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Chapter 281 He Doesn't Deserve It

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Alex asked, "Don't you feel sorry for Evan these past five years? All of you kept Carol's information hidden from him. You work at MK. Don't you know how he's been all this time?"

Paige said bluntly, "Yes, Mr. Jordan has indeed been in a difficult situation. But what about Caroline? Men are often driven by their sexual desires. You have your freedom once it's done, but a

woman faces the challenging months of pregnancy!

"Caroline was carrying triplets, yet she was sent to prison. Were you all blind to that? If you're

trying to get Caroline's information from me, forget it!

Pug, let me make this clear today. If you want to spend time with me, go ahead. But don't contact me anymore if you're using our relationship to fish for information!"

Alex frowned and said, "I didn't mean it that way. There's a misunderstanding between them-

"Misunderstanding my ass! It was all because Evan tried to defend Daniella, right? That was the biggest misunderstanding in the beginning. Why did Carol have to suffer for them?"

Alex's expression grew solemn. "Evan had spent years searching for his savior, and when he thought he found her, he wanted to repay the favor, but he had no clue that Daniella was a fraudster, and you can't hold him responsible for the novelbin

Paige scoffed. "Oh, who else can we blame if not him? He was too blinded to see, wasn't he? Carol fulfilled her duties and responsibilities for him, but her efforts were nothing compared to

Daniella's deceptive words."

"Please, calm down," Alex urged, looking embarrassed.

"Tuck you for asking me to calm down! If your best friend is given the death penalty, let's see if

you can remain calm!"

Paige glared at Alex, grabbed her bag, and left the bar

Alex paid the bill hastily and followed her.

Paige was already opening the door of a cab when he walked out of the bar. He approached swiftly and grabbed her arm. "Don't do this, Paige.

"Get the fuck off me! Caroline would have been dead without Neil, do you understand? She would

Paige got into the cab, leaving Alex standing in astonishment.

Alex muttered, "Caroline would be dead if not for Neil? Wait a minute! Neil and Caroline were just

friends back then. How could he have helped Caroline deceive the system when they were only

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"Something doesn't add up. Neil is the heir to the three most prominent families in Angelbay. He wouldn't take such a big risk to save Carol solely because of their friendship. It's not logical! There

must be another reason connecting them, which holds the key to why Neil saved Caroline!"

On Monday, Daniella's company had its grand opening.

While Caroline was making breakfast for Tyler and Liora, Paige informed Caroline about it.

Caroline responded over the phone. If Daniella's company is now open, that's fine. Why do you sound upset?"

Tyler overheard the conversation and smirked in contempt. It's finally open for business. I can't wait to present my grand gift to her!!

Paige sniffed I'm fine. I just didn't sleep well last night."

Caroline did not believe Paige. "Did you get in a fight with Alex again?"

"Why would I want to get in a fight with Pug? He doesn't deserve it! I just wanted to inform you. I

have to go now. I'm late for work," Paige said.

Caroline said, "Sure. Call me if there's anything. Don't keep it all to yourself."

Paige declared, "I won't let a scumbag ruin my life. Bye!"

Caroline served breakfast to the children, and once they finished eating, she helped them get

ready for kindergarten.

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Chapter 282 Her Reputation Will Be Ruined

At 8:30a.m., Tyler and Liora arrived at the kindergarten.

Tyler led Axel into the meeting room, opened his laptop, and asked, "Axel, do you have your laptop?"

Axel nodded and silently retrieved his laptop, replying, "Yes, I do."

Tyler took a seat. "You'll hack into their surveillance system while I work on cracking the company's security key."

Axel agreed, "Alright."

Axel worked on the laptop efficiently and successfully hacked into Daniella's company's security system in less than 10 minutes.

"It's done. Your turn." Axel informed.

Tyler responded with a confident yet playful smile. "Hmm, let's see how it goes!"

Meanwhile, at YN.

Daniella stepped out of the car, walked into the company building, and reached her office floor. As she emerged from the elevator, the employees greeted her with respect, calling out, "Ms Love!"

Daniella advanced toward the meeting room, projecting a cool yet confident demeanor with her head held high.

Inside the meeting room, her assistant, Julian Helm, pulled out a chair for her.

Passing her bag to her other secretary, Daniella asked, "How are the preparations? What's the agenda for today's meeting?"

With a smile, the secretary replied, "Ms. Love, we're hosting an employee meeting today. The VP will be overseeing it, so you needn't worry."

Daniella instructed, "Make sure they keep things efficient."

Yawning, she covered her mouth, clearly fatigued from the early start.

About 10 minutes later, the employees filed into the meeting room.

Clara Cann, the VP, arrived with her laptop in hand and high heels tapping the floor. She bowed and apologized, "My apologies for the delay, Ms. Love."

Daniella sarcastically remarked, "Ms. Cann, you're remarkably punctual. An outsider might

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Anxious, Clara replied, "I take full responsibility. Please forgive me, Ms. Love."

For a brief moment, Daniella appeared irritated. “Enough. Just set up your laptop quickly for the meeting!”

Clara nodded. “Of course, Ms. Love.”

She then made her way to the front and connected her laptop to the projector.

The employees’ attention turned to the projected slide showcasing YN’s poster.

While seated in the front row, Daniella dozed off.

Tyler’s laptop displayed YN’s promotional image in the kindergarten meeting room, while Axel’s laptop showed real-time surveillance footage of Daniella and all the employees

Tyler smirked, remarking, “Look at her, actually getting some shut-eye. We’ll see how long that

lasts.”

Axel gazed at Daniella’s face, his fists clenched tightly. That face had haunted him for five years.

Noticing Axel’s change in demeanor, Tyler added, “Axel, her reputation will be in tatters.”

Axel nodded in agreement.

“Hello

Suddenly, Clara’s voice emanated from Axel’s laptop

Tyler narrowed his eyes. ‘Let the good show commence!

Clara introduced YN with great enthusiasm on the stage. However, when she pressed a key on her laptop, Tyler pressed the Space button simultaneously. novelbin

In YN’s meeting room, Clara addressed the employees, saying, “Let me share the company’s

mission with you”

The employees stared in astonishment at the screen behind Clara, creating a silent and puzzled

scent.

Noticing the employees’ confused expressions, Clara furrowed her brow and glanced back at the screen. In the next instant, her eyes widened in disbelief. What the heck is this?’ she exclaimed

inwardly.

An edited image of Daniella appeared on the screen with an exaggerated and cheeky smile.

Shortly after, captions began to roll.

[I offer Ms. Love and each of you a generous gift to celebrate the opening of YN!]

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Chapter 283 Serves You Right

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Suddenly, the screen displayed Daniella dancing provocatively in a bar’s private room. She wore a short camisole dress that barely covered her curvy hips. Her eyes seductively locked onto a

masked man as she sensually moved her body.

In the next moment, Daniella lowered the camisole straps, slowly revealing herself while

approaching the man. She knelt in front of him, attempting to undo his belt.

Julian finally grasped the situation as he watched and urgently yelled to Clara, “Ms. Cann, turn it

offi

Julian's shout jolted Daniella awake, and she shot him an annoyed look. "Can you be quiet?"

Julian pointed shakily at the screen. "Look, Ms. Love..."

Daniella glanced at the screen, and her face turned ghostly pale. How could she not recognize the person on it? It was a compromising act she had engaged in abroad to please wealthy individuals. Her fists clenched, and her breathing grew ragged.

Clara nervously tried to shut down the screen, but it stubbornly continued playing despite her

efforts

"Clara Cann, turn it off! Daniella shouted, her glare fierce.

Tears welled up in Clara's eyes. "I can't, Ms. Love! I didn't do this!"

"Disconnect the cable!" Julian ordered.

Even after Clara disconnected the cable, the screen kept playing.

Julian dashed up to the stage, seized the remote control, and pressed the pause button. novelbin

The screen froze at the most embarrassing moment.

Soon afterward, the caption rolled again.

[Congratulations, you're granted three pauses. Two more pauses before the video clip is shared to the Internet automatically, Ms. Love!]

[I forgot to mention that I'm controlling all the computers in your company, so shutting down this

computer doesn't work!]

[Gentle reminder: Cutting the power supply will be counted as the second pause!]

(Please allow me to introduce myself. I'm Justice Messenger. Thank you for watching today, till

we meet again!]

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Daniella's face twisted as she read the captions. She stood up, staring fiercely at the astonished employees.

"If any of you even think about discussing today's incident, I'll ensure you won't survive in Angelbay any longer! IT team, crack this and find out who's responsible!"

Tyler couldn't help but snicker as he watched Daniella lose her composure on the surveillance footage 'Serves you right,' he thought.

Axel stared at Tyler, surprised "Ty, where did you get that? It's pretty unpleasant."

Tyler shrugged. "It's a coincidence. I didn't plan to do this at first. I posted a picture on a hacker site, and someone contacted me."

Although it was painful to watch, he endured it so he could use it against Daniella. After all, the video had cost him tens of thousands of his hard-earned money. He needed to review it.

Daniella had incited someone to kill him and had caused his mother and sister to worry. He couldn't tolerate that.

'I won't provoke others unless they provoke me!"

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Daniella sat in her office, shooting daggers at Clara, whose body was shaking uncontrollably. She snarled, I expect you to give me a proper explanation!"

Clara sobbed. 'I genuinely have no idea, Ms. Love!"

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Chapter 284 Justice Messenger

Clara's explanation wouldn't matter now!

She felt like her laptop caught a virus when she connected it to the projector.

Daniella exploded, grabbing Clara's jaw and forcefully tilting her head back. "How can you claim

ignorance?" She demanded. "Tell me the truth!"

Clara cried, "I really don't know. Maybe the IT department can check my laptop—"

Before Clara could finish, Daniella slapped her. "You brought the laptop and prepared the

presentation! And now you're saying you know nothing?"

Tears streamed down Clara's face. "Daniella, we're friends. You can distrust me, but don't insult me!

Daniella scoffed. "Friends? You're just a low-level employee. Look in the mirror! I wouldn't keep

you around if you had no talent!"

Clara stammered, "W—What are you saying?"

Daniella smirked "You'll face the consequences since the incident leaked from your laptop!"

Clara shivered. "W—What do you mean?"

With a cold glare, Daniella ordered, "Come!"

A few bodyguards entered the room. Daniella glanced at them. "I'm handing her over to you. Show

no mercy."

Clara's eyes widened. "Don't do this, Daniella!"

Despair filled Clara as she saw Daniella's ruthless smirk. "Daniella, you won't get away with this!"

Daniella sneered. "You think you have power over me because you hired a skilled hacker? What a

jokel

At TYC.

When Caroline returned from the clothing factory, she overheard the assistant secretaries whispering to each other.

“I heard the YN employees left together on YN’s opening day.”

“Seriously? What happened?”

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“Oh my goodness! Can the company still succeed if this is how it starts on the first day?”

“Even if the company doesn’t thrive, they brought it upon themselves Pushing their way in when our clothing company is already established here!”

Caroline frowned at the door, wondering. What happened to YN?‘

She planned punishing Daniella during Grayson’s birthday, yet someone was one step ahead.

Who is the Justice Messenger who punished Daniella? she pondered

All of a sudden, Naomi emerged from the pantry.

“Ms. Shenton, there’s a package for you in the office,” she said.

Caroline nodded and made her way into the office. She unwrapped the package and was taken

aback by what she found inside.

It was the raw material for the fabric she required from Ylesir’s factory.

Using this raw material, her textile factory could create the same material and substantially cut

costs.

Caroline wondered who had sent it to her. She examined the mailer's information, but it was blank.

'Could it be Kenny again?' she pondered.

Caroline smiled as she appreciated his thoughtfulness

Caroline opened a chat box with Kenny on her phone and sent: [Thanks. This will save us money:]

At Bayview Villa.

Brandon let out a sudden exclamation. "Fuck! Mom! Come see this!"

Jade leaned over to glance at Brandon's phone. "What's going on?"

Brandon pointed at the numbers displayed on the screen "Look at this. I shared my experience of living in the house of TYC's CEO a few days ago. I checked, and I now have over 10,000 followers!"

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Chapter 285 A Huge Dog

Jade blinked, confused. "What do you mean by followers?"

Brandon explained, "Mom, it means I'm about to become a popular influencer!"

Jade remained puzzled. "What's that?"

"It's a way to make money! Haven't you seen people online selling things as influencers? We can do the same! Who knows if this woman will keep providing for us in the future? We'll just make use of the advantages she brought us first!"

Jade suddenly understood. "So, you're planning to sell things online, too?"

"Yes, we can sell our farm's eggs, potatoes, and sweet potatoes!"

Jade grew excited. "Wow, I was worried those way to turn them into cash so quickly!"

crops would go to waste, but you've come up with a

"Mom, I'll head back for a few days and arrange for someone to bring those items here for a live-streaming sale! The house is spacious and mostly empty. Try to see if she'd be interested in buying us a house! This villa is great, and the unit next door is still available. It would be convenient to stay close and continue freeloading from her!"

Jade gently touched Brandon's face. "My son is so clever!"

Brandon said, "Of course. We will take advantage of her for the rest of her life since she's too afraid.

of us!"

In the evening, Daniella got a text from Casey, asking her to dinner. She was thrilled and promptly called her stylist to come to the office. She changed into a stunning but alluring dress, slipped on her high heels, and left her office.

Daniella's joyful demeanor puzzled the IT department staff, who had witnessed her earlier embarrassment. She acted as if she hadn't made a fool out of herself earlier in the day.

As soon as she stepped into the elevator, people started talking.

"How does Ms. Love manage to smile despite the leak of her explicit video clip?"

"Who knows? She left us behind to watch her revenge porn video on the computer."

"An ordinary person would be so ashamed in her place."

"Do you recall her behavior when she became a top online search due to her cheating on Mr. Jordan?"

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"A shameless person is unparalleled."

The IT department staff burst out in laughter.

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At 6:00 p.m. at Biriv Revolving Restaurant.

Daniella was about to enter the restaurant when she spotted Caroline with her two kids. She instinctively wanted to hide as she recalled her frantic encounters with Caroline.

However, Caroline had already noticed her.

Daniella braced herself and forced a strained smile. “What a surprise to run into you here?” she

said.

Caroline—glanced at her casually before scanning the surroundings. She then lowered her head. and asked her children. Ty, Lia, did you guys hear anything unusual?”

Tyler replied, “I heard a dog barking.”

Liora nodded, adding. “Yeah, a huge dog!”

She emphasized the word ‘huge.

Daniella’s expression shifted between embarrassment and anger. “You rugrats! They’re right

about bad mothers raising bad children!” she exclaimed. novelbin

Tyler sneered and playfully winked at Liora. He let go of her hand and feigned passing by Daniella but intentionally stepped on her foot.

“Gah!” Daniella cried out in pain, quickly bending down to check her foot.

Liora seized the opportunity to slam against Daniella’s buttocks forcefully.

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Chapter 286 You’re Hurt

Daniella dropped to her knees from the impact, drawing the attention of passersby.

Caroline was shocked—she never expected her children to retaliate to avenge her.

“You scoundrels!” Daniella scolded, lifting her head to find Caroline standing above her.

Daniella tried to stand, but Caroline pressed down on her shoulder.

Caroline leaned over with a wide smile and said, “The kids accidentally bumped into you. You won’t take it personally, will you?”

She pinched Daniella’s shoulder tightly and helped her to her feet. Then, she patted Daniella’s shoulder gently and added, “Be graceful. People are watching.”

Daniella forced a strained smile and replied, “Why would I make a scene with kids?”

Caroline smiled and said, “Perfect. We’ll head upstairs now. Goodbye!”

As Caroline and her children walked away, Daniella seethed. She wouldn’t tolerate this if Casey

wasn’t in the restaurant.

Daniella dusted herself off and limped into the restaurant, heading to the private room Casey had

reserved. She took a deep breath before entering, wearing a sweet smile.

Casey noticed Daniella and stood up with a warm smile, moving to pull out a chair for her. “Bad

traffic?” he asked.

Daniella replied gracefully, “It’s alright. Sorry for the delay.”

As she prepared to sit, Casey suddenly grasped her arm. Daniella’s heart raced as she felt the

warmth of Casey’s hand.

“Mr. Jordan...” she stammered.

Casey looked at her reddened sole and expressed concern, "You're hurt."

Daniella felt embarrassed. "Someone accidentally stepped on me. It's okay."

Casey looked at her with a frown. "Even a small injury shouldn't be neglected."

He pulled Daniella to a seat while he knelt to lift up Daniella's ankle.

Daniella gasped softly. "Mr. Jordan, don't dirty your hands."

Casey said, "I won't. Let me see,"

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Casey propped up Daniella's leg with one hand and removed her high heel with his other hand.

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Noticing that her sole was already swollen, he stood up and pressed the call bell solemnly.

Soon, a waitress entered, and Casey said, "Get a few warm towels."

"Sure, sir."

Daniella's heart beat faster due to Casey's attentive action, and she lowered her gaze shyly. "Mr.

Jordan, thank you for your concern."

Casey said, "Please try your best to wear lower heels next time, Ms. Love. You're always clumsy."

Daniella blushed. "I shall follow your suggestion then, Mr. Jordan."

The waitress brought warm towels, and Casey placed one on Daniella's sole. He asked, "Does it

hurt?"

Daniella nodded and shook her head swiftly. "It's fine."

Casey appeared guilty. "It's the first day of your company's opening. I was thinking of celebrating it with you, yet I got you hurt."

Daniella waved her hand dismissively. "I was careless. It's not your fault."

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Chapter 287 Where Would You Like to Live?

Casey smiled. "Did the company's opening go smoothly today?" Daniella

was furious when she recalled the unbearable incident but hid her feelings well.

"Pretty good. Mr. Jordan, may I be so bold as to ask you a question?" Daniella asked.

She had been engaged to Evan before and wondered why Casey didn't know about her. She

thought he should have at least heard her name before.

"Please go ahead."

"You're a member of the Jordans, right?" Daniella asked bluntly.

Casey's fingers moved "Yes, but my identity is not very important to me."

Daniella frowned. 'Don't you know who I am then, Mr. Jordan?'

Casey explained, "My father sent me abroad for a long time, so I'm not up to date with the situation.

here."

He gazed up, smiled, and inquired, 'Do you have something to share with me?'

Daniella was surprised by his lack of awareness. She found it odd that Evan hadn't informed his

brother about her situation.

Daniella realized she couldn't keep it hidden any longer. Otherwise, Casey might feel conflicted if

he found out later.

While Casey might initially be uncomfortable addressing the issue, he would likely be swayed by her good character. She could find another way to get closer to him afterward, even if he struggled

to accept it initially.

Daniella stated, "Evan and I were engaged, but we've since separated."

Casey briefly appeared shocked, causing Daniella to grow anxious.

However, his expression quickly returned to normal. "My brother's to blame for not appreciating you. I apologize on his behalf."

Daniella was amazed. 'Casey is quite open-minded!'

"I don't mind the things that happened between you and my brother. We're bound by fate to meet

each other," he said.

Daniella was relieved to hear that. "I'm sorry I've been hiding it from you for some time."

"It's normal to hide, but it shows that you respect me enough to tell me now."

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"Of course! After all, I can't lie to you when you're so good to me, Mr. Jordan."

Casey stood up with a bitter smile. "Let's not talk about him anymore. Let's eat."

Daniella noticed Casey's bitter smile and wondered why he looked troubled when Evan was

mentioned. 'Could it be that they don't have a good relationship?'

Daniella didn't ask impulsively. They had only recently met, so she knew there would be plenty of

time to discuss private matters when they became closer.

After dinner, Caroline returned to Bayview Villa with the children. As she entered the house, Jade

approached her immediately, exclaiming. "You're back!"

Caroline suspected that Jade had some ulterior motives behind her scheming expression.

She turned to the children and said, "Head upstairs and take a shower, my precious.

Tyler and Liora nodded, casting disapproving glances at Jade before heading upstairs

Once her children were out of sight, Caroline took a seat and asked, "What's on your mind?"

Jade also sat, crossed her legs, and adopted a commanding tone. "I want you to buy me a house!"

"Buy a house? Where would you like to live? Caroline asked with a smile.

"Right next door to your villa!" Jade got straight to the point

Caroline gazed out of her window at the vacant villa adjacent to hers.

"Certainly, you can have whatever you wish. But there's a condition. We need to sign a contract first."

"What kind of contract?" Jade asked.

Checking her watch nonchalantly, Caroline elaborated, "Nothing too complex. Just a contract that confirms I've bought the house for you. Of course, your name can appear on the property deed. It's just a precaution, so you can't claim later on that I didn't fulfill my promise of buying you a house.

Chapter 288

Chapter 288 What Is the Trending Topic

Jade still seemed to be plotting something, her gaze fixed on Caroline's watch. But her expression turned joyful when Caroline made that remark.

She thought it was a fair trade—signing a contract for a house. And since the property deed would be in her name, she couldn't lose the house.

Caroline grinned. "Okay, I'll arrange for the lawyer. Just sign, and the house is yours."

Jade was so happy that Caroline's presence pleased her. "Caroline, I'm your aunt anyhow. Let's

argue less and be more spontaneous-

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Before Jade could continue, Caroline interrupted her.

After returning to her room, Caroline messaged her lawyer, adding a few necessary clauses to the

contract

The next day, Caroline bumped into Brandon coincidentally as he was leaving. He greeted her

warmly after hearing that she would buy them a house. "I'm going back to the family home first,

Caroline!"

Caroline smiled. "Safe travels,"

"Hehe, I'll bring back some gifts for you since we're going to be neighbors soon!" Brandon

exclaimed.

Caroline replied mockingly, "Thanks."

Brandon left whistling in joy, oblivious to Caroline's tone. He hailed a cab and headed to a Porsche

dealership.

They had bragged to the other villagers about their family's impending wealth, so returning empty

-handed was out of the question.

After a brief look around, he ordered a Porsche Cayenne on TYC's account and returned to the

village.

After dropping off the kids, Caroline got a call from the dealership. She gripped her phone and paid the bill in disgust, thinking. Just endure it for now."

Caroline kept reminding herself that the timing wasn't right yet.

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Evan quickly learned of the situation.

Reuben sighed. "Mr. Jordan, those people are incredibly greedy. They bought a Porsche."

Evan halted his steps and grunted before heading toward the elevator.

Evan's lack of action took Reuben aback

'Could it be that Mr. Jordan doesn't care for Ms. Shenton as much anymore?' he wondered.

Reuben followed closely and suggested, "They might try to pressure Ms. Shenton into buying

them a house."

Evan remained silent, but his frown deepened.

Reuben inquired, "Have you seen what's trending, Mr. Jordan?"

Evan glanced at Reuben. "What's the current trend?"

Evan's reaction motivated Reuben. He took out his phone, accessed Brandon's posts, and showed

them to Evan. "Mr. Jordan, the Shentons are using Ms. Shenton's name to create a few popular

posts and have gained over 10,000 followers."

Evan took the phone and scrolled through the photos. He sneered when he finished. Just a bunch

of attention-seekers. How is she?"

Reuben felt troubled by the question.

"Ms. Shenton appears quite composed as if everything is under control," Reuben replied. novelbin

Evan's frown gradually eased, and he smiled faintly. "It seems she has a plan to handle this

situation."

Reuben didn't quite grasp what Evan meant. He only realized how well Evan knew Caroline's

character when the elevator doors opened

Chapter 289

Chapter 289 I Won't Embarrass You Anymore

At Xander Residence.

Daniella spotted Grayson on the sofa, his face clouded with glum, while Neil occupied the other one. She looked at Neil and speculated Grayson was probably scolding him.

Slowly, she descended the stairs.

At the sound of her footsteps, Grayson spun around and bellowed, "Come down here, quickly!"

Astonished, Daniella asked, “Are you addressing me, Grandpa?”

“Who else would we be waiting for?” Grayson’s voice thundered.

As she approached Grayson, her heart raced. She questioned him softly, “What’s the matter,

Grandpa?”

Grayson hurled a stack of photos toward Daniella.

The images scattered, revealing distressing scenes—all of them related to her.

Daniella went numb, her body trembling uncontrollably.

“How do you plan to explain this? Your company just started, yet your employees know about your scandalous past!” Grayson’s voice was harsh.

As Grayson berated her, Daniella began to piece things together as she glanced briefly at the photos. She then fixed a fierce gaze on Neil. “Was it you? Did you inform Grandpa about this?”

Grayson’s response was swift, his cane swishing toward Daniella’s back as he barked, “Nonsense!”

Daniella cried out in pain.

Neil replied casually, “Grandpa was already aware. I didn’t inform him.”

Daniella frowned in pain but was too scared to touch her back. She looked away from Neil and told Grayson, “Why won’t you listen to my side of the story, Grandpa?”

“I didn’t hand over the company for you to shame our family!” Grayson’s tone was scornful.

Daniella sneered. “Do you think this is what I wanted? Everyone has a questionable past! Was

surviving that wrong?”

“You’re not disabled, yet you resorted to selling yourself,” Neil remarked.

Daniella's face stiffened. She had intended to remind Grayson of her tough life, but Neil's words

caught her off guard.

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Grayson's expression soured. "My birthday party is just two weeks away, and you're turning me into a laughingstock!"

"Even if I made mistakes before, someone's intentionally trying to expose me!" Daniella argued.

Grayson glared at her. "Someone's out to get you? Would they even have a chance if you weren't involved in disgraceful activities?"

"Grandpa, I've taken steps against the culprit. Just trust me one more time, please. I'll run the company well and won't bring you any more shame." Daniella's tears flowed freely.

"It's too late. A lot of people know what happened with Clara yesterday, and I believe the police will be here soon," Neil revealed.

Daniella was stunned. "What do you mean?"

Neil explained grimly, "Clara suffered fatal abuse. Do you want the gruesome details?"

Daniella panicked. She hadn't expected her bodyguards to be so ruthless. 'Clara's dead? I don't think I told them to kill her.'

Terrified, Daniella dropped to her knees and pleaded with Grayson, "Please, Grandpa, save me. I

didn't mean for Clara to die!"

Chapter 290

Chapter 290 Merciless Woman

Grayson scoffed. "You say this all the time, but have you ever kept your word? Someone died because of you this time!"

Daniella's body trembled. "I'll follow your orders and ask for your permission next time, Grandpa.

Please save me!"

Grayson grew irritated seeing Daniella constantly cry. He sighed and told Neil, "Let this matter go and act like you haven't heard anything."

Neil clenched his fists but remained composed. "Alright, I got it. I'll be back to help with the

birthday party. Goodbye!"

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left, Grayson made calls to have Daniella's bodyguards interrogated and punished. His

aim was to ensure Daniella's safety.

Paige bumped into Alex in his car as she left work in the evening.

Alex had been waiting for Paige in his car for a while. When he spotted her, he hurriedly exited the vehicle and called out, "Paige!"

Ignoring him, Paige continued toward the parking lot.

Alex caught up to her and walked beside her. "Are you still upset about the other day, Paige?"

Paige glanced at him. "Speak if you have something to say.

"I'm here to apologize," Alex said.

"I don't need your apology. It's too costly, and I can't afford it," Paige replied coldly.

Seeing Paige walking away, Alex grabbed her arm. "I want to admit my mistake. I promise not to

do it again, alright?"

Paige reluctantly stopped. She scoffed and looked at Alex. “Ever heard the saying, ‘Once bitten, twice shy’, my dear? If you can betray my trust once for your best friend, you’ll do it again without my consent! If your best friend is so important, why aren’t you spending time with him right now?”

Alex said, “If I can’t even defend my best friend, how am I supposed to treat my woman well in the

future?”

Paige said, “How you treat your wife in the future is none of my business.”

“Have you forgotten that I told you I’d take responsibility for you?” Alex asked.

Paige chuckled. “Take responsibility? You’re from the top three most powerful families in Angelbay, and I’m just a nobody! No one would believe you’d marry someone like me.

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“Also, don’t act as if I belong to you exclusively! I have plenty of male friends. Mr. Pierce, please

release me. Don’t prevent me from going on a date, alright?”

Alex’s heart sank, and his expression changed. “Who are you going to date?”

Paige replied, “Younger, more attractive guys!”

“No!” Alex objected firmly.

Paige glared at him. “Who do you think you are to decide for me?”

“No, I can’t agree to that!”

Alex was well aware he had fallen in love with this bickering woman. How could he tolerate her dating other men?

Paige took a deep breath. “Are you really not letting go of me?”

Alex replied, “Yes! Unless you agree- Aaargh!”

Before Alex could finish his sentence, Paige drove her knee into his groin.

Alex involuntarily released his grip and fell to his knees in pain.

Ignoring Alex's calls, Paige made a quick escape.

'Paige! You merciless woman!' Alex looked at Paige with a frown.

"Thank you for your compliment!"

Alex said, "Fuck!"

Paige headed directly to Bayview Villa after getting into her car, She vented her frustration about Alex during the drive until she reached her destination.

Upon reaching Caroline's house, she took a moment to massage her sore arm, still feeling Alex's tight grip. She then cursed again before stepping inside the house.