

Chapter 564 Resolved To Dig Up The Truth Himself

What had made Sophie leave so suddenly? Even now, no one had an answer. Not even Jarrett, the man she had married, had a clue.

Ruben understood even less, though a suspicion lingered in his mind that it had something to do with Psychephrenia. Still, it was only a guess, and he knew better than to mention it to Cole.

Bringing it up could unsettle Cole and risk slowing his recovery, so Ruben decided to hide the truth.

"Your mother and father were having problems," Ruben lied, his voice low.

Cole's eyes widened in disbelief. "That's not possible."

As far as he could remember, his parents' marriage had been flawless. They had always treated each other with warmth and respect. The idea that his mother had walked away because of relationship problems felt absurd.

Ruben avoided Cole's gaze, unease coloring his tone as he spun the tale. "They seemed happy from the outside. But the truth is, things had been broken for a long time. They kept it from you because they didn't want it to hurt you."

Yet, Cole caught the shift in Ruben's eyes, the unease flashing there. "Grandpa, you're lying."

Ruben stiffened, caught in the moment.

"Why?" Cole demanded, his voice tight with frustration. "Why are you lying to me?"

For a brief moment, Ruben held his gaze before releasing a weary sigh. "Cole, just know I'd never do anything to hurt you. There are some truths you're better off not knowing for now. For your health, please let it go."

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Cole's brow furrowed as he tried to make sense of it. It felt as though his grandfather saw these lies as a form of protection. He felt like he was caught in a whirlpool, flailing for the surface while the people he trusted most stood on the shore, refusing to throw him a line. Not even his grandfather. It wasn't only his grandfather. Paulina, the girl who had been part of his life since childhood, was keeping things from him as well. Every single one of them was hiding something, all insisting it was for his benefit.

Why? What explanation could ever be enough to warrant keeping something hidden like this? In his heart, he still trusted them. He knew they would never hurt him. Yet, was he supposed to simply follow along with whatever they decided? Was he expected to ignore the questions piling up in his mind and just "let it be?"

That wasn't in his nature. He had never been the type to tolerate being left in the dark. He needed the truth. Even if it hurt, he would rather face it than live inside a carefully crafted lie. Fine. If no one would give him answers, he would dig them up himself.

With his decision made, Cole saw no reason to continue this conversation with Ruben. He gave Ruben a polite farewell before heading back to his room.

Downstairs, the living room buzzed with the voices of the younger Evans family members. Once again, the conversation had shifted toward Lilah.

Trinity, the adopted daughter of the Evans family, was studying at Ublento Medical University, which naturally made them eager to keep up with the latest gossip from campus.

A while back, there had been an incident at Ublento Medical University where Trinity was doused in feces. The scandal blew up the school's online forum, and it didn't take long for the news to reach the younger Evans family members, and, subsequently, the entire family.

The shame had been so overwhelming that Trinity hadn't dared set foot in the Evans home since. She doubted she still had the courage to look them in the eye again.

Seeing how determined Trinity was to avoid them, the Evans family quietly took the hint and pretended to be oblivious. After all, she was not truly one of them. Not related by blood.

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Despite so, their concern lingered. Since Trinity's very public humiliation, several of the younger Evans family members had been quietly watching the university's forum.

Yet, no fresh updates on Trinity appeared. Instead, they came across something far more sensational. The campus's well-known "Masked Beauty" had finally revealed her face on stage.

Before long, the Ublento Medical University forums were overflowing with posts about a girl named Lilah. Overnight, she had become the most talked-about person on campus.

When the younger members of the Evans family caught sight of her photo, their excitement spilled over, and a spirited conversation began.

"Oh my god! The Masked Beauty finally took off her mask! She's absolutely stunning!"

"Completely gorgeous, I've been keeping up with the hype for ages, and she totally lived up to it!"

"I take back every doubt I had! Before she revealed her face, I was starting to believe those rumors about her hiding a terrible scar. Turns out, I couldn't have been more wrong!"

"Ha-ha! All those trolls who swore she was ugly really got proven wrong. They thought she wore the mask to cover her face, but it turns out she just wanted to keep a low profile!"

"Alright, I'm calling dibs. I'm going to ask Lilah out. Nobody interferes, understood?"

The recent speaker was Taylor Evans, Lance's younger brother. He was a celebrated movie star at the height of his fame, adored by countless fans, and had only just come back home after finishing a film shoot overseas.

The majority of the younger Evans family members were Taylor's fans, and upon hearing his words, they wasted no time in voicing their concerns.

'Taylor, are you really certain about this? You're one of the biggest names out there right now. Wouldn't dating put your career at risk?'

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