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Chapter 108: Mr. Crawford, You Naive Sweetheart

Lillian Sterling took a photo of Butler Felix and quickly sent it to Yasmine Sterling.

Within seconds, Yasmine Sterling called back, her voice filled with excitement, "Mom, is this old man Serena Sterling's ghost husband? He looks eighty at least. How did Serena end up marrying such an old guy?"

Yasmine Sterling was practically bursting into laughter over the phone.

Lillian Sterling glanced at Butler Felix, "Yasmine, that's right, this old man is indeed Serena Sterling's ghost husband. He's old enough to be her grandfather. We'll expose this photo online later. I refuse to believe that once Hayden Crawford sees it, he won't kick Serena to the curb."

"Mom, you're amazing! How did you get so smart? You're the one who brought Serena back from the countryside to marry this old man at Orchid Court." Yasmine was genuinely in awe of Lillian Sterling.

Lillian Sterling's gloom vanished as she curled her lips in the sunlight with satisfaction, "Right, Yasmine? I've paved the way for you long ago. Let's sit back and watch the show!"

After hanging up, Lillian Sterling looked at Gregory Sterling, "Gregory, we must work hard for Yasmine's happiness now. Serena Sterling isn't your biological daughter and doesn't have a close bond with you. Her being with Hayden Crawford offers you no benefits. Now that the ghost husband from Orchid Court is exposed, I'll think of a way to have Yasmine marry Hayden Crawford. Once Yasmine becomes Mrs. Crawford, you'll truly be the royal father-in-law, and that will be the beginning of good times."

Although Gregory Sterling was angry about the rudeness from Orchid Court, today's visit indeed reaped significant benefits. He felt no guilt over marrying Serena Sterling to a man old enough to be her father. He agreed with Lillian Sterling that once the ghost husband is exposed, how could Hayden Crawford tolerate it?

Once Hayden Crawford kicks Serena out, his proudest and most beloved daughter Yasmine could rise to the occasion, and he would become the royal father-in-law.

Gregory Sterling was in high spirits and found Lillian more agreeable now, thinking after all, Yasmine is the excellent daughter born to Lillian~

"As Yasmine's mother, you need to put more effort. When the time comes, I'll be the royal father-in-law, and you'll be the royal mother-in-law. We'll live good days together." Gregory Sterling said generously.

This was the first time Gregory had spoken to her in days, a very good omen. Lillian was overjoyed, her well-maintained features exuding the charm of a mature woman, "I understand, Gregory~"

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On her way back to Orchid Court, Serena Sterling heard the "ding" of a WeChat message from Leah Thorne: Serena, who is this old gentleman?

Leah Thorne had sent a photo of Butler Felix.

Serena glanced at it. That's the butler of Orchid Court, Butler Felix.

Leah said they all think Butler Felix is the ghost husband you married.

What?

Serena opened Weibo to check, and indeed, the trending search exploded again. The top search was "Ghost Husband of Orchid Court Exposed."

The popular comments read,

Serena Sterling married an old man?!

Serena Sterling's husband is hidden really well.

Does this mean Serena Sterling is justified in her extramarital affairs? Since she can't be satisfied, haha~

Poor Mr. Crawford, he never imagined he'd end up with the plate of an old man, did he?

Serena's long eyelashes trembled; she couldn't believe Butler Felix got exposed as her ghost husband, this...
emmm...

Just then, another "ding" from Leah Thorne on WeChat, Serena, your number one fan, your granny only 18, has appeared again!

Serena remembered how her grandma had once fiercely defended her during an online storm, quickly rising to become her number one hardcore fan.

Serena opened Weibo, and this time Granny Only 18 didn't harshly retort netizens but instead posted a Weibo herself.

Granny Only 18 fiercely criticized Hayden Crawford for being the shameless one! Mr. Crawford has everything — handsome, wealthy, charming, but why is he harassing my Serena, destroying others' homes is immoral, please let go, Mr. Crawford!

This Weibo had been up just ten minutes, but its likes and shares had already outstripped the post about Butler Felix by streets. The popular comments were,

Dumb sweet Hayden, hahaha, killing me with laughter.

Some people are just jealous; go marry an old man and still have a Mr. Crawford as a side piece if you can?

Mr. Crawford, enough is enough, let go of Serena, aren't we attractive enough?

The current public opinion is a massive double standard. If a man cheats, they curse the female side piece to high heaven. Here, the woman cheats, and the male side piece gets all the pity and love. Come join Granny Only 18 in cursing the male side piece, Mr. Crawford, for being so shameless?

Am I the only one strongly demanding Serena publish a book on the making of a bad woman, enchanting the dumb sweet Mr. Crawford? Urgent, fetching a small stool to wait online.

Waiting online +1.

Waiting online +2.

Serena checked her Weibo followers; a few days ago she had 18 million, and now it's soared to 23 million, already surpassing Yasmine.

Another message from Leah Thorne, Serena, your hardcore fan is incredible, one Weibo post turned all cannons on Mr. Crawford, but is this really okay? Just look at the trending topics, dumb sweet Mr. Crawford, side piece Mr. Crawford, not long ago he was the gigolo Mr. Crawford... I think you and your grandma have kind of played him to bits.

Serena, "..."

She didn't do anything, and calling him a gigolo wasn't her doing!

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Back at Orchid Court, Serena quickly expressed her gratitude and admiration to the Crawford matriarch, "Grandma, you're amazing."

With a mysterious air, the matriarch patted Serena's small hand, "Serena, today your dad and stepmother came, I deliberately let Butler Felix show himself. The stage is set, how the play unfolds is up to you."

How the play unfolds...

"Grandma, what do you mean?"

The matriarch nodded approvingly.

Just then, the drawing room doors opened, and a tall, handsome figure came into view; Hayden Crawford was back.

Serena thought of the labels attached to him now — gigolo, dumb sweet, side piece...she couldn't face the man before her straight on.

Hayden Crawford changed shoes by the entryway, then walked steadily into the living room. His hawk-like sharp eyes glanced at Serena and the matriarch, finally landing on Butler Felix. He lightly pressed his thin lips, obviously a bit displeased.

Butler Felix was on pins and needles, wishing he could cry out loud, Master, the matriarch is framing me!

Hayden Crawford took off his coat, handed it to the maid, then sat on the sofa, casually curling his thin lips, "Butler Felix."

Butler Felix, upon being called, blinked nervously and quickly looked at the matriarch, Matriarch!

"Butler Felix, I remember there's a lemon tree in the backyard, all those lemons are yours. Tonight, go and eat them all."