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Grace instinctively clutched her bag tighter and looked at Autumn with caution.

"Autumn, what are you trying to do? This is a courthouse—don't you dare make a scene!"

Just the thought of Autumn's past strong-arming made her uneasy.

If Autumn found another excuse to threaten her, more of her money would end up in Autumn's hands. The very idea made her scalp prickle.

Sienna quickly stepped in front of Grace, glaring fiercely at Autumn.

"Autumn, stop threatening my mom. She might be afraid of you, but I'm not. My brother and his fiancée will be here today too, so don't even think about bullying us.

"Look at you, you can't even afford a lawyer, yet you still have the nerve to show up and embarrass yourself.

"What's wrong? Can't survive without a man? Now you see that without my brother, you can't take a single step, right?"

She didn't know what leverage her mother had given Autumn, but she knew she couldn't let her be pushed around again.

Autumn was too cunning—on one hand, targeting them, and on the other, shamelessly throwing herself at her brother.

She'd heard all about what happened in Seaview City.



Autumn had claimed to want a clean break with them yet secretly tried to get close to her brother again.

How disgraceful!

Autumn sneered. "My business is none of your concern, Miss Carter. You'd better worry about yourself.

"After all, you're the star of the show today. If things go badly, you might just end up in prison.

"And if it gets worse, you could walk away with a criminal record. That's not something you can laugh off, don't you think?"

She hadn't planned on wasting words with them, but since this mother-daughter pair kept pushing, she saw no need to be polite.

People like Sienna, who looked down on everyone, needed to be put in their place.

Thinking back to how well she used to treat Sienna, only to be treated like this in return, Autumn couldn't help but feel that such people never deserved sympathy.

The pitiful always had something hateful about them.

Sienna's face flushed red, her neck straining as she pointed at Autumn. "You..."

Autumn pried Sienna's fingers off without the slightest politeness and snapped, "What do you mean 'you'? The case isn't over yet—no one knows the outcome, do they?"



"You're so quick to declare that my attorney won't show. I have every reason to suspect you had someone intercept him to keep him from getting here.

"Miss Carter, this is a courthouse, not the Carter estate, and certainly not your playground. You'd better watch your mouth before it lands you in trouble."

She truly couldn't understand it.

How had the clingy Sienna who once liked to stick by her side turned into this person?

She'd never wronged the Carter family in any way.

Some people really were ungrateful.

Sienna winced in pain as her fingers were bent back, her anger flaring hotter. "Don't get cocky, Autumn. Let's see if you can still laugh when no lawyer shows up to defend you."

With that, she stormed into the courthouse.

Autumn only shrugged helplessly. Some people loved to talk big, only to end up slapped in the face later.

And no matter how much it stung, they'd still come back for another slap. She couldn't help it.

At eight-forty, Julian and Luna walked in with a foreign lawyer. By then, Ace still hadn't arrived.

The smirk on Sienna's lips grew sharper. "Look, my lawyer's here.



Where's yours, Autumn? Don't tell me he's not coming."