

## Substitute B 208

Chapter 208: Leaving Bayside for Aethelgard

Serena's voice was gentle and soft, her clear eyes sparkling with fragmented brightness, "So, Old Mrs. Rathborne, I'm afraid I'll have to decline your kind intention."

Old Mrs. Rathborne understood and saw it clearly, her little fairy had gotten married, and she was deeply in love with him.

It's over, I'm too late!

"Little fairy, since you don't want to reciprocate, you can make a request, and I can agree to whatever you want." Old Mrs. Rathborne said with a loving smile.

Serena stood up, "Old Mrs. Rathborne, I still say the same thing, this is all my duty. Take good care of yourself. I'll be leaving now and will visit you again when I have time."

Serena left.

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As Serena walked out, Shaun Spencer's voice came from behind, "Hey, ugly girl!"

Shaun caught up with her.

Serena stopped in her tracks and looked back at Shaun, "Young Master Burke, what advice do you have?"

Shaun looked her up and down with his charming eyes, "Are you really married?"

"Yes, I am."

Shaun walked to her side, the girl's clear eyes were bright, but unfortunately, she wore a veil, hiding her true appearance. He reached out to remove her face veil, "What do you really look like, let me have a look."

Serena stretched out her hand and with a "slap", knocked his hand away.

Shaun chuckled and withdrew his hand, "I bet you're an ugly girl. Ugly girl, why didn't you make a request to my grandma? Are you playing hard to get? This was a great opportunity, and once missed, it'll be gone, because I'm taking my grandma back to Aethelgard."

"You're going back?" It made sense that Old Mrs. Rathborne and he would go back since they came from Aethelgard, "I'll write a dietary prescription for you to take back. Old Mrs. Rathborne's health still needs some care."

Shaun saw that she truly didn't want to make a request, and squinted his almond eyes, "Ugly girl, will you be visiting the City of Aethelgard?"

Serena shook her head, "I don't plan on it for the time being."

"You saved my grandma's life, I owe you a favor. Young Master Burke is fair in reward and punishment. If you come to the City of Aethelgard, you can find me to have some fun." With that, Shaun directly left.

Serena did not understand Shaun's meaning, but his subordinates were dumbfounded. The young master's implication was that as long as Serena went to the City of Aethelgard, he, the Crown Prince of Aethelgard, would look after her.

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In the VIP ward, Old Mrs. Rathborne looked dispirited, "Not fun, not fun, the little fairy can't be my granddaughter-in-law anymore. Pack up, let's return to the City of Aethelgard."

Shaun also had this intention, "Grandma, didn't you say you secretly came to Bayside this time for an impromptu trip, to see your old friend Tess? Before leaving, don't you want to have a tea meeting with your Tess?"

Old Mrs. Rathborne waved her hand, "No need to meet, Tess has been here for six or seven years already, her leisurely days are over. She'll soon return to Aethelgard because her son is coming to pick her up. When we both return there, we can visit. Let's go now."

"Okay, I'll have someone prepare the private jet."

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Serena had another blood test and guessed correctly, she was poisoned with flower venom, and the intermittent blindness was caused by it.

She tightly clenched the test report, flower venom is a deadly poison in the mortal world, and it is completely incurable. Even with her acupuncture skills, she could not save herself.

She couldn't save herself, nor could she save Mr. Crawford.

At this moment, a cold and handsome figure walked in front of her; Zane Crawford had arrived.

Zane looked at her, and then his gaze fell on the test report in her hand, "Did you get poisoned with flower venom?"

Serena quickly folded the test report and put it into her bag. She did not answer the question but diverted the topic, "Academician Crawford, thank you for saving me again and again. Once I have time, Mr. Crawford and I will invite you to dinner to express my gratitude."

She mentioned inviting him to dinner together with Hayden, they are all adults, and Zane understood when she responded this way after he had unveiled her veil.

"I have something to do, I'll be leaving now." Serena lifted her foot to leave.

"Serena!" Zane reached out and grasped her slender, fair wrist.

Serena stopped and forcefully withdrew her fair wrist, "Academician Crawford, I am your sister-in-law, and you are my brother-in-law. We should keep some distance between us. Mr. Crawford might misunderstand, and others might criticize."

Zane looked at her clear and bright eyes, pursed his thin lips, and then said, "Serena, come back to the City of Aethelgard with me. You're poisoned with flower venom, come back with me to Aethelgard, and I can save you."

Serena looked up at Zane.

"Serena, do you want to die?"

Serena shook her head, "No, I want to live. I still have many things to do."

"Then come back with me to Aethelgard, it's your only way to survive."

Serena lowered her long, fringed eyelashes without speaking.

"Serena, is it hard for you to leave here? This Bayside now holds no family for you, it probably only holds childhood memories of betrayal and abandonment. Why stay? Aethelgard is a medical center overflowing with blossoms, I have a feeling you were born to be there, you belong there, come with me, leave Bayside, and go to Aethelgard."

Serena looked at the dappled path under her feet and softly said after a while, "But... Mr. Crawford is here, this is where I met him, it's filled with all our memories. I can't bear to leave here, I can't let go of him. Even though this city carries my most painful memories, because of Mr. Crawford, I still deeply love this city in my heart."

Because of one person, she fell in love with a city. Zane looked at Serena, "Then what about your health?"

"I'll think about going to Aethelgard, but Academician Crawford, don't waste your time on me, I'm not worth it." After saying this, Serena turned and left.

Zane stood alone in the original spot, watching Serena's graceful figure disappear from his sight, then he took out his phone and sent a text message to Hayden Crawford.

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Serena didn't want to die, she wanted to live well, so a trip to Aethelgard had to be included in her plans. However, before leaving, she had to deal with everything regarding the Sterling family.

She was determined to uncover the truth of her grandfather's fall from the stairs ten years ago with her own hands, and Yasmine Sterling's final fate should be composed by her as well!

Serena took a cab to the Sterling family, planning to meet with Mr. Sterling, according to the timeline, her grandfather should be waking up around these days.

However, when Serena entered the room, the bed was already empty, Mr. Sterling was gone!

Serena quickly asked the maid, "Where is my grandfather?"

At this moment, Lillian Sterling walked over with swaying hips, "Serena, there's no need to search, we've already moved Mr. Sterling to another place. We won't let you see him again in the future."

Serena's eyes suddenly turned cold.