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Chapter 16 Did Meredith Skip the Entrance Exam?

After a staff meeting, Ms. Miller made a trip to the examination hall. She wanted to see for herself what results Meredith would achieve.

The second exam session of the morning had already begun in the examination hall, but there was no sign of Meredith. Ms. Miller inquired with the exam invigilator and learned that Meredith had not shown up **for** the exam.

She could not help but laugh.

This girl was so confident before *Professor Stormborn* a moment ago, saying she *would* take the entrance exam and join the top class. Yet, she's nowhere to be found. She turned cowardly so soon!

How dare she embarrass me before *Professor Stormborn*? Does she think she can escape *by* skipping *the* entrance exam on purpose? No way!

Ms. Miller turned around and returned to Class One.

Knowing Meredith was the adopted daughter of the Kane family, Ms. Miller believed Myra, the daughter of the Kane family, would be able to find her.

It was break time in Class One, and the atmosphere in the class was lively. Myra brought out the cake Dalton gave her and shared it with everyone in class. A few girls who were close to Myra gathered around

her.

One of the girls asked, "Myra, this cake is a limited edition. How did you manage to get it?"

Myra tucked her hair behind her ear and replied, "I didn't buy it. I saved someone from the Stormborn family, and they gave it to me as a thank-you gift."

The Stormborn family? Do you mean the leading family among the four major families? Wow, Myra, you're amazing...

"Shh, keep your voice down. We can't make a big deal out of this." Myra quickly made a hushing gesture but could not conceal the smile on her lips.

"Myra, you're not only beautiful but kind. Good fortune always seems to follow you!"

“Good people are bound to be rewarded. Besides, not everyone can be as charitable as your family. Myra, I heard your family went to the impoverished mountain areas for poverty alleviation during the summer vacation and adopted an orphan girl.”

“I also heard that the girl’s father was a murderer. Myra, your family is too kind, even daring to adopt a criminal’s daughter.”

Myra looked somewhat embarrassed. “Please don’t talk about my sister like that. She will be studying at Quantum Academy soon. If she hears this, she will be upset.”

After hearing this, the girls became even more intrigued.

“How can she pass our **academy’s entrance** exam with her grades in the remote mountain school?”

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“Hahaha, exactly.”

Myra was satisfied to see them mocking Meredith. However, she maintained her act and wore an anxious expression.

“Please, stop making fun of her. She followed me to Quantum Academy because she wanted to. Besides, Meredith had decent grades before.”

One female classmate remarked, “Myra, you are too naive and kind–hearted.”

Another added, “That’s why Julian is so enamored with you.”

“But Myra, you must be more cautious with that adopted girl. She chose to attend Quantum Academy because you’re attending. What if she finds out about your engagement to Julian? She might try to snatch

it...”

Myra frowned upon hearing those words.

Would Meredith attempt to snatch Julian from me? I’ll never allow this to happen!

“Myra, your family adopted Meredith, **right?**” Ms. Miller suddenly arrived at the classroom and approached Myra.

Myra stood up from her seat and nodded obediently. “Yes, Ms. Miller. Is something wrong?”

Ms. Miller was pleased with Myra's behavior. She liked well-behaved and studious students, especially those who spoke gently.

"She didn't show up for the entrance exam. Can you contact her and **ask** where she is?"

"What? Meredith skipped the exam?" Myra exclaimed, covering her mouth in shock. "Ms. Miller, I'm sorry. I'll call her right away. I apologize for the trouble. Please accept my apology on behalf of my sister."

Myra bowed to Ms. Miller and left the classroom with her phone.

Her classmates praised Myra's attitude while criticizing Meredith, who aimed high but ultimately skipped the exam. The difference between them was night and day.

However, Myra did not have Meredith's phone number. More precisely, although Beulah shared Meredith's number in the family's WhatsApp group a couple of days ago, Myra never bothered to save it.

Myra turned on her phone and entered the school's forum.

'According to reliable sources, the Kane family's adopted daughter skipped the entrance exam. The country bumpkin probably couldn't even understand the questions.

"The Kane family must be out of their minds, to send such a low-performing student to Quantum Academy. Did they think a few bucks could get her in through the back door? How embarrassing

After posting two anonymous comments, Myra opened her contacts **and** called Tom.

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When Meredith arrived at the exam hall, only half an hour was left for the second exam. The invigilator stopped her outside the exam hall. "You can't enter the exam hall fifteen **minutes** after the exam starts.

Meredith was speechless.

Just then, her phone rang. The caller ID showed it was a call from Tom. “Meredith, how do you have the audacity to skip the exam?! Are you intentionally trying to disgrace the Kane family’s reputation?” His furious voice rang as soon as she **answered**. “I don’t care where you are right now. Come home immediately! Don’t embarrass us…”

He’s so fond. Meredith hung up expressionlessly.

Before Tom could finish, he heard the dial tone and saw that Meredith **had** hung up! His temper instantly flared, and he called her again.

This time, Meredith didn’t even bother to answer. Tom was so furious he wanted to throw his phone **against** the wall. How dare she ignore my call?! He stubbornly called her again. “Hello, the number you dialed is currently unavailable. Please try again later…”

Meredith had turned off her phone and stopped the invigilator, who was about to return to the exam hall. “Sir, I think I can still finish the exam..”

“Are you Meredith Reign?” The invigilator sized her up. He remembered her because Ms. Miller had come to ask about her.

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He disliked students who arrived late for exams. It meant that they had poor time management and lousy grades. It was pointless for them to sit for the exam.

“Yes. Meredith nodded.

“Come **back** next semester. You missed the first English exam, and you arrived late for this math exam Even if you score full marks in the French and comprehensive exams in the afternoon, you still won’t meet the admission score. The invigilator waved his hand, trying to make her leave.

Meredith didn’t move. I can complete four papers during the two exams in the afternoon.”

The invigilator was taken aback. He had been invigilating for ten years, but this was the first time he had encountered such an arrogant candidate.

Even the top student, Seth Creed, wouldn’t dare say such things easily. How can a country bumpkin who came out of nowhere have the audacity to be so boastful?!

He sneered disdainfully. “Oh Since you’re so capable, why bother with high school? Just take the SATs and go to college.

Meredith was dumbstruck. It's not impossible. I'll just seem too pretentious, and it could attract unnecessary

affection.

"Thankfully, you're still here. Ms. Reign" At this moment, Mr Langley ran over, gasping for air

"Mr. Langley The invigilator was surprised to see him.

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Hartford, can you please invigilate as Meredith Reign takes the entrance exam in a new room?"

hear about the extra work involved,

"Why does she get another chance? The invigilator was unhappy to especially when it involved supervising a student who had arrived late.

Mr. Langley wiped the sweat off his forehead. "I just received news that Meredith was helping Professor Stormborn with something, which caused her to be late for the exam, he continued, "Professor

Stormborn specifically asked me to come and explain the situation. We should give such a good, helpful student a second chance."

Meredith was dumbfounded. She was somewhat surprised and glanced at Mr. Langley. Is Zenon being considerate? Did he do it intentionally?

Although Mr. Hartford was unhappy about the extra work, he had no choice but to agree. Mr. Langley, the director of student affairs, had personally brought up Professor Stormborn, whom even the principal respected.

After Mr. Langley left, Mr. Hartford led Meredith to an empty classroom and placed four exam papers before her. "You said you can complete four papers in half the time allotted, right? Go ahead." He turned and sat at the lectern.

Meredith was dumbstruck. It's hard to keep a low profile. She sat calmly, picked up the exam papers, and read

them.

Meredith had a habit of reading through the exam questions before answering. After understanding the questions, she mentally planned her answers before putting pen to paper.

Mr. Hartford sat at the lectern and played with his phone. He glanced up at Meredith, who was staring blankly at her exam papers and not writing anything. He couldn't help but feel disdainful and

annoyed.

Does *she* not even understand *the* questions? And she claimed *she* could finish four papers in half the time allotted! What a waste of time.

Fifteen minutes passed. Meredith picked up her pen with her right hand and began answering the questions.

The time allotted for one exam was up. Mr. Hartford, who had been keeping track of the time, said to Meredith, still working on the questions, "Time's up. Hand in two completed papers.

Meredith ignored him and continued writing.

"I told you to stop writing. Can't you hear me? What can you accomplish in this short amount of time? He walked closer, wanting to stop her from writing

But Meredith didn't stop writing. She picked up her two completed papers with her left hand and handed them to Mr. Hartford without looking up.

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Mr. Hartford hesitated for a moment before taking the papers from her.

Meredith had finished the math **and** English papers in the time allotted for one exam. She was now working on the comprehensive exam and had already completed a quarter of it!

Is this something humanly possible? Did she just randomly fill in the answers?!

He had seen many students like her who relied on their connections to get into the school. They would pretend to complete the exam and enter Class Eleven after being accepted. With these thoughts in mind, he looked disdainfully at the first multiple choice question on the math paper.

Although he only taught physical education, he remembered some high school math.

The answer was option C. Meredith was right. Even a broken clock is right twice a day!

The answer to the second question was option A. Meredith was right again! Is she really so lucky?

The third question... Meredith had also chosen the correct **answer**!

He was shocked as he looked through her answers. She had answered a third of the multiple-choice questions correctly, but he couldn't be sure about the other questions at the back.

"Wait for me here," he said. Holding the exam paper, he turned to look for the math teacher to grade it.

The morning classes had ended, and teachers and students **were** gradually heading to lunch. When Mr. Hartford arrived at the junior teachers office, the math teacher for junior Class One was locking the office door.

"Ms. Hanke. I was just looking for you. Sorry to keep you from lunch, but could you help me take a look at this entrance exam paper?" Mr. Hartford said, handing her Meredith's paper.

Corina Hanke, the math teacher, graduated from Harvard University and taught at Quantum for the past ten years. She was also publicly known as a workaholic. When she heard what Mr. Hartford said, she immediately felt excited and **opened** the door she was about to lock.

"Sure. I heard that this semester's entrance exam questions are more difficult than before. The principal's goal is to raise Quantum Academy's admission threshold.

She went to her desk, pushed her thick glasses up, **and** began grading the paper.

Mr. Hartford's face flushed as she ticked Meredith's correct answers with her red pen. His cheeks burned, and it felt like he had been slapped.

"The way she solved this last question is quite original. It's similar to Seth's previous approach. She's quite impressive. Corina praised Meredith when she was done.

“Which school did Ms. Reign previously attend? Is she still here! I’d like to meet her She looked at the name on the paper and turned to Mr. Hartford before realizing he had a slightly strange expression “What’s wrong, Mr. Hartford! You don’t look well.”

“No, I’m fine. So how many marks did she get on this test?” Mr. Hartford gulped in disbelief

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Even Seth Creed can’t do it, but she did it effortlessly! And I was so nasty to her just now!

“One hundred. Full marks!” Corina wrote the score on the paper, pleased.

Mr. Hartford’s legs suddenly went weak. “Alright, I see. This student is still taking the exam. I have to go back and check on her.”

Corina’s eyes **sparkled**. “She’s still here? Come on, let’s go. I want to meet her, too.”

When they returned to the room, there was no sign of Meredith. A pen was left on the desk, with her completed papers under it.

Corina carefully picked up one of the papers and glanced at it. Meredith’s handwriting was neat and elegant, and her answers to the questions were innovative. “Quick, send the papers to the respective teachers to be marked, I feel this student will become Quantum Academy’s next prodigy.

That’s right. Meredith is an academic prodigy, not **just** a top student.

When Meredith returned to Kane Residence, she saw Tom sitting in the living room with a dark expression. Beulah was kneeling on the carpet guiltily while Myra stood at the side. Myra appeared sad. but she was secretly enjoying the spectacle.

The carpet had broken glass shards, and the atmosphere was clearly tense.

“How do you have the nerve to return?! How dare you skip the exam?! Get down on your knees!” When Tom saw Meredith, his temper flared again. He grabbed an ashtray from the coffee table and threw it at

her.

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Meredith moved her head slightly. The ashtray grazed her car and landed on the floor, shattering into pieces.

Beulah trembled in fear and looked at Meredith worriedly. Seeing that she wasn't hurt, Beulah pleaded with Tom Tom. please calm down. Let's talk things out. Don't hit Merry."

"Move aside. If I don't teach Meredith a lesson today, she won't respect me as her father!" Tom kicked Beulah away, grabbed the belt he had prepared, and whipped it on the carpet before Meredith. "Kneel

down!"

Meredith glanced at Beulah, who had fallen and hit the edge of the coffee table when she was kicked. Meredith furrowed her brows slightly.

"Dad, please calm down." Myra stepped forward to soothe Tom before she turned to Meredith and advised her earnestly. "Meredith, just kneel and apologize to Dad. I believe you didn't intentionally skip the exam. Just explain yourself, and he'll forgive you."

"Who said I skipped the exam?" Meredith retorted coldly. Her gaze swept past Tom's face and landed on Myra's.

Meredith's icy demeanor inexplicably made Myra feel guilty, but Myra thought to herself. Meredith is just a naive girl from the countryside. There's nothing to fear. She must be putting an act.

"If you didn't skip the exam, why did you hang up on me and turn off your phone? And why couldn't I get hold of you all afternoon?" Tom thought of how Meredith had hung up on him in the morning and angrily raised his belt to whip Meredith.

Just as Meredith lifted her hands to protect herself, someone suddenly pounced on her and kept her from being struck. Beulah was hit instead, and her brows furrowed in pain, but she didn't make a sound. She asked worriedly, "Are you okay, Merry?"

As Meredith supported Beulah, who had lost her balance, something deep inside Meredith stirred. Since her foster mother had passed away, she had closed herself off and treated everyone coldly. Other than her grandmother, no one else cared for her like this.....

“Tom, don’t hit Merry. Hit me instead.” Beulah shielded Meredith and pleaded with Tom.

Tom didn’t expect Beulah to take the hit for Meredith, and he regretted hitting her slightly. But he thought to himself. I’m the head of the house. *If I don’t **show** Meredith who’s the boss, I’ll be powerless in this family.*

“Step aside! Otherwise, I’ll hit you again!” he shouted angrily.

Myra didn’t expect Beulah to be so protective over Meredith, and she felt incredibly jealous. Although Beulah had a lowly position in the Kane family, she was still the lady of the house. Myra didn’t want to see anyone in the Kane family treat Meredith kindly. She felt entitled to the Kane family’s affection!

“Meredith, you should stop lying at this point,” Myra advised Meredith kindly. “Ms. Miller contacted Dad because she couldn’t find you in the exam hall. This is being spread on the school forum, and public opinion is against you. It’s bad for the Kane family’s reputation. Just come clean so Dad can try to solve

this matter.”

Although Myra appeared to be advising Meredith earnestly, what she said reminded Tom that **news** of Meredith skipping the exam had gone viral on the Quantum Academy forum. Everyone was criticizing

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Meredith and the **Kane** family. It wouldn’t be surprising if the entire Northerndale knew by tomorrow that the Kane family’s adopted daughter, Meredith, had skipped the exam.

Tom **was** sensitive about his reputation and couldn’t bear the thought of Kane family being humiliated. “I think you’re deliberately embarrassing the Kane family! Tom raised his belt

again.

When she saw it, Beulah wanted to take the hit for Meredith, but Meredith stopped her. Meredith raised her left hand and grabbed the belt before it hit her. “Public opinion will naturally be swayed after the results are released tomorrow,”

“That’s easy for you to say! Why did you skip the exam in the first place?!” Tom berated Meredith sternly. “Come with me to Quantum tomorrow morning and apologize to them!”

Meredith was dumbstruck. How many times must I repeat myself? I didn’t skip the exam!

Tom turned to Myra and said gently, "Myra, ask Julian to help persuade Quantum's publicity department to delete these posts!"

Julian Hale was Myra's fiancé. His mother was the head of the four influential families in the city, a collateral branch of the Stormborn family. Therefore, the Hale family still held a certain status. If Julian intervened, the academy's publicity department wouldn't disobey him.

"Okay, **Dad**." Myra seemed docile on the surface, but she was concealing a cunning smile,

If Meredith's reputation was utterly ruined tomorrow, she would have a hard time in Northerndale. The Kane family would also never acknowledge her as their biological daughter in order not to ruin their reputation!

Early the following morning, Tom arrived at the director of student affairs office under Myra's guidance, where Mr. Langley and Ms. Miller stood waiting.

"Dad, this is Mr. Langley, and this is Ms. Miller, my homeroom teacher for this semester." Myra introduced the two faculty members.

"Hello, Mr. Langley. I've heard so much about you," Tom greeted Mr. Langley with a cordial smile as they shook hands.

"Hello." Mr. Langley shook Tom's hand warmly. "You're Myra's dad and Meredith's guardian, right?"

Since Julian had arranged this meeting, Tom knew what to do. He took out a large envelope from his pocket with his other hand and handed it to Mr. Langley. "Mr. Langley, I apologize for the trouble caused by my ignorant adopted daughter. Please forgive her."

Mr. Langley immediately understood what the envelope held as he took it. Many parents would give such envelopes to teachers, hoping their children would get special treatment.

But Quantum Academy's rules clearly stated that accepting bribes wasn't allowed. Moreover, this was a student to whom the principal paid special attention.

"Mr. Reign, bribery is illegal," Mr. Langley said sternly. He pushed the envelope back, and it fell to the floor

with a thud.

Tom didn't expect Mr. Langley to refuse. It was clear from the sound how thick the envelope's contents were, and it attracted everyone's attention.

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Tom suddenly felt blood rush to his cheeks. He always took great care to keep his reputation intact.

At that moment, it felt as though someone had slapped him forcefully. He felt nothing but a burning

sensation.

He turned to look at Myra, his gaze furious **and** reproachful. Didn't Julian arrange *this*?

Myra was taken aback by his expression. *Why* aren't things going according to plan?

"What a lively scene." Meredith's voice echoed from the office's entrance.

"You're here, Ms. Reign. Please take a seat and have some tea." Mr. Langley greeted Meredith warmly.

"Meredith, I've taken care of all your admission procedures. Shall I escort approached Meredith charmingly.

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You to Class One?" Sonya also

Meredith glanced at Sonya coldly. With Sonya's smile, she was clearly trying to curry favor with Meredith. It was a stark contrast to her aggressive demeanor from the previous day, and Meredith couldn't help but chuckle silently.

Mr. Langley and Sonya's attempts to fawn on Meredith bewildered Tom and Myra.

What? *Why* have Meredith's admission procedures already been completed? *Didn't* Meredith skip the entrance exam? How is she still admitted to Class One?!

"Mr. Langley, are you mistaken?!" Tom asked in shock.

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Chapter 20 Kneeling and Pleading

“What do you mean?” Mr. Langley asked, annoyed.

“Eichst my adopted daughter skip the exam? How did she get into Class One?” Tom asked, confused.

Mr. Langley looked at Tom and Meredith. The former was bewildered, as though he had no clue about Meredith’s grades. Meanwhile, Meredith had a cold demeanor, like what they discussed had nothing to do with her.

Meredith had behaved similarly yesterday and hadn’t defended herself at all, regardless of how Sonya

insulted her.

Mr. Langley initially thought she was timid, but he had never expected her to complete four exam papers in half the time allotted. She even scored full marks in all four subjects!

Meredith wasn’t timid. **She** clearly embodied a confidence only an academic prodigy would have!

Although Mr. Langley was shocked, he was secretly glad he hadn’t offended this exceptional student yesterday.

As Meredith’s guardian, Tom was utterly clueless **about** his adopted daughter’s grades, and he also believed the rumors about her!

Mr. Langley asked furiously. “Who spread a rumor that Ms. Reign skipped the exam?!”

Tom was perplexed, and he looked at Myra. Myra was also startled and looked at Ms. Miller in confusion. “I don’t know. Ms. Miller asked me to look for Meredith yesterday, saying she skipped the **exam...**”

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Upon seeing

that she was about to be thrown under the **bus**, Sonya immediately retorted, “I never said **that** Meredith skipped the exam!

Tom didn’t care how the rumor of Meredith skipping the exam spread. He only cared about whether Meredith’s grades could bring him glory.

“So, Mr. Langley, how did my Meredith do in the exam?” he asked. He had initially referred to her as ‘**my** adopted daughter’ but had changed his tune and called her ‘my Meredith’ instead.

Mr. Langley had seen **many** people like Tom and deliberately called **him** out. “I’ve always heard that you’re a kind-hearted man who loves his children and has a happy family, Mr. Kane. But what I see today seems quite different from what the rumors **say**. You don’t even know your child’s academic level.”

Tom turned red at Mr. Langley’s words. Tom cared greatly about his reputation and couldn’t stand being criticized, especially in front of many people. He felt uncomfortable and was close to losing his temper.

But he restrained himself **and** scratched his nose awkwardly. “Meredith has only been with us for a few days, and we’re not very close yet. Please forgive my ignorance.”

Meredith’s grades made Mr. Langley pity her for being adopted by such a family. He deliberately raised **his** voice and said, “For the entrance exam, Meredith Reign **scored**...” He intentionally took a deep breath, “Full marks! She aced all four papers!”

“What?!” Myra exclaimed **in** disbelief.

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“The entrance exam this time was more difficult than in previous years, but with her exceptional intelligence, Meredith completed four papers in half the time allotted and scored full marks. This has set a new Guinness record for Quantum Academy!” Mr. Langley declared proudly.

“She’s just a country bumpkin... How can Meredith be the prodigy everyone was talking about on the forum? Are you sure you haven’t made a mistake?” Myra couldn’t accept it and was almost shrieking.

The school’s forum suddenly blew up last night with a post about a genius student who had completed four papers in half the allotted time. The discussion had buried the anonymous post made by Myra to mock Meredith.

Everyone was speculating about the mysterious prodigy. Myra was also curious and spent the whole night browsing the forum, hoping to discover the identity of **this** prodigy

that the entire school worshipped, but she didn't find anything. And Mr. Langley was now saying Meredith was that mysterious genius student!

No! This must be fake! / can't accept it! Meredith is a country bumpkin who came from a remote, poverty-stricken school! How can she be a prodigy?!

She recalled the sample exam questions she had prepared for Meredith. Meredith hadn't taken them back. then, and Myra didn't know what happened to the papers. *Did* Meredith take them without me knowing? Otherwise, how could she have scored full marks?!

"Meredith, I must apologize to you. I was oblivious yesterday and failed to recognize your talent. Can you forgive me?" Sonya suddenly fell to her knees with a thud before Meredith.

Sonya never expected this country bumpkin from the sticks to be a prodigy. Although she didn't want to accept it, her past experiences had taught her to swallow her pride and become the kind of person she hated. Someone who kneeled down to curry favor with someone they didn't like.

Her self-esteem was worth nothing compared to her secure job at Quantum. If she was dismissed by Quantum Academy, her teaching career would be over. No school would dare to hire someone who was fired by Quantum!

She wasn't qualified to meet with Professor Stormborn and plead with him, so she could only beg Meredith for forgiveness.

Myra and Tom were both shocked by Sonya's actions. The homeroom teacher of Class One was actually kneeling **and** apologizing to Meredith!

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