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Diana beamed with satisfaction. Yvonne's flawless performance today made all those years of careful nurturing feel completely worthwhile.

With Yvonne on the scene, the Henderson family's reputation in Riverdale was about to hit new heights.

Glancing around, Diana noticed a cluster of well-dressed women nearby.

"Yvonne, stay put for a moment. I just spotted Mrs. Harper. I'm going to say hi." Flashing Yvonne a quick smile, Diana picked up her champagne glass and glided toward the group.

Not long after, a few elegantly dressed girls sauntered over to Yvonne.

"So, you're Yvonne Henderson, right? The campus belle from First Academy? I've heard all about you."

"Yvonne, nice to finally meet you. I'm Amy Harper."

"Yvonne, do you remember me? I was in the class next door to you in middle school."

out of nowhere, each one eager

mix of indifference and jealousy. But once they

about strategy. In their world, staying in favor meant keeping one's

the possibility of becoming the next daughter-in-law of the Savage

Compliments flowed, and as they

crowd buzzed with conversation and champagne glasses clinked, the doors to the banquet hall swung open. A

freeze. His presence was electric, sending a ripple of awe through the crowd. For a few long seconds, everyone was too stunned by

out of a spell, eyes began to follow him. His features were chiseled-more striking than

about the way he moved, a quiet power, like a king among commoners, or a god stepping out of the pages of

pair of eyes in the room gravitated toward him, especially the women.

the second she saw him. Her gaze was filled with awe and infatuation the moment she

Yvonne found herself moving toward him. When she

"Gavin, you're here..."

even pause. He moved past her as if she were invisible, not sparing her

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However, Gavin looked closely at Diana but didn't find the person he was hoping to see.

"Come here. Let me introduce you. This is Mr. Henderson's daughter, Yvonne Henderson!" Priscilla said.

Seeing that Gavin wasn't acknowledging her, Priscilla felt a bit awkward. But in front of everyone, she forced a nonchalant expression and waved at Yvonne, who was not far away.

"Yvonne, come over and meet Gavin!"

"Ma'am, I've heard a lot about Gavin. He's the top student at the academy," Yvonne replied.

Only then did Gavin glance at Yvonne coldly before turning to Priscilla, asking, "Doesn't the Henderson family have two daughters?"

When the group fell silent, Gavin repeated himself with surprising patience.

"Oh, she's around. I just don't know where she's gone off to," Priscilla said casually.

Gavin gave Priscilla a blank stare but didn't say anything in response.

uneasy. His

to announce the

next to Arthur, and the two walked up to the

took the microphone and spoke earnestly. "Everyone, please quiet down! Today, I

that the little princess born

Gavin has come of age, I publicly announce that he is engaged to Yvonne Henderson, the daughter of the Henderson family! This will bring our two families even

everyone present was already aware of what was about to happen, a

both exceptional. They're

"Congratulations!"

and Mrs.

"Congratulations, Mrs. Henderson!"

well-wishes around her, unable to hide the smile spreading across her lips. She

other

having achieved what she had always dreamed

the agreement with Preston.

was wrapped up in this surreal happiness, a

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Priscilla was equally stunned. The only people who knew that the marriage match was supposed to be between Gavin and Yolanda were their elders. Who had Gavin heard it from?

Priscilla's first reaction was to suspect that the Henderson family had leaked the news, but then she thought better of it.

After all, Yolanda really didn't qualify to be a daughter-in-law of the Savage family. She would only bring shame to the Henderson family. They would probably be the ones least willing for this to be made public.

"How I found out isn't important."

Though he hadn't heard Arthur and Priscilla's conversation, Gavin was very clear about what they were thinking.

He spoke resolutely. "I won't be marrying her because I already have someone that I like."

He hadn't seen Yolanda and wasn't even sure if she was the person he was looking for. Just mentioning that his engagement with Yvonne was invalid was enough.

impossible!" Yvonne blurted out

up a reason

hardly paying any attention to the girls who pursued him. How could he possibly have someone

of grievance as she looked at Gavin, "Gavin, you're lying to

a hint of impatience. "I have no reason to

was on the verge of breaking down. Gavin had publicly refused to

me, who is it you like?

holding an empty plate. She had finished her snacks and planned to get

hall, she spotted Gavin among the crowd, and almost as if sensing her, Gavin

and without a word, they instantly

previously cold expression

person I like

to where Yolanda stood. He stopped in front of her. His eyes, which were as perfect as pieces of art, focused only on Yolanda.

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"This ungrateful brat! Go after him now!" Arthur barked at the nearby bodyguards, his face dark with rage.

Priscilla was equally stunned but quickly regained her composure. "Honey, don't get too upset. He's just doing this to spite us!"

Gavin had never interacted with Yolanda before, so how could he possibly like her? And even if they had met without their knowledge, there was no way Gavin would fall for someone who was fat, ugly and had been in a juvenile detention center!

No. Gavin was definitely doing this just to rebel against the Savage family, deliberately picking Yolanda as his fiancée to disgust them.

Nearby, Diana was in shock too. She had thought Gavin might reject Yvonne, but never in her wildest dreams did she expect him to choose Yolanda instead!

For a moment, she stood frozen, caught between mixed emotions. On one hand, she was relieved because no matter what, their family would be joining the Savages.

On the other hand, however, she was worried because the Savage family would never accept Yolanda, and it wasn't unlikely that they'd blame them for it later.

her sharp nails pierced her palms. Her

that useless girl steal my fiancé?"

could only belong

and Yolanda's abrupt departure, what was supposed to be a grand engagement banquet ended in awkward

had all left, Priscilla called Diana into the VIP lounge next to

Her tone was accusatory, full of anger as she faced Diana. "I... I really don't know..." Diana was just as confused.

"Hmph! Look at how well you've raised your daughter! Not only is she ugly and has a criminal record, but now she's even learned how to seduce men at a

rebellious phase and upset with the family's arrangements, he chose her

head bowed, quickly tried to appease Priscilla. "I don't approve of Yolanda

you'd like

that ugly daughter of yours will ever marry into the Savage family. If you can't make her leave my son

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Priscilla spoke with a smile that didn't reach her eyes, "Honestly, I quite like Yvonne. She's sensible and knows how to handle herself. Even when Gavin embarrassed her in front of everyone, she didn't cause a scene or make it worse."

At first, Yvonne had been upset. But once she calmed down, she didn't cry or throw a tantrum.

By the end of the banquet, she even comforted Priscilla, saying Gavin was simply deceived by her immature sister, Yolanda.

"At first, I wasn't fond of the idea of a girl from a small family like yours marrying into ours, but since Mr. Savage Senior and Mr. Henderson Senior had an agreement, and Yvonne truly is a remarkable young woman, I won't be changing my mind for now."

Upon hearing this, Diana's anxious heart finally settled down. But in the next moment, Priscilla's words made her tense up again.

"Don't get too excited just yet. Whether Yvonne can actually marry into the Savage family depends on whether she can win my son's heart. After all, if Gavin really doesn't want her, we can't force them to get married."

The Savage family may interfere with their children's marriages for the sake of the family's interests, but they would also consider their children's preferences. If Gavin truly couldn't accept Yvonne, there were still plenty of other eligible girls from prominent families.

nodded. "Yes, yes,

Speak with

who had been waiting in the hotel lobby. Neither of them spoke

out of the car, Diana glanced up at

snapped in a cold voice, "That girl still isn't back yet? She's been nothing but trouble-lying, cheating, and now stealing

she became. She turned to Yvonne and

"Mom, you're always the one who treats me best. I've never wronged Yolanda, and I even went out of my way to help her adjust

she's always treated me like an enemy. It hurts so much... After all, I'm her little sister. How could she humiliate me like that in front of everyone?" As she spoke, her

moved. "Don't cry, sweetheart. I won't let her take

and smiled at Diana. "I'm heading upstairs now. I need to

weekend, so make sure

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Meanwhile, Yolanda and Gavin were strolling along the beach. They were holding hands, with Yolanda doing most of the talking while Gavin occasionally responded. But from the look in Gavin's eyes, it was clear he was lost in his memories.

He was never an emotional person, but anything related to Yulia always brought out a different side of him. Her every smile and gesture tugged at his heart.

Even though he was once a king who ruled the world, he was willing to bow before Yulia.

After a while, Yolanda pointed to her chubby figure and asked with a deliberately expressionless face, "Now that I look like this, do you still like me?"

"I do," Gavin replied softly, his voice cool but without any hesitation.

Yolanda raised an eyebrow. "Do you like the old me or the current me?"

It was one of those impossible questions-there'd never be a satisfying answer.

see some embarrassment on Gavin's usually stoic face, but

it's the Yulia from before or the Yolanda now, it's still you. Each version is

by Gavin's declaration, Yolanda was momentarily stunned. Then suddenly, she smiled-a real,

plan now?" Yolanda asked,

faint smile faded. "I can't

no way she would let that imposter, Nydia, continue pretending to be her. So, he assumed she would return to

surprise, right after he finished speaking, Yolanda smiled and said, "What a coincidence. I'm not going

Gavin was slightly taken

was on, and I don't fully understand Nydia's role in all this. So,

completely faded. I need to help her

raised his perfectly arched

body has an older brother named Henry Savage, their adopted son, and his

car accident? That was Henry. He had someone mess with the car. But honestly,

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"You're still awake?" Gavin's voice came through the phone, smooth and captivating. It was the kind of voice that could melt hearts.

"Yeah," Yolanda replied coolly. As she spoke, her other hand continued clicking through various web pages with the mouse.

"I just discovered that the people who came after you before and the ones who planned my plane crash might be from the same organization."

As she spoke, she encrypted the clues she had found and sent them to Gavin via email. "Check your email."

"Got it." There was a brief silence on Gavin's end before he spoke again. "What have you found so far?"

"Have you heard of 'Troy'?"

Gavin raised a brow on the other end. "That new assassin organization?"

expanding their influence,

incidents are tied to them. They're plotting something bigger, a cross-world conspiracy, and killing you and me was

part of their plan or if she just saw this as an opportunity to replace me, but I just emailed my brother, Rowan, asking him to publicly announce that Yulia Hoffman is still

want 'Yulia Hoffman' dead, they'll try again, and it'll

her plan, Gavin finally asked, "Does

told him to keep

his eyes were resolute. His biggest regret was not being there to protect Yolanda when

Troy cares more about

in Gavin's eyes. "Don't worry. Even if I have to destroy certain things,

over the next couple of days, and when we meet, we can come up with a temporary plan." As

they supposed to be dating? Why did it feel like they were falling back

this next time we meet. How about we go to the

what normal couples did on

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Class hadn't started yet, but the students of Class A were already buzzing with excitement, eagerly discussing the upcoming entrance exam results.

As Yolanda walked into the classroom, Tina deliberately raised her voice. "You might as well start packing! Once the results are out, you'll be kicked out of First Academy!"

Tina's words drew laughter from the surrounding students. Everyone assumed today would be Yolanda's last day at First Academy. After all, how could a girl who hadn't even finished middle school and just got out of juvenile detention possibly rank first in the grade?

"When she gets kicked out, I'm definitely recording it and posting it on the school forum! It'll be a good lesson for anyone thinking of using connections to get in!"

"Ha ha ha! She's definitely going to make a name for herself! Failures happen all the time, but it's not every day you see someone this oblivious to it!"

"Ha ha ha ha ha..."

The students around her continued to mock Yolanda, venting their frustrations with cruel taunts.

Everyone here was a top-tier talent, having worked hard to earn their place in First Academy's honors class. Why should they have to share a classroom with someone like Yolanda, who didn't even try?

grabbed a scrap

her past life, nearly everyone knew her traditional painting skills were exceptional, but only a select few were aware of her proficiency in

crying soon enough!" Tina sneered, thinking Yolanda was just putting on a brave

didn't affect Yolanda, they quickly lost interest and turned to

Class A's homeroom teacher, Chuck Luther, walked in holding a thick envelope. Inside were all the students' test papers and rankings from the entrance

first day was an old tradition at First Academy. It played a

for grading and score

envelope was opened, even Chuck didn't know the

made up of the top students in the grade, it was a given that the first-place student would come from their class. The

you'll be first this time. When we compared answers earlier, you had

think Tina's got it too. She was first in the final

would take first place this time, with Tina receiving the most

to

would ever make you her sidekick? In your

top student be your follower? She should take a look in

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Wasn't Yolanda just a problematic student who barely finished middle school before being locked up in a juvenile detention center, getting in through connections?

Then Chuck glanced at the scores, and his eyes widened a little more. What was he seeing? Yolanda had a perfect score!

After all these years of teaching, he had never encountered a student with a perfect score. Even the most brilliant geniuses would lose points on essays and open-ended questions!

Yolanda's essay could earn a perfect score from even the strictest of graders?

"Mr. Luther, are you going to announce the results or what?" The students before him were starting to get impatient as Chuck took too long to reveal the rankings. "You're not trying to cover for that loser, are you?" Tina frowned and chimed in.

It wouldn't be surprising if Yolanda managed to get into Class A through connections and even bribed the homeroom teacher to protect her.

"Uh... Everyone, just hold on for a second..."

Chuck hurriedly sifted through the stack of tests to find Yolanda's paper, checking and rechecking it, but ultimately found no errors.

a moment, he reluctantly announced, "The top scorer of this entrance exam is..."

classroom fell into complete silence. Every

Luther, you can't be

no way that loser

voiced their doubts. They couldn't believe Yolanda had actually managed to

true!" Although Chuck didn't believe it himself,

said as he began passing out Yolanda's exam papers for the students to

one, the students who doubted Yolanda's scores began

desperately tried to find mistakes in Yolanda's papers, but there were none! After a long look, they

even in the subjective

up, pointing at Yolanda and shouting, "This is impossible! No one can write an essay like that! Yolanda must have cheated with some special

replied, "I remember you all were supervising me

exam, so how could we supervise you the whole time? You definitely cheated

"Mr. Luther, cheating is a serious matter and must

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With Tina's instigation and provocation, the students from Class One were all filled with righteous indignation, as if they had already confirmed that Yolanda had

cheated to get a perfect score.

Chuck hesitated at first, but upon hearing the protests from the students, he leaned toward going to the surveillance room to review the footage from the day

of the exam.

However, considering the possibility that Yolanda hadn't cheated and that she might become an outstanding student in the future, he still turned to Yolanda and asked, "Yolanda, what do you think about this?"

"I did not cheat," Yolanda responded coldly.

"Hmph. I bet you're scared to go because you don't want us to find out you

cheated!" Tina persisted.

Yolanda slowly turned, her face icy as she stared at Tina. "What happens if, when

watch the surveillance video, it turns out

back without thinking. "You definitely

the surrounding classmates

"Liar!"

useless the only thing you

cold glint in

the stakes. If the surveillance footage shows I cheated, I'll not only drop out voluntarily, but I'll

her lackey had been a minor punishment, but now that Tina was ungrateful and insisted on escalating things, Yolanda had no choice but to end this farce her

at those words. "That's a good bet! People like

didn't cheat, you must

hesitated slightly, her tone unsure. Dropping out was a

raised an eyebrow, a mocking smile forming on her lips.

instantly provoked by Yolanda's words. Not wanting to show her weakness, she immediately shot back, "Hah! Scared of you? I'm certain

since Yolanda has agreed, let's head to the surveillance

this. However, he had no choice but to take the students to the surveillance room at this

academy's surveillance room, with Chuck following closely behind. Yolanda, on the other hand, was calm and unhurried as she leisurely made her way up the