

Master Odell 2011

Chapter 2011

Amanda could not make sense of the strange question.

"What? Weren't you the one who told the Carter Corporation president to instruct them to make another official announcement?" Isabel chuckled, amused by the intriguing thought.

Roland sure was very thoughtful for someone who always looked so disengaged with things around him.

Once the team of the "Legend of the Goddess" and "The Wonder" posted the official announcement, there was no need for her to say anything at all to defend her name.

Just like that, the whole internet would know that she had taken back the roles that were rightfully hers. She promptly texted Roland again. She sent him a smiling emoji and thanked him sincerely.

"Thanks for pulling through. I promise you I will personally give you a big bonus at the end of the year." Roland replied curtly, "You're welcome, but no need for the bonus."

Isabel asked brazenly, "Huh? Why?"

Who in their right mind would refuse a big bonus? Roland explained tactfully, "You're my boss. I'm just doing my job."

broke out into a

did this guy learn to talk like this?

then fine. Just don't

give him

proven his worth with

half an hour later, the official pages of "Legend of the Goddess" and "The Wonder" made a series of have held off the official

we are sure you have an idea of who the great Goddess will be by this point! The goddess of

"The Wonder"

long enough. The new member joining The Wonder family for its new season is none other than Isabel! Welcome, @Isabel. We

nearly instantly as soon as the announcements

the drama had a lot

what

end! Is it true what they say about Isabella trying to steal

all those journalists who were accusing Isabel of weaponizing her fans against Isabella are

that Isabel's manager has a lot of connections. Do you think there's a chance that these two roles were always Isabella's, to begin with, but it was Isabel's team who had

Chapter 2012

Unbeknownst to Isabel, the online debate revolving around her and Isabella continued in full swing after she tucked away her phone.

Most of the people paying attention to the ongoing development were reasonable folks, but they could not help but start slandering Isabella.

"Look at Isabella. She was being all high and mighty showing off about how she managed to be cast in 'Legend of the Goddess' and 'The Wonder'.

Just like that, the official pages came in and rained on her parade by announcing that Isabel was their choice the entire time. I wonder how she feels right now."

"Heh. If you ask me, I'd say it's pretty embarrassing."

Not content with merely gossiping among themselves about what was happening, some folks decided to fan the flames.

They quickly swarmed Isabella's page, specifically picking her post from the day when she announced her being cast in the two shows.

They bombarded her with comments, asking her how it felt to be disgraced.

Inside a hotel, Isabella looked at the barrage of comments coming in and angrily tossed her phone on the bed.

She stormed out of the bedroom and went to Decker.

was standing by the window and reading the post made by the official announcements of "Legend His face was sullen.

they're making fun of me right now. What happened? Wasn't it you who told me that Isabel couldn't possibly

eyes gleamed with ice. He gently caressed Isabella and firmly told her, "I've asked my assistant to investigate the matter. Just go back to your room and get some rest. I

swoon, and yet, there was a sharp and commanding authority to his voice, she knew

"Alright."

let go of him reluctantly before heading back to

that, Decker got a call

face was wiped off instantly

"What's going on?"

cautiously, "Sir, I just contacted the producers of 'Legend of the Goddess' and 'The me that it was Carter Corporation that told them to relinquish the roles back to Isabella or else "Carter Corporation?"

Decker was astonished.

"The Carters of Westchester?"

"yes."

for more than a century by now. The show directors could not risk offending them, so they did frowned, a dark glow cast

and even dared to slap him in the face and pour wine on him. She had Carter Corporation behind her the entire time! He wondered in what

Chapter 2013

Rumor had it that the Carters were a very close-knit family and that their children were all successful and kept a low profile.

There had never been any shape or form of scandal revolving around the family, whether internally or externally.

With this information, Decker ruled out the possibility that Isabel was backed by a direct family member.

Instead, it must either be a shareholder or a high-ranking member of Carter Corporation.

The identity of this person was currently unknown.

One way or another, this person was just someone working at Carter Corporation.

A mere employee at Carter Corporation could not possibly be a match for him, Decker Rockwell! Meanwhile, Isabel was busy chatting with several of her friends in the entertainment industry.

In addition to congratulating her on reclaiming the roles that were rightfully hers, they were curious about how she managed to pull it off.

Isabel was careful to not let outsiders find out about her connection to Carter Corporation.

With that in mind, she stole a page from Isabella and told them, "I got them back purely based on merit."

a clear enough hint that she did not want to elaborate, so they leave her

She received several voice

proceeded to listen to them

have you seen the latest news? The showrunners of 'Legend of the Goddess' and 'The Wonder' just posted another statement on their page explaining that the entire ordeal between you and Isabella was all a

with Isabella,
are publicly apologizing to Isabella for the unfortunate
they were originally going to introduce two
to both of you but due to some complications that came up later, it turned out they could only bring one
new guest star
the situation with
have stopped poking fun at Isabella and are directing their anger at the
"What are they trying to do? It's obvious that Isabella was
are they trying to defend
"Someone from higher-up must have applied
found out that she was backed by Carter Corporation and was careful
steer this situation back in his favor, it was still in his power to cleanse Isabella's name and
must be wary of his influence, which
responsibility for everything that happened so they could reverse the damage inflicted on Isabella's
new post just now. She said something about having learned a lesson from this and that she will be
careful to not make rash announcements before signing official contracts. She's playing this like she was
the victim, and now her fans are out in full force blaming the showrunners of 'Legend of the Goddess'
and 'The Wonder'. How low can
a

Chapter 2014

Isabel promptly opened the door.

Roland was dressed in a suit, standing tall and straight as an arrow.

Isabel asked suspiciously, "Why are you here?"

"My mother saw the news about you and got worried. She said she's worried about you not having the
appetite to eat, so she made me bring some homemade food for you."

He held up a bag filled with food in his hand.

Isabel's eyes sparked at the mention of food. She remarked, "Why didn't you just call me and ask me to
come over? You didn't have to trouble yourself with delivering it yourself."

Roland eyed her.

"Do you want it or not?"

"Of course, I do. Your mother made it for me, and you took the trouble of delivering it to me, so of course, I'll eat it."

With a smile, she stepped aside to let him into the house.

Roland carried the bag to the dining table and set it on top.

Then, he carefully opened it and laid out the dishes one after another.

Isabel was going to tell him that she could do it himself, but he had already laid out all its contents along with two sets of cutlery.

Then, he pulled a chair out for himself. She asked curiously, "You haven't eaten as well?"

"No."

"oh."

not think much of

across from

was still steaming hot and

and did not lift her head off the

her and had set aside

had finished her portion, he asked, "Are you

full." Isabel smiled

usual because of how delicious the

further comment, then he proceeded to pack

Isabel hurriedly stopped him.

them back home after I wash them for

cooked for her and had Roland deliver it, so it was the least she could do for

Roland peered at her.

you know how to wash

she had never washed dishes

can't have your mother

That was outrageous!

mom wouldn't

Isabel insisted, "I do."

Roland stayed silent.

asking reluctantly,

her, "What's

Isabel smirked mischievously.

Chapter 2015

Isabel seemed embarrassed for having troubled him. "Alright, thanks for the help."

He remarked casually, "No big deal. See you."

There was no reason to keep him around, especially at such a late hour. With that, she bade him farewell, "See you."

She walked him to the door and only closed the door after making sure he had entered the elevator. She stretched lazily like a cat before heading into her room.

She was going to take a shower, then settle in for the night.

Meanwhile, Roland returned to his place shortly after.

As soon as he stepped into the house, his mother, Martha, came over and asked him worriedly, "Roland, how is Isabel doing? Is she doing fine?"

She saw the online debacle of everything that had gone down with Isabel during the day. Although it seemed like things had died down, she was still concerned about Isabel's mental state.

Roland recalled how Isabel looked with her cheeks stuffed with food and remarked, "She's in a good mood."

"Really?"

bag. It was filled with now-empty Tupperware and cleaned utensils.

relieved. "Heh... she seems to

were filled with work and passed

weekend rolled around in

well-known entertainment group was holding a gala in Westchester where all of the popular actors and celebrities would show up. Naturally, Isabel was also invited. She was

high-end luxury boutique that she modeled for had sent her a wonderful tailored dress they had launched for the current fashion season. Though minimal in design, it exuded a

makeup

a look that would complement the design of the dress. With

fans had already found out about her attending the gala and waited outside with

car, she could hear

“Isabel, we love you!!”

them, and the security guards made sure they stayed behind the barrier, away from the

please take a picture with you?” one of the die-hard fans leading the charge asked

the vicinity as well, but it did not seem like they would get in their

all of you stay right here. I will have Carla take

Thank you

you all hanging around here anymore. Go home and get back to the things

was a hardness to her voice

Chapter 2016

Isabella let them go on for a while before revealing, “I wasn’t the one who bought it. A friend of mine gifted it to me.”

“How very generous! Who is this friend?”

“That’s more than generous. That’s a whole statement by itself!”

“Isabella, are you sure this friend of yours is just a friend?”

They all cast playful looks at her while speculating about the identity of this friend.

Isabella smiled, satisfied with the attention she was drawing from them. She said nonchalantly, “We’re just regular friends right now. It’s not what you girls are thinking.”

Her friends exchanged looks with one another, concealing a deep glow of envy and faint hatred underneath their eyes.

What kind of common friend would gift such an expensive gift?

sure that Isabella had managed to land a wealthy benefactor, and it did seem like she was very fond

“Isabella, I’m so jealous.”

can find someone as

you’ll find someone for you one day,” she said

this circle, there was nothing more satisfying than knowing that you had things better than others

spotted Isabel from the corner of her

her build while highlighting her fair and beautiful skin. Coupled with her blessed features, she looked like a princess who had stepped out of a fairy tale, thus it

countless photographers from countless media outlets, and lights flashed all around her as pictures were taken left

passed her, she still made a point of greeting her with

with Isabel in public. It was to a point where some media outlets speculated that the two were

that they had media attention on them, Isabella

have played along, but circumstances had changed now since Isabella breached the unspoken contract of neutrality

right past Isabella

suddenly grew

were just as flabbergasted by what they were

were with

Chapter 2017

“Hey, Isabel!”

She had only just sat down when she heard someone calling her name.

She turned around and saw her friends in the entertainment circle, Triss and Ramona, seated behind her. They were fellow actors, and she had known them since the very first film she was part of four years ago.

They were adapting a certain web novel that was hardly known to the public at all to the big screen. Due to the lack of funding, the crew almost had to call off the project halfway through the filming when Isabel secretly had someone else fund the film to not expose herself. The project ended up being a success after that.

It was a drama with a cast of female leads, which turned out to be her, Triss, and Ramona playing the protagonists. The reception of the film turned out to be great, partly attributed to the remarkable plot, and it took off in the mainstream in no time.

It simultaneously helped her, Triss, and Ramona propel their careers.

Triss and Ramona had started their acting careers earlier than her.

Triss was the one who got started earliest, but due to her rejecting the advances of a certain investor, her career never managed to take off. She owed her current fame to the film they shot together back then.

As for Ramona, she was the daughter of a famous director. Her favorable background aside, she was a very gifted actor and had always been favorably rated by moviegoers and casual fans.

got along very well with them. They helped each other out a few times in the past and had built

wore her hair in a low ponytail and wore a dress that made her look cool and mysterious. As for Ramona, she opted for a

them. "When did you two get

you. We saw you taking pictures with your

"We didn't want to disturb you, so we

not seem like she had much

held herself to a high

Isabel on the red carpet was that she did not want people to accuse her of suckering up to Isabel who was one of

Isabel, we ran into Isabella just now when we go

further remarks, but there was a gleam of curiosity in her

"Yeah, I did." "and then? Did you say anything to her?" Ramona was curious about how their interaction had gone down, especially considering what

didn't say anything to her and just ignored

and Triss were stunned

ignored her with

"Yeah."

she talk to

thought about it. "I think she said something

know what to say. Then, they

Chapter 2018

Isabel was quite pleased with this. Not only did she not have to face ridicule, but people were even largely complimentary of her.

She briefly went through the comments before swiping off to her messaging app to text Carla.

She asked, "How much did you spend on buying food for those girls just now?"

Carla sent her a receipt. She had bought plenty of food and coffee for the fans just now which totaled up to a humble sum of several thousand dollars.

Isabel promptly transferred over ten thousand dollars to Carla's account.

Carla told her, "Isabel, that's too much."

Isabel was very gracious. "Keep the rest for yourself. You've earned it."

Carla replied joyously, "Thank you so much!"

Isabel smiled and put away her phone.

Carla had been with her since she started her acting career, and she was a very attentive and loyal assistant. In addition to helping her with her day-to-day affairs, she would also help liaise with her fans. She more than deserved the bonus.

you have to teach me your secret. Why isn't anyone

remarked with a smile, "That's the

these

stir up the pot. This one time, I forgot to give a certain shareholder a toast during a party, and the very same night, people

suddenly realized that Triss was with them and quickly dropped the subject. "Never mind. No use wallowing about

a particularly awful experience in the past when people slandered her online which left a permanent mark on her reputation for quite a while.

several people separating her and Isabel. Even from a distance, she was casting a vicious glare at Isabel, her eyes filled

handful of people badmouthing Isabel online, but there was a

of being fake and

mind. She was furious and wanted nothing more than to march

only managed to upstage her by luck. How dare she refuse to acknowledge her in public?

a lesson in humility! She refused to stomach this any longer. She

guests arrived and the

made an opening speech, they went right

categories of awards were handed out and soon, they had arrived

the Popularity Award. In other words, the heralded award went to the most popular

for the award included a certain actor that Isabel had worked with in a very famous and successful TV show. There were two other

nominated for the female category of the award along with two other older

Chapter 2019

The high-level executives were not the only ones there.

Several recognizable figures in the entertainment circle were eagerly waiting to talk to Roland as well.

Showered with lights from every direction, he carried himself with fine dignity like royalty.

His young and handsome looks attracted the attention of countless passersby, especially the young and beautiful actresses.

Isabella was one of these young actresses drawn by Decker's looks.

She affectionately took his arms into hers and greeted him with a smile.

Decker cast a quick smile at her before continuing his conversation with the others.

Everyone was shocked.

Isabel could hear someone in earshot exclaiming, "Oh my God, when did Isabella start seeing President Rockwell?"

"Are you talking about that handsome man Isabella is with? President Rockwell? That name sounds vaguely familiar."

"The Rockwells from Southboro."

He's so young and handsome. How did Isabella pull this

and guest star spots

that case, how did Isabel manage to get them back? Does she have someone even more powerful backing

"Who knows?"

to look at the

have noticed her staring and quickly scuttled away. She could not be bothered. She took Triss and Ramona with her and chose a seat

will use his help to make things difficult

to a

seemed concerned

a brisk smile, "She

moment

her connection with Decker to seize

still ended with Isabel reclaiming what

not lay his hands on just about anything

Isabel's famous manager who helped her take back the

was someone more

to avoid having to confront Decker, but she bumped into him again as soon as she walked out of the washroom. He seemed to

Chapter 2020

"Yes. I have what it takes to get the Carter Corporation on my side,"

Isabel declared with steel in her voice.

"Heh."

Decker chuckled dismissively before interrogating her, "What exactly is it that you have that Carter Corporation would be willing to help you?"

He sized her up a few times upon raising this question. Isabel squinted.

"Keep staring at me like that and I'll poke your eyes out. Want to try me?"

Her voice was ferocious.

Decker seemed to be taken aback by her vicious demeanor. He collected himself and formed that same smile again.

"Would you mind telling me who your inside connection in Carter Corporation is?"

"No."

Isabel shot him down, "But what I can tell you is that the nature of my relationship with Carter Corporation is perfectly legitimate. We are equals unlike what's going on between you and Isabella."

with Carter Corporation, one of the most prestigious corporations in Westchester? Who would believe that? Decker scoffed and

who is your

only thing you have on your mind. Is that the only kind of relationship

Decker smiled slyly.

you're saying that this person in Carter Corporation helping you is just a

are just friends. Plain and simple," Isabel

became plain and simple friends

asked while inching

Isabel cocked an eyebrow.

"I'm not telling you."

about this with

boyfriend right now?" Decker

steady, and she held herself with a prideful attitude,
her eyes and asked, "Isabel, have you not dated anybody
it whether I have a boyfriend or not?"
and expressed, "You still can't forget about me,
Isabel was silent.

years ago when Decker had slapped
been something about the overwhelmed state of mind at the time that somehow awoken all of
shortly after that when she packed up
else she was consumed with the