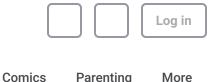
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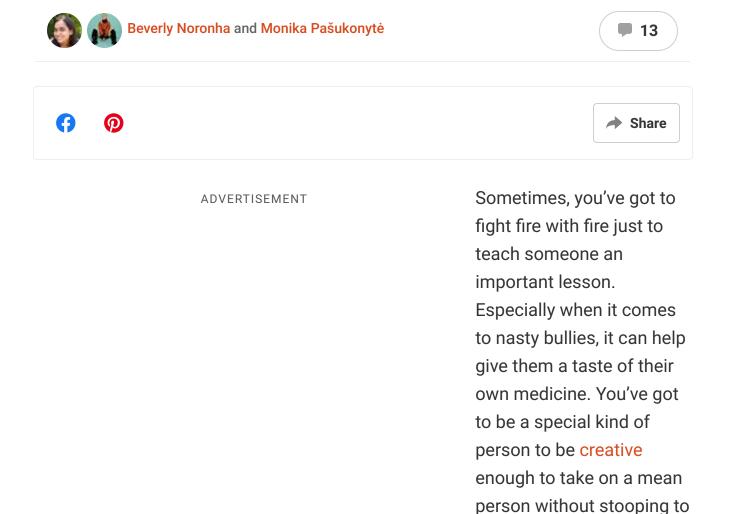


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Kindest Woman Ever Gets Bullied By 60YO On Corgi Forum, Niece Writes A Decimating Roast In Response Interview With Expert

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their level.

Although it's not always advisable to become a bully to fight one, this woman only did it to protect her aunt. She took on a corgi-loving tyrant, defended her aunt's honor, and emerged victorious, all with one email.

More info: Reddit

Nobody should be bullying anyone, especially over an innocent hobby that brings them joy



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The poster shared that the drama between her sweet aunt and a bully happened 12 years ago on a corgi lovers' forum all because her aunt did not actually own the breed The time I humiliated a bully in my Aunt's corgie fan forum and got her laughed out for targeting my aunt.

For this we need to rewind about 12 years, to when dedicated forums rather than discord were more of a thing, especially with the older community. My aunt, I'd like to add, is the sweetest, kindest, most gentle woman I have ever met. The kind of person who would gladly take the "kick me" sign off someone else and wear it herself to give them a break because she feels bad. She is amazing, I love her dearly.

My mother is a stone cold calculating b***h.

I somehow managed to inherit both of these personalities in some ways.

Give every courtesy but take no s**t. I prefer to be nice but when I am mean I am *mean*.

The Drama background: My aunt has never had a corgie, only other small breed dogs, but gosh she sure does love them. So she joined this cute forum of older ladies who would share pictures, and stories, and cute little sparkly edits of their dogs, and support each other when someone's dog was sick....you know the drill.

NOW PLAYING



But like with most communities, there's always someone who likes to stir the pot. In this case we have... shall I say, "Donna". Now Donna did have a corgie, and due to that she felt very entitled that the forum (she in no way created) should exclude anyone who didn't.



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One of the ladies in the group, named Donna, took issue with the poster's aunt not owning a corgi and used to make subtle jabs about that until one day, she escalated and sent a nasty email My Aunt's beloved toy poodle didn't count. So she would subtly jab at those like my aunt who loved a breed they couldn't have, but no one really wanted to make waves about it, especially since my aunt would just turn the other cheek.

Up to this point I knew almost nothing about the community, just that it was something my aunt participated in that made her happy.

Then I get two emails. First, from my Uncle. A warning, that this woman Donna said something to my Aunt and my aunt asked her to please stop being mean, which resulted in her whole forum going into offensive and defensive mode (I'm picturing the virtual version of old ladies throwing tea cakes at each other and trying to ruin their fancy hats.) And also, apparently, Donna has gotten ahold of my Aunt's email information and contact list, and had sent out a nasty email to EVERYONE my aunt knew.

My Aunt was mortified and sobbing, and begging (through my uncle, because she's conflict avoidant) everyone not to read it. My mom was staying at their house for a while, so she was supporting my aunt as best she could, but the clear message was "please don't read it, your aunt will be even more embarrassed."

Not. My. Style.

So I open the email from Donna and it is the blandest, cattiest shit ever about how my aunt is just a Corgie-lover-wanna-be, how she's only so nice on the surface and it's all fake, how her edits are basically trash, and how everyone who knows her irl should try to teach her to mind her place. If it wasn't aimed at the meekest woman on the planet, it would barely have qualified as cruel. This woman knew her target, though. And KNEW she wouldn't hit back, Donna probably assumed my aunt would quietly quit the forum and it would all blow over, since this was in private emails and not on the forum.



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The lady's niece took it upon herself to confront Donna and wrote a kindly worded email back to her that was actually quite brutal

Ever see someone in a movie tilt their head and hear the cracking in their neck? That was me.

So I responded. Not cursing, not arguing, not being volatile.

No, I was *nice*. I was sooooo nice. I started by saying I understand how hard things like this can be when drama comes between friends, and how Donna, as a presumably 16 year old, has a lot of growing up to do to understand how adult relationships work. I pointed out all of her "points" and how they seemed like such small, strange things to fixate on, and promised that when she grows up she'll understand how silly and pointless it is to talk about.

I gently lectured her on how using someone's passions online to try to harm them in the real world is dangerous, not only for them but for young miss Donna who doesn't have the maturity, experience, empathy or grace yet to know how small and childish it all makes her look, while not making my aunt look bad at all.

How truly shameful it was but I knew it was not entirely her fault, she was still clearly mentally, emotionally, and developmentally a child.

It was the most saccharine, gentle, condescending and BRUTAL takedown I could manage.

It was the kindly teacher with the barbed microagressions hitting her ego at every single step. I turned this petty, catty b***h in her 60s into the image of a bratty immature teenager lashing out against someone who she was jealous of because they were liked more.

And then I ended it with "And just in case you haven't caught on, let me spell it out: F**k You, Donna."

And replied to all.

And waited.

And then I get a call, oh, a half hour later, from my mother. Who is laughing in absolute f****g hysterics and can't quite even talk at first.

Took a while to get the story out, but apparently the reply all came in and my uncle said it was from me, and my aunt was just horrified. So my uncle read it privately. And was laughing by about halfway through, at which point he PRINTED IT OUT and read it to my Aunt and my mom. My Aunt was flustered and chuckling and asking my mom "she knows Donna is in her 60s, right?" as my mom is cackling like a hyena. Per my mom he gave the emphasis on the final "f**k you" with a venom that would do me proud and made my aunt giggle. My uncle got on the phone and thanked me profusely, it was the only thing that broke my aunt out of the cycle of embarrassment and tears.

A few days later I get the final update: someone on my aunt's contact list was also on the forum and posted the whole email drama, highlighting my response. At that point it was met with laughter, my aunt was wholeheartedly supported, and apparently Donna was given a ban for bad behavior.

My Aunt is still in love with corgies and friends with that community. Also, I am the favorite niece, but to be fair, I'm the only one.

Image credits: Millenniauld

Donna not only got a jab right back, but she was also laughed out of the forum and banned for bad behavior

The reason all of this took place was because the poster's aunt had never owned a corgi. Apparently, this was enough for Donna to spew hatred and make her feel bad about joining a very cute forum. What's worse is the bully's behavior was initially mild and then escalated when she realized her victim wasn't fighting back.

It's weird to think of an old person tormenting someone else, especially someone who's in their 60s. Shockingly enough, around 10-20% of seniors living in

communities or assisted living facilities get bullied. Very often, these instances are kept hidden out of fear or embarrassment about finding themselves in such a situation.

While most think that bullying ends in the schoolyard, the terrifying fact is that bullying among adults may often take the form of psychological abuse.

Sometimes, there might be name-calling, teasing, using insults, gossiping, or even spreading rumors about the person.

All of this can cause the victim a lot of pain and may even force them to retreat within their shell, especially if they've never dealt with it before and there are no parents or teachers to intervene.

To get a deeper insight into this situation, **Bored Panda** contacted **Dr. Stephanie**Fredrick. She is the Associate Director of the Alberti Center for Bullying Abuse

Prevention and an Associate Professor of School Psychology at the University at

Buffalo. She is a licensed psychologist and a nationally certified school

psychologist and consults with schools on bullying and cyberbullying prevention,

as well as youth mental health and wellness.

Dr. Stephanie told us that "bullying is a complex issue, and the reasons individuals (children, teenagers, and adults) bully others are typically multifaceted. In some cases, an individual may bully others to feel powerful, gain attention, or gain control in a situation. This may be especially the case if they lack power or control in other areas of their life."

"They may even have been bullied themselves (or are currently experiencing bullying). They may have also learned over time that bullying gets them access to things such as attention, fame (such as on the internet), or even tangible things. In this case, it is a behavior that is learned and reinforced over time," she explained.

The author told people in the comments that Donna probably "wanted my aunt to feel small." Donna also probably expected that nobody would come to know about her spiteful comments and email. She must have genuinely not thought she'd ever be confronted about her bad behavior, which is why she kept on doing it.



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Bullying doesn't simply disappear just because the bullies have gotten older. Experts say that a senior citizen tormenting others may have done so when they were younger as well. This type of behavior isn't likely to change overnight and, unfortunately, can surface at any time.

Luckily for the corgi-loving lady who Donna kept insulting, her niece was courageous enough to stick up for her. The poster made sure to write a gentle and condescending email that was just enough to take Donna down. It also got her laughed out of the forum she loved and eventually banned.

Dr. Stephanie also told us that "there are many ways to deal with a bully. It is important to try to stay calm and not to have a big reaction, [as it can sometimes] exacerbate the situation. Try to disconnect yourself from the bully (whether that is online or in person) as much as possible and surround yourself with friends and family who make you feel safe."

"If it is cyberbullying, document the evidence and report it to the platform.

Depending on the platform, you can also block or mute individuals. If your safety

has been threatened in any way, make sure to contact the police. Bystanders can be incredibly important in stopping bullying. If you witness bullying or cyberbullying, make sure to report the individual and check in with the person who is being bullied," she shared.

It's not always easy to know why someone becomes a bully. Maybe it has to do with their childhood, their circumstances, or even socialization. For an older person, they might do it because of the helplessness they feel in their lives, and take that out on someone else. This may also give them a sense of control and make them feel powerful.

No matter what the underlying cause may be, bullying is just not right. Now, if you can't turn the other cheek when you're being unfairly persecuted, maybe you can hire the poster to get revenge for you. She's only done it once but has a 100% success rate.

People were delighted to learn that karma finally caught up to Donna

Fish_is_not_a_pet 1.6k points 1 day ago

This is the cutest petty revenge story I have heard on the sub. Made my day! Thanks for sharing!

Millenniauld (OP) 977 points 1 day ago

I'm glad you enjoyed! I was a little worried to post on case it was too mild to count for the sub, but I mean, it was petty as hell at the time, lol, and achieved the goal of lifting up my aunt while knocking Donna down a few pegs. I never heard back from Donna directly, though she had my email at that point, and I consider that the highest praise. "Everyone has a plan until they get punched in the ~~mouth~~ Ego." - Mike Tyson (mostly)

wkendwench 226 points 1 day ago

Bless your heart for sticking up for your aunt. I loved this story.. not the part where your aunt was hurt.. but where you hit back at Donna fracturing her fragile ego.

Millenniauld (OP) 186 points 1 day ago

It's hard to even express how wonderful my aunt has always been, I want to wrap her in bubble wrap to protect her. She unfortunately is the kind of person that bullies seek out. Luckily my uncle (my mom's older brother) is very calm and steady and has always looked out for her. There's just some things you need your sharp tongued niece for, lol.

Aaron_Go_Bragh 261 points 1 day ago

The corgis aren't mad, they're just disappointed.

Millenniauld (OP) 90 points 1 day ago

Yessss ahahaha perfect.

BunnySlayer64 140 points 1 day ago

The ONLY thing that could make it any better would be if you had closed with "Bless your heart"

Millenniauld (OP) 182 points 1 day ago

Iirc there was at least one gentle "bless you for looking out for [aunt's name] in your own way" somewhere in the text, lol. I started it off SUPER light, so she would keep reading until she got to the point that she realized it was barbed and then her b****y ego wouldn't let her quit till it was over. I know the type, lol.

DontAskMeChit 79 points 1 day ago

I am the favorite niece, but to be fair, I'm the only one.

If you were 1 of 20 nieces, I have no doubt you would still be the favorite one, lol. Well done

Millenniauld (OP) 77 points 1 day ago

I'm also the only grandkid in the whole family with a daughter, and I gave them two so my aunt gets to be a pseudo grandma to my girls. So I basically have all the points in my favor.

CoderJoe1 91 points 1 day ago

When I saw, "corgie fan forum," I had my doubts about reading this post, but my curiosity paid off.

F**k Donna and the corgi she rode in on!

Millenniauld (OP) 58 points 1 day ago

Right? Lol I thought this would get maybe a few likes and an "eff Donna" comment or two, but I'm glad it's resonating with people even if it's about as low-stakes as it gets. Lol now picturing a little old lady (I know mid 60s isn't actually that old) huffing the f**k off on this poor over burdened Corgi and it's killing me.

RetroAlixe 45 points 1 day ago

If this sub had flairs, "F**k you, Donna." would've been a perfect one.

Millenniauld (OP) 16 points 1 day ago

Ahahaha I am honored.

Professional-Fact157 27 points 1 day ago

FABULOUS

Millenniauld (OP) 20 points 1 day ago

Thank you very much. *bows*

Honestly it's not as punchy as some of the great stories in here, but I felt on the sheer petty scale it counted.

Seyenn 22 points 1 day ago

That's a thing of beauty, well played!

Millenniauld (OP) 24 points 1 day ago

It makes me laugh out of the blue now and then to remember. Earned my uncle's RESPECT that day lol

Tamalene 22 points 1 day ago

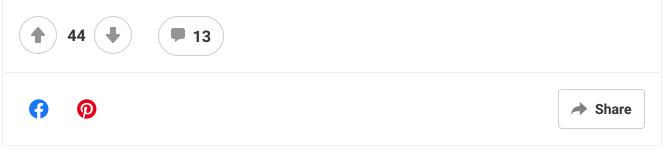
Ooooooh, I want to see her face! Screwed up like she tasted bitter lemon and grasping her pearls!

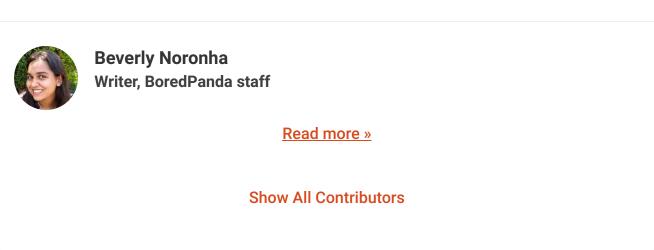
Millenniauld (OP) 21 points 1 day ago

Adjusting tortoiseshell glasses and scrunching up her nose..... Lol it's a fun image. No idea what she looked like though. XD

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What do you think?

Tabitha 3 days ago :
This saccharine sweet revenge reminds me of a southerner saying "Well, bless your little heart" to someone who just said something stupid. Anyone who has ever lived in the south long enough knows exactly how much sarcasm really lies beneath all the surface sugar of that statement.

↑ 15 ♣ Reply

AKA AKA 3 days ago :
you definatly do not want to mess with OP
↑ 5 ♣ Reply

Janelle Collard 3 days ago :
I strive to be this level of BadA** B**ch. :)
↑ 5 ♣ Reply

TribbleThinking 2 days ago :
I agree. *adjusts study itinerary*

↑ 5 ♣ Reply