

Never Say 388

Melina's entry had further disrupted the scene.

Hannah's fingers tightened, a sudden wave of unease washing over her.

Declan had not foreseen such fierce competition, pushing the bidding to a staggering 300 million. Despite Eliana's subtle cues, he remained resolute, unwilling to up the ante.

Amid the chaos, Alick saw an opportunity to stoke the flames. With a disinterested wave, he lifted his bidding paddle.

"500 million."

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The room descended into speechless shock, everyone too stunned to utter a word.

Was 'Love of Mona' really worth it? A 500-million bid was unheard of in the history of auctions!

Before anyone could regain their composure, Bryson, seated in the front row, raised his bidding paddle and calmly declared, "Double."

"One billion?! For just a necklace?"

A cacophony engulfed the room as Declan remained frozen, utterly speechless.

After Bryson's earth-shattering bid, not a single hand dared rise.

Matching Bryson's financial clout was out of the question for anyone present. A reckless bid could leave them burdened with an unaffordable necklace!

Melina gripped her purse tightly, her eyes betraying her inner struggle.

Shocked that Bryson had gone to such lengths for the 'Love of Mona', Hannah eyed him, a mix of bewilderment and panic clouding her gaze.

The room held its collective breath.

It was a one-billion moment. Everyone awaited a higher bid that never came.

"One billion, going once!"

Declan's gaze was steely, akin to that of an assassin.

"One billion, going twice!"

The room was thick with anticipation as everyone waited for the gavel's final sound.

Bang bang bang!

The hammer slammed down decisively.

The auctioneer, his voice tinged with excitement, announced, "One billion, sold! Congratulations, Mr. Mitchell of the Mitchell Group, for acquiring the auction's crown jewel!"

The head of Mia Jewelry personally handed the necklace to Bryson, saying, "Congratulations, Mr. Mitchell. This 'Love of Mona' necklace, a symbol of deep love, is now yours."