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Be that as it may, Cordy still failed to teach Dicky pronunciation that night.

Cordy couldn't bear pushing him anymore, and so let him sleep early. She would come back tomorrow to continue teaching him.

Once Dicky got in bed, however, he refused to let her go. She couldn't turn him down, not with that sad puppy face.

Hence, she slept with him.

After Dicky fell asleep, his babyish appearance softened her heart. She couldn't resist leaning in to kiss him on the forehead. She would always be reluctant to part with him.

Just as she was about to leave, Dicky suddenly spoke in his sleep.

"Cool whip...Cool whip..."

Cordy's heart stung; she wondered if she had been too harsh. She just didn't want Dicky to be ridiculed by his classmates and teachers, so she never realized that she had put him under so much pressure.

Remembering what John had said, she gave Dicky another kiss, feeling slightly guilty about what she had done. She swore to herself she would be more patient tomorrow, and tucked him under his blanket before leaving his room reluctantly.

John was still working at the bar.

out,

"Yeah." Cordy nodded.

need to talk

"Shoot."

you let Dicky sleep at my place for the next few days?"

after work, and I'll give him

do that every day, Miss

nine. Will you be leaving work early to pick him

was hesitant; she had been busy

meetings to attend as there were tasks to

work schedule tomorrow was

sent to

Cordy refused, as that would affect Dicky's bed

end, she decided to

my best to arrange it so that my work follows a set schedule. Once

"Of course," John nodded.

now," she

Miss Sachs. You need a

John suddenly offered.

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Once Cordy got out of her car, she headed straight to the elevator without looking back once.

John smiled faintly at her indifference. She was so hot-and-cold! Not to mention, she didn't even thank him for escorting her.

Over the next few days, Cordy would visit John's apartment.

Even though she ate dinner before going, Dicky had her eat with him nonetheless.

When she refused, he flashed his sad puppy face at her and asked if she didn't like eating with him.

Unable to withstand that wounded look, Cordy simply gave up and ate dinner over at John's for the next few days.

It certainly didn't hurt once she got used to it.

One day, while they were having a break during their lessons, Dicky suddenly said, "Mommy, my teacher told us that the school's sports meet is this Friday.

All the kids' parents will be there, and I've already registered for sprinting, swimming, high jump, and relay race."

Friday? That was three more days.

She would probably be free.

The instant she saw Dicky's hopeful gaze, she agreed without hesitation.

"Okay."

"I love you, Mommy!"

little cheeks were soon

and I won't get

days, don't we? Let's do

"Okay!"

Dicky nodded enthusiastically.

on the edge of

she

bar as

and sit on that rigid bar stool instead? Was

did it go?" he

"Nowhere."

whenever she stepped

you still able to smile?" Cordy

I look

brought him some late-night snacks, though tonight's was different. It

Cordy shot

make her fat by feeding her such high sugar foods

food improves

was worried your health might be affected

had gone through a good portion when

thought

in laughter right after she

Cordy scowled.

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Cordy was left stunned for several seconds.

After that, she collected herself and snapped angrily, "You could've said that earlier!"

She honestly scared herself, since it almost seemed to be the inevitable conclusion. Did he enjoy teasing her that much?

"You never gave me a chance to speak," John said bluntly.

Cordy was livid—he had literally made a speech, rambling on and on about his academic achievements! For once, she didn't get upset with him and left after finishing the rum baba.

As usual, John drove his Maybach and followed her all the way back to her apartment.

Another two days passed; Cordy was in Dicky's room, once again teaching the boy pronunciation by separating the syllables. She seemed to hear something outside, but the wall was soundproofed so well that she thought she was simply hearing things.

"Lee-id.Lid."

Dicky patiently, having become much calmer after finding out about Dicky's IQ score. She had done some reading, and found out that prodigies tend to be

a full score of 100 points, they could also get a big fat zero in certain

of them

greatest weakness was perhaps

her, and suddenly

hearing things again. She quickly asked, "What was that? Could you repeat that

replied

"What about this

"Tiger."

"This one?"

"Water."

"and this?"

"Bread."

the simpler words, and he got everything correct! It was no fluke. He had really learned it! She promptly held his little face

I say it

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When Jessica heard the door open and turned to see Cordy, her expression betrayed neither anger nor displeasure.

In fact, she actually appeared calm.

"Oh! You're here too, Miss Sachs? What a coincidence."

Cordy was actually left at a loss by Jessica's unexpectedly cordial greeting.

Given her family's connections, Jessica probably knew all about Cordy's relationship with John.

In fact, Cordy was positive Jessica also knew that Dicky was Cordy's son.

Cordy had no idea if Jessica truly liked John and therefore didn't mind her presence, or if she was confident that no woman could steal John from her...

Or perhaps, her composure was a front for John's sake.

Whatever the reason maybe, Cordy's presence was inappropriate given John and Jessica's engagement.

that

so I'm giving him remedial lessons, "

a private tutor for Dicky

Jessica exclaimed in surprise.

in her voice at

broke and gave up on Dicky. I had no choice but to

really understanding," Jessica praised, appearing cheerful about

for the calculative type, and the harmless persona she projected was completely different from

cheerful and down to earth; whereas Noel always appeared very vulnerable and reluctantly

personable to women, though the

for you to

simply her flaunting to Cordy that she had the upper hand; Cordy certainly

flatly, before turning to

now, so I'm leaving." With those words, she strode straight to the

John walked up to her and said,

she

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John pursed his lips, but he didn't turn around to reply.

Even so, Jessica remained standing behind him.

"Your grandfather requested me to visit," she explained.

He said it's been a while since I've come to North City, and that he missed me. I went straight to Levine Manor, but he insisted that I come to you. I came because I couldn't refuse—I would've called ahead if I had known. I'm sorry I made things so awkward."

John swallowed as he turned around to look at her, but he wasn't angry and didn't blame her for anything.

Despite his guilt, he didn't have any kind words for her, and merely said bluntly, "Come on, I'll take you back to your hotel."

Cold disappointment seized Jessica's heart. So, he still refused to let her stay here.

Even when they were abroad, he would send her home in the same manner—no matter how late it was, or how many vacant rooms there were at his place.

Even after returning to Zidonia, he remained as distant as ever.

At first, Jessica used to think that it was because he was simply distant towards others.

Now, however, she understood all too well that he was simply uninterested in her, even though she had stupidly waited for him to make the first move for years.

It was certainly too late for her to regret anything now.

Had she known this would happen, she would've given up on keeping up appearances and tried to woo him straight on.

wouldn't have a chance to sneak in between them! Even as she

anger towards their engagement, but he

she told him that she

cold as

"Johnny," she called out.

to turn and look

there's a sports meet in

"Yeah."

with you. I was going

"You can come along,"

John agreed immediately.

herself from smiling just

wouldn't turn her down for anything. She really was different compared to other

up

"Mommy?"

she replied

a sports meet at my

"No, but..."

breaking our promise,

was instantly

I'll definitely be

couldn't say

slyness, even if

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At that moment, the school principal was giving a summary of the semester's teaching syllabus.

When Cordy arrived, the hall was already filled with other parents. She had to sit further to the back, and listened to the speech about the school's education doctrine on helping students develop.

After that, there was an award ceremony for the students.

Cordy watched as Dicky and a large group of other children walked up to the stage.

His little head was turning left and right, seemingly looking for her.

Cordy waved at him, and he immediately looked delighted to see her.

Sitting at the front row, Jessica was grinning.

"I've never seen Dicky smile like that! He really does stand out when he's onstage."

John didn't respond, as he knew very well why Dicky was suddenly so excited.

to the gym in an

huge, Cordy stayed on

was when she saw John

smiling as she

to attend Dicky's sports meet? What a dutiful stepmother! The sports meet soon

and

was overly enthusiastic and kept shouting wildly to cheer

noticed Dicky flushing uncomfortably in

the parents started to move to the swimming pool for the

Sachs? Where have you been? I

late, so I had to sit far behind," no.vel.e.book Cordy

sit up front

the way, did you just see Dicky? He's amazing, isn't

she

until John

competition soon began, and Cordy watched as Dicky walked up to the edge of the swimming pool in his

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In the changing room, Dicky had just put on his clothes when a boy suddenly ran up to him and pushed him to the floor.

Dicky glared coolly at the boy in return.

He recognized him—the boy was Jerry from the next class, who just came second in the swimming event.

Two tall and pudgy boys were with Jerry, staring Dicky down.

"You brat! You took first place from me! You're really asking for it! "

Jerry threatened Dicky viciously.

"It's a fair competition.No one's taking from anyone,"

Dicky said righteously, but just as he was about to get off the floor, Jerry slammed his foot down his little hand.

"Did I tell you to get up?!"

Jerry snapped.

outburst, Dicky pushed

to

this school! I just have to tell on you the teachers, and you'll be expelled!"

the floor, he

"Stop right there!"

barked, but Dicky

"Get him!"

shouted at the two pudgy boys, who ran

larger and pudgier than their peers, and kept Dicky firmly restrained

me show you what it means to be rude!' At those words, he gave Dicky

You have

Jerry snorted.

trash can nearby and shoved

revolting

laughed out loud when he saw Dicky's fair face now absolutely filthy after

me in any other event, and I'll

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The boys were stunned by Cordy's sudden appearance, but Jerry soon gathered himself and yelled, "He upset me! I'm just straightening him out! What's wrong with that?"

He was a little tyrant, and Cordy already had enough of him.

If she had never met this boy, she would've never known that a six-year old could be so vile.

Still, she stayed calm since violence should never be used on children. She needed to find out everything that happened first.

Crouching, she studied Dicky's filthy face, and her heart ached. She pushed down the pain and said gently, "Talk to Mommy. What happened?"

Dicky told her everything calmly, which only infuriated Cordy even further. Her eyes were ablaze, and she snapped at Jerry, "The competition was fair! Don't your parents teach you that?"

"They told me that money talks!"

Jerry retorted fearlessly. He even threatened her, saying haughtily, "Don't you dare talk to me like that! Don't you know what my family does for a living? My daddy will bankrupt you!"

out to grab Jerry by the collar, intent

to hit him, and promptly cried out in fear, "Help!"

Adam and Eva, promptly ran inside upon hearing his crazed yelling, and quickly shielded

and bellowed, "What do

happened, but Cordy restrained her

no. vel. e. book Eva

"Your son beat up my son because he lost in the swimming event. Don't you see what happened

"Jerry? Is that true?"

turned to ask

Jerry promptly denied it.

I pushed

it," Eva

time. What are you getting so upset

with Jerry, but Cordy

Eva snapped, "What else do you want? My son's taking part in another event. Don't think you can stop him

discipline your son, are

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Cordy's slap left everyone on the scene dumbstruck.

Everyone was surprised at how vicious she could be.

All Eva could feel was the burning pain on her cheek. She could not quite react, even as Cordy snapped icily, "A child's discipline is their parents' responsibility. Since you insist on not disciplining your son, I'll have to discipline you instead!"

"Cordy Sachs!"

Eva shrieked shrilly, unable to believe that Cordy had just slapped her in front of so many people.

If word gets out, she would have no dignity left! Nonetheless, Cordy took Dicky with her and started to leave, refusing to waste her breath with them.

Just as she turned, Adam intercepted her, looking utterly savage. He had no intention of fighting Cordy with that pretty face of hers.

However, since he was Eva's husband, a slap to her face was no different from a slap to his face—he would never live it down. Dicky sensed danger, and promptly moved his little frame to stand before Cordy, protecting her.

Cordy's heart softened right then, and she felt emotional from Dicky's gesture. He was willing to defend her, even with that tiny body of his! She tightened her hold on Dicky.

let him get hurt

flabby cheeks flapping

your knees and apologize to my

"No!"

Eva cried.

must pay her back

the woman," Adam

or you and your

and Eva accosted her, and Jerry, their son, who was grinning smugly. She whipped out her phone, intending to call John since there

was for John to sort out the

took out her phone, Adam strode up and snatched it out

snorted, "What, trying to call the cops? Don't you know that I'm buddies

what are you worried

trouble a brother with something as

phone now,"

on your knees and apologize, and let my wife slap you. Then

"What if I refuse?"

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Cordy promptly pulled Dicky out of harm's way, refusing to let her son get hurt.

Adam laughed coldly before snapping viciously at the boy, "Your mom's a liar! Do you really think that John Levine, the heir to the richest family in North City, is your father? Why don't you look yourself in the mirror or see how slutty your mom looks! You really think John Levine would tap that and have you? Dream on!"

"John Levine is my—"

"That's enough! Don't waste your time with them," Eva said, losing patience.

"Jerry's next event is coming up."

Adam agreed, and started to threaten Cordy again.

"Last chance! Are you going to do it or not?"

"No!" Cordy refused, not budging an inch.

"So we're doing this the hard way, huh?"

and he raised his pudgy hand, aiming it squarely

had already bought

way she and Dicky could get out with so

if she could wrestle against them, she might end

simply watched as

very moment Adam's palm almost reached her face, Cordy saw a large hand catch Adam's wrist abruptly, holding his

held him with a vice-grip and turned angrily, looking

brief moment of surprise, however,

could say a word, John pushed him off, sending

as he turned towards

Cordy nodded.

son was

flash in John's eyes, and he crouched to look at Dicky,

him,

Adam with a

never met before, he had worked with subsidiaries of Levine Ventures on one

fact, he was relatively famous as a principal contractor in North City, having worked on various megaprojects; he was a typical parvenu who had done better than

also grew conceited, and he grew to believe that any problem that can be resolved with money was no problem