#### Master Odell 2091

## Chapter 2091

Roland smiled warmly. "Sure."

He carried her and strode toward their bed.

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In Westchester, after the call with Jerome, Isabella went to the lobby on the first floor of Westchester Hotel.

She went to the lounge area of the lobby.

There were not many people in the lounge at this hour.

She had arrived at the hotel at roughly ten that night, and it was already one in the morning by this point. She had been waiting for Clarice for three whole hours, yet there was no sign of her at all.

Her butt was already sore from sitting and waiting for so long. She began to feel like Clarice was intentionally keeping her waiting, but she knew better than to text Clarice to ask for her whereabouts. Her only choice was to wait with constant agitation.

Finally, when it was around half past one, Clarice stepped through the entrance of the hotel at last.

Isabella hurriedly approached her while putting on her best smile. She greeted Clarice in a friendly voice as if she was not bothered by the extended wait.

"Hey, Miss Houston."

she

to sit with Clarice, so she stood stiffly like

a drink station at the edge of the lounge.

down, she neatly tucked at the collar of her shirt before asking quite sharply, "Isabella, are you trying to mess with me

was thrown off by this, "Has there been some kind of misunderstanding? When

viciously. "The video you sent

I did cut out some parts, but that was because those were the irrelevant parts of Isabel

thought out ahead of time after receiving the

was what gave her the courage to confront Clarice's sharp stare into

you

"Of course not."

parts you left

another man. I heard from a friend of mine who works on the 'Legend of Goddess' film crew that that man is Isabel's

again. "You knew that

"Yes."

away?" If she had known about this, she would not have been humiliated

don't get the wrong idea. It's common for some of us actors

## Chapter 2092

Clarice jittered between several expressions before finally settling back into a haughty scowl. She grunted stiffly.

Isabella asked, "Who is her boyfriend?"

This earned her a glare from Clarice. "Who are you to ask me questions?"

Isabella stammered, "Sorry, I was just curious who her boyfriend could be."

Clarice groaned and asked, "How long has Isabel been with him?"

"I think it's only been a month or two. My friend told me that she started seeing both of them together when they started filming 'Legend of the Goddess', and he would visit her quite regularly."

A month or two?

Clarice continued looking at the video Isabella showed her.

Roland had barged into the scene when Decker and Isabel were talking. Since Decker was facing away from the camera, there was no way to get a good look at his expression, but the video did offer a good view of Isabel's expression when she noticed Roland. She did not seem guilty at all when she saw him, but on the contrary, she looked quite delighted.

If she had been up to something with Decker, it would be reasonable to assume that she would at least behave somewhat shifty upon noticing Roland.

After that, Roland and Decker seemed to exchange several brief sentences. Judging by Decker's expression when he turned away, it must not have been a pleasant conversation.

The main question was how did Isabel come to date Roland?

Roland had left Southboro more than a year ago, so how did he manage to end up with Isabel Ross, an actress?

the circumstances, he was still once the heralded young master of the Brights. How humiliating to have disdain, then she threw the phone

backed away from her.

shot her a look. "If you see Decker going to see Isabel again, don't edit the footage and just send

her word. "It will

that, Clarice walked out of

phone resting on the table and walked out of the

of Roland and Isabel. She recalled Clarice's reaction and the name she called out

name was Roland?

someone as wealthy and influential as Clarice knew him by name, didn't it suggest that this Roland was

at the

like Decker and Clarice. Her boyfriend was someone from a significant background

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section of the

staff

was Decker's assistant

at the door, his assistant greeted her in surprise, "Miss Houston,

politely. "I'm here for

the study. Let

you can get back to work. I'll go to him myself," Clarice said curtly and invited herself

let

study. She gently knocked on the surface of the

# Chapter 2093

To have a place in Roland's heart was all Clarice ever wanted.

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The next morning, in Glanchester, Isabel woke up from the sweltering heat.

When she opened her eyes, she found herself in Roland's arms.

He woke up around the same time as her and looked at her sleepily. There was a slight red shade underneath his eyes.

Isabel squinted and nudged him away without warning.

He kept a firm grip around her waist, so she could not break free from him despite having shoved him.

Not only did she fail to push him away, but she also ended up provoking a negative reaction out of Roland, evidenced by the immediate frown that formed on his face, coupled with a hurt look.

"Are you trying to push me away?" He asked.

She blinked in confusion and clarified, "I just wanted a little bit of space because it's really hot."

The heat was not the only reason. It was partly because she immediately recognized the look of desire in his eyes which could not be any more obvious.

had just woken up, and she

Swoop!

off in one

through her body.

smugly and asked, "Do you still feel

the side to try to draw some separation from him. She barely managed to move away when Roland pulled her

asked interrogatively, "Why do you keep

a little sore, so I need

Roland released

he climbed on

smiled devilishly and asked flirtatiously, "How does this posture work for

at a loss for

So be it.

out and surrendered herself

glimmer of joy shone past Roland's eyes as he smiled gleefully. With that, he pressed his weight over Isabel and planted a kiss on her lips.

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later, dawn had broken, and a sliver of sunlight spilled

activity inside the bedroom settled down

Roland hug her as

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# Chapter 2094

"Yeah." Clarice thought about how much they had been going at it the last two days. With her face pressed close against his chest, she spoke in a contented and soft voice, "When did you wake up?"

Decker answered softly, "I just woke up a while ago."

Clarice looked up at him.

His eyes were gentle and filled with love.

After they stared at each other for several seconds, he lowered himself and planted a slow kiss on her lips. Her lips curled up in a smile.

With his lips still pressed close to hers, he spoke, "There're a lot of nice places to see in Westchester. Let me take you sightseeing and shopping today."

He was the same Decker she had known for the last five years, the same gentle and caring man who seemed to have endless patience for her.

She was in love.

Suddenly, a scattered thought intruded on her. The fact that he had been in Westchester for so long and that he had come here to endorse Isabella...

Her eyes darkened for a slight instant, she asked worriedly, "Are you sure it's not going to get in the way of your work?"

important going on these days, so it won't be any inconvenience

to ask for a while,

fell into a brief, pensive silence before answering, "You wouldn't get it even if

l

smiled obligingly.

potential. I have taken an interest in a few of these sectors, so I've been in talks with several companies

"What sectors?"

some niche sectors here and there."

understanding before mentioning, "By the way, I think I saw Roland

alerted by this. "Where did you see him?"

along the side of the road. I was inside my car, so I couldn't

for a while before stating, "It might

at him brazenly. "Have you seen him around the city?"

secure his position at the helm of the Rockwells. It

did you

Roland snatching Isabel from his arms

noticing his expression, Clarice asked, "Did he do something to you

"All he did was take

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#### Chapter 2095

As for Decker, he attained everything he had today by getting engaged to Clarice to get the support of the Houstons. With that, he went on to resort to countless schemes to take everything Roland had to his name.

Clarice must have sensed Decker's agitation and comforted him tenderly, "Don't worry, Decker, you have me and my father. It doesn't matter how resourceful Roland is. There's not a chance he can return to Southboro and reclaim Rockwell Corporation for himself."

Decker smiled fairly and cupped her cheeks as he spoke affectionately, "Clarice, thank you for sticking by my side after all these years. I feel safer with you."

Clarice was completely enchanted. "I'm so lucky to be with you."

As Decker inched in closer and kissed her, the image of Isabel surfaced in his mind against his will.

The longer they kissed, the more their desire was aroused.

Soon, the two lost themselves in passion. Decker traced his hand along Clarice's body and accidentally muttered out loud, "Isabel."

Clarice stiffened and pushed him away abruptly.

"What did you just call me?" She stared at him with a wounded look in her tearful eyes.

realize his mistake. He immediately pulled her back into his arms with a soft, endearing look in his eyes. He assured her calmly, "I was

spoke with an intimate breath, a voice that could melt anyone's heart.

skeptically, and it looked like she was about to cry, "Really? How come I heard you calling me

lips and muffled her words as he pinned

to his assertive, dominating presence. She felt her senses leaving her and being replaced with

that seemed to last forever, Decker growled in her ear, "Don't

not putting up resistance anymore. She was completely seduced and

Clarice opened her eyes again. She was

drawn shut, and the room

Decker was nowhere

and saw a message from Decker that was sent roughly half an hour ago. "I'm heading out for a while to meet a business partner. Get some rest. I'll come to

replied, "I'll wait for

expression turned solemn after that. Her mood was blacker than the dark room. Now that she was fully rested, her

when he

was no mistaking

# Chapter 2096

"What's going on then?" Amanda could not make sense of it.

Isabel asked warily, "Something wrong?"

"Several contracts got called off out of nowhere. Even the brand endorsements I've managed to land for you got pulled last minute. Some of the roles on other shows I manage to land for you got recast as well."

Isabel frowned. "Did they give you an explanation?"

"They only told me they found a better fit for the role." Amanda asked again, "Are you sure you haven't upset anyone lately?"

"No."

Decker was the only one who came to mind, but she doubted he had enough degree of influence in the entertainment industry to terminate all of her ongoing contracts.

Amanda stated briskly, "Never mind, focus on the shooting. I'll dig up more information."

"Sure."

Isabel hung up but was still feeling restless.

Who was targeting her this time?

her brains and thought long and hard but

on the door, swiftly followed by Carla's voice, "Isabel, someone is asking to see you. He says he's the assistant of a certain Miss Houston from Southboro and is here to pass on a message

Clarice Houston?

tightened. "Be

located on the first floor of the hotel and saw a young

young man smiled when he saw Isabel but remained seated on the chair. He had the same high and mighty attitude that reminded Isabel

she pulled out a chair and sat without needing to be invited to. She asked rather

him but also disrespected his boss by calling her by her first name. It looked like she cared little for expression was icy and even confrontational. He started, "Miss Ross,

ice. "Was it Clarice targeting me?"

not mean to ruin you, at least, not yet. She was only trying to send a message, the message being that she can destroy your career with the snap of

explained everything clearly to her last time. I have nothing to do with her fiance, so why is she

the Rockwells, but they were more synonymous with the name of the city and were more influential overall. It was certainly plausible that Clarice could ruin Isabel's career with the help of her parents if she

upset by the truth, was there a point in doing

had enough of seeing someone like you going around as a public figure. She wants you to disappear from the

her to stop being a public figure and pull away

a blatant

scoffed, "She probably doesn't know that the one thing I hate the most is to be threatened.

"This is not a threat. It's only a simple note that I'm passing on. Also,

# Chapter 2097

Carla did not know how to respond.

After a brief hesitation, she asked cautiously, "You look like you're in a bad mood. Did he say something that upset you?"

Isabel's expression softened a little, and she assured Clara, "It's fine. I'm going to get some rest, and you should catch up on some rest too."

Carla knew her better than to probe Isabel and promptly let her be.

Isabel returned to her room after that. Her phone rang the moment she stepped into the room.

It was Roland calling her.

She eagerly answered the phone, "Hey, why the sudden call? Did anything happen?"

"I sent you several texts just now, but you haven't replied." After a pause, he asked, "Where did you go just now?"

Isabel told him with a sigh, "I had to see someone."

"The person who has been targeting you for some reason?"

she asked in a startled voice. "It was Clarice's assistant.

not sound surprised. "So, it's

"Didn't

I only know that someone has been trying to

you

circle, and they were the

"Oh."

up, "Leave this to

before raising her concerns, "Clarice is probably doing this with her

filled Isabel with a sense of safety and

and felt at ease.

was still hesitant about asking her father or brother for help. Since Roland was going to offer to help, that meant she did not

sure to add quite bluntly, "Roland, it's okay if you can't handle it. It's

did not respond to this and casually brushed it off. "It's getting late. Go

barely exchanged a handful of sentences, and

faintly, then she went into the bathroom.

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at a large office desk. He sat up straight with his back against the chair and was

# Master Odell's Secret Ex-wife

### Chapter 2098

In Glanchester, Isabel had just come out of the shower and thrown herself on the bed. She thought about calling Amanda to tell her to not worry, but Amanda was the one who called her instead.

Before Isabel could get a word out, Amanda announced the good news in a jubilant voice, "Isabel, everything is fine now! The companies got back to me and says that they intend to proceed with our initial deal. The directors who told me that they wanted to recast you changed their minds and got back to me as well. Also, guess what? The famous director, Manson Heathrow, says he plans to cast you in a major role in his upcoming film!"

Isabel was delighted to hear this. "Already?"

Amanda was confused by this reaction of hers. "What do you mean 'already'?"

Isabel was still reeling in shock. "Oh, nothing. Good to know that everything has been taken care of."

"Alright, enough talk for now. I'll talk to Director Manson for you and get back to you once I have more information from him."

"Sure."

With that, Amanda hung up.

Isabel stared at her phone in complete disbelief. It had only been half an hour. How did Roland manage to resolve everything so quickly?

How did he pull it off?

Carter Corporation was not involved with the entertainment industry, so she doubted he could wield so much influence even with the Carter Corporation name.

at the time. It was

Roland, "Roland, are

Roland texted

was her cue to immediately give him

the video call

face immediately popped up on the screen. His broad shoulders

even her eyes began to sparkle. She tried to conceal the

spoke nonchalantly, "I was just about to take a

Isabel thought.

could only stare at him in all his glory

to his face and said with a bright smile, "Amanda just called me and told

faintly. "Yeah."

was quite apparent that he already knew about

smiled tenderly and thanked him.

welcome." He smiled as

ask if at least just to quell her curiosity,

help me," he said,

but Isabel suspected a lot more

her that her father had chosen Roland as the acting president of Carter Corporation a year ago.

rested her chin on top of her hands and

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## Chapter 2099

Clarice's assistant informed her fearfully, "Miss, I had to call them several times just now until they finally picked up. They mentioned that Isabel is one of the most famous actresses currently and is not

involved in any controversial scandals. All this added to the fact that she is currently working with them makes it hard for them to do anything to her. She's untouchable."

"Don't they have enough actors signed to them? What's the difference one common actress going to make?!"

"That's what I was told. I don't know any more specific details beyond this."

"idiot!" Clarice cursed mightily and hung up.

There must be more to this!

Her family was royalty in Southboro, and even Solar Entertainment had given their word initially. Some other party must have interjected to result in this sudden turn of events.

Who could this outside party be?

She thought with her brows furrowed.

After a while, her eyes blazed as she had a suspect in her mind.

Roland!

He was Isabel's boyfriend and the president of Carter Corporation.

significant status to strike a

this in mind, she planned to contact her assistant again. She wanted her assistant to continue to liaise

to look for her phone, she noticed Decker standing by the door. He

looked at him

approached her ominously. "Clarice, why have you been targeting

she held her ground and told him, "No reason. I just don't like

and gently caressed her cheeks as he spoke softly and tenderly, "You're the daughter of the Houstons. You are a royal while she's just a common actress, so what is it about

she's just a

continued to regard her with cautious affection. "It because

and was hesitant

Westchester because I invested in a TV show that she starred in, and I met her twice since, but everything that happened between her and me is history. She has a boyfriend now and I have you.

She sensed the sincerity in his voice but had to ask

silly girl." Decker said dotingly, "I haven't seen her for more than five years. How could I

sigh

If he still pined for her, he would have

arms around his

fault. You only did this because you don't feel assured about my affection

he was looking out at the window, and there was a vacuum of darkness within his eyes. He did not expect Clarice to find out about his affection

meant that Roland must have stepped in. After all,

long as Roland was with Carter Corporation, he would not be able to sink

# Chapter 2100

Isabel ran out of the hotel just as Roland parked in front of the entrance.

Drops of rain pattered endlessly against the ground.

Isabel shielded the top of her head with her palms and jogged toward Roland's car.

The door was promptly flung open, and out came the tall, striking figure of the man she had been waiting for. He emerged with an umbrella in hand. He was just about to open it when Isabel sprang in front of him.

He habitually put his arms around her.

Isabel looked up at him. "What took you so long?"

Her face was washed with rain. She could barely keep her eyes open. Although there was a stern, questioning tone in her voice, there was also a clear tint of joy underneath.

Roland grimaced faintly. He opened the umbrella and held it over Isabel to shield her from the rain, then he told her, "Something came up and took up my time."

Something came up?

"What happened?" she asked hastily while looking at him worriedly.

just—" He seemed hesitant to tell her as if

matter?" Isabel was growing

her hand and walked her to the

as the trunk was lifted, the sweet fragrance of flowers poured into Isabel's nose. She was greeted by the sight of the trunk almost packed to the brim with

especially beautiful with the streetlights illuminating them from above, enhancing the bright

the bed of roses, and written on the face

instinctively the moment she saw the surprise.

Upon seeing her smile,

it was a little cheesy, she still appreciated the romantic gesture. She pointed to the box and asked, "What's inside

in hand before handing it over to her. "It's a gift for

her a

usually bring her food made by her mother, but this was the first time he

sorts of necklaces, bracelets, and

was yet another small box right in the

inside this box then?" she

and he gestured. "You'll know when

two figures locked in an embrace. Upon closer inspection, the figure seemed

had to stifle the urge to laugh.