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Chapter 179: The Mysterious Girl of the City of Aethelgard

Everyone here is a senior, and suddenly a young person breaks in. Vincent Terry and these old guys express their dissatisfaction. Obviously, we are all academicians, on equal footing. Why are you so young?

But for three consecutive years at the academic forum, Zane Crawford presented his fresh, insightful, and extraordinary medical papers, giving them a hard lesson. These old guys were a bit embarrassed. There is indeed a gap between themselves and the young people, feeling disgruntled, but they couldn't argue against it.

This year at the academic forum, everyone couldn't find any sign of Zane Crawford, the young man, and these old guys regretted it for quite a few days.

As soon as Dean Vincent Terry finished speaking, the whole audience took a sharp breath. Wha...what? The Second Young Master of Aethelgard's Crawford family, the fabled youngest Golden Knife Academician Zane Crawford?

The media reporters were dumbfounded. At the start, they just thought this man was very handsome, with a clean aura. But how could they have imagined that the man standing before them was actually... Academician Crawford?

The legendary Golden Knife Academician had actually parachuted into the small city of Bayside and had just been... caught red-handed by them. Uhm... everyone felt like they were dreaming.

Yasmine Sterling was equally shocked. Her eyes nearly popped out. She looked incredulously at Zane Crawford next to Serena Sterling - he was?

Yasmine Sterling never thought the man who had been sleeping in the Privy Pharmacy was actually the legendary Golden Knife Academician Zane Crawford, and also the Second Young Master of the Aethelgard Crawford family.

Whether it was Academician Crawford or Second Young Master Crawford, they were figures from the central circle of Aethelgard that neither Yasmine Sterling nor these media reporters had the chance to encounter.

At this moment, Dean Vincent Terry stepped forward and went to Serena Sterling's side, "As for Serena Sterling, everyone should stop speculating. Serena Sterling did not get into the Privy through any special connections, but was nominated by me overnight."

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Everyone's minds buzzed, staring dazedly at Serena Sterling. The question of how Serena Sterling got into the Privy had been criticized for so long, she was actually parachuted in by the Dean?!

Dean Vincent Terry stood beside Serena Sterling, looking at the reporters, "Also, tonight is a misunderstanding as to why Serena and Zane showed up here simultaneously. It's because I asked them both to come over to discuss Old Mrs. Rathborne's surgery. This time, Old Mrs. Rathborne's surgery will be jointly performed by Zane and Serena, with one acting as the chief surgeon and the other as the primary acupuncturist, in a groundbreaking collaboration between Eastern and Western medicine to cure the old lady!"

Dean Vincent Terry announced on the spot.

As everyone's faces changed dramatically, Dean Vincent Terry continued, "Old Mrs. Rathborne's surgery is quite perilous, but I have confidence in Zane and Serena because this isn't their first joint operation. Go look up the news from two years ago. At that time, on the streets of City of Aethelgard, Zane and a mysterious girl once saved an old man together, performing a sensational street surgery. That surgery has been extensively analyzed by major elite medical teams ever since. After the old man was taken to the hospital and escaped from danger, the mysterious girl quietly left and has never been found since. Yes, I found that mysterious girl. She is Serena Sterling!"

After speaking, Dean Vincent Terry chuckled twice, feeling triumphant for finding Serena Sterling, the mysterious girl.

Tonight was one bombshell after another. When the surgery from two years ago in Aethelgard was mentioned, everyone had forgotten to breathe.

Everyone's gaze "swished" onto Serena Sterling. Excuse their limited knowledge, but now, looking at Serena Sterling, they could only think of two words: incredibly impressive.

But hold on, two years ago, how old was Serena Sterling?

Recently, Hayden Crawford just celebrated her birthday for her; she had just turned 20.

So two years ago, she was... 18?

Wasn't the story that she was just a country bumpkin returning from the countryside? Why had she even been to City of Aethelgard and caused a stir back then?

Everyone looked at Serena Sterling in shock, completely forgetting to react.

Yasmine Sterling, like everyone else, couldn't even hear her own breathing now. Her whole mind was blown, completely not understanding what Dean Vincent Terry was saying!

The media reporters might not be clear about the street surgery from two years ago in Aethelgard, but she knew very well because when she was studying at The St. Lyra Academy in Ferelden, there was a time when Principal Iris Crawford used a projection to interpret this surgery, praising the mysterious girl who had since disappeared.

Yasmine Sterling remembers that after the lecture, everyone around her was discussing that mysterious girl, who possessed unparalleled medical skills, yet was humble and low-key, earning everyone's admiration.

Yasmine Sterling never thought that mysterious girl from the City of Aethelgard was actually right beside her, she was the country girl Serena Sterling!

Everyone was left in shock, speechless. At this moment, Dean Vincent Terry gave a summary, "What needs to be explained, I have explained. I understand that everyone still has doubts about Serena's academic credentials. I will personally hold a media conference tomorrow to answer all your questions. That's it for today, goodbye."

Dean Vincent Terry left with Serena Sterling and Zane Crawford.

Once the main characters had left, the media reporters erupted. They also saw Yasmine Sterling, pale as a ghost, looking disdainful and disgusted, saying,

"Yasmine Sterling, you said you brought us to catch an affair. Well, how does it feel to be slapped in the face by Dean Vincent Terry?"

"Yasmine Sterling, you're really pitiful and ridiculous, trying to steal chicken only to end up losing the rice. You let Dean Terry reveal Serena Sterling's identity as the mysterious girl."

"Yasmine Sterling, you never imagined that was the Aethelgard Golden Knife Academician, Second Young Master Crawford, right? Second Young Master Crawford is a prodigy, and Serena Sterling is a genius girl. Your twisted mind wanted to slander others!"

"Forget it, let's not waste words on her. Let's hurry back to write the news reports. There are so many breaking points tonight; speed is of the essence, let's go!"

Everyone ran off.

Yasmine Sterling stood alone, frozen in place when her phone rang. It was Gregory Sterling calling.

Gregory Sterling, the haunting specter, was here again!

Yasmine Sterling screamed in frustration, grabbing her hair with both hands.

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Outside, Dean Vincent Terry looked towards Zane Crawford, "Zane, there are no issues with Old Mrs. Rathborne's surgery on your part, right? Old Mrs. Rathborne is your grandmother's best friend. This time, Mr. Rathborne went on a business trip to Vestria. Old Mrs. Rathborne came to Bayside to find your grandmother for fun but fell ill halfway. Fortunately, Serena performed acupuncture to stabilize her. Both in emotion and reason, you should be the one to perform this surgery."

Zane Crawford glanced at Dean Vincent Terry, "You just announced it in front of the media, directly cutting off my retreat. How could I not comply?"

Dean Vincent Terry was unapologetic; special people had to be dealt with using special means.

"Serena, do you have any issues here?"