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Chapter 211

Zoe did not stop to argue with her grandfather.

Having lived here for years, she knew all too well that he would just talk her to death.

She pulled Cordy along and left Levine Manor, getting into their car that took them back to Cordy's apartment.

Cordy did not say a word along the way and was so silent she might as well be air.

Zoe was not good at figuring out people or she could have avoided being so thoroughly wounded in her own relationship.

That was why she had no idea how Cordy felt as Cordy remained impassive. Was Cordy really sad, or was she actually as eerily calm as she looked?

But after they had returned home, Cordy went about her life as usually did, taking a shower and then going to bed.

It was as if nothing happened earlier, as if she was not hurt, not traumatized, and did not meet Zoe's grandfather.

to take it, Zoe dropped to her knees on the edge of the bed and snapped at Cordy, "Cry if you want, Cordy! You'll feel better if you do-I've done it plenty of times myself or all that

then and saw how much and

She suddenly smiled.

but she

jaded after so long that she

tremendous the tribulation.

the case for

Zoe became even more flustered-how could Cordy still smile when she

smile," Zoe cried. "You'll hurt

fine, Zoe," Cordy replied calmly without hesitation

serene and clearly not hiding anything as if she did

did not care-and even if Cordy did not love John,

could Cordy have gone through that her heart became

Even

Zoe's heart, it still hurt so much she would
about me," Cordy

Chapter 212

Cordy was taken aback. "What is it?"

Zoe repeated Jay's message then. "He said you should doubt everything my grandfather says not make
hasty decisions. Also, you should wait for John until he explains everything to you."

Cordy pursed her lips.

So, Jay actually knew everything-that was why he had been so helpful over the years.

And she actually thought that he was just being a good Samaritan.

Still, Zoe eventually could not help defending John.

and

"Look, Cordy," Zoe said. "My brother would never fall in love with Jessica Stuart. The old folks must have
decided on the engagement themselves, and not even John knows about it. If he did, he would never
have brought you to the banquet hall-even if he doesn't love you, there's no need to humiliate himself
and cause necessary trouble, don't you think?! You have to believe in John!"

Nonetheless, Cordy calmly replied, "Zoe, what did you think is going to happen in the end after your
grandfather has announced John's engagement with Jessica in front of everyone, even if John is
reluctant to play along?"

left stumped by Cordy's words-she had never thought that far ahead, since all she cared about was that
John had been forced against

with Zoe. "The what-ifs hold no weight
outcome."

at that-who was trying to be the reasonable one here

still have faith in John. I agree that my grandfather struck first to cut off John's escape, but John never
takes anything lying down. He'll find a way

to avoid knocking Zoe off her perch

and ranked at least in the top five among the most important dynasties in Zidonia. That

might say that the announcement had already set them on a point

Cordy

smile, Cordy added,

Zoe was speechless.

there really no chance of

if she hid it well. Why else would she tolerate John's advances, especially after
in love really end
said he had actually anticipated
that man know something Zoe did
you and I will
Zoe pursed her lips.

Chapter 213

As Zoe sat at the dining table to eat her breakfast, she texted Cordy. [Back to work?]
Cordy's reply quickly arrived. [Yeah. Had an appointment at North City Channel to discuss a partnership.]
[Alright, won't bother you at the office now, honey. Breakfast was great, love you.]
[Love you too.]

With that, Zoe tapped out of WhatsApp and into a news app.

It went without saying that John and Jessica's engagement made all the headlines. Various media outlets released photos of them standing together at the moment of the announcement, congratulated by the crowd around them.

The comments section was even more ridiculous.

[A match made in heaven! Most importantly, a union between Levines and the Stuarts is simply perfect!]

[I heard that they were childhood friends. Maybe Richard Levine's mother is actually Jessica?]

that I took a closer look, Richard

looking people would only have good

me, but who

had

Stuart

are only a handful of people in this country who have received the Medal of Victoria, and William Stuart is one

half are business people. Most importantly, they're all leading figures in their respective

more frustrated the more she read, and she soon gave up

the Stuarts would

breakfast, Zoe called Linda to adjust her schedule so they could film all the scenes she had left sooner. Since Cordy had already left for work,

if Cordy would feel

not feeling particularly upset since she

she felt a little disgusted when she saw the comments speculating that Richard

she thought about it, that was how

whatever drew attention and glorified the person in

away her phone, Cordy

Chapter 214

Kyle was left gritting his teeth. "Don't get so full of yourself, Cordy!"

Be that as it may, he was already the laughing stock of high society for being denied an invitation.

to Levine Ventures' anniversary celebration. The fact that Mandy had been exposed for trying to frame Cordy only left his family's reputation hitting rock bottom, and no one among the

commerce circles of North City cared about them anymore..

To make things worse, the sponsors Cordy brought in for Jessop Corp before were looking prepared to withdraw their capital.

If this continued, Jessop Corp would soon face bankruptcy just like they did years ago.

Even so, Kyle only became harsher toward Cordy. "Jessica is a hundred times better than you. You know important families care about background, while she and John have feelings for each other. And what's more, John's son is hers! Do you really think there's anything about you that's better than Jessica?!"

"I don't have to compare myself to her. All I need to know is that John would fight your family and the Sachs, and that's enough for me," Cordy replied coolly.

Kyle was left fuming and speechless, but even he had to admit it-even if John would not marry. Cordy, he could easily make the Sachs and the Jessops suffer if he cared at all about Cordy.

patience, Kyle. Don't keep coming

hang up with those words,

her lips, she

hide that you were Lovely from me?" Kyle

in his

not accept that Cordy could pull the

knew that Cordy was Lovely, he would

he never broke up with her, Cordy would
that international fashion design competition. After all, Jessop Corp operated a fashion brand, and they
and calculative but that ended
if he said he did not regret his
despite his demanding tone, Cordy asked in
me, Cordy?!" Kyle growled through his teeth. "Would
me about sincerity after what
in explaining anything to a man who cheated on me, and you have no right to question how I felt toward
you before! Despite how I felt, it would never change the
shaking even as
had no right to retort
fact, he already knew he would never win against her, but he just could not stop himself from calling

Chapter 215

The room and props for the bed scene were already in place, and all they needed was the word from Jay to start filming.

And the reason he had not started already?

Mandy was visiting.

She bought stacks of gourmet confectionery for the production crew, so everyone including Jay was busy eating. Naturally, Mandy was hovering around Jay and happily locking arms with him.

Still, despite her usual pompous, conceited gait, Mandy was as sweet as a lamb around Jay.

Once they were done eating, everyone quickly returned to their positions to continue filming.

On the other hand, Mandy appeared surprised to see Zoe. "When did you get here, Zoe? Sorry, I didn't see you there. I brought some food-would you like some?"

Though she appeared cordial, she then groaned regretfully before Zoe could speak. "Oh, I forgot- we just finished. I'll remember to bring more next time."

Zoe merely sneered and strode past Mandy.

already sitting behind the monitors and preparing to shoot the bed

said nothing and

be seen from the screen, her back was slim, her skin fair and unblemished. While it was not divine and Zoe would never give herself that much credit, she had seen Cordy's bare back, which far eclipsed

staring sardonically at the screen, she thought to herself that Jay really

took them quite a while for them to finish

ups.

and actually saw the

her in turn and smiled politely. "Hello,

a striking resemblance to

had been feeling contempt towards Jay from just seeing her double's body proportions, she had to admit

could even pass the double for her if they did not have

Zoe

always needed doubles who closely resembled the actor and actress anyway.

who resembled her

and quickly left

and Zoe quickly

Chapter 216

Zoe heaved a sigh of relief... only to get nervous again soon enough. "Wait, what is Grandpa going to do John? John clearly wasn't going to agree to the engagement."

"I called you specifically to warn you about that," Nancy snapped. "Don't try to meddle with John's engagement with Jessica! I know you're buddies with Cordy, and I won't stop you from making friends, but you have no right to interfere with certain matters-not that you can!"

"Mom..." Zoe groaned.

"And your grandpa is telling you to go home tonight for dinner," Nancy added, giving Zoe no chance of refusal.

"But why?" Zoe asked.

After all, Alan had grown to dislike hustle and bustle over the last few years. In fact, there were rarely any family dinners, and he only attended a couple of social events unless absolutely

necessary.

It was certainly no Christmas or Thanksgiving now, so why was she suddenly summoned home?!

"Jessica's grandfather is coming for dinner and discussing John's engagement with her."

what does that have to do with

and come home for dinner!"

one would help her stay in

soon remembered something and quickly asked, "Wait,

"What do you think?"

imagine her mother rolling her eyes at her even from the other

is keeping him under house arrest, isn't he? And if Grandpa is worried

never does anything he isn't

off. "Be home on time or I'll break

hung up before quickly

be coming home for dinner tonight. Don't wait

[Okay.]

her as well, since she

Manor, and I should be able to meet John. Grandpa must have him confined, which is why I can't reach

him.]

Chapter 217

Zoe was taken aback.

She did not doubt Jay and Mandy's relationship since Mandy was right-when Cordy exposed her on live TV, Jay did not seem to care that Mandy was clearly guilty. He even shielded Mandy and protected her from the journalists hounding her, and that was all one needed to know about their relationship.

However, she did not expect Jay to bring Mandy home to meet his parents so soon.

Even if Jay was not actually Alan's biological son, he had always stayed with Alan despite how strict Alan was with him. As for Mandy, her reputation was so terrible she had zero prospects in

showbiz now.

And with the Jessops being caught in various other scandals, they were not even invited to the Levine Ventures' 60th anniversary celebration.

Was Jay really not afraid that Alan would kick Mandy out the front door as soon as she arrived?

As those many thoughts crossed Zoe's mind, Mandy presumed that Zoe was too jealous to speak.

In reality, she was surprised that Jay had invited her to Levine Manor for dinner as well.

her at best, and she never would have imagined that he

home.

to repay her favor since he had

very clear

pretended to be vulnerable and make him stay, he turned
she brought her
those photos to announce their
he called her today, saying that she was coming
if he made it clear that she would be meeting his parents, she
she came to visit as his girlfriend, bringing everyone food and deliberately neglecting to
feeling cathartic to see Zoe's reaction and kept scoffing. "You
"Hah!"
strode off
and the sway in her hips only made her look
sight alone
Zoe getting so
and secured the influence of the Levines, the first thing she
her MPV, not caring at all what

Chapter 218

Zoe sat calmly in her MPV even as Penny kept rambling on beside her. "Those ingrates, turning coats as soon as Mandy bought them some snacks! Don't they remember that you've been treating them to tea every other day? Put together, that's way more than what it cost Mandy! And why won't you let me scold them, Zoe? Badmouthing us behind our backs... it's outrageous!"

"Their mouths are theirs. They can say whatever they like," Zoe told Penny.

Penny pouted. "But they're also questioning your relationship with Jay..

"And they're right," Zoe said flatly-she never looked at Jay directly unless she had to.

Penny had more to say but Zoe cut her short. "I need to leave early today, so I'll be putting you down at the junction ahead. Take a taxi home-you can claim the fare from Linda."

"Okay." Penny nodded, earnestly finding Zoe a kind soul right then.

After all, was there any other celebrity who gave their assistant a ride home?!

In fact, Zoe would always make sure to send Penny to her doorstep if she had the time. And in special cases like today, she would let Penny claim the taxi fare.

was

one else aside from her grandfather and parents in

occasions but she had to stay quiet since her mother kept shooting
was as boring as it

I wait for John at the front

Alan nodded, giving

though in reality she just wanted to check her phone away
to

headed to the front door, took out her

John.

a familiar black car

and walked around the car to

to wait outside for her while he drove the

using

Chapter 219

All Zoe felt was her cheek burning.

She thought that Mandy would be surprised to find her here, even finding it unacceptable that someone was better than her since she was so used to feeling superior.

She really did not expect Mandy to slap her right away, and it left her dumbstruck for seconds.

Even the security guards at the door were left stunned, unable to react.

“Don’t you know any shame, Zoe?!” Mandy bellowed at her right then, her teeth gnashing with fury.

“How dare you show up here?! You’re really coming this far to stop me from meeting Jay’s parents?! Have you not heard a word of my warning this afternoon?!”

Zoe came to her senses then and touched her swollen cheek.

To be honest, she had never lost much in life, save for when it came to Jay.

And she would not begrudge Jay that.

As for anyone else...

raised her hand, ready

caught her wrist as soon as she raised her hand, and Zoe

hid behind Jay, pretending to be afraid and crying, “Jay, she’s trying to hit

bellowed, leveling a frightening, icy glare

furious

This is Levine

two in my own house?!” Zoe snarled loudly and

out after he showed up-a far cry

“Look, Zoe, I know you like Jay, but he’s with me now, and we’re even discussing the prospect of marriage. You really shouldn’t

eyes were still fixed on

you one slap,”

mean, that I

“Yeah.”

smiled

his hold-which hurt a lot. “How am I going to hit

Chapter 220

Jay suddenly pulled Mandy into his arms to stop her from hitting Zoe again. “Enough!”

But Mandy was not having any of it-she struggled against his hold, all while snarling savagely. She has no right to hover around you! She’s so shameless she would come here to Levine Manor! Who does she think she is?!”

“I’m not just anyone. I’m just the granddaughter of the average Joe named Alan Levine!” Zoe retorted right then.

While Mandy was left taken aback and unable to respond, Zoe asked, “Doesn’t ring a bell? Well, it’s not that widely known in North City... But what if I told you he’s the board chairman of Levine

Ventures?”

Mandy’s heart skipped a beat, and she abruptly came to a realization.

But she simply could not believe it. It was simply impossible!

There was no way Zoe could be Alan’s granddaughter!

hard for her showbiz career? With Levine Ventures owning half the studios out there, Zoe would have been able to strut anywhere she went! But Mandy herself saw a particularly upset director screaming at Zoe while she was still a starlet because she

to expose her to the public because

with a

nodded, and Mandy

the person she had been constantly harassing was

being nice to Zoe because she was
believe?!

Zoe was here at Levine Manor because it
pale when all those
this afraid, not even when Cordy exposed her on
hand, Zoe was Alan's granddaughter, and revenge could not be easier
Alan and forbid Jay from dating
Mandy could not speak at
bewilderment entirely and turned toward
hated looking at
there were occasions