

Master Odell 1971

Chapter 1971

The driver was taken aback.

Liam instructed in a timely manner, "Uncle Ben, just follow the navigation system."

Uncle Ben was the driver that had worked for the Stocktons for several decades. Upon hearing Liam, he did not enact a response.

Instead, he glanced at John through the rearview mirror.

John seemed rather upset. "Where are you taking us?"

Liam answered firmly, "To my place."

"What are we doing at your place?"

"We're going to get something to eat, then settle in for the night," Liam said without changing his expression.

John frowned disagreeably, "'No—"

"ahem." Sherry stepped in.

made a face at him. The message was clear: stop making things difficult for Liam, or else she was going a deep breath and kept his

you need to. It's a smooth drive to my place from here, and it'll take roughly twenty

answered with a bright smile, "Alright, sorry to trouble

Liam was very polite. "It's not a problem at all. It's the least I

At least, he

winked subtly at Liam who smiled faintly and

inside another car directly behind them, Isabel did not sit with Sylvia and Odell. Instead, she sat in the

looked at the car in front of them and remarked casually, "I'm sure Liam knows how to handle Uncle

chuckled when she heard this. She expressed emotively, "I have to say, it was a pretty eventful night for John and Sherry. They must have been

she saw Isabel being pushed to the

have it any better. She got kicked around and accused of being a common thief, and that was on top of being mercilessly

could they be so cruel to someone who was

were John and Sherry. If her parents were only common folks, there

What a terrifying thought.

tender voice, “ Don't

Liam, he was going to make sure that the foul lady named

Caprice ever again.

Chapter 1972

After exactly twenty minutes, the car swerved into the Carters’

Manor and stopped at one of the buildings.

Caprice followed John and Sherry out of the car.

After getting out of the car, she trotted over to Liam's side.

Liam gave her a look.

Soon, the trio of Sylvia, Odell, and Isabel showed up as well. They promptly stepped out of the car. Odell and Sylvia approached John and Sherry.

“Dinner should be almost ready, so let's head in,” Odell informed John.

John nodded with a grunt.

Sylvia took Sherry’s hand and led them inside.

Isabel crossed her arms across her chest and followed them into the house.

Caprice took Liam's hand which was like a bear’s paw compared to hers. Liam held her hand which was tiny in contrast and walked into the house.

After entering the living room, he let go of Caprice the moment he noticed John turning over to look at them.

John darted a glance at them and held his silence.

the housemaids were setting the

and invited them graciously, "John, Sherry, take a

the younger ones—Caprice, Isabel, and

take a seat

Isabel obliged.

smiled briefly and led Liam to the

all seated at the table in no time, and every seat at the round table was

juice and dishes set out in

were all her favorite dishes, specifically

some of her parents' favorite dishes

late, and we need to rest after

picked up their utensils and

meat and downed several glasses of fruit juice

after she picked at every single dish positioned closest to her that she began to move her sights to the dishes set farther away. A plate of grilled ribs caught her

Carters, she thought it was impolite to reach across the table

would

went for a plate

she was about to begin eating the slice of fish she got for herself,

his seat to reach across the table to get a rib that

Caprice's plate. It was the

to Liam and smiled warmly, thanking him sincerely, "Thank you,

spoke softly, "Go

happily stuffed herself

Chapter 1973 John said with a glance at Caprice, "We're not in a hurry. Why don't you send Caprice to the bedroom first?"

Sylvia smiled and obliged, "Sure."

She could tell that John's true concern was that Liam would steal away Caprice when they were out of sight.

Sherry smiled weakly, then she waved over at Caprice who was standing next to Liam.

"Caprice, come with us."

Caprice cast a reluctant look at Liam before dragging her feet over to Sherry.

Liam noticed where she was headed and followed after her.

John cast a morose look at him.

"Why are you following her?"

"I'm walking her back to her room," Liam said without the most remote change of his expression.

John took a breath and let it slide.

As Caprice smiled and drew closer to Liam, Sylvia and Sherry shared a hearty chuckle at their interaction.

Caprice was going to stay over in the guest room on the second floor.

The room was large, clean, and cozy, and it was adjacent to Liam's bedroom.

mind using this

replied appreciatively, "Sure, Aunt Sylvia, thank you

then she turned to John

take you two to your

"Alright."

cast an unfriendly look at Liam who was standing

you still standing around there

Caprice, then he turned around and walked

cheeks and looked at John

shift his demeanor, and he suddenly became gentle and

Caprice's hair and said, "Be a good girl and make

Caprice grumbled.

out of the bedroom, making sure

against the door and listened

had faded away, she

where Liam's room was, and she was going to find

as soon as she stepped into the corridor. His towering figure was leaning against the wall. He cast a profound look at her with a deep, dark gleam underneath

threw herself into his arms

she called his

and asked,

She scowled.

the past now. All

did not want to dawdle

mindfully dropped

Chapter 1974

She tucked her lips inward and suppressed the restless feeling boiling inside her.

When she stared in front of her, she saw the shadow of Liam cast onto the quilt.

After noticing that he was not moving at all, she asked nervously, "Liam, is everything okay?"

Liam wore a tight grimace.

While he was unzipping the dress for Caprice just now, he had to admit that he was feeling slightly bashful, but right now, the only emotion he felt was pure, unfiltered rage.

There were several bruises and red, swollen spots scattered along Caprice's smooth, delicate back.

They were marks left behind by high heels, amongst many other things.

What exactly happened to her at the dinner party?!

"Liam?"

Upon failing to draw a response from Liam, Caprice turned over to look at him.

As soon as she turned around, the loose front of her dress slipped off her body.

Liam grew wide-eyed with shock.

Caprice noticed his expression and immediately looked down at her chest.

She blushed instantly and pulled her dress up to cover her body. She cried out sharply, "What are you looking at?!"

Liam was suddenly at a loss for what to say.

not know if he should laugh or continue to stew

had cooled down considerably when he observed Caprice's embarrassed childlike demeanor. He bent over the bed

he gently pinched her cheeks

being so shy? It's not like I haven't seen

previous

red cheeks managed to

"I'm not shy!"

your cheeks

get enough of teasing her. He gently brushed the tips of

"Wow, you're burning up!"

is wrong with your

she suddenly pulled the front

at Liam boldly as if to hammer home the

Liam was speechless.

a smile

silence, he smiled faintly before hooking his arm around her neck and planting a deep

Hm? Caprice was dumbfounded.

still angry

the sudden kiss?! She instinctively shoved

continued to suffocate

him, she could

made him kiss her with

suddenly consumed

she felt her fingers creeping toward Liam's shirt, she was mimicking his movements and feeling him all

amount of time

figure

into the bed with a

Chapter 1975

Liam coughed dryly.

"Nothing."

He approached the bed and gently ruffled her hair.

"Sleep."

Upon realizing that he was about to leave, Caprice grabbed his wrist.

She looked at him and pleaded softly, "Liam, I want to sleep with you tonight."

Liam stuttered for a moment as he looked into her eyes.

It was a sincere request.

All Caprice wanted to do was to spend the night in his arms.

"No," he refused firmly.

Caprice wrinkled her nose, feeling wounded.

Liam took a breath and spoke in a soft, patient voice, "Caprice, we can't sleep together just yet."

"Then, when can we sleep together?"

Caprice asked in a confused voice.

They were already dating, so what was wrong with that? Liam pursed his lips.

"Just wait until we get engaged."

Since Caprice's father had not agreed to their getting engaged, that meant he had not approved of their relationship yet.

could not allow himself to lay a finger on

concealing the disappointment in her

I'll see you

ruffled her hair

at him

"Goodnight, Liam."

out, carefully closing the door behind

Caprice sighed softly.

till they

came out of Caprice's bedroom, he walked toward

knocked on

no response.He

in an annoyed voice, "Who

said solemnly, "It's

a while, Isabel opened the door, wrapped in

was very cross since she had just managed to fall

from me? Aren't you supposed to be with

the dinner party tonight?"

Isabel seemed surprised.

"Hasn't Caprice told you?"

to talk about it, so I didn't

her a little," she

that, she relayed the events of the

about how Heather and her mother plotted against Caprice and framed her

Duwait's pink diamonds.

darkened immediately upon hearing the

scowl scared

away from him when

remain silent for a few seconds, then he

truthfully, Heather has been provoking us

Chapter 1976 Caprice slept soundly that night.

Meanwhile, there was a terrific storm brewing in Westchester's business circle.

Out of nowhere, countless scandals revolving around VV Entertainment's Manson family emerged from the dark.

Their illegal dealings and bribery were suddenly exposed to the public, and even the celebrities under their label were not safe from the disaster as nasty details about their private lives were leaked to various media sources.

Overnight, their stock prices fell off a cliff.

Roman, Sophia, and Heather fled the city overnight.

By the time the police caught on to what was happening, the family had already boarded a plane from a neighboring city and were headed abroad.

Just like that, a titan in the entertainment industry collapsed overnight.

The collateral damage was wholly unprecedented.

Several companies that had been involved with VV Entertainment in their illegal dealings were affected as well and were plunged into irremediable crises.

Naturally, the CEOs of these companies wasted no time in blaming the Mansons for everything that had happened and quickly filed lawsuits against the family that was now notoriously infamous in the city.

Meanwhile, the daughters of said companies and families were harshly punished by their parents as well.

They were all Heather's friends who had joined her in kicking Caprice during the dinner party.

After they had been punished appropriately, their parents immediately scrambled for every connection they could to get in touch with the Carters and the Stocktons so that they could apologize for what happened.

In short, it was a disastrous, sleepless night for many people in the city.

The next day, Caprice woke up naturally after a night of restful sleep.

that it was almost ten in

sprang out of bed to brush her teeth

changed into a set

she saw Odell and John sharing a pot of tea at the tea table, talking about
huddled together in another corner of the living room as well and were happily chattering
sat alone
his silhouette, casting a
dashing
be seen;
that at least there was another person lazier than
down the stairs with
morning, Mom, Dad,
and Sylvia smiled and nodded
and greeted her, "It's almost
up, "Leave her alone. She had a long night last
sure to
Isabel still
his daughter more than anything
pouted. She was just
people? Odell took a
smiled weakly, then she turned
darling, are you
"Much better," Caprice answered brightly.
and eat
Sylvia motioned.
"Okay."
food set on the
Chapter 1977
"It went pretty well."
Odell smiled faintly. "Looks like Caprice is more capable than we thought."
Upon hearing this, John beamed with pride. "She did pretty well. You can say that she inherited
something from her parents."

Odell flicked an eyebrow and commented with a smile, "That must mean that she's destined for great things in the future."

John took a sip of tea, and expressed, "All I want is for her to live a peaceful, happy life."

Of course, he would be glad if Caprice was willing to take over the reins of the family business.

Nevertheless, above all else, what mattered most to him was the well-being and happiness of his dear daughter.

Odell poured him another cup of tea while adding nonchalantly, "Don't worry, Liam will take good care of her, and I'm sure she will live a good life with him."

suddenly changed. He said in a mildly confrontative voice, "It's a bit early

poured and stated candidly, "What conditions have to be met to get you to agree? Just

his eyes. He had known Odell for decades by this point and was well aware of what sort of person he and Sylvia was. Furthermore, he had

the same for Caprice. The children of their two families had grown up together and knew each other since they

would never mistreat Caprice if they

match for Caprice based solely on his family background, his accolades, and even

Caprice was only nineteen years old. She had barely stepped into adulthood, and they were already going to take her away from

he clenched tightly onto the cup,

gaze. He spoke sincerely, "Both you and Sylvia know that Caprice is my only daughter and

asked, "Are you

the prospect. "Would that

the urge to shoot a glare at John. Then, he remarked, "I'll have to talk with my wife about

John smiled gladly. "Sure."

noticing it. They had finished lunch and

barely considered that she would have to leave Liam when her father served her a reminder, "Caprice, are you going back to Glanchester with

would commence in two days, it would not make sense for her to head back to Glanchester. She

Chapter 1978

After everyone bade farewell to each other, Caprice entered the car with her parents and drove out of the manor.

Once the car had gone out of sight, Liam and his parents stepped back into the house.

Liam asked right away, "Mom, Dad, what were you two going to talk to me about?"

Sylvia cast a questioning look at Odell. "Was he talking to you about the conditions for Caprice and Liam's engagement?"

Odell nodded grimly.

Sylvia asked nervously, "What did he say?"

Liam was looking at him expectantly as well.

Odell hesitated for a moment, and it seemed like he was holding back the urge to criticize John. He announced solemnly, "He said

Caprice was his and Sherry's only child and that they did not have the heart to see their daughter leave them. He wanted Liam to marry into their house instead."

Sylvia was baffled.

Liam pursed his lips and did not let his reaction show.

the trio descended into

if waiting for a response. They wanted to know what

"That

Odell frowned disapprovingly.

as well. "Liam, even though you're not our only child, that

Caprice and would not consider herself to be an upholder of

John was concerned about Liam threatening

could draw up some contract now to prevent such a

never think about taking Stockton

considered one of the wonders

divided evenly between his three heirs, Liam's share

was to say that pairing Caprice and Liam was a very

they not simply agree on a simple engagement? Why would John insist

making things difficult for us? He doesn't want Caprice to get engaged with Liam, does

since he was a boy. I don't think he would oppose their being together. If I had to guess, it's probably because he doesn't want Caprice

daughter, he felt like he could relate

weakly. "What should we do then? Wait a few more years before

Instead, he looked at Liam. Liam was silent for
marry into Caprice's family was nothing more than
had to take up the Stocktons' family name. He was not concerned about that; he only wanted to be with
the car on the way to

Chapter 1979

John grew slightly frantic. He gently brushed Caprice's hair and scrambled for an explanation. "Caprice, it's not so much that I want Liam to marry into our house. His parents are not going to let him do that anyway. All I wanted to do was to throw in a little wrench so they wouldn't be in such a rush to get you two engaged."

Caprice questioned his rhetoric, 'Really?'

John smiled, "Of course! You're my darling daughter. Why would I ever be upset that you weren't born a boy?"

Caprice made a face and groaned, "Alright, but I want to get engaged to Liam, so you'd better clarify things with them before they get the wrong idea."

John suddenly fell silent. He felt a stuffy feeling in his chest. After a prolonged silence, he said with a deep inflection in his voice, "Caprice, the reason I wanted to do this is that I didn't want you two to get engaged and married so early. You're still so young."

He spoke from the depths of his emotions.

Caprice could not understand where he was coming from. She met his gaze and asked, "What difference does it make if I'm married? I'm still going to be your daughter, aren't I?"

John was struck speechless.

"Pfft!" Sherry failed to stifle her laughter.

Ding!

rang,

for the phone in his pocket. Upon reading the name of the caller, he seemed to hesitate for

John told her, "Odell."

he suddenly calling you? Did

Sherry murmured in confusion.

John answered the call.

silence washed over the car as Caprice and Sherry waited eagerly to see what Odell had

to his ear and

a calm voice on the phone, "We talked about it. Liam

was silent. His expression suddenly turned stiff,
a hint of a chuckle in his voice as he continued, "John, you guys haven't gone too far yet, have you? Why don't you come back now
breath and asked solemnly,
never agree to such an arrangement to have his son wedded out of the family. Odell was not pulling his
who was staring at him expectantly, then at Sherry who was
us for one more night. We will have more than enough time to work out the details of

Chapter 1980

Right after Sherry told the driver to take them back to the Carters, her phone started ringing. She looked at the display and turned to

John with a wide smile. "It's Syl calling."

She answered the call.

Just as expected, Sylvia was calling to ask Sherry and John to take Caprice back to their place to stay for another night. They were going to discuss Liam's engagement with Caprice.

Sherry agreed gladly, "We'll be right there."

The driver had just finished making a U-turn. They were on their way back to the Carters.

Sandwiched between John and Sherry, Caprice tried to distract herself by looking at the passing scenery outside, but she simply could not wait.

Within ten minutes, the car swerved through the gates of Carter Manor and stopped in front of the house.

Odell, Sylvia, and Liam were already standing in front of the building waiting for them.

of the car, she

"Liam..."

her

a show of coughing

go of Liam immediately but remained standing next

can talk inside," Sylvia said with a smile.

did not protest. It

parents went into

bean waist and looked up at him with googly eyes. "Liam, I heard from my father that you agreed to

her

to take on the Stockton name and our child will also

change of expression, "I know. What

penetrating gaze did not avert from her eyes the entire

his eyes. "What if I can't provide for you in the future?

"Are you saying that you have what it takes to provide for me now? Is

and her cheeks

set herself up! She quickly explained, "That's not what I mean. What I was trying to ask is that will you feel like I'm not good enough for you in the future and