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Chapter 741 | [Serenity & Zachary]

Before Hank and his wife divorced, Olivia felt that her son had good taste when she saw Jessica. Not only did she not think that Hank was wrong to betray his family, she felt he was still competent to be able to attract a young and lovely girl like Jessica despite already being a husband and father.

Only when Olivia and Jessica lived under the same roof did she realize that life with Liberty was better.

Jessica was like a pretty vase, and Olivia looked down on her.

However, Jessica was exceptionally provocative and knew how to act pampered.

Even if Olivia and Chelsea teamed up to deal with Jessica, they were no match for her. That fox would act like a spoiled brat in front of Hank and play the part of a pitiful maiden so he would feel sorry for her.

Olivia had chest pains from feeling angry just thinking about that scene.

“Where’s your beloved daughter? Don’t you and your daughter love to get together to chitchat? Go complain to your daughter instead.”

Olivia was silent for a moment and said, “Chelsea and his husband got a call from their company saying that their performance wasn’t satisfactory, so they don’t have to go back to work after the holidays... They’re in a worse mood than I am.”

Both the husband and wife became unemployed at the same time.

Even if George wanted to start a new business, his mood was already affected by being laid off just before the holidays.

“Your brother-in-law...”

“I don’t have a brother-in-law now,” Serenity corrected Olivia unapologetically.

“Serenity, don’t be so heartless. Your sister and brother-in-law have known each other for twelve years and married for more than three with a son. They’ve only been divorced for a few days, but you’re already being ruthless.

“Your brother-in-law also took care of your sister in the past. Yes, Hank made a mistake and betrayed your sister, but-”

Olivia wanted to snub Serenity again out of habit, but she hurriedly swallowed her words for fear Serenity would chase her away with a broomstick.

Serenity retorted coldly, “My sister divorced him, so he’s no longer my brother-in-law.

I’m afraid Ms. Yates will turn around and say my sister is shameless for trying to pester her man.

“Even if I’m heartless, I learned it from you guys.”

Chelsea and her husband lost their jobs.

Hahaha, that was great!

Serenity took pleasure in their misfortune. She felt that God had finally opened His eyes and started punishing the Brown family.

It was best if someone like Chelsea never found a job in the future.

That served her right!

“Serenity, let’s not talk about that anymore. I’m feeling utterly remorseful. That Yates girl can’t hold a candle to your sister at all. She’s a jinx, a vixen. I don’t know what spell she cast over my son for him to listen to everything she says.

“She’s just a mistress, but she has the gall to demand all sorts of things. Her family is also insatiable. They know that Hank has a high income and asked for a huge amount of money. They actually asked for 777,777 dollars as the bride price, saying that it’s a lucky number.

“She also requested her name to be added to the property deed, saying that’s what Hank promised her. Then, she asked for a car as well... She’ll ruin the family with her greed.”

Olivia’s mouth could not stop once she started talking.

“The Yates family asked for such a high bride price, but when I asked them how much the dowry would be, they answered that they had spent a lot of money raising their daughter. So now that she’s getting married, the bride price of 777,777 dollars can’t reimburse the amount spent on raising her. Hence, no dowry.”

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“That really opened up my eyes. They’re not marrying their daughter off but selling her. If they want us to give so much for the bride price, they should give at least a few hundred thousand as the dowry as well. Instead, they’ll only give us a few bedding sets and an e-bike! An e-bike!

“She’s no match for your sister. Your sister shelled out hundreds of thousands for the house renovation. You were still a freshman when your sister and Hank got married, but you used all your assets to buy your sister furniture as her dowry. However, Jessica didn’t pay a penny. She only knows how to spend Hank’s money.”

Serenity sneered in her heart. ‘My sister is better than Jessica, but Hank still cheated on her.

‘The Brown family deserves someone like Jessica.

Now that the Browns have met the Yates family, who are even more selfish than they are... Hehe. Their lives will soon be filled with excitement.

‘I really want to live near them so I can watch the drama unfold between their families every day.’

“The Yates family also demanded a large-scale banquet. When the bride’s relatives come over for the reception, we have to arrange their accommodation in a fancy hotel, and we’ll be responsible for all their transportation and various other expenses.”

The more Olivia spoke, the angrier she got. “Hank isn’t marrying a wife. He’s marrying a princess!

“Serenity, I truly admit that I was wrong. Please persuade your sister to remarry Hank for Sonny’s sake,” Olivia said close to a whisper, not wanting Liberty to hear.

Serenity replied sarcastically, “I thought you couldn’t decide on behalf of

your son? Ms. Yates is the head of the family now, so she has the final say. As the mother-in-law, you better shut your mouth and keep your thoughts to yourself. Otherwise, you won’t even be allowed to go home in the future.

“Remarry? You want my sister and Hank to remarry? Sure. They’ll remarry when pigs fly and hell freezes over!”

Regret?

Olivia only said that because she was no match for Jessica.

Echoing Liberty, if Olivia had Jessica under her thumb, she would not have come over to complain but show off.

“Don’t be so sure about that. Do you want to see your sister live like this for the rest of her life? Or do you think your sister can marry someone better? Serenity, you’re still young. It’s not easy for divorced women to get a second chance at marriage, let alone a single mother.

“It might be easy for a woman divorcee with a daughter to get remarried, but it’s hard if she came with a son.”

Olivia was trying her best to convince Serenity to persuade Liberty to start over with Hank.

“Even if my sister never marries again in this lifetime, it’s better than remarrying Hank. Are you done talking? Move your hand away. I’m going to close the door.” Serenity moved to close the door after getting enough updates on Hank and Jessica. “Wait, Serenity, Serenity... Let me in and have a seat. I came out without my phone and wallet. I don’t have money to eat now. It’s all because of that Yates girl. I was so angry that I didn’t eat all day.”

Olivia was still pounding on the door outside.

Serenity went straight to the kitchen, took a large salad bowl, and filled it up before she opened the front door again to pour cold water on Olivia.

“Ah! Serenity Hunt!”

“Get lost!”

“Serenity, I’m telling you, you’ll be abandoned by your husband sooner or later if behave like this... I’ll leave.”

Seeing Serenity getting a broom, Olivia looked at her ex-daughter-in-law, who had not spared a single glance or word at her since the beginning. She ran away in fear when she saw Serenity returning with the broom.

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After chasing Olivia away, Serenity said to her sister, "If she ever comes again, don't let her in. Just move a stool and sit at the door, make a pot of tea, and enjoy some snacks.

"Think of her chatter as watching a good show."

As Zachary said, there was no need to bother themselves with Olivia if she did not. come to take Sonny away. Only by listening to her complaints could they find out how Hank and Jessica were doing.

"I don't even want to listen to her."

Liberty used her actions to prove that she really did not want anything to do with her former mother-in-law.

No one knew what Olivia was thinking about coming over once every couple of days to vent to Liberty.

By logic, Olivia should be afraid to let Liberty know that their family was in shambles. Yet, she took the initiative to come over and update Liberty about her son and Jessica.

Did she think Liberty would change her mind?

It was laughable.

"What are you cooking, Seren? I smell something burning."

"Oh! My dish!"

Serenity rushed back into the kitchen, but the pot was already burnt.

It was all Olivia's fault!

She had to start over again.

After hanging out at her sister's house till late, Serenity returned to her home in Brynfield and waited for Zachary to return from work.

She spent several days like this, and then came the day of the annual dinner at York. Corporation.

The dinner would start at 7:30 pm, as stated in the invitation Zachary brought back to her.

In actuality, it would be starting at 7:00 pm.

The half-hour was allocated for Zachary's speech as the head of the company. He took great pains in order to conceal his identity so as not to scare his wife.

At 7:00 pm, Jasmine and her brother arrived at Brynfield.

"I thought you wouldn't accept Mr. Bucham's invitation."

Serenity opened the door to let her best friend and Drake into the house. She teased Jasmine when she saw the latter wearing a beautiful evening gown like hers. matched with a pair of stilettos and a delicate purse.

Jasmine laughed. "The price he offered was too tempting. I can resist Mr. Bucham's face, but I can't resist the temptation of money."

Josh asked Jasmine to be his plus one, saying that they were somewhat friends after going on a blind date and sharing meals often. He also asked her to be his shield by acting as his girlfriend.

Jasmine refused.

However, Josh told her to think of it as a job as he was paying her to play the role.

Even Jasmine, who was not lacking money, could not resist being enticed by Josh's offer since the price was too high, and she ultimately chose to act as his female companion.

Both women were dressed in makeup and high heels, so it was hard to drive. Drake had to act as a chauffeur for the pair of best friends.

Zachary wanted to come back to pick Serenity up, but she refused, thinking that it was tiring for him to go back and forth.

"If he were to offer a higher price and said he wanted to marry you, would you agree?"

Jasmine paused before answering, "No way. I want to marry based on mutual feelings, not as a transaction.

"I'm not brave enough like you to get married out of the blue."

She went on a blind date with Josh and he pursued her several times before his fire extinguished. Nowadays, he asked her brother out instead.

Jasmine leaned into Serenity's ear and whispered, "Seren, do me a favor. Ask your husband if Mr. Bucham swings the other way. I think he's trying to get with my brother."

Serenity was shocked and darted a quick glance at Drake.

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Jasmine and Drake looked fairly alike with both having attractive physical appearances. Drake was still young and could pass off as a high school student.

"That can't be. At first, everyone thought Mr. York might like men but that was false too. He even has a wife now."

Jasmine whispered, "Maybe it's because Josh is treating my brother exceptionally well. He basically spoils Drake. He's even willing to lend Drake his most beloved sports car. You know there are two things in this world that men will never share-his car and his wife.

"I just think that, well, Josh has feelings for my brother. Help me ask. If he really swings the other way, I can't let him approach Drake again in the future."

Serenity was speechless. "Why haven't you considered that Mr. Bucham carried an ulterior motive? His true target is you."

Josh wanted to appeal to Drake and get him to help.

For example, if he invited Drake to dinner, Jasmine might follow because she felt worried.

Jasmine was at a loss for words.

Serenity laughed. "You've read so many novels yet you can't recognize the tactics men use to chase after their future wives."

Jasmine opened her mouth to retort, but she somewhat saw reason in her best friend's statement.

Ring, ring, ring...

Serenity and Jasmine's phones rang at the same time.

Serenity answered hers first.

"Zachary, I'm going out now. I'll reach your company in about ten minutes. Wait for me at the entrance."

On the other side, Jasmine said to Josh, "Since I've accepted your money, don't worry about me not doing my job, Mr. Bucham. With me around today, none of the female employees in your company will be able to lay a hand on you!"

Josh laughed. "How domineering!"

As expected of the female companion whom he spent a lot of money to coax.

"I'll arrange a driver to pick you up," Josh said thoughtfully.

"No need, I asked Drake to send Seren and me over. He'll pick me up after the dinner is over."

Josh smiled. "You never give me an opportunity to perform, Ms. Sox."

Jasmine laughed. "It's not nice to trouble you because you're a very busy man, Mr. Bucham. Seren and I are heading out now. See you later."

"Sure, I'll wait for you at the entrance."

Jasmine hummed, hung up the phone, and said to Serenity, "Let's go, Seren. The boss is urging me. Let's go and finish the task early, then collect the balance."

Serenity laughed. "Didn't he pay you all at once?"

"He said he was afraid I wouldn't keep my word, so he gave me a deposit first. If I fail, he wants me to return the deposit a hundredfold, but if I fulfill my promise, he'll transfer the balance into my account."

Serenity felt that Josh was casting a long line to catch a big fish.

Jasmine would take the bait sooner or later.

Now and then while on the way to York Corporation, Jasmine urged her brother, "Speed up, Drake."

"Jas, it's an after-work rush now in the city. There's a lot of traffic. How am I supposed to speed up? It's good enough we're not stuck in traffic."

Serenity laughed. "Are you afraid of Mr. Bucham deducting your money if you're late?"

"I want to hurry there for a chance to catch Mr. York and his wife. Mr. Bucham said that the CEO will show up tonight with his wife. Mr. York gives a speech every year at the annual dinner.

"We'll get to see him if we arrive early. Otherwise, I'm afraid we won't be able to even see their bodyguards."

Three months ago, the two best friends followed Rachel Lowe to Wiltspoon Hotel to attend a banquet. Although they did not see Mr. York himself, they saw the backs of his bodyguards. Each one of them was so tall and bulky that the girls could not catch a glimpse of Mr. York when he was surrounded by the bodyguards.

Serenity could not help but laugh. "Are you still being nosy about Mr. York? What's there to gossip about? As long as he's a straight man, it's natural for him to marry a wife."

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"I dare say the whole of Wiltspoon is gossiping about it, wanting to know the true face of Mr. York's wife and how she won his heart."

Jasmine laughed and added, "I think everyone wants to learn from her on how to conquer men. Mr. York was notoriously difficult to take down, but she succeeded, which means she's the best among us women. We can learn from her the art of managing our husbands.

"Especially you, Seren. You already have a husband, and your man is too handsome. There must be many people outside who adore him. If it weren't for his long face and serious expression all day, there would be admirers provoking you every day.

"You have to learn how to control your husband well from Mrs. York so your husband will only love you in his life and not cheat."

Serenity paused before agreeing, "You're right. I have to protect my man. I wonder if we'll be able to meet Mrs. York."

"We should be able to see her if we arrive early. With Mr. Bucham's status, I think we can ride on his coattails and get the opportunity to meet and chat with Mrs. York."

Serenity was tempted.

When there were no feelings, she did not care if Zachary had an affair or not. She could immediately end their relationship as husband and wife if he cheated on her.

Now that feelings were involved and they were a real couple, Serenity started to care about Zachary.

What skills did Mrs. York have when managing her husband? If she was willing to share tips, Serenity had to learn so she could hold on tight to Zachary.

"Um, Drake, could you drive faster? Who knows when we'll get such a good opportunity again if we're late."

Serenity could not help but urge Drake as well.

Drake, who was driving, was speechless.

He was a man. Although he was still young and did not have a girlfriend yet, he listened to the two best friends talking about controlling their husbands and said in his heart, 'When I find a girlfriend, I can't find one who's as strong as they are.'

'On second thought, my sister is pretty good. Serenity is good too.'

'I might not be able to find a girlfriend like them.'

'It's fine if I'm controlled by my wife. As long as she's a good wife, it'll be my pleasure to be controlled by her.'

Under the ladies' urging, they finally arrived at the entrance of York Corporation before 7:30 pm.

Josh was waiting at the entrance of the building.

Upon seeing Drake's car, a smile appeared on Josh's face. He walked over and very gentlemanly opened Jasmine's door to reach out to her.

"I'll get out by myself."

Jasmine did not take his hand and got out of the car on her own. She often followed her aunt to banquets and was familiar with such events.

Serenity had just gotten out when Zachary came out from inside.

"Seren."

Zachary's eyes lit up ferociously when he saw Serenity all dolled up. He wanted to hide her and her beauty from anyone.

He wanted her magnificence to blossom for him alone.

"Zachary."

Catching him staring at her, Serenity thought her dress did not look good and asked, "Do I look bad in this?"

"You look good."

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Zachary took Serenity's hand and said in a low voice, "Seren, you look stunning tonight. Come, I'll take you inside."

Serenity greeted Josh with a nod before following Zachary into the building.

Josh wanted to take the Sox siblings in, but Drake refused and said, "This is your company's annual dinner. I don't work here, and I'm not a woman, so I can't be your companion. I won't go in."

"I'll return to take my sister home when dinner is over."

Josh did not want Drake to follow, but he was not obvious about it. Instead, he repeatedly persuaded Drake to come in together and was about to reach out to pull him.

“Mr. Bucham, since Drake doesn’t want to go in, don’t force him. Drake, you go hang out with your friends and I’ll send you a message when I want you to come over.”

Serenity mentioned that Josh approached Drake with an ulterior motive and his real target was her.

However, when she saw Josh behaving enthusiastically about her brother, she could not help but still worry if Josh was gay or bisexual.

She would not allow him to get too close to her brother.

“I’ll go now, Mr. Bucham, Jas.”

Drake hurriedly drove away.

Only when his car was out of sight did Josh take Jasmine inside.

“Ms. Sox.”

As Josh and Jasmine walked shoulder to shoulder, he requested in a low voice, “You should take my arm.”

Jasmine was speechless. “We’re already very close now. Do I still need to hold your arm?”

“Look at Zachary and Serenity. They look so close. That’s what a female companion is like. This is so you can help me keep away the adoration of the female employees.”

He added in a soft voice, “I’ll add money.”

Jasmine bristled. “You make it sound as if I don’t have enough and need your money.”

Well, she really did like his money. He gave her too much. She was an ordinary person with worldly desires, so what she liked most in life was money.

“I did say I’d buy a wig for Drake and let him pretend to be my female companion, but you rejected and said I could hire you to be my female companion instead since you’re an actual woman.”

Hearing Josh’s mutter, Jasmine immediately hooked his arm, put a smile on her pretty face, and fiercely pinched him. Her gaze swept her surroundings and saw that no one noticed her, so she immediately dropped her smile.

She said viciously, “Josh Bucham, are you trying to hit on my brother? I’m warning. you, even if you’re from the Bucham family with power and influence, I won’t let you have your way with Drake. My brother is a straight man!”

Josh was wincing from her pinch. When he heard her stern warning, he stopped, looked at her, and said in amusement, “Ms. Sox, are you misunderstanding something? How could I possibly be hitting on your brother?”

“If I like men, isn’t Zachary more handsome? We have young and handsome elites in our company. I really don’t need to hit on your brother.”

“Then why did you suggest having my brother dress as a woman to be your plus one?”

Jasmine agreed to be Josh's female companion not only because he spent a lot of money to hire her, but also because he said that if she did not do him this favor, he would ask Drake to dress up as a woman instead.

Josh laughed. "Would you be my date if I didn't say that?"

Jasmine was dumbfounded. "So you're really not gay?"

Josh's expression darkened, and he said, "Ms. Sox, you asked me if I could do it. when we went on our blind date. Although that wasn't what you meant, it's easy for a man to misunderstand and take it the wrong way when you question his abilities.

"Now, you're asking me if I'm gay. Will you believe me if I say no? If I wanted to try it ,out with you, you, would you think of me as a rogue?"

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Jasmine was rendered speechless by what Josh had just said.

After a long while, she said, "Did I ask you that during our blind date? I can't recall. I only remember you held a rose in your mouth and rode a bike there that day.

"You even tried to give me the rose that you held in your mouth. Fortunately, I watched you arrive, or I would've accepted the rose. Speaking of which, you weren't sincere at all. If you were, you would've told me then that you were from the Bucham family."

If she knew that Josh was from the mysterious Bucham family of Wiltspoon, she would never have gone on the blind date with him.

Josh grumbled in his heart, 'It was because I saw my boss conceal his identity to get married. Although he deceived his wife, he could examine her character. If Serenity fell in love with Zachary, he could be sure that she fell for him as a person, not because of his identity or status.'

Therefore, Josh followed in Zachary's footsteps.

Later, when he saw how Zachary was afraid of confessing his identity to Serenity and that she would dump him out of anger, Josh decided to come clean about his identity to Jasmine. Unexpectedly, she already knew in advance.

Sure enough, Jasmine distanced herself from him and did not try to become friends.

He had no choice but to take the brother-in-law route.

However, Jasmine's imagination was so rich that she suspected that he was hitting on Drake.

If he really was gay, Zachary would never keep him by his side.

"You said you didn't want to marry into a rich family. I hid my identity during the blind. date because I was afraid I wouldn't even be able to see you.

"Ms. Sox, I went on a blind date with you out of my heart's desire. I really want to give us a shot at love."

Jasmine replied, "Let's talk about that later. I'm here tonight on a job. It's fine as long as you're not hitting on my brother."

He was an exceptional man who was incredibly rich. Although her family was wealthy as well, the gap between the Soxes and Buchams was rather wide. Jasmine thought of how hard her aunt had lived when she was young. She was always rejected by the gentry.

Even now, her aunt had to deal with those noble ladies frequently in order to pave the way for Shawn.

Jasmine sighed in her heart when she remembered her cousin who liked to follow her around since childhood.

That day, she told her aunt that Shawn had a crush on Serenity, but he did not give up even though Serenity was married now. He continued to pester Serenity even after she had clearly rejected him.

Jasmine had no idea how her aunt reprimanded Shawn after she left.

She only knew that Shawn was not even allowed to come to her house anymore. He was followed by bodyguards everywhere he went, and his phone was also monitored by her aunt.

Shawn could not and did not dare look for Serenity again.

He was terrified, afraid that his mother would really cause trouble for Serenity. He was afraid that she would force the Hunt sisters to leave Wiltspoon so he could never see Serenity again in his life.

That was until the Stone family hosted a banquet and announced the relationship between Audrey and her nieces.

Shawn had never given up in the first place, but now he got worked up again.

He felt that with an aunt like Audrey, even his mother would not be able to force the two sisters out of Wiltspoon.

Rachel was troubled with this and complained to Jasmine's mother in private. That was how Jasmine found out that Shawn had not given up.

Shawn was a man, but he could not compare to Elisa.

A lady like Elisa had unrequited love for Mr. York for many years, but when she found out that he was married, she cut off her feelings and no longer pestered him. She was much better than Shawn.

"I won't hit on your brother."

Josh said in amusement, "Though I must say, your brother looks very delicate. If he wears women's clothing and a wig, he'll definitely turn into a beauty..."

Jasmine pinched him fiercely again.

"Ms. Sox!"

Josh rubbed the sore spot, but he continued to say, "Is this your way of showing me tough love?"

"There's also a saying that violence is affection. Do you want me to get violent with you?"

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Josh was speechless.

Zachary and Serenity, who were walking in front of them, were exchanging sweet nothings.

Realizing that Josh and Jasmine were not following, Serenity turned her head and noticed that the pair seemed to be arguing.

“Zachary, why do Mr. Bucham and Jasmine look like they’re fighting?”

Zachary glanced at his friend and said lightly, “No, Mr. Bucham has a good temper.”

If the people who were suppressed by Josh before were present, they would be speechless right now.

If Josh’s temper was labeled good, there would be no one in this world with a bad temper.

“Don’t mind them. Let’s go.”

Zachary let Serenity continue holding his arm. The couple was very close.

“Zachary, will your CEO’s wife be coming as well?”

“Why?”

“Nothing. I just wanted to see her. I wonder if I’ll have a chance to talk to her.”

She had to befriend Mrs. York first before she could ask her about her husband- managing skills.

Zachary said calmly, “You’re a step too late. Our CEO and his wife left before your arrived. Every year, he leaves after his speech. He always says that everyone won’t be able to have fun if he stays.”

That was true.

In previous years, Zachary left after giving his speech.

A few of his brothers and Josh would take charge of the dinner by taking turns to host instead.

“We’re too late?” Serenity lamented.

“Jasmine and I kept urging Drake to speed up. We arrived at 7:30 pm, but we still missed them.

“Was the time of the invitation you gave me wrong? Or did you give us a different invitation which stated a different time because you didn’t want us, family members, to hear your CEO’s speech?”

“That’s right.”

Since Serenity gave him a good excuse, Zachary took advantage of it.

It also saved him from having to think about how to explain the wrong time on the invitation.

“Did you see your CEO’s wife?”

Zachary said warmly, “I saw her. She’s really beautiful. As soon as she appeared, she became the most dazzling woman in the room. She had completely charmed our boss.”

“Is she as beautiful as Aphrodite?”

Zachary turned to look at her and smiled. “In his eyes, she’s even more beautiful than Aphrodite.”

Beauty was in the eye of the beholder. In Zachary’s eyes, his Serenity was more beautiful than the goddess of beauty herself.

Serenity laughed. “That’s true. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder indeed. Since your boss loves her, he naturally thinks she’s the most beautiful woman.”

“Seren.”

Zachary leaned into her ear and whispered huskily, “In my eyes, you’re the most beautiful woman in the world. You look so heavenly tonight that I can’t take my eyes off *you*. I’m starting to regret a little, I shouldn’t have let you come dolled up from head to toe. I want to hide your beauty and tuck you away to appreciate it all by myself.”

“Clothes maketh the man. I put on a new gown and light makeup. If my appearance didn’t improve significantly, it’d be a waste of all the money you spent to buy me the dress.”

Zachary kissed her cheek.

Serenity flinched and quickly pushed him away, whispering angrily, “Behave!”

It was only after they were intimate with each other did Serenity realize how passionate and lascivious he truly was.

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Zachary chuckled softly. “I’ll become a wolf at home.”

Serenity squeezed the back of his hand lightly, but he dotingly pulled her hand up and kissed the back of her hand.

When she was about to pinch him again, he suddenly led her forward with a straight face, making her too embarrassed to pinch him again.

No one in York Corporation was surprised that Zachary appeared at the annual dinner with Serenity this year. All the executives were polite to Serenity.

However, Josh’s female companion this year was switched to Jasmine, whose last name was not Bucham. This surprised everyone.

The female employees who adored Josh were very sharp. When they heard Josh introduce Jasmine, they guessed she was the person Josh liked, and with eyes filled with envy and jealousy, they looked at Jasmine.

Mr. Bucham actually had a lady he fancied!

He was following in Mr. York’s footsteps.

Although everyone looked at Jasmine with jealousy, no one dared provoke her openly mainly because they were afraid of Josh.

Serenity whispered to Zachary, "Looks like Mr. Bucham is very popular in your company. If looks could kill, who knows how many times Jasmine would have died already."

Zachary said faintly, "Mr. Bucham holds a high position. He's young, handsome, and rich. He also looks pretty easygoing. Although with his excessive liking for gossip, he's still very much a catch."

Josh was speechless.

Was his boss complimenting or belittling him?

"Do you want to go home early, Seren?"

"Can we leave early?"

This was his company's annual dinner, and she came as his plus one. After walking around, Serenity did not want to stay any longer.

Although everyone was polite to her, she was unfamiliar with them. She could not join the conversation when Zachary and his colleagues spoke about work, so she could only eat and drink. Also, everyone looked at her with odd eyes, but she could not decipher what they meant. Maybe they saw how much she was eating and were secretly thinking she was a glutton.

"We can."

He left early in previous years.

This year, he stayed for more than an hour because of her.

"Then let's go. I'm full anyway."

She was a foodie and loved to eat. Zachary took care of her and brought all her favorite foods to her. He hovered around her since she walked in.

Zachary brushed her nose dotingly. "All you do is eat. Are you full? If you're not, I'll get you more food."

"No, I'll burst if I eat any more. Your company's cafeteria chefs are really good. All the food they prepare tastes great."

The dinner was hosted in a buffet style. There was a variety of food. Serenity tried many of them and found all of them delicious. The cafeteria chefs were qualified enough to work in high-end hotels.

"They weren't prepared by the cafeteria chefs, but by the chefs transferred from our group's hotels."

Serenity was struck by a realization. It was no wonder she thought that everything was tasty. She ate so much that she almost became a pig.

"Let's go home. You're full, but I'm still hungry," Zachary spoke meaningfully.

Serenity caught the implication in his words and blushed slightly.

After Zachary took Serenity away, everyone's tense nerves were able to relax, and the atmosphere changed.

Mr. York, who had eaten his fill, played with the hair of a delicate maiden in his arms.

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“Seren, I might have to go on a business trip.”

Serenity looked up while still in his arms and asked in confusion, “It’s only a few days till your company’s annual break, but you have to go on a business trip?”

“It’s a short one to Annenburg. I’ll be back in a couple of days.”

Zachary bowed his head and kissed her forehead. His dark eyes burned as they locked on her pretty face, and he asked in a low voice, “Miss me already?”

“When are you leaving? I’ll help you pack your bags and send you to the airport.”

Zachary was speechless.

He thought she would miss him, but she was just confirming whether he was really going on a business trip. She then happily offered to pack his luggage and drive him to the airport. She did not even ask what the business trip was for.

Zachary felt depressed.

The couple tangled under the sheets several times already, so he thought their feelings were different now.

However, it only seemed to be slightly better than before. She was not clingy toward him at all.

It was with that kind of sorrow that a certain Mr. York flew to Annenburg to attend the wedding of an important business partner, Ben Young-Johnson, the CEO of FC & CO.

At the wedding, when he saw the newlyweds and heard that Jane, the bride, was pregnant with twins, Zachary felt envious.

With Remy’s introduction, Zachary met Laurent Lafayette from Meadspring. He heard that Laurent was like him, taking an entourage of bodyguards wherever he went; both for his safety and to steer his admirers away.

*The day after the wedding, Zachary went to FC Manor.

Since Remy was the closest to Zachary, he was welcomed by Remy upon his arrival at FC Manor.

However, Remy saw how quiet Zachary was, as if he was heavy-hearted. Remy changed the subject and said, “Mr. York, it’s rare that you visit Annenburg. Why don’t I show you around?”

Zachary had long heard of the picturesque scenery of FC Manor. The old York residence was not inferior to FC Manor, but Zachary did not refuse Remy’s proposal.

“Sure, Mr. Johnson.”

Remy smiled. “You came all the way to Annenburg, so I have to try my best to be a good host. If you’re not in a hurry to go back, I’ll show you around for the next few days and let you enjoy Annenburg’s view. Personally, I find the scenic spots here much better than the ones in Wiltspoon.”

There were no particularly famous scenic spots in Wiltspoon whereas Annenburg was the most charming city in the province.

After a moment of silence, Zachary said, "I'm going back soon for the holidays. I'm going to take a few days off to spend time with the elders of my family."

The Johnsons gave him a similar vibe to his family; a harmonious family where brothers and uncles get along without any power struggles.

Back then, Ben brought his beloved wife back to Meadspring and handed over FC & Co. to his third and fourth brothers. The two men were able to handle it for a period of time, but the pressure got too huge, and they begged for Ben's comeback.

After the business with the Lafayettes in Meadspring was done, Ben returned with his wife, and the two men immediately handed the company back to him as if it was a hot potato.

When Zachary heard about this, he felt it was something that could happen to the York family too.

He had a deep understanding of the weight that Ben had to carry on his shoulders. It was like Ben was a second Zachary.

Remy smiled. "You're right. We're usually very busy at work and have almost no time to spend with the family. Take advantage of the holidays to relax and spend some quality time with your elders at home."

Remy took Zachary out of the house and strolled around the manor.

* The two of them chatted idly, with Remy doing most of the talking while Zachary listened.

"Mr. York, are you feeling troubled?"

When Zachary remained silent, Remy finally asked, "Mr. York, our companies are working together, and we can be considered friends. If you trust me, you can speak your mind. Maybe I could be of help."