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Chapter 311

Zoe was ranting endlessly along the way home, and Cordy listened to everything calmly. It was not as if she did not feel angry, but the priority now was to find a way to clear the charges against her.

Noel was right—this was a dog-eat-dog world, and her ability to resist was insignificant.

As they returned to Cordy's apartment, Zoe told her, "Go take a shower—I'll order takeout. You need to get your strength back."

"Yeah," Cordy replied and returned to her room.

She looked at her own reflection in the mirror and found herself considerably haggard even though she had only been in there for 24 hours. She took a deep breath and told herself that she must not lose to herself.

That she must not give up, not until the last moment.

After she was finished with her shower, she stepped out to find the entire dining table stacked with scrumptious food.

Zoe was beckoning warmly at Cordy and sliding plate after plate of food toward Cordy.

"You look so skinny. Eat some more."

joked, "Are you that

went red after she heard it, probably because she

something like that. John will definitely save you no matter what it

again," Cordy said,

not give any

that Cordy would definitely be upset with

suffer his issue with Jessica? If she

once, she did not try to defend her dearest

were done

the detention center now. If it's convenient, may I discuss my

right now? I'll come

at home. I'll send

"Alright. I'll be right there."

arrived at Cordy's apartment in half an hour. Zoe was at first surprised to see Quinn, though she soon realized

to

"Yes," Quinn replied.

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Zoe was seething.

"Someone was obviously trying to plant fake evidence to incriminate Cordy."

"Even if we know that, the judge won't buy it," Quinn told her.

"Also, I met Helen Zalenski, who insisted she was just following your orders to the letter, and it's the same response to every question I had. As for your secretary Vince Cartman, he said he only approved all the documents in question with office automation because they bore your written signature. I checked, and all the original copies did have your signature—here, I've made photocopies. Could you check if you did sign them?"

Quinn passed the documents to Cordy as she spoke, and Cordy glanced at the signatures.

"The signature is mine," she said.

"But I am positive that I did not sign them."

"In other words, someone faked your signature and had Helen send it to your secretary. He approved it via online automation since you'd already signed them, stamping and sealing them into a revenue report," Quinn concluded.

covered all the bases—they might have planned this for a long while." Cordy

nothing to go on that

nothing to build a case for her defense. But as

before Cordy could speak, and

Zoe was

but they're simply heinous. You

and walked

going to hand him a copy of the details on Cordy's case, but Cordy promptly snatched it away from Quinn. John's hand

The atmosphere turned awkward.

not that close, so Quinn naturally should

the other hand, Zoe quickly said, "Cordy, John's very smart. He might

"No."

refused determinedly, giving no

not want to accept
then, who gave her a

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The room was once again silent, since Cordy's words left John dumbstruck.

They stared each other down for a while until John smiled wistfully.

"Is it that hard to work with me, Cordy?"

Cordy's chest actually stung.

John had always been despotic, but those words carried such heartbreak and helplessness.

Even so, she said, "I've already made things very clear to you after the announcement of your engagement with Jessica Stuart.

We aren't that close that I have to suffer everything for your sake.

down right now because of you, and

suffer for whatever it is going on

that John actually felt like

now had been futile, even incurring her disgust and bringing her more

and accept everything arranged for him like a tool, and marry a

he said, "Can you give me a

was pleading, quietly

lip as he promised her, "If I fail to

the last shred of hopes he

she suddenly stopped

him at all, ever since he learned that John had hidden the fact that Richard was her son and was relentlessly courting

and was convinced that he wanted revenge for dumping him back then, as well

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John eventually asked, "Do you mind if I take a copy?"

"No," Cordy replied.

"Thank you."

Cordy pursed her lips—he was thanking her even though he was helping her with her case.

"I'm going now. I'll call you right away if there's any developments on my end," he said and left without a delay.

"I only have two weeks," Cordy reminded him.

"I know."

With that, she watched as he left. He had looked composed and showed no nerves when he read the file, but he left in such a hurry.

So, it was going to be difficult for him too? Zoe returned soon after John left, but she and Quinn probably did not leave, and Zoe returned once she saw John leave.

said that she has other stuff to

you immediately once she has something on the case and that

"Alright," Cordy replied.

case files again, Zoe was staring at her for a long while. She asked

about John..."

Cordy pursed her lips.

did not tell Zoe to stop either. Hence, Zoe mustered her courage and said, "John definitely had no say in his engagement with Jessica. I have the feeling that he wasn't doing well in sorting out things between him, you, and Jessica, but there was no way it would work

about you, you were never going to escape unscathed. Of course, it's also impossible for John to cut all ties with you right away to be with

know how important you are to him, which was why they incriminated you to force John to play to their tune.

something, and she did not

must now be under as

you, John would never allow you to come to harm even if it kills him," Zoe added

give him such a hard time. I'm really worried

said, her tone

came to an

Zoe

"Maybe later," Cordy said.

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Cordy bit her lip and refused to answer at all.

"I wouldn't know."

"Well, I never could get him to tell me,"

Zoe said nonchalantly, before adding, "By the way, I have one final scene to film tonight, and it has been put off for a while since I had other projects. Once I'm done, I'll ask my manager to clear my schedule for some time so I can keep you company until after your case is over."

"It's fine, I don't want to put off your work..." Cordy began.

"I'm doing it on my own will. Don't turn me down now," Zoe told her, not giving her a chance to argue.

"My assistant will take me to the studio soon, and I'll be done around 2 or 3 AM. Just stay home and wait for me."

Cordy did not want to blow off Zoe's eagerness and remained on the couch after Zoe left, staring blankly into thin air.

criminal charges against her. Her fingers were twitching,

"John."

"Yeah?"

other end sounded restrained,

you should investigate for my case

decided to

"Yeah," John replied.

pull herself down with you, Noel

it would be the former," Cordy

to gather

case was arranged, we might alert them if we

"I'll be discreet."

Cordy

for a while before saying, "It's

them was just so

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As Zoe headed to the film set, Penny quickly followed. Her stunt double already had her wire harness on, while Jay stood beside her and explained his directions.

The stunt double looked almost the same age as Zoe and was quite the docile creature.

Zoe herself had heard more than a few others in the film crew praising her.

With her good looks and willingness to suffer, she would be able to rise to stardom once she got lucky.

As Zoe stood and watched her stunt double being raised into the air, she started to feel fear and her body trembled just from looking.

Feeling a little guilty, she thought about treating her stunt double to a nice dinner and giving her a present.

But even as the thought crossed her mind, there was a loud snapping sound overhead, and the stunt double hovering up in the air was suddenly wobbling before the wire severed completely.

She could not evade at all, colliding full-on with the other woman and toppling down on the ground with a dull thud in a heap! The rest were

men dashed up to carry Zoe and the stunt double

double was put into

blood all over Jay, but there was no telling

sat in the corridor, his whole body

be heard as Nancy Levine

to ask, "What happened to Zoe, Jay?"

"A wire snapped, and

were red from worry and

serious? Is Zoe going

don't know," Jay

operating on

the word 'operating', and Ivan quickly

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The nurse said urgently, "The patient's liver is ruptured and she needs type AB blood right now, but we just received word from the blood bank that they don't have the amount she needs. Her family members would be a viable donor or you can try contacting anyone with type AB blood to come forward as a donor. We've already contacted our superiors to liaise with various major hospitals for logistics."

Still, she added, "However, the patient is currently in critical condition, so the faster, the better."

Nancy was almost left senseless from shock.

If the worst happened to Zoe...

"Let's call for donors right now," Ivan said, working hard to stay calm while whipping out his phone with a shaking hand.

"I'll call Johnny. He can send everyone in the company with type AB blood over. Jay stood nearby, his whole body stiff and shaking from restraint. His blood type was AB, but he could not donate to Zoe. On the other hand, after Ivan called John, he turned to Nancy."

John made the arrangements right away. The donors will be here soon..."

was when

a moment before asking in uncertainty,

Ivan answered

blood type was A. But so

how could they have a child with type AB blood together? Ivan realized right then too! They both

doctors? They might have Zoe's blood type wrong—both my husband and I have type A blood. There's no way

the nurse quickly replied and called the

the same and definitive: Zoe had type AB blood. It was a bolt

if Zoe was not

She clearly took after Ivan too! The silence in the room was deafening, but soon,

turned to find a middle-aged woman asking in agitation, "Is Cora here? What happened

of the stunt double—the

she soon froze despite her initial shock, as both Ivan and Nancy were staring at her. She was looking at them

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The doors to the operation room opened just then, and a pale-faced woman was wheeled out, looking utterly enfeebled.

Still, her injury was not at all serious.

However, as everyone including Nancy turned toward Cora Gooding, she felt as if she was punched in the gut, her breath leaving her lungs right then.

Clara had been a maid in Levine Manor when both Nancy and Clara got pregnant around the same time.

After Clara delivered her baby, she insisted on returning to her hometown with her daughter and left the Levines' service...

'No! That's impossible!' Nancy's face turned pale.

She could not believe something so ridiculous would happen to her! She could not believe that the daughter she raised over twenty years was not actually hers! And yet, Zoe's blood type...

Nancy rushed to a doctor nearby and asked, "What is this patient's blood type?"

"A," he replied.

felt another punch in the

that face which looked almost

could not think, and was shuddering even as she

to wheel Cora off, but

"Don't you dare leave."

needs to go

that's your daughter?!" Nancy bellowed loudly

her eyes, and her

then wheeled on Ivan, who

Ivan?! Speak up!" she yelled, as

Zoe's actual mother?! w As Nancy's hysterical voice reverberated over the

started to file into the corridor—Levine Ventures

well, saying urgently, "We have ten donors ready, so this should be

eyes were ready, and her tears started to

"Aunt Nancy."

actually turned hoarse—Nancy's reaction was really scaring him! The doors to the emergency room swung open again, with the nurse asking urgently, "Are

for his employees to go when

"No!" She shrieked.

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The nurse called out again, "Are the type AB blood donors here? The patient is in critical condition..."

There was a crowd right outside the operation room, but none of them were coming for some reason.

"Aunt Nancy, this can wait. Let's help Zoe for now," John urged.

"Don't you dare help her!" Nancy bellowed bluntly.

Never had she been deceived so thoroughly in her entire life! It turned out that she had raised someone else's daughter for over twenty years, and to add insult to injury, it was her own husband's mistress! All while her own daughter had to live somewhere out there, suffering! The thought that Zoe enjoyed all the nice things in life and how Nancy herself cared for her every need...She felt disgusted as if she had just swallowed a cockroach.

"Please, Ms. Levine."

Clara suddenly dropped to her knees in front of Nancy, sobbing.

"Please, you have to save Zoe. It's all my fault— take it out on me if you want! I was just bewitched back then, and my stubbornness led to this... Zoe is innocent. She has nothing to do with this! Please, you have to save her..."

"Innocent?!"

innocent?! Then what about my daughter?! Why should she have to suffer with you?! She was working as someone else's stunt double! If she was actually killed, that means I'd only get to meet her again when she's

more Nancy ranted, the more

nothing less to strangle the woman before her and cut the woman into pieces! How dare Clara do this to her?! To deceive her to such an extent?!

have to help Zoe. Whatever happens, she's

only surveyed

Levines, she was accustomed to being superior, whereas Ivan had

ever argued, she would simply

for him during one such argument, and he was also drunk That in turn led to a fumble with one of the younger servants in the house—Clara. He

already done, and his only choice was to pay

cent, insisting that she could not find

also promised not to trouble him, and though she had been earnest, Ivan was

he would lose

such, it was a shock that both Nancy and Clara

was his, he continued to reason with her to leave, but she told him that it was not, claiming that she had a husband in

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They had to save Zoe.

John turned right then and saw Jay quickly and quietly approaching the nurse.

Come to think of it, he was of type AB blood.

Meanwhile, Clara was crying hysterically on the floor.

"Please, Ms. Levine, I'm begging you... Please save Zoe! Whatever it is, just take it out on me, okay? Please..."

She never thought that one moment of impulse would hurt her daughter to such an extent.

And if Zoe really died...

she refused to think about that! But even as she cried and begged, Nancy

have,"

allowed to visit her

was and therefore agreed

family, Johnny—we have ties that bind. I'm sure you wouldn't betray me or do anything that would

what she was insinuating: he

water, Johnny. As for

nothing less to murder him in her

"They are inconsequential."

wheeled Cora

was gone, the corridor

"Mr. Levine..."

started begging John instead, but he ignored her