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Chapter 781

Cora said, "Mom's asking everyone to eat at the manor. You didn't answer our calls, so she told me and Bob to swing by while we're heading over."

"Oh, okay," Jay replied. "Will Cordy be bringing Dicky?"

"They're at the capital. They won't make it."

Jay asked no further questions, and said, "Come on in."

"Okay," Cora said, and headed inside with Bob.

"I'll go now," Zoe said, prepared to put on her shoes and leave right there and then.

"You can leave after breakfast," Jay said, stopping her.

"I'll pass."

"It's fine-it's still early, and we're not going to Levine Manor straight away," Bob suddenly said.

Zoe glanced at him, and nodded.

Jay pursed his lips, staying impassive. Cora didn't know that Bob used to date Zoe, and didn't care much either since she believed that they were just good friends.

Still, Zoe felt very much on edge, given the complicated relationship between all four of them who were now sitting in the same room.

was Cora who broke the awkward silence. "What's doing here?"

drunk while our group was hanging out last night," Jay answered in Zoe's stead. "Zoe brought me home, but I accidentally vomited on her, and she had no clothes to wear. Her clothes

smiled. "Thanks for taking care of

the possessiveness

do you know why my mom suddenly asked us

his head. "I wasn't even

"I heard it's about..."

trailed off,

it?"

to say, since she's worried you won't go back if I

frowned right then. "Tell

scared of him. Not only was he her elder, but he often called to stop her on the set whenever she messed up while filming with

she's arranging a

"Cough!"

almost choked on

passed him some tissues. "But in her defense, you're long past thirty. You have to get married, don't you? I'm

myself, but you're still

handle my personal

to worry if you did," Cora went on feebly. "She said that the woman is from a good family and background as well, and a loyal fan who won't mind your physical

Jay snapped, cutting

however, asked tentatively,

been suspecting that

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Jay quickly offered, "I'll take you home."

Zoe immediately declined. "It's alright. I can just take a cab."

"That'd be inconvenient. You're quite famous now."

"I just need a disguise."

"Just wait a moment. I'll get changed," Jay insisted, not giving her a chance to refuse. '

"You're a cripple and you can't drive. How are you going to take me anywhere?" Zoe said bluntly, and Cora was stunned by her insulting outburst.

How could she say cripple on a whim? No one around Jay ever said it for years!

"I can go back on my own," Zoe added determinedly, not caring about the looks others were giving her.

"I can give you a ride," Bob suddenly said. "I happened to bring my car."

Cora was slightly irked, since it was her boyfriend who would be getting in a car with another woman.

Bob simply continued, "Cora, wait for me here. I'll be back to take you and

turning towards Zoe without waiting for anyone's approval, he told her,

quietly left with

anyone but him, since she

as they left the apartment together, wondering if she noticed something unusual or if three-year relationship. Yet, she had a feeling that he didn't pay her that the world if she asked; yet, if she said nothing, he wouldn't lift was, offering to send Zoe worry. There's nothing between them," that despite his jealousy towards Bob for Zoe and Bob had cleared the air once she returned to North still felt uncomfortable being together alone with him in the same place-it was really difficult to was why one should never cross the line as they stopped before a and asked, "So, you're "No," Zoe replied. spent the night at doubting

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Bob suddenly asked, "Please don't tell me you're rejecting Jay because he's a cripple." "He's actually a cripple?" Zoe exclaimed in surprise. "What, you didn't know? You even called him a cripple just now!" Bob was left dumbfounded. "I thought...it's just a fracture, and it'd heal soon," Zoe was even more dumbfounded than him. Bob shot her a look before stopping his car by the curb, which left Zoe perplexed. He had seemingly done it for no reason. Once he stopped the car, he asked solemnly, "You really didn't know?" "What?" "That Jay was caught in a car crash," Bob said, still surprised. Zoe gasped in shock. "Was it serious?" Bob rolled his eyes. "Are we doing a comedy routine right now?" she definitely had no idea-she had kept herself isolated from everything the year she left North City, actually seemed a little disappointed about that. "Jay never announced eventually. How are you going to flourish in showbiz if you

no one told
at a loss for
that if she was told about it. After all, she
you don't mind him being a cripple?" Bob asked, returning to the topic at
back then that I was just trying to break you-it's not like some spark rekindled. Come to think of
think I would've given up
"No, he really doesn't..."
already?"
"I'm perfectly awake!"
makes you think Jay wasn't into
"Then why do you insist on
the two of you like
ignore us," Zoe replied flatly. "I'm only focused on
if you really do have feelings for Jay, tell
you
rolled his eyes and sighed

Chapter 784

Bob said, "That depends on you. You're the public figure-we just have to find a date that's most convenient for you."

"You're that reluctant to marry me, huh?" Cora asked.

Bob's fingers clenched on his steering wheel, but his tone remained exceedingly relaxed. "I mean, we could just get our marriage registered right now."

Cora laughed in amusement. "I mean, it's just that... You respect me too much every time. I know you're doing it for my sake, but I have this nagging feeling you're not proactive enough."

"I'm not worried about the hassle. Let me put it this way-1 can hold a grand wedding and make babies for you here and now, so what say you?"

"Bob!" Cora blushed from his teasing. "My uncle's here."

"Just pretend I'm not here," Jay said. "I'll get off if you want to start making babies right then.1'

"You too?!" Cora pouted.

The atmosphere in the car returned to normal soon enough, though Bob and Jay traded discreet glances.

it came to a great many

arrived at Levine Manor, Nancy promptly

girl was pretty and carried

Jay's type:

however, could tell immediately that Jay didn't like the girl. He preferred someone vivacious, beautiful

his emotions. He willingly took the girl on a stroll in the back

as they went, sighing, "That's one load off my

any spark

jinx it," Nancy snapped mildly at

today," Cora

dropped, and she didn't make an effort to hide

house," Cora

shock was

home and nursed him for the night," Cora

Nancy's brow furrowed.

all surprising," Bob said beside them, seemingly indifferent. "It's been years, though... Or have you not let it

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Cora was surprised by the question posed by her mother to her uncle.

What relationship was she talking about?

It didn't sound like Nancy was referring to their past familial bond...

Cora did a double take at the thought.

No way! Was Jay in love with Zoe?!

"That's my personal life. You need not meddle," Jay retorted coolly.

"I'm your sister, Jay!" Nancy was livid. "Everyone else in the family is gone, and there's just a few of us left. If we don't stick with each other, we'll scatter."

"Sticking together isn't dependent on meddling with each other's lives. Caring is plenty enough."

didn't tell me to take care of you before he died? You know how upstanding I am, and how hard it was to convince myself to accept you! It was hard for me to set

need a cent of the family fortune," Jay replied determinedly. "I

you really giving up on your family because of Zoe York?!" Nancy snapped, attributing all of Jay's indifference to

I just didn't want you to put yourself

very clear, I won't accept you marrying Zoe! You can have any other woman you want, even someone from

anyone meddling in my personal life." Jay's response

dumbstruck-she had never seen Jay act this cold, even at

it, treating him like they were actual siblings as if

Shouldn't Jay be grateful?

to make enemies of her mother, all for his

stand the confrontation just then, she said, "Uncle Jay, you should try to

but did it ever cross her mind that Zoe was too?!" Jay retorted, starting to lose himself a little. "Was she really at fault? Why should

suffer for it?!"

still blaming me for being too harsh on her?!" Nancy bellowed at him. "You thought I was wrong from the start! That I should forgive her; that

deserve to hate anyone, but not Zoe," Jay argued, not backing down at all. "You're the one who raised her, and she loved you as much as you had loved her. Did it cross your mind how miserable she was when

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Bob quickly rose from the couch and hurried after Jay. "I'll talk to him."

Cora tried to speak, but ultimately chose to stay silent.

For some reason, she had this nagging feeling that Bob was more concerned about those around her than her.

Bob gave Jay a ride home, and the journey was quiet until Bob broke the silence. "Zoe said neither of you made up when I took her home."

"Yeah," Jay replied.

"If that's so, why did you argue with Nancy like that?" Bob asked, finding Jay behavior unlike him since he never bares his emotions like this.

you think she's been fair to Zoe?" Jay

"Not at all."

been holding back

I've been holding back for a while, too. Sure, she was a victim, but isn't Zoe a victim too? But she had to slam all her pain on Zoe-I would've turned

outside the window

in a bad

still in love with Zoe, aren't you?" Bob

Jay swallowed.

being with me, and she never did love me that much anyway, which was why she did that thing with you," Bob

silent; his reaction

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The interior of the car grew silent, as Jay didn't say a word.

Bob couldn't make him confess, and since it might be something he could not say, he understood that he shouldn't push Jay too far since they were as close as brothers.

Sighing, he finally said, "Whatever it is, she's back. It's time you take control. Life is short—miss out once, and it might be forever."

Jay finally spoke. "Do you think I still deserve her?"

"Wait, you don't think so?"

"I'm a cripple with one leg," Jay said, sounding slightly emotional.

"Please don't tell me that's why you never went looking for her over the past three years..."

Jay nodded in silence.

slight agitation, but he soon added, "Now that you mentioned it, she actually didn't know your leg was permanently crippled when we spoke today. She thought it's a

explained, "She wasn't actually repulsed-just surprised.

more you love a person, the more you're obsessed that you're not good enough to

was the first time he was

her...and

Bob still felt let down. "If you don't push yourself to try, how would you know if she

love her, go for it-the

that he was actually a coward as well. He himself had been afraid to confess his feelings for Zoe after finding out that she loved

if not for what

wouldn't be able to stay friends with Zoe afterwards-that was certainly the case now:

Zoe and Jay, what more

Jay never told Bob

relationships, observers could speak too much

long time. He whipped out his

screen was where he left it: a chat addressed

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Jay ultimately lowered his phone.

He should wait a little longer-he didn't want to disturb her life out of the blue.

Meanwhile, Jesse Cranston had yet to wake up at the capital.

The foreign experts were saying that there was a chance he would end up in a vegetative state, but it wasn't the time to give up since there was still hope to save him.

Cordy brought Dicky to visit, changing into scrubs before entering the cleanroom.

Jesse slept so peacefully, Cordy would think he was napping if not for all the tubes stuck into him.

"The doctors told me to talk to you more, and you might just wake up," Cordy said, choking back tears.

always considered herself someone who can control her own emotions well, and had been calm on the way

she spoke, however, her tears

she had gone through too much

love of her life...and now,

she regained her calm and slowly spoke, revealing all the thoughts she hid for

don't know why mom ran away from home all those years ago... My first reaction when you came to me, telling me that I'm your granddaughter, was that you've definitely wronged her. That's why I was distant towards

smile you always showed me, wondering if I should open those gory wounds... I suddenly realized that never bothered investigating since then. Even

at

there and everyone spoke to him, but no

was simply one of

left Jesse's sickbed, she said, "If you wake up, Grandfather, I hope you can tell me about my mother, and nothing else-without prejudice or emotions. I just want to know what she's

that, she left ICU; she didn't notice that Jesse's

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Sean said a little feebly, "Either way, that means we can't work on Steven."

"That's not set in stone," Cordy argued. "Even if we can't get anything on his accounts, we can keep tabs on his whereabouts. There's no doubt the mysterious person would contact Steven again. Personally, I don't think a lawyer would take up such a huge risk just for money. He must have a stake in terms of sentiment as well. It's generally how most people are blinded, especially with money being icing on the cake."

"Alright." Sean agreed to the plan without hesitation. "I'll arrange for my people to keep an eye on him in secret, and I'll also look into his social circles to see if we can find any clues."

"Right." Cordy nodded. "Well, I actually have a cruder and more violent idea."

"I expect it to be violent, but not cruder."

Sean chuckled-Cordy was as calm as she was meticulous, and any ideas she had would have been thought through thoroughly.

"Get the cops involved," Cordy revealed her plan without any hesitation.

Sean frowned, and asked, "Won't that make them realize we're on to them?"

nothing much to work with, making them

just make

is why we should put on a

he turned towards her, but she smiled faintly

came to a tacit understanding right there and

took Dicky's hand

were closing, she hurried forward and stopped the doors from closing; only to see Lucas inside, sitting on his wheelchair while she was going to

was tying them to each other at this point. Was

she looked

someone staying with him even after he gets discharged. It was very likely he was staying with the Lynds as well; even if he wasn't, he would

he actually stayed here...was he

really wanted to get out of the elevator, but Dicky excitedly walked up to Lucas' side and asked,

her eyes-Dicky was always eager to get chummy with Lucas whenever they met. She wondered if John would be rolling

turning away

room number?" Dicky

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Dicky was actually a little surprised-his daddy used to consider him nothing but a brat, but the man now treated him like an equal.

He had wanted to win his father's acknowledgement for a while, but his daddy was just too formidable. Thus, he couldn't do much.

However, the one thing he might be better than his daddy was in making his mommy happy.

"What do you think?" Lucas replied, as if it was only natural.

"Okay. I'll come by later."

"Sure."

And with that, they agreed to meet. Meanwhile, Cordy didn't even get a word in.

In fact, Dicky couldn't wait to leave. "Mommy, I want to go play with Lucas!"

"I'm worried about leaving you alone with a stranger," Cordy said, finally getting a reasonable excuse.

isn't a stranger-he's Daddy," Dicky said

kept staring at him in silence, and he gave in. "Fine, he's not

you know this is how

Lucas wouldn't sink that low no matter how bad it

worried about letting you go

brought my phone. I'll call you if

you'd get the

his clothes as Cordy watched. "I've kept it hidden deep under my shirt so no one will notice, but you can instantly find out where I

in my pocket so

to my collar. You can watch everything I do, and see who I'm

did left Cordy

question she had been overprotective of him and used everything safety measure she could. Dicky wouldn't use those devices whenever he was perfectly safe, since he was already ten; Cordy should care about his privacy

so willing to put everything on himself. Stopping him now would make her personal

Dicky asked her expectantly, since she had been silent for

finally

could hardly