

## **Substitute B 375**

Chapter 375: Make Serena Sterling Disappear

Annette Rathborne, feeling sad and lost, found Yvonne Knight and broke down crying in her arms.

Yvonne had only one daughter, Annette, and had never seen her cry like this before. Her heart instantly ached, "Annette, what's wrong? What happened? Tell Mommy quickly."

Annette's face was covered in tears as she choked out, "Mommy, Hayden is going to break off the engagement with me. He doesn't want me anymore!"

What?

Yvonne's expression changed. Hayden Crawford and Annette Rathborne hadn't been engaged for long, and the union between the Crawfords and the Rathbornes had shocked the entire City of Aethelgard. Now, Hayden wanted to break off the engagement. If this news spread, everyone would say that Annette was rejected by the Crawfords and abandoned. Then Annette would become a laughingstock throughout Aethelgard, pointed at and whispered about for life.

This can't happen!

Absolutely not!

"Mommy, it's all because of Serena Sterling! Hayden's bewitched by Serena. I hate Serena so much, I want her to disappear from this world!" Annette spat venomously.

Yvonne pondered for a moment. Tonight, she had failed, letting Serena escape. She couldn't make another move, not wanting to alert the enemy.

However, Serena indeed needs to disappear from this world!

Yvonne thought of something and, with a smile, lightly touched Annette's head, "Annette, I forgot to tell you some good news: your brother Felix Knight is back!"

Felix Knight is back!

The Poison King Felix Knight!

Annette quickly forgot her tears and gaped in shock. Felix is out of retreat?

Within the Knight family's lineage, Old Man Knight has exceptional medical talent, but Felix far surpasses him. Since childhood, Felix excelled in poison, seemingly having a natural affinity born of talent. Annette feared Felix growing up because he exuded a heavy aura and had eyes like a scorpion's that could paralyze anyone with fear just by staring.

Old Man Knight poured his heart into his grandson. Felix had retreated into training a few years ago, and it was said his skills had reached a miraculous level.

"Mommy, Felix is really back? That's wonderful! Let Felix deal with Serena right away. Serena is absolutely no match for Felix!" Annette quickly laughed in delight.

Yvonne nodded. Once Felix makes a move, Serena will have no escape but death!

"Annette, don't worry. I'll call your grandfather now. He will definitely have Felix get involved!"

"But Mommy, Grandpa has always disliked Felix getting involved in women's affairs. Last time, Aurora was scolded by Grandpa over this. Convincing Grandpa will be too difficult."

Yvonne's eyes sparkled, "Leave this to me. I have ways to persuade your grandfather. Annette, just wait. Soon Hayden will marry you. I'll have him propose formally with grand ceremony, welcoming you with a splendid wedding and making you his Mrs. Crawford!"

Seeing the steadfast look in Yvonne's eyes, Annette suddenly felt reassured.

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Annette left the room. Yvonne quickly took out her phone and dialed Old Man Knight's number.

The phone rang twice then connected. Old Man Knight's voice came through, "Hello, Yvonne."

"Hello, Dad. Felix is back, right?"

"Just got home. I told him to rest first." old Knight's tone was full of pride and confidence, clearly satisfied with Felix's progress.

"Dad, I want Felix to take action against Serena Sterling!" Yvonne stated her intention outright.

Old Knight's breathing became heavy, showing displeasure, "Yvonne, I've told you before, Felix doesn't get involved in women's matters."

"Dad, it's already too late. Today at the birthday banquet, I meddled with Serena, almost causing her death. The Old Lady is investigating this, and soon she'll pin it on me. I have no refuge left in the Rathborne family."

"What? Yvonne, how could you be so foolish? Have you forgotten my instructions? You should live quietly at the Rathbornes, butter up your mother-in-law, and seek reconciliation with Young Lord Rathborne..."

"Dad," Yvonne interrupted Old Knight, "it's no use. Julian's biological daughter has already emerged, and she is... Serena Sterling!"

At this moment, Old Knight was in the Knight's study. Upon hearing Yvonne's words, he became stiff. Years ago, he knew all the things Yvonne did, and even assisted her, except for one thing he never told her. The mysterious woman who entered Julian Rathborne's room back then was Seraphina Linden!

Decades ago, the Knight family wasn't a top family, whereas the Rathbornes—with Julian Rathborne, brilliant and unrivaled, hailed as the son of Aethelgard—was an empire sprawling across global industries and engaged in charitable works, revolutionizing the medical field in Aethelgard.

During that period, medical prodigy Seraphina Linden descended like an angel upon Aethelgard, admired young Old Man Knight, and took him as her first pupil, leading him to establish a golden age for Aethelgard's medical sciences.

Old Knight followed Seraphina, witnessing her feats firsthand and becoming deeply awed by the 20-year-old genius.

Later, Seraphina had her fill of adventures. One day she whimsically decided her life needed a new Chapter: she wanted a child, and she desired to become a mother.

Old Man Knight remembered a day when Seraphina told him she would seek the world's most perfect genes, steal them, undergo artificial insemination, and give birth to a lovely daughter.

Seraphina swiftly sifted through all the genes and finally identified the most perfect one, which came from Julian Rathborne.

That night, Seraphina brought the most advanced syringe to steal Julian's genes, and Old Knight knew all about it, except the one thing he didn't know was—on that very night, his daughter Yvonne had also targeted Julian, drugging his drink.

As it turned out, Julian sensed something amiss and entered the wrong room, while Seraphina accurately went in, and what exactly transpired inside, Old Knight wasn't aware. Seraphina planned to use the syringe to steal genes but didn't have to use it. Surprisingly, she and Julian ended up in bed together, taking matters into their own hands.

Later, as Seraphina wished, she became pregnant and gave birth to a daughter.

Thus, when Yvonne shared with Old Knight what she saw, he quickly pieced together the entire story. He didn't tell Yvonne or anyone else; he was the only one who knew the truth back then.

Old Knight devised a plan, having Yvonne become pregnant, and then approached Julian Rathborne.