

Hell hath no fury like a woman spurned

Meaning: Traditionally woman is presented as patient, yielding and docile. Yet this is not the whole truth.

Beneath the mask of softness lie grit and strength. This strength explodes when a woman is spurned.

Alternatives: The weaker sex is the stronger sex because of the weakness of the stronger sex for the weaker sex .Never get on the wrong side of a woman.

Illustrative Story:

Alexei Petrov is a Russian weightlifter. He felt right on top of the world when he was chosen to participate at the World Champion ships at Guangzhou in 1995 .

He ran to his girlfriend, a medical student and an aerobic expert. She let him take her in his arms and whirl around .

While they circled the room, he cooed in her ears, "Congratulate me, darling .

I have been selected to compete at the World Championships".

"That is the best news which has come my way for a long time," the fiancé let him hold her tight .

I will become famous," Petrov mumbled. "And I will be by your side to share your name," she spoke, her eyes brimming with passion.

He got the cue. She was suggesting to him to propose to her, to

take him as his wife. He deliberately ignored the suggestion. He thought it was too early to get into wedlock .

But he held her gently, and asked her, "won't you toast me on my success?" She freed herself from his arms, fetched a bottle of vodka and set it on the dining table .

The two sat and dreamt of their future. He spoke of winning titles and honors; she dreamt of the future with him as his wife.

Petrov became more involved in his practice. He did not get much time to be with his girlfriend .

She complained. He tried to reason with her, "Don't you know that I have to win the title.

That is hard work. Real hard work from morning till evening. And by evening I am dead tired".

They had an argument, every time they met. One day, in a fit of anger, Petrov told his girl friend, "That is the end of our affair ".

She felt like clawing him with her sharp nails. But she checked her anger .

She managed to say in a choked voice, "I hope we will remain friends. That's the spirit," he said.

After he left, his girlfriend muttered angrily, "Alexei, I won't let you get away so easily. Wait and see".

She met him, often. Not once did she hint that she was angry at him .

She teased him, cut jokes, sat and sipped vodka in his company. A day or two before he left for China, she gifted him a bottle of pills.

You know, Alexei, I am a medical student. Here is a bottle of pills. Take a few of them before you enter the competition .

It will give you extra strength".

Petrov won the triple championship in the mid-heavy weight class. That was the moment of his glory .

But this did not last long. Medical reports showed steroid in his system. He had taken drugs, said the officials .

He pleaded innocence. But the tests were positive. So he was banned from further competitions.

Petrov broke down in anguish. His dreams of an Olympic Crown at Atlanta shattered in a trice .

Then came a silver lining. Petrov's former girl friend let the secret out .

She admitted that the pill she recommended to Petrov were steroids .

He spurned me and I gave him the poison fruit of bitter love," she said.

Petrov thanked his stars and admitted,"! know now that hell hath no fury like a woman spurned".



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