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Chapter 161: The Real and Fake Genius Girls

Serena Sterling's bright pupils contracted instantly, and she incredulously sent a voice message, "Why did Justin Xavier freeze you out?"

Leah Thorne's soft voice came through the voice message as well, "Wasn't it because last time when my patron's birthday arrived, I didn't accompany him to be happy? He was furious and decided to freeze me out, and he even had Madame Goldie relay a message to me—whenever I come to my senses, I can go find him."

Serena furrowed her delicate brows, "Leah, what exactly does this Young Master Xavier intend to do? Those grudges belong to the previous generation. You haven't done anything wrong. Even if he wanted revenge, he already exacted it, hasn't he? The things he did to you on your coming-of-age day weren't enough? Why does he persist in entangling with you?"

Serena was really angry and added another voice message, "I think this Young Master Xavier is mentally unhealthy. He grew up in an oppressive and suffocating family environment, shouldering all his mother's pains and hatred. In order for you to fall in love with him, he spent many years gradually guiding you, eventually striking at the opportune moment. He's too dark and dangerous, contrasting starkly with the handsome and jade-like facade he presents. Leah, you must find a way to rid yourself of him; continuing like this, you'll definitely be ruined by him."

Leah certainly knew Justin Xavier hated her. That day she hid in the room and clearly overheard his conversation with his mother. But this was expected; her mommy destroyed his family and crippled his mother's legs. Anyone would harbor resentment.

Leah replied softly, "Understood, Serena, please come over."

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Of course, Serena had to go to the hotel—not only to ensure Leah's safety but also to confront Gregory Sterling and Yasmine Sterling and reclaim what belonged to her.

Upon arriving at the hotel, Serena quickly found Gregory, who was drinking with several mall CEOs, filled with pride and joy.

Yasmine Sterling, the genius girl, had already taken the internet by storm, and Gregory was undoubtedly the first to benefit greatly. Lately, his schedule had been packed, with everyone seeking collaboration with him.

At this moment, someone noticed Serena, "President Sterling, isn't that your second daughter, Mrs. Crawford? Do you want to go and take a look?"

Gregory turned and saw Serena. His hand holding the wine glass paused, and the smile on his face froze—it was evident that Serena had brought him bad luck in his moment of happiness.

"You all continue drinking, I'll be right back."

Gregory walked out, his expression unpleasantly sour, "Serena, what are you doing here looking for me?"

Serena stared at Gregory and straightforwardly offered her small hand, "President Sterling, can you return to me what my mom left?"

Serena was pressuring Gregory.

Sure enough, Gregory's expression changed dramatically, and he panicked inside. He wondered how Serena knew about this.

Years ago, he had given the first volume of the medical book left to Serena by Seraphina Linden to Yasmine Sterling. Now, Yasmine's skill with Golden Needle acupuncture was making headlines—clearly showing how outstanding Seraphina's book was—he definitely couldn't give it to Serena!

"Serena, you're talking nonsense. I don't understand a word you're saying!" Gregory resorted to playing dumb.

"President Sterling, don't try to hide it anymore; I already know everything. Yasmine herself told me all about it—that her medical skills were learned from my mom. You've occupied my mom's legacy for so many years, isn't that enough?"

Gregory mentally cursed Yasmine many times. How foolish was she to directly tell Serena about the medical book?

"Serena, to be honest with you, I did give the medical book your mom left to Yasmine, but Yasmine already lost it; it's gone!"

Serena withdrew her small hand; she'd got Gregory to confess.

Her mom had actually left her a medical book!

The infuriating thing was that the medical book had been seized by Yasmine for so many years!

Now, Gregory claimed the book was lost; clearly, he didn't intend to return it.

Serena remained undeterred, arching her delicate willow brows, "President Sterling, carry on drinking, I will not disturb you. I'll be taking my leave."

Was she so easily placated?

Gregory found it hard to believe, "Serena, you're just leaving like this?"

Serena curved her lips into a smile, "Yes, I'm leaving first. I believe you'll soon deliver the medical book my mom left directly into my hands yourselves!"

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Serena arrived at the presidential suite to find Leah. Leah tossed her a bottle of strawberry yogurt, "How did it go?"

Serena pierced the straw into the bottle, sipping a bit of the strawberry yogurt, "My mom left me a medical book, which Gregory handed over to Yasmine."

"That's a bit tricky. You're up against two old shysters—they won't easily return the medical book to you."

Serena fluttered her long lashes, "I've got a way to make them obediently deliver it."

Leah never worried about Serena; if Serena said she had a way, then she definitely had a way. Leah responded with an "Hmm-hmm."

At this moment, a "ding" sounded; Serena received another WeChat message. She opened it to see it was from Hayden Crawford, "Mrs. Crawford, I'm being pursued."

Serena quickly replied, aggressively, "Who?"

Hayden texted, "Yasmine Sterling, she's come to seduce me again!"

"Serena," at this moment, Leah also approached, "You're trending again."

What?

Leah handed over the phone, "You are just sitting at home, and trending topics come to you. Celebrities find it as difficult as climbing to trend. Take a look—trending topic number one, Serena Sterling's marital crisis."

Serena didn't know how she ended up having a marital crisis. She opened the news and found pictures of Hayden Crawford and Yasmine Sterling exposed—they stood together, Hayden presenting a dapper silhouette in a tailored black suit, with one hand casually in his pocket, exuding elegance and aura fitting a business tycoon.

Meanwhile, Yasmine stood beside Hayden in a pink dress, her eyes brimming with admiration.

By coincidence, Hayden had also come to this hotel; following news of Serena's scandal, Hayden arrived alone at the hotel and encountered the genius girl Yasmine Sterling, and thus Serena's marital crisis news instantly topped the trending list.

The hot comments resounded with cheers,

Mr. Crawford finally realizes; he's seen Yasmine for her worth.

Serena Sterling was publicly humiliated in front of eighty million live viewers; she orchestrated a fake genius girl act for herself. Mr. Crawford has come to his senses, seeing her true colors, and plans to divorce her!

I knew this day would inevitably come: Serena Sterling, just a bumpkin from the countryside, and Yasmine Sterling, a stunning genius girl. Mr. Crawford finally made the right choice.

When Serena Sterling gets divorced, I'm setting off fireworks to celebrate.

Leah clucked twice, "Serena, this Yasmine Sterling is really drooling over your Mr. Crawford. I feel if there's a bed here, Yasmine would jump right onto your Mr. Crawford."