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Liberty nodded and answered, "I took a few days off. Sonny was frightened, so I wanted to stay with him." "Then what are you doing here? Where's your son?"

Liberty was speechless.

Should she tell the truth?

Duncan looked around, but he did not see the strong and smart little boy.

However, the boy was afraid of him. Every time he saw Duncan, he was so afraid that he would burrow into Liberty's arms as if Duncan was the devil.

"Sonny is taking a nap at home. Mrs. Lane is watching him, so I came out to run some errands."

Duncan hummed and asked, "What kind of errands?"

When Liberty hesitated to speak, he laughed and said, "If you can't tell me, then forget it. I was just being nosy because I happened to see you passing by and remembered that you took

leave.

"Well, carry on with your business. I'll leave now."

Duncan retracted the large hand that was on Liberty's bike, turned around, and left.

"Take care, Mr. Lewis," said Liberty.

Duncan did not look back but raised his hand in goodbye.

The two went their separate ways.

In the hotel, Serenity spent a long time talking with Audrey and Elisa. Both the mother and daughter only left when Darrell called them.

Serenity sent them off at the entrance of the hotel before she turned and walked toward her own car. However, when she turned around, she saw a group of people coming out of the hotel. Amongst the group were two people she recognized. It was Zachary and her brother-in-law, Callum. She seemed to have seen the other one before, but his appearance did not ring any bells. The last time she saw him was when he was with Zachary at Beans and Cream. They should be here to socialize with clients since there were several people that Serenity had never seen before.

Following them were several tall men in black. Were they bodyguards, or were they also employees of York Corporation? Zachary did not see his wife at first but his bodyguards did.

They were responsible for clearing the way for him, so they habitually scanned the surroundings to see if there were any suspicious people around as soon as they came out. Then, they saw the missus standing not far away, looking straight at Zachary.

The group of bodyguards instantly felt their souls leave their bodies. 1 All of them unanimously thought of two words, 'Oh no!' Missus was looking right at them. Zachary's identity was going to be exposed.

"Mr. Zachary, it's Missus."

The person who reacted the quickest was Jim. He quickly notified Zachary and turned around to go back into the hotel. He had to hide. Missus remembered his appearance."

In her eyes, he was just a substitute driver. If he followed Zachary, she would discover that he was lying. Zachary, Callum, and Josh heard what Jim said while their clients could not hear it clearly. The moment Callum saw his sister-in-law, he cursed in his heart, 'Zachary said we wouldn't bump into her, but we ended up bumping into her! 'We really can't speak in absolutes. 'Otherwise, we'll end up jinxing ourselves.'

Josh stopped in his tracks and deliberately let Zachary walk in front. He pulled away a little, afraid that he would get swept up by the storm. Zachary was the calmest of them all. That was because Audrey and Elisa were not around.

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He could still act.

"Josh and Callum, you two accompany the clients back to the company. I'll go over and talk to Serenity." Zachary instructed the two in a low voice then walked toward Serenity in large strides.

The bodyguards naturally did not dare follow him.

"Did Mr. York see someone he knows?"

The few clients watched in amazement as they saw Zachary walk toward an unfamiliar woman.

After all, unless it was family, he usually kept women at least three meters away from him.

"Yeah, they're acquaintances."

Josh smiled and ushered the clients toward their cars.

Seeing that Josh did not plan to elaborate, they knew their place and stopped asking

"Seren."

Zachary walked up to Serenity and stretched out his arms to straighten her jacket. "What are you doing here? Did you come here just to wait for me because you knew I was meeting clients for business here?"

The rain stopped at noon but it was still cold.

Serenity saw the throng of men in suits getting in their luxury cars and driving away. She asked with a smile, "Are those your colleagues?"

"I invited Mrs. Stone and Elisa to have a meal here. I didn't expect to bump into you."

Zachary looked at the luxury cars that were driving away and said, "Yeah, they're my colleagues. Several clients we met today were notable bosses from other companies, and our company attached great importance to them, so many of my colleagues came to meet them today. "Where's Mrs. Stone?"

"Mr. Stone called her, and she left with Elisa. Zachary, I did a DNA test with Mrs. Stone. The results will be out in a few days."

Zachary's dark eyes flickered slightly, but the expression on his face remained unchanged. He said warmly, "Let's wait for the results. For now, we'll pretend that nothing happened." Serenity sighed. "I can't pretend that nothing has happened. I was worried that Elisa would suspect that I'm trying to climb the social ladder, but it's very complicated now... I just wish my mom was still alive."

Zachary reached out and embraced her by the shoulders, holding her while walking toward her car.

"Although your mom is no longer here, if Mrs. Stone is your aunt, it'll be great if you can reconnect with her. It'll be a comfort to Mrs. Stone as well."

The greatest fear when finding the whereabouts of a loved one was when you ended up being the only person left in the family who was still alive. That was the most painful kind of conclusion there was.

Although his mother-in-law was gone, she left behind the two sisters. If Audrey could still reconnect with her nieces, her heart that was searching for her sister could more or less be soothed

"Yeah. I feel better now. "Are you going to sit in my car? "What? Does my wife not want to drive her husband to work?" Zachary said in a rare flirtatious tone after stuffing her into the car. He leaned into the car and sniffed the side of her cheek.

Serenity laughed. "Sure. Get in and I'll take you to work."

He said, "I'll drive."

He went around the car and got into the driver's seat. He then asked while fastening the seat belt, "Who's watching the store?" "I closed the store for the day. The students were having their finals in the past two days, and their winter holidays will most likely start next week. Once they're on holidays, stores like mine with students as their main market will have to rest. We'll close up early for the New Year's."

Zachary said, "Your online store won't close that early for the New Year's, right?"

"No, but even if I stop shipping temporarily, I'll still be very busy. There are too many orders, and I don't have enough in stock. I'll take advantage of the New Year's holiday to knit more. I'll be able to ship everything out after the new year." Zachary admonished, "Don't overwork yourself, especially these days. Don't sit for long periods of time or you'll hurt your back easily."

Serenity thought of how her waist felt uncomfortable from sitting for too long when Aunt Flo came to visit. Her heart warmed as she heard this, and she gave him a hum.

Jim, who was hiding back in the hotel, only dared come out when he saw Zachary leaving with Serenity.

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Earlier when the entourage appeared, Serenity did not notice Jim leaving to the back of the hotel to hide.

She also had no idea that the man sitting beside her, who had been caring for her and gave her all the tingly warmth in the cold, was actually a superb actor. She said to Zachary, "My sister called earlier. She and Hank had agreed on the conditions for the divorce." "How did it go?"

"All the properties under Hank's name will be divided equally with my sister. She's not asking for the house and car, but he has to compensate an additional sum of money to her. Sonny's custody will belong to my sister, and he has to pay three thousand per month for child support.

"His request is that my sister will give him the evidence against him, including all copies she made. He also made her promise not to retaliate against him after the divorce."

"What did your sister say then?" "She agreed, but she only promised that she would not retaliate against him herself." "She's giving us the chance to do it instead." "I really want Hank to lose his job and end up with nothing. It's best that he becomes worthless after marrying Jessica. The saying that poor and lowly couples have everything in the world to lose. Once he has no money, can the adulterers still get along as well as they do now?"

"Also, his parents and sister are equally incorrigible. Jessica isn't someone as easy to talk down to as my sister. I want to see them fight it out. Hehe, that'll be satisfying."

Serenity was looking forward to her scumbag brother-in-law and his family suffering.

second brother-in-law to be a wife doting maniac. I want them

come true. She's already

it's

many things had happened lately, so it was normal for Liberty to lose

hoped that after Liberty left Hank, she would thoroughly turn over a

at

refused to compensate my sister for the money she spent on the renovation. When they complete their divorce

no other choice. We'll just smash the works done in his house. The house was not furnished when he bought it, so

even break down the walls. The doors, windows and many appliances were also bought by my sister. I'll have them all dismantled and moved

the furniture as second-hand than

were sisters. Their thought processes were the

Zachary felt that the two sisters did a good job. They could not let Hank take advantage of them and silently take such a big loss for nothing.

He said, "Don't worry about that. There are many young and strong men in my company. I'll arrange for a bunch of them to bring demolition tools and smash the interior."

"Thank you, Zachary." Serenity was sincerely grateful to her husband who was like Superman.

No matter what difficulties she faced, he would help her deal with them.

Without a doubt, someone who could rise up to become a manager in York Corporation was indeed capable. "You're being courteous with me again. We're husband and wife. Your troubles are mine too. Helping you is the same as helping myself. Stop thanking me for every little thing." Serenity smiled. "Okay." "Then, will your sister rent a house or move in with us after she moves out?"

Serenity said, "I'll ask what she wants. Even if we're willing to take her in, she also has her pride. She already feels that she owes us too much now. If she lives with us, she'll be under more pressure." Zachary nodded.

"If she wants to rent a room, we'll help her find an apartment which has a better environment and stronger security. It's best if it's close to."

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"Liberty is still going through the divorce and hasn't completely secured her job yet. Let's help her pay for the rent in the meantime."

Zachary was more than willing to simply hand over a house for his sister-in-law and her son to live in. Liberty was the person closest to his wife, so he would not mistreat her.

However, he could not do that now...

Thinking of the sisters' characters, even if he gave Liberty a house, she would not accept it.

"My sister will get more than one million dollars worth of assets from Hank. She won't let us pay the rent for her."

The sisters supported each other, but they would not take it for granted.

Both the sisters would not pluck the moon from the sky for each other to go overboard in providing help; they simply respected and supported each other where necessary.

Zachary did not say anything.

Soon, they arrived at York Corporation.

Zachary stopped the car and looked sideways at Serenity.

Serenity was looking at him too and grinned. "We're at your office. Shouldn't you be getting off now? What are you looking at me for?"

Zachary continued to watch her.

Serenity thought for a moment, leaned over, and wrapped her arms around his neck. She pulled him closer and kissed him on the lips.

He was not satisfied with her feathery kiss and took the initiative to deepen the kiss,

He reluctantly stepped out of the car after the kiss.

The couple's feelings for each other were growing by the day. Zachary, who had never experienced love before, wanted to transform into a piece of gum and firmly stick to Serenity, never separating from her. Unfortunately, he could not turn into gum. "Don't go back to the store since you've closed it. Go home and have a good rest."

"I still have to rush my orders, so I'll go to the store to get them done. Besides, the students need to buy stuff when they get out of school in the evening."

Exam season was around the corner, so students had to buy stationery for that and for winter vacation homework too.

Nowadays, in addition to the homework assigned by the teachers, students needed to buy another set of workbooks for winter vacation, which her store was stocked up with. If she did not open the store, the students would buy them from other bookstores, and she would miss out on a lot of profit.

Zachary was silent

"Well then. I'll take care of myself, so you hurry up and get back to work."

He silently got out of the car.

His heart was stuffy.

He was always the one who was reluctant to leave her.

It was always her urging him to go, go, go...

In the game of love, the first person who falls—first is the loser. That saying was true indeed. He was completely defeated. Thanks to his thick skin, he shamelessly stole her agreement and along with his copy, he burned them to ashes and flushed them down the drain.

Otherwise, if she flashed the agreement, it would be like slapping his face silly.

After he got out of the car, Serenity also got out and said, "I'll watch you go in before I go."

Zachary felt much better upon hearing that. She was still concerned about him.

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Feeling Serenity's concern for him, Zachary said in a warm voice, "I have a dinner party tonight, so I won't be home early. You don't have to wait for me. Go to bed early, but sleep in my room."

His handsome face turned slightly red as he said the last sentence.

That was because he remembered how he was the one who told her that his room was off limits and had forbidden her from entering his room.

Now, he was the one asking her to enter his room.

Serenity smiled. "Sure. I'll leave the door unlocked for you. Hurry up and go in. Don't stand here in the cold wind."

Zachary turned around reluctantly and went into the building. Serenity watched his handsome figure walk farther away before driving away. After entering the office building, Zachary saw Josh standing there, looking at him with a smile.

Zachary was speechless.

This gossip!

He shot a side glance at Josh and walked straight ahead.

Josh did not care about how Zachary looked at him and he followed suit. After entering the elevator, he teased, "Zachary, you look like you want to be a piece of gum now so you can stick by your wife's side 24/7."

Zachary looked askance at him. "A bachelor will never know how sweet and happy I feel now."

Josh was speechless. "Ms. Sox has a cold and isn't feeling well. Go see her if you have the time."

"I want to, but her mom is with her. We haven't reached the point of meeting each other's parents yet, so I won't go. I'll go if she's in the store now, though." Josh was motivated by his best friend's happiness and decided to pursue Jasmine. After all, she was the first girl he was interested in.

Jasmine's willingness to go out of her way to do things made him very fond of her. "Zachary, why don't you help me ask your wife if Ms. Sox has returned to the store?" Josh was also a man of action. Once he had a thought, he would act on it. He could not go up to her door to visit her, but he could go to her store. Zachary ignored him.

Josh nudged him and said, "Hey, you were the one who matched us. Why aren't you supporting me when I'm trying to take action?"

Zachary glared at him and said grumpily, "My wife just drove away. She must still be on the road now. It'll distract her if I call her while she's driving. It's too dangerous."

Josh opened his mouth but had no way to refute.

The elevator brought them to the top floor. When the door opened, Zachary strode out and Josh hurriedly followed him. "Do you have nothing else to do?"

"He follows me around every day for gossip. I have time to spare for a little break. I'll go back and slave away for you after you call and help me ask."

Zachary could not help but grin. "You say that as if I'm a slave driver."

The two entered the office together. Of course, Josh would not wait around and do nothing. They talked shop again. "By the way, you asked me to terminate the business with Lowe Enterprise, right? Mr. Lowe himself called me earlier."

Lowe Enterprise reacted quickly. Most importantly, the party that broke off the engagement was York Corporation. In Wiltspoon, those who could cooperate with York Corporation were quite powerful companies. It was a win-win deal for both parties.

However, York Corporation suddenly cut off the business dealings. Even if it was just their respective subsidiary companies, Mr. Lowe was still alarmed.

He did not dare call Zachary directly, so he called Josh instead.

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“What did you say to him?” “What can I say? I can’t tell him bluntly that his successor is trying to steal your woman from you. This was caused by your personal matters, so you deal with it yourself. I’ll ask Mr. Chaplin to squeeze in a time for you to meet with Mr. Lowe.” Zachary said indifferently, “Save it for after the New Year’s. I’m going on a business trip in two days.” Josh froze, suspecting he had misheard. “You’re going on a business trip? Where to? Can you bear to leave your wife? Your relationship happens to be improving now.” Zachary was silent for a long time before saying, “There’s no harm in telling you this. The whole city will know sooner.”

There was finally gossip to share.

As the representative of all gossipers, Josh’s ears immediately perked up. He grinned and asked, “What happened?” “The sister who Mrs. Stone has been looking for is most likely my mother-in-law.”

Josh paused before saying, “You have a mother-in-law? I mean, didn’t your mother-in-law die a long time ago?” “Yeah, my mother-in-law died more than ten years ago, but what’s stopping her from having a sister?”

Josh choked. Everyone in Wiltspoon’s upper class was aware of Audrey’s search for her sister. Clive once came to Julian for help, but Julian felt like there were not many leads. Furthermore, he was in York Corporation working for Zachary, and Clive was Zachary’s rival. Thus, Julian refused Clive’s request.

“If your mother-in-law is Mrs. Stone’s sister, doesn’t that make your wife Mrs. Stone’s niece? Then, you’ll be Mrs. Stone’s nephew-in-law, and Elisa still loves you to death...”

After Josh worked it out, he slapped his thigh and burst out into laughter. “Hahahaha! Zachary, I want to see how you clean up this mess.” Zachary extended his hand to grab anything within reach and threw them at Josh.

“Get out!”

“I’ll go out after I’m done laughing. Zachary, just come clean with your wife when you go back tonight.” Josh did not understand why Zachary was still hesitating at this point. The couple’s feelings were warming up anyway and that proved Serenity’s character passed his test.

“I’m... afraid.”

He was afraid of losing Serenity if he confessed.



“Wow, I never thought I’d see the day you’ll be afraid of anything. Serves you right!” Zachary glared at his best friend with a dark expression. “So, you want to go for a business trip and delay it however long you can?”

“The truth will come to light sooner or later. If your inother-in-law isn’t related to Mrs. Stone, that’s okay. If they’re really sisters, then are you never going to meet your aunt-in-law for the rest of your life? Or do you not have confidence that your wife will stay?” Zachary thought of Serenity’s temperament and nodded with difficulty. “I can’t say for sure.” Josh looked at him and smiled. “That’s why I really admire Serenity. I’m a big fan of hers. “It’s your fault for being stubborn. You clearly like her, but you refuse to admit it. If not for your grandmother, you’d still be jealous all day every day and smother yourself.” Zachary paused before he said, “I’m inexperienced in love.” He was at a loss when it came to this emotion. He wanted to be close to Serenity, but he also rejected her. It was a dilemma. “I’ll go on a business trip for a few days. When I return, it’ll be time for Ben Young-Johnson’s wedding.” He would make use of this period while he was away to think hard about the scenarios under which he would confess everything to Serenity. He would think of a way of telling her so she would not get too angry. If he had known that he would end up falling in love with her, he would never have made that decision.

However, at that time, they did not know each other, and he even misunderstood her and was guarded against her. Concealing his identity to examine her character was the best way. He had to be grateful that he did not abuse her. Otherwise, he would end up suffering greatly in the end. Josh could also understand why Zachary made that decision in the beginning.

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If Serenity had known from the beginning that Zachary was the heir of the York family, she would not have married him so suddenly.

It could be said that the entire York family, starting from Grandma May, hid the truth from Serenity.

Josh spat in his heart, ‘The whole family are liars.’

Even if Grandma May wanted a granddaughter-in-law, this was not the way.

Josh suddenly felt distressed when he remembered that he did not confess his identity to Jasmine. He decided that the next time he saw her, he would tell her that he was actually from the Bucham family; lest he followed in Zachary’s footsteps.

“Well, you do you. I’m not you, so I can’t make decisions for you, but your wife’s temper is stubborn. If you don’t handle it well, you two might end up separating.”

Zachary’s face went as white as a sheet.

He was afraid that Serenity would break it off with him.

That was why he wanted to wait until their feelings were deeper and she was reluctant to leave him; only then would it be appropriate for him to confess.

In fact, he had tested her before on this, but she did not believe that he was a billionaire.

If he confessed now, she might just pack up and leave.

“Don’t worry too much. Serenity has feelings for you too, but too many things are happening now, so she hasn’t had time to fall in love with you properly. You should take the initiative and put in more effort. A human’s heart is made of flesh. She’ll be able to forgive you if you move her heart.

“Besides, she would be able to understand the decision you made back then. After all, you were strangers at that time.”

Josh comforted Zachary. He had known Zachary for many years, but this was the first time he saw Zachary go pale because he was afraid of losing a woman.

Zachary sighed. “I’ll try my best.”

“So, do you still want to go on that business trip? If you do, I’ll give you the opportunity to do so. There are some important things that need to be handled by either you or me.”

“I’ll go. Let me think hard about what to do to make Seren less angry.”

Josh smiled. “Then I can take a break. You owe me a lot of vacation time.”

“Take a break if you want to. Let Callum take up more tasks.”

Zachary felt bad too for always using Josh like a slave driver himself.

Beep beep

Zachary’s phone rang.

He took out his phone and saw that it was a message from Serenity. The lines on his face

softened. Josh had a sharp eye and instantly guessed that it was a message from Serenity. He jokingly said, “One message from your wife is enough to make a snowy day turn sunny. Zachary, you’re hopeless.”

Zachary ignored liim.

Serenity sent him a message telling him that she was back in the store. He immediately called her. She picked up quickly. “I’ve sent you a message to tell you that I’m back, so you don’t have to worry. Why did you still call me anyway? Won’t it affect your work?”

“It’s fine. I needed to get some water and wanted to hear your voice.”

Serenity laughed over the phone and said, “We just saw each other a while ago.” “I want to stick to you like a piece of gum and be with you every day.” Josh was speechless.

Should I go out first? Listening to Zachary saying sweet nothings is causing goosebumps all over my skin. Serenity was also shocked by Zachary’s honeyed words and could not help but say, “Zachary, are you all right? Your words are, uh... I’m not very used to it.” Maybe she was used to his serious appearance. She was really not used to hearing him say such mushy words. Zachary paused and said, “Yeah, I’m not used to saying stuff like this either.” He would stop picking up those cringy expressions from other people and simply get along with her just as the person that he was.

“Yep. I got goosebumps.” Zachary complained to his grandmother in his heart, ‘You always nag me for not knowing how to say sweet nothings, but look, Serenity doesn’t like it when I say mushy words.

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In fact, Zachary felt that actions spoke louder than words. It was easier to prove his love for her with concrete actions than to say sweet nothings with his mouth. of course, if Serenity liked to listen to musly words, then he would learn no matter how cringy it was. Josh stood up and leaned over to remind his friend in a whisper, “Ask about Ms. Sox.”

Zachary pushed him away lightly with one hand. After chatting for a while longer with Serenity over the phone, he helped Josh ask, “Seren, will Ms. Sox be back at the store this afternoon? My colleague was thinking of going to see her because she’s not feeling well.”

Serenity replied, “Jas is not coming over. I told her to rest at home and come back when her fever was completely gone. Does your colleague want to see her? He can call her directly and ask her out.”

“Ms. Sox is sick, and the temperature dropped today so it’s even colder. My colleague will blame himself if her condition worsens after he asks her out. Send me a message when she goes back to work. I’ll talk to my colleague.” “Sure. Zachary, is there hope for those two?” It was Serenity’s first time playing matchmaker and she hoped the result would turn out well. “Ms. Sox hasn’t shared with you whether she has taken a liking to my colleague yet, right? My colleague feels a spark with Ms. Sox and wants to try dating her with marriage in mind.”

“I haven’t had the time to ask Jas in the past few days, but I’ll ask her someday. She’s a great girl, so it’s only expected that your colleague likes her.”

In Serenity’s eyes, Jasmine was truly great.

Zachary laughed.

He did not tell his beloved wife that Josh was interested in Jasmine because the latter got famous after lying down at Mrs. Dawson’s birthday party. “Zachary, I’ll get going now. I need to rush my orders.”

“Sure. Don’t overwork yourself. Go home around eight in the evening.

Zachary admonished, “Your man has the money to support the family and you.”

“I don’t need you to support me. I can support myself. However, I won’t refuse if you hand your money to me to save.”

After witnessing how her sister’s marriage went from endearing to shattered, Serenity was cautious and insisted on financial independence after marriage. She would not believe nonsense like “I’ll support you” that comes out of a man’s mouth.

It was better to self-reliant than to depend on others.

“Let’s leave it at that. I’mn hanging up now.”

Serenity was worried the sky would turn dark if they continued chatting any longer.

She quickly ended the call.

Zachary, who got hung up on by his beloved wife, reluctantly moved his phone away from his ear. He even rubbed the phone with his hand.

“You’re in a bind, aren’t you?”

The man across from him teased him.

“You won’t get the chance even if you wanted to.”

Josh was silent. “Just you wait. When I manage to catch Ms. Sox, I’ll show off our love and feed you PDA every single day.”

“I’m not single. I don’t need to envy you.”

Josh choked.

“Ms. Sox is not back at the store. You can leave now.”

Zachary stuffed the phone back into his pants pocket and got ready to work. In the past, he would never waste time on feelings, but now...

He was eating his own words.

Knock knock.

“Come in.”

Mr. Chaplin pushed open the door, holding an exquisite bag in his hand.

Josh looked curiously as Mr. Chaplin brought the bag closer.

He handed the bag to Zachary and said, “Mr. York, Old Mrs. York sent this over and asked me to pass it on to you.”

Zachary understood at once.

Grandma May had said that she would give him a pair of diamond rings from her jewelry vault and present them to him and Serenity.

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Zachary accepted the bag from Mr. Chaplin.

Inside contained two red brocade boxes.

He took one box out. Josh was not stupid and knew that Grandma May retrieved this from her private treasury to please Serenity.

He envied Zachary for having a good grandmother who was worried about his marriage.

Grandma May was the pillar of the York family and was respected by everyone. No one would stop her if she arranged for a sudden marriage like the one between Zachary and Serenity. Josh wanted a handful of grandmothers like that.

Unfortunately, his grandmother passed away. “I’ll go back to work.”

Josh did not want to be further provoked by his best friend again. There were some things that should not be envied.

He stood up and left the office with Mr. Chaplin. Zachary looked at the two diamond rings that his nana had sent him and took out his cell phone to call her. "Nana, I'll buy these two rings from you. How can I accept wedding rings as a gift from you?" Grandma May laughed. "Sure. Since you're my grandson, I'll give you a discount. One diamond ring costs one buck, so you can pay me two bucks in total."

"Nana!"

Zachary shouted in exasperation, "If Seren discovers the price, she would suspect I bought knock-offs from a roadside stall in the night market."

Grandma May was amused and said, "Fine. Look at the rings yourself and give me however much you want. I'm fine with anything."

When she were to be promoted to become a great-grandmother in the future, the money given to her by her grandson would be rewarded to Serenity.

The money would then still belong to the young couple.

"Thank you, Nana."

"What do you mean by 'thank you?'"

"It means whatever you want it to mean."

Grandma May was pleased and hung up the phone happily. When one was in a happy mood, one would be energetic in everything.

Time would also fly by quickly. Lunch seemed just a while ago, but it was dinner time in the blink of an eye.

Hank deliberately put off all social engagements tonight and drove home alone to talk to his parents about his divorce formalities with Liberty that was taking place tomorrow afternoon.

His parents were just about to have dinner when he got home.

"Hank, why are you back?"

Olivia heard the sound of the car and came out while holding her plate. She ate as she walked, and when she saw her son, she was surprised and asked with concern, "Have you eaten?" "I haven't eaten, Mom. Is there enough left for me?" Hank got out of the car with the copies of the evidence he got from Liberty and walked toward his mother. "Why are you eating only now?"

"I don't feel hungry since I have nothing else to do, so I don't want to eat too early. I'll go grab a plate for you."

Olivia entered the house with her son, put her plate on the table, and went into the kitchen to prepare his portion of dinner. Mr. Brown glared at his son. "What are you doing back here? How is Sonny? Have you ever cared about him?"

“Let’s eat first, Dad. I have something to tell you two later.”

Hank was afraid his parents would not be able to eat if he told them about it now. “What’s that you’ve brought back?” Mr. Brown glanced at the yellow manila envelope. Hank smiled and did not answer.

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Mr. Brown had a hunch. It must be related to the divorce with Liberty. Olivia brought the cutlery and served her son food, “You didn’t tell me in advance, so I didn’t cook for you. This was supposed to be for the dog, but you can have it instead i’ll cook some pasta for you later if you’re still hungry.” “I’ll be full after eating this, Mom.”

From the moment he walked in, Hank let his mother serve him food and even set the table for him with cutlery ready. He was used to liis mother doing this.

After the family of three finislied their meal, Hank handed the manila folder to his father.

“What is this?”

Mr. Browni was suspicious, but he reached out and took the envelope. He opened it and took out a stack of papers and photos from inside. Olivia took a peek too. The husband and wife frowned as they looked at it. “Hank, you kept so much money?” Olivia was shocked that her son had so much money. Mr. Brown frowned and asked his son, “Did Liberty give you this?”

Hanknodded.

“What does she want?”

“She knows all the assets in my possession. She brought this evidence to me when she came to file for divorce. I’ll have to share my assets with her equally now.” Mr. Brown’s expression was unpleasant. Although he did not know how much money his son actually had, he knew that his son had his guard up against Liberty for a long time. “Everything has to be divided equally with her?” Olivia whispered, “Doesn’t that mean splitting nearly a million with her?” “It’s more than a million.” Olivia’s heart ached. “If I had known, I’d have given her the two hundred thousand dollars at first.”

Olivia slapped her son, “Hank, how could you not have told us about something this big? If ! knew you were hiding so much money, I would’ve let you give Liberty that two hundred thousand. Then you wouldn’t be losing so much now.”

“It’s useless, Mom. Liberty won’t let me go that easily. Don’t forget what she used to do. She’s more ruthless than anyone when she wants to be,”

After Hank’s parents saw the evidence that was used to threaten lim, Hank took out the divorce agreement and handed it to his father, “Dad, this is the divorce agreement Liberty drafted. We both already signed it. We’ve made an appointment to go to City Hall tomorrow

afternoon.

“I’ve decided to give up custody for Sonny. I’ll let Liberty take him away, but it doesn’t affect your visitation rights to Sonny. Liberty promised that she won’t stop us from seeing him.” Mr. Brown wanted to tear up the divorce agreement after reading it.

Hank reacted quickly and snatched it back.

“There’s no point tearing it, Dad. Liberty and I already made a deal. I came back tonight to tell you that this was what I promised her, so don’t go looking for trouble with her later. Let us split amicably.” If not for fear that his parents would go to Liberty and start a fight out of anger, Hank would have gone through with the divorce procedures that afternoon itself.

Mr. Brown was just about to slap Hank across the face but Olivia held his hand down just as he raised it.

“Hank, what did I tell you? Sonny is the Brown family’s grandson. I told you to fight for Sonny’s custody no matter what, but you actually gave up on it,” Mr. Brown pointed at Hank and condemned him.

“If Liberty knows you transferred away your assets, then so be it. If she wants you to split your assets with her, then so be it. But Sonny has to come back to us! Olivia said, “Hank, I don’t agree with you divorcing Liberty anymore. This divorce is too costly. Don’t divorce her anymore. Break it off with that Yates girl and live a good life with Liberty from now on. “Look, you’ll have to lose more than a million if you go through with this, and I’ll lose my grandson too. It’s a lose–lose for us. You can’t divorce her. You’re not allowed to divorce her!”

Hank smiled bitterly. “Mom, Liberty and I have already fallen through to this point. Do you think we can still turn back? If we don’t settle for divorce, she’ll sue instead. Sonny is only two years old. Children his age are usually granted custody to the mothers. “She kept the evidence of Matthew beating Sonny up and having him sent to the hospital. We won’t win if she files a lawsuit. It’s better to part ways amicably. At least we can still nod and say hello to each other if our paths cross in the future.” There was no need to become enemies.