## Chapter 2077 The Past

Mona talked slowly to Brandon, revealing her past.

Brandon finally heard the whole story from Mona.

It turned out Mona had been a celebrity, loved by all wherever she went.

She eventually met her husband, another actor, and they fell in love while working together.

Only they recognized their love. To the world, her husband seemed an unlikely match for Mona.

After all, Mona came from a much more prestigious family.

She also held a higher status in her career as a leading actress, unlike his smaller roles.

Yet, Mona's love for her husband was so deep that she ignored everyone's advice, intent only on marrying him.

Driven by their love, her family ultimately consented to their marriage.

Shortly after their wedding, Mona had a daughter and chose to pause her career to focus on her family.

When she returned to acting, her career soared, while her husband's floundered.

Faced with this disparity, her husband resorted to a desperate scheme. He paid kidnappers to abduct their daughter, hoping to generate scandalous headlines to boost his image.

When Brandon heard the news, he froze in shock.

The idea that a man could stoop so low as to kidnap his own daughter for business gain had never crossed his mind.

"That's absurd!" Brandon blurted out.

Mona gave a bitter laugh and nodded in agreement. "Absolutely absurd. To think my own husband would treat his daughter as nothing more than a tool!"

The painful memories were still vivid in her mind, etched deep after so many years.

Time and again, she regretted her choice in him.

"So, what happened after that?" Brandon asked, eager to know more. "Mona, did you go along with it?"

If she hadn't consented, the child wouldn't have been taken.

Then again, it was possible her husband had simply ignored her objections and proceeded anyway.

Though Brandon hadn't yet heard the full story, he was already convinced that her husband was to blame.

Unsurprisingly, Mona's reply echoed his suspicions.

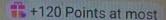
She went on to explain, "When I was on set that day, I got a call from the kidnappers demanding a ransom. My first thought was to pay it to ensure my daughter's safety."

Mona's complexion turned ashen, and her repressed sorrow surfaced. "However, my husband gathered many reporters to create a spectacle!"

As Brandon observed Mona's pained expression, he quickly grasped the source of her anguish.

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Mona had repeatedly pleaded for discretion, worried that any publicity could provoke the kidnappers into harming her daughter.

Contrarily, her husband believed publicity was essential, adamantly refusing to negotiate with the kidnappers. He even boasted on camera that he would certainly secure their daughter's release.

At the ransom exchange, the presence of the media incited the kidnappers. Overwhelmed, they threw the child into the river.

Brandon's expression grew stern as he listened. After Mona finished her story, she collapsed onto the bed, overwhelmed by distress.

Brandon gazed at Mona, his emotions a tangled mess, before finally inquiring about her husband's current state.

Mona's response was a scornful sneer, her voice cold and detached. "That man is responsible for our daughter's death. He met his rightful fate long ago!"