

## Life Debt 1031

### Chapter 1031

Bob was apoplectic. "Yes, she stole twenty years of your life, but have you considered that you did the same to her too?! And she never hated you for it!"

"So what?!" Cora retorted. "She enjoyed all the luxuries of Levine Manor and had the best education, while I suffered out there! What right does she have to hate me?!"

"You like to think so, don't you?" Bob snapped, arguing furiously and not caring about humiliating Cora just then. "It's exactly as you put it-she enjoyed all those luxuries in life and would still be the heiress of the Levine family if you never showed up. She would still be high-and-mighty, enjoying life without a care, but because you showed up, she lost everything from her wealth to her family! Ask your conscience, wouldn't you feel hate if you were in her shoes?!"

"You're still my fiance, Bob!" Cora cried hysterically. "How could you say such things to me?! I'm the one who suffered-why are you still siding with Zoe?!"

"From where I'm standing, you never suffered. No—you're demanding a mile now that you had an inch."

Bob was done with pretending then-he would never forgive Cora for what she had done today. "That's my fault?!" Cora snapped, continuing to argue for herself regardless. "Have you considered that Zoe would never have appeared in your life if she never stole my place?! You'd never have fallen for her, let alone argue for her!"

"No," Bob growled coolly. "I would never have been with you if not for Zoe."

Cora was left gaping at Bob in disbelief.

"What are you talking about?!"

only agreed to date you to protect Zoe," Bob said, coming clean right then. "I did it so that right then, suddenly unable to recognize

continued with icy indifference. "You can lash out at me and hate me, but you soon! How could you break up with me

Cora was absolutely overwhelmed.

she did was give in to her indignation once and lash out at Zoe, and everyone was immediately were all

back at Zoe, and when Zoe was clearly

Bob snorted. "Anything that

Cora bellowed. "Why did you toy with my feelings if you never loved me?! Why did

so come after me-I can take anything you dish out," Bob growled slowly but

shrieked, her emotions already spiraling beyond control

retaliate with equal

began to shed pearl-sized

worked so hard to improve herself and earn

Why would

was when she watched Bob spring to his feet and head out of her ward, and she promptly called out to him in

there's no reason for me to stay in the same room with

### **Chapter 1032**

Cora could not accept reality at all and was still yelling after Bob maniacally to justify herself. "I never did anything wrong! Zoe owes me that much! But now, every single one of you is hurting me!"

Yes.

She was not at fault.

They were all at fault!

Even so, Bob seemed not to hear her hysterics and left without looking back.

Cora bit her lip.

No.

She had no regrets!

regret what

to a quiet corner in the hospital,

to Jay and waited in

half an hour, Jay finally hung up and

the men traded glances, Bob spoke first. "Sorry. I was

shook a head-this was not Bob's

who never once relinquished the darkness plaguing her

everything he had done for her, but

Don't worry, I can handle this. Zoe won't suffer for it,"

smiled, a

a cigarette, who took it after some hesitation, and they headed to the smoking

smoke swirled. Bob said

his cigarette and said, "I mean, I'm hoping that you could keep Zoe safe from grief and resolve any crisis she faced instantly. On the other hand, I was also hoping you're not that all- powerful, so that I have reason to go up to Zoe to snap at your incompetence

### **Chapter 1033**

Jay returned to Zoe's ward, where she kept browsing through the news.

She would be lying if she was not upset, though it surprised her that she was even more upset seeing the comments flame Jay more than they flamed her.

As such. Jay found her cheeks flushed crimson as soon as she entered, looking like she was ready to fight someone at any moment.

He could not help chuckling just then, though Zoe noticed him just then.

She was speechless to see him smiling and looking so good at that. "How could you still smile now, Jay?! The ground is shrinking beneath our feet!"

"I'd still have enough money to last both of us." Jay grinned adoringly.

"So, you don't have a solution?" Zoe stared at him just then, feeling very much hysterical.

Did she want money?

Yes, she certainly did.

that, she wanted both

endlessly greedy

a press conference scheduled for 2 PM tomorrow, though I don't know what might come of it." Jay told her about his

we going to say? Apologize? Don't we have to prepare our scripts? Do we have one? Should I cry?" Zoe asked in

simply smiled in amusement. "No, you don't have to do anything. Just

speechless. "Shouldn't I be acting miserable

you don't," Jay said slowly and definitively. "You just have to be yourself when you're with me. There's heart skipped

about, and she clearly did not want everything

like an oath, and she felt moved right

like she could walk with him

day, Zoe was discharged after

stepped out of the entrance  
too, and Nancy was with her instead  
of the encounter, Nancy began,  
Zoe along as he limped off on his cane

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Zoe turned to look at Jay to see the nonchalant look on his face and could not help asking, "You're really not afraid that Nancy is upset, are you?"

Jay turned to look at her. "Are you?"

Zoe shook her head and said flatly, "I used to care before, but I think I'm over it now."

"So why should I be afraid?" Jay asked her with a smile.

The way he put it... it was as if he would worry if she did and would not if she did not.

But had he not been reliant on the Levines for years?

Even if the Levines were no longer involved in commerce, their wealth and estate was immeasurable, and no one would challenge them for no reason. Naturally, Jay had gathered enough influence to himself by now, so the Levines could not do anything to him.

Zoe just did not peg Jay for being such an ingrate.

"Don't worry over nothing," Jay said then, patting her head. "I never owed the Levines."

her mind as usual, though Zoe was pursing

not want Jay to ignore his conscience for her sake or be condemned as an ingrate, since the Levines had been good to

had returned to North City by 11 AM, and Jay even brought in a makeup artist

had no idea what she was up to-would everyone not be further

reject it, since Jay might

way, she trusted him unconditionally, and at worst, they would both be flamed-her heart was

and Zoe appeared punctually at the venue of the press

their exuberant appearance, left most

was being streamed live on the internet as

a frenzy to see

getting canceled, but they are still dressing up like that?! Do they feel no

matter what they

I've been having trouble eating and sleeping because their ship might sink, but they're acting like it doesn't hurt them! It's

they say, I'm not

romance variety show. I'll say it outrightboycott it if

they are

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Jay's eyes were obviously leveled at the journalists before them, but he also reached out to her right then and gave her hand a squeeze.

His hand was so obviously warm, and Zoe suddenly relaxed considerably in an instant-not because Jay offered her a sense of security, or that she was convinced Jay could handle this perfectly, but she just felt that she could take it, however things would turn out.

As long as Jay was at her side, even an apocalypse did not seem that serious.

Well, she did not even mind admitting now that she had fallen in love with Jay again, to the point that she lost her sense of self.

He had hurt her so grievously, and she swore never to love him again.

he changed, all her defenses

If the day came when he suddenly stopped loving her,

care less-she wanted to

at that very moment, a

into a smile, and he slowly said, "If everyone can settle down for a

those words, the

to issue a direct response regarding a recent leak. We will answer all questions concerned, but before that, I must

his words-even the overexcited journalists had to stop themselves from saying what was on the tip of their tongue and wait forthem

deeply and said, "The information of the

the journalists were

were recently married. I will admit to deceiving the public in this because I wanted to protect Zoe... or, to be precise, this was the only

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Zoe looked at Jay in turn, her heart racing for some reason.

She began to tense up, as she suddenly had this feeling that Jay had been hiding a lot from her.

She just had no idea what it was...

Jay turned back toward the journalists then.

They had been getting restless again a moment ago but were once again tame like a puppy, even keeping their breaths silent as if worried that Jay would stop talking if they disturbed him.

He certainly had everyone on tenterhooks, but the man himself remained calm and unhurried.

He said, "As everyone would be aware, I was adopted into the Levine family by Alan Levine. However, the truth is..."

Jay gulped.

only Alan and his biological mother knew, but he eventually found

John found out later as

now, the entire nation would as

voice remained even. "I am

"What?!"

the journalists present exclaimed in shock, while Zoe was obviously stunned as

disbelief-it never crossed her mind that Jay was

always presumed that Jay tiptoed around everyone in the Levine family because he was adopted. She just did not expect Jay to be Alan's own son while she

suddenly remembered how she always mocked Jay for being

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years, and it's unnecessary at this point! Don't worry, I'm not trying to drown out my own scandal with this secret-however, this secret is the reason

down again,

one could uncover from Levine Manor are legendary. I always thought myself adopted, while Zoe was Alan's granddaughter, related by blood. The

said that-fate was not

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The journalists were left in an uproar again-no one could resist discussing the bombshells Jay was dropping!

"My goodness... I thought it's already shocking that Jay is Alan Levine's illegitimate son... but Zoe used to be the Levines' heiress too?!"

"Why wasn't there anyone who told us about Zoe's identity before?"

“Now that Jay has mentioned it, it was weird how Zoe seemed to disappear into thin air back then. How could someone vanish from showbiz so completely? Was it really revenge from the Levines?!”

“I remember an article mentioning Zoe’s appearance in front of Levine Manor, but no one seemed to care because Jay announced that he was dating Mandy Jessop soon after...”

used to date Mandy Jessop... I’m

This has to be the greatest bombshell in showbiz,

were all eagerly and noisily discussing the piece of news, since there were just so many questions. Even they would lose their minds if Jay did not

again, although some of

explain everything,” Jay said, and the room was instantly

I had fallen in love with each other a long while

her cheeks were a fair pink in contrast to her bright skin-she looked just like a porcelain doll, and I thought she was as dazzling as the stars above when she smiled at me. I’d just lost my mother at the time, but I found warmth from her and suddenly decided I could stay in Levine Manor even if it was filled with strangers. That was why I worked hard to please the Levines even though I was clumsy about it, because I feared the day they would get upset with me

as I spent more time with the Levines, I only got the growing sense that they were all extraordinary

was the smartest boy I’d ever met, and even his friends like Sam Saunders and Bob Davis were sharp and confident for their age. I certainly felt like they eclipsed me, and the inferiority complex deep inside me always flared whenever I watched them play with Zoe. That’s why I worked even harder to do better for the family while improving myself, intent on becoming as successful as they were so I could play with Zoe

any expense on my education, even respecting my opinions. One day, I inadvertently overheard Zoe stating her ambitions to be a

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Zoe felt as if her heart was stabbed just then too.

She had always been convinced that Jay never loved her, that Jay was only being nice to her to win points with the Levines so that he could continue to live with them in wealth and glamor.

She never thought that Jay’s obedience came from his desire to stay with her, even though he was always so withdrawn and aloof.

Naturally, she had even less reason to expect that Jay had been rejecting her because he believed they were biologically related.

And he never told her... because he was worried it would hurt her?

because she would rather hate him than

and lacking in status to marry her. That's why I had been sneaking off with his genetic material to perform paternity tests, doing one after another until

felt a pang of aching over her chest as she imagined Jay going to the DNA papers, hiding in a

then was complain and

that we were blood related, because I myself took it so hard it almost destroyed

so all I told her was that I never loved her-that I was just being nice to her to earn the family's favor,

I did

fear that she would lose control and start bawling in front of

'Jay Parker, you fool.'

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Jay continued, "That is why Zoe never revealed that she was a Levine no matter what trouble she got into over the years while being in showbiz. It was agreed that she would give up on her showbiz career if her identity was ever exposed... Therefore, when a paparazzi took photos of me with her in front of Levine Manor, drawing speculation of a potential affair, I publicly announced a relationship with Mandy Jessop so that Zoe's showbiz career was kept from harm-so that Zoe did not have to forfeit her career she had so much passion for."

Zoe turned towards Jay in shock again, just like the rest of the journalists.

So Jay dated Mandy back then... for Zoe?

No.

sure now that everything Jay did, he did it for

be not Nancy Levine's daughter, which also meant we were not blood-related. I had to admit that I was overjoyed when I found out about that, more than any sadness I had for her situation. I thought it was a gesture of benevolence from destiny itself,

was left infuriated with the truth about Zoe and went all out to destroy her in every way. Naturally, I didn't fear anything Nancy would do to Zoe or what the Levines would do to me if I chose to side with Zoe. Even so, I wanted to

quietly listened to his story, her heart aching persistently

that he never loved her when he was going so

realized that he would have kept everything to himself and never said a word about it, even after all the pain he was put through, if not for the sudden

case, she would never have found out

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Jay then continued, "Somehow, destiny granted me yet another boon-the fine gentleman was forced to break up with Zoe because of family reasons ... or perhaps it would be more accurate to say Zoe did not want him to be caught in a difficult situation, which would lead to him being disowned like she was. She decided to break up with him and used the excuse that she wasn't over me. I was certainly honored that I could be her love even for one night, to put up an act with her, so that the gentleman believed that we got back together.

"After the man left, Zoe offered her body to me as reward... though it would be more accurate to say that she just didn't want to owe me."

Jay blinked just then as if to recall the bliss of that night. "I could tell that she was not actually willing, that she wanted to do it just to strengthen her resolve to leave the gentleman. Even so, that was the happiest night of my life.

' However, I had to leave before daybreak the next morning for a film, and Zoe was still sound asleep when I left. I couldn't bear waking her, so I left her a note to tell her to wait for me. My intention was to propose when I was done with work that day, and I would have refused to let go even if she refused- even if she did not love me anymore. I had my assistant buy a ring fit for her finger and a surprise proposal... But I was rushing on my way back from the film set and met with an accident. I almost did not survive at the time when my car slid off a cliff."

tears were welling

him that day,

believed that she did not love Jay that

heart was now numbed

her so much that he almost died trying to propose to her, she would not have

that she no longer loved Jay, even if she probably would not hold out much hope for

in worse cases, she thought she