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All of them stared at Zoey intently as suspense filled the air. Just when Meredith was about to comment, Fred cut her off. "Let her speak for herself." When she saw that everyone's attention was focused on her, Zoey took a deep breath and exclaimed, "No! I'm unwilling to do so." Turning to Landyn, Zoey apologized. "Landyn, I'm sorry to have disappointed you. But Levi is the one I love." "If you were unwilling, why did you come?" someone yelled. "The Black family forced Ms. Lopez to do so," Sylas explained. Boom! Meredith and Robert closed their eyes in despair. It's over! It's truly over. The Gates family was a lot more powerful than the Caesar family.

Just a word from Kurt alone could close all doors on the Black family, destroying

The atmosphere became silent as everyone awaited the incoming storm.

Finally, Fred exclaimed, "You're unwilling? Just like that?"

them as a result.

Immediately, he changed the subject. Lowering his voice, he growled, "Tell me then, what should the Gates family do now?"

"We have publicized the engagement banquet throughout South City and South Hampton. Even now, there are tons of people outside. Tell me, how is the Gates family going to walk away from this without being humiliated?"

The other members of the Gates family joined in and yelled, "Tell us! Give us an answer!"

"I..." Zoey was stupefied by the amount of pressure being piled onto her.

She did consider the possibility of the current scenario occurring but didn't have a solution for it.

Landyn sneered, "Zoey, what a shame that I wasted my feelings on you. This is how you repay me?"

"If you disagree, why didn't you say so earlier? Why must you wait until now to regret your decision?"

"Your ex-husband barged in on my engagement banquet, embraced you, and called you his wife. If this gets out, how am I to face the world? Do you know how humiliated I'll be? And what about the disgrace this will bring to the Gates family?"

"You owe me an explanation. Or else, don't blame me for being cruel. Despite my good nature, I'm willing to do anything to protect my family's honor."

Amidst Landyn's barrage of questions, Meredith's heart sank to its lowest depths when she saw how furious the Gates family were.

In the face of the Gates family's questions, Zoey was at a loss.

"You want an answer? Hahaha." Levi burst out in sudden laughter.

"What are you laughing at?"

Landyn felt insulted by Levi's response.

"What am I laughing at? The reason you wanted to marry Zoey is just to complete your charade. Your Grandpa, Kurt, is dying. The only reason you're marrying Zoey is because a fortune-teller said so," Levi replied coldly.

"Nonsense! There's no such thing," Landyn bellowed as Levi exposed his hypocrisy.

"I really love Zoey. Therefore, I never married because I was waiting for her. When I heard she got divorced, I went to see her immediately. Can you tell me how many men can do what I did?" Landyn roared.

"That's right, Landyn is very loyal when it comes to love. It's surprising someone of his status is willing to marry a divorcee."

"Mr. Gates is such a good man!"

The crowd began to praise him.

However, Levi sneered, "Landyn, all these years, you have philandered with at least seven to eight hundred women if not in the thousands. Putting that aside, just on the third of last month, you even slept with a high school girl. While on the seventh, you forced yourself onto a married woman..."

"You b*stard! Kill him!" Landyn roared furiously.

It was obvious Levi had found Landyn's weakness.