

## Chapter 271

"Oh please, Mr. Foster is a world-renowned attorney. Your lawyer is just some nobody. Anyone with eyes can see who's more capable.

"This is all you've got? Hiring a lawyer who stands you up? You really are pathetic!"

Despite Jasmine's taunts, Autumn remained unmoved. Jasmine grew irritated but didn't press further.

Even the presiding judge couldn't help asking, "Miss Lewis, is your attorney not coming today?"

Autumn calmly replied, "Your Honor, there are still two minutes. Let's wait a little longer."

The judge glanced at the clock and said nothing more.

But Jasmine behind her couldn't resist another jab. "Autumn, why bother struggling? A lawyer with no sense of time—how did you even hire someone like that?"

"Don't tell me you got him from some online bargain deal, nine bucks with free shipping? Autumn, have you really sunk that low?"

"It's hilarious. You actually trusted a lawyer from the bargain bin. Now he's ditched you. Feeling good about that?"

The spectators behind her began to pile on.

"A nine-dollar online lawyer—she actually believed it. Showing up in court looking like this. What a joke."



"Exactly. I heard after she left the Carter family, she was penniless, reduced to being some man's mistress."

"Wasn't being a mistress supposed to pay well? How's she ended up this broke? Unless she was thrown out and abandoned?"

"Sounds about right. She's just a pretty vase with nothing inside. A woman who can only rely on men never lasts long."

The opportunist's words fanned the fire, and Jasmine's smirk grew even sharper.

Sienna, hearing the chorus of mockery, hadn't stopped smiling since she walked in.

The final minute ticked down. If Ace didn't show, Autumn was truly finished this time.

The presiding judge's gaze fell on her again. "Miss Lewis, the hearing is about to begin. Is your attorney unable to make it today?"

Autumn, still unhurried, replied, "Your Honor, I trust my attorney will be here. Let's wait for the last minute."

For reasons she couldn't explain, she trusted Keith completely, and she trusted Ace as well. He must have run into something on the way, which was why he hadn't arrived yet.

At that moment, Sienna rose from the defendant's bench and addressed the judge.

"Your Honor, Autumn's attorney hasn't shown up at such a critical time. It's already eight fifty-nine. I don't see any reason to wait any



longer.

"With so many people here being forced to wait for one man—what arrogance. To hold himself above everyone else like this is blatant contempt for the court.

"So I suggest there's no need to wait for him. A lawyer this unreliable doesn't deserve his license in the first place."

But before her words had even faded, the main doors swung open. A tall figure stepped inside.

"Apologies," Ace said evenly. "I ran into a problem on the road and was delayed. I'm sorry for being late."

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