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"Since you're visiting, let me be the one to treat you," Yolanda offered.

"How could I let you do that? You saved my life last time, and I haven't properly thanked you yet," Simon replied.

Although he had given a painting to Harold as a token of appreciation, he still felt that it was insufficient. To outsiders, his paintings were priceless. But for him, it was merely a matter of lifting his brush. Giving his painting as a gift of gratitude wasn't sincere enough in his opinion.

"That was nothing. Don't worry about it." Yolanda waved her hand dismissively. "I know a good Candonean restaurant nearby. Do you like Candonean cuisine?"

"Oh, yes. Sure!" Simon responded agreeably.

When faced with Yolanda, who had saved his life, Simon didn't put on airs as an elder. Since Yolanda asked him not to mind the issue with his gift, he didn't press further.

head there now," Yolanda

the snack street on campus. She had no interest in dining

Gavin, and Simon were seated in a private room at

sipping his drink. "Your drawing style and the way you sign your artwork

that Jess must have been someone around

my mentor,"

identity to Simon wasn't

have a student like you!" Simon

was likely closer in age to Jess' grandchildren. Now, it seemed he was

have a presumptuous request, Ms. Henderson. Could you arrange

too low-key and elusive. She never participated in any domestic exchange events, so

out that Yolanda was Jess' student, he hoped that she

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At his age, it's unusual for someone to be away from home for two or three years, let alone Jess, who was even older than him.

If something were to happen on the way, her family would probably not make it in time.

"Mr. Carter, have you misunderstood something?" Yolanda smiled.

Simon's thoughts were normal; outsiders often viewed Jess as a stuffy old woman.

However, she had no intention to explain further.

"Jess isn't as old as you think."

"Is that so..." Simon felt embarrassed as he pretended to look out the window.

your master returns, you must tell me. I'll rush

with Gavin. She felt Simon's determination

she come home early

can't spend my time with you tonight," Yolanda joked with Gavin

home with you for dinner?"

I suspect she is up to no good,"

to meet my family, how about I introduce you next time

"Sounds good."

of her. Getting past them wouldn't be easy if

it wasn't those reasons that had kept him from meeting

had initially chosen not to mention

later and didn't

it's settled," Yolanda

reaction made Yolanda unexpectedly

See you

family home, Yolanda found Diana waiting

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Those who judged by appearances would rather avoid her altogether, which made things peaceful for Yolanda. That was why she didn't feel the need to change her appearance.

The dress Diana bought fit her well.

Yolanda stood expressionless in front of the mirror, looking at her reflection. She felt a bit disdainful even of herself.

The original owner of this body was obese. It was not the chubby kind like a little girl usually was. This was all due to the toxins in her body.

Yolanda knew exactly who was responsible for this poisoning, but since it happened before her rebirth, she couldn't gather any evidence.

Nevertheless, she would definitely remember this grudge and bring it up with the original owner at the right time.

After adjusting the dress, Yolanda went to her vanity and sprayed perfume on her wrists.

When she set the bottle down, she paused. The items on the vanity were out of place; someone had entered her room while she was away.

Yolanda's expression hardened as she began inspecting the cosmetics on the vanity.

The skincare products that belonged to her were all basic and cheap, as Diana had focused all her energy on grooming Yvonne.

who was still below 20 years old, was already using luxurious skincare products, while Yolanda's vanity held a set of unknown low-quality

perfume, but it was clear that someone had tampered with the toner sitting

picked up the bottle, twisted off the cap, and

are you ready yet?" Diana's impatient

Yolanda replied and placed the toner back in

it, she wouldn't be able to tell just by looking if they used herbal medicine or a colorless and odorless powder or liquid. It would need to be sent to a lab for

might as well buy some testing equipment. After all, she could

voice from

grabbed her phone and headed downstairs. Upon

chemical testing equipment. One of the equipment was large enough to take up

delivered to the Hendersons. She

later, Diana and Yolanda exited

a five-star hotel, but it wasn't in the

"Mrs. Henderson, you've arrived!"

banquet hall, several flamboyantly dressed

your daughter. She's so smart

dress is beautiful! Mrs. Henderson must have picked it

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The socialites chimed in, "Mrs. Henderson's eldest daughter is also at First Academy? Impressive!"

"I heard that it is very competitive to get accepted into First Academy!"

"Both of Mrs. Henderson's daughters are studying there. She must put a lot of effort into their education."

"Oh, it's just that they're hardworking; I don't manage their studies much," Diana said with a light laugh, her eyes crinkled with the effort.

To break into the aristocrats, Diana spent most of her time mingling with people from backgrounds similar to or higher than the Henderson family's.

She had grown used to being excluded while keeping a smile on her face, especially due to Yolanda, who had endured endless ridicule from those wealthy ladies.

But today was different. Some attendees needed orders from Henderson Group for their family businesses, while others had previously sought Harold's help. The remaining guests couldn't compare to the Hendersons' background, which made Diana the star of the event- and put her in the spotlight.

treatment was rare for

stood in a prominent spot. She held a champagne

that the ladies were being insincere made listening to them feel like a

notice her absence for a while.

middle-class, the

of snacks, and poured herself a glass of juice before making her

about to sit down, someone rushed

spot!" A girl in a bright red dress raised an eyebrow at Yolanda with an air of disdain. "Get out

up at the girl and placed her tray on the coffee table in front of the couch before sitting down

annoyed by the girl's attitude. She had no intention of giving up her

this in front of me?" The girl in red fumed when she saw Yolanda move herself to the center of

girl slammed

ignored her and focused on

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With Carrie's command, several girls quickly surrounded Yolanda.

One of the girls shouted at her, "Just leave while you still can!"

The rest of the girls chimed in.

"Do you know who she is?"

"She's the daughter of Johnston Materials!"

"Johnston Materials?" Yolanda paused for a moment. She recalled hearing about the company from her dad-Harold had recently given them five million dollars worth of business.

"Are you scared now?" The girls saw Yolanda's expression change. They thought she was intimidated by Carrie's status when she didn't react.

"Just leave! Don't make us call security to throw you out!" another girl added.

Yolanda coming to the banquet in a designer dress without any jewelry, they assumed she was wearing

set of

you understand us?

threats, Yolanda showed no sign of fear, which infuriated them

what Johnston Materials

be here to mooch

finished her oysters and glanced

thought starting a scene without knowing someone's background was foolish; if Johnston Materials didn't want to

successor.

were always bullies who acted tough, but those people usually had

front of Diana's daughter, who was the

Yolanda had planned to stay low and not intervene.

security right now!" one of the girls said as she turned

over and greet the ladies!" Just as the girl was about to leave, a middle-aged woman

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"Are you asking why? This is Ms. Yolanda from Henderson Group. Do you need to ask?" Florence trembled with anger.

"Your father is relying on Mr. Henderson's orders to pay the workers, and you, you fool, dare to provoke Ms. Henderson? You should take a good look at yourself!"

Her reaction was swift, clearly establishing Yolanda's status with just a few words. "She... she's the daughter of Mr. Henderson from Henderson Group?" Carrie was stunned. The other girls around her couldn't believe what they had just heard.

They couldn't believe Harold's daughter would look so shabby. She wasn't even wearing any decent jewelry!

"Ms. Henderson is low profile, but that doesn't give you a reason to disrespect her!" The woman guessed what the girls were thinking and shouted at them angrily, "Apologize to her now!"

"Ms. Henderson, I'm sorry!"

"Sorry!"

"I was wrong!"

quickly apologized

head and said to

was interested in the changes on their faces

Florence glared at the

hang out with these girls who had never

I'll take my

Henderson give you

others, but today, they needed to appease her. Otherwise, their family business would

flicker of resentment crossed Carrie's eyes, but she quickly lowered her head and said

could she look down on

brewing inside her. If her family's company were as large as Henderson Group's,

dared not show

Why can't you speak properly?"

demeanor, which only fueled her anger

this child is spoiled; please don't hold

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"Come with me to greet Mrs. Tacheny and Mrs. Harper!" Florence snapped.

Perhaps Florence spoke too loudly, as the tall young man walking in their direction glanced over in surprise.

When he saw Carrie, he gave her a slight nod.

Carrie's face flushed bright red. Flustered, she waved at him and quickly lowered her head, hurrying to walk beside Florence.

"Jared, why are you so late?" A curly-haired woman chatting with Diana noticed the tall young man and quickly went up to him.

"Let me introduce you to my friends!" She took Jared by the arm and led him over to Diana.

"Mrs. Henderson, this is my son, Jared Loake."

"Hello, Mrs. Henderson," Jared said, forcing a smile as he greeted Diana.

Loake, is this the son you always talk about?" Diana scanned

people should chat more," Diana said,

had been so caught up in the compliments from the

has that child gone?" Diana muttered in annoyance before turning to Jared

Diana began searching the banquet hall. After ten minutes, she finally spotted Yolanda in a corner enjoying some

here!" Diana's expression brightened slightly. Not wanting to embarrass herself in

had just finished a piece of tiramisu and was

"All

eat all day!" Diana complained in exasperation. "Come with

and followed Diana into the

brought Yolanda back

of the owner of Loake Corporation,

it, Yolanda

and gracious-so smart and sensible,"

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"I'll tell you right now, I'm not interested in you. My mom was the one who made me come today. Being able to help with my company's issues wouldn't change anything. So leave me alone!" Jared declared.

"Don't think too highly of yourself," Yolanda jeered. She had intended to clarify things with Jared before leaving, but his harsh words made her frown slightly.

She wouldn't have come if she had known that Diana brought her to the banquet for matchmaking.

Now that she was there, she didn't want to lash out at someone she didn't know.

Jared lacked the gentlemanly qualities one would expect. His disdain and impatience were evident as he looked at Yolanda.

"I have no intention of being set up with you either. It's best if I don't see you again

now on." With that, Yolanda turned to

taken aback. This wasn't how he had imagined things would go. Shouldn't Yolanda have used Henderson's name

want to be tied to a marriage just because of his company's

appearance. If it meant spending his life with a woman he found overweight and unattractive, he would prefer to see the Loake family go

disdainfully as he watched Yolanda walk away before

Diana stormed into Yolanda's room after

what is the matter with

with Jared, and you just walked away

not a five-year-old child who needs a guardian to attend a banquet,"

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Recently, Diana had been thinking a lot.

She couldn't justify why Gavin chose Yolanda as his fiancée. It didn't make sense. Yolanda had just come out of a juvenile center not long ago. Moreover, she didn't know Gavin before that. How could he suddenly decide to pick her as his fiancée?

Diana suspected that the truth might be part of a scheme by the Savage family. They looked down on the Henderson family and didn't want to ally.

However, due to the previous generation's agreements, they had to acknowledge their connection with the Hendersons.

At this point, the Savage family might intentionally have Gavin choose someone like Yolanda, who was generally unappealing. This way, Pricilla would have an excuse to refuse the match and could pressure the Henderson family with this.

On the surface, they only acknowledged Yvonne as a future daughter-in-law. However, if Gavin didn't relent, this marriage wouldn't happen. The Savage family could use this to tear up their previous agreement.

The more Diana thought about it, the more convinced she became that her reasoning was correct. Coupled with Harold's earlier discussions about compensating Yolanda, she began to consider arranging a blind date for Yolanda.

This would allow Diana to encourage Yvonne to interact

slightly less affluent than the Hendersons

couldn't choose someone whose family was too weak. Even if she didn't care who Yolanda married, she did care about the Henderson family's reputation. If the daughter of Harold Henderson married an ordinary office staff, where would that leave

also couldn't choose someone too well-off.

Loake family's company was facing some issues and needed help from Henderson Group. So, they would be

up with Jared, Yvonne could successfully marry into the Savage family, which would

to meet other men for your own good! Look at what you did. Walking around with a deadpan

to

to others' aesthetics held no meaning for her. Even if Yolanda hadn't found Gavin,

who I am,

brave front and sneered. "You need to care! Look at yourself right now. You and Yvonne are over you! Where does your confidence come

she said, Diana wouldn't listen. So she decided not

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The Loakes wanted to form a marriage alliance because they needed help from the Hendersons. If not, Jared and Roan wouldn't necessarily be enthusiastic about having Yolanda as her daughter-in-law.

They were suppressing their resentment due to their lack of strength compared to the Hendersons. However, if the condition in the Loakes improved, the first thing Jared would do was sever his ties with Yolanda, tearing away any pretense he had shown her before.

With a personality like the true Yolanda's, she wouldn't fare well in the Loake family. Diana wouldn't have chosen such a match if she were thinking for Yolanda's sake.

Yet here she was, acting as if everything she did was for Yolanda's benefit, which was disgusting.

"Are you done?" Yolanda shot Diana a cold glance before walking to the door and opening it. "I'm going to bed."

"What kind of attitude is this?" Diana was stunned. She couldn't believe how Yolanda spoke to her.

This child had changed inside out since she came out of juvenile detention. The old Yolanda, while rebellious, had always obeyed Diana's commands.

or not; it's already decided! I'll discuss it with Mrs. Loake and arrange for your engagement as soon as I find a suitable date!" With that, Diana

words to heart. Even if she set a date, it would mean nothing if she

just as unwilling to

his brain for

man you can get."

must have overheard Diana's earlier conversation

"Do you think Gavin choosing you now means

anymore. Her true colors showed with only the two of them

Gavin will eventually be mine! If you're willing to back off, I can let bygones be bygones. Otherwise..." A cold glint flashed

she had discovered before leaving. It seemed Yvonne had been plotting something all

years ago who could be easily manipulated. This