

Bring Your A Game, Mr Chapter 13

Chapter 13 A Familiar Figure

"Oh, you mean that?" Jamie patted his chest and said, "Don't worry, Boss. I didn't expose you even the slightest. Rest assured and please carry on your disguise in peace."

"Okay." Then, Elise gave him one final reminder. "Let's keep in touch on the phone from now on. The Griffiths will be suspicious if they see you."

"Understood." With those words, Jamie left in a jiffy.

Before Jamie could go far, Elise saw Danny going her way the moment she turned around. Her heart skipped a beat and she almost dropped the document in her hand.

She stiffened up for a moment and calmly passed by Danny on the way back to their classroom.

Huh? Is this it?

She didn't expect the Math Olympiad competition to have such a low difficulty. It seems like I've overestimated this school.

Elise flipped through the questions and stuffed them into the drawer under her table after a while. Needless to say, she didn't need to worry about the competition at all.

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The school started a tutoring class specially for the students participating in the Math Olympiad, with those including Nicole and Danny.

And so, Elise could see Nicole taking the opportunity to talk to Danny every day, with the excuse of asking him to help her study. However, he mercilessly turned down all of her requests.

Soon, the one week of tutoring classes came to an end, and the Math Olympiad began.

The students of the school were all confident for Nicole to take the win.

"She came in first last year. She's definitely going to win this year as well. How uninteresting."

“Yeah, it’d be great if someone can bring her down this time around, but probably no one can do that.”

Elise didn’t know people would be so envious of the winner!

She wanted nothing more than to lie low, so she intentionally left the final question blank during the competition. To her surprise, she still came in first in the end, which left her in dismay.

Her classmates were astounded to hear about that—for a girl who grew up in the countryside, they didn’t think that she’d have such good grades.

Nicole had been the top student in school all along. In comparison to Elise, though, she didn’t even come close.

The results of the Math Olympiad came as a complete shock to the teacher. She’d never seen such a talented student in all her years of teaching. Thus, she immediately went to the principal to show off the fruits of her guidance as soon as she heard the news.

The principal held the matter in high regard as well and decided to specially conduct an award ceremony for Elise.

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At the award ceremony, the principal and the teacher spoke on and on for over an hour before inviting Elise onstage to give her speech. They firmly believed that Elise would be the top scorer of Athesea in the college entrance examination and wanted to pay close attention to her studies from now on.

“Let us put our hands together and welcome our champion of the Math Olympiad—Elise Sinclair.”

Elise went up the stage under the eyes of the audience.

The students gave her a huge round of applause, silently excited to see what the legendary top student of the school looked like. In the end, they watched an ugly girl with a dark and uneven complexion go onstage.

That’s a valedictorian for you. Studying is probably all they ever do. Appearances and presentation? Never a concern.

The boys could only comfort themselves in disappointment.

The teacher felt a little embarrassed as well and smiled awkwardly as she let Elise conclude her learning experience.

Elise was about to recite the script that she’d prepared yesterday when she saw a familiar figure below the stage.

The corner of her lips twitched. Why's Alexander here?

She only heard that Jonah wanted to attend, but nobody told her that Alexander would be here as well.

She spaced out for a moment. The next time her eyes came into focus, Alexander was no longer sitting there. Elise blinked a few times; perhaps she'd hallucinated his presence from spending the past two days doing math exercises, so she didn't give it much thought.

Soon after, she regained her composure and carried on with her speech.

She spoke fluently without a word of mistake. After all, she was used to receiving prizes of all kinds, and she'd attended ceremonies of all sizes before.

Alexander actually zoned out as he stared at the eloquent woman who was speaking confidently on the stage.

After her speech, he didn't stay for a second longer and quietly left.

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Chapter 14 You've Got the Wrong Idea

Danny was still in disbelief of Elise's strong capability as he watched her receive the prize onstage. She clearly told him that she didn't know much!

Has she been intentionally hiding her true talents?!

When the never-ending award ceremony finally concluded, Elise felt sore all over; she had to stand on the stage and listen to the principal's concluding remarks after her speech. It lasted as long as an hour, and now her legs were already numb.

Danny went up to her with a bunch of Math Olympiad questions to give her a challenge. "Try and solve these if you can!"

Elise lazily took the papers and started writing down her answers after just a glance at the questions.

Danny studied her solutions and steps—she'd scored full marks for every one of them, and some of her solutions were even more efficient than the model answers given.

Danny was shocked, speechless. Pointing at one of the questions, he asked, "This was the final question of the Math Olympiad earlier. Why didn't you do it when you clearly know how to?"

Elise simply didn't solve it to purposefully lose some marks, so she didn't even bother skimming through the question on the last page.

"I didn't have time to do it." Elise decided to brush it off lightly.

Deep inside, Danny held Elise in awe, but he didn't let it show on the surface. He said, "I'll be as good as you in no time once I get serious, so don't you start thinking you're all that."

On the other hand, Jonah was overjoyed after watching the award ceremony. "You've made our family proud, Elise!"

Elise could only smile awkwardly in response.

"In that case, you can be Danny's tutor and give him some extra lessons."

"I don't have anything against it—as long as Danny's willing to have me as his tutor, that is." Elise gave Danny the last say.

Danny said confidently, "I can definitely do well if I start learning seriously, Grandpa."

"I know you can, but..."

Danny tried his best to argue, but he was eventually convinced by Jonah to take Math lessons from Elise every day.

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"New question. Solve it."

"Tch," Danny complained under his breath as he flipped open the exercise book that Elise had tossed over to him. After glancing at the question, he said leisurely, "As someone who's as smart as a whip, I can't even be bothered to solve such a question after going through so much tutoring."

Elise shrugged and said in utter resignation, "How cocky."

After school, Danny went up to Elise when he saw her leaving the classroom on her own. He called after her, "My brother is coming to pick us up in a while. Where're you going?"

"Can't I go to the toilet?" Elise felt annoyed when the surrounding students started to gossip in murmurs.

A blessing? I'll gladly give it to you if you want.

However, she could only tell herself that inside. If she were to voice it out loud, she would probably be drowned to death by the spit of these fangirls who took Danny as their idol.

"I'm heading out first, then. I'll wait for you by the school gate."

Elise ignored him and continued walking when she suddenly saw Nicole as she made a turn.

"What's up? Why did you want to see me?" She received a note from Nicole right before school ended, so she came to meet up with her.

Nicole teared up pretentiously as she whined, "I keep seeing you and Danny together recently. Do you like him?"

Elise was a little bothered. "You've got the wrong idea."

Nicole choked back her tears and jolted momentarily before she replied, "So you don't like Danny?"

When she saw Elise nod in response, she put on a bashful demeanor and said shyly, "Will you help me get together with Danny, then?"

Nicole was the top student in school. If she really were to get together with Danny, Elise wouldn't have to tutor him anymore.

"How can I help?" Elise cocked her head and stared at Nicole.

Seeing that Elise had agreed to help her, Nicole turned around, and a cunning smirk appeared on her face. "Let's go somewhere quiet. I can't tell you the details with so many people around."

Elise didn't catch the look on Nicole's face and followed behind her without suspecting a thing.