

Wolfless 55

Chapter 55 A Bet

Tessa saw through everything and said coolly. "Is it that he doesn't want to, or that you don't? Winona, are you terrified right now? Are you afraid that everything you desire is slipping beyond your control?"

"What are you implying?" Winona felt as if someone had struck a nerve, but she forced herself to remain composed.

"Well, you never truly possessed it to begin with, so how could you lose it?"

Tessa's words made Winona's expression darken. She clenched her fists tightly.

"Tessa, do you think this is amusing?" Winona wanted nothing more than to rip away her mask of indifference.

What gives her the right to act like she has everything under control?

"With your tainted reputation, what qualifications do you have to compete with me?!"

Tessa's voice was icy. "Oh, thanks for reminding me that what happened five years ago isn't over

Winona's stomach twisted. "What do you mean?" There was no evidence left five years ago.

"You'll find out soon enough. Oh, by the way, aren't you playing the role of the perfect, outstanding student? Tell me, if I surpass you in academics and athletics, will your beloved father still favor you as much?"

Winona nearly laughed out loud. "Surpass me? Tessa, don't overestimate yourself. Since the start of high school, I've ranked in the top three of every subject. And you? Dumped in some backwater town like Falindale, squandering your days away. What could you possibly use to compete with me? Besides, who still cares about the truth from five years ago? Right now, you're nothing but a disgrace."

"Oh, really?" Tessa sneered, stepping forward. For a fleeting moment, the sheer force of her presence made Winona instinctively recoil.

Tessa's voice was slow and deliberate. "Winona, I will take everything you cherish from you, one piece at a time."

She didn't waste another breath and brushed past Winona, leaving without hesitation.

Watching her retreating figure, so composed and self-assured, Winona felt a strange sense of unease creeping into her chest.

"Ms. Winona, don't worry," the Sinclair family's driver stepped forward to reassure her. "Tessa is nothing more than a wolf-less nobody. She didn't even receive a proper education in Falindale. There's no way she could surpass you. Everything you desire will be yours, Ms. Winona."

Winona exhaled slowly, regaining her composure.

skills.

That's right. How could Tessa ever be my match? I have spent the last five years studying relentlessly, honing perfecting my abilities. Meanwhile

, Tessa was either skipping classes or consorting with rogues. There is absolutely no way I could lose to a worthless failure like her.

At Navoris High, Ysabel arrived at the classroom before Tessa. The moment she spotted her, she

“What’s up?” Tessa asked, still chewing on a burger as she strolled over.

“This is for you.” Ysabel handed her a workbook.

“What’s this?”

“You made a bet with Freya, didn’t you? You have to pass the physics exam.”

“Oh, right.” That did happen.

Freya had disliked Tessa from the very beginning, believing she would drag down the class’s overall performance.

She constantly targeted her in class, even resorting to outright insults.

Tessa had demanded an apology, but Freya refused, declaring that unless Tessa could pass the next monthly exam and prove she wasn’t incompetent, she wouldn’t apologize. If Tessa failed, she had to drop out voluntarily.

Before the entire class, Tessa had accepted the challenge.

“These are the questions I highlighted that might be on the test. Go through them carefully.”

The literature exam had taken place that morning, math was in the afternoon, and physics was scheduled for tomorrow, so there was still time.

Tessa couldn't help but chuckle at Ysabel's serious expression.

"What's wrong? I'm being completely serious. What's so funny?"

"Ysabel, I have to tell you, my grades aren't bad."

"Tessie, I know you have your pride, but we need to acknowledge reality, okay?" Ysabel said carefully. She didn't mean to hurt Tessa's feelings, but she knew exactly how abysmal her scores had been in Falindale. It was nothing short of disastrous.

Besides, ever since transferring to Navoris High, Tessa had spent every class sleeping. She couldn't possibly pass the exam.

For most subjects, it didn't matter, but for Freya's class, passing was a must. There was no way Ysabel would let Tessa lose this bet.

"Alright, I get it." Tessa grinned.

She didn't listen in class because she already knew everything the teachers were covering. Sleeping was simply a better use of her time.

Back in Falindale, the teachers had been biased against her. No one had ever cared about her grades. During exams, she would skim the questions, lose interest, and leave most of them blank.

And yet, everyone had actually convinced themselves that she was an idiot.

Tessa didn't tell Ysabel that she had another goal to defeat Winona. If she did, Ysabel might actually try to steal the test answers for her.

At exactly nine o'clock, the exam began.

And with it, the first step of her revenge against Winona was officially set into motion.