

## Can't Win 1131

### Chapter 1131

Just then, Jameson walked over slowly.

The moment he saw how close Jasper and Alyssa were, pain shot through his heart like bullets—so painful it was soul-crushing.

Jameson gripped tightly onto the railing, his other hand clutching his chest right above his heart. It hurt so much.

How could it hurt so badly?

"What's wrong, Mr. Schmidt? Are you feeling unwell?" Carl was shocked by this.

When he went to help support Jameson, the latter quickly shoved away.

"Scram! Don't touch me!" Jameson snarled.

"Y-Yes, sir." Carl ducked to the side. He glared at Jasper and Alyssa from a distance.

Carl would never complain about how Jameson treated him. He'd only blame Jasper Beckett for making Jameson's life a despairing one, for destroying Jameson's hard-to-come-by happiness.

"The injury on Blaze's left leg was man-made. It's a narrow and peculiar knife wound," Alyssa said.

She exhaled deeply as anger glinted in her eyes. "KS Group's horses are worth millions and are routinely checked every single day by experts. Our horse trainers would obviously be more meticulous on a race day. Yet that still couldn't stop devious persons from sneaking into the stables and hurting Blaze!"

While everyone was caught up in shock, Zoe alone glared hatefully at Alyssa.

The horse's injury had been a gesture too kind. It should've been cut right on Alyssa's face!

"Ms. Alyssa's analysis makes sense. Our stables are of professional standard and staffed with our people whom we can place trust in. This incident wouldn't have happened if someone hadn't intentionally plotted it," Josh said.

Since this incident occurred on Schmidt's Racecourses, Josh had to find a way to clear things up in order not to affect the family business if word got out. Therefore, he had to help Alyssa in this matter.

Josh continued, "So this needs to be looked into thoroughly. The person behind this must be caught and punished accordingly."

"My son is correct. That vile person cruelly injured the horse and nearly cost Alyssa's life in the process! How could we just let this go easily?" Victor said matter-of-factly in agreement.

"Exactly. This is no different from premeditated murder. In my view, the person should be sentenced to capital punishment!" Daisy chimed in.

Zoe's heart stuttered upon hearing the words "capital punishment". She took a deep breath to calm herself.

What was there to be afraid of? It wasn't like Alyssa actually died. Zoe wasn't going to be frightened so easily!

"Your words made me realize something, Mr. Schmidt," Alyssa said, "There's one thing we can confirm right now, though. The person who injured Blaze is here in the racecourses right now. That doesn't mean they're any of the Schmidt family's staff, but at the very least, they're right here with us right now."

Everyone nodded in agreement.

Zoe's heart leaped into her throat. She was so nervous she felt like vomiting.

"All the guests gathered here today are of noble, respectful class. They wouldn't go to the stables for no good reason. It'd be too obvious. If we exclude the Schmidts' staff, the only people who could've entered the horses' stables are the horse trainers and riders from the respective families. It's also possible that some of their trusted aides would have access as well," Alyssa concluded.

Alyssa was able to swiftly narrow down their target demographic with her keen intellect.

"In that case ... Jonah!" Winston called out.

"Yes, Dad?" Jonah responded.

"Investigate according to what Lyse said. Don't let any of the staff whose masters have horses here off the hook!" Winston instructed. His shoulders were trembling slightly as he spoke.

It looked like Winston truly was enraged now.

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"I intended to do so as well," Jonah replied, nodding solemnly.

Winston looked at his old friend. "Victor, it would help to have Josh aid in the investigation, given he's the CEO. You wouldn't mind if he aids Jonah, would you?"

"What's with the politeness? How could I possibly ignore something so serious that's affected Lyse? Help Uncle Winston as much as you can, Josh. You must investigate this thoroughly so Lyse is avenged!"

Victor exclaimed.

He was secretly grateful for Winston's decision. The police should've been called on to look into such a grave matter, but Winston chose to handle this privately on account of their decades-long friendship.

If the police were involved, then so would the media. Since this incident occurred at Schmidt's Racecourses and Alyssa was injured from it, the Schmidt family's reputation would surely be affected if known to the public.

"Alright, I'll do my best to help Mr. Taylor," Josh said.

However, Jasper's voice rang out the moment he finished speaking, "There's no need to go to the trouble. I've already apprehended the person who injured the horse."

Everyone gazed at him in shock and awe.

Alyssa stared fixedly at Jasper, her eyes filled with sheer astonishment.

"Bring them in, Xavier," Jasper instructed.

What followed was a flurry of footsteps.

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Xavier and two bodyguards were dragging Max over to them. The latter was covered in dirt and looked completely disheveled.

"M-Max?" Everyone in the Harper family, save Landon, was stunned.

Meanwhile, Zoe had turned stark white in the face as she took a fearful step back.

An hour ago, Landon called Jasper over to his side.

“Zoe?” Jasper’s eyebrows pulled tight.

“I’ll serve my own head on a silver platter if that damned brat wasn’t involved!” Landon roared, fingers quivering angrily around the

cigarette he was holding.

“You don’t need to do that. We have tons of food at home,” Jasper responded.

He got a cigarette from Landon but didn’t light it up. It remained tucked between his fingers. “Zoe is your sister, so I’ll give you one chance to deal with the matter. I’m afraid you won’t like the methods I’d use to deal with this.”

“I keep having this feeling that Zoe was involved in this or knew something about it.”

Landon still had a shred of hope for his sister, so he began doubting himself. “But I don’t have concrete evidence, Jasper. I feel like Zoe

must have known something. Her resentment toward the fact that you and Alyssa are together provides her with a motive as well. But I don’t have proof to make this conclusion, Jasper.”

“Did you realize how long-winded you’ve become after falling in love?” Jasper asked, gazing flatly at his friend.

Landon was taken aback for a moment. He then sighed. “I’ve been

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Jasper's fingers tightened around the cigarette. However, he stayed silent, capable of empathizing with Landon.

"I can help you investigate this secretly, Jasper, but..."

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"I know. Mr. Cornelius dotes very much on Zoe. You'll need his support for your relationship with Lauren, too, so you can't be making rash decisions that would jeopardize yourself in the old man's eyes," Jasper said.

Landon nodded fervently, wearing an expression that said, "You get it!"

Jasper smiled lightly and patted Landon's shoulder. "I'll be the bad guy this time. I hope this doesn't hurt innocent bystanders but

punishes those who deserve it instead."

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Meanwhile, Sophia had rushed over to one of the lounges on the racing grounds to meet Tristan after the race.

"Tristan... I'm coming, Tristan!"

Sophia sometimes felt like she'd become much more youthful after meeting Tristan. Not only that, but she'd become more fearless, too.

While living with the Beckett family, Sophia had hidden her true self and constructed a fake persona for the past 20 years or so. She had long been fed up and tired of having to appeal to Javier every single day.

Sophia had had enough of trying to appease a man she despised with every fiber of her being.

Tristan's presence was like the life-giving rain that a parched, cracked desert yearned for, completely rejuvenating Sophia. She was deeply

entranced, unable to break free from him.

With her heart pounding in excitement, Sophia shakily knocked on the lounge door. But it didn't open even when she knocked again and

again.

In the end, Sophia barged in and locked the door behind her.

Unexpectedly, she was the only one in the room.

"What... Why isn't he here?" Sophia mumbled.

Just then, she saw a syringe on one of the empty tables in the room.

Sophia couldn't be more familiar with what it was-her life-saving

elixir!

Her breathing quickened as she went over to grab the syringe. Before

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It was as if Tristan had a hidden camera aimed right at Sophia. His phone call came at just the opportune moment.

“Where are you, Tristan?” Sophia’s tone was filled with impatience and unbearable desire.

“There are too many eyes here in the racecourse, ma’am. I’m afraid no amount of explanation would be able to clarify any scandals if we were seen meeting one another,” Tristan explained.

He seemed especially considerate of Sophia. “It’s not an issue for me, but I’d be upset if your reputation were affected.”

Tears of gratitude filled Sophia’s eyes. “You’re the best, Tristan. You’re the only one for me.”

“I know you’ve been going through hard times after being off from the meds, so I’ve decided to give it to you as a gift. I hope it brings you some comfort,” Tristan said.

They chatted for a short while before ending the call.

Sophia couldn’t wait any longer. Her bloodshot eyes were wide and starving as she uncapped the syringe. She then injected the entire contents of the syringe into her arm.

“Ahh...” Sophia gasped, her eyes immediately becoming hazy and distant. She melted onto the floor as if made from butter, tears, and snot oozing out of her orifices.

It was an ugly and twisted sight to see.

Sophia was not some proud, respectable businessman’s wife at this moment. She was a mere slave to drugs right now.

After enjoying the high, Sophia slowly went over to the mirror to readjust herself.



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Sure enough, she appeared livelier with the drugs in her system. Her skin even seemed to be smoother than before.

For some reason, however, Sophia felt like something was off after injecting the drugs, yet she couldn't pinpoint what it was.

Suddenly, two knocks could be heard.

The sudden knocking on the door made Sophia jerk up in fright. Her hand clasped her chest as she hunched over, staring at the door.

“Are you in there, Madam Sophia?” Rory's emotionless voice floated through the door, making Sophia's heart leap to her throat.

Sophia was suddenly so glad Tristan hadn't come to their little rendezvous. How could she have possibly hidden such an illicit relationship?

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Sophia took a deep breath and went to open the door, acting calm.” What is it?”

“What are you doing here, Madam Sophia? Mr. Javier is searching for you all over the place.” As Rory spoke, his eyes wouldn't stop peeking behind Sophia into the lounge.

“I was tired, so I found a place to rest. What are you looking for? You think I'm hiding someone?” Sophia leaned back against the door, arms crossed in front of her chest. She sneered. “Only an ugly and perverted mind would view the world as such. Go inside, then. Try to find a man hiding in here, or so help me!”

“That’s not what I meant, ma’am.”

Rory didn’t pursue the matter. He smiled politely and gestured for Sophia to exit the room. “Ladies first, Madam Sophia. Mr. Javier requests your immediate presence in the VIP area. Everyone is present save for you, Madam Sophia and Mr. Javier worries abo speculation.”

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A peculiar atmosphere had settled in the VIP area.

Zoe hid behind Cornelius, now pale and rigid as ice.

Max had been by Cornelius’ side and helped him accomplish countless unspeakable acts without leaving any loose ends each time. Why would Jasper have caught Max this time? It was impossible!

The rest of the Harper family were just as shocked.

“Max ... h-how could it be you?” Cornelius was quaking so violently

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Cornelius had personally adopted Max from the orphanage when he was a child and spent a lot of effort raising him. On the surface, Max

was Cornelius’ personal assistant, but Cornelius had long treated Max

as his own son.

“Mr. Cornelius, I-ouch!”

Before Max could finish speaking, Xavier kicked him in the waist, making him fall heavily onto the ground.

Everyone was shocked.

Alyssa’s eyes widened slightly as she grew tense and alert.

She never imagined that Xavier, who usually obediently followed and did as he was told, would have such an unbridled side to him—all just to get revenge for Alyssa himself!

Just then, Jasper gently wrapped an arm around her waist. He asked gently, “Did he frighten you?”

“Tsk. Frighten my ass,” Alyssa scoffed. Yet she couldn’t help but feel warmth blossom in her chest from the feeling of Jasper’s hand on

her waist.

“It always used to be Xavier who’d calm me down when I was on the edge of blowing up,” Jasper murmured. He nodded, feeling pleased. This is the first time he’s been unable to hold himself back, all for his dear Madam Alyssa.”

Alyssa’s lashes trembled lightly. Jasper’s magnetic voice and warm breath on her skin seemed to make an electric current run up her spine. She had the urge to look down, feeling shy.

Xavier had lashed out at lightning speed. He kicked Max again, eyes red with fury. “Motherfucker! How dare you try to hurt Madam Alyssa!”

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“You dare hurt one of my own?” Cornelius roared angrily.

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Everyone who was a Harper rose and went to stand behind Cornelius. They glared furiously at Xavier, some even eagerly waiting for Cornelius to give them the word to end him.

“He works for me. Touch him, I dare you,” Jasper spoke up, his gaze icy and laced with anger as it swept across the Harper family’s faces.

Jasper was like a powerful warlord, capable of putting an ominous pressure on everyone in the room.

Everyone quickly fell silent.

Xavier’s fearless expression quickly turned into a grateful, blushing one. He gazed fondly at Jasper, suddenly becoming his original, meek self again.

“Who permitted your man to injure someone in our family? Is

someone as lowly as him fit to insult us?” Cornelius barked, glaring at Jasper. “And what do you mean by saying someone from our family harmed Ms. Alyssa and her horse?”

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“That’s right, Mr. Beckett. Did you think that you are over the law and can do whatever you like just because you’re the president of Beckett

Group?

“Watch what you say. I might just sue you for defamation!” Preston said as he pointed at Jasper’s face.

Jasper had a callous look on his face, and Preston had absolutely no respect for him at all.

However, Jasper thought he was more like a barking dog putting up a

fierce front.

Landon hugged Lauren close and stroked her shoulder gently. He

rolled his eyes at Preston.

As someone from the Harper Group, he was criticizing someone else for being over the law? That was ridiculous!

“Jasper, did you investigate thoroughly before saying these things?” Sophia, whom Rory brought back, witnessed this scene.

She chimed in smoothly and condemned Jasper and those siding with him, “Beckett Group and Harper Group are family friends. You and Landon are also as close as brothers. How could you raise this sort of suspicion? This will hurt the peace between both families. Wouldn’t this make Landon feel uneasy, too?”

Landon couldn’t bear to hear the words from a cunning woman like

Sophia.

He hurriedly clarified, “Mrs. Beckett, I am trying to be prudent here. If needed, I can also turn my back on my family. Don’t you try to sow discord between Jasper and I!”

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Sophia and the rest of the Harpers were speechless. Their faces turned glum.

“So, in your eyes, the value of life is way more precious than living in peace and one’s reputation. Is that right?” Jasper sniggered. His words were as sharp as a knife.

“That’s not what I said ...” Sophia coughed.

“It was all because of this man who did something to the horse that Lyse was riding. He caused Lyse to fall from the running horse, and it

almost cost her her life.’

“Do you think that I shouldn’t have said those words? Are you thinking that I shouldn’t take this revenge?”

Jasper’s gaze filled with deep hatred, and his eyes were red. His heart was wrenching in pain.

He spoke through clenched teeth, and his voice became increasingly shaky. “It doesn’t matter who did it. I will make him die a horrible death. Don’t think that I only care about honor and reputation. The only one I care about is ...”

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He turned his eyes slowly and eventually fixed them on Alyssa. He looked at her lovingly and continued, “... is only her.”

In an instant, Alyssa’s eyes welled up with tears. She stared at him in

a daze.

At this moment, she felt as if even her heart had been drowned by the wave of emotions that just overcame her.

“Fuck! He’s freaking cool!” Landon exclaimed quietly. He was in awe and envious of Jasper all at once.

“Well ... Jasper really loves Alyssa,” Lauren commented with a sigh of relief. She rested her head on Landon.

She was aware of Sophia’s hatred for Alyssa. She was still quite worried at first. But, with Jasper around, she knew that Alyssa

wouldn’t be bullied.

“I love you very much too, darling,” Landon said as he gave her a warm kiss on her cheek.

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“I know. You tell me that every day. You sound like a broken record,” answered Lauren in her sweet voice with a hint of annoyance.

Landon’s eyes beamed with sincerity. In a deeply affectionate tone, he said, “Believe me, Lauren. I will be like Jasper. Even if the sky falls, I will never leave you. I will always watch over you, by your side.”

Lauren didn’t reply. She simply lowered her eyes and covered her

mouth with her hand.

Rather than being watched over like a flower in an arboretum, she wished that she could be of help to him. Even if there was nothing she could do as the dull person that she was, she did not want to

create trouble for the one she loved most.

While some of them felt pleased, some others felt their heart sink.

Jasper's behavior was decisive and merciless. Everyone there knew the kind of person he was. None of them could stop him.

The hatred in Zoe made her blood rush to her eyes. She let out a little dry cough as she was about to blow her top.

Alyssa obtained all that she dreamt of having. As for her, even after exhausting all means, she had only pushed Jasper farther away from her!

“Mr. Beckett, you're insisting that Max was the one who did it. Do you have any evidence?” Cornelius questioned in a frigid tone.

Jasper wasn't in a rush to answer him. He smirked coldly.

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Max rolled his eyes. He reckoned that Jasper didn't have any concrete proof. He figured that Jasper was just questioning him either because of hearsay or news that someone else had said.

Thus, he clenched his teeth and sneered. “I didn't do anything! I only went to the stables to check on Harper Group's horses! I didn't come into contact with the Taylor family's horse!

“Mr. Beckett caught me for no good reason. He even allowed his men to treat me roughly! What are your real intentions toward the Harper Group? Or were you trying to use cheap means as such to avenge your personal vendetta?”

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Anger rose from within Alyssa as she clenched her fingers tight!

She thought Max was being crafty with his words by twisting the truth. He was the one who had the intention to murder but was now attempting to push the blame onto Jasper.

He was trying to stir things up to drive a wedge between Jasper and the Harper Group. He was trying to give Cornelius the confidence to stand up for him!

“Jasper, this greatly affects the reputation of both our families. You shouldn’t take this as a joke!”

Sophia made herself appear like the head of the family. She

pretended to be concerned for him as if she were doing so for the

benefit of all.

In a concerned voice, she said, “We know that you have always felt like you owe it to Ms. Alyssa because of your divorce. When you realize that she met with an accident, it’s inevitable that you want to take revenge on her behalf ...”

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“Revenge? Mrs. Beckett, what made you say so?”

Preston became more and more upset as he listened to her.

He furrowed his eyebrows and questioned, “When did anyone in the Harper family ever wrong Mr. Beckett? Why does he have to take his revenge on one of us? Are we pushovers, or are we his punching bag? Don’t you dare cross the line!”

Preston's speech made the people on the Harper Group's side feel outraged. They glared at Jasper with vicious looks in their eyes.

"Oh, Mr. Preston, you've misunderstood. What sort of grudge could

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Sophia raised the corner of her lips into a grin. She looked at Alyssa with a frosty gaze.

"Alyssa is the one who has a grudge against you all. The entire

Solana City knows that Alyssa and Zoe do not get along. They are the ones who do not see eye to eye.

"When Alyssa met with the recent accident, and with Harper Group this close to winning the competition, I'm sure these made Alyssa unhappy. It is understandable that you, Jasper, were wanting to avenge her."

Everyone was startled!

It had been obvious to them that Alyssa and Zoe were at

loggerheads. However, had she made such a move to shift the blame onto Harper Group, all in the name of revenge?

Winston's expression was cold as ice. He pressed his pale lips into a straight line.

He pondered over how despicable and shameless Sophia was. He felt that talking to or looking at a woman like her was him being disrespectful toward himself!

Right when Jasper and Jonah were about to voice out, someone else spoke up first.

“Sophia, I didn’t think that even after so many years, you are still as wild as before.”

Despite being timid at most times, Lyla stepped out with her eyes gleaming. “20 years ago, you loved to cause trouble. 20 years later, you are still so malicious. Shame on you!

“It’s too bad that you’ve picked the wrong target. Lyse is a person of

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people in her life. She is well-known in Belbanks. She’s not someone whom you can defile and slander with mere words!

“I am also not the same Lyla who would be trampled by you in the past. You may use that evil tongue of yours to insult and shame me. But don’t you dare repeat your old tricks and try to harm Lyse!”

Everyone’s jaw dropped.

Lyla was as they had heard. She was a gentle person, and those were probably the angriest words she had ever said in her entire life.

The reason for her stepping up wasn’t because she wanted to stand up for herself. It was because she couldn’t bear to see Alyssa being oppressed by Sophia!

“Lyla...” Alyssa choked. She was on the brink of tears.

Sophia chuckled. “Lyla, when did I ever cause trouble for you? I don’t think that you should make false accusations against others.”

Sophia gave a little shrug and acted all innocent. Even so, every word she said was hurtful.

“Out of all that I have said, was there anything that was untrue? Back then, you were the one who didn’t abide by the right morals. Out of a moment of greed, you consumed illegal drugs and suffered from incontinence. As a result, your reputation was ruined.

“Was there anyone who forced you into that? Was there anyone who harmed you?

“If you were truly innocent, why didn’t you show any evidence to prove your innocence when shit happened that year? Instead, you chose to disappear completely?

“Today, do you think that times have changed because you are the high and mighty Lyla Taylor and have a child with Mr. Winston Taylor?

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“You said that I was shameful. As a third wife, are you any different?” Sophia laughed.

The air was tense. Everyone was silent.

Even the Harper family members were left speechless. They felt that Sophia was too brutal with her words. She had truly crossed the line!

Betty observed that Javier’s expression had gotten darker. He

twitched his lip and looked furious. Her palms were clammy from the anxiety.

She also thought that Sophia was too much. She looked unusually

excited.

That was especially true for her last two statements. She was pretty much hurling a direct insult at her!

“Sophia Beckett!”

Lyla’s eyes bulged with hatred. She was so furious that her entire body was shaking!

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Right at this moment, Winston put his arm over Lyla’s shoulders. She could feel the heat from his palm on her shoulder as he gave her a gentle squeeze.

Even though he was silent, Lyla could hear his heart pounding through his chest. Her teary eyes glistened.

With Winston around, she was safe in her shelter. There was a place

for her soul to rest.

“Mr. Javier, as the head of your family, could you kindly keep a close watch on this loose-mouthed bitch? Winston spoke up suddenly in a

cold tone.

The way he glared at Sophia was as if he was about to burn a hole through her.

Everyone was taken aback by what they just heard.

Loose-mouthed ... bitch?

If they hadn't seen it with their own eyes, they wouldn't have guessed that Winston, an upper-class man, was the one who uttered those

very words!

Sophia was enraged with embarrassment, and her face turned redder

than a tomato!

However, when her eyes met Winston's sharp gaze, she flinched.

Jasper was completely floored. He had no idea what kind of expression he should show. "Your father's words were ... really shocking. Now I know where you get your character from, Lyse."

"That's how he always surprises the outsiders. I have always known

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mind, even if it may sound crude. Get used to it."

Just as Alyssa finished speaking, her cell phone started vibrating suddenly. She looked down and took a peek at it quietly.

Then, she shot a look at Sophia. Her scarlet lips turned up slightly into a cold smile.

Javier took a deep breath and commanded, "This time, Sophie, you have indeed misspoken. Apologize to Madam Lyla immediately."

Sophia was so mad that she was foaming at the mouth. She clenched her jaws so tightly that they began to hurt.

She had underestimated how protective Winston was toward Lyla. The care he showed her was none like what she had ever seen in

Javier!

Although she started the clamor with Lyla, she didn't have the guts to displease Winston.

In the end, she could only bite the bullet and utter softly, "I was being too emotional earlier and lost control of my words. I'm sorry, Madam

Lyla."

"Hah, that's it?" Winston scoffed.

The look in his eyes was extremely terrifying. Bright-eyed, he

questioned, "Do you think that us Taylors are such easy people? Are you treating my wife as a pushover?"

"Also, you also hurt my daughter with your vilifying words earlier. Did you think that I was deaf and didn't hear you?"

"A word of apology is not going to cut it. You have poked the bear, and I am not going to let you off so easily."

“What do you want us to do then, Mr. Taylor?” Javier asked

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As much as he was unhappy with Sophia for causing trouble, Winston was also unequivocally upset by the Becketts’ attitude toward them.

“I want that bitch to give herself two tight slaps. One is to apologize to my wife, Lyla, and the other to Alyssa. If so, I will let it go for the sake of Mr. Beckett Senior.”

Winston made his demand casually, but it threw everyone in an

outrage!

He wanted Sophia to hit herself? He might as well have gotten someone to smear shit on her!

“You... You’re totally taking advantage of me! I am the wife of a plutocrat! I’m Javier Beckett’s wife! How dare you make such a request?” Sophia yelled while stomping her feet in anger.

Javier looked extremely unhappy, but he hadn’t agreed to Winston’s demand.

Winston couldn’t wait any longer. He called out angrily, “Neil!”

“I’m here, Mr. Winston!”



Who was Neil Benton? He was Winston's loyal devotee, a follower at his beck and call! With wide strides, he marched to the front of

Sophia.

Before they knew it, he raised his arm and gave her two consecutive slaps in two left and right movements!

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Sophia screamed in pain. Both her cheeks turned red and swelled up in an instant.

Back in those days, Neil was a black belt master in karate. Sophia was really put through the wringer.

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Having watched Sophia being hit, not a single soul came up to stop Neil. Even the Harper family members who spoke up for her earlier did not stand up for her now.

The reason was simple. Inevitably, none of them dared to ruffle Winston's feathers further.

Lauren was scared beyond her wits. Plus, Landon was hugging her tight, so she couldn't move an inch:

As for Betty, she even held her breath and withdrew like a coward despite witnessing Sophia taking the hit.

This was one similarity between Sophia and Betty. They were both dastardly bullies who relied on their powerful backing.

"Apologies, Mrs. Beckett. But this was also what you deserved. I hope that you will remember to be more mindful of your words in the future.

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Upon saying that, Neil retreated to Winston's side emotionlessly.

"Y-You!"

Initially, Sophia thought of throwing her temper. However, when she noticed that she lacked support around her, she started to act pitifully.

She held her swollen cheeks in her hands and rushed to the front of Javier with tears running down her face.

"I'm your wife, Javier! Are you just going to stand and watch me take the hit just like that? Our children are watching, too! I'm so embarrassed! Javier!"

She knew that Javier didn't like to be embarrassed. Even if he didn't

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True enough, Javier reached out with both his hands to support Sophia, who was teetering. He glared at Winston with rage in his eyes.

He was just about to speak when the big screen, which was situated in the middle of the stands in the horse racing arena, suddenly lit up.

Everyone's attention was diverted to the massive screen simultaneously. They then gathered around there to watch.

"Look! What the hell is that?"

"It looks like a snippet from a surveillance video. But it's much clearer than the usual surveillance clip."

"Huh? That's not right. Why does the woman in the video look so familiar?"

"Damn! Of course, she looks freaking familiar. Isn't that Sophia?"

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Every move and word she uttered was captured with high clarity on screen.

Everyone was able to see, with their own eyes, Sophia picking up a syringe and sticking it into her arm.

A few seconds later, her eyes became bleary and unfocused. She started laughing uncontrollably as she danced around the room.

She lay on the floor and twisted her back shamelessly. She even began to let out moans that were unbearable to hear.

Then, to everyone's surprise, she began to touch herself with her hands, and she tore her clothes off of her!

Soon enough, she was seen to be bare-naked on screen. Not only that, she continued exploring her body with her hands.

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“What the hell? What is she doing? That’s absolutely disgusting!”

“Can’t you see? That is the hallucinogenic reaction when someone is on drugs. She must have injected a drug!”

“Record that, quickly! They’re not going to show it again after the video stops!”

“Everyone’s watching porn together. Not just any porn, but one

starring Beckett Group’s Mrs. Beckett, uncensored. I need to enjoy this properly and etch it in my memory forever!”

Sophia felt as if a deafening bolt of lightning had struck her right on her head. It was like she had been reduced to rubble.

Her face was pale, and her eyes darted around. She stared blankly at the image of her being naked on the screen, then closed her eyes and shook her head.

When she opened her eyes again, nothing had changed. She wasn’t dreaming.

It was like the end of the world!

Chapter 1139

“What’s going on... How ...” Javier’s eyes trembled fiercely. His cheeks gradually turned red, and the vein on his neck was popping.

He was reluctant to admit that the revolting woman on screen was Sophia, with whom he had shared a bed for over 20 years. At the same time, he couldn’t lie to himself. That woman was clearly Sophia!

The Taylors, Harpers, Schmidts, and even the Jesseltons all had their eyes fixed on the big screen. They were all dumbfounded by that impactful scene that they had forgotten where they were.

It was as if Landon predicted that something bad was about to happen. He shielded Lauren in his arms immediately. Before she caught on to the situation, he picked her up and left with her as quickly as he could.

“Fuck, that was so freaking exciting,” Zoe chuckled.

The look in her eyes was mischievous and excited. She gave Betty, who was completely frozen stiff, a nudge. It was apparent that she was gloating over her misfortune.

“No wonder you really let loose and go wild in private. It turns out that it was Sophia who taught you by example.”

It was clear to Betty that those were words of humiliation. But she had already been shocked beyond words.

Her sweat dripped down the side of her pale face. She was shaking like a leaf.

Jasper’s eyes widened. His eyes lit up with a mixture of astonishment and surprise.

Blood rushed through his veins, and his body temperature rose. He

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He puffed up his chest and pulled Alyssa into his arms. He put his hand around her slender waist gently. He looked at her warmly and asked in a raspy voice, "Babe, why didn't you tell me?"

Alyssa lifted her chin slightly. Her eyes, as bright as the sun and captivating like no other, met with his.

She said, "It was meant to be a surprise. What fun would it have been if I told you beforehand? What do you think about the surprise?"

She felt his warm breath on her nose. In the next second, he had his hand behind her neck as he planted a fiery kiss on her soft lips.

Alyssa felt that his breath was heavy and deep. She could even feel the slight quiver in his tongue when their tongues intertwined.

In a swift move, she caught a grip of his tie and wound it around her finger. She gave it a cheeky and seductive tug.

She was elated. She loved this instinctive reaction of his.

They had this opportunity to share a passionate moment thanks to Sophia's performance that drew everyone's attention.

After quite a while, they pulled away from each other slowly.

Jasper's lips were stained red by Alyssa's lipstick. The shade of red matched the color around his eyes, which were filled with looks of tenderness.

“It was vile, but I like it.”

The featured video provoked an uproar in the horse racing arena once

again.

To their surprise, the Schmidts, as the host of the event and the owner of the racecourse, didn't order for the video to be stopped. They simply allowed the situation to escalate.

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In short, it was absolutely over for Sophia. She might as well just become a tool to promote the Schmidt family's race course!

She probably never even dreamed that this day would come for her. She had taken advantage of others' misfortune all her life, and now, the tables had turned, and she was on the receiving end.

“Javier ... Javier ... Let me explain! Let me explain!”

Sophia clung to Javier's arm with her shaking hands. Her lips

twitched, and she became incoherent.

“I-I was the victim! I only became like that because someone drugged

me! I am the victim here! You have to believe me, Javier!”

Then, a series of thunder-like footsteps could be heard.

A few policemen in their uniform walked into the VIP area and straight to Sophia.

“Sophia, you have been involved in drug dealings, drug possession, and drug use. You are now under arrest.”

With a “click”, they cuffed the cold, shiny handcuffs on her wrist. It

made her heart shudder.

“No... I wasn’t... I wasn’t!”

All of a sudden, she had a sensation of something warm flowing down the side of her thigh.

She had just urinated involuntarily, right under the public eye.

Chapter 1140

Everything unfolded like a well-polished, well-rehearsed script. After the hideous scene of Sophia abusing drugs in the lounge was exposed, the cops arrived immediately to arrest her.

Then, the image on the screen showed the VIP area.

Sophia had a manic and dismal look on her face. The close-up scene of her urinating on the spot and then being arrested by the police was also broadcast on the big screen.

While still in the entertainment industry, she always admired Lyla as the leading lady. Many outlets featured Lyla, which helped the

audience to remember her.

She had hoped that she would also be in a similar position one day.



And now, she finally obtained what she wished for.

This unforgettable disgrace had shot her into fame. The incident was one for the books, and she became the talk of the town.

“Oh my lord ... Did Sophia just urinate in public? A high-class plutocrat actually wet herself because of a few minor cops? What a loser!” someone laughed.

“Don’t be silly! Do you think that she was afraid of the cops? That was a side effect of taking drugs!”

“I’ll say—This isn’t the first time that Sophia has been arrested by the police. She has the Beckett Group to back her up anyway. Even if she is detained now, the Beckett Group will not just stand by and watch.

What’s there for her to be afraid of?

“Although, she did indeed fail to control her bladder. That’s too embarrassing. If it were me, I’d rather just die!”

Sophia was being escorted outside by the police. Along the way, her entire body was shivering as her urine continued to stream down.

“Javier ... Save me... I’m innocent ... I’m being framed! Javier!”

Javier stared at the dirty excrement on the ground and at Sophia’s dire situation. Wide-eyed, he couldn’t say a single word. He was so shocked that he felt like his head was exploding.

Time and time again, Sophia challenged his limits. She always gave him new things to learn about her.

“Mr. Javier, I’ve just gotten someone to turn the screen off. But I heard that someone from the Schmidt family is in the way. They are not letting anyone from the Beckett Group into the control room.

“It seems like ... this was a setup, including the cops that came. They were in cahoots from the beginning,” Rory whispered by Javier’s side.

“In cahoots with who?” Javier asked with a sense of urgency in his

voice.

“About that... I’m still not sure. However, I will find out all the details

soon.”

Javier’s head was spinning, though, amidst the chaos, he was suddenly reminded of something that happened 20 years ago.

It was a memory from TS Network’s Anniversary Gala. There was once when Lyla, too, lost control of her bladder in public. On top of that, it was aired live!

At that time, both he and Winston were at the scene. They were there as special guests and had witnessed it all.

That year, Lyla ended up in a terrible position because of illegal drug use. The public bore witness to that at that time.

It was said that she ended up having severe depression. She even

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In the end, it was Winston who stayed and cared for her by her side. He even brought her overseas for treatment. Only then was she able to overcome her trauma and gradually recover.

Fast forward to today, the same nightmare from 20 years ago just happened to Sophia in public.

Javier couldn't help but think that this looked like a well-designed revenge plot!

Hence, with a mad and resentful look, he glanced over to Alyssa naturally.

Coincidentally, she and Jasper were looking deeply into each other's eyes and smiling sweetly at one another.

Her beautiful yet crafty almond-shaped eyes and the way the corner of her lips were turned made it obvious. She had the satisfied smile of a victor on her face.

To him, it was a tremendous humiliation and an eyesore!

Alyssa narrowed her bright eyes. "The people you gathered arrived so punctually," Alyssa said as she gave Jasper a little nudge with her shoulder.

Jasper took the nudge as a heartwarming one. He looked down at her and chuckled warmly, "I had a good teacher."

Upon hearing his flirtatious statement, Alyssa couldn't help but bashfully.

"If you hadn't done such a great job with the initial preparations, th arrest wouldn't have had such an unexpectedly appalling effect."