

## **Submit 981**

### **Chapter 981 Feeling Sorry for Paula**

Burton lifted his head, tossed off his wine, and said indifferently, "That's none of your business."

Zoey curled her lips and put the glass down on the table. "Since you don't like it, this is it."

face clouded over. A few days ago, Zoey found him to talk about business. Aware that she was not a good

know why Paula chose to divorce him. He naturally wanted to know. Zoey told him that Paula was in love with another man who was working with the Lion Group. It was Timothy's

then played a video, in which Paula and Hugh intimately held each other. They went to the hotel together. Burton was broken on the spot. He kept the last bit of his sanity and looked into it. The video was not fake. It was really Paula. He found it hard to accept. Since then, he had

him if he wanted to take revenge. Paula hooked up with Hugh. Timothy, who was in the office every day, should know about it. Burton had been kept in the dark. Zoey proposed to join

with the Lion Group for a long time and knew some core secrets. He gave a list of their partners to Zoey. They were going to steal

the CEO. Besides, that man had a deep background. He was not a small potato. Otherwise, he wouldn't have gotten

### **Chapter 982 Don't Take It Too Hard**

Lucia stood there and told herself to calm down. After a while, August came up and wrapped his arm around her shoulder.

"Don't take it too hard.

His voice was soothing. Lucia shook her head.

"I'm just feeling sorry for Paula. She was so unlucky to love such a man."

Paula loved Burton so much. Such a blow was too heavy for her to stand.

a deep

at him and cut him off. "At such a point,

chased after her. Since she was in a fit of pique, he stopped talking about it. Back at home, Lucia was still fuming with rage. It was a shame that she couldn't do anything. Burton and Paula

was, Janet didn't dare to utter any sound. She went around her mother, came to August's side,

glanced at Lucia before telling Janet what happened to Paula and their meeting with Burton. Janet was old enough. It was fine to tell her about certain things. The girl immediately understood the situation. She gnashed

to

angrier than her mother. Before August could react, she rushed out of the house  
hurriedly asked, "Where is  
Adams is having

Everyone in the office knew her. No one stopped her when she opened the door. Annoyed by the  
interruption, the executives almost hit the roof. When Janet  
his sister. "We're in the middle of  
grabbed his arm. Is it as

### **Chapter 983 Not That Kind of Person**

Hugh was dissatisfied. The Perez family had a high position in Austos City. But they couldn't hold their  
heads high in front of the Lion Group. He was the eldest son in his family but had to serve in this  
company.

He was talented but had to work as an assistant. His father sent him here to hone his skills. Their family  
fortune was left to his brother. It was unfair. He did better than his brother, but his father didn't choose  
him. It didn't matter since he had got a chance.

Zoey approached him. As long as they joined hands, the Lion Group would be his for the taking. He  
would rise above the crowd. No one, his father included, would look down on him again. Hugh sorted  
out the files and went out. Janet led Timothy to go into the office.

"Janet, what happened? You came so suddenly. The meeting today was very important," Timothy  
grumbled.

person who could be forgiven for interrupting the meeting. Anyone else would  
is important. I just heard from Mom that Paula

face froze in an instant. He knew about Paula's situation. He had visited her. Paula was seriously ill,  
happened? he

let out a deep sigh and recited August's story. "I heard that when Mom and Dad went over,

was so mad that she refused to call Burton uncle. Timothy furrowed his brows and said after a moment  
of contemplation,

glared at him. 'Stop exculpating him. He has admitted

that everyone had misinterpreted it. If they had figured it out, the misunderstanding might have been  
cleared up. It was a shame that they didn't know

in their lives. If it was really the case,

### **Chapter 984 Irreplaceable**

Hugh went to the quiet corner and called Zoey. The phone was soon answered. Zoey's impatient voice  
came over.

"As I said, don't call me randomly. People will suspect if they find out our connection."

They hadn't taken any major actions yet. If the others found out about their connection, they would be suspected once something happened to the Lion Group.

Hugh frowned, fought back his annoyance, and said, Lucia's children went to see Burton."

Zoey sounded dissatisfied, "What are you good for? Didn't I tell you to prevent people in the Lion Group from contacting him?"

Burton last time, she hurried over lest he should tell August about their cooperation.

was. For that very reason, she couldn't let them meet Burton. If he mentioned

You're Timothy's assistant. Can't you hold him up with work? What are

should get Burton away. We can't let the two kids

a while, Hugh collected himself, let

on the other end of the phone and said viciously, "I have a

are you going

don't need to

Burton in a high-end bar. Bottles and cans were

looked at the drunken man and chuckled,

She despised the man.

### **Chapter 985 Don't Want to Take Revenge Anymore?**

Burton frowned and fell silent. The two kids and he got along all these years. He quite liked them. He couldn't believe Zoey wanted them dead.

He snapped, "Zoey, you're heartless. They are just kids who have nothing to do with this."

Zoey chuckled indifferently, "Just kids? Timothy is not a kid. He is the CEO of the Lion Group! If we take him out, the company will fall into chaos. Don't you want to take revenge anymore?"

Burton clutched his phone and said after a while, "We don't have to kill him. Besides, Janet has nothing to do with this. She is innocent."

Zoey sneered, "Innocent? Wake up! Did any of them tell you when Paula hooked up with Hugh? They helped her hide it from you. You came to this because of them. They are not innocent at all."

silence,

and smiled maliciously. She envied Lucia for having a good family. Lucia had a loving husband and excellent children. In contrast, she had nothing. And Lucia

bitterness of losing

is it

busy tapping on the keyboard. When he heard her question, a smile crossed his lips and piece

turned the laptop around and showed her the screen. A red dot was flashing in the Uncle Burton's phone and

fork and dragged Timothy the

said helplessly, "There is no

### **Chapter 986 Subvert the Lion Group**

Just then, a security guard spotted them.

"Kids, who brought you in?" he snorted and reached out his hand to drive them away.

Timothy subconsciously shielded Janet. The girl looked at the outstretching hand and said anxiously, "What should we do?"

Timothy frowned, not expecting to be found at such a point. It would be difficult to find Burton next time. While he was at a loss, the door to the box opened. Burton appeared in the doorway with a bottle of wine in his hand.

He indifferently glanced at the two kids and said, "They're with me. Let them in."

guard was torn. "Mr. Harris, our club is not open to

off under Burton's cold gaze. "Okay,

guard left. Burton urged the two kids who were standing there

Didn't you come to see me? Come

before following Burton into the box. The room had been cleaned. Except for several bottles on the table,

a sip of wine, and said nonchalantly,

and growled, "Uncle Burton, why did you do that to Paula? Do

wine. After a while, he put the glass down and said blandly, "So, you came to ask

and Janet nodded without hesitation.

placed in the box. She smiled triumphantly and murmured, Burton, you did it in the end. That's the right choice. As long as you

and looked outside from time to time. Lucia told her that Eli came to Austos City. She let Lucia tell him her phone number, and they got in touch. They agreed on

you

### **Chapter 987 Kneel for the Rest of My Life**

In the villa, Lucia leaned against August's chest but somehow felt ill at ease. August sensed her anxiety and asked in a low voice, "What's wrong?"

Lucia shook her head. The images of the two children crossed her mind.

"Nothing, I just suddenly thought of the two kids. I'm going to give them a call."

She took out her phone and called Janet.

"Sorry, the subscriber you dialed is powered off."

She frowned and called Timothy.

"Sorry, the subscriber you dialed is powered off."

An uneasy feeling got the better of her. She looked at August and said, "I want to go to the office to check on them."

August nodded and came to the office with her. Then they were told that the two kids had left. She grabbed August's arm anxiously.

"Did anything happen to them?"

August folded her in his arms and soothed her, "Don't worry, they'll be fine."

worried about them," Lucia said,

a mother and her children. She had never been so

go find

as she got in

in front of me? Now you're going to taste the bitterness

back, only to find that the other party was using a virtual number. She lost contact with the

and

let's find

drove to Griffith. After learning the two children were missing, Flynt immediately hacked into the surveillance systems of the entire city. In the end, he found that

heart was in her throat. Her intuition told her that the sender of the message

Losing no time, she led August to head

to help find out who the sender was. They rushed to an abandoned factory in the suburbs. Before they could get close,

do it.

frowned. This voice rang

moment,' Burton

two kids who were tied up and unconscious. She was anxious to rush out and

a subdued voice, "Let's wait for

her head out and looked Burton's way. A woman was standing opposite

"Step aside, I'll do it. After they are dead, I'll work with Hugh to take

to hold back

"No!"

woman didn't stop but moved faster. The knife was about to pierce Timothy's

Lucia shouted desperately, "No!"

## **Chapter 988**

### **Side Story 1: Paul VS Daryl (1)**

You are playing with fire, woman." Paul looked down at Daryl with a fond gaze, his long legs leaning against the wall and one hand in the trousers' pocket. The flicker of flames rendered the contour of his face more handsome, and the flirtatious note in his low voice even more palpable.

Daryl, who was squatting near the bonfire, finally burst out while stirring the fuel, "No calls to be so dramatic when I'm only barbecuing the sweet potatoes."

As the fire was flaring furiously and the fuel of resin was spluttering, the tantalizing aroma of burnt sweet potatoes wafted towards them. There would still be a while before August and Lucia arrived at this countryside villa, and Daryl just had a test with the sweet potatoes at the moment.

Paul intoned such a hilarious line because of the bad examples he had learnt from the romance fictions, which he mistakenly thought Daryl would be fond of. He even had dug into it just like doing an academic study and tried to apply it to every aspect of life, properly or improperly.

Daryl couldn't even stop him from going with such assiduity, and stupidity actually.

"Come over here, or you'll miss out your sweet potato." she only gave him a reproachful look.

Okay." The significance of a man in deep thought immediately gave way to obedience, as Paul squatted beside Daryl just like a golden retriever, meekly watching her using a branch to get the sweet potatoes out of the fire.

Ignorant of how piping-hot the food would be, Paul just stretched out his hand for the sweet potatoes eagerly before Daryl could stop him.

Sure enough, he swiftly took his hand back after a slight pause.

"...Got burnt, huh?" teased Daryl.

Paul said after a second, "I'll have another go now!"

What a glutton that he would pay any price just for the food!

charring peel, the inside was so tender and moist that you just can't have enough of it. As Daryl only prepared one sweet potato for each of them, Paul had to covet hers when he had finished his. Being amused

we'll

the half of the sweet potato

he was rubbing his hands after

regarded him

on the finger pulps of

really hurts." He finally cried out after taking a long

foolish foodie didn't even sense the pain until he had finished the

with tons of messages on the phone. As a

Joshua's wife is expecting a baby.' Daryl must

than I expected." observed

unexpected one."

been considering about

Paul just went with sudden caprices and moods. He would cozy her up one moment, and beg her pardon the next after losing his temper. Daryl could do nothing with

she wouldn't hope it to come until Paul was really determined. Before that, she could only fill his heart with as much sense of

was necessary as they would have to get up early for the strawberry-picking

was much colder in the countryside and Daryl got herself tucked up in a nice warm bed after taking a bath. Paul burrowed

up, Daryl pushed him away. 'Don't you sleep by

doing that in the past days, and she just ended

weary of me now?" asked

You are thinking too

Paul sighed sentimentally, "Women!"

end, Daryl was still sleeping in his arms that night. Paul soon began to kiss her in the cheeks. Daryl patted his

up. "It really hurts? Wait a second. I'll go asking the host if

## **Chapter 989**

### **Side Story 1: Paul VS Daryl (2)**

The instant outcome of Daryl's offer was that neither of them could afford the strawberry-picking physically.

Daryl lied to Lucia that she was in period and just needed some rest. And she was actually lying on the bed when Lucia came to visit her. Lucia didn't have any doubt as Paul was even passing Daryl some water. Lucia thus expressed her concern, told Paul to take good care of Daryl and promised to bring them their share of strawberries later on.

As soon as Lucia left their room, Daryl began to blame Paul by hitting him. Her fists pummeled at his chest so gently that Paul actually felt quite comfortable. He even began to ask her what she wanted for the meal later on.

Daryl could only sigh with resignation.

After the two-day stay in the countryside villa, Daryl went back home with a box of sweet strawberries and sweet kiss marks all over her body.

But her mood plummeted to the bottom when it occurred to her that she still needed to go for work the next day when she was so exhausted. That thought got her to glare at Paul, despite the fact that it was she who took the initiative last night.

her scowl all

Daryl almost forgot this matter for she didn't feel anything unusual with

more tests after the regular physical examination. Holding the final report after the examination, Daryl lapsed into a gaze

with some water and asked with concern, "Feeling

only shook her head bleakly and passed

shock, almost let the

as a couple on the edge of

unexpected news gave Daryl a great shock too. Fortunately she hadn't felt any gestation discomfort so far, and thus could still console Paul by telling him that they might, at worst, let

from the hospital to their home. He didn't even eat much

her hair in a placatory way, though

in his embrace for



his unusual behavior too. He was mind-wandering in the meeting, not even remembering to operate just busy looking for some information in his phone attentively meeting room kept peeping at him as they thought that must be due to some mistakes

## **Chapter 990**

### **Side Story 2: Paul VS Daryl (1)**

It is a great cause to raise a baby, if you want to keep it.

To Daryl's surprise, Paul chose to welcome the baby to this world. He actually instantly set out to prepare for its arrival when she herself was still at a loss for what to do next, especially when her belly still looked quite flat now.

Daryl glanced over the piles of books in the study Paul had just bought, just to find some weird ones among the normal instructions of pregnancy and fairy tales for kids, such as "Dogs are Better than Kids", "Spartan Education" and "Kids can Discipline Themselves".

She even saw him significantly place a paper box with cloth inside into the wardrobe.

With an ominous hunch, Daryl asked, "Could you let me know what you are going to do with the box?"

Proceeding with what he had been doing and closing the wardrobe, Paul answered slowly, "We may give the baby to those who'd like to adopt him or her upon legal procedures if we really feel regretful for giving birth to him or her later on."

Daryl was speechless at such a father-to-be who was thinking too much due to some strange complex even when his kid was only an embryo. The ridiculous existence of the box just got her to worry about the education of the kid in the future as she stroke her belly now.

At night, Paul began caressing Daryl like before.

Daryl just hit him back, leaving him gawking at her with a puzzled look.

I thought you've read the books," blamed Daryl, "but how come you're still ignorant about the knowledge that you had better not touch me in the first and the last three months of pregnancy?!"

Paul groped for his phone instantly. His face seemed quite grim in the dim light of phone screen.

Having studied relevant articles carefully, Paul finally believed what Daryl had told him. With a flicker in his otherwise dull eyes, Paul began to blame himself.

He was filled with remorse not only for the impulse just now, but the unwise urge that night, which he thought a total loss if that could be deemed a sort of investment.

But now, despite the obvious vexation, he had to proceed with that "business" firmly since Daryl was the one who would have to sacrifice much more than him.

Watching his dramatic performance, Daryl was so amused.

stock-still. Daryl might even think he was passing out

went as far as to get  
stiffened up as he restrained himself  
finally gave up and sat up. "I'll go  
laughed Daryl.  
the bed resolutely and went out of the room  
fretful, almost as peevish as he had been when Daryl disappeared last  
didn't really reproach you with harsh words. His supercilious glance only turned to a glare that fixed on  
you silently for some seconds, which was suffice to make you  
a nightmare when he  
the best timing to let Paula know about her pregnancy, only acting gingerly and keeping away from  
coffee and cold drinks. During the process, Paul even sent several texts  
so carefully just like a  
you finally discover it!"  
exchanged glances in  
mine!" Paula suddenly burst out a scream, drawing the attention of  
to cool her down, whispering, "Just between us, OK? I haven't planned  
Paula nodded firmly.  
of congratulation from friends like Sophie and Lucia began to bombard, among which was Paula's  
apology saying "I'm sorry but I only  
was equal to announcing it  
it not bad either, since that actually  
she now found it quite a workload to reply to all these friends, which got Paul quite pissed off as the  
friends  
baby, what Paul cared about now was the health of Daryl. He wouldn't allow  
recommended  
"It's not that serious as  
that as if you've been a mother before.  
got  
the company's canteen while hiring a nutritionist for Daryl to make sure each of her meal contained  
sufficient nutrition,

gained more weigh than expected too. Looking at figures in the digital bathroom scale, Daryl screamed with an incredulous look.

on a diet, and tried hard to inculcate Paul with the danger of gestation