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However, the only response Janice received was a sharp, searing pain in her knees.

"Ah!" She collapsed to the ground, and the intense pain nearly caused her to pass out.

Yolanda had broken both of her legs. After that, she casually tossed the wooden club to the ground beside Janice. The club landed on the floor with a loud thud.

Back at the banquet, Yolanda couldn't be bothered to deal with Janice. But now that Janice had come looking for trouble on her own, she would have to put up with any retaliation that Yolanda dealt her.

All Yolanda did was cripple her legs as she didn't want to dirty her hands over someone like Janice. After that, Yolanda continued walking down the alley while pulling out her phone to send a message.

When fortune and lady luck were no longer on a certain family's side, there was no need for them to continue existing anymore.

But just as Yolanda passed by the thugs lying on the ground, something caught her eye. She stopped in her tracks abruptly when she noticed a strange tattoo on Blondie's arm-it was the tattoo of a green lotus flower.

Out of curiosity, Yolanda examined the other thugs one by one and found that, like Blondie, each of them had the same tattoo on the inside of their arms.

Yolanda stepped on Blondie's chest

shut his mouth tightly with a look of

squatted down next to him. Then, she took out a silver needle and precisely pierced a meridian

cause excruciating pain without threatening his life. It was a

that sounded like he was on the brink of death. He

out another silver needle and prepared to insert

He struggled to

"Hurry up then!"

"We are..."

the next moment, his eyes widened, and his eyeballs bulged

body went limp and

dipped a silver needle into a bit of

the one used on Nigel, except this variant was more potent

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Unfortunately, Gavin didn't know the origin of the tattoo either. Yolanda briefly told Gavin what had happened that afternoon, and the two of them agreed to investigate separately and then share their findings later.

In the blink of an eye, a week had passed.

Because both Gavin and Bryce visited Yolanda frequently, it created a competitive tension between the three of them. This made the girls at the academy so jealous that they wished Yolanda would just disappear.

Since they couldn't change Gavin's or Bryce's minds, they targeted Yolanda instead.

Rumors tended to spread like wildfire on a campus. Thus, the lies they fabricated spread throughout First Academy in just a few days. But what puzzled the other students was that any post discussing Yolanda on the campus forum would be deleted almost instantly without exception.

Some students confronted the forum administrator, accusing him of protecting Yolanda. However, the administrator had no idea what was going on. He gave the excuse that the system was infected by a virus to buy some time.

But even after a few days of combing through the forum, the administrator couldn't find any trace of a virus. He even hired a semi-famous hacker from Dowonair to look through the forum's code. Yet, the hacker couldn't find anything wrong with the web forum as well.

Since this bug didn't affect the forum's normal operations, they eventually gave up trying to fix it.

Trojan horse program in it. The program

no one

a result, everyone firmly believed the rumors about Yolanda receiving special treatment

soon spiraled out of control. Some even spread the rumor that Yolanda was the illegitimate daughter of an elite family

number of students who disliked Yolanda and wanted

few days later, just as Yolanda was returning to the academy after lunch, she was suddenly blocked by a group of girls from the school. These girls were athletic

students in Class A had been holding a grudge against Yolanda, so they'd called in these troublemakers

Pith, who had fiery red hair and was around five feet nine inches. She was half a head taller than

At the start of the semester, she had represented the school in

course, Luna was furious to hear about this. She immediately rallied her crew

had chalked it up to exaggeration out of jealousy. Now that she had seen Yolanda in person, she realized that Yolanda looked even worse

even more indignant. How could such an

icily at Yolanda and demanded, "Are you

teenage girls surrounding

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"What do you think you're doing?"

Luna froze for a moment. When she turned around, she saw the president of the student council, Andrew, walking over with several student council members.

"Good afternoon, Andrew." The group of girls immediately greeted him respectfully.

Andrew held a lot of authority within the academy. Even troublemakers like Luna had to show him some respect.

Luna explained patiently, "Andrew, Yolanda is too arrogant. We just wanted to warn her and make sure she knows her place in the future."

Andrew's expression turned even colder upon hearing this. "Shut up! Yolanda is my boss. Whatever she wants to do is none of your concern."

Luna was stunned. How did Yolanda get Andrew's backing?

Yolanda. The icy expression on his face melted

by a flattering smile as he said, "Ma'am, if you run into something

you..." Luna was dumbfounded. She never would have imagined

loser, while Andrew was the eldest son of the general manager of Doxcon Group! Why? How could

After all, if Andrew was willing to side with Yolanda, she must have had some backing that Luna couldn't afford to

Get lost already!" Andrew shot

dare to argue and quickly slinked away

things more discreetly. There's no need to be so flashy," Yolanda reminded Andrew impassively. Then,

I didn't think it through."

Luna stormed back to her classroom. She started

to get so upset, Luna," one of her lackeys tried to console her. "That Yolanda

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Luna felt a little hesitant. "So how can we get those families to file complaints? Parents don't usually bother with disputes between students..."

"That's where you're wrong, Luna. Parents care a lot about the learning environment at the academy. How many of them would tolerate a problematic student like Yolanda? Besides, she only got the first place once. Who knows if she used some special cheating method?

"Maybe the only reason they didn't catch her cheating is because Mr. Coleman has been covering for her! We just need to twist these rumors a bit and spread them around. Parents will definitely start sending in complaints."

After hearing this, Luna was convinced. "You're right. Let's do it!"

Luna thought for a moment and called a few more of her lackeys over to plan with her.

Undeniably, Luna and her group were very efficient at spreading rumors. Since Yolanda's assertive behavior had already rubbed many students the wrong way, it didn't take long for the false stories to stoke the dissatisfaction that had been simmering.

Within just one day, the board of directors of First Academy received over a dozen letters of complaint. Moreover, most of the parents sending these complaints were influential figures who had contributed significantly to the academy and held sway in board decisions.

as he looked at the stack of complaint letters. He wanted to protect Yolanda, having emphasized that she

they suspected that he was favoring her because the

no other choice, Harvey decided to bring Yolanda into the board meeting. He hoped that by having her demonstrate her hacking skills in front of the board, he could convince the directors of

into the conference room, the directors of the school board turned to look at

as she made her way over to Harvey. "You wanted to see

He gestured to the seat he had

"Yolanda, have a seat."

of Students, Chris Sawyer, snorted coldly at

don't act like one at all. Didn't your teachers ever teach you to respect your elders? There are so many adults and people of position in

"I was raised to

Chris nor any of the other directors of the board present were

his hand down on the table

"Students who have no respect for their elders don't

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Harvey's expression became solemn. "I am willing to stake my reputation and vouch for the fact that I did not help Yolanda cheat. Her grades were achieved through her own hard work!"

"Mr. Coleman, it's not that we don't believe you. It's just that given her past history and her behavior since joining the academy, she doesn't meet First Academy's standards."

Hector quickly changed the topic. "The school is rife with rumors about her being involved in romantic relationships, two-timing, and even seducing her own sister's fiancé. If word of this gets out, what will happen to our academy's reputation?"

"I believe this is all a misunderstanding. Yolanda is not that kind of person!" Harvey exclaimed.

However, no one in the conference room was swayed by Harvey's weak defense.

"Mr. Coleman, save those words for the concerned parents. They're worried about having their children study alongside such a problematic student."

"So what are you suggesting?" Harvey asked, his expression tense.

"We want Yolanda expelled!"

"That's right!"

insist on siding with a problematic student, we'll have

to appoint or remove the principal. If two- thirds

he was risking, but

bring First Academy to new heights. At the same time, he firmly believed that a

as Harvey was caught between a rock and a hard place, Yolanda spoke up again. "Mr. Lowey,

a cold gaze toward her. "What

the rumors going around the academy, have you investigated whether they're

the students are saying it, it

biased response, Yolanda chuckled instead of getting upset. "Hmph. Even the police wouldn't close a case without evidence. But at First Academy, as long as most people believe something, it automatically becomes

way out of this. Even if those rumors aren't true, there's still something wrong with you. Otherwise, why would the students target

at his words. With an irrational director like this on the school board, what kind of positive impact could it bring to the

overboard. Yolanda is a victim of those rumors. She

his head dismissively.

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Hector frowned and sneered as he looked at Yolanda, thinking that she was only putting up a meaningless struggle.

"The teachers all have teaching responsibilities. Don't you need time to solve those problems? Who has the time to sit around waiting for you?"

"Then what if I rank first in the next monthly exam with a perfect score again?"

"Impossible!" Hector and the other school board directors scoffed at Yolanda's words. "You think we're going to leak the answers for the next test as well? Without the answers, how could you possibly get a perfect score?"

"Are you afraid to bet?" Yolanda remained calm and unruffled. However, it was precisely this attitude that ticked off every single board director who was present.

"What arrogance for someone so young!"

"Fine! If you want to embarrass yourself, I'll give you the chance to do it!" Hector said sternly, "If you manage to get a perfect score next time, we'll let you stay at First Academy."

fair. Even if I don't get a perfect score next time, according to First Academy's regulations, you still have

what do you want?" Hector was starting

rank first in the next monthly exam, you'll resign from

"Outrageous!" Hector bellowed furiously.

smile. "You want to kick me out of First Academy without

convinced that I cheated, then why would

demeanor made Hector want to throw her out of

right-the wager was indeed lopsided. Nevertheless, Hector didn't believe for a second

a word. He stared at her

hesitance caused Yolanda to add, "I can

who was standing by, interjected. Yolanda smiled lightly. "After the monthly exam, it'll be time for the Southdale Physics

a big mouth you

words caused an uproar

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Harvey looked at Yolanda. He wanted to say something but held back. He didn't approve of Yolanda using the Southdale Physics Competition as part of her wager. Winning the championship in such a competition was incredibly difficult.

"Mr. Coleman, I know what I'm doing. If I dare to propose it, it means I can achieve it."

"But..."

Even though Yolanda said this, it still couldn't put Harvey at ease.

"I'm not done yet," Yolanda stated.

Then, she continued, "I promise to get a perfect score and rank first in the next monthly exam, and I'll win the championship in this year's Southdale Physics Competition.

"If I fail to meet either of these conditions, I will apologize publicly to all the directors of the school board and leave First Academy voluntarily.

"In addition, I'll donate 50 million dollars to the school. However, if I meet both conditions, Hector must resign from the school board. Also, I will join the school board as a director, which will grant me decision-making authority."

speaking, the conference room fell into a stunned silence. This bet was enormous, and the

donate 50 million dollars! Even if the amount was split among everyone present, each of them would receive more than five

that even if Yolanda could get another perfect score in the next monthly exam, there was no way she could win the Southdale Physics Competition. Therefore, this was a risk-free, guaranteed win

who finally spoke up. "Hector, agree to it

agreement

immediately. But for some reason, when he looked at Yolanda's calm expression, a strange sense

won't be able to meet either of those conditions. If you agree,

had ever exceeded five million dollars. If they secured 50 million dollars from Yolanda,

himself and nodded decisively at the group

are wind. I need you to put all this in

sure about this?" Harvey asked hesitantly. He was the only

he might have

slightly.

his assistant into the room to draft the details

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After a while, Yolanda arrived at the busiest commercial district in Dowonair. However, before she could enter the mall, she received a call from Brigham.

"Ms. Henderson, have you been busy lately?" Brigham asked over the phone.

Ever since Yolanda left abruptly after being doubted and insulted by Jeremy and Cianna, Brigham hadn't dared to call her for days.

Even though Jeremy regretted his behavior deeply and kept pushing Brigham to help him find an opportunity to apologize to Yolanda, Brigham understood Yolanda's temperament fairly well by then.

Given how Jeremy and Cianna had acted before, the fact that Yolanda didn't hold it against him by extension was already an act of generosity on her part. So, Brigham had waited until he was sure Yolanda had cooled off before reaching out to her.

"If you have something to say, just say it." Yolanda's tone was somewhat indifferent. She could guess why Brigham was calling, but she genuinely didn't have time to deal with other people's issues at the moment.

throat awkwardly before speaking. "Ahem... Well, Jeremy would like to apologize to you in person. He acted

their behavior ever since, and they both feel terrible about doubting your medical skills. Could

when she suddenly noticed a familiar figure. It was her

hour, Harold was supposed to be out of town on a business trip. So, why was he

learned by chance that this bank was actually part of the

"Tell Jeremy I'm at Union Bank in the mall in the commercial area right

so quickly and immediately responded enthusiastically. "I'll let Jeremy know right

Brigham

then crossed the street and headed toward Union Bank. When she entered, she glanced around and spotted Harold in the loan department. From where she stood, she

stepped inside. Once the office's glass door closed, Yolanda noticed the

that Henderson Group's finances were in serious trouble. And so, Yolanda walked straight to the loan

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"Mr. Henderson, I sympathize with your situation, but rules are rules. I can't make an exception for you. Otherwise, it wouldn't be fair to our other clients," Isaiah said.

However, his eyes glinted slyly as he glanced at Harold's anxious expression. A faint smile then appeared on his lips. "But since we've been friends for so many years, I can point you in the right direction."

Harold's eyes lit up, and he eagerly asked, "Please tell me all about it."

"It's like this." Isaiah pulled a contract out of his desk drawer. "Union Bank may not be able to approve your loan, but someone else is willing to lend you 200 million dollars."

Harold froze. "Someone is willing to lend me money? Who?"

"Mr. Caldwell is willing to lend it to you. All you have to do is sign this contract, and 200 million dollars will be yours. What's more, it will be paid out today," Isaiah elaborated.

Caldwell, who had no real

"The conditions are simple. All you have to do is sell the Henderson residence to Mr. Caldwell. Of course, the 200 million dollars is a loan.

that, Isaiah continued to persuade him. "Mr. Caldwell is interested in buying the Henderson residence. If you

expression turned cold. "Mr. Rowse, you should

survived wars and been renovated multiple times. It stood as a testament

of times, Harold's father had never once considered selling the Henderson

the villa because of its historical significance. He wants to renovate it and turn it into an entertainment venue.

his anger. He asked through gritted teeth, "Mr. Rowse, it seems like you're very eager to push this deal

"Of course, I'm not doing it for free. Mr. Caldwell has promised that if I close this transaction, he'll open an account at our branch and guarantee over a billion dollars in annual transactions. "Since I'm benefiting from this, naturally, I'll share some of the rewards with you." Bank managers had to draw in substantial

help but exclaim upon seeing Isaiah's smug expression. "You deliberately denied Henderson Group's loan request to force me into selling my family home to

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Isaiah was so close to securing Boris as a major client. He couldn't afford to let all his efforts go to waste.

"Mr. Rowse, you need not say anything more. I will not agree to this!" Harold spoke firmly, leaving no room for discussion.

Isaiah sighed in frustration when he saw that Harold wouldn't budge. "Mr. Henderson, why are you being so stubborn? This is a rare opportunity. You might be giving up the old villa, but you're gaining a valuable connection with Mr. Caldwell.

"Do you know how many people in Creybia want to befriend Mr. Caldwell? He couldn't even be bothered to acknowledge them!"

Harold shook his head. "It's not that I'm being stubborn. I might consider selling my possessions, but the Henderson residence is my bottom line. It's a matter of principle!"

He knew that continuing this conversation with Isaiah was just a waste of time. So, he stood up to leave, intending to try his luck at other banks.

But when Isaiah saw that he was leaving, he panicked. He slammed his hand on the table and stood up abruptly.

is showing you the greatest respect by

absolute confidence that he could get

at promotion and a raise would go down the drain. He might even offend Boris,

this contract, then all the previous loans the bank issued to you will have to be repaid immediately. If you can't pay

drowning in debt and end up penniless.

threats that his entire body trembled. In his rage, he raised his fist and

Harold to resort to violence. Caught off guard, he took the punch squarely in

How dare you hit me? Somebody come over

shouting, several security guards rushed over. Upon seeing Harold, they immediately barged in and

watching the whole scene

slam into them. A few seconds later, all the security guards were