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Chapter 481

Cordy's eyes were red and moist, even though she tried not to look outside at John's slowly departing figure.

She could not even describe how she felt... It was as if half her heart went missing, and she couldn't breathe.

Nonetheless, the helicopter arrived on a clearing in the suburbs in half an hour, where Patrick's black sedan was waiting.

Naturally, he brought more than one car-his security detail went full defcon after that accident.

Cordy alighted awkwardly from the helicopter, since it was hard walking with crutches.

Just as she did so, she found a large, fair hand extended before her.

She looked up to find Patrick on his wheelchair, offering her a hand.

He had been maimed considerably in that accident, but she didn't shy from leaning on his arm to get out of the helicopter, and followed him into his car.

off after they left, just

his mansion was

was hard to find, and chasing a helicopter

they do find it, planning a raid

at the direction where the helicopter left,

Patrick asked her, "You really didn't want

it," Cordy denied, lowering her

if she hid it well,

had been

with John? There's no

plainly.

but I told him to marry Jessica," Cordy

gaze.

soon shrugged nonchalantly. "If you

and you're allowed
made it very clear before, and I actually didn't hold out
do wonder what made you so determined to cut all ties
privacy,'

Patrick didn't

drove

stopped outside

you're going

wouldn't have asked you

sure you don't want me

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Anyone who got too close would feel intimidated by the men in black's presence, but
Cordy walked up to them nonetheless.

One of them spoke into the microphone attached to his lapels, and waited until the
person inside gave her approval before opening the door for Cordy.

The interior of the WIP room was naturally different from the other rooms, and the
extravagance of the decorations inside would leave everyone's eyes lighting up.

Naturally, Cordy was in no mood to admire the elegance. She limped with difficulty up
to the coffee table...where Jessica sat, elegantly taking a sip of tea.

There were four bodyguards in the room with her, and two were standing right behind
her.

It was obvious that she was wary of Cordy.

Nonetheless, there was a flash of surprise in her eyes when she saw that Cordy was
alone, though she hid it well by habit.

"Sit," she beckoned.

refuse, and sat

would you like to drink, Miss

"Blue Mountain.'

order, Jessica put down her glass

me alone. I'm quite
was certainly the truth—she was
asking to meet.
smart and would know Jessica had been up to behind
to
request a
ploy, but she couldn't
So, she agreed to
seemed to have
a mountain
lot as a child of the Stuarts
show.

owe the pleasure?" she asked
make things clear about myself and
so
aware certainly knew that John loved Cordy and
towards Jessica.

you trying to say?"
cut all ties with John," Cordy said

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Jessica's face dropped immediately after she took the phone and saw the photos on
it.

No matter how good she was at covering up her feelings, there was no question that
she was incensed.

"What is this?!" she demanded.

Cordy just said she had cut all ties with John Levine, yet now, she was showing
Jessica a photo of herself in bed with him?!

Was it to brag?

Or to rub it in Jessica's face?!

Those thoughts only infuriated Jessica further.

After all, her engagement and wedding date had been announced for a while, but there
spark between her and John at

think I won't kill you, Cordy?!" Jessica

"I'm showing this

about it. This is just to tell you that I can make this public if
me too far."

turned cool as

on

even if I die trying," Cordy continued. "Everyone will find out about

John's illicit relationship. I'm convinced your family will

shame."

eyes flared

her-to return

Dicky.

my career developed this far, it's

your family. It's nothing if I lose a little, since this won't be my first time. On the

hand, if you lose John...the loss would be immeasurable,

you credit for, aren't you?" Jessica glared

what would John think if he finds

he willingly laid down his life

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The only thing that could really threaten Jessica right now was John. If John was hit
with a scandal and caused severe controversy, the Stuarts would annul Jessica's
engagement with him to protect their reputation.

However, said annulment would be a terrible loss to both the Stuarts and Jessica. The
former would have their ambitions thwarted, while for Jessica, anyone could tell how
crazily in love she was with John.

Therefore, if the Stuarts wouldn't hurt Cordy for that reason, Jessica would not do it

either.

Even so, Jessica wasn't so easily threatened. "Did you really think my family and the Levines can't enforce a media blackout even if you publicize this? No one even knows Jay was almost killed in a car accident. You know very well that our families' influences are far beyond what you can ever imagine!"

it's Patrick who publicizes these photos?" Cordy asked in as

Jessica coolly as she continued,

think Patrick would do

won't hesitate to move immediately and get your engagement with up with an idea

you're being conceited!" Jessica

those 'accidents' happened

smiled sinisterly. "If I dared to

do you think I'd let this chance go when you came

let you leave alive the instant you

I have backup?" Cordy asked fearlessly. "If I'm in

public will see everything I just showed

Jessica shot back smugly. "How

And I have the resource to get the backup

you have this. If he did,

other words, Jessica was saying that Patrick would've exposed those photos if knew they existed.

Cordy remained unaffected. "So it never crossed your mind

prepared before I came? Maybe I have set another plan in

immediately, and have your engagement annulled in case anything

me. In that case, I don't think you'd beat him

further-she had never been pushed this far her

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Cordy regarded Jessica coolly while her body stiffened ever so slightly, a chill unwittingly running down her spine.

Even so, she repressed the terror seizing her chest and remained incredibly calm.

But even if Cordy didn't show it, Jessica knew for sure that Cordy was afraid—no one would feel nothing in this situation.

"Never crossed your mind that I'd go this far, have you?" She laughed savagely. "Don't you regret dying by my hand in this fashion? I won't mind admitting trying and failing to take your life so many times, only for you to be so kind as to send yourself to my doorstep. You really shouldn't get full of yourself, y'know?"

"Do you think John would forgive you if you killed me?" Cordy asked her.

"Would he forgive me even if I don't?" Jessica asked in return. "He'd treat me the same, and it's just better for me if I eliminated a potential threat. And who knows? With you dead, maybe he'd completely give up when there's nothing left for him."

pursed her lips, her

patience had already worn out. She stood up opposite

the delight in her

the bodyguards

"Yes, ma'am,"

Jessica gestured for another bodyguard to open the

door, "Sorry, Cordy, but I'm not staying for the mess. You've been

in

need

time ago!"

the instant the door opened, Jessica was left staring at a black barrel

her very own

she narrowed her eyes, the two bodyguards behind her promptly

to find over a dozen men in black outside,

and

between their

behind them, could

eyes at all, and he was frighteningly
outside the
on the floor.

scowled visibly, she growled through clenched teeth, 'What do you
are

"Exactly what you're doing," Patrick replied

you want to

the reason we're at each other's necks?"

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Nonetheless, Jessica didn't give up. "Do you think you'd still be a Stuart if you did
this? That your grandfather could defend you for this? Forget your grandfather-you'd
be arrested! And that would be the end of your family!"

"If you put it that way..." Patrick muttered, clearly hesitant.

Jessica's eyes flashed with smugness, pleased by her own cunningness.

When it comes to the Stuarts, they never did care who they hurt and would bury their
conscience when they stood to gain from something.

Cordy saved Patrick's life, but so what? They would abandon family at the drop of a
hat!

However, that was the same reasoning that foiled Jessica's ploy, as Patrick suddenly
said, 'Actually, it just occurred to me... If this stalemate continued, your grandfather or
brother would order you to kill Cordy anyway. I'd kill you in retaliation, which gives
them the excuse to have me arrested immediately, since that would leave my family
powerless against yours. They'd kill so many birds with one

it's natural they'd love to see that happen, don't

expression darkened. A shiver crept down

scenario was very logical-it was very likely to happen, even if it

not 100% assured.

long enough that

they would

loyal to William, and
orders without fail.

cousin, you don't have that much time
gritted her teeth, reluctant to suffer yet another
Even so, she refused to give her life just
less than
she had already made up her mind, she was too
far for her?! You're giving up on your own
John!"

"I don't know what John thinks," Patrick admitted. "But Cordy saved me.
this, since you've all been
me out... I wouldn't have built a fire-forged friendship
Jessica. "So? Do you still
obvious reminder to her that time was
regrets.

Jessica clenched
she might, she was unable to say the words at

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Cordy couldn't help breathing a sigh of relief after following Patrick back to his car.
She was a lot less calm as she appeared-but no one would really be fearless when
facing down a barrel.

All she could do was endure, and tell herself that Patrick was worthy of her trust.
If said trust was misplaced...so be it.

"I thought you weren't afraid," Patrick teased, though his tone soon turned stern. "Did
you really think yourself invincible, going in to face Jessica alone?!"

Cordy turned to look at him. "You came, didn't you?"

"You'd be dead if I didn't give you that transmitter," Patrick told her somberly.

It was only fortunate that he had been thoughtful, and knew that Jessica was the type
who wouldn't let anything stop her from getting what she wanted.

“Actually, I had you escort me so that you’d protect me. But I won’t mind coming alone either,” Cordy admitted.

Patrick did a double take, and his tone changed. “Does that mean you knew I’d protect you from the start? That I’d protect you in that meeting? You really are smart, saying nothing while already anticipating my every move. Did it cross mind that you might not be as important to pay your debts. That’s

“I could

“Either way, my gambit

Patrick was left speechless-so everything he said was pointless, but he know I prefer men, Cordy.

worthy of my trust. After

are the most fragile thing there is,” Cordy said ever so

he was certainly upset with

if Jessica had hesitated for a moment longer

be able to spare

scold Cordy at the sight

decided to

pushed over the edge too.

life to meet Jessica

a private airport soon enough, but he wasn’t

time-he was injured, for one, and Rocktown was his base

such a tense situation with Jessica’s side of the

was only natural he

to her plane was already the

parting, Cordy boarded Patrick’s private jet and was

in North

Four men-in-black were waiting, moving to stand before her after she

One of them greeted her respectfully and said, “We have orders

escort you home.”

frowned and called Patrick, but his

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The days went by without anything out of the ordinary occurring... Until one day, when every article and news piece was reporting about John Levine and Jessica Stuart’s grand wedding.

Just three more days? That was quick.

Nonetheless, Cordy put away her phone and rose to her feet, leaving her office for another meeting just then.

The four bodyguards Patrick arranged for her followed her as if it was natural. They really did stick with her ever since Patrick sent them-save for when she went to the ladies room or was changing clothes.

Neither she nor her employees were used to it at first, but she eventually got used to it.

During the meeting, Noel kept calling her, but Cordy simply rejected every call and muted her phone.

After all, she knew all too well the only reason Noel would call her now was to gloat since in the end, Jessica Stuart was the one who would be with John Levine.

since Noel was

But if Cordy were to be honest, she had no idea

all, Noel would die horribly once

Over at Sachs Enterprises, Noel was fuming as she

How dare Cordy

no doubt about it-she

who kept strutting, only to end up

was actually still in a good mood, even if

gloat at Cordy.

her grand, spacious

else.

as she did now. The feeling only got more
whenever she saw the terrible look on
the day would come
face. Still, they deserved
reason!

Her phone suddenly rang, and she answered
private dinner tomorrow night.

have an appointment

better know your place, Noel Sachs. You have no
on her phone, while Jessica continued, "Remember

Don't force me to

she had her say,

would always call Noel to Rocktown for a couple days,

she would be forced to entertain stinking old men

sacrificing her own body to draw them to the

videos of

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Cordy stared at her phone, watching as John appeared on screen in his white
swallowtail tuxedo and a bow tie, looking sharp and imposing.

The instant he showed up, the live comment section was immediately spammed,
though the content was more or less the same.

[He's so handsome!]

[I'm in love!]

[Why isn't he an actor?]

Cordy was just about to close the live comments section when her phone started
ringing.

She hesitated a little when she saw that it was a call from Patrick, but answered it
eventually.

"Are you checking out the news?" He asked immediately.

“Which one?” Cordy asked in return, despite knowing exactly what he meant.

“Since you can still make a joke, I guess you’re not in a bad mood.”

“It’s only expected. Why be moody about it?” Cordy asked in return.

“I like that attitude of yours, y’know. Staying stoic even if the world falls apart.”

Cordy didn’t want to waste her breath, and so asked, “Shouldn’t you be there right now?”

am,”

you call me?”

“I’m worried.”

You don’t have to

feeling that it won’t go smoothly. What do you think?” Patrick enigmatically.

“I don’t think so,” Cordy argued. “Is there anyone who would ever dare

wedding ceremony between the Levines and

let’s just wait

take Patrick’s words to

wedding livestream.

the altar, waiting for

was a union between dynasties, the ceremony was

than the

quite a while of hustle and

hotel where she had been, appearing bright

white wedding dress as she got in

The live comments were

[She’s so beautiful!]

[That’s crazy!]

[A match

scene cut to John’s

on his

like he

the scene quickly cut off

immediately noticed.

[Does anyone have this feeling that John Levine doesn't look too

[I thought I saw a smile, but it feels like he's

who's getting married

Chapter 490

As Jessica walked up to John, their eyes met; hers were clearly welling with tears.

Andy Stuart, Jessica's father, patted her on the hand, before passing her hand over to

John and giving him a clap on the shoulder.

It was a gesture that he was entrusting Jessica to her.

John nodded politely at him in turn. He and Jessica then turned towards the priest.

After performing the opening rites with great passion, the priest proceeded to the cliched but exciting part: wedding vows.

"John Levine, do you take Jessica Stuart as your wife, in accordance with His Will...

To be eternally loyal to her, 'till death do you part?"

Everyone's eyes were glued to John, and the cameras were focused on his face as well.

[Wow, he's too handsome! Please don't get too close, or I won't be able to resist licking the screen.]

[What good have I done in life, that I deserve to feast my eyes upon such magnificence?]

[Jessica Stuart's the most blessed woman in cathedral remained silent,

had been a long while, but John wasn't saying the words he

and extended her pinky

kept

quickly captured, but Jessica's prompt was interpreted

netizens into flirting

[That pinky swear is just

[Oh, my

she even tugged at my heartstrings

same time, Cordy couldn't bear to watch anymore-she was a lot

gave herself credit

the cameras turned from their fingers back to John's

looked up at Jessica, and then

He then said somberly,

out of the

little, but there was no reason for people

themselves in life.

the television, picking a movie at random to kill

considered how long it would be until she could take Dicky

and John would be strangers

however, Patrick called

was, "Wasn't

Cordy frowned, having no idea what