After a while, Randy told John it was the time for the meeting, and John left his office.

Chapter 9

Kyle—who had been waiting in the guest room—watched as all the executives walked past

from behind the glass wall. "Is that Mr. Levine?" Kyle asked.

Debbie the secretary glanced at the people outside, and quickly said, "Yes, Mr. Levine is on

his way to a board meeting." Kyle lowered his teacup and studied the people outside, and Randy just happened to turn around.

Kyle quickly smiled and nodded in greeting at Randy.

Randy certainly did not know that Kyle could not see John from his perspective, only that

Kyle returned to his seat in turn to wait for 'John'.

everyone else was walking behind Randy.

Although Randy was frowning, he nodded politely and followed John into the elevator.

Levine Ventures would soon be establishing the biggest commerce guild in the world in North City, with a building to be completed soon. Since Jessop Corp's main business was

high fashion and they were looking to get involved in electronic commerce, they would get a good spot soon if they built a partnership with Levine Ventures early on.

However, John spent the entire morning at the board meeting. When Kyle asked at noon, he was told that John had left for lunch with a partner and would return in the afternoon. When he asked in the afternoon, he was told that John was at an on-site survey, but he

probably would return.

When he asked in the evening, most employees in the building, including John, had already left work for the day!

He was the scion and the CEO of one of North City's top corporations, and yet he ended up being stood up by John for an entire day. Even if Debbie kept apologizing, he felt that John

was deliberately messing with him! And he had no grudge with him!

Furious, he stormed out of Levine Ventures headquarters and got into his car, and that was

"Hey, Kyle! I heard you spent the whole day at Levine Ventures. You must've had a pleasant

meeting with John Levine, right?" Noel asked fawningly.

was not in the mood to hang out with them.

"No, but his looks are average," Kyle critiqued.

Kyle, however, was left glowering after hanging up.

soon."

than the car.

staring at him, but he ignored them.

"Yes, I am." Cordy smiled.

"Of course."

"Me, too! We should eat more soon."

and stealing him away from Cordy.

replied loftily.

mama?"

certainly relished it.

understandingly.

"Okay," Cordy replied.

when he received a call. "Noel."

Kyle's face was left ashen.

Kyle's expression darkened as Noel continued. "I'm going to have dinner with Mandy. Would you like to join us, or are you eating with Mr. Levine?" "I'm fine. You girls enjoy yourself."

He certainly was not going to tell Noel he was not even allowed to meet John, and that he

Still, Noel was sharp enough to notice. "What's wrong? Are you in a bad mood?" "No, I'm just a little tired. I'm thinking about going home soon to sleep."

"Alright, have a good night." Noel appeared to care enough. "By the way, what does Mr.

"I guess." Noel giggled. "Alright, I won't keep you, Kyle. I'm arriving at the restaurant

Levine look like? Is he like one of those middle-aged men with dad bods?"

He was shaking even as he tried to restrain his temper!

Over at North Garden, Cordy was planning to order takeout for the night when her phone

Cordy had already left him infuriated in the morning, and now John humiliated him.

Eventually, Cordy limped out to the entrance of the apartment block on her crutches, where

John was leaning against his all-too-conspicuous Maybach, somehow more eye-catching

She could already see a crowd around him. Men, women, young, and old—they were all

In fact, his gaze finally showed focus when he saw her, and he strode toward her and took away her crutches.

big dinner today. Are you hungry, Mommy?"

It was a minute gesture, but John sharply noticed it although he was holding the menu. He turned around and saw Noel, who was having a happy conversation with Mandy Jessop at the next table.

As Kyle's sister, Mandy's contribution was indisputable in Noel's success in seducing Kyle

"Yeah, but they are shooting it in North City. I'd never leave if they shot elsewhere," Mandy

"I'll come visit you when you're free," Noel said, and added as she suddenly remembered,

Mandy was herself an actress—not first-rate, but she had a fanbase regardless.

"Shouldn't you be on a plane? I heard you have another project coming up."

"Oh, don't even mention them." Mandy's eyes flashed with disgust. "What? Why?"

on me and wants to arrange a marriage interview."

"Well, it's your fault for being too beautiful," Noel joked.

announcement to annul his engagement yet?"

"By the way, Levine Ventures are investing in the production too, yes?"

"That's true. You're so gorgeous and it'd be a waste to marry him," Noel said, flattering her.

his family is in North City—my dad would've played along," Mandy said unhappily.

"Considerate? To Cordy Sachs?!" Mandy was almost speechless. "What is there to be considerate about when she slept around at eighteen and had a child out of wedlock? I'd just jump off a building if I were her instead of showing my face anywhere!"

"Apologies, ladies, but this restaurant has been reserved for the night." Comments (1)

John suddenly rose to his feet. "I need the washroom for a moment."

started to ring. It was the number from this morning—it was not hard to remember it when the number 8 was all over the screen. Taking a deep breath, Cordy refreshed his memory, having planned how to reject the man's invitation. "Mommy!" However, when Richard's chipper voice exclaimed from the other end, Cordy's words were left stuck in his throat. At the same time, Richard continued excitedly, "I missed you so much, Mommy. Daddy and I are coming to pick you up for dinner. We'll be there in ten!" Cordy was speechless. John was certainly cunning!

While Cordy frowned, he scooped her up in his arms the next instant and headed toward the car. It drew even more stares, but Cordy took a deep breath and decided to give her silent assent. When they got in the car, Richard called out to her adorably, "Mommy!" The boy was smiling sweetly at Cordy, and her heart always softened every time she saw him. It was just three days since they were apart, but Richard promptly gave her a big hug while exclaiming excitedly, "I missed you so much, Mommy! Daddy said that we will be having a

When they arrived at the restaurant, a waiter led them to a window seat. However, Cordy blinked just as they sat down.

As the car took them to the restaurant, Richard and Cordy were making merry.

John simply sat near them without butting in, but the smile on his face was obvious.

"Really?" Noel gasped in surprise, while John remained impassive nearby. He continued to order more food, while asking Cordy what she liked from time to time. "Oh, this is killing me." Mandy was still complaining indignantly. "There's no way I'd

choose him! Not only is he ugly, but he also has a kid! Who would want to be a baby

"I'm so worried now that he's so obsessed he might get aggressive. You know how important

Mandy looked smug right then—Noel really knew how to flatter a person, and Mandy

"Oh, let's forget about him. By the way, how are things going with Kyle? Why isn't there an

"He's been with my sis for years. He has to be considerate for her sake," Noel said

"Their heir, John Levine, has just returned to the country, but they're saying he has his eyes

Cordy completely ignored her, while letting Richard pick the desserts he wanted.

He returned soon enough, while the waiter from before approached Noel and Mandy.