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Cordy had thought that she would see John again sooner or later, but she did not expect it to be under such circumstances.

She also thought that John and Jessica would not have the time to bring Richard out, given how busy they had been over the past few days, which was why she chose to take Richard during this period. Had she known she probably would not have come, as much as she wanted to.

She looked casually at John, being careful not to gaze at him for too long while not being overly evasive. She wanted to treat him just as she would any other stranger-neutral and normal.

"Daddy, may I go to Mommy's place?" Richard looked pleasingly at John and asked.

John swallowed, and he shifted his eyes away from Cordy.

He said to Richard, "Sure."

"Thank you, Daddy." Richard could not hold back his joy.

He shook Cordy's arm excitedly. "Mommy, Daddy has agreed for me to follow you to your place!"

Cordy shot Richard a bright smile and turned back to look at John. "Thank you."

John clenched his fist ever so subtly.

"Let's go." Cordy did not stay longer and held Richard's hand, all ready to leave.

"Dicky." Jessica suddenly called out.

to

leaned in toward him, "Dicky, I'm returning to Rocktown in a few days.

Richard was

date and time

will?" Jessica said

"Yes." Cordy nodded.

"Thank you."

women were extremely courteous toward each

be at home waiting for

Richard's face, and he hurriedly wiped his

even brighter and said, "You're still the same as you were when you were younger, hating being kissed.

as if she

face in his hands and
off then.” Cordy held Richard by the hand and
that Richard did not enjoy having Jessica within such
Jessica said
start to end, John was the one who felt as cold and distant as
her place with her car that
drove more cautiously. What’s more,
familiar-looking Maybach drive past
since they did not manage to
“Dicky.”

in the child

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They did not notice John, Jessica, and the hoards of bodyguards in black behind them.

They had originally planned to come to the amusement park today.

The plan was to bring Richard along, but Cordy took him away at the last minute, so the two of them went along with the original plan and came here. To their surprise, they saw Cordy and Richard.

Jessica’s eyes shifted.

Richard never liked getting close to others since he was young, and he had never been a lively kid. Instead, he had a maturity that was beyond his years.

Yet, he was completely different in front of Cordy.

Jessica turned to look at John and saw how he kept his eyes on the two of them right in front until they were engulfed by the crowds.

“Let’s go.” John retracted his gaze and looked plainly at Jessica.

A faint smile remained on Jessica’s lips as she walked by John’s side.

Aside from the bodyguards surrounding them, there were also reporters deliberately planted around them.

They were there to provide real-time updates and reports on their whereabouts.

“What would you like to ride on?” John asked Jessica.

“I’m fine with anything.”

or would you rather

thrilling,” Jessica said. “It’s so rare to have a chance like this to let my hair down.

“Okay,” John replied.

to the Thrilling Adventure Zone, and they went on

rides, which eliminated any chance of them bumping

were seated on a small boat, quietly

Her phone suddenly rang.

immersed in the boat ride and glanced at

saw

Cordy’s finger trembled

decided to accept

Richard called out to

immediately put her phone

tiny fishes inside,” Richard exclaimed in surprise,

boat over

“Okay.”

were having a lot of

the little boat ride, they went

uber long queues, night

I still want to ride on that!” Richard pointed at

of bringing

they had only eaten a simple lunch in the afternoon, so she was worried that

how energetic Richard was made her loathe to spoil his fun, so she took Richard’s hand and walked toward the

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Richard pouted.

He had never said that he wanted to take care of Jessica, his ‘godmother’, when she grew old.

Even her status as his godmother was something she had forced upon him.

Cordy simply listened on to the conversation between Richard and Jessica.

She remained silent, and so did John.

Only Jessica and Richard could be heard in the queue, mostly with Jessica taking the initiative to tease Richard and him going along with it.

After half an hour, it was finally their turn.

“Shall we ride together?” Jessica enthused.

The Ferris wheel carriage was very large, enough to accommodate eight passengers.

“No need,” Cordy rejected immediately. “We shan’t interrupt your date.”

all right, Jessica said

not good if they film us together.”

noticed the

look at John, as if to seek

separately,”

Jessica looked disappointed but she did not oppose him. She said regretfully, “I just

can ride on this by

to ride with

dote on you so much,” Jessica said lovingly yet helplessly to Richard.” Fine,

Richard was extremely displeased.

ingrate. He would never behave

entered a carriage, while John and Jessica sat in

The carriages slowly ascended.

of North City

Richard leaned against the

with a

to the amusement park with her own mother when she was young, but the park facilities were in no way as

beautiful.

a solemn look on his face.

was taken

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But he also kept sensing a mixture of guilt in his Mommy’s eyes whenever she looked at him.

It was clearly Daddy who let Mommy down.

Richard laid quietly in Cordy's arms without any resistance at all. He simply allowed her to hold him tight, as if she had lost him once and did not want him away from her side for even a second.

The Ferris wheel carriage climbed higher and higher in the sky until they reached the peak.

Cordy finally calmed herself down and replied to Richard's earlier question. "I don't feel sad at all with you around."

"Mommy." Richard stretched his hand out and wiped the tears away from her face.

That was when Cordy realized that she was tearing up.

It was probably from emotions that she had kept to herself for too long.

It was only now that she allowed herself to release a little bit of it.

Cordy said affectionately, "Dicky, I'm really lucky to have you around."

matter who Daddy marries, I'll always be by Mommy's side," Richard

Cordy caressed Richard's head lovingly as

looked up at Cordy, "Daddy doesn't

Cordy shook her head.

was not that she didn't believe

was younger, although Jessica frequently came looking for Daddy when we were abroad, Daddy would always be very cold and distant toward Jessica. Mommy is the one whom Daddy likes. It's

cut him

her through

for Richard to be involved in such troubles, which he should not even be burdened with in the first place. "You just need to remember that whatever happens between

"Richard nodded

pulled out her

did not want to think about those

other Ferris wheel carriage, Jessica looked at the scenery

filled with happiness

visited your house with my grandfather when was young, I never found North City so luxurious. The city's development over these few years has probably surpassed that of Rocktown." Jessica was full

"Hmm." John hummed.

over the years and had become the country's most important economic city. From a purely commercial and economic standpoint, North City surpassed both the capital city and Rocktown, another key city of the country. The capital city and Rocktown were more

the cold look

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Of course, she would never let John know about these.

The only thing she would let John know was that she was absolutely clueless about the sudden official announcement of their engagement.

She was also forced to accept it, and she would even be willing to cooperate with John to break the engagement

Being in a relationship was similar to business negotiations. Blindly charging forward was never the way to go-she had to strategize and make plans.

"John, I added Cordy on her socials just now."

John turned to look at her.

It was as if she had to mention Cordy's name for John to pay attention to her.

"Should I explain to her about things between us?" Jessica said, well-intentioned.

"There's no need to." John rejected.

"She seems to have misunderstood us greatly."

you need to avoid it."

Jessica pursed her lips.

not land so

to become so distant from her in just half a

exactly was so good about

for the first time at Levine Ventures' anniversary celebration, she admitted that Cordy

Cordy without much

was also when she realized how lovingly John looked

the chance to see

that day. In fact, she was not even wearing any foundation. Her face was clean and bare, yet

that John would be so

for so many years when he had hoards of good-looking women throwing themselves at him, although she loathed admitting that Cordy surpassed them

herself and smiled apologetically. "All right. I
the both of
Ferris wheel
hand in hand
figures made for a heartwarming and joyful
the time Cordy brought Richard back home, it
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1 warned

you long ago that John Levine would never fancy you, and you still went ahead to throw yourself at him.
Look, you've gone and completely embarrassed yourself..."

Cordy hung up without any hesitation.

She had no expectations whatsoever for the Sachs.

Her phone rang again.

Cordy refused to answer it until finally, Simon called.

"Cordy Sachs, what kind of attitude was that toward your grandmother?" Simon was furious.

Cordy could imagine how mad Plum was when she had hung up on Cordy just now.

"I don't have the obligation to accept her humiliation and scolding, nor am I duty-bound to listen to your criticisms." With that, Cordy made a move to end the call.

Plum's voice rang out urgently from the phone. "Bryson said that you made him lose his job!"

there was nothing she could do about Cordy and finally blurred

It has nothing to do

you know his rank at work? He's part of the senior management team and has a six-figure annual salary.
Yet, they simply fired him just like that! How am I going to explain things to your third grandaunt?!"

Anger grew in Plum the

up her many calls a few days ago. Had Cordy not picked up her call tonight, she would have looked

that he's in the senior management team. How could I possibly cause him to

in a relationship with John Levine?" Plum

that he

talk properly with you

that," Cordy said emphatically

Plum shook with anger.

brat make

that my tone was rather harsh just now, but that's only because I was too anxious. You know that your third grandaunt's family isn't well-to-do and Bryson has been helping out a lot. How is the family

end and

making Plum

own fault that he lost his job. It has nothing to do with me. Also, I have nothing to do with John Levine, and I have no right whatsoever to interfere with

to you for anything. Is it so hard for you

For someone who hit me, scolded me, and ill-treated me since I was young, and only remembers me when she needs help, I am not kind-hearted enough to

an ingrate you are to the Sachs family who raised

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Back at the Sachs' residence, Plum was hopping with anger.

"Grandma, don't be so angry," Noel said, comforting Plum. "She's probably not feeling too good after John's engagement news, that's why she lost control and said those harsh words to you.

"She had it coming!" Plum yelled. "She didn't know her place and seduced John, having a pipe dream of getting married into a wealthy family!"

"Cordy did think a little too highly of herself. How could we ever be worthy of a family like the Levines?" Noel said with a helpless look on her face, "But we live and learn. Let's hope that Cordy has learned her lesson this time."

Despite what she said on the outside, Noel was not in fact happy with how things turned out.

She thought that she would be capable of seducing whoever Cordy managed to get her hands on and was fantasizing about finding the golden opportunity to snatch John away from Cordy. It turned out that John was already engaged, and it was someone with such an intimidating background that she did not dare to even think of provoking.

But on the bright side, she could not get it and neither could Cordy, and that thought made her feel better.

the moment she turned eighteen!" Simon said ruthlessly. "What

hurriedly. "Will Kyle dare to look down upon our

attention that Cordy

injection. He said that Jessop Corp is about to launch a high-end brand

there a problem?" Plum

sponsors whom Kyle pulled back are now secretly withdrawing this investment. The so-called high-end brand that Jessop Corp is launching is nothing but a ruse just so they can make up for their lack of funds. I'd be a fool if I were to invest any of my money in them right now!" Simon became more agitated the more he spoke. "But because of that layer of relationship our family has with theirs, I can't possibly in them if we no longer share

looked at

with a look of guilt on her face, "I'm willing

is a heartless beast compared to Noel." Plum did not forget

at this

broke up with

possibly want to break up with you at a time like this? Putting aside the state of your relationship with him, his family is in a crisis right now. They would lose their last sponsor if he were to break up with you." Simon did not think

know what to do, and I won't implicate the family

Don't you worry. Even if I'm not able to give you Starstream Group, you'll definitely have a part of Sachs Enterprise. If you're able to settle this problem we have with Jessop Corp, join us at Sachs Enterprise

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[Sure, I'll send you my address.] Cordy did so and sent Jessica her location.

[Thank you. I'll be there in half an hour.]

Cordy put down her phone and looked at Richard, who was immersed in a TV show on space exploration. She could not bear to leave him.

However, she had ample time and did not need to be anxious right now.

She walked over and said, "Dicky, your godmother wants to send you back."

Richard was originally in high spirits watching the TV show, but his face fell immediately upon hearing that he had to leave.

"She's leaving North City tomorrow, so accompany her for one night. After she leaves, I'll bring you over here every weekend from now on if I can."

"Okay." Richard nodded obediently.

he

turn made

in less than half an hour, and Cordy walked Richard to

Jessica said enthusiastically upon seeing
folded him in a
hard but
you," Jessica said after giving Richard a passionate
"Don't mention it."
bring Dicky back,
"Goodbye."

held Richard by the hand and left. Suddenly, she stopped in her tracks and turned back to say, "John
and said
better than anyone else

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Jessica left North City on Monday, and news outlets were filled with images of John sending her off and
the two of them parting reluctantly at the airport.

Cordy wondered if there really were no other news worthy of reporting in North City. Were there no
other delicious scandals in the entertainment circle? News of John and Jessica had been circling around
for an entire week and pictures of them could be seen no matter which news outlet one browsed.

She put down her phone and walked into the senior management meeting room. A meeting on
Starstream Fashion launching a high-end brand was ongoing.

Because her identity as lovely was exposed, many merchants have been knocking on their doors,
wanting to cooperate with Starstream. It presented Starstream Group with a business opportunity,
given their limited resources, in which they could achieve a win-win situation by expanding their
marketing efforts through increased financing.

The key now was to choose the best merchant.

Cordy attended meetings upon meetings throughout the entire afternoon and discussed with the senior
management for a long time.

Her phone had been switched to the silent mode throughout, and she only saw that she had a few
missed calls when she finally returned to her office.

Some of them were from John, while others were from Kyle.

She chose to ignore them and went straight back to work.

next time she took a breather, it was already

shortlisted three partners that looked more promising, and they agreed to arrive at a decision through
for her bag and car keys,

the parking

most people in the office had left

button on her car key

covered Cordy's mouth before she could even scream. She tried to fight against the man, but he was so strong that he

yells were muffled by the hand

to the side and tried to haul her into a

another man charged forward and kicked

pain made the

was so shaken to her core that she could

with

calmed herself down, she finally took a good look at the two men who were fighting with each

who wanted to abduct her was Bryson, and the one who saved

called the

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"Let me send you to the hospital," Cordy offered.

She had driven her car to the police station while Kyle was brought there in the police car.

No matter from which perspective she looked in, she should give him a ride.

"No need for that. It's just superficial wounds and they'll be fine in a couple of days." Kyle shook his head. "It's very late now. You should head back soon."

"You should get them checked and have a peace of mind," Cordy insisted.

She just did not want anything bad to happen.

"Thank you." Kyle hesitated for a moment before agreeing to it.

Both of them sat in the car.

Cordy drove while Kyle sat in the front passenger seat.

to drive," Kyle commented, "I've never

busy

of guilt in his eyes.

the

think that Kyle would suddenly change in character, and she had no energy to watch him go on today?" Cordy went straight to

Kyle pursed his lips.

without prejudice, he had to admit that Cordy was a very smart woman whom he would not be able to and said, "You probably know about

did, given that they were in

been trying to hype up its brand popularity by leveraging the power of the media. They spent truckloads of funds on advertisement space, which not only ended up ineffective, but also drew tons of flak. Their stock prices went on a sharp decline which, coupled with the multiple sponsors who previously began successively withdrawing

not to ask you for funds-I know that it isn't easy for you to single-handedly run Starstream Group and that you have limited funds too. I just heard that Starstream intends to launch brand collaborations with other brands. Jessop Corp is considered an old-time brand in the fashion industry, and as someone who has worked in Jessop Corp for

to cooperate with

won't consider working with Jessop Corp."

give you

worked at Jessop Corp that I know that Jessop Corp's management system isn't mature, but outdated and conservative instead. It can no longer keep up with modern marketing strategies. What's more, Jessop Corp's current brand design doesn't meet my requirements. Brand collaborations are done for mutual benefit. Collaborating with you. will only

too highly of myself back then and was recalcitrant. Now, I finally know that I was going in the wrong direction. I can change right away. In terms of design, we are indeed weaker in that, but we can build on our support and I'll do all I can

needs."