyes.

Milton broke the silence. "Why are you trailing after me, Mr. Evans?"

Cole did not hesitate to state his purpose. "I thought I'd already told you, Mr. Campbell. Lilah is the woman I want. If you're planning to interfere, I won't just watch quietly."

A glance at Wanda made Milton smirk. "Maybe you should figure out your situation with Wanda before you think about going up against me for Lilah."

Cole's brow creased at Milton's words, and he turned his head. Spotting Wanda standing not far away brought a rush of annoyance through him.

Milton continued, "Let me make something clear, Mr. Evans. As long as I'm around, you'll never get near Lilah. I don't think you're good enough for her."

The hostility in Milton's tone left nothing to question.

Taken aback by Milton's bluntness, Cole did not back down. His eyes narrowed, sharp and dangerous.

Just as Cole opened his mouth to reply, Milton added, "The fact that you

were once engaged to Wanda has no right to chase after Lilah—not now, not ever.”

Without another word, Milton turned away and continued down the path toward the dormitory. There was no way, as Lilah's big brother, he could allow his sister to be with a man who had already been involved with Wanda.

A DNA test had not been performed yet, but Milton was convinced deep down that Lilah was truly his sister. The feeling was too strong to ignore.

Cole watched Milton's silhouette disappear down the path, his brow knitted as he pondered the situation.

Suspicion had been brewing in Cole, certain that Milton wanted Lilah for himself, which fueled his own hostility. Yet, as he studied Milton's actions, nothing about them suggested romance. Instead, Milton seemed to act like a protective older brother.

This new realization left Cole puzzled. Could it be that Lilah was the long-lost Campbell heiress? Was this all truly just a strange coincidence?

Lost in these thoughts, Cole barely noticed Wanda walking up, her face lit with a practiced smile as she pretended to stumble upon him. “What are the odds? I just happen to be here for some work business. What brings you here, Cole?”

Cole's sharp instincts saw right through her. She was following him, not here by accident. Her attempt to pretend otherwise made him feel nothing but irritation. But he couldn't be bothered to expose her.

He looked at her seriously and said, “Wanda, our engagement is over.”

The fake cheer faded from Wanda's face, replaced by disbelief. “Why? Cole, I thought you liked me. Didn't you come all the way overseas to propose to me at my home?”

“That was a misunderstanding,” Cole answered quietly. He pulled out his checkbook, signed off a check for one hundred million dollars, and extended it to Wanda. “Sorry for causing you trouble. Take this check as compensation. Starting today, we're finished. Please don't reach out to me again.”

He pressed the check into her palm and turned to follow Milton down the path.

"Cole..." Wanda was dumbfounded. Her hands tightened around the check while she stared, dazed, at his retreating figure. Despair washed over her in one crushing wave.

Her balance faltered, forcing her to take several shaky steps back, her mind spinning just as Trinity's had. The whole moment felt like a sharp drop from paradise straight into darkness.

Meanwhile, Milton kept up his brisk walk to the dormitory, his emotions swirling beneath the surface. He fished out his phone and called Arthur right away. "Dad, I found my sister!"

Excitement colored Arthur's voice as it shook over the line. "Did I hear you right? You found your sister? Where is she? And what about your mother?"

Milton went over everything that happened at the Ublento Medical University's opening ceremony. He finished his story and explained, "That's the situation. The only thing I know for sure is her name, Lilah. I need to learn more. I'm on my way to find her right now."

A slight pause revealed Arthur's doubt. "Milton, are you truly certain she's your sister without a DNA test?"

Confidence filled Milton's answer. "I can feel it, Dad. Even before I saw Lilah's face, there was a powerful sense of familiarity with her. I've never experienced anything like it before. I really think it's the strength of a family connection. Once I saw her features, I almost knew instantly—she's my sister! She looks so much like you, and her eyes remind me exactly of Mom's. The way she dances brings back memories of how Mom moved. With all these signs, I can't believe it's just chance."

Arthur's excitement only grew stronger after listening to Milton. "Milton, I'll start looking into Lilah's background right away. You have to bring her home so I can meet her!"

Right then, all doubt disappeared from Arthur's mind. He became certain Lilah was the missing daughter he had hoped to find.