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ven·det·ta  (vēn-dět ə)

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n.

1. A feud between two families that arises from the injury or killing of the member of one family by a member of the other family, leading to long-lasting animosity and retaliatory acts of revenge.
2. A series of acts attacking or attempting to injure another: *launched a vendetta against his harshest critics in the media.*

[Italian, from Latin *vindicta*, revenge; see [VINDICTIVE](#).]

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