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Chapter 299: The Auctioned Top Beauty

Upon hearing those unpleasant words, Serena Sterling's stunningly beautiful face showed little fluctuation in emotion, though her delicate eyebrows slightly furrowed.

Zelda Willow is very beautiful, truly beautiful, but her entire demeanor is haughty, overbearing, and even somewhat sharp and acrimonious, which makes her quite unlikable.

Serena always felt that such a demeanor did not match this face, a face identical to Isabelle Willow's.

Back in the day, Isabelle Willow was not only the top beauty of Aethelgard but also a high-IQ, aloof talent, clad in a white dress, holding a few books in her arms as she walked through the campus, once mesmerizing an entire era.

Serena reached out, handing the check back to Zelda Willow, "Mrs. Crawford, in your heart, how much do you think your son Zane Crawford is worth, what price is appropriate to sell him at?"

Zelda Willow's hand paused as she was drinking her coffee.

Serena chuckled, "Did I misunderstand your meaning? If I filled in five million, would you think it's too cheap, that your son is only worth that much? If I filled in five hundred million, five billion, would you think it's too expensive, and you're unwilling to pay that amount? Mrs. Crawford, when you took out this check, you put your son up for sale, you weren't insulting me, you were insulting your son."

Zelda Willow put down her coffee, finally giving Serena a proper look, "I know my son very well, he has high standards. You must have extraordinary skills to captivate him. You've got quite a way with words. Now tell me, what will it take for you to leave my son?"

"Mrs. Crawford, I've already said, Zane Crawford and I are just friends. You want to talk to me, but you don't believe what I say. This conversation is meaningless. Thank you for the coffee, Mrs. Crawford. I'll be going now." Serena stood up to leave.

At that moment, Zelda Willow quietly said, "Leah Thorne, she's your good friend, right?"

Leah?

Serena's heart jumped heavily. She immediately looked at Zelda Willow warily, "What have you done to Leah Thorne?"

Zelda Willow curled her lips, "I haven't done anything. Recently, Leah has been collaborating with Fly Jewelry, so we had an opportunity to interact. Why is Miss Sterling so nervous? Since you don't want to talk to me now, I'll wait for you. I have plenty of time anyway."

Zelda Willow took two fresh bills from her bag and placed them on the table, then left wearing sunglasses and high heels.

Serena had a bad premonition, quickly taking out her phone to call Leah's agent, Madame Goldie.

The phone rang once on the other end before being answered, with Madame Goldie's voice coming through, "Hello, Serena."

"Madame Goldie, where's Leah now?" Serena asked directly.

"Today, we're doing a presentation for Fly Jewelry. Leah went in to change clothes. Serena, what's wrong, has something happened?"

"How many minutes has Leah been changing clothes, Madame Goldie? You need to go in and find her right away, immediately!"

Madame Goldie, being highly competent in her work and sensing the urgency in Serena's tone, immediately realized something was wrong. She rushed into the changing room, "Serena, it's not... it's bad, Leah is gone!"

Leah Thorne vanished, suddenly disappearing from the dressing room!

Serena's bright eyes turned cold instantly. She knew this was Zelda Willow's warning, that Zelda had started moving against the people around her.

"Serena, a note was left in the dressing room!" Madame Goldie, working calmly, quickly found something of value in the changing room.

"What note?"

"There's nothing on the note except one line — an address is written on it."

"Send me the address."

"Alright. Serena, what should we do now? Should we call the police? President Xavier flew to Vestria for business two days ago and hasn't returned yet. You know Leah, her face can't fall into any man's hands; too many are lusting after her."

Serena's slender white fingers tightened around her phone, forcing herself to stay calm. She quickly analyzed the situation; this was only a warning from Zelda, and at the moment, she wouldn't really harm Leah.

However, Leah's striking appearance had always been under Justin Xavier's protection, avoiding becoming prey to others. Now that Leah was out of sight, everything had become unpredictable.

"Madame Goldie, I'm heading to the address to find Leah immediately. The priority is to locate her quickly; don't call the police for now. Leah is in the entertainment industry; the slightest stir can escalate into a huge scandal. Besides, since someone left the address, it must be genuine. Contact President Xavier now; he's more effective than calling the police!"

Madame Goldie deeply trusted Serena, and in this crisis, Serena was like her backbone, "Serena, I'll do as you say. You take care of yourself, I'll act accordingly."

"Alright."

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Serena took a taxi and headed directly to the address.

On the way, the driver asked curiously, "Miss, are you heading to a party?"

"Party?"

"Yes, this address is famous for being a private winery in Aethelgard. They regularly hold luxurious private parties here. But miss, I can tell you're a good girl from a decent family, so let me kindly remind you, these parties are quite decadent, just a gathering place for rich folks seeking amusement. It's said that the winery's owner will round up some beauties for auction at the party, the highest bidder wins."

Serena's clear, sharp eyes flashed with a cold, cutting light. So Zelda Willow had thrown Leah Thorne into such a party!

Zelda Willow is currently the matriarch of the Crawford family. She had crossed paths with Jude Crawford three months ago in Bayside. Jude is deeply intimidating, with meticulously ruthless tactics, but he's quite

straightforward; if he wants your life, he'll definitely notify you, "I'm going to kill you," maybe with a knife. Although Serena doesn't like him, she must admit that such a man immersed in business truly holds power.

Whereas Zelda Willow is insidious and sordid. Serena really doesn't understand how the Crawford family's matriarch can resort to such petty and vicious means?

The Crawford men, Jude, Hayden, Zane, are genuine paragons; Serena feels that Zelda Willow instantly devalues the entire Crawford family!

Leah Thorne has always been the most vibrant crimson rose in the entertainment industry. If she falls into a den of men, the consequences are unimaginable.

"Driver, I'm not going to attend the party. A friend of mine got tricked into going. I'm going to find her and bring her home."

"Miss, then be careful, this private party has everyone wearing masks, covering their faces. Their inner peculiarities and preferences are fully exposed; there are many perverts. Oh, and I heard that a top beauty is attending today's private party, so it's quite lively, and everyone is rushing to auction for the top beauty."

Top beauty?

Serena almost instantly concluded that the top beauty being auctioned is undoubtedly Leah Thorne!