

## Repaid 41

### Chapter 41

Impossible!

How could John Levine be so handsome?!

And yet, Mandy and Noel had to believe it with the scene before them—the man who had constantly shown up around Cordy was John Leveine!

It was not surprising now that she could behave with such conceit, and that she had an invitation to the Levines' banquet here. John must have personally sent her invitation, too!

Even so, they could not accept it—that Cordy had anything to do with the king of North City!

Beside them, someone could not help exclaiming, "Wow! He's not some middle-aged man with a belly?"

"He's so gorgeous!"

"North City's sexiest man alive. Has to be."

"He's more than what I could've imagined."

son is so handsome too... He's

a chorus of gasps and exclamations. They were all stunned and bewitched by John, who

composed and noble man with chiseled facial features give his speech. His voice was resonant, deliberate yet restrained, but anyone could feel that indescribable weight

could ignore

his short speech concluded, the hall once again erupted

usually stoic, was beaming

Alan off the stage after that

a beeline for

striding toward him, and he took a step back

entire hall was watching John's every move—after ascertaining his identity, all eyes were on his

John was standing before Kyle, standing almost head

"Nice to meet you, Mr. Jessop. I'm John

face seemed to turn red and pale at

his

off just now, this only left him in a

awkward situation.

everyone around them was already looking at him with glee and disdain, which did this

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Kyle almost lost his temper from Cordy's contempt.

"Cordy Sachs...!"

"There's many people watching right now," Cordy warned him nonchalantly. "Do what you think you haven't been humiliated enough, that is."

"You...!" Kyle growled through his teeth.

you will-if

However, he could not resist looking around just then, and he found some of them whispering while gesturing at him.

Having no dignity left to speak of, he stormed out of the banquet hall.

Cordy watched as he left, her smirk turning icy.

who was being encircled and

invitation to witness an important

had done all that, she had no reason to stay. If anything, she did not like socializing

Sachs." Randy Martin suddenly appeared before her, stopping her. "My name is Randy Martin -I'm Mr. Levine's personal assistant.

Cordy frowned.

he know she was

would never have been able to split

too. Do enjoy the party,

worried that she would refuse to stay, since she clearly looked

Still, Cordy stayed.

knew

said, feeling guilty since she

being here, so we can go to the backyard," Richard suggested eagerly." There are swings there. Can we go

"Okay."

waiter suddenly tripped over something in front of her. His tray of wine and champagne  
harm's way while she ducked to  
so, some of the wine still sprinkled over her

### Chapter 43

While Cordy's eyes narrowed, Mandy started to leave with a strut, certain that Cordy would not linger  
now!

However...

Rip!

The tear of fabric abruptly echoed through the banquet hall.

Mandy was left staring blankly for a couple heartbeats-her chest gown had suddenly torn open,  
revealing her skin-color breast padding in front of everyone!

The sheer ignominy...!

Nearby, Noel was stunned for a moment, but decided to shift a couple paces to the side. She was clearly  
just going to watch as Mandy made a fool of herself, while distancing herself.

And when Mandy came to her senses, she promptly wrapped her arms around her own chest and  
turned to glare viciously at Richard.

His squeaky clean leather shoes were standing firmly on the hem of her skirt, and he said with innocence  
showing all over his little face, "You wouldn't harass a little boy like me, right? I'm only six-it was an  
accident."

way

that brat use her own

son, she would have wrung his

was blinking his large black eyes, looking pure and naive. "Your gown is torn, ma'am. You wouldn't stay  
at an important event like this, right? That's disrespectful

not help bursting into

would not have believed it if she

react so quickly... And if she were to be honest, she herself would never have thought to retaliate like

How cathartic!

eventually broke down and

she have known that she would be bullied by a child so

Allie Larson rushed to the scene, but they were soon glowering when they

suit jacket and draped it over Mandy's shoulders to protect

stepped on my gown!" Mandy burst into

met his gaze fearlessly with

snapped at his own daughter

to leave

on here?" A deep, magnetic

turned to see John's towering frame

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Mandy froze, well and truly stunned by John's intimidating demeanor.

However, she threw all caution in the wind and started screaming the next instant.

"John Levine, do you think Cordy Sachs is some sort of treasure? You've just returned to the country, so you wouldn't know of her debauchery-but she already started sleeping around at eighteen, and even had a child! She even refused to break up with my brother, and shamelessly latched her fingers on you! Don't fall for her trap!"

"That's Cordy Sachs? Amazing. She actually managed to hook up with Mr. Levine so quickly!"

"Didn't someone say her gown was worth a billion dollars? She really spared no expense to seduce a man."

"Didn't his son call her mommy? Did she bewitch the boy too?"

"She really is a succubus..."

Mandy smiled smugly even as everyone mocked Cordy-she was bent on humiliating Cordy, so that John would understand what Cordy was really like!

She would never believe that John could accept Cordy after knowing all that, just as she would never allow Cordy to have him!

However, John said coldly and with a threatening tone, "She was set up when she was eighteen, and circumstances forced her to deliver that child. It's her misfortune-not her fault. And she deserves sympathy and comfort for her tragic past, not malicious slander and contempt!"

"No!" Mandy cried out in agitation. "Don't be tricked! She's a loose woman-"

anyone. who speaks against

never ever show mercy!"

around them gasped and turned

them.

after

Kyle Jessop..." John said, raising a brow at the Jessops. "Do I have moment, Dandy promptly gathered himself and said, "I'm sorry! I failed to discipline my daughter and she's

now!"

of the hall-they really had no dignity

"Wait," John called out.

promptly stopped fearfully

just said that she ruined Cordy's

it. How much is it? I'll pay..."

out, once again agitated-they did

Dandy barked furiously at her, "Shut

felt like he could kill her

is just a part of

ask what you mean, sir...?" Dandy asked, unsure what John was getting

for her mistake?" John said

growled at Mandy, "Apologize

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Mandy eventually lowered her head-even though the ignominy almost left her suffering a breakdown.

"I'm sorry."

"It's fine." Cordy's smile became even more obvious, but she was still being magnanimous.

After all, this alone was more than enough suffering for Mandy.

And seeing that her daughter apologized, Dandy quickly turned to John. "Mr. Levine, do you think I can leave with my daughter now?"

"This must never happen again."

"Of course, of course-I'll definitely straighten her out when I get home."

And with that, Dandy firmly dragged Mandy along as their family fled, cutting a miserable figure.

Once they were gone, things returned to normal at the banquet hall.

Naturally, many still had their eyes on John and Cordy, studying them and wondering how the hell two people from two different worlds managed to hook up!

And yet, it was happening right in front of their eyes!

little busy tonight," John told Cordy then. "Wait for me. I'll take  
fine. I can  
was something in his voice that did not  
at the tender, overbearing  
to Richard. "Take good care  
sir," Richard promptly responded,  
and Cordy  
but he would still  
she was not touched, though not at  
we go to the  
and patting his little head. "Thank you." "You're welcome, Mommy. Daddy told me that I'm a man, and  
that I should protect Mommy," the boy said in his tender voice, as if it only  
heart turning  
to Richard's little hand and left the  
was watching nearby as Cordy left, the  
move and little gesture seemed to project a kingly air. No man present even held  
think that John was a firefighter, but her feelings toward him  
below stage to talk to Kyle-how insignificant Kyle had appeared  
with anticipation,  
she wanted,  
wait, Cordy  
at 9

#### Chapter 46

Cordy raised her glass, offering Jay a toast. "Long time no see, Mr. Parker."  
"You should not drink too much when you already have a bad stomach, Ms. Sachs," Jay told her, though  
he took a sip from his glass in turn to acknowledge her toast.  
Cordy took a sip too, but said nothing else-they were still not that close, and did not have much to talk  
about.  
"Johnny..." Jay suddenly said, watching as John Levine continued to mingle with his guest. "Is a good  
man."

...Johnny?

It took Cordy a while to realize that he was talking about John.

Jay was Alan Levine's adopted child, and everyone knew that he and John were close.

Even so, Cordy was silent and did not comment about John.

"It's late. I should get going," Jay said then, and elegantly put away his glass.

Alan himself had long since left-only John was left to handle the guests.

"Goodbye." Cordy smiled politely.

her smile with a

different from his public image-well-mannered,

left the hall, Bob Davis and Sam Saunders soon left

them, wondering how much longer would she have to

saw John suddenly heading toward

tracked him, but did not

John abruptly reached out and

"Zoe York."

a little annoyed. "Let me

been the entire

snapped as

someone take you home," John said

going home that early. I'm meeting up with friends

"At this hour?"

you, a

TV series starts

make it

called out

and approached Zoe politely. "I'll be giving you a ride

she could not win-just like how he shoved a role to

hall in turn,

Chapter 47

As Cordy walked ahead, John walked up to her side.

They looked perfect for each other even from behind, and everyone in the banquet hall was inadvertently drawn to it.

So they really were in a relationship?!

In John's car, Cordy was feeling muddled-she had too much to drink.

Moreover, she had not been drinking for a while, stopping since she ditched Kyle and stopped working at Jessop Corp.

And tonight...

In the end, she was still a little aggrieved.

She thought she knew everything about herself, but she was ultimately not as impervious as she thought she was.

As the car arrived, John turned to find Cordy asleep, leaning against the car window.

Her cheeks were flushed, her breath regular and rhythmic.

feeling a little uncomfortable, but she

he asked in his deep, alluring

had no idea if she had

"It's my birthday..."

the door lock's mechanical

the shoe cupboard to see the

smile, and he reached out to take the

her soft bed, Cordy shifted

still wearing John's suit jacket and that

high heels first, and immediately saw her fair ankles

he took his suit off her, and stared at her

hesitated for a while before

bathroom, took a towel, and soaked in warm

touch was gentle, but she ultimately opened her

the man before

pine fresh body scent swirled around her nostrils and did not seem to

was blurred, she realized immediately who



something was different-but not sure what  
know I was set up?" Cordy asked

#### Chapter 48

John's deep, melodious voice was apologetic.

"I was too late."

Cordy shook her head. "You were right on time."

And everything was just fine.

John's heart skipped a beat, his gaze tender as he watched Cordy's tears roll over her cheeks.

He stroked her cheek then and gently wiped her tears.

She flinched slightly and opened her eyes.

Their eyes met, and an attraction seemed to be nourished right then.

She was still looking him straight in the eye even as he leaned closer.

A small spark between adults could certainly burst into flames...

However, as John leveled his lips against Cordy's soft, moist lips, she turned just as he was about to kiss her, so that he kissed her cheek instead.

and he stared

"I'm sorry," Cordy said.

A refusal.

he slowly straightened and said, "No.

heart raced

not progressed that

guilty for some reason-as if she

ready to leave, when Cordy suddenly explained,

look at her as she continued, "I was drugged-that time when I was eighteen-and I had sex with a man I didn't know. My memories were a blur,

gaze. "Ever since then, I would feel both mental and physical discomfort from any man's touch, as if it's an

sat up on her bed, and then dashed into her

the door since she was in too much of a hurry, and she did not really

heard her

sound, and  
expression was inscrutable even as he stared in the  
had passed when  
find her on her knees beside the toilet-she had vomited a lot,  
the violent puking left her body limp, and she was unable  
John asked, and there was an edge  
Cordy nodded tamely.  
scooped her up in his arms and laid her carefully

#### Chapter 49

Under the same moon, Zoe York was sent home to Levine Manor, looking utterly discontent.  
She made a call even as she walked inside. "Quinn! Why didn't you attend my maternal grandfather's party with your darling Sam Poodle?"

"I'm busy-I was working overtime."

"Why do you slave for the Saunders, really? Do you think Sam would be grateful? He has so many women on the side!"

"I'm not doing it for Sam. It's for myself."

"You're stubborn."

Zoe strode up to the second floor and nonchalantly opened a door, holding her phone between her cheek and shoulder while she reached behind to unzip her gown.

She had to take off the uncomfortable gown, but just as her zipper reached her waist, the bathroom door swung open.

Jay Parker stood frozen at the doorway.

Zoe panicked for just a split second, but she soon pretended she saw nothing and continued to undress calmly while continuing to speak into the phone. "Either way, Sam doesn't deserve your sacrifice."

"I know."

tell you that I'm shooting a TV series in North City. Let's meet up when

"Sure."

overtime already and go

"Yeah. Bye."

up, Zoe turned and found Jay with his back

every kind of woman there is, Mr. Parker.

and explained why he was there. "There's a leak in my bathroom. I didn't know

snorted. "Shouldn't you be with Mandy Jessop for the night? Didn't know

but Zoe simply said that as an offhand remark-she did

"Anyway, I'm drowsy. It's time for my bath and beauty sleep, so please leave if you're done with the bathroom, Uncle

"Get changed first-

"Already did."

put on a loose

lips were twitching, Jay did not say what he had in mind and he simply

feigned composure turned

wanted to

night was still

a glass wall, from which the entirety

which were polished red, she nonchalantly

John gently draping his suit jacket over a woman's

Chapter 50

Cordy got out of bed and turned to find a glass of yellow liquid on her nightstand.

It had a note on its bottom, which read:

[Honey helps with hangovers. Remember to have breakfast after you wake up-your belly is empty after vomiting, and it's bad for your help. P.S.: I will be leaving on a business trip and shall return to North City in a week.]

The sharp handwriting was just like the handwriting on the invitation to last night's banquet.

Cordy picked up the honey and took a sip.

There was a sweetness in its chill, which seemed to seep into the chest.

She felt a mysterious sensation inside at the same time, and she suddenly wondered why John insisted on making her wait last night, just so that he could give her a ride home.

Was it because he had to leave on that business trip and they would not be meeting for a while?

Cordy put down her glass and headed to the bathroom, where she took off the dirty gown and took a bath.

Once she did that, she threw the gown into the trash can.  
got it for free anyway, and it was no skin  
room, intending on lying down for a while on the couch since hangovers really  
John's note saying  
up and went to her kitchen, but just as she was going to make a  
at the caller, and simply declined the  
brought everything to the table and scrolled through the news, when she saw  
ultimately tapped on the notification and immediately saw the photos  
showed John grabbing on to Zoe York, who was not resisting despite the annoyance on  
clearly complicated between  
message arrived just  
I promise you, a man  
suddenly remembered Richard saying that his  
her  
adults. Who really knows who's  
that, she  
very early and  
about Alan Levine's seventieth birthday, Kyle's own humiliation, or anything exclusive  
enforced