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Patrick chuckled and teased her, "So you actually can get nervous?" "I just want to know the truth," Cordy replied. "Jessica's wedding with John concerns my safety and personal gain."

Yes, she was just being selfish. The only thing she cared about was whether she could get Dicky even though the wedding fell through!

Patrick shrugged and stopped leaving her hanging. "Before John could say I do', Rocktown's police commissioner himself stormed in with a warrant for his arrest. Turns out John's a suspect in a corporate criminal conspiracy.'

Cordy's fingers clenched. Patrick asked her, "Do you know what that means?"

"The wedding's off," Cordy replied.

Patrick laughed at that. "Even I can't bear to watch this, Cordy. The man would go this far for you, not holding back from destroying his own reputation and his own future just to stop this wedding. And you're being this calm?"

"How else would I react? Can I change anything?" Cordy asked in return. "I don't get it-how is this different from just rejecting the engagement? He'd be ruining his reputation, anyway!"

thought you're usually smarter than this,' Patrick said

Cordy stayed silent despite her anger, so

smoothly even if he said no to

wouldn't threaten his family in retaliation? Citizens should never

did you

"But he lost everything now,' Cordy

individuals,"

bit her lip, he continued, "Either way, Jessica's family would

that he's been

not the other way around, since John

the engagement, and

worried they'd plot against him?" Cordy asked, skeptical
would definitely retaliate for not getting John. You
capable of anything."
have nothing to do with it," Patrick
has a reputation to uphold, and William wouldn't try to kick John
not out in the
Levines or anyone
Levines are worthless as an ally, since they should be looking for their
replace John."
or vengeful Jessica would be,
alone... So there's nothing to
left stumped at
John really sabotaged his own future
arrested
he would marry Jessica, didn't
let it be called off
I just asked around," Patrick told her. "He's

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As with everything else in the world, every netizen had an opinion.
Some believed the Stuarts were selfish, bailing at the first sign of trouble and acting
utterly heartless.
Others believed the Stuarts' actions to be just, because crime was no tribulation to be
weathered-the only thing it deserved was swift and decisive punishment.
Naturally, most sided with Stuarts since they had power, whereas the Levines didn't
even have a say now...
Five days later, Patrick texted Cordy, informing her that John was transported back to
North City while also sending her the place where he was being held.
She hesitated for a while, but eventually went anyway.
Patrick must've pulled some strings ahead of time, since she was allowed to meet

without

yet, they were both sitting face-to-face in a suffocating silence as

what she was supposed

haggard look also involved a slight pain in

the end, she couldn't resist asking, "Are the

wanted

"No," John replied.

did it just to have the

"Yeah."

"Why?"

can step aside

what about you?" Cordy asked, hardly repressing

you care?" John

seemed to hit him hard, with his lips now surrounded

smile remained handsome despite his

it was pointless

learned from Patrick that the charges involved embezzlement of up to

dollars, and John's

Even so, she couldn't help snapping angrily, "How is this different from whether

Jessica? To me, it's all the

I'd get killed?" John asked

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Cordy snapped in annoyance, 'Just worry about yourself for now.'

However, John's confidence afforded her slight relief.

After all, John wouldn't go so far as to really destroy himself just to get his

engagement annulled.

No person could be that stupid, and John was always above the rest.

She simply took it as him keeping his trump card for the time being.

"I'm going now," she said, rising to her feet-she had the answer she wanted, and that

was enough for her.

“Cordy,’ he suddenly stopped her, his voice a little quiet, as if he was sentimental.

Cordy paused, and turned around to look at him. “Is there something else?”

“Take good care of Dicky for the time being.”

“I know.”

“And yourself.”

“I’ve always been very good at that.”

for other men either,’ John reminded

Cordy was speechless.

At this juncture?!

“I’ll woo you again

waiting for long,” she

saw the dazzling flicker in his

She quickly turned her back on him, blushing ever so

could hear

of relief as she stepped out of

words were assuring, she wasn’t entirely relieved-

to her

car when she suddenly noticed a

Jessica Stuart.

shown her face in public ever

the Stuarts was that she took the news very badly, and was

bedridden with illness.

ill, she definitely took the news

about her at all, but was

come to North City to

Rocktown? Did her family even

questions, Cordy didn’t talk to Jessica and simply strode past

out to

“Yes?”

you visiting

there

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In the visitor’s room, Jessica was staring tearfully at John, but he remained indifferent.

“Was it worth it? Doing this for Cordy?” she eventually asked.

“It has nothing to do with her,” John replied. “The situation simply calls for it.”

“I know you did it for her,” Jessica said staunchly.

“I won’t joke around when my life is on the line.”

“You’d die for her!”

John became silent at that, whereas Jessica laughed even as tears flowed down her cheeks, making her appear lunatic.

John?” she

John blinked.

he still had some

other hand, Jessica’s tears flowed freely as she

family for you-everyone

myself and my brother are

blessed with a family

in life and I don’t get to choose

I loved anyway.”

you didn’t love me-I’d be

married...so how could you do this to me?! How am I less than

she did, I’ve been

would! Why can’t you

to even

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shall repay you the favor!”

“You better don’t,” John’s expressions turned cold.

“You forced me into this!” Jessica shrieked.

“You’d better watch yourself if you want your family to survive,” John threatened.

Jessica laughed. “What if I say no?”

“Then you’d suffer more than you did now.”

“And who would make me suffer? You?!” Jessica scoffed. “Your worst choice ever was not marrying me, John Levine! You’re nothing without my family’s protection, and the ones you want to protect would suffer too!”

“You better think about what you’re going to do!” John glowered.

stared

towards her, yet he

Sachs?!

this!” Jessica laughed savagely,

as

Cordy received a call from Alan on the way back to

“Cordy Sachs,” his stern voice spoke from

Levine,” Cordy replied

to my

Cordy’s fingers clenched on her steering wheel-the memory of Alan whisking

Manor before was still

“Okay,” she agreed to

only reason she did was to get Dicky

Moreover, after John had done so much for his sake, Alan would

some due respect and refrain from

the bridge, and they just had to

asking to take Dicky away, even if John already arranged for

compromise, she asked, “Can I visit him often,

before?”

anyone else around him

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Suddenly, Alan said, "Take him with you."

Cordy did a double take, thinking she had misheard.

She looked up at Alan, and saw a glimmer in his eyes-the glimmer of compromising with what life brought.

Even if he was already seventy and confined to a wheelchair, he remained healthy and spirited, just as he was elegant and imposing. She didn't think that the day would come when life had him beat, since she was convinced that even if age wore him down, his spirit would always remain staunch.

"Dicky will live with you from now on," Alan repeated.

"What about you?" Cordy did not say no-because she could not.

if Alan made that choice, he must have

time I let go,' he said

too much, and my family had flourished as I

came out of years of autocratic leadership. Maybe I start."

was no doubt about

For a great man to say something like that, he had well

to well with tears. "I was the one who

discussion, and they'd neve have died

was the one who stubbornly denied Jay a relationship

he had that accident. If only I could set aside

would've been content with staying in the manor. So

have been

do with

head, claiming responsibility for

there's John. If I didn't stubbornly force him

to

engagement annulled.'

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Alan repeated, "Go. Take Dicky with you."

Cordy stared at him for a while, and then said, "If you miss him, call me anytime. I'd bring him to you, whether you're in North City or abroad."

Alan nodded slightly.

"Take care of yourself," Cordy said, rising to her feet and giving him a small bow before leaving his study.

As she headed downstairs to the lobby, Dicky was already sitting obediently on the couch, waiting for her.

Once she appeared, he promptly ran up to greet her. "Mommy!"

The clear, little voice warmed Cordy's heart—her son was truly the greatest gift she had in life.

Crouching in front of the boy, she asked, "You're going to live with me now, okay?"

"Okay. Daddy told me I'd be staying with you after he married Jessica...but he didn't, did he?" Dicky asked in confusion. "Did Daddy do something wrong? Why was he arrested?"

Cordy felt a

started to attend grade school—too young to affairs when he should be enjoying a carefree worry. Your daddy is going to be fine,"

what he told me," Dicky said confidently. "He and told me to take care of you while

Cordy's eyes welled with tears, feeling like she understanding.

I'll take good care

cheeks just then. "You have me no matter never ever leave

Okay," Cordy said, calming herself

with Dicky, turning back just

door.

they saw Alan on

second-floor balcony.

Cordy told Dicky softly, "Go on.

Cordy was too far

Alan's eyes.

John's arrest was unquestionably a big deal,

Levine Ventures for a long while, rooting out

management, which was deteriorating by the day,

of Jay Parker. In fact, there were

knew the Levines

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Cordy was amongst the many who submitted tenders to acquire Levine Ventures.

She wasn't interested in the Levines' estate, but she was convinced that she needed to save something for Dicky.

Who knows? A spark might be all it takes to keep a fire going.

Moreover, she was still partners with Patrick, who was eager to acquire Levine

Ventures too. He certainly offered her as much financial backing as she needed, and

they often discussed which subsidiary or shares to acquire for a successful acquisition.

It was also customary for Patrick to provide her with certain insider information after

business discussions. Though he appeared to do it out of the goodness of his heart,

Cordy had the feeling that he simply liked to gossip like some housewives would.

"Jessica will be announcing her new engagement in a few days just then," Patrick said.

Cordy frowned.

Patrick that Jessica was quickly brought

this development

still hadn't been put on trial, yet Jessica

is it this time?"

She had asked Patrick before, and his reply before had been he didn't know until

never keep anything from Cordy either, since

have that

Cranstons from the capital,"

Cordy's brow furrowed.

were the richest family in the country, while the Stuarts were only

all their wealth

they managed to

the Stuarts' style-with John not being an

or it would

that threatening?"

playing by the

methods while maintaining

the coattails of

he would easily knock money off

I've

Patrick admitted.

the family had gotten flustered when

marrying the third son

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In fact, Cordy herself had been wary of Jessica.

She had been rather uneasy after the two months of peace, worried that Jessica

would strike at her out of the blue.

Patrick's take naturally afforded her some relief-she was at least safe before Jessica

got married.

With that, Cordy didn't drag on her conversation with Patrick. They soon hung up,

since he was a busy man.

Cordy hesitated for a moment in her office. Then, she headed to the detention center

with the four bodyguards Patrick arranged for her.

John was visibly skinnier in his prison uniform and bald haircut.

In fact, he had been losing weight every day since he was arrested.

Even if he was smiling every time she came to visit, it wasn't that hard to tell that he wasn't doing well.

"Don't look at me like that," he said feebly. "I know I look hideous right now."

He was certainly a lot less bright and glamorous than when he was the scion of the Levines.

her eyes-he wasn't hideous to her,

was.

She remembered that he had gastric issues, and it wasn't

keeping

would suffer agonizing pain if

knowing that he would suffer

"Your grandfather's liquidating the

replied. "I've spoken to my grandfather before I was

and liquidating the family estates is the

we have nothing, nobody

you think that's a shame?"

lot of assets and a remarkable legacy. Yet, they

going to lose

relished our time

indifferent.

Alan wasn't this relieved that

since John wasn't the one who built this legacy, he wasn't hurt by

liquidation.

your trial coming along?" Cordy

received the court summons on the

I have

lie to

a beat, as she was

she

how confident John was, either. What if it was game over

everyone?

dare," John

"I'm being serious."

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From the outset, it was only Jessica who was in love with John-in fact, all those terrible things she had done was for his sake.

Yet, did John not feel guilty towards her current predicament at all?

"I do, but not as much as you'd think," John admitted. "I can't pretend to ignore her repeated attempts to have you killed."

"But she's serious about you-"

"You matter more than I do," John said determinedly.

In other words, he was willing to take anything Jessica threw at him, not Cordy.

Cordy's heart skipped a beat, and she got a little emotional from John's protectiveness.

John in turn raised a brow and asked, "What, you'd rather I be nicer to her?"

He was obviously scrawny now, but he still had the visage of a self-important CEO.

Did he think he still was one? His family's estate was almost completely sold off!

"No," Cordy replied

"Really?"

"I was just

John's lips curled upwards. "Did you know, Cordy? You make me so petty."

thought to herself that there was something really wrong with

didn't stay with him for that long and soon left

was out,

would happen? Would he go free, cleared of all

was laden with considerable stress

she had to take Dicky

to the courthouse.

your mind?" he asked,

it?"

asked for

our spring uniform since we have an event today.

you drive me to school, but

happened?"

Dicky listed everything succinctly, so Cordy had to hastily come up

think I slept

was the truth-she hardly slept last night, and

Naturally, she was also unusually nervous because John's trial was

that,

the affairs