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Upon hearing those words, the crowd erupted into a clamor as they cast skeptical glances at Bethany.

When he heard the statement, Justin's eyes darkened slightly. His expression was calm, as if he expected it. After all, even he found the task of seeking an audience with Alexa to be like reaching for the stars. He never believed Bethany had the ability to acquire Alexa's jewelry. There was definitely something fishy about it.

Justin felt a surge of resentment and anger as he reflected on this. He turned around to give Bella a hard stare.

Bella shrugged her shoulders and scowled at Justin. 'What kind of expression is that? He looks like he wants to devour someone.' She examined Justin as if he were a psychopath.

The crowd's suspicious gaze made Bethany paler than ever. She quickly hid behind Shannon to avoid their gaze.

"Ms. Salvador, have you been lying to me since the beginning?"

Ada Wang was enraged, her eyes ablaze. "Were you resorting to such despicable tactics just to win me over? Did you deceive me in order to

secure my cooperation with your Salvador Hotel?" she demanded

angrily of Bethany.

Bethany stammered, unable to speak a single word. She was terrified

and drenched in sweat.

"I chose to trust you unconditionally because you are associated with the Salvador Corporation, and I held you in high regard as a well-

mannered young lady. With this incident, I am now skeptical of the Salvador family's entire reputation! It contradicts the century-old reputation your family has built in Savrow!"

Ada Wang was furious after being humiliated in front of her idol. She was determined to direct her rage at Bethany and the entire Salvador family.

The onlookers shook their heads in disapproval. Unbelievable! A billion-dollar family sent counterfeit goods to a celebrity and was caught in the act in front of the real Alexa! This, along with Rosalind's cheating on Justin, could go down in the Salvador family's history as

a permanent stain.

"As president of the Salvador Corporation, I am unaware of the gifts Ms. Salvador gave you privately or of the terms she discussed with you, Ms. Ada. After all, she was solely in charge of your wedding arrangements." Justin's tone was cold, as if he were completely unconcerned. "Her actions are completely personal and have nothing to do with the Salvador Corporation.

Shannon was enraged. Her jaw clenched so tightly that her teeth felt like they were going to break.

Bella, who was hidden in the shadow of Justin's tall figure, raised an astonished eyebrow when she heard these words.

"However," Justin paused, his gaze on Bella deepening. "Regarding the forgery and losses suffered by Ms. Thompson, also known as

Alexa, I, on behalf of the Salvador Corporation, am willing to accept

responsibility."

"Are you taking responsibility for her?"

Everyone exchanged puzzled glances. Even though they felt there was nothing wrong with this statement, they detected a subtle nuance.

As she turned away from Justin, Bella's eyes became clouded with disapproval. She had assumed that he had matured. She thought he could overlook Bethany's predicament. However, it became clear that he still needed to sort out the mess for Shannon and Bethany, putting his overall situation first.

Justin had expressed a desire for Bella to win, but it appeared to be nothing more than empty words.

"Hold on! Why are we being portrayed as if we have committed some heinous crime? We are also victims!"

Shannon stepped forward quickly to defend her daughter. Her face was flushed with anxiety. "My daughter had good intentions. Knowing how much Ms. Ada admires Alexa's jewelry, she went out of her way to find a valuable piece for you, hoping that it would foster cooperation between our two parties! Our family is wealthy. We can easily afford ten pieces of Alexa's jewelry, let alone just one. Why would we bother with a forgery that would tarnish the Salvador family's reputation just to please you? We would not have bought it if we had known it was fake. We even wanted to seek justice from the person who sold us the jewelry."

A wave of murmurs rippled through the crowd.

"This woman purchased a forgery and dared to claim she wanted to

buy ten pieces of Alexa's work. Truly shameless."

"That's Mrs. Salvador for you."

Finally, unable to bear her nonsense, Sliva stepped forward and retorted coldly. "It is well known that each piece of jewelry Alexa

creates is a one-of-a-kind masterpiece that is rarely available on the market."