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Realizing the difficulty of finding a donor, she anxiously inquired, "Have they found one yet? How long will it take?"

"James and Joseph are actively searching for a donor, so hopefully, they'll locate one soon."

Seeing Fanny's hesitant look and uncertain tone, Scarlet became more convinced that finding a donor wouldn't be easy.

However, Fanny seemed to notice her anxiety and awkwardly changed the subject. "Mom, if you wish to return to Riverdon, go ahead, but my current state won't allow her to accompany you."

"Let me consider it."

Fanny nodded obediently, sitting by her side.

Scarlet deliberated for a while before ultimately setting aside thoughts of returning to Riverdon. She raised her head decisively and reassured Fanny. "Fanny, I won't be going back to Riverdon for now. Don't worry, I will stay with you."

"Really, Mom?" Fanny beamed, her eyes sparkling.

Scarlet quickly affirmed. "Of course, Fanny. With such an important matter at hand, how could I leave?"

Fanny finally breathed a sigh of relief.

Afraid that Scarlet might regret her decision, she casually added, "Mom, don't worry too much. Jonathan said that Dad is also helping to find a kidney donor, so we'll definitely find one soon."

"He's helping you find one too?" Scarlet suddenly asked in a low voice.

Confused, Fanny timidly nodded.

Scarlet clapped her hands and scolded, "At least he has a little conscience and knows what's right."

Deep down, she thought that as long as George didn't cause trouble, she wouldn't take action against him

for now.

Now that she was in Northland and George was in Riverdon, even if she wanted to go back, she had to make sure that both she and Fanny's illnesses were treated before returning.

Fanny finally felt at ease, and they chatted for a while before Scarlet fell asleep.

Seeing her asleep, Fanny left the ward and saw Joseph waiting outside.

“How is Mom doing? Is she still insisting on going back to Riverdon?” Joseph asked.

Upon hearing Joseph’s question, Fanny felt a bit uncomfortable deep down.

But thinking that Joseph was ultimately worried about not finding a kidney donor, she let go of her discomfort, put on a smile, and said, “Mom has already fallen asleep. She said she would stay with me to get better first, and she will consider going back to Riverdon.”

Joseph finally let go of his worries. “Don’t worry about it, Fanny. As long as you get better.”

Fanny was moved to tears. Joseph, you’re so kind.”

After exchanging a few words, Joseph had to go back to work, and Fanny went home.

From the moment she fainted upon learning she needed a kidney transplant to now, waking up and using this situation to persuade Scarlet, her emotions had calmed down a lot.

Meanwhile, over the past few days, Christopher’s face and body injuries had also healed significantly, with no visible signs of any problems.

Feeling better, he brought up the idea of going to the hospital to see Scarlet with Fanny.

Fanny had no reason to refuse.

She took Christopher to the hospital. In the past few days, she had temporarily stabilized Scarlet with her illness, causing Scarlet to hold back his hatred towards George.

Scarlet did not rush back to Riverdon but stayed in Northland to recuperate.

The whole family was working hard to find a kidney donor for Fanny. Although she was not living in the hospital, she was undergoing daily check-ups.

After learning that Fanny already knew about his illness, Christopher became even more caring towards her. However, there was still no news about a kidney donor, and everyone, although not saying it out loud, seemed very anxious.

At the hospital, Scarlet saw Christopher and Fanny walking together again, but he didn't say anything.

Over the past few days, Scarlet had been following the doctor's orders for rehabilitation, and his body had improved significantly. It was likely that he would fully recover soon.

Back in Riverdon, George was extremely anxious upon hearing that Scarlet had woken up,

Later, he learned from Joseph that Scarlet had breathed a sigh of relief after stabilizing Fanny's condition a bit.

He definitely did not want to go to jail.

However, he was also worried that if Fanny's illness was cured, Scarlet might turn around and continue to try to send him to prison.

The more he thought about it, the more anxious George became.

No. I had to confirm this myself, to see for myself what Scarlet's attitude was.

After informing James, he quickly got off for Northland.

Upon arriving in Northland, George headed straight for Scarlet's hospital room.

"You're awake." George made a mournful expression, but everything seemed fine. As soon as Scarlet saw George, her expression turned gloomy. "Who let you

in?"

Seeing Scarlet's attitude, George held back his temper and said, "I'm just worried about you, so I came to

"Worried about me? Worried if I'm dead or alive?"

Scarlet's chest heaved violently as if all his anger was gathering there, ready to erupt at any moment.

George had a bad temper to begin with, and seeing Scarlet's fierce appearance, he couldn't hold back either, and angrily scolded, "I came all this way to see you. Don't disrespect me!"

Upon hearing George's raised voice, Scarlet initially froze, then broke down in tears.

As she wept, George did not hold back, continuing to criticize her.

Before long, the commotion caught the attention of hospital staff, among them Joseph, who had been preoccupied and bewildered.

Chapter 392 Forced For A Chat

How could it be that the moment Joseph arrived, he heard George's harsh scolding without any courtesy?

"Dad!" He quickly interjected, cutting off George's angry outburst.

It was only then that George noticed the wide—open hospital room door, with quite a few people outside making a commotion.

His expression immediately darkened.

“What are you staring at?” George brusquely dismissed the onlookers with his fierce and menacing demeanor.

The crowd dispersed, leaving only Joseph behind.

Joseph hurriedly closed the door and didn’t say much to him. Instead, he quickly approached to check on Scarlet’s condition.

Scarlet Square was quietly weeping, but her gaze toward George was filled with resentment.

“Mom, are you alright?” Joseph inquired with concern.

Before Scarlet could reply, George cut in. “What could possibly be wrong with her? She was just vehemently cursing at me a moment ago!”

“George, can’t I curse you for the despicable things you’ve done?” Scarlet confronted him after everyone else had left.

Her tears hadn’t dried yet as she pointed accusingly at him, her face flushed with anger.

George couldn’t let her insult him without fighting back, so he began cursing at her.

Despite standing several steps apart, they seemed like enemies meeting on a battlefield.

Upon seeing the heated exchange between the two, Joseph felt overwhelmed.

“Mom! Dad! Please stop arguing!” He attempted to interject.

But his voice was drowned out by theirs and went completely ignored. So, he resorted to drastic measures by covering George’s mouth.

“Mmmph- George suddenly found his mouth covered by Joseph’s hand. He glared at him and angrily pushed his hand away. “Why are you covering my mouth?”

“Dad, just calm down first.”

Scarlet sighed deeply, her eyes filled with resentment. Trying to calm him down? He’d rather push me again, wishing I wouldn’t wake up!”

“What are you saying. Scarlet? It’s you who wanted to push me, wishing I wouldn’t wake up, isn’t it? If it weren’t for Fanny needing treatment, you, you...”

Upon seeing George struggling to catch his breath, Joseph quickly patted him and attempted to calm him down. “Dad, please, let’s not say anything right now...”

While watching George’s effort to regain composure, Joseph also turned to Scarlet and said, “Mom, please, don’t say anything either. You need to rest.”

He was genuinely afraid that the two would continue exposing each other’s secrets.

Thankfully, although they didn’t grant each other any courtesy, they still valued what Joseph had to say and remained silent.

Worried that the argument might escalate, Joseph comforted Scarlet briefly before leading George, whose expression remained grim, out of the ward.

“Dad, why did you come to Northland? You didn’t even tell me beforehand.”

George looked at him irritably as he was pulled out of the ward and asked, confused. "Didn't your James inform you?"

Before departing Riverdon, he specifically informed James about his trip to the capital, so the latter should have relayed the message to Joseph.

Joseph smacked his forehead, finally recalling that James had indeed called him and mentioned something about George. But he'd been swamped with work and hadn't paid much heed. It hadn't even crossed his mind that George would show up in the capital so soon.

"It completely slipped my mind," Joseph admitted, then inquired, "Dad, did you really come all this way just to butt heads with Mom? She just woke up, her health hasn't fully recovered, and she can't handle any

stress.

Since Scarlet woke up, they all knew George was the culprit behind the shove that injured her. They couldn't help but feel some resentment toward him. Even though they held Scarlet back from confronting George right away, they all knew it was his fault.

"Is that how you see me?" George asked, displeased. "I just came to see if she's actually calmed down. Why are you so jittery?"

"Mom already said she wouldn't come looking for you until Fanny's ailment is cured. You shouldn't have made the trip to Northland," Joseph responded.

George's arrival in Northland only served to further aggravate Scarlet.

Without waiting for George's response. Joseph declared. "I've got your return ticket covered. I'll send you

back.

But George promptly declined. "I've got other things to take care of. I don't need you looking out for me." His primary motive for coming to Northland was to ascertain whether Scarlet truly had no intention of identifying him, but there were also other loose ends he needed to tie up while he was there.

Joseph didn't want George causing trouble in Northland, but he was too preoccupied to keep tabs on him, so he reluctantly let him go about his business.

"You can stay in Northland, Dad, but please refrain from upsetting Mom any further. They had finally

managed to stabilize Scarlet amidst Fanny's illness, and he didn't want any

setbacks.

George shot him a glare. "You think I actually want to see her?"

If he hadn't been concerned about whether Scarlet truly intended to let go of the incident where he had pushed her, he wouldn't have bothered making a trip to the hospital.

Having heard George's response, Joseph decided not to press him further and returned to

own affairs.

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As soon as George left the hospital, he attempted to reach Dylan, only to discover that his phone was

was

He found out in Riverdon that Dylan and Fanny had offended the Collier Family, and he knew it was mostly Dylan's doing.

Unable to reach Dylan, he decided to go find Fanny.

On the other hand, after spending a cozy day with Jonathan, Angela persuaded him to go to the company.

However, soon after he departed, she stepped out for some shopping, only to bump into an unexpected figure.

"Miss Angela

The person looked her up and down, with unfriendly eyes.

"Miss Shelton?" Angela had crossed paths with Florence only once, but she left a lasting impression, especially with her reminiscent gaze toward Jonathan, akin to Cassandra's. Angela couldn't shake the

feeling that Florence harbored similar intentions toward Jonathan.

Florence flashed a faint smile, though her eyes/remained icy. "I didn't expect you to remember me. Mr. Lawson mention me to you?"

Angela frowned. "No."

Did

If she hadn't taken the initiative to ask, how could Jonathan have mentioned Florence? Plus, Florence's brother's funeral had taken place just two days prior. If she hadn't confronted her out of the blue, Angela might have forgotten about her altogether.

“He didn’t mention me? It’s okay if he didn’t. I would like to get to know you. Would you be willing to chat with me?” Florence continued, furrowing her brow.

Angela glanced at her and responded distantly. “It’s not convenient right now. I have things to do.”

“It won’t take up much of your time, Miss Angela.” Florence’s displeasure was evident on her face, and without waiting for Angela to respond, she clapped her hands twice and walked toward the car.

Angela suddenly had a bad feeling as she saw two bodyguards coming down from the car Florence was heading to.

The bodyguards didn’t do anything immediately, but just politely gestured toward Angela. “Please.”

Angela frowned deeply but still followed trailed behind Florence.

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The other party came prepared, but it seemed like they didn’t have any malicious intentions. She could meet with them if needed.

However, if possible, she hoped Oliver would notice that she was being stopped.

She didn’t forget to bring Oliver when she went out shopping, but she didn’t expect that she would be stopped just as she asked Oliver to get something.

Although Florence didn’t openly tie her up, if she refused, they might resort to force.

She promised Jonathan that she would always protect herself. At times like this, she knew temporarily complying with Florence was the right thing to do.

Once in the car, Angela wore a blank expression and had no intention of speaking.

The other party wanted to chat with her, but she had no interest in chatting.

Chapter 393 Mere Annoyance

Florence stared at Angela for a moment and then remarked, "Miss Angela, you are truly not easily frightened."

Angela looked at her quizzically, and Florence added, "Your complexion seems a bit pale."

"Miss Shelton, where are you taking me?" Angela inquired without acknowledging the sarcasm.

Before Florence could respond, their car abruptly braked, and the driver announced, "Miss, someone is blocking the road."

"Who is it?"

Angela peered outside and recognized Oliver. She instantly felt relieved.

Oliver must have noticed her absence as soon as he retrieved the item and promptly followed her.

"Is he your companion?" Florence inquired.

Angela opened the car door without hesitation. "Miss Florence, let's continue this conversation another time. Jonathan will be here soon."

She purposely mentioned Jonathan to observe Florence's reaction. She saw that the latter furrowed her brow momentarily.

The car door swung open at her touch, and surprisingly, Florence seemed hesitant about something, yet no one stopped her.

It wasn't until she got out of the car that she breathed a sigh of relief. Oliver hurried over with concern etched on his face. "Mrs. Lawson, are you alright?"

Oliver was trembling with fear at the thought of almost losing Angela.

"I'm fine." She shook her head, glanced at Florence, then shut the car door. "Let's head back."

Florence looked strangely at the closed car door and stayed silent for a while.

"Miss, do you want us to bring her back?" the bodyguard in the front seat asked.

Florence chuckled. "Forget it. We'll chat with her another day."

She found Angela quite intriguing, but her heart was set on Jonathan. She was confident she could make Angela give up on her own.

"Miss, we could just snatch h

and for her to divorce that guy surnamed Lawson." The bodyguard sitting in the passenger seat knew that she had come to Angela for Jonathan's sake, so he came up with an idea.

"Forget it!" Florence snapped.

Her men had beaten up Jonathan's brother before, and now her men who only knew violence encouraged her to kidnap his wife. She wasn't planning on leaving a good impression on Jonathan at all!

But, she didn't really like Angela being Jonathan's wife either.

If it weren't for wanting to leave a good impression on Jonathan, she wouldn't have been so polite to Angela.

The bodyguard was scolded by her and didn't dare to come up with any more ideas.

Florence leaned back in her seat and said, "To Jonathan's company."

Even though she was probably going to be turned away again, she just couldn't resist going to see Jonathan.

The car sped off, while Angela also dialed Jonathan's number.

She knew that even if she didn't say anything, Oliver would inform Jonathan about the incident where she was almost taken away, so she simply mentioned encountering Florence briefly.

To prevent Jonathan from worrying excessively, she omitted the possibility of Florence seeking another conversation with her.

Following the brief interaction with Florence, she found her less intimidating than anticipated.

Jonathan had briefed her on the general situation of the Shelton Family, prompting her to steer clear of individuals like Florence as much as possible.

Angela did not chat with Jonathan for long before ending the call.

Unexpectedly, Jonathan hurried home shortly after out of concern for her. Consequently, when Florence arrived at Jonathan's company, she narrowly missed him.

Facing the receptionist's smiling face saying "Mr. Lawson just left," Florence turned away impatiently.

Once she left, the receptionist breathed a sigh of relief and filed an internal report.

Florence had previously clashed with the company's security team, and they all recognized her, so they were on high alert when they spotted her.

Meanwhile, Fanny, who had finally calmed down after two days, was taken aback when she learned that George was coming to Northland.

She mulled over his actions and felt a wave of uncertainty wash over her. It was tough for her to come to terms with the fact that he was the one who pushed Scarlet.

So, she refrained from reaching out to George herself.

Unexpectedly, he reached out to her directly, but it was just to inquire about Dylan's situation.

When George brought up Dylan, memories of the latter's past mistreatment flooded back into Fanny's mind. Despite her discomfort, she decided to disclose what had happened with Dylan to George.

After listening, George didn't offer much in response before departing.

Unable to reach Dylan himself, he had come to Fanny seeking information.

Once he had a clearer picture of the situation, he could make his way to the Lime Family..

Even after George left, Fanny's thoughts remained unsettled. She contemplated seeking out Christopher but her plans were interrupted when she unexpectedly encountered Angela.

Instinctively, she hid away and observed with irritation as a cheerful Angela walked away with her companions.

At that moment, Angela was out shopping with Yoanna, and following recent events, Oliver had grown even closer to Angela than before.

“Why are you so tense, Oliver?” Yoanna teased as she noticed their shopping trip had turned into a trio.

Yoanna, who had been recovering in the hospital, immediately made plans to hang out with Angela upon her discharge. Angela agreed to accompany her during her training break.

Oliver responded seriously. I’m not tense.”

Observing his demeanor. Yoanna refrained from further teasing.

Shortly after, Yoanna, seemingly influenced by Oliver’s nervousness, glanced around inexplicably and, murmured, “Why do I feel like someone is watching us?”

Angela also scanned the surroundings but did not spot anyone familiar. “I don’t think so.”

Ignoring the strange feeling, Yoanna took Angela to eat, but as soon as they entered the restaurant and ordered, two people approached.

The two were dressed as bodyguards and completely ignored Yoanna as they headed straight for Angela. “Miss Angela, our Miss would like to have a word with you.”

Oliver was also there, and upon seeing someone approaching, he stood directly beside Angela with a protective stance.

He knew that Florence from before hadn’t given up yet.

Curious, Angela inquired, “Who is your miss?” She suspected the individuals were associated with Florence.

One of the bodyguards responded, “You’ll find out when you arrive, Miss Angela. Our Miss has reserved a private room.”

Unwilling to comply, Angela declined and stated she was dining with a friend.

The bodyguards, unwilling to disclose their miss' identity, left to report back.

After their departure, Angela decided to leave and informed the front desk that they were canceling their

order.

"Why are you leaving, Angela?" Yoanna asked as they got into the car. She sensed that something was amiss.

Angela shared her suspicions.

"Staying there might lead to trouble. Let's eat somewhere else"

The behavior of the other party confirmed to her that it was indeed Florence. Despite the different bodyguards, she was certain of the connection.

She wasn't afraid of Florence. She simply found her irritating, and she was frustrated by the latter's insistence on discussing this issue with her.

Upon hearing this. Yoanna chose not to pursue the topic further.

Chapter 394 Please Ask Angela To Treat Him

The two of them discreetly stayed behind and found another place to eat, and Florence refrained from disturbing Angela again.

Just as Angels

Florence

had just parted ways with Yoanna and hadn't returned home yet, she received a call from

Before answering the call, she was unaware that it was Florence on the other end.

"Miss Angela, you're quite hard to please."

Upon realizing it was Florence on the other end, Angela instinctively furrowed her brows.

By saying this, Florence was indirectly acknowledging that the people who had intercepted Angela earlier were indeed her own.

"My friend was present earlier, so it wasn't convenient to discuss matters with you. Angela sat in the back seat of the car and reluctantly provided a reason for Florence's sigh.

you!

Florence didn't dwell on this point any further, but instead said, "When will free? Let me know when you're available so we can find a place to chat

Angela inquired, "Are you really that free?"

Florence chuckled and simply replied. "I'm indeed not as busy as you, so remember to inform me when you're free."

As soon as Florence's voice faded. Angela heard the busy signal.

When Angela returned home, she told Jonathan she had encountered one of Florence's people, but she avoided confronting her.

It seemed Florence had ulterior motives toward Jonathan, and Angela didn't hide it from him.

Jonathan immediately arranged for more bodyguards for Angela after understanding her implication, but except for Oliver, the others wouldn't stick close by.

Knowing Jonathan was worried about her, she complied with his arrangements.

"Make sure you watch out for yourself too." She couldn't help but remind him when she thought of Mo Florence's true intentions.

Meeting Angela's gaze, Jonathan asked teasingly, "Are you worried about me?"

She blushed and smiled shyly. "No way."

She didn't expect him to joke with her, but considering Florence's influential background and arrogant demeanor, she couldn't suppress her worry.

Jonathan saw through her sarcasm. He smirked, pulled her into a hug, and effortlessly carried her toward the bedroom. "Really?" he teased.

Angela suddenly panicked and instinctively wrapped her arms around his neck.

Nestled against Jonathan's sturdy chest, she couldn't help but whisper, "Just make sure you take care."

He responded with a passionate kiss.

Meanwhile, Florence found herself swamped with tasks and couldn't spare a thought for Angela. Although she couldn't focus on the latter, she kept an eye on Jonathan's and Angela's movements.

The Kins family members were equally concerned about the couple's movements. However, they could only discuss them privately at most, as they had no extra energy to spare for monitoring them closely.

Especially after George got into trouble and Joseph, who had been focusing on the hospital, had to deal with the aftermath for him.

When Joseph hurried to the police station, the sun beat down relentlessly. His irritation flared upon seeing George in custody. "Dad? What happened? Who did you get into a fight with?"

The police simply stated that George had assaulted someone, who then reported him.

Joseph asked about bail as soon as he entered the police station and felt relieved when he found out it was possible. He still remembered the last time Fanny was held and the police said she couldn't be bailed out. "Do I need to report to you every time I hit someone?" George's words nearly gave Joseph a heart attack.

He rolled his eyes impatiently and asked, "Do you still want to be bailed out?"

He knew George's temper would cause trouble, especially after the incident with Linda in Riverdon. However, he didn't expect him to have such an attitude now that he had been arrested.

Thinking of the old George and looking at the current disheveled George in front of him, he couldn't hide his disgust.

George angrily said, "Are you threatening your own father?"

His outburst not only made Joseph's face grim but even caught the attention of one of the nearby police officers who shouted, "What are you yelling about?"

As soon as the police officer spoke, George deflated.

He shifted his posture against the iron railing and urged Joseph, "Just bail me out already!"

"First, tell me who you hit," Joseph tried to maintain a calm demeanor and spoke calmly.

"Dylan Leigh, George spat out the name with anger. Remembering Joseph's concern, he clenched his fists and added, "He harmed Fanny. What's wrong with me giving him a taste of his own medicine?"

Joseph glanced deeply at him. He sensed that George's confrontation with Dylan was probably not about Fanny.

However, Dylan did indeed cause Fanny significant harm, so Joseph didn't probe further into George's

intentions. He simply offered, "I'll bail you out. Hurry back to Riverdon."

He was keen to get him out of Northland, knowing he was a potential troublemaker. Unlike Riverdon, Northland wasn't forgiving. He feared that if George caused trouble here, it would be a disaster.

George looked at him discontentedly and casually replied, "Okay, hurry up and get me out of here."

Joseph arranged for bail, but before George was released, he purchased a ticket for him and rushed to the airport with his associates.

Just as he had obtained the ticket, he was planning to escort George to the plane, but then Zacharias suddenly fell ill. Upon receiving the news, he hesitated.

"You should check on Zacharias. I'll go back on my own!" George took the ticket and started to shoo him away.

Joseph reminded him once more before quickly heading to the hospital.

Little did he know that as soon as he left, George canceled the ticket and left the airport. He stayed behind secretly because he still had unfinished business to attend to.

When Joseph arrived at the hospital, Zacharias had already been taken into the operating room, and Fanny was waiting outside.

Zacharias fell ill suddenly, and after the doctor contacted Joseph and he still hadn't arrived, the doctor reached out to Fanny.

Upon seeing Joseph, Fanny immediately threw herself into his arms with teary eyes. "Joseph, Zacharias has been in surgery for a long time. He will be okay, right?"

"He'll be fine." Joseph reassured her hastily.

Although he said so, he was also uncertain about Zacharias' condition.

It had been quite a few days since Zacharias was treated by Angela last time, but during this period, he had not complained of any discomfort or fallen ill.

He thought Zacharias had fully recovered, but he didn't anticipate him suddenly falling ill again and being rushed to the emergency room.

The two of them waited together outside for a long time before the doctor finally emerged.

"Dr. Clinton, how is Zacharias doing?" Joseph inquired urgently.

They were colleagues, and Gregory didn't withhold any information. "Zacharias' condition is very serious. Didn't you have someone perform acupuncture on him before? Why did you stop?"

Gregory took over Zacharias' treatment upon his hospitalization. Zacharias' condition was dire, but after Joseph had someone administer acupuncture, Zacharias condition stabilized for a few days.

At that time, he thought the acupuncture was miraculous and wanted to follow up, but he heard Joseph mention that the individual was not open to communication and declined.

When Joseph heard him mention Angela Kins, his expression turned slightly sour, and he only inquired. "How is Zacharias now?"

"He has been temporarily stabilized and is still unconscious. He will be transferred back to the ward shortly. Several doctors have assessed him, but there is no definitive treatment for his illness. You should invite that individual again to stabilize him. His body may not endure much longer."

After uttering those words, Gregory let out a sigh and departed..

Fanny stood by, and upon hearing Angela being mentioned, she hesitantly spoke, "Joseph, could you please ask Angela to come and treat Zacharias as soon as possible?"

Chapter 395 Refreshing Her Understanding

Joseph frowned momentarily before dialing Angela's phone number. To his surprise, Angela did not answer the call.

Fanny blinked in surprise and inquired, "Joseph, should I try calling Angela to ask?"

Joseph's expression soured, but he nodded. He suspected that Angela had blocked his number.

Despite Fanny's attempts to reach Angela, the calls went unanswered.

After several unsuccessful tries, Fanny tearfully remarked, "Angela must be occupied with something."

"She's deliberately avoiding us by blocking our calls," Joseph asserted firmly, his face contorted with disgust and hatred. "She wants Zacharias dead!"

Fanny was taken aback because she was visibly shaken by the accusation. Joseph quickly regained his composure and said, “Fanny, you’re not feeling well. Go back and rest, I’ll handle this.”

At first, she didn’t want to agree, but after some coaxing, he managed to persuade her to leave.

After attending to Fanny, and checking on Zacharias’ situation, Joseph went to find Angela.

But he never had the chance to find her, as he was intercepted directly outside.

During Angela’s days of rest, she didn’t leave the house at all and stayed with Jonathan the whole time.

After a few peaceful days, she returned to Northland Medical University to continue her training.

Even though she rested at home for a few days, Jonathan was quite restless, claiming he was ensuring her safety.

After several days, her sense of security indeed skyrocketed, and she would wake up early to go to school when training resumed

As soon as she stepped into the classroom, she saw Cassie waving at her.

She walked over and sat next to her, who then mentioned that today’s test results would be announced.

Before she could even react to how quickly the results came out, she saw the instructor enter the classroom.

The previously somewhat noisy classroom suddenly quieted down, and the instructor on the stage also began to speak.

The test results were out, but instead of grades, it was a pass–or–fail situation. Two–thirds of the students didn’t make it.

However, both Angela and Cassie were among those who passed.

As the instructor read out the list of names, the students below started chattering. But within moments, he hushed them with a stern rebuke.

The instructor mentioned that the next test would be the real deal, and everyone became serious.

Without much ado, he explained the standard results of the last test and asked the students to review their mistakes.

After giving instructions, he left them to figure out their next steps.

Angela recalled her test process, carefully comparing it to the standard procedure, and then planned to borrow some books from the library.

“Hey, Cassie, I’m off to the library to get some books,” she said before leaving.

As soon as she stepped out of the classroom, she bumped into Lara, who was wearing a smile.

“Hey Angela, where are you headed?” Lara called her, but she rarely showed such a friendly smile, especially with Tyler always by her side.

Angela replied, “I’m going to the library.”

“What a coincidence, I’m also going to the library. Why don’t we go together?” Lara suggested.

Angela didn’t refuse and nodded in agreement. They walked together toward the library.

However, Angela didn't expect to see Fanny at the library.

As soon as Fanny saw Angela, she came over immediately.

"Angela," Fanny greeted. Only then did she notice someone else beside Angela, and her expression changed slightly.

Angela glanced at the people around her who were drawn by Fanny's voice. She furrowed her brows, ignored Fanny, and went to the library's book-borrowing machine to check out the books she wanted.

Lara, on the other hand, took a quick look at Fanny and felt a bit curious about her.

Despite Angela ignoring her, Fanny continued to call out with a dark expression, "Angela!"

The library was already quiet, and her voice was like a thunderbolt, causing disapproving looks from those around her.

Angela halted in her tracks and shot her a cold look. She lowered her voice to warn, "Shut up for now. We'll talk outside."

Fanny's expression soured even more, but she remained silent. Upon seeing Angela borrow a few books, she also casually grabbed two and went to the machine to check them out.

Her intention was simple. She just wanted to show off that she was also a student at Northland Medical University.

However, Angela paid her no further attention, took her borrowed books, and exited the library.

Lara had been walking alongside Angela the whole time, and would occasionally glance more at Fanny who followed along. She was clearly interested in her.

Angela stopped near the flower bed not far from the library. "Lara, I need to talk to her about something personal, so I won't be going with you."

Lara awkwardly smiled and did not insist on staying.

As soon as she left, Fanny couldn't wait to speak up.

"Angela, Mom woke up. If you have an ounce of filial piety, come with me to the hospital to see Mom!"

Did Scarlet wake up?

Angela had just heard about it, as she really didn't want to get involved with the Kins Family's affairs and hadn't paid attention to what they had been up to in Northland.,

"She said it herself that I'm not her daughter. Why should I go see her? Who does she think she is?"

She found it amusing. Even if Scarlet woke up, it shouldn't be Fanny asking her to go see Scarlet.

She didn't think Fanny actually wanted her to go see Scarlet anyway.

Upon seeing her refusal, Fanny felt a weight lift off her chest.

I did ask! It's Angela who doesn't want to go!

The reason Fanny came to ask Angela to see Scarlet wasn't Scarlet's idea or Joseph's suggestion, but rather it was specifically mentioned by Zacharias.

She was a bit displeased by Zacharias' suggestion, but she kept quiet about it, especially since they were all in Scarlet's ward at the time, and neither Joseph nor Scarlet objected.

Now that Angela had declined, Fanny felt a weight lifted off her shoulders.

Angela paid no mind to Fanny's inner turmoil. Upon seeing that Fanny had nothing more to say, she turned to leave.

Recalling Zacharias asking her to inform Angela, Fanny couldn't help but grab Angela directly.

Angela frowned and pushed her hand away, with a look of disgust in her eyes. "Is there something else?"

She couldn't comprehend how Fanny had the audacity to confront her. After being sent in by Yaxley before, she had hoped for some peace, but Fanny was already bothering her.

Fanny glared at her, recalling Zacharias' occasional defense of Angela before, and said harshly, "Let's not discuss Mom for now. Why don't you

go see Zacharias at the hospital? You promised to treat him before!"

Angela smirked, "Fanny, are you truly clueless or just pretending? I did set a condition back then."

Fanny's face stiffened, as the condition Angela had set was to clarify her relationship with the Kins Family.

"My registration has been transferred, so you must continue the

treatment!" Fanny knew that by saying this, Angela would not agree, and that was exactly what she wanted.

She hadn't forgotten their time in Riverdon, and facing Angela now, she sought a clear rejection.

"I formally declare that I will no longer care for Zacharias in the future," Angela stated before leaving.

She had hoped that after the final treatment for Zacharias ended on a sour note, the Kins Family would not shamelessly come looking for her again. However, she did not anticipate that they would persist in challenging her perception as they always did.

Chapter 396 Not Pursuing Her

Fanny did not pursue her, but instead quickly gathered her emotions and made a phone call.

She cried on the phone, vividly and exaggeratedly recounting Angela's "misdeeds" to Scarlet.

The person who picked up the phone was none other than Scarlet.

Upon hearing how Fanny had gone to ask Angela to treat Zacharias, only to suffer such injustice, Scarlet was immediately incensed and vented her anger at Angela.

After listening to several sentences, Fanny smiled behind the phone, but her response was still soft and weak. "Angela said she will never treat Zacharias again in the future. Mom, what should we do..."

Scarlet was well aware of Zacharias' condition. After the last emergency visit, he was left extremely weak, and these past few days had only seen his health deteriorate further.

Joseph was worried sick but couldn't reach Angela, so Fanny volunteered to find Angela and ask her to help Zacharias.

This was all promised in front of Scarlet, so she knew the situation well.

"Fanny, you go back first." Scarlet sighed. She was reluctant to see Fanny being mistreated, so she insisted that she go back first.

Fanny sniffled a few times and obediently went back.

Meanwhile, Christopher was summoned by Jane again.

Last time, after Christopher was beaten up, he owed his survival entirely to Jonathan.

Somehow, news of the incident reached Jane's ears. Jane might not have intended to play tricks on him, but the friend by her side irritated him.

Initially, when Christopher received a call from Jane, he thought she was going to inform Michael about the threat he posed. However, he soon realized that it was Harley's idea to have some fun.

Unfortunately, Harley's plan worked like a charm, dragging Christopher, who had no intention of dealing with Jane again, back into the scene.

Jane and Harley were still at the bar, and as soon as Christopher arrived, Harley couldn't help but laugh and point at him.

"Well, look who's here with the scars still on his face," Harley mocked.

When his face was more severely injured before, Harley had laughed at him like this, but he didn't care anymore.

Over these past few days, his facial wounds had almost healed, and tomorrow, they won't be so visible.

Plus, the last time he exchanged words with Harley, he didn't gain anything from it. Even though Christopher clenched his fists tightly, he didn't engage with her.

"Are you blind?" Harley couldn't hold back her anger when she saw him ignoring her.

"Miss Coolidge, do you have something to discuss with me?" Christopher ignored Harley and directly addressed Jane, who was sitting at the table drinking.

Jane casually motioned for Harley to sit beside her, telling her to calm

down before rolling her eyes at Christopher. "What could I possibly need from you? Who do you think you are?"

She couldn't stand Christopher. After threatening him once for causing trouble, she couldn't be bothered to address him again.

But Harley had heard some gossip that the Miss from the Shelton Family, who had previously beaten up Christopher, had taken a liking to Jonathan.

Now that was some big news.

She called out for Christopher because she wanted to hear it straight from him.

Christopher frowned.

As he suspected, it wasn't Jane's idea this time to call him out, but Harley

He scanned the dimly lit bar impatiently and only thought about how to leave quickly.

"Harley, just ask your question and then let him leave. I can't stand seeing him." Jane expressed her disdain for Christopher openly to Harley.

Harley smiled, noticing Christopher's gaze on her, and then asked him, "How far along are your friend and Florence Shelton?"

Christopher was completely puzzled and looked at Harley, asking, "Who's Florence Shelton?"

His question made her roll her eyes.

“He doesn’t even know who Florence is. He must not know much more than what I’ve already found out.” Harley complained to Jane.

Christopher put on a puzzled look and continued to inquire curiously,

“So, who’s this Shelton person Jonathan’s supposedly involved with?”

Jane shot Harley a look, signaling her to kick Christopher out. Harley couldn’t just blurt out answers to Christopher’s questions, so she straight up told him to get lost.

“You better leave. That’s it for today. We’ll call you another time.”

Christopher frowned. It wasn’t because she told him to leave, but the part about calling him another time got to him.

But he didn’t say anything. He just lowered his head slightly and headed out of the bar.

Once outside, he lit up a cigarette.

He remembered Florence’s people attacking him, and when Jonathan came to his rescue, Florence even mentioned Jonathan’s name. Even though Christopher was groggy at the time, he heard it loud and clear.

Of course, he knew who Florence was.

He just didn’t want Harley and Jane to keep digging, and him playing dumb this time seemed to have worked. They didn’t pry further and let him off the hook with just a few teasing remarks.

But he didn’t expect that as soon as he left, Harley would be particularly unhappy and asked Jane to call Michael.

Word got to Michael about the altercation with Christopher, and upon hearing that Jonathan went to Christopher's rescue, Michael's mind started spinning with schemes. Especially after learning about Florence's interest in Jonathan, he had other ideas brewing.

However, in response to Jane's probing over the phone, he responded bluntly that Jonathan was already married.

However, Christopher was oblivious to all this.

Feeling the brunt of Michael's scolding, Jane and Harley couldn't find an outlet for their frustration, so they called Christopher back.

As soon as Christopher got in the car, he received a call from the two asking him to come back to the bar. He felt like a slave being summoned back and forth.

He was seething inside but had no choice but to comply.

This time, though, he was forced to drink a lot of alcohol.

Meanwhile, George was escorted into a casino by a pair of good buddies. Both of them looked like they had drunk a lot, and were all tipsy.

"Joey, do you think this is Dylan's fault?" George, who was tipsy, patted Joey on the shoulder and said irritably..

Being patted, Joey sobered up a bit and replied with a serious gaze, "Indeed, it's that rascal Dylan. Don't worry, I'll figure something out. I'll arrange a meeting and make him apologize and compensate you!"

Upon hearing this, George chuckled drunkenly, "You're a true friend, Joey. He definitely owes me."

Although George was half drunk, he felt that staying was the right decision after hearing Joey's assurance.

He had originally just wanted to find an opportunity to trouble Dylan, but he didn't expect to run into him and Dylan's former friend, Joey Johansson.

After hearing about Dylan's situation, Joey even said he would help him!

George immediately agreed to have a drink with him

"Let's not talk about unhappy things today, George. I'll take you to relax and have some fun." Joey clapped his hands and took George to the gambling table.

When George was getting into the game, Joey got up and made a phone call to the restroom.

"The guy's already at the gambling table, don't worry, I'll handle it. I'll make sure he loses everything he's got!" said the voice on the other end.

Joey quickly responded, "Hey, no need to thank me for this little favor. The Lime Family's troubles are my family's business. Dealing with the Tuckson Family is no walk in the park for you either. We'll talk about meeting up later."

After exchanging a few words, Joey hung up the phone.

On the other end, Dylan finally breathed a sigh of relief upon hearing that George had entered the casino.

Chapter 397 Critically Ill Again

45 Free Coins

The Lime Family was facing tough times due to the pressure from the Tuckson Family. It seemed like they were on the brink of collapse.

Fortunately, the Tuckson Family didn't aim to completely crush them. After a period of harassment, they backed off.

Just when things settled with the Tucksons, George came knocking by catching Dylan off guard with a brutal beating.

Despite sending him to jail, George surprisingly got out quickly and repeatedly tried to cause trouble.

Frustrated, Dylan turned to his friend Joey for help.

That was when Joey unexpectedly crossed paths with George.

At this moment, George, inebriated and unaware of being set up, was recklessly gambling at the table, fueled by alcohol-induced bravado.

Alcohol emboldened him, making him do things he wouldn't dare otherwise.

After a few small wins, his confidence soared.

Joey came back and was still praising and encouraging beside him. He immediately stopped his original intention of gambling a few times and leaving.

However, most of the subsequent gambling sessions didn't go as he wished.

Despite this, fueled by alcohol and the desire to win, he continued to gamble time and time again. After losing, he even borrowed money to

gamble under Joey's influence.

Meanwhile,

Three days later, Scarlet was discharged from the hospital. Her first action upon leaving was to wheel herself over to find Angela.

Fanny volunteered to accompany her and appeared excited.

Just after training, barely out of school, Angela caught sight of the two approaching.

She frowned, barely sparing them a glance, and simply went the other

way.

Oliver diligently stood guard beside Angela and effectively separated Fanny and Scarlet.

“Angela, stop right there!”

Seeing Angela blatantly ignoring her, Scarlet almost leaned over in anger, slapped the armrest of the wheelchair, and yelled fiercely.

Despite having recently woken up, her voice carried a strong tone, far from someone fresh out of the hospital.

Angela paid no mind and continued to walk ahead, while Oliver turned to glare at the two of them. He shielded Angela as they made their way outside the school.

Both Scarlet and Fanny were startled by Angela’s reaction, but Fanny still pushed Scarlet trailing not far behind Angela.

Without a word from Angela, Scarlet shouted, “Angela!”

Angela didn't even bat an eyelid and continued to walk away.

But after a few steps, she spotted Christopher approaching.

He deliberately stood in her way, while Oliver swiftly positioned himself in front of Christopher.

Upon seeing Christopher, Fanny's eyes lit up, but she refrained from greeting him. Instead, she earnestly addressed Angela, "Angela, your mother has come to see you in person. Why won't you even acknowledge her?"

Angela sneered and didn't respond to Fanny. She just turned and gave a casual glance to Scarlet.

"What is it that you want to say?"

Christopher noticed Angela's reluctance to leave and approached Scarlet and Fanny at that moment.

He had been kept busy by Jane these past few days, but as soon as he got the message from Fanny seeking help, he quickly brushed off Jane and offered his assistance.

Scarlet was quite irritated by Angela's attitude. She slapped the armrest and said, "You promised to treat Zacharias, who is now in critical condition. Hurry and come to the hospital with me!"

Angela gave a cold smile, "Didn't your good daughter Fanny inform you? I'm not treating anymore."

She chose not to engage with these individuals, she simply gave Oliver a look and turned to continue walking out.

Upon hearing her words, the three of them attempted to stop her, but several bodyguards swiftly intervened and blocked their path.

As Angela was escorted into the car by Oliver, the bodyguards followed suit and entered the car behind her.

The three of them were frightened by the bodyguards, and they remained silent for a long time.

It wasn't until Angela's car and the bodyguards' car had driven away that Christopher began discussing Angela.

Scarlet and Fanny were equally displeased with Angela, their expressions grim.

At that moment, Joseph from the hospital contacted several people.

Zacharias' health had taken a turn for the worse.

They rushed to the hospital and found Joseph looking dejected.

Upon receiving the news, James in Riverdon decided to hurry to Northland.

The Kins Family's business in Riverdon was already struggling, and with Zacharias in critical condition, James didn't hesitate to leave Riverdon and head to Northland.

"Will Zacharias be okay?" Fanny's eyes were red from crying.

While others were also feeling uneasy, none had the time to console her. Christopher was the only one who sat beside Fanny and made an effort to be sensitive to her emotions.

"Don't worry, Fanny, things will improve," he assured her, though he doubted his own words.

"Thank you, Christopher." Fanny cried so hard that she was exhausted, and she leaned on his chest.

Before he could say more, his phone suddenly rang with a distinct ringtone, catching him off guard.

It was a tone set by Jane at the instigation of her mischievous friend. They jokingly called it Jane's "call-the-slave" ringtone because it always got Christopher's attention like a slave being called.

Upon seeing Christopher's reaction, Fanny looked at him with concern. "What's wrong, Christopher?"

Meeting her gaze, Christopher felt panicked and quickly said, "It's nothing, I just need to take this call."

With that, he stood up and hurried down the hallway to answer the call.

Fanny felt a pang in her heart as she noticed Joseph and Scarlet, both wearing mournful expressions, too preoccupied to notice her standing by the entrance of the emergency room.

She could sense that Christopher was keeping something from her.

Once Christopher was out of earshot, he answered Jane's call. Since their last encounter at the bar, Jane had been calling Christopher to various locations.

Despite his injuries not fully healed at the time, she showed no mercy. She often put him in difficult situations and mostly left Harley to harass him at her whims.

Jane had something on Christopher which made her confident he wouldn't dare to complain to the authorities.

As soon as the call connected, she gave an address without pleasantries and hung up.

Christopher clenched his fists but knew he had to go.

After some hesitation, he composed himself and returned outside the emergency room.

Fanny kept a watchful eye on him and breathed a sigh of relief when he returned. She couldn't bear the thought of him abandoning her at such a crucial moment.

As Christopher approached, Fanny stood up with concern and asked, "Christopher, are you feeling unwell? Why is your face so pale?"

Christopher smiled weakly. "I'm fine, but the school suddenly called me back for a while, I..."

He made up a feeble excuse, hoping she wouldn't press further.

Before she could respond, Joseph, who had been listening, walked over to Christopher and said, "Go take care of school matters, we'll wait here."

Christopher agreed and bid farewell to Scarlet before departing.

Fanny lowered her head. She sensed that Christopher wasn't truly going back to school.

"Fanny, come here, we need to talk to you."

Upon hearing Joseph's words, Fanny followed him.

Joseph led Fanny to Scarlet, who was gazing at the emergency room door as if willing it to open sooner.

"Joseph, what is it that you want to tell me?"

Whether it was her imagination or not, she couldn't shake the feeling that Joseph had purposely sent Christopher away, and whatever he was about to say might also involve Christopher.

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Chapter 398 Lack Of Will To Live

Joseph did not directly answer Fanny's doubts.

He first bent down and said a few words to Scarlet, then walked a few steps away with Fanny before saying, "Fanny, you should have less contact with Christopher in the future."

As expected, when Fanny heard Joseph mention Christopher, she didn't know how to react and could only lower her head and ask why.

With a sigh, Joseph said, "Fanny, he is secretly meeting with the lady from Northland."

Fanny replied, "Joseph, I already know about this."

She had known from the beginning of Christopher's blind date that it was all Michael's idea, and Christopher was not willing. In addition, he had explained to her about asking Michael to find a kidney source, so the last time Christopher was beaten was almost because of her. How could she not have contact with Christopher?

Surprised, Joseph fell silent for a moment. Just as he was about to speak, Gregory came out from the emergency room.

Fanny also saw the doctor and did not want to continue talking with Joseph about this. She hurried over and asked, "Dr. Clinton, how is Zacharias doing?"

Gregory said, "He's out of immediate danger, but he can't keep going like this."

Joseph walked over and overheard the conversation.

"We understand, Dr. Clinton," he said.

Gregory glanced at them and left. Scarlet sighed with relief and then told Joseph about their failed attempt to persuade Angela to treat him.

"That wretched woman, Angela, wants Zacharias to die!" Scarlet said with tears welling up in her eyes.

Joseph sighed heavily. "If she won't treat him, there's nothing we can do. Mom, please don't cry. We still have to go see Zacharias later."

After a while, when Zacharias was wheeled out of the emergency room, the two of them followed alongside.

Suddenly, Gregory approached Joseph and whispered something to him. Joseph looked up, and Gregory said, "Let's talk in my office."

Joseph realized it was about Fanny's kidney donation and quickly followed him.

Soon, the two of them arrived at Gregory's office and Joseph couldn't contain his excitement as he asked, "Dr. Clinton, did you really find a suitable kidney donor?"

Gregory shook his head.

Joseph's hopes were dashed in an instant, and he visibly slumped with disappointment.

Dejectedly, he asked, "Then why did you say that earlier, Dr. Clinton?"

He had been so thrilled because he thought Gregory had whispered to him about news regarding Fanny's kidney donor.

Gregory sighed heavily, hesitated for a moment, and then began, "This isn't something I should be discussing, but..."

Joseph anxiously interrupted, "Then why use the kidney donor story to

bring me here?"

Gregory didn't address Joseph's question directly and instead took a moment before asking, "Do you know the current situation of Zacharias?"

Joseph was taken aback. Why did Dr. Clinton suddenly bring up Zacharias?

Upon seeing his bewildered expression, Gregory continued, "If he's rushed into the emergency room again, chances are he won't make it back."

"What do you mean?" Joseph had a sinking feeling in his heart.

Gregory sighed. "He was the one who suggested the kidney transplant."

Joseph immediately understood what he meant. Stepping back, he nervously asked, "Are you saying Zacharias offered his kidney for Fanny?"

From what Gregory's implying, is it Zacharias' idea in the first place? With his health already so fragile, there's no way he can survive after donating a kidney! Does he really have no desire to live anymore?

Joseph felt the world closing in on him.

Seeing Gregory nod, Joseph struggled to breathe. But knowing that a kidney transplant could save Fanny, and considering Zacharias' perilous condition, he hesitated for a moment before finally asking, "Is it possible?"

"It's not certain. We need to conduct a compatibility test first, and only if the results are favorable can the transplant proceed," Gregory reminded, "You should begin with the compatibility test."

Upon learning that a compatibility test was still required, Joseph let out a sigh of relief before responding, "I will take that into consideration."

After his conversation with Gregory, Joseph left the ward feeling disoriented.

He went to visit Zacharias, who was surprisingly awake and engaged in conversation with Fanny.

Joseph hurried over subconsciously, only to hear that they weren't discussing kidney transplants, which eased his worries.

Upon seeing Joseph's troubled expression, Scarlet felt a sense of panic and suddenly inquired, "Joseph, what did Dr. Clinton say? How is Zacharias' condition?"

As soon as she asked this question, both Fanny and Zacharias stopped talking and looked at him nervously, just like Scarlet.

Joseph immediately felt a headache coming on and stated, "I will go see Angela again."

Gregory even mentioned kidney transplant and compatibility, indicating that Zacharias was truly running out of time. However, he couldn't bring himself to say it in front of everyone.

If he had to say it, it would have to be in private.

Upon hearing this, the others did not press further. Instead, Zacharias smiled at Joseph and casually remarked, "Joseph, Angela probably won't change her mind." /

Joseph felt uneasy but replied, "Take care of yourself. I'll be back."

With that, he left the ward.

He attempted to contact Angela again but was unsuccessful, so he decided to find Yoanna's contact information in the medical records and gave her a call.

Angela had visited Yoanna at the hospital before, and Joseph had noted their acquaintance. Now, he could use Yoanna to reach Angela.

"Who's this?" Yoanna answered the phone without checking the caller ID.

Joseph was concerned that she might hang up upon knowing his identity, so he did not introduce himself directly. Instead, he said, "Miss Tuckson, I am looking for Angela Kins."

Without any introduction, Yoanna, upon hearing Angela's name mentioned, was not polite and continued to inquire, "Who are you?"

Joseph's mouth twitched as he debated whether to be straightforward with her or not.

While he was still contemplating, Yoanna ended the call.

Yoanna was having a meal with Ava and Sophia.

After ending the call, she complained to her friends. "I don't know who that was, calling me to find Angela."

Ava asked, "If he didn't disclose his identity, he must have some issues."

Sophia pondered for a moment, then suddenly stated, "He didn't directly contact Angela, but reached out to you, which means it must be because Angela does not want to speak with him."

Yoanna thought it made sense and said after a moment, "Then let's just ignore him."

As soon as she said that, the phone rang again.

It was the same number as before.

She gestured toward her phone, did not answer directly, but informed the other two, "It's the same person as before."

Sophia reached for the phone, saying, "Let me find out who it is."

Yoanna handed her the phone directly.

Upon answering the call, Sophia mimicked Angela's voice and asked, "What do you want?"

On the other end of the line, Joseph was first surprised, then delighted.

He didn't expect Yoanna to be with Angela. Just a moment ago it was Yoanna who answered the phone, but now it was Angela.

Ava and Yoanna also looked at Sophia in surprise. They did not expect her to be able to mimic someone else's voice.

Chapter 399 All Because Of Angela

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She couldn't hold back and demanded, "Who gave you the right to speak like that? What do you take Angela for? Your personal doctor?"

Though she didn't know who was on the other end, she particularly disliked the caller's attitude.

Yoanna chimed in, "Yeah, if I'm not mistaken, you're here to beg Angela for treatment, right? Is this how you ask for help?"

"You! You..." Joseph was being bombarded by remarks from the other side, leaving him fuming with frustration.

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Hearing yet another unfamiliar voice, Joseph was infuriated beyond measure.

It was bad enough that he called Angela to seek treatment, but instead of hurrying over, she was there on the other end, mocking him in front of four people!

The more he thought about it, the angrier he became, and his expression gradually grew darker.

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"Do people from the Kins Family have any shame? Haven't you already distanced yourself from Angela?"

Yoanna and Ava had heard some rumors about Angela's past, but now they were listening to Sophia, a person from Riverdon.

Facing the contemptuous description of the Kins Family by Sophia, they didn't hold back either.

Joseph angrily said, "What's it to you? Let Angela speak."

If Angela hadn't been unreachable, he wouldn't have contacted Yoanna. Initially, it would have been good for Angela and Yoanna to be together, but he didn't expect there would be more than two people at Angela's side.

He was completely outnumbered by them.

Of course, Angela couldn't respond because her voice from before was merely a mimic by Sophia.

"Do you still want Angela to talk to someone like you? Dream on!" Sophia spat out without hesitation.

Joseph was furious, but before his anger could erupt, he heard Sophia say, "You're the second in command of the Kins Family, right?"

Suddenly exposed, Joseph did not deny it. After all, Angela could recognize his voice, and when these people were together, they always found out through Angela.

"Angela, speak up. Zacharias just came out of the emergency room and the doctor said if he goes back in, he won't survive! Do you want to watch

Zacharias die?"

He knew he couldn't argue with those people, so he just yelled at Angela on the other side.

However, the other girls on the line cursed at him a few times, but there was still no response from Angela.

Just as he was about to question again, the line suddenly went dead, but before it did, Sophia said one last thing, "The second in command of the Kins Family. Tsk tsk, you're nothing special. The voice of Angela just now was me pretending!"

As soon as he heard the last voice, sounding so much like Angela and realizing it was Sophia pretending, Joseph was shaking with rage. He tried to say something else, but the line had already been cut, leaving only the busy tone.

Consumed by anger, his expression darkened considerably.

“Joseph...” a soft voice came from behind.

Joseph quickly composed himself and turned to look at Fanny. “Fanny, what’s wrong?”

“Joseph, have you been in touch with Angela? Zacharias is in a terrible state and he passed out while talking to us.”

Fanny nervously clasped her hands and her face was equally pale.

Joseph said with concern, “Don’t worry about Zacharias for now. Go back and rest. I will go find Angela.”

Although he said that, he had no idea where to find Angela. He just thought of trying his luck at Jonathan’s company.

Upon hearing Joseph’s telling her to leave, Fanny finally left the hospital reluctantly.

Before Joseph went to find Angela, he first went to find Scarlet.

Scarlet’s face was very pale, and she frowned as she looked at Zacharias who was unconscious on the hospital bed.

If the doctor hadn’t come and said he was just asleep, she wouldn’t be so calm.

Mom,” Joseph softly called her. “Let me take you back to the ward.”

Scarlet shook her head. “I’ll stay here with Zacharias.”

She never imagined that his health had deteriorated to this extent in just a short period of unconsciousness.

And the heartless Angela had really made up her mind not to treat Zacharias anymore.

Joseph m said helplessly, “Mom, I need to talk to you about something.”

Hearing this, Scarlet glanced at Zacharias sleeping on the bed, then allowed Joseph to wheel her out of the ward.

In the corridor, Joseph spoke as they walked, “Mum, Zacharias wants to donate a kidney to Fanny.”

Scarlet was shocked and turned to look at him with her eyes widened. “What did you say?”

She thought she must have misheard.

Joseph had no choice but to repeat it.

“With his current health condition, how could he possibly withstand losing another kidney? Scarlet immediately rejected the idea, saying, “You should talk to Zacharias.”

She never expected that Zacharias would have such an extreme idea.

Does he no longer have the will to continue treatment? No, that’s not acceptable!

“I’ll go see Angela again!” Scarlet declared, patting her wheelchair.

As soon as she said this, Joseph said, "Mom, I'll go."

Scarlet had just intercepted Angela with Fanny at school, but Angela's bodyguards stopped her before she could say a few words to her. Fanny had already explained these details to him clearly.

Perhaps if Scarlet went again, the outcome wouldn't be any different.

"Are you sure you can handle it?" Scarlet was worried.

Joseph could only say, "I'll go find Jonathan. Angela may not care about dignity and filial piety, but Jonathan surely wouldn't want her reputation to be tarnished.",

In both Riverdon and Northland, it was clear to anyone with eyes that Jonathan held a deep affection for Angela.

Now, it seemed like reaching out to Jonathan might be more effective than trying to locate Angela.

Despite Scarlet's lingering concerns, Joseph could only reassure her, "Mom, stay put here at the hospital. Once Zacharias wakes up, you can have a proper chat with him."

Even though he had mentioned to Gregory that he would consider the compatibility between Zacharias and Fanny, he was adamant about not

giving up on Zacharias treatment. After all, they were brothers.

Eventually, Scarlet relented. After bidding farewell to Joseph, she didn't return to her own ward but instead went back to Zacharias and steadfastly kept vigil by his bedside.

Not long after Joseph departed, Zacharias regained consciousness.

With the awareness of his limited time, he mustered a weak smile when he saw Scarlet by his side.

However, she said. "Zacharias, Joseph went to find Angela. He'll find a way to get her to treat you. Don't let your mind wander elsewhere."

Her message was crystal clear, and even in his dazed state, he understood her intent.

You know, Mom. it would be good if Fanny could be saved too. Zacharias smiled faintly.

Scarlet rolled her eyes, not agreeing with him.

"Don't even consider sacrificing yourself for Fanny! She'll find a kidney donor, and you'll recover too!" Scarlet's unease was evident in her tone.

Both Fanny and Zacharias had to survive!

Even if Fanny were to receive a kidney donation, it should be from someone other than Angela! How could they allow her son to donate?

The suffering in their family was all because of the wicked Angela! C

Angela should simply focus on helping Zacharias get better and then consider donating her kidney to Fanny! D

Chapter 400 I won't Allow Anyone To Ruin My Life

Joseph waited on the ground floor of Jonathan's company. He hadn't made an appointment, and after speaking to the receptionist, he had to wait for a while. Unfortunately, when someone finally came down, it wasn't Jonathan but Spencer.

Spencer politely said to him, "Mr. Lawson isn't here. You can tell me anything anytime and I'll make sure to pass on the message tomorrow."

Joseph furrowed his brow and instinctively asked, "Could you please pass on the message now? It's a bit urgent."

Upon hearing this, Spencer looked hesitant. "Mr. Lawson is taking a rest today, so it wouldn't be appropriate to disturb him."

Whether he went home for lunch or was driven away by Florence's pestering, now with a visitor from the Kins Family, he had to treat them all equally.

"In that case, I'll trouble you. When you pass on the message, could you let him know that I'm Angela's older brother and that I need to discuss something very important with him?" D

"Sure thing, I'll pass on the message," replied Spencer, puzzled by the man's identity as Angela's older brother and surprised that someone of his stature couldn't reach out to Jonathan directly.

He casually agreed and politely bid farewell to Joseph.

Joseph frowned deeply but didn't press further. Before leaving, he exchanged contact information with Spencer.

After Joseph left, Spencer sent a text message to Jonathan.

He hadn't intended to disturb Jonathan, so if he received the message, it meant that the latter was free.

Jonathan indeed had plenty of free time.

He had been bothered by Florence's persistent pestering, so he simply went home and spent all his time with Angela after she finished her training.

Upon seeing Jonathan come back early for once, Angela first checked his condition as usual and then performed acupuncture on him.

Lately, he hadn't shown any signs of emotional instability or self-harm.

Even when she had left for her test earlier, he had been doing well those two days.

For Angela, it was undoubtedly fantastic news.

She felt that with continued treatment, he would definitely get better and

better.

After sweating profusely from acupuncture, Jonathan emerged feeling refreshed. Angela was reading a book when he came out.

He didn't want to disturb her but also didn't want to be too far away, so he simply sat beside her. However, he couldn't help but glance at her from time to time.

"Is the company really not busy today?" Angela, distracted by him once again, set the book aside.

She had borrowed the book from the library earlier and had already read most of it, but she couldn't focus with him occasionally stealing glances at her.

Jonathan replied, "Not busy at all, Spencer can handle it."

Angela nodded. Thinking about how he had been sneakily watching her just now, she couldn't help but ask, "So, do you have something to tell me?"

After a moment's pause, Jonathan spoke up just when she thought he wouldn't. "Joseph came to the company looking for me?"

He had seen the text from Spencer a while ago but had been hesitating whether to tell her. He was sure Joseph's visit meant trouble and hence, he selfishly didn't want her to know. Plus, he had already ordered an investigation to find out the reason behind it.

But with Florence's people tailing him, his own men were likely to be restricted. However, he had entrusted Yarrison with the task, hoping he'd uncover something.

"He came to see you? Probably not to ask me to treat Zacharias' illness, right?" Angela guessed Joseph's intention in one shot, recalling the time when Scarlet and Fanny had confronted her before

she left school.

But she hadn't let them gain anything from her.

Jonathan raised his eyebrows, recalling the time when Joseph first arrived in Northland and had blocked them downstairs in his company building. It was true that they had been obstructed by him.

Back then, Joseph requested Angela to treat Zacharias.

"Maybe, Yarrison might already be onto it." Jonathan hesitated for a while, believing that Yarrison wouldn't take long to find out.

Angela seemed lost in thought and opted not to respond.

Sure enough, Yarrison was quick. Just as Jonathan mentioned him, the phone rang.

Without avoiding Angela, he mentioned Yarrison's name and answered the call front of her

und out that Joseph Kins from the Kins Family wants you to persuade your wife to help Zacharias with his illness,” Yarrison said over the phone.

Angels rolled her eyes upon hearing his words, Joseph indeed had this Kiss, and it was right on target.

Any other news” Jonathan asked Yarrison.

arrison continued. “Zacharias has been in the emergency room twice these past two days, his condition is critical, and it seems like they’re preparing for a compatibility test with his sister.”

Compatibility te

Angela glanced at the phone and asked him. “You managed to find out about this too?”

Yarrison heard Angela’s voice and chuckled, “Mrs. Lawson, you’re here too. I checked the messages of the doctors treating Zacharias and Fanny, and they mentioned a compatibility test.”

Angela felt a tingling sensation on her scalp for no apparent reason, She knew that Yarrison was knowledgeable about computers and hacking techniques, but she didn’t expect him to actually delve into intrusion.

Yarrison spoke a few more words, and then Jonathan hung up the phone.

Following the call, he concluded, “Joseph wants to donate a kidney to Fartery

Angela nodded. “They haven’t been matched yet, and even if they do, it’s not guaranteed he can donate.”

“I’ll have Yarrison monitor the situation.” Jonathan decided firmly.

Angela nodded, choosing not to mention Zacharias’ treatment.

The last time she treated him, she noticed something was amiss. He had unreasonably provoked her, perhaps in an attempt to successfully donate a kidney to Fanny.

Hmm, sibling love truly runs deep.

For Fanny's sake, he was willing to sacrifice his own life.

Recalling the times she had saved him from the brink of death, Angela felt like her emotions had been wasted.

Upon seeing her distressed, Jonathan came over to hug and comfort her.

Angela allowed him to embrace her and she felt much better both physically and mentally.

Just as they were getting comfortable, Angela's phone suddenly rang.

It turned out that Ava, Sophia, and the others had deliberated for a long time before deciding to inform Angela about Joseph seeking Yoanna.

To prevent any potential harm to Angela, they wanted to ensure she was prepared.

Angela left Jonathan's embrace and answered the phone.

The three of them quickly explained the situation with Joseph to Angela over the phone, and she found it somewhat amusing.

She thanked her three friends for their support and asked them to remain vigilant in the future before ending the call.

After hanging up, she and Jonathan exchanged glances.

Tve blocked Joseph, but he will find a way” Angela sighed.

It was understandable that Joseph would approach Jonathan, considering he was her husband. However, she didn’t anticipate him targeting her friends as well.

Although Ava, Sophia, and Yoanna didn’t mind and even played a trick on Joseph for her, she knew that if he couldn’t reach her through Yoanna and Jonathan, he would undoubtedly bother others.

It seemed she needed to have a conversation with Joseph, whether over the phone or in person.

Jonathan reassured her. ‘It’s not your fault.’

“I know,” she replied with a smile.

She didn’t believe it was her fault. The issues of the Kins Family were significant and troubling, and she simply wanted to avoid them and live peacefully, in this life or the previous one.

She treasured the life that had unexpectedly come her way. Whether it was spending time with Jonathan or having a circle of friends by her side, they were all valuable to her.

Hence, she was determined not to let anyone spoil it.