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Kyle calmed down right then. "What do you mean?"

Even so, Noel still looked annoyed, as Kyle's mockery and outburst left her utterly disgruntled.

She used to bear with his outbursts because she wanted him.

Now that she had zero interest in him, all he said only filled her with spite.

"Sorry I got a little emotional, Noel," Kyle said, naturally noticing that he had been too harsh, quickly turning mild-mannered as he could clearly tell that Noel had a plan. "Please understand-I'm just worried that you're still helping your sister after she used you."

While Noel was not that understanding, she did not get petty since Kyle was still useful to her." You see, since Starstream Fashion is now wildly popular, every article on them is positive, with the media and netizens flattering them to no end. But if a scandal suddenly hits at this juncture, do you really think Starstream Fashion would retain their popularity? In fact, I expect a dramatic turn of the tide."

Though Kyle quickly understood the plan, he asked, "But is there a scandal involving Starstream Group? There was that shuffle of personnel, but I don't think it'd gain traction."

"Starstream Group may not be involved in any scandals... but my sister sure is.

and quickly added, "I'm not going to throw my reputation away here. It'd be a pyrrhic

v own

he was worried that Noel would use his relationship with

not want anyone to catch any dirt on

won't let your reputation be tarnished-anyway, do you remember the photos

thought about it, and soon realized what she

be completely destroyed when those photos go public. Granted, it's never been good, but it'd just give

a little despicable if

would never have suggested it at all... if it wasn't for the sake of Jessop Corp, especially when you've worked so hard to revive it," Noel said good-naturedly. " Anyway,

all Cordy's own fault," Kyle

was grinning vilely right

was absolutely unsentimental, even if he did

rush, Kyle. Let Starstream Fashion keep their hype for a

Jessop Corp's sales

adds to the costs. But if sales suddenly stop and they fail to cover the costs, Starstream Group finances would stagnate and my sister would have to sell her shares in exchange for

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Afterwards, Kyle and Noel flirted a little before Noel hung up, her eyes projecting savagery just then.

She wanted to expose Cordy not only because of the reason she told Kyle, after all.

She wanted to make John utterly disgusted toward Cordy, so that she would have a chance to steal him!

After a week of unprecedentedly high sales figures, Starstream Fashion's autumn collection had shortages nationwide.

Cordy promptly decided on another large scale production instead of going the hunger marketing route.

certainly did not expect the autumn collection to sell so well they would go out of stock! Her ideals in fashion were just like her mother's, too-so that the clothing they designed personally could reach

after the production was completed and the second batch was about to hit the market, a certain scandalous expose made the headlines: The

in a relationship. It was her affair with those men that allowed her to successfully take over Starstream Group and propel

every netizen was outraged once the scandal

Sachs is disgusting, cheating on so many men at once! Poor, poor, Kyle

Kyle when he's willing to get engaged with

that Starstream Fashion is changing my opinion on local designs, only for such dirty secrets to hide beneath

more

called for

to get this one dress, but I'm not

but we did not announce it because we did not want to

was a heel-face turn, acknowledging that Cordy was

naturally a busy place, with the sudden crisis causing utter pandemonium from top

had led to vehement demand for refunds from online merchant sites and

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Gary Bryant, the head of the sales department, rushed into Cordy's office just then, clearly agitated.

“Ms. Sachs...”

As Cordy lowered her phone to look at him, he cried, “What should we do, Ms. Sachs? Every customer is now demanding a refund and the physical retail stores are crowded with them. All malls nationwide are also complaining to us, demanding that we produce a solution.”

“Ms. Sachs!” Tim Hardy, the head of purchasing, soon rushed inside as well. “We have multiple suppliers demanding payment, or they would sue!”

“Ms. Sachs, our customer service department is really falling apart. The lines are all busy, and none of the customers are listening to us...”

Cordy pursed her lips as she looked at her anxious executives. “I’ll hold a meeting in ten minutes. Everyone must be there-I will be presenting a comprehensive solution to this crisis. You all may go now.”

“Yes, Ms. Sachs,” they replied, and left despite their worry.

and their autumn collection failed to sell at all, Starstream Group’s finances would start to stall and they would

that Zoe was affected by the

taking just any job-for being

storm, with people taking to boycotting

called

so much,” Cordy said earnestly. “Anyway, you can announce through the official channels that you’re severing

and don’t worry-I can hold my own. I have so many fans, and I won’t miss those bandwagoners. Just

Cordy was actually stunned.

cut ties with her, while a

brother just called

for your scene, Zoe!” someone called out

have to go, I still have some scenes to shoot. Anyway, just

that, Zoe quickly

Cordy was more or

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In the end, they were just strangers who made a passing acquaintance.

“I’ll enforce a press gag as soon as possible. Send me your account number-I’ll wire any amount of capital you’re short of,” John eventually said, but his neutral voice obscured any emotion he felt. “I have

a PR time specializing on crisis mitigation who's abroad at the moment, but I'll have them fly here by tomorrow morning. Just spare some time, and I'll arrange for a meeting."

Cordy bit her lip.

She actually did not yearn for any help from anyone at this time-especially after all that she had been through.

Back when she was just eighteen, she had been mocked and ridiculed.

No one stood up for her, and her own biological father considered her such an embarrassment that he could not wait to send her abroad, so as to not have his reputation tarnished in turn.

This was the exact same situation, and everyone could not wait to cut ties from her...

except John

just then, as she almost could not

so, she said, "It's

of your trust?" John asked icily,

skipped a bit, but she bit her lip and

nothing would ever come out of a relationship with him, she had no reason to give each

other end, John's

flaring temper which would soon erupt like

beyond myself ever again," Cordy added then with a determined tone. "I appreciate your gesture, Mr. Levine, but I shall handle my own crisis-I don't want you to get caught in some unnecessary trouble for

she finished, "I still have a

that, Cordy hung up on

ended' on his phone screen,

just disappear, but in the end, Cordy had undoubtedly

gone into crisis management mode. He

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John's fingers eased around his golden fountain pen just then, as Randy's words seemed to offer him assurance.

As for Randy, he was heaving a subtle sigh of relief—thank goodness he was sharp enough, or the days ahead would be disastrous.

"I'll be constantly keeping an eye on things over there too, sir," he quickly added. "I won't ever let her be hurt by those loathsome dirtbags."

“Good,” John replied, and finally turned his attention to his computer, returning to his own work.

The atmosphere at the conference room in Starstream Group was immeasurably grim.

They had never been a major enterprise, but things had always been calm, and they had never faced such a terrible crisis.

could hide their anxiety and panic

Suddenly, someone spoke.

thought of a solution? If this

apprehensive as well. Cordy

ploy never changed over the years—Kyle was an

refunds. Stick to the full process for any

autumn collection had always reached at least 50,000 items nationwide. The company

me finish,” Cordy replied calmly, though she had been calm

reformed Starstream to a certain extent, most important figures in the company were now earnest about working for Cordy. While they had things to say since this responsibility for this crisis lay squarely on Cordy’s shoulders, they were once again impressed by Cordy’s unexpected

such a huge scandal certainly trumped the anxious crowd, and they could not help being sincerely willing to listen to her arrangements. “Accept the refunds is the first step to salvaging our good name. The second is for Finance to do some math: I want the numbers of the expected losses, presuming that fifty percent of all refunds go through and include all due payments to our suppliers. I

finance, promptly replied, “Okay, I’ll make the arrangements

of notifying the major media outlets of North City, but there’s no need to bribe or sway them. However, the PR team must play nice so as to not cause negative preconceptions before we get started, and naturally that also means preparing

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“I believe in you too, Ms. Sachs,” Stacy quickly chimed in. “It wasn’t easy for Starstream Group to turn over a new leaf, and it’s not worth falling to this setback. I’m with you as we do all we can to resolve this crisis.”

“We’re with you too, Ms. Sachs!”

All at once, the atmosphere was charged by the sudden show of solidarity with Cordy.

Noel was naturally scowling slightly—Cordy genuinely surpassed her expectations.

Forget being calm despite the serious crisis and the prospect of bankruptcy—she had somehow managed to draw everyone to her cause even now!

Still, Noel’s eyes flashed dangerously.

So what if everyone was standing with Noel? It was just an appeal to emotion.

Cordy could save Starstream Group on

yet, Noel's face fell the instant she returned to the

was nothing on Cordy, and while there were more than a few threads and web content discussing it, any YouTube video or Instagram clip discussing it had been set to private access. In fact, just typing 'Cordy' were red from

actually that influential that she could

No.

it went without saying that it was

could not

understand. Was that man blind? Why would he help such a

rang just then, and she

news on Cordy being

but my guess is that it's John Levine. No one aside

is impressive when it comes to seducing

Kyle. Even without the news, that wave before is more than enough to destroy Cordy. The antis who are flaming Starstream Group would also keep going, denying them

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Cordy was sitting in her office as she looked through her phone, seeing that all the scandalous articles on her had been taken down.

She naturally knew that it was John.

Her heart fluttered ever so slightly, but she restrained herself.

Soon, Zoe posted a tweet on her personal account.

[Each person has a past, but facts would only be speculation until proven. However, I must still advise certain people to grow a conscience!]

The tweet was clearly a show of support for Cordy, and was hinting that she had been framed.

It caused yet another fervent debate among the netizens.

Some were naturally flaming Zoe for not having a conscience herself, that she had abandoned morals for the sake of money.

point out that the endorsement fee she earns from being brand ambassador to Starstream Fashion was spare change compared to her net worth, even speculating there was

spread about Cordy's
certainly a lot less hostile toward
against Cordy eased. As events developed, the netizens were actually looking
the
naturally glowering as he observed the
to this, he would not allow Cordy any chance to turn
major news outlets, hinting at them to embarrass Cordy at the press conference tomorrow, after which
he would give them
was done,
was still browsing the news when his caller ID flashed on
giving all your customers unconditional refunds," Kyle said with
"Is there a problem?"
clothing, it's over 10 million." Kyle laughed coolly.
does that
a slight decrease in losses, but it's pointless when it comes to the big picture. Like I said before, since
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Since Cordy would eventually make a fool of herself, Kyle believed he just had to wait and see her losing
everything.
After that, he would see if she would still have the cheek to stay on her high horse!
On the other end, Cordy could hardly bottle up her rage as she put down her phone.
She did not hold Kyle's duplicity against him, because if there was no love involved, that was the end of
the story—no one can be coerced into loving another.
But she never knew that he could be so despicable... so ungrateful!
She had never regretted all the things she did for him like she did now.
Her eyes narrowed right then, her tolerance toward Kyle having reached its limit.
Since she could bring Jessop Corp back from the brink of collapse, she would return it to the state she
found it in!
and she tapped on it
She gulped.
confused

own biological father had dumped her abroad, leaving her to fend for herself for the sake of
with her also turned against her for the sake of personal gain, and wanted nothing less
her

any reply

at Starstream Group the

only invited just over a dozen media outlets, hundreds

that every journalist in

Cordy had expected that—the conference room

beverages prepared

Cartman knocked on her office door respectfully before

arrived. You may

come to my office

surprised, but he quickly said, “Yes, Ms.

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The conference room was bustling when they entered.

Countless shutters started snapping once the journalist noticed Cordy’s arrival, and the camera flashes were endless.

Dressed in black business attire, Cordy appeared at once fashionable and professional, with her calm and collected appearance already giving a good impression.

At the very least, she was not starting things off crying to appeal to sympathy.

Naturally, Noel was a stark contrast to that as she stood at Cordy’s side, her eyes already red as if she was already given grief.

Still, not many journalists took notice of Noel—they were all bombarding Cordy relentlessly with questions the instant she entered.

“Ms. Sachs, have you called this press conference to confess to having multiple affairs as the articles yesterday had proven?”

men, Ms. Sachs?

What favors

is right,

the bankruptcy of Starstream Group? You ruthlessly seized control from your

utter pandemonium, but Cordy quietly listened
face, her fair cheeks seemed to
Kyle was watching the
just as viewership peaked for all livestreams for the
whole nation was watching, and Cordy was going to humiliate herself
their brand ambassador, and she came to her brother's office since she was there anyway. and they
started watching
was not merely on Cordy—she wanted Cordy's scandal to affect Zoe as well, since Zoe showed
unconditional support
jealous that Zoe was a permanent A-list actress

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The journalist was abruptly left embarrassed.

It was certainly true—they were all asking questions endlessly, one after another from the start.

Cordy had no chance to speak at all.

"If everyone is done, please stay quiet for a moment and listen to what I have to say," she continued with a neutral tone. "Once I'm done, I will answer any questions you have, with everything I know—if time permits."

The conference room turned silent right then.

Everyone was watching Cordy expectantly.

If there was an elegant reversal to be had here, it deserved nothing less than exclusive headlines.

will admit that the photos which surfaced yesterday are 100% genuine and not fabricated," Cordy said then, her

audible snorts around the room, most of the journalists

first joined the company alongside Kyle Jessop, the organization was facing bankruptcy and would never have turned things around if not for their sponsors. And all those men

prostituted yourself for Jessop Corp?"

of your guilt of duplicity. In fact, whatever the reason you

inform you of the reason I was in touch with these successful men. It's the usual socializing, dinner, and entertainment business associates have together. With that mentioned, I have no intention to clear my name because I don't have to. I'd never done Kyle Jessop any injustice

saying that someone was trying to frame you, Ms. Sachs?"

have been framed,"

wouldn't Kyle Jessop stand up for you, and instead choose

know

was starting to

nagging feeling that Cordy was completely confident now, and

take those photos all those years ago,