

## Substitute B 47

Chapter 47: Nan Wan and Bei Ling

"Now Serena Sterling is like a rat crossing the street, everyone wants to strike her down. I wonder how she can still have the face to live in this world. Seth Sullivan won't want her anymore; he'll still be mine, and I can marry into the Sullivan family as a young mistress!" Bella Sterling started envisioning her beautiful future.

Lillian Sterling hugged Bella Sterling, "Bella, don't worry, with Mom here, no one can take away your and Yasmine's happiness."

"Mm." Bella Sterling nodded vigorously, then she thought of something, "Mom, after all, Serena is Dad's daughter. Do you think Dad will help her?"

At this, Lillian Sterling sneered, "Even if Serena were to be beaten to death, your dad wouldn't be sad."

"Why, Mom? I feel like Dad quite liked Serena's mom. Why doesn't he like Serena at all?"

Lillian Sterling gave a mysterious smile, "Bella, this is adult stuff, you don't need to worry about it, and don't ask such questions again in the future."

Bella Sterling noticed Lillian's expression was profoundly concealed, not willing to reveal anything, although she was very curious, she obediently closed her mouth.

Thinking about Serena's current miserable situation, Bella Sterling couldn't help but laugh out loud.

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Bella Sterling returned to her room, and not long after, Gregory Sterling came back.

Lillian Sterling saw Gregory's face was dark enough to drip water, obviously, he had already learned about tonight's uproar.

Lillian knew Gregory too well, this man was conservative and stubborn, obsessed with face, and now Serena's scandal had his reputation thoroughly disgraced.

Lillian softened her stance, walking over to help Gregory unbutton his suit, "Gregory, what's wrong? Who made you angry?"

"Hmph, isn't it Serena? She's out there messing around with several men, and her scandalous photos have been exposed, people are pointing fingers at me outside, I can't hold my head up." Gregory fumed.

"Gregory, I've heard about this too. I told you long ago that Serena's private life was messy, fooling around with men outside, and now she's caused such a big scandal, dragging down our Sterling family's reputation. We can't let things get worse; we have to think of a solution quickly."

"That's what I think too, but I tried calling Serena, and she hasn't answered her phone."

Lillian thought to herself, of course, there was no answer; Serena was probably still with those men.

"Gregory, since Serena did such a thing without considering us, we must immediately cut ties with her. Tomorrow we'll hold a media conference to publicly announce cutting off our relationship with her!"

Gregory contemplated for a moment, then nodded, "Alright, you arrange this matter!"

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The Crawford Group.

Justin Xavier visited Hayden Crawford's CEO office, Ivan Yarrow brewed a cup of coffee, Justin took a sip and then looked at the man across the sofa, "Hayden, it's all over Weibo. Everyone's saying you've been cuckolded, and you're not worried at all?"

Hayden lowered his eyes, looking at the document in his hand, not lifting his head, and casually said, "She doesn't like me intervening in her matters, feels it's disrespectful. Let her play, no matter how serious it gets, I'll have her back."

Justin raised an eyebrow, now that's boyfriend power maxed out.

Just then, "ding," Hayden's phone chimed, someone sent him a message on WeChat.

He only had one contact on WeChat, Serena Sterling.

Hayden opened WeChat and saw the message from Serena, it said, "Mr. Crawford, can you hold up?"

Hayden replied, "Holding up or not, do you want to come over and see?"

A few seconds of silence on her side, probably not getting it, then she responded, "Mr. Crawford, I find you're always a little lecherous."

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Lillian Sterling organized the most extravagant media conference at the fastest speed, with all the media reporters in Bayside rushing over.

The scandal had brewed overnight, and the person involved, Serena Sterling, was nowhere to be found, leaving the journalists eager for an interview. Lillian's media conference was just the adrenaline rush they needed to flood in.

Lillian restrained all her pride and malice, appearing on stage with Gregory Sterling, both looking solemn. Bella Sterling also came, sitting below, wanting to personally see Serena being expelled from the Sterling family.

As soon as the two appeared, "click click click," the journalists frenetically snapped photos,

"President Sterling, Mrs. Sterling, do you know where Serena Sterling is now?"

"She's exposed such a scandal; is she too ashamed to show her face?"

Lillian coughed, her expression sorrowful, "Everyone, please calm down. We don't know where Serena is right now; she's already cut contact with us. Although she's our daughter, her actions and words have truly disappointed us!"

Gregory's face remained grim throughout, he spoke, "Regarding Serena's scandalous photos, we're unaware, and we do not wish to respond. The reason we've called this media conference is to announce a significant matter. Serena is shameless, has no manners, and has committed such a disgraceful act. I hereby announce the severing of father-daughter relations with her, formally expelling her from the Sterling family. From now on, her life and death are no concern of ours!"

As the words fell, all the journalists gasped, discussing,

"Serena Sterling is really done for; she's been expelled from the Sterling family."

"She deserves it!"

Bella Sterling felt immensely satisfied; finally, Serena was expelled from the Sterling family and could fend for herself.

"Fighting with her, really overestimated herself."

Lillian did not speak, watching the disdainful and disgusted expressions everyone directed at Serena, secretly curled a malicious smile.

Suddenly, a journalist shouted, "Serena Sterling has appeared!"

"What?"

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"Quick, take out your phone. Bayside's number one beauty, Leah Thorne, posted on Weibo!"

Bella didn't expect this twist; she quickly took out her phone. Leah's Weibo post, not even three minutes old, already topped the trending list.

Leah posted a photo, one of her and Serena on the beach, the golden sunset covering the entire beach, the two beauties cheerfully making peace signs at the camera.

Leah added a brief caption, "Bestie came to visit, so happy."

Bella opened the top comments, which were overwhelming.

The photo was a side profile of Serena, quickly compared by netizens to the scandalous photos,

"Damn, that wasn't Serena in the scandalous photos, that nose and chin are all fake, a product of surgery."

"Wow, Serena has such a divine side profile, standing with our Leah, the fairy, and she doesn't lose out at all."

"Could this be the legendary... South Serena North Leah?"