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Chapter 751

"Jameson Schmidt!"

"Mr. Beckett, instead of accusing me without evidence, why don't you consider how you'll explain yourself

to the Harpers? How do you plan to clarify this with your friend, Landon Harper?

"Ms. Harper is unmarried. Given recent events, I believe marriage might be on the horizon for you." Jameson smiled.

"Jimmy, quit it. Let's go," Alyssa suggested. She felt a stabbing pain in her heart and had the urge to flee the scene. She needed to get away from Jasper-as far as possible.

As they turned to leave, Jasper persisted, "Were you with Jameson the entire night?"

her back turned toward him.

more important to you than me?" Jasper trembled despite trying to

She chuckled, her eyes dimmed. "To be blunt, you've dug your own grave. I

vision. Alyssa

a long time until his knees went limp. He fell onto his knees. It was

gasped, "Mr. Beckett! Where's Madam? Has she left?"

like a defeated soldier. He grabbed the ice cream she had

in his hands.

me. I don't mind if she doesn't have feelings for me, but

distrust me?

Is there

car as it

are you angry at

Chapter 752

"Lyse, what's wrong?" Jameson noted the change in Alyssa's expression and asked with concern.

She stated, "I've never blocked Jasper on my phone. Why is his contact in my blocked list?" Her piercing gaze landed on Jameson's innocent face.

"Lyse..."

"Did you do that?" She cut to the chase. "I did not contact anyone except for you tonight. Jasper claimed that he called me throughout the night but couldn't reach me because his number was blocked."

Jameson balled his fists on his knee. There was a glint in his eyes.

She squinted at him and recalled, "I remember that I left my phone when I used the restroom at the

restaurant. Did you take the chance to block his number?"

suspecting me now?" Jameson stared at her with innocent-looking bright

I am merely stating the truth,"

your phone, but I didn't want him interrupting our date. Do

I am selfish and can never justify my actions. I'm

events that night, she didn't have the mental capacity to fuss over Jameson's action. She added, "What happens between me and Jasper is private.

anyone poking their noses

divorced. Even now, I do

off. After all, we might come across each other in business

haven't let go of him yet, but

suddenly brightened upon hearing her remark. He asked, "Lyse,

gotten over him?"

slowly

overcome with joy and struggled to place his

you

want to protect you. I might not be a part of your past, Chapter 753

Alyssa knitted her brows as she grappled with the mixed emotions. She argued, "I'm not worth risking

your life for. You should cut your losses now."

Cut his losses?

Rage filled Jameson's eyes as he clenched his fists against the car window. Her words were more humiliating and hurtful than a simple "I do not love you."

She continued, "Everyone is deserving of love. I don't want to see you end up like me."

Jasper returned to his car well past midnight. Xavier purchased a cup of hot coffee from the 24-hour mart across the park. When he handed the coffee to Jasper, he noticed that Jasper's hands were too frozen to

the cup properly.

car and draped Jasper in his jacket. Then,

Beckett, there's a hospital nearby. Let's see a doctor.

the cold."

it?" Jasper stared at his phone and pondered

was surprised. "What

a photo on my phone. No one had touched my phone, including myself.

Trojan

an IT class, I learned about the virus but never used it. I remember that th hackers could hack into your phone with only your phone number and model. They could dele information that is not

after reading them or store them in secure folders-never on your phone. So, did someone hack into

he forget the hacker knowledge from military school? The hackers might not alter the information

Chapter 754

The online buzz surrounding Zoe and Jasper's "rendezvous" continued to escalate. Both the Beckett

Group and the Harper Group PR teams worked tirelessly to mitigate the controversy. Still, the widespread

dissemination of videos and photos made it difficult to quell the public discussion.

Even if they managed to take relevant hashtags off the trending topics, they couldn't stop people from

discussing it.

Penelope dropped her phone in shock and slipped down the stairs when she saw the trending topics. Thankfully, she was near the landing and merely stumbled a few steps down. Still, she suffered from a

sprained ankle and hurt her head.

Landon was badly shocked by his mom's injuries and sent her to the hospital overnight.

do? Zoe is only 22. How is she going to live her life with this stain? What can I say to your grandpa and your

sat by her side with a troubled look. He promised, "Mom,

how will you do that? There are photos and videos on the internet! Zoe is still unmarried. Now that she's involved in the scandal,

gossiping about her," Landon declared, his

anger.

Do you think it was 20 years ago when our family was above the law? We

Landon's grandpa, Cornelius Harper, had

the times changed, Cornelius retired from the scene and slowly legalized Harper Group's operations to

Still, the family couldn't shake off the influence of the group's origin and worked with both the authorities and the criminals. Landon's dad got into many arguments with Cornelius and Preston Harper over the issue.

running Harper Group, he would have been the

your friend, and he has not made a statement until now!

Jasper, Mom! He's not what you think!"

of them together!

those photos. Jasper isn't interested in Zoe. He has feelings for Chapter 755

Cornelius lived separately from his sons, just like Newton. He lived in a massive manor slightly smaller than the Seaview Manor, but it was still considered one of the top ten manors in the nation.

The scandal had spread across the family. Even the domestic staff would gossip about Zoe in their

pastime.

Furthermore, the silence from Jasper and the Beckett Group created an impression that Zoe was nothing more than a discarded plaything after a night of fun and passion. Her reputation as a Harper lay in ruins.

"Hey, is Ms. Zoe around?" The maids huddled together to gossip.

"She's in Mr. Cornelius' study, crying as if someone died."

"What's the point of crying? She should have behaved better as a Harper-protecting her reputation is a

priority. She's now involved with Mr. Beckett and wasn't even fully dressed in the photos. Any

would care about their reputation. No

Beckett would want to marry her. They must

the bag, he will have to

do so. He hasn't made any statement.

responsibility."

Landon is a close friend of Mr. Beckett. It's going to be awkward

Mr. Preston

to a corner and greeted

haircut and

bright and shrewd.

he walked down the stairs and left a remark when he passed by the maids, "You big mouths. You're still safe if I'm the one overhearing you, but if Landon hears that, he might

maids shivered as they held their

ever going to show up in public now?" Zoe cried as she flung herself into Cornelius' arms. Her eyes were swollen

your eyes," Cornelius comforted Zoe and patted her on the back. He teared up

Chapter 756

Preston lounged on the couch, lazily peeling a tangerine he plucked from the fruit plate. "You know, I think Jasper Beckett should marry Zoe."

Cornelius' eyebrows shot up at the statement, and Zoe couldn't contain a quiet grin in Cornelius' arms.

"Sure, Jasper might be an out-of-wedlock son, which isn't ideal, but Justin Beckett is unwell. Sooner or

later, the company will be Jasper's. If Zoe marries him, she'll inherit Beckett Group. Not a bad deal at all,"

Preston remarked, crossing his legs and stuffing a piece of fruit into his mouth.

"Uncle Preston, what are you even saying..." Zoe bit her lower lip and blushed.

announcement saying that you've been

we didn't want to

is pretty normal, isn't it? Is there a need for public outrage? Look how badly they've scared Zoe," Preston added. He was in charge of entertainment

stranger to sensationalism and

bullshitting. You're such a great role model for the young," Landon said with a snicker and strode into the study with an

sank as she buried

tangerine in his hand. "Oh, Landon, looks like you're

your attitude," Cornelius warned

expanded your reach ever since you became the CEO, haven't you, poking your nose into our family matters? Is it because you are childless? Does it feel good to roleplay a father in

lifetime humiliation. Publicly, he explained it away, citing it was his wife's fault. Only his wife knew that

couldn't throw a tantrum in front of Cornelius and had to hold

uncle like that? You brat!" Cornelius slapped the

Chapter 757

Preston was halfway through his speech when Zoe burst into tears. She moaned, "Grandpa, Uncle

Preston, I am so ashamed and done for! I should just end my life!"

"Dear child, don't cry. I will take care of this for you," Cornelius soothed her. As a retired businessman who had once dominated the playing field, he was aghast at the treatment his family received.

He shattered the teapot and seethed, "So, is Jasper Beckett thinking of shirking his responsibility? He's

going to regret it.

"Landon, didn't your mom get hurt after hearing about the scandal? She's in the hospital, right?"

sank into silence.

of the hospital, meet with the Becketts to discuss marriage. If

threatened.

calm down for a bit?" Landon growled. He was at his limits

Jasper Beckett," said Preston, who crossed his legs and nonchalantly watched the drama unfold. "Isn't it good news that your sister married your good friend? I don't understand why you'd protest against the

because I'm close to him," Landon blurted

had no choice but to admit, "Jasper has someone in his heart-Alyssa Taylor, the

name. A hint of deference flashed across Cornelius' eyes, which was

pulled many tricks on him. Do you think they worked? Has Jasper paid you any attention?"

what are you

he did not even take a look at you. So, tell me,

be blunt with you? When will you ever learn?"

smiling, Preston secretly cursed London

Chapter 758

Preston's expression twisted as he exited Cornelius' place. His shocked secretary trailed closely behind and questioned, "Mr. Preston, I overheard most of your conversation with Mr. Landon in the study. Why would you support Ms. Zoe's marriage to Mr. Beckett? You clearly knew that-"

"And do you really believe Jasper Beckett would marry Zoe?" Smirking, Preston added, "Jasper has gotten himself into trouble many times because of Alyssa Taylor. Not long ago, he even risked his life to save

her from an attack.

"Those two are obviously involved with each other. Zoe is deluded in this one-sided love. I am certain

Jasper Beckett will not agree to marry Zoe, and that is precisely why I'm endorsing the marriage. I plan to

exploit the strain between Landon and Jasper for my benefit."

secretary praised. A glint appeared in Preston's eyes. "Romance has

effective tool to pit two

he prepared to descend the stairs, an idea struck him. He whispered, "By

the woman living with Landon? The one

"Lauren Beckett."

close watch on her. She's our ace card when

It hurts! Let go of me!" Zoe yelped.

Landon seized Zoe's arm and pulled her into an

tossed her onto the

pain from the fall. Her

truth about what happened at the hotel!" Landon struggled to contain his anger.

he would

don't know what you're talking about!" Chapter 759

Zoe had tested Landon's boundaries with her audacious demeanor and shameless laughter, leaving him

incredulous that she was his sister.

When had Zoe transformed into this woman? He had doted on her since childhood, but she had gradually

veered down the wrong path.

He screamed at her in a fit of hysteria. "I'll ask you one last time. Who's the mastermind behind this

scandal?"

"No one. My answer remains the same, no matter how many times you ask me," she replied and rose

from the ground.

She smoothed the wrinkles on her expensive dress and tossed her brown wavy curls. "Landon, I will

best friend soon and become Mrs. Beckett.

marry

well. Although you said you'd introduce me to

him for a long time. No one is better than Jasper. Aren't you happy that I'm about to marry a

felt that every word of hers only fueled his rage.

brother does not love me anymore because he has a new lover. She has replaced me in your heart. I bet I'm not even as important as Alyssa to you," she remarked

listen to me. Jasper will never marry

never your enemy. She's-"

a disdainful look. "Even if I accepted her, Mom and Grandpa would never approve of her. Landon, accept the reality. No matter how much you love her, she can only remain a kept woman without any

title.

don't think Mr. Javier would ever allow his daughter to marry you just

marrying

"I have a say in my marriage and the

others need to stay out of it!"

my marriage," Zoe retorted. Refusing to

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a flight back to Yoarkley tonight. Do not step foot in Solana City without

to leave,

Chapter 760

"Lyse, you're awesome!" Cyrus exclaimed. He was seated in a corner of the KS World Hotel café with Alyssa.

He laid out a few photos on the table and remarked, "As you have predicted, the culprit has a secret room at his house where he kept Sophia Kirkman's photos. He's not a loyal fan of Lyla like he claimed, but a fanatic supporter of Sophia Kirkman."

Alyssa pursed her lips and said in a hushed voice, "Cyrus, have you found any other important clues?"

After some hesitation, Cyrus showed her a transparent evidence bag. The bag contained a platinum necklace studded with diamonds. The design of the jewelry was rather outdated, and the quality was not

the best.

Cyrus explained, "I found this necklace at the attacker's place. He carefully stored it in a case, so!

assume it's very important to him."

Alyssa always had a sharp memory. Somehow, the necklace looked familiar to her. She quickly looked

through some of the photos.

Sophia has worn this necklace before. It's the same one," she picked out one

was in awe of Alyssa's

waste

I would have beaten the living daylight

scene."

speechless at her reply.

squint, "Seems like Sophia has a

necklace. Do you think there's something between them?"

all in the past. The necklace evidence proves they

any affair between the two," Cyrus explained sternly.

know, but this evidence is enough to get Sophia into trouble," she mused. She examined the necklace's

the light. Her eyes sparkled brightly.

interrogations. They wouldn't leave any transaction trail behind if he is a loyal fan who worked for Sophia. We can't prove

him to

evidence to access more evidence and deliver a blow to

and asked, "Lyse, what

backward and tapped her fingers on the table, looking

have a chat with Sophia Kirkman."