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### Chapter 921 | [Serenity & Zachary]

Hank fled away in his car.

On his way home, he could not stop cussing Liberty out. Jessica was the sweetest. and kindest little thing. Hank did not regret divorcing Liberty!

Back at his rented place, Hank saw a familiar car downstairs. Hank's head was about to explode.

It was his sister.

Here came his sister again.

Hank ran his fingers along his hair in annoyance. He had better go home.

He and Jessica were out of work. It was clear that Zachary was out to get him. Did Zachary have something to do with his sister and brother-in-law losing their jobs too?

In that case, Hank had dragged his sister down with him.

Once outside the door, Hank could hear the arguments inside.

Since the company let Jessica and Hank go together, the couple left the office together. However, Hank told Jessica to get out and hail a cab mid-journey as he needed to blow some steam off.

Showing understanding, Jessica took a cab home.

She was not in a good mood either.

Hank always looked out for her when she was Hank's secretary. She also enjoyed a good income, so to suddenly lose her job, Jessica had a lot of fury in her.

She came back to her rented home to find her sister-in-law and Lucas there. Jessica faintly said hello before turning to her bedroom.

Jessica walked into her bedroom turned upside down. Her cosmetic and skincare products were scattered all over the dressing table and floor. Her lipsticks were broken in halves, and her dressing table was covered in various skincare creams.

The walls, floor, and duvet cover had doodles of red. The red scribbles made her see red.

"Mom."

Jessica shouted out loud.

Mrs. Brown came in and asked, "What's the matter? Why do you have to scream so loud? I'm not deaf. I can hear."

"Mom, look at my room. Did Lucas do this? Lucas is a naughty boy. I told you many times not to let him into Hank's and my room. Look at what he did to my cosmetic and skincare products. He messed the room up."

Chelsea entered the room and inspected her son's handy work. She remarked without a care, "You can clean up. You're an adult and an aunt. How can you fuss about it with a four-year-old child?"

"Lucas is just a little boy. He doesn't know any better. He played with your things, thinking they were toys. That's how he plays when he comes here. Liberty never said anything."

Liberty would lock the bedroom door to stop Lucas from entering.

Besides, Sonny had a lot of toys. Lucas would fight with Sonny over toys instead of wreaking havoc in Liberty's room. Liberty would clean up after Lucas and never threw a fit over it.

Liberty had always been tolerant.

Sonny's custody went to Liberty after the divorce. Plus, Jessica had not given birth to a child. Since there were no kids in the family, there were also no toys.

Four years old was an active and cheeky age. Toddlers at this age could not sit still for a minute. Without any toys around, Lucas could only look for his own entertainment. Hank did not have the tendency of locking doors. Lucas simply turned the doorknobs and let himself in.

Chelsea came over to vent to her mother about finding a job. Now that she and her husband were jobless at home, they were spending more money than ever. Plus, the couple had been having fights—her criticizing her husband for taking so long to find a job and her husband accusing her of being useless.

## **Chapter 922 | [Serenity & Zachary]**

George wanted to open his own construction material business. It cost around a hundred thousand dollars to rent a space and give it a facelift. Chelsea was reluctant to use her savings for her husband's business setup now that the couple was no longer with an income. She would lose her savings if the business became a bust.

Nevertheless, Chelsea wanted her husband to try it out. She would become the boss's wife if the business was up and running.

Accustomed to getting financial help from her family, Chelsea naturally came to her parents and brother for help.

"I'm not Liberty!"

Jessica broke down and yelled, "Go to Liberty if you like her that much. See if she even cares!"

She was most bitter when the Browns compared her with Liberty.

Before, the Browns often disgruntledly pointed out this and that about Liberty to Jessica.

Since the divorce and Jessica joining the family, the Browns were now fawning over Liberty.

"Chelsea, your son messed up my room, so you have to clean it up. You need to replace all the cosmetic and skincare products Lucas broke."

Furious, Chelsea retorted, "Well, I didn't do it, so why should I be the one to clean up? Sure, Lucas is at fault. You can ask the boy to tidy up his mess. He should take responsibility for his actions. Go look for Lucas.

"Didn't my brother buy your cosmetic and skincare products? It's not your money. You have no right to demand me to replace them. Bring out the proof that you paid for them. Then I'll consider paying you back."

Jessica picked up the pillow in rage and threw it at Chelsea. "Hank is my husband now! My husband's gifts to me are mine to keep. You should replace them at full value, or you can forget ever stepping into this house so long as I am here.

"Better yet, take your mother home with you, so she can look after your child. She never helped me anyway. Don't come looking for me when she's immobilized, sick, and needs tending to! Don't expect me to be nice when none of you have been nice to me!

"I'm putting it out there now. I'm not as kind and good-natured as Liberty!"

"This is my brother's home. My parents live here. You have no right to kick me out or refuse me entry! Let me tell you. You don't call the shots in this family! You shameless b\*tch! You're a wh\*re, mistress, and homewrecker! All you're good for is seducing men. Because of you, my brother now has a broken family."

Jessica was a mistress-turn-wife. Still, she could not stand it when people called her a wh\*re and homewrecker.

With the insults getting on her last nerve, Jessica pounced at Chelsea and got into a catfight.

As Mrs. Brown was on her daughter's side, she acted like she was pulling them apart, but she was, in fact, aiding her daughter in the fight.

Jessica was a ball of fire.

She alone took on Chelsea and her mother, and although Jessica did not gain an upper hand, she was not on the losing end either.

Carrying Lucas in his arms, Mr. Brown yelled at the bedroom door without getting involved in the fight.

Hank opened the door and found that the screaming match had turned into a full-blown fight. Tossing his car keys aside, he rushed in there to stop the catfight.

"What's going on here?"

Black in the face, Hank questioned in a loud voice.

"Look, Hank."

With her husband having her back, Jessica put on those sad puppy dog eyes and showed Hank the damage. She uttered in distress, "Lucas destroyed my makeup and skincare products. He scribbled all over our room.

"I told your sister to tidy up the place, but she refused. She even called me a wh\*re, a mistress, and a homewrecker. Apparently, the only thing I did was seduce you, but you came on me first... You said you'll be my shield forever, and you won't let anyone bully me. Well, your sister is picking on me."

### **Chapter 923 | [Serenity & Zachary]**

"I married you without having a wedding reception. Your sister's terrorizing me. I guess she can't be bothered to play the nice sister-in-law."

Jessica heard that the Browns acted as though they adored Liberty and her sister before Hank and Liberty got married.

After Liberty gave birth, the Browns showed their true colors, probably thinking Liberty would not leave since there was a child in the picture.

Jessica had to admit that the Browns were good actors.

The Browns did not care to put on a show now that Jessica married Hank.

Jessica had real feelings for Hank. Otherwise, she would have thought twice before marrying into the family.

As for the crazy in-laws, she had the confidence to sort them out. Her in-laws did not scare her.

There was nothing to fear so long as she clung tight to Hank's heart and his wallet.

Jessica whined amid tears.

Hank's heart was broken as he stared at her tearful face. He scanned the room with anger building inside him. Wrapping his arm around Jessica's shoulder, Hank said, "Didn't you keep an eye on Lucas, Chelsea? Look at what Lucas did! You have the audacity to criticize Jessica. You will be mad too if you're in her shoes."

Chelsea unapologetically replied, "Lucas is just a child. He doesn't know better."

"He doesn't know better, but you do. Why didn't you stop him when he wreaked havoc in my room? Was it intentional?"

"Hank, I'm your sister. Is this how you treat your sister? I don't know when Lucas went into your bedroom. I was cooking with Mom, so I didn't hear anything. I thought Lucas was watching cartoons. How was I supposed to know he was tearing down your room?"

"It's for your fault for not locking your bedroom door. Don't try to pin the blame on Lucas your own mistake. I would've seen Lucas going into your room if I wasn't helping Mom with the cooking.

"What's the point of you getting a wife? She does nothing at home. Mom and Dad are on cleaning, grocery, and cooking duty. They handle all the chores. You're not even considerate of Mom and Dad. All you do is take your wife's side.

"Hank, you weren't like this before."

Chelsea believed her brother had only stood behind his wife since he remarried.

“Jessica and I need to work while Mom and Dad are retired at home. It’s not like they have to look after a child. What’s wrong with helping with the house chores, doing the groceries, and cooking? Jessica and I pay for the food. We don’t spend a dime of Mom and Dad’s money. Mom and Dad used their own money when they ran your household and looked after your children. Have you and my brother-in-law ever paid for anything?”

Chelsea was stumped for words.

“Don’t be mad, Jessica. I’ll replace all the makeup Lucas broke. We should remember to lock the bedroom door before we go out. We’re all a family. Let’s just move on and leave the matter behind us.”

Hank tenderly wiped away Jessica’s tears.

Jessica did not mention her mother-in-law’s name when moaning to Hank. Not liking where things were heading, Mrs. Brown kept her mouth shut. It upset Mrs. Brown that her son gave her daughter-in-law all the attention in the world.

“Hank, I don’t have it in for your sister. It’s just Lucas can be very naughty. I only reproached your sister because I was angry, but your sister was being unreasonable and tried to hit me... You’re a family here, not me. I’m only an outsider. They put me down together.”

“My sister can be like that. Just ignore her from now on. You’re the head of our family. I’ll go after whoever steps on your toes.”

#### **Chapter 924 | [Serenity & Zachary]**

Hank gave his sister the stink eye.

“Clean up my room, Chelsea. You should keep an eye on Lucas next time Don’t turn. the place upside down every time you come. Lucas always picked on Sonny and stole his toys back then. He even lied and beat Sonny up so bad he was in the hospital I know he’s young, but you should start disciplining him now. You’ll regret not doing anything about his behavior when he grows up.”

Despite wanting to say her piece, Chelsea was reminded of why she was here. Hence, she reluctantly uttered, “Got it I’ll tidy up your bedroom That’s how Lucas is. How am I supposed to do anything about it?”

After soothing his wife, Hank asked his sister, “What brings you here, Chelsea?”

“Your brother-in-law and I are out of work. We haven’t been lucky with our job prospects, and our age is not helping either The employees are looking for people not older than thirty-five years old Your brother-in-law and I are in our forties.

“So now your brother-in-law is thinking of setting up his own business in construction supplies A lot of people are buying houses now, and they will need to do some remodeling. I think it’s the business to be right now, but we don’t have much money. We were thinking about borrowing some money from you

“You have a high-paying job and savings of over a million dollars. I think three hundred thousand dollars should be enough for your brother-in-law to try his hand at business. We’ll return the money to you in interest when his business turns out to be a success.”

A hundred thousand dollars was enough to set up the business Chelsea asked for more to have some leeway in the budget.

Since her brother had money, Chelsea wanted to borrow as much as she could

Having found out the reason for her sister-in-law showing up here, Jessica pulled a long face.

Jessica remained without a word to see what Hank had to say about this.

Hank replied, "It's nice that my brother-in-law wants to try and make it out on his own, but does it cost that much to set up a business? You and my brother-in-law have been working for more than a decade Mom and Dad had been paying for your household expenses Your decade-long savings should be more than three hundred thousand dollars by now"

Chelsea choked. It did not take long before she found her voice again. "Your brother- in-law and I have been without an income for months. We've been eating away our savings, so there isn't much left. Besides, I have three children to raise. I can't spend the savings all at once.

"We didn't earn a lot anyway. How much can we save in a year? You're in a much better financial situation than we are.

"I'm not exaggerating about our finances, Hank. It's the truth. Your annual income is more than your brother-in-law's and my decade-long salary combined."

Hank did not believe a word she said.

Chelsea might have started off with low wages, but there had been a dramatic increase in their salaries in recent years. The couple could at least save a hundred thousand dollars in a year.

It was not like his sister could not afford to set up shop.

"You should talk to Jessica, Chelsea. I don't have a problem if Jessica wants to lend you the money. She wears the pants in the house. I gave her my bank account details. She manages the finance for our house renovation. It makes things easier.

"Also, I should let you all know that Jessica and I lost our jobs today. Since Serenity is the wife of the York family's heir, Mr. York is out to get us. The evidence Liberty used against me was handed to my boss. The boss fired us both without offering any compensation."

Mr. and Mrs. Brown were speechless.

Chelsea stared at Jessica.

Was her brother foolish? Why was Jessica given full financial control?

Now that Jessica was managing the money, it was a no-brainer that she would not lend Chelsea any money.

**Chapter 925 | [Serenity & Zachary]**

As expected, Jessica said, “Chelsea, Hank and I have a wedding coming up. Our house is under renovation too. Everything costs money. We both lost our jobs, so we don’t have any spare cash lying around to lend you.”

Jessica gathered from Hank’s statement that her money–hungry sister–in–law had fat savings. Chelsea was used to getting financial help from her family. To Chelsea, she did not see the point of spending her own money when she could use her family’s.

So long as Jessica was around, Chelsea could forget getting a dime out of Hank.

Pursing her lips, Chelsea was without a word.

Meanwhile, at the Stones’ residence, Serenity held Sonny’s hand as they walked into a grand living room.

“You’re here, Sonny. Come, come to your grandaunt.”

All smiles, Mrs. Stone got up to welcome Sonny.

After finding out that Mrs. Stone was his grandaunt and meeting a few times, Sonny was happy to let Mrs. Stone hold him now.

“Aunt Audrey.”

Serenity handed two bags of fruits she bought to Mrs. Stone. She said, “These are your favorite fruits, Aunt Audrey.”

“Oh, my favorites, but I can get the fruits myself. I don’t want you to spend money on me. I’m happy enough that you and your sister can visit. You don’t have to get me anything.”

Serenity and her sister often brought along expensive gifts when they first came. After a good telling–off from Mrs. Stone, the sisters switched to buying a couple of hundred dollars worth of fruits. At least, Mrs. Stone would not feel bad about them. splurging.

Mrs. Stone came from a poor family. Although she had enjoyed the most expensive cuisines after marrying a rich husband, she still enjoyed seasonal fruits.

For a person of her status, no one would say anything if she bought a meal at a food truck.

Serenity and Sonny took a seat on the sofa.

No sooner had Serenity put the bags of fruits on the coffee table than the maid came to carry the fruits away for a wash.

Mrs. Stone did not want to waste the fruits bought by the sisters. She would have the fruits washed and enjoyed by all.

Her sons and daughter would not say anything bad about the fruits even though they did not like to eat them. It was a token of the sisters’ gesture at the end of the day.

“Is Elisa out?” Serenity casually remarked, Seeing that Elisa was not around.

“God knows where the girl went. She might have asked her girlfriends out shopping. She’s prodigal. All she does is buy, buy, buy. She never really uses the things she bought. She would put the stuff in a pile before tossing them out. Don’t you think. she’s reckless with money?”

Mrs. Stone moaned and groaned about her daughter’s extravagant spending.

Thank goodness she had two sons who earned a good living and doted on their sister. They were glad to provide their sister with a hefty allowance.

“Isn’t Elisa going to try her hand at investment? Maybe she went to survey the project.”

Elisa had never worked in an office. However, she must have an eye for investment since she was born into a family with business acumen.

Serenity wanted to explore new grounds with Elisa and see if she could make it out there.

“Who knows? Is your hand injury any better now, Seren?”

### **Chapter 926 | [Serenity & Zachary]**

While carrying Sonny with one hand, Mrs. Stone held Serenity’s hand and glanced at it. Distressed and helpless, she said, “Since Zachary confessed his identity, you’ve always stopped me from standing up for you. You didn’t come to me and pour out your feelings either. I’m so worried that my hair has turned gray. You and your sister are always this stubborn.

“I remember that your mom has a good temper and isn’t stubborn at all. I wonder whom you take after with your stubbornness.

Serenity laughed and asked, “Didn’t you say my sister and I take after you in temper?”

Mrs. Stone choked. She recalled that she admired Serenity and her sister not just because of their kinship, but also because of the way the two of them conducted themselves.

Indeed, Serenity took after Mrs. Stone in stubbornness.

“Now that you came over today, what help do you need from me?”

Ever since Zachary confessed his identity, all Elisa felt was anger. Even so, she did not fall out with Serenity. She took pity on Serenity who was wronged and deceived by Zachary. She claimed that she wanted to deal with Zachary on Serenity’s behalf.

It was finally a load off the Stones’ minds.

Since her daughter could face it openly, Mrs. Stone was not too worried. Whenever her niece needed her, she would stand up for her with her identity as next of kin.

“Aunt Audrey, I need to ask you for a favor.”

“Say it. If it’s within my capabilities, I’ll definitely help you. Even if I can’t, you have two other cousins to help solve your problem.”



Serenity said with a grin, "I don't need them. Your help is enough. You always attend. social gatherings, don't you? I shamelessly hope that you'll bring me along to all the social gatherings you attend in the future."

Mrs. Stone grasped her point and said, "No problem. I usually ask Elisa to accompany me to social gatherings, but she doesn't want to. She thinks those people are hypocritical, and she's too lazy to deal with them.

"But everyone is two-faced in all circles—this is reality. For those who can benefit you, you should go all out to butter them up. As for those who aren't beneficial and offendable, you'd better not offend them. As for those who are not of help and have a lower status, you can put on airs and don't have to worry about offending them.

"You just have to understand that everyone prioritizes benefits. Don't simply trust other people. It's important to guard against others, but don't do harm to others either. If someone wants to harm you, you don't need to tolerate them. Just attack them bravely and let them know that you're not to be taken lightly."

Serenity nodded again and again.

"Why didn't you ask Zachary to bring you along?" Mrs. Stone asked out of curiosity.

Given that Serenity came to look for her today, Mrs. Stone knew that Serenity was trying to mingle with Zachary's social circle to strive for Zachary and her future.

After Serenity fell quiet for a moment, she said, "Zachary is domineering. I won't be able to see through other people if I attend social gatherings with him."

Zachary would be protective of her, so no one would dare to provoke her in front of him. In that case, she would not be able to see through those people and decide whether they were worth keeping as friends.

Since she wanted to be with Zachary forever, she would surely have to attend social gatherings alone at times in the future. If she was unable to fathom those people, she would easily get tricked and framed on those occasions.

Serenity wanted to attempt and see if she was able to adapt to the circle filled with hypocritical and scheming people.

After some thought, Mrs. Stone said, "That's true. Although the upper classes might seem well-educated, they're all hypocrites. They do things that are different from what they say. Some people will trap you openly.

"They're also xenophobic and won't easily let other people join their circles. Many rich ladies want to associate with those ladies from wealthy families, but they're looked down upon.

"The Yorks' status is apparent. You're the York family's eldest daughter-in-law. On the surface, they won't do anything to you, but they might secretly plot against you. Since you've decided to be with Zachary forever, these are the things you need to face and adapt to on your own. You also need to learn to counterattack so you'll remain invincible even without Zachary by your side.

“That way, you can strengthen your high social standing in Wiltspoon. This will be helpful to *you* when you take charge of the Yorks’ backhouse and become a qualified wife of the head of the family.”

### **Chapter 927 | [Serenity & Zachary]**

Deep down, Serenity wondered who else she could spend the rest of her life with apart from Zachary, That domineering man would panic if she mentioned that she wanted to break up.

Since she could not split with him; she could only try to blend in with his circle.

“Lately, I’ve received quite a number of invitations. I haven’t taken a look at them. They shouldn’t be of importance. The butler did not deliberately remind me.”

Mrs. Stone added, “Since you want to tag along to accumulate your experience, I’ll let you join every social gathering with me.”

As she was speaking, she ordered someone to hand her the invitation cards.

After looking at all the invitations, she passed them to Serenity. “Seren, please sort these cards based on the dates, in ascending order. I’ll then describe to you the organizers of each social gathering, what businesses they are doing, how they became wealthy, their family members, and their personalities.

“When you get along with other people, it’s crucial to have a good grasp of their personalities. In fact, getting along with people is equivalent to going to a battlefield. You can only gain victory by knowing your enemies well.”

“Okay.”

Serenity looked at every invitation card and arranged them based on their dates from earliest to latest.

“Mom, is Serenity here?”

At that moment, Elisa’s voice rang out from outside the house.

Soon, she was seen swinging the car key. As soon as she saw Sonny, she went toward him with a grin. She took him from her mother’s arms and lifted him high, which had him laughing non-stop.

“Elisa, you need to hold Sonny tightly. Make sure you don’t drop him.”

Mrs. Stone nervously reminded her daughter, worrying that the latter would drop him if she did not hold him tight enough.

“Don’t worry, Mom. I won’t drop Sonny even if I’m going to fall.”

After playing with Sonny for a while, Elisa put him down and asked, “Sonny, do you like me?”

“Yes, I like you very much. You’re pretty. I like you.”

Elisa pinched his face softly and said with a smile, “You’re so sweet, Sonny. You’re still young, yet you already know how to make a woman happy. When you grow up, you’ll surely be a ladykiller.”

She then touched her face and said confidently, “Having said that, Sonny is a child. He’s most sincere, and he’s telling the truth. I’m just pretty and lovely.”

Serenity grinned and said, “Yes. Sonny is telling the truth.”

Mrs. Stone said, “How boastful of you.”

“Mom, Seren, what are the two of you looking at? I saw both of you looking engrossed when I entered.”

Elisa turned her eyes to the pile of invitation cards. She casually took one and flipped through it. After taking a look at it, she placed it back on the coffee table and said, “I dislike attending this kind of social gathering the most.”

“Seren, is my mom planning to bring you along? Let me tell you that this type of occasion isn’t fun. We might as well ask Jasmine out and have Italian food together.”

Mrs. Stone complained about her daughter, “Do you think everyone’s like you? You said you wanted to learn how to start a business and invest. If you don’t socialize with other people, how are you going to grow a business? I saw the Dowlings are having a social gathering tomorrow night. Both of you come along with me and make an appearance. Also, learn how to socialize with others.”

“Mom, I’m not going. What’s more, the Dowlings’ status is much lower than ours. Since when do you show respect for families who aren’t that wealthy?”

“Elisa, I was the one who asked Aunt Audrey to bring me along. I guess I’ll always have to attend such social gatherings in the future. I’ll take it as a learning experience.”

Elisa asked, “Oh. So you’ve made peace with Zachary, huh? Acknowledge me as the older cousin-in-law. I’ll put in the good word the moment he sees me as family.”

“You’re a few years younger than Zachary, yet you shamelessly want him to acknowledge you as the older cousin-in-law,” Mrs. Stone criticized her daughter.

Elisa said self-righteously, “I’m Seren’s cousin, whereas Zachary is Seren’s husband, so technically I’m higher in seniority. Seniority isn’t ranked by age—some people are already someone’s uncle once they’re born.”

## **Chapter 928 | [Serenity & Zachary]**

Mrs. Stone was at a loss for words.

“Seren, since you’ve made up your mind, I’ll sacrifice myself to accompany you and Mom to play pretend with others. On that kind of occasion, everyone puts on an act.”

Mrs. Stone was infuriated by her daughter.

Serenity laughed and said, “In my opinion, we need to learn to tolerate a lot of things, considering that you’ve decided to learn to grow a business.”

“How great it would be if Elisa is half as understanding as you are.”

Mrs. Stone could not do anything to her daughter. Of course, her daughter had enough capital, so she could act however she wanted without having to make a false show of compliance.

“Elisa is great. I like how straightforward Elisa is.”

Elisa lifted her chin complacently and said to her mother, "Mom, look, you think Serenity is better than me, but she thinks that I'm great."

"Oh you, becoming so arrogant with just one compliment."

The three of them were chatting merrily. With Sonny's baby talk in between, the house was filled with laughter.

After a while, a maid walked over and said courteously, "Ma'am, dinner is ready."

Mrs. Stone said to Serenity, "Mm. Seren, we'll have dinner first. After that, you can go upstairs and try Elisa's gowns to see which style suits you. Then, I'll buy you a few sets of gowns. You can have your hair styled in the afternoon.

"Since you've chosen to be with Zachary, you shouldn't rely on him and lose your sense of self. You need to make a change.

"Besides, what you're trying to learn will be useful to your life. I'll slowly teach you etiquette. You're clever, and I believe you'll grasp it in no time."

Serenity adhered to Mrs. Stone's plan and had no comment on it.

She might not be able to embark on the same path as her aunt did, but she could work hard to be more outstanding. That way, she would not hold Zachary back, at least.

"Let's have dinner, Sonny."

Mrs. Stone carried Sonny whom she was very fond of. He resembled her sister when she was young. If she put on a skirt for Sonny, he would bear a closer resemblance to her sister.

"Mom, is Alice at home?"

"She said she hasn't been feeling well lately, so she went to the hospital for a check-up. Before Seren came, Alice called to inform me that she would have dinner with her family after the check-up. Then, she'll come back at night."

Mrs. Stone would not restrict the number of times her daughter-in-law visited her mother. She too had a daughter. After her daughter got married, Mrs. Stone would also hope that her daughter could visit her often.

Some wealthy women would impose many restrictions on their daughters-in-law.

"Why isn't Alice feeling well?" Elisa asked concernedly as she had a good relationship with her eldest sister-in-law.

Serenity was very concerned about Alice's condition too.

"She hasn't given me a call yet. She probably hasn't gotten the report."

Mrs. Stone said, "That shouldn't be a big issue. We go for a body check-up every half a year."

At the mention of the body check-up, Serenity recalled what Zachary said to her. She wondered if she should go to the hospital for a check-up as well.

They sat at the dining table.

As Sonny could eat *on* his own, he did not need the adults to feed him.

This reduced the hassle for them.

Just as Mrs. Stone lifted her spoon, a maid came in and said politely, "Ma'am, Mr. Zachary is here."

### **Chapter 929 | [Serenity & Zachary]**

Mrs. Stone cast a glance at her niece and said, "From the day we know each other until now, this is Zachary's first time paying a visit."

Serenity brought some dishes to Sonny and said indifferently, "He's guilty."

"He's indeed guilty. He definitely came over for your sake. I feel angry that he lied to you too, but it's undeniable that he has fallen in love with you.

"You've known him for several months, but I've truly known him for a decade, so I have a better understanding of him than you do."

The Yorks were very protective of their children. Before the children grew up and stepped into the business world, the public had no idea who they were. The children kept a low profile and were no different from any ordinary child.

That was why Mrs. Stone said that she had truly known Zachary for a decade.

At that time, Zachary was already under training at York Corporation. He officially showed his face when his grandparents took him to a grand business reception.

Since he took over York Corporation, he had an annoying habit of bringing along a group of sturdy bodyguards wherever he went in order to keep away numerous young women who admired him. That was the deepest impression that everyone had on Zachary.

Mrs. Stone watched Zachary turn from 20 to 30 years old. Indeed, he had never been embroiled in any scandal.

York Corporation has a subsidiary entertainment company that signed many artists. Many female celebrities were lucky enough to be able to meet Zachary. Despite trying their best to involve themselves in a scandal with Zachary, they did not have such a chance. Some were so extreme that they ended up being blacklisted instead.

For some who had been blacklisted, their future was ruined. Other artists learned from the mistake and did not dare approach Zachary anymore.

Almost all the socialites in Wiltspoon had a crush on Zachary.

Many years ago, Elisa fell in love with Zachary at first sight and had been infatuated with him for years. She had thought of getting over him, but she failed to do it eventually. Therefore, she fearlessly

confessed to him and pursued him openly. She was the only wealthy young woman in Wiltspoon who had such courage.

When Elisa confessed to Zachary and wooed him, many wealthy young women

secretly perceived her as the laughing stock and were waiting to see how it eventually worked out. If Zachary was not offended by Elisa's attempt to pursue him, they would be ready to do the same too.

As they were secretly waiting for the outcome, Elisa extinguished their hopes.

Soon, there was news that Zachary had gotten married, which shattered the dreams of those women who had a crush on him.

Although the Stones and the Yorks had always had conflicting views, Mrs. Stone must admit that the men from the York family were loyal to their partners. Any families would hope to marry their daughters off to the Yorks.

Casting aside their wealth, the men from the Yorks were responsible and loyal. These qualities were attractive enough.

Mrs. Stone had always known that Zachary would not be interested in her daughter. She had advised Elisa countless times, but Elisa would not give up on him.

In the end, Zachary fell for her niece. In fact, Mrs. Stone was not very sure why Zachary fell in love with Serenity. It was not because she felt that her niece was not good enough, but because there were many more wealthy young elites in Wiltspoon who were more outstanding than Serenity. Even so, Zachary was not interested in them at all.

He fell in love with Serenity, and this must be fate.

If Mrs. Stone found out that Old Mrs. York had gone all out to matchmake Zachary and Serenity previously because of some religious conman's words, she would probably be speechless.

"Right now, I don't feel like speaking up for him. Now that you've made up your mind, you must be firm. I believe you can do it."

Her two nieces were independent like she was in her youth.

It was probably because the two sisters had lost their parents when they were at an early age. Also, they had received a lot of unjust and cruel treatment in society before they came of age. Hence, they were particularly tough. It was not easy to even be able to stay bubbly.

From Mrs. Stone's perspective, her two nieces were able to remain positive in life regardless.

"I know, Aunt Audrey."

Mrs. Stone smiled in satisfaction before glancing at Elisa.

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Elisa continued to eat. Seemingly, she was indifferent toward Zachary's arrival.

At that moment, her mother's eyes were fixed on her. She looked up and said to her mother, "Mom, why are you staring at me? Your nephew-in-law is here, not your son-in-law. Your son-in-law isn't found yet, so you still need to support me for several more years."

"If you don't want to get married, I can support you forever."

"Please. I'm 27 this year. If I round it up, I'll already be 30. My concern is that you're not worried about it. You might act like Jasmine's mother where you can't wait to kick me out of the house if there's a man pursuing me."

That was how Mrs. Sox treated Jasmine.

Of course, Josh was outstanding and had a glib tongue. He managed to persuade the Soxes to take his side. The Soxes nearly made Josh marry Jasmine.

"Mom, since you're keen on meeting your nephew-in-law, hurry up and let him in. Now that we've just started eating, you can ask him to join us. If you're not, then I'll drive him away. If he's willing to acknowledge me as his cousin-in-law, I'll speak up for him."

Serenity and Mrs. Stone were speechless.

At last, Serenity was the one going out.

As it was Zachary's first time entering the Stones' house, he kept a low profile. He only brought Jim along rather than a group of bodyguards.

While waiting, he got out of the car and stood at the gate of the villa.

After a maid went in to inform the Stones, none of them came out. Even so, he did not show a trace of annoyance.

Jim and the chauffeur stood behind Zachary, helping him to hold the gifts he had bought.

Zachary had loathed the Stones, given that they were competitors. They had turned against each other for many years. Now that they became relatives all of a sudden, Zachary and Clive found it hard to accept—they had to tread carefully while trying to leave no stone unturned for their business.

In the past, Zachary might be seen as cruel as he set a clear boundary between kinship and business.

Many people came to realize that Zachary's relationship with Stone Group had softened ever since he took the initiative to expose his true identity to his beloved wife.

He continued to vie for more businesses but he was not as domineering as he used to be. At least, he gave Stone Group the chance to take a breather.

Nevertheless, when Stone Group tried to take advantage of him, it did not manage to do so at all.

Anyhow, even though the relationship between the two corporations had become subtle, they remained locked in a stalemate with no compromise made.

No matter how much Zachary disliked the Stones, Serenity was Mrs. Stone's niece after all. Zachary personally paid Serenity a visit for her sake.

The moment Serenity came out, Zachary's gaze turned gentle, and his handsome face gradually relaxed. As Serenity walked closer to him, he broke into a warm smile.

"Seren."

"What brings you here?"

Zachary said, "Since you were reunited with your aunt, I've never come for a visit. Since I'm available at noon, I thought of coming over. I didn't expect you to be here either."

He would not admit that Serenity's movement was within his supervision.

He did not restrict her freedom, but at the same time, he was afraid she would secretly leave Wiltspoon. Thus, she kept an eye on Serenity furtively.

Deep down, Serenity understood his intention, but she did not expose it. If she did, she would have a row with him again.