

## Repaid 221

### Chapter 221

Three Bentleys were parked right outside the main entrance of Levine Manor, and the security guard rushed forward to open the doors.

The first one to walk out was John, who was dressed in a black suit that emphasized his towering figure and imposing aura.

After getting out of the car, he ceremoniously bent forward to help Jessica out of the car.

Jessica smiled coyly.

"Thank you."

"Don't mention it."

John nodded, politely yet distantly.

Jessica kept the smile on her face, as if she did not care about John's attitude toward her.

The two of them walked one after another to the car next to them and waited respectfully.

the car with the help of his personal

age and his hair had gone completely white, he looked hale and

Andy Stuart and Wendy Stone, together with her brother, James Stuart,

family, helmed by William, began

time, Alan was

frequency at which they met each

each other, both of them were feeling

bent forward

it's been

"It has, indeed."

catching up on all the

else stood respectfully next to them, not daring to act out

she could sense

and Jessica's engagement broke, she was

proof that Cordy was nothing more than John's secret

she thought about it, they did not declare their relationship to the

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Secondly, she had thought that she was the star of tonight's banquet. She was the one coming to meet the parents, yet no one from the Levine family bothered to even look at her. She found it unacceptable being disregarded by others this way.

Yet, she dared not express her displeasure.

For the very first time in her life, she felt like a nobody in front of these people.

After Alan and William exchanged pleasantries, they entered the hall of Levine Manor and walked straight toward the luxurious dining hall.

Everyone took their seats in order of hierarchy around the massive banquet table.

Servants stood ready at the side to serve and help with dinner proceedings.

Conversations at the table were largely composed of Alan and William catching up with each other, reminiscing over past memories and chatting up a storm.

"I wanted to join Levine Ventures' 60th anniversary celebration, but I had to make a last minute trip to the capital city. My apologies, Alan," William said sincerely.

"You're being a stranger by apologizing. But I hope you don't mind that I went ahead to announce John and Jessica's engagement in your absence."

"What are you talking about? We agreed on the engagement a long time ago. To have the engagement announced at such a momentous occasion of the Levines is Jessica's honor,"

William hurriedly responded.

to you. It's John's honor to be able to marry Jessica, as much as it is the honor of

without missing a

singing praises about each other and

the elders were around. She was unable to tell

couple more days. I'll have John bring all of you around. North

make a trip to the capital city next

body isn't in great condition, so sightseeing around the place

too. I'm wheelchair-bound and it's not convenient for me to head out. Though us old folks can't head out, the youngsters can go out and have fun by themselves. They've spent much time abroad, but John has returned for half a year and

spend more time with Jessica. I'll have Randy settle work

it, but neither did he look

"Jessica," Alan called.

him cordially as she put her spoon

out and have some fun with John tomorrow. Just let him know where you'd like to go, anywhere is fine. Should John dare to bully you, just tell me," Alan said

Grandpa, though John wouldn't bully me," Jessica replied

care of me while we were

"That's good."

comforted

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John and Jessica chatted in a desultory manner as the dinner went on. Both sets of parents felt glad to see them getting along so well.

Zoe was the only one who felt so frustrated she wanted to smash a spoon and leave the scene.

The thought of Cordy... Zoe told herself to calm down. She had to remain calm.

"How old is Zoe this year?" William suddenly singled her out.

Zoe was shocked. She was sure things did not bode well with such a question at such an occasion.

Out of courtesy, Zoe put down her spoon and smiled.

"Grandpa Stuart, I'm turning 25 this year."

"It's been so long since I last saw you, and you've grown up to be such a charming young lady. I heard that you're carving out a career for yourself in the entertainment industry?"

"My academic results were poor so I was left with no choice but to be an entertainer," Zoe said self-deprecatingly.

William was tickled by Zoe's remarks.

"There are truckloads of people who can study, but not many people can act."

"Then please help me persuade my grandfather. He keeps telling me to quit the entertainment circle."

Zoe seized the opportunity to turn the tide in her favor.

to persuade that old fogey of your grandfather," William

the table

Mandy bit her lip.

that she got to where she was on

Rocktown's no. 1 wealthiest and most powerful family with such ease, and she could even make him

"Oh

William asked Zoe.

would I have the

replied with a smile, 'No man would want

grip over

teasing me again,"

true, no one likes

with utmost

I introduce someone to you?" Zoe

"My grandson, James Stuart."

slightly older than you are and with a great personality.Would

darted toward James seated next to him.He was wearing a pair

no."

"Zoe," Alan warned.

that I don't fancy James, but James practically watched me grow up.He feels just like my older brother.It would feel like incest if I were to think of him in the romantic sense!" Zoe explained

wouldn't like

his

Zoe's eyes widened.

like how loud you are.I always feel so joyful when I'm with you.My brother often mentions you in front of me, and he watches every single drama

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She pulled her brother all the way to a dark corner in the backyard of the house.

"John, what's with your engagement to Jessica?!"

Zoe was in a rage but she had to suppress her volume.Her eyes darted warily toward the house, for fear that someone would come by.

"How is she?"

John counter-questioned in his low voice.He was, of course, referring to Cordy.

"You have the cheek to ask about her?!"

Zoe said in a huff, "You vanished into thin air over these two days just like that, not picking up your phone and completely missing in action. How do you think she's doing? She's probably putting up a strong front, what else? Do you want her to drown in her tears?"

"My phone was confiscated by Grandpa,"

explained, "He's keeping a very close

cunning. What are you

asked, "Or were you

John glared at her.

a chaste life for so many years. He could not possibly do something like that! "Why don't I lend you my phone so you

phone out

could hand the phone over to John, a

Master." Zoe nearly screamed with fright. She turned around to look in disbelief

did this man appear right next

instructed for you to not have any private contact

Zoe could

Her grandfather had always ruled with an iron fist, and everything he says went in the Levine family. But did he have to go to such an extreme

not deserve even an

acting according to Old Master's orders. Young Master, Miss, please

Zoe glanced at John.

eyes conveyed the question in her mind. She wondered if her brother would just lose his freedom entirely if Jessica were

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Mandy saw Zoe standing at the door at the same time.

Alan had called for Jay, who in turn told Mandy to wait for him in the room so that he could send her back later. She had no idea why even came here tonight in the first place.

From the beginning to the end, no one in the Levine household paid any attention to her, not to mention the Stuart family.

She felt extremely awkward bumping into Zoe at this point.

The thought of how she used to mock and despise Zoe and talk so arrogantly to her made her utterly ashamed of herself. She could not bear to imagine how much the outside world would attack and mock her should they find out about Zoe's true identity.

Zoe could of course sense Mandy's embarrassment. She sneered.

A woman like Mandy did not deserve even an ounce of sympathy from her.

Zoe strode past with a slight air of haughtiness.

Mandy felt indignant.

In the past, she had been the one behaving this way toward Zoe.

Yet now, not only did she have to be on the receiving end of Zoe's arrogance, but she also had to swallow it silently.

when Zoe reached the door of her own room,

their gazes

turned into her

"Zoe," Jay called out.

in her

he asked "I'll shut my door and windows tight so that I won't hear anything

Jay remained silent.

that there was nothing left between

relatives was going to be a challenge. She made a move to enter her room

Jay remarked behind

Zoe laughed.

to rush her into a relationship

"I know," Zoe turned

the heart, I make my own decisions. I wouldn't dare make you worry about me. And don't worry, I have absolutely zero expectations of you and won't bother you in your relationship. As for my conflict with Mandy, that's between us and has nothing to do with you. Whether

not what I

told you what I think in hopes that you won't bother

Zoe interrupted Jay mid-sentence.

"Good night, Mr. Parker."

the door

loved him or not, Jay was a

stared at the tightly shut

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When they arrived outside the door of Alan's study, Jay stopped in his tracks and said, 'My dad's waiting for you inside.'

"Aren't you going in with me?"

"He only wants to see you."

"Jay..."

Mandy was getting really nervous.

"Just speak your mind," Jay assured her.

"It's not like he will gobble you up."

Mandy took a deep breath.

Although it was her first time visiting Levine Manor, she knew that there were house rules that she could not object to. She had no choice but to bite the bullet and knock on the door.

When she walked into the study, she saw Alan seated before his study table, sipping on tea.

The door closed behind Mandy. She looked cautiously at Alan and greeted reverentially, "Mr. Levine."

"Sit," Alan said as he glanced at Mandy.

Mandy immediately obeyed.

her foot accidentally kicked the redwood chair no. velebook while she was taking a seat, and the legs of the chair scratched against the floor, making

"I-I'm sorry..."

Mandy hurriedly apologized.

panic-stricken and

of every

there talking

both women

City, Alan was naturally adept at keeping his emotions

our family today and,

did," Mandy immediately replied, clearly trying her best to leave a

you should have some self-awareness and know that the Levine family is clearly out of your league."  
Alan was blunt and straightforward

see Jay's

of the past might have the right to talk about a marriage alliance with us Levines, but ever since Cordy Sachs left, I don't

recently have caused Jessop Corp's

your own fair share of scandals, my household will

compensate you for your loss, I can fulfill one

and went straight to the

I truly

"Not so,"

immediately cut Mandy

part all along. It's just that Jay is softhearted and couldn't bear to reject you because

speechless by

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They arrived at a consensus.

Mandy walked out of Alan's study.

Alan sipped on his tea and sighed.

"I separated two couples in a span of two days."

"It was necessary with Ms. Sachs, but not with Ms. Jessop."

Having been with Alan for many years, Butler Lawrence could naturally understand what was going on in his mind.

"Sir, you called Ms. Jessop over just to test her and not to break them up. She was the one who failed to meet your standards, sir."

In fact, it had nothing to do with Jessop Corp and her previous scandals.

Alan chuckled.

Indeed, Lawrence was right.

Had Cordy and Mandy exchanged positions, things would have turned out different.

When Mandy walked out of the study, she burst right into tears the moment she saw Jay.

Of course, Jay knew what his father had done.



the gates of the Levine  
not make  
would be even before she went into  
to it because that way...things between him and Mandy could  
place anyway, but Mandy was  
send  
her to the gates of  
in  
turned around to look  
accept me?  
dumb as she was, she  
silent.His silence was enough to  
a tight slap across  
uncontrollable emotions and the indignance she felt throughout  
was smoking a cigarette on the balcony  
troubled.She was just thinking about giving Cordy a call once her mood lifted when she saw the  
make  
wondered if it was because Mandy could not swallow the slap that she gave her  
how smart of  
it might not necessarily teach Mandy  
well, and she would be killing two birds with one stone.She had the upper hand  
the door,  
told me directly if you wanted a break up.Why must you embarrass me  
told you before.Did  
Mandy bit her lip.

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'No worries" she assured herself.

'There's ample time"

Just because they had broken up now did not mean that they could not get back together again in the future. Her agreement to a break up and gaining from it by the way was merely a delaying tactic on her end. She had never thought of giving up Jay just like this! The car arrived outside Jessop Villa.

The moment Mandy stepped out of the car, Jay spoke up.

"I need your help with one thing." Mandy was taken aback.

Jay needed help from her? "Please keep Zoe's identity a secret."

Mandy was upset. She harbored an innate sense of animosity against Zoe, and the mere mention of Zoe's name was enough to annoy her.

"Exposing her identity doesn't benefit you." Jay went straight to the point.

"Do you fancy Zoe?"

Mandy looked right into Jay's eyes. Women were umpteen times sharper when it came to their rivals in love.

"I don't."

"Then why are you treating her so well?"

all from the

treat

you forget how she mocked

that since young, straightforward in manner and

you just denying your feelings for Zoe

thought that the subtle nuances in Jay and Zoe's relationship were because they were

and thinking straight,

faced Alan and witnessed his domineering aura, she knew that no one no.velebook was capable of

could not possibly go

no intention of

what I said

that, he drove away with nary a goodbye. Mandy

not, she would never let Jay be with anyone else! In the courtyard of Levine Manor, Zoe watched the black car drive off as she puffed on a cigarette. She pulled out her phone

"Cordy."

stark contrast from how silent and brooding she was when she was smoking away

"Zoe."

equally calm and

a trace of fatigue could be

coming back tonight. My mother refuses to let me

"Sure."

"What are you doing?"

Chapter 229

Cordy sipped on a cup of coffee as she looked out at North City engulfed in the night.

Once again, she decided not to leave North City.

How big could the city get? There was always a chance they would see each other, and she had nowhere to hide anyway.

It was as easy as pie for John to see her if he wanted to.

What point was there for her to force things?

"I'll tell my brother."

Zoe immediately broke into a huge smile.

Cordy really appreciated Zoe's personality.

Zoe was carefree, lively, and cheerful, and hanging out with Zoe always made Cordy feel that bit more optimistic.

"It's getting late. Rest early," Cordy reminded Zoe.

"Same goes for you too. You're always working so hard, your health will take a hit. Have you had dinner?"

"Yes, I have."

"Take care of yourself. I'll come back tomorrow and keep you company."

"Sure."

up and headed

right outside, and they all looked ready to make a move no. velebook the moment they

and reached out

"Miss."

the bodyguards suddenly

want to

"Young Master is asleep."

just wake him

one is to see Young

"I'd say..."

blood was

Miss," the

"Damn it!"

Zoe cursed.

make things difficult for us," the bodyguard said

was truly being serious about John's engagement with

space for resistance?! Zoe gritted her teeth. She had no

time it was past midnight, Zoe thought that

overnight here,

a fight, wasn't sleeping with each other the best way to make up? Zoe turned away from the door of Jay's

took a step, she saw Jay coming up the

me?" Jay

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Cordy was getting really bored. She gave Winston a call.

"Hi Winston, Cordy here."

"How do you do, Ms. Sachs? I have your number saved in my phone. How can I help you?"

Winston was very courteous.

"It's the weekend. Is Dicky at home?"

"He is."

"Can I bring him over to my place and stay the night?" Cordy asked.

Zoe was away over the weekend to attend an event in another city.

"Ms. Sachs, please hang on while I ask," Winston said respectfully.

"Are you asking John? He wouldn't be able to pick up your call,"

Cordy said straightforwardly.

"No. Young Master previously instructed that if you want to take Little Young Master, you can do so anytime. I'm just asking Little Young Master for his opinion. He's playing with his toys and doesn't like being interrupted when he's focused on something."

"Sure. Thank you, then," Cordy said politely. She selectively ignored some things that Winston said.

a while, Winston came back to

Master looks forward to you coming to pick

in around

"Okay."

drove to Chateau Emporio where

door of his apartment, and her

figure standing right in the middle of the living room. She

elevator ding and saw Cordy when

met

to be any animosity between them, but neither took

in the hallway and only a

"Mommy."

see Cordy. He ran out from the living room right

crouched down low to catch Richard in her embrace, giving

her, which she tried

haven't you come to see me for so long? Daddy disappeared a couple days back and no. velebook I can't even reach him on his phone. Did Daddy hide you somewhere so that I can't see you? Daddy is so petty for not being willing to share Mommy," Richard said with a

say the darndest things. She wondered what Jessica felt when she

on Richard and did not manage to see the look in

saying, "I won't let

we will be

"Ms. Sachs."

ear. It was

Richard and stood up, then

height, with Jessica slightly taller by a couple