

## Repaid 81

### Chapter 81

Today was the scheduled photoshoot for Zoe York for her endorsement of Starstream Group's fashion line for the next season.

Cordy was at the studio early in the morning, personally helping Zoe with her wardrobe, hairdressing, and makeup.

This was the first product launch commercial for Cordy since she took over Starstream-it was important to both her and her company, so she would not drag her feet.

She had personally designed Zoe's dress according to the latter's measurements, and it was even more fitting than she imagined after Zoe put it on.

"I mean, I've seen your designs, but I'm still astonished at how great this looks once I put it on. This has to be the best casualwear I've ever put-the design is as perfect as it is unique." Zoe praised generously as she looked at her reflection in the mirror. "You have to give the designer a bonus.

Cordy smiled. "I'm honored."

"I'm just telling it as it is, Zoe said bluntly. "If Starstream Fashion still doesn't skyrocket in popularity with this level of design, I'm the one who's lacking sway, not the designs.

that Zoe's assurances gave her a peace of

of them were marketed and she did not have any idea how the market would react. Even so, Zoe

actress like her to carry such a steely determination in private. It was hard not

will be the new official endorser of Starstream Group," Cordy said. "We will also be uploading short highlights from

will

again found Zoe exceedingly affable

not mind her

John were... in a tit-for-tat

dedicated they ended the session two hours ahead of schedule, surprising Cordy yet again. She was actually ready for the photoshoot to last

'not feeling it', the photoshoots were dragged on for up

finalized photos and highlight clips will

sip from the bottle. "Are

"What?"

once I clean off my makeup and have a

you have other work?"

I took the day off since I

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Cordy spoke with much irony, "Kyle Jessop is really good at claiming others' achievements."

She had done so much for Jessop Corp, but all of it in the end was categorized as Kyle's work.

She did not hold it against him because they were in a relationship, but now, she found that it really was not worth it.

"How did you two end up breaking up? Don't tell me that fire burns away your feelings for each other..."

"He fell for my stepsister."

"Noel Sachs?" Zoe smirked. "That two-faced bitch."

"You can tell?"

with eyes can. Shame that four out of

This was only their second meeting, but there was this indescribable connection

to herself even as a

was as if being seen with

wondered if she had been too lonely abroad and hence fell in love with Kyle easily, even having complete faith

continued their conversation, they were

get drunk, she drank a lot since

it off.

before answering. "Yes, Vince?" "Ms. Sachs, I've sent the official documents, photos and video highlights of Ms. York's photoshoot to your phone. Please go through them, and if there's no issue, I'll forward it to PR and Ms. York's management company for confirmation. We're prepared to go public at 10:10 PM on all major

her phone before showing it to Zoe as well. "Check this out. It's the highlights and our official announcements we'll

spared it a few glances before saying, "It's good-I look

"I'll approve it, then."

"Sure."

Cordy texted Vince Cartman back

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Cordy took Zoe to her apartment.

Zoe certainly was the type who fell asleep easily, and she dozed off the instant they got into the car. Unable to wake Zoe up, Cordy had no idea where to take Zoe since she did not know where Zoe lived.

Arriving at the parking lot below her apartment, it took Cordy some strenuous effort to get Zoe out of the car, up the elevator, and into her house, where she finally put Zoe on her bed.

Cordy had always lived alone, so there was only one bed despite there being two rooms.

Zoe comfortably tossed around in Cordy's bed just then, sound asleep.

Cordy thought that she could just call in human traffickers to take Zoe away, and Zoe would be none the wiser.

Did Zoe just not care, or was she that trusting toward Cordy?

Taking a deep breath, Cordy made Zoe a glass of honey and put it on the nightstand while she took a bath.

Once she was done and stepped outside, she noticed that her phone screen was flashing since it was kept on silent.

answered it

Cordy?!" Kyle's scoffing came from the other end. "Signing up Zoe York to endorse Starstream Fashion? What, does it feel that good,

never felt luckier when our wedding was called off," Cordy simply retorted.

You got knocked up at eighteen

think yourself noble?" Cordy replied, not about to hold back against him. "Do you even consider how disgusting you were when you jumped into bed with Noel? You're literally nothing good, but still

kindness, it's

being nice. You're just jealous." Cordy exposed

I be

efforts to sign Zoe York as an endorser failed. You're just hurting

level of Jessop Corp! There's nothing to compare! And I don't care what you do over there, because you'll never reach our

further

was ashen after Cordy hung up

he was frustrated when he saw the official announcement of Starstream

the other hand, Jessop Corp had tried to court Zoe for

would be humiliated once word got

been feeling infuriated ever since he would eventually come when Cordy got her just deserts, and bedroom after the call with Kyle, Cordy was surprised to find that

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Zoe then added, "Your bed smells really nice."

Cordy smiled.

After that, Zoe took a bath and put on a pair of Cordy's pajamas, walking around and surveying Cordy's home. "There's only one room..."

"You can still change your mind," Cordy said as she made coffee at the bar.

As she usually slept very late, she did not feel drowsy since it was not midnight yet.

And Zoe no longer felt sleepy after waking up either.

"Change my mind for what?" Zoe giggled. "It's no loss for me."

Cordy suddenly stared at Zoe fixedly, and Zoe quickly came to her senses to explain, "Don't worry, I'm straight."

she brewed. "I prefer my coffee black. There are cubes over here if you don't

mine black

on the couch as Cordy turned

sugar

channel, which was broadcasting a reality show

fan of mine!"

Cordy would only watch such programs to

would not say

kept watching the show until it was rather late, and Zoe's phone

took a look but did

and she quickly answered

seemed to glance at her just then, but soon

asking, "I heard Zoe had a

"Are you looking for her? She's

as if for

a little drunk, so she asked to stay

Chapter 85

Cordy asked, "Do you have a problem with Director Parker?"

"No," Zoe replied nonchalantly.

Even so, Cordy thought that things were weird between Zoe and Jay.

For one, why would Zoe refuse to take his call?

Reasonably speaking, one would feel bad if they did not answer a director's call, would they not?

Or maybe Zoe was more important than the project?

After all, she heard that the TV series was just slightly above B-list, but not actually A-list.

And with Zoe's current status in showbiz, she could get S-list scripts whenever she wanted.

But while Zoe could throw her weight around, she did not look like the type who would do that. "I'm sleepy." Zoe yawned just then. "I'm going to bed."

"Okay."

Cordy certainly would not pry into the private affairs of others, not to mention that she and Zoe were not that close.

But somehow, they were sharing a bed already.

morning, Cordy made a simple breakfast

from the bedroom, she yawned after spotting the food on

was certainly not shy about it at all, while Cordy wondered if she was

you were eating a lot last

why I have to go on a diet

bad

know. My assistant will bring me boiled eggs and low-fat milk. I'll

already?"

to be late yesterday.

Cordy frowned.

not answer his call

at Cordy then, even flashing her a wink. "I'll

nice for your wedding."

Who was she marrying

Group had left both

them would ever have imagined that Zoe would collaborate with a mediocre enterprise like

so surprising that it topped trending searches, rapidly hyping

was left scowling in

Cordy intended-to use the

so what if it

line would never sell anyway, and the hype would only be

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Mandy did not care who the director was, but she was more or less upset after Jay cold-shouldered her back at Alan Levine's birthday party.

After a long while, Jay finally showed up on set and the shooting began after a short exchange.

"Action!"

Jay sat in front of the camera, but a frown soon appeared on his face.

"Cut!" He snapped.

Suddenly told to stop, Mandy scowled immediately.

"What's wrong, Director?" the assistant director quickly asked.

"She's looking the wrong way and her position is awkward. She carries no presence in the camera either, and her appearance as well as her costume won't do," Jay said. "The final outcome won't have any of its intended effect."

Mandy scowled even harder from his words-no one had ever dared talk to her like that because of her family background!

"Prop team, adjust her appearance. I don't want your run-of-the-mill web celebrity cheap aesthetic. As for the actors and actresses, study the script again to understand it further," Jay finished bluntly. "I'll be returning to the other set. I'll be back soon."

leave, however, Mandy charged at

been criticized so much in her

you have so much to say about my performance,

actor," Jay said bluntly. "And while I can certainly demonstrate

ones,

wobbled and slammed into a

after just

“Watch out!”

Mandy was left petrified and watching as the steel pipes plummeted straight

at the very last moment, Jay suddenly lunged forward, knocking her to the floor and

signed an endorsement deal with Starstream Group had left both the showbiz and commerce worlds in

Zoe would collaborate with a

that it topped trending searches,

Kyle was left scowling in his

this what Cordy intended to use the unprecedented situation to increase click-through

so what if it

anyway, and the hype would only be

would all prove to be a waste of time,

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John had been constantly texting Cordy before he got discharged.

While he did not ask her to visit him before he left the hospital, he was talking about everything else.

That includes asking if she was busy, as well as offhandedly and casually mentioning that he could get discharged since the doctors told him that he was recovering well.

He was really doing everything he could just to get her here to see him.

Still, his efforts were not wasted on Cordy as she actually came to the hospital early in the morning.

Randy Martin was busy with paperwork, packing up and everything else.

On the other hand, John had changed out of his patient garb into a casual light blue shirt, with slim-cut outdoor pants beneath. It was less prim and formal than his usual suit and tie, but it painted him with a carefree elegance while retaining his usual good looks.

But as he sat on the couch, still as a pond, he was glowering....

That was, until Cordy's arrival.

was certainly rejoicing over her graciousness—he absolutely had no idea what abuse was in store for

she appeared, his boss' frosty expression was suddenly as warm as

done packing?”

in the parking

slightly, but was

Cordy frowned.

a clean bill of health? Why was he not getting

John up, but Randy was tactful enough

she having a laugh? He would be dead if

had no choice but to help John to his feet,

heavy as an

all the way to his Maybach,

forced to clear the air when he

Was he unable to woo

just signed on Zoe

right,” Cordy nodded, though she seemed to be glancing at

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Cordy felt this emotion inside that she could not quite describe but she ignored it.

Soon, they arrived at Chateau Emporio, but before she could speak, John told her, “Dicky’s waiting for you inside.”

And with that, she stopped herself from saying what she would have, just as Winston arrived, greeting them respectfully, “Welcome home, Master John-and welcome, Ms. Levine.”

So aside from Richard, Winston was here too?!

Did that mean John sent Winston away the last time she came over?

“Mommy!”

A little figure dashed out of the chateau and threw himself into Cordy’s arms right then. “Mommy,

I missed you so much... but Daddy wouldn’t let me see you at the hospital!”

was obviously

was hurt, so he had to stay at the hospital. He would’ve had to take care

Richard said sharply just then. “Daddy’s just worried that I’d have Mommy all to myself. He

not help smiling then-the term ‘sharing’ might

on this

John growled, glowering

threat and instead tamely took out a pair of pink slippers and placed them on the floor. “Why don’t you try them, mommy? Daddy and I spent a lot of time

her heart  
went out of their way to prepare those slippers for  
John had to buy his own slippers the  
the slippers, finding them soft and comfortable and the size perfect. "It's so  
hurry-I'll take you on a tour around our place. It's so big and beautiful," Richard said  
if his little heart could take it  
that you just  
nodded, though she seemed to be glancing at John as she

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Cordy glanced at John.  
She had much to say, but was reluctant to say it in front of Richard.  
As for Richard, he did not dare to ask more questions under John's watchful eye.  
Still, Cordy stayed there for lunch and coaxed Richard into taking a nap before leaving.  
John rode home with her at the backseat, with Hendy driving.  
The car was quiet until Cordy spoke. "John."  
"Yeah." He turned toward her.  
said. "But I'm not a loose  
said nothing, but he  
nor her might be at fault too -but it's against my principles. I'll be fine if we  
just happened to stop below Cordy's apartment block just then and she opened the door, striding away  
right then and leaving John looking  
toward Hendy. "What  
a moment as he tensed up-he was too old to understand the young  
judging from what Cordy was  
you're too fickle, sir?" Hendy  
I, now?" John asked,  
you're so handsome that the ladies might feel  
John was speechless.  
words, everything was his

Whether he kissed her...

## Chapter 90

Vince Cartman arrived with a document just then. "Ms. Sachs? The sales report for the first wave is here."

"Show it to me," Cordy said calmly..

Even as he passed it to her, Vince was reporting excitedly. "It's far beyond what we predicted- sales began at 10 AM sharp today, and the more popular designs were sold out in seconds. Sales of the other designs also rose over thirty percent from our forecast, and counting. The numbers from physical stores are still pending, but the feedback nationwide is that they are selling like hotcakes, and they are too busy to count. Even the supplies are barely meeting the demand." Cordy could not resist smiling at that, even as Vince took out an iPad and tapped on the photo gallery. "Humphrey Wickers-our director of sales-has just arrived at the biggest mall in the city for an on-site survey, and here are the photos of our retail stores. Retail stores of other brands on the same floor are basically empty, though it's the same story for retail stores on other floors anyway."

One certainly had to admit now that Starstream Fashion made a bang!

It was not just Starstream Group who were surprised but this level of success-their rivals certainly did not expect it either.

In his office, Kyle slammed the documents he was holding on his desk.

Never did it cross his mind that Cordy would really propel Starstream Fashion to such immense popularity, while Jessop Corps' own products for their season barely reached a third of Starstream Fashion's sales figures! It was an unacceptable humiliation for North City's top local fashion company who had a monopoly over the business!

his laptop abruptly, Kyle restrained his rage as

been too focused on Zoe to notice the designs. It had been years since Starstream produced anything noteworthy, and there was no way Cordy could have moved heaven and earth

laid eyes on the

the standard of Strastream's autumn collection far eclipsed anything Jessop Corp's best designers could come

promptly unleashed his

must keep an eye on our competition even when we focus on our own business?! Or did none of you felt

weren't any new recruits at Starstream!" the director of design quickly replied. "Ms. Noel Sachs was the one who came up with the designs for the autumn collection as well. Our source is also verified since it's Hank Rogers, who was an important figure at the company even though he left Starstream now. I mean, Cordy herself even rewarded Noel with a huge bonus

expression darkened further at the

designed those? Did she even

barked at his subordinates, and

they were gone, Kyle called Noel, shouting at her the instant she answered, "What are you thinking, Noel?! Don't you understand how badly

aggrieved at the

produced the design templates for the autumn collection, but she did not expect Cordy to be

expected Cordy's promotional