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Chapter 661

“No, thank you.” Zoey rejected him politely.

Jay did not ask her any further.

See?

He was being phony after all.

The night stretched on, and Zoe did not even know what time it was.

She pondered the terrible prospect of sitting here the entire night.

Putting aside all else, she was worried she might catch a cold from the chilly night.

If that happened, how would she be well enough to participate in the second round of the competition?!

Zoe was feeling anxious inside, but she did not dare to express her fears.

After all, there was no point in feeling anxious.

Right now, both of their phones could not be used to call others for help.

What’s more, it was so dark around them. There was nothing she could do.

Zoe sighed.

She managed to compose herself after the surge of emotions.

She rationalized with herself that having overcome things that were way more difficult to swallow, like acknowledging the wrong woman as her mother, such a small issue like being trapped in a building in pitch-black darkness was nothing.

Since she could not do anything about it, she decided to make the best out of the situation.

she told herself. ‘The night will pass very

Zoe thought things through, she decided to just stay put

wall along the corridor, trying to find a comfortable position

with her partners. If she lacked sleep, she would lack energy and

Yes.

now, she was most

her eyes and

a self-confessed snooze

years ago, when she was deep in the entertainment circle, she would often complain about

understand how people could survive on so little

Jay would often sleep for less than six hours

the other hand, could sleep through the entire day if no one were to

many earth-shattering things happened to her, she felt rather thankful

deep in sleep, all those unhappy

asleep quite quickly

in, wrapping her arms

and forced

given her best during the rehearsals today, toggling between crying emotionally and laughing hysterically.

herself down and accepted her fate for the night, she fell asleep in no

her and thought that he was hearing things when he heard soft snoring

verge of collapse just minutes ago. Yet now,

not help but call

No response.

snores became louder,

was very characteristic

been a heavy

she would often stay in bed and refuse to go

listened to her steady breathing, he wondered if he should be envious

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He knew that Zoe was afraid of the dark, but because of his leg condition, he wasn't able to move fast.

He held his phone loosely in his hand.

When he heard movement in front of him, he hastened forward.

Before he could reach the source of the sound, he felt someone push him down on the floor.

His phone fell from his hand as he lost balance and collapsed on the ground.

Before he could make any sound, Zoe yelled in pain next to him.

He bore the pain shooting up his leg and grunted.

That was when Zoe calmed down.

He was unable to get up because of his right foot and his walking stick which fell a distance away from him.

He asked Zoe for help to search for his phone.

In the process, Zoe stepped on him a couple of times.

He even suspected that Zoe did it on purpose.

When he heard her walking further away, he thought he was finally safe from her stomping.

Who knew that the next moment, he felt her falling right on his chest.

The impact of her falling on him nearly killed him.

kissed him when she

tiny peck that was

to set his heart

found his phone which turned out to be wrecked from the

rather

to be

better that they were

could

she was afraid of the

scheduled the next day, and she needed lots

she probably did not want

to help Zoe find

when he finally found it, he realized that it was

at

that he felt like his efforts had been in vain, but rather, he didn't want

where Zoe was and sat

he

tried to put aside the thought that

had expected, she cared none for his

sleep, that she was willing to lean

hugged her tighter, greedy for her

the day broke and she woke up, she would

sore

Did she fall asleep?

was

the sun had

her arms and legs

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Zoe was stunned for a moment.

She immediately kept her distance and said, "I'm sorry for waking you up."

After they reunited, Zoe seemed to be always apologizing to him.

It felt as if she greatly feared provoking him.

Jay swallowed past his dry, parched throat.

He was a light sleeper and did not sleep much during the night. Moreover, it was not easy to fall asleep with Zoe in his arms.

He finally felt sleepy at daybreak.

He released Zoe from his embrace and leaned her gently against the wall. He was afraid that if she suddenly woke up, she would be appalled at how intimately they were leaning against each other.

He sat in another corner, leaning against the wall, and fell asleep.

"The sky's turning bright. The staff should be reporting to work soon," Zoe said as she stood up and stretched out her limbs.

It was indeed uncomfortable sleeping on the floor the entire night.

"I'll take a look outside," Zoe said as she headed out.

"Zoe," Jay called out.

her tracks and

Jay said, as

buttons on her shirt had come undone, effectively affording anyone with

"Oh, thanks."

buttoned up her

nothing to be embarrassed about,' she

as if Jay had not seen her

to leave. She paused in her tracks, as if something came to mind, and turned around to say to Jay,
Perhaps it's better for you

his chest tighten but

without so much

staff started streaming into the

spotted Jay and immediately helped him into the lounge, aware that his condition made moving
inconvenient for

of circuitry issues, which were too complicated to resolve in the middle of the night. Therefore, repair
works only began at dawn and

the TV station heard about Jay being trapped in the

Zoe and

the harsh reality

Jay, she found a lounge and lay down

point for

she did so, she would not be able

early, she decided to find some place comfortable

as long as she wanted

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"Candice? How could that be possible? I just called her and she only just got out of bed," Wynn
grumbled.

Zoe could not bring herself to point out that Wynn did not even bother coming for rehearsals in the
beginning.

After all, she was enjoying breakfast that Wynn invited her to.

"I heard that Director Parker was the one who treated everyone to breakfast. He said he was worried
that we would go hungry, reporting so early for rehearsals. He asked his assistant to deliver loads of
food to every single rehearsal room!" Wynn explained as he gobbled a mouthful of food. "I didn't expect
Director Jay to be so thoughtful."

Zoe was not surprised.

Having been with the Levines for so many years, Jay was adept at accommodating their needs. These
skills that he honed over time helped him navigate and go far in high society.

"I say, have you heard from the staff members?"

“About what?”

“Director Parker was trapped in here last night.”

“Oh, I didn’t hear about it.” Zoe went on eating her breakfast unperturbed.

She left hastily just now precisely because she did not want others seeing her with Jay.

The entertainment industry was a place of gossip. Regardless of what the truth really was, as long as it was headline-worthy, it was deemed as truth.

“I even heard that he wasn’t alone. Do you think Director Parker has an underground lover? Perhaps from our batch of actors in this program?”

of low-fat

his face. “I’m so sorry! I

you didn’t, but did you have such a

just took a huge gulp and

Wynn asked with

interest, “So, do

in such gossip

the other hand,

in the interest of self-preservation. If it’s really someone from among us, at least we’ll know not to offend her. Don’t you

“That makes sense.”

I have no idea who she is,” Wynn said with

‘That’s good,’ Zoe thought.

be terrible if he

but an accident. They clearly had nothing to do with each other,

now, any hint of a scandal would

that anyone could turn out to be his underground lover, we’ll just try

think that you were very

as he observed the look on

your mind,”

with you over the past few

not be approachable and friendly. If I were still a top A-list celebrity, see if I’m still this approachable

Wynn chuckled.

He appreciated Zoe's frankness.

of them

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Zoe instinctively closed her eyes when Wynn blew hard at her eyes.

"Feel better?" Wynn asked, slightly anxious.

Zoe blinked her eyes cautiously. She felt like the foreign object was gone.

As the corners of her lips lifted in a bright smile, she suddenly looked in the direction of the door.

Wynn followed the direction of Zoe's gaze and looked over as well.

That was when both of them saw the director and judges standing at the door of the rehearsal room.

Wynn and Zoe immediately widened the gap between them.

There was nothing between them, but their sudden pulling apart made it look like they had a guilty conscience and prime for a misunderstanding to occur.

The director joked, "Zoe and Wynn are getting along really well, aren't they?"

"We're just rehearsing the scene," Wynn explained in a hurry.

Jay changed

at Wynn and

in this building. What was more, he

movies he chose to focus on, he had no intentions of expanding

longer in the business circle, Jay saw sense in being more on the

Just like her.

returned to the entertainment circle, she found herself very capable of

her way. There's a

tell that Jay

been easy-going, but for some

was more serious during filming, as

His presence might not be able to pull in significant traffic, but

to his assistant, "Give Candice's manager a

"Okay."

assistant immediately went aside to make the tension in the atmosphere. "Since Candice isn't here yet, let's go to other Zoe and

Hailey said coldly, "You have to depend on your skills to act out a character well, instead of using other means and being gimmicky which will never end well

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"Don't set a trap for me to fall into, I'm just hypothesizing." Zoe would never say something that would put her at a disadvantage right now. "But I truly feel that Ms. Zimmerman is just focused on acting skills. It's completely acceptable for her to point out bad acting if she sees it."

"Zoe York, you've really changed!" Wynn lamented as he shook his head.

He had seen Zoe when she was an A-lister. She had been extremely proud and haughty back then.

Yet, now...

She was on the verge of having the title 'Bootlicker of the Entertainment Circle' bestowed upon her.

One week later, Cordy brought Richard to the capital.

Before that, she called Zoe and Quinn out for another meal.

Zoe kept yawning non-stop throughout the meal.

It was clear that she was beyond fatigued.

"Are you that tired?" Quinn said, her heart aching for her friend. "If it's really too tough, just quit."

so long." Zoe rejected Quinn's suggestion rather anxiously. "What's more, when I was a celebrity previously, it was the

was

cheek for Zoe to say that! Being a celebrity was known to be a

there were many hidden miseries and

from

then, she personally witnessed how Zoe adored and pursued Jay

was worse than

to help me, I wouldn't dare accept it. This is a competition, with

being

know what

pretty good, having a life goal and

be driven to live better

herself

for design, she felt more and more tired

was worried she might

that insomnia was sometimes an early

warn

she do to

She had no idea.

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After the meal, Cordy set off for the capital.

She had never told Zoe and Quinn about her true identity. She felt that her relationship with them in the capital was not deep and she only went back to placate them. Zoe and Quinn did not need to know about her life in the capital.

It was cold in the capital, but this time, Cordy went prepared with thicker and warmer clothes.

Sean picked her and Richard from the airport.

After they got into the car, he said "Don't even think about bringing Dicky to stay in a hotel. We've prepared a room for the two of you which we've furnished and cleaned at least three times."

"Okay." Cordy did not think about going back on her word.

She could not retract her words once she said it even though she detested the idea deep down in her heart.

Sean did not pay further attention to Cordy. Instead, he looked at Richard through the rear view mirror and asked, "Dicky, have you thought of where you'd like me to bring you to play in your visit to the capital this time?"

"There's a new science museum that I'd like to check out," Richard replied frankly.

"The science museum? Sure thing." Sean was a man who was quick to action. He immediately called his assistant to give some instructions. ' Book three tickets for the science museum for tomorrow morning."

"Yes, Mr. Cranston."

and said to Richard, "We'll go tomorrow morning. You just alighted from a flight, it's better to stay home

"Okay." Richard nodded obediently.

was taught well by John. No matter where he went

House, then got out of the

time Cordy visited, the entire family would be waiting
were honest, she would admit that she did not like such
doing so, probably to highlight
rather, he was trying to welcome her mother, not
no reason to reject his
she greeted everyone
rooms
could not sleep in the same room as her. However, the two of
asked after unpacking his
shook his
go back in a
here, I know this is your family. That makes them my family and I will do my best to adjust to them and
truly a

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She clearly remembered it when she left her house, but it slipped her mind with so many other things she had to remember.

Cordy sighed.

'Forget it,' she thought. Til head out later to buy some sleeping pills.'

Cordy did not feel too troubled by it.

After tidying her room, one of the servants came to tell them to head downstairs for some food.

Everyone in the family was seated together.

Yet, it was eerily quiet at the table.

"Dicky, what do you like to eat? I'll get the servants to prepare your favorite food for you," Jesse asked enthusiastically.

He really liked Richard from the bottom of his heart.

Whenever Richard came to visit, he would try to engage in small talk with him.

Richard had a good relationship with Alan and was adept at talking to older folks.

Great-grandfather. I like eating everything on the table. I share similar
to your grandmother," Jesse said

that he

the

wrong with the air at the table, and he

touched by Richard's gesture, "Thank you, Dicky. You should eat more too, you're a growing

"I will."

in the air relaxed,

sneak a peek at Richard. They were impressed with his maturity in face of difficult situations even at such a young age. Feelings of surprise, admiration and even jealousy mingled in their

of the same generation as Richard ranged from as young as three years old to older than Richard by one year. Sean was the eldest grandson but married the latest, and his child was just born a month ago. He was considered a

have married and have kids the moment he was of legal age. Instead, he dragged

did not ask

the Cranstons. What she had with them right now was the best distance with

Cordy brought Richard to

was only ten years old, he

to do

teachers who taught Richard his favorite subjects. To her surprise, their answers were all consistent: Richard

All right, then.

learning abilities of a talent, but she would rather bring Richard

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Sean was taken aback too.

Why would Cordy like something that only little girls fancied?

But he did not reject their requests. He asked Richard, "Do you want one too?"

"I can give it a try." Richard nodded.

Richard did not like snacks. To be accurate, he didn't like eating food from outside. But if Mommy liked it, he was willing to give it a go.

"Sure."

Sean walked into the milk tea shop.

Just then, a man walked out.

Sean was stunned for a moment.

Lucas was shocked too.

The moment both men brushed past each other, Lucas saw Cordy and Richard standing along the street.

Cordy and Richard spotted him too.

he would never see Lucas again. The sudden meeting made him lose control

Lucas' brows furrowed.

that

her arms naturally around Lucas' arm. Her eyes were like crescent moons when she smiled, making her look gentle, adorable,

Cordy's heart leaped.

asked,

at the girl and said, "I did,

that, he handed a sweet ice

easy to catch a cold eating ice cream during winter, and your health is weak

through pursed lips, " People who

Lucas smiled fondly.

of them behaved intimately with each other, and Cordy remained calm

many times

on the other hand, was

on and fallen in love

why Mommy was unable to believe that Lucas

reached out and held Mommy's

felt embarrassed at times when Mommy held his hand in public,

did not make things difficult for Richard

hand, Cordy knew that Richard had

all

thought that she might behave aggressively the next time she

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Richard kept his eyes fixed on Mommy and the calm look on her face, wondering if she was putting on a front.

“Mommy, are you angry?” Richard asked cautiously.

“I am.” Cordy nodded.

“Daddy might have lost his memory...”

“Dicky, he’s not your daddy. Don’t call him that next time. It’s not good if other people misunderstand things,” Cordy reminded him.

This time, the girl did not realize that Richard was calling Lucas.

If she did, it would be hard for Cordy to explain things.

“Oh, okay.” Richard nodded.

“As for why I’m angry, it’s not because Lucas has a girlfriend. I already knew that. I am angry because how exactly is he better looking than you are?” Cordy became angrier the more she thought about it.

Her son was clearly the most handsome person in this whole world.

All right, she admitted that she was biased as his mother. But she could not accept Lucas saying that he was more handsome than her son.

“Er...I think that Daddy, no, I mean Lucas does look better than I do.” Richard’s face blushed.

“How could you think so lowly of yourself?! How is he better looking than you are? He does look decent, but objectively speaking, he’s not as goodlooking as your daddy.”

my daddy!’

‘Fine.

changed in

Fine.

did agree that his original Daddy was more

shop with three cups of milk tea

was originally not interested in milk tea as well, but

them had a

drank a mouthful of

as good

taste good at all!” Sean said

chuckled. She agreed wholeheartedly

enjoying milk tea probably had something to do with her
not bad,”

enjoyed sweet stuff

of milk tea in disdain after taking one sip and refused to take

did you see that model just now?” Sean

“I did.” Cordy nodded.

to see him in the

the capital,’

looked at her, and Cordy did not

of them walked around the night market a little while longer before returning to