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Chapter 58: Serena, Do You Really Like Mr. Crawford?

Yasmine Sterling saved him, so he gave her a jade pendant. Later, Yasmine found him with that pendant, and he promised her three things.

Twelve billion, that's the second thing.

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Serena played with Ronda for a while, just petting the cat when her WeChat rang. Leah had sent a message: check Weibo.

Serena opened Weibo, and the trending topic had exploded with The Crawford Group investing twelve billion in The Sterling Medical.

It wasn't just Weibo; major entertainment magazine headlines and financial news had updated this explosive news immediately. The entire Bayside high society was in an uproar; The Crawford Group's president had invested twelve billion in The Sterling Medical.

Why invest? Of course, it was because of the Sterling family's daughter, Yasmine, who had just returned from studying abroad.

The Crawford Group, being the most prominent family in Bayside, was quite mysterious, and its president was a legendary figure rarely captured by magazine cameras.

Now, the president of The Crawford Group spending a fortune for a beauty has practically become a legendary tale.

This news spread instantly like wildfire; Yasmine, the genius socialite, had become the most dazzling star.

Yasmine's fans were celebrating crazily,

The Crawford Group's president is actually one of the admirers of our goddess Yasmine!

Saving The Sterling with twelve billion and welcoming the goddess Yasmine, that's truly a Crawford gesture!

Some country bumpkins better stay away; Yasmine is beyond your reach for a lifetime!

At this moment in the Sterling family, Gregory looked at the twelve billion suddenly appearing in the account and collapsed into his chair, feeling as if he were dreaming.

Then his phone rang, and calls came in one after another, almost blowing up his phone,

President Sterling, I was wrong, I was blind. I beg for collaboration.

President Sterling, are you free tonight? Let me treat you to dinner, and perhaps you can bring Miss Yasmine along?

President Sterling, you truly have a good daughter, we're far behind.

Originally, these presidents had fallen out with Gregory, but now they were calling to ingratiate themselves, putting Gregory on cloud nine.

Gregory felt his moment of glory had come, and he was elated.

Just then Yasmine walked in, "Dad."

Gregory quickly stood up, looking at Yasmine as if she were a national treasure, asking in disbelief, "Yasmine, did Mr. Crawford really give you twelve billion?"

"Yes." Yasmine nodded.

Gregory gasped. He had never thought in his life he would be connected to this influential figure who ruled over Bayside. In the hospital, when Yasmine said she would handle The Sterling Medical's funds issue, he was skeptical.

Unexpectedly, his daughter was not only outstanding but also capable of great things.

"Yasmine, how did you meet Mr. Crawford? Does Mr. Crawford like you?"

Yasmine elegantly curved her lips, mysteriously saying, "Dad, you don't need to worry about my matters with Mr. Crawford. You just need to know that I will marry Hayden Crawford and become the young mistress of The Crawford Group."

Gregory looked at Yasmine with admiring eyes.

Then Yasmine changed the topic, "Dad, have you thought about the divorce?"

"Not divorcing!" Gregory waved his hand, "Yasmine, I'll listen to whatever you say!"

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Orchid Court, Leah's WeChat had come again. Over the years, it was rare for Leah to be so emotionally agitated, Serena, did you see the news?

Serena felt a chill in her hands. She had married into this Orchid Court by proxy and did not deliberately inquire about Hayden Crawford's identity.

During this time, she was busy with all sorts of confrontations and had not paid attention to this matter. After all, she had said she wanted to achieve internal and external cultivation, to be spiritually independent, and not rely on his power. But now, a problem had appeared.

Serena was not stupid. Hayden Crawford's demeanor and aura were that of a business leader. She had encountered him in a suite with several executives playing cards, and his private secretary and public relations director, Rhonda Wallace, called him "President."

There's no such thing as coincidence in this world, just like the day she chatted with Leah, he too bore the surname Crawford.

His identity was clear as day.

Hayden Crawford was indeed the legendary, mysterious, and low-key president of The Crawford Group, the first richest man in Bayside with immense power, and of course, the one who spent a fortune for beauty, spending twelve billion to welcome Yasmine Sterling back.

Serena replied with an "oh."

Leah almost jumped up, Serena, what do you mean "oh," come on, I'll tell you what I know, you tell me what you know.

Serena responded with an "uh-huh."

Leah: The Crawford Group's president's name is Hayden Crawford.

Serena: Mr. Crawford is also named Hayden Crawford.

Leah: ...

After a few seconds, Leah's message came again, concise and to the point: Three years ago, Yasmine was the first Chinese to enter The St. Lyra Academy in Ferelden. Do you know why? I found out it was Hayden Crawford, the president of The Crawford Group, who personally sent her there.

Three years later, Yasmine returned to her country, and the president of The Crawford Group, Hayden Crawford, spent a lavish twelve billion, instantly quashing Gregory's idea of divorcing Lillian Sterling.

Three years ago, with glory, he sent Yasmine abroad; three years later, he greeted her with twelve billion, making Yasmine perfectly embody the saying that a man conquers the world for his woman. Hayden Crawford is Yasmine's knight in shining armor!

Serena's long lashes quietly lowered. She never imagined Hayden Crawford would be connected to Yasmine.

It seemed Hayden Crawford was Yasmine's ace up her sleeve.

Leah was very angry, Yasmine not only walked away unscathed from the Lillian issue but also gained a lot of praise and sympathy as a filial daughter. Now, with twelve billion, Yasmine's status climbed another notch.

The important thing is, this man who spent a lavish twelve billion is actually Serena's newlywed husband.

Leah: Serena, are you still there?

Serena replied: Leah, don't be angry, this matter is very simple, right?

Leah: How is it simple?

Serena: Other than Hayden Crawford's few close friends and family, no one knows the owner of Orchid Court is him.

Leah: So?

Serena: So no one knows I married Hayden Crawford. How about this, I'll first go find Lillian Sterling, tell her that there was once an almost heavenly match placed in front of her, her daughter Yasmine could have married Hayden Crawford, but unfortunately, she made me the proxy bride. Then I guess Lillian Sterling, who just recovered, would be infuriated to death.

Serena: Next, I'll find Gregory Sterling, telling him, twelve billion is nothing. If that's all you can manage, quickly close Sterling Medical because half of The Crawford Group is yours. You're Hayden Crawford's father-in-law since your least favorite daughter no longer recognizes you as her father. What a pity, right?

Serena: Lastly, I'll deal with Yasmine. I don't even need to find her. I'll directly send her a legal notice in the name of Mrs. Crawford to reclaim all marital property. Make her cough up the twelve billion within three days, not a cent less.

Serena: Leah, see, it's such a simple matter. I can easily shatter their dreams, turning legendary tales into jokes.

Leah was silent for a few seconds, then sent a message: Serena, if you're capable, go ahead. Don't just talk here.

Serena faintly tugged at her lips.

Leah: Serena, have you really fallen for Mr. Crawford?

Serena didn't reply.

After a long pause, Leah: I'll pick you up at the airport later; I'm coming back to Bayside.

Serena was taken aback, not expecting Leah to return so soon. Two days ago in Coralta, she said she'd stay for a couple of days.

Serena: Why are you coming back early?

Leah: Afraid you'll be bullied, silly Serena. Even if you learn a little from Yasmine, she'd be nothing in front of you.

Serena felt so warm inside, realizing that over the years, irrespective of what happened, she always had this good friend by her side.

This feeling was wonderful.

At this time, there was a "knock, knock" on the door, followed by the loving voice of the old lady outside, "Serena."

Serena quickly put down her phone and ran to open the door. The old lady was standing outside, holding a big bag filled with various snacks and chips that girls like to eat, "Serena, Grandma bought you some snacks. I didn't know what you like to eat, so I grabbed a bit of everything. I heard that when you're feeling down, it's good to watch TV and eat snacks, so let's try it, shall we?"

Seeing the old lady's kind and loving smile, Serena's eyes instantly turned red. She didn't know what Hayden Crawford's grandmother, this matriarch of Orchid Court, knew. She only knew the old lady truly spoiled her.