

Genius 981

Chapter 981 People Like Her Shouldn't Exist!

Matthew was taken aback by how furious Crystal was. Jokingly, he prompted, "Come on, tell me who it was that made your blood boil. Maybe I could put them in their place for you."

Another sigh escaped Crystal as she explained, "A casualty was brought into the hospital yesterday, a woman in destitute. She's a single mother, and she came to Eastcliff a few days ago to visit her only daughter, who is studying in the city, only to discover that she has moved in with some punk outside school grounds. She got angry and demanded that her daughter go home with her, but in the end, she got into a heated dispute with that punk and his friends. She was injured when one of them ran her down with their motorbike."

Matthew's brows knitted when he heard this. It was an understatement to say that these punks crossed the line.

Not waiting for him to interject, Crystal added, "It was only after the woman was admitted that she found out she had not a single cent in her savings account. At some point, her daughter had withdrawn all the cash and flat out refused to pay for the woman's medical fees. She didn't even bother showing up to take care of her mother; we had a nurse step in to take care of the woman last night, but the fees were sponsored by the foundation. This morning, the ingrate of a daughter turned up, and when we met, I told her to stay and take care of her mother. But lo and behold, that girl literally snapped in my face and told us to piss off and leave her family matters alone! Could you believe how infuriating she was? Why do people like her even exist?"

Matthew sighed heavily. "There, there. You shouldn't get angry over these things, Crystal. As you go on with this medical charity, you'll come across people from all walks of life, and then you'll understand that the world isn't as rosy as you would like to think."

don't think people like that woman's daughter deserve

mildly. "Hey, when did you get

at him, then said, "By the way, there's a patient in front with a slightly troubling case. Could you take a look

directly ask Matthew for help whenever she

After all, Crystal's cause was a noble one, and he

replied, "Sure. I'm free now anyway.

middle-aged man with underlying conditions that led to complications, but given Matthew's skill set, it wasn't a particularly tedious case at all. With a few injections, the patient's condition started to take a turn for the better, and Matthew went on to prescribe several types of medicine that promised to help the man make full recovery as

and said, "Matthew, why don't you just help out with our foundation full time? With your prowess in medicine, all those patients could be cured without having to spend more than a dime, and our

Chapter 982 An Injured Heidi

There was hardly any color on Heidi's face, and she looked extremely frail as her legs struggled to support her weight. In a voice barely above a whisper, she said, "Thank you, all of you. I... I know all of you have my best interests at heart, but I can't just stay here lying in bed. I need to work, and my daughter still needs money for school. Please, please let me go home. I'm fine, aren't I? Nothing a little medicine won't fix. Please let me go home."

Just then, Crystal marched up to the anguished woman, and she looked annoyed as she bit out, "Miss Freeman, don't you know that you're completely abandoning your own health if you were to insist on leaving the hospital? You can always get back to work in a day or two, but if you don't get proper rest and treatment now, you'll have lifelong side effects that will worsen over time! Can't you understand that?"

Guilt and gratitude painted Heidi's expression when she saw Crystal, and she said hoarsely, "Miss Harrison, thank you for all that you've done for me, but I really do think that I'm fine. Please just let me go home, Miss Harrison. I will spend the rest of my life remembering how kind and generous you have been to me, but I really must go. If not, my daughter—my daughter will be forced to drop out of school! I have to work so that I can pay for her tuition!"

Rage thrummed in Crystal's veins, and she tried to shout some sense into the woman, "Drop out of school? Miss Freeman, your daughter took the hundred and thirty thousand from your bank account, so she has enough to pay her way through school. Dropping out isn't even possible at this point! Besides, isn't her boyfriend super-competent? Why doesn't he pay for her to go to school instead? He ran you down with his motorbike, and you're injured as it is, but your daughter doesn't even show a hint of remorse. Haven't you done enough as a mother? Why are you still so hung up about paying her dues? I can't even begin to understand your thinking! How could you possibly still forgive and love a daughter like her?"

Heidi had her head down as she tried to plead her case, explaining, "Miss Harrison, Leia was just confused for a moment, is all, and technically, the person who ran me down with a motorbike was not her boyfriend but a friend of his. The young man has apologized to me, as well. Miss Harrison, if I don't go back to work, how am I going to put food on the table for Leia? She'd really be forced to drop out of school and come home. Please, please just let me go back. I-I promise I'll take all the medicine as prescribed."

have I

a puzzled expression and

froze at this, and when she looked up to register Matthew's presence, she

a brief moment. Then Crystal exclaimed in surprise, "Do

demanding anxiously, "Heidi, what are you doing here? Why didn't you let us know that you were back in Eastcliff? We thought you'd gone back

face. "No, no, you have the wrong person! I'm not Heidi at all! You clearly have me

brow at her. She just called me by name, which is as good as a

Chapter 983 Life Must Be Hard for Her

Matthew countered gently, "Heidi, I think Helen would be a lot more devastated to know that you withheld something like this from her. The both of you are sisters, but do you really see her as family if you refuse to tell her anything? Now, just stay put and get the rest you need while I help you out with everything else. I'm a doctor here, after all."

Heidi made to protest, but the nurses who restrained her wasted no time in escorting her back to the ward.

Presently, Crystal walked up to Matthew in a daze and asked, "My goodness, Matthew, I didn't think you'd know her, and on a first-name basis, no less."

Matthew shrugged. "She's Sasha's aunt, and she happens to be my mother-in-law's sister."

Crystal's eyes were as wide as saucers. "I can't believe she's actually a relative of yours. She's the woman I was telling you about earlier! Her daughter came over and caused a whole scene, spewing nonsense about how she would starve to death and drop out of school. It was no wonder the woman was anxious to get back to work. Life must be hard for her!"

knew how headstrong Heidi was and that she would never intentionally ask for help, no matter

that Matthew was aware of her struggles, he couldn't just sit by and do nothing. At first instance, he called Sasha, who in turn relayed the incident

hour had passed when Sasha and Helen showed up at the hospital, worried and anxious. As soon as they arrived,

saying much, Matthew brought them

the both of them hadn't spent much time together, it didn't take away from the fact that she was the baby of the family and was naturally the most beloved child of all. It went without saying that as the second child in the sibling group, Helen had always had a soft spot

much. Right now, she felt as if someone had stabbed her through the heart when she saw the miserable state Heidi was

thinking? Why didn't you call me when something so terrible had happened to you? Do you even see me as

other hand, wrapped her arms around Helen like a child and began to sob as well. It was as though the floodgates were opened, and the resentment and

watched the heartwrenching reunion between her mother and aunt. Her expression was sullen as she asked quietly, "Matthew, what in the world is going on? How did Heidi end up getting

Chapter 984 James' Generosity

Heidi sighed once more, unable to put her heartache into words.

Seeing Heidi like this, Helen softened and changed the subject. "Fine, we'll let the matter drop for now. Matthew, is Heidi alright? How has she been doing?"

Matthew shook his head solemnly and answered, "She's not doing too well. There are some internal injuries that require her to be put on bed rest, but she insists on leaving the hospital right away and refuses to stay for proper treatment. At this rate, she won't make a full recovery."

Upon hearing this, Helen grew anxious. "Heidi, why would you insist on leaving the hospital? Can't you see how you need proper treatment right now? Look at your injuries!"

Heidi let out a tired sigh. "Helen, I—I still have stuff to do at the company, and if I don't go back, they'll have me fired for not showing up at work!"

to go back to work in this state? Don't lie to me, Heidi. Are you trying to leave because Leia took all your money, and now you can't afford the hospital bill? I'm your sister, for heaven's sake. You could have come to me for help when you run into trouble, and we'd figure things out together, but the fact that you didn't is insulting!" She paused mid-rant and turned to Matthew,

has been sponsored by Miss Harrison's charity. I've already made arrangements for the rest of Heidi's stay

in approval, and she was growing fonder of

like this. I know you're only doing this because you're my sister, but you're married now. What will your in-laws say about this? If you paid for me, surely your in-laws would only demean you. And I don't want you to get into a fight with James because of this; you mustn't pay the bill if it means your

Helen's eyes. She had long known that

I find out about Helen paying the bill? I

that James had,

is fine. Helen didn't pay a single cent.

when James waved his hand and interrupted, "Don't speak! I'm here to nag some sense into your sister." He turned to Helen and berated, "How could you not know that something like this has happened to your own sister, Helen? She's been in Eastcliff for days, and you didn't even hear about it? If Matthew hadn't found out about this incident, we would have been oblivious to it forever! You should show more concern for this sister of yours, seeing as she's different from Norman and Chloe! Now, if you

Chapter 985 Pick-up Lines

Helen broke into a relieved smile. "See, Heidi? James may seem like a brute at times, but he means well. Your troubles are ours to shoulder as well. Now, all you have to do is stay here and get some rest. Matthew happens to be the department director here, so you can look for him if you need any help." With that, she turned to her husband and said, "James, I won't be going home tonight. I'll be staying here with my sister."

James chortled. "That's fine by me. I have nothing much to do for the next few days anyway, so I'll get groceries and make you some soup, Heidi. By the way, Matthew, I'll be the one handling the medical expenses on Heidi's behalf. Have the check sent to me."

Heidi gaped at him. “James—”

He cut her off bluntly. “Will you stay quiet? It’s not as if I can’t pay the bill. I’m no Scrooge, you know! Matthew, don’t you and Sasha dare pay a single cent for Heidi’s expenses. I’ll be the one covering them, got it?”

Matthew and Sasha exchanged a brief glance, and they were clearly elated to see how much James had changed for the better. They had come a long way to witness this shift in his demeanor, after all.

It was only after James had made his intentions clear that he waved his hand and said, “Alright then, get some rest, Heidi. I’ll go back and get started on that soup. Helen, be sure to take good care of your sister, okay?” Then, he turned on his heels and left the room.

Tears welled up in Helen’s eyes, and her heart twisted with newfound gratitude for her brother-in-law.

Helen, on the other hand, offered up words of solace. “There, you’ve completely misunderstood James. He’s a good man at heart. Whatever happened with Chloe and Norman was entirely their fault; they were the ones who crossed the line first. That’s enough crying now, Heidi. You get some rest, and I’ll be right here. Matthew, Sasha, the both of you can leave and get back to your work now.”

Having heard this, Matthew and Sasha walked out of the room.

a small sigh. “Heidi loves Leia more than anyone else; she lives

had to be honest, Leia’s angst and

subject lasted only a few lines, after which she did

there were several figures hovering near her vehicle. From where she stood, she could see two girls standing

then proceeded to perch on the bonnet, thereafter putting on

photos with my car, but to sit on it for the sake of looking good for the camera is just plain rude! With that in mind, she sauntered over and pressed on her car key to unlock the

that moment, and when the young men registered Sasha’s presence, their

hottie

this is what they mean by rich, young, and pretty. Look at her outfit!

like her as a girlfriend would be a

let’s try getting her

whispering among themselves as Sasha approached. One of them—the better-looking one of the lot—had an ambitious gleam

her, then rushed to block the driver’s side door just as she was about to open it. With a crooked smile frowned and

was clearly pleased with himself as he kept his gaze on her and drawled, “Hey,

Chapter 986 Harsh Rejection

An irritated look began to etch upon Sasha's features as anger seized her. She hated men who spoke to her flippantly like this, as if they couldn't be bothered by anything remotely serious. With a voice like ice, she snapped, "Could you please move?"

The young man's expression shifted slightly, but he dismissed her with a bark of laughter and said, "Where do you want me to go, gorgeous? I don't have a home because any place without you isn't home at all!"

His less-than-witty repartée was met with yet another round of wolf-whistling from his friends, and the two girls from earlier were practically shrieking with excitement.

Annoyed, Sasha took a step back and called out loudly, "Security! Security!"

The young man faltered instantly. "Hey, what the hell are you doing? I was only joking. You don't have to take it so seriously! I just figured that since we met by chance, I could have your number or something, gorgeous."

"Get out of my sight!" Sasha barked.

A dark shadow passed over the man's face as he shed his charming demeanor. He grimaced menacingly and spat, "You b*tch, don't you know how lucky you are? I only wanted your number because I thought you might be good enough for me, so what are you getting all high and mighty for? You actually called for security, too! I ought to call up a hundred or so of my men and have them tear up this hospital!"

Just then, a few security guards hurried over, shouting, "Hey, what do you think you're doing? This is a hospital—"

warning, for the young man landed a hard kick on his chest and sent him tumbling backward. "Go screw yourself.

turned and pointed threateningly at Sasha. "You think you're too good for me, huh, you b*tch? Fine! I'll teach you a lesson." He barked over his shoulder, "Come on, drag

car key out of her hand. The rest of

arrival of several other security guards stopped them from carrying out the plan. "What are you doing? This is a hospital! What makes you think

glared at the captain of the security team. "Damn

security team, "Don't you know who Luke Bach is? You'd better show some respect and back off if you want to live! It's not as if your jobs are worth the risk

of the ruffians clenched their jaws, looking as if they were ready to take on the

is a hospital, so I don't care who

at the captain murderously as he hissed, "You've got some damn

car keys into the trash can by the side and led his ruffian underlings away,

turned red with anger. She had never

but at the end of the day, they dared not speak up for themselves. After all, they really were just doing their

Chapter 987 Don't You Know Who I Am?

The young man's nose flattened with that single punch. His nasal bridge snapped, and blood streamed out of his nostrils. The other youngsters rushed over as well, but Matthew delivered a punch to every single one of them.

One after another, they toppled like bowling pins. In the end, Matthew gripped Luke's hair as he dragged the latter and plopped him down in front of Sasha.

"Kneel!" Matthew commanded in a cold voice.

Luke spat on the ground and cursed, "You b*stard! Don't you know who I am? Don't you know who my boss is?"

Matthew simply gave him a slap across the face, which caused Luke to bleed from his mouth. "I said, kneel!" Matthew shouted again, emotionless.

Luke growled, "How dare you hit me! Dickson Lewis is my homie! Go to University Town and ask around! There's not a single person who has never heard of him! You damned b*stard!"

Another slap on the face. Matthew chose to be silent this time as he started forcing Luke to get on his knees.

Luke was going nuts because of the man's persistence. "You—"

Slap!

"I—"

Slap!

And so, with a few more slaps, Luke finally fell silent. However, another slap still landed on his face, which had irritated him. "I've already shut up! Why are you still hitting me?!"

repeated his command,

"In your

Slap! Slap!

blows. At this point, Luke was panicking.

death. In the end, Luke gave in to the demand. He knelt on the ground, but still, he didn't forget to threaten Matthew. "Mark

Slap!

fell silent, but Matthew's demand remained.

order, Luke barked,

Slap!

resigned and lowered

Slap!

insincerity, Matthew commanded,

burning red, but he didn't dare oppose as he groveled

Slap!

was near the brink of madness. "I already bowed!

told you to

Ain't

protest anymore, so he repeatedly lowered and raised his

Once, twice, thrice...

Matthew hadn't said the word, Luke dared not stop. In the end, after almost ten

Chapter 988 Give Me My Allowance

The security captain immediately nodded. "Understood, Director Larson!"

The young men were dumbfounded. It was a more serious crime to hurt someone with a weapon than it was to hit them bare-handed!

Only Luke continued rambling. "You punk, you know nothing about power! Don't you know who my homeboy is? You want to threaten me with such a dirty trick? Hah! My homeboy only needs to say the word, and we'll be free in no time, like nothing ever happened! You, on the other hand, had injured us. Where do you think you'll end up? I'll have you stay in jail for a few years, then bring your wife to see you. How's that sound? Hahaha..."

Matthew didn't even look at him as he ordered in a loud voice, "Right, after filing the report, head over to Carlson Law Firm and ask for Mr. Manning. I want the knife-bearers to get a heavier sentence."

The security guard nodded quickly. "Understood, Director Larson!"

Luke was stunned, for he had no idea who this man was. Huh? Is he calling for a lawyer for real? Still, when he thought of his powerful buddy, he felt almost fearless.

"So what if you get a lawyer? No matter which lawyer comes along, I'll just beat them down! Just you wait, punk!" Luke shouted.

even spare him a glance. Instantly, he walked upstairs and thought for a while before sending Mr. Manning a

this young man is put behind bars. I

way back to the ward, he saw Crystal standing in front of the door,
doing?"

Crystal complained, "Look! Heidi's

and saw a girl standing in the ward, dressed in quite revealing clothing. Heidi looked elated as she made
gave Helen a look of disdain. She still remembered this aunt of hers. As a matter of fact, her memories
of Helen were mainly during that time period when the Cunninghams were in poverty. Helen had come
over to Leia's house countless times, asking to borrow money from

do with me? I've been in Eastcliff for so long, but she never visited me at

Ah, the girl is right. I didn't visit her

you can't say such things! Your Aunt Helen didn't know that you were here for

are you giving me my allowance? I'm all out of money right now, and I had to borrow

"Leia, didn't you withdraw the 130,000 that was

Chapter 989 How Dare You Criticize My Friends

Leia glanced at Matthew, frowning. "And you? Who do you think you are? Who gave you the right to
talk?"

Taken aback by her daughter's bluntness, Heidi tried to lecture her daughter. "Leia, mind your manners!
This is Sasha's husband, Director Matthew Larson! He's a part of the family."

Leia pouted in disdain. "Hmph, who's Sasha? I don't know her. You have no right to butt in on my
family's matters! Also, who said that I didn't care for my mom? I visited her yesterday, and I also came
to see her just this morning! Also, do you think higher education is free or something? What about my
meals? Should I just die of starvation? If it's so troublesome, then I can just drop out, can't I?"

The young lady's words were like a trigger because the protective Heidi turned furious upon hearing her.
"You! How can you say that?!"

Leia was worked up as well. "What? Was I wrong? Going to school requires money, doesn't it? If you
don't want me to continue my studies, you can just tell me, and I'll quit school and start working. I won't
take even a penny from you anymore. That's what you want, right?"

"I... I...."

money from her pocket. "All right, I'll give you

money, then her eyes widened. "Only 300? What is this good for? It's not even enough to cover my
meals!

When Sasha was at

half?

in this condition right now, and you still want to have fun with your friends? Can't

I leave school and start working in

of yours will help you in the future? Stop being foolish. You won't get any good friends if you buy them over with money. They won't help

"Shut up! You have no

was boiling in anger. "You better mind your manners,

They never gave me so much as a penny in their whole lives, and now they can

couldn't even say a word. Standing on the side, Helen could only sigh in exasperation. All these years, she had never taken much care of this niece of hers, so she was also regretful about

Chapter 990 Leave It to Me

Heidi's daughter left Heidi with a mixture of disappointment and frustration, and at that moment, she could only express her heavy emotions with tears. Sigh...

Helen looked on helplessly. "Since when did Leia turn into such a character?"

"I have no idea as well. She was not too difficult during high school, but half a year of college changed her a lot. She keeps buying new clothes and makeup, never tired of dolling and dressing up. When she comes back to visit me, she has the habit of staying out all night. She seems to be having fun all the time and only comes to me when she needs money. Nowadays, there is nothing left to be said between us, except for the topic of money. Sigh. Tell me, why did she end up this way?"

Helen frowned upon learning the details. "It must be her college friends! They are a bad influence on her."

Heidi nodded in agreement and sighed. "I told her countless times not to hang out with those people, but she... refused to listen. I am at the end of my wits."

After giving it some serious thought, Matthew whispered, "Heidi, just focus on getting better. When I get back, I'll look into those college friends of hers."

That prompted Heidi to wave her hand frantically. "Matthew, you should not do that! We don't even know what their backgrounds are. By the looks of it, they are a gang of hooligans. Look... This injury on me was from the time they knocked me over."

smiled. "No worries! Hooligans? They're the

with furious nodding, "Yeah, Heidi. You don't have to worry. Indeed,

late, even Helen underwent a change in attitude toward Matthew.

are nothing but

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the door, jumped out with a face full of disdain. "Matthew, how could

moment he had wanted to

to slap her daughter, I couldn't possibly do so, could I? Everyone would be mad at me by just contact me," he ordered. Crystal nodded at him. "No problem!

way back to his office, he called Tiger, asking the latter to look into Leia and her friends. In order to deal with her, he decided that he had to get rid of the bad influence

had inflicted a serious injury on Heidi made him vow