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Chapter 821 | [Serenity & Zachary]

“Let me calm down, Zachary. I’ll call you back when I think of a solution, but you mustn’t do anything to hurt Serenity again. Otherwise, you really won’t be able to get her back.”

Josh was so angry with Zachary that he wanted to hurry up and hang up the phone. so he could calm down. He did not want to burst out in expletives in front of Jasmine since he was trying to maintain his good image as Mr. Bucham.

After what happened to Zachary, Josh decided to be one hundred percent sincere when treating Jasmine. He would not lie or deceive her as Zachary did to Serenity.

He ended the call before Zachary could respond.

“Why did you hang up? I still wanted to persuade him. Judging by what he said, he’ll only make Serenity angrier. She might even start to hate him.”

Josh said, “Didn’t you hear what he said? Even I’m speechless and getting angry too. I need to take a step back. How did I get a boss with a negative EQ like him?”

“Ugh, why is my life so hard?!” Josh sighed.

He never once complained no matter what problems Zachary asked him to solve.

However, when Zachary sought help for his relationship problems, Josh got a headache.

The main problem was that Zachary’s domineering attitude that he had had since birth was acting up again, and at full blast.

“I have a feeling that they won’t make up for at least a few months.”

Jasmine thought the same and said, “The Serenity I know will bring up divorce, but I can guarantee that she won’t run away from this problem. She’ll definitely talk to him about the divorce.”

Maybe she was even writing the divorce agreement at this moment.

Hearing Jasmine’s words, Josh hurriedly said, “Jasmine, you have to persuade Serenity not to divorce Zachary, or many people will die, and the first to bear the brunt is me. I’m courting you now, so you won’t want me to die, right? If I die now, other people might say that you’re a jinx who kills men who try to pursue you.”

Jasmine slapped his arm and scolded him. “You’re the jinx! I’ve always been lucky in my life. My mom had my fortune read and said that I would be rich and prosperous in the future. I’ll have burlap sacks full of money and a fortune of over a hundred million.”

Josh grinned. “That fortune-teller is accurate. You’ll be rich and prosperous if you marry me. If you like keeping money in burlap sacks, I’ll buy two dozen sacks for you and take out all my savings so you can keep them in the sacks. You won’t just have a hundred million. You’ll have several billion.”

Jasmine slapped him again. "In your dreams. Why are you thinking about marriage when I haven't even agreed to be your girlfriend? After what happened to Serenity now, I need to examine you properly. If you're also full of lies like Mr. York, we can just stay friends."

She wanted to say that they would not even be friends, but considering how he knew a lot of gossip which could satisfy her curiosity, she decided to remain friends with him.

"No, absolutely not. I'm much more sincere than Zachary. Besides, our situations are different. We know who each other are, but Zachary was nagged by his grandmother and forced to marry Serenity.

"It's actually very normal for him to conceal his identity. I think many people will understand his actions."

Jasmine said, "It's normal to conceal his identity in the beginning, and it's also understandable, but he chose to hide it when he fell in love with Serenity later on. That's what's making her angry."

"He's just afraid of losing her."

"So why did he dare reveal it now? Is he not afraid of losing her anymore? Is he emboldened now because he thought Seren and him are a real couple?"

Josh paused before saying, "Zachary was conflicted too. He went to Annenburg last year to attend the wedding of FC & Co.'s boss, and he also asked for advice from Remy. Upon his return, he started making arrangements to come clean."

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"It's not that he's not afraid of losing her anymore, but decided to face the consequences of his deception. He has mustered the courage to face reality, but now, he's going crazy from his fear and made another small mistake."

Jasmine sighed. "We can understand because it's not happening to us, but we can't experience Seren's hurt and anger. In any case, I won't advise her. Even if I wanted to, I wouldn't do it now. She's the one who was wronged, so why should I help Zachary? Wouldn't it make her feel more aggrieved?"

"She was tricked so badly by the person she shares a bed with. Are we supposed to advise her to forgive Zachary instead of helping her vent her anger? I can't do that. I would beat Zachary up on her behalf if I could.

"I wonder if Mr. Stone knows. He can step in to beat Zachary up since he's her cousin. I'll be relieved if I see that."

Josh was speechless.

Zachary had indeed managed to infuriate a lot of people.

"Oh, Elisa. She told me she'd be back in two days. She'll know that Zachary is Serenity's husband as soon as she comes back. She used to be crazy for him. Do you think she'll do something to Serenity if she finds out that Serenity married him?"

Jasmine had a headache just thinking about it.

“I don’t know what’s going on anymore. Stuff like this is only supposed to happen in novels. Sure enough, fictions are inspired by real life.”

Josh quickly asked, “Which novel is that? How did the male lead finally beg the female lead to forgive him? I’ll recommend Zachary to take a look and learn from it.”

Jasmine said honestly, “It’s a serialized novel, so the author hasn’t written that far yet. I have no idea either how the female lead finally forgave the male lead.”

Josh looked at her, incredibly speechless.

“Don’t look at me like that. I’m not the author. The answer won’t come from staring at my face. If you really want to help Zachary, do as I say and advise him to return Seren’s freedom. Don’t let him imprison her in his villa.

“Even if they’re husband and wife, he doesn’t have the right to restrict her freedom.”

Josh said wryly, “You heard what Zachary said earlier. Do you think he’ll listen to my advice now? Didn’t you see that I hung up on him because I got so angry? He’s convinced that letting Serenity out now is equivalent to losing her.

“He won’t listen to anything anyone says now. Just leave him be. He has to be hurt before he can learn.”

Every human would experience hurt in their life.

The journey of growth was not smooth sailing and there would always be countless setbacks.

Jasmine was silent for a moment before walking away.

“Where are you going, Jasmine?”

“I’m getting food. I’m hungry since I didn’t have lunch.”

Jasmine forgot to eat because of Serenity. If not for her hunger, she would not have remembered to fill her stomach.

“I haven’t eaten either. Don’t keep eating snacks. I’ll order food delivery.” Josh called Wiltspoon Hotel and made the order as he spoke.

Chapter 823 | [Serenity & Zachary]

Meanwhile, what was someone who locked herself in the guest room doing?

Serenity found a pen and paper in the room. She sat down in front of the sofa, put the paper on the coffee table, and then plopped down to carefully write a divorce agreement.

The couple did not buy another house after the marriage, so there was no property to divide.

He once said that he would leave the house in Brynfield to her, as well as the national MPV, if they divorced.

Serenity did not want them.

She did not want the house he used to deceive her! She did not want his car either.

The car she was driving now was bought with Zachary's money. She would pay him the full amount after the divorce.

She would not split his property or require him to compensate for her youth that sort of thing, or anything at all. They would each keep whatever assets under their names, and no one would owe the other anything. She just needed him to sign the paper.

If he wanted her to compensate for the loss of his youth or the likes, she was willing to give him a little. After all, the great Mr. York lowered himself to marry someone like her, so he deserved some compensation from her.

However, she would not agree if he asked for more.

She would only compensate him with a sum of money within her ability.

Knock, knock.

Someone was at the door.

"Seren, can you open the door and let me in?"

It was Zachary.

Serenity ignored him.

She would only get angry by just looking at him.

"Seren, you've been inside for a long time. Aren't you feeling stuffy? Come on out. I'll accompany you for a walk in the yard. There are a lot of flowers in our yard and they're really beautiful. Why don't you come downstairs and enjoy the blooms? I had it specially decorated for you."

Serenity remained silent and did not open the door.

"Seren, are you hungry? I had someone cook your favorite dishes. You'll be able to smell the aroma if you just slightly open the door. Look, the sun is almost setting You must be hungry now."

Zachary used food again to coax Serenity into opening the door.

When there was no movement from inside the room, he continued, "Seren, I'm really hungry. I haven't eaten anything since noon, and it's almost dinner now. I won't eat if you don't come out. I'll stay hungry with you."

"Get lost! I don't want to talk to you. You're a liar!" Serenity yelled.

Zachary choked as his heart felt suffocated. He stood at the door for a long time before silently going downstairs.

Then, he told the maids to go upstairs to knock on the door and deliberately threatened them, "If you can't get the missus to open the door and come out, I'll fire all of you and you'll be jobless."

The maids were speechless.

That was too much pressure!

Thus, they went upstairs together and knocked on Serenity's room door.

"Missus, it's Felicia. Can you open the door please?"

Felicia, who was in charge of knocking the door, was the representative in the negotiation" with Serenity.

Serenity finished writing the divorce agreement, picked it up, and read it several times to make sure there were no problems. She took the document, stood up from the sofa, and walked to the door.

Felicia was still persuading her through the door. "Missus, Mr. Zachary is very worried about you. Come downstairs to eat. Mr. Zachary hasn't eaten anything all day. He'll ruin his health."

Serenity went to unlock the door and pulled it open.

"Missus."

The maids were overjoyed when Serenity opened the door. Their jobs were saved.

"Missus, you must be hungry. Dinner is ready."

Serenity said indifferently, "Don't call me Missus. I won't be your missus soon. Where's Zachary?"

Felicia naturally spoke up for Zachary and said, "Missus, Mr. Zachary had his difficulties when he lied to you. He's downstairs now."

"What difficulties does he have? He doesn't have any hardships at all. He was on guard against me and didn't trust me, so he treated me like I was a thief!" She knew how he had misunderstood her and had his walls up against her.

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Back then, she did not care because she was not in love with him.

Now that she was, she cared after learning the truth. Her heart clenched in pain.

When she thought about the recent time spent together and his affection toward her, her heart felt even more painful, and her fury was reignited too.

Was his adoration fake? Was it part of his deception too?

Her neck still hurt a little.

That jerk!

Zachary York was a jerk!

Felicia and the others were silent.

All of them were cognizant of Zachary's web of lies to Serenity from the beginning.

"Do any of you have an Apple charger? My phone is out of battery. Lend me a charger for a while."

Felicia was about to reply when her colleague next to her nudged her lightly. She snapped back to her senses and quickly said, "Mr. Zachary has a phone of the same brand. You can borrow a charger from him."

Their discreet movements did not go past Serenity's eyes.

She knew that without Zachary's consent, she would not even have the chance to charge her phone.

Was Zachary going to completely lock her up in this villa and forbid her from contacting the outside world?

Did he think he could keep her by doing so?

He could keep her body, but he could not keep her heart!

Serenity did not talk to the maids anymore and went downstairs with the divorce agreement.

While descending, she saw Zachary sitting on the sofa. He was holding his cell phone and seemed to be messaging someone.

When he heard her footsteps, he immediately put the phone back into his pocket and quickly got up to greet her.

"Honey."

"Don't call me Honey!"

Serenity's expression was as dark as charcoal again.

There was no helping it. Her expression turned bitter whenever she saw him now

"Seren."

Zachary corrected himself. "You must be hungry. Let's have dinner."

He reached out for Serenity's hand, but she avoided him.

She went past him and straight to the couch, then put the written divorce agreement on the coffee table and said coldly, "This is what I wrote. Take a look and sign it if there's no problem."

"What is it?"

Zachary came over and glanced at it, and his face changed dramatically. He

suddenly grabbed the paper and tore it to pieces without even looking at it. He yelled, "I won't divorce! Don't even think about divorcing me! You're mine in life, and you'll still be mine in death! We'll live and die together!"

"I'll never divorce you! You won't be able to leave me unless you stab me to death. and step over my corpse!"

Serenity glared at him angrily.

If looks could kill, he would have been killed by her countless times.

“You’re simply unreasonable. There’s no way to communicate with you!”

“Yes, I’m unreasonable. And yes, there’s no way to communicate with me. Bottom line is, you’re my wife. You’ll only be my wife in your life. You’ll never get rid of me!”

Serenity gnashed her teeth in anger.

If she continued to talk to him, she was afraid she would grind her teeth into dust.

It was infuriating.

She turned around and left, unable to talk about the divorce now. She did not even want to talk to him.

“Serenity!”

Zachary reached out and grabbed her arm. He yanked her back into his arms forcefully and lowered his head to kiss her frantically.

“I’m sorry. I’m sorry, Serenity...”

Chapter 825 | [Serenity & Zachary]

Serenity struggled and finally managed to push him away, but he wanted to continue. She was so angry that she swung her hand at him.

The slap resounded across the room and shocked Brandt and the maids.

Zachary was also stunned.

He looked at Serenity’s face, which was red from the anger within. When she glared at him, her eyes gradually reddened, and he saw tears brimming at the corners of her eyes.

He had again brought her more pain and further angered her.

Zachary blamed himself.

He thought his warmth could make her calm down...

Brandt snapped back to his senses and hurriedly sent a message to Sam since the latter was the actual butler here. Brandt was only filling in for Sam since Sam was on leave, but he felt he could no longer handle the situation here. He had to call Sam back.

It was frightening. The missus actually raised her hand against Mr. Zachary.

This was a scene they had never witnessed in all the years they had worked for the Yorks.

The men of the York family had always doted on their wives. As long as they were married and the couple’s feelings were stable, they would get along lovingly. Occasionally, there would be small quarrels or misunderstandings, but they were all resolved quickly. No one had ever gotten physical like the missus.

“Seren.”

Zachary pulled up the hand Serenity used to hit his face with and asked gently, “Does your hand hurt?”

Serenity wrenched her hand back and turned her face away, but she raised her hand to rub her eyes. She then turned around and looked at him again, saying, "I'm sorry, Zachary, but please leave me some dignity, okay?"

She did not like it when he forced a kiss on her whenever she was angry; as if showing no ounce of respect for her.

Zachary looked at her deeply.

He lost it. When he saw the divorce agreement she drafted, he momentarily exploded in rage.

Yes, he was wrong for lying to her, but she went as far as to draft a divorce agreement. He only grew impulsive because she was not giving him any leeway.

"If you have an affair, use violence on me, or lie to me countless times, I'll leave you," -that was what Serenity said before.

Only at that moment did Zachary realize that Serenity was a woman of her word.

"Zachary, we're both a mess now, and neither of us is calm. Please let me leave so we can take a breather, okay? Is there a point in you putting me under house arrest? You'll only anger me further.

"You're overbearing. You're always so self-centered and inconsiderate of others.

Think about it. If our roles were reversed, if I was the one who lied to you for more than four months, how would you feel? You lied to me, but you're not even allowing me to get angry? Am I supposed to pop confetti to celebrate your deception?"

Serenity felt it was Zachary's nature to be overbearing. It would be a Sisyphean task to make him change this part of him.

Now, his domineering trait and paranoia were suffocating her.

"Divorce is not an option!"

Zachary added in a low voice, "Seren, I didn't say I was right in deceiving you, and I'm not forbidding you from getting angry. Hit me or scold me, but you can't just bring up divorce to me.

"Let's not talk about divorce again, okay? I can't bear the pain of losing you."

Serenity looked away again, not wanting to meet his eyes.

She thought of ending the marriage because she was infuriated after learning that he was the heir of the rich York family, and that she had been deceived by him the entire time.

After a few moments of silence, she looked at him again and said, "Lend me your charger. My phone is out of battery."

Zachary stared at her intently.

If her phone was out of battery, she would not be able to contact the outside world. He would be able to force her to stay by his side then.

However, that was not a real solution to the problem.

Serenity met his stare.

The hall was dead silent.

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Brandt and the maids did not even dare to breathe.

After a long time, Zachary raised his voice and ordered Brandt, "Go and bring my phone charger for the missus."

"Yes, sir."

Brandt quickly went to get the charger for Serenity.

Was Zachary allowing her to charge her phone a sign that he would let her leave?

In fact, Brandt also felt that Mr. Zachary should not keep Serenity under house arrest and that he should let her leave so that they could both calm down.

However, he did not dare say such a thing.

Serenity was too important to Zachary and he was afraid she would never come back if she left.

That was why he forced her to stay with him. However, that would only aggravate the couple's conflict.

Brandt soon returned with the charger.

He handed it to Zachary.

When Zachary passed it to Serenity, he could not help but grab her hand when she took the charger, begging, "Seren, don't bring up divorce again, okay?"

Serenity drew her hand back and took the charger.

She turned away and plugged in her phone.

Zachary panicked when he did not get the assurance he wanted. He knew she was still thinking about leaving him.

He could not comprehend. Yes, he lied to her, but was his true identity not worthy of her? Why did she want a divorce after knowing the truth? An ordinary person would be jumping with joy if they found out their husband was a multi-billionaire.

Zachary's lack of understanding blinded him from seeing Serenity's anger stemming from his web of lies and his betrayal of her trust.

When faced with Serenity's wrath, Zachary's approach made her feel incredibly uncomfortable.

He explained himself, but he used force to knock her out. She wanted to leave, but he deliberately threw the keys and the ladder out. His actions told her that she would not be able to take a single step out of this villa without his saying so.

He was imprisoning her!

To Serenity, his series of actions was like pouring gasoline on a burning house. There was no way she could calm down, much less forgive him.

In any case, she would not be able to forgive him anytime soon.

“Seren.”

Zachary walked toward her.

Serenity turned on her phone. When she saw him walking over, she put down the phone and walked away.

She just did not want to get close to him.

Her detachment and coldness were like a sharp knife fiercely stabbing Zachary’s heart and his chest ached.

Serenity entered the dining hall.

She was hungry, so she got something to eat.

She never thought of using a hunger strike to threaten Zachary into letting her go. He was not someone to be so easily threatened either. If she went on a hunger strike and fainted from starvation, he would just call the family doctor to give her nutritional fluids to keep her alive.

In his words, he would not let her go. She would still be his in the afterlife.

Since she knew he could not be pressurized, why should she bother to torture herself and starve?

Brandt and the maids looked stunned when they saw Serenity enter the dining hall and started eating with a spoon without regard for others.

“Thank God the missus isn’t going on a hunger strike,” Felicia murmured.

Brandt raised his hand to wipe his sweat and whispered, “Thank goodness.”

As long as the missus did not threaten Mr. Zachary with a hunger strike, the conflict between the two would not intensify for the time being.

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Zachary was also relieved.

After a moment of silence, he walked over and sat across from Serenity.

He used his fork to put food on her plate, but she picked up her plate to avoid the gesture, refusing his food.

Zachary bitterly retracted his hand and placed the food his fork held on his own plate instead.

“Seren, these are all your favorites. Have more,” he said tenderly.

Serenity paid him no response, not even a glance. She simply ate by herself.

“I’ll help you peel your favorite shrimps.”

Zachary put on the disposable gloves to help her peel the shrimp, but Serenity simply took a shrimp and ate it whole, shell and all.

Zachary was speechless.

His wife did not even give him the chance to perform.

Ding dong... Ding dong...

The doorbell rang.

It was already dark and chilly outside. Who would visit at this time of day?

“I’ll get the door.”

Brandt went to open the door.

There was a car parked in front of the villa. However, Brandt did not recognize the vehicle, which meant the visitor was not an elder of the York family.

The whole family united to lie to Serenity, so everyone was too embarrassed to come over now.

They would first let Zachary fight by himself and discuss countermeasures if he was defeated.

Zachary would be speechless if he knew what they were thinking.

“It’s me, Brandt.”

A person came out of the car. It was Mrs. Lane.

She waved at Brandt. When Brandt saw her, he quickly went over while pulling out the keys to the gate and asked, “Why are you here, Mrs. Lane?”

“I sent Liberty over. She’s the missus’s older sister.”

Serenity’s phone turned off automatically when the battery went flat, causing Liberty to worry when she could not reach her sister. Liberty did not know what would happen to the stubborn couple, so she asked Mrs. Lane to send her over.

It just so happened that Serenity’s car, which was left at the entrance of York Corporation earlier in the day, still had the keys in the ignition. Liberty helped to drive it home, which was how she had a car to come over.

“How is the missus, Brandt?”

Brandt darted a look at the car behind Mrs. Lane and whispered, “It’s bad. Mr. Zachary is on the verge of breaking down. Do you think he can be well after the missus wrote him a divorce agreement? He went berserk. How would the missus have it any better than him?”

Although Zachary would never raise his hand against Serenity, his forceful hugs and kisses angered her.

Moreover, he had also knocked her unconscious!

In short, the situation was chaotic!

After the gate opened, Liberty drove in and parked at the small open parking lot under Brandt's guidance.

She soon got out of the car.

She did not bring Sonny with her.

She asked Duncan to help her look after him.

When she received Jasmine's phone call, she rushed out with Sonny in her arms and happened to stop Duncan's car, and Duncan had been accompanying the mother and son since.

Duncan was not as attentive as Josh, but he knew he had to put in a good word for his friend. When he accompanied Liberty and Sonny, he constantly spoke up for Zachary in front of Liberty and said good things about him.

Liberty never said anything bad about Zachary after the truth came to light. She told Duncan that she would support her sister no matter what decision she made.

The choice was in Serenity's hands.

"Ms. Hunt."

Brandt greeted Liberty respectfully.

"Mr. Zachary and the missus are having dinner now. Please come in."

Liberty's nervous heart relaxed slightly when she heard that the couple were eating.

That was the Serenity she knew.

Even if the sky fell down, she still had to fill her stomach. How would she have the strength to do other things if she did not eat enough?

With Brandt and Mrs. Lane leading the way, Liberty walked into the lounge of the opulent villa.

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Serenity was surprised to see that the person who came in was her sister. She immediately put down her plate and walked toward Liberty.

Zachary's knee-jerk reaction was to grab her wrist.

Serenity stared at him coldly.

"Seren..."

Zachary's heart ached with such a glare from her. He felt like their relationship as husband and wife had returned to the way it was on their first night. No, it was even colder than the beginning of their marriage.

He finally let go of her hand and let her walk toward her sister.

“Seren.”

Liberty jogged over.

When the two sisters were face to face, Serenity plunged into her sister’s arms and wailed her heart out.

“Seren...”

Liberty hugged her sister tightly.

“Cry if you want to. I’m here.”

“Liberty...”

The floodgates to Serenity’s suppressed emotions finally broke free when she fell into her sister’s embrace. She cried pitifully for a long time.

Zachary stood not far away, watching his petite wife cry. His heart ached, but he could offer her comfort because he was the cause of her tears.

Ten minutes later, the Hunt sisters were seated side by side while Zachary sat by himself opposite them.

“Zachary, I came here to bring Seren home,” Liberty spoke bluntly.

Zachary tensed his face and said in a low voice, “This is Seren’s home. We’re husband and wife. Her home is where I live.”

Liberty paraphrased, “I’m here to take Seren back to my home for a while.”

“Liberty, you and Sonny can move here instead.”

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Liberty was speechless.

“What’s that supposed to mean, Zachary?”

Liberty’s expression turned cold. “Are you forbidding Seren from leaving this villa? Do you know what you’re doing? Do you think you can keep her by doing this? You’ll only make the conflict worse.”

“Seren won’t come back if she leaves. I won’t let her out of my sight!”

Zachary was insistent.

“You-!”

Anger got to Liberty.

“Save your breath, Liberty. He’s someone who only does things he thinks are right. Everything has to go his way. He doesn’t care what we think. He won’t even give me the simplest things like trust and respect.”

Instead of the anger and agitation from before, Serenity’s face was indifferent. It was as if her heart had died.

“Where’s Sonny?”

“Mr. Lewis is still at my place. I asked him to take care of Sonny for me.”

“Isn’t Sonny terrified of Mr. Lewis?”

“He fell asleep before I came here.”

Serenity was struck by realization.

“I’m fine, Liberty. You should go back first. Sonny will be scared if he wakes sees Mr. Lewis instead of you.”

Serenity asked her sister to leave.

“Seren...”

Serenity comforted her sister. “Trust me, Liberty. I’ll be fine.”

Liberty looked at Zachary, but he was staring intently at her sister. It appeared he was afraid that she would fly away if he even blinked.

When she looked at her sister’s resigned expression, she sighed deeply and said to Zachary, “Zachary, let’s take a walk. We’ll have a few words alone.”

Liberty stood up and went out.

Zachary followed silently.

Outside the house, Liberty stopped and turned to look at this brother-in-law whom she once admired and always nagged for her sister to treat well.

She could see that Zachary was physically and mentally exhausted by Serenity after confessing everything, but she did not sympathize with him.

They were all adults. They had to be prepared to face the consequences of any decision they made.

Chapter 829 | [Serenity & Zachary]

“I don’t want to lose Seren, Liberty. I don’t want to divorce.”

Zachary spoke first.

“I know I deceived Seren by hiding my identity. Seren is different from the rest. She won’t be particularly happy just because I’m rich. I let her down, so she can get angry. She can scold me and hit me, but she can’t leave me. She can’t divorce me!”

When Zachary finished, Liberty said to him, “Do you think you’ll never see Seren again if you let her walk out of this villa?”

He stayed silent. He was afraid. He was truly terrified that he would never see Serenity again if she left the villa.

“Zachary, Serenity is my sister. We’ve depended on each other for many years, and no one knows her better than I do. She’s not the kind of person who retreats and runs away when things go wrong. No matter how angry and upset she gets, even if she asks you for a divorce, she won’t run away.

“Running away isn’t going to solve the problem.

“No matter how bad the situation is, you have to face reality.

“Let her come back with me and stay at my place for a few days to calm down. Even if you continue to force her to stay, once she makes a decision, the ending will be the same.”

Zachary was silent.

“Zachary, I never thought you were overbearing and paranoid in the past, but this incident opened my eyes to your true nature. You have to think. Is Serenity willing to bear with your domineeringness? When you grasp a handful of sand in your hands, the tighter you grip, the faster the sand leaks.

“It’s the same thing. The more domineering you are, the more Serenity will want to leave you. The little feelings you’ve cultivated can’t withstand the strain you’re putting them through. If you exhaust the bit of affection that Seren has for you, then you’ll truly have no way of fixing things anymore.

“Do you want a Serenity full of life, or do you want a soulless Serenity who’s a walking corpse? Being overbearing and confining her isn’t the solution.”

Liberty sighed again after she finished speaking. “Think about what I said. Go back to the house and get some ice for your face. Seren went a little too hard. Half of your face is swollen.”

The silent Zachary finally spoke up and said, “I’m fine as long as her hand doesn’t hurt.”

Liberty was speechless.

“Zachary, you need to realize what the real meaning of love is.”

Then, she went back inside.

Zachary did not follow her and simply stood in place. His handsome face was taut like marble, cold and hard.

His thin lips pursed into a tight line.

His sister-in-law and Jasmine both persuaded him to let Serenity leave and take a breather.

They said she was not the kind of person who would run off when things go wrong.

However, he did not dare risk it!

Serenity sent her sister off.

When she saw Zachary standing there, she simply glanced at him.

Brandt and the rest, and even the hidden group of bodyguards showed their faces when Serenity came out.

She knew it was because they were afraid she would leave with her sister.

There was no way she could leave without Zachary's permission.

Serenity did not try to go with her sister. She stood in the parking lot and watched Liberty get into the car. She listened to her sister's exhortations and comforted the latter, telling her not to worry about her.

Liberty knew Zachary would not harm Serenity, but...

"Seren, I'll come again tomorrow." Liberty said to her sister while starting the car.

Serenity hummed and waved at Liberty. She watched her sister drive away until it was out of sight.

The night was gloomy, the cold wind was bitterly sharp, and the temperature plummeted. It was mirroring Serenity's mood at the moment.

She turned around and walked back, but instead of entering the house, she wandered aimlessly around the courtyard while Zachary followed her from afar. There was no communication between the couple the entire time.

It was as if the space between them was frozen. It was cold and icy.

"I want Mommy, I want Mommy..."

At Liberty's place, Sonny woke up and only saw Duncan with his mother nowhere in sight. His lips wobbled as he burst into tears.

Duncan tried to carry him.

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Sonny refused Duncan and slid out of bed himself, looking for his mother while crying. When he searched the house but still did not find Liberty, he cried even harder.

"Sonny, do you want some candy? Don't cry. Dunc will give you candy."

Duncan tried to coax him.

"I don't want candy. I want Mommy..."

"I'll bring you outside and buy you a windmill, okay?"

"I don't want windmill. I want Mommy..."

Sonny's cries grew louder.

Duncan was unable to soothe Sonny no matter how he tried. He did not know how to coax children.

In the end, he took out his cell phone, unlocked it, and handed it to Sonny. "Don't cry, okay? Come here, I'll let you play with my phone. We can watch cartoons."

Sonny slapped his phone away with one hand.

"I don't want phone."

Duncan scratched his head, feeling a headache. "I thought children these days could be dealt with easily if they have a phone to play with."

Sonny did not want to play with his phone.

However, there were many harmful effects of children playing with cell phones. Sonny was still too young, so it was indeed inappropriate for him to play with a phone.

Just then, there was the sound of the door opening.

Duncan hurriedly shoved the phone back into his pants pocket. He could not let Liberty see that he was trying to coax Sonny with his phone.

He was setting a bad example for someone else's child.

Liberty heard her son's cries as she was making her way up the stairs.

She quickened her pace and hurriedly opened the door to enter the house.

"Mommy."

Sonny cried pitifully and ran toward Liberty when he saw his mother.

Liberty bent down to pick up her son. When she saw the tears and snot running down his face, she carried him and brought tissues to help him wipe them away.

"Mommy is back, Sonny. Don't cry."

She pressed her son's head against her shoulder and comforted him gently. "Don't cry. Mommy just went out for some business. It's not because Mommy doesn't want you anymore. Duncan is here, so there's no need to be afraid."

Sonny thought, 'I'm scared because Dunc is here.'

Duncan said sheepishly, "I couldn't coax him. He cried as soon as he woke up and saw me, then he tried looking for you. I tried everything, but I couldn't get him to stop crying."

Forgive him for having no experience with children.

"Sonny will cry if he wakes up and doesn't see me. It's a little better if Seren is around, but if she isn't, no one can coax him. Not even his father could."

Of course, that was also because Hank rarely spent time with his son.

When he was at home occasionally, he would just tease his son, make him cry, and then quickly slip away.

Duncan stopped talking when Hank was suddenly mentioned.

Liberty recalled that Jessica once bragged that she and Hank would go to the City Hall on Valentine's Day, which was today, to get the marriage formalities done.

Liberty thought in her heart, 'Jessica did it on purpose.'

'She chose to get married on Valentine's Day.'

'She thought it would be a blow to me.'

Liberty wanted to laugh. She did not understand why Jessica thought that she would still love Hank after the divorce.

Hank was nothing but Sonny's father to her now.

"Thank you, Mr. Lewis."

Although Duncan could not coax Sonny, Liberty was still grateful that he had been with them the whole day.

If only he did not harp about how tough Zachary had it, or what difficulties Zachary faced, Liberty would be even more grateful to him.