

## Substitute B 395

Chapter 395: Serena Sterling Is Mine from Now On

Serena turned her head and saw that Hayden Crawford had arrived!

Today, Hayden was dressed in a tailored black suit, tall and handsome. He strode across with long legs, each step exuding a formidable aura, like an emperor gracing the scene in person.

The noisy crowd quickly parted to make way, and Hayden walked to Serena's side, naturally extending a large hand to hold her soft waist.

This intimate gesture had already proven something to everyone present.

Serena struggled a bit, not knowing what he intended to do. At this moment, Hayden lowered his handsome eyes and gave her a warning glance, "Don't move, I'm helping you!"

Serena's heart fluttered. The last thing she wanted was to hurt Zane; this was an issue between her and Hayden. Hayden's sudden involvement could indeed completely extricate Zane from the situation.

Serena stopped moving.

At that moment, all the microphones were thrust towards Hayden, and everyone was as excited as if they had been injected with adrenaline,

"Mr. Crawford, was it really just a one-time thing with Serena Sterling?"

"Mr. Crawford, you're already engaged to Anabelle Rathborne, the Rathborne family's daughter. Does this confirm Serena Sterling as the third party?"

"Mr. Crawford, what will you do next? How do you plan to handle Anabelle Rathborne and Serena Sterling? Are you planning to have both and enjoy a harmonious life?"

Click, click, click. The photographers went into a frenzy.

Zane stood in place, watching Hayden and Serena being surrounded. Now, all the reporters had left his side, and all the public opinion had shifted towards Hayden and Serena.

He moved slightly, wanting to step forward.

But at that moment, Zelda Willow grabbed him, "Zane, that's enough. Serena has already pulled you out of this. Don't muddy the waters any further. Moreover, this is originally between Hayden and Serena. What can you do if you go?"

Zelda was quite pleased that Serena had taken all the blame onto herself, thus clearing Zane's name.

However, she felt no gratitude towards Serena, even watching the drama unfold between Hayden and Serena with glee, thinking, "Go ahead, the bigger the mess, the better!"

Zane remained frozen in place. Zelda's words pierced him deeply. Yes, it was a matter between Hayden and Serena.

It had always been between the two of them. During this time, he had tried hard to become part of their world, but no matter how hard he tried, he remained an outsider, unable to integrate.

And Serena, at the first opportunity, removed him from the situation. Did she ever consider that what he needed wasn't to be removed, but to weather the storm with her?

Yet, the one she chose to face the storm with was always Hayden.

In her heart, the one she liked, relied on, the one involved in both the good and bad parts of her life, was Hayden.

Frustration and helplessness surged through Zane's heart, as if a tide had swallowed him.

Zane turned around and left.

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All the spotlights were focused on Hayden and Serena. Hayden held Serena's slender body, his sharp eyes surveying the crowd lightly.

Those who met his gaze felt a chill, and the previously noisy atmosphere instantly quieted down.

Only then did Hayden face the cameras directly. He lifted his thin lips and announced concisely, "Anabelle and I have called off our engagement."

He called off the engagement with Anabelle?

Serena raised her bright eyes, looking at Hayden in shock.

Hayden continued, "Anabelle and I have ended our engagement, and Serena and Zane have also called it off. The four of us are all single and free. I am the man involved, and regarding our personal feelings, I have nothing to divulge."

After saying this, Hayden held Serena and left.

He dropped this heavy bombshell on them, and the media reporters hadn't even reacted yet. Seeing them about to leave, everyone immediately burst into excitement,

"Mr. Crawford, please say a little more, you and..."

Before the reporter could finish, Hayden cast another sharp look, "I already said I have nothing to divulge. What else do you want to hear? Can't single men and women spend a night together? Do you want me to discuss our details? We don't want kids at the moment, so we took contraceptives. It's that simple, no need to overthink it."

Sss.

The whole room gasped. Hayden truly lived up to his name; he dared to say anything. He admitted to sleeping with Serena and taking contraceptives because they didn't use protection and didn't want children!

The reporter was left speechless. At this moment, Hayden's eyes fell on the work badge hanging from his chest, which read "Mass Entertainment."

The reporter's face turned pale, and he felt a sudden premonition of something bad.

When the reporter looked up again, Hayden had already taken Serena away, disappearing from everyone's sight.

At this time, a melodious ringtone sounded. The reporter received a call; it was from the editor-in-chief.

The reporter quickly answered, "Hello, editor."

The editor's distressed voice quickly came through, "I sent you to conduct an interview, not to provoke Hayden Crawford. Do you know who he is? He's the CEO of the Crawford Group. I just received a call; Mass Entertainment has been declared bankrupt."

What?

The reporter's legs went weak, and his phone fell to the ground. He looked in fear and shock at the direction where Hayden had vanished. He had actually driven them into bankruptcy?

This man was truly powerful and terrifying, completely like a demon.

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The Crawford family.

Hayden led Serena inside. Zane was also in the living room; the three of them met.

Zane's cold black eyes looked at Hayden, then he rushed forward, a solid punch landing on Hayden's handsome face.

Hayden didn't dodge, taking the punch solidly, and blood oozed from the corner of his mouth.

The two Crawford young masters were fighting in the living room, scaring the servants, who screamed and hid in the corners.

At this moment, Zane grabbed Hayden by the collar and pushed him against the wall, "Why didn't you dodge?"

Hayden wiped the blood from the corner of his mouth with the back of his hand, then looked up at Zane, saying word by word, "I'll take this punch; Serena is mine from now on."

Zane's eyes turned red with anger, and he was about to punch Hayden again, but Serena hurried over to stop him, "That's enough, Zane. Stop fighting. It's not worth it for me."

Zane forced down the anger surging in his chest and withdrew his fist. He looked at Hayden warningly, "You'd better treat her well, or I won't let you off."

Zane grabbed his coat and walked out the door.