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Captivation Want Nothing But You, Chapter 344: The Downfall Of Jack

“Jack’s sick. He fainted last night in his apartment. It wasn’t until this morning that his roommate found him and rushed him to the hospital.”

“Miss Bennet, according to the doctor’s preliminary examination, your father is likely to have lung cancer. That said, we won’t know for sure until further testing.”

Rachel, who was standing by the door of Jack’s ward, turned around to face her unconscious father lying in bed.

‘Lung cancer, huh?’ Rachel was taken over by a wave of emotions.

But instead of crying, she unexpectedly started giggling.

Logically speaking, Jack’s unfortunate circumstance was none of her concern.

After all, they barely saw each other. And on the rare occasion that they did meet, he always treated her poorly.

However, that wasn’t the case. She wasn’t as unbothered as she thought she would be.

“Miss Bennet?”

After paying Jack’s medical bill, Andy headed back to Jack’s ward and saw Rachel standing by the door.

The odd expression on her face piqued his curiosity, so he came up to her and asked, “Is something the matter, Miss Bennet? Aren’t you planning to go in?”

“There’s no need for that,” Rachel replied nonchalantly.

Confused by what she meant, Andy peered through the small window in the door and saw Jack’s sorry state.

This wasn’t a VIP ward.

There were two other patients inside, accompanied by their loved ones, emphasizing the fact that nobody cared enough about Jack to keep him company.

As unfortunately as Jack seemed, Andy didn't feel sorry for him at all.

In the last two decades, not once did Jack fulfill his role as a father.

What's worse, he even drove his daughter out of their house in exchange for a so-called legacy.

Hence, Andy had no qualms about Rachel's decision to stay outside.

"Hey, did you settle the medical fees already?" Rachel asked casually.

"Yeah. I paid for Jack's following examination and half a month's worth of hospitalization. As for the rest, let's talk about it after his results come out," Andy replied before handing over a stack of invoices.

After taking it, Rachel headed for the elevator, followed by Andy.

Along the way, he said, "I know you don't care much about Jack, and I think that's completely justified. A man like him doesn't deserve his daughter's love..."

After a brief pause, Andy sheepishly added, "I really wish I didn't have to say this. But the hospital requires a family member's signature."

Hearing this, Rachel looked down and casually flipped through the invoices in her hand.

"Sort these out and give them to him when he's ready to leave. He's a grown man. He should be paying his bills himself."

Even though Andy was well aware of Rachel's hatred for Jack, he didn't expect her to be so cold.

"If he's out of money, tell him to liquidate his shares. If my memory serves me right, he still owns three percent of the Bennet Group's share capital. That should be more than enough to pay for his medical bills."

"Ah, yes. Jack should probably still have some."

Three percent might sound like an insignificant amount.

But since the Bennet Group was so wealthy, it was enough for Jack to live a decent life for the past four years.

In order to disempower the senior board of directors, Rachel sneakily reshuffled the company shares four years ago.

This allowed Victor to become the majority shareholder, while Quintin kept his place at second.

Unfortunately, such a large change in the company entailed some unfavorable consequences, mainly Jack becoming the third-largest shareholder of the Bennet Group.

The Bennet Group's former majority shareholder refused to do anything that wouldn't generate money for the company.

Second on the pecking order was Quintin, a man who wouldn't even show up to shareholder meetings.

Because of this, the senior board of directors turned to Jack for leadership, hoping he would become the CEO someday.

At first, everything went well for Jack.

But due to his gambling problem, his life quickly went on a downward spiral. He gradually lost all his money, including his shares, at the casino. He borrowed a hefty sum of money to try and win it all back. But that just made things worse.

When the debt collectors came knocking on his door, he and his wife quickly went into hiding. The stress of being constantly on the move took its toll on Caroline's psyche. So when Alice disappeared, she couldn't bear to be with him anymore, leading to their divorce.

This was why Jack, a formerly esteemed gentleman, was sharing an apartment in the most remote area of Apliaria.

It took four long years for the board of directors to give up on Jack.

But when it finally happened, they immediately stopped helping him, causing Jack's life to get even worse than it already was.

Anyone who knew Jack probably wouldn't believe that he was living a miserable life unless they saw it with their own eyes.

Ding!

On the way down, the elevator stopped at the third floor.

When the elevator doors opened, Rachel subconsciously looked up and saw a familiar face standing right in front of her.

"Lukas?"

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Captivation Want Nothing But You, Chapter 345: Nothing To Feel Guilty About

Lukas was surprised to see Rachel.

“Miss Bennet, long time no see!”

He knew that she had come back and this was the first time they met.

Seeing Rachel unharmed and standing in front of him, Lukas felt surreal.

Although four years had passed and Rachel seemed to have changed, it somehow felt nothing had changed.

“Yes, it has been a long time.”

Rachel smiled as she moved a bit to let Lukas in.

Lukas was more or less aware of what had happened between Rachel and Victor after she came back. He was also aware that she hated Victor.

Thinking that Rachel would feel awkward, Lukas wanted to say that he would wait for the next elevator.

But then he looked down at the medicine in his bag and thought about Joey who waited in the ward.

After some initial hesitation, Lukas finally entered the elevator.

As the doors slowly slid shut, he looked at the man standing behind Rachel.

“Mr. Torres,” Lukas said as he nodded politely.

He immediately recognized Andy.

Although Lukas didn't meet him quite often, he remembered that Andy was Rachel's friend.

Also, in the past four years, Victor often stayed outside the Bennet family's house, and that was how he met Andy.

Lukas had investigated Andy and found that he was a good lawyer.

Also, he was the only person Rachel's mother had trusted enough.

“I didn't expect that you would still remember me.” Andy smiled gently.

“You're a well-known lawyer whose name is praiseworthy. How can I forget you?”

“Well, I’m flattered.”

Rachel listened to the conversation aimlessly as she leaned against the elevator wall. She looked down and suddenly noticed the bag in Lukas’ hand. She could clearly see through the clear plastic that it was medicine for a cold.

‘Lukas is not well? He has a cold?’ Rachel frowned slightly and looked at Lukas thoroughly.

She quickly squashed the thought that had popped into her head because he didn’t look sick.

Also, if Lukas was unwell and given his identity in the Sue Garden, he wouldn’t have to buy medicine for himself.

Then this medicine... Rachel pursed her lips as she tried to figure out who the medicine was when suddenly she was brought back to earth by a question Lukas had directed at her.

“Miss Bennet, why did you come to the hospital? Are you unwell?” Lukas’s voice was laced with concern.

“Excuse me, what?” Rachel asked in puzzlement as her mind was still trying to register the question.

“Oh, I didn’t mean anything else, Miss Bennet. Please don’t get me wrong. I just...”

Lukas tried to explain. He didn’t want Rachel to think that he was a nosy person.

Rachel felt a bit sad as she heard the cautiousness in his voice. When she lived in Sue Garden, Lukas was the only person who was good to her.

Why were they so uncomfortable now? She knew what Lukas was about to say, so she smiled gently and said, “I know you care about me. Don’t worry. I’m fine. I’m just come to see an acquaintance.”

“Oh, that’s good.”

Lukas breathed a sigh of relief. But then, he thought of something and paused.

‘An acquaintance? Who can it be? It’s been four years since she left Apliaria. Who else does she know? And that person is in admitted in this hospital now?’ Lukas knew he had no right to question Rachel, so he kept quiet.

The elevator stopped on the first floor, and the doors slowly slid open with a ding.

“Well, Miss Bennet, this is where I get off,” Lukas said and walked out of the elevator.

Rachel looked at his back and called out, "Lukas!"

He paused and turned around.

Rachel walked out of the elevator and looked at him.

"I know you have a lot of questions. You don't have to be cautious with me. What happened between Victor and me has nothing to do with you. So you have nothing to feel guilty about."

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Captivation Want Nothing But You, Chapter 346: Joe Had A Cold And A Fever

Lukas looked at Rachel and sighed.

"If I had known what would happen, I'd have tried to stop Mrs. Sullivan "

"No," Rachel interjected softly.

"It's not your fault, nor Mrs. Sullivan's. I agreed to her request, remember? If I had known better, no matter how much Mrs. Sullivan persuaded me, I wouldn't have agreed to marry Victor. There's no need to mention what happened. It's in the past now; bringing it up is pointless."

Lukas sighed and nodded.

Then, he flashed Rachel a gentle smile and said, "It's great to see you living a good life now, Miss Bennet."

Rachel didn't reply, nor did she return his smile.

Instead, her attention returned to the bag of cold medicine in Lukas' hand.

"Lukas, I forgot to ask you about this medicine. Did you catch a cold?"

"Oh, umm..."

Lukas looked down at the medicine bag.

"No, I don't have a cold. This medicine is not for me. It's for Joey."

'Huh? Joey?' Rachel's heart jolted in alarm as she asked, "What's wrong with him? Is he sick? Is he uncomfortable? When did he catch a cold?"

Rachel had just returned, and she had chosen to stay in Apliaria for a period to deal with the internal problems at Bennet Group.

She believed Joey was safe at the Sue Garden, so she hadn't visited him, opting for nightly video calls instead. And Joey was fine a few days ago, so how could he suddenly get sick?

"Miss Bennet, you..."

Lukas began, taken aback by Rachel's visible concern for Joey.

Rachel snapped back to reality and realized she had overreacted to Lukas' reply.

She shook her head calmly and said, "I met Joey at the press conference, and I like him; he is cute, you see.

That's why I asked about his condition the moment you said he is sick."

Lukas wasn't at the press conference, but he knew what had happened there.

However, he didn't know if Joey had met Rachel or not.

Lukas smiled after her brief explanation.

"I see," he said.

"Don't worry, Miss Bennet. Joey is fine now. The doctor said he'll fully recover after two days of injections."

Rachel's thoughts shifted to her earlier concern, and she couldn't help but frown.

"Joey is pretty strong, isn't he? How could he suddenly catch a cold?"

"It's all my fault." Lukas sighed.

"Last night was cold, wet, and windy. Joey went to bed early last night, and because I thought the heater in his room was on, I didn't enter his room. I never knew his balcony door was wide open, allowing the wind to rush in throughout the night."

Lukas' heart filled with guilt when he thought of Joey huddled under his quilt in the cold room, shivering uncontrollably.

"If I had just gone to check on him last night, he wouldn't have caught a cold."

'The balcony door was open all night?' The circumstances seemed reasonable, but Rachel couldn't shake the feeling that something was amiss.

However, she couldn't put her finger on what was wrong.

"Has his fever lifted?" Rachel asked, doing her best to suppress her doubt.

"Yes, it has. Joey's getting an injection at the children's department now. I don't think he ate much, so after buying him the medicine, I wanted to get him something he could easily digest, like millet porridge," Lukas replied.

The two talked for a while longer and called it a day.

After saying their goodbyes, Rachel went to the parking lot. She opened her car door but didn't get in.

Andy waited and didn't hear the car door close, so he looked out the window and asked in confusion.

"What's wrong, Miss Bennet? Why aren't you getting in?"

Rachel looked at Andy for a moment and closed the door.

"You can leave. I have something to do."

"What's wrong?" Andy asked, visibly confused.

'Isn't she done with Jack's matter? What else is happening at the hospital?' he wondered.

Thought after thought crossed Andy's mind, and soon, Lukas' face surfaced in his mind. Andy's eyes widened, and he asked, "Miss Bennet, are you—"

"It's not what you think," Rachel said, abruptly cutting him off.

The instant Andy's expression changed, she understood what had crossed his mind.

"It has something to do with him, though." Andy frowned.

"Did you forget? I told you my son is there. He's getting an injection right now because he's sick. I have to see him," Rachel said.

Although Lukas had informed her that Joey was fine—and she understood it wasn't unusual for a young boy to catch a cold and have a fever—she still wanted to visit her son. Then, Rachel turned around and walked away, leaving Andy no chance to say anything else.