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After sending off Dicky, Cordy headed to the courthouse.

Although she was used to the presence of her four bodyguards who shadowed her everywhere, by now, the journalists camped outside were shocked by it and were a little afraid to get close.

After looking around, they quickly decided that they couldn't resist a headline, and started to flock around Cordy.

The bodyguards quickly moved to shield her, so the journalists had to ask their questions from three feet away by shouting very loudly.

"What are you doing here, Miss Sachs? Do you have some sort of relationship with John Levine? There were photos circulating of you being very close to his son!"

"What's your relationship with Patrick Stuart? Are you dating?"

"What is your opinion of the Stuarts' direct annulment of Jessica Stuart and John Levine's engagement?"

Cordy was already in a bad mood and had no patience for the journalists even as they peppered her with questions, and thus responded halfheartedly, "I'm busy with my own personal affairs, so I won't elaborate. As for Jessica Stuart, that's their business, and you shouldn't be asking me."

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"Miss Sachs..."

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calling Cordy, but she ignored them; her

John's trial.

Once she entered the courtroom, she spotted Sam and Bob from

Was that Cora Levine sitting beside
naturally recognized Cora since she had
and was just starting to make her mark in showbiz,
that well known.

her. Sam waved at Cordy, gesturing for
jointhem.

Cordy hesitated for a while, but went
to reject John's friends. She was positive they
on those criminal charges for her sake,
hide.

they were sitting directly opposite the
everyone including Cora greeted
introduced herself, "Hello, Miss Sachs. I'm
slightly, her response a little

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There was a hint of teasing in Sam's tone, while Cordy's pupils dilated.

Surprised?! Aghast was more like it!

Bob was dating Zoe, wasn't he? Why was he suddenly dating Cora?

What was going on here?

"There's still time before the trial starts," Bob told Cordy. "Let's step out for a moment.
I'll tell you in private."

"Okay," Cordy agreed to it immediately.

Sam, however, was less than composed at that. "Hey! Why act all hush- hush? Why
can't you talk with me around? Aren't we bros? Bob!"

Bob simply ignored him and left with Cordy.

"Sh*t!" Sam could not help cursing and barking at Bob. "Remember, Bob! Don't lust
after your brother's wife!"

Cordy was at a loss for words-it

towards Sam.

their child poorly, there was time, Cordy and Bob stepped outside the courtroom to to the a hunch, but she didn't faintly. "She never liked me. It was always Jay for her, and she me... I had to let her go thoroughly wounded in still doubtful. "You're saying Zoe's From what Cordy knew, Zoe wasn't the type who would toy with her partner in and would therefore have given hopes in Jay. comatose after that even know? Did she dolefully.

"So that's why you're dating Cora now?" Cordy asked, putting aside her the truth, and Bob might not even parents are really eager to have agreed to it."

Cordy told him. "Even if yourself first instead of starting another relationship completely nonchalant. "I'm fine with

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When Cordy dialed Zoe's number, her call was immediately answered by a machine voice.

[The number you have dialed is not recognized. Please check if you have the correct number and try again.]

Had Zoe changed her number? Did she have her old number deleted?!

What could have been going on between her, Jay, and Bob?

However, there was no doubt that what Bob said was true.

Even if Cordy hadn't spoken with the man much, it was obvious that he was no liar.

Does that mean there was some sort of misunderstanding between Zoe and Bob?

And what was the deal with Zoe and Jay?

Jay was comatose, while Zoe suddenly went missing...

"Cordy."

Cordy came to her senses when Quinn called out to her, suddenly having no idea what was going on with Zoe.

"Have you been in touch with Zoe lately?" Cordy suddenly asked Quinn.

Quinn paused for a

She was about to ask Cordy why she was standing in

looking flustered

it was about John,

Zoe instead.

"No," she replied. "I've been busy lately. I occasionally texted

I was thinking about

I'd forget all about it. What's

Quinn sounded a little nervous towards

simply told her, "She broke up with

"What?! She never told me!" Quinn couldn't hide her agitation. "But why?

were going great between them! Wait,

knew it-I should've warned Zoe to stop Bob from hanging out with

"It's not Bob,* Cordy said, cutting Quinn short. 'Zoe told him she was still into

to blame

Sam irredeemable.

stunned,

who would do

"Exactly. I'm convinced there's a

have no way of getting

now, I'm worried about

“Can’t you reach her

“She deleted her

wants to

her, Quinn explained, ‘She’s refusing to stay

her past-even with

on earth could have

Quinn murmured, shaking

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Quinn then said, “The trial’s starting soon. Let’s go in.” “Oh, right. What brings you

here?” Cordy asked casually, since Quinn wasn’t that close with John.

“I’m just auditing, I guess.”

With a start, Cordy realized she almost forgot that Quinn was a lawyer, and how sharp

Quinn looked when defending Cordy in her own trial.

They both entered the courtroom, recovering their composure once they entered.

After all, they were both used to staying stoic when others were around.

As they sat down together beside Bob, Sam seemed to turn to look at Quinn for a moment, but ultimately said nothing.

She didn’t look his way either, staring straight ahead at the judge’s bench even though the judiciary panel hadn’t shown up yet.

inside. Cordy blinked when

even more weight since she last saw him,

all bones.

to his height, it looked like a strong gust would be enough to

feet.

Bob and Sam were twitching in

how skinny John

did

least help

Bob said nothing, but he was obviously feeling

with the Stuarts watching,” Cordy ultimately said
bed.

time, John walked towards the
looked up then, and happened to meet Gordy’s
well in her eyes, but John simply curled his lips up in a
assurance.

smile in this

Probably feeling that he was talking too much, Quinn turned to tell

“Be quiet. You’re

eyes, but he actually kept quiet as the trial

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Beside her, Quinn seemed to notice Cordy getting nervous, and said, “Calm down.

The prosecutors only present the evidence and witness statements in the case, and they couldn’t personally affect the verdict. That’s why they’re fundamentally different from counsels, who’d do their best to get an advantageous outcome for their clients. Prosecutors have to stick to facts.”

But what if the prosecutor went against that rule?

“We’d have to wait and see,” Quinn whispered quietly into Gordy’s ear. “We can ask for a change if there’s proof of prejudice involved in the trial. It’s easy to stir controversy since the public is really interested in this case, too. If

Cordy nodded.

Right now, they had to watch quietly as everything unfolded.

Still, Cordy couldn’t resist glancing at John.

John had to know who Sean was, since Sean often made the front page in various media. If Cordy recognized Sean, John would too—in fact, they might have even rubbed shoulders.

Even so, John wasn’t reacting at all and showed not a hint of nervousness.

Cordy took a deep

rose to his
handsome looks, he had the appearance of
sharp yet polite.
center, he began with a summary of the case. “On
tip
Jonas and Hunter Stevenson. The defendant is
as a platform from 2018 to 2021 to
worked with the suspects in securities
trading.”
commodities amongst themselves, they
market pricing, thus generating a false
into purchasing
1.9 billion dollars. At the same time, they had
Kersen—an international criminal organization—with their money laundering
over 1.1 billion dollars in illegal revenue. That brings the
total of
fourteenth of February, the police commissioner of Rocktown received
warrant for the defendant’s arrest from the federal court,
defendant while adhering to the legal procedures. With the evidence
clear, the prosecution hereby requests
proceedings.”
nodded. “Granted. The prosecution may hence
evidence against
a bailiff. While the bailiff passed it respectfully
‘Permission to bring in the victims and
witness to testify.”
“Permission granted.”

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Judge Rackham replied, “Permission granted.”

After both suspects were brought in and seated at the witness' stand, Sean immediately asked, "Mr. Jonas. What was your relationship with the defendant?"

"I've worked directly under the defendant in Levine Ventures' foreign branch, in the capacity of sales manager."

"What about you, Mr. Stevenson?"

"I'm the head of PR for Levine Ventures' foreign branch, working directly under the defendant as well."

Sean then asked, "While you were both still working in said posts, has the defendant coerced either of you into illegal activities, such as manipulating futures and securities, or aiding criminal organizations with money laundering efforts?"

"Objection!" Toby Yorkman, the defense counsel, sprang to his feet, sounding agitated. "The prosecutor is leading the witness to make a questionable assertion."

"Objection sustained. Please watch your phrasing, Mr. Cranston," Judge Rackham snapped sternly.

"Yes, Your Honor," Sean replied

he was above

"Has either of you been involved

for Levine Ventures'

them confessed to it consecutively, holding nothing

total sum of

billion dollars," both men

told them, and turned towards

prosecution's

"Thank you, Mr. Cranston. You may return to your seat," Judge Rackham told

does the

to his feet, and spoke with righteous conviction,

pleads not guilty."

courtroom became restless

"Is he crazy? Pleading

case like this?"

weirdness every year, but more so this

John Levine wants to repeat Cordy Sachs'

question-is he really

just make his sentencing worse

Rackham glowered at

Cordy was still on the edge of her

the crowd's endless discussion about

succinctly, "My witness

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The voice recording was played, and the entire courtroom listened.

A middle-aged man's deep voice rang first. "Using John Levine's authority for market manipulation? He'll kill me if he finds out!"

"Don't worry-he'll never find out," another man's voice replied, clearly younger and more composed.

"No. I can't."

"You don't want to get paid?" the younger man asked threateningly.

"Mr. Levine pays us plenty. And I'm not that ambitious," the middle-aged man refused again.

"Really? What if someone finds this?"

The younger man appeared to be showing the middle-aged man another recording everyone in the courtroom could hear erotic moaning, and it was obvious what it was.

The middle-aged man sounded flustered. "W-Where did you get that?!"

"That's not the point," the younger man told him, "but I do wonder if you could stay in Levine Ventures if you're found messing around with women. I've also heard about your mother's cancer, and being treated aboard was costing you several grand each month-"

middle-aged man gave

already made a dummy account under John's name,

investors who've been
that you're working
you'd know who amongst
or not."

once they realize they're swindled, they'll definitely take it
middle-aged man said in
that. Once they pay up, I have all the ways I
silence them."

"But..."

you,' the
dare to

"...Fair enough,' the middle-aged man agreed
recording ended

became rowdy as everyone started to
was no telling who the people in

It was obvious that both men were prudent, avoiding mentioning each other's
throughout their conversation.

Standing before the judges, Toby said, "It's evident from the
victim of identity fraud, to which he had knowledge

Your Honor could identify that one of the men in
who's right here

the

when Toby mentioned him by

lips were shuddering, and he kept stammering without saying

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The courtroom was once again restless, while Cordy was clenching her knuckles.

She knew Sean didn't take this case as a run-of-the mill prosecutor.

He came without caring if he would arouse suspicion, and there was no doubt that the
Stuarts put him up to it.

“Calm down,” Quinn whispered into Cordy’s ear, sensing her nervousness.” The evidence John provided so far isn’t enough to maintain his innocence, anyway. Sean was just telling it as he is, and if I were in his shoes, I’d make the same rebuttals as well. He’s not being biased yet.”

Cordy bit her lip in restraint while Quinn continued, “Moreover, if John is really innocent, the best solution is to clear himself of all charges, to avoid any unnecessary issues in the future.”

Cordy nodded

was right, but she was losing her cool because John

really at a disadvantage at

could accept an unfavorable

kept over her emotions was

precise, her wariness against John had been

calmness and composure since were

him to be freed, so, so much... They

up for everything she owed

For everytime she pushed him away for her

obvious from

the courtroom was turning

speak, but Toby beat

rebuttal, and more or less made

himself.

very moment, he seemed to be reinvigorated as

are

affiliated to him, I have

detailed picture of where that money

Everyone looked on in shock as Toby whipped out a

defendant’s side had

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Be that as it may, Judge Rackham's words left the courtroom in a stalemate.

He had the highest authority here, and if he said he rejected the evidence, the evidence would be rejected.

And yet, everyone knew that at this very moment, the ledgers Toby wanted to submit carried the ultimate truth to the whole matter.

In fact, everyone's hearts that were racing a moment ago screeched to a stop right then.

After all, no one could take something like this.

Someone snapped out loud, "Why is reasonable evidence being rejected?! Does the judge have problems facing reality?"

"Order!" Judge Rackham bellowed, glowering. "I will have order in this courtroom!"

Right after he spoke, a bailiff approached the person who just spoke out and escorted him out of the court.

Naturally, no one else would dare to make a sound at that point.

However, just as Judge Rackham was ready to bang his gavel and give his verdict, a spoke resoundingly,

he certainly caught everyone

accept the evidence submitted by the defense counsel and

a duty to uncover the

was respectful, but there was an

already outranked most, since the Cranstons were a family

were famous in the capital. In fact,

be more or less connected to them, and the likes

never dare to

however, Judge

him a little personal visit earlier,

and reconvene later if

if he had to choose between the Cranstons and the Stuarts, the only option was

Moreover, those two families

that the trial continue anyway. If the Stuarts had
can take it

With that in mind, Judge Rackham

submitted by the

sigh of relief

She was genuinely surprised Sean would make such a request, which
helped John's case.

Was the man such an embodiment of justice, or he did not
the

at Quinn, who was a lawyer and

was

Quinn gave Cordy a nod, telling her that Sean was really

the trial continued with Toby handing copies

question to Judge Rackham and

Everyone studied the ledgers solemnly, checking the record and

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As Judge Rackham and the prosecutor read the documents solemnly, the spectators
all held their breaths nervously.

Cordy's heart could leap out of her throat at this moment-even she was taken by
surprise by the sudden reversal.

All she knew was that John was innocent. She had no idea that the Stuarts were the
ones who committed the crime in the first place!

She suddenly remembered that time when she visited John at the detention center how he smiled
confidently and told her that the Stuarts wouldn't have the strength to
retaliate.

So, this was it.

It turns out that he had been staying with the Stuarts all this time...because he was
gathering evidence of their crimes.

And she had misunderstood his intentions all this while!

Cordy turned her eyes to Sean, unable to think about anything else.

Right now, what she worried about was whether Sean would allow this trial to continue once it became clear the Stuarts were involved.

Sean may have been unbiased before, but that was because the Stuarts were not involved.

now,

glances at Sean more than once,

the trial

Nonetheless, the silence continued for over five minutes

turned towards Toby. "The evidence that the

affiliations between those accounts

that Stuart Holdings would pin the crime on

had not been implicated in any way makes

didn't fully acknowledge the evidence produced by the

no

Judge Rackham understood that, and therefore did not call

"There was another man speaking in the recording that was played just

reminded Sean.

the

must reiterate that the recording is too

hold sway as

case, I would like permission to prove the veracity of

Honor?"

Judge Rackham, Judge

Sean instead.

from the

a video, projecting it at the

was short, but the video quality

to see and

gasping.

were identical with the

other

to

However...