

Chapter 272

Ace's arrival was nothing less than a resounding slap in the face, leaving everyone in the courtroom stunned.

He strode forward and took his place at the plaintiff's table.

With an apologetic glance at Autumn, he said, "Miss Lewis, my apologies. There was an accident on the way, and I had to deal with it, which delayed me."

He had spent far too long entangled with those two men, who refused to let him leave even as the clock ticked closer to the start time.

Fortunately, Keith happened to pass by, saw what was happening, and had Jesse stay behind to handle the aftermath so that Ace could rush over.

It had been a race against time, and he nearly didn't make it. But thankfully, he had walked in at the very last minute.

He couldn't shake the suspicion that the crash had been deliberate, arranged to stop him from appearing in court. 1

Autumn gave him a small smile. "It's all right, thank you for the trouble, Mr. Reed."

There was no need to say more. It was clear someone had tried to keep Ace away.

And who else could it be? Even without proof, she knew it was Julian pulling the strings.



He didn't want Sienna to go to prison, so he resorted to dirty tricks to prevent Ace from showing up.

What Julian hadn't counted on was Ace walking through those doors in the final minute.

Autumn cast a sidelong glance at Julian, her lips curving into a mocking smile. To destroy her, he really would stoop to anything.

Thinking of the years she had given him, a deep sadness welled inside.

People said that in the end, love came down to conscience, but Julian's actions proved his character was rotten.

Not only had he cheated during their marriage, but now, before the divorce was even finalized, he was driving her into a corner, leaving her no way out.

Ace took his seat.

Jasmine's face shifted colors like a painter's palette, but then she sneered inwardly.

What kind of great lawyer could Autumn possibly hire? It was probably nothing but an empty show of confidence.

She didn't know Ace, so naturally she assumed that even if Autumn's lawyer had shown up, she was doomed to lose.

With that thought, Jasmine gave a cold snort. "So, what if your lawyer came? He's just a nobody—how could he possibly compare to Mr. Foster?"



"With someone like you, how great of a lawyer could you hire anyway? You might as well give up now!

"No matter who you brought, you're destined to lose this case."

The crowd, who had just been silenced by embarrassment, quickly grew noisy again after Jasmine's words. 1

"So this lawyer's a nobody? I thought she might've actually managed to get a top attorney."

"Exactly. What difference does it make if he's here? Mr. Foster's reputation is known both here and abroad. If she doesn't want to lose too badly, she should surrender now."

"Yeah, just give up already. Apologize to our Mr. Carter, and maybe you'll still have a chance. Otherwise, prison is waiting."

"Crossing Mr. Carter is no joke. If you make him angry, surviving in Northhaven won't even be possible."

Hearing those words, the panic that had just shaken Sienna's heart finally eased a little.

At that moment, the presiding judge announced that the trial would begin.

Ace pulled out the evidence he had prepared and was about to hand it to the judge when he noticed something wrong—everything inside had been wiped clean.

He glanced at the judge and said evenly, "Apologies, Your Honor. There's a problem with the drive. Give me two minutes and I'll have it



fixed."

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