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Chapter 2986 I Need Your Help

"Joan, what's on your mind?" Gabriella asked the dazed Joan, but the latter couldn't hear her.

Out of the blue, Gabriella yelled, "Joan!"

Joan was taken aback, shuddering in shock.

"Was it necessary for you to yell?" Jake reprimanded Gabriella.

Afraid that Jake would lose his temper, Joan interrupted him by asking, "Yes, Gabriella? You were talking to me?"

Gabriella was upset after the man raised his volume at her. She replied with her lips pursed, "I thought you were in a bad mood because you were spacing out."

"Something crossed my mind," Joan replied awkwardly and scratched her head.

What crossed her mind? Could it be Larry?

Jake's expression darkened at that thought. Where is he when she needs him? Isn't he supposed to look out for her? He needs to stop being so irresponsible!

After a short while, Gabriella muttered, "Joan, you need to talk about it with Larry once you're back."

What should we talk about? Is she referring to the incident at the mall? How am I supposed to bring up such an embarrassing incident? Joan heaved a long sigh.

After the car was brought to a halt in front of a restaurant, they got out of the car.

Are they going to have a meal together?

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Of all the people she could ask to join her for a meal, why did it have to be Jake? Couldn't she ask Caspian, Nancy, or Jessica?

Larry got increasingly infuriated.

"I think they're merely having a meal together. Why don't we head back for the time being? I'm sure she's going to explain everything once she's back."

Caspian suggested tentatively in an anxious tone. Deep down, he was equally befuddled when he saw Jake joining Joan for a meal.

Larry dismissed his suggestion and asserted in a serious tone, "No! I'll wait for her until she's done!"

As the first to face Larry's wrath whenever something bad happened, Caspian secretly prayed that he would still be in one piece at the end of the day.

Buzz! Buzz! Buzz!

As soon as Larry picked up the call, Della's voice could be heard asking anxiously, "Larry, I have quite a few questions for you. Can you please drop by my office?"

He knew she was referring to the issues pertaining to her company, and it made sense since she was a rookie corporate player.

"Alright."

Once he hung up the call, Larry instructed, "Let's make our way back to the company immediately."

"Joan, isn't that Larry's car?" Gabriella, who was seated next to the window, pointed at the car that was nearby.

Joan turned around and followed her gaze.

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It's Larry's car! Why has he shown up here when he's supposed to be working? Is it a mere coincidence? She had a bad feeling about it and wondered if Larry had witnessed Jake heading into the restaurant with them.

Jake knew what Joan was thinking about, but he merely smiled, sipping his coffee calmly.

In fact, he had long found out that Larry's car was right behind theirs, yet he decided to play along with him. He was certain that Larry would be jealous since Joan was having a meal with him.

Once they returned to the office, Caspian explained, "Larry, don't overthink the matter. It was merely a meal with friends. On top of that, Gabriella tagged along with them as well."

However, nothing Caspian said could change the displeased man's mind. It didn't matter that Gabriella was there with them as all he could think about was the fact that Joan was with Jake. She knew the man harbored feelings toward her, yet she still got in touch with him!

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Chapter 2987 Do You Mind Doing Me A Favor

Caspian directed a question at him, "Larry, I heard that Jake had helped Joan out of the nasty situation where she was surrounded by onlookers in the mall. Don't you think it's only reasonable for her to buy him a meal to return the favor?"

Suddenly, Larry went dead silent. Although Caspian's words made complete sense, he couldn't help feeling infuriated when he saw them together.

Knowing what Larry was concerned about, Jessica chimed in, "But they haven't done anything, have they? So what are you so angry about?"

She knew the man had a huge tendency to overthink things whenever Joan was involved. That said, it wasn't actually a bad thing.

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After all, Joan had been through all sorts of ups and downs in her life, so she deserved to have a caring man by her side.

"Alright, just calm down. I'm leaving now."

Having said that, Jessica prepared to leave the office.

"Hey, hold on! Della needs someone to guide her. I don't think it's appropriate for me to meet her in her office. Can you head over on my behalf?" Larry stopped Jessica before she could make her way out.

Excuse me? Is he seriously expecting me to guide that damned woman? No way! We have never seen eye to eye! I will never give in to his request!

"Sorry, but please send someone else over to guide her," Jessica turned him down without a second thought. I don't mind if someone else helps her, but I definitely won't do it.

Larry was well aware of the grudge Jessica held against Della. "Jessica, she has already turned over a new leaf. Don't you think she deserves another chance?"

Oh really? Even though Joan was almost dead because of her? Forget about it. I don't need a friend like her! Besides, I don't intend to get involved with those from the upper echelon. After all, I'm just an ordinary entrepreneur, and I can't afford to offend those bigshots.

Larry headed over to the couch and sat down before he took a sip of tea.

He knew it would be challenging to get others to accept Della because of the things she had done. However, he still hoped that they would give Della another chance.

Tapping on Jessica's shoulder, he suggested, "Since Mr. Duff needs our help, why don't you consider doing him a favor by guiding Della?"

Mr. Duff? He might be a reputable person, but does it have anything to do with me?

On top of that, I don't see any reason to do him the favor since I have no intention to collaborate with them.

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"No! If you want to do him a favor, why don't you volunteer yourself? I have quite a lot of things on my plate. So if you'd excuse me, I need to leave!" She got up from her seat to leave.

Well, I guess it's going to take quite a long time before they can get along with one another. They need to resolve their conflicts on their own. Not everyone is as understanding as Joan. Perhaps I should get Joan to talk to Jessica.

Larry gestured for her to leave and said, "If that's the case, get going already. I need to take a break."

At the sight of the seemingly worn-out man, Jessica felt a hint of guilt. She brought herself to a halt and started having second thoughts about her decision. Should I do him a favor and drop by Della's office just for once?

He raised his head and looked at Jessica, asking in a hushed voice, "What? Is there anything else you wish to talk about?"

She replied, "I guess I'll drop by her office just this once, but I'm merely doing it for you, not her!"

The man responded with a smirk as her response was exactly what he had expected.

She added petulantly, "Also, don't forget to pay me since I have to take care of my bookstore too."

Has she always been so money-minded? Chuckling, he reached for a random card from his wallet and cast it in her direction. "Here you go!"

Jessica started jumping for joy and kissed the card.

"Larry, you're awesome!"

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Chapter 2988 A New Friend

Why does she make it sound like I have never given her anything? I can't even recall the number of cards I have given her before this. But he shrugged the matter off as money was no issue to him. "I want you to behave yourself, okay? Don't get into a fight with Della!"

"Why don't you tell Della to stop picking on me instead? I won't make things difficult for her if she doesn't try anything silly." Finally, Jessica walked out of Larry's office.

Watching her leaving figure, a relieved smile crept up on his face.

Jessica was actually a relatively simple-minded woman. All it would take to appease her whenever she was angry was a random present. However, if she was truly upset, nothing he gave her would possibly cheer her up.

It was part of his plan to send her to guide Della, and he couldn't wait for the outcome of the meetup. Since both women were entrepreneurs and had similar life experiences, the chances of them collaborating in the near future were high.

Most importantly, it would be good for Della to have Jessica's guidance since Fred's condition was unforeseeable.

Marching into Della's office, Jessica announced the reason she was there, "Hey, Larry sent me here to answer your queries on his behalf."

Della replied courteously, "Hello, Larry informed me of your arrival. Thank you so much for your time."

Oh? Has she really turned over a new leaf? She has never been so courteous around us before! Is this merely another act of hers? Jessica started sizing the woman in front of her up.

Instantly, she kept her guard up. Who knows what this woman is up to this time?

Della went on to suggest, "Why don't you have a cup of tea? Thank you so much for coming here."

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Oh, God! Since when did she become so considerate? Jessica took a few steps back with an awkward smile on her face while goosebumps formed all over her body.

Gazing at Jessica, Della opened up to her in a quivering voice, "You don't have to worry. I mean you no harm. I only asked you to come over because I need someone to answer my queries. Jessica, I'm sure you understand how I feel as a fellow woman. I'm horrified by the thought of my father leaving me."

As someone who had a similar experience, Jessica knew how awful it felt.

Her enmity toward Della finally dissolved when she felt the sincerity in the latter's words, and she started chatting with the woman.

Truth be told, Jessica was surprised as Della turned out to be a workaholic, which was contrary to what she had expected.

She had always perceived Della to be an arrogant good-for-nothing who couldn't do anything else apart from scheming against others.

Smiling, Jessica's eyes gleamed with surprise.

"Do you mind explaining this in detail?" Della frowned and pointed at the part she was confused about.

Jessica was glad that Della had turned over a new leaf. Hence, she didn't mind making friends with the latter.

"In short, it's..."

Since Jessica had joined the corporate world way before Della did, she knew the unspoken rules better than her. On the other hand, Della, who had wasted most of her time scheming against others, could barely recall the knowledge she once picked up.

In the meantime, Joan paced back and forth in the living room and queried, "Did you seriously send Jessica to guide Della? Were you trying to make things worse?"

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Larry understood Joan's concerns, but he had faith that Jessica would uphold her promise, so he wasn't worried about her at all.

Instead, he was preoccupied with something else. Isn't she supposed to give me an explanation regarding that meal with Jake? A cold glint flashed across his abysmal pair of eyes as he looked at the woman before him. Although he was convinced by Caspian's hypothesis, he wanted her to tell him everything he was supposed to know.

Meanwhile, Joan wondered if something was wrong with Larry, for he had been sitting on the couch, ignoring her with a gloomy expression since she was back.

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Chapter 2989 Too Good To Be True

Joan frowned as she studied Larry in confusion. Is he angry because I had lunch with Jake?

Joan jogged over to him and sat beside him with a smile.

"I encountered a minor incident at the mall today, and Jake was there coincidentally, so he helped me out."

At that moment, Larry's phone rang.

He instantly picked up his phone from the table and walked toward the balcony to take the call.

"Noted. I'll be there right away." He hung up his phone, took his coat from the couch, and strode out the room.

"Where are you going?" yelled Joan.

"I'm returning to the company. I won't be back tonight, so don't wait up for me," Larry replied loudly.

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Did something happen to Norton Corporation? Joan stared at his leaving figure wistfully. Although she desperately wanted to explain herself, the timing was bad.

It's fine. I'll explain to him next time.

"What happened?" Larry asked as he entered the office.

"Larry, they sent this over." Caspian passed a document to Larry.

"We had previously sent people over to discuss the possibility of collaboration, but they rejected us outright. So why would they approach us all of a sudden?" Larry asked as he flipped through the document.

"I'm not too sure, but there's something fishy about it." Caspian was certain that there was a catch somewhere. There was no way businesses would be offered to your doorstep for no gain.

Larry was of the same mind as him, but he wanted to find out what their motive was.

"Where are they? Have they left?" Larry lifted his head and quizzed Caspian.

Caspian explained, "They seemed to be in a hurry, so they left already. He did mention that you could give their CEO a call or drop by the company to have a chat with the CEO, and there's no need to make an appointment."

No need to make an appointment? Larry was skeptical about the invitation, assuming that something must have gone wrong in their company. His expression turned cold at the thought as he dropped the document on the table.

Previously, he had the intention to collaborate with this company, but there was no such need now.

"Larry, are we still going to collaborate with them?" Caspian questioned in a low tone.

"There's no need for a collaboration since I can just acquire the entire company," claimed Larry. Needless to say, he had to investigate what went on within that company before buying it.

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"Caspian, investigate that company's recent developments tomorrow," Larry turned on his heel and requested Caspian sombrely.

This is going to be interesting!

He wasn't an idiot, so he won't be collaborating with just anyone, especially those who had rejected him before.

Caspian left after a brief discussion with Larry.

Instead of heading home after that, Larry sat on the couch, staring sightlessly at the ceiling of his office.

He felt mentally exhausted after the incident with Della and Joan. Fortunately, Della had changed her ways and stopped provoking Joan.

"Larry, why aren't you going home?" Jessica let out a yawn as she inquired softly.

"There is something I need to deal with. What's wrong? Why are you still here and not back home? Caspian will be worried again," Larry reminded her.

"Yeah. I'm not going back. I've informed Caspian about it. I have something that I need to work on tomorrow, so it's more convenient for me to make do with a night at the office. I didn't expect you to be here as well," Jessica assured.

I know for sure that this isn't her first time staying in the office for the night, and it wouldn't be her last. However, Larry felt gratified at heart that although Jessica seemed stubborn at times, she could match him for his seriousness when the time called for it.

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Chapter 2990 Rumors

"I've been exhausted lately. There's just too much on my plate." Jessica lay on the couch after stretching.

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Larry's heart ached as he gazed at Jessica's worn-out face, and he assumed that it was because he considered her family.

"Larry, how have you and Joan been lately? Are you guys back together? Don't worry too much about today's incident. Joan must have her own reason for doing that, so make sure you listen to her explanation first," advised Jessica softly.

She is still thinking about others even when she is dead tired.

"Go sleep. You have to wake up early tomorrow."

Just like that, they both shut their eyes, lying on separate couches.

Despite the next day being a weekend, some of the employees of Norton Corporation still proactively came to work.

Suddenly, a scream tore through the silent office.

"Who was that? What happened? It's still early in the morning," Jessica muttered begrudgingly as she sat up and rubbed her eyes.

"Some employees came in for work," Larry answered immediately.

"Is that so?"

Wait, isn't that Larry's voice? Jessica sat up straight with eyes wide as a saucer, staring bewilderedly at Larry, who was lying on the couch opposite of hers.

I'm doomed! What should I do now? How am I going to explain myself if others found out? Jessica's heart was racing.

"Why are you panicking?" Larry quizzed in a low voice as he smoothened his clothes.

How can I not panic? Larry has a girlfriend, and I have a boyfriend. But now, both of us have slept in the same room. No one will believe my explanation if the rumors spread.

"Larry, I'm just going to head out." Jessica dashed out of the room after grabbing her purse.

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The female employee who screamed was stunned as she saw Jessica running away.

Why is she leaving so urgently? I wasn't planning to do anything to her.

Larry massaged his temples in an attempt to wake himself up, then took a seat behind his table and started working.

Outside his office, the female employee was hitting herself on the head in an attempt to calm herself while muttering, "It must have been my imagination. It must have been my imagination..."

She tried convincing herself but to no avail.

Nevertheless, Larry was immersed in his work, not noticing anything wrong.

Anxiety was all over Jessica's face as she breathed heavily after the mad dash from the office

"What happened? Why are you in such a hurry?" a familiar voice asked.

Jessica jumped in shock, and when she turned around to see Caspian walking toward her, she gave him an awkward smile.

"Isn't today a weekend? Why are you here?" she asked embarrassedly.

What happened to her? Why is her face so flushed? Is she having a fever? Caspian placed his hand on her forehead to feel for any fever.

Nope, no fever.

"I have something to report to Larry. What happened to you?" Caspian was worried as he studied her.

"I'm fine. There's something I have to deal with, so I'll be taking my leave." Jessica ran away as soon as she finished.

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How strange. Why is she in such a flurry today? Did Larry scold her again? It can't be. She didn't do anything wrong lately, so there's no reason for Larry to scold her.

"Larry, what's wrong with Jessica?" Caspian questioned as he entered Larry's office.

"Nothing happened," Larry replied nonchalantly, not noticing the displeasure on Caspian's face.

"She seemed very anxious when I saw her a while ago. I thought she might have done something wrong," Caspian uttered as he cast a sideways glance at Larry.