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Chapter 56: She Hid Some Little Secrets

Serena curled her lips, "Yasmine Sterling, you know, for these ten years... I think about you every day."

"Of course, I believe it. I also know that someday you would return, so for these ten years, I didn't dare to relax for a moment. I worked hard, improved myself, all for... pushing you back into the abyss once more."

Yasmine Sterling, as the top socialite of Bayside, radiated delicate beauty and her voice was captivating. Even when she spoke of "sending you to hell," a gentle smile still lingered, sending chills down one's spine.

Serena looked at the brilliant morning light outside the window and said slowly, "I come from the abyss and am never afraid of it. But you, who have been living in paradise for the past ten years, I promise that from the moment you returned, it's a final goodbye between you and paradise. Allowing you ten years of grace is my greatest mercy to you."

On the other end, Yasmine was silent for a moment, then hung up the phone.

Serena put away her phone, got out of bed, and began to freshen up. It's undeniable that although Lillian Sterling gave birth to the useless Bella Sterling, Yasmine Sterling was indeed a formidable opponent.

She would never forget how Yasmine Sterling would act submissively ten years ago. Back then, she and Leah Thorne were best friends, and Yasmine would often stand in the corner, gazing at them with envy. When called over to play, Yasmine would nervously tug at her clothes, appearing shy and timid.

While she and Leah chatted, Yasmine would quietly shadow them, and when she turned to Yasmine, she would always give a bashful smile, softly saying she'd prefer to just listen as she wasn't good at talking.

There was even a time when Yasmine, trying to save her, leapt in and got bitten by a dog.

Now, Serena felt that Yasmine's rise to power was indeed achieved with much endurance and bitterness. After all, Yasmine back then was just a teenager.

Leah Thorne disliked Yasmine the most, and years ago, Leah had told her Yasmine was a manipulative, scheming witch, warning her to be careful.

Unfortunately, she truly considered Yasmine a good friend at that time and never guarded against her, leading her to be pushed into the abyss.

Serena didn't go out today, spending time with the old lady in the backyard, pulling weeds and watering plants, quietly waiting.

In the afternoon, Serena opened her Weibo. Yasmine was already trending.

Yasmine posted on Weibo, stating that she rushed back after hearing dreadful news, acknowledging her mother's grave mistake and only hoping for a chance to live for her mother in this remaining life. She expressed willingness to take on all the guilt her mother had committed.

Yasmine also attached a photo taken in the hospital, where Lillian Sterling lay in the intensive care unit, face masked with an oxygen tube, on a drip. Yasmine sat by the bed, gripping Lillian's hand, looking sorrowful and grieving.

Serena laughed; Yasmine's Weibo post was brilliantly crafted, portraying herself as an innocent, devoted daughter, a textbook example of crisis management.

Over the past ten years, Yasmine had deeply ingrained herself into people's hearts. Even though she wasn't in the entertainment industry, her Weibo followers had reached 18 million, mostly die-hard fans, fiercely loyal and passionate.

Serena took a quick look; ten minutes after Yasmine's post, the likes reached a million, with a booming "explosive" label on the trending list.

The top comments were like this:

"Goddess Yasmine, don't cry, we're always here."

"Wuli Goddess Yasmine has had such a bitter life, burdened by such parents?"

"Yes, Lillian Sterling did many wrong things, but did she kill anyone or set fires? Is online harassment not enough; do you want to drive them to death?"

"I suddenly realized something. Doesn't it seem strange to you? Since Serena came back from the countryside, the chaos in the Sterling family never ceased."

"Oh my God, now that you mention it, I realize Serena's return was only a few months ago, and the Sterling family already fell apart."

"I suspect Serena came back targeting our Yasmine, and her next target is Yasmine."

"She dares! If anything happens to Yasmine, I'll be the first to kill her!"

"Wuli Goddess Yasmine has always been hailed as a medical prodigy, achieving excellent grades and constantly skipping grades. She was also the first in the country to be admitted to The St. Lyra Academy in Ferelden for medical studies, being the top socialite of Bayside. That countryside bumpkin better not latch onto Goddess Yasmine for fame, okay?"

The public opinion shifted instantly with just one of Yasmine's simple Weibo posts.

Serena wasn't surprised; after returning, she indeed subjected the Sterling family to chaos, using public opinion to crush Lillian Sterling. Being at the peak attracts suspicion easily from netizens.

It was indeed by her hand.

Serena glanced at her own Weibo; she only had 800,000 followers. How could she compare to Yasmine's 18 million followers?

Being crushed to dust wasn't surprising.

"Di di di," Serena's inbox exploded, with countless netizens messaging her privately.

All scolding her.

Serena casually opened a few messages,

"Country bumpkin, why don't you go back sooner!"

"You planned the Sterling family's downfall, didn't you? Your heart is really vicious."

"Don't go after our Goddess Yasmine, or we'll dig up your ancestors' graves!"

Serena closed Weibo, then Leah Thorne's message came through: "Serena, lots of people are cursing at you, right?"

Serena replied: "Yes, but it's as expected."

Leah: "I said long ago, this Yasmine is a scheming witch, very cunning and adept. Her biggest advantage is her aura of being a medical prodigy. Honestly, since you returned to the countryside, Yasmine's medical skills advanced rapidly, skipping grades wasn't enough, she was also featured in many media and TV reports, hailed as a medical genius."

Leah: "Yasmine's reputation skyrocketed those few years, becoming Bayside's top socialite. Have you heard of The St. Lyra Academy in Ferelden, Serena? It's that mysterious temple of medicine, and anyone who enters is a genius. Before Yasmine, no one from this country had the qualification to get in; she was the first."

Leah: "Yasmine is not just a socialite, but a genius girl too. Lillian Sterling also didn't hesitate to spend money on her philanthropy. Each of her 18 million followers is active, not just purchased ones."

Serena looked at Leah's message, her gaze paused slightly on The St. Lyra Academy; she had indeed heard of this medical temple, and... was quite familiar with it.

Serena replied leisurely: "Leah, don't rush things, let's wait and see if Yasmine has any more big moves."

Leah quickly replied: "Serena, you seem to be hiding some secrets, very impressive (smirk)."

Serena set the phone down, poured herself a cup of tea, and calmly sipped it.

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In the hospital.

Vanessa had already seen the change in public opinion. She quickly approached Yasmine, "Sis, you're amazing. Just a single Weibo post made Serena eat dirt."