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Chapter 495: Anabelle Rathborne Is Pregnant

The black-clad guard mocked Serena Sterling mercilessly and even pushed her a bit.

Serena took a step back, but at that moment, a strong arm wrapped around her slender waist, and Seth Sullivan held her securely in his embrace.

Seth Sullivan looked up, and his indifferent black eyes landed on the face of the black-clad guard.

It was just a light glance, but for some reason, the black-clad guard shivered a bit and his eyes started to shift away, not daring to meet Seth Sullivan's gaze.

Seth Sullivan calmly withdrew his gaze and looked down at Serena in his arms, "Serena, let's leave here. I'll take you to the royal palace to meet Hayden Crawford and Anabelle Rathborne."

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The Royal Palace.

Serena couldn't quite understand how Seth Sullivan managed to bring her into this heavily guarded royal palace. Over the years, Seth had hidden here with his influence spreading into every corner, beyond her imagination.

"Serena, go in and change into this maid's attire, then follow the maids upstairs. Hayden Crawford and Anabelle Rathborne are just upstairs. There's half an hour left until the marriage party." Seth Sullivan handed a maid's dress to Serena.

"Alright." Serena took the maid's dress and entered the changing room.

Inside the changing room were several maids gossiping in low voices,

Have you seen the prince consort? I saw him from afar, and he's so handsome. I've never seen such a handsome man!

I heard that the most attractive thing about the prince consort isn't his handsome face, but his purse. He's extremely wealthy.

Earlier, I saw both the second and third princess's eyes circling around the prince consort; it looks like they have their eyes on him too.

Shh, keep quiet, don't talk nonsense. Beware of trouble from your mouth. Today is the marriage party of Her Royal Highness, the Princess, and the prince consort. We should wish them a happy union!

Serena changed into the maid's attire and sensed the bitterness in the maids' tones. It seemed that not only the so-called second and third princesses but also these maids were smitten with Hayden Crawford.

Over the years, Titus Ashworth has had many women who have borne him several children, sons and daughters, but they were all concubines. The position of the true successor remains vacant.

Serena always knew Hayden Crawford had allure; as the boss of Zoromon, he commanded the global economy, an extraordinary status no woman could resist.

It seemed he had become quite popular in The State of Westria, with admirers blooming like flowers, he must be having the time of his life.

Thinking of this, Serena's bright eyes dimmed a little.

At that moment, someone shouted, "Everyone come out, the marriage party is about to begin. First, take these offerings upstairs to Her Royal Highness's room."

Serena walked out, and someone handed her a bowl of medicinal soup, "Bring this pregnancy tonic up, make sure Her Royal Highness drinks it while it's hot."

What?

Pregnancy, tonic!

These three words exploded in Serena's mind — why would Anabelle Rathborne need a pregnancy tonic?

Serena lowered her head to sniff the bowl of tonic, which contained very expensive herbs indeed meant for sustaining pregnancy.

Could it be?

Serena had a bold speculation but quickly denied it, no, it shouldn't be possible.

Though Hayden Crawford had slept with Anabelle, surely he wouldn't have gotten her pregnant.

But then, what was this bowl of pregnancy tonic about?

Serena carried the bowl upstairs and pushed open the door to Anabelle's room.

Upon entering, Serena heard vomiting sounds coming from the bathroom.

"Your Highness, in the early stages of pregnancy, there's often nausea. Please endure a bit longer. The kitchen has prepared various dishes for you; please eat a little later. Your body is incredibly precious now, you can't be careless." a maid said.

Serena walked over and indeed saw Anabelle, who was hugging the toilet and vomiting.

Serena, also pregnant and experiencing nausea, instantly recognized that Anabelle was genuinely pregnant!

Anabelle Rathborne was pregnant!

At that moment, Anabelle managed to stop vomiting. She rinsed her mouth and stepped out, her steps halted abruptly as she immediately recognized Serena.

No matter how Serena camouflaged herself, Anabelle could surely recognize her.

"Leave the pregnancy tonic there and leave," instructed the maid beside Anabelle.

Annette swiftly curved her lips into a smug smile, glanced at the maid beside her, and said, "You may leave now."

The maid paused momentarily but quickly retreated.

Now only Serena and Anabelle remained in the room.

Anabelle chuckled, "Serena Sterling, you've finally come. I knew you would come."

Speaking, Anabelle placed her hand on her still-flat belly and provocatively said, "Serena Sterling, I have a piece of good news to share with you: I'm pregnant! I'm carrying Hayden's baby!"

Anabelle was indeed pregnant.

This child belonged to Hayden Crawford.

So Anabelle had been waiting for her, ready for confrontation.

Faced with Anabelle's provocation, Serena's flawless face turned cold, and soon she smirked, "So what?"

So what?

Anabelle's triumphant expression froze, shocked at Serena's reaction. She had envisioned various responses from Serena upon finding out about the pregnancy—anger, sadness, jealousy—but never had she imagined such a casual "So what?"

"Serena Sterling, are you not listening? I'm saying I'm pregnant!"

"Your pregnancy is your issue. What's it got to do with me?"

"...but I'm pregnant with Hayden Crawford's child."

"That's a matter between you and Hayden Crawford; it has nothing to do with me."

"..." Anabelle felt as if she had punched a cotton ball, unable to faze Serena.

"Serena Sterling, I know recently you were also pregnant with Hayden's child, but you had an abortion. We all know Hayden takes his lineage very seriously. Now Hayden has seen your true colors. He treasures my child and me, my baby is Hayden's first child and the Crawford family's first grandchild. I truly thank your child for making way for mine!"

With that, Anabelle took out an ultrasound report from the hospital and handed it to Serena, "Serena Sterling, look closely. My child is very healthy and will soon arrive in this world, loved by his daddy and mommy. We'll live happily together as a family of three while you are destined to become a relic, forgotten!"