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Isaiah didn't take Yolanda seriously at all. If he didn't fear Harold, why would he be concerned about a teenage girl?

Even if Yolanda was capable and knew martial arts, so what? She might be able to handle a few security guards, but could she take on dozens? Hypothetically speaking, even if she could defeat dozens of them, she would still have to explain herself to the authorities.

The Henderson family wasn't a well-known name in Dowonair. They were just middle-class at best. For an ordinary citizen to think they could take on official forces was nothing short of foolishness.

"Someone's causing trouble! Get every security guard here now!" Isaiah grabbed the phone on his desk and called the security department, ordering them to send over reinforcements.

"Harold, your daughter dared to assault security guards! From now on, the Henderson family is blacklisted by Union Bank. Don't even think about getting another loan!

"I'm going to call the police to report your assault on our security personnel too. You can both expect legal consequences!

"Isn't your daughter under 18? Since she's familiar with that juvenile detention center, she might as well head back there!"

had punched Isaiah in a moment of impulse and was

escalated the situation. With how things

scolded her. "Yolanda, look at the mess you've made! Do you have any

went through so much trouble to get you into First Academy. Instead of attending classes, you're out here

that moment, Harold vented all his

with him, he still felt entitled to claim that

no emotional turmoil at all. Perhaps the original Yolanda had long been disappointed in this so-called

with work and pushed all the responsibilities of child-rearing onto his wife. Yet, he viewed his children as his

was no more than a stranger. She could have simply ignored this situation. But if she wanted to fulfill the original Yolanda's wishes, the Henderson family couldn't go bankrupt now. That meant she needed to help Harold through

she had to put up with his

finish venting, she cut him off sharply, "Even if I hadn't stepped in, he

really think that he would have let you off the hook if I hadn't dealt with the guards? You'd probably be

expected Yolanda to

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Upon hearing Isaiah twist the facts about what had happened, Harold hurriedly tried to explain the situation. "Ms. Clark, please don't listen to his nonsense. I didn't threaten him, I —"

"There's no need to say anything more. I hereby declare that you and Henderson Group are permanently blacklisted by Union Bank!" Lucia didn't bother listening to his explanation and made her decision on the spot.

"Threatening a manager, assaulting security, disrupting the normal order of the bank-these actions have serious legal consequences," Lucia stated.

She then turned to the security guards behind her and ordered, "Call the police immediately and have them arrested!"

Harold's face turned deathly pale, and a look of despair flashed across his eyes. He hadn't expected things to escalate this far.

Initially, he thought he could simply try another bank if his loan application was rejected, but if Union Bank blacklisted him, no other bank would be willing to offer him a loan either.

act so smug when you're being shoved into the back of

at her and shouted, "Especially you! Someone as ugly as you

I suggest you stay home. Just looking at that

A crisp slap echoed through the room,

scream and jerked his head up, his face contorted with rage. "How dare you hit me? Ms. Clark, these people have completely lost

that all members of the Henderson family are hereby

to you. You treat bank regulations as a joke, so don't expect

as if she were out of her mind. "Did you forget to take

words. How could his worthless

narrowed her eyes, staring hard at Yolanda.

fired," Yolanda declared

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Faced with the ridicule of those around him, Harold wished he could just

disappear into a crack in the ground. It was so embarrassing!

He felt like he could kill Yolanda at that moment. But at the same time, he also knew that losing his temper in front of everyone would only make him look worse.

Isaiah sneered. "You've embarrassed yourself enough already! I've been a credit manager here for so long, and I've never seen anyone so arrogant!"

"I wouldn't believe it if you say the Hendersons have no connections in Creybia!" he added sarcastically.

His words drew another round of laughter from the surrounding employees. Harold's face turned pale. He realized that nothing he said would matter now.

He decided to just grab Yolanda and leave. But to his surprise, he found he couldn't pull her away.

from him, Lucia was watching Yolanda with keen interest. She wondered why this seemingly ordinary student dared to challenge

experience in a juvenile detention

you want to fire us, let's see you try!" Lucia said mockingly, her eyes

can joke," one of the security guards standing behind Lucia chimed

youngest and most outstanding bank manager among all branches of

you as our bank manager, we wouldn't know how to do

can get you fired,

listened to her subordinates' flattery, her pride swelled, and her

said you wanted to fire me? Go ahead and try!" she smirked and mocked

in her triumph, the bank's doors suddenly swung open. A large group of people strode in from outside. Leading the way was a

"Mr. Granger!"

"Hello, Mr. Granger!"

of Union Bank,

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As soon as Jeremy Granger and Cianna Lovell finished speaking, the entire bank fell into silence. Everyone around them was dumbfounded. They stared at Jeremy and Yolanda with shock and confusion.

"What was going on? Why was Mr. Granger being so polite to a school kid?" Lucia covered her mouth in surprise.

As for Isaiah, he didn't dare utter a word. He was wondering if he was in a hallucination from the adrenaline rush.

"Just what was the deal? How could someone like Yolanda know Jeremy? And on what grounds could Mr. Granger lower himself to apologize to Yolanda? Could Yolanda's threat earlier to fire them wasn't a bluff?" he thought.

Lucia and Isaiah both sucked in a sharp breath. Harold, Yolanda's father, was equally dumbfounded. He was unsure how his daughter possibly knew someone as important as Jeremy, let alone have him extend an invitation so respectfully. Yolanda glanced at Jeremy and his wife, speaking in a flat tone.

"Mr. Granger, Ms. Lovell," she greeted.

Cianna quickly said, "Ms. Henderson, if you don't mind, please call me Cianna."

Jeremy, who had noticed the tense atmosphere since entering, waved at Cianna, gesturing for her to be quiet.

"Ms. Henderson, what happened

Granger, it was all a

"Yes, yes! A misunderstanding!"

Isaiah quickly

even look at them as

and Isaiah reluctantly fell silent, their faces flushed with unease. When Jeremy turned to look at Yolanda,

tell me what

"This person used improper means to reject my family's loan application

to put the Hendersons on

was all a misunderstanding-" Isaiah desperately tried to explain but was cut off

"Enough!" he bellowed.

apology. "Ms. Henderson, I'm very sorry. I failed to manage my subordinates. I am at fault,

to see Yolanda and Harold arrested were stunned

Yolanda showed no pleasure at Jeremy's apology, her expression remaining calm.

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Jeremy instructed his assistant, "You handle the rest."

"And take Mr. Henderson to the VIP room to process the loan," he added.

"Yes, Mr. Granger."

The assistant approached Harold, still in a daze, and gestured for him to follow. Harold shot a glance at Yolanda before finally heading to the VIP room with Jeremy's assistant.

"Ms. Henderson, would you do us the honor of having dinner with us?" Once the crowd dispersed, Jeremy extended the invitation to Yolanda again.

"Let's go."

Having wasted some time with this commotion, Yolanda had to temporarily set aside her plans to prepare the "surprise" for Gavin.

With Harold looking bewildered, Yolanda led the way out of the bank, followed closely by Jeremy and Cianna.

They arrived at a private dining restaurant near the bank. Since it wasn't dinner time, they ordered some afternoon tea sets and chatted while eating.

"Ms. Henderson... no, Dr. Henderson! You have to help us!"

poured some tea for Yolanda as he voiced his request. "Cianna and I want

this amusing, but I'm

son, but because of my maternal grandparents' power, he couldn't come

illegitimate son has started having ulterior motives. Plus, he already has a son and wants to use the idea of carrying on the family

from his secretary that if I don't bear any kids soon, he might give away a quarter of his shares

been married for five years.

business taken over by an illegitimate child, so over these five years, he and Cianna had tried everything-traditional and modern

was skilled in medicine, they had placed all their hopes on

as long as you can help

first," Yolanda said to Jeremy.

took his pulse and confirmed what she suspected-Jeremy had issues with his

to open up your meridians. You just need to take some herbs

were pleasantly surprised; they hadn't expected

and noticed a large sofa

on the sofa," she

"Okay."

sofa. Yolanda then took out her silver needles

later, she wiped the sweat from her forehead and pulled out

said with a sigh of

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Cianna suddenly remembered something and quickly called out to Yolanda. She pulled out a contract from her backpack and handed it to Yolanda.

"What is this?" Yolanda opened the contract and saw that it was a share transfer agreement.

"This company, Cinnamine Pharmaceuticals, is one I founded after graduating from university. We specialize in health products and medical beauty," Cianna explained.

"I've wanted to spin off the company for a while, but I didn't feel comfortable handing it over to anyone. So, I'd like to give it to you as a token of gratitude for helping us!"

Cianna seemed worried that Yolanda would refuse the offer.

"Don't worry. I've kept a small portion of the shares as a keepsake, and the company's accounts and operations are all in order. I'll take some time to sort through the accounts and have my team draft a five-year plan.

"Once you take over, I promise you won't have any extra trouble!

"I know you're still in school, so if you don't want to manage it, I can hire a

professional team. But if you have the energy to manage it, think of it as a good way to practice before starting your career," she added.

accept your kind

which made Yolanda decide to accept

re-establish her influence in Riverdale, and having a company

agreement. She then bid goodbye to Jeremy and Cianna

the house, she heard

on a business trip for

his leave. Since I don't need to supervise the project personally,

expression was somewhat unnatural. In an

back from school? How was

normal." Yolanda found Harold's nervousness amusing. He seemed afraid that she would expose

me have Nora prepare some extra

happy that he had

me to the study. I want to quiz you on

Yvonne, who had just come downstairs, and walked

a glare over her shoulder. She hadn't considered Yolanda a rival before, but recently Yolanda had

sense of crisis made her feel that she had

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"How do you know Mr. Granger? Why is he so polite to you?" Harold asked.

"I did him a favor," Yolanda replied.

"What kind of favor?"

"That's his private matter. Are you sure you want to know?"

Harold waved his hand dismissively. "Alright. Forget it."

Nevertheless, doubt still lingered in his eyes. He asked with concern, "You're not doing anything dangerous behind our backs, are you?"

"No."

Upon hearing Yolanda's calm response, Harold frowned and scrutinized her head to toe. For the first time, he realized he didn't know this daughter of his at all.

ran into some problems, but they're nothing serious. We'll be back on track with the loan we secured

want your mother to worry, so I said I was on

Keep what happened this afternoon to yourself. Don't mention it to your mother or Yvonne. Act like you don't

Yolanda nodded. "Understood."

wasn't in the habit of chatting with Diana or Yvonne anyway, and they wouldn't ask

"Alright then. Go downstairs

Yolanda went downstairs, Harold

trying hard to read Harold's expression to figure out what he and Yolanda had discussed in the study. Unfortunately for her, she couldn't glean anything

Yvonne about her grades and how she was adjusting at school. Seizing the

been so busy lately! Our family hasn't gone on

"It has indeed been a while since we traveled together. We haven't even celebrated Yolanda's coming out of the juvenile detention

slightly but she quickly masked it with a smile. "Sure! I'm looking forward

mood and chimed in cheerfully, "It's true. It's been ages since our family went out for a meal

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"Yolanda, let's head home together today! I'm heading to my aunt's house for dinner, and it's on the way," Bryce suggested.

"Bryce, I thought I made it clear before," Yolanda replied. She had already found Gavin and didn't want Bryce to misunderstand that he still had a chance.

They could be friends, but if Bryce had other intentions, she would need to keep her distance.

"Yolanda, you're misunderstanding me. I don't know you well enough yet," Bryce explained.
"You don't have to feel burdened. I only see you as a friend."

"And I came to find you today to talk about the art festival at the academy," he added. "You haven't signed up yet, have you? I remember you used to sing beautifully. Why not try performing at the festival?"

"I'm not interested," Yolanda said curtly as she turned to leave.

"I remember you loved singing! This is your first art festival at the academy, so you should

Yolanda needed more interaction with her classmates. He hoped she could make

that even if she expressed her disinterest, Bryce would continue to persuade her. So, she decided

the academy, she walked along the small road toward the subway station, with Bryce still trailing

you, I can sign you up," Bryce said awkwardly as he scratched his head, trying

now. The rumors are just rumors. Once people know and understand you, they'll see what a wonderful

difficult personality, he attributed it all to her three years in juvenile detention. He believed that with support,

you need friends,

the path for quite some time when suddenly

wrong?"

she gestured for Bryce to

was taken aback and froze in

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Isaiah sneered and commanded the thugs surrounding him, "Get them! Beat them to death! I'll make you see what happens when you cross me!"

Isaiah and Lucia only wanted to deal with Yolanda, but now she had others with her. In their fury, they decided not to spare Bryce either.

Upon hearing Isaiah's order, the men in black tightened their grip on the metal batons and charged at Yolanda and Bryce.

"Yolanda, run!" Bryce tried to fend them off. But when he turned back, he found Yolanda skillfully fighting the men behind them. Or rather, she was single-handedly beating them up.

Despite the thugs' large stature, they couldn't even touch Yolanda's clothes. In less than a minute, all the men were on the ground, groaning in pain.

Isaiah and Lucia knew Yolanda had some skills, so they had hired these men who were somewhat notorious in the underground world to deal with her. But in Yolanda's hands, they proved to be utterly useless.

and Yolanda had taken care

now. Why don't you two come at me yourselves?" Yolanda

have more help coming!" Isaiah glared at Yolanda, a hint of fear creeping into his

thugs lying all over the ground, Lucia scolded Isaiah. "Look at the kind of useless trash

"At least I got people here.

snorted disdainfully. "That's enough. The big shot I called is coming. When he gets here, this bitch

were filled with malice as she looked at Yolanda. Because of one sentence from Yolanda, she had lost her job

grudge was something she would

the years to hire a skillful thug. Now, she just had to wait and watch Yolanda

don't have time to

a step forward, intending to take care of these two as

thugs, Isaiah and

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"Yolanda, stop provoking them!" Bryce called out anxiously from behind.

He thought if they were calling for a big shot, it was someone Yolanda couldn't handle. It was unwise for her to act tough and anger them further.

However, Yolanda ignored Bryce and raised her hand, delivering two more sharp slaps to Isaiah and Lucia.

"I'll kill you!" Lucia screamed, completely enraged by Yolanda's defiance. In her fury, she lunged at Yolanda without considering whether she was a match for her.

A woman driven by rage is a difficult opponent, especially with Lucia's long nails that could easily leave scars.

However, to Yolanda, even a hundred crazed Lucias posed less of a challenge than the opponents she had faced during her time at Talon Academy.

Lucia charged at Yolanda but barely had time to raise her hands before Yolanda kicked her away effortlessly.

Lucia cried out as she fell to the ground. It took her a while to struggle back to her feet.

call for help!

get proud!" Isaiah stammered in panic. He quickly pulled out his phone and tried

sound of an approaching car engine echoed from the intersection. Isaiah and Lucia's eyes lit up. Help was on the

Miller is here. You're

power in Riverdale's underground

changed my mind. Not only do I want your legs broken, but I also want

Isaiah shouted excitedly at Yolanda, a group of people marched

he wasn't mistaken, "the Miller"

any longer!" Bryce rushed in front of Yolanda and tried to pull her

he found nothing but air. Yolanda remained rooted

Miller is? This isn't the time to act tough!" Bryce's voice grew frantic as

Nevertheless, Yolanda stood firm.

a surge of anger toward her for being arrogant and

Yolanda and the others. Daniel had come to clear out troublemakers after being paid