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"Martin's not here, so you can drop the act." Florence towered over her with an air of superiority, "I want

you away from my son. Pack your things and get out of this house."

Serena stared back at the woman before her, a sense of familiarity washing over her. It clicked, "You're

the lady from Dawnstar."

Back then, she hadn't known who the woman was, so she'd been curt and dismissive. And now, fate

had a wicked sense of humor - the woman was Martin's mother.

She had made a terrible first impression without even realizing it.

"Since you remember, you should know the Cooper family won't accept someone who is disrespectful,

self-centered, malevolent, and two-faced into our family. Take the clothes and jewelry Martin gave you,

but from now on, you're forbidden to come anywhere near my son!"

Florence declared her ultimatum and settled onto the couch with her daughter, waiting for Serena to

leave.

Serena's inner fury brought a sardonic smile to her lips, but she kept up a gentle façade, "Dora, would

you fetch us some tea and pastries?"
Dora nodded and was about to step away when Florence interjected, her voice airy and dismissive,
"My staff doesn't take orders from you. Dora, two cups of coffee, please. It's time to cool off."
"Yes, ma'am," Dora hurriedly bowed and retreated from the explosive situation.
Serena pressed a button on her wheelchair, facing the matriarch head-on.
"At the Dawnstar Style Plaza boutique, you snatched away every piece Arabella had her eye on."
Diana spoke up, her tone flat, "And I saw the whole time how you tormented my brother in the lavender
fields."
"If you saw everything, then why lie? Your brother clearly enjoyed it. Didn't you see him smiling all
day?"
Diana was taken aback by Serena's audacity; the latter was unafraid and didn't take them seriously
even when confronted by both of them.
"My relationship with Martin is our business; you two don't have to concern it. And this manor is already
in my name. If anyone should leave, it's you," Serena's smile was a blend of sweetness and
provocation.

Florence and Diana were shocked and enraged. The manor, worth over ten million, was in her name?
That fool!!
Florence was stunned by the girl's shamelessness and superciliousness.
Diana fumed, "You're not even part of the family yet, and you're already so bold? Do you really think
you can marry Martin? Entering the Cooper family isn't just up to him!"