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“Zachary.”

Yolanda tried to say something, but Zachary cut her off: “I gotta hit the john a sec.” After he left, Yolanda felt a bit annoyed. Arabella always popping up like a bad

penny.

Just then, some classmates showed up, and Yolanda greeted them cordially, leading them into the private room.

“Alright folks, today’s feast is on Yoli’s husband-to-be. Pick whatever you fancy to eat and drink, but don’t go wild, we don’t want to leave a bad impression on her man. Don’t make Yoli lose face, Sophie said.

Everyone nodded in agreement, praising Yolanda’s fiancée, and started gossiping about his family background.

“His dad’s the richest guy in Golden City.” Yolanda mentioned it casually.

dog? Rolling in

was considering the ten-million private room

ten-million private room?”

generosity

Yoli’s

the future; let me

cool, accepting

favor with Zachary, but she knew Zachary wasn’t the type to fall for that, so she just chilled out

the room was pushed open, and a mischievous

put a bottle of booze on the table in front of him, saying, “You’re late; you’ve got to drink! Everyone

passing over everyone and landing on Yolanda.

birth family, but he

that day, showcasing her sexy figure: He felt a pang of nostalgia.

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Although Zachary wasn’t really **into** this bad boy from the get-go, he extended a hand out of politeness because he was Yoli’s classmate.

But to his surprise, Wilson didn't reciprocate. Instead, he raised his voice and announced, "Listen up, everyone; Yoli's fiancée is footing the bill. Pick whatever you want to eat or drink!"

Upon hearing this, his cronies immediately started ordering the most expensive dishes.

"Wilson." Yolanda stepped forward, hoping he would tone it down a bit.

But Wilson looked at her with an incredibly sleazy grin and said, "Oh, you're on a first-name basis with me now?"

Zachary found their interaction odd. Just then, Sophie stepped in to defuse the situation: "Wilson, this feast is to celebrate Yoli's second-place victory in the piano competition. So let's raise our glasses and toast to Yoli, shall we?"

She shoved a wine glass into Wilson's hand, hinting at him **not to** cause trouble and even instructed others not to order expensive dishes. The whole class then raised their glasses in a cheer.

under Wilson's command, nobody dared disobey. Even though they refrained from

Seeing as Yoli performed so well in the competition, shouldn't you have a few more drinks?" Wilson downed his drink in one gulp,

knew Wilson was a man who never spared

glass, gestured in a gentlemanly manner, and downed the drink. In comparison, he seemed much more refined and cultured than Wilson, earning him unabashed admiration and adoration from the other

be outdone, matched him glass for glass. His mood was down because he

then picked up the whole bottle and started drinking directly from it.

as Zachary was about to join him, Yolanda grabbed his arm and said, "Zachary, that's enough. I've received your congratulations. Don't

at Zachary provocatively and said, "To make

clap of his hands, seven or eight women walked in. They were all dolled up, and obviously they

us in! We've been waiting so long that our legs are numb. You need to give us a massage!" Several women

waved them away, saying, "I have a friend who's engaged. I invited you here today

young man over here? I wonder what kind of girls he's into.

women quickly surrounded him.

don't push it!" Sophie immediately

Yolanda held onto Zachary's arm tightly and said, "Stay away from my fiancée."

"I need to use the restroom." Zachary had been tolerating Wilson's behavior for a while. Years of a good upbringing helped him **maintain his** composure.

Seeing Zachary leave, Wilson sneered, "He's got such a short fuse?"

A few of his lackeys started laughing.

Yolanda glared at Wilson and was about to leave when Wilson grabbed her hand.

In the restroom, Zachary washed his face, thinking to himself that Yoli's friends were no good. Rather than wasting time here, he'd rather leave early.

As he was thinking, he overheard a few girls chatting while washing their hands.

"I really don't get it. How could the son of Golden City's richest man be interested in a girl like Yolanda?"

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"I just don't get it! **Any** of us girls are better than her, right?"

"She was raised by a cleaner, she just reeks of poverty!"

"Even with fancy clothes and expensive jewelry, it doesn't hide her poor vibes."

"Seeing her with all those jewels, it's just laughable. The combination totally doesn't work; she just forces it to show off in front of **us**."

"So shallow!"

Zachary was about to step out and warn them to watch their tongues when one girl said, "She's just lucky to have a father who's a tycoon. What about us? Even if we're good girls, nobody cares!"

"I think Zachary is quite polite to Wilson; he probably doesn't know about Yolanda and Wilson's past relationship, right?"

"Not only a past relationship, they even slept together!"

"I bet Wilson is nothing good, there's definitely some drama to expect."

to move until they walked

punk before? And they

Yoli say before that he was her

she was at kissing not long ago, saying

be that she lied

another

clasped, "Ladies, have mercy; this is already millions of dollars. If

at you; it's just opening a couple of bottles of wine." Kelly said as she uncorked

whiskey, worth a million dollars. Bella, aren't you going million dollars?" Kelly raised an eyebrow. "Right!" Arabella nodded. "It's not about the money, right, Bella?" Kelly sipped her wine and said, "Good stuff! The limited edition is worth it; a small smile and said, "Now, Hayes ahead." Kelly stood up and said, "I'm going to the bathroom, Hayes. Get my car." "Yes, ma'am."

The smell of alcohol in the room was strong. As Arabella stepped out, Hayes handed her a bank card. She was a bit confused.

"This is me paying back the money I owe **you**."

Arabella remembered that Hayes had taken quite a lot of medication from her before because his family was sick.

She gave light smile and said, "No need; it's my treat; consider it the cost of the wine."

After all, those medicines were easy for her to make, but Hayes' wine was limited edition.

"No, **no**, I can't do that to you. I'm a man; I have to take responsibility. And even though you guys drank a few bottles of my wine tonight, I was a bit hurt, but I was happy to share with you."

Hayes handed her the card and said, "Please accept."

He also gently touched her hair.

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Zachary saw everything from a distance, and he was boiling with rage. He couldn't hold it in any longer.

"Arabella!!"

Arabella

and Hayes both looked up at him and saw Zachary stomping toward them, fuming with anger. like a boyfriend who had been offended.

"So this is your sugar daddy?" Zachary glanced at Hayes. He had to admit that Hayes was handsome, cool, and rich. No wonder Arabella was into him.

But this only made him angrier. "Do you have no shame for doing this in front of everyone?"

"What did you say?" Hayes suddenly grabbed Zachary's collar. "Say that again! What did you just say about her?"

“She’s been around the block before you!”

“Go to hell.” Hayes punched him right away.

for the guests was bumped into by Zachary, and the bottles attracted a lot of attention.

to the private room and said, “Yoli, your fiancée is getting beaten up! Come and

“What??”

rushed out and saw a carefree-looking young man beating Zachary

Arabella; if I hear you badmouthing her again, prepare to spend your life

got punched again, then was thrown into the shattered glass by Hayes.

this and were shocked. What’s going on? Wasn’t Zachary the son of the richest person in Golden City? Why was he getting beaten up and no one was stepping

hurriedly rushed to support

of glass, Yolanda couldn’t help but angrily

You’re hitting someone for no

the police!” Hayes looked at them haughtily. “You don’t

everyone didn’t know he was the owner, but hearing him say this, everyone felt the immense power

came out of the restroom, and seeing this scene, she was

was afraid you’d lose your way for money and tried to

Arabella had no interest in dealing with them, telling the person beside her, “Let’s go.”

“Hold on!”

Yolanda couldn’t lose face in front of all the classmates; she helped Zachary up and loudly asked Arabella, “Dare you tell everyone, how many old men have you,

been with?”

The classmates behind her were all shocked. What happened? This beautiful girl was sponsored by an older man. And it sounded like there were many older men sponsoring her?

“Do you have any evidence to prove that I’ve been sponsored?” Arabella raised an eyebrow, her indifferent demeanor like that of a queen.

“Oh, so you dare to do it, but you don’t dare to admit it? How many **luxury** cars have you ridden in? And when accompanying older men to hotels, do you admit or deny these things?”

Arabella found it absurd.

When had she ever accompanied older men to hotels?

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“What’s up, a cat got your tongue?” Yolanda thought Arabella was caught off guard, unable to retort, and scoffed, “It’s rare to find someone who doesn’t mind your filth.”

“You sanctimonious witch.” Kelly suddenly rolled up her sleeves and said, “I can’t stand it anymore; no one stops me today!”

She lunged forward and grabbed Yolanda by the hair. Zachary tried to protect Yolanda, but Kelly kicked him away, sending him crashing into shards of glass again. “You **can’t** control your girlfriend; you need me to do it for you?”

Kelly held Yolanda’s hair with one hand and slapped her hard with the other.

“Who’re you calling dirty? Dare to say it again? Say it, I’m all ears!”

“Who the hell are you?” Zachary, who had fallen into the glass shards and could hardly stand up, said angrily, “You’ve crossed the line! I’m calling the cops!”

You think I’m scared?” Kelly continued to slap her. “You said I’ve gone too far? I sure did! I failed to protect Arabella in time and let you

Kelly and thrown into

dared not intervene. They didn’t expect this girl

to bully Arabella is picking a fight with us, the Piper family! I’ll beat you up every time I see you!”

emanating a cold aura. “If you’re

her identity publicly

Piper Group, the people around her shrank

top-tier

said there’s a princess in the family who

she be the

then turned to Arabella with a smile and said, “For your sake, I’ve

gone all out. Normally, she might have beaten them into becoming disabled people.

Piper family was powerful

Kelly didn’t want the place

it indifferently, and

“Yoli, Zachary, are you guys okay?” Sophie and the other students finally mustered the courage to come forward and help.

“I’m sorry, the Piper family is too powerful; we didn’t dare to mess with her.” Sophie vented her frustration on the waiter: “This club had such a big incident; why didn’t you step in?”

“Miss, we’re just workers; life’s hard.” The waiter said, “She’s the Piper family’s miss. Who dares to provoke her?”

Yolanda knew that the influence of the Piper family was so great that even **if** the richest men in Tranquil City and Golden City joined forces, they wouldn’t dare to offend them lightly. Even if the situation got extremely serious, they would be **the** ones to suffer!

Yolanda had heard that the Piper family adored their daughter.

She could only grit her teeth and stand up. “I’m fine.”

“I can see that your sister doesn’t care about herself; you and Zachary are just looking out for her, worried that she’s heading down the wrong path.” Sophie pretended to mediate.

“Let’s call it a day for the gathering.” Yolanda’s face was swollen from the beating, and she helped Zachary towards the front desk.

Zachary also felt extremely awkward and wanted to pay and leave as soon as possible.

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“Room 2201, time to settle up.”

“**Sure** thing, sir.” The cashier rang up the bill and then said reverently, “Your total expenditure tonight is \$670,000. Your account only has \$500,000. You still need to pay \$170,000.”

“You said what?” Yolanda froze, snatched the bill for a look, and there were over seventy bottles of expensive liquor on it!

“That Wilson and his posse have been guzzling down booze like it’s water.” Sophie whispered into Yolanda’s ear.

“When was this?”

“Just now, when you and Zachary were gone.”

Not only didn’t they finish the alcohol, but they also spilled it all over the place.

wouldn’t listen

something to the receptionist, who recalculated

and left stains on the wall. And you accidentally broke several of our bottles in the upstairs hallway. In addition to the unpaid \$170,000, you need to pay another \$300,000 in damages,

was completely stunned this time.

sour. He had only topped up his card with \$500,000, and now he had party was

Yolanda

a while

and missed the spectacle of Yolanda

angry she was gnashing her teeth and subconsciously reached for

Zachary withdrew his hand, paid

wait up, Zachary,”

Zachary was really pissed. Guess

he found his

doubt, it was Kelly who

How dare she do this

Not only did she scratch the car, but she also drew two turtles on it!

For the first time, Zachary didn't open the car door for Yolanda. He got in angrily, and Yolanda had to open the door herself.

“Zachary, I'm sorry; I didn't know Wilson was such a jerk.”

“What's your relationship with him?” Zachary suddenly asked.

Yolanda was taken aback and quickly said, “We're just classmates, barely acquaintances. I don't know him well. If I knew he was like this, I would have told Sophie

and the others not to invite **him**.”

Zachary sneered inside. If they weren't close, why would Wilson go out of his way to target him? Ordering all those expensive drinks just to make him lose money?

“Get some medication when you get home,” Zachary suddenly said.

Yolanda thought Zachary trusted her and cared about her, and he quickly **said**, “You too! **When** you get home, make sure to disinfect first, then apply medication. Don't let the wound get infected, understand?”

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“Alright Zachary answered her perfunctorily, dropping her off at her door. He didn't even bother to get out of the car, signaling for her to scam. “Zachary.” Yolanda looked at his indifferent profile, instinctively reaching out for his hand. “I'm sorry for making you spend so much tonight; I'll pay you back for the excess.”

But she honestly didn't have that kind of money; it was just lip service.

“No **need**” Zachary glanced at her. Her face was swollen from Kelly’s punches, her earrings and necklaces were all askew, her hair was a mess, and her clothes were stained

He suddenly recalled what her classmates had said about her wearing all that bling. It didn’t match, but she insisted on wearing them together.

They also said that despite wearing all those expensive items, she still gave off a poor vibe.

Looking at her now, they might have a point.

even a hint of disdain. Was it because her current state

hurriedly tried to fix her

tried, the messier

hurt, I won’t get you out of the car.” Zachary’s message was clear:

Knowing that staying wasn’t going to change anything, Yolanda got

finish her sentence, Zachary’s car had

the living room enjoying a drink when he saw Yolanda walk in all disheveled. “Yoli, what happened to you? I thought you were going

bothered, taking a sip of her drink before realizing something: “Wait, where’s Zachary? Why didn’t he walk you in? Is he still outside? Invite

that it wasn’t just her clothes that were dirty; she was injured, and her face was

“Yoli, what happened?”

in surprise, “And

get the first aid

a moment; I’ll get an

two maids, realizing something was wrong, hurried to fetch

Yolanda

sat on the sofa, tears streaming down her face. “Mom, Dad, we **ran** into Arabella tonight! She was in a VIP room with a rich boy; Zachary spoke his mind for her own good, and then.”

Before she could finish her sentence, tears started falling. “**That** rich boy just started beating up Zachary, saying

that Arabella was under his protection, and if anyone dared to bully her, **he wouldn’t** live to see the next day.”

“What an arrogant jerk.” Olga stood up in anger, asking, “Who is he? How dare he attack Zachary? Did you tell him Zachary is the son of the richest man in Golden City?”

“What about you? How did you get hurt?” Attlee asked.

“Arabella brought a female friend.”

Yolanda took the ice pack from one of the maids and winced in pain as she applied it **to her** face, tears streaming down her face.

“I was just trying to convince her to turn over a new leaf, but her female friend just started beating me up.”

“What?! She dared to hit the daughter of the richest man in Tranquil City?” Olga was fuming. “What’s her name? I’m going to get someone to teach her a lesson right now!”

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“Mom, that woman is a big shot; we shouldn’t mess with her.”

“Why shouldn’t we?” Olga wasn’t having it. “They’ve already pushed you around **this** much! Even if **our** family goes down, I’ll make her kneel and apologize **to** you!” “She dared to bully my daughter? I want not just her but her whole family to come apologize to my girl!”

“She must also cover the medical bills!”

“Yeah, yeah! And compensation for emotional distress! Plus all other related costs!”

“Mom, Dad.” Yolanda tried to get a word in, biting her lip and looking utterly pitiful.

Impatient, Olga urged, “Spill it; what’s her name? Don’t hold back; you’ve been wronged so much; we’ll get back at them for you.”

“Right, right!”

situation. Seeing their fervor now, she softly said,

Olga were

Piper family. If we don’t like it, we

were speechless, their expressions frozen.

doted on this daughter the most; confronted him about this? He’d probably toss them

had significant influence

pooled all their resources, they’d barely make a dent in

wasn’t worth it!

Arabella! Just wait, I’m going to settle the score with her!”

knew she was powerless against the Piper family, so she could only vent her anger on

poor, and had done such shameful

even had her friends attack people!" Attlee pointed at his phone and said, "We should call her up and give her a piece of

dared to bully the weak and didn't dare to confront the Piper family, Yolanda

Because the Murphy family simply didn't have the clout to stand **up** to the Piper family.

As soon as Arabella arrived home, her phone vibrated. She saw it was Olga calling and knew immediately what it was about.

She hung up and blocked the number without saying a word, then walked into the main hall.

Granny Grace was always good to her, and Granny Grace only had one son, which was Attlee. So, unless absolutely necessary, she wouldn't lose her temper at them.

Thinking of Granny Grace.

She entered her bedroom and called Caden Newton to ask about the old lady's recent condition.

"Bella, how many days has it been since you last visited Grace Murphy? Grace has been waking up more frequently and for longer periods. Following your instructions, we haven't told the Murphy family about this, and Grace herself said she doesn't want to see them."

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"Is her mood stable?" Arabella asked softly.

"She's steady alright, just missing you a ton. She's been begging the nurses to lend her their phones so she can call you. But they keep telling her you come by often, and as soon as she stays awake a bit longer, you two will be able to meet."

Grace's phone was confiscated by Olga, fearing that the old lady might wake up suddenly and contact Arabella, possibly leaving her entire fortune to her due to her confusion. That's why she didn't allow any phones around Grace.

"I'll visit her tomorrow." Arabella's voice was calm.

"Great, I have a complex case here; can you help me check it out tomorrow?"

"Sure."

After ending the call, Arabella saw a flood of WhatsApp messages from Olga.

[You are such a disgrace. The Murphy family has bent over backward to raise you all these years, yet you show no gratitude.]

[Yoli did her best to get you back on track, and you instigate your friends to attack her? Look at what she has become now.]

Il demand you come here immediately and apologize to Yoli sincerely!]

Perhaps because she didn't get an immediate response from Arabella, Olga sent several more messages, all insulting her.

【The Murphy family has wasted their efforts raising you all these years. If they raised a dog, at least it could guard the house. You're not even as good as a dog!】 [If I were you, I would apologize to Yoli immediately and do everything possible to get her forgiveness.]

[I'm telling you to come here right now; did you hear me?]

Arabella replied to her, [Are you nuts?] Then she blocked her account and prepared to take a shower and go to bed.

At this moment, Edith's voice came from outside the door.

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you to come downstairs for some mushroom soup.”

mother's kindness. She

a bowl of mushroom soup in front of Louisa, sweetly calling, “Mom, here's

to Kenneth

don't need to do this.” Kenneth said with a smile that he

and said, “Serena, you don't need to bother with

she wasn't their biological child, the Collins family had always taken good care

that lasted eighteen years would create bonds, let alone their genuine affection for her over such a

obedient as before, even serving soup like a small thing in

Arabella come downstairs, Louisa smiled and asked, “Bella, you're here? Come sit next

this is your mushroom soup.” Serena served Arabella a bowl personally, and only then did

Louisa looked at Arabella with a loving gaze and said, “Hurry and drink it while it's

a spoonful of soup and brought it to her mouth. She smelled a familiar scent—hemp seeds?

often used with other medications to

tiglium. She smiled slightly. Were

Interesting For You

secretly watching her. As

and the smile on

Serena personally served this soup, Martha should have

immediately felt something was wrong: "Ms. Bella, you're too kind; I am

course you can." Arabella put the mushroom soup in front of her and smiled slightly. "We've never treated you as a servant

eat it." Kenneth added with a smile.

know, but my stomach hasn't been good lately; let Ms. Bella have this bowl of mushroom soup first.

for enhancing intestinal mucosal

added, "There are also some good ingredients added.

girl in front of her was like a devil; how could she know what was added just

dirty.

her. Seeing her still not moving, her eyes

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Arabella knew that mixing those two medications wouldn't cause instant diarrhea, but about half an hour later, it would definitely trigger severe diarrhea. Those two medications were so potent that even anti-diarrhea pills couldn't stop them.

Martha sure was in for a rough night.

Arabella glanced **up** at Serena, who quickly looked down and, in her flustered state, knocked over the mushroom soup.

"Are you alright there, Serena?" Louisa asked.

A servant came over to help Serena clean up the mess.

Serena, distracted, said, "I'm fine."

"Arabella, you're such a caring soul, looking out for the household help," Kenneth said, full of praise. "But you've got to remember to eat too."

served herself another bowl and ate slowly, while Serena seemed restless and soon made an excuse to leave.

home to find his parents waiting on the living room couch, frowning.

"What happened to you? Who did this to you?" Their usually neat and tidy son was a mess. His white shirt was dirty and stained with alcohol and blood,

All Zachary wanted to do was going upstairs, taking a shower, and washing away the whole disastrous mother scolded. She looked at his injuries and angrily demanded, "Did you go out with Yolanda tonight? What did you

but for the extra money the
card, his parents received a text message
state like this! Look at you now; you're no aristocrat. People who don't know
She has
you like her affectations or her
Zachary didn't want to say
livid. "Look