## Chapter 10 "Reserved?" Noel exclaimed in shock. "It's only 6 PM! Has there been a mistake there?"

"There isn't. I'm afraid I would have to ask you to leave."

"Why? We haven't finished our food!" Mandy snapped—ever self-important, this naturally

left her furious. "There's no reason in particular. You're just not welcome in this premises."

"Don't you know who I am?!"

"No, I don't," the waiter replied plainly.

"You don't know who Mandy is? She's a top star and the heiress to Jessop Ventures." Noel name-dropped beside them.

"Oh," the waiter said, but he remained cold as ever. "This way please, Ms. Jessop."

Mandy and Noel were both left gritting their teeth in rage, but just as they got to their feet to

leave, they suddenly saw Cordy sitting at the next table.

Despite her pride, Mandy was instantly bewitched by John's sheer beauty.

What was she doing there?! They soon noticed the man and child with Cordy as well.

She was left wondering when someone that handsome existed in North City—not even the top stars in showbiz could match him!

Noel came to her senses then and called out, "Sis?"

Cordy simply ignored her. Noel turned to John then. She was likewise bewitched, but also jealous that Cordy could get

Not even Kyle was anywhere near that good-looking!

Aggrieved, she then remembered something at the next second and quickly said, "That's the firefighter you fell for, right?!"

himself such a beautiful man.

continued to mock Cordy.

nothing to me!"

Noel was cowed too.

recover.

was an idiot.

Beside her, Mandy was immediately disappointed. It was not surprising that she had never met him before—he was completely beneath them.

Turning toward Richard then, Noel continued, "That's his son, right? You just broke up with

Kyle and you're already got yourself a man on the rebound... Or could it be that you want to

Richard furrowed his little brows hostilely at Noel, who was pretending to be kind as she

get back at Kyle? Please, you shouldn't be mean to yourself, getting a man with a kid!"

She leveled an icy glare at Noel, but she did not actually want to retort.

the backup lover. "Also, you actually brought him here? It costs several grand to eat here at any time, you know!" Cordy suddenly sprang to her feet.

She was intent on driving a wedge between John and Cordy by telling him that he was just

Cordy turned to Mandy and the latter met her gaze without flinching. "That's what you are.

dumped you and you deserve to be with a man like him!"

"You b..." Noel's face turned pale from Cordy's retort.

child too!

Mandy was left biting her lip, afraid to say what was on her mind.

That was when Mandy coolly butted in, "Oh, you're just being sour grapes!"

skipping a beat right then.

affecting our relationship, I shall make them suffer. This is not a statement—it's a threat!"

Once they did, Mandy snapped, "Why aren't they leaving?!"

Why were they the only ones who had to leave?

"Because it's just the two of you who need to leave."

Incensed, Mandy bellowed, "I am the fiance of John Levine, CEO of Levine Ventures! How dare you chase me out?!"

However, the waiter simply replied coolly, "I'm going to have to call security if you insist on staying."

As such, she had to leave with Noel, albeit furiously.

Pursing her lips, Cordy slowly said, "Thank you."

John smiled vaguely and quietly said, "I guess."

have to try this parfait, Mommy. It's great!"

Mandy was left bristling.

the table.

away.

it up too.

"Yeah."

his steak with elegance.

"Now buzz off!" Mandy demanded.

traded it for his steak. "Thanks, Mommy." Richard happily got to his little feet and gave her a peck on the cheek.

Cordy did a double take until she saw John swapping his steak with hers—he had already cut

Seeing that Richard was not good with a knife, Cordy cut her steak into tiny pieces and

would believe that John was a mere firefighter? "Like Dicky did," John added just then.

Cordy actually was confused right then. How poor were Kyle and Noel's judgment that they

"You could convey your gratitude with action," John said, his gaze lowered as he slowly cut

Unable to refuse him, Cordy leaned in to take a bite. "Isn't it sweet?"

Cordy would have liked to tell Richard to use another spoon, but she decided against it. After that, it would mean she and John shared an indirect kiss.

"It is." John pursed his lips, suddenly looking up at Cordy as he added, "It really is."

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She did not want to throw a fit—at least not in front of Richard—but she could not stand Noel's escalating behavior. Gently putting her hands over Richard's ears, she snapped coolly, "Word of advice: you

should cease that despicable behavior of yours. Do you really think that everyone is like you,

would I get sad or want payback for someone like him?! The instant I dumped him, he's

preferring second-hand goods like Kyle Jessop? He can't even keep it in his pants, so why

Everyone in North City knows what you're really like! I guess it is what it is... My brother

She glanced at John as she spoke—even if he was not from the dregs of society, he had a

Mandy had certainly given up on him. She would never sink so low to become the sugar mommy of a man like him! Nonetheless, John's eyes narrowed and he barked, "A man like me?!" His deep voice sent chills down the spine—both Noel and Mandy gasped, their hearts

When he was finished, he gave the waiter a look, who hurried toward them and told Mandy and Noel icily, "This way, please."

Noel and Mandy were still left petrified by John's outburst and it took them a long while to

"Whatever I am, it isn't up to you to criticize!" John continued darkly. "You want to know

what's between me and Cordy? Fine! I like her and I'm wooing her, so if there's anyone

The waiter was actually left stunned for an instant, but he was soon staring at her as if she

"It's alright, Mandy. Let's go," Noel pulled her along then—she did not want to make a scene, but she threw a jibe regardless. "We won't be coming again next time."

"There won't be a next time, I'm afraid. Both of you have been blacklisted."

paparazzi nearby. Just bear with it—we'll get back at them soon enough."

"You little...!" Mandy's face was flushed with rage.

Mandy was worried that someone watching would try to make a story out of this, which would in turn hurt her reputation.

Quietness returned to the restaurant once they were gone, and things were back to normal at

Seeing that Mandy was going to lose control, Noel quickly stopped her. "There might be

As John looked up, he saw the adoring smile on Cordy's face. She lowered her eyes again to cut her steak... only for a big hand to take her entire plate

Cordy certainly knew what he was getting at. She said, "I know. I cut Dicky's steak for him, and you did it for me. But it's just good manners."

After the main course, Richard happily proceeded to dessert, vehemently introducing, "You

Richard frowned—his daddy never usually ate anything sweet, but he tamely scooped a

While she pretended not to notice, Richard asked John after feeding him, "Isn't it sweet,

"Really?" John suddenly asked. He had been poring over his phone as if busy with something, and he chimed in when he

heard them, "Let me try it too."

spoonful and fed it to him.

Cordy felt her cheeks turning warm for some reason, having the feeling that John meant something else entirely.

Daddy?"