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Chapter 437: Serena Sterling's Academic Speech

Hayden Crawford stood upstairs, watching Serena Sterling, and for a moment, he couldn't bear to look away.

Serena was in the living room, teaching the old lady a few simple exercises. She playfully winked while holding a small ball, "Grandma, exercising with a ball is really fun. Let me show you."

Serena tossed the small ball up, then straightened her chest. The ball quickly landed on the graceful curve of her youthful figure and slid down. She then kicked it up with her foot, turned her back, and with a charming push of her hips, popped the ball straight into the old lady's arms.

The old lady caught the ball and laughed heartily, "This is so much fun! Come on, Beryl, let's join in."

Hayden watched Serena, knowing she had a background in dance. She could easily handle any dance style, and when she was the campus beauty at T University, she led the cheerleaders and made everyone scream with excitement. Even at that time, when he stood there watching her enchanting performance, he was her most devout admirer.

Now she casually moved a bit while teaching grandma exercises, but the youthful energy and playfulness were overwhelming. Hayden's gaze wandered over her curvaceous figure. He had seen many women in shirt and pencil skirt outfits, but she was the most stunningly beautiful, without a doubt.

Just then, the old lady noticed Hayden upstairs, "Hayden, you're up?"

Serena glanced up and immediately saw Hayden standing upstairs. Today, he wore a handmade black suit. The expensive fabric was impeccably ironed, leaving no wrinkles. Handsome and noble, he descended the carpeted stairs with an imposing presence, exuding an unapproachable coldness and aloofness.

Serena recalled what happened last night and quickly turned away awkwardly, avoiding his gaze.

Hayden approached, "Grandma, why are you up so early?"

"It's not early. Serena said if I sleep early, get up early, and exercise early, I can live to be 99," the old lady smiled.

Hayden observed his now-energetic grandma and slowly curved his thin lips. Then, he focused his gaze on Serena.

The old lady wittily suggested with a smile, "Hayden, Serena needs to attend the medical forum. Why don't you drive her there?"

"No need..." Serena quickly refused.

Hayden nodded, "Alright."

With that, he gently took hold of Serena's delicate hand, grabbed the car keys, and led her out.

As they walked to the luxury Rolls-Royce Phantom, Serena quickly withdrew her hand, "I can go by myself. You should head to the office."

Hayden, gentlemanly, opened the passenger door and commanded, "Get in."

Knowing his domineering nature, Serena understood that if it dragged on, she'd be late, so she obediently got into the car.

Then Hayden reached out and lightly patted her charming hip.

Serena froze entirely. What was he doing?

She immediately turned, glaring at him with her clear, dark eyes.

With one hand in his pocket, Hayden looked every bit the refined business elite. He raised a heroic eyebrow and softly murmured in a voice only the two could hear, "Dressed like that to entice whom? Or are you thinking of riding in another man's car?"

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Serena looked herself over. How was she dressed inappropriately? What exactly was on his mind?

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Today was a significant day for the Aethelgard medical community, as all the top figures attended the peak forum because of the first public appearance of Prof. Sterling. The forum gained immense attention.

Outside the hall, a sea of media reporters had gathered. Just then, someone exclaimed, "Look, Academician Qiu is here!"

In a moment, all eyes turned as Academician Qiu walked the red carpet.

The flashes went off, and all the spotlights shone on him,

Academician Qiu, is this your beloved protégé X?

The microphones were thrust at Academician Qiu for an interview.

Without breaking his stride, he glanced at the camera, "Yes, Serena Sterling is my protégé X. Due to certain reasons, Serena's records have been sealed, known by few. At 12, Serena was admitted to A University, and by 15, she became a dual postdoc there. She and Zane are our two legends at A University. She joined the research base at 16 as X, receiving the professor title, a born medical genius."

Oh my.

It was the first time everyone heard of Serena's academic background and was astounded by such impressive credentials. Serena was indeed a medical prodigy!

Prof. Sterling at 16 was simply incredible.

With multiple layers of security, Academician Qiu entered and was soon out of sight.

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At the medical summit forum, Academician Qiu was quickly surrounded. Everyone was curious,

Academician Qiu, why haven't we seen your protégé Serena Sterling?

Academician Qiu, your protégé is remarkable, young yet formidable. We all eagerly want to meet her.

Academician Qiu glanced at his watch, "Serena should be here shortly."

Just then, a clear and melodious voice came from behind, "Professor."

Everyone turned to see Serena hastily approaching, "Professor, am I late?"

Serena's entrance was like a striking scene, drawing everyone's eyes immediately. She became the focal point of attention.

Some outstanding youth from scholarly and medical families were present, their gaze fixed on Serena.

Serena, only 20, was T University's pure and exquisite campus beauty. Her stunning visage was irresistible to these exceptional young individuals.

With Prof. Sterling's identity revealed, she now bore an additional brilliant aura. In the medical community, everyone knew Serena Sterling, and among the young men, she was the most talked-about behind closed doors.

Serena is now the sensation of the entire City of Aethelgard.

Academician Qiu smiled benevolently, "Serena, you didn't come late. We were just eager. Let me introduce you. These are all leading figures in the medical community, this here is Professor Yates from The South Hill Academy, who specializes in neurology, this is..."

Academician Qiu introduced each one in turn. Serena greeted them with poised nods. Now, standing under the bright lights, her perfect manners and ethereal aura radiated elegance.

Academician Qiu, this is your protégé Serena Sterling's first public appearance, and we've heard she'll be presenting her academic paper shortly. To be on such a grand stage at 20 is something we could only dream of in our youth. We're all eagerly looking forward to this paper presentation!