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Chapter 2201

They wound back the clock and managed to dig up plenty of older videos, some of them from when she just emerged into the scene.

There were compilations of her most iconic scenes as well as many lighthearted, comedic moments.

Just like that, she gained yet another large batch of new fans.

However, she had not been paying attention to these ongoings since she was mostly spending her time these three days with Sylvia and Odell in Coastrock.

After three days had passed, the internet was more or less cleansed of any negative news about her, and the situation had largely been sorted out. It was only after Odell, Sylvia, and Liam had left Southboro when she was finally caught up to the latest developments online.

Most of the netizens who had been badmouthing her scrambled back to her and apologized to her in her private messages and her comment sections.

Isabel wore a wide grin on her face while skimming through the messages.

"What are you looking at?" Roland, who was sitting next to her, noticed that she had been smirking for a while now. This stirred his curiosity so he drew closer to steal a look for himself.

Isabel motioned at the screen. "I'm looking at the comments, they're all apologizing to me now."

Roland made a face. "Yeah."

her phone. It was

curiously,

moment. "I'm thinking that I should go

worriedly, "The hospital? Why, are

old man is sick, he says he wants to

Before he passed?

enough to be

and jumping around back when they were still plotting against

last moments. His title as his grandfather still

Upon recalling the complicated history between the two, she felt like she had to point it out. "He's

his

if he did, it's more to protect his son than

in

That was true.

previously been bribed to defame her were now facing lawsuit after lawsuit. These companies had been pleading desperately and proposing to pay her in settlement over the damage done to her reputation, but her parents and brother did

it all so there was no way

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Master Rockwell must have heard their shifting movements and opened his eyes.

When he recognized the faces of Roland and Isabel, there was a brief glow in his murky eyes. He motioned to the nurse to have her help him sit up from the bed.

After he managed to position himself seated up against the head of the bed, he asked the nurse to leave.

Then he cast a loving, tender smile on Roland and Isabel. "Roland, Isabel, please have a seat."

Roland said disinterestedly, "We have things to get to, just hurry up and tell us what you have to say."

Isabel stayed silent.

A look flashed in Master Rockwell's eyes. Then, he turned to Isabel and expressed regretfully, "Isabel, I'm a foolish old man, it was me who told Decker to leak pictures of you two. He had no choice because I forced him to do so. If you have to blame someone, blame me!"

Isabel frowned.

She was somewhat impressed by how smoothly the old man switched his mask from one to another. From a forlorn and sad state to a show of regret and dejection, she reckoned he must have been an actor in another life.

aback and pointed out. "If he was truly against it, he wouldn't

then he explained unconvincingly, "You must've had the wrong impression of him. I'm his father. The boy has always listened

far as I can remember,

and stated, "Your father was my eldest son, of course,

pity that he had someone like you for a father.

instantly, the temperature in the room shifted drastically. It was as if the seasons transitioned from fall to winter in a heartbeat.

surprised by

and he

to the vivid and intense look in his eyes. "Even the devil wouldn't do something like that.

an accident. I'm his father, why would I ever kill him!" Master Rockwell sat up

she

explained why Roland was never close to his grandfather. It

have sensed Isabel's discomfort. He suddenly turned to her with a softened expression and gently told her, "Isabel, could you wait outside? I'll be with

her lips.

and walked

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"I never meant to kill him! Roland, you have to believe me. Why would I still try to deceive you when I'm in this state?"

"In that case, you can go ahead and explain things to him in the afterlife."

Master Rockwell was taken aback by this, his demeanor tightened. "You...you..."

Roland looked at him calmly. "Don't worry, I won't hurt you. It was Grandma and my parents who raised me. They instilled morals and virtue into me and made sure I'd grow into a decent man."

Master Rockwell was briefly relieved to hear this, but before he could rid himself of his trepidation, Roland continued in a dark voice, "But I won't forget about you and Decker bribing all those media outlets to defame Isabel. I know you manipulated the stock prices to try to kick me out of the corporation. I'll make sure to settle our score through the legal system."

If convicted guilty, they would have to rot in prison.

"Roland... listen to me, Roland. Decker is your uncle. If you want revenge, you can come at me, can you leave him out of this?"

"Has that thought ever crossed your mind when you did what you did to my father?!"

After his tremendous roar came utter silence. Master Rockwell was frightened and froze like a statue.

"I'm never going to let

...

Isabel stepped out of the ward for a while, Decker showed

had stains on them, a completely different presentation from his usual clean and dignified self. He must

aback by the disheveled state he was in. She carefully inched toward the bodyguard that came

bodyguard also assumed a defensive stance, carefully eyeing the approaching Decker the entire

cautioned look on Isabel's face, he made a face and said, "Don't worry, I won't do
can't even if you want to anyway." Isabel
only chuckled. "You're right."
did not take his
you mind if I asked you a
his face as his usual devilish charm with the cunning hidden underneath
to him, so she shot him down crossly. "I don't
Did you not think that I was not trustworthy and was cautious of me trying to take advantage of your
family's

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"How did you and Roland meet?" Decker suddenly asked.

Isabel turned away, fully intent on ignoring him.

"Did you meet each other at Carter Corporation? Or did you meet him outside of work and gradually fell
in love with him, then you decided to set him up with a position at Carter Corporation?"

What did he mean by that? Was he insinuating that Roland was relying on her to snake his way into
Carter Corporation?

She threw a sideways, belittling look at him. "Do you think Roland is anything like you? He wouldn't
latch on another woman to further his goals."

Decker was not upset by this as he continued with a smug smile. "Oh? Then how did he get into Carter
Corporation?"

"He proved his worth." Isabel realized that she had been roped in by Decker again. Nevertheless, she
continued, "He passed the interviews himself. I was one of the interviewers and initially planned to
dismiss him, but he managed to leave a very good impression on my father and the rest was history."

"Then how did you get together? Was he the one pursuing a relationship with you or was it the other
way around?"

Isabel chuckled. "I'll have to thank you for that."

Decker was taken aback. "For what?"

She prompted. "Remember last year's 'Legend of Goddess' party?"

Decker frowned. "That night?"

right, I pretty much threw myself at him that night and he's been obsessed with

Decker spiking her drink with whatever he put in at the time.

made a face as he observed Isabel's haughty expression in silence. After a while, he laughed mockingly. "He

would have gone up to him and punched him in the face. She decided against it because she me?" She sneered. "Or do

and the most intelligent

but she was also feisty, charming,

think about complimenting me to get my

the look in her eyes sharpened. "Get ready

were also

an instant. He looked at her

spoke up, "I've wronged you, that's on me. Still, I'm very happy to have been with you at one

felt goosebumps run through

what a

man with everything taken away from me. Before that, could you give me a hug, considering that we at least still have a bit of affection for each other from the past?"

gentle and

had never gained any worldly

was no longer

shot a look at him. "If you take a step closer, I'll have Brandon beat you until you're

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Decker looked nothing like his usual self. The pompous, arrogant man who held himself far above others and who expected everyone around him to kiss up to him because he was superior to them all.

It was as if he had been plunged not only to Earth but a pile of swamp. He had completely lost his usual grace.

Isabel said crossly, "Decker, have you gone mental? Is everything going on too much for you?"

"Yeah, could you help me?" he said with a coy smile, "Just one hug should be enough to take care of it all."

Isabel rolled her eyes.

Without warning, he suddenly braced himself and lunged right at Isabel, stepping past Brandon who was caught off guard by this sudden attack.

Isabel barely had time to react.

Just when it seemed like his hand was about to graze Isabel, a long pair of arms seized Isabel from behind and jerked her backward.

It was swiftly followed by a long, muscular leg shooting outward right next to Isabel.

Thump!

Decker was kicked to the ground.

Isabel was still processing what was happening. She was dazed as she turned around to look behind her.

glaring viciously at Decker who was

promptly softened

right?" he

off. "I'm fine, are you done

"Yeah."

sat up

at him warily.

in his arms, his eyes shielded

clutched one side of his abdomen. It seemed like it was quite a devastating blow evident by the grimace he wore on his face.

made a face as he glared at Roland. "You sure went

it again if you want to. Do

in jail too if you

trying to rile Roland up

what the man

took Roland's arm and tried to defuse the situation. "He's

his lips, the aggression in his eyes dissipated slightly.

to address Decker. "Instead of making things worse for yourself here, why don't you go inside and be with

by this. "What's wrong

he's out

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Isabel held onto Roland's hand firmly during the entire drive home after leaving the hospital.

It was because Roland's hands were cold and rigid.

Isabel sat with him and tirelessly rubbed his hand to keep them warm. After one hand was warm, she would shift her attention to the other.

By the time she managed to warm the other hand, the original hand would turn cold again.

She decided it was easier to take both of his hands and caress them with the warmth of her palms.

Roland looked at her with a gentle glow deep within his eyes.

"Thank you, Isabel," he said softly.

Thank you for loving him, and for sticking by his side all this time despite circumstances.

Isabel smiled. "I'm just warming your hands, it's no big deal. Still, you're welcome."

Roland smiled faintly and left it at that.

Soon, his hands began to warm up off of the heat of Isabel's palms.

When Isabel felt that his hands were no longer freezing, she prepared to pull her hand away. That was when he suddenly seized her hand.

think I'm just naturally unlikeable like my father?" he

mean by

that's not what I

could not figure out what was on

so handsome, and you're also a competent and loyal man. I don't think there are too many

seemed to sparkle when he heard

on Isabel as if expecting her to continue to list his

his defined jaw. "And I know that it's not just me. Your mother and everyone in my family is very fond of you and as you know, my family has extremely high standards. If you ask me, the only people who don't like you are the ones who are jealous of you or have poor taste in people."

felt giddy and flashed that faint yet beautiful smile of his.

husband has passed for so long, she never bothered to find some other men, which goes to show how much she's in love with your

was only unlucky to have someone as ruthless and cruel as

both of his cheeks and tugged at them teasingly, then she spoke in a faintly serious

smiled. "Got it."

kissed him gently on

waist just as she was about

...

returning to their home, Roland immediately carried

next morning, Roland went

suddenly became

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They ended the call shortly after that.

Isabel glanced at Martha and was hesitating if she should break the news right away.

Martha seemed to have sensed her staring and suddenly turned to her with a flash of concern. "Isabel, what's wrong?"

Isabel took a deep breath and broke the news. "Auntie, Master Rockwell just passed away."

Martha's eyes widened. After a lengthy silence that lasted more than ten seconds, she started to break out in tears.

She covered her face with her hands and expressed amid bouts of tears mixed with laughter, "Wonderful! About time! I hope he enjoys life in the underworld. God knows that someone like him will never deserve a spot in heaven!"

Isabel did not know whether she should celebrate with Martha or console her.

Soon, Martha began to collect herself.

She briefly wiped away her tears and joyfully took Isabel's hand. "Isabel, let's go shopping! I'm in such a good mood today, I'm going to go on a shopping spree!"

"Okay. But Roland will be home and I told him that we're eating barbecue and having some beer to drink tonight. How about we go shopping together after dinner?"

"Alright, whatever you say, let's go shopping after dinner!"

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Roland returned

This was because they all had far too much to drink during their barbecue session, especially Martha who drank so much that she could barely support herself on

to her room, she was endlessly mumbling

the bed with Roland and watched over her.

of hot

walked down the corridor and

her into the room and looked at her with longing eyes.

not have the heart to refuse him, especially since

finger and smiled flirtatiously. "I suppose

pushing her

...

the middle of the night, after they had time to catch

her eyes shut, she was

tapped

she asked

her forehead again and said softly, "Isabel, there's

"What is it?"

there's an agreement I

left to

Chapter 2208

Decker was smiling quite earnestly at Isabel.

Isabel threw a deeply suspicious look at him, then she glanced at the stack of documents laid out on top of the table in front of her.

"Transfer of Shares."

She was dumbfounded.

"I've gone through the contract, it's safe to sign so go ahead." Roland picked up a pen and handed it to her.

"Roland, I..."

"Sign it first, I'll explain when we get home."

Isabel frowned and tried to protest. "I—"

"Don't make me have to beg."

Isabel did not know how to respond.

Fine.

briefly scanned through the

transfer the remaining forty percent of

shareholders of Rockwell Corporation about this as well. They all regarded
flipped through the final page of the document. She signed her name on one
three copies
the
table the entire time and swiftly provided his signature on all
put down his pen and looked at Isabel with
and sincere. There even seemed to be a hint of relief from the way he carried himself.
him, then looked away.
I have a few words with Isabel alone?" he
came in the form
eyes oozing with sentimentality and tenderness. "Isabel, could
Isabel grunted.
turned to Roland.
frown and a disapproving look
Alright then.
crossed her arms across her chest and turned to Decker. "Just
dryly. "It's nothing much, I just wanted to wish you

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He remembered his first meeting with Isabel. She was sitting all by herself on the floor, in the middle of nowhere. Her vulnerable expression only made her more endearing. So, he managed to get her to go to his place and installed her in his home.

He fell for her and paid careful attention to all her needs. It did not take long before Isabel caught feelings for him as well. The two of them got together in no time.

Their days were plain and ordinary, but also very fulfilling, that was until he met Clarice.

With the help of his father, his power struggle with Roland had reached a tipping point. It was at that opportune moment when Clarice's father saw something in Roland and planned to wed his daughter Clarice to him to join up their families, which was a cause for alarm for Decker. He stressed over it for an entire night before approaching Clarice himself the very next day.

Clarice quickly caught feelings for him as well. Furthermore, Roland had been foolish enough to reject the Houston's proposal, which made it easy for Decker to swoop in and take her hand.

The only hiccup in his plans was Isabel's sudden intrusion during the day of the engagement ceremony. When she caused a scene and got herself thrown out, Decker had to admit that it made his heart ache, but he still toughed through it and resisted the urge to help her then. It was only after the ceremony had come to a close and all the guests had dispersed that he found the time to head home.

He wanted to impose his authority on her so she would not rebel against him again in the future. Without sparing the time to clarify the situation, he struck her across the face to establish his position of power. He thought this would make her more cautious going forward.

His plans ended up backfiring on him. The next time he went home, she was already gone.

There was no trace of her in all of Southboro...

He initially assumed that Isabel was just lashing out and would return eventually. To his surprise, Isabel had completely abandoned her last trace of affection for him that very fateful night.

Naturally, he had never expected that she had been the daughter of the richest family in the region back then. If he knew, he never would have chosen Clarice over her.

greed and foolishness that caused everything to happen.

he was brought into Rockwell Corporation, he was just a b*stard child who

a new beginning to life as

solemn sigh, he stood up and walked out of the conference room.

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not going to

Roland. She asked while still in

in jail since he's going to be out in three years at most. We might as well get something substantial

when she thought

more shares in Rockwell Corporation, he no longer had any foothold and was essentially done.

we'd never see him in Southboro

was taken aback

with a warm, proud smile underneath

his cheeks. "I didn't expect

was cautious and calculating.

no cause for him to be concerned, however. Isabel had not been in contact with Decker in the five years since their break

he put his

in his arms, he propped his chin on her shoulder and said in a low voice, "Isabel, I want

up and asked smilingly, "Are you proposing

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She was her usual self in every aspect. She put her heart into her job and never started trouble so long as nobody tried to start trouble with her.

The crew cycled through their locations during their shoot. The constant travel made her skin break out slightly, but there were no other concerns otherwise. The shoot progressed very smoothly and within three months, they managed to wrap up everything at the mountainous region previously mentioned.

It was nearly evening when they wrapped up the shoot.

Holding a bouquet in hand, she took a group picture with the crew and celebrated with everyone. After that, she planned to hitch a ride with another crew member and leave for home.

To their demise, some men in uniform who claimed to be the road maintenance technicians showed up to break the bad news to them. They mentioned that they had to repair some of the roads urgently and so the way home was temporarily obstructed.

The director took his phone and called the city hotline for verification.

After a brief conversation on the phone with the relevant department, he turned to everyone and announced, "They're telling me there's a minor obstacle blocking the road but it's not a big problem. It should be taken care of within half an hour. Why doesn't everyone get some rest for now?"

As he said this, he threw a glance at Isabel.

Isabel did not notice this as she was already leading Carla away to sit down somewhere.

She was getting a little peckish and took a piece of bread from Carla's bag.

It was getting dark by this point. She had barely nibbled off a bite from the bread when a shadow cast over the entire mountain region. Soon, even gusts of chilly wind began sweeping down on them. It was rather eerie.

shield themselves from

was ominously

little bit of nerve set in, the foot of the mountain was

sudden brightness stung her eyes.

open her eyes again, she heard awed cries everywhere around her.

just as amused by what she was

tiny bulbs of lights wrapped around them and were all flickering with beautiful

not so bright as to the point of giving the impression of a miniature sun, but it was certainly still very

It was beautiful!

nor was

the direction where she heard the strum of the piano

white shirt was seated in front of

of the actresses cried out.

had to do a double take at the sight of the handsome

none other than

Gusts of wind poured at him following

point, he looked up for the piano and instantly directed his gaze at

He smiled charmingly.