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Chapter 441 Leukemia

Joy looked at Axel with concern. "Can I make you something else if you don't like this?"

Axel's eyes were red from discomfort. "Don't worry about me."

Joy nodded, turned, and headed into the kitchen to do the dishes.

Axel dropped his spoon and hurried into the bathroom.

Once he reached the toilet, he vomited all the food. He knelt by the toilet bowl, trembling. After he

finished throwing up, he propped himself up with heavy breathing. However, his legs were so

sore that he lost his balance and fell. He felt a sharp pain in his knee and noticed it was scraped,

with bright red blood flowing from the wound

Axel grabbed a tissue and pressed it against the bleeding wound, but it didn't seem to stop.

"Axel?" Joy's voice suddenly echoed

Axel quickly replied, "I'm in the bathroom."

"Ah, okay." Joy replied, leaving Axel to frown at his persistent bleeding wound.

He realized he must be sick. Nosebleeds, body aches, weakness, and red spots covered his body.

'How do I tell Daddy if I'm really sick? Will he think I can't take care of myself? Will he turn to drinking and smoking out of worry?'"

Axel weakly leaned against the wall, lost in his thoughts.

At the hospital, Daniella dozed off on the sofa.

Suddenly, the door opened, and a nurse entered to remove Casey's intravenous line.

Daniella sat up groggily and asked, "Has his fever gone down?"

"Yes. Please pick up his medication. The nurse handed Daniella a prescription after removing the IV line.

Daniella took it, stood up, and said, "Alright."

As Daniella reached the stairway to the second floor of the outpatient building, she overheard two

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"Are you certain? Is he really the son of MK's CEO?"

"Yes, I checked online. His name is Axel Jordan."

"What a shame. Has no one in his family realized he has leukemia? It was only discovered during the school's physical examination."

“I can’t say for sure, but let’s avoid discussing it further to prevent any criticism.”

Daniella was shocked by what she had overheard.

‘Axel has leukemia? Does Evan not know? If he did, these doctors wouldn’t be talking about it.’

Daniella chuckled ‘What a turn of events. I can use this information

As Daniella slowly climbed to the second floor, she schemed and devised a plan. By the time she

reached the final flight of stairs, she had a comprehensive strategy in mind. She aimed to use this

information to gain Casey’s trust and make Evan remember her kindness.

Daniella smirked and walked to the pharmacy in high spirits. She returned to Casey’s room once.

she was finished.

Casey was already awake, leaning against the bed while checking his phone. He put down his

phone when he noticed Daniella “I was just about to call you.” 1

Daniella closed the door and suppressed her excitement. “I overheard something earlier, Casey.”

“Hmm? What is it?” Casey asked, puzzled.

Daniella revealed, “Axel has leukemia!”

Casey frowned. "Are you sure?"

Chapter 442 Owe You a Favor

"Yes. Casey, I'd like to talk to you," Daniella said.

Casey replied, "Go ahead."

Taking a deep breath, Daniella continued. "I overheard your conversation with Caroline last night, and I understand your feelings for Evan. Please let me help you, I can go undercover near Evan and keep you updated. If you want to take action, I'm here for that, too. What do you say?"

Casey frowned. "Ella, you don't have to do this for me. It can put you in danger if he finds out."

Daniella smiled. "Casey, I won't let myself get caught. Trust me, I can handle it."

"Ella"

"Listen, Casey. I felt sorry when I learned you had to leave your home for over a decade. This is the perfect chance for us to work together. Why pass it up?"

Casey looked at Daniella's sincere face. "If you're willing to do this for me, you have my gratitude,

Ella"

"Don't say that. I just want you to be safe, Daniella replied.

She had her own reasons, too. She couldn't stand Caroline's arrogance a few days ago and wanted to see her reaction when she discovered her people were on Daniella's side.

After the discussion with Casey, Daniella returned to Xander Residence. She needed to find out how serious Axel's leukemia was to plan her next move

She pondered for a while and remembered Hector. If Hector was indeed Casey, he would be willing to help her, considering Casey's animosity toward Evan

Daniella dialed Hector's number, and he answered promptly. She pretended to be clueless and said, "I need your assistance, Mr. Hendrix."

Hector inquired, "What is it?"

"I want you to find out how serious Axel's illness is," Daniella requested.

Hector hesitated for a moment. "And then?"

Daniella became more convinced that Casey was Hector when she heard his response. Otherwise,

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"If it's critical, will you please help me find suitable bone marrow for Axel as soon as possible?"

Daniella asked.

Hector sneered. "It seems you're using the child's life to make him owe you a favor."

"Yes, it'll make things easier for me in the future," Daniella admitted.

Hector agreed, "I can locate suitable bone marrow within two days, but your actions afterward will determine if you get to stay with him."

"Don't worry, Mr. Hendrix. I know what to do," Daniella said with a sneer.

"Hmm."

Daniella crossed her legs and relaxed on the sofa after ending the call. She knew she had a busy.

day ahead.

The next morning, Caroline woke up, got ready, and went to wake the children. To her surprise, they weren't in their room. With her heart racing, she headed downstairs, where she heard their.

laughter coming from the dining room.

She found Eira serving breakfast to the children

The breakfast was both lavish and nutritious, a testament to the nanny's background in nutrition.

Eira placed a plate down and noticed Caroline looking. She smiled warmly and said, "I've prepared

breakfast, Ms. Shenton. Please, join us!”

Chapter 444 Don't Treat Me So Coldly

Daniella returned to her car and glanced at the school entrance surveillance camera. Soon, she smirked and reached for her makeup to freshen up.

Leaving a video of herself pleading to see Axel at the school had been a tough ordeal.

After refreshing her makeup, Daniella drove to the hospital where Casey was being treated.

At MK.

Alex had an early morning stakeout in the car park. He spotted Paige's car slowly entering the lot around 8.30 a.m. Moving swiftly, he opened her car door and jumped inside.

Alex's sudden appearance took Paige aback. Her heart raced as she scolded him, “What's wrong. with you?”

Alex hastily pulled a box from his pocket. “I'm here to apologize, Paige.” He opened the box,

revealing a diamond bracelet.

Paige replied in a high-pitched voice, “Do you think this changes things? You still don't

understand me. Alex!” 1

Alex spoke sternly. “Paige, please let me finish before getting angry. My mother isn't easygoing. I

haven't introduced you to her because I wanted to protect you. I can't stay away from you, and I

don't want my mother to force you away from me." "

Paige sneered. "You still don't get what I want."

Alex countered, "I do! I deliberately said those things on the date to disgust her-

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Paige interrupted, "I don't want to waste my time deciphering what my boyfriend says to other women!"

Alex wanted to explain further, but Paige wouldn't allow it. This conversation is over. I don't think there's anything left to say between us. Get out of the car; I need to go to work."

Slightly infuriated, Alex questioned, "Do you have to be so stubborn?"

Paige unfastened her seatbelt. "You can stay in the car if you want. Goodbye!"

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Alex felt helpless as he watched Paige exit the car, realizing she wouldn't forgive him. He placed.

the bracelet in her car and got out in dejection, heading inside to meet Evan.

As Alex was about to enter the elevator, Evan walked out.

Alex was stunned. "Are you heading out?"

Evan glanced at Alex and replied, "I'm not as free as you."

Alex bitterly implored. "Take me with you. I don't want to be alone."

Evan considered for a moment. "I'm going to a construction site. Are you interested?"

Alex recalled something. "Oh, the resort project you collaborated on with my family six months ago?"

Evan nodded. "That's the one. Let's go, but you owe me lunch."

As they got into the car, Alex asked sadly, "Tell me, how do you make a woman forgive you?"

Evan picked up a folder prepared by Reuben, about to respond, when Alex added, "I probably shouldn't ask you, considering you haven't even earned Caroline's forgiveness."

Evan's gaze turned cold. "Get out of the car."

Forced to put on a fake smile, Alex said, "Don't be so cold toward me."

Chapter 445 A Different Illness

Evan turned away. "Can't you win Paige back with your persuasion?"

Alex shook his head. "No, her temperament is almost like Caroline's, and she can't tolerate any imperfections."

Evan sneered. "I'm not as disgraceful as you

Alex glared at Evan. "How dare you say something like that? Clearly, you're more excessive than I am!"

The car headed toward the development zone.

Not even halfway through the journey, Evan's phone rang.

He answered when he saw it was Axel's teacher calling.

Evan responded casually. "What's up?"

"Could you come to the school, Mr. Jordan? Axel has a high fever of 39°C, and he's in the nurse's office now," Stacy said anxiously.

Evan's expression grew serious. "Alright, I'm on my way."

Evan told Reuben. "Turn the car around, heading back to Merlin School."

Alex looked at him in surprise. "What happened?"

"Axel has a fever! Call the construction supervisor and let him know we'll go tomorrow," Evan said.

in a slightly panicked voice.

Alex nodded. "Okay."

Twenty minutes later, Evan and Alex arrived at the school. They rushed to the nurse's office and found the school nurse administering intravenous fluids to Axel.

Evan's heart ached when he saw the pale Axel lying in bed.

He asked the nurse, "How is he? Has his fever gone down?"

"No, I recommend taking him to the hospital for a checkup, the nurse said.

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She approached Axel, lifted his arm, and rolled up his sleeve.

His fair-skinned arm was covered in bruises and small red spots.

"What's happening? Is this from school violence?" Alex asked in shock.

The nurse looked concerned. "No, I suspect it might be a different illness."

Their voices woke Axel.

Noticing Axel was awake, Evan sat by his bed and held his cold hand "Axel."

Axel weakly opened his eyes and softly called out, "Daddy."

Evan reassured him, "I'm taking you to the hospital."

Axel sighed. "Alright."

As he tried to get up, a warm gush of blood streamed from his nose before he could sit properly.

Axel was stunned and looked at the bloodstain on Evan's arm from his nosebleed.

"Axel? Why is your nose bleeding?" Evan's voice trembled.

Axel wiped away his nosebleed with his hand. "It's normal."

Blood continued to flow as he wiped it away.

The nurse grabbed some tissues to stop Axel's nosebleed, but Axel pushed her away. "It's fine."

The nurse said, "It will help stop the bleeding."

Axel continued to wipe his nose, but his face turned red quickly. "It's useless. It won't stop—1

Axel's face went pale before he could finish his sentence, and his eyes widened.

He spat out blood before covering his mouth with his hand.

Evan's pupils dilated, and he grabbed some gauze, placing it under Axel's chin. He turned to Alex and shouted anxiously, "Alex, have Reuben bring the car around!"

Chapter 446 He's Going to Be Fine

Axel coughed up blood as soon as Alex ended the call.

Evan's face turned pale, and his hands shook uncontrollably. It was the first time Alex had seen Evan so terrified.

Thirty minutes later, Evan rushed Axel to Grand East, cradling him carefully. He hurried into the emergency department, gently placing Axel on a stretcher,

Trying to hide his own emotions, he comforted Axel, "I'll be right outside. Don't be scared."

Axel breathed heavily and reassured him, "I'm fine, don't worry, Daddy"

Evan's eyes welled up with tears.

Dr. Richie Webber then intervened, saying, "Mr. Jordan, we will take care of Mr. Jordan Jr."

They wheeled Axel into the emergency room

As Axel's cold, little hands slipped from Evan's grasp, a profound sense of helplessness consumed

him. He watched Axel disappear behind the emergency room doors.

Alex approached Evan, patted his shoulder, and tried to encourage him. "Don't worry. He's going to

be fine."

Evan's gaze remained fixed on the emergency room, his face tense.

"Ms. Love!" a voice cried out.

Alex turned and saw Daniella clutching a doctor's coat, anxiously holding a report.

The impatient doctor said, "I can't assess the severity of his condition based on a report alone. You need to bring your child for a consultation. How many times must I repeat that?"

Daniella sobbed loudly. "Would I be begging if I could bring the child here?"

The doctor sighed in frustration. "The report doesn't look promising. I can't say more. Please, stop blocking me. I'm busy."

He walked away. Daniella was disappointed, her head hanging low.

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Alex wondered, Who is the child Daniella is referring to? It can't be Axel, can it? She hasn't interacted with him in so long."

Meanwhile, on the top floor of Grand East.

Caroline was signing the surgery consent forms. She handed them back to Deric and asked, "How long will the surgery take?"

Deric replied, "Three to four hours. A craniotomy is a major procedure."

Caroline nodded. "I understand. Please do everything you can to save Ms. Smith."

"We

will. Don't worry." Deric turned and headed to Lily's room

Shortly after, Lily was wheeled out on a stretcher, and Caroline followed her to the operating room. Her heart ached when she saw Lily's sunken cheeks, and she hoped the doctors could bring her back to consciousness.

As Lily was being wheeled into the operating room, Caroline's phone rang. She took the call when she noticed the caller was Scott.

Scott asked, "Are you at the hospital, Carol?"

Caroline sat down. "I am. Lily was taken into the operating room ahead of schedule."

"But wasn't it supposed to be at 2:00 p.m.?" Scott asked.

Caroline explained, "Evan arranged for a team to treat Lily, and they said they could start the surgery as soon as I arrived"

Scott replied, "Understood. I'll be there."

Caroline hesitated, then said, "It's okay. Don't come if you're busy at the hospital."

Scott insisted, "I've already requested time off. Don't deny me; be kind."

Caroline relented. "Alright then, I'm on the top floor of Grand East's inpatient department."

"I'll be there in about 15 minutes."

"See you."

Chapter 447 Do Your Best in Finding One

Caroline glanced at the operating theater after ending the call. An uneasy feeling gnawed at her chest as if something terrible would happen. She battled the sense of suffocation, wondering. 'Am I just too nervous?'

Taking slow, deep breaths, she waited for Lily.

The minutes ticked by, stretching into what felt like hours.

Finally, Scott hurried over to her. He approached swiftly as soon as he spotted Caroline. She looked up, greeted him, and rose from her seat. "You're here," she said.

Scott handed her a cup of her favorite flat white coffee. "This should help you relax," he said

"Thank you," Caroline replied, accepting the coffee. They sat together, glancing nervously at the illuminated sign above the operating theater

Scott asked. "How much time has passed?"

Caroline checked her watch. "Almost 20 minutes."

Scott reassured her, "Craniotomies take time. Evan's team consists of specialists from abroad.

Everything will be okay."

Caroline tried to ease her anxiety but still felt uneasy. "I'm probably overthinking it."

Scott comforted her, "It's natural to feel this way when someone close is undergoing surgery."

Downstairs, Richie emerged from the emergency

cy room

Evan and Alex rushed forward, eager for an update.

"How's he doing?" Evan asked, his tone icy

Richie hesitated, then disclosed, "Mr. Jordan, his condition is quite serious. We need to conduct

further examinations"

Evan's anger flared. Tell us the truth!"

Richie hesitated again before delivering the grim news. "The preliminary diagnosis is acute

"Leukemia?" Alex exclaimed

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Richie sighed, recognizing the distress in Evan's expression. "It appears Mr. Jordan Jr. has been experiencing symptoms for some time. Have you noticed his nosebleeds, body aches, low spirits, and reduced appetite?"

Evan was stunned. I... I think so. I did notice he was moving slowly."

Richie spoke in a blaming tone. "He can't walk fast when his body aches."

Evan felt a crushing weight on his chest. He had never witnessed Axel's nosebleeds or realized how long his son had suffered. He had assumed Axel's symptoms were due to his longing to see Caroline.

Evan's eyes reddened. 'How could I have been so blind to my own son's pain?

Alex could see the answer written on Evan's face. He turned to Richie and urged, "Please conduct the necessary tests promptly and initiate treatment."

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demanded, his anger boiling over.

Richie began. "Mr. Jordan, the suitable donor--"

"Enough with excuses! Just do your best to find one!" Alex interrupted firmly.

Daniella was hidden in the corner of the emergency room and had overheard their conversation.

She had already dispatched Hector, or rather Casey, to search for a donor. Now, she saw an

opportunity to get closer to Evan under the pretext of the bone marrow donation.

She tucked her hair behind her ear with a smug smile, wondering if Evan had noticed her earlier

performance.

Chapter 448 Get Someone to Screen It

Twenty minutes later, Axel was admitted to the VIP room.

Evan and Alex walked into the room and heard hurried footsteps approaching from the door. They turned and saw Draco solemnly entering the room, accompanied by a few bodyguards

eping Axel lying on the bed, Draco snarled at Evan, "I entrusted the child to you, and you've raised

him like this?"

Evan remained silent as Draco berated him. However, the mention of Axel's illness caused intense

pain in Evan's chest, making his entire body tense up

Unable to bear it any longer, Alex spoke up. "Uncle Draco, how can you blame Evan for this? He didn't want this to happen either!"

Draco replied with displeasure, "This is none of your business! I'm addressing this defiant child. How has he raised my grandson?"

Evan controlled his emotions and said coldly. "If you keep speaking so loudly and disturbing Axel's rest, I'll have the bodyguards remove you."

Draco was furious. Reluctantly, he lowered his voice for Axel's sake. "You don't even know your son's condition, yet you keep stirring up trouble with Casey all the time!"

"Get out!" Evan's eyes met Draco's eyes dominantly.

Draco couldn't tolerate being expelled by his son repeatedly in front of others. He grunted and warned, "Stop bothering Casey when Axel is so sick, or I won't spare you!"

Afterward, Draco left with his bodyguards.

Alex wondered whether Draco had come to visit his grandson or to warn Evan not to use his grandson's illness as an excuse to bother Casey.

While Alex was still pondering this, he heard Evan say, "Don't tell anyone about Axel's illness."

Astonished, Alex asked, "Aren't you planning to tell Caroline? Axel is her son, too."

Evan asked, "Would it be helpful to tell her? So she can be worried and helpless?"

"You can't hide it forever, you know! Plus, Caroline will certainly be upset with you if she finds out

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Chapter 449 Deepest Condolences

"It's fine. I'm not leaving until Lily is out," Caroline firmly rejected.

As her voice faded, the operation theater's lights dimmed.

Caroline ceased her pacing and swiftly approached the theater's entrance.

Scott followed closely behind.

Soon, Deric gloomily emerged in his scrubs and looked at Caroline. "I'm sorry, Ms. Shenton. The surgery failed."

Caroline's heart raced, and restlessness filled her chest. "What do you mean by 'failed'?"

The sound of a stretcher being moved echoed, and Deric turned to allow nurses to pass.

Caroline was about to check on Lily when she heard the doctor's regretful words. "Time of death,

2.27 p.m."

Her arms dropped weakly to her sides.

Tears welled up in her eyes as she looked at Deric with disbelief.

She asked hoarsely, "What did you say again?"

Deric met her gaze with guilt. "Ms. Smith's vital signs were unstable during the surgery-

"I don't want to hear this! I'm asking you, what did you say again?" Caroline sternly interrupted,

her emotions spiraling out of control.

“Time of death, 2.27 p.m...”

“Are you joking?”

Caroline pushed away a nurse in front of her and hurried to Lily. She removed the white cloth covering Lily’s face and staggered back when she saw Lily’s pale, lifeless face.

Scott quickly stepped forward to support Caroline. “Carol...”

“No!” Caroline’s chest heaved rapidly, tears streaming down her face. “They told me the surgery.

had a high success rate!”

She grasped Scott’s hand and looked at him. “Didn’t you say that craniotomy technology is very

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Scott lowered his gaze. “There’s no guarantee the surgery will go perfectly-

“I don’t want to hear this!” Caroline turned to the group of doctors before her. “Lily isn’t your

closest family, so you didn’t give it your all, did you?”

The doctors exchanged puzzled glances, hindered by a language barrier.

Caroline’s cries grew louder at their response.

“I don’t believe this! Take Lily back into surgery!” Caroline broke free from Scott’s embrace, wiped her tears, and gripped the stretcher’s railing.

Doctors moved forward to stop her. “Ms. Shenton, the patient has passed away. Our deepest condolences to you!”

“She’s not dead yet! Take her back into surgery! Where is your earlier promise? Take her back in! I want her to live, even if she’s in a vegetative state! I just want her to live!” Caroline shouted angrily at the doctors.

Scott grabbed her hands and said, “Calm down, Carol!”

He signaled to one of the doctors to have Lily taken away.

The doctor nodded, exchanged soft words with the nurses, and moved the stretcher away.

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Scott held her tightly. “They are just doctors, Carol!”

“Let go of me! They weren’t like this when they had me sign the consent forms!” Caroline screamed.

Unable to free herself, she watched helplessly as Lily was wheeled away.

Despairingly, she cried out, "Why... Why did you lie to me?"

Scott said, "I had no idea this would happen."

Caroline clutched her aching chest and sank to her knees. "I regret letting Lily have the surgery.

Bring her back..."

Chapter 450 Passed Away

"Why? Why is this happening?"

Caroline's fists clenched, and she collapsed to the floor. Tears streamed down her face, blurring her vision.

"What have I done wrong? Why do the people closest to me always get taken away? Why?"

Scott knelt beside her. "This isn't your fault, Carol..."

Caroline leaned forward slowly. "I couldn't give Lily a good retirement life... I never got to repay her kindness. I caused Lily, my mother, and Jamie's deaths. I'm a jinx, and everyone around me will die because of me!"

Scott comforted her, "This isn't your doing, Carol. You need to gather yourself. The children need you."

In the VIP room.

Evan received Deric's guilt-ridden call, announcing Lily's death due to a failed surgery.

Evan's face turned serious as he pictured Caroline's despair. He gritted his teeth and said, "I paid

your team handsomely, and this is all you can do?"

Deric explained, "The surgery should have been fine, Mr. Jordan. But the patient's vital signs dropped drastically during the procedure--"

Evan interrupted angrily, "Why are you still analyzing this with me after it's gone wrong? Just pack up and leave!" He hung up, making the room feel icy.

Alex shivered in the cold and asked, "What happened?"

Evan replied, "Lily is gone."

Alex's eyes widened in shock. "Did the surgery fail?"

Evan nodded.

Alex couldn't make sense of it. "What's happening? Axel has leukemia, and now Lily is gone... Why

are all these happening at once?"

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