

The Heiress' Return: Six Brothers at Her Beck and Call (Wynter Quinnell) Chapter 451

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One of the viewers commented, "I'd like to see if Kina could be as cocky as he is now during the mission."

The highlight of Ultimate Survival was the missions given to the participants, who had to choose a non- celebrity to partner with for the missions.

The missions would occur in real-life locations like ancient castles or school compounds. Either way, the locations were bound to have some hidden story, and the participants were required to piece it together.

The first location for this season's Ultimate Survival was kept secret. The participants would find out at the same time as the audience, which added suspense to the show.

"I can't wait to see how the participants this season will fare!" someone commented.

"I wonder who this season's MVP will be?" another asked.

As the online discussion grew wilder, concerned remarks began to pipe up here and there. Most of these remarks were directed at Lucy Banks, who had been trending for the last two years.

She had been hospitalized until recently due to poor health. The crew of Ultimate Survival had told her she could skip out on this season and wait for the next while she recuperated, but Lucy didn't want to miss the chance of appearing on a show that was so popular.

More importantly, she wanted to dispel the rumors about her. She didn't want anyone to suspect that she had been pregnant before coming onto the show.

Lucy's fingers intertwined. She didn't look too bad, though her makeup barely concealed the greenish shadows under her eyes.

Even so, she smiled brightly and said, "Wow, you sure know how to work a set, Mr. Lyons!"

The viewers were showering her with praise **on** the streaming platform.

The managing teams for the celebrities were about ten feet away from the set. When shooting for Ultimate Survival suddenly started, the assistants were in a frenzy.

That was when Marie stepped up and handled everything Ursula threw at her. Despite her workload, Marie was clear-headed and did not utter a word of complaint.

Little did Marie know, Tobias was being filmed just a wall away from her.

While Marie was an assistant on paper, her age meant that she largely ran errands, including ordering

lunch for the team.

In her haste, she didn't notice that Wolf, who had been following her around and carrying things

had suddenly stopped in his tracks.

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Marie handed the takeout containers to another staff member who was on duty. Just as she was about to open one for Wolf, he pointed at Lucy, who was the closest to them.

He then signed to Marie, "I don't like her scent. I've smelled it somewhere before. It's okay if I go near her,

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but you should stay away from her."

He eyed Marie solemnly before emphasizing, "You can't go near her, Mrs. Quinnell."

Marie laughed and ruffled Wolf's hair affectionately. "I won't, Wolf. Now, I bet you're hungry after working alongside me the whole morning. Shall we **eat**?"

Wolf nodded and grabbed the container from her. He crouched down and scarfed his food down.

Normally, one might be worried that a child his age would cause trouble on set. However, Wolf was

different.

The crew loved him and **his** chubby cheeks, not to mention his wide-eyed gaze. It helped that his incredible strength came in handy when moving equipment.

Seeing as the shooting site was to the west, the crew decided to leave Wolf be.

Wolf ate with gusto. He wasn't fussy either and often showed up when he was summoned.

One of the directors had taken a liking to Wolf. He was just about to go over and tease Wolf when the

little boy suddenly straightened up and stared into the distance with bright eyes.

There was a low rumbling of an engine that came from the other side of the wall.

It was Wynter. She had followed the directions Wolf had sent her and showed up on her motorbike.

She was wearing black pants and a white hoodie and **had** one foot pushing against the ground to steady

herself after killing the motorbike's engine.

She moved with such an easy grace that everyone couldn't help but glance in her direction.

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Wolf was grinning on the other side of the wall, practically buzzing with excitement.

Wynter considered asking the staff for directions, but she had no idea that the camera was on her. The directors and audience saw only a young lady perched atop a motorbike.

She had one foot pressing against the ground to help her maintain her balance on the bike and one hand on the handle. Her free hand was busy typing out a text message.

Whoever it was she had texted, she seemed to have gotten no reply. She tapped her slender fingers against the handle, drumming a slow rhythm. Her profile looked flawless under the lights.

The camera lingered on her, reluctant to pan away. She was beautiful, like an aloof temptress or a siren. Her eyes were dark and depthless, and she had a small mole under her eye.

When she looked up, the comments section went wild.

“I demand to know everything about her right now!” someone said.

“Is she a new celebrity from another entertainment agency? I’ve never seen her before.”

“Ladies, I just checked. She’s not in showbiz.”

The viewers drew a sharp breath in disbelief. How could anyone who looked as gorgeous as Wynter not

be in showbiz?

“Is she a non–celebrity guest invited by the crew?” someone else mused.

When Dexter Lyons, the director, saw the comments flooding in, he immediately said into his microphone, “Can the production assistant please have that young lady join our show?”

The viewers were shocked by this. One of them commented, “Mr. Lyons is a legend for inviting that young

lady on the spot!”

Having received instructions, the production assistant hurried up to Wynter and handed her a business

card.

“On behalf of the crew of Ultimate Survival, I would like to formally invite you to join this season’s challenge—if you’re interested, that is.”

Someone in the comments warned, “No, don’t go! Ultimate Survival is brutal. I remember one of the non-

celebs getting s p o o ed right off the bat in the first season!”

to turn down

Wynter took the business card and considered it. She was going the offer, given how she never watched variety shows like Ultimate Survival due to her busy schedule and side business.

However, when she looked up and sensed a cold familiarity in the vicinity, she narrowed her eyes in contemplation. She then smiled and said to the production assistant, "I'm game. Could you brief me the rules?"

"This way, please," the production assistant said happily, his eyes gleaming as he realized how much

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prettier Wynter looked up close.

However, he wondered if he had seen her elsewhere before. There was something familiar about her face.

Meanwhile, Wolf had seen everything from where he was perched on the top of the wall. His ears perked up when he heard Wynter agreeing to join the show.

Before he climbed down from the wall, he received a text from Wynter that read, "You've got pasta on your face."

He checked his reflection in the phone camera and did not see pasta on his face. Trust Wynter to tease

him like that.

When the production assistant noticed Wolf perching on the high wall, she nearly screamed at him to get down. However, she was spared from doing so when he scurried down and gazed up at her inquisitively

The production manager let out a sigh of relief, but she was also baffled by Wolf's incredible stunt.

While Wynter was being escorted onto set by the production assistant, Yvonne got her instructions from Yvette through text.

Yvette reminded her, "Whether or not you become famous hinges on this, Yvonne. If everything goes to plan, they'll be hosting the first challenge of the season in an abandoned children's hospital.

“You’re K i n ’s assistant now, so ask for a chance to be on the show. Go in and tell K i n a to choose you as his partner. You’ll win this round for sure.”

Yvonne was confused, but curiosity got the better of her as she quickly replied, “Me? Be a non–celebrity guest? But my co–uh, friend, is also a guest on the show.”

“I’m sure she’ll understand,” Yvette encouraged. “If anything, you could keep an eye out on Yvonne while you accomplish your dreams of becoming famous. I’ll be in the audience outside feeding you answers. You have two lifelines, don’t you?”

Yvonne looked up at her cousin, Lucy, who was beloved by everyone. She wanted that kind of attention

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Besides, Yvonne was just as pretty as Lucy. She could probably launch herself into stardom with this

show. She deserved better than to be an assistant forever.

She did not hesitate as she reached out to her family and found herself stepping onto the first shooting

spot.

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The celebrity guests of the season were arranged to be in different areas of the set, where they would remain blindfolded until they arrived at the filming location.

The non–celebrity guests, on the other hand, were led to the filming location by production assistants, without blindfolds.

Yvonne gaped at the building before her with wide eyes. Yvette had been right. The first challenge of this season was indeed at an abandoned children’s hospital!

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Despite having grown up in Kingbourne. Yvonne didn’t know that such a place existed on the outskirts town. The hospital building was in various stages of disrepair, and the grass outside had grown unkempt.

The place must have been abandoned for years.

Given that Ultimate Survival was filmed in real–life locations, one would **think** that part of the production

funds would go into restoring a chosen site to its former glory.

However, with the exterior of the children's hospital left untouched, the building looked like it had been

frozen in time.

Among the celebrity cast for the season, Aimee Priestley, the box office queen, was the last to arrive. 1

She pulled off her blindfold and took in the building before her. She then asked with faint amusement, "Is the crew trying to scare off the newbies before we start rolling?"

Standing next to her was Oli who surmised confidently. "A hospital, huh? Ten to one the challenge involves a medical emergency. I know how this story goes."

Tobias was the third to arrive. After removing his blindfold, he greeted Aimee and Oliver politely. "Hey

there, Aimee, Oliver."

Oliver chuckled, replying, "Good day, Mr. Quinnell."

His short and distant greeting implied enough. He and latter could.

Tobias were not as also that the

address him on a first-name basis.

Oliver's stance changed when Zane arrived. Draping an arm over Zane's shoulders, Oliver asked jovially. Hey, Zane, when are you going to come over for a drink? I'll get my missus to make her house specialty."

"My schedule's pretty free these days," Zane answered, laughing as he cast a sidelong look at Tobias.

When it came to sidelining others, celebrities had it down to an art form. It was always subtle digs here. and there, but they would never get into an actual fight on camera.

Zane sounded mildly disinterested as he said, "Oh, good to see you here, Mr. Quinnell."

"Well, imagine how many sponsors we'd lose if he weren't here," Oliver said. His backhanded compliment was instantly recognized by those in the entertainment industry.

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and influential new star, Tobias was practically a commercial powerhouse. However, with his

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formidable background, he could accidentally take over someone else's endorsement deal.

Oliver was one such example. He had been holding a grudge against Tobias since losing out on an

endorsement deal to the latter.

Oliver also couldn't help drawing comparisons between Tobias and Zane, the latter of whom was also a

scion.

Zane never overstepped his boundaries and was humble enough to always ask for permission or approval before taking something from his seniors in the Industry.

If Tobias hadn't belonged to such a powerful entertainment agency, Oliver would have destroyed his career long ago.

Oliver hated that Tobias would take on any deal that came his way. He left nothing for the rest of them,

not even crumbs.

As for Aimee, she had been in the industry for long enough to know Tobias was being sidelined. She would defend him, but she didn't think it was worth souring her relationship with the others on set.

At any rate, Tobias was merely a pretty boy idolized by a specific fanbase. He hadn't starred in any notable screen work or held a concert before, and he would never make it big in showbiz if he didn't have the right resources.

Oliver had already decided that he would make Tobias' time on Ultimate Survival a living hell.

Zane, on the contrary, had a wide fanbase and hailed from a powerful background.

At this point, Tobias was going to be the sacrificial lamb of the season. If he backed out now, he could probably still preserve his dignity and popularity.

Meanwhile, the audience wasn't so oblivious that they had missed the tension between the celebrities. Just as the fans were about to break out in a cyber war, Lucy showed up onsite.

She had lost so much weight that she looked almost ghastly, but she was blithely unaware of this. A wide grin spread across her face as she bounded up to the other guests,

“Sorry I’m late, guys!”

Lucy had yet to turn **around** and see where they were filming the first challenge. She launched herself at Aimee and linked arms with her. “Hey, Aimee! Have you all chosen your partners already?”

Aimee bristled at the physical contact. She found Lucy’s behavior in showbiz rather distasteful, but she gave Lucy a polite smile that was customary of a veteran actress and said, “No, we’re still waiting for Mr. **Lyons** to brief us.”

“Oh, good. Anyway, where are we filming this-” Lucy **turned** around and froze when she saw the children’s hospital looming up behind her.

The only

one who knew how terrified she was of children’s hospitals was her personal assistant.

“Now that everyone’s here, please choose your non–celeb partner for the challenge!”

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One of the viewers commented excitedly. “Finally! They’re choosing their partners!”

While the show claimed the candidates for the celebrity guests’ partners were chosen at random, in reality, the directors had hand–picked each of them.

Ultimate Survival played off the origins of its filming locations, which were tweaked as part of the challenge.

Piecing the story together with what talent the celebrities **had** was tough work, and sometimes required professional knowledge or skill.

With the children’s hospital as the filming location of this season, the candidates were undoubtedly chosen for their medical backgrounds or knowledge.

The viewers were already guessing who were the candidates that had been chosen this season.

Before long, the director instructed, “Ladies and gentlemen, before you are five candidates and only those who have matched on the system will pair up for the challenge.

“The candidates’ information is displayed on the screen. Two of them are medical students while the remaining three have different majors and professions. Please choose your candidate based on your experience

Everyone’s expression shifted upon hearing this except for Tobias“.

Oliver, who was a returning guest and therefore had experience from the last season, knew exactly what he had to focus on in variety shows—getting more screentime.

That, and not becoming dead weight. Screentime and making oneself useful were what the audience looked for in an Ultimate Survival participant..

If Oliver chose the right candidate to help him with this challenge, he might become a trending figure during this season’s filming and make his investors see his worth. The lucrative endorsement deals would then start to pile up on his doorstep!

Zane and Aimee thought the same. However, Lucy was ashen-faced and absentminded. Choosing the right candidate was obviously the last thing on her mind.

The viewers’ comments began flooding in. “Picking the medical students will pay off nicely this round.”

“Well, duh! From what I know, choosing the right candidate will boost your chances of success by 50%!”

“Come on, guys, be realistic. The non-celebrity guests get to choose too. They might not match with the celebrities who chose them”

“The guest who gets first pick will be at an advantage, for sure.”

“Look! The candidates’ information is out!”

With a whoosh, the information for each candidate appeared in bulletin form on the large screen before

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the celebrity guests.

The first non-celebrity guest was a 25-year-old man named Joshua Geller, a civil engineering major.

The second was a **20**-year-old woman named Cecilia Callahan, a clinical doctor.

As soon as the words “clinical doctor” popped up on the screen, the viewers went wild.

“Guys, do my eyes deceive me? Is **Cecilia** Callahan the popular streamer I’ve been following for ages?”

“Hot damn! I think that’s Cecilia Ceil! The information adds up!”

“Cecilia Ceil? I’ve come across her channel before. Isn’t she really good at diagnosing patients?”

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“I thought influencers would never show their faces **in** public! I can’t believe **she** actually signed up for a variety show. She **has** guts, I’ll give her that!”

“I’ve met Cecilia before. She’s gorgeous and angelic, but I think she’s got nothing on the celebrities.”

“Hey, don’t speak too soon. Whoever gets paired up with her for this challenge will win the lottery!”

The celebrity guests could not see the comments from these viewers, of course, but professional judgment honed from his years in showbiz had Oliver setting his eyes on Cecilia.

“I think this young lady has the perfect profession for this challenge.” Oliver chuckled, already eager to

make his choice. “Hope you won’t mind if I choose her, Zane.”

Zane shook his head. “Sorry, Oliver, but we get to choose according to our assigned numbers. That means I get first pick.” He had been assigned as number one.

With the Lawtons being one of Ultimate Survival’s backers, Zane was able to pull some strings for himself.

Oliver **had** been in showbiz long enough to understand Zane’s implication. “In that case, I’ll opt for the third non-celebrity guest who also graduated medical school with honors!”

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The third candidate on the screen was Horace Barlowe, a middle-aged surgeon. He was a bespectacled man with plain looks and of average height. But most importantly, he boasted an exceptional track record

as a doctor.

The viewers mused in their comments, “The second **and** third candidates seem to be the best in the

arsenal.”

The fourth candidate was Yvonne, whose information revealed that she majored in media

communications. There was nothing particularly interesting about her until she declared loudly, “Pick me,

Kina! I’ll help you win!”

Yvonne’s shout-out only put unwanted attention on Tobias.

Zane pointed out somewhat sarcastically, “Your fans sure are enthusiastic, Mr. Quinnell. Not everyone.

can participate in Ultimate Survival, you know.”

Once the audience heard this, they would think the production team was swayed by Tobias when it came to choosing their candidates.

The keyboard warriors began to attack Tobias. “Pretty boys from the slow class should just stay home instead of embarrassing themselves on Ultimate Survival. An infatuated fanbase won’t help your stupidity.

Before the discourse could take root in the comment section, the fifth candidate and her information

appeared on the screen, causing everyone’s jaw to drop open.

Wynter Quinnell was the name of the fifth candidate, a young woman who was in a vocational school.

“Vocational school? Are you serious? How did she even make it as a candidate?” a belligerent viewer

demanded.

“No way. I thought Ultimate Survival had better standards than this,” another said.

“What’s a vocational student doing here? She’s got to be a masochist.”

“She’s dead weight to anyone who picks her!”

Oliver and Zane were taken aback by the production crew’s decision to include someone like Wynter,

whose experience was underwhelming, to say the least.

Then again, with Tobias getting the last pick, this could work out in their favor.

All the other celebrity guests had to do was single out the fifth candidate for Tobias. He could kiss

goodbye to his image after the season finished its run, and his career would be over!

Oliver and Zane exchanged a knowing look as the thought crossed their mind. They each made their own

decision.

Without hesitation, Zane walked up and chose the popular influencer, Cecilia Cell, as his partner.

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Oliver came up after him and selected Horace.

Aimee weighed the situation at hand and stepped forward to choose the first candidate, Joshua,

Being the fourth to choose, Yvonne didn't expect Lucy to choose her.

Lucy was behaving strangely, but she wasn't so distracted that she would pick a vocational school student as her partner for this challenge.

Competition was fierce in the entertainment industry, and those in showbiz had long since mastered the quiet art of manipulation.

Now that everyone had taken their pick save for Tobias, he was forced to pick the fifth candidate, Wynter.

"Oh, man. Kina's doomed. His chances of winning the game will depend on whether Lucy and her chosen candidate successfully pair up," a viewer commented.

"Three pairs have matched successfully, which means the fourth candidate could be the key to turning the tables for Kina," another chimed in.

Yvonne had yet to pick Lucy and was still waiting anxiously for Tobias' decision.

Normally, Tobias could wait until Yvonne had made her pick before he chose his partner. However, he didn't think there was anything wrong with choosing Wynter.

If anything, he thought fate had quite the **sense** of humor after he saw that Wynter shared his last name.

Without waiting for Yvonne's decision. Tobias stepped up and selected Wynter as his partner. His decisiveness and calmness earned the audience's approval.

"Not bad," someone commented. "I would have rolled my eyes if he'd hesitated."

"True. He gets a bad rap sometimes, but I think Kina proved himself to be better than that in this show,"

another viewer said.

"Come on, that was hot! We love a decisive man!" someone cheered.

Zane and Oliver had been waiting to sneer at Tobias. They were anticipating him to falter after being forced to choose an inexperienced and hopeless candidate.

What they hadn't expected was for him to make his decision so quickly. It was as if he hadn't considered his image or career at all. He even won over the audience.

Tobias did not think much of his decision at all. This was just a job, and at any rate, he had a contractual obligation to perform well on this show.

However, he had his reason for being so cavalier—his youngest sister might see him on television.

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Tobias would not allow himself to look bad on television!

Meanwhile, Oliver and Zane's expressions were flat. They were already thinking up ways to get more

screen time.

"Has everyone decided on their partner?" Dexter asked through the microphone.

This time, the non-celebrity guests and their famous counterparts answered in unison. "Yes."

The moment the word rang through the air, the veil secured in place to separate the celebrities and the candidates was dropped.

Wynter removed her blindfold. Nonchalance was written all over her beautiful **face**.

She had heard the celebrity guests' discussion earlier and seen the faces of her fellow non-celebrity

guests.

She only agreed to join the filming because she had sensed grudges and anger teeming the air. If that went on, she was sure something tragic might happen.

What she hadn't expected was to join a survival game show that required her to go on missions.

The camera panned to the non-celebrity guests, who were numbered one to five. The celebrity guests and the audience alike were stunned **when** they saw Wynter.

Her beautiful features set her apart from the other non-celebrities. Even Lucy, who **was** known for her

fresh and delicate looks, could not even begin to compete with her.

*Damn! I thought Cecilia would steal the spotlight for sure, but... Are you sure the fifth candidate isn't **a** rookie who's about to debut?" one of the viewers asked incredulously.

"The fifth candidate was invited to join the program at the last minute! I saw it in the production crew's alternative live-streaming channel!" someone explained in the comments.

"She's hot, but why is she in vocational school?" another mused.

"Maybe she's just another pretty face like Kina. They make the perfect, insipid pair," **a** viewer **jested**.

Zane's eyes

widened when he saw Wynter on set. He told Tobias begrudgingly, "Mr. Quinnell, bet you're all fired up for the mission after picking a total babe as your partner. How lucky for you."

Tobias was known for having a short fuse. Logan and the others wouldn't tread so carefully around him

otherwise.

"I remember the whole premise of Ultimate Survival is to piece together a true story from the filming location and speak up for the weak. At least, that was Mr. Lyons' vision when he first launched the show," Tobias drawled icily.

He would have been perfectly content in ignoring Zane for the rest of the show, but he didn't like that.

Zane was making fun of him **because** his partner was a good-looking young lady.

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"I suggest you be careful not to take the director's and production team's vision for this show out of context, Tobias spat, shooting a dark look at Zane.

With his height and aloof expression, Tobias looked imperious as he gave Zane a talking-down. Zane bristled and clenched his fists at Tobias' less-**than**-kind advice.

He eeked out a forced smile and said through gritted teeth, "I look forward to seeing you finish the mission, Mr. Quinnell. I hope you'll still be able to keep your cool by then."

"The dissing has begun! I'm so excited!" a viewer typed.

"Kina's right, though. What Zane said wasn't exactly appropriate," someone pointed out.

"Oh, please. Kina's just one of those pretentious idols. He's secretly pissed that he chose the weakest partner and decided to lash out at Zane. Yet, his **fans** are rising to his defense. It makes me sick,"

someone chided.

"Can't wait to see Kina make a fool of himself!"

Wynter normally paid no mind to the subtle digs or bad blood between celebrities. But when she saw Tobias, she stopped toying with the pendant around her neck.

Save for Elliot, the other Quinnell brothers had yet to see Wynter's pictures or meet her in person.

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But Wynter had seen them before. She couldn't avoid it when Fabian kept sending her pictures of them and talking about them.

Tobias was not in many of the pictures, the few that existed of him made perfect sticker material. Wynter had seen enough of them to question how he became a famous Idol in the first place.

Now that she had seen him in person, she could tell that Tobias was born for the entertainment industry. He had the looks and the charm, not to mention the personality.

Meanwhile, Tobias was about to offer a snarky retort to Zane when he noticed his partner staring at him.

Dread filled him at once.

Ursula had told him before he came on the show to avoid picking female partners for the challenge, the audience would be inclined to make a romantic pairing out of them both.

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Statistics had shown that such a pairing wouldn't help an idol's career, at least not in the long run when the romantic pairing fizzled out.

Tobias still had dreams to achieve and big money to make. He refused to see his career be brought to an end.

As such, he turned to Wynter and said curtly, "You'll only end up with a broken heart if you fall for me."

Chapter 457 Pair of Dunces

The directors, production crew, and the audience were baffled by Tobias' sudden warning to Wynter.

"What was that all about?" one of the viewers asked.

"I almost died laughing! What's Kina going on about?" another jested.

The other guests on the show were giving Tobias odd looks as well. He didn't look like the type to say

such things.

Wynter, however, was not surprised to hear this coming out of Tobias' mouth. From his pictures and the stories Fabian had told her, he was exactly the type to say such things.

"You might want to take a look at the instructions, Kina," she pointed out, not wanting to waste any

time.

The sooner they wrapped up filming this episode, the sooner the anger and grudge lingering in the air would dissipate.

Besides, if they dawdled any longer, the frail-looking celebrity standing by the side might not make it

through the evening

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Wynter

also had no intention of announcing on camera that Tobias was her biological brother. She would talk to him in private once filming wrapped up and she had taken care of the angry energy that plagued

the location.

Unexpectedly, Tobias frowned **and** said, "I don't think my sister would appreciate you getting so friendly

with me.

Meanwhile, Fabian was watching Ultimate Survival on television, hoping to glimpse how Tobias was faring on a variety show.

He wouldn't admit it, but he secretly kept an eye on his grandchildren to make sure they were doing well.

When he saw Wynter on camera, he immediately dragged Alexis in front of the television to watch the

show with him.

"Ha ha! I bet Tobias will kick himself for saying that once he finds out the truth!" Fabian laughed.

Alexis chuckled as well.

"He's probably going to hate himself the moment filming wraps."

On the set, having heard what Tobias said to her, Wynter remarked with faint amusement, "You are a man

of fine principles, Mr. Quinnell."

“That I am,” Tobias agreed with a confident grin, his celebrity swagger showing. He wouldn’t allow any woman who wasn’t his sister to become friendly with him!

He hadn’t even realized that he had revealed his true colors to a stranger. After all, his looks and the **image** his agency had curated for him all indicated he was the strong, silent type.

Wynter let out a small laugh. “In that case, I hope you can hold on to those principles when you watch this

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episode on television in the future. Shall we look at the gist of the story for today?”

The pair of them had already fallen behind due to their idle conversation earlier.

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Oliver was already making his partner, the middle-aged surgeon, memorize the details of the story. This said enough about what Oliver thought of the surgeon and any other non-celebrity.

Though as he did to appear courteous, Oliver simply **couldn’t** hide the **fact** that he had very little regard for

non-celebrities.

“Ten minutes to memorize the storyline, characters, main characters, and the gist of the incident? That’s some serious brain work,” someone commented.

“That’s why the contestants are better off picking honor-roll students! I bet Cecilia has already memorized

everything. I’ve seen her do something like this on livestream **once**,” another viewer chimed in.

“Well, she is from Sacred Heart Medical University. I’d expect nothing short of genius from her.”

“Everyone’s already started memorizing, and the pair of dunces are still dilly–dallying! What’s up with that?”

The pair of dunces in question was none other than Tobias and Wynter, whom everyone thought were likely to get eliminated first.

“They have three minutes left!” a viewer typed anxiously.

“I don’t think a certain airhead idol has committed the story to memory yet,” came a sarcastic comment.

“That fifth candidate is so pretentious. It irks me,” a viewer pointed out. “She barely glanced at the paper before putting it down. I doubt she remembers anything. She’s just another pretty face.”

“She’s good at putting on airs now. But when the challenge begins, she’ll be scared out of her wits and reveal her true colors,” another viewer typed.

“Ultimate Survival is in a different league as far as variety shows are concerned. It’s not somewhere you can fake it till you make it!”

The last comment was right. Ultimate Survival was popular because of how unique its set–up was.

At that moment, Dexter’s voice rang out again. “Time’s up, people! Put down the docket in your hand **and** enter the hospital!”

The guests did as they were told and stepped foot into the hospital. The sound effects built up to highlight the suspense of the moment .

“Welcome to The Lost Children’s Hospital. From now on, you will need to distinguish what is real and what is not. This will determine whether you’ll be the ultimate survivor!”

Chapter 458 Challenging Celebrities

To capture the guests' most authentic reactions, the producers and assistant directors made themselves.

scarce in the hospital building.

Cameras were fixed in every corner of the building to record the guests' interactions and reactions.

The children's hospital was not large by any means. It was a two-story building lined with long, dark corridors. From the footage, it was clear to see that all the women were spooked, except Wynter.

Lucy, in particular, couldn't help but glance nervously at the delivery room. Her hand fluttered to her stomach, an odd gesture that had the viewers asking questions.

"Why is Lucy patting her belly?" someone asked,

Just then, the signboard hanging above the delivery room came off on one side and clattered to the ground. The loud thud had everyone jumping out of their skin.

Oliver felt a chill down **his** spine, but he knew this was his moment to shine. "This hospital building looks

old, so it's normal for things to start falling off. Watch where you're going, everyone."

Feigning concern for his fellow guests, he stepped forward as if to lead the pack. "The clues are normally hidden where there's light. My partner and I will scope out the second floor. The rest of you can follow us

from behind."

Zane wanted some screen time as well. "I'll be the rear **guard**," he offered.

The audience began praising the two men for taking charge. Lucy was grateful for Oliver and Zane's

initiative as well, seeing as she couldn't wait to get away from the first floor.

The gang was about to head upstairs when Oliver noticed Wynter still standing in place. "Hurry up, number

five!" he called out.

"Mr. Quinnell, could you please keep an eye on your partner?" Zane sighed. "I don't want us to have to come down again if you both get frightened after this." In other words, he was calling them dead weight.

A dark look passed over Tobias' **face** as he glared in the others' direction.

He was about to say something when Wynter fixed her icy stare on Zane and broke her silence. "If I'm not

mistaken, the rules of the challenge will require us to work in pairs instead of a group, or we might end up tying scores."

Displeasure flashed in Oliver's eye's. Having been a celebrity for years, he didn't like being talked down to

like this.

He countered, "I'm asking you to follow us because you're a bunch of newbies who might not make any headway with this challenge. Not to mention, you probably get spooked easily.

"There's strength and safety in numbers, but clearly, my sentiments are lost on you."

"Kina," Aimee began, truly concerned for Tobias' interests, "sometimes we have to act as a team on this

program, or we won't make it to the end.

Chapter 458 Challenging Celebrities

"Besides, what's wrong with a tie when we'll still score anyway? It's not as if you could make any progress

on your own."

Zane was done being polite. "Forget them, Oliver. They obviously don't appreciate your kindness. They probably think they're better than us and don't want us to pull their legs."
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The viewers were chiming in with their two cents as well as they vilified Wynter's behavior.

"Leave them! If they're so great, they can figure out the challenge on their own!" someone said.

"They should vet through candidates before letting them go on Ultimate Survival. My brain hurts from processing their stupidity," another taunted.

Tobias wouldn't stand for his partner getting bullied. He was also aware of how many viewers were watching them right now.

Any poor performance from non-celebrities would mean instant ostracization and cyberbullying.

Tobias couldn't be bothered about the backlash he might receive as he stepped in front of Wynter. "My partner merely expressed my thoughts. I told you to watch your words, Mr. Lawton. We never thought we were better than anyone. 've just always been a single player, that's all."

Zane forced out a humorless smile as Oliver sneered. "Single player, huh? Go score on your own then!"

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Wynter hadn't wanted to get tangled up in the messy world of celebrities, but **she** couldn't help Zane and Oliver as she drawled, "Did you both miss the gist of the story or are you both just idiots?"

Chapter 459 Photographic Memory

Oliver exploded in anger almost Immediately. "What did you just call me?"

"Careful now. You wouldn't want to throw your image down the drain while the cameras are rolling, would you, superstar?" Wynter warned slowly, but wickedly.

Zane came forward and berated, "Where are your manners? Is this the way dunces usually speak? Like a

bunch of riff-raff?"

"Public figures such as yourself should set a good example for their fans," Wynter pointed out. Her gaze on Zane was as dark as the night. "Instead, you're here inciting cyberbullying.

"Perhaps you should spend more time honing your craft. It's in desperate need of improvement. **You** played a goody-two-shoes well enough when you were sidelining Kina, so why let that acting go to waste on screen?

“Do you really think you’re some hotshot just because your fans say so? How gullible of you.

Zane gritted his teeth. “You little-”

No one expected someone who looked as ethereally beautiful as Wynter to be so vicious with her words. At once, the viewers took to the comment section to express their awe .

“Okay, now I know for sure that the non-celebs were chosen at random!” someone exclaimed.

“This young lady speaks for the masses!” another viewer praised.

“The masses? Please! She’s just attacking my Zane! I ought to rip her mouth off!”

“What’s the production crew thinking? Cut her mic!”

But there was no way Dexter would cut Wynter’s microphone when this episode was racking up more

views following her sharp-tongued remarks.

Zane pointed at Wynter, seething. “I’ll take you to court once filming wraps !”

“Be my guest,” Wynter drawled, making to walk past him.

At that moment, Cecilia spoke up from where she stood next to Zane. “Number five, shouldn’t you at least apologize for calling them idiots?”

“Was I wrong? Why should I apologize for stating facts?” Wynter asked slowly, defiance gleaming in her eyes. “The story we were given was clear. A beautiful, young mother fell unconscious after delivering her baby in the delivery room.

“When she came to, she discovered that her uterus was gone, and so was her baby. She asked the gynecologist on duty about it, only to be told that she was delusional and to get some rest.”

She stopped speaking after this and cast a shrewd look at the others. “The clue’s obviously in the first line, so why bother leading us up to the second floor to investigate?”

Chapter 45o Photographic Memory

“**Why** are we the ones at **fault for** not wanting to follow your poor sense of judgment? You must be **really** full of yourself.”

The more she spoke, the darker Oliver and Zane’s expressions became. Even Cecilia was taken aback by Wynter’s audacity.

The audience was in shock as one of them asked in the comment section, “Hold up, did she finish processing the entire storyline?”

“That’s beside the point. I’m stunned she memorized every word of it!”

“S- She’s no dunce! Man, I need to get out of the house more. Do vocational schools these days train their students to have a photographic memory or something?”

The production crew had thought Wynter’s academic background might be a concern during the challenge as well, but not even the playwright could conjure up such a magnificent plot twist!

Photographic memory aside, Wynter had actually managed to guess the first clue!

Oliver was still fuming. “Pft. Why would the clue be in the first sentence on the first page? I’d quit this show if it were that easy! Come on, guys, whoever follows me will be guaranteed victory!”

He shot a dirty look at Wynter and spat, “Anyone who wants to stay behind and be a single player, go ahead. I’m not going to coddle you.”

Chapter 460 Suspicious Drugs

Oliver made his way upstairs after that, and the others followed suit. Lucy dared not look in the direction of the delivery room. Her face was so pale that she looked like she would faint.

Tobias and Wynter were the only pair left downstairs. Wynter stared at Lucy's shoulder and couldn't help

but frown.

The attachment was too great, and it would take more than the usual seance to get rid of it. Wynter also wondered if the production team had noticed that the storyline was taking a different turn.

Perhaps the changes were so slight that the director hadn't noticed anything amiss at all.

Besides, a successful variety show like this one relied heavily upon the element of surprise, which often left the audience in suspense and wanting more.

Wynter glanced at the cameras surrounding her to make sure that they were still functioning normally. She couldn't very well start eliminating paranormal forces on camera.

At some point, these paranormal activities would begin to draw unwanted attention.

Wynter looked away and turned her gaze toward the dark corridor, the end of which lay the delivery room. The signboard that had fallen off earlier was clean and bold as if presenting itself as a clue.

How could such anger and grief be aligned with the general premise of the show's intended challenge?

If this was what the vengeful spirits wanted Wynter to solve, then she saw no harm in granting them that

wish.

Tobias assessed Wynter thoughtfully

at that moment, wondering how he was going to shield her from whatever petty revenge Oliver or Zane might throw her way.

He and Oliver had met a few times, and admittedly, he saw the latter through rose-colored glasses. After all, Oliver had been in the industry for a while. Tobias respected him and **even** trusted him at one point.

They said greed brought out the ugliest side of people. This wasn't the first time Tobias had received subtle digs and jests from Oliver, but he was used to it after some time in the entertainment industry.

However, he couldn't say the same about Wynter.

"Hey, are you..." Tobias was just about to speak when Wynter headed for the shadowy end of the corridor. He saw this and immediately said, "You can walk behind me."

The Quinnell men were known for their height and broad shoulders. It helped that they filled out their frames nicely and gave others a sense of security.

As Tobias led the way, he took in his surroundings vigilantly, his eyes shining brightly.

"I think the circuit's going haywire," he observed, picking up a flashlight he had seen on the floor and handing it to Wynter. "Here, hold onto this just in case the power goes out."

"How does he know the circuit's going haywire?" a viewer asked in the comment section .

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"Hint from a science kid—

If you check the lights overhead, **you'll** find that the circuit is indeed acting up,"

another commented.

"Uh, that's swell and all, but i thought Tobias was an airhead," someone interjected in confusion.

Before long, the netizens realized how wrong their perception of Tobias had been. Not only was he well-versed in circuits, but he also knew how to decipher code.

Wynter and Tobias couldn't go into the delivery room until they broke the code that let them unlock the

doors.

There was a piece of sheet music pinned to the wall, and Tobias barely glanced at it before he cracked the code with the letters "LXW".

The padlock fell to the ground, and Wynter and Tobias made their way into the room. They were greeted by a pearly white surgery bed. Laid out next to it was an assortment of medical tools and equipment.

There was the usual antiseptic, scalpel, tweezers, gauze, and many other surgical items . However, Wynter found it odd that most of them looked like they had just been used.

Still, she paid no mind to any of the tools. Her gaze was fixed on the bottles of drugs on the other side of

the table.

Tobias

noticed this and asked, "What is it? Is something wrong with the drug?"

She hummed in response and picked up one of the bottles. "This is used for abortions."

He froze. "Come again?"

The viewers gasped.

"I thought this was a delivery room! Why would abortion drugs be in there? She doesn't know what she's

saying!" a viewer commented belligerently.

"Uh... medical student here. That drug is indeed used for abortions," another **viewer** commented.

"What the hell? What's going on here?"

"How does she know what that drug is for? Isn't she from a vocational school?" someone else

commented in disbelief.

"Maybe the production crew messed up the medication when they were trying to restore the original set-

up for the storyline," someone guessed.

As **the** viewers offered the best explanation they could think of, **a** piercing scream echoed through the hospital building.