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A Life Debt Repaid

The former top heiress of North City was getting married, despite her reputation that was left in tatters for her alleged debauchery.

Chapter 1

Naturally, high society was left in an uproar once word got out.

Cordy Sachs, who was dressed in a Franconia designer wedding dress, was looking at the reflection of her dazzling, beautiful face in the mirror.

After dating Kyle Wickham for three years, they were finally tying the knot—he still loved her even though everyone was trying to put her down.

Smiling expectantly with tears welling in her eyes, she reared her chin slightly as she lifted her skirt and started toward the door... only for rolling wisps of smoke to seep through the slit around the door, creeping into the washroom impatiently as if looking for an outlet.

A fire?!

Cordy's face fell. Pinching her nose as she stepped outside, she found the banquet hall that had been exceedingly lively a second ago now empty.

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It was Cordy's fiance, Kyle Jessop.

Kyle, however, ignored her as he looked around anxiously.

voice, at once tender and aggrieved. "I was so afraid..."

She did not hesitate to head toward the location of the exit in her memory, but she would be lying if she said she was not afraid of the rolling smoke and the blinding flames.

There was only the thick smoke and fire that seemed bent on consuming everything.

That was when a man suddenly charged inside the hall.

Then, pausing for a moment as if finding his target, he did not hesitate to run in the opposite direction from Cordy, even though every second counted.

Then, as Cordy looked on, he picked up another woman who had been caught within the hall

Seemingly seeing salvation, she cried out as she coughed and spluttered, "Kyle, I'm here..."

like Cordy and hurried outside.

"I knew you would come for me, Kyle..." Cordy could clearly hear the woman's enfeebled

And Kyle would put everything on the line to save Noel, but not her!

over her chest.

The voice belonged to her stepsister, Noel Sachs.

Cordy abruptly felt as if she was bludgeoned, her vision blacking out as she felt a dull pain

Her heart was in pieces as if sliced through by a razor blade, and it was a suffocation more lethal than the smoke around her!

Even as she was rendered speechless, the glass chandelier overhead suddenly came crashing

Clang!

It landed in front of Cordy, cutting off her escape even as she dropped to the floor, her soul

Kyle turned around just then and saw Cordy falling behind him—but he never stopped.

When Cordy looked up again, he had already dashed out of the hall without a care with the

She was on the verge of death, but she could still clearly hear him tenderly assuring Noel,

'I'm here now...'

Cordy blinked even as violent heat surrounded her but she felt utterly cold inside.

She could only watch as that familiar figure slowly disappeared from sight.

Cordy managed to survive—amid her despair, the firefighters arrived just in time and rescued her.

However, she had inhaled too much smoke and suffered blunt trauma on her right leg—she

was unconscious when they got her out, and they rushed her to the hospital right after.

a ray of sunshine landed on her pale, frail cheeks and her long, thick eyelashes.

to find her father, stepmother, and Noel in the room already.

Cordy laughed despite her fury and she asked Simon, "Why?"

Cordy's questionable past went as far as she was eighteen.

in the bed of a man she did not recognize.

seven years.

around!"

It was not until the next morning that she woke up.

eyes from them.

Sachs, snapped right then.

your engagement with Kyle."

down!

seemingly displaced.

other woman in his arms.

"It's alright. I'm here now."

She was looking coolly out at the blue sky and the clouds above. Her calm visage showed no emotion, and she was so still she could well still be unconscious.

There was a gentle breeze in the air—it was a beautiful early summer day in North City and

"Are you alright, Cordy?" Noel asked tearfully.

All Cordy could think about right then was the sight of Kyle saving Noel. She averted her

"You're always so rude! Don't you see that your sister cares about you?" her father, Simon

She did not realize that someone had suddenly opened the door to her ward, and she turned

talk. Sue quickly told him, "Simon, Cordy is just a child. We have more important matters anyway."

probably know by now, but Noel's the one Kyle actually loves, and it's a lucky coincidence

that the wedding was disrupted. So give them your blessing and announce the annulment of

Simon did not want to waste his breath with Cordy either, and said right away, "You

On the other hand, Cordy's stepmother, Sue Yorkman, could see that Cordy did not want to

our family's name through the mud when you had a child out of wedlock! All of North City knows that, and did you really think the Jessops would accept someone with such a questionable past? They are giving you a way out, so take it!"

Noel had tricked Cordy to show up at a bar, where she was drugged and ended up waking up

"Because they love each other," Simon said with utter conviction. "You'd already dragged

young to understand contraceptives. In fact, she was already five months pregnant before she realized what was happening, and Noel had sent the paparazzi after her when she tried to get to the abortion despite her pain.

Things went from bad to worse when the doctor told her that she could not get an abortion

for health reasons, and she therefore kept the child. She eventually came to accept it, only for

ruthlessly sent her abroad, leaving her to her own devices and without a word of concern for

In fact, he never asked after her although she just escaped death, but he was already telling

it to come out stillborn... but in her anguish, when she needed comfort the most, Simon

That was how Cordy ended up being the biggest laughing stock of North City.

She was so distraught she did not even look at the man before running away, and she was too

How cold could a father be that he could tell her something so cruel, to rip open her old scars and draw blood?

"I guess being a mistress runs in the family," Cordy said with a sneer. "Drag the family's name through the mud? You already did when you married your mistress while my mother's body was still warm, and the child you had with her is somehow just half a year younger

than me. No one else would dare claim the throne of infamy in this city when you're

"Don't make me send you abroad again, Cordy Sachs!" he barked before turning to leave, with Noel and Sue naturally hurrying off after him.

However, Cordy scoffed at Simon's threat—did he think she was still her old self from seven years ago, allowing him to do anything he wanted with her?

stubbornness and unreasonable nature was ingrained in her very bones, and if they really

Not in the mood to continue arguing with her so-called family, Cordy snapped, "If the Jessops really refuse to have me, have Kyle himself tell me himself! You have no reason to be here, so leave before I call the cops! What more do I have to get embarrassed about, right?"

Simon knew very well that Cordy was just delicate on the surface like her mother. Her

On the other hand, Noel and Sue were humiliated by her contempt.

"Cordy..." Simon growled, infuriated.

upset her, no one was going to stop her!

her to give up on Kyle because of his precious Noel?!

She would not allow anyone to walk over her and her life from now on!

"Mommy?"

A small, crisp voice brought Cordy to her senses just then...