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Chapter 651

She did not want to talk any further.

The more she said, the more fault they would pick.

She stood up intending to leave.

“Stay right there.” The actress ran toward her. “Shouldn’t you apologize to Yvonne?”

“Why should I?” Zoe found it preposterous.

“You snatched her spot. Don’t you think she deserves an apology from you? n

“The judges were the ones who gave me that spot. If you find it unfair, you should look for the judges and not me.”

“You’re great at passing the buck, aren’t you, Zoe?”

“I’m telling the truth.”

“Let me tell you another piece of truth. If you don’t formally apologize to Yvonne today, you can forget about leaving this place.”

Zoe furrowed her brows.

“Let’s see who wins this time.” The actress blocked Zoe’s way to the exit with a smug look on her face.

Zoe tried to compose herself.

years ago, she would have kicked the woman aside.

she had to admit that she did not have the guts

did not have the

not afford to offend

to

answer the call when the actress snatched her phone away.

Zoe gritted her teeth.

to Yvonne and

for what?” the

sorry for snatching

your mistake? Admitting that you went

say

go all

was no loss for her in saying

expect Zoe to be so acquiescing, completely unlike the pride and

you return my phone and let me

a

a threat before leaving.” Don’t let me

before finally heaving a sigh

the missed call on her phone and quickly called back.”

not used to calling Clara mom. In fact, she did not call Clara by any

of them felt more like

Chapter 652

Earlier, he had been looking forward to Zoe’s retaliation. Even if she were to bring trouble upon herself, he would help her secretly resolve the situation. But she eventually decided to compromise.

She clearly was not at fault, but she would rather be misunderstood than cause further trouble.

Jay subconsciously pursed his lips.

After Zoe left North City TV station, she went straight to the train station.

She wore her mask and cap, ensuring that she was all wrapped up so that no one would recognize her.

In reality, gone were her days of popularity that right now, no one would recognize her. But she wanted to avoid all unnecessary trouble if she could.

She started to walk briskly.

Just then, someone called her from behind. ‘Zoe.’”

Zoe’s heart began thumping harder.

She stopped in her tracks, but dared not turn back to look.

She bit her lip as she saw Cordy walk toward her.

Yes.

not think that she

was not a hallucination as well.

Zoe York remained

for three years, she

She was dressed so...ordinarily.
woman of the past who was always
even the bag that Zoe was carrying was a
even a good-quality counterfeit, but one that
Zoe not
she not care about her
Zoe swallowed her tears and smiled. "It's been
eyes turning red with unshed tears. 'Where have you been the
Clearly, I haven't reached the point of needing to take the last
looked at Zoe
a bright laughter, but the sound of it
Zoe, she would not have only
participated in that so-called competition
Let's have a meal together." Zoe could not stand the look on Cordy's face. "Let's call
if she did not take the initiative to call Quinn, Quinn would certainly want to murder if
on Set started broadcasting, the news of her return would
Cordy tried to compose herself as she nodded in

Chapter 653

"I'm back now, aren't I?" Zoe smiled cheekily.

"I thought you were never coming back!" Quinn complained.

Of course, Zoe would never dare to admit that she had considered that possibility before.

She had become a lot more tactful over the years.

"I just went elsewhere to get a breather. Now that I'm in a better mood, I'm back." Zoe tried to explain herself.

"Why didn't you reach out to us over the past three years?" Quinn could not get over herself.

"Can't I just wallow in self-pity for a while? All of you ended up rich and famous, while I'm down and out. Can't you give me some time to be jealous of you guys?"

"Zoe! Be serious!"

"Yes, yes. I was just afraid that if I reached out to you, you would betray me. There are many people in North City I don't want to see, so I had to hide."

“Who are they?”

“Don’t you already know?” Zoe tried to skirt the topic.

“Jay Parker?” Quinn cut straight to the chase.

“Not just him, really.”

“Did you know that back then, Jay...”

at the broadcasting station earlier and his expression was so dark he looked

it’s to

just him. There’s also Bob Davis, Nancy Levine...you guys have some sort of connection with them too, so I decided to hide

you so

at someone who’s been tortured by

sense that she was in a positive frame of mind,

but Cordy stopped her. “Zoe is back. Let the past stay in the

Quinn pursed her lips.

shot Cordy a look of

almost could not take

major things happened in North City while you were

was reported on major news outlets.”

“Such as?”

death,”

glanced at Cordy as

remained calm

and John’s relationship was not going well, thus

sold off

“Alan Levine passed away.”

yes, and Richard Levine is

before Quinn gave her a hard

and Cora Levine are a couple

has become

is in

Chapter 654

Despite having not met for three years, the three of them simply picked up from where they left off.

Zoe was still as lively as she was.

Did she really manage to let everything go over the past three years?

Did she really manage to let go of Jay, Bob, and the Levine family?!

The atmosphere remained excellent throughout their meal.

After dinner, they settled the bill and left without lingering for too long.

When they left the restaurant, the three of them stopped in their tracks.

They saw Nancy.

Next to her stood Bob and Cora, walking hand in hand.

They were probably just done with their dinner and about to leave.

Coincidentally, they bumped into them.

More specifically, Zoe bumped into them and things were so tense one could cut the atmosphere with a knife.

Nancy was clearly shocked at seeing Zoe.

threatened Zoe, Zoe disappeared for three whole

almost forgotten about Zoe's

Their meeting this time...

not as

had almost become

ended up being the first one to

question in a tone of

session of Actors on Set, she left right after

definitely not the

did not bump into Zoe and was truly

have,* Zoe replied

glanced casually at Bob, who had been staring at her all

so hard at her that

took the initiative to greet
back and
and he almost could not suppress
Cora furrowed her
over her hand had tightened so much
Bob snapped
hand and said to Zoe, "Hey, welcome
beauty appointment at
She had always been obedient
left with the two

Chapter 655

The three of them left the restaurant.

'Til send you home," Cordy and Quinn said to Zoe at the same time.

Three of them exchanged glances and smiled.

What chemistry.

Zoe shook her head. "I'll head home myself. This place isn't far from my apartment and it's quite convenient to get home."

"Why don't you let us send you home?" Quinn's eyes narrowed. "Are you going to refuse to meet us again from tomorrow onward?"

"How could that be? I've set my mind to taking root here," Zoe said exaggeratedly, "I forgot to tell you guys, I'm participating in this variety show called Actors on Set and I just progressed to the next stage."

"So why aren't you letting us send you home?" Quinn was adamant.

"My house is shoddy and I'm afraid I won't be a good host to you both.

After I strike it rich and buy a huge mansion, I'll invite both of you to my house and extend amazing hospitality."

"I'm afraid I won't live so long to see that day come." Quinn joked with a roll of her eyes.

"Hey, how can you look down on me as my best friend?! I came back this time determined to take over the entertainment circle again. I'm bound to climb the ranks and be an A-list celebrity again."

kidding. Of course I believe

Zoe waved

Quinn called out to

Quinn a

understood what Cordy was thinking. 'Take care,'

text you guys once

of worry in her voice, "Do you really think Zoe has let go

Cordy shook her

that heartless Zoe York once again,' Quinn mumbled to

did not

was because she looked pretty normal in front of others, but she knew deep inside that she had never been able to

a bus to

since when she had gotten

North City's skyline in the beautiful

place still felt like home even

decision to return, after

her phone

an unfamiliar number on the screen but answered it

"It's me, Bob."

never been

a new phone and changed her

even deleted my

Chapter 656

"Can I not tell you?" "It was so painful for me to see you two get together at my expense, and yet you two did not stay together? Shouldn't you feel bad about it?"

"I'm sorry."

"Since you are sorry about it, at least let me know the reason so that I know the reason why I lost you back then." Bob pursued the matter.

"It's just...sigh, how do I put it? If I told you that I asked Jay to put up an act with me because I felt inferior and not worthy of you, would you believe me?" Zoe started babbling.

"Do you take me as a three year old?"

“No, but that’s the truth.”

“Zoe York, you’ve never been someone with an inferiority complex.” 1

“That’s all in the past. The moment I left the Levine family, I felt more and more inferior about myself. Each time I was with you, I felt so much pressure. I thought it was better to cut short the pain instead of prolonging the agony, so I asked Jay for help.”

“Just because of some so-called pressure?”

“And also because I realized that I truly didn’t like you that much.”

Bob once again felt daggers piercing through his heart.

Even though three years had passed, the wound in his heart still felt tender and raw. i

much pressure and I didn’t even like you that much...so I decided to just break up

right, that’s enough.” Bob did not want to harp

had been three

be hanging

time. No

myself and carve out a path for myself! One day, I’ll be on an equal footing with all of

Bob chuckled.

for three years, she did not change one

still as bubbly and lively

up. I’ve reached home,” Zoe said hurriedly. “I’m going to get out

“Bye.”

“Bye.”

could not help but heave a

looked at her own reflection through

what a drama it was turning

day, Zoe left home first thing in the morning to

had progressed to the next stage, she had

at the station. There were many scenes where they had to practice

to perform turned out to be one of Jay’s famous movies, which was

were all

Chapter 657

Zoe's eyes shifted.

All of a sudden, she saw Jay appear, and he was surrounded by many cameras too.

They were probably filming behind-the-scenes of the rehearsal.

There was not much footage to offer here, though, given that she was all alone.

"Where is Candice Lowe and Wynn Yaden?" the director asked.

"They aren't free."

"You're the only one rehearsing?"

"I don't have anything else to do anyway," Zoe said with a smile.

The director did not say anything further, and he led the camera crew away without a word.

"Wait," Jay suddenly called out.

"Mr. Parker, what's the matter?" the director asked politely.

"Since we're already here, let's have a look at Zoe York's solo performance."

"All right." The director agreed before turning to Zoe. "Give your movie excerpt a shot."

said that she was not willing

of conflict which made it hard for her to get into

chance we

gritted her

acting out her part in front of the

her best to get into the mood, but the

and knew

like she was an insult to

that Zoe noticed

he fall and break his

Jay sprawling on the floor made her almost gleeful about

good," Jay

continue working on it." Zoe admitted that

under, and where her point of breakdown is at. You need to build up your skills to portray these angles and resonate

“Yes,’ Zoe said respectfully.

thought that she had

was Jay’s debut into the film and

his comments, he left together with the director

a huge sigh

fact, she had considered and thought through all that

challenge right now was not having a partner to work

room, everyone accommodated Jay’s walking pace

Chapter 658

Conversely, Zoe was thankful for the director’s sudden change in instructions.

“Okay, call me up in a while.’ Wynn made a beeline for the couch in the corner of the room.

Zoe began practicing her lines with Candice.

“No.” Candice acted out the scene once through and gave up. ‘Without everyone in, there’s no way I can get into character. I keep feeling like something is missing. Let’s take a break and start again when Wynn is awake.”

Zoe was a lot more tactful now.

She came back to the entertainment circle with a sole purpose: to not offend a single person.

She nodded in agreement for Candice to lie down for a rest.

Zoe crouched down low in another corner and began reading her script and memorizing her lines.

Each time she went through her lines, she would record herself.

It made it easier for her to decide on what the best way to deliver her lines was.

Zoe waited like this all the way till the afternoon when Wynn finally stirred awake. After they were done with lunch delivered by the production team, the three of them finally began practicing their scene for the very first time.

Clearly, Wynn and Candice did not practice on their own at all.

them could hardly remember their own

so hard to act out. I thought

as long as we practice

half past five, her two partners made up

left alone in the

'All right then.1

in front of the mirror. She was so
to reality, she realized that it was already ten at
trip to the washroom before
in the washroom were
lights in the entire building were
"Ah!"

Zoe yelled in shock.

darkness in an unfamiliar washroom was
was more, the washroom was an
it, the more frightening
phone so that she could use her flashlight
she realized that she had left her phone in the rehearsal
was quite a distance
there in

Chapter 659

In the midst of screaming, Zoe heard a familiar voice.

"It's me."

"Jay Parker," the voice said in a low tone.

'Jay Parker?!'

Zoe was stunned for a moment.

So that thing was Jay.

No, no. Jay wasn't a 'thing'.

All right.

Regardless of whether it was a 'thing' or not, what was Jay doing here?!

Did he need to rehearse his scenes in the middle of the night as well?

"I dropped my phone when you pushed me just now. Help me find it, it should be nearby," Jay told her.

Zoe furrowed her brows.

Could he not look for his own phone?!

How could she find it in this darkness?
But she agreed at that moment.
How could she dare offend Jay?
paths in the entertainment industry for
tried to walk around
she heard
so sorry.” Zoe immediately
probably stepped on
all sources of
“I’m fine.”
veered off
seemed to have figured out the spot
not understand it. Why
Oh, right.
He broke his leg.
quite a
tried her best to avoid Jay as much as she could
and accidentally tripped on something
complete control of herself and fell
landed, it did not feel as painful as she expected
if she had
not mean to fall
a completely ridiculous
on him made Jay grunt
truly hurt, after
immediately got off Jay’s body.
did not respond to her
He was probably mad.
her, she would

on her feet,

unfortunately, the screen was smashed from the fall

Chapter 660

Zoe was beginning to lose hope.

Was she going to stay the night here?!

It was probably impossible for her to try to find her phone in such darkness.

She might fall to her death before she made it to the rehearsal room.

It was eerily silent in the darkness, and neither of them spoke a word.

They could only hear the subtle sounds of each other's breathing.

"Where's your phone?" Jay suddenly spoke up after a long while.

Zoe almost thought that Jay had vanished into thin air.

"It's in my bag in the rehearsal room," Zoe replied to his question.

"Are you going to take it?"

"I don't dare to. It's too dark and scary."

"You kicked my walking stick away just now."

"Oh. It's next to your right arm," Zoe said.

Jay crouched down and groped around in the darkness.

Zoe heard the sound of the walking stick against the floor and figured that Jay probably found it.

She then sensed Jay standing up next to her.

he planning to help

How kind-hearted of him.

was just trying

here for me," Jay

you sure you can make it there yourself

sarcastically, but she just felt like Jay was being

body is weak, but

burst

describe themselves

decided to wait here

and wait for help, rather than

the help of his walking stick, Jay

All she could hear was the occasional strange sound that

and waited for a long

idea

knew that it

Jay might have left

not be the first

Zoe was about to accept the fact that Jay had left without her, she heard the sound of the walking

sound became

then, she smelled a familiar

Jay was back.

get my

got it,"

you switch the flashlight on?!' Zoe

required to switch on the

out of battery," Jay

felt her world

the day, and she never had the habit of bringing around a