

Life Debt 1021

Chapter 1021

Cora's pupils dilated as she stared at Bob in disbelief.

He actually wanted to break up with her? What did the years she spent with him amount to?!

"I have done wrong by you, so let's just end it here before we get married," Bob said then. "I'll explain everything to our parents about my reasons, and I'll do any PR work necessary to help you get through any difficulties you have at work."

"Are you really doing this to me, Bob?!" Cora's eyes were red, and she could not stop her tears no matter what she tried.

Bob hung his head. "I don't know how to make it up to you, just as I can't lie to you that I don't love Zoe anymore. All the mistakes in the past were my fault, and you can do whatever you want—I'll try to guarantee your satisfaction as much as I can."

"What do you take me for! Did you think I dated you because I wanted something from you? How could you be so cruel, Bob?!"

Bob simply stayed silent, because he genuinely had no words to assure Cora when he dated her just because their parents wanted that.

Even after years had passed, he never felt love for Cora—it was more appropriate to say that he was just putting up with her.

For him, it was as if he was fine with anyone when it was not Zoe.

up with you," Cora suddenly snapped with agitation. "Why should I break up with you?! I spent four years of my

was left staring blankly at her—even after he admitted

shouldn't be together, but if you find it troubling, I can finish recording this

"I'm not breaking up with you.

but he stayed silent—if Cora felt that who between them demanded

me this too, Bob!" Cora shrieked, suddenly throwing off her blanket and springing out

caught her, a little

"Let me go!"

"Cora..."

me go!"

for a second, but he ultimately

if he let Cora leave alone, and she was

“Don’t follow me!”

get upset with me however you want,

he said

slices of fruit in her ward, and the mood between them was just right until Cora stormed inside,

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“You already have my uncle, Zoe! Why would you seduce Bob too?!” Cora demanded right then.

Zoe pursed her lips-Cora noticed how Bob felt toward her, just as she thought.

“That’s enough, Cora. This is between us-don’t get others involved,” Bob said then, suddenly a little louder.

He had behaved mildly earlier, but even that seemed to fade in an instant.

“You’re siding with her?! I’m your fiancée, Bob! And she’s a married woman!’ Cora became even more hysterical, at that, unable to understand how Zoe was better than her.

Why did everyone love her so much?

Even her grandfather occasionally called her ‘Zoe’ before he died!

She really had enough!

“Cut it out. We’re leaving,” Bob said, restraining his own temper just then.

wheeled on Jay. “Uncle Jay, Bob

know,” Jay said, cutting her

left taken aback, and

knew? And he would still

he not take

on splitting Jay from Zoe because

hands clean, and Cora never saw him allow any other woman get close to him. He obviously had strong views on relationships between men and

aware of

Jay continued, his voice suddenly cold and his presence imposing. “I don’t need anyone else

“Uncle Jay-“

than anyone else,” Jay said very slowly

Cora’s eyes were red.

got to strut when Jay was around and was even more afraid to upset him since both her grandfather and her mother thought highly of him. Moreover, he was the one who helped her rise to the top in

now, she could not

the both of you. Don't get Zoe or myself involved," Jay said solemnly, his might obvious despite his obvious

a fit in front

since she was clearly not in

her, Bob," Jay told him anyway-he was not keen on something happening

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Zoe began, "Bob and I-" "I don't mind," Jay said determinedly.

Zoe raised her brow. "Why are you interrupting me if you don't?"

Did men lie despite appearances too?

Jay pursed his lips. "I just don't want you to say his name."

"How is that not minding?!" Zoe exposed him mercilessly right then.

"I can pretend I don't know."

"You're just lying to yourself." Zoe pouted.

Jay, however, was fine with that—he was already perfectly content that Zoe would return to his side.

Nothing mattered in comparison.

tell you,"

smile at her. "Because you knew I can't do

when is that so?" Zoe snorted grumpily. "My life is

not the other

would kill him to accept me, only to end up marrying me because of Yelena?! Don't

didn't marry you because of

listen to a word-she did not care, since Jay was the one who always had the reins of their relationship,

Bob and I, but you're digressing." Zoe huffed

but decided against it. 'Fine, tell

could he do about Zoe

he could do was spoil the missus, even if she

of things that touched my heart. And I never knew
was left with nothing when Nancy Levine took away all my money. Clara was being threatened and
needed money urgently, and I was almost forced into filming porn-but Bob stopped it. He
to go into such detail," Jay
could not

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Jay could not hold back an expletive right then, "Am I f*cking dead to you,
Zoe?!'

He was on the verge of getting a stroke, and he really wanted to get into fisticuffs with Bob right then!

Zoe simply beamed at him. "All I wanted to say was that Bob and I are clean. Nothing happened even
when we were dating."

"So you're regretting that now?" Jay growled through his teeth.

"That's not the point," Zoe replied, speechless.

"I already know that anyway." Jay was certainly smart enough to not miss that.

"You knew?"

No way! She had been so close with Bob at the time that anyone would be skeptical!

episode of Journey of Love, during that heart-to- heart we

believe that?" Zoe

"I did." Jay nodded.

said, he knew Zoe

admit that he had felt pleased for a long while

have held it against

would love her as he did

find out that they

could admit that men were innately possessive,

you," Zoe said,

that he popped his cherry on the same day, she did not believe him-not even

it impossible, that he was just trying to build a good

cause for suspicion, even though the public saw that they were getting along

Jay said

her expression changing right then. "So, all you needed to know was that

Huh.

Chapter 1025

Jay apologized. "I'm sorry."

Whatever the reason was, he abandoned Zoe in the end and did not stay by her side.

'It's alright," Zoe replied, accepting his apology and knowing what it was about.

And she was really over it too, even if she was not as carefree as she imagined for the longest time and did not understand why she allowed Jay to deflower her and abandon her repeatedly.

That was until now, when she genuinely realized that the past was not as important as she believed.

And because it was not, she could now tell Jay everything.

In a way, it was saying goodbye to the past.

Jay held her gaze in turn and quietly said, "At that time, I... was involved in a car accident."

Zoe did a double take.

She knew about the accident, but not when specifically.

a tight schedule, so it

that mean... she was the reason

then, and it only

Jay's tone remained apologetic. "It happened on a mountain road when I was driving back. I only regained consciousness six months later, and they told

apologized, even if he did not want things to

he was

turned red even as

one of my legs was permanently crippled, I thought about staying

agitatedly-if only

maybe-they would not have let

was worried

look like that type

like pretty faces." Jay exposed her

is fine. What does that have to do with your
too," Jay explained. "What you're seeing now is the outcome of reconstructive surgery I had
but you're not as good looking as John Levine! I never said I fell for him when we found out that I was
not blood related to him
he understand how difficult it was, being a single mother
I called you," Jay

Chapter 1026

Zoe asked grumpily, "Jay Parker, is it really that easy to give up on me?!1 "No," Jay quickly replied.
"Then why would you do it time after time?"
"Well, what's our relationship now?" Jay asked in return.
Zoe frowned, but it slowly dawned on her that he was pointing out that they were married.
If he really wanted to abandon her, why would he marry her now?
Somehow, that thought granted her comfort.
"Yeah, me too," Zoe suddenly said.
"What?" Jay asked, a little confused just then.
"I never abandoned you, even if you left me in despair repeatedly. Whenever you made a move, I'd..."
reluctant to finish-she
she could not
matter how Jay hurt her, he just had to do something-anything -and
"Anyway, about Bob..."
suddenly brought the conversation back
left Jay feeling
was certainly a thorn
the eye, "I think I really liked Bob
see the displeasure in his eyes,
before, while he could leave her drowning with envy if
finally time to let Jay have a taste
faintly then. "But
turn, he could tell that there was guilt in

she felt sorry toward Bob because she did not really
broke up because of what Bob's mom did, she never managed to repay Bob for all the things he
relationship was unfair from
in the truest sense of the term... I only loved one person in my life. But he was so far beyond my reach, I
had to keep telling myself that
Jay returned her gaze.

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Jay looked at Zoe in turn and said solemnly, "Me too. You're the only one I ever loved."

The love in his eyes was all too obvious.

"Then... Have you never loved anyone else before?"

It was not as if Zoe doubted Jay-in fact, she was dead sure that he loved her, at least now.

But was he really abstinent before too? Did he really only fall in love at this age?!

"Be it in the past or the present, the only one I love is-"

Jay was suddenly cut off by the resounding ring of his phone.

Zoe frowned.

perfect! Who could have such

things would get even more spicier than before tonight and was naturally a little

phone after hesitating for a moment-it was Ruby Jones, producer

they were in showbiz, so

Jones." Jay

still in the hospital right now, Mr.

"Yes, we are."

an accident to happen. I

to North City tomorrow if there are no further

accident like that anyway, not to mention that the production crew handled things the best they

"I see. Also..."

off, clearly

he got the idea. "Is

up then. "I wouldn't have told you so soon with regards to Zoe's health, but I have a feeling that the fallout in this case takes precedent... which is why

was obviously

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There were also videos and photos of Jay abroad receiving treatment, all of them evidence indicating Zoe was not with him at the time-that they were lying to everyone.

Naturally, they were flamed soon after the news was leaked.

[My god! Is this real?! Unbelievable... I shipped them so much, but it's all lies!]

[This is disgusting if it's true! They are treating us like idiots, deceiving us like this!]

[Well, what's their relationship, really? And who's the father?]

[I even heard that they are doing a variety show together, that they were being sweet. Is that all fake too?]

Both Jay and Zoe were scowling harder by the second as they scrolled through the radical comments.

you know better than I do, since I'm sure you know better than I

me." Jay remained calm

of screaming,

one has the right to pry in. However, the theme of our variety show is romance, and a relationship scandal will deal

silent, refraining

able to resolve the entire issue on your own, we'll be pleased to keep

would not rescind their spots as guests even

was a businesswoman, and like all business people,

that sense, truth did not

and should we be unable to resolve the entire issue, Zoe and I will relinquish our spots as guests to Journey of Love, as well as issue formal apologies and pay any required

was earnest, which improved Ruby's impression toward

you have my best wishes, Mr. Parker," she replied. "I can admit that I do see a market value in your marriage with Ms. York, but personally, your assurance does convince me that I can

for your

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‘Are you really not worried at all?’ Zoe asked Jay. ‘I mean, we really did lie to the public, and that’s going to stick! Our careers will suffer from this permanently...’

Zoe was seized with further panic the more she spoke, especially since she was the reason for all this.

If it was not to save her reputation. Jay would never have publicly announced their marriage.

And now, she was dragging him down with her.

She was fine with anything that came her way, but Jay would now suffer with her...

“Don’t worry. I can handle this,” Jay said, even giving her an assuring look just then.

“But...’

I’ll make some calls,

are you going to

“You’ll know soon enough.”

it

want

“The more you tell me

Jay said, patting her head. “Believe in your

her chest-the words ‘husband’ and ‘protect’ suddenly granted her

out of her ward and

and Bob was still

speaking, Jay’s expression turned cool and his tone icy. “I

knew what Jay was talking about, but

anyone treated you harshly ever since you were brought back to Levine

Cora remained silent.

Chapter 1030

Cora was biting her lip.

Yes, she was the one who leaked the news.

To be precise, she had asked her mother to do it.

She had lost her head when she returned to her ward and texted her mother endlessly, saying things like Zoe had stolen twenty years of her life and was now messing around with Bob. She insisted that Zoe was intent on messing with her and had every intention to make her life miserable!

For Nancy's part, she already owed Cora a lot, and Zoe was the symbol of her humiliation. In fact, she already had trouble abiding with Zoe's presence before, but she never made a move as she was worried about provoking Jay.

But once Cora ranted to her over the phone, all hell broke loose.

It took just ten minutes for the bombshell about Jay and Zoe's marriage to reach news headlines.

Be that as it may, Cora was now afraid after causing such a huge mess.

In fact, she had no idea why she was scared of Jay, but she always had been cowed by him.

or perhaps she actually knew where Jay's strength lies, she earnestly admired about?"

could get jealous,

he believed it was understandable for Cora to feel inferior and insecure. After all, she was only brought back to Levine Manor when she was past

his mind that Cora would actually do

have the time for him, and he continued to snap at Cora. "I don't know if I can still forgive you and your mother now, and this is way beyond the limits of my tolerance. You two can do whatever you want now,

those words, he turned

not actually come to throw a fit, nor did he come to demand that they rescind the leak-no one

he was neither showing weakness at all nor asking for their

anything, all he came to do was to tell

Cora started to panic and quickly called Nancy after Jay left, on the verge of tears even as she told her, "Mom! Uncle Jay just came and told me he's never

that's what

raised in Levine Manor as a child. "If he doesn't care about his own family, I have no reason to

I'm only in showbiz thanks to Uncle

showbiz at worst. We have all the money to last you

it's my ambition to be a performer,