

## Substitute B 400

Chapter 400: Close the Gates, Release the Dogs!

At this moment, there was a "knock knock" on the door, indicating someone's presence outside.

Felix Knight said, "Come in."

The door was pushed open, and Pearl Nightingale walked in.

"Brother, everyone is causing a scene at the Sterling family now. I have my people inside, and they'll send me a live video later. Let's watch it together and have some fun." Aurora said with a smug smile, holding her phone.

Aurora was quite pleased, having already imagined many scenarios: the entire Sterling family being trashed, Serena Sterling getting slapped, her hair pulled, and subjected to various beatings.

Wow, the world is truly wonderful.

Felix looked at Aurora, "Sure, let's watch it together."

...

Today is probably the most exciting day in Aethelgard, as these furious citizens, with white bands tied around their heads, have been parading the streets all day holding banners that call for the downfall of Serena Sterling and her expulsion from the City of Aethelgard. Moreover, their ranks only continue to grow, becoming a sea of people.

The crowd arrived angrily at the Sterling family because they are known as martial artists, so there was some caution as they discussed their strategy,

We've made such a commotion, the Sterling family must have locked their doors by now. In a moment, we'll break open the Sterling family's gates!

Once inside, we'll throw rocks and smash the Sterling family to pieces!

Remember, our ultimate goal is Serena Sterling, we must drag her out!

After discussing their strategy, they shouted, "Charge! Break down their gates!"

Everyone mustered all their strength and charged toward the Sterling family, but as they neared the entrance, they suddenly stopped.

Because the gate of the Sterling family was wide open.

The Sterling family was quite grand, with two stone lions at the entrance and a large rosewood gate in the center. Surprisingly, the gate wasn't closed but wide open, as if saying, "The Sterling family welcomes you!"

Everyone looked at each other, puzzled. Compared to their chaos, the entire Sterling family was incredibly quiet, so quiet that there wasn't a sound.

This was extremely strange, completely different from what they had imagined.

What is the Sterling family up to?

Let's go in and see!

Move quietly; be careful of traps!

The initially aggressive crowd quickly started tiptoeing into the Sterling family, looking around cautiously, fearing any traps.

Their demeanor was... completely like thieves!

At this moment, someone suddenly came out from the Sterling family. It was the family's butler, who loudly challenged them, "Who are you people?"

Everyone was already on edge, treading carefully, and now with the butler's sudden loud voice, they collectively jumped in fright! Scared to death!

The butler approached them, pointing and questioning, "Hey, who exactly are you?"

"We... we..." They all felt something was off, so they quickly straightened up, forced a confident stance, and said, "Where's the head of your Sterling family? Bring him out; we need to talk to him!"

The butler said in a loud voice, "Our master and his wife are not home; they went on a trip yesterday."

What?

The head of the Sterling family went on a trip?

Not earlier, not later, but now of all times, on purpose?

"Then where's your eldest daughter? Bring Serena Sterling out; we want to talk to her!"

"Our eldest daughter is also out, she's not home right now."

"Wha... what do you mean, Serena Sterling isn't home either? Did she also go on a trip? Did she run away beforehand?"

The butler quickly frowned, not allowing anyone to speak ill of Serena, "Watch your mouth! Our eldest daughter just went out for a while, she's still in Aethelgard, she said she stepped out to handle some matters and will return once she's done!"

Everyone froze on the spot, looking at each other, unsure what to do next.

They had stormed over, ready to settle scores, but neither Iris Blue nor Serena Sterling could be found.

Iris Blue went traveling, but what about Serena? Where exactly did she go?

Did she disappear?

Since they're already here, they can't leave empty-handed, or it would be quite embarrassing, "I think Serena Sterling ran away, she's scared. A morally corrupt, wicked mistress like her doesn't deserve to stay in the City of Aethelgard. Let's trash the Sterling family as a stern warning to her!"

"Alright, I'll go first!"

A man in blue directly threw the stone he held at the Sterling family's glass.

But it didn't succeed; the butler flew over in a swift move and caught the stone in mid-air.

Everyone was stunned. They say the Sterling family consists of martial artists. Indeed, all the household staff, from the butler to the humble gardener, are incredibly skilled. Everyone was truly... enlightened today.

The butler caught the stone and coldly stared at the wide-eyed man in blue, "Causing trouble on Sterling territory? That's a death wish. Guards!"

With this shout, a group of Sterling family members rushed out, each tall and burly, enough to crush someone just with their sheer size.

The crowd was so terrified their legs went weak. They're not from the martial world, and seeing such a grand spectacle, all they wanted was to flee.

Initially, this whole affair had nothing to do with them. They were just here to stand up for Anabelle. Now that their own safety was at risk, the more timid ones turned and ran, "Run! Run!"

The butler sneered coldly, "Trying to run now? Do you think you can just come and go from the Sterling family as you please?"

The bolder ones tried to suppress their fear and looked at the butler, feigning calmness, "What... what exactly do you want?"

The butler said, "Close the gates, release the dogs!"

With a loud boom, the Sterling family's rosewood gate was shut, and soon dog barks and chaotic cries filled the air.

Those cries were so heart-wrenching, echoing through half of Aethelgard.

Passersby heard the noise and quickly walked on, wondering which fool dared to provoke the Sterling family. It's like seeking death, serves them right!

...

At the Knight family.

Aurora was eagerly awaiting a video clip from her informant when, with a "ding," a video arrived.

"Brother, come quickly and see Serena Sterling's miserable state!" Aurora quickly called for Felix Knight.

Felix came over, and the siblings watched the video together. As it played, all that appeared were large wolves taller than a person; one leapt at the camera with a "whoosh," baring its bloody maw.

Ah!

Aurora screamed in fright, her phone slipping from her hands.

How terrifying.

What on earth is this?

Aurora had waited so long, only to receive such a terrifying video. Her pretty face turned pale from fear, and she shivered.