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“Pfft!”

“Argh!” Niall screamed and spat the water out on Helena.

“What the hell?”

Splash!

Niall splashed the remaining water in the cup towards Helena.

“The water is so hot! Were you trying to burn me?” Niall roared.

“Huh?” Helena covered the parts of her body which were wet and was taken aback.

“Newcomer, what’s up with you? Did you do this on purpose? What’s with the hot water?”

“Yeah! What’s up with this? Do you not want to act anymore?”

“Are you looking for trouble?”

Several people started accusing Helena.

Several dozens of people ganged up on a young lady.

frightened and started

Zoey is here to make life difficult for us!” Yvonne started fanning

timing was too coincidental! The newcomers came right

them to deal with

pushed the blame

demanding, “Hey! Kneel down and apologize!

Kneel!” the others

frightened out

day and something

earlier, she would

as Helena was about to

What for?” Maurice

of boiling water on purpose! She’s

to get you some water. You didn’t specify

for a reason. If you don’t even have this much

Maurice was speechless when faced with the unreasonable
the way you should be taking to a senior? I didn't offend you, did I?
was scared
him would mean the end
rural areas, to begin with. They were no match for
apologize..." the other two

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Crash!

Niall went berserk and smashed anything he could see.

"Right! We'll stop acting! This is just bullying us! They got a few newcomers to come and pick on us!"

Wham!

Yvonne kicked the equipment aside as well.

"Zoey is trying to force us to quit by using these newcomers! Why bother acting? I won't work for her!"

"Exactly! What's the point?"

The other artistes and managers were livid and started destroying the equipment.

The other filming crew was scared out of their wits. Have the actors gone mad? Surely being offended by two newcomers won't warrant such a reaction! What's going on?

The ones who were most confused were the four newcomers.

career had ended the moment it started, just because they had offended a few
take responsibility.

and Yvonne had planned this from the start. They were bribed by the

being used as an excuse. Even if they had not shown up,

artistes from other groups had gone on strike as well! The part that was affected the worst
worth of artistes had

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different sets have gone on strike! They even started smashing the equipment and the scene is in a
mess! Follow

when she received Gerry's

quickly calmed

I offended
the scene as soon as
saw the set in such a mess, Zoey's heart sank.
time. He inquired,
Wade, Ms. Lopez is trying to make life difficult for
"Huh? What's wrong?"

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"Mr. Wade, we're going on strike. This isn't fair at all!" Niall protested.
Gerry consoled him, "Niall, please calm down. This is a small matter!"
"How can we calm down? You've already pushed us so far. If you're unhappy, just fire us!" Yvonne snarled.
Zoey asked, "What are your terms?"
Niall smirked, "Someone's quick on the uptake. Winnie, tell them our terms!"
Winnie looked Zoey in the eye and began, "Ms. Lopez, if you want us to continue to work, you have to be sincere about it!"
"Well? How much do you want?" Zoey had seen this coming. They will definitely ask for an increase in pay.
Winnie held up three fingers and demanded, "We want triple the pay for all seven films with the ten actors involved! Otherwise, we will continue going on strike!"
Boom!
Triple the pay! That's fifty million! The budget for the seven movies combined was fifty million already. Yet, they were demanding for all fifty million to go to the cast! Have they gone
Timmons inhaled
were in no position to bargain. The Oriental Star Group's entertainment business only survived because of these ten actors and actresses! If they left,
can we..." Gerry tried to
him, "Triple. I won't be
others were perplexed. Because of them, Oriental Star Group was
important we are! Oriental Star Group only made it to the top of North Hampton because of us! Why
head and did not say anything in response. They're right! These ten people are
want this matter to be resolved, I want

at

he

Maurice had attempted to defy him. He would not let him
pleaded softly, “Ms. Lopez, please agree to their terms! Even if
at Zoey

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When they received the call from Zoey, Winnie and the other managers had a smug look on their faces.
They had not expected Zoey to fire them.

Impossible!

“What did you say? Repeat yourself!” Winnie nearly dropped her phone onto the floor.

“Let me repeat myself then. Niall, Yvonne, and the other eight actors have been fired by the company!”
Zoey roared.

“Tch, don’t regret this, Zoey!” Winnie had an icy expression.

“I won’t regret it! Get the paperwork done and leave. Oriental Star Group doesn’t welcome you!”

When Zoey finally hung up, she felt immense satisfaction.

finally gotten a weight off

fired us? That’s impossible!” Niall and the

dare Zoey fire

were sure that Zoey would not dare to fire them. Yet, the

she regrets

Sooner or later, Zoey

the company found out

you can’t do

adamant, “Give up. I’ve already made my

ten people, Oriental Star Group’s entertainment business is a goner!

too great! The moment they leave, the seven movies we’ve planned are toast!

all of our

tried to highlight the severity of the

laughed, "What do you mean? The show must go on! We'll

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"How about this? Zoey, the four people I've recommended have good acting skills. Get a few good actors and let them be the lead actors instead!

That way, we'll be saving a lot since we're not paying the celebrities. We can spend that money on special effects and other scenes! Other than that, we'll increase the commission for the directors, scriptwriters, and editors. If we focus on quality for these seven movies, I don't believe that they won't sell!" Levi declared.

Zoey felt that it made sense and agreed, "Alright, we'll do it as you say!"

Gerry agreed with Levi's proposal but hesitated, "We've already announced the cast for these movies. If we change the cast at the last minute, there'll be a lot of protests!"

"That's a good opportunity! The fact that there's protests would mean that many people pay attention to this. We're using new actors without any fame, so this will pique the attention of the audience!

The advertising team can just create some hype for this movie. When the movie airs, we'll become popular through word of mouth and the movie will definitely sell!" Levi explained.

Gerry's eyes lit up, "Mr. Garrison, you're a sharp man! Although Niall and the others left, we can use their popularity to hype up our new movies!"

Levi nodded, "Just go ahead and do it! Nurture a few new stars and I'll try my best to advertise the movie when it screens!"

Meanwhile, Niall and the others were still waiting for Zoey to apologize.

sternly, "This is the official statement. All

"Huh?" Niall was perplexed.

us? What's

leave, what will happen to the seven movies? What will happen to Oriental Star Group?" Niall and

well. After all, he had let

we truly are finished! As for these seven movies, we've already found replacements for all of

Maurice, who

you'll be

What a roller coaster ride! Earlier, we just got ourselves in trouble! Moments later, we're suddenly the

Yvonne, and the others burst

these newbies to act in a fifty-million movie? How will

these artistes, getting newbies to act in such a
fame and fanbase, they'll
leave! We'll just watch them struggle! Don't beg
Niall, Yvonne, and the other eight

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"Hahaha, next, we'll create seven online films to air at the same time as their movies! I'll have them wallowing in regret!"

"Sure, no problem! We'll put in our best effort and destroy Oriental Star Group!"

Niall and the others looked forward to it.

"How about this? We know their script, so let's create seven movies with similar content as well!"

Zachary was bent on destroying Oriental Star Group.

"Good idea, President Suarez! If the content is similar, we'll take up all the viewership! Their films are full of newbies, so no one will watch them! Their fifty million will go down the drain!"

"After that, we can sue them for copyright! They'll be a goner!" Yvonne suggested.

Zachary smiled, "You're more devious than I am! We copied their ideas and are even suing them for copyright!"

"Hahaha... We'll wait for the downfall of Oriental Star Group!" All of them laughed maniacally.

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was no time for

decision, Zoey would have to do her best to

directors, screenwriters, and producers for

seven movies! If the film succeeds, I'll give you a bonus as

useless to give a motivational speech or anything like that. Money was the most reliable

them well, they would

change these seven movies into two! We will release the best quality films in the shortest time frame

on quality. There were seven

on quantity

this was different. With sufficient funds and support, they could produce a

nodded, "Alright, I'll improve the script to keep the

cast and we barely got enough money to
laughter. That was
on special effects; that was something they had previously never

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At this point in time, Shanks Entertainment was gaining popularity in North Hampton.

The change of company by Niall and the others was a hot topic.

The audience and fans looked forward to the movies produced by Niall and the others for Shanks Entertainment.

As the days passed, the Morris Group and Rogers Family progressed greatly as usual.

However, the business in the city was not doing badly either.

In the short time span of one month, they've bought over several enterprises and finally got a taste of profit.

Business in North Hampton was great. It was the top economy in Quebec after all.

This was coupled with the fact that there was no regulation on their extreme measures. Hence, they decided to take things up a notch.

More and more people moved into North Hampton to get a piece of this pie.

The Suarez family was a notable example. Zachary had entered to test the waters and lead the way for his father and uncles.

secret as well, taking advantage

checking on the background

task, so it

of now, we aren't able to find out who is backing them. Moving forward, we'll have to wait for the search results from the dark

sites which specialized in intelligence in

websites had a membership system, and there were

than him, no one else could

to be prepared. I'm ready to take down the Morris Group!" Scott replied

course of the month, the Oriental Star Group worked

not disappoint and

truly skilled actors and

are the two most perfect

as well

other movies could

Suarez family's Shanks Entertainment filmed all seven movies in that

Yvonne, and other famous actors were starring in them. There were

advertising in full force,

Yvonne scoffed, "Let's destroy the entire

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For the past month, Oriental Star Group and Shanks Entertainment had been exchanging blows.

Now that such a thing had happened, everyone was shocked.

These seven movies were copied? Has Oriental Star Group gone mad?

The one who reported such news had even listed evidence.

He did a side-by-side comparison of the plots of the seven movies.

Anyone could tell that it had been copied.

To the fans, the screenwriters used were Yvonne and Niall's private screenwriters and did not belong to Oriental Star Group. After they were fired, they had become a part of Shanks Entertainment. Hence, to them, the Oriental Star Group's seven movies were all copied!

The net was suddenly bustling with people criticizing the Oriental Star Group.

This was especially so for the fans of the ten artistes who had left Oriental Star Group. Some fans had already organized protests on the internet attacking Oriental Star Group. They were prepared to stop at nothing to drive Oriental Star Group's entertainment business out of business.

departments had even formed an investigation

Star Group was shocked by

playing dirty!" Gerry slammed

know, right! They copied our script and now they're accusing us? How despicable!" the other

so smart! You predicted their moves up to this point. Do they honestly think that they

wait to see their faces when they

leave the internet be about the copyright issue. The more they

is a

I'll get

“Release the news that Oriental Star Group’s movies will be airing soon. Don’t give

“Alright, got it!”

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Group’s film being aired in all major

media started attacking them more

mass media, blogs, and news channels were filled

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“Haha, our movie will be airing in three days! By the time their movie airs, we’d have already stolen the entire market! They won’t get a single cent!” Niall quipped excitedly.

The others looked forward to it as well.

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The following day, the National Radio and Television Administration and related agencies formed an investigation team and headed to Oriental Star Group.

“We’re the investigation team! We’ve received a public complaint that the movie you’re about to air has copyright issues! Get your boss here!” Johnny Lerna, the head of the investigation team, demanded emotionlessly.

In the meeting room, Zoey, Gerry, and the others had arrived shortly.

“Zoey Lopez, was it? Your movie was accused of copyright infringement and we have sufficient evidence! How would you like to defend yourself?” Johnny demanded as he passed a thick stack of evidence over.

Zoey did not bother looking at that so-called evidence.

Others were calm as well, as though nothing had

This made Johnny infuriated.

Bam!

the table and got

happy that you’ve violated copyright laws? No wonder

he was

him to stir up

made things a lot easier for

Can't you see that we're angry? Why are you laughing?" the other members of the investigation team were fuming

pass me a copy of your film now!

been sent to the National Radio and Television Administration for screening. Now, the film

"Bullshit!"

investigation team. How

departments to delay the screening of Oriental Star Group's movie by at least two weeks!" Johnny

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Now that Levi had a personal secretary, Aurora, his work became a lot smoother.

Aurora immediately contacted the man in charge of the National Radio and Television Administration in North Hampton, Colin Shanks.

She then told him everything.

Colin got the shock of his life. He set aside all of his work and brought his men to the Oriental Star Group.

The Oriental Star Group conference room was filled with dead silence.

Many had a worried expression while Johnny was smug.

"How's that? Do you still refuse to cooperate? To tell you the truth, I decide whether your movie gets to air or not! If you have a better attitude, perhaps I'll reconsider my decision," Johnny kept dropping hints.

He had already received a bribe from Zachary, so he wanted to get some benefits from the Oriental Star Group as well.

knew that this was a part of the

necessarily the case that Oriental Star Group was copying

knew that this investigation team was just a sham. Since he could

with whoever

what do you mean by that? I'm a little slow, so you need to explain it in simpler terms,"

whether you guys are copying or not. As long

how

the conference

other executives of the National Radio

possibly trouble you for such a trivial affair,"

didn't come, you'd be a disgrace to the

by that?" Johnny was

heard everything you said earlier!"

I was scaring the Oriental Star Group. I had no choice since they