

## **Substitute B 419**

Chapter 419: Beauty Fades in the Blink of an Eye

The poison has been forced out!

Zelda Willow felt as if she had come back to life, and she joyfully exclaimed, "Zane is alive, Zane has been saved, Jude, our son..."

Zelda wanted to share her inner joy with Jude Crawford, but Jude didn't even look at her. He interrupted her coldly, "From now on, keep your mouth shut. I don't want to hear anything from you again."

Zelda's passionate enthusiasm was doused with a bucket of cold water by Jude, leaving her completely chilled.

She dared not speak any further.

Just then, Raina's exclamation sounded in her ears, "Prof. Serena, what's wrong with you?"

Hayden Crawford quickly looked at Serena Sterling, only to see her delicate body sway twice, looking somewhat unsteady.

What's wrong with her?

"Prof. Serena," Raina swiftly took the silver needle from Serena's hand, then checked her pulse. Soon Raina's expression changed drastically, and she exclaimed in shock, "Prof. Serena, the poison in Academician Crawford has been tampered with, there's another poison inside, you've been poisoned!"

"But," Raina looked at herself, "I also touched the poison, but I'm not poisoned. Why is it only you, Prof. Serena?"

Serena Sterling composed herself, her long lashes fluttering as she calmed her mind. She had already noticed what Raina was sensing.

At the moment the golden needle pierced, she realized there was something strange about the poison in Zane Crawford's body, and that Felix Knight had added another poison to it!

However, Serena thought she could handle it because after assisting Hayden Crawford's rebirth last time in Bayside, she herself had undergone a rebirth, and her blood was in a state immune to all poisons. Ordinary poisons couldn't affect her.

But who would have thought the poison inside was so fierce and aggressive, quickly entering her body.

This poison seemed harmless to others but targeted only her.

Serena raised her eyes, her bright, clear eyes landing on Felix Knight's handsome face, "What did you add to the poison?"

Felix Knight smirked, slowly uttering five words, "Youth Fades with a Snap."

What?

Serena quickly furrowed her delicate eyebrows.

"This poison was researched specifically for you and is only effective on you. Once the 'Youth Fades with a Snap' invades your bloodstream, you'll age instantly like a wilting rose. You're only 20 now, at the bloom of youth for a girl, but in a snap, you'll age to 40, 60, even beyond a hundred."

The eyes of those present changed. It was their first time hearing about "Youth Fades with a Snap," making a 20-year-old girl age overnight. For a girl, this was probably the most terrifying thing.

Raina quickly spoke, "Prof. Serena, you must stop the surgery immediately. The 'Youth Fades with a Snap' hasn't yet invaded your bloodstream, you can still save yourself."

Felix Knight raised an eyebrow and smiled, "Serena Sterling, you need to think this through. Once the surgery stops, Zane Crawford will certainly die!"

Raina said, "Prof. Serena, leave Academician Crawford's surgery to us, we can handle it!"

Felix Knight glanced indifferently at Raina and those researchers, "Are you sure you can really handle the ancient, impossible needle technique of the Golden Needle? The only one who can save Zane Crawford is Serena Sterling!"

"You!" Raina became infuriated.

At this moment, Serena raised her hand slightly, "Raina, step back."

"Prof. Serena, please prioritize your own health!" Raina and the other researchers advised in unison.

Felix Knight looked at Serena Sterling, revealing a sinister smile, "Serena Sterling, I'll admit you played well today. Your Prof. Serena identity surprised me, but I also had a backup plan. Congratulations, you've finally reached the final level, arriving at 'Youth Fades with a Snap.'"

"Actually, I was hoping you would reach the final level because this is the most interesting part. It's like a game that's finally reached its climax. Before you touched the needle, I told you to think it through. Now, will you save Zane Crawford or save yourself? You can only choose one."

"With your medical skills, if you stop the surgery now, you can still save yourself by expelling 'Youth Fades with a Snap,' but Zane Crawford will certainly die."

"If you choose to force out the poison to save Zane Crawford, then you can't be saved. You'll have to enjoy the poison I made specifically for you."

Felix Knight's blue eyes glowed with a spooky light, looking distorted and sickly. Did Serena Sterling think she had won? In fact, she hadn't!

Yvonne Knight and Pearl Nightingale's incidents were just small episodes in this whole plan, affecting nothing. He had been waiting at the final level for Serena, and now she had finally arrived, making him feel exhilarated.

Now, he just wanted to see what Serena Sterling would choose!

Old Man Knight and Aurora immediately stood up straight with triumphant expressions. Pearl Nightingale remarked maliciously, "Serena Sterling, why are you hesitating? Are you going to reveal your true colors? I know you want to choose to save yourself, just go ahead and choose. But remember, Zane Crawford will die because of you, you'll be responsible for his death. For the rest of your life, you'll live with the burden of a lost life hanging over you!"

Felix Knight's move was extremely sinister. Serena is very vigilant and possesses astonishing medical skills; it is difficult to get this 'Youth Fades with a Snap' on her. Now the poison is on Zane Crawford, directly forcing her to choose.

Choosing personal survival over another's life is certainly a reasonable choice, and everyone would understand.

The least understanding would be Zelda Willow. She kept shaking her head; Serena couldn't choose herself. It didn't matter if she died, but her son couldn't die.

Zelda wanted to speak, but then a cold gaze fell on her. Turning around, she saw Jude's indifferent glance, silently warning her.

The message was to shut up!

Zelda could only clench her teeth and keep her mouth shut, even as her eyes reddened.

Hayden Crawford's large hands hanging by his sides clenched into tight fists. He immediately wanted to step forward, but Jude's quiet voice stopped him, "Let her decide for herself."

Hayden halted his steps.

Jude looked at Serena Sterling ahead, "She's a very special girl. If you love her, you must learn how to love her."

Hayden side-eyed Jude with his deep eyes, "So, you seem to know Serena Sterling better than I do. Then, Dad, you should know who Serena Sterling's ex-husband is, right?"

Jude looked at Hayden.

Hayden slowly curved his thin lips into a mocking smile, "Could I be wrong? Serena Sterling's past has been completely erased. Wasn't it you, Dad, who did it?"