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Chapter 241

Chapter 241 Chloe Has to Die

"I told you it was Calvin. How many times do you want to ask me that?"

Diego did not dare to expose Joseph because Joseph was not a kind man.

Joseph was cold, cruel, and resolute, and enjoyed a great reputation in the business field. Hence, Diego could not afford to offend Joseph. After all, he was now in conflict with Calvin. It was unnecessary to offend another person.

Karen knitted her brows. "Calvin adores Ava very much. I'm sure he won't say this kind of thing to the others."

"Does he?" Diego's eyes were full of sarcasm. "Don't tell me Ava is his daughter."

'Did Karen blackmail me to cheat me out of my money?' Diego felt that Karen was capable of such a thing.

"Cut the crap! I don't even know Calvin."

"Then explain to me why he's so nice to your daughter."

Karen threatened him, "It's none of your business. In short, I don't want anyone else other than us to learn about our past relationship. If you expose it... Well, I don't mind taking Ava back to the Baileys and letting her be reunited with her true family."

Diego smacked the table fiercely. He was so angry that his beer belly was shaking. "You're shameless!" The thing he regretted the most in his life was being tricked by Karen twenty years ago and sleeping with her. She was most probably entangled with that fool Benjamin at

that time.

Karen did not care about his fury. She picked up the bag she just bought and left smugly like a noble lady.

Diego did not linger there for long either. He left the cafe after Karen had walked far away, purposely putting some distance between them.

Unexpectedly, that scene was snapped by a private detective who hid in the dark. He then sent the photographs to his employer, and in less than five minutes, a large reward was deposited into his bank account.

When Lucas received the photographs, he reported the incident to Joseph right away.

“Email them to Benjamin anonymously.”

Lucas nodded and did as instructed.

Benjamin saw the photographs in his email before Karen got home. At a glance, he recognized that it was Diego. When he was young, both he and Diego had been competitors. At last, he won and gained the heart of the beautiful woman.

When he saw these photographs, he became quite ill at ease. He immediately called Karen to interrogate her.

Karen had been around when she was young, and her skills had not faded with time. In just a few words, she explained that she had met Diego by chance. Besides, they did not behave impudently in the photographs, so Benjamin believed her.

After hanging up the phone, Karen felt that someone was secretly scheming against her, but she could not figure out who it was. She simply asked Ava to try her best to make Summertainment hers. Although it was a small company, its profits could reach 14 million

every year.

After Ava heard this, she drove over to meet Calvin. Surprisingly, Calvin agreed to it very straightforwardly. He stroked Ava’s head and said kindly, “I have no children. All my properties will be yours in the future. You can learn management with this small company

now. It’s fine even if we make a loss.”

Incredulity washed over Ava. She curried favor with him coquettishly, “Thank you, Godpa. I’ll never let you down.”

The properties under Calvin’s name were a thousand times more than the Johnsons’. With these properties, she would be the top noble lady in Aesper.

“There’s a jewelry exhibition tomorrow. Here’s the invitation card. I’m heading back to Docwood, so you can grab this chance to learn about jewelry during this period. I’ll then pick you up and you can come back to Docwood with me.” After a pause, Calvin’s face turned solemn. “You’d better stop coming in contact with Chloe. I know you hate her but it’s all in the past now. Your late mother would want you to lead a better life. It’s a waste of time to live in.

hatred.”

Shock dawned on Ava before she said tenderly, “Godpa, did you like Mom?”

Calvin recalled how Luciana looked when she was young. He soon felt melancholic. “Ava, even if you laugh at me, I’m fine with it. I too grew up on Jade Street. I have liked your mother since that time, but unfortunately, she died young.”

Ava clenched her fists tightly and suppressed the billowing emotions in her heart. The pain in her palms helped to force out some tears. She cried sincerely and commented, “Mom...Mom was dealt a difficult hand.”

She made up her mind after she came out of Calvin’s residence. She could not allow Chloe to survive. Once Chloe was dead, her status would not be affected.

Today’s Bonus Offer

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Chapter 242 Jojo’s Food Will Become Mine

The next day, Chloe visited Xavia at the hospital with some fruits.

Xavia looked behind Chloe. “Joe’s not here?”

“He’s busy with work.”

Disappointment flashed across Xavia’s face. “Yeah, that’s true.”

Chloe secretly observed Xavia’s expression.

Xavia then took the initiative to raise a topic and chatted with Chloe for a while. Before Chloe left, she suggested going to the villa to see Oreo for a day or two.

Chloe agreed. “Sure, but Jojo and I have an exhibition to attend tonight. We may get home a

bit late.”

Xavia’s eyes lit up, hiding the scheme behind them. “I see. What time will you guys come

home?”

Chloe made a rough estimate. “I think around nine.” Before leaving, she stared at Xavia and questioned, “Did you deliver breakfast to Joseph a few days ago?”

“Umm, please don’t misunderstand... I just went there to see Oreo and bought it for Joe along the way.”

Chloe smiled sweetly and teased Xavia, “No misunderstanding here. I just wanted you to buy some for me too next time if you want to get breakfast. Otherwise, Jojo’s breakfast will become mine. Wouldn’t that be a waste of your kind intentions?”

Xavia was struck speechless.

Chloe then left without waiting for Xavia’s response. She would keep Xavia’s sacrifices in

mind, but she would always be vigilant toward her boyfriend’s ex.

Chloe went out during her lunch break. When she returned to the office, she bumped into Sophia, who was getting coffee downstairs.

“Ms. Chloe, do you know what kind of coffee Mr. Joseph likes? I want to get him a cup.”

Chloe asked, “Do you really want to pursue him?”

Sophia replied seriously, “Of course. Mr. Joseph is a bachelor with exceptionally high qualities. I’ll never meet another guy as good as him, so I have to grab this chance.”

Chloe became slightly helpless. “He has a girlfriend. Don’t waste your time on him.”

But Sophia did not believe Chloe. “I don’t believe that. Everyone says he’s single.”

“Have you ever asked him?”

“No...”

“Ask him if you get the chance.”

“You know him so well, Ms. Chloe. Don’t tell me you’re his girlfriend.”

Sophia switched the conversation to another topic and stared straight at her.

Chloe met her gaze. For a moment, she felt guilty. She even felt that Sophia might know something but soon regained her wits and replied calmly, “Don’t make jokes about this kind of thing so casually. Other colleagues may easily get the wrong idea if they hear this.”

Sophia chuckled and joked, “Got it. But Ms. Chloe, you won’t stop me from pursuing him if you’re not his girlfriend, right?”

Chloe blinked mischievously. “Of course, I won’t. But you have to consider if you’re capable or

not.”

Sophia did not feel embarrassed. Similarly, she behaved mischievously and stuck out her tongue. “Well, we’ll see about that.”

She would not have had the chance to get into Fairlight if not for the woman she had met while interviewing for a job here. That woman wrapped herself up

in thick clothes, so Sophia had not seen her face. But after some serious observation, she noticed that the woman's arm was injured.

The woman told her that she would be given a large reward as long as she complied. Other than that, the woman would also help her become the head of the marketing department.

The idea suggested by the woman was asking her to pretend to be pursuing Joseph and to ignore everything else. She would even compensate Sophia if she was fired.

Of course, Sophia found that a great offer and accepted the woman's money. Now, she roughly got the picture-the woman wanted her to sow discord between Chloe and Joseph.

Sophia was thus enlightened, guessing that the relationship between Chloe and Joseph must be extraordinary.

Holding the cup of coffee, Sophia went to Joseph. When she came back, the coffee was gone, albeit her expression was slightly worse for wear.

Chloe frowned and parted her lips. But before she could speak up, another colleague beat her to it and asked like a busybody, "D*mn, Fia! Did Mr. Joseph accept the coffee you bought him?"

Shyness was written all over Sophia's face, but she neither admitted nor denied it.

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Chapter 243 Joseph Is This B*tch's Backer

The colleagues looked like they were enlightened. They naturally assumed that Joseph had accepted Sophia's coffee.

No, it was not just accepting a cup of coffee.

He had accepted her.

That afternoon, Sophia's colleagues were more enthusiastic toward her. She basked in the feeling before picking up her phone and texting that woman. [Your suggestion was great. Chloe is in a bad mood now.]

The truth was that Joseph had not accepted her coffee. She was intercepted by his assistant and did not even get to meet him. But she had done what the woman had instructed, and pretended to have given the coffee to Joseph regardless of whether it was accepted or not. She would have reached her goal that way.

The woman texted Sophia back. [Good.]

When it was time to get off work, Chloe went to Joseph's car in the parking lot. She then got into the front passenger seat with her hands on her waist, glaring at the man beside her indignantly. "Was the coffee nice?"

Joseph raised his brows lightly in confusion. He then recalled the coffee Lucas had made for him in the afternoon and answered absent-mindedly, "It was so-so."

"Why did you drink it if it was so-so?"

"I needed the energy boost."

But Chloe could not accept that. She muttered, "Why do you feel you're in the right?"

Joseph had on a white shirt that day. As usual, he rolled up half of his sleeves and exposed his strong wrists. He smiled because he did not understand a word the dumbo had said.

Nevertheless, he found her very adorable.

His handsome face was usually aloof and dignified, exuding an immensely strong attitude. However, he was now relaxed and smiling faintly as he looked at Chloe. He did not even have to put in extra effort. One gaze from him was enough to bring a blush to one's face.

As a result, Chloe's heartbeat quickened. She unnaturally tilted her head and looked out of the window. "Okay, I'll let you off the hook this time. Don't drink the coffee others give you next time."

Joseph was still clueless. It was fine even if he did not have coffee, so he casually said, "Sure." Tea was fine too, as long as it could wake him up.

The jewelry exhibition was held in the city center and it was full of unique items designed and manufactured by Exotic Star. It was said that the last showpiece was a priceless item that was out of stock. Kept as a treasure, it had a certain kind of value.

This exhibition attracted a lot of rich businessmen.

Chloe took out a rather formal outfit from her bag and changed into it in the car.

"Jojo, does this look okay?"

Joseph turned to look at her before his handsome face sank.

Chloe had swapped the loose T-shirt she wore for work for a white fishtail dress. The hem of the dress was short and tight, coupled with an unusually large round collar. Although she was slim, this dress had clearly been tailored. It clung to her body tightly and perfectly,

accentuating her curvy and sexy body.

She let her ponytail down, so a part of her hair hid the charms on her chest. They were vague now and partially hidden, which filled people with a greater desire to peek..

Joseph then said in an icy tone, "Don't you feel hot in such a tight dress?"

"It is a bit tight but the fabric is light and thin." Chloe noticed his gaze, so she straightened her back and lifted her chin as if showing off. "Did you notice that my chest has gotten a bit bigger? I've been doing chest exercises recently."

She remembered very well that he liked women with ample breasts-D cups, to be exact.

Joseph was struck speechless.

When they arrived at the exhibition hall, Joseph stopped the car and handed the car keys to the valet who came over to welcome them. He then picked up his suit coat to drape it over Chloe.

“I’m not cold.” Chloe was baffled.

“I know.”

“Why give me your coat then?”

Joseph unconsciously clenched his fingers and bent over to rub his thin lips against her fair and tender earlobe. “I don’t like women with D cups. Yours is just nice.”

Fury engulfed her. “Nonsense! My figure is great, and I’m not small at all!”

He found her thoughts rather weird. She even argued with him on such a topic.

Nathan’s arrival put an end to that conversation. “Have you brought Chloe here to pick out a gift?” He was all smiles, still as frivolous as ever.

Joseph nodded. “We’re here to look around.”

“I heard that the young heir of Exotic Star will be here too. He seems to be a boy.”

“He’s not young anymore. He’s already twenty years old.”

“Have you met him before?” Nathan was curious.

“Yes, once.”

“What do you think? Do you plan to cooperate with him?”

“Fairlight doesn’t have such plans for the time being.”

Nathan understood that even though Fairlight did not have such a plan for now, they would

consider it if Exotic Star was sincere.

They chatted with each other as they walked into the hall.

At a glance, Chloe spotted Ava, who was looking at the jewelry in the hall. The person who was with her was charming too and looked like an assistant.

Chloe raised her brows, curious about what tactics Ava used to make Calvin willingly submit himself to her whims.

Ava turned around and noticed Chloe too, and her eyes widened exaggeratedly. She found it hard to believe that this b*tch could come to such an occasion.

Of course, Chloe knew very well what was on Ava's mind. She hugged the arm of the man beside her and nestled into him, smiling broadly at Ava as an inexplicable provocation.

When Ava saw Chloe hug Joseph's arm, she remained calm as if she was used to it. However, she felt like she had received a great blow. She was flabbergasted.

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Chapter 244 A Rich Man's Plaything

Envy surged through Ava's heart but it was replaced with fear when she looked at the

handsome and tall man beside Chloe.

At that instant, Joseph happened to spot Ava too, and looked at her indifferently. His indifferent gaze seemed to be extremely cold and fierce.

A cold chill ran down Ava's spine. She decided to observe others' speech and behavior first. Today, she was here to appreciate the jewelry and the workmanship. She was nothing like that b*tch who came to attach herself to superior people. 1

The pieces in the exhibition were limited nationwide. On top of that, they were sold through a bidding method. Only those with the highest offers gained the items.

Before the exhibition officially started, Ava looked around as if she was looking for someone. She soon spotted a youth in casual clothes. Overjoyed, she walked toward the youth with her

assistant.

“Mr. Noah, nice to meet you,” Ava spoke in a gentle voice, taking the initiative to greet Noah.

Noah looked at her and recalled how Calvin favored Ava because of Luciana, so he nodded lightly at last and revealed a soft smile as a form of response.

“Mr. Noah, I’m the general manager of Summertainment. I heard you’ve been looking for someone to endorse Exotic Star’s products. I have a few suitable candidates in mind. Would you be interested in taking a look?” Ava took over a file from her assistant and handed it to Noah. “This is the information of a few popular and highly professional actors or actresses of my company.”

Noah did not reject her. He read the information one by one before stating, “I’m sorry but

none of them stand out to me.”

“Not even one?”

“No.”

“How about looking through them again? The worst among them are C-list celebrities. Some of them were even involved in jewelry commercials before.”

“None of them are suitable.”

Ava’s face stiffened before she asked again, unwilling to give up, “What kind of style are you looking for?”

Noah explained patiently, “It depends on their likeability.”

With great reluctance, Ava walked away. Her instincts told her that Noah found her repulsive, but they had never met before.

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Chapter 245 Joe Wants You to Have It

Chloe was full of amazement. She whispered, “Do you like the ring?”

Joseph was at a loss for words. I’m a man. Why would I like diamonds?”

Nathan chuckled. "Chloe, Joe wants you to have it."

Hearing this, Chloe immediately waved her hands. "No, no! It's too expensive."

She already owed him 28 million and would feel very stressed if 14 million was added to it.

Almost all the women present loved The Flawless Love, including Ava. Her mood worsened when she saw Joseph bid on the ring for Chloe. She became competitive and screamed out, "15.5 million!"

Other than giving her a company, Calvin had given Ava a lot of spending money. Although she would have much less after purchasing the ring, she could consider it as a form of investment.

The Flawless Love was a unique item so its starting price was naturally higher than that of the other items. Noah felt that 14 million was already the limit. Unexpectedly, it was surpassed.

"Who's that? I've never seen her before."

"She's the new general manager of Summertainment who came out of nowhere. I heard that she has an extremely powerful backer."

"Seeing how she takes 14 million so lightly, she must be rich. She'll most probably become the

owner of the Flawless Love."

"You can't be sure of that. Mr. Joseph likes the ring too."

Ava's action raised various comments from others as they began to enjoy the scene unfold.

Chloe pressed Joseph's hands down and said hurriedly, "Don't bid for it. It's too expensive and

not worth it."

"Yes, I do like it but not anymore if it costs 14 million."

'What family connections? If I put a diamond ring worth 14 million on my finger, people will rob me regardless.'

Sitting at the back, Nathan patted Joseph's shoulder and took up the mission from there. Without verbal communication, Chloe did not see their actions. She was trying her best to keep Joseph's hands down for fear that he would bid for it.

He then turned her hands around and held them in his hands, smiling lazily. "Okay, I'll listen to you."

Noah witnessed the entire scene as his gentle and charming eyes went up in a smile. He found

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it slightly amusing.

The sisters were vastly different in character. Chloe was clearly more likable than Ava.

When Ava saw no reaction from Joseph, she panicked. 14 million was a bit much, and she

inevitably became hesitant. Luckily, another man bid for it, so she could extricate herself from that dilemma.

At last, Nathan secured the Flawless Love at 21 million.

Chloe was being all lovey-dovey with Joseph, so did not realize that it was Nathan who had obtained the item.

After the exhibition was over, the staff handed the ring to Nathan. Consequently, Chloe's red lips parted in shock. She now saw Nathan as a filthy rich man.

Ava glued her eyes to the ring in deep jealousy. 'How nice would it be if a man buys that for me!

When Nathan looked up, he met Ava's gaze. He teased her. "Do you want it?"

Ava was stunned. 'Is he going to...'

Irrepressible excitement engulfed her but she pretended to be reserved. “Of course, but unfortunately I wasn’t the winning bid... I’m not so lucky to have it.”

Nodding, Nathan echoed her words. “You can look at it for now. I’ll soon give it to someone else.”

When Ava saw no female companions around him, she became more certain of her thoughts. She had fallen in love with the Flawless Love at first glance, but it was just too expensive. She simply wanted to put that sl*t down and decided to give up after she had achieved her goal.

‘But this man started bidding for it when I stopped. He might have done it unintentionally just now, but he’s now here to strike up a conversation with me.’

Ava could not suppress her shyness. Since she was aware of the answer now, she asked, “Are

you giving it to your girlfriand D||

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Chapter 246 If Only I Could Become Jonathan’s Girlfriend

Nathan frowned, “Why would I do that? It’s meant for Chloe.”

“Huh? Chloe?”

“Yeah.” Nathan turned around and placed the Flawless Love into Chloe’s palm. Since she and Joseph had officially decided to be together, he felt it was important to set a good example as a good friend.

Chloe was confused, not understanding why she was being given such a precious gift. She looked at the man beside her in distress.

Joseph’s tone remained indifferent. “Accept a gift if it’s given to you.”

Nathan lowered his voice and teased, “Consider it your betrothal gift.”

Blushing, Chloe sincerely thanked Nathan. The approval of Joseph's close friend brought her more happiness than the valuable gift.

Ava, on the other hand, was left hanging on the side, belatedly realizing that Nathan had deliberately teased her. Her expression contorted into a mask of displeasure. She had grossly underestimated Chloe, that despicable woman. Not only did she have Joseph as her financial backer, but it seemed she had other men in her grasp as well.

Ava was well aware of the chaotic nature of the upper class, but she never anticipated Chloe's cunning ability to exploit opportunities and ascend the ladder of luxury with such ease.

She glared fiercely at Chloe, slammed the door, and stormed off in a fit of anger. Consumed by her rage,

she paid no attention to her surroundings as she walked. Just as she received her car keys from the staff, she collided head-on with Jonathan. "Who do you think you are?! You need to get your eyes checked."

As he looked down at his coat smeared with foundation, Jonathan's displeasure was evident. "I think your eyes are the ones that need checking. There's plenty of space on this wide road, yet you still managed to bump into me."

Ava was prepared to fire back with a sharp retort but was promptly stopped by her assistant. Please, don't act impulsively. That's Jonathan Whitman, the heir of the renowned Whitman family in Docwood City."

Calvin had brought this assistant to Docwood previously to work as a jewelry designer and

assist Ava with her tasks.

Ava's eyes instantly brightened upon hearing the name "Whitman." The Whitmans held a prestigious status, an aristocracy that she could only dream of. While their financial may have diminished in recent years, they still maintained an unattainable presence.

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If she could become Jonathan's girlfriend, the entire Whitman family would be hers, and all

the elites of Docwood would address her with the utmost respect—Madam Whitman.

Ava's expression made a 180-degree transformation as she skillfully employed her charms. Two teardrops welled up in her eyes, and she timidly apologized to Jonathan, "I'm so sorry, it's entirely my fault. I was harassed by a strange older man just now, and it's left me in a terrible mood. I accidentally dirtied your coat, and I feel absolutely awful about it. Please allow me to make amends by buying you a brand-new one. Just provide me with an address, and I'll deliver it to you tomorrow."

Back in the villa, Joseph stepped out of the shower, while Chloe busied herself with preparing food for Oreo and Toto. She had taken off the suit jacket but was still wearing the fishtail dress. Warm-toned light enveloped her, lending her an air of virtuousness and maternal love.

However, the dress had a sexy silhouette, creating a stark contrast.

Joseph's gaze lingered on her as soon as it landed on her. His Adam's apple bobbed, and he beckoned for Chloe to come closer with a crook of his finger. "Come here," he called out.

Curious, she set the dog food aside and approached him, asking, "What's wrong?"

Joseph pulled her onto his lap, his voice cold containing a touch of huskiness. "Are you trying to seduce me?"

Chloe blinked, her eyes filled with sincerity. "No, not at all."

As she said that, she subtly shifted her buttocks, adjusting to a more comfortable sitting position. But in Joseph's eyes, this movement confirmed in a veiled manner that it was an overt attempt at seduction.

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Chapter 247 I Have Some Unresolved Trauma in This Area

Joseph took a deep breath and gently picked up Chloe in his arms, heading toward the bedroom.

Chloe's initial surprise turned into a realization of his intentions, causing her body to tense up. She quickly voiced her protest, "No, Jojo! We're both too exhausted today."

Joseph's footsteps halted, and a playful smile adorned his face. "Don't worry," he assured her.

Chloe's almond-shaped eyes widened, her mind momentarily blank as her cheeks flushed with embarrassment. While she was unstoppable with her witty banter, she became timid like a turtle when it came to actual practice. Especially in this aspect, where men would naturally take the lead.

Soon, her body felt weak, her resistance crumbling under Joseph's advances. Part of her wanted to give in, but in her state of confusion, the vivid image of Jake and Ava caught in bed flashed through her mind. It jolted her back to reality, dispelling the haze of the moment.

"No... Jojo, I can't do it right now," Chloe said, pushing Joseph away, furrowing her brows as she refused.

Sensing her sudden shift in emotions, Joseph wrapped his arms around her and spoke in a voice that was unusually gentle, "What's wrong?"

After a few seconds of contemplation, Chloe made the decision to be honest. "I have some

unresolved trauma in this area."

Joseph's eyelid twitched, and his flawless face turned serious. Unresolved trauma? Did that mean she had previous experiences with other men?

Chloe noticed the shift in his expression and shivered involuntarily. She protested in a low voice, "You have exes too. Why are you looking at me like that?"

"I've never been intimate with Xavia."

Chloe found it hard to believe. "Really?"

“Yes.”

“That’s great. You’re still pure.”

“But you’re not.”

“I am!”

Chloe sighed heavily as she recounted the incident of discovering her ex-boyfriend’s Infidelity. Joseph’s face grew even darker upon hearing it. He gritted his teeth and asked, “You’ve seen other men in the act?”

“Umm, it’s not like I intentionally looked. It was just a coincidence,” Chloe replied defensively. Joseph looked at her with disdain and remarked, “You certainly had poor taste in the past.”

“Well, people make mistakes sometimes. Now that I’m with you every day, my eyes have been cleansed. Give me some time to process it, and then we can... um, you know, take that step! Okay?” Chloe’s fair and tender face turned crimson with shyness.

It has to be said that sweet talk still has its effect.

Upon hearing her cautiously coaxing him, Joseph felt his anger subside. However, he also felt a hint of frustration. It was both exasperating and endearing how easily dumb could disarm him with just a few words. The key was that he secretly enjoyed it.

Chloe tugged at Joseph’s sleeve and suddenly thought of something. “By the way, why didn’t you and Xavia take your relationship to the next level even though you were together for so long?”

He paused for a moment and calmly replied, “Our relationship never reached that level.”

“Are we there now?”

Joseph looked deeply into her eyes and said, “You deliberately seduced me.”

Chloe was puzzled and expressed her confusion, “I did nothing of the sort. Maybe it’s because I’m good-looking and have a nice figure. It was unintentional actions that made you have improper thoughts. I didn’t plan anything.”

Such was the paradoxical nature of attraction. When one deliberately flirted, they failed, but when not doing anything, they landed the fish. What kind of world was this?

Joseph remained silent.

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Chapter 248 Why Would You Steal My Dogs?

Chloe planted a kiss on Joseph's cheek and changed into her pajamas. "I'm going to take the dogs for a walk. You can head to bed first," she said.

During her period, Joseph had taken care of walking the dogs. Now that she was feeling better, it was her turn to take them out.

"It's raining tonight. Let's postpone it to tomorrow," he replied.

Glancing at the time, Chloe noticed it was already one hour to midnight. The dark clouds outside obscured the moonlight as if the night itself held lurking dangers, creating an ominous atmosphere.

Feeling an unexplained sense of unease, she nodded in agreement, "Okay."

The dogs were in the backyard and had the freedom to use it for their bathroom needs, so there was no urgency for them.

Before retiring for the night, Chloe received a text from Xavia, informing her that she would come to see Oreo tomorrow morning.

Outside the courtyard, two professional dog catchers were stationed along the path that Chloe typically took to walk her dogs. However, even at one o'clock in the morning, they failed to catch sight of Chloe.

The two of them conferred and made the decision to contact their employer for guidance. A calm and soothing female voice answered the phone, "She won't be walking the dogs tonight. Go home, get some sleep, and come back tomorrow morning. Remember to follow the route I

provided.”

“Roger that, miss.

The night rain brought with it a refreshing and delightful atmosphere the next morning. Chloe, who had not walked the dogs last night, woke up half an hour earlier to take Oreo and Toto out. Just as she set foot outside the villa with the two dogs, she received a call from Sophia.

“Chloe, I came to work early today, but the security guards at the entrance aren’t here yet. Do you happen to know the password for the ground floor?” Sophia asked.

“It’s six sevens. Why are you at the office so early?” Chloe inquired.

“I completely forgot to prepare the presentation slides for today’s meeting,” Sophia confessed, “Chloe, I’m heading up. Can you tell me the password for Marketing’s entrance?”

“It’s the same as the ground floor.”

“Oh, I see.”

Sophia then transitioned the conversation to work-related matters and started asking a series of questions one after another. It seemed like she had no intention of ending the call with Chloe just yet. As it was work-related and Sophia was still new to the company, Chloe patiently addressed each question, providing thorough answers.

Chloe was oblivious to the fact that the route she was currently taking was entirely different from her usual path. Oreo and Toto, on the other hand, sniffed around in excitement, their tails wagging in anticipation. Occasionally, they stumbled upon freeze-dried snacks scattered on the ground, seemingly placed deliberately to guide them in a specific direction.

It was more accurate to say that it was Toto and Oreo pulling Chloe along rather than her walking the dogs.

After ending the call with Sophia, Chloe’s attention was drawn to her surroundings. She realized she had inadvertently walked into a secluded area, away from the view of surveillance cameras. The lack of people in the vicinity

raised her suspicions, prompting her to turn around and retreat, tightly gripping onto Oreo's and Toto's leashes.

Suddenly, two men emerged from the bushes, catching Chloe off guard. Without uttering a word, they forcefully wrestled the leashes from her grasp. Fear gripped Chloe as she helplessly watched Oreo being taken away by the men. She resisted and tried to snatch Oreo back from

their clutches.

"F*ck off!" one of the men bellowed, forcefully shoving her aside.

As Chloe fell to the ground, her foot twisted, eliciting a sharp intake of breath due to the sudden pain. Despite the discomfort, she summoned her courage and threatened loudly, "Who are you?! Why would you steal my dogs?! I'm telling you, this neighborhood is equipped with surveillance cameras, and you won't get away with this!"

The men maintained their silence, capitalizing on Chloe's fall to seize control of Toto as well. Swiftly, they secured a muzzle on Toto's snout and administered an anesthetic to both dogs. Toto let out a pained howl and made a futile attempt to resist. One of the men delivered a harsh slap to Toto's head, causing the struggle to cease. Within moments, Toto's tongue protruded, unmoving.

Oreo met the same unfortunate fate. Its jet-black eyes brimmed with fear, yet it made no attempt to resist as if it comprehended that any resistance would only invite even harsher treatment.

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Chapter 249 Do You Think I Intentionally Lost the Dogs

The entire ordeal unfolded in a mere five minutes, a testament to the perpetrators' familiarity with such nefarious acts.

Chloe's scalp tingled as she hobbled after them, desperation lacing her voice. "Who sent you?! I'll pay double the amount! Just give me my dogs back!"

For a brief moment, the two men wavered, but they did not relent. They hastened their steps, leaving Chloe behind until they vanished from sight. Overwhelmed by a surge of emotions, Chloe fought back tears. Without her phone, her only recourse was to return home and seek Joseph's help. 1

She fought through the agony, each step shooting a sharp pain through her bare skin. Along the way, she bumped into Xavia, who appeared confused. "I went to your house looking for you. Joe said you went out to walk the dogs," she said, noticing Chloe's empty hands. Concern etched her face as she asked, "Where are Toto and Oreo?"

Chloe felt like she had grasped a lifeline as her words rushed out anxiously. She explained that two unfamiliar men had taken Toto and Oreo to Xavia. "You must have passed them on this very road. Hurry, inform the property management team. Maybe they can intercept them!"

Xavia's expression turned peculiar. "I didn't see anyone. Are you certain you didn't misinterpret the situation?"

"It's impossible. I witnessed it firsthand!" Chloe, sensing Xavia's skepticism, did not dwell on it and swiftly used Xavia's phone to contact the property manager. She also dialed Joseph's

number.

Joseph arrived first. Upon hearing the entire account, his face grew rigid, maintaining a composed and inscrutable expression. In an upscale villa community like theirs, it seemed inconceivable for strangers, let alone dog thieves, to operate so brazenly.

"It's highly unlikely for such an incident to occur within this neighborhood. They have round-the-clock security guards stationed at the entrance," Xavia remarked, looking at Chloe with a perplexed expression. "Are you absolutely certain there wasn't a misunderstanding or... something else occurred? I know it can be challenging for you to handle two dogs on your own.

Chloe frowned, her voice tinged with annoyance. "Do you think I intentionally lost the dogs?"

Xavia bit her lip. "That's not what I meant."

"Then what did you mean?"

Sensing the tension, Xavia decided to avoid further discussion on that topic. She lowered her eyelids and offered gentle words of comfort.

“Don’t worry, once the property manager arrives, everything will be clarified,” Joseph interjected, attempting to reassure Chloe.

Chloe’s brows furrowed even deeper, and she clenched her jaw, choosing not to elaborate any further. The property manager swiftly arrived after receiving the report about the missing dogs from Joseph’s house. He promptly escorted Chloe to the security room to review the surveillance footage.

As they carefully examined the footage from start to finish, only Chloe appeared in every frame. There were no signs of the unfamiliar men she had described, and the recording abruptly cut off at the camera’s blind spot. It did not look as if someone had stolen the dogs. Instead, it gave the impression that Chloe had orchestrated the entire incident herself.

Xavia’s eyes instantly welled up with tears, her gentle demeanor masking a hint of resolve as she said, “Ms. Chloe, please return Oreo to me. I won’t ask for your help in taking care of him anymore.”

Chloe recoiled in shock, her voice trembling as she protested, “I didn’t do anything.”

“Ms. Chloe, it’s highly unlikely for strangers to enter this neighborhood, and why would you walk into the blind spot of the surveillance camera while simply walking the dogs?” The property manager’s impression of Chloe remained tainted by the suspicion of her past actions, causing him to side with Xavia. He saw Chloe as someone who sneaks around and has secret meetings with other men behind Joseph’s back.

“I was on a phone call with a colleague, and I happened to pass by that area,” Chloe explained. However, the explanation lacked conviction and appeared weak. Sensing that her words were falling on deaf ears, Chloe nervously turned to Joseph, seeking his support and understanding.

Recalling the encounter between Icarus and Chloe near the villa, Joseph’s expression grew cold. Ignoring her pleading gaze, he walked away and made a phone call, instructing someone to investigate the matter.

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Chapter 250 She's Just Being Overly Dramatic

Chloe's breath hitched as she struggled to comprehend Joseph's lack of trust in her. Meanwhile, a barely noticeable smile crept across Xavia's lips.

"Fine," Chloe said with determination, "If you don't believe me, I'll prove it to you. Those men may have avoided some surveillance cameras in the community, but they couldn't have eluded all of them. Once we review the footage, there will be undeniable evidence."

Chloe turned on her heels and began to walk away, determined to search for any traces of the two men outside. Despite her frail and delicate figure, her bare feet showed clear signs of redness and swelling. Each step was a struggle, causing her to limp along with a pitiful appearance. Yet, her resolute determination shone through, giving off an aura of unwavering strength.

Joseph's brows furrowed deeply, his thin lips pressed together tightly.

Xavia abruptly reached out and grabbed his arm, her voice urgent and assertive. "Let's start by searching the neighborhood. If what Chloe said is true, I should've encountered those men on my way here. But I didn't see anyone. It's highly likely that those two men are still in the area."

Joseph maintained his silence, his eyes fixated on Chloe as she moved farther away. Uncertainty clouded his handsome face, leaving his thoughts unspoken. Sensing his hesitation, Xavia cleared her throat a few times, discreetly covering her mouth, and adjusted her clothing, inadvertently revealing the white bandage wrapped around her arm.

In the end, Joseph agreed to Xavia's suggestion.

However, despite their thorough search, Joseph and Xavia found no trace of the unfamiliar men or the missing dogs. In that moment of disappointment, Joseph's phone pinged, indicating a new message from the company group chat. With a sigh, he retrieved his phone and noticed that someone had accidentally tagged everyone in the chat.

His

gaze

shifted upward, and Joseph's eyes landed on a photo posted by Sophia in the group chat. The image showcased a small dog, accompanied by her query about bringing it to the office the next day as there would not be anyone at home. The human resource manager swiftly responded, stating, [For a temporary arrangement, you can seek approval from your department supervisor. However, long-term accommodation for pets is definitely not allowed. 1

Sophia replied, [Oh? I have to ask the department supervisor? Never mind then. Chloe already told me this morning that she doesn't like dogs. I better not go against the tide.] She appended a pitiful emoji to convey her emotions.

Curious, colleagues from the marketing department inquired, [Why did you call Chloe so early

in the morning?]

[Oh, I forgot my password, so I reached out to her and ended up having a conversation,] Sophia responded.

[Ah, I see.]

In an instant, Joseph's face turned icy. He wasted no time and dialed Sophia's number.

Sophia was pleasantly surprised to receive his call. Joseph got straight to the point, demanding, "What did Chloe discuss with you this morning?"

"Ah... Not much, just a conversation about pets. Chloe expressed her frustration about the challenges of taking care of two dogs. She mentioned how she longed for an end to that life-"

Before Sophia could finish her sentence, Joseph abruptly ended the call.

Xavia's face turned pale. "It's all my fault. I shouldn't have asked Chloe to help take care of Oreo."

"You took a stab for her. What's the trouble with helping you take care of a dog? She's just being overly dramatic," Joseph said angrily.

“But... Now both Oreo and Toto are missing, and we have no idea how they disappeared,” Xavia said, her voice filled with worry and regret.

Joseph’s gaze turned cold, emitting a menacing aura. If Chloe was reluctant to take care of the dogs, she could have said so directly. He could have hired a nanny or taken them to the family home. The fact that she had schemed behind his back like this struck a chord of betrayal within him. What was the difference between her actions and those of women who sought power and wealth by any means necessary?

Chloe finished watching all the available surveillance footage from the nearby shopping malls and supermarkets in the neighborhood but failed to find any trace of the two individuals. Something was definitely amiss. Someone within the community must have intentionally aided them, allowing them to leave using vehicles from within the neighborhood and evading surveillance so that they could vanish without a trace.

However, strangers were not permitted to enter the neighborhood. Puzzled, Chloe’s thoughts

turned to Xavia.

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