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Chapter 471 Lauren exclaimed urgently, Dr.

Lloyd, you cant do this! Mr.

Chapman is emotionally unstable -we should wait for the rescue team

She did not need to elaborate further, as Andrew already understood her meaning

She feared that if he tried to save Marcus and was not careful enough, Marcus might actually jump, and Andrew would have to bear that devastating consequence.

Andrew smiled reassuringly and said, Ms.

Rhodes, trust me.

I will bring Mr.

Chapman back safely.

Andrew, are you trying to be the hero again? Are you looking for more trouble? Eunice snapped angrily. Do you understand what will happen if you fail to save Mr.

Chapman ? If I cant bring him back, Ill take full responsibility, Andrew replied coldly, which silenced everyone as they watched him slowly approach Marcus

Breaking out in a cold sweat, Eunice turned to Lauren and said, Miss, how can you just there and let him act so recklessly? In this situation, whoever tries to save Mr.

Chapman takes on the risk of failure.

Think about it if they fail to save Mr.

Chapman, wont that person face the hatred of all employees? They might even face criminal charges ! Lauren responded with a cold laugh, Are you finished? If so, let me explain something to you Whats that ? Eunice asked, bewildered

Laurens face showed contempt as she spoke calmly, In the face of saving a human life, Dr.

Lloyd has put aside his personal reputation and is moving forward despite enormous risks.

Yet you call this reckless behavior.

So, Eunice, you think being a coward, being fearful, lacking empathy and compassion is the right way to go? She added, And you think Dr.

Lloyd, whos facing potential public criticism and bearing the pressure of becoming a target of blame while trying to save someone alone, is a foot? Eunice was at a loss for words, Miss, I Lauren smirked and declared, A man who does what must be done despite resistance thats the kind of partner Ive been searching for my whole life! If Mr.

Chapman does jump and we cant save him, Dr.

Lloyd and I will bear all responsibility together.

As Andrew carefully approached Marcus, the latters eyes showed wild desperation as he shouted, Mr. Lloyd, dont come any closer, or III jump right now! Andrew immediately stopped and raised both hands in a peaceful gesture, saying with a smile, Mr.

Chapman, come down first.

Whatevers troubling you, lets talk it out, man to man.

If we cant work it out, you can hold me accountable however you want.

Marcus shook his head and said, Its useless.

Nothing can help.

I've lost everything all I have left is this worthless life.

Since everyone's pushing me, I'll prove my point with death! Andrew kept his voice steady.

Mr.

Chapman, as your friend, I can't agree with that.

Life isn't meant to be easy.

As men, we're supposed to face challenges head on and keep moving forward.

He asked, If one obstacle can bring us down, how are we supposed to handle the countless hurdles ahead? For a moment, Marcus seemed dazed, his expression softening.

He muttered, I used to be someone who believed that too

I once vowed to stand tall, pursue greatness, and make my life meaningful, But in the end, fate played a cruel joke on me

Perhaps death is my only destination! Andrew frowned slightly, realizing Marcus emotional wounds were deeper than anticipated.

He said, Mr.

Chapman, with your wisdom and perspective, surely you understand that life is a cycle of ups and downs

We all have moments of triumph, just as we all face times of despair.

But true heroes are those who recognize life's cruelty yet still choose to embrace and love it- don't you think so?

Chapter 472 Marcus gave a bitter smile as tears glistened in his eyes.

He said, Mr.

Lloyd, you're a good man, and an even more open minded one.

Though we haven't known each other long, I truly admire and respect you! He continued, Unfortunately, even saints can't save everyone, and I'm just a poor soul.

trapped in quicksand with no way back! Standing at the rooftop's edge for so long had taken its toll on Marcus' body and mind.

He swayed more noticeably now, looking as if he might fall at any moment.

A gasp rippled through the crowd behind him, and a few female employees started crying.

Amidst the chaos, several angry voices cursed at Andrew, their words sharp and cutting. Andrew ignored

all the distractions and focused solely on Marcus.

He called out, Mr.

Chapman, I want to tell you something.

You say even saints can't save everyone, but let me make one thing clear: if they can't, I can.

If they can't bring someone back from despair, then I, Andrew Lloyd, will.

Marcus blinked in confusion, his expression momentarily softening

Is there really someone like that in this world? Unnoticed by Marcus, Andrew had quietly moved a few steps closer.

The distance between.

them was now less than 10 meters.

Trying to keep Marcus engaged, Andrew asked, Mr.

Chapman, how's Lucy doing lately? Why don't you bring her to the company so I can check on her? Lucy was Marcus's daughter Andrew had learned this during her stay at Jayrodale General Hospital.

At the mention of his daughter, Marcus's face softened with affection.

He replied, Lucy's doing well.

She still talks about you and Dr.

Acker all the time.

His expression suddenly changed as he cried out, But my precious Lucy ... She's gone! Then, he closed his eyes and began falling backward

In that moment, everyone's heart stopped including Laurens, whose face turned ghostly white.

They all thought it was over, that they had failed to save him.

However, Andrew refused to give up he had never known the meaning of surrender

He covered the thirty foot distance in a split second, every muscle in his body exploding with superhuman speed.

It was not the kind of strength an ordinary person could muster it was something extraordinary, something only a master at the peak of physical discipline could achieve.

The crowd behind them erupted in screams as they watched in stunned disbelief.

Andrew had leaped after Marcus.

Eunice gasped and blurted out, Miss, do you think Mr.

Lloyd just gave up and decided to ... end it all with him? Lauren responded by slapping her across the

face and snapped, Shut up! Andrew had managed to grab the rooftops edge with one hand while holding onto Marcus suit jacket with the other

The two of them dangled over a hundred feet above the ground, swaying precariously as strong winds buffeted them

Below the Rhodes Corporation building, pedestrians froze in shock, quickly pulling out their phones to record the scene

Someone shouted, Holy cow, is that guy a superhero or something? Thats incredibly cool! How is he holding up both himself and the other guy with one arm? Thats not just strength; thats superhuman! Forget about saving someone Id probably wet myself just looking down from that height, a third person added

Forget just wetting yourself I bet youd straight up lose it! The onlookers exchanged awed remarks, unable to believe what they were witnessing.

Chapter 473 The crowd watched in amazement as Andrews arm swung like a pendulum, launching Marcus

back onto the rooftop.

Then, with seemingly effortless strength, Andrew pulled himself up and flipped back over the safety barrier.

Mr.

Chapman is safe! Mr.

Lloyd made it back up too! The Rhodes Corporation employees on the rooftop erupted in joy and relief. Several medical staff quickly secured Marcus and carried him away while Lauren rushed to Andrews side , circling him anxiously as she asked, Dr.

Lloyd, are you alright? Andrew brushed off his suit and smiled, saying, Im fine! Lauren threw her arms around him and said tearfully, You scared me! When I saw you jump, I thought... well, if you were going to make such a dramatic gesture, it should have been for me! Her comment broke the solemn atmosphere, causing the gathered employees to burst into laughter.

Mr.

Lloyd, I have nothing but admiration for you! one employee exclaimed.

Youve shown us what true courage looks like.

I just want to say youre the real deal! Another chimed in, grinning, No wonder Ms.

Rhodes chose you.

All I can say is, damn, youre a legend! The Rhodes Corporation employees gained a newfound respect for Andrew.

If his previous actions had shown them what it meant to be powerful, this rescue had shown them what it meant to be a hero.

Eunice approached him sheepishly and said in a low voice, Im sorry, Mr.

Lloyd.

I apologize for what I said earlier.

Andrew waved it off and said, Dont worry about it.

Everyone, lets get back to work When several reporters tried to enter Rhodes Corporation to interview Andrew, Lauren turned them away

Andrew explained, Its better not to publicize Mr.

Chapmans situation it would only cause him more harm

Lauren agreed, saying, Thats exactly what I was thinking.

Come on, lets check on him.

Hes awake now.

In the Rhodes Corporation medical room, Andrew and Lauren found Marcus resting in bed.

To their surprise, Michael and a few senior executives were already there.

Michael, wearing a concerned expression, was speaking to Marcus.

Mr.

Chapman, dont worry about anything.

Ill handle things from the top, so theres no need for you to stress.

He continued, Take a few days off to rest and recover

You can return to running the Pharmaceutical Division when youre feeling better ! Michaels face showed

sincerity as he patted Marcuss shoulder, but the executives behind him wore smirks that suggested they were there to mock rather than comfort.

Marcus lay pale faced in the bed, clearly struggling to contain his emotions as he said, Mr.

Rhodes, I dont need several days.

Just give me half a day, and I can return to work in the Pharmaceutical Division.

Michael smiled and waved his hand dismissively, saying, Mr.

Chapman, Im giving you time off just relax and dont push yourself! Dont worry, Ill keep an eye on the Pharmaceutical Division for you

Marcus suddenly snapped, his tone sharper, I think your offer to let me rest is just an excuse

Youre planning to sideline the and eventually push me out of the division altogether, arent you? Michaels smile faltered for a moment before he recovered and said, Mr.

Chapman, youre overthinking this.

The Pharmaceutical Division has always been under your management- how could I overstep? As Michael and the executives turned to leave, they found Lauren and Andrew blocking the doorway. Michael adjusted his glasses and gave Andrew a practiced smile.

Mr.

Lloyd, I must say, risking your life to save someone youve become the companys hero.

Well have to reward you for this!

Chapter 474 Andrew raised an eyebrow and said, Well, anything less than a few million dollars would be an insult, dont you think, Mr.

Rhodes ? A few million ? Andrew, has money made you lose your mind? one of the executives beside. Michael snapped angrily.

Michael raised his hand to silence his subordinate and smiled, saying, Lauren, Mr.

Lloyd, Ill be going now would you mind stepping aside ? Lauren did not budge an inch and asked coldly, What were you doing when Mr.

Chapman was about to jump? Michael tilted his head thoughtfully and replied, As the CEO, Im extremely busy.

I was working in my office, of course.

More like busy doing inappropriate things with your secretary.

How disgusting! Lauren mocked

Michaels face darkened as he snarled, Lauren, watch your words.

Im the CEO who are you, a mere subordinate, to question my actions? Besides, what proof do you have about these so-called inappropriate activities? Andrew laughed and commented, Theres plenty of proof

The cleaning lady who tidies your office complains about the excessive trash every day.

Out of curiosity, I checked it out and wow, all those used boxes of Viagra, male enhancement pills, and various imported performance medications... Andrew continued, You should be careful, Mr.

Rhodes.

These drugs might feel good in the moment, but overuse can lead to serious complications blood in urine

, permanent damage, even cancer requiring surgical removal of- .

Michaels face twitched violently as he gritted his teeth and growled, Enough, Andrew ! I dont want to hear another word from you! Michael felt a chill run down his spine.

Though he disliked Andrew, he had absolute faith in his medical expertise.

Hence, if Andrew said these enhancement products could lead to catastrophic consequences, he needed to act fast.

Feeling a sudden anxiety about his manhood, Michael rushed out, heading straight to the hospital instead of his office

He needed to get checked immediately.

If Andrew was right

about the cancer risk and surgical removal of his private part, he might as well commit suicide on the spot

Lauren covered her mouth and laughed, asking Andrew, Dr.

Lloyd, is Michaels condition really that serious? Andrew snorted.

He already reeks of excess

Its not life threatening yet, but if he keeps this up, hes going to drop dead in the middle of one of his escapades.

Lauren muttered, Serves him right! Then, she approached Marcuss bedside and asked concernedly, Mr.

Chapman, how are you feeling? Marcus shook his head and replied, Im fine.

Im just feeling weak.

Ms.

Rhodes, Mr.

Lloyd, please leave I need some time alone

Tell me what happened, and III help you deal with it, Lauren insisted firmly

Marcus forced a smile but continued shaking his head, saying, Its useless.

No one can help me

Lauren felt frustrated.

Without Marqus speaking up, there was nothing she could do.

Plus, as her respected senior, she could not force him to talk..

Mr.

Chapman, your problem is that Michael wants to take control of the Pharmaceutical Division and strip you of power, right? Andrew suddenly chimed in.

When Marcus remained silent, Andrew continued, But thats not your biggest worry, is it? Somethings happened to Lucy, hasnt it? Marcus hesitated before Sighing.

Mr.

Lloyd, I don't want to burden you with my problems, so please stop asking.

Besides, there's nothing you can do about my situation!

Chapter 475 Andrews face grew stern as he said, If you can't handle this alone, you need to speak up instead of worrying about dragging me into it.

Remember what I told you on the rooftop you thought no one could help you, but I'm not just anyone.

Mr.

Chapman, let Dr.

Lloyd help you, Lauren urged.

I can personally guarantee that his capabilities go far beyond what you and I can imagine ! Marcus

wavered at her words, glancing at Andrew uncertainly before asking, Mr.

Lloyd, you're not just the deputy chief of Jayrodale General Hospital, are you? Of course not, Andrew smiled

To be frank, I now control the entire underground network 1 of Jayrodale.

Whether Lucy's situation involves old money families or other complications, I'm confident I can resolve it

Mr.

Lloyd, do you really mean that? Marcus asked, his eyes wide with shock.

Andrew chuckled.

Why would I lie about something like this? Marcus studied Andrew intently, his mind racing as he processed this revelation.

This man, who had always seemed unassuming, turned out to wield unimaginable power behind the scenes

Yet, as Marcus thought it over, he began to understand.

After all, someone who could casually throw down billions of dollars to buy into Rhodes Corporation and become the fifth largest shareholder was not ordinary by any means

The Weller family has kidnapped Lucy! Marcus finally revealed, his voice filled with anguish.

Im powerless against such an influential family

They gave me an ultimatum- either I steal Rhodes Corporations pharmaceutical formulas for them, or

theyll kill her ! Lauren gritted her teeth in anger and barked, The Weller family! I cant believe that beast Harvey would secretly target Rhodes Corporation like this.

Andrew pressed on gravely, Mr.

Chapman, I need you to answer my questions precisely- Lucys safety depends on it.

When was Lucy kidnapped, and do you know who took her ? Last night, I was working late, Marcus replied painfully

When I got home, there was a masked man in my living room, and Lucy was gone.

The man disguised his voice and warned

me not to do anything stupid if I wanted to see her again.

Marcus continued, Then, he pulled out a phone saying Mr.

Weller wanted to speak with me.

Harvey told me not to worry he said theyd return Lucy if I stole the Rhodes Corporations pharmaceutical formulas

He also warned that Lucy wasnt being held at the Weller residence, and his people werent the ones who took her, so couldnt trace it back to them.

Lauren spoke coldly, This is a typical tactic of powerful families.

They never use their own people for dirty work.

Instead, they hire underground mercenaries or martial artists.

It protects their reputation and gives them deniability theres never any evidence linking back, to them.

Marcus looked at Andrew pleadingly.

Mr.

Lloyd, can you help me get Lucy back? III give up my position as head of the Pharmaceutical Division, and III give you all my wealth millions of dollars Ive earned over the years.

My only request is for my child to return safely.

As he spoke, tears began streaming down his face.

Andrew sighed deeply.

Its said men dont cry easily, but thats only because they havent faced true heartbreak yet .

Mr.

Chapman, your willingness to give up everything for your daughters safety is admirable.

Because of that, Ill do everything in my power to help you.

Marcuss face lit up with hope, though hesitation lingered.

But... the Weller family is incredibly powerful, and I have no idea where Lucy is .

How do we even begin?

Chapter 476 Searching blindly would be like looking for a needle in a haystack, Andrew remarked thoughtfully

Lauren snorted and said, Lets go straight to the Weller residence and demand Lucy back.

If Harvey refuses, well tear their whole empire down.

Andrew chuckled wryly.

Ms.

Rhodes, your approach is too aggressive.

If we knew for certain Lucy was at the Weller residence, we could confront them directly.

But as we heard, Harvey played it smart Lucy isn't with the Weller family.

She's with the masked man, so we need another approach.

Lauren sighed, feeling frustrated.

But the Weller family is our only lead, and everything else is a dead end.

What else can we do if we don't confront them? Andrew turned to Marcus and asked, Mr.

Chapman, think carefully about that masked man- did you notice any distinguishing features?
Marcus racked his brain, trying to recall the incident.

He even disguised his voice, clearly being extremely careful not to reveal his identity, I studied him while we talked, but couldn't spot anything useful.

Andrew shook his head

Everyone has distinguishing features it's just a matter of whether they're obvious enough to notice. Think harder was there anything particularly memorable about him? Marcus suddenly jolted upright and exclaimed, I remember now! Though he was completely covered, I saw a scorpion tattoo on the back of his hand where his sleeve didn't quite reach! That's not much help, Lauren said 'disappointedly. Countless people have tattoos these days, and a scorpion tattoo just makes you think of some street thug nothing more.

Not necessarily, Andrew said with a knowing smile

Then, he immediately dialed Natasha's number while Marcus and Lauren looked on in confusion.

I need you to find a man with a scorpion tattoo on his arm

He's connected to the Weller family and has kidnapped a little girl named Lucy After quickly relaying the information to Natasha, he hung up.

Will this really work? Marcus asked skeptically Andrew smiled as he replied, Mr.

Chapman, just wait and see.

You might doubt yourself, but never underestimate the efficiency of the underground network.

Imagine the entire Jayrodale.

underground mobilizing to find Lucy thats quite a force.

Marcus clenched his fists and nodded firmly, saying, Thank you, Mr.

Lloyd

Ill never forget this huge favor! As soon as Andrews order reached Natasha, the entire underground network sprang into action.

Though Andrew had not contacted Dylan directly, Natasha would naturally coordinate with him. When both crime lords mobilized their forces across Jayrodales four districts, they commanded a few thousand people

Such a massive operation made some guilty parties tremble, thinking Jayrodale was about to experience a power shift.

The major families the Rhodes, the Goths, the Wellers, and the Combs all wondered what Natasha and Dylan were up to

There had always been tension between the established families and the underground lords they despised each other

Donald, the Jayrodale Police Commissioner, immediately called both Natasha and Dylan, growling Natasha, Dylan, whats with all this commotion? Why didnt you notify me first? What are you up to? He worried these Time lords might cause some serious trouble.

Chapter 477 Natasha laughed, saying, Mr.

Warren, were just following orders

If you have a problem with that, you can take it up with our superior ! Donald snorted

Whos your superior? Even if its God himself, he cant let you run wild in my jurisdiction.

Dylan replied calmly, Hes someone you should know, Mr.

Warren the one you arrested last time.

Natasha added with an unrestrained laugh, Thats right.

Were talking about And I mean, Mr.

Lloyd

Bye! After hanging up, Donald wiped the cold sweat from his forehead, his expression completely dumbfounded.

He shivered and muttered, So thats whos directing Dylan and Natasha- thank God I didnt interfere too much! He decided then and there to stay out of it completely.

After all, even Mark showed respect to Mr.

Lloyd, and if Mark had not raised any concerns, then this definitely was not his business.

Having found a convenient excuse, Donald relaxed with a chuckle.

He wondered which poor soul had managed to anger someone as powerful as Andrew enough to

mobilize the entire underground network even the most established families would be crying for mercy. Meanwhile, at the Weller residence

Harvey walked into the living room and embraced Serena from behind, who was wearing a revealing dress that accentuated her curves

Stop it! What if someone sees us? Serena protested halfheartedly while swaying her hips, causing Harvey's expression to grow increasingly pleased.

Let them everyone in the Weller family knows about us anyway, Harvey said shamelessly, his eyes closed in enjoyment.

Serena asked, If you're not afraid of the gossip, when are you going to marry me? We can be together, but marriage absolutely out of the question, Harvey immediately replied

You're still technically my stepmother we can't mess with those formalities! That didn't seem to bother you when you couldn't wait to get me into bed, Serena said bitterly.

I know the truth you're still obsessed with that bitch, Christina, aren't you? Harvey smirked and admitted, You're right.

I can't forget about Christina.

I won't rest until I have her on her knees begging for forgiveness.

Serena sneered

I should have known you're just like your dead father, always wanting what you can't have.

Never mind about that little tramp Christina she gives me a headache

How's the family business doing lately? Harvey sat down in the family head's chair with his legs crossed and smiled, saying, Excellent couldn't be better! Our health supplements are in such high demand that we can't keep up

Distributors are lining up at my office every day with briefcases full of cash.

Serena warned, Dont get too excited

Those supplements are extremely risky if anything goes wrong, the Weller family will be in serious trouble

Harvey laughed dismissively and said, Whats there to worry about? The public is queuing up, begging our factory to work overtime and ship faster.

If there were side effects, wed know by now and besides, no ones forcing them to buy our products.

Chapter 478 Harvey said smugly, Its simple supply and demand everyone wins.

Were making money faster than my father ever did.

Too bad hes not alive to see how Ive made the Weller family more prosperous than ever! Serena beamed as she walked over to Harveys chair, settling down beside him.

She purred, Once youve built up the Weller family empire, dont forget my contribution.

At that moment, Brad Weller, Harveys uncle and a senior member of the family, walked into the living

room.

His face darkened immediately at the scene before him.

What do you think youre doing? Have some decency youre bringing shame to the Weller family name ! Brad exclaimed angrily.

Harvey and Serena barely reacted to his outburst Harvey simply smiled and said, Uncle Brad, dont act so shocked this isnt the first time youve seen us together.

Brad warned him, Harvey, do you realize how disgraceful this behavior is? You're an educated man how can you act so inappropriately? Harvey replied coldly, Uncle Brad, I'm the head of the Weller family now

I make the decisions about what's appropriate.

Besides, your family depends on me for your livelihood-stop pretending to be so righteous.

Brad deflated and muttered, Harvey, you're our family head.

You represent us.

I have no right to interfere with your personal choices, but please be more discreet think of the family's reputation ! Harvey laughed.

Anyone who sees anything will know better than to gossip.

Actually, Uncle Brad, you've come at the perfect time.

I have something I need you to do.

Brad looked over, staring at Serena's hips and chest.

Nonetheless, he quickly looked away, trying to maintain a professional demeanor.

What do you need? Harvey explained, Our health supplements are selling incredibly well.

We're making a fortune every day! However, Rhodes Corporation's pharmaceutical division remains our

biggest competitor with decades of market presence.

So Ive made some arrangements to bring down their medical department in one fell swoop.

How did you manage that ? T Thats remarkable ! Brad exclaimed in shock.

Harvey smiled proudly and replied, You dont need to know the details.

I just need you to do one thing meet with Marcus Chapman from Rhodes Corporation and collect the pharmaceutical formulas hell be delivering.

Is this ... Is this assignment dangerous? Brad asked hesitantly.

Harvey sneered.

What danger could there be ? Id do it myself if I werent so busy.

Marcus is completely under my control.

If he doesnt cooperate, his entire family will pay the price!

Chapter 479 Brad said doubtfully, From what I know, Marcus is a loyal veteran at Rhodes Corporation. Will he really do as you ask? Harvey sneered.

Of course, he wouldnt normally cooperate, but he has no choice with his precious daughter in my hands Blood is thicker than water, after all.

Y You kidnapped Marcus daughter? Brad gasped in shock.

Harvey snapped, Why are you panicking? The end justifies the means.

Ill do whatever it takes to crush Rhodes Corporations pharmaceutical division.

Besides, I hired underground thugs to do the kidnapping even if it gets exposed, it cant be traced back to the Weller family.

Just then, Harveys phone rang.

After answering it, he cursed, Those bloodsucking quality control inspectors, damn them! All they do is snoop around.

He stood up and headed for the door, adding, Im coming right over.

Make sure you treat those animals well give them whatever they want !! Before leaving, Harvey turned back to Brad and said, Ill send you Marcus number be ready to meet with him at any time. Dont worry, Harvey.

Ill handle it perfectly! Brad assured him.

Soon, only Brad and Serena remained in the living room.

After glancing around to ensure they were alone, Brad rushed over and embraced Serena, kissing her passionately.

Serena, Ive missed you so much! Let me kiss you I havent been able to sleep without being close to you ! Brad panted, saying endearingly.

Serena pushed Brad away in disgust and complained, Stop it! Youre messing up my hair and dress.

Do you know Harvey just bought me this designer dress from Fraines? Its expensive! You wont even let me touch you anymore? Brad asked, looking wounded.

That beast Harvey, taking his own stepmother hell pay for this someday! Serena laughed coldly and said And what about you? Having an affair with your own brothers second wife how are you any better? Brad cried out, No, Im nothing like that monster Harvey! Hes just using you, but my feelings are

genuine.

Id do anything for you! Serena just sneered with contempt while Brad continued desperately, If you dont believe me, Ill prove it! When I saw Harvey holding you earlier, I wanted to kill him on the spot! Serena retorted, Oh, please.

Look at yourself! Youre too old to compete with someone young like Harvey.

Let me be honest that one time with you was a mistake.

I never had real feelings for you, so stop pursuing me.

If Harvey catches you, I wont help you.

Serena, how can you be so cruel ? Brad asked, clutching his chest, his face ashen.

Do you really care for him that much?

Chapter 480 Serena giggled and said, Like him? Not exactly

But men are always better when theyre young -more energy, better in bed, and they actually know how to please a woman

She continued with a sneer, Besides, Harveys not just young; hes the head of the family.

He can give me everything I want.

But you? Youre useless in bed and cant afford to buy me anything.

What do I need you for ? Brad was humiliated beyond words.

He glared at her with a searing hatred in his eyes and spat, Youll regret this, you shameless woman!

Both you and Harvey deserve to be struck by lightning ! With his face twisted in rage, Brad stormed out of the Weller residence, his heart filled with bitterness.

Serena scoffed as she watched him leave.

Old fool! He cant even last for even a few extra seconds, and he still thinks I need him.

How pathetic! Meanwhile, four grueling hours had passed, and the two major underground forces of Jayrodale were still combing the city for Lucy.

At Rhodes Corporation, Marcus was in torment.

Every passing minute felt like an eternity, and the longer it went on, the greater the danger to Lucy.

Lauren was visibly worried and glanced at Andrew, seeking reassurance.

Andrew stood with his arms crossed, looking down at the bustling streets through the windows.

He said calmly, No need to rush.

I trust Natasha and Dylans abilities.

He added, Besides, Harvey hasnt gotten what he wants yet.

He wont hurt Lucy until he does.

Marcus sighed in pain.

I understand that, but Lucy is all I have.

Her mom passed away when she was little, and Ive raised her on my own ever since.

His voice cracked as he went on.

I cant sit still, knowing shes out there, terrified.

Lucys always been shy and timid

I cant even imagine the fear shes feeling in the hands of those

criminals ! Andrews eyes narrowed, his expression turning cold.

Lucy isnt just your daughter.

She was also my patient once

He declared firmly, If we dont have results by nightfall, Ill personally go to the Weller residence and force Harvey to hand her over.

And if that scumbag dares to go back on his word, Ill kill him myself! Both Marcus and Lauren were stunned

They never expected the usually composed Andrew to erupt with such a commanding presence.

Just then, Andrews phone buzzed

It was Natasha She teased, Hey, darling.

We found the girl you were looking for.

Andrew let out a relieved breath.

Hows Lucy? Shes okay, right? Natasha chuckled.

Of course, shes fine! I handled it personally.

Shes safe at my place in West End, being well fed and taken care of.

Andrew nodded

Thank you.

Now, send the people who kidnapped her over to the Jayrodale Police Department.

Natasha sounded surprised.

The police ? Why would we hand them over? These guys are wanted fugitives with major crimes on their records

If we send them to the cops, that fat pig Donald will get all the credit.

Isn't that letting him off too easy? Andrew smirked.

That's exactly why.

I want to do Donald a favor.

I'll need him for something later.

Natasha giggled.

Fine, fine

You're the mastermind here.

I'll do as you say.

After ending the call, Andrew turned to Marcus and Lauren.

Lets go.

Were heading to the police station.

Marcuss eyes filled with hope.

Mr.

Lloyd, is Lucy really okay? Andrew smiled reassuringly.

Dont worry.

Shes fine.

Ive arranged for the people who kidnapped her to be delivered to the police station. Youll see her there.

Tears welled up in Marcuss eyes as he jumped out of bed.

Overcome with gratitude, he dropped to his knees in front of Andrew.

Mr.

Lloyd, youve saved Lucy again

This is the only way I can express my thanks to you.