

## Substitute B 379

Chapter 379: If I Die, You Die With Me

When everyone had finished work and the lights in the radio station were off, Serena Sterling took the mysterious key to the back courtyard of the station, and stood in front of the dark red door.

Her heartbeat was a bit intense now, as she already felt a terrifying and mysterious force inside was calling to her.

Serena Sterling inserted the key into the lock and gently turned it, accompanied by a crisp click, the lock opened.

Serena Sterling pushed the door and entered.

It was chillingly cold, within was boundless darkness.

You couldn't see anything clearly; even the world seemed silent here, with no sound whatsoever, the silence was enough to make one's heart anxious.

Serena Sterling stepped in, her feet landing on the soft soil, her entire nervous system was tense, highly alert against the dangers that might arise here at any moment.

But after walking for a while, there was nothing.

Serena Sterling kept walking, walking and walking, as if the path had no end.

Where was she going?

Where exactly was Mom's second treasure chest hidden?

At this moment, Serena Sterling suddenly stopped, for she saw something under the big tree ahead—a small rosewood treasure chest!

She found it!

She found the second treasure chest left by Mom!

Serena Sterling rushed over quickly, seeing herself getting closer and closer to the treasure chest, she reached out to take it.

Just then, a distinct large hand suddenly stretched out behind her, grabbed her slender wrist, and a deep voice angrily reprimanded her by her ear, "Serena, what are you doing?"

Serena Sterling paused, and immediately turned around, seeing Hayden Crawford's handsome face zooming into her view.

Hayden Crawford had arrived!

Serena's long, feather-like eyelashes trembled slightly, a bit bewildered, "How did you get here?"

Hayden pressed his thin lips together, a layer of sinister frost covering him, his palm's veins jumping as he stared at her fiercely, "If I hadn't come, you would have jumped off the cliff to your death!"

What cliff?

Serena raised her eyes, the big tree and treasure chest she saw just now had all disappeared, and in front of her was a bottomless, immeasurably deep cliff.

Now she was standing on the edge of the cliff, the soil beneath her feet loosened and collapsed.

Ah!

Serena exclaimed in shock, breaking out in cold sweat all over her body, she practically jumped into Hayden's embrace, and clung tightly with her two small hands to his sturdy waist, "So scary, I'm so scared."

Hayden's handsome face was hidden in the darkness, indescribably gloomy, "Now you know fear, why did you come to this forbidden area? Just now I watched you run crazily towards this chasm, if I hadn't pulled you, you would have fallen!"

Serena was still rattled, "But just now I didn't see the cliff, I clearly saw a big tree, and the second treasure chest my mom left behind."

"Where is that treasure chest now?"

"I... I don't know." Serena buried her little head in his solid and warm chest, too afraid to lift her head.

She clearly saw it just now, was it perhaps... an illusion?

Serena felt this matter wasn't that simple, could there be some mysterious spell here, causing anyone who entered this place to see what they desire most in their hearts, showing their greed, then like a moth to a flame, plunge into the chasm?

Serena's mind was in chaos right now, a sense of unease enveloping this treacherous journey.

Feeling the obedient girl in his arms, Hayden's anger dissipated by more than half, he reached out a strong arm to embrace her slender body protectively, "Serena, why do you like to cause trouble so much, can't you stay out of it for a while?"

Serena suddenly thought of something, she lifted her bright, watery eyes and looked at Hayden, "What did you see when you came over just now?"

If this place could let people see the illusion they desire most, she saw Mom's treasure chest, then what did he see?

Hayden lowered his handsome eyelids and looked at Serena, "What did I see? I saw you, I saw you running towards the cliff!"

He saw her?

Serena was shaken, he saw her, was it because his heart most desired her, or was he simply not affected by this spell, unable to be trapped?

"What are you thinking, spacing out in front of me, hm?" Hayden pinched her smooth little cheek in displeasure.

Serena quickly realized she was clinging like an octopus to him, she rapidly let go, stepping back several strides, putting a distance between them.

Hayden's large hand froze in mid-air, his gaze deepened, "Serena, you're really pragmatic, sticking to me when there's danger, kicking me away as soon as the danger is gone."

"...That's not what I mean, you go back, I still need to find the treasure chest." Serena turned and walked away.

But Hayden swiftly reached out a strong arm and wrapped it around her slender waist, pulling her tightly into his embrace.

Serena fell backward unprepared, her bone-soft body crashing into his solid chest like hitting a wall, her eyes instantly reddening in pain, "Hayden, you..."

"Shut up!" Hayden snapped at her.

Serena quickly sensed his unusual demeanor, and followed his gaze forward, then gasped, seeing two pairs of glowing green eyes emerge in the darkness, followed by two wolves entering her view.

Howl.

The two wolves stared at them, letting out a chilling howl.

This was the first time Serena had seen wolves, her legs weakened with fear, and her two small hands clutched tightly at Hayden's sturdy waist, refusing to let go.

Hayden protected her trembling shoulder with one hand, holding her in his arms, this woman's pragmatism kept astonishing him.

"Hayden, will we die here?" Serena asked.

Hayden eyed the two wolves with vigilance, "I don't know. If I live, you live; if I die, you die with me."

Serena lifted her little head to look at him, "Why isn't there a third possibility, you die, I live, isn't that how heroes save the beauty?"

"Keep dreaming! I, Hayden Crawford, have never been a hero, you're restless, if I die, letting you be with another man? If I die, you must be buried with me!" Hayden declared dominantly, leaving no room for argument.

Serena's heart stirred, melting inside, her two small hands clinging tightly to him, she suddenly felt peace.

With him around, all the storms in the world bypassed her, pouring onto him.

At this moment, the two wolves in the darkness pounced like lightning, intending to tear them to pieces.