

## SUBSTITUTE BRIDE: UTTERLY PAMPERED BY HER BILLIONAIRE HUSBAND

### Chapter 19: Chapter 19: Fiancé

Lillian Sterling, being a seasoned actress, couldn't let the birthday party turn awkward. She adjusted her emotions and then reached for Serena's small hand, "Serena, this matter was our fault..."

She proactively apologized and admitted her mistake. If Serena didn't give her a way out, she'd again hold the public opinion advantage.

Unfortunately, the logic Lillian understood, Serena also understood. Some were willing to act, but she wanted to dismantle the stage, so she quickly withdrew her small hand. "It's all because of me that everyone's having such an unpleasant time. You all have fun; I'll leave first."

Serena sensibly left.

Lillian's hand remained frozen in mid-air, yet to be withdrawn. This time, she really was infuriated!

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Serena left the party hall and took out her phone. At this moment, Leah Thorne had already sent a message via WeChat asking how it went and if she had crashed the scene.

Serena responded with a humph.

Leah Thorne praised, "Wuli Serena is truly badass!"

Since Serena returned to Bayside from the countryside, Leah had been watching Lillian Sterling's activities in the entertainment industry. Knowing that Lillian used some connections to buy the MOO princess dress, Leah immediately informed her.

Serena checked the time, and Vanessa's birthday was approaching fast. Although she didn't know what Lillian planned, she had already let Leah replace the MOO princess dress with a high-quality replica.

Leah Thorne was currently one of the four hottest young actresses in the entertainment circle, with even international media praising her beauty as the pinnacle of domestic entertainment. She could be charming, enchanting, ethereal, or sweet, making her a favorite among beauty enthusiasts.

So from the time of her debut, Leah had adorned various luxury endorsements as she was the global spokesperson for MOO, and she was the first to wear each season's new products.

Whether it was her agent or team, everyone around Leah was top-notch, making it easy for them to switch Lillian's MOO princess dress with a high-quality replica.

Serena sent over a "here's a little red flower for you" sticker, and at that moment, her steps slowly halted and she stopped.

A tall and handsome figure approached; it was Seth Sullivan.

The Sullivan family was one of the four great families in Bayside. Back then, the Sterling and Sullivan families were really close, and when Serena's mom was alive, she had arranged a childhood engagement with the Sullivan family, and Seth was once Serena's fiancé.

Seth, clad in a British style trench coat, looked handsome and gentle. He also stopped and looked at her.

Serena put away her phone, didn't stop her steps, brushed past him, wanting to leave.

Yet Seth reached out and grabbed her slender wrist, "What, Serena, pretending not to know me now?"

Serena forcefully pulled back her wrist, "I have nothing to talk about with you."

She would never forget the day ten years ago when her grandfather fell from the stairs, he was the one who stepped forward as a witness claiming he saw her push her grandfather down!

In Serena's memories, Seth was always warm. They had known each other since childhood, sweethearts, back then mom was still alive, and mom really liked Seth.

Mom would hold her hand with one, and Seth's with the other, taking them out to play together.

Seth was a business prodigy. Over the years, under him, the Sullivan Group had monopolized the entire medical market, making the Sullivan family one of Bayside's four great families.

Seth looked at Serena, "Serena, if you don't want to talk to me, then who do you want to talk to, with that ghost husband of yours in Orchid Court?"

"Seth, this is my personal matter; there's no need for you to worry."

"Serena, I'm your fiancé."

"How do I remember returning the engagement token from the Sullivan family when you stood out and pushed me into the abyss ten years ago?"

Serena would never forget the feeling of being betrayed by someone close to her at her most vulnerable, with Seth acting as a witness, leaving her defenseless, as if standing on the brink of an abyss, which changed the course of her entire life.

That day she returned the engagement token, ending their relationship.

Seth slightly furrowed his sword-like eyebrows, a mischievous smile appeared at the corner of his lips, "Serena, you are mine. Why do you want to marry that ghost husband in Orchid Court, can he satisfy you?"

Serena raised her hand and gave Seth a hard slap.

A loud slap echoed, leaving half of Seth's handsome face turned aside.

The atmosphere between them became silent, stagnant.

Serena clenched her fist, "Seth, in my memories, you weren't such a person. Keep some dignity for yourself; don't make yourself so despicable and unbearable!"

Seth turned his handsome face back, his expression sinister and cold, "Serena Sterling, don't pretend to be pure and flawless in front of me. I've already forgotten you were sullied a long time ago. I don't want used goods that have been through others."

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Serena thought Seth's behavior was somewhat neurotic. How was she sullied? He'd changed girlfriends in the past few years more frequently than clothes, and she never found him dirty!

"By the way, there's another thing, I now have a new fiancée, and you know this fiancée too."

Serena really wasn't interested in who his fiancée was, but hearing him say this, she had a suspicion.

At this moment, a lot of people approached, and Vanessa's sweet and lovely figure directly ran into Seth's arms, "Brother Seth, you finally came. I've been waiting so long; I thought you weren't coming."

Seth returned to his gentle and jade-like demeanor, reaching out to pinch Vanessa's cheek, "Fool, how could I not come to your birthday? This is my birthday gift to you."

Seth had a diamond necklace in his hand and directly placed it around Vanessa's neck, "Do you like this birthday gift?"

Vanessa's eyes lit up; judging by its appearance, this diamond necklace was undoubtedly valuable. "Wow, I love it, Brother Seth, thank you."

Vanessa tiptoed and quickly kissed Seth.

Gregory and Lillian Sterling also arrived. The Sullivan family was a top-notch wealthy family in Bayside, and Seth's arrival at Vanessa's birthday party was certain to be tomorrow's entertainment headline.

Gregory's mood lifted from the gloom of these days, smiling obsequiously, "Young Master Sullivan, Vanessa has been waiting for you all day on her birthday, utterly distracted."

Seth hugged Vanessa, "Uncle Gregory, I've already instructed my secretary to invest in The Sterling Group's medical sector. If there are any more difficulties, feel free to let me know."

The funding gap for The Sterling Group's medical sector was solved thanks to Seth.

Lillian straightened up, radiating confidence. She intentionally looked at Serena, "Serena, I forgot to introduce you. Young Master Sullivan is now

Vanessa's fiancé. You're definitely going to congratulate Young Master Sullivan and Vanessa, right?"

Serena then understood the main reason Gregory was willing to spare no expense for Vanessa's birthday because Vanessa had caught a golden opportunity.

Serena looked at Seth and saw the unrestrained desire for revenge in his eyes.

Seth had become Vanessa's fiancé, and the gaze of the guests on-site changed to one of envy and bootlicking,

"Young Master Sullivan and Miss Vanessa are a match made in heaven; all those past matters were just fleeting clouds."