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Chapter 2121

Decker pulled Isabel closer to him with a grim, scheming smile.

"Isabel, Roland has gone and dumped you. He's not going to help you anymore. Besides, even if he wants to help you, there's nothing he can do for you. I'm the only one who can help you now. If you want to save your acting career, you should be wise enough to know to not get only my nerves," he said with gnashing teeth.

His gaze was dark and ominous.

If Isabel did not give in to him, he was going to do everything in his power to ruin her without repair.

Isabel grimaced tightly and promptly proceeded to spit right in his face. "Ptoo!"

Her spit splattered directly on his face.

Decker winced instinctively when he felt the projectile slap across his face, and his expression darkened like never before. Before he could open his eyes again, Isabel kicked against his knee with the shin of her knees.

Argh!

Decker yelled in pain and let go of her.

Isabel took the opportunity to shove him away from her, then she immediately ran out of the elevator.

stop getting on your nerves? I have some advice for you: don't ever show up in front of

from the building without looking back

pain with a horrible scowl across his face. His eyes were dark with contempt and some time passed before he hissed, "Just you

her completely. He was going to thoroughly tear down

stomped out of the

had just gotten into

was still some lingering pain throbbing in his lower abdomen.

and roared at his driver, "Tail that car

he was going

they were quickly approaching the

phone out of his pocket. The moment he noticed the name shown on

a certain executive in Rockwell Corporation whom his father had assigned to train him for many

phone and asked rather formally, "Uncle Tom,

a middle-aged man, whose voice was quivering with anxiety, "Decker, stop wasting time in Westchester and get back to Southboro right

alert. "Did something

cavalry this time, and it looks like he's gunning for Rockwell Corporation. You

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Sylvia led Odell by his hand as she happily strolled into the living room.

Caprice followed them closely.

Liam was there as well, holding a child no more than four months old. It was his and Caprice's son.

Flint followed behind him with a feeding bottle in hand.

Isabel was not expecting everyone to be at home. She found herself overcome with a warm and wholesome feeling and smiled brightly at the sight of them.

Sylvia went up to her and gently took her hand into hers. "Don't you have work today? Why did you suddenly come home without notice?"

Isabel followed them to the couch in the living room. She told them, "I pushed back my schedule for a few days. I decided I need some rest."

Sylvia remarked with a supportive smile, "I see, it's a wonderful coincidence that your brother and Caprice are going to stay at home for the next few days as well. Flinty has several days off too. It's a good chance for all of you to spend some time together.

Isabel smiled and seemed enthused about this arrangement.

Caprice took her child in her arms and drew closer to Isabel. "Sis, he wants to play with you."

The child kept waving his chubby arms in Isabel's direction as if he knew by instinct that this was his aunt. He was smiling from ear to ear the entire time and making tiny squeals. Words could not describe how adorable he looked.

Isabel's face as she

Flint said as he handed her

the toy in

giggled and squealed when he saw the toy. He was

she had

smiling so happily. Liam and Flint both heaved a sigh of relief

Odell exchanged a look, their

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lazed around at

watching TV shows, snacking, playing with Caprice and
far preferable to her

during the weekend when Amanda gave her a call and asked about her whereabouts and reminded her
about

with a movie cast on the projector screen against the wall. There was also a giant bowl of snacks
positioned in front of her. She asked Amanda in a sluggish and unconcerned voice, "Do you think you
could

only wanted to wind down

what is this? Are you

just want to relax

asked in a troubled tone "If you're planning to relax at home, then what happens to me? What am I
supposed to do for

had poured all of her energy and resources into her and her alone. If she decided to up and

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"Sure."

After Isabel hung up, she threw the blanket off her and promptly went to take a quick shower. She
walked out of her room after she got changed into a clean set of clothes.

In the living room, Caprice was taking piano lessons from Liam. Melodic sounds of the piano
reverberated across the house.

Sylvia and Aunt Tonya were chatting over a pot of tea.

Flint was entertaining himself with the baby in the cradle.

When Isabel emerged, everyone turned to look at her.

Sylvia was the first to ask, "Isabel, why are you dressed up? Are you going somewhere?"

This was the first time in days that they had seen Isabel even bothering to get dressed up.

Isabel told her, "I have to go to the set at 'The Wonder'."

Sylvia nodded with understanding, then she asked, "Do you have to leave right now?"

head over there right now," she explained as she prepared to head

signaled at

rose to

just stay

all, Caprice's son was very fond of

I'll look

of us are here, so it'll be fine. Let Flint drive you there. He doesn't have anything to do at home

"Alright, then."

very worried about her, so she gave in to their

saying goodbye to Caprice and Liam, she walked

car. It was a sports car that he had

texted Carla that she was on the way and to wait for her

something happen at work?" Flint asked

look before remarking

He glanced at her suspiciously.

shot a sideways glance at him.

stop probing, then he started the

was in a recently-built district located on the outskirts of Westchester which was not very

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"Isabel? It's you?" Isabella cried out in shock.

Isabel was just as taken aback.

This is the set for "The Wonder", so why was Isabella, of all people, here?

The only logical explanation was that she had been invited by the show producers.

Before everything that went down, the producers would know better than to invite Isabella out of respect for Isabel. Circumstances had changed now since most of the industry insiders now knew about Clarice's involvement. There was a chance that the producers intentionally invited Isabella to spice things up since they knew it would draw in more viewers.

Isabel's expression darkened. She was in no mood to fuss with Isabella and promptly went into the building.

Isabella was flabbergasted to see her nemesis stepping out of the limited edition car. When she saw how Isabel immediately walked away, she scoffed. She knew that Isabel was trying to avoid her, which was no surprise considering she recently got dumped, then there was the entire debacle with Clarice Houston.

"Isabel, what's the rush?"

She quickly jogged right in front of Isabel to cut off her path.

Isabel glared at her sharply. "I'm not in the mood to squabble with you. Get out of the way."

the mood? Are you sure

Huh?

Afraid of her?

changed as she regarded Isabella like one would a total buffoon.

her mind, Flint, who was just about to leave, suddenly got out of the car. He went up to his sister and put an arm around her shoulder protectively, then he looked at Isabella with a casual demeanor but with an unmistakable

taunt Isabel, held back. She subconsciously withdrew two steps back, and her eyes widened slightly.

a certain queer nature about him, but the confidence in which he carried

was the one who was driving

gleamed and she smiled stiffly. "Nothing. I just wanted to talk to her."

"Can't you tell that she doesn't

was, she tried to steer the situation.

"Isabel, I just wanted to catch up with you for a bit. I didn't mean anything else. Anyway,

she tugged her assistant and hurried past Isabel into the set.

and glanced in the direction Isabella scuttled off into. He asked warily,

He only held his tongue this entire time because she knew that Isabel had always insisted on keeping a distance between

immediately sensed his intention in wanting to do something about Isabella for her. She quickly assured Flint, "That's her,

only ignored her just now because she was simply not in the mood for

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"Yep, born from the same womb." Isabel proceeded to introduce Flint to Carla and Amanda, "This is my agent, Amanda, and this is my assistant, Carla."

Flint greeted them amicably, "Nice to meet you, Amanda and Carla."

"Nice... nice to meet you." Carla was immediately starstruck.

Amanda greeted Flint with a polite smile, "Nice to meet you."

She could not help herself from gawking at him.

Seeing that it was about time to commence their shoot for the day, Isabel promptly turned to Flint.

"Why don't you go home first?"

"Alright, I'll pick you up tomorrow at noon."

"Sure."

Flint made sure to bid farewell to Amanda and Carla before heading into his ostentatious car.

Vroom!

The engine roared and the sports car spun around the corner, vanishing out of sight in no time.

standing motionlessly and staring in the direction

had to reel them back to the

brought back to their

her cheeks still covered in red. Amanda drew to her as well and asked

casually while walking into the building, "He works on

be precise, he was a

benefit the title of a scientist. Furthermore, the title "scientist" drew more attention

scientific research at such a young age?

her reddened cheeks. "He's so handsome too. I've never seen

made a

joked, "Isabel, was it you who

wasn't me."

made from acting, she would not have been able to buy it anyway. It was an exclusive model that even the most prolific rich had

"You mean

laboratory could be that much of a lucrative career. The only way

Isabel grew alarmed.

skimp information out

were to

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Amanda sighed in frustration. "That's a pity."

She thought that if she could get Flint into the entertainment industry, it would not be difficult at all for her to help him burst into mainstream popularity.

After all, from what she had seen of Flint, he had an extremely rare combination of the perfect looks and physique to go with it. He was the definition of male eye candy.

They arrived on the set by this point of their conversation.

The director, film crew, and the other guests on the show had arrived as well.

Amanda dropped the subject and went to greet the director.

Isabel went to greet the other guest stars on the show as well.

Carla tailed after her silently.

Meanwhile, Isabella's assistant had arrived at the set as well, and she entered from the same corridor that Isabel and the others entered from.

She glanced at Isabel, then quickly walked past the other guest stars and stopped right behind Isabella.

"What did

purposefully instructed her assistant to hide at the entrance when they entered just now so that her assistant could eavesdrop on the conversation between Isabel and the handsome young man who drove here in the BJD. She figured this would be a good way to

ear, "That man back there

this, Isabella could barely stifle a mocking laugh. She heaved a

managing to land yet another powerful man, but it turned out it was just her brother who had to resort to

this was Isabel's pathetic attempt at saving face after her episode with Clarice. Perhaps she was the one who instructed her brother to borrow the sports car to drive her here to boost her image.

her anymore. Maybe we can..." Isabella's assistant

and listened

more than anyone else. She would give anything to see Isabel fall out of grace with the public.

financial benefactors, she still had her television deal to fall back on. She also

took a deep breath and stated reluctantly,

mental note of speaking to Clarice in a few days. She would borrow

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without any hiccups.

been occasions when Isabella wanted to take advantage of the chaotic sequences to shove Isabel into the swimming pool as well as

guard the entire time and managed to duck out of the way the moment she sensed Isabella launching herself at her. She made

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Before Isabel could respond, Isabella asked with a sly smirk, "That BJD sure looks nice. From who did your brother borrow it? Do you happen to know?"

As soon as she spat these words out, everyone who was gawking at the car made a face, and the envy in their eyes soon faded.

The ones who were closer friends with Isabel opted for silence while some of the others did not attempt to conceal the mocking look in their eyes.

'If you could not afford it, then so be it. Why borrow something so expensive to prove a point? How embarrassing.'

Isabel grimaced.

She figured that someone must have overheard her dialogue with Amanda and Carla yesterday after Flint left.

Isabella must be intentionally bringing this up when she knew the others were listening so that she could humiliate her.

Isabel barely acknowledged Isabella. She took her luggage and continued heading towards the car.

Flint had stepped out of the car as well and was approaching her. As soon as he revealed himself, everyone became so quiet that you could hear a pin drop.

other guest stars standing in a row opened their eyes wide, transfixed

at how handsome Flint was, they completely brushed past the fact that he had borrowed the BJD. Trying to shame him was the last

expressed without any subtlety,

just an ordinary lab researcher by the looks of it. I wonder

the guest star's expression dropped, and nobody made any further comments.

that expensive," Liz blurted out. She was one of the guest stars who was on relatively good terms with Isabel. She was a frequent guest on variety shows, and since she was not considered very popular in mainstream media, she was careful not to upset

that, she could no longer stomach Isabella's blatant attempt at undermining Isabel, which was why she blurted out her opinion.

I could just spend a bit of money and get someone to lend me

noticing Liz's scowl, Isabella smiled contentedly and strode

from the

worry about what Isabella said. She assured her that the others did not badmouth her in any way.

had already gotten into Flint's car and was

from Liz, she felt comforted and replied, "I see, thanks

made up the part about

barely paid attention to what Isabella said about her. Still, she had to admit she felt very warm and fuzzy inside that

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Isabel made a face, and her enthusiasm immediately drooped.

Southboro.

That was where she had her first adult relationship, which ended rather disastrously.

Her second partner Roland, who ended up dumping her, was now in Southboro as well.

The sheer mention of the city jogged sour memories for her.

She was silent.

Amanda noticed how she had suddenly turned quiet as well. After a momentary pause, she said in a low voice, "The jewelry exhibition is scheduled for half a month later. It's organized by one of the largest jewelry manufacturers in Southboro. They seemed very interested in having you attend and offered pretty good compensation for your time. Why don't you think about it?"

This jewelry exhibition was the first endorsement offer she had received since what had happened with Clarice.

Then again, the Southboro was the base camp of the Houstons and the Rockwells, so what was the likelihood that this organization hadn't heard about her involvement with Clarice? Why would they approach her?

She was in no mood to trouble herself over these matters right now and told Amanda, "Let me think about it."

would much rather not

she still had to consider things from Amanda's perspective, then there was also her team who had been faithfully working for her all this time.

can think about it. It's fine if you don't want to

I'll let you know after I think

"Sure."

and Isabel collapsed in her bed again.

very famous TV show was projected on the

and drinks set

living like this. She was
staring at the ceiling with blankness in her eyes, she reached for her phone and opened
of media and news. She read updates about a certain streamer whose views had recently tanked
significantly, then
her fans who were concerned about her because she had
only then did she realize that she had not posted anything at all since her break
no active brand endorsements or any other contractual obligations to speak of, she had no incentive to
make any posts at all.
out a collage of nine pictures taken a while ago
a short caption with the post: "I'm doing fine, my loves.
to leave comments because they knew that Isabel had

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A certain fan was very sharp-witted and left behind a comment: "If I'm not mistaken, hasn't the shooting for "Legend of the Goddess" wrapped around a month ago? You couldn't have been resting at home for more than a month, have you?"

Isabel tensed up.

The other fans had gone quiet as well. They were all staring at their screens waiting for her to respond to this.

The only saving grace was that they were having a digital conversation instead of face-to-face dialogue, so this gave her some time to consider her response. She typed out her response with some resemblance of guilt. "Of course not. I just happened to have time to text these past few days."

The same fan continued interrogating her, "How long are you going to be on break for?"

Isabel told the fan, "Till next week. I'll have to get back to it next week."

"Alright then, hope to see you again next week."

The other fans chimed in.

"Yeah, we haven't seen you on the big screen for a while and were wondering if something happened to you."

"It's great if you have something lined up. Make sure you leave some time aside to rest and don't overwork yourself again."

have to keep chatting with us. Save some time for yourself and your family for the next few days,
could certainly be a bunch of darlings

drawing suspicions from her fan. After some more brief exchanges with them, she retreated
crew would commence shooting for
the only offer she had of late was
Southboro, but she did
mind off things by playing with her nephew. Just as she was drawing closer
to Rockwell Corporation? Is this information accurate?" She heard Caprice
immediately made her stop at the
followed by Liam answering calmly,
take Rockwell Corporation back for himself?"
has retired, he still has a
temper got the best of her and she said snappily, "You know what? Serves him right!
gently caressing Caprice, but his face was wrought with concern. He seemed worried about Roland.
overheard their
for dumping her! He deserved to be ostracized

again, the thought of him being surrounded by enemies everywhere in Southboro, being ganged up by
his cunning relatives and grandfather, sent a bitter

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Amanda was delighted. "Great, I'll call them right now."

After a moment, she sent another text to Isabel. "What made you decide to go anyway?"

Isabel's answer was convincing. "It's the only offer we've got recently. If I turn it down, even my fans are
going to start complaining."

Amanda replied, "Heh, alright then."

Isabel smiled wryly and set aside her phone.

Her fans were a part of it, but there was another reason—she wanted to witness Roland getting booted
out of Rockwell Corporation with her own eyes!

It would be ideal if she could be there to see it the very moment it happened. She wanted to see him
scrambling out of Rockwell Corporation in a state of disgrace, and she would be the first one to run up
to him and laugh in his face!

This was the precise reason she chose to go to Southboro!

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Southboro was right along the coastline, which meant that the city was known for its wonderful weather and scenery.

During her half-year stay in Coastrock five years ago, she was always busy, and so was Decker. Therefore, she very rarely got a chance to see the city and enjoy the leisurely activities the city had to offer.

It was a four-hour flight from Westchester to Southboro.

along two days

not want to trouble the organizers and booked a suite for herself and Carla in a
up with the radiant glow of streetlights. The sand on the beach basked in the spillover orange
the beach were dressed leisurely for a relaxing walk by the beach, ready to enjoy the evening
watched

stalls lining the beach. After a while, she changed into a nice casual dress, then she
to go for a quick stroll and find something delicious to eat.

elevator brought them to the first floor.

of the elevator with her and was about to

tall and lean. His entirely cold and distant demeanor only added to his suave,

her breath without realizing it, and she ground to a halt.

up. Suddenly, she felt as if an electric shock had run through her body and sent

her. He walked straight into the elevator with two of his entourages tailing him. He cast his eyes fixedly
forward the entire time without glancing to

that he noticed her staring at him

doubt in

remembered that she had taken care to conceal her appearance before stepping out of the hotel since
she was a

a chance that Roland could have recognized

so nervous. Instead, she replaced it

past her. Right at that opportune moment, she raised her feet and jabbed