

Life Debt 911

Chapter 911

Over at North City, Zoe won the last round, winning first place with an overwhelming majority of votes.

It was deserved, as her acting skills were acknowledged by everyone from the judges to the audience.

The producers even organized an after-party following the conclusion, since Actors on Set had been topping viewership once it gained traction, and the numbers only shot through the roof after Zoe's secret marriage with Jay was exposed. No variety show hit such viewership rate and search hits in the last three years, and the producers were certainly making bank.

As Zoe headed to the backstage to take off her makeup, a staff member eagerly approached her. "Zoe, is Mr. Parker going to attend the after-party?"

Zoe did a double take. "Why?"

"He was a judge before."

"Oh. Well, I don't know-I didn't ask if he received an invite."

he said he won't be coming since he has to take care of your daughter." The staff member went straight to the point right then. "They were hoping you'd ask him, so as to thank him for his presence as a guest regardless. "He must have his reasons for

that she could get Jay to come, and she would

The staff member appeared disappointed but had

cleaned her makeup before heading to her MPV with

arranged the

said that she should keep up appearances since they were married, or the media would

agree, and she intended to pay for it once

clubhouse, Zoe entered to find most of the actors

Dan Kendrick, the head producer eagerly greeted her while dramatically checking behind

home to take care of the

showbiz-it paid to be great at socializing, and she was simply using the

joked. "He said no even though I

buy you dinner personally

Chapter 912

Candice also felt lucky that she had never upset Zoe throughout the course of Actors on Set.

It was true what they say, about not belittling anyone else in showbiz since they might be some bigwig in disguise.

Arthur Rubio-the director-was not that lucky .

It was awkward even as he remembered how he tried to get Zoe on the casting couch.

He would have liked to apologize properly to Jay on this occasion, but the man did not want to show up!

And thus, that little incident would always remain stuck in his mind, which was very much a punishment of its own.

The atmosphere at the after-party was certainly lively, as everyone was drinking eagerly.

After all, it was a rare occasion for every participant to gather no matter their final ranks.

even Zoe was starting to be overwhelmed despite being such a good

there were many who came to toast

her, whom she would bank on to develop her showbiz

provoke anyone, but she kept drinking until she felt something in her

for a breather, though she found Cora when she stepped

moment, and Cora spoke first with an edge of irony. 'I'm surprised

does that have

"He's my uncle."

Zoe snorted. "He's adopted."

you know that he's

Levine family for years, and you still have

herself from saying what was on her mind right

tell Zoe that

to demand

Chapter 913

Be that as it may, Cora was only overreacting because Zoe touched a nerve.

Jay had basically paved Cora's path to stardom, and without him, she would not enjoy the success she had now.

It was why she found it unacceptable that Jay was with Zoe now-what if Jay suddenly changed sides and helped Zoe instead?

Cora knew all too well about Zoe's strength in showbiz before. If she even had the slightest backing, her career would develop with leaps and bounds, most likely knocking Cora off her perch...

Cora certainly could not accept being surpassed by Zoe!

She had to admit that she had been constantly comparing herself to Zoe ever so quietly, even in the years Zoe left showbiz. She would always compare her own numbers to Zoe's in almost every aspect: Twitter followers, peak viewership numbers in TV shows, box office, nominations and awards-even commercials.

And just as she was about to surpass those numbers, Zoe had to make a comeback!

away everything that was rightfully hers as a child, so

faint smile as she watched Cora fume."

can judge things better than you

as she was completely reluctant to waste time on her. "Jay and I are married, and you should be greeting me as Aunt Zoe according to our seniority. Don't leave your manners in Levine

strode off, leaving Cora seething in her

used her

did she think she

would die before greeting Zoe as Aunt Zoe, nor would she acknowledge

well-wishers came to offer toasts before she

Claire Walker blurted, the alcohol loosening her lips just then. "I mean, what would've could happen anyway?" Zoe laughed.

make the

agree, since she believed that

upset you or Mr. Parker in any way before,"

Chapter 914

Everyone's jokes only made Zoe very awkward.

She was certainly confused with what Jay was doing, running around this late at night especially with his lame foot!

"Sorry, I couldn't join the party since I was a little busy. I'll make it up to everyone next time." He smiled.

"The little one keeps clinging to you, is it?" one of the thespians teased.

"Well, I just managed to coax her to sleep," Jay replied-Yelena had certainly been clingy ever since they moved in together, and he basically could not leave the house once he reached home.

“And you couldn’t wait to get Zoe once you did, huh?” someone added.

Jay admitted to it openly too. “Yeah, I’m worried she drank too much and was lucky to make it in time. Well, it is quite late, so I’m taking Zoe home for now. Let’s have a gathering when we can.”

“Bye, Mr. Parker!”

“Bye, Zoe!”

to the MPV, Jay took her hand-she could not refuse with so many others watching, and they and said bluntly,

concerned that our marriage is troubled if

they wouldn’t.” Zoe was

come up with anything for clicks,” Jay

out to get me from now on. Don’t you know that the more we hype up our marriage, the worse the criticism would

said nothing

how he behaved whenever he got upset, even if

however, since she was

if he wanted to build up his image as a nice guy, since it was showbiz and everyone should package themselves with

future, since the more they bound themselves to each other, the

suddenly turned silent, and the atmosphere was

alone with Jay-it was not easy to shake off the awkwardness

Chapter 915

Zoe turned toward Jay, completely surprised that he would agree to taking part in Journey of Love.

While he had the excuse of picking actors for his films in Actors on Set, it was simply confusing why he would take part in Journey of Love at all.

Maybe he was planning to throw her to the wolves, like she planned to do to him?

Zoe certainly would not upset a producer like Ruby, however, since she wanted to be friends with everyone. She had therefore wanted to paint Jay as the villain in this respect, especially since she planned to develop her career on her own following their inevitable divorce anyway.

But it had to be Jay who made the first move-there was just no beating his cunning!

“Since that’s alright with you, Ms. Jones, I’ll visit tomorrow to discuss your contract,” Ruby said eagerly.

“Well, it’s very late, so I won’t disturb you anymore. See you, bye.”

Ruby hung up before Zoe had a chance to refuse.

Zoe put away her phone and turned toward Jay, who sensed her stare and turned toward her.

you earlier?"

"She did," Jay replied.

didn't you reject her?" Zoe snapped, a little angry just then. "You

thought you'd want to take

I hadn't dug myself a deep enough grave?! I would have

you'd like to have more

he had every attention to get

would pay well," Jay

much?" Zoe asked, suddenly

a faint smile, while Zoe was left with feeling that he was just messing with her, knowing that she really wanted the money.

Jay put up

in shock-she certainly was not worth that much

a couple," Jay

lip right then-she knew she was not

if he was a film director, everything from his good looks and talent made

Chapter 916

Ruby naturally brought the contract, though Jay did not even read a single page before pushing it to Zoe. "Your call."

Zoe was left gritting her teeth-it was such a cheap move on his part!

To anyone else, this would look as if he respected her, even spoiled her.

But he was obviously trying to paint her as the villain!

Still, Zoe restrained herself and opened the contract, reading every clause carefully... until her eyes sparkled when she reached the part of monetary rewards.

It really was eight figures... she was going to be rich overnight even if she had to split it with Jay!

And she was unaffiliated, so she did not have to pay anyone aside from the tax people, and she would still keep a lot.

She would be able to afford a house immediately!

And with her interested, there was just no way she would say no. think, Ms. York?’ Ruby asked politely. “We can amend any was certainly sincere about this, and Zoe would be tactless if she reject it when they paid her so a look, Jay?” Zay said, to. I trust a really? Did he not care that he was going to act lovey-dovey with her on needed years were boxoffice hits, and he was knew how much money he hoarded in that time, so you may sign the contract,” Ruby said hesitant sign it too-they were not getting a divorce so soon anyway, and it would be a death sentence not an option, why not of relief after Zoe signed it, Zoe exclaimed

Chapter 917

Jay nodded, seemingly unconcerned. “Sure.” Zoe in turn feigned nonchalance, since she was not the one losing out in their ‘marriage’ anyway. “Have you read the program schedule?” Jay suddenly reminded her. “What schedule. This one?” Zoe glanced at the document in front of her- she was too preoccupied with the contract to check the specifics of the schedule. “Take a look,” Jay said. Zoe picked it up and read it seriously, but the program scheduling was still reasonable. Unlike other reality shows, there were no tasks or missions involved, and no survival skills needed-it was nothing more than a trip for couples, a relatively conscientious variety show in that sense. As such, Zoe was not at all affected when she was done reading. “That’s it?” Jay asked her. the issue?”

begrudgingly, "Filming starts the day after tomorrow. They'll be bringing still mystified-they could come all they wanted. Was there anything unrepresentable
"We sleep separately."

and she quickly exclaimed in the next instant, "What, but netizens are sharper these days than we give them credit for. Moreover, our wedding was announced out of the blue, so they would frownd, her expression she asked, "So, you're anything you decide, of course," Jay for being hypocritical they should sleep together, and he was now saying he be both the villain and angel now, was such, she steeled herself and said, "If you don't mind, we can share the don't mind," Jay am going to move my things in later and get familiar with your room so "Sure. I'll help."

Chapter 918

Yelena had been sleeping together with her daddy every night since they moved in. But if her mommy slept with her daddy, where was she supposed to sleep? She loved her mommy, but she did not want her mommy to steal her daddy. "You're old enough to sleep alone," Zoe replied in annoyance-since when did Yelena become so reliant on Jay? Jay had just spent days with Yelena, and she was totally on his side already. "But you're older than me, Mommy. You should sleep alone more than I do," Yelena argued with righteous indignation. Zoe was actually speechless, while Jay chuckled subtly nearby, having zero intentions to defend Zoe. It was Clara who quickly told Yelena, "How could you argue with your mommy about rooms, Yelena? You can sleep with me if you want. It's been a while since we slept together, and I'm beginning to miss you." "But..." Yelena was left in a dilemma. "I really like sleeping with Daddy."

what about me?" Clara pressed, though it was just teasing at that point. "Didn't you say you wanted bit her lip, but after some thought, she said, "Can I you used to tell me that you want a baby brother like Hayden, didn't you?" Clara was one of Yelena's classmates and she quickly you want your mommy and daddy "Yes!"

sleep together," Clara explained. "That way, they can give you a baby Yelena exclaimed "Yes." Clara smiled.

let you have daddy for now. But Zoe pursed her lips.

she even agree to stubborn if she did not play "Okay," she said, nodding.

"I'm going to have a baby "Absolutely not!"

Chapter 919

Zoe did not refuse-what could she do since she had already agreed to it?!

"Then I'm getting in bed," Zoe said, adding before she did, "I've taken a bath, and my clothes are fresh.' Jay was taken aback, but soon realized that Zoe was aware of his hygienic tendencies and was worried he would hate it.

But he would never hate her, whenever or wherever.

He did not have the courage to say it, however.

Soon, Zoe lay down on the very edge of the bed and slept there, reluctant to have any body contact with Jay.

Jay did not move closer either, and the space between them could fit three Yelenas.

Silence ensued, and even though it was soon very late, neither fell asleep.

shared a

decided that he must not dwell on it and gently

been keeping their backs to one another, but he stared her form was especially clear under the soft lights kept gave birth-probably so that she would look better that she was eating very small portions, and she never went that his arms but ultimately restrained himself seemed to feel Jay staring at her, but it also felt like she was aware that he had just turned around on bed and was in fear of the awkwardness, and so, she kept her back to him while just felt uncomfortable-it was not just her posture, but even to sleep alone and naturally would not wear something so intolerable to sleep. her discomfort and scratched her on, and he knew that she would not wear one to sleep certain petty antics, such as sneaking into his told her to wear one, she said it was punishment if any

Chapter 920

Two days later, the production crew arrived for the prelude interview at Jay's apartment.

Zoe had Clara leave the house with Yelena, since she was not eager to let her daughter make a public appearance just yet.

The production crew was also ethical enough to censor Yelena's face during the occasional glimpse of her in the camera.

The host asked, "Who usually cooks at home?"

"Neither," Zoe replied. "Jay is busier, and I can't cook. Moreover, we don't stay home that much, let alone cook."

The host could not help grinning, surprised that her response was so candid -the other couples tended to keep up appearances, making themselves appear more affectionate for the sake of appearances.

He then asked, "Who's usually taking care of the child?"

"Jay does when he's at home. I do it when he's not around," Zoe replied.

Once again, it was no lie-ever since Yelena and Zoe moved in, Yelena actually spent more time with Jay than even Clara.

"What do you think of your better half?" the host added. "Ladies first, so Zoe, if you please."

Jay a

that he was

Certainly not.

smile just then. "He's kind and caring, and although he's not good with words, he would

is that incredible, isn't he?" The host could not

good to me."

had her personal motive for hyping Jay

more he would have to do in the variety show, or he would be flamed by

would not be dragging his feet with

Jay? What is Zoe

it and replied, "She's beautiful and a bit boisterous but ultimately kind. Someone who always

argue, who will apologize

"Me."

was smiling beside them,

you smiling, Zoe?" the host quickly asked,

bliss." Zoe's reaction

brag," the host joked, before adding, "So, do either of you have anything to look forward to on this

exhausting," Zoe said. "Jay has a