Chapter 20 The servant returned quickly with the rest papers and delivered them to Noelles study upstairs ..

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Jumping straight to senior year tests? What is that girl thinking! Kimberly muttered, glancing nervously toward the staircase.

Leia also thought Noelle was out of her mind but kept up her usual facade.

Mom, maybe Noelles been studying all these years.

You should have a little faith in her, she said with a forced smile Leia, youre still defending her, huh? Just admit it Noelle out of her mind, Damon said bluntly.

Damon ... Lela pretended to scold him, though inwardly, she couldn't agree more.

He thought the whole thing was ridiculous, but Damons harshness made him hold back.

Seriously, whats up with her? Does she think shes a genius or something! he wondered.

Eli, however, stayed quiet.

An hour and a half later, Shiloh and Noelle came downstairs.

Bouncing into the living room, Noelle spotted Eli and the others.

Oh, everyones here! Eli, Im starving.

El rolled his eyes Kimberly, ignoring Noelles antics, turned to Shiloh with concern.

Lets have roast chicken, she said, waving cheerfully.

She blinked a few times before replying mechanically, Mrs.

Anderson, your daughter is extraordinary.

I dont think theres anything left for me to teach her .

Kimberly froze, her mind jumping to the worst conclusion.

Did Noelle frustrate Ms.

I thought it would take a day to scare off Ms.

You actually outdid yourself.

West, but you managed it in half the time! she thought.

Im not not upset.

The room went silent.

Miss Noelle Anderson is exceptional.

Wow, Noelle.

All the Anderson children were supposed to be outstanding, but now it seemed like Noelle had embarrassed the family.

If people heard their tutor had walked out, it would be humiliating.

What did I do? Noelle asked, genuinely confused.

Noelle, what did you say to upset Ms.

Before things escalated, Shiloh quickly stepped in Wait, theres been a misunderstanding.

She didnt understand why they were all acting so strangely.

Noelle, look what youve done, Damon said, clearly annoyed.

She just took senior year mock exams and scored perfect marks in every subject.

West? Apologizel Ow! Why should I apologize! Noelle protested, rubbing her cheek.

Ms.

shed grown another head.

Noelle puffed out her chest and put her hands on her hips.

West, are you saying Noelle got perfect scores in every subject? Thats impossible, Damon said flatly, staring at Noelle as if

Shiloh said with a nod Damon was left speechless.

Eli quickly turned to Kimberly.

cool.

So what? Eli shot back.

Well done.

Noelle beamed.

Its all because of you and Mom.

Noelle.

middle school, had not only caught up but also completely aced senior year material. The news of Noelles perfect scores quickly spread through the Anderson family.

Guess you really cant judge a book by its cover. Charlie leaned back, his tone c Damon, sitting off to the side, sulked in silence. Eli unable to contain his excitement, turned to his father.

Damon scoffed, Do you think thats just a donation! Getting her in would cost at least two buildings thats over 3 million dollars.

Didnt Dad spend more than that on your car when you joined the racing team! How is that the same? Damon snapped.

Looking at the family, Vincent declared, If Noelle has the ability to succeed, she deserves the best opportunities.

Can she pull that off? Enough Vincent cut in, his voice firm. He prided himself on his childrens accomplishments, and while he hadnt thought much of Noelle before, her positive attitude

Thank you, Dad! Yeah, Vincent replied. Whether it was because of Noelles perfect scores or not, he now found even her sauce covered face endearing.

Since youre heading to university, go shopping tomorrow.

Leia, ignored on the sidelines, clenched her fists.

Her heart burned with anger as she glared at Noelle.

Good girl Vincent nodded approvingly.

Noelle called her fiancé.

He says an Anderson cant lose face.

But Im really busy tomorrow.

casual.

That brown nosing brat.

And Mom and Dad just eat it up! How shallow can they be? she That night, after getting ready for bed.

Nick! Guess what? Im going to Eston University soon! Dad even let me go shopping tomorrow.

Mom said were going to Ishuman Financial Center, she replied Got it, he said Noelles tone turned hopeful Nick, are you

he could picture her dejected, pouty expression To his surprise, Noelles response came just as quickly, her tone completely

On the other end. Nicolass smooth, elegant voice came through, laced with amusement.

coming? There was a pa a pause before Nicolas spoke again, his voice playful Do you want me to come? Of course! Noelle answered without hesitation.

Though he couldnt see her .

Ms. West, how did Noelle do on the tests? Shiloh seemed dazed.

West so much that shes giving up? she wondered. Lela nearly burst out laughing but held it in .

She thought they be impressed, not upset, Hi, his expression dark, stepped forward and pinched Noelles check.

With her current ability, she could easily top any test.

What ? Kimberlys voice broke the silence, a mix of shock and joy.

If someone like Shiloh confirmed it, then theres no way she cheated.

So this little ones a genius, huh? Youd never guess just by looking at her.

Bennett looked at at Noelle with a curious smile.

Dad, even though admissions are closed, we can still get her into Eston University, right? A donation should do it.

Im a world champion racer in my first year of racing.

III have someone arrange her admission tomorrow.

and now her academic achievement had earned his attention.

Thanks, Dad! Eli grinned and turned to Noelle, who was busy munching on roast chicken.

Hey, stop eating and thank Dad? Noelle paused mid laite, wiped her hands, and smiled brightly at Vincent.

My daughter cant go out looking second rate Youre the best, Dad! Noelle said, flashing another wide grin.

Youre both so smart, so of course, Im smart as well! Kimberly cluickled.

This girls words are sweeter than honey Vincent laughed, clearly pleased.

Nicolas, to share the news. As soon as the call connected, her voice bubbled with excitement.

Shopping, huh? Yep! Noelle chirped. Which mall? Nicolas asked casually.

I probably wont make it, Nicolas teased. He imagined Noelle would be disappointed.

Oh, you cant! Thats fine then \$:25 AM

Her Noelle Leias lips trembled, her mind racing. She couldnt believe what she was hearing Is this real? Eli asked, stunned but starting to feel a flicker of pride. If it was true, Noelle might actually join him and Leia at Eston University Under their astonished gazes. I told you Im smart! Senior year tests! Piece of cake! You mustve memorized the answers beforehand. Damon said, still unwilling to believe it I did not Noelle pouted indignantly. Damon turned to Shiloh, looking to her for confirmation. 9:25 AM Chapter 20 Shiloh had considered this possibility. After Noelle finished the mock exams, she gave Noelle extra questions she couldnt have prepared for Noelle answered all of them perfectly, clearing any suspicion of cheating. Well Miss Noelle Andersons scores are entirely her own.

Mom, if Noelles already at this level, why not pull some strings and get her into Eston University? Yes, absolutely, Kimberly said, nodding enthusiastically. Til talk to your father as soon as hes home She still couldnt wrap her head around it her daughter, who had dropped out of Really Noelle got perfect scores? Vincent asked, surprised. ally? Noelle Adriel nodded thoughtfully.