

# Unveiling the True Heiress Chapter 21

## Chapter 21 Begging Meredith for Mercy

“Ms. Miller, what are you doing? Get up, please!” Myra exclaimed, rushing to help Sonya up.

Meredith’s cold gaze lightly swept past Sonya. When Sonya saw Meredith looking over, she thought Meredith was moved by her sincerity.

She pushed Myra away and looked at Meredith. “Meredith, you’re as kind as you are beautiful. I was ignorant, but I’ll turn over a new leaf in the future. You’ll forgive me, right?” She was very confident that Meredith would forgive her.

Sonya was Meredith’s homeroom teacher, and they would see each other frequently in the future. She was also kneeling and apologizing so sincerely to Meredith. Most people would be moved by such sincerity.

Therefore, Sonya thought Meredith had no reason not to give her a way out! But Sonya didn’t know that Meredith wasn’t an ordinary girl.

Meredith’s gaze coldly swept past the person kneeling before her. Her thin lips moved as she turned and looked at Mr. Langley with her exquisite eyes. “Mr. Langley, you said yesterday that the apology would be made during the assembly, right?”

“Um... yes.” Mr. Langley nodded.

Sonya was dumbstruck. Her expression immediately stiffened, and she stared blankly at Meredith. This girl is a monster!

Sonya had spoken recklessly yesterday in a moment of anger. She wished she could travel back in time and stop herself. If she really had to kneel and apologize to Meredith before the other teachers and students during the assembly, she would be too embarrassed to continue teaching at Quantum in the future!

She thought that as long as she put on an act and apologized to Meredith, Meredith would forgive her. It was better than looking for Professor Stormborn, whom she barely had the chance to meet each year. This wasn’t what she had expected.

Sonya slumped to the ground in despair.

‘Knock, knock. At this moment, someone knocked on the door. A woman with short, neat hair stood at the

entrance.

“Ms. Hanke, you came at the right time. From now on, you’ll be the homeroom teacher for the junior Class One. This is the new transfer student, Meredith Reign. You can lead her to the classroom,” Mr. Langley said.

At Quantum, the homeroom teachers of Class One had a higher rank than the other teachers. This was a promotion for **Corina** Hanke, but she wasn’t excited because of that. However, she was delighted to see Meredith.

“You’re Meredith Reign, aren’t you? The academic genius of your generation! I finally get to meet you! I was the one who graded your entrance exam, and your problem-solving skills are amazing. Come, I have some challenging math problems in my office. We can discuss them together when you have time... As she spoke, she led Meredith to the classroom.

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“Thank you for giving Meredith this opportunity, Mr. Langley.” Tom shook Mr. Langley’s **hand** ecstatically.

“Meredith has set a new **Guinness** record for Quantum, and such good news should be celebrated properly. I’ll hold a banquet tomorrow and invite all the teachers and students!” Not only did Tom want to organize a grand feast, but he also wanted to invite the media to announce nationwide that the Kane family had produced a prodigy. He wanted to flaunt his well-educated, aristocratic family.

“There’s no need to invite all the teachers and students to a banquet. It’s too extravagant. This isn’t how Quantum does things.” Mr. Langley waved his hand, his heart filled with disdain. No matter how *hard* the Kane family tried to squeeze into the aristocratic social circle and hide their true nature, they couldn’t change their nouveau riche behavior.

“Also, I would like to trouble you to investigate who spread the rumor that Meredith skipped the exam, Langley. This is an insult to my family!” Tom continued.

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When Myra heard that Tom wanted to hold a grand feast for Meredith, she panicked. She was thinking about how to dissuade Tom from this idea when she heard that he wanted to investigate who had started the rumor, and her face instantly paled.

“We will do that, but it’s more important to publicly announce Ms. Reign’s grades now!” Mr. Langley immediately got to work and instructed the results to be posted on the school bulletin board.

In just one class period, all the high school classes in Quantum Academy discovered that Meredith was the mysterious academic genius everyone had discussed the previous night.

Sonya was reprimanded for harassing a transfer student and was given a warning for her poor teaching ethics. This also became a hot topic of discussion among the students.

Myra wanted to secretly delete her post before Mr. Langley could investigate. Still, those who had criticized Meredith yesterday came out individually to apologize. They even replied to Myra's post and cursed her for maliciously fabricating rumors. Myra could only grit her teeth in anger when she read it.

The news of Meredith's perfect score quickly reached the Kane family.

That night, Beulah joyfully brought Meredith to meet Old Mrs. Kane when she returned to Kane Residence.

"Mom, Merry scored full marks in four papers. Shouldn't we give her a proper room now? Beulah's voice **was** filled with evident excitement.

She had been worried for Meredith yesterday because she hadn't expected Meredith to be so outstanding and score full marks in all four subjects! This was something that even Myra couldn't achieve, no matter how many tutors she had.

Mom won't make things difficult for Merry anymore, right?

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Chapter **22** I'm Not Interested in The Kane Family's Assets

Beulah had always been submissive and dared not even breathe too loudly before Old Mrs. Kane. But today, she had made such a request to Old Mrs. Kane on Meredith's behalf. It **made** Myra feel **uneasy again**.

"Really?" Old Mrs. Kane asked skeptically. She didn't look at Meredith as disdainfully as before. She didn't expect this country bumpkin from the sticks to be so clever **and** score full marks.

It must be the Kane family's good genes! A genius grandchild *is the best* proof of our excellent genes.

“Mr. Langley personally announced the results, and the entire Quantum Academy knows about it. I’ve decided to hold a banquet tomorrow! I’ll invite the entire school and inform the reporters as well!” Tom said excitedly.

When Old Mrs. Kane heard that Tom wanted to hold a banquet and invite the entire school, she felt a **pang** of despair. “How much will that cost?!”

The Kane family seemed to be in good financial standing on the surface. However, their financial situation was far from perfect in reality.

Hosting a small banquet would be more realistic. Still, Tom wanted to invite the entire Quantum Academy, which consisted of thousands of people. Moreover, they couldn’t just serve ordinary home-cooked dishes to guests from an academy of Quantum’s level.

Old Mrs. Kane roughly calculated the expenses and almost blacked out.

“We have to do it no matter how much it costs! This is the best opportunity to prove the Kane family is financially stable and cultured!” Tom said passionately. “I believe that after this grand feast, the Kane family can successfully become one of Northerndale’s top families. Then, we’ll naturally get more business partners who want to work with us!” .

He had already figured it out. He could mortgage the villa and borrow money from the bank to hold a grand banquet if they didn’t have enough money. He could also invite countless reporters to cover the

event.

After advertising Kane Group’s business, the Kane family would become more famous, and they could just wait for business partners to come knocking on their door. Then, they could earn the cost back in less than half a year and reclaim the house from the bank.

Old Mrs. Kane had spent the first half of her life working in the countryside. After the Kane family became wealthy, all she did was flaunt and boast about her family’s wealth all day. She didn’t know anything about running a company.

As she listened to Tom speak confidently, it seemed like they could immediately make a fortune. Since it was for the sake of the Kane family’s reputation, she was convinced.

“Since that’s the case, let’s do as you said.” Old Mrs. Kane nodded. She looked at Meredith. “You can have **James’** study room on one condition. You must change your last name back to Kane.

Old Mrs. Kane was scheming silently. All the glory of tomorrow's banquet would only belong to the Kane family if Meredith changed her last name back to Kane instead of just being the Kane family's adopted daughter.

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response.

As Myra listened to them discuss how to organize a grand banquet for Meredith, she secretly felt that her position in the Kane family was in imminent danger. Moreover, Meredith's question immediately made the alarm bells in Myra's heart go off. This country bumpkin really wants to reclaim *her* position as the Kane family's biological daughter!

Myra couldn't bear the thought of going to that dilapidated house in the countryside. She would never set foot in such a slum again! She quietly snuck out to make a call while everyone was distracted.

Meanwhile, Old Mrs. Kane was taken aback by Meredith's question in the living room.

"Haven't I told you about this before? The Hale family has taken a fancy to Myra. You can't be publicly acknowledged as the Kane family's biological daughter!" Tom said, clearly annoyed.

The marriage of convenience between the two families **was** so **that** the Kane family could maintain a business relationship with the Hale family. The Kane family had orchestrated the arranged marriage **for** Myra, **and** Julian had coincidentally fallen in love with her.

If Meredith was revealed as the Kane family's true biological daughter, the Hale family would never accept a country bumpkin who had grown up in the sticks as their daughter-in-law. Then, if Julian still insisted on marrying Myra, it would have nothing to do with the Kane family.

Therefore, Meredith's identity couldn't be disclosed before Kane Group's business flourished!

"Well, it's unnecessary for me to change my last name then. Regardless of my last **name**, I'm still the Kane family's adopted daughter, right?" Meredith said calmly.

This old lady wants prestige *for* the Kane family but **isn't** willing to take risks. How devious of her.

Tom and Old Mrs. Kane were briefly rendered speechless by Meredith.

They would be put at a disadvantage if they publicly acknowledged Meredith as their biological daughter. Hence, they were determined not to reveal this secret for the Kane family's interests.

"That's not true. No matter your last name, you're still my precious daughter... Beulah tugged at Meredith's clothes and whispered to her.

Meredith turned to look at Beulah. Her mother was the only person in the entire Kane family who cared for her. She hadn't experienced a mother's love for over a decade and didn't know how to respond. She simply nodded faintly.

Without waiting for Old Mrs. Kane's approval, Beulah boldly redecorated and rearranged James' study room on the third floor for Meredith.

When James returned home, he found that Meredith had taken over his study room. **He** angrily pushed away the cushions in Beulah's hands.

"No way! This *is* my study room. I don't want the country bumpkin to use this room!" he shouted. He turned to Old Mrs. Kane as he threw a tantrum. Grandma, how **can** you give her my study room?! This country bumpkin immediately tried to take my study room from me after coming here. She'll try to **take** over the Kane family's assets from me someday! I won't let her **have** it!"

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Chapter 22 I'm Not Interested in The Kane Family's Assets.

Although Old Mrs. Kane cared about the Kane family's reputation, she favored the men in the family over women! She only wanted the Kane men to inherit the family's assets. It couldn't possibly end up in the hands of the women!

Meredith took over James' study after coming here. Will she also try to take over the Kane family's assets in the future?! Old Mrs. Kane's expression immediately changed, and she looked at Meredith warily.

Meredith was dumbstruck. "Are the Kane family's assets worth at least a billion?" she asked indifferently, but it sounded strangely insulting.

One billion?!

Even truly affluent families might not possess that many assets, let alone the Kane family, who were merely well-off.

“What do you mean?!” Old Mrs. Kane’s expression darkened. *The Kane family’s assets are only worth tens of millions, but it’s more than this country bumpkin could ever earn in her life!*

“You country bumpkin. Do you even know how many zeros are in a billion? You’re so greedy! Are you really here to seize the family fortune from me? Grandma, get rid of her at once!” James bellowed stubbornly at Old Mrs. Kane.

Meredith was dumbfounded.

Beulah sensed something was amiss and feared that Old Mrs. Kane would again favor James and refuse to let Meredith use the room, so she quickly intervened.

“Jay, who told you that Merry wants to take the family fortune from you?” She crouched down and asked. James.

James was only seven years old. As mischievous and naughty as he was, he couldn’t have come up with such thoughts on his own. Sure enough, James started stuttering. “No... No one told me anything! I’m not a fool.”

Meredith glanced at him. His clumsy denial had unintentionally revealed the truth. Only one person in the family could have manipulated her foolish little brother.

“I’m not interested in the Kane family’s meager assets. Don’t bother me unless it’s important.” After that, she slammed the door shut with a bang.

Old Mrs. Kane’s expression grew even darker.

*If not for the Kane family’s reputation and the banquet we’re preparing for tomorrow, I wouldn’t allow this unruly girl to stay on the third floor! When she comes of age, I’ll sell her off and use the money to pay for the Kane family’s living expenses!*

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Chapter 23 Ignored and Disregarded

James threw a tantrum all night but still couldn’t reclaim his study room.

Not only did his mother favor that country bumpkin, but even his grandmother wouldn’t help him!

As he lay in bed, he grew angrier as he thought about it. He agreed with what Myra had told him and believed that Meredith had returned to seize the family’s assets from him!

She's already taken Mom away from me and even influenced Grandma! This won't do. I must teach that country bumpkin a lesson!

James thought of something and a wicked smile formed on the corner of his lips. He jumped out of bed and left his room.

Late at night, Meredith sat before her laptop. She found a new email with a document attached when she opened her inbox.

Nadine Bovell was an eighteen-year-old female student studying at Quantum Academy in junior Class Eleven...

Meredith quickly read through the document and opened her WhatsApp chat.

Crow: Thanks for the information. Also, keep an eye on the market for Black Pearl."

gy: 'Black Pearl? Isn't that a mythical medicinal herb? Why are you suddenly looking for it?'"

Piggy: 'Are you ill? Is that why you need it? Do you have some kind of complicated disease? Should I introduce a doctor to you?'"

Crow: 'Stop talking nonsense. Just look for it.'"

While the other person continued to question her curiously, Meredith found him annoying and muted the chat. Then, she scrolled through her contacts and found a profile picture of a black 'S' on a white background.

Crow: 'Master, was the sample test paper you previously gave me from Quantum Academy?'

After sending the message, she was about to log out of her WhatsApp account because her master never replied promptly. Moreover, since her master stopped mentoring her two years ago due to health reasons, the replies became even more sporadic. Sometimes, her master would even take three to six months to reply.

However, her master actually replied right before she logged out!

S: 'Yes.'

Meredith's usually cold gaze flickered with a hint of joy.

Crow: 'Can we meet?'"



When Meredith saw the test papers yesterday, she realized that her master had been giving her Quantum's sample test papers all along. The fact that her master could access Quantum's test papers indicted

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Five minutes **passed**, and her master had yet to reply. Meredith suddenly realized she had been too excited and almost broke the rules.

When S became her mentor on the hacker website, S had **set** three rules. No illegal activities, digging up each other's information, or meeting in person.

The glimmer of joy in Meredith's eyes slowly dissipated.

After waiting another five minutes, there was no reply from the other party as expected. Meredith logged **out** and switched to a different account, where a new number had messaged her.

Zenon: 'It's me, Uncle Zen

Meredith was dumbstruck. She pretended not to see the message and ignored it.

At this moment, she suddenly heard a hiss in the quiet room.

Meredith followed the sound and saw two snakes slithering on the window. She could see their blood-**red** tongues as they hissed and slowly glided in. Their glossy, dark green eyes gleamed coldly as they stared at

Meredith.

Meredith remembered closing the window next to the bed, but it was now wide open.

The room had an eerie atmosphere as the snakes wriggled in while the cold autumn wind swept into the space in the middle of the night.

Outside the window was a balcony connected to the neighboring room, and it was dark on the patio.

Meredith got up to go to the window and suddenly saw a dark figure dart across the balcony. She heard a click, and the lights in her room were turned off **almost** immediately.

Meredith was dumbfounded.

James crouched below the window, holding a video camera. He was waiting to capture Meredith's miserable appearance as she screamed and cried in terror.

However, a few minutes passed, and James had yet to hear Meredith's screams as expected. He was crouching in the dark in his pajamas and was freezing. *Why* does this country bumpkin have such a *delayed* reaction? *Why* isn't she screaming in agony?

Another ten minutes passed, but the room was still silent. Has that country bumpkin fainted from fear?

James could no longer hold back and pressed the switch in his hands to turn on the light.

He looked up secretly but found that no one was in the room. Even the snakes he had released were gone!

What's going on?! He thought that he was seeing things and leaned into the room.

"Are you having fun?" A cold voice suddenly rang behind James. He jumped in fright and hit his head on the window sill, causing him to fall to the ground in pain.

He didn't know where the video camera had landed, and he accidentally pressed the switch again in his panic, turning off the lights. His surroundings instantly plunged back into darkness.

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see a pale face floating behind him. It made him scream in fright. "Ah! Help! It's a ghost! Stay away!"

"Shut up. You're so noisy!" His screams were giving Meredith a headache. She turned off the flashlight on her phone and turned on the balcony light.

When James heard the familiar voice, he immediately fell silent. When he looked closer and saw Meredith, he instantly crawled up in anger and embarrassment.

"You country bumpkin. Why did you scare me?!" He approached Meredith furiously, wanting to kick her. But when he walked closer, he saw that Meredith was holding two seven-inch snakes in her left hand, and they were wrapped around her fair arm.

Meredith raised her left hand, and James stopped dead in his tracks from fear. He staggered back a few steps before finally falling to the ground. "You... you... you...." James's face turned pale from fright, and he stuttered, unable to speak.

"Did you do this?" Meredith looked down at the person trembling on the ground with a cold and indifferent expression on her delicate face.

Although James was terrified, he was furious to see Meredith questioning him. I'm the one who *played a prank on Meredith*. *Why have the tables turned?!*

He refused to accept it, so he got up and said stubbornly, "It's because you took my room from me! You deserve to be bitten by the venomous snakes! If you kneel and ask me for mercy, I might consider forgiving you... **Ah!** Help! Ah!"

Meredith couldn't be bothered to listen to **his** childish remarks and threw the snakes in her hand at him.

James was terrified. He spun around, pushed Meredith away, and hurriedly retreated to his room, forcefully slamming the door shut with a bang.

The two snakes, which didn't even graze James' clothes, slithered on the ground. Meredith glanced at the puddle James had left on the floor and was dumbstruck.

On the other end, Zenon leaned against his bed and repeatedly checked his phone to see if the person he had messaged on WhatsApp had read his message. He wanted to call Meredith and ask why she hadn't added him to her contacts.

However, he gave up after glancing at the time and reached for his iPad on the bedside table. He opened Google and typed in a query. 'How can I make others add me to their contacts on WhatsApp?'

At this time, he heard a notification on his phone. He had received a message on WhatsApp. He picked up his phone and saw a text from a new number.

Myra: 'Hello, I'm Myra Kane. Thank you for the tiramisu. It was delicious. Let's be friends!'

The man's slender fingers swiped across the screen as he ignored the message. He continued his search on Google with his **iPad**.

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### Chapter 24 The Cheating Student and The Top Student

The following day. Meredith donned Quantum's school uniform. Her tall figure made the plain, gray uniform seem more fashionable, especially with her long, slender, fair legs beneath the pleated skirt. She completely outshone Myra standing nearby.

The two of them traveled to school by car. Upon arrival, Myra subtly distanced herself from Meredith, not wanting to be associated with her.

But they had just taken a few steps when they noticed a large banner hanging at the school gate.

Warmest congratulations to Ms. Reign, the Kane family's second daughter, for achieving full marks in four papers.

Several women in uniforms stood at the school gate, smiling and giving small gifts to every student who

entered.

"Everything in the school cafeteria today is free of charge to celebrate Ms. Meredith's perfect scores in four papers. This is a treat from the Kane family." Leading the group was Courtney, the Kane family's servant.

Meredith was dumbstruck.

Such extravagant and vulgar behavior was typical of nouveau riche families.

Surprisingly, Myra didn't feel jealous upon witnessing Tom flaunting Meredith's achievements so conspicuously. Instead, she felt somewhat pleased,

She walked back to Meredith's side and seemed very seasoned as she said, "It must be your first time witnessing such a scene, right? Dad will ask you to make a statement for the reporters later. You should think about what to say beforehand so you won't get nervous and stammer."

The Kane family would hold a banquet for Myra annually on her birthday, so she was already accustomed to such situations. Meredith grew up in the countryside, and Myra assumed that Meredith hadn't met many people in real life. Myra also thought Meredith would feel nervous and embarrassed in such a situation.

"If you don't know what to say, you can say something like this... Hey, where are you going? The lounge is this way. While speaking. Myra noticed that Meredith wasn't even listening to her and was heading toward

the teachers' office.

Myra caught up to Meredith and pulled her back. "Don't wander around. We're in school, and the teachers' office is on that side. We're no longer in the countryside. You can't just go anywhere you like." Myra spoke loudly, and several passing students laughed upon hearing it.

“Haha. It’s probably her first time on such a huge campus.”

“You can take a country bumpkin out of the sticks, but you can’t make her less ignorant. She’s still a hillbilly at the end of the day. You can’t change her true nature. Haha!”

Myra felt secretly pleased. This **was** precisely what she wanted.

“Don’t touch me. It’s none of your business where I want to go. Meredith slapped Myra’s hand away.

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“Oh my, you have quite the temper. You really think of yourself as the Kane family’s daughter.”

“Even if you’re pretty and achieve perfect scores, your unruly personality makes you unlikeable.”

“After all, you’re just a hillbilly from the countryside. Even if you were adopted by the Kane family, you’re just a country bumpkin at the end of the day. You’ll never be acknowledged as the Kane family’s daughter.”

Meredith looked coldly at the gossiping students and said, “You’re right. A country bumpkin will never be acknowledged as the Kane family’s daughter. A commoner will always be a commoner, even if they dress

and are admitted into Quantum. It won’t change their true nature.”

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When Myra heard it, her face paled briefly. Meredith was taunting her for being a commoner.

The gossiping students in

thought that Meredith was admitting to being a commoner. However,

what Meredith said was insulting them instead! They suddenly felt like they had shot themselves in the foot.

Meredith couldn’t be bothered to pay them any more attention and went straight to the student affairs director’s office.

“What? You’re saying you want to go to Class Eleven? Isn’t Class One good enough?” Mr. Langley was shocked upon hearing Meredith’s request.

*Who* would choose to go to a lower-ranked class when they can be in the first class? She can't be so reckless even *if she* has good grades!

Moreover, Tom had invited reporters today to report on the genius student entering Class One.

"I have no particular reason. Just arrange it for me. Also, get me a dorm room. I want to live on campus," Meredith said expressionlessly before turning and leaving. She had a cold gaze and appeared very aloof.

Tom and the school's publicity department entertained the reporters in the lounge while waiting for Meredith to arrive for the interview.

However, only Myra showed up. Tom pulled her aside and asked, "Where's Meredith? Why didn't you bring her along?"

"She must be having stage fright. She refused to come no matter what I said on the way here. I don't know where she went, Myra replied innocently.

Meredith had gone missing at this critical moment, and Tom's anger instantly surged. "I should have known that a hillbilly like her is unreliable! Forget it. I'll cancel her interview with the reporters. She might **not** know how to answer the questions and end up embarrassing the Kane family," he said in a low voice.

Myra's lips curled into a subtle smile when she saw how furious Tom was. "Don't cancel the interview, Dad. The news about her can't be proven if she doesn't show up. If she doesn't want to come here, we can lead the reporters to the classroom to look for her. She must have returned to her classroom."

Tom pondered and thought it made sense, so he invited the reporters to follow him to the junior Class One.

Myra led the way in front and deliberately took a detour. On the way, the reporters noticed a crowd gathered before **the** school's bulletin board, just as she had hoped. The students were talking about particular dromeless

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The reporters felt they had stumbled upon juicy gossip when they heard it. As they approached, they discovered they had indeed uncovered a revelation.

“You must be Meredith’s family, right? How dare you flaunt her results when she cheated?! Get out of Quantum!” Some students saw Tom leading the group of reporters and began to criticize him. “An academic prodigy? She cheated!”

“I really thought she was a genius student. As it turns out, she cheated. She’s just an attention-seeking Student!

“This is truly outrageous behavior. It’s one thing to copy Seth’s problem-solving approaches, but she even copied his essay.”

“Sir, such cheating behavior tarnishes the school’s reputation. Expel Meredith from Quantum!”

The surrounding students spoke simultaneously, leaving Tom feeling bewildered. The teacher from the publicity department with them was also perplexed.

Upon reaching the bulletin board and observing the papers affixed to it, it was as though Tom was suddenly struck by lightning. He froze on the spot, and his face darkened. His stormy expression starkly contrasted the enthusiastic expressions of the reporters beside him who were busy taking photos.

Two exam papers with similar problem-solving approaches were mounted on the bulletin board. They were almost identical!

Two names were written on the papers. Meredith Reign and Seth Creed. Seth Creed was Quantum Academy’s top student and the principal’s son!

Not only did Meredith cheat, but she also copied the principal’s son’s paper!

“Stop taking pictures! Stop it!” Tom instinctively tried to block the papers, but the exam papers were affixed all over the bulletin board, making it impossible for Tom to block them from view.

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Chapter 25 Did You Answer This Exam Paper?

Tom had mortgaged the villa to the bank and gotten a loan to hold this grand banquet. He had also invited many journalists to flaunt the Kane family's glory and attract potential business partners. But now, everything was messed up!

The journalists didn't care if the Kane family was embarrassed. They happily aimed their cameras at the exam papers on the bulletin boards and snapped away.

One journalist remarked, "Haha! I thought today's news was just run of the mill, but we have something to write about now."

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Another journalist agreed. "A poor pretended to be a prodigy and cheated off the top student. This title will definitely make the headlines."

"**This** also involves the Creed family, one of the four influential families. This news will definitely trend online. Our KPI for this month is secured," a journalist added.

The other journalists laughed in agreement.

Tom felt his vision darken as he listened to their callous remarks. *It's over!* The Kane family is done for!

He was pleasantly surprised yesterday when he discovered Meredith had scored full marks on the exam, but he deeply regretted it now.

Meredith had cheated and plagiarized! And she was being exposed in public!

Being humiliated was no longer his primary concern. Kane Residence's villa had been mortgaged to the bank, and they had even offended **the** Creed family!

If he had known about this earlier, he would have preferred Meredith to skip the exam!

"Mr. Kane, are you alright?" The teacher from the publicity department supported Tom, who was on the verge of fainting.

At that moment, the observant Myra spotted Meredith returning from the teachers' office.



“Dad, Meredith is over there.” Myra pointed out

Tom looked in towards Meredith and roared, “Meredith, come here!”

The teacher from the publicity department frowned upon hearing Tom’s voice, realizing he was fine.

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Meredith heard someone calling her. She saw a crowd gathering but couldn’t be bothered to pay them attention. Meredith was about to make a detour, but Myra wouldn’t let her walk away. She ran over to grab Meredith. “The exam paper where you cheated has been exposed!”

Cheating? Meredith’s refined brows furrowed slightly. She didn’t know what Myra was up to this time, but she followed Myra.

“You’re such a useless daughter. How dare you cheat? Get on your knees and apologize!” Tom raised his hand and was about to slap Meredith.

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However, Meredith’s fair and slender hand caught his hand before he could strike her. “Who said I cheated?” Meredith looked at Tom coldly.

“Meredith, quickly kneel and apologize to everyone. I previously gave you Seth’s exam paper, but it was only meant for your reference. How did you end up copying his answer word for word?” Myra appeared worried and concerned for Meredith. Still, her words actually confirmed that Meredith had cheated.

*Was that how Meredith cheated? Myra kindly gave her Seth’s past exam paper as a reference, and she shamelessly copied it word for word!*

“You cheated, but you’re still so arrogant. You don’t even want to admit it. How disgusting.”

“You’re a cheater. I hope your entire family perishes.”

“I thought a prodigy had appeared. As it turns out, it’s just a cheating loser.”

‘Pfft. Don’t compare her to a prodigy. It’s an insult to actual prodigies.’

“Get out of Quantum, cheater!”

“Your environment shapes you. No wonder she’s so disgusting. I can’t believe she cheated and copied Seth’s answers. It’s obvious she did it deliberately.

Meredith was dumbstruck. As everyone insulted her, she released Tom’s hand. At the same time, her indifferent gaze was fixed coldly on the test paper on the bulletin board.

Next to the test paper, a note criticizing Meredith’s cheating was pinned on the board. It wasn’t signed, indicating it wasn’t from the school.

Cheating?Heh. We’ll see who really cheated!

Meredith turned and asked, “Who is Seth Creed?” She was aloof and showed no remorse, which only made Tom angrier.

He regretted impulsively deciding yesterday to organize a feast for the entire Quantum student body. “You cheated, but you still have the nerve to defend yourself?! Apologize now!” he shouted angrily. He raised his hand and wanted to strike Meredith again.

“Mr. Kane, please communicate civilly and refrain from violence,” the teacher from the publicity department quickly intervened before turning to Meredith. “Meredith, what on earth is going on? Do you want to explain yourself?”

They thought a prodigy had finally come to Quantum after decades, only to find out that she had cheated. The genius student was a failure, and none of the teachers who had marked her papers detected anything wrong. It was a colossal disaster.

The Kane family was embarrassed/but Quantum Academy felt even more humiliated. Therefore, Meredith had to explain herself, as it concerned the school’s reputation.

Meredith was flabbergasted and speechless when she saw everyone’s gaze fixed on her. Still, no one had answered her question about Seth yet. She also felt utterly floored that Tom didn’t even bother to clarify with her **and** immediately believed that she had cheated.

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Chapter 25 Did You Answer This Exam Paper?

A handsome boy with sharp, elegant features and long legs walked over, his thick brows furrowed impatiently.

When Tom saw Seth, he immediately greeted Seth with a bow. Regardless of whether the banquet had gone awry, he had to maintain a good relationship with the Creed family.

“Seth, you’re finally here. This girl cheated, copied your answers, and tarnished the school’s reputation. Hurry up and expel her from Quantum Academy!” a student said while pointing at Meredith.

Seth looked over and saw a tall, slender girl with delicate features and fair skin. Surprise flickered across his annoyed gaze.

He had heard yesterday that a poor girl from the countryside had scored full marks in four subjects and replaced him as Quantum’s top student. His father had even asked him to get to know her, but he refused.

He thought that a country bumpkin from the sticks was unattractive and unsophisticated... He didn’t expect her to be so attractive. But no matter how beautiful, she was just a pretty face!

When he arrived at the school gate, a student told him that Meredith had cheated and copied his answers, which were posted on the school bulletin board. That was why he had rushed over. He had particular test papers that couldn’t see the light of day!

“Are you Seth Creed?” Meredith glanced at the boy apathetically.

Seth nodded. He had an arrogant and disdainful expression.

Meredith turned her beautiful eyes to the test papers on the bulletin board. She asked, “Did you answer this test paper yourself?”

“What are you saying? Of course, Seth answered the test paper on his own. Who else could have answered it for him?” The other students were annoyed at Meredith’s question. “Seth has always been Quantum’s top student. If you cheated, just admit it. Don’t act like you’re innocent.”

Seth didn’t defend himself. He went to the bulletin board and carefully examined Meredith’s test paper. Their problem-solving methods and the essays were almost identical. Only their handwriting differed.

It seemed that Seth had been worried for nothing. He tore down the test papers angrily and asked Meredith in a displeased manner, “Where did you get these test papers?”

Tom was even more confident that Meredith had cheated when he saw how livid Seth was. He truly regretted his impulsive decisions yesterday! Not only did he embarrass the Kane family, but he also potentially provoked the Creed family!

“Seth, I’m sorry. It’s all my fault. I shouldn’t have shown Meredith the test papers you lent me without asking. I really didn’t expect her to do this. I’m sorry... Myra apologized as the rims of her eyes reddened. Her pitiful appearance truly evoked everyone’s sympathy.

“Myra, this has nothing to do with you. You don’t need to apologize on her behalf. Seth comforted her and turned to Meredith. “Do you have no shame? Are you **so** eager to let the whole school know about your cheating?”