

Master Odell 1981

Chapter 1981

He looked like the most precious thing in the world whenever he smiled.

Caprice could not help herself any longer. She propped herself on her tiptoes and wrapped her arms around his neck to give him a passionate kiss.

Liam was taken aback, but he soon responded by tightly embracing her.

Meanwhile, the doors and windows of the living room were left open, inviting the gentle breeze outside to blow into its interior. It was peculiarly quiet inside.

Sylvia, Odell, Sherry, and John had not spoken a word since they sat down. Ten minutes had passed since.

Sylvia was the first to break the silence as she coughed dryly.

"Ahem." Sherry could not hold it in any longer anymore and mimicked her cough.

Odell and John looked at them.

Both of them wore queer expressions and broke their silence at the same time, "How long are you going to keep quiet?"

Wasn't the plan to discuss the exact date for Caprice and Liam's engagement?

'State your proposal already!'

raised the teacup and took a sip of tea, then he turned to

supplied, "Since Liam is going to marry into our family, tradition says that your family is the one who should be

lips to

his arm and hissed sharply into his ears, "Why

as if his very well-being depended on

dryly and insisted gravely, "Those are the terms that

if he suddenly withdrew

a different way of looking at it. "Just because they agreed doesn't mean we should impose ourselves

be said about Liam. If one had to go into the specifics of what the two had to offer by way of status,

the son of an emperor in

politeness, but that did not mean John should

not for the decades of friendship between them, Odell and Sylvia would have very well called the entire thing off and chased them

pursed his lips and avoided Odell and Sylvia's gazes. He muttered to embarrass himself by going back a deep breath. "Okay, I'll do you two mumbling about?" Sylvia the situation. When we talked about wanting Liam to marry into our family, it was only

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John said while staring intently into Odell's eyes, "No matter how many children Caprice and Liam bear in the future, at least one of them has to take up the Stockton name."

Sherry did not seem like she had anything to say about that. She was not concerned about how many children Caprice would bear with Liam or what surname their children would take up.

Regardless, this was not an outrageous condition coming from John.

Perhaps this was one of those things men could relate to better since after a brief silence, thus it was Odell who agreed, "Alright."

Sylvia smiled and announced gladly, "What about next Saturday? It will be a fine day for Caprice and Liam to officially get engaged." Sherry nodded her approval. "Sure."

John offered, "We will host the engagement ceremony at my place."

Odell had no qualms about that. "Sure."

that you two will be handling the

spoke, "Yes, I'll discuss it with Caprice's grandmother once

offered kindly, "Alright, let me know if you need anything from

Sherry smiled. "Sure."

quickly. She had just pulled away from

she quickly shoved

looked at them as if nothing had happened at

you back to your dorm," Sherry called after

was just about to say something when Liam spoke up before she could, "Aunt Sherry, Uncle John, why don't you two stay here

we need to deal with. We have to get

persuade them any further. He gently brushed Caprice's hair and told her, "Take care at

Caprice smiled before

Sylvia, she got into the car with John
of the manor, she asked

Chapter 1983

Sherry and John were speechless. They did not know what to say upon noting Caprice's serious demeanor. It would appear that they did not expect that their nineteen-year-old daughter had such a tenacious side to her.

"Well... If that's what it is, I suppose he's the one who should be working hard for me then." Caprice suddenly relented, realizing that it was a great responsibility lifted from her. She expressed with an emotive sigh and moved on quickly from it.

John and Sherry looked on silently. Now, this was the daughter they had known all their lives.

Half an hour later, the car drove into Sparkrow University and arrived at the gate of the female dormitory.

The bodyguard got out of the car and opened the door for Caprice.

Because Caprice sat between Sherry and John, she only managed to step out of the car after they made way for her.

After she got out of the car, she barely managed to exchange a word with her parents when several figures sprinted out of the corner.

The bodyguard promptly stepped in front of the Stocktons to shield them.

from the dark immediately stopped at a safe distance and began bowing their heads at them. They started begging and pleading for mercy from John, Sherry,

the attention of many people who

front of Caprice and Sherry as he looked at the

that despicable Heather Manson in bullying your daughter. I checked the surveillance footage and saw everything that went down. I already gave her severe punishment, and we're going to teach her a lesson again once I get back home later with my wife. Please, forgive us. We have wronged you. Please

made up all those lies about Miss Caprice. My sister was misled into thinking that Miss Caprice was a my niece. It was all Heather's lies

it was apparent that the one thing all these strange folks had in common was that their daughters, nieces, sisters, and Whatnot were friends of Heather. They were the ones who had joined the

to contact the police and arrest the ones directly involved with the scheme. These girls you people mentioned have nothing to do with it, so nothing is

girl named Beverly were the only ones involved in the plot of stealing

only ones John targeted, and he left the others out of

were floored upon

this mean you haven't heard about what happened to the Mansons overnight?" the same man who spoke

seemed appalled by

"A lot of scandals and illegal dealings revolving around VV Entertainment came out of the dark overnight. Roman Manson has already fled the country with his wife and daughter. As we speak, the

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The middle-aged man and the others who crowded around the trio fell silent. It seemed like they had formed the connection and understood who was behind all that had gone down. They began pleading even more fervently this time, "Please, Master Stockton, Mrs. Stockton, Miss Stockton, you must do something for us! Words can't express how apologetic we are!"

"Please have mercy on us, we weren't even there when everything happened! We have already severely punished our children for their nasty behavior!"

"Please give us at least another chance. I've worked my entire life to build everything I have today. You can't ruin me just because of something I wasn't a part of! Please!" The man who said this dropped to his knees.

Having never seen such a display before, Caprice faltered backward. More students were crowded around now, drawn by the commotion. At one point, Caprice heard Lana's voice.

"Huh? Isn't that Caprice? What happened over here?" Caprice frowned as she addressed the man on his knees, "Get up. Come on, get up!"

The man knelt with his hands covering his face soaked in tears. "I... I don't think have the strength to keep going! You have to forgive me, please!"

Another man followed suit and got on his knees as well.

Upon noticing this, the others gradually got on to their knees one after the other, all of them begging and crying in fits of desperation.

Caprice did not have the great to endure their sorrow anymore. She turned to her parents for help.

"Mom, Dad, tell them to get up."

during his years in the world of business, John was no stranger to such displays. Despite that, he could not bear to see Caprice in this

same went for

you can forgive what their daughters, sisters, and nieces

I can't forgive them, their parents

the parents and relatives in question looked up at the girl who looked like she was

why don't you call Liam

sake, it was only right that she was the one
religious practice. "Why don't you guys go home for now? I need to make a call, but things
"Thank you, Miss Stockton!"
"Bless your kind heart!"
into the car. Then, she reached for
Liam's low voice heavy with bass
you for claiming justice
brief silence, "Did they go
all got on their knees and cried and begged for mercy. Can
I'll

Chapter 1985

John and Sherry returned to the car.

Caprice heaved a sigh of relief.

"Caprice, it looks like you're going to have to stick with us for a bit longer," Sherry said while softly
brushing Caprice's hair.

Caprice understood the implications as well.

Surrounded by a boisterous crowd, some of the students even had their phones out to take pictures and
videos of what went down.

John was the wealthiest man in Glanchester and was also a public figure, so it was not hard for them to
figure out his identity.

Many of them must have known who he was already, so news of this was going to spread like wildfire
on the campus.

Besides, with all these people by the entrance, there was no way she could enter without being
pestered. It was a wise choice to stick with her parents for now.

Ding!

Suddenly, Sherry's phone rang.

darted a

is she

answered

phone. After a brief conversation with Sylvia, Sherry hung up and turned to

out about what happened over here and has already contacted the people in charge at the university to keep things under cover. She's also asking

John turned to Caprice.

playfully, "Whatever you guys say. I'm a good

of her nose and chuckled

out about their whereabouts so easily. John decided that they would only feel safe letting Caprice return to the dormitory after the entire thing had blown over

would appear that going back to the Carters was the best

the driver turned the car around and drove out of the area,

window and suddenly spotted someone that caught her eye, so she

"What's wrong?"

turned to her in

off. "Nothing, I just recognized a senior of mine."

spotted Moses, Kenneth, and Jonathan,

out of the university gate and was out of sight of the

scene did not seem to show any signs

Chapter 1986

"Caprice has been the daughter of the richest family in Glanchester this entire time?!" Kenneth expressed in disbelief. Jonathan commented uncertainly, "It does seem that way, doesn't it?"

Moses pursed his lips and stayed silent.

With the dramatic collapse of VV Entertainment and everything that transpired overnight, they heard some rumors going around.

Word was that Heather Manson had spelled her family's demise by pissing off the Stocktons when she picked on their daughter.

Some of Heather's friends were involved as well, and their families ended up no better for it.

One of the people who begged for Caprice's forgiveness just now was someone Moses and Kenneth had worked with briefly. Based on what they knew, this person managed to find out that Caprice was enrolled in Sparkrow University and had made the trip here to beg for forgiveness in person.

This was the reason they were here at all. They wanted to see for themselves just who the supposed daughter of the richest family in

Glanchester was.

thought that the

managed to find investors for

his head low as he

and Jonathan exchanged a look

City. It turns out she was someone of such formidable background this entire time. I can't believe I thought she was nothing more

that this child was to be the successor

the prodigious

while. He thought about what he had done to Caprice during the start of the summer break when she had just started working at their company. He had taken her to that sort of venue for dinner. He suddenly

him for that, what would have happened to him and Moses?

sighed weakly behind

always had the impression that Moses was just like any common man who was drawn like a moth to a flame to any common beautiful woman. It turned out now that he could not be any more mistaken. Moses had an extremely refined taste and was able to spot royalty out of a heap

that it was doomed to be

an extremely mild temper for someone who came from such an influential family and was born with a golden spoon. It did not seem like she held any

have been

was a smooth drive back to

Chapter 1987

Caprice told her parents everything, "Mom, Dad, my friends told me that everyone at university is talking about me right now. It looks like they know that you two are my parents now."

Sherry smiled. "It's okay, your Aunt Sylvia has already contacted the university. They are going to deal with it. These posts are going to be taken down in no time."

John chimed in, "You don't have to feel ashamed of being our daughter. It doesn't matter that they know now."

Caprice pouted. "Okay."

It was true that it was no big deal at the end of the day. Still, she had to explain things to Lana and Freya.

She turned on her phone again and swiped to their group chat. She sent an emoji to test the waters.

Lana was the first to reply. She had always been quick to anger and had reacted by sending a sticker of an angry stickman.

Caprice replied with an emoji awkward smile.

Then, it was Freya who joined in the conversation. “Caprice, don’t you have anything to tell us?”

right now, so I’ll explain it by text. Everything that I’m about to tell you is the

Freya replied, “Alright, shoot.”

the same,

Piper, she sent a funny sticker of a penguin grabbing a

out a lengthy paragraph. “Freya, Lana, I didn’t mean to hide the truth from you two this entire time. I’ve always treated you two as my close friends. The only reason I kept everything a secret is that I only wanted to live a normal life as a regular university student, whereby I can make friends without worrying about what they think of me. Also, I was planning to tell you two at

being superficial, and she ended up transferring to another school because of it. Ever since then, she made a point to keep her parents’ identities a secret. Her parents respected her wishes as

lead a relatively low-profile life. She did not

was on the way back to the dormitory just now, an idea hatched into her mind. She thought about inviting her friends to join her engagement ceremony with Liam next Saturday, where she would reveal her true identity to them as

Caprice finished her monologue, Piper supplied, “Freya, Lana, to be honest with you two, if it wasn’t because I went to her place a decade ago, I probably still

nobody sent a message for

amused more than anything else. I can’t

about

course not. I’ve had my

point, I can smell it across the

for one, am upset about you two

want me

Chapter 1988

Freya, Lana, and Piper gladly accepted her invitation.

After they wrapped up their conversation, Caprice logged on to the campus forum. She wanted to see how the situation was developing.

To her surprise, she was unable to access the forum. A message popped up that said the system was currently undergoing maintenance.

Meanwhile, she received a text Piper forwarded to her. Since she was one of the committees of one of the social clubs at the university, she had received a notice the university officials issued to all the committee members.

The forwarded message read: "What happened this afternoon outside the dormitory this afternoon is a matter of privacy. I hope the students will respect the privacy of the involved student and not spread the information online. Please do your part in passing this message on to your friends."

Caprice heaved a sigh of relief.

There was no chance they could hope to stop the rumors from circulating on the campus, but knowing that it was not on the internet was enough consolation. As long as the outside world did not know that the daughter of the Stocktons of Glanchester was enrolled in Sparkrow University, that was good enough for her.

By the time they reached Liam's place, the sun was just setting.

The evening sun cast a beautiful glow over the landscape, and the sky was a pastel gradient of amber and orange. Its elusive glow beat against the face of the man, who was standing outside the house, waiting for Caprice.

car, she bolted toward him

smile and held his

threw herself into his

held onto her firmly like a treasured jewel. He asked in a soft, concerned voice,

and said softly, "I'm fine, but everyone on campus saw me and found

Liam played with her hair before

Caprice grimaced unhappily.

Liam looked behind her and greeted her parents solemnly, "Uncle John, Aunt Sherry, this

Heather's friends would go to

suddenly tinged with

Sherry were practically

John frowned sullenly.

courteously. "It's fine. You were

and Odell showed up as

Come, let me take you to my studio." Sylvia

"Two bottles of wine I ordered

Chapter 1989

Caprice eyed him darkly without a word. She pressed both her palms against Liam and shoved him away with all her strength.

Then, she began stomping away with her cheeks puffed up.

She had barely taken a step when she felt a large hand seizing her from behind.

Within a second, she was pulled back into Liam's arms.

His long, slender arms bound themselves around her body like a chain, so there was no way she could wring herself free.

With that, he lowered himself and planted a kiss on her lips.

Caprice opened her eyes after the kiss, there was a restlessness rising inside her.

Just like that, her grumpiness had left her completely. It took a while before Liam willingly let go of her, but his face, handsome as always, was still mere inches from hers. He locked his dark eyes on her, eyes as sharp as that of a hawk's.

He said firmly, "Next Saturday is the day you will finally become my fiancée."

Caprice felt her face slowly grow hot.

She buried her face to hide her embarrassment and let out a shy chuckle.

Liam hugged her as tightly as he could, and a soft smile began forming on his lips.

Now that her true identity was exposed, Caprice had turned into a micro-celebrity at Sparkrow University.

Despite the university official's best attempts at covering everything up and limiting the discussion, the news eventually made it out of the campus.

returned to university for the start of the new semester, the paparazzi were

John and Sherry

paparazzi posted their fresh haul of the day—a batch of pictures of Caprice

later that evening after Caprice's

staffed with

would be living with her and keeping

be, and her parents did not have

She took Liam's advice.

would go to university during the day and retreat to

The week flew by.

Caprice requested a day off her classes

and Piper went with her as
to
her friends were going to sleep over at her place
three hours drive, the car stopped at the gate
we're here," Caprice
then she woke Freya and Lana
two were still in a daze
of the car with Caprice
bodyguards opened the gates for
housekeeper had heard about Caprice's return and was
noticing her and her friends, she smiled brightly and greeted them, "Good afternoon,
"Uncle Marlow!"
called out after the housekeeper before introducing her friends to him, "These are all my close
friends. This is Piper. You already know
to see you all, Miss Piper, Miss

Chapter 1990

Freya seemed like she was going to object when Piper stepped in.
"Freya, let Caprice show us around if she wants. This place is huge, and there have to be a lot of
interesting spots that only she knows about. It's been a long time since I last came here, and I want to
check the place out."
Freya smiled and obliged, "Okay."
Lana cautiously took out her phone and asked, "Can I take pictures?"
Caprice smiled.
"If you'd like."
After a short drive, they arrived at the house at last.
Caprice led them into her courtyard.
Madam Stockton must have heard them arriving as she had one of the housemaids walk her outside to
greet them.
"Caprice!" the old lady cried out shrilly.
"Grandma!"

Caprice chirped after her, then she ran up to her to give her a big hug.

Piper, Freya, and Lana approached and greeted Madam Stockton politely.

Madam Stockton was a wonderful host, and she quickly invited them inside.

With that, everyone stepped into the living room.

Madam Stockton excuse herself after a brief chat with them.

Then, Caprice showed them around the place.

They checked out several scenic spots, took some pictures, and whiled away the day merrily with plenty of conversations.

Evening fell upon them eventually.

Madam Stockton's housemaids showed up to tell them that dinner was ready, and to head over to Madam Stockton's to eat dinner with her.

and Sherry were not home

brief dinner, Caprice took her

of the house was

personal bedroom, there was another

to install her friends

her room, she went to join them in the

in a good mood and barely felt a hint of tiredness

in on

to pass faster

sleeping far later than usual but managed to get enough

woke up the

breakfast, they began to get ready for the

her with her makeup and helped her get changed

fair skin without taking away from her

the dress when Sherry knocked

address Caprice, "Caprice, are you

"Yeah, I'm ready."

out

closely behind her, and all of them wore bright
courtyard and entered the shuttle
driven to an open field where the engagement
dreamy and stupendously
of their relatives showed
Stockton was busy chatting with everyone while Caprice's
immediately spotted Liam standing
wore a well-tailored fine black suit that accentuated his figure and
usual, he looked effortlessly charming and
lit up as she quickly
spotted her too and
The two joined together.
have thrown herself into
handsome he looked today; she
not resist the urge to at least intertwine her hands with
firmly taking
his free hand, he gently tipped her chin upward with his
a close look at