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Plum was left staring blankly at Simon—her own son had never yelled at her like that before!

And usually, what she said went, but now, he was scolding her while pointing at her face in front of so many doctors and nurses!

It was absolutely humiliating, especially at her age!

She certainly could not suffer the ignominy, and her eyes were red as she pointed back at him. How dare you raise your voice at me...”

Simon, however, was too furious to care what she thought.

He was absolutely afraid that Cordy would blow things out of proportion and destroy Sachs Enterprises' reputation, as well as his personal reputation for being the No.1 Son of North City.

Otherwise, he would not care if Plum was behind bars, let alone to suffer Cordy's tantrums!

“Do whatever you want!” he snapped before storming off.

Plum's blood pressure skyrocketed then, watching as her own son strode off as she watched, leaving her in the hospital!

Sue Yorkman, who came to the hospital with them and saw them argue, quickly reasoned, “Plum, you should be more understanding toward Simon on this one. Things are not peaceful at Sachs Enterprises at the moment, but he still bailed you out at the precinct and sought legal advice for your case when he already had his hands full. Cordy has all the evidence she needs against you and if she doesn't settle it out of court, you'll be sentenced to three years in prison for causing deliberate harm. And at your age, you won't even last a month!”

serious?” Plum exclaimed

nothing of Cordy. Having abused Cordy for most of her life, she

really is that serious!” Sue insisted. “Just listen to Simon—apologize to Cordy. She's your granddaughter, so

thought of

this is over, we just have to watch out so that she does not get leverage against us. She's just a brat—she'll never win against you, and you'll

Sue's words, and she refused

again after she was woken, and got out of bed by

internet was still flaming Kyle and Noel, and it seemed to only

Jessop Corp and Sachs Enterprises were doing, and saw that both companies' stock market

thousands each day. Cordy's mood improved right then, and she put away her phone, got out of bed, and washed

question that John contributed to

to help her, only for her to dismiss him as a womanizer who was irresponsible with relationships. It was his birthday yesterday, and she showed no inclination

Save for that kiss.

turned

was not even dating John, but he had already gained

She did not feel

and Kyle basically

they were both young at the time, and he would not do anything if

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As John agreed to Cordy's invitation without any questions, she started to type again.

[Bring Dicky...]

However, she suddenly paused before deleting the draft.

She left her bathroom and changed into fresh clothes before going out to buy food ingredients.

She was thinking about cooking dinner—after all, how hard could it be?

After getting the ingredients, she downloaded a cooking app and went to work according to the recipes provided...

In the evening, Cordy still had her apron on her when the doorbell rang.

She quickly went to answer the door.

John was standing outside with a bouquet in his hands. He appeared formal and handsome as ever with his black suit and silver necktie.

once I was done with work," he said, explaining

knew that was not

taking the flowers and giving

and immediately picked up a scent

be the scent of food, but it was not

dining table to find several homemade dishes already waiting—namely

cooking in

to

to her, asking, "Do you need my

in the pan erupted with pop,

could not

so calm and cool, and he rarely

said, "No, it's alright Just wait at

at the mess in the kitchen and the beef that she had filleted. Along with the condiments nearby, it was obvious

to challenge herself with a dish that takes precise control of flaming? She certainly

would be bothering her, he turned and left the kitchen, since it

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Cordy then gestured. "Try it."

There was a slight expectation in her eyes, which seemed to twinkle dazzlingly.

John picked up his knife and cut through a slice of the grilled mackerel, politely and elegantly putting it in his mouth and chewed.

He did not react much or give any comment, so Cordy could not tell at all if it was good.

Still, after he had the mackerel, he had one of the vinegar ribs..

And then the rest of the dishes.

When he was done, he picked up his red wine and took a small sip.

"Is it good?" Cordy could not resist asking eventually

Nonetheless, John slowly wiped the corner of his mouth and said, "It's alright. Not bad."

"Really?" Cordy quickly picked up her fork and knife, ready to eat.

That was when John's long fingers suddenly caught her wrist, leaving her frowning.

enough for one of us to have food poisoning," he said calmly, then took another sip of his wine.

he was getting

she insisted on trying the outcome of her first attempt at

on her face certainly changed the instant she put some of the

vinegar ribs! Why was it

reaction and handed

took it and drank a mouthful before turning

refuse such sincerity,”

Cordy was speechless, he suggested, “Your omelets are actually good,

She bit her lip.

this on her own, but

the dishes spread out over the table, Cordy returned to

taking the occasional sips of red wine, thinking to herself just then that the good-looking ones seemed to look

I gave myself too much credit,” she said awkwardly, keeping her head down

cook around the house is plenty enough,” he said

not say a word against that, and

at him, mustered her courage, and asked, “Do you really... like

been plenty obvious,” John

I don’t like you that much,” Cordy said

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Even as their eyes met, certain feelings were undoubtedly growing.

Cordy genuinely did not think that after all the dark times she survived—and more recently Kyle- that she would suddenly begin another relationship.

She was not actually sure about this, but she took the first step regardless.

Was it John who was good at flirting, or was he not as cold as she thought—not as disenchanting with the world as she believed?

And after confirming their relationship, they were suddenly both silent, making things rather awkward.

“Do you hate that man who slept with you?” John suddenly asked.

There was a hint of nervousness in his impassive expression, while Cordy was just confused why he would ask about that.

Maybe because she disliked men after that incident?

“I do,” she said.

John blinked subtly even as Cordy continued, “He was clearly conscious at the time. I remembered it so clearly, begging him to stop and not to touch me... but he never did.

The past memory still left her with a pain she could not remove from her mind.

body reacted differently

quiet for Cordy to hear,

deaf at the moment, and she could not pick up such a quiet voice with

run into that man again? What would you do?"

saw his face through it all. I don't know who he is,

pursed his lips and reached

twitched and he quickly released

so, she suddenly caught his hand just as he withdrew

best to get used

John's lips curled upward.

alright," he said. "I

heart raced slightly—she would be lying if she

that she would not give a damn about anything else, and she would

she unwittingly remembered all the

mistake of others on John, but humans are creatures of emotions, and

could change it

late, and Cordy walked John to the

their relationship, they became a little reluctant

rest soon," John told her

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The next day, Cordy woke up to find a text from John.

(Good morning, dear.)

She pursed her lips, not even noticing herself that her lips were curling upward in a smile as she

read the text.

Still, she got changed, put on her makeup, and went to work as usual... But when she arrived outside her office, she found Simon, Plum, and Sue there, waiting for her.

"Oh, you're here, Cordy." Sue even greeted her warmly.

Cordy simply glanced at them sideways, obviously aware of what they wanted to do.

She simply strode into her own office and took a seat at the desk, while they entered. passable. "Your grandmother came to apologize to finished, he quickly shot a look at Plum—who was still upset she had to bear with it as she knew that it meant prison otherwise, not to mention that resolve the as she reached out to take Cordy's hand—only to be other day. I was just so upset, I lost control and hit you... I heard your ear was hurt, so I brought you some fruits and supplements to gifts on Cordy's desk, but Cordy only spared she restrained herself again as her son shot her look. want to go down on my knees to beg, right?" She said, "We're family. You can't really bear to they were afraid of would come at Cordy course I can't her ruining her own reputation—no matter what happened, she would cause controversy for the an

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"Well, there's nothing I can really do against you..." Cordy said, sounding as if she could not help it. Plum was delighted inwardly, convinced that Cordy was already giving up.

Age before beauty, indeed! Cordy never stood a chance against her!

"Well, we are family, so we shouldn't hold grievances against each other," Plum said cheerfully. "In that case, you should go to the police station and rescind your charges—"

"I want ten percent of Sachs Enterprises' shares." Cordy cut Plum short right then.

Both Simon and Sue's faces fell, with Sue exclaiming in agitation, "Don't be so greedy, Cordy! You're demanding a mile when we just gave you an inch!"

"An outsider like you doesn't get to decide what happens to Sachs Enterprises!" Cordy snapped at Sue right then, leveling her an icy look. "Who do you think you are, criticizing me?!"

Sue was left flushing, but she did not have a comeback against Cordy.

when Simon spoke.

meant that he would not even entertain the
you in court, then,” Cordy replied

Simon screamed right then, his temper flaring as he proceeded to insult Cordy, You really should know
your place! Do you really think

to Cordy’s demand, but her son’s determined
provoked by the look of contempt

are my rightful inheritance,” Cordy said

bellowed. “What

Starstream Group is mine, and nothing else. However, I’ve consulted a lawyer, and the law dictates that
any inheritance is

certificate declaring that her mother possessed twenty percent of Sachs Enterprises’

she had expected

paper from her, his expression darkening as

those shares, we can take it to court too,” Cordy continued neutrally. “I don’t mind handling two
lawsuits at the same time, since I already have no reputation to speak of in North City. Our entire family

Simon bellowed, his face dark

not have sent her abroad—he should have

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Sue’s eyes were welling with tears, but she finally understood how much it hurt to take the full force of
Plum’s slap in the face!

She thought that Cordy was faking her deafness, but now, all she could hear was her ears ringing
endlessly.

However, she did not have the confidence to sue Plum like Cordy would, so she just had to bear
with it.

But she could not believe that ten percent of Sachs Enterprises’ shares would end up in Cordy’s hands!

Keeping her savagery in check just then, she kept playing up her delicate persona in front of Simon and
Plum. “You misunderstand, Plum. It’s not that I don’t care, I just think Cordy is really forgets her place—”

“Shut up!” Plum snapped at Sue, refusing to listen to the latter’s explanation.

After all, Plum knew better than anyone that Cordy was really forgetting her place.

It only hurt Plum more that she could not do a thing against Cordy!

On the other hand, Cordy appeared aloof as she watched them with a smile on her lips.

whenever Plum abused her in the past, even
how the tables had
on Cordy's face then, and the indignation inside only left her
Cordy was... mocking her?!
all either. It was clearly
the one who goaded Plum to storm into Cordy's office
that same slap was returned
and said, "I'll ask my lawyer
have the agreement right here. You just have to sign it," Cordy said, taking out the agreement
left shaking with rage again
had planned this every
send himself to her doorstep and
scanning through it and said,
first," Cordy said
to say, so Cordy beat him to
to negotiate. Those shares are mine whether I rescind my charges, but if you give up those shares
willingly, I can afford to be
teeth, Simon signed the agreement right
please," Cordy

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There was no stopping the press coverage at all, as if someone was encouraging every media outlet to keep pumping out more scandalous articles on Noel and Kyle.

No other news seemed to make headlines either, and their scandal remained stuck at first place on every search engine, the hate only seeming to grow worse by the day!

Naturally, their families' respective businesses were at a constant decline as well.

If this continued, both Jessop Corp and Sachs Enterprises would be bankrupted by a single scandal... which would certainly be an unprecedented case!

At a board meeting in Jessop Corp, Dandy Jessop was bellowing at Kyle in front of the other board members and executives. "You couldn't buy the media's silence on a single scandal?! How long has it been, or do you want to drag the company down with you?!"

Kyle was absolutely indignant, too—he was convinced at first that the scandal would eventually cool off, but he seemed stuck at top searches after so long!

Someone must be behind it, and one did not need to imagine to know who it was...

To think that Cordy really bewitched John

The same woman Kyle could not even lay a finger on had thrown herself into that man's arms!

increasingly furious the more he thought

he growled through his teeth,

me!"

too, leaving Kyle alone

his phone and dialed

having my makeup done

was never a concern for Mandy Jessop anyway—all she cared about was that she was

York be attending the

asking about here?" Mandy's expression

her archnemesis, even though they were not on the

an A-lister only because she slept her way to the top! In fact, Mandy believed

or not?" Kyle scowled, not wanting to waste his

supposed to be the main event!" Mandy snapped in

Kyle. Zoe

yourself," Kyle retorted and hung

his phone's photo album to check the photos he had of Zoe and

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Jay's expression darkened as someone barged into his room just as he took off his shirt.

It was Mandy, dressed in an excessively flamboyant gown and her face full of makeup as she showed up in his room.

"I—I'm sorry. I got the wrong room..." Mandy exclaimed with her cheap, exaggerated acting skills, and she then pretended to turn to leave.

At the same time, she deliberately stepped on the hem of her own skirt and threw herself squarely into his arms.

Jay strode forward, catching her in reflex while Mandy seized the moment to press her cheek against his chest.

It felt firm, even bouncy!

Jay frowned, noticing her intention.

her away, he suddenly saw Zoe standing at the doorway, watching coolly as Jay
of disdain on her

that impatient, weren't they? Or maybe hotels were too boring for

she told Jay calmly, "You left your bowtie in my

and Circumstance, with Zoe's manager only too eager to invite

Zoe away right then, which

it! Things were not as they seemed between these two—why else would Jay's bowtie be in

Zoe stealing her role... because Zoe seduced

more upsetting the more she

to Zoe to get his bowtie, he inadvertently touched her fingers and she promptly shook him

hanging, while Zoe said, "You

she strode

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Mandy had no choice but to leave, gritting her teeth even as Jay looked on.

Even so, she always got everything she wanted!

The fashion gala began with the celebrities taking to the red carpet according to an arranged sequence.

Mandy would usually be arranged to take the stage early in such events, but thanks to her family's influence, most event organizers would let her place later. Moreover, since Jessop Corp was one of the partners in this event, she was placed second last.

But when it was her turn to walk the red carpet, she refused, citing health reasons.

The red carpet was vacant for ten minutes, but the organizers could not force Mandy to do anything—no one would dare to provoke her given her family's influence.

Having no choice, the organizers had to ask Zoe to save the day.

Zoe was no diva, and she agreed to it despite the obvious displeasure from Linda, her manager.

carpet,

Mandy was planning

the event must end once I'm done—no one is to come after me. That was what the organizers promised when
did not dare to say yes, since they all knew that Mandy
for negotiation." Zoe
was actually pleased—she had to speak up for Zoe so many times,
all
to leave and report Zoe's words to
Linda's phone rang with
let Mandy Jessop take the stage after Zoe?! Does her name even hold weight
important and we can't afford to provoke her," her boss replied. "Just try to calm
and she grumpily put down her phone to tell Zoe, "The
isn't getting a cut from the Levines' estate, he's a member of the family and everyone in showbiz must
give him leeway. And now that Mandy
only getting further annoyed the more
conceit.