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Serenity replied, "I think so too, but it's too early to talk about this. We'll see how things progress. I believe Elisa has feelings for Remy. My aunt will eventually give her blessing if there's chemistry between them."

Elisa was always true to her feelings.

During the time she was in love with Zachary, even when he did not reciprocate her feelings, she boldly pursued him. She would undoubtedly seek her family's approval if the feeling was mutual with Remy.

"Don't worry about them, honey. They are not children. They can work it out on their own. It's late. Let's rest."

Zachary lowered his head to give Serenity a smooch on the forehead before whispering affectionately in her ear. "I will practice self-restraint so your body can rest too. I'll just hold you tonight. I won't touch you."

Lifting her chin, Serenity met his gaze and returned the kiss.

They then slept in each other's arms.

She was always the first to doze off.

It did not take long for Serenity to wander off into dreamland. She was in a deep sleep.

Zachary then received a call from Josh.

He rejected the call so as not to wake Serenity.

Zachary carefully withdrew his arm that was wrapped around Serenity and scooted back to get up. He walked out of the bedroom and sat down on the sofa in the living room.

Hearing the commotion, Mrs. Lane opened her bedroom door and popped her head out.

"Mrs. Lane, I'm taking a call out here because I don't want to wake Seren. Everything is fine."

"Oh." Mrs. Lane wound her head back in and closed the door.

Josh had sent Zachary a text message before Zachary gave a callback.

[Come to Julian's place.]

Josh's message was to inform Zachary to meet with Julian.

Without asking why, Zachary responded favorably.

[Sure.]

He swiftly rose to his feet and returned to the bedroom for a change of clothes. He drew close to the bed and leaned over to kiss Serenity on the forehead. He tenderly murmured, "Sleep tight, Seren."

Several minutes later, Jim, along with other bodyguards, waited downstairs. With Zachary appearing in the foyer, they quietly escorted Zachary to his car.

"I'm going to meet with Julian," Zachary said in a low voice.

The security team now knew the destination.

Josh was waiting at the entrance by the time they arrived at the Buchams' residence.

"Zachary."

Seeing that Zachary was here, Josh said hello with a smile.

Zachary got out of the car and entered the house with Josh.

"Any news?"

"Yeah."

The pair ended the exchange there and then.

Julian was sitting on the sofa in the living room. He got up at the sight of the boys but did not approach Zachary. Julian waited until Zachary was close before saying with a smile, "We're used to the nightlife, Mr. York. I hope I didn't ruin your rest by calling you over this late."

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Zachary answered in a mild manner, "I'm a nocturnal person. I'm not usually home at this hour."

He adjusted his schedule and was in the same time zone as the majority of people in the city after he got married.

"Sit," Julian said to Zachary. "This calls for some liquor. I brought out my good alcohol."

There was a bottle of liquor and two glasses on the coffee table. Judging by the alcohol in the glasses, the cousins had been drinking.

Zachary rejected. "Thank you, but my wife doesn't like me drinking. She's not keen on the alcohol stench. I rarely drink when I go socializing now."

Julian was dumbstruck at first, but he soon burst into laughter.

"Josh said the power of love has changed you. Now I believe him. You have changed a lot, Mr. York."

Zachary was not one to say no to alcohol during business engagements.

He took a glance at Josh, smiled, and replied, "Josh doesn't drink much now either. He stopped smoking too."

Josh jumped in. "Jasmine hates the smell of tobacco."

Julian said, "Can you two be considerate of me? You don't have to flex your relationship with me. I don't even have a girlfriend."

The pair turned their gaze to Julian. Josh uttered, "That's where you're wrong, Julian. Zachary and I aren't flexing. He's an uxorious husband while I'm only taking notes from Zachary about wearing the pants in the house."

Julian did not hold back on dashing Josh's dream. "You can forget about wearing the pants. I think your wife will be the one calling the shots."

Now that Josh and Jasmine's engagement was coming up, Jasmine was already a part of the family in the Buchams' eyes.

"Zachary and I are out of the singleton market. It's your turn next. Your parents must be worried sick when you're going to tie the knot. Tell us what your type is. We can recommend someone suited for you."

Josh fervently asked Julian about his type because Jasmine was interested to know.

The way Jasmine saw it, Julian was a great mystery to unravel. He was discreet yet bad*ss. Jasmine was intrigued by the sort of woman who could win Julian's heart.

Picking up his glass, Julian took a sip and replied with a smile, "I don't know what type of woman I am into. I'm not interested in all the women I've met.

"It'll happen when it happens. I'll marry when the right person comes along. If no one makes my heart flutter, I don't mind enjoying my bachelor life."

Julian carried the attitude that love would come when it was written in the stars.

Of course, he was annoyed by his elders' pressure to marry. Hence why he became a night owl, resting during the day and being active during the night.

He could escape his parents' constant nagging.

His family grew anxious since Josh, who was younger than Julian by a few years, was going to get married. Julian did not even have a girlfriend.

Julian's mother wished she knew what was going on in the minds of the boys of Julian's age.

A lot of men were not considering marriage despite being in their thirties.

Apparently, Julian and Duncan were in the same boat.

Putting down his glass, Julian pulled out a yellow file from under the coffee table. He handed the file to Zachary and said, "I've looked into the matter as requested. I've investigated and sorted out her connections.

"You can read the file here. It's better if the file doesn't leave this place. These people have a knack for surveillance. I'm concerned that the documents might be lost in your hands. The plan for you and Josh now is to stay put until we can catch them red-handed."

With a solemn look, Zachary took the file and gruffly uttered, "Okay. I'll take a look."

He had a great memory. Zachary could retain the vital information from reading the first time and memorize the whole thing after scanning through it another few times.

"Don't worry, Mr. York. I will oversee the matter from start to finish. Once you smoke them out, we can get them once and for all. They should've faced the law when their boss was caught years ago.

"They fled and were in hiding for many years, and now they had made something of themselves."

Zachary opened the file and pulled out Julian's investigation report. It included background checks and photos of multiple individuals so that Zachary could remember their faces.

"Also, that Jessica girl is bait. Just keep an eye on her, but you need to be very careful. They have been watching the girl for a long time. They will sense something is amiss when you start to get a closer look at Jessica."

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Zachary read the documents three times before quietly putting the papers in order and slipping them back into the file. He then handed the file to Julian and thanked him.

"It never occurred to me that they would use the Yates girl," Zachary callously remarked.

"Liberty brought it up to me because she thought it was strange. That got me thinking. It was strange indeed. She never wanted Hank to see Sonny before, but now she visits with Hank and tries to be friendly with Sonny."

They had a sneaking suspicion that Mr. Newman and his wife were in on it. They also suspected that it must be someone Zachary had offended. To everybody's surprise, Jessica was the pawn in this game.

Since the Browns were related by blood to Sonny, the family's attempt to be nice to Sonny did not raise any suspicion.

"They're not trying to get even with you, Mr. York. It's your wife they are after, but you had her surrounded by security. Your wife can fight too. They wouldn't try anything in broad daylight since you're a man of status and power. That was probably why they tried to get to your wife through her nephew.

"As far as I know, your wife practically raised her nephew. Your wife is close with him, so she'll be more than willing to meet their demands to see them alone if her nephew ends up in their hands."

Now that Julian got the whole story, he had to say that these people were great at playing mind games.

"They had tried to use your wife's relatives, but they forewent the idea probably because her relatives were unreliable and couldn't produce results."

Serenity's relatives were all talk and no action. They could do nothing in the face of powerful people.

The Hunts had tried to replace Serenity as Mrs. York with a plastic version, but that turned out to be a bust. Serenity found out about their plan, and Zachary foiled it.

Harriet, who went under the knife, had her face altered to be exactly the same as another cousin. The cousin's husband mistook Harriet for his wife, and a kerfuffle ensued. Harriet and that cousin had since turned on each other.

Now, Harriet had to go for another plastic surgery.

Anyway, the Hunts did not amount to anything.

They did more harm than good.

"I'll hand the information on these people to the police tomorrow. The authorities will handle the arrest. But these people are sly. I doubt they can be captured all at once. Just watch your backs, for now, Mr. York."

Julian did not let Zachary take the documents away because it was not safe. It was time to hand over the case to the police as these people were once the henchmen of a crime lord. Their records were not squeaky clean.

"Thank you, Julian. We'll be careful."

Zachary thanked Julian.

Julian said with a smile, "Don't stress over it too much. I won't let anything happen to you. They might try again in the next few days. I'm guessing they would pick the upcoming holiday. People will be out and about during the festive holiday. The crowd will make it a perfect cover for them to strike and run away.

"Just carry on with your plans. They might have eyes on you, but I've got people watching them too."

Julian's remark gave Zachary assurance.

He showed his appreciation toward Julian repeatedly.

"It's not like we just knew each other, Mr. York. Don't mention it. You and Josh are best friends, so you're my friend too."

Josh gleefully chimed in, "You should thank me, Zachary. I told my cousin to help you."

"Thank you."

Josh grinned. "That's it? Can't you give me something to work on? How about an extra month off for my marital leave?"

Zachary said, "Aren't two months enough? What? Are you going to quit your job just because you're getting married?"

"It's just two months. Make it three. I'm happy to accept two and a half months too."

Zachary looked at him resignedly.

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"How about six months?" "Oh, I'll take it!"

Julian said with a smile, "Why don't you take maternity leave too? Mr. York, just leave him. Give him the two-month marital leave and not a day more. Let me know if he doesn't come back to work when the two months are up. I'll tie him up and deliver him to you."

"Hey, I'm your family, you know."

"I don't even care if it's my brother. Besides, you're only my cousin."

Josh remarked, "I can't depend on you for anything..."

He was joking, of course.

The two-month marital leave was more than enough.

Since Jasmine, Serenity, and Elisa were working together on a project right now, Jasmine was focused on making it work and turning a profit.

Julian finished the liquor and said, "It's late, Mr. York. You should go back and rest."

Zachary stood up and expressed his gratitude to Julian once more before Josh saw him out.

Several minutes later, Zachary's fleet of vehicles left the Buchams' residence.

It was getting deeper into the night.

The darkest moment would soon welcome light.

With the sun rising, a new day had come.

Instead of opening for business today, Serenity went to help out at her sister's diner first thing in the morning.

Once at All You Can Eat, Serenity noticed her nephew lying down on two chairs put together to sleep. Feeling sorry, Serenity said to her sister, "Why don't you and Sonny move to my place? Sonny can sleep in when you're up early. He doesn't have to wake up with you.

"He's at a growing age. The lack of sleep would affect his development."

Liberty was making broth. She would come early to the diner every morning to prepare a new batch of broth.

"I'll only wake you since I get up bright early. I'll talk to Sonny and see if he wants to stay with you, but I'm not going to move there."

There was bound to be noise when Liberty got ready in the morning. Liberty would feel bad for waking her sister and brother-in-law up. Zachary was already busy as it was, so he did not need the lack of sleep added to his problems.

"What do you fancy eating, Seren?" Liberty asked her sister since she was making breakfast for herself. "Does Zachary know that you're here? I think he's not working today, right? You should keep him company since you both are not working."

"I want tomato basil pasta with bacon bits. It has been a while since I had that since Zachary doesn't eat bacon and basil."

Serenity helped her sister in the kitchen. There were people on the streets right now. Soon, customers would be coming into the diner for breakfast.

Many major companies were closed for business today. However, the workers at smaller factories were rushing production due to orders. They could not catch a break during the weekends either.

All You Can Eat was well-known for its broth and various menu items.

Although the diner had not been operating for long, Liberty had a lot of regulars and repeat customers.

Other shop owners on the same street enjoyed breakfast at Liberty's diner too, leaving the operators of other restaurants around jealous. Still, they had no guts to kick up a fuss at All You Can Eat as security had been added to the street.

They had also observed that things did not end well for those who stirred trouble in All You Can Eat.

The only thing they could do was wallow in their envy.

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