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Chapter 551 No One Wants To Be Judged

The lady could no longer keep her thoughts to herself as she asked Yulia, "Say, my uncle mentioned that you're part of our family... Wait, does this mean you're Aunty Phaedra's daughter?" She was staring intently at Yulia, seemingly trying to spot any subtle changes from her expression. Although Yulia was not born when her mother left the family, she was still related to them. So, there must be some sense of resemblance to her mother. Besides, Phaedra was known to be the most beautiful woman in the family. She knew that because she had seen pictures of Phaedra before. Upon closer inspection, she noticed that Yulia resembled Phaedra a lot.

"Yeah, she's my mother," replied Yulia.

The lady nodded with a smile and said, "Well then, I'm Clary and I think I should really call you my cousin." Before Yulia could say anything Clara asked, "Say, why isn't Aunty Phaedra with you?"

Hearing this made Yulia sad as she said, "My mother died a while back."

"I'm really sorry. My family never told me that." Clara apologized.

Yulia chuckled and said, "It's fine. I'm over it already. Besides, it's been so long already anyway."

"Let's meet our grandpa then." Clara decided to change the topic.

So, the group made their way to the mansion's wing. But, their walk was interrupted by someone saying, "Clara!" A group of people could be seen approaching them. The person leading the group was a young man in his thirties. He was the one who called out to Clara. However, when he noticed Skylar and Yulia, he asked, "Who are they?"

"Hey Jordan. This is our cousin, Yulia. You know, Aunty Phaedra's daughter and this is her husband, Skylar and daughter Lola." Clara replied and continued, "This is Jordan, Geoffrey's son."

"Huh? She's Aunty Phaedra's daughter?" Jordan asked. The other people were staring at Yulia when they heard that. However, they immediately yelled, "Is that the same Phaedra who dishonored our family by eloping with a man?"

"Yeah! It almost seemed like she had been charmed and refused to listen to our grandpa. Grandpa was so furious about it that he was almost hospitalized for it. She was so adamant about it too back then. She mentioned that she will never want a single penny from the family and she will never want to raise her daughter here anyway. She wouldn't have sent her daughter back for money because she wasn't able to survive, right?"

"Yeah, that must be it!" They were incredibly hostile toward Yulia. This offended Yulia a lot.

Skylar was even more offended by it as he said, "Since we aren't welcomed here, honey, let's leave. I'll take you and Lola to Seaworld now!" Skylar turned around and wanted to leave with Yulia. She was only there because Geoffrey begged them to fulfill her grandfather's wishes anyway. But, she was met with so much hostility the moment they arrived. The worst offense was how they insulted her deceased mother, so she had no reason to stay.

Chapter 552 Keep Your Thoughts To Yourself

Jordan and his group burst out laughing when Skylar and Yulia were leaving. So, they said, "Wow, I didn't expect you to get offended so easily? Why don't you leave and not return ever again!"

"Yeah! I mean only shameless people have the audacity to scam our family! You've lost all respect and honor the moment you enter our mansion, so why are you still acting so high and mighty right now?"

"Maybe they just wanted to try using reverse psychology on us. Maybe they're just waiting for us to stop them from leaving!"

"Oh please. I won't give them that! They should just leave. I don't want them to think that we're afraid of them." Those were Jordan's true emotions. He was staring at Skylar and Yulia mockingly, waiting for them to leave. However, they were interrupted by a furious scream. "How dare you send my honored guests away!"

This caught everyone's attention as they were met with an eighty year old man. That was none other than the patriarch of the family, Shane Lucas. He was accompanied by a few people behind him.

"Grandpa, you're here." Jordan and the others greeted Shane the moment they noticed him. However, they were ignored as Shane questioned them. "I have told Geoffrey to invite Phaedra's daughter and her husband here. So, are you not happy with my decision at all?"

"Grandpa, we..." Jordan and the others stuttered nervously. Apparently, Shane was the most respected person in their family. Their futures would be ruined if Shane was angered.

"Well, I want you to keep your thoughts to yourself!" Shane yelled which terrified Jordan and the others. Shane shifted his focus to Yulia after that and after a long pause, he mumbled. "Yeah, you really do resemble my dear Phaedra. You must be Yulia, right? Wow, you look exactly like her. This is awesome, how truly awesome indeed." Shane grabbed Yulia's hand and said, "Come now, join me for tea. There is so much that I want to say to you."

Yulia felt bad when she noticed how emotional Shane looked. It seemed that what happened twenty years ago was no longer important anymore. Besides, Shane just seemed like an old man who missed his daughter. So, Yulia gave Skylar a quick glance and followed Shane. Skylar and Lola followed behind after that.

Meanwhile, Jordan and the others looked bitter as they stared at Skylar's back when they left with

Shane. They resented Yulia and Skylar even more after seeing how much Shane favored them.

Meanwhile, Shane grabbed Yulia's hand and told her to sit next to him as he said, "I'm really sorry about what happened all those years ago. I'm sorry to you and your mother." Shane broke down crying as he spoke. It seemed that he clearly regretted what he did to Phaedra back then. Apparently, even Skylar was touched when Shane started crying. He was touched when Shane regretted what he did and even made the effort to apologize to Yulia.

Chapter 553 Jordan Panicked

Yulia's heart ached when Shane cried, so she handed some tissue to him and said, "Grand... Grandpa, mom died more than ten years ago and besides, you're not getting any younger, so you should just take care of yourself. Although I'm not too sure what happened exactly all those years ago, I believe that if my mother was still alive, she wouldn't be bothered by it anymore. Besides, what happened doesn't really matter anymore," said Yulia as she recalled how much her mother had sacrificed when she insisted on marrying her father despite Shane's protest. It seemed to her that her father was really as Shane had described him to be. He was nothing more than a good for nothing playboy. She wondered if things would be different if her mother had listened to Shane back then. However, she knew exactly how stubborn her mother was, so even if she was aware that she had made a mistake, she would never admit her faults to Shane. She knew that her mother would see her decision through the end.

Shane was delighted after Yulia called him her grandfather. He chuckled and said, "Good girl. Oh, good girl indeed. I'm really glad to hear you call me your grandfather."

Yulia felt awkward, so she grabbed Lola from Skylar's arms and said, "Come now Lola, this is your great-granddad."

"Nice to meet you, great-granddad. Please cheer up." Lola greeted Shane.

Hearing this melted Shane's heart as he stared gleefully at Lola and said, "Oh darling dear. You really are our family. You are just too beautiful now. Come now Lola, let me hold you for a moment."

"Daddy?" Lola hesitated since this was her first time meeting Shane. It seemed that she would always ask Skylar what to do whenever she had no idea what to do in a situation. She seemed to have made Skylar her pillar of support without her knowing. So, Skylar gently patted her head with a smile and said, "Go ahead honey."

Lola nodded and headed straight toward Shane.

"Oh my. You are just too adorable now, Lola. I love you so much," said Shane while hugging Lola.

After playing with Lola for a brief moment, Shane looked up and told Yulia, "Things were quite tense between me and your mother back then, Yulia. But, let's not talk about who's right and who's wrong. Instead, there is something that I really need to tell you." Shane paused for a moment and continued, "You know, our family business started dividing shares not long after your mother left. I'm pretty sure

that things were hard for your mother back then and I was sure that she would return home if things got too difficult for her. So, I kept eighty-percent of the company's shares for her. But she never returned home.... This is why I will be transferring her share of the company's stocks to you. It doesn't matter if it's to make up for my guilt, I just want you to accept it regardless."

A loud gasp could be heard as soon as Shane said that. "No grandpa! You can't do that! We won't agree to that!" Jordan and the others rushed in as soon as that was said. It turned out that they had been eavesdropping the entire time. Jordan panicked when he heard Shane's decision to transfer eighty-percent of the company's shares to Yulia.

Chapter 554 Envy

Apparently, the Lucas family's wealth was unimaginably massive. Eighty-percent of the entire company's shares would amount to over a couple billion dollars. Jordan only held less than three percent of the company's shares as Shane's grandson. They were shocked to hear that a complete stranger would be given eighty percent of the family's wealth. Hence, the immense protest. It seemed that everyone in the family was drooling over the shares Shane held and they knew that it would go to them as soon as Shane perished. They never expected Yulia to appear out of nowhere and be given everything Shane owned on their first meeting. This was outrageous to them. So, Jordan rushed over to Shane and questioned him, "Grandpa, Yulia is not even a direct relative to us. What right does she have to be given so much of our family's wealth? What has she and her mother contributed to our family anyway? We can't accept that at all."

"Yeah grandpa, we can't!" The others protested urgently. Even Clara was shocked by Shane's decision. Everyone was wondering why Shane would be that biased toward Yulia. So much so that he was willing to give her everything he owned.

"Contribution?" Shane chuckled and continued, "What have you contributed to our family then? Oh right, you have crippled a person from a speeding accident, lost money from gambling and expected me to pay your gambling debt, and have an affair with some random person."

"Grandpa..." Jordan and the others were so embarrassed by this that they were rendered completely speechless. Apparently, what Shane said was what they would usually do.

Upon noticing their silence, Shane smashed his cup on the table and said, "I want all of you to know your place. None of you has earned anything that you have right now. The only reason why you still have those things is because you are sharing the same blood as me. I don't care if you know nothing about honor and ethics, but I cannot accept that you have the audacity to judge me! It's up to me on who I want to be nice to! I don't need to report to anyone! I have made myself very clear earlier. Keep your thoughts to yourself! If you can't then you are more than welcome to leave this family!"

This terrified Jordan and the others as they did not expect Shane to be this harsh on them for Yulia. They looked pale, but this only made them resent Yulia even more.

Suddenly, Yulia said, "You don't have to do that, grandpa. I don't want anything from your family."

The shares Jordan and the others were drooling over for were nothing to Yulia. Besides, she knew that she had everything after being with Skylar, so she had no reason to take anything from the Lucas family or make them jealous of her.

Shane was stunned for a second after Yulia refused him, but he assumed that she had been hurt by what Jordan and the others said. So, he said, "Don't worry, Yulia. I know what I'm doing."

Chapter 555 Small World

"I've worked hard to build our family's business. So, anyone who dares speak another word about my decision will be exiled from the family!" Before Yulia could speak, Shane continued, "Cloudtopia is far from the capital and I believe that you must be tired. Have Clara show you to your rooms. We'll talk in a few days." It seemed that Shane wanted them to stay for a few more days with him. Skylar knew that they would only leave after Lola's competition, so he nodded and agreed to stay.

"I've already cleaned up one of our villas. I want you to take Yulia and the others there," said Shane.

"Will do, grandpa," replied Clara.

The villa was located within the mansion's compound. It was painted white and was surrounded by bamboo. The environment was quite relaxing. After they settled in, Clara introduced the maids and servants to Yulia and told them that they could just make any requests and their family would take care of everything. The maid prepared a meal after Clara left as Yulia and Skylar unpacked. They took a nap after that. Lola climbed onto Skylar's body and was excited to go to Seaworld when she woke up. She said, "Daddy, you told me that you'd show me some fish when we get here. Can we go now?"

Skylar's heart melted when she said that, so he nodded and said, "Sure, let's go right now."

"Yay! We can go see some fishes now!" Lola cheered.

"You're going to end up spoiling her someday." Yulia complained with a smile. She looked absolutely stunning.

Meanwhile, a staff member informed Shane that Skylar and his family had left. Jordan asked, "Grandpa?"

Shane glared at him and said, "Don't ask. You'll understand eventually... I have no other choice. I need to do this for the family. I hope Phaedra can forgive me."

Jordan dared not ask anything other questions. However, it seemed like Shane was hiding something from them...

Skylar and his family soon arrived at Seaworld after an hour. Suddenly, they were greeted by a shocked voice while Skylar was lining up. "Skylar?"

Skylar was greeted by a man in his thirties. He was with a small girl about the same age as Lola. The man looked familiar to Skylar.

"Mr. Quinn." Skylar greeted with an awkward smile. That man was called Zach Quinn. He met Zach when he was still a fresh recruit in the military. Zach was promoted to assistant squad leader back then. As talented as Zach was, he was known to be quick to temper, which was why he was unable to be promoted any further. However, when Skylar joined the army, he outshone Zach and Zach resented him for it. Zach quit the army soon after and Skylar was deployed to the Northern borders. The duo never met after that. They never expect to meet each other in Seaworld. It seemed that it was a small world after all.

Chapter 556 There's No Need

"Oh wow, it really is you, Skylar," Zach said and immediately looked shocked when he noticed Yulia. He did not expect Skylar to marry such a beautiful wife. So, he asked Skylar enviously, "Did you also quit the army? So, what do you do for a living now?"

Skylar shook his head and said, "No, I still belong to the army."

"What? You're still in the army?" Zach immediately sounded arrogant. He continued, "I mean, you were exceptional in everything you did back then. Our commanding officer really liked you back then because of it. I believe you must be a sergeant major now, right?" However, before he could say anything, Zach continued, But, after the reforms were made, people who didn't hold a graduate degree can only be promoted to be a squad leader at most. Most people quit because of that. My friends and I started a marketing company last year and we finally made a profit. We made about five to six million dollars already. I believe we can probably break a hundred million dollars by the end of the year. If you can't find a job someday, just call me. I can help you because I was your squad leader once." He seemed to be mocking Skylar when he said that.

Since he was from the army, he obviously knew that anyone who did not have a graduate degree could never amount to anything no matter how long they served. His spotlight was stolen when Skylar entered the military back then, so he decided to get back at Skylar because of that.

"Haha. There's no need for that." Skylar felt speechless when he heard that. He could not believe that he needed partners to start a small company that made such little profit. He also could not believe that Zach would even brag about it to him. Skylar's entire wealth could rival nations and even Yulia's product in Kareem Fashions would be over a couple billion dollars a year. Even Lola made over a few hundred million dollars just by streaming online and becoming a talent. They made a lot more than Zach's company. However, Skylar's rejection felt like an insult to him. He assumed that Skylar was only rejecting him out of pride. So, he shifted his focus to Lola.

"Oh, is she your daughter? She's really pretty. But, that won't do. You should start nurturing your child's talents too, you know. My daughter has won the singing competition here in the capital. If your daughter is interested, my daughter can give your daughter some pointers."

Skylar knew that Zach just wanted to brag about his daughter. Suddenly, Zach's daughter glared at Lola and said, "No. I don't like her! I don't want to teach her."

Lola was unhappy to hear that. She had no reason to interact with Zach's daughter when she had Valerie as a tutor. However, before she could say anything, Yulia interjected, "Lola can sing really well too. She won first place in the singing competition in Cloudtopia too."

Chapter 557 Live Streamer?

"Oh?" Zach was stunned for a moment and said, "But Cloudtopia is just a small city. It can't compare to the capital. I'm afraid she won't even make the cut in the capital..."

Suddenly they were ambushed by a wave of cheering while Zach was bragging.

"Good gosh, it really is Lola!"

"Really? Where is she? I want her autograph!" A group of people rushed over as soon as they said that.

"It really is Lola! Gosh, her parents are here too!" Another group of people rushed over as well.

"Ah! I can't believe we'd run into her here! I am your biggest fan, Lola! Your voice is amazing! Can you give me an autograph? If you can't write, you can draw for me or have your handsome father sign the autograph for me!" Soon, Skylar and his family were completely surrounded by people.

Zach and his daughter, on the other hand, were shoved aside.

"What... What is going on..." Zach wondered what exactly was going on. He did not care when Lola won Cloudtopia's singing competition because he knew that his daughter was better. But, Lola was swarmed by a group of fans before he could even finish bragging. He was also shocked that Yulia and Skylar were also roped into the whole mess. He felt embarrassed when that happened.

Lola was shocked by the fans, but after a woman spoke to her, she finally calmed down. She finally understood that everyone wanted to take a picture with her because they loved her. After a couple of pictures were taken, Skylar noticed the growing crowd and immediately told everyone, "I'm sorry, but this is the end of the photo-op. It's Lola's personal time now and besides, she's only four. So, I hope everyone can understand that."

The fans understood what Skylar was trying to say. That was because Lola was still very young and was different from the other celebrities. She needed space to grow happily. After taking a few more pictures, they bid Lola farewell. "Let's meet in your stream, Lola! We'll always support you!"

"Thank you everyone." Lola thanked everyone.

Skylar and Yulia were only able to calm down after they left. It seemed that being famous had its

downsides too. They did not expect Lola to be that famous already.

"Hey, Skylar, those people... What is going on?" Zach asked. He continued, "Are you saying that your daughter already has fans at such a young age?"

Zach's daughter looked bitter.

"Lola has been singing to people and has attracted quite the following by streaming everything online." Skylar tried to keep a low profile, but he still looked proud.

"Oh? So, she's an influencer, right?" Zach looked bitter as he continued, "Well, if my daughter were to join, I believe your daughter will not have any fans anymore. Your daughter should revere my daughter, you know.'

Chapter 558 Unethical

Zach's daughter gave Lola a smug look and said, "I am the best singer in the capital. Hmph! I want to stream online too. If I did, I would have a hundred or a thousand times more fans than her!"

Both Skylar and Yulia were speechless after seeing how arrogant they were. They had no idea how anyone could be as arrogant as they were. Zach's daughter looked normal and the only reason why Lola even went viral was because of the unreasonable lady. Apparently, Skylar had manipulated the post to make Lola viral back then. It seemed that Zach and his daughter were just too naive. However, Skylar noticed how unhappy Lola looked, but it was finally their turn to buy tickets to enter Seaworld. So, Skylar said, "Let's head inside, honey."

"Yeah!" Hearing this cheered Lola up. Skylar did not want to waste any time on Zach, so he entered Seaworld with Yulia and Lola. However, they were quickly joined by Zach and his daughter.

"Whoa, look daddy. The fish is swimming above us!" Lola pointed at the huge aquarium above her head.

"Yeah honey, there are more fishes that you've not seen inside." Skylar put her down as Lola ran around the aquarium excitedly.

"Whoa, I didn't know we have blue and glowing fishes! Daddy look, this golden fish looks really pretty! Whoa, what is that fish, daddy? It's as huge as a ship!" Lola was in awe.

Skylar and Yulia were delighted to see Lola happy. After wandering around for a while, Lola pointed at a poster and asked, "What is that, daddy? I heard a lady mention there will be some show later. Can we watch?"

Skylar felt uncomfortable when he noticed that it was a poster for a dolphin show. Dolphins were known to be intelligent creatures. They had the mental capacity of a ten year old child. They were friendly to humans and would often guide lost boats back to shore. Apparently Skylar had blown up a ship three years ago and had dove into the ocean before the ship exploded. He was surrounded by some sharks

before he could return to his speedboat. Skylar could not do anything in the ocean despite his immense power. However, he was rescued by two dolphins as they carried him to the nearest shore. He was saved by dolphins. After the incident, he had a special bond with dolphins. Plenty of cities would keep dolphins to entertain humans back then. However, people began protesting recently about how unethical those performances were. He did not expect a show like this would still exist in the capital. Yulia and Lola led Skylar to the theater while he was lost in his thoughts. It seemed that the show had just started.

Chapter 559 Savior

The theater was huge and could house a huge pool and a few thousand seats. A young man gave everyone a bow as the crowd applauded. Soon, a dolphin was released into the pool as the man approached it and gave it some orders while the dolphin obeyed. The crowd only grew more excited when that happened. Lola clapped and said, "Whoa daddy! The dolphin is awesome! It knows how to obey humans!"

Suddenly, five more dolphins swam through a narrow tunnel. It turned out that the tamer wanted them to play ball. This made the crowd even more excited as the man felt great. He bows and savored every bit of attention he got from the spectators. Since the dolphins had to play ball, they had to swim in the pool. Two of the dolphins swam by Skylar and this immediately stunned Skylar. He could recognize those dolphins to be the same ones who saved him three years ago. He knew that he was absolutely right. So, Skylar immediately rushed over to the dolphins. They were stunned when they spotted Skylar and immediately started cheering happily while swaying their bodies around. One of them even swam to Skylar. They actually recognized him.

"Whoa daddy, I think that dolphin knows you!" Lola cheered and reached out as she wanted to feel the dolphin's skin. However, before she could, she suddenly screamed, "Daddy, the dolphin is hurt!" Upon closer inspection, Skylar noticed the dolphin was covered in wounds. He knew that they must have been whipped. The other dolphin swam to Skylar as well and it was also hurt. They were even bleeding at the moment. This immediately angered Skylar.

"Please leave if you don't want to watch the show, sir. Don't stand there and stop my dolphins from performing," said the man.

"Your dolphins?" Skylar scoffed and said, "They belong to nature. They don't belong to anyone. You confined them to such a small space and forced them to perform. You even whipped them if they refused! Dolphins understand humans and are friendly to humans. How dare you hurt them so cruelly!" Those dolphins were Skylar's savior and he still missed them when he returned to the Northern borders. He wished they could swim freely in the ocean. But, he never expected them to be confined in such a small space and would be forced to entertain humans. He was livid when he noticed they were hurt.

A staff member said, "What is wrong with you, sir? How can you accuse us of abuse when dolphin performances have been going on for years?"

Chapter 560 Buying Everything

"Besides, we feed them too! It's only reasonable for them to entertain us. I don't think they would be able to survive this long in the ocean. They should thank us for that! Stop trying to act all high and mighty. Don't tell me that you're from some sort of animal rights group. If you are, you should leave. You are not welcomed here! I really hate people like that! If you're so great, you should stop eating meat then! Dolphins are nothing more than pets to me!" The staff members yelled.

"Shut up!" Skylar exclaimed menacingly. His words were so loud that the staff members' ears were ringing. They were stunned and terrified of Skylar. "Tell me, how exactly did you abuse them!" Skylar exclaimed.

The man who was standing closest to Skylar seemed as if he was charmed as he said, "Aside from the four shows, there will be trainers training them for the remaining six hours a day. If they do well, we will feed them, but we won't feed them too much. We want to keep them hungry, that way they will fight to prove themselves. Of course we will be whipping those who refuse to work with us..."

Skylar was furious to hear that, so he questioned further, "Aren't you worried about whipping them to death?"

The man brushed Skylar off and said, "So what? They are deadweight if they don't listen. I mean, two more will come if they die." However, before Skylar could react, Lola said, "Daddy, I feel bad for the dolphins and I don't want to watch them anymore. Can you buy them and release them to the ocean, daddy?"

Skylar was only able to calm down when Lola said that.

"What's going on? Why aren't you performing?" A middle-aged man arrived. He seemed to be the theater's supervisor. The staff members explained the situation by exaggerating what happened when the man arrived. As soon as the man heard that, he yelled at Skylar, "Tell me, are you here to cause trouble or watch the show? If you are here for the show, you better stay in your seats, or else I will beat you up!" A group of bodyguards surrounded Skylar as soon as the man said that. They were glaring at Skylar. However, without acknowledging them, Skylar told the middle-aged man, "Are you the show's supervisor? Call the owner of Seaworld and inform him that I want to buy every dolphin you have here!"

The middle-aged man was stunned to hear that as he thought to himself, He's here to buy all the dolphins? I can't believe someone would show up to buy dolphins? Is he serious about this? He sized Skylar up when he regained his senses and said, "Do you take me for a fool, you b*stard?"