

Be Yours 1041

Chapter 1041 Sounds Fun

Meanwhile, Alec's home was much quieter than Evan's. He had made several dishes, and though they weren't as fancy, it was still nutritious and homey enough for the three of them-grandparent, grandson, and butler.

"Come join us, Mr. Duncan," Alec called to Warren, who was standing in the doorway.

Warren used to be dismissed during the holidays in order to join his family to have New Year's dinner, but ever since Old Mr. Faust's condition worsened, they could no longer afford to leave the old man alone at home.

To Alec, Warren was part of their family. The man had taken care of him since he was a boy, after all. In fact, it wouldn't be too strange to treat the man as a second grandfather.

Warren fidgeted awkwardly. "I'm afraid that might be..."

"Eat with us, Warren. You've always been family, now is no different," Old Mr. Faust spoke up.

while Alec gave them each

men shared a gaze and smiled, putting their

friends dined together on New Year's Eve, marking the

moment's hesitation, she said, "Alec actually invited us

her brothers, then at Evan, whose opinion she

sensing her worry, Evan shot her a smile. "Sounds fun. Why don't we head over

with it,

and I," Zack piped up. It was obvious Alec was a much more preferable brother-in-law than Evan right

beamed. "Alright. I'll let

smile was genuine for all to see. It made Evan feel sad. If it weren't for his injury right now, he likely wouldn't be having this meal

kept those feelings

over. "Why don't you leave the cleaning up to Zack and me, Jenny? Go and take a

Chapter 1042 Looks Like A Challenge

Gilbert got up from his seat. "Sure. I haven't had a chance to get a good look at this season's snow yet."

"I'm up for it, too," Evan said.

Howard then came to wheel him out along with Jenny and Gilbert. They didn't linger in the garden; instead, they strolled around the neighborhood.

It was a high-end location with prime real estate everywhere, so the public facilities and landscaping were masterfully done. A snowplow had already come to clear a path in the snow for people to walk on.

"You don't get to see a lot of snow, right?" Jenny asked Gilbert. He often had to travel overseas for work, so he likely missed out on a lot of winter seasons.

Gilbert nodded. "I did a lot more when I was younger, but never to just stop and admire the scenery like right now."

"What about you, Evan?" Jenny asked the man in the wheelchair.

Evan grinned. "It always snowed overseas. We even had snowball fights

Evan getting into

only—" Jenny said but quickly stopped. She had nearly said if only Evan wasn't injured, they could have a snowball fight too. But that was

though. "If only I

a very interesting occasion,

chances in the future,"

both of them but stayed

had spotted the four of them walking outside. He went up

greeted warmly, coming to the woman's

and Grandpa

just the three of us,

but you better make sure everything's just right for dinner tonight, especially with us over," Gilbert said. He didn't hate Alec as much as he

Plus, cooking was tiring.

The food will be

Chapter 1043 Calm Down

When Zack saw Jenny coming his way, hugging a giant snowball in her arms, he felt true fear.

"Calm down, Jenny. We can talk about this!" He yelled, stepping back. Janet giggled off to his side as the scene unfolded.

"I am very, very calm right now, Zack," Jenny said, grinning like the Devil herself.

Zack regretted throwing the snowball at her.

When Jenny stopped in front of her brother, she handed him the snowball. "Do you wanna do it yourself or have me do it for you?"

'TH do it myself," Zack grumbled, taking the snowball. He'd at least survive without a neck injury with this choice.

He raised the giant snowball above his head, then threw it downwards. Snow covered his face and shoulders as the ball disintegrated.

Jenny laughed out loud at the silly sight. Just then, another snowball hit her back. It was a gentle toss, but Jenny still searched for the culprit.

eyeing her carefully, another snowball in hand. "Zack isn't alone in this anymore, of you!" Jenny cried and went to gather more snowballs to toss

would he let

stood by

you joining?" Evan

a kid anymore." Gilbert shook his

You didn't have to be a kid to

right now. If he could join in the snowball fight, he would've

Howard

smiled. "Yes,

over to join

"Interesting

Evan understood that all too

snowball fight had triggered some delayed fight response in the entire neighborhood, the neighboring children and adults soon came outside to participate in their own snowball fights, creating a large

two security guards, watching the scene

from the first-class neighborhood were either wealthy or influential or both, most never showing a hint of emotion in public, hence why the guards were questioning their reality right now with the

Chapter 1044 Free Help

Just then, Jenny got a call from Stephanie, inviting her to celebrate the New Year together. So, she told her about their gathering at Alec's place. When Stephanie mentioned she might join, Jenny added, "Fair warning though, Paul and Melanie are here."

Though she knew Stephanie wasn't interested in Paul anymore, she couldn't say the same for Paul. Jenny couldn't promise conflict wouldn't happen if Stephanie really came over.

Hearing that, Stephanie was silent for a time before finally saying, 'Don't worry. I just wanna spend the night with you, nothing to do with them."

"Alright. I'll send you the address."

After hanging up, Jenny glanced at Paul in the distance, with Melanie rambling on his side. The man didn't seem too focused on what she was saying.

Jenny walked over to Alec and told him about Stephanie coming over. "I need you to hold Paul back if he does anything stupid later."

Alec nodded. He had long been aware that Stephanie didn't have any feelings for Paul anymore, so he could only hope Paul didn't

can help out," Jenny offered. There were only two hours left until dinnertime, and given the number of people joining that night, there was

his head, smiling. "No need.

eyes. "Your loss on free

you are," Alec teased. "But

do it? Plus, the only person he wanted

asked. "I don't see him

looking glum. "He's

"Why? Is he alright?"

sadly. "He's not as strong as he used to be. I thought what happened of a sudden.

him to Bardoff Hospital for a checkup after the New

Chapter 1045 They'll Misunderstand

"We heard the old man's in Bardoff, so we thought we'd visit," Alfred explained, glancing at Mortimer.

That look said it all. It was Mortimer who wanted to see his father.

Jenny stood there, uncertain about whether she should let them in or not.

Alec came to the door to her rescue, though his expression darkened the moment he saw who was standing outside. "What are you two doing here?"

"I want...to see...your grandfather, Alec," Mortimer spoke, words still choppy from not having spoken in so long.

Alec's brow furrowed deeply. "He doesn't want to see you."

"I know you hate me, Alec, but that's my father. Would he really feel that way?" Mortimer asked helplessly.

he wasn't sure what his grandfather thought about Mortimer Faust. The old man hadn't mentioned a word

let them meet this once, at
glared at him. "What's this
have come all the way to be face-to-face with Alec if his father hadn't
to be as hostile to each other
hesitating before finally letting the two inside. "I'm warning you-if you upset Grandpa even the least bit,
I'll throw you
bit. The old man was already weak in health. What if Mortimer pissed him off again, and his condition
in, Alfred brought Mortimer straight upstairs. Just as Jenny was about to close
cooed, no longer that cold, distant
could really change
Jade instead. "What are you doing
plan to. He dragged me over, saying something like the more, the merrier." Jade shrugged awkwardly,
especially
up until Max came into her life
okay if we join you guys? This isn't your place after

Chapter 1046 Everyone Knows

When Stephanie arrived, the sight of the house so packed with people took her by surprise.
"Uh..." Jenny squinted at Leonard, who was standing behind Stephanie.
Stephanie didn't bring him here to get back at Paul, did she?
As if anticipating Jenny's thoughts, Stephanie shook her head. "He came to find me right before I left, so
I figured I might as well bring him along. You don't mind, do you?"
"Is that so?" Jenny asked, not buying her words whatsoever.
Stephanie rolled her eyes. "What do I get from lying to you, huh?"
Jenny huffed but let the two inside the house.
Melanie, Jade, and Janet were already getting along in the living room while the rest of the men were
huddled around playing cards. The atmosphere was delightfully cheery.
Melanie waved happily when she spotted
attention, who then noticed Leonard by Stephanie's side.
about to ask if Leonard wanted to go with her when the man said, "Go ahead. I'll go join the cards
was worried about because Paul was right among the

worry about me," Leonard assured her, even patting her gently on
hurried

Jenny grew amused. She said to Leonard, "Go

Walter?" Leonard smiled. It wouldn't come

"You can't promise anything on New Year's

first punch.' He was a police officer. Getting involved in fights was
didn't cross any lines, of

nodded and watched as Leonard went over to the cards

to gaze curiously at him. "Have we

few Pearsons before."

Deputy Commissioner. Max's men had gotten into trouble

Chapter 1047 On the Same Level

"You have a quick wit," Paul scowled, glaring at Leonard.

The latter smiled but said nothing.

He knew Paul didn't like him, but that didn't change the fact that he didn't care.

On the other hand, the women were getting along fairly well. Stephanie was excitedly listening to Jade
talk about her relationship with Max, deeply admiring it.

"I'd heard of him back in Parrington, but the rumors and tabloids only spoke about how much of a
womanizer he was. I never expected him to change so drastically!" Stephanie said in awe. Love really
could change someone!

Jade was blushing. "It's not that big of a change. He's still as silly as before. H

The real change was probably how clingy Max could be. The man had insisted on going to the New
Year's Eve gathering with her earlier, and he usually stayed glued to her everyday too, as if he had
nothing better to do.

impression of Jade as a stern workaholic had

between you and Leonard?" Jade quickly changed the topic, not wanting to be the only one at the

at Leonard several feet away. "We're just friends, nothing

bring a "friend" to that

throat. "For now,

couldn't promise what that would change into in the upcoming

So friends now, but dating
embarrassed, though she neither confirmed nor denied
was stunned hearing the exchange,
sights on someone
What about Paul, then?
was. It didn't look

Chapter 1048 Pretend I Said Nothing

Jenny and Alec had bore witness to the drama from the second-floor landing.

"Do you think...do you think Melanie has a chance?" Jenny asked with a sigh. Melanie was a kind, sweet girl. Of all the other men in Bardoff City, why did she have to fall for Paul?

Alec sighed as well. "An incredibly slim one. Paul doesn't grow affection for someone that easily, and it's even harder for him to lose it."

He wouldn't give up even if Stephanie and Leonard ended up dating.

"Why don't you talk to him?" Jenny didn't want him to continue being a nuisance in Stephanie's life. Plus, Paul would be lucky to have someone like Melanie.

Alec shook his head. "You can't force people to like or dislike each other, Jenny."

"Alright...fine. I just hoped you could convince him to let it go."

"In that case.J'll try my

knew his best

on the second floor. It had been

Alec hadn't gone downstairs just

wheeled out Mortimer. "You don't mind us sticking around for dinner later, do

One

hand nonchalantly. He'd just

that, two more people were added to the list of

still lounging outside. Jenny guessed what he'd done at that point. "Did you order food

No way could I cook for so many people all by myself. I'm not that capable." Alec grinned. 'Plus, I only like cooking when it's

for the nth time

their lips when I made dinner

Alec's cooking really was delicious. But she wasn't going to
time for dinner. I'll

Chapter 1049 Celebrate Next Year

As the sky darkened and stars lit up among the clouds, Alec's food orders were delivered to his doorstep one after the other, to no one's surprise. It would be unreasonable to expect him to have cooked single-handedly for so many people.

The usually-quiet villa was now colored with movement and cheerful sound. The guests all sat together in the dining room around two tables. Old Mr. Faust was pleased by the sight. He had been worried Alec might end up lonely after he passed away, but that worry had now dissipated.

It looked like Alec had both friends and those he loved. Old Mr. Faust knew his grandson was in good hands then. The old man seemed to relax just like that, no longer having to burden himself with those worries.

As everyone conversed while eating, the warm, bubbly mood continued into the night.

Alec, who sat beside Jenny, said, "I hope we can celebrate like this next year too."

"Me too." Jenny nodded.

both held high hopes for what was to

nothing. Sadness clouded his heart at the sight. He started wondering if Howard's suggestion could be put into

Paul and Leonard, respectively. Melanie had wanted to sit beside her, but Paul had

He gave Stephanie some black-eyed peas. "Here. They're your

atmosphere instantly grew

your companion instead, Mr. Wagner? I can look after Steph. Plus, she isn't as fond of this anymore."

With that, Leonard shoved

punch the man

I wrong, Steph?"

was his way of helping her, Stephanie shook her head. She looked at Paul. "He's right. I don't appreciate this dish

words, I don't like you

to piss me off with him, Stephanie, then you've succeeded, "

I don't know what you

Chapter 1050 I Don't Want to Lose You

If Paul really did do something illegal, no way would Leonard hold back.

This dinner wasn't sufficient for them to make peace yet.

Knowing that, Paul shot the man a final glare before leaving the table.

It looked like someone lost their appetite.

No one else said anything as he left, all knowing the feud between him and Leonard.

Alec was about to leave the table and check on his friend before Jenny pulled him back down to sit.
"He's taken care of for now."

rose from her seat and went after Paul. Clearly, Paul

went on, Paul's absence not seeming

arranged for an outdoor barbecue session, and since it was New Year's Eve, it didn't make sense

fixedly at

die!' Paul hissed, not bothering

was not good. "You know who he is. Are you sure you want

the police force in Bardoff City is like. As long as he's the only one dead, no

money

this, Paul." Leonard was the only person Alec could rely on when it came to official business. Things
would only go south if Paul insisted on killing him

"There are better candidates than Leonard Sullivan. You cant control him, nor can you bribe him. It'll

"Paul-"