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Chapter 48: I Never Want to See You Again

Since Leah Thorne entered the entertainment industry, she has gained top-tier popularity due to her looks and acting skills. Plus, the content of this Weibo post was related to Serena Sterling, so it quickly went viral.

Curious netizens did a textbook-level comprehensive comparison between Serena Sterling and the person in the explicit photos, digging deep into where this person had plastic surgery and how many times.

In the photo, Leah Thorne also showed her face, with her tea-colored curls lazily cascading down, a pair of large sunglasses perched on her small face, making her look soft, charming, and beautiful, like a freshly bloomed red rose.

Serena Sterling showed her side profile, still wearing light veils. Her delicate and exquisite facial contours were too refined, revealing an ethereal beauty, like a ray of moonlight untouched by earthly dust.

Serena Sterling and Leah Thorne perfectly embodied the two kinds of extreme beauty of women.

Soon, the tag "Serena and Leah" hit the trending searches,

What an age of dazzling beauty, what celestial friendship is this?

I don't care, if someone as angelic as Leah Thorne is hanging out with them, then they must be an angel too. If anyone dares to speak rudely again, I'm going to curse!

The epitome of beauty and the forbidden love combined, I'm going to be glued to my screen.

Goddess Serena, I want to be friends with you.

Some people also began detective reasoning about this event,

On the day of the incident, Serena Sterling went to visit Leah Thorne on set, so this explicit photo happening is so strange, a conspiracy theory.

Is there any doubt? One sees too few means from wealthy families. Clearly, someone deliberately arranged a plastic surgery act to frame Serena Sterling. What a scheme!

Serena Sterling was never favored; at nine, she was thrown into the countryside, and when picked up, it was for a substitute marriage to ward off bad luck. Upon hearing about the explicit photo, that President Sterling and Mrs. Sterling immediately held a press conference to announce their formal severance of the father-daughter relationship with her.

What a stepmother, what a biological father.

Bella Sterling looked at these trending comments dumbfounded, what had happened, and why had the public sentiment suddenly shifted in Serena Sterling's favor?

Lillian Sterling, of course, saw these too, and her face suddenly changed. That explicit photo turned out to be fake and wasn't of Serena Sterling!

What is going on?

Where are those people she hired at a high price?

How did Serena Sterling escape?

Where did this plastic surgery act come from?

Lillian Sterling internally realized something was wrong; she had fallen into a trap!

"Everyone, today's press conference is canceled. We are completely unaware of Serena's situation and need more time to find out the truth."

After saying this, Lillian Sterling stood up and tried to leave with Gregory Sterling.

Gregory Sterling was also baffled, but what concerned him wasn't whether the photo had Serena Sterling but his own reputation.

If it wasn't Serena Sterling in the photo, then his hasty severing of the father-daughter relationship seems extremely callous.

Gregory Sterling left with Lillian Sterling. He glanced at her, "Who exactly uploaded that explicit photo online? Use your entertainment connections to find out. You've dragged the Sterling family scandal out for the world to see. How will I face those business executives again?"

Lillian Sterling's heart skipped a beat. If Gregory Sterling found out this had been her plan, the consequences would be unimaginable.

However, Lillian quickly calmed herself. No one could easily trace it back to her.

Suddenly, Lillian remembered Leah Thorne—she had truly forgotten that Leah used to be the best of friends with Serena Sterling.

Leah Thorne parachuted into the entertainment world with a powerful backer paving the way, and her methods were formidable.

The last time her scandal with that Cox in a tawdry trade exploded on Weibo's trending searches, could it have been Leah's doing?

Lillian Sterling's mind was in a mess, but she managed to squeeze out a smile to placate Gregory Sterling, "Noted, I'll have someone investigate it."

"Mom, what exactly happened? Didn't Serena Sterling get..." At this moment, Bella Sterling rushed out and blurted without any restraint.

Lillian Sterling gave Bella Sterling a fierce glare to shut her up, "Shut up! Don't you see how chaotic it is already?"

Bella Sterling glanced at Gregory Sterling and quickly zipped her mouth.

As the three of them were leaving, a reporter exclaimed, "Oh my god, this was orchestrated by Mrs. Sterling, Lillian Sterling!"

Gregory Sterling paused upon hearing this.

Lillian Sterling froze entirely, her face turning pale. She turned to see all the media reporters swarm in, snapping photos nonstop.

It turns out Lillian Sterling's former agent's ID was exposed, sparking another frenzy on Weibo, "Lillian Sterling" powerfully climbed to the top.

Since Lillian Sterling debuted, her last peak in popularity was during that scandalous trade period, and now her traffic has even surpassed that time.

No surprises here, it was stepmother Lillian Sterling who did it.

Lillian Sterling orchestrated with her former agent, who bought off Weibo KOLs to collectively take action, dooming the poor goddess Serena.

I remember Lillian Sterling as a veteran actress.

I also remember this veteran actress recently staying at a hotel with an oily CEO.

Truly, life is like a play; it all depends on acting.

Media reporters surrounded the area, thrusting microphones forward one after another, firing off questions,

Mrs. Sterling, why did you design the explicit photo scandal to frame Serena Sterling?

Serena Sterling grew up in the countryside all these years, married off to ward off bad luck for your daughter, posing no threat to you. Isn't this too vicious?

President Sterling, did you know Lillian Sterling framed your daughter?

President Sterling, your bedside companion is so malicious, playing you for a fool. Don't you feel deceived?

President Sterling, why is your affection for Serena Sterling so thin? Are you favoring your wife over your daughter, losing your humanity?

Gregory Sterling was utterly shocked, staring at Lillian Sterling beside him. He never expected she was behind all this chaos.

Now, surrounded by media reporters, Gregory Sterling felt unprecedented embarrassment; his reputation was ruined.

"Lillian Sterling, do you have any explanation?" Gregory Sterling asked with a dark scowl.

Lillian Sterling's mind went blank. She was certain now that Leah Thorne had helped Serena Sterling with these setups.

All this was a trap set by Serena Sterling.

Lillian Sterling stared blankly at Gregory Sterling. Now, with irrefutable evidence, she didn't know how to lie, "Gregory, I'll explain this to you later. Let's leave here first."

Gregory Sterling raised his hand and slapped Lillian Sterling hard across the face with a "smack."

Ah.

Lillian Sterling screamed, knocked to the ground.

This time, Gregory Sterling hit her with particular viciousness, drawing blood from her mouth.

"Lillian Sterling, I never want to see you again!" Gregory Sterling stormed off.

Lillian Sterling had never been so humiliated before. Blood seeped from the corner of her mouth, and a fierce slap mark appeared on her face.

Media reporters snapped away,

Lillian Sterling, will Gregory Sterling divorce you?

You truly are venomous, that slap wasn't too much!

Lillian Sterling screamed in despair, "Stop filming! No more filming! Security, security, come quickly!"