

# Mighty Mom 181

## Chapter 181 You Disgust Me Unprovoked by Kate's insult

Melanie responded with an innocent smile, "You have a crush on Landon, don't you?" "What do you mean?" Kate's face darkened. In an excited tone, Melanie replied, "I bet you're wondering how I knew that, aren't you? Actually, I saw through you the first time we met at Camila's place. Although you might have appeared unconcerned, I knew you could never pretend as if nothing ever happened considering how close you are with Landon. Besides, I also knew you were afraid to peek because you didn't want to see how sweet we were, yet you couldn't take your eyes off him just now. That was just confusing. You both have been best friends for years, but why did he choose me instead?" "Are you trying to show off right now?" Kate asked with a glacial look on her face. "Relax, Katie. Women should be gentle and meek like me. Instead of wasting time drinking all day, I suggest that you should do something to look for your Mr. Right. Landon is not the only man in the world, so why would you give up the whole forest for just one tree? After all, men don't like annoying women who won't stop bothering them."

On the verge of an outburst, Kate tried hard to suppress her anger as she took huge strides forward to the lady. "Who did you say is annoying?"

Tilting her head, Melanie gazed at her with a provocative smile. "I'm just saying that men dislike annoying women, I didn't say it's you. So, why are you so worked up? Well, men won't even set their eyes on a woman with a short fuse like you. Therefore, hope you could heed my advice." Kate then grabbed Melanie by the collar and warned her, "Shut your mouth up! Do you have any sense of shame? Whether I have a crush on is none of your business. You'd better spend your time keeping an eye on your boyfriend because I'd hate to see you crying when you get dumped one day." Upon saying that, she shoved Melanie aside and left, but the latter only smiled in contempt while adjusting her shirt. "Haha. Well, you really had me there for a second because I thought you were really going to hit me, but it seems that you're nothing but a big mouth." With a darkened face, Kate glacially glared at her and said, "I just pity Landon for having to see your disgusting face!" In response, Melanie giggled and retorted, "You might as well admit that you don't have the guts to hit me. If you really raise your hand to me, Landon will definitely not let you go! After all, I'm his girlfriend, and you? You're just one of his bros!" "If he hears this coming from you, he is probably going to regret his choice so much that he'd rather drown himself in the river!" Kate angrily replied.

"What's there for him to regret? I'm the one whom he loves the most. It's a shame that you don't know how much fun and joy we're having every night. Alas! Forget it. You'll never understand anyway. Haha," Melanie answered and walked away haughtily. As the door closed after Melanie left, Kate suddenly found this matter absurd. Landon is such a fool. I can't believe he chose Melanie of all the women out there. However, Kate found it even more ridiculous that she indeed dared not raise her hand to Melanie because she knew Landon would believe she was looking for trouble for hitting his girlfriend. Therefore, she couldn't help but feel disappointed with the fact that her friendship with Landon, which had been lasting for years, could be compared to Melanie's relationship with him that had only started days ago. What am I really to him? Nauseated, she rushed back into the restroom to puke, but nothing came out. I'm feeling so disgusted right now.

On the other hand, Camila took a rest after drinking some tea. As she felt more sober, Melanie was already back, but there was no sign of Kate.

## Chapter 182 Why Didn't You Do Something?

"Melanie, were you in the restroom? Did you see Katie?" Camila asked. Melanie nodded and said, "She looks really drunk." Camila responded with an affirmative hum as she headed in the direction of the restroom. Meanwhile, Melanie curled her lips upward and showed a faint smirk, raising the glass as she nudged Landon with her elbow. "We haven't toasted your uncle, have we?" Upon hearing that, Landon quickly reacted by raising his glass, "Uncle, Melanie and I would like to propose a toast to you. Since you're now one of the studio's shareholders, we wish you a good fortune with endless money to make." Nevertheless, Melanie nudged Landon once more and said, "Oh, come on. Can't you think of something else better to say?" "Well, those are practical wishes, aren't they?" Landon said with a smile. Melanie raised her glass and looked at Silas with an enchanting smile as if she was trying to cast a spell on him, "President Nolan, may all your wishes come true as you succeed in what you're doing." As she expected, she managed to entertain Silas with her subtle use of words because her wish was exactly what Silas wanted. He then took a glimpse at Melanie and lowered his gaze, slowly taking a sip of the wine in his glass. Despite her exhilaration, Melanie looked emotionless on the outside, doubting she could easily have Silas under her spell. Nevertheless, she only wanted to make an impression on the man for now, which required patience. Then, she quickly shifted her eyes to Brian and Marcus whom she toasted the same way she did to Silas. Although her response wasn't met with the same amount of enthusiasm as she had, she believed she could enter their social circle sooner or later as long as she stuck with Landon. Soon, she quickly took a glimpse across all men who were sitting at the table, realizing that Landon was outclassed by either of them hands down. I used to think my life would change after being with Landon, but it seems that I can have more than what I have now. Landon is a good man, but there is someone else much better than he is. Since I could make Landon fall for me, I could do the same to the other men and work a little harder for it. If I could be with Silas or Brian, I'd be standing on top of the world. Even if I couldn't get close to either of them, the big boss of Metrostar Entertainment is enough to outclass Landon. Anyway, I believe Landon will have my back no matter what happens. So, I'll just go ahead and see who is willing to become my gold mine. In the meantime, Kate was leaning on the basin top in a trance when Camila found her. "What're you doing here, Katie? Why didn't you go back out there?" Kate slowly turned around without saying a word as she noticed Camila's presence. Then, she directly walked up to Camila and hugged her tightly. "Camila."

Instinctively, Camila patted her back and asked, "What's wrong?" "It's just way too disgusting!" Kate took a deep breath and exclaimed. "What? Who's disgusting?" Camila knitted her brows in confusion. While she was no longer able to fight back her tears, Kate felt a lump in her throat. "Tell me. Is Landon really blind? Look who he has gotten as his girlfriend." "You mean Melanie?" Camila asked as her face darkened. In a wailing tone, Kate said, "She knows I have a crush on Landon, yet I gave in to my anger and blurted out things that I shouldn't have. Then, she said Landon is only interested in her and will not be interested in someone with a short fuse like me. Also, she called me annoying, even telling me that they made love three times every night until she begs him to stop. It all sounds so disgusting, Camila. I can't take it." As her anger got the better of her, Camila snarled, "This woman is such a shameless b\*tch! I'm going to talk some sense into Landon and make sure he dumps her!" Kate immediately seized Camila by the hand and said, "No! Please don't do that, Camila. After all, she didn't do anything except provoking me, so I only have myself to blame for not being able to do anything. Therefore, please don't do anything rash for the sake of my pride!" Frustrated, Camila berated her, "You're indeed useless. How could you still fall for it when you knew she was trying to piss you off on purpose? She was just gloating,

wasn't she? And you just stood there and listened to her in silence? Why didn't you talk back or hit her? How could you let her walk away like nothing ever happened?"

### **Chapter 183 Keep Him Guessing**

Upon hearing Camila's scolding, Kate cried even louder as she understood her bestie's pure intention. She tearfully forced a smile and said, "If I really hit Melanie, Landon would definitely come after me and give me a piece of his mind for getting physical on her girlfriend. After all, she is a woman who's mild-mannered and clever with words while I just look like a woman who has nothing better to do than seeking trouble. I'm scared that he'd treat me that way."

"If Landon cuts ties with you because of Melanie," Camila said with a pair of glacial eyes, "then I'll do the same to him and never hang around with him again!" After hearing Camila's touching words, her tears began to roll down her cheeks once more as she wrapped her arms around her best friend. "Camila... Actually, I can't help but feel upset every time Landon puts me down with his harsh comments. After all, I'm a woman too. I wanted to believe that having a big mouth was just his personality, but it pained me to witness his gentle and meek interaction with Melanie, especially when they whispered to each other. Maybe Landon is not the problem, but I am! I can never be like Melanie!"

Letting out a sigh, Camila patted her back. "What's so good about being like her? I like who you are right now. Stop crying, Katie. Be yourself and change for no one else. Those who like you will accept your shortcomings, and the same goes for your haters. No matter how you change, you'll never be able to please them. Everyone is unique in his own way, and Landon will never find someone else just like you. Like it or not, you shouldn't cramp your style for him because he doesn't know to appreciate you. There will always be someone in this world who knows how to treasure you."

While Kate began to sob again, Camila quickly wiped her tears off. "Come on, stop crying. Melanie would be gleeful to see you crying. You should act as if Landon was someone that you have just dumped to show her how foolish she was to gloat. The more vulnerable you look, the happier she gets, and you never know when she'll come looking for trouble again. What you should do now is to get yourself a boyfriend and show him to Landon to make him regret! That dude seriously needs to have a checkup on his eyes for picking a lady like Melanie who dares to mess with us. The next time she ever comes back, you should give her a piece of your mind and never back down! Let me know if Landon really comes after you, and we'll deal with him together!" Tearfully, Kate replied, "But I don't want to find another man!" Camila was rendered speechless when she heard what Kate said, but she soon poked her friend's forehead and said, "You really like to be tortured by Landon, don't you? You've treated him like your first love, haven't you?"

Kate wiped her tears while chuckling. "I'm just worried that this woman isn't serious in dating him. Since Landon likes her so much, he'd be heartbroken if he realizes she's just playing on his feelings the whole time." "Well, that'd teach him a lesson for choosing that b\*tch over you! So, he would have no one else to blame but himself in that case," Camila replied. Kate stopped crying. "Am I really ugly right now?" Camila took a glimpse at her while wiping her tears, saying in a disgusted manner, "Yup, I feel like puking now, in fact. A man like Landon is beneath him. Come on, wash your face and fix your makeup. Don't let anyone see how pitiful you are right now because I don't want to get embarrassed." Kate nodded in response as she seemingly didn't mind Camila's insults, whereupon she proceeded to wash her face. Meanwhile, Camila leaned on the wall and looked at her in a casual manner while pondering. "I think you've been by Landon's side for so long that he's taken you for granted. So, from now on, you should ignore him, and by that, I mean you shouldn't even look at him. If he ever asks you what's wrong, just tell him you're afraid that his girlfriend would misunderstand."

Say nothing more and make him guess what's going on. If he becomes desperate, just tell him that his girlfriend has warned you to stay away from him. Since she is trying to play dumb, it's time for you to return the favor. Try to be terse in your words to keep him guessing. I doubt Landon will stand by and watch you being bullied. After all, I don't believe your years of friendship with Landon can't match that b\*tch's relationship that has only begun a few days ago."

#### **Chapter 184 Only Talk Back to Humans**

"Are you trying to tell me to act like a b\*tch?" Kate pursed her lips and asked. "It doesn't matter what you're acting like as long as you achieve your goal. If Landon cares to find out why you're upset, or why you're avoiding him, that means he has feelings for you. If he doesn't make a move, you could forget about him because he has no feelings for you at all." Upon hearing the last few words, Kate felt like she had lost the glimmer of hope she once had. "I don't think I can do that. Furthermore, he is still in a love bubble with Melanie, so what makes you so sure that he'll think of me?" "Well, you'll never know if you never try. Maybe he is just being insensitive for now. When you finally have him at your mercy, you could do whatever you want to him, but you must remember to hang in there and treat him like a stranger for the time being." "Alright!" Kate nodded. "You could even find a decent man to provoke him, but you mustn't find someone like the man you met in the bar the last time. If you do that, you will not only fail to provoke Landon, but also make yourself look cheap," Camila then added. "Alright, I know what to do. How do I look now? Do I look obvious that I've cried?" Kate took a deep breath and asked. "Still good, but your eyes are still a little red." Camila then proceeded to fix her makeup. "There you go. Now you look much better. Let's go. You've been here long enough, and people are going to know you cried here if you don't get out there soon." "Let them know then!" "That'd be embarrassing!" "They didn't see what was going on here anyway. So, just tell them I got drunk or something." "I doubt they're even going to ask. Besides, I bet no one else knows how long you've been gone." Camila looked askance at her while Kate was simply too fed up to say anything in response. Soon, Kate returned to the table, catching Landon's eyes as he jokingly said, "You've been throwing up forever. Did you puke your guts out?" Instinctively, Kate wanted to talk back, but soon recalled Camila's words and looked away to ignore him. Meanwhile, Landon only stared at her in confusion. "Hey, what's wrong with you? You've never stayed quiet when someone teases you. I must say I'm really not used to that." Then, he tried pulling Kate's sleeves to get her to respond. "Hey, I'm talking to you." Soon, Kate turned around and glared at him with a serious expression. "I only talk back to humans. That's why I ignore you." Upon hearing that, Landon continued her sentence in her mind. You're obviously not a human! When he finally caught on to

what she meant, he knitted his brows and retorted, "What's wrong with you? Did you get up on the wrong side of the bed?" However, Kate only looked away and turned a deaf ear to his words.

As Melanie noticed Landon's relentless attitude toward Kate, she quickly pulled him closer and said, "Show some manners. After all, Katie is still a lady." Frustrated, Landon raised his voice at Melanie, "If she talks to you like that, do you think I'd stand by and do nothing? Didn't you hear what she just said?"

Not long after, Kate felt suffocated. She could barely breathe as if someone had stabbed her with a blade and turned the cold steel around to torment her. A few moments later, she let out a sigh and turned her attention to Camila. "Camila, I want to make a move right now." "Sure, I'll see you off." "It's okay. There are still guests here. Attend to them, I can take care of myself." Kate then placed her hands on Camila's shoulders and sat her down before she informed everyone else but Landon and Melanie that she was going to leave. As her figure slowly disappeared from sight, Landon was frustrated and

baffled. What did I do to deserve that? I was just asking how she felt after she went missing for so long, yet all I got in return was such a terrible attitude. Just then, Melanie leaned forward and seized Landon's arm, silently meeting his gaze with a smile.

### **Chapter 185 Come Over for Dinner**

Landon felt that the suffocating air in his chest was somehow released. He stopped thinking about Kate. Although Camila didn't say a word, she paid attention to all of Melanie's little gestures and expressions. Every time Landon's thoughts swayed a little bit toward Katie, Melanie would immediately lean nearer, hug his arm or give him an obsessive, loving gaze. It was effective enough to pull Landon back to her.

She's an impressive fake b\*tch who acts all pure on the outside despite being rotten inside!

Perhaps my eyes weren't playing tricks after all when I saw that look of disgust she revealed in the studio that other time!

Maybe Kate's worries are real. Melanie isn't actually dating Landon for real. She probably even thinks he's beneath her. I'm sure she has greater ambitions!

Suddenly, Camila no longer desired to preach to Landon about love. I'll just wait for him to get into trouble! This woman will definitely play him for a fool and hurt him to no end.

As anticipation rose in her heart, the corners of her lips curved upward. When that time comes, I'll beat him up first! Then, I'll scold him for being blinded by infatuation and hurting Katie! Finally, I'll help Katie to find a new boyfriend so that he'll be forever alone.

It's exciting just by thinking about it!

Silas stared at Camila in confusion. What is this woman thinking? Why is she frowning one minute and smiling the next? She's even staring fiercely at Landon and that woman. Hmm? Did they offend her? After observing for a while, Camila withdrew her gaze. Silas didn't ask her about it. After all, there were so many people around. Since the guests had already taken their meals, everyone got up and left one after another as soon as Kate left. As hosts, Silas and Camila stayed till the end. When all the guests were sent off, it was already past three o'clock. Camila then went to pay the bill. Nevertheless, Brian refused to let her pay and said that it was on him. Surprised, Camila said, "You're crazy. This banquet costs hundreds of thousands. How could I let you pay for it?"

"It's really not necessary. This is my own hotel, so it didn't cost much," replied Brian. "But that's still not okay. This isn't the right way to do business. Even biological siblings have to settle payments. You will also have to pay for the clothes when you come over to my establishment tomorrow!"

As Camila spoke, she again passed him the card, which he pushed back once more and smilingly said, "There's no need. You saved my life before. No matter what, I still owe you."

In response, Camila answered, "Didn't you invite me to dinner the last time? That has been settled back then. It's not that serious anyway, so I'm not your savior. I was just helping you out. If you don't accept my money, I will be angry!" Despite undergoing several turns of pushing the card around, Brian still failed to convince her, so he collected the money and gave a 20% discount. With a smile on her lips, Camila said, "If it's just a discount, then I'll take it!"

After leaving the hotel and following Silas into the car, Camila felt tired. As she rubbed her feet that were sore from wearing high heels for the entire day, she really wished to take off those killer heels. It would be quite inconvenient to do it at the moment since Silas was with her. "Are you tired?" The man's deep and pleasant voice came from the front. "Yeah, a little bit," Camila said truthfully. "Take off your shoes then."

However, Camila was embarrassed to do so. Her feet would certainly smell after wearing those heels for the whole day!

Even if Silas didn't mind, Xavier who was driving might mind!

"No need. It's not that serious."

Silas didn't insist further. He was aware that she cared about her image. Soon, they arrived at Muse Peninsula and the three took the elevator upstairs. Exhausted from the events of the day, South plodded tiredly along. When they reached the 59th floor, Silas urged, "You two go back and rest for a bit. Come over for dinner later in the evening!" Startled, Camila immediately replied, "It's fine. We can eat our dinner at home." "Come over. I have something to talk to you about anyway!" said Silas while staring at her with a serious expression.