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Chapter 53: Serena Sterling Is Not Your Daughter

With a snap, the divorce agreement was thrown over forcefully by Gregory Sterling, hitting Lillian Sterling so hard that her face felt painful.

"What's this?" Lillian looked down, and the five bold characters "Divorce Agreement" entered her sight. "Divorce? Gregory Sterling, you actually... want to divorce me?"

Lillian Sterling looked at Gregory in disbelief, her whole body starting to tremble.

Gregory's face was so dark that it seemed water might drip from it. "Go outside and see how people evaluate me. I can't hold my head up anymore, The Sterling Group is about to go bankrupt, and the Sterling family is on the brink of ruin because of you, Lillian!"

"Because of me?" Lillian felt a rage burning within her. She clutched the sheet tightly, shouting, "Gregory Sterling, ask yourself, how have I helped you after our marriage, how much I've sacrificed for you and for the Sterling family!"

Gregory sneered, looking at her gloomily, "Did I ask you to sleep with other men? Lillian Sterling, you're just a bitch!"

Lillian froze, and tears quickly streamed down her face. She hurriedly explained, "Gregory, I used to mix in the entertainment circle, having a godfather bigwig was normal. Didn't you say you didn't mind my past? After marriage, it was because... because I needed to help you, I had to socialize with men outside. Haven't you always praised me for being capable and virtuous?"

"Enough, Lillian. Stop saying you did it for me and the Sterling family. I see it's just for yourself, to secure your position as Mrs. Sterling. At your core, you're greedy for vanity!"

Lillian laughed, her emotions twisted into a wild combination of crying and laughing, "Gregory Sterling, you want to divorce me now just because you see I have no more value to you. You're kicking me aside with one swift move. Don't think I don't know, deep down you've always loved Serena Sterling's mother, Seraphina Linden!"

Mentioning the name "Seraphina Linden," Gregory clenched his fists tightly. "Shut up! I told you, you're not even worthy to mention that name!"

"Why can't I mention it? I insist on mentioning it. Gregory Sterling, you're just a pathetic soul deeply in love with Seraphina Linden, but she doesn't love you. Serena Sterling isn't even your daughter; Seraphina never let you into her room!"

"For someone as divine as Seraphina, how could she look at you? The Sterling family was just a pitstop for her, yet you had unreasonable thoughts about her, and after all these years, you still can't forget her, hahaha."

Gregory's eyes were bloodshot, and he closed them to suppress the urge to kill this woman. "Talking more is useless, sign the divorce."

Gregory walked out.

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Just as he walked out, Bella Sterling ran over. Her mood had been like a roller coaster these days. Now, her eyes red, she tugged at Gregory's sleeve, "Dad, Mom is severely injured. We need to take her to the hospital quickly."

Gregory coldly withdrew his sleeve, looking at Bella with disdain, "Look at you, these years being spoiled and bratty by your mother, you've become useless. It's no big deal if your mother dies of pain, just don't bother me anymore!"

Gregory wanted to leave, but then he looked up and saw Serena Sterling's slender, graceful figure in the corridor ahead.

Outside, amidst the wind and rain, public opinion was swirling. Serena stood there elegantly in her attire, serene and unruffled.

Gregory collided with Serena's clear eyes, which were bright and watery. Though she wore a veil, he vaguely foresaw the astonishingly beautiful face hidden beneath.

He had once seen it before.

He had loved deeply before.

Gregory's expression was inscrutable and finally, he turned away, the lights casting a few moments of reminiscence and sorrow over his retreating back.

Bella entered the room, weeping by Lillian's bedside, "Mom, is Dad really going to divorce you? How can he be so heartless? What should we do?"

Lillian crumpled the divorce papers into a ball and threw them with force. She would not divorce, she would not leave the Sterling family, she would not be discarded like some useless trash.

At this moment, footsteps sounded, and Bella was overjoyed, "Dad, did you change your mind, you..."

Bella paused because it wasn't Gregory who entered, but Serena Sterling.

Lillian looked at Serena with eyes filled with hatred, wanting to pierce a few bloody holes into her, "What are you doing here?"

Serena sat in a chair, her delicate hand poured herself a cup of tea, and she smiled, "Of course, I'm here to watch you make a fool of yourself. What else?"

"You little bastard, I'll kill you!"

Lillian grabbed the sheets attempting to get up, but her body was covered in bruises, and such a violent move only made her eyes go black with pain.

Thoroughly embarrassed.

Serena looked at Lillian, "You said as long as you have value, you wouldn't fall. But now, your hard-earned reputation and connections in the entertainment circle have collapsed dramatically. Everyone online is bashing you, and at the Sterling Group, you've become the Sterling family's disgrace, shaming my father. I've turned you from valuable to worthless, and sure enough, my father quickly threw a divorce paper in your face."

"Lillian, every day since I returned from the countryside, I've been thinking that sooner or later, I would let you taste the same fate I suffered ten years ago, the pain of losing everything you love and being abandoned by the world!"

Lillian gritted her teeth in hatred, realizing she had underestimated Serena. She truly hadn't expected Serena, after returning for such a short time, to stir up the Sterling family so thoroughly with her subtle manipulations.

"Serena Sterling, if I had known this, I should have killed you ten years ago. I shouldn't have let you live in this world!" Lillian roared.

Serena, calm and unperturbed, finished her cup of tea, "You indeed should regret not killing me back then, because you'll slowly realize today is just the beginning."

After speaking, Serena put down the teacup and turned to leave, "A waste like you is not worth my time. Maybe struggling to survive, you can at least still live."

"You!"

Lillian felt a metallic taste in her throat, almost spitting out a mouthful of blood.

However, she forced it down, laughing loudly at Serena's slender form. "Serena Sterling, do you think your father will really divorce me? Let me tell you something: Yasmine is back!"

Yasmine Sterling!

Mentioning Yasmine, the pride of the Sterling family, Gregory's favorite daughter, Bayside's top socialite, even Bella's spirits lifted immediately, "Serena Sterling, my sister is coming back. You couldn't compete with her ten years ago, and you still can't now!"

Serena lightly fluttered her long lashes, and when she lifted her gaze again, her bright eyes shone with a clear fragmentation of light, glowing brilliantly with every glance.

"Well, that's quite a coincidence. I've been waiting for this day for so long. You're my gift to her. When you see her, ask her on my behalf if she likes the gift."