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Chapter 221 Christina thought of Andrew, but she hesitated as she reached for her phone.

Asking Andrew for help now would be like admitting she was wrong completely, devastatingly wrong. Worse, it would mean humiliating herself in front of him, shattering her pride and leaving her dignity in tatters.

All the harsh words she had thrown at him before would come back like daggers, cutting her deeply and leaving her scarred.

Y Harvey noticed her hesitation and sneered.

I know what you're thinking. You're hoping that loser Andrew will save you, right?! He leaned closer, his tone dripping with mockery.

Christina, you really want to play the saint and the sinner at the same time, huh? He added, You're the one who chased Andrew away and handed me the chance to step in.

And now, you're thinking of begging him? Don't you have any shame? Can you really bring yourself to grovel like that? Harvey's cruel words struck a nerve, and Christina's face turned ashen.

He laughed darkly, his grin wide with twisted satisfaction.

That's more like it.

Don't worry- I'll still give you the diamond crown I promised.

But before that, you'll have to sleep with me.

It's the perfect chance to check if you're still a virgin, Jayrodale's precious untouched angel.

No one gets to have you except me.

And once I have you, your heart will follow.

Its only a matter of time ! Hahaha! Laughing wildly, Harvey lunged at her

Suddenly, a furious voice thundered, Stop, you monster ! It was Kane, arriving with his men urgently. Father? Harvey turned, startled and annoyed

Why are you here? Didnt you say I could.

handle tonight on my own? Kanes expression was dark.

He marched forward and slapped Harvey across the face, the sound echoing through the room.

You disgraceful son ! Are you even human ?! A proposal is supposed to be straightforward and meaningful

Is this how I raised you? Harvey clutched his reddened cheek, his anger boiling over.

Did you just hit me? Do you even realize it was Christina and the Stevens family who disrespected me

first? He continued, I am part of the Weller family and the future head of it.

You expect me to just swallow this insult? Kanes chest heaved as he struggled to control his rage, his face pale

He pulled out a handkerchief, and the sight of blood staining it made everyone freeze.

You ungrateful brat, Kane rasped, his voice heavy with fury.

Do you want to drive me to my grave? Is that what youre trying to do? Harveys expression hardened, and he was on the verge of saying something unthinkable

Inside, he was cursing his own father, You're practically on your deathbed.

You should've just died and let me lead the Weller family!! Nonetheless, he dared not say those things aloud

His lips twitched, ready to spit venom, but a woman at Kane's side stopped him with a sharp glance. She was strikingly seductive, her high slit dress revealing glimpses of her pale skin as she moved. This was Kane's second wife, Harvey's stepmother, Serena

Get Christina's mother and younger brother to the hospital immediately, Kane barked, ignoring Harvey's glare

He added, Make sure they're taken to the best hospital and watched over by our people at all times. They're not to leave until they're fully recovered.

As Christina watched her family being carried out, her gaze was cold and unyielding.

Mr.

Weller Senior, from now on, the Stevens family has nothing to do with the Weller family. We are done.

Kane forced a smile, though his unease was evident. Christina, there's no need to take things so seriously.

Young people argue, but it doesn't have to end like this

Harvey lost his mother at a young age, and he's been deprived of maternal love, which has made him ... a bit difficult.

But I assure you, we've spared no effort in giving him the finest education and upbringing.

He assured Christina, saying, If you marry him, both you and the Stevens family will benefit greatly. Trust me, your future will be secure.

You can trust me on this.

Chapter 222 Serena sneered.

Ms.

Stevens, what an impressive display.

Its one thing to reject the future head of the Weller family to his face, but now you re even ignoring Mr. Weller Seniors orders? She continued, Do you really think the Stevens family is strong enough to challenge the Weller family? Christinas face darkened, but before she could respond, Kane slapped the seductive woman beside him across the face

Silence ! Family affairs are not for a woman like you to interfere with

Get out of here ! and After dismissing his wife, Kane turned back to Christina with a warm smile. Christie, you Harvey have been seeing each other for some time now.

Its normal for young people to have disagreements, but it hasnt reached the point where you two should end things

Why dont you go home and rest for now? III have Harvey come by later to offer a proper apology. Christina shook her head, her disgust for Harvey reaching its peak.

Im sorry, Mr.

Weller Senior, but I cant do that.

Lets leave it at that

you Kanes smile faltered, and a flicker of coldness appeared in his eyes.

Ms.

Stevens, I suggest think carefully about the choice youre about to make.

Ive already shown you a great deal of respect as the head of the Weller family, far more than Ive given others in your position.

Dont you think you should appreciate that? Christinas expression stiffened as she glanced at Kane.

His smiling face, though outwardly polite, made her feel a chill deep in her bones.

She knew well that this was not just a suggestion -it was a thinly veiled threat.

Harvey was a monster, but it was clear that Kane had also set his sights on swallowing the Stevens Corporation whole.

Regret and fear flooded Christina as she realized the trap her family might have walked into

The Stevens Corporation was standing on the edge of a cliff, and the Weller family was ready to push them over

After Christina left, Harvey seethed with rage.

That bitch is nothing but an ungrateful tramp! hadnt shown up, Dad, I wouldve made her regret ever defying the Weller family.

If you haan Kanes face darkened, and his voice was cold and steady.

Harvey, how many times have I told you? Women are not controlled through violence.

The ones you can beat into submission are no better than commodities useful only for momentary pleasure but ultimately worthless

He continued, But Christina is different.

She has beauty, intelligence, and, most importantly, the Stevens Corporation a prize worth far more than you seem to understand.

If you secure her and take over the Stevens Corporation, you can use its resources to strengthen the Weller family.

That is the only reason I supported your pursuit of her and even helped you acquire that diamond crown for the proposal.

Harveys anger cased as he listened, a calculating smirk forming on his face.

Youre right, Dad.

The Stevens Corporation is something we have to claim for ourselves.

But Christina... Shes picky, cold, and arrogant.

After tonights mess, getting her to cooperate will be next to impossible. Kanes laugh was low and chilling.

In the face of absolute power, theres no such thing as impossible.

Ive already made it clear to her she knows what defying me means

If the Stevens Corporation thinks they can walk away unscathed, well... thats nothing more than a dream.

Harvey clenched his fists, a spark of excitement in his eyes.

Though he secretly wished his father would die and leave him in charge, he could not deny that Kanes methods were unmatched

Serena chimed in, her eyes gleaming with greed.

Harvey, I heard that the diamond crown from the auction ended up in your hands.

Let me see it! If not for your fathers inter wouldve cost you tens of millions to win.

it Kane chuckled.

Indeed, had to put some pressure on the other bidders

Its true that my actions may not have been the most dignified, but lets face it dignity is a luxury we cant afford right now

The Weller family is in financial trouble, and the business is shrinking.

Compared to survival, what is dignity worth? Especially when I only have so much time left

If I can squeeze more from the world before Im gone, why wouldnt I? Harvey hesitated, looking uneasy. Dad, Serena, theres something I need to tell you.

Kane raised an eyebrow.

What is it? That diamond crown cost you 3 million to acquire.

Its a steal, and even if Christina doesnt appreciate it, we can sell it for a fortune.

Chapter 223 Harveys expression turned grim.

Dad, I know everything youve said is true, but the issue is ... I didnt get the crown for 3 million. Kanes brows furrowed deeply.

What did you just say ? After all, he personally went to the Radiant Group auction to intimidate the bidders

Was Silas, Radiant Groups CEO, bold enough to disrespect the Weller family? Harvey hesitated, stammering as he explained, Well... Initially, the crown was mine for 3 million it was practically a done deal

But then some bastard barged in out of nowhere and started bidding against me like his life depended on

it.

The price shot up and kept climbing until it reached more than 15 million ... so, well Before Harvey could finish, Kanes face turned deathly pale

His hand trembled as he pointed at his son.

What did you just say? You spent more than 15 million dollars? You ungrateful brat! Didnt I warn you not to go over 7.5 million at most? Are you trying to ruin the financial stability I worked so hard to maintain? Harvey braced himself.

Dad, you can blame me all you want, but it wasnt my fault! The real problem is Andrew he ignored your warning and forced me into this bidding war.

I didnt have a choice! Kane let out a furious cry, clutching his stomach as he doubled over in pain. His anger had literally made him sick.

He yelled, You idiot! You absolute moron! If someone starts bidding you up, why wouldnt You inst let it go? Do you have any idea what your recklessness has done? Youve doomed the Weller familys recovery because of your pride.

I should... I should- Kane gasped, unable to finish his sentence, before collapsing to the ground and coughing up a mouthful of blood.

Serena screamed, Honey, youre scaring me! Take it easy! Kanes veins bulged as he steadied himself against her, barely able to stay on his feet if no Serenas help.

Andrew ? Its Andrew Lloyd, isnt it? Hes crossed us one too many times, mocking the Weller family as if were nothing! Who does he think he is? III make sure he learns how to respect others.

He added, Before I go, Ill deal with him and show him what happens when you challenge a legacy like ours! Kanes bloodshot eyes burned with fury as he roared, his lips still smeared with blood.

Harveys voice grew colder.

Andrew is being propped up by Lauren, and hes also Christinas ex boyfriend.

He continued, Dad, if you let me mobilize the Weller familys skilled martial artists, I could take him out for good.

Its remove one major obstacle standing in our way.

Kane gritted his teeth.

Ive told you before you dont have the authority to command the familys skilled martial artists until youve officially taken my place.

But dont worry.

Before Im gone, Ill make sure to clear the path for you.

Ill leave you with a Weller family with a future.

Harvey felt a surge of joy but quickly masked it with a look of remorse.

Dad, look at your condition

I cant bear to see you pushing yourself so hard just to help me! Kanes presence radiated a fading yet fierce aura, like a lion refusing to acknowledge its decline.

For the Weller family future, Ill endure whatever I have to.

You may be a disappointment, but you're still my son.

And killing Andrew will send a message to everyone, especially the Rhodes family and Marvin, who are circling us like vultures

The Weller family isn't dying prey.

We're a lion, lying in wait to strike again! Harvey suppressed his glee, hiding his delight as Kane unknowingly prepared to eliminate all of his enemies for him.

From the corner of his eye, Harvey noticed Serena casting him a sultry glance, her eyes practically dripping with desire

Immediately, his body reacted, and his mind filled with how he would release his pent up frustrations on

her

If Christina would not bend to him, then he would enjoy what was already within reach.

Moreover, the thrill of doing something so risky and immoral only made it more exhilarating.

Chapter 224 Jayrodale General Hospital

Andrew had just stepped into his office when Francesca walked in, her expression a mix of curiosity and mischief.

She teased, Dr.

Lloyd, your old flame's family is staying at our hospital.

Andrew raised an eyebrow.

What happened? Did someone get hurt? Francesca pouted.

Oh, so youre still hung up on her? Seems like you care about her a lot, dont you? Andrew sighed. Its not like that

Im just surprised, thats all.

With a light scoff, Francesca explained, Christinas fine.

But Mrs.

Stevens, that feisty old hag, and Leroy were nearly beaten to death.

Christina looks completely out of it pale and helpless.

Since you two have a history, maybe you should check on her.

Andrew chuckled

You didnt sound like you wanted me to see her earlier.

Francesca puffed out her chest and replied with a haughty tone, I dont want you to get tangled up with her again

But youre the hospitals deputy chief, and visiting patients is part of your job

Andrew nodded and headed toward the intensive care unit where Christinas family was staying.

When he pushed the door open, the sight before him was almost comical.

Irene and Leroy were both wrapped in thick bandages around their heads, making it seem as if their heads were bigger than their bodies

Irenes situation was the worst; she groaned loudly, Oh, the pain is killing me! Am I dying? Harveys a monster, and so is his family! I swear III never let this go ! A nurse nearby frowned.

Maam, you need to stay calm in your condition.

And please, this is a hospital watch your language.

Irene could not move her head, but her eyes shot daggers at the nurse, You little brat ! Who do you think you are to lecture me? She continued, Do you even know who I am? Im the mother of the CEO of Stevens Corporation! Christina can have you fired with just one word do you believe me? Sitting by the bedside, Christina looked like she was about to scold Irene.

She was exhausted, mentally and emotionally drained.

She could not believe her mother still had the energy to act so unreasonable at a time like this.

Just then, Andrew walked in and spoke in a cold voice

Maam, if youre unsatisfied with the hospitals care, youre welcome to transfer elsewhere immediately. Irene was startled, clearly not expecting such a blunt response.

Her injuries had finally improved slightly, and she did not want to go through all the hassle and worsen her condition

However, when she realized it was Andrew, she quickly changed her tone and snapped, Oh, its you, Andrew ! What now? You think youre some big shot now, huh? How dare you talk to me like this!! Andrew stared at her with a calm, indifferent expression.

You seem to have forgotten that Im the deputy chief of this hospital

If you insult our staff again, Ill have you kicked out.

Irenes face stiffened.

She clenched her teeth and grumbled, Fine ! I see how it is

You're just an ungrateful leech! After everything the Stevens family did for you, this is how you repay us? Christina loved you with all her heart, and you threw it away like trash! She turned her body dramatically toward Christina, wailing like she had suffered some grave injustice: Andrew ignored her antics completely

Instead, he turned to the nurse with a polite smile.

Nyla, you can go back to your duties.

I'll handle things here for now

Nyla blushed slightly and smiled back.

Thank you, Dr.

Lloyd

I'll leave it to you.

As she walked away, she hesitated for a moment, then glanced back shyly.

Biting her lip, she said softly, Dr.

Lloyd, are you free after work? My grandpas been wanting to invite you over for dinner again.

Chapter 225 Nyla added, Also, my grandfather has a medical book hes having trouble understanding, and hed love for you to help him with it.

Andrew smiled warmly.

Of course.

If I have the time, Ill be happy to visit him

Her pale cheeks flushed as two adorable dimples appeared, and she practically skipped away, beaming with excitement

Christina sat to the side, watching the exchange with a bitter feeling

Andrew, that nurse is from Jayrodales Goth family, isnt she? Andrew glanced at her, puzzled.

Im not really sure about her background.

Christina let out a bitter laugh.

Come on, stop pretending.

Its written all over her face.

Shes one step away from throwing herself at you.

She continued, Ever since you left me, your luck with women has skyrocketed.

First, there was Ms.

Rhodes, then Ms.

Aicker, and now this little nurse.

Andrew, maybe leaving me was the best decision you ever made.

Andrews expression stayed calm as he met her eyes

Whats your point in bringing this up? And lets not twist the story, I didnt leave you you and your ambitions pushed me away.

I was nothing more than an inconvenience to you, someone you kicked aside without hesitation. You havent forgotten that, have you, Ms.

Stevens ? Her face flushed red, her pale lips trembling as she tried to respond.

Y You know thats not what I meant.

Andrews voice turned colder

Whatever you meant doesnt matter to me anymore.

His bluntness and icy demeanor left Christina feeling a wave of sadness and helplessness.

Tears welled up in her eyes as she bit her lip, trying to keep her composure.

With a shaky voice, she asked, If you dont care about me anymore, then why are you even here ?
Are

you here to gloat? To laugh my mom and brother after they were nearly beaten to death? Are you here

to mock me for being such a blind, foolish woman? The fear, humiliation, regret, and exhaustion she had bottled up since last night finially erupted, spilling out in her words and tears.

Andrews expression faltered slightly as he looked at her.

He had never seen Christina cry like this before.

The Christina he knew was strong, stubborn, and fiercely independent someone who never let her pride crack in front of others

But now, she sat curled up on the bed, clutching herself tightly as her body shook with quiet sobs.

He knew that for her to break down like this, her walls must have completely crumbled.

Chapter 225 Francesca stepped in at that moment, glancing at Christina with a mix of concern and annoyance.

Dr.

Lloyd, why dont you take Ms.

Stevens out for some fresh air ? She hasnt slept or eaten anything since last night.

If she keeps this up, her body wont hold up much longer

Christina wiped her tears with trembling fingers her voice firm despite her tiredness.

Thank you for your concern, Dr.

Aicker, but Im fine.

Andrews tone was cold as he retorted, Do you honestly think you know your condition better than a doctor? Come with me.

Before Christina could protest further, Andrew grabbed her hand and pulled her toward his office. She struggled a few times, but when she caught his sharp, intimidating gaze, she stopped resisting. Andrew was no longer the accommodating, gentle man she remembered.

Now, he was unyielding and, at times, even harsh

Yet, despite his domineering demeanor, Christina did not feel anger or resentment.

If anything, his commanding presence sent a nervous flutter through her heart each time.

Meanwhile, back in the intensive care unit.

No sooner after Andrew and Christina left, the door swung open.

A group of ten burly bodyguards, all wearing sunglasses, filed in, escorting none other than Harvey himself.

Chapter 226 Christie, Im here to see you and your family, Harvey said as he entered, his tone unusually humble

Last night, I lost my head and acted impulsively.

Please forgive me.

Irene scoffed.

Sorry, but we wont accept your apology.

You can turn around and leave

Harvey was unfazed by Irenes sharp tone and brushed off her hostility as if he had anticipated it.

His eyes scanned the room, but when he did not see Christina, his expression hardened.

Wheres Christie ? Where did she go? Irene sneered

Where? Far away from you, of course.

Harvey, you should just give up.

After what you did last night, none of us will ever forgive you.

She added smugly, And just so you know, Christie and Andrew are back together.

Right now, theyre probably cozying up somewhere.

Harveys face turned dark in an instant, his eyes blazing with rage like he was ready to explode

Francesca, who had been leaning against the wall watching the scene unfold, frowned and snapped, What nonsense are you spouting, old hag? Dont drag Dr.

Lloyd into your baseless gossip! Irene shrugged defiantly.

Oh, did I say something wrong? Christie is with Andrew right now.

He already took her away everyone saw it.

Francescas temper flared.

Dr.

Lloyd took Ms.

Stevens to get something to eat and change into warmer clothes nothing more.

But the way you spin it makes it sound disgraceful! Harvey was already consumed by fury, and he

roared, Enough! All of you shut the hell up! He turned to the man standing behind him and barked, Mr. Fletcher, my father sent you here for one reason: to uphold justice for the Weller family.

Its time for you to act.

I want Andrew dead now.

Harvey was not just accompanied by his usual bodyguards this time.

Standing at his side was a lean, rigid man in a gray suit, exuding an air of menace.

Zayne Fletcher gave a curt nod, his voice chillingly calm.

Rest assured, Mr.

Weller.

That man wont live to see tomorrows sunrise

Francescas expression shifted from anger to alarm as she recognized the man.

Zayne was one the Weller familys top martial experts, known for his ruthlessness and deadly precision

He was a figure of infamy, someone who sent shivers down the spines of those in Jayrodales elite circles

Francesca clenched her fists and tried to keep her voice steady.

Harvey, this is a hospital, not the Weller familys playground.

Are you seriously trying to start a feud with the Rhodes family and my family?, She was grasping at straws, invoking her familys name in the hopes of intimidating Harvey enough to make him back down

Yet, Harvey simply smirked, his expression dripping with malice.

Francesca, do you really think Ive been bottling up all this humiliation and rage just to be swayed by a few empty threats? My father sent Mr.

Fletcher here for a reason.

Do you really believe that if Andrew is killed here in this hospital, your grandfather or the Rhodes family will be able to do anything to us? His arrogance was palpable, and Francescas unease deepened. She had suspected this level of boldness could not come from Harvey alone.

And now, he had made it clear.

This was not just his plan alone.

Kane was also involved

The involvement of the Weller family patriarch meant things were about to get dangerously serious.

Chapter 227 After all, Kane was not someone Francesca or Lauren could deal with.

Harvey said smugly, Fran, I bet you day would come when Andrew would never thought the be entirely under my thumb.

For so long, you and Lauren Jayrodales two leading beauties have been hanging around with that guy. As your senior, Ive warned you countless times, but you girls just wont listen, will you? He e grinned and added with disdain, Tell you what, why dont you go get Andrew and have him crawl over here and lick my boots? If he does a good enough job, I might just consider sparing him for now.

Francesca clenched her fists, disgusted by the sight of Harveys audacity

She said coldly, Harvey, youre supposed to be the golden boy of Jayrodale, born into a prominent family.

But for as long as I can remember, youve always been the one picking fights with Andrew.

Now that you cant beat him, youve brought your family muscle to settle the score.

She scoffed.

Do you actually think that makes you look honorable ? Lets be real youre just riding on your dads coattails

Without him, youd be the one groveling on the floor.

Harveys expression darkened immediately.

He snapped, The Weller family has countless experts at its disposal.

Why shouldnt I use them? That loser Andrew just got lucky a few times and knows how to charm women

Beyond that, theres nothing extraordinary about him! A calm but sharp voice cut through the tension from the doorway.

Thats rich coming from you, Harvey.

Youre a special breed indeed, never learning your lessons and keep coming back for more.

Just then, Andrew walked in with Christina beside him.

Harvey immediately turned to look, and the sight of Christina draped in Andrews jacket made his blood boil with jealousy and rage.

You bitch! Harvey shouted, his voice trembling with fury

Ive bent over backward for you, and you wouldnt even let me touch your hand.

But this loser this pathetic nobody sows you a little kindness, and you fall into his arms? Have you no shame ? Harveys frustration reached its peak, his mind swirling with bitter thoughts.

He had tried everything to win Christina over, only to fail time and time again.

Yet, Andrew could effortlessly have his way with Christina.

The way she blushed as she stood beside Andrew and the clothes on her only fueled Harvey's paranoia, and he could not help but think the two had a quick rendezvous moments ago.

Christina remained calm, her voice icy.

Harvey, your thoughts are as vile as your actions.

There's nothing between Andrew and me

And even if there were, it wouldn't have anything to do with you anymore.

Harvey's face twisted with rage, and he stepped forward, fists clenched

However, Kane's stern warning echoed in his mind, pulling him back from the brink.

He was here to apologize and win Christina's trust, not to lose control and push her further away.

Taking a deep breath, Harvey forced himself to relax.

He flashed a smile, though his heart seethed with resentment.

Christie, he said, his tone softening.

I didn't come here to argue .

I came to apologize

I've made mistakes big ones and I want to make it right.

From now on, I'll do whatever you say and never go against your wishes again.

Chapter 228 Christina's tone was cold as she said, I'm sorry, but I don't need any of this from you.

I already told you last night we're done.

There's nothing left to talk about

Harvey silently cursed her, but he kept his face calm and plastered on a smile.

He softened his tone and replied, I know you're still angry.

I'm not asking you to forgive me right away, but my feelings for you have never changed

If you don't forgive me today, I'll stand outside Stevens Corporation every day to apologize until you do. Christina frowned in disgust.

Harvey, don't you realize how childish and pathetic that sounds? I don't want your apologies.

I want us to stay out of each other's lives from now on.

It's for the best.

Irene snapped, Harvey, stop harassing my daughter! You're the heir of the Weller family- stop acting like some shameless, clingy mutt! Harvey's face twitched at the insult, his fists clenching as he fought the urge to lash out at Irene

He inhaled sharply, forcing himself to stay composed.

Christie, you don't have to forgive me

But I need to let you know something Andrew has crossed my family too many times.

My father has already marked him for death.

He smirked, his tone turning threatening

I dont want things to get ugly, but if you dont reconsider and take me back, I wont hold back.

That loser standing beside you? Hes as good as dead.

Harvey shifted tactics, knowing Christinas biggest weakness was her unwillingness to see others get hurt because of her

He was sure she would cave under pressure.

As expected, Christinas face paled, and she snapped, Harvey, whatever is between us has nothing to do with Andrew! Dragging him into this only makes me despise you more.

Harvey sneered

Youre already trying to cut ties with me.

Do you really think I care about your opinion of me anymore? Turning to Andrew, he mocked, Andrew

why dont you come over here and beg for my forgiveness? If I can convince Christie to come back to me , I might consider letting you live.

His arrogant smirk made it clear he thought he had Andrew cornered.

Andrews eyes glinted coldly as he stepped forward.

Francesca quickly warned, Dr.

Lloyd, be careful! Harvey brought along one of the Weller familys top enforcers.

Dont get too close ! Andrew ignored her warning as he continued walking toward Harvey.

Christina quickly stepped in front of him and glared at Harvey

She demanded, What do you want? Ive already told you this has nothing to do with Andrew.

Why must you rely on the Weller familys power to bully others? Harvey laughed triumphantly.

Christie, you know as well as I do that the Weller family isnt to be trifled with.

Andrew has gone against me one too many times

Do you really think Id let him off so easily? Christinas voice was icy.

If you want to hurt Andrew, youll have to go through me first.

Harveys temper flared, and he gritted his teeth.

Even now, youre still protecting him.

Tell me, Christina are you still in love with him? Christinas heart skipped a beat, her expression conflicted.

After a moment, she sighed.

Fine

Ill do whatever you want as long as you dont hurt Andrew

Harveys laugh echoed through the room, full of satisfaction.

This was exactly the result he had wanted.

Using Andrew as leverage, he knew he could force Christina to submit.

Once he got what he wanted, he would deal with Andrew permanently.

Christina turned to Andrew, then said in a soft and aggrieved voice, Andrew, Im sorry.

Because of me, you almost got dragged into this mess.

Forcing a small, sad smile, she added, After this, well be even.

The hospital saved my family

Youve already helped meso much in my career.

I wont trouble you anymore.

Chapter 229 Christinas voice was stiff as she said, But this time, what Ive done for you should be enough

to repay everything youve done for me.

Andrew frowned and asked coldly, So even now, youre still focused on settling some imaginary debt with me? Still determined to make sure that you and Stevens Corporation owe me absolutely nothing? Christina turned her head away, her voice rigid.

Thats right.

I dont want to owe you anything.

Andrew let out a mocking laugh.

You never owed me anything to begin with.

Now, move aside

Didn't Harvey claim he wanted to teach me a lesson ? I'm giving him his chance.

Christina was taken aback but quickly recovered and scolded him, Andrew, do you even know what you're doing? Step back! Harvey brought one of his family's top enforcers.

If you keep this up, everything I just compromised for will mean nothing! Andrew gently pushed her aside

, his tone calm but firm.

First of all, I never needed you to compromise for me.

Secondly, if he thinks he can strut around on my turf, I'm going to show him exactly what happens to pretentious losers

Harvey stood there dumbfounded for a second before bursting into laughter, as though he had just heard the most ridiculous thing in the world.

Mr.

Fletcher, did you hear what this idiot just said? Harvey mocked

I was kind enough to let him go, and yet here he is, practically begging to get himself killed

Isn't that just hilarious? Harvey's laughter grew louder as he gestured toward Zayne and the dozen Weller family bodyguards surrounding them.

Zayne remained indifferent, just flicking his sleeve in a display of arrogant superiority.

I rarely bother to dirty my hands, but when I do, there will be blood, he said with a cold snort.

He added, Kid, surviving this long was nothing but luck.

If youre determined to die, not even God can save you.

The bodyguards broke into mocking laughter, their scorn unmistakable.

What a joke! Mr.

Fletcher himself is here, and this idiot still dares to act tough.

Does he have a death wish or what? Mr.

Fletcher wont even need to break a sweat to deal with this guy.

Honestly, I admire his courage to go looking for his own funeral ! Mr.

Weller, I think we should teach this punk a lesson.

At least break a leg or two, or people might start thinking you and Mr.

Fletcher are running a charity! Harvey pointed at Andrew, sneering.

Andrew, did you hear that? I know youve got a little bit of skill, and you like to show off, but theres a limit to everything.

Do you think Id dare to mess with you if I didnt have Mr.

Fletcher by my side? Andrews expression remained icy.

I dont care if you brought Mr.

Fletcher, or even dragged your half dead father along with you.

Since youre causing trouble in my hospital, Im going to make sure you pay for your insolence.

Before anyone could respond, Andrew moved.

Harvey had not even pulled his pointing finger back when Andrew grabbed it with lightning speed. Then, a loud crack echoed in the room as Harveys finger was crushed under Andrews grip. However, it did not end there

In a blur of motion, Andrews foot lashed out, striking Harvey in the stomach with brutal precision. Harvey let out a guttural scream as he clutched his stomach and flew backward, slamming to the ground with a thud

My hand! My hand! Harvey wailed, his voice a mix of agony and rage.

Mr.

Fletcher, kill him! Kill him now! The once proud heir of the Weller family lay sprawled on the floor, shrieking pathetically.

Chapter 230 Andrews swift and decisive moves left Christin Francesca, and the others stunned. None of them expected Andrew to go as far as to completely dominate Harvey, even with Zayne by his

side

What shocked them even more was that Harvey, who was supposed to be the top heir of Jayrodale, a place known for its skilled fighters, looked like a complete amateur, unable to even get back up after a light strike from Andrew Zaynes eyes burned with fury.

Kid, youve got a lot of nerve, he said, his voice filled with anger.

Youve hurt someone under my watch.

That means I cant let you leave here alive.

Andrew casually waved his hand.

Quit talking

you want to fight, hurry up, Ive got other patients to see.

Zayne nearly exploded with rage.

You brat! You re asking for it now.

Meanwhile, Harvey remained lying on the ground with his shattered fingers, and he could barely breathe from the pain.

Mr.

Fletcher, do something! Make him pay! I want him dead, now! Harvey screamed.

Christina quickly stepped in, her voice frantic.

Harvey, you promised me youd let Andrew go.

Are you really going to go back on your word? Harvey, gritting his teeth, snarled, Theres no way I can

let this slide! He paused, groaning in pain from his hand.

You saw it yourself.

This bastard attacked me first! My hand my hand! With a final, agonized scream, Harvey continued to writhe on the ground.

Zaynes hands moved with lightning speed, one after another, aimed straight at Andrews head

The wind from his strike was so intense that everyone around them felt a sharp pain in their ears
Francesca shouted, Dr.

Lloyd, watch out! A cold gleam flashed in Andrews eyes.

Instead of dodging Zaynes attack, he moved forward, crashing into Zayne.

Zayne sneered, aiming his hands at both sides of Andrews head.

With these two strikes, Ill send you to your grave! Andrew remained unfazed, clamping down on Zaynes wrists

As a result, the powerful strikes, once so threatening, were now completely neutralized.

Zayne did not manage to land a single blow.

How useless! Andrew muttered, looking at Zayne in disdain.

Zaynes eyes widened in shock.

His signature attack, which had earned him a deadly reputation, was completely shut down with case, H How ... Zayne stammered, unable to comprehend the situation

Andrew had not only stopped the attack, but also did it without breaking a sweat, leaving him completely exposed

In his fury, Zayne roared and tried to free his hands, but Andrews grip remained unshaken

He shouted, Let go of me, you bastard! Zaynes rage was palpable as he kicked out with both feet. Andrew scoffed

Old man, Im done playing with you.

He easily blocked the kick, then drove his knee up into Zaynes chest with a force that echoed.

like thunder.

The impact was so brutal that even through the thick fabric of Zaynes robe, his chest visibly caved in.

L Zayne coughed up a mouthful of blood, his face paling as he staggered back, his with disbelief.

He had lost! One hit had almost crushed his ribs and internal organs.

eves filled Andrew was stronger than him, and for a moment, Zayne was in denial about the reality of the situation.

Holding his chest, he staggered back in shock.