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Chapter 721

Cordy coughed for a long while before she caught her breath, while Nana quickly explained, "I'm sorry, but I was just curious... I don't have many friends because of my health, and I'd like to know more about relationships between men and women. It's just-I think my relationship with Lucas is different from others."

"It's fine. I just accidentally choked, it's nothing," Cordy told her.

"Then... Can I ask you about you and your boyfriend?" Nana asked.

"What do you want to ask?"

"Like... Have you had sex before?" Nana was embarrassed yet stubborn.

"No... Not yet."

"But why?" Nana gasped in surprise. "I thought that's only me and Lucas... I googled about it, and it says that couples tend to do it after confirming

no intention of doing it. That's why I thought we

our relationship, so it's not time

I have been dating for two years. Don't you think we should have done

certainly be the case now that society was more open-minded. Once emotions ran high,

for Lucas and Nana since they were raised in more

Maybe Lucas had... issues?

possible, until she remembered a certain morning in

asked,

Oh!" Cordy felt her cheeks burning, and explained while feeling

after getting IV transfusion," Nana said, but she

of hurting you because of your health. That's

most

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As Nana happily left, Cordy's gaze darkened as she watched her leave.

If she was not sure before if Nana had been probing her, she was now.

Nana was clearly testing her, to see if there was anything fishy going on between her and Lucas.

In fact, Nana deliberately mentioned that she never had sex with Lucas just to test if Cordy would react happily to that information. That in turn would compel Cordy to suggest that Lucas was abstaining because of Nana's health problems, which was a reminder to Cordy of how much Lucas cared about Nana, so that Cordy would not get any funny ideas. 1

It was just as Cordy thought-Nana was not as simple as she seemed.

she was just a distant relative. What Nana was really like was not something she had to

had to know that Nana was not as childishly

actually feeling sleepy because of

she closed her eyes, she really did fall

never could fall asleep before even if she closed her eyes or was really sleepy, and she thought it would be the same

into overdrive once she closed her eyelids, and she

that meant she was going to be alone. It was especially

way, she did not think she would fall asleep, and she was

saw Lucas's worried face. He was pressing the buzzer urgently and snapping, 'Come

couple seconds to come to her senses and realized what was happening when she saw the dark fluid streaming through

was snapping at her too. 'Are

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Finally having had enough, Cordy yelled back at Lucas, "Did I ask you for anything?! Who told you to come?! I was sleeping here just fine, and I didn't need you to wake me, let alone yell at me! Even if I'm being negligent to my son, that's my own business. What right do you have to care?! You're not his father!" i

"Cordy Sachs!" Lucas snarled through his teeth.

Nonetheless, Cordy continued, "Don't stand there acting like you're being noble when you're just going to emotionally blackmail me! Who do you think you are?! Even if I die here, it has nothing to do with you! What you did was a violation of my personal privacy, and I can sue you for it!"

Lucas was left absolutely livid, and glaring at Cordy with scarlet eyes while feeling the impulse to strangle her for an instant.

He had no idea why he would overreact to her. All he knew was that when he passed by, an unknown sense of terror struck him when he saw that her blood was being drained into the IV bag. He did not hesitate in that instant to rush inside and summon the nurses to pull the needle out, and he was left exceedingly furious to see Cordy slowly waking up as if nothing happened.

almost thirty and a mother at that?! Did she even have

gnashing. "You deserved it if you died right even if I die and none of yours at all!" Cordy retorted. "Shove your was glowering, but he suddenly turned and she turned toward Cordy who medical staff had arrived just then and was detaching the IV suddenly apologized. "Lucas was being not your fault," Cordy replied, letting blame and

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At this point, Cordy had to blame it on a grudge from a past life

However, Nana's seemingly innocent gaze was still fixed on Cordy. "But it feels to me that he cares a lot about you-he was so worried when he saw your blood being drained into the IV bottle. He only snapped at you because he thinks you're refusing to take care of yourself, and it's out of concern... What should I do? I think I'm getting jealous."

"You're kidding,' Cordy said naturally. 'Lucas is just overreacting like anyone would during a crisis. I would call for the medical staff if I were in the same situation as well, and as for his temper... don't you think that he really doesn't like me at all, and he's always finding an excuse to vent at me?"

"But Lucas isn't like that. He wouldn't do that to the others."

"That's what I've been saying. We rub each other the wrong way," Cordy said in disdain—she was still feeling frustrated and stressed even as she recalled how Lucas flipped out at her.

"Don't tell me... you've fallen for him?" Nana suddenly asked very nervously.

"Nope," Cordy answered confidently.

murmured miserably. 'I really

Cordy snapped, cutting

"But you're so beautiful. My grandmother told me so much about

"No, he wouldn't."

he

"Especially bad."

not to take Lucas from me?" Nana asked dolefully, her

her lips-she had

inadvertently saw a photo you took with John Levine, and he looked so much like Lucas. I'm worried you'd think that Lucas

replace John.' Cordy breathed

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Nana continued, "I'm sorry, Cordy, I really don't want to ask this of you, but I'm so afraid of losing Lucas. Could you at least promise me to keep your distance as long as it's not about business?"

"I already have. I've never tried to get near him, and I'm not interested in him..."

Cordy trailed off as she stared at Nana's hopeful yet miserable look, and she said, 'Alright, I promise.'

Nana's tearful expression turned to a smile right then, and she exclaimed excitedly, "Thank you, Cordy! I knew you were a good person!"

Cordy thought she was far from it-she certainly did not think Nana's overly humble stance in her relationship deserved pity.

She just did not want to waste her time staying involved with them and then cause trouble for herself because of them.

In fact, she would have done it whether she agreed to it-Lucas was just that incompatible with her. Nana just could not bring herself to buy that reality and simply wanted a definitive answer from Cordy.

turn decided

going now,' Nana said happily

"Yeah."

Nana left, Cordy whipped out her

have her wish-Cordy would have nothing to do

first floor of the hospital and working hard

she exclaimed happily as she wrapped her arms around

pushed her away, leaving her frowning. "Don't you

am I going to walk like that? Let's hold

did so even as he said it, whereas Nana's eyes briefly

car. On the way back, Nana said, "Did you notice that you changed a lot ever since you came

"You never looked at any other woman when you're abroad, let alone getting involved in them..."

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Lucas wiped away Nana's tears, saying, "I'm staying with you. Don't worry over nothing.'

"I don't want to, but you've changed so much. You used to look at me only, but now, you're always finding Cordy..." She sobbed even as she grabbed his wrist. "I'm so scared!"

"We're getting married soon," Lucas assured her. "We'll decide on a date once my parents return, so stop being paranoid."

"Actually, I spoke a lot with Cordy just now..." Nana said, staring at him dolefully.

Lucas did not ask any questions, so she continued, "I told her to stay away from you and not to talk to you."

Lucas blinked.

"Are you upset?" Nana could always sense when his emotions stirred— even a little.

"Nope."

then. 'Cordy agreed that she won't reach out to you. I know what I did was despicable, but I

That's enough,' Lucas said

me that you won't go to her? Ever?" Nana asked, leveling a look of

Lucas said

you not talk to her even if you see her by

"Nana..."

sobbed. 'I didn't want to dictate your life, and I know there's nothing between you and Cordy... But you are both extraordinary people, and I'm worried that you'd be drawn to each other once you start to spend more

and Nana flashed her sad puppy

won't." Lucas

of Nana, not to mention that she was

they spent more time with each

thought that the day would come when he would cheat. Even if he did not want to admit it,

you, Lucas. We'll definitely be happy." Nana threw herself into Lucas'

in turn, but there was

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Once everyone was given their respective scripts, they each sat in a corner to study their assigned roles, after which they would present their own interpretations to Jay.

Zoe sat at the furthest corner, studying her script seriously, but she was also starting to nod off as she did.

She swore not to binge on alcohol ever again even if it killed her.

To think that she actually brought Cordy and Quinn to the graveyard last night... Was there anything she was not capable of while drunk?!

Even as she did her best to stay awake. Candice approached her. "Zoe."

She would be in the same group for the next stage, and they had grown closer since they worked together on the last round.

It was also common knowledge that every contestant should stay in cliques, even if it was just for appearances, despite the competitive nature of his variety show.

Some were even keeping their distance because she just returned after vanishing for three years-no one knew what she had been doing or if what she had

to

would approach her voluntarily, even offering to study

"Sure," Zoe replied.

stayed a loner until the end,

where your very

look too good." Candice noticed the look on

"Had a bit too much to drink with some friends last night. I regret

"Celebrating?" Candice smiled.

a double take, but it really was not a celebration-it was up to fate whether she survived this variety show, and staving off elimination for one round was not worth

a small gathering with

her further and returned to the topic at hand.

Zoe replied.

enough... here, look at mine," Candice

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Everyone rehearsed their roles as Jay instructed, practicing their routes and dialogues before freestyling their respective performances.

Zoe was exhausted and therefore constantly distracted, even missing her cues constantly-she did not have that many lines but made a mess of everything.

She clearly saw Jay's brow creasing deeply and wondered then if he regretted saving her during the last stage.

Hailey arrived for an inspection just then.

She had been rehearsing with her group at the next studio, but they could hear her scoldings despite the immaculate soundproofing between studios.

The diva was so strict that she would start snapping at anyone merciless if they failed to meet her demands.

Many who were not chosen for her group were rejoicing in the fact-would they even survive otherwise?

In fact, word had it that Hailey left one of her thespians breaking down in tears even before they got started.

Zoe yesterday, but it seemed that it was nothing personal. It was merely

was really frustrated with her

could see that Zoe was completely out of it and

York! Are

sudden outburst halted the entire rehearsal, and some of the fainthearted

was called, was naturally even more shocked

you even listen to anything I said about that performance of yours last night, only to give this type of showing today?! If I were you, I would've doubled my efforts after having my flaws pointed out blatantly, but you're just squandering the chance Mr. Parker gave you! You're absolutely humiliating the man, and you're never going to turn your career around with that attitude

in her group-truly experienced Hailey's

to make a sound,

do you have to say?!" Hailey bellowed

began, "I'm feeling a

your excuse?!" Hailey shrieked,

pointless to explain, not to mention that she was

coming since she knew she had a rehearsal today but indulged herself last night

she assured herself as she

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Hailey also realized that she had been overreaching-this was Jay's group, and she had no cause to throw her weight around.

Hailey could not help snapping at Zoe given how she was behaving and was surprised that Jay took exception.

As such, Hailey came up with an excuse to leave.

On the other hand, it was still awkward for Zoe, since Jay did hang her out to dry.

He never snapped at people, but his impassive expression could leave one feeling nonexistent.

Soon, the first rehearsal was over.

Jay did not say much and dismissed everyone for a break before turning toward Zoe. 'Come with me.'

Everyone was throwing Zoe looks of pity right then, and she certainly pitied herself as well.

But there was no one out there to save her!

She steeled herself as she followed Jay into his VIP lounge, hanging her head as she stood there respectfully like a kid caught doing something naughty.

buy her a little sympathy from

sober yet?" Jay asked her,

but sleepy,"

would rather give up than lie or come up with excusesone lie would inevitably lead to another,

you had breakfast?" Jay then

left speechless-were they not straying

whipped out his phone and

he was

It's almost noon,

argue since she still had no idea

between them was eerie, as Jay said nothing else after

like the calm before the storm, and Zoe simply stood woodenly before him, afraid to speak, until they heard

on his cane and rose to

clumsy,

that

to be fair, tendons and bones took a

on it, when Jay put the ordered breakfast on the table

stared at him, uncertain-was he really talking to

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"There's a bed there in the inner room. Go take a nap," Jay said.

Zoe was left staring at him and sincerely wondering if she misheard.

“You heard me right,” Jay said, reading her mind just then. “Go take a nap.”

Zoe bit her lip-there had to be a catch.

So what was Jay planning?

However, just as all sorts of thoughts crossed her mind. Jay got up and left without any explanation, giving her the room.

Zoe hesitated, poking her head in to see the interior of the inner room-it was not at all spacious, but it looked comfortable nonetheless.

She felt like her soul was drifting over to lie down, and she thought she would fall asleep if she put her head on that pillow... which she did.

In fact, she had actually thrown herself on that moderate-sized but exceedingly soft, clean bed. There was a faint scent of high-grade softener and nothing else.

had reason to suspect Jay never slept here before, and it was fortunate —she

ready to take off her shoes

leaped out of bed and opened the door, she saw that Jay had returned after leaving

he was eating the chowder that she just

portion into a smaller bowl before eating, whereas he ate it directly. It just did not help matters that he was

certainly got awkward, and she really wanted to hide just

could have gotten into her that she had to come out? Even if it was reasonable she remembered it and wanted to clean it up, the production crew would do it, and Jay would never have

now, Jay would obviously hold this against her, and she was going to get

all her good luck in

said awkwardly, his ears flushing crimson right

Zoe replied-what else could

like to

it up, take it home,

speechless by her

to clear the awkward air between them, only to make things

finish the chowder even if

now.” Zoe yawned exaggeratedly and promptly returned inside

she lay down again, it took her a while to