

Chapter 641 Respect

Elliana's sudden decision to stop hiding her identity as a Campbell was quickly grasped by Arthur and Milton. They were sharp enough to understand her reasoning, and both supported her choice without hesitation. The Campbell heiress had been missing for far too long. It was time for the world to know that she had been found back.

Arthur typed with excitement. "That's wonderful, Elliana! I will host a grand welcome banquet to let everyone know you are my daughter."

Milton wrote firmly. "I'll make it clear to everyone that I have only one sister, and her name is Elliana."

Elliana's heart warmed at their support and love. Smiling, she continued typing on her phone. "Dad, there's no rush for the banquet. Let's wait until Mom comes home so we can celebrate together. And Milton, your idea is great, but for now, let's not mention the name Elliana. I'm going by Lilah now."

The name Elliana Marsh had once been tied too closely to Cole. Even though Wanda and Eva had erased all traces of it online, that name alone could stir gossip again. She wasn't ready to be reduced in the spotlight because of that yet. Besides, Cole's health hadn't fully recovered, and it wouldn't be wise to let the name Elliana affect him.

Milton understood right away and nodded. "Alright, I'll do as you say."

Elliana's eyes grew colder as she wrote. "Since I'm reclaiming my place, Wanda no longer belongs in our family. And Eva shouldn't take my mother's place either."

Arthur slammed his fist lightly on the armrest. "Exactly! I've wanted to be rid of those two pests for centuries."

Milton probed, "Elliana, what about Cole? What's his stance on this?"

Elliana answered calmly, "He has already explained to me that his proposal to Wanda was based on a complete misunderstanding. As for

Eva, he doesn't care much for her. He has severed any connection with the two of them and promised he'll stand by me no matter what."

She paused and then added, "Ruben said the same. When he cast Eva out of the Evans family years ago, he'd ended the father-daughter bond with her. Her fate doesn't matter to him."

Arthur and Milton both felt a wave of relief at her words.

Ruben had been decisive back then. When Eva insisted on her own path, he'd cut her off without hesitation. Even now, Ruben remained clear-headed, firmly standing with Elliana and refusing to shield Eva.

This eased much of the resentment Arthur and Milton held against the Evans family. Still, Ruben's stance wasn't what mattered most. What truly concerned them was Cole's position. He was the man who wanted to marry Elliana. If he couldn't take a clear stand, they would never agree to the marriage. But now, their worries faded. Their view of Cole shifted.

Elliana sent them a quick message. "Dad, Milton, right now, Cole and I are on our way to Harmony Estate. I'll be introducing him, my boyfriend, to you today. See you soon."

Arthur replied at once, "Alright."

Milton wrote. "Okay."

After sending their replies, father and son looked up at the same time. Their eyes met, and both broke into a smile. That smile was because of Cole. They had gone from disliking him to slowly appreciating him for standing firmly by Elliana's side.

"Perhaps we should trust Elliana's judgment," Arthur mused. "She's sharp enough to become Death Thorn of Delta. I doubt her taste in men would be poor."

Milton chuckled. "Dad, you're right."

Elliana had no idea how quickly her father's and her brother's opinion of Cole had changed. Though she had told them not to treat Cole coldly, she was still uncertain. After all, she had only just reunited with them. Who knew if they might change their minds at the last minute? Better to prepare Cole in case things went south.

Elliana turned to Cole at the wheel and asked softly, "What if my dad and brother don't like you?"

Cole glanced at her and then smiled. "To marry the beloved woman, a man must show politeness and respect to her family. Even if they don't like me, I will endure it and try to change their perception of me." He squeezed her hand gently. "Don't worry. I won't put you in a hard spot."

Elliana's smile brightened. Cole could be quite childish at times, yet he was always adaptable and considerate. Even with his memory loss, that part of him never changed.

They shared a warm smile as the car headed straight for Harmony Estate.

At that same moment, Wanda hastened out of the Enlightenment Institute. She caught sight of Cole driving away with Lilah. Her fists clenched, her eyes burning with jealousy and rage as she watched the car vanish.

Wanda couldn't accept it. Her envy twisted into hatred. Cole had barely broken off their engagement before he publicly announced a relationship with Lilah. Why Lilah? What made her so worthy?