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“I won’t help you. You can go after Liberty by yourself. If you manage to pursue her, Seren and I will support the two of you together. If you don’t, then stop pestering her. After all, your mother doesn’t approve of her.”

Zachary did not stop Duncan, but he would not help him either.

“We’re good friends, Duncan. I know you’re a man worthy of lifelong commitment, but your mom looks down on Liberty and doesn’t approve of you two together. Liberty already experienced one failed marriage. I don’t want her to be bullied by her in-laws again after remarrying.”

Duncan hurriedly said, “Zachary, don’t you understand my temperament by now? When has my mom ever made my decisions for me? I’m in charge of my own life. I know my mom is biased against Liberty, but that’s because she doesn’t know Liberty well. She’ll accept Liberty after she gets to know her.

“Even if she doesn’t accept Liberty, it won’t affect us. I don’t live with my parents. I won’t let her suffer from my parents’ anger.”

Zachary glanced at Duncan and said, “You’re still naive, Duncan. When it comes down to it, you’ll realize that some problems are unavoidable. You’ll have to face them either way.

“If Liberty gets with you, won’t you still see your parents in the future? They’re your parents, after all. I suggest you wait a little longer. Maybe your mother will agree when Liberty’s career takes off.

“Besides, Liberty has no plans on remarrying now. She’s completely focused on her business and has no illicit thoughts about you. If you confess to her now, she’ll reject you without hesitation. She doesn’t have the confidence to stand by your side now.

“Give her some time to change. She’s right under your nose now, so you don’t have to worry about her being snatched away by other men.”

Without a second thought, Zachary knew that Duncan would fail if he tried to pursue Liberty now.

Duncan was silent for a long time before saying, “I’ll think about it, Zachary. Of course I won’t confess to Liberty now. I’ll wait and see when she recovers. I’m willing to wait. I’ve been single for thirty–six years. What’s a few more?”

The older he got, the more anxious his mother would be, which greatly increases his chances of being with Liberty.

The two men chatted as they walked and soon arrived at Liberty's ward.

Serenity raised her brows when she saw Duncan again, but she said nothing.

"Dunc."

Sonny greeted Duncan sweetly when he saw the man come in.

Duncan responded with a smile, placed the items down, and asked Liberty with concern, "How are you feeling, Liberty? Does your wound hurt?"

"Thank you for your concern, Mr. Lewis. I'll live. The wound hurts, but it's tolerable."

Liberty did not notice Duncan when she just woke up. She did not know that he watched over her all night.

Serenity did not tell her sister either. She planned to talk to Liberty about Duncan after she was discharged from the hospital.

"Okay."

Duncan looked at Liberty deeply for a moment and said, "You're still looking very pale. Did the doctor say whether you could eat?"

Serenity answered, "She can only eat liquid food starting tomorrow."

Duncan nodded again.

For a moment, he did not know what to say.

In the end, he could only say a few common pleasantries like other visitors did before bidding goodbye.

He could not stay and watch over Liberty tonight.

It would arouse her suspicion if he stayed too long.

In Liberty's eyes, Duncan's care for her was because she was Zachary's sister-in-law.

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Thus, she was not surprised when he visited her. However, she would find it odd if he was overly concerned about her.

Zachary saw Duncan out of the ward while Serenity sat on the edge of the bed with Sonny, talking about stuff that would make her sister happy.

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Liberty was still weak and soon fell asleep again.

Even Sonny fell asleep in Serenity's arms.

Serenity placed her nephew on the sofa bed and covered him with a thin blanket. When she saw that her sister's IV fluid was almost finished, she rang the bell to notify the nurse to come and change the IV.

After changing the IV drip, Serenity watched for a few more minutes before turning around and quietly walked outside.

Zachary pushed the door and entered.

He saw Serenity sitting on the sofa in the small lounge, looking dazed.

He walked over, sat next to her, and touched her shoulder, asking softly, "What's wrong? Is Liberty asleep?"

"Liberty and Sonny are both asleep."

Serenity leaned on her husband's shoulder. "Babe."

"Hm?"

Serenity just called out to him and did not say anything else.

"Did you want to say something to me?" Zachary asked warmly.

Serenity wrapped her arms around him and said, "It's nothing. I just wanted to call you."

Zachary said indulgently. "If you wanted to call me, then call me more. I won't find it annoying or

noisy."

"I know about the trending search."

Zachary paused. "Seren, those paparazzi only spout nonsense. You don't have to take it to heart."

"I didn't see what the paparazzi said. I only saw that York Corporation issued a clarification statement from you."

The first trending search was taken down, and Serenity did not bother looking it up. However, she could guess what it was after seeing the clarification statement Zachary issued.

"Babe, thank you for defending me like that. I don't care if other people believe in me or not, but at least you defended me."

He took all the blame upon himself.

"You're my wife. We'll be spending the rest of our lives together. Who will I defend if not you? Besides, I was telling the truth. I don't want to have children so soon. We can have a child after our wedding and after spending enough time with each other.

"Seren, you really don't need to pressure yourself. As my parents said, let nature take its course. They won't rush you to have a child. My mom said that they won't rush us for the next ten years."

Serenity left his shoulder and looked up at him.

"I'll be thirty-six in ten years. I'll be at an advanced maternal age by then."

Before Zachary could speak, she continued, "I've also gotten over it. I don't want to pressure

myself anymore. If I still can't get pregnant after two or three years, let's do a test to see what the cause is."

Zachary took her into his arms once again and said, "Okay. If we still don't have a child after three years, we'll go for a checkup together. Don't think about children for now. By the way, Seren, you don't know how many people called to ask about me.

"All of them said they would introduce me to a good doctor and help me cure my infertility. The first person who called was that cousin of yours. He's the one I'm least able to deal with. He only had a child with his wife a few years after his marriage. I used to laugh at him and said that I would introduce him to a doctor.

"As soon as the trending search came up, Clive couldn't wait to shove back everything I said to him down my throat."

Serenity said, "Serves you right. Who told you to laugh at him before? Clive and Alice have a good relationship and weren't in a rush to have a child, but you insinuated that they were having a problem. Clive has shown you plenty of respect by not beating you up."

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Zachary deliberately pulled a long face. "It's karma. I got so many calls that my phone ran out of battery. Even Remy said that he would introduce me to a miracle doctor to cure me."

Serenity could not help but laugh when she imagined the scene of Zachary being cared for by everyone.

After laughing, she said to him, "Why didn't you accept when Remy wanted to introduce a miracle healer to you? Ask that genius doctor if it's possible for him to cure Camryn's eyes."

"I forgot about that."

Zachary smiled. "At that time, I was so angry by their concern that I was going crazy. I completely forgot about Callum. However, I did talk to Callum about this before. Ms. Newman's aunt went to Annenburg to find the doctor, but she could not find him.

"Remy's fourth brother is the one and only disciple of the genius doctor. There's a 99% chance of him getting married. Once Dr. Carden becomes the fourth missus of the Johnson family, it'll be much easier for Callum to ask the doctor for help."

"99% chance?"

Zachary hummed in affirmation. "Dr. Carden saved Tim and got pregnant, but she doesn't really want to marry him. The men of the Johnson family are the same as the Yorks. They're all single-mindedly devoted. When Tim heard that Dr. Carden was pregnant, he followed her back.

"Remy said that Tim would most likely marry her, and Dr. Carden would follow him back to the Johnson family after giving birth. However, her tummy's so big now and it isn't convenient for her to offer consultations. Ms. Newman will have to wait for a few months until Dr. Carden gives birth and recuperates before she can have her eyes treated."

Serenity listened with great interest, feeling that there were many stories about the Johnson family.

The couple agreed to go to Annenburg to visit the Johnsons, but it was impossible for Serenity to leave Wiltspoon now that Liberty was injured.

The trip was postponed for the time being.

“Seren, are you sleepy? Go and rest with Sonny first, I’ll wake you up when I’m tired.”

“Sonny is sleeping peacefully now. That psychic is quite amazing.”

Zachary said, “Nana trusts him, so of course he’s amazing. He foretold our fate and said that we’re destined to have a son and a daughter, so you don’t have to worry about it. We’re destined to have children. They’ll come sooner or later.”

Serenity nodded.

She was relieved after hearing that she was fated to have a son and daughter.

She was able to have children—it simply was not time yet.

“I saw you sneak off to ask the psychic something. What did you ask him? Or was the statement about us having a son and a daughter just a pre-arranged script with him to make me happy?”

Serenity thought of that.

Zachary quickly said, “Seren, I’ve never met that psychic prior to today. I don’t believe in such things anyway. It’s Nana who believes in it. How could I have arranged everything in advance?”

“The question I secretly asked him was when we would have our child. It’s not because I was anxious, but because I was worried that you’ll overthink again.”

Serenity hurriedly asked, “What did he say?”

“He said our efforts will bear fruit from late summer to early fall.”

Serenity asked, “September? October?”

They still had to wait a few months.

Zachary embraced her and said gently, “We’ll get the good news this year anyway, honey. You really should stop putting pressure on yourself and just live a good life every day. When Liberty discharged from the hospital, I’ll ask someone to come over and tailor your wedding dress. Hopefully, the baby will only come after the wedding. I don’t want you to be tired.”

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Zachary was worried about Serenity after seeing how hard Alice had it during her pregnancy.

“I already decided not to pressure myself. I want to go back to being the old Serenity Hunt. I’ll live my own life without caring about what others say.

In the end, she still felt that Zachary’s status put a lot of pressure on her.

The gap between them was too large.

She hoped that her investment project could make her money.

Even if she could not match Zachary, at least there was an advancement on her part.

“I’ll go rest for a while.”

“Okay.”

Zachary accompanied her into the ward and watched her lie down beside Sonny. He looked at Liberty’s IV drip and estimated that it would last another half an hour before the next one. Then, he returned to the small lounge, sat down on the sofa again, and organized his work affairs while it was still early.

As Liberty healed in the hospital, Serenity remained by her side almost every day.

Zachary went back to the office during the day and would come over at night to be on vigil with his wife.

However, that was exhausting. Serenity’s heart ached for her husband. She tried to persuade him to rest at home, but he refused.

When Liberty was able to walk, Zachary arranged for Mrs. Lane and another maid to come over and take care of Liberty in Serenity’s stead.

Sonny returned to school after taking a few days off. Jim continued to fetch him to William’s gym for lessons.

While Liberty got better day by day, shocking news emerged from the upper class of Wiltspoon.

The eldest daughter of the Newman family sued her mother and father, accusing them of murdering the late Mr. Newman, Camryn's father, more than twenty years ago. She stated their motives of wanting to possess the family assets and to be together officially.

Camryn asked for Callum's help to get Josh to conduct an investigation. In addition to handing over the recorder to the police, they found evidence of Mr. and Mrs. Newman were together secretly when they were young and submitted the evidence to the police.

The Bucham family already had dirt on the Newman husband and wife. Although most of the evidence pointed to Mrs. Newman, Mr. Newman was also involved.

In his anxiousness to help his wife get a lighter sentence, Mr. Newman ended up subjected to the investigation as well.

Even if he clarified that he did not murder his brother, he admitted that his wife and him fell in love

long ago. After his brother's death, he could not bear to see the woman he loved, who was also his sister-in-law, struggling to get by with his two-year-old niece, so he took his sister-in-law as his wife while disregarding what everyone said.

He angrily rebuked Camryn for being ungrateful and throwing stones at them while they were down.

Even both of Camryn's aunts returned home to blame Camryn. They almost wrecked Spring Blossoms, but fortunately, Callum happened to be present. The two aunts did not dare make a move against Camryn.

The only one who supported Camryn was her youngest aunt.

Callum helped to clean up the mess in the Newman family.

Serenity and Zachary did not interfere much. After Camryn sued her mother and stepfather for murdering her father, Josh and Jasmine's engagement day arrived.

Although Liberty was still injured and was hospitalized for a week, she was recovering well. She could not personally send her blessings to Jasmine, so she insisted on her sister attending Josh and Jasmine's engagement party according to plan.

In the ward, Serenity peeled an apple for her sister, saying, "Don't rush me, Liberty. I'll go to the Bucham residence tonight with Zachary to attend Jasmine and Mr. Bucham's engagement party."

Liberty was relieved. "That's good. I would've chased you out if you didn't go. I can take care of myself now, and Mrs. Lane and the others are here to look after me too. You don't have to worry about anything."

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Liberty sat on the bed. She no longer needed to be hooked on IV drips all day, with only two bags. every morning. When the IV therapy finished around noon, she was free to walk around.

However, her injured hand had not regained her usual strength. She could not even hold her son.

She was a little worried that it would affect her business in the future.

The doctor said that she would recover fully as long as she recuperated well, so she was relieved.

“Jasmine and I have been friends for many years. Of course, I’ll attend her engagement party.”

Serenity peeled the apple and sliced it into four. She handed one to her sister, one to Sonny, and the remaining two to Mrs. Lane and the other maid.

“You go ahead, Missus.”

Mrs. Lane declined the apple.

Serenity smiled and said, “Take it, Mrs. Lane. I don’t really like apples.”

Liberty chimed in, “It’s true, Mrs. Lane. Seren doesn’t like to eat apples. If you don’t eat them, they’ll just end up getting tossed out.”

At the sisters’ words, Mrs. Lane and the maid took the apple slices that Serenity handed to them.

“What do you want to eat for lunch, Liberty?”

Serenity put down the fruit knife and asked, “Tell me what you want to eat. I’ll go back and cook. for you.”

“You and Zachary took full charge of my three meals. Zachary got a nutritionist to put together al menu for me that’ll help with my recovery. You and Zachary worked together to make that happen.”

Some of the recipes the nutritionist planned for were not dishes that Liberty enjoyed. Serenity had to coax her sister repeatedly to finish eating them.

Serenity giggled and said, "If you have something else you want to eat, I can still make it for you."

"There's no need to go through the trouble. I can survive with the meals that Sam brings over every day. You guys feed me so much I'll probably put on twenty pounds by the time I leave the hospital."

It was not easy for her to lose weight, but she was fattened up by her sister again after staying in the hospital.

It was not only her sister and brother-in-law, but her aunt too had always sent her nutritious soup every time she came to visit.

Aunt Audrey said that she needed more iron since she had lost a lot of blood, so she brought over soup rich in iron every day for Liberty to consume.

The Yorks also sent over soups at regular intervals.

Liberty felt like she was living the life of a farm pig in the hospital. Everyone was raising her like a farm animal.

"That's not true. In fact, I think that you've lost weight. Your face is a lot sharper."

Serenity reached out to touch her sister's face.

"Liberty, your skin feels much better too."

"How could it not be when I'm using the luxury skincare products given by you and Elisa? If my skin showed no improvement, you can go smash up the stores."

Before Liberty divorced Hank, her skincare products were also given to her by her sister.

Back then, she was devoted to her family and was always busy cleaning up the house, buying and cooking food, and taking care of her baby. She never took good care of herself, which led to Hank disliking her.

Serenity told her sister off for neglecting her beauty after marriage, but Liberty said there was no need to dress up anymore since she was married.

Now, Liberty understood that a woman had to love herself well.

Knock, knock.

There was a knock at the door.

Mrs. Lane quickly went to open the door.

It was Duncan.

He held another basket of fruit and a bouquet, followed by Lily.

Lily visited Liberty twice when she accompanied Mrs. Lewis.

It was her first time coming here with Duncan.

“Mr. Lewis.”

Mrs. Lane stepped aside and let Duncan and Lily enter.

“Missus, it’s Mr. Lewis and Ms. Harmon.”

Serenity’s beautiful eyes flashed as she glanced at her sister. When she saw that there was no suspicion on Liberty’s face, she composed herself and greeted Duncan and Lily with her usual smile.

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After Zachary talked to Duncan, Duncan did not dare visit Liberty on a daily basis.

He only visited her twice that week. The first time was the night he had a heart-to-heart talk with Zachary

The second time was that day itself.

“Mr. Lewis, Ms. Harmon.”

Liberty got up in a hurry when she saw them enter.

Duncan put the fruit basket down and handed the bouquet to Liberty. He gazed at her gently and said, “These flowers are for you, Liberty.”

“Thank you, Mr. Lewis. You’re too kind.”

Liberty accepted the flowers and thanked Duncan, She had been receiving many fruit baskets and bouquets every day.

She was a person of minor importance, but she was still the biological sister of Mrs. York and Mrs. Stone's niece. Therefore, she received many visitors every day.

Duncan smiled. His gaze lingered on Liberty for a long time before saying worriedly, "Did the doctor say when you can be discharged?"

"I can only leave the hospital after another week."

Duncan nodded.

Lily also asked Liberty several questions out of concern.

Knock knock.

Sounds of someone knocking on the door rang again.

A bodyguard entered and said to Serenity, "Missus, the Browns are here again."

After Liberty regained consciousness, the Browns still came to the hospital every single day. despite knowing they were not welcome.

Serenity glanced at her sister and said, "Ask them to leave."

She knew Jessica was used because Mrs. Newman held the fate of the Yates family. Mrs. Newman forced Jessica to be her pawn to kidnap Sonny.

After Jessica was taken away by the police, neither the Browns nor the Yateses could meet her. Only the lawyer could.

Family members could only visit Jessica after she was sentenced.

Jessica apologized to Liberty through her lawyer and defended herself. She said that even though she was jealous of Liberty, she had never thought of hurting Sonny. She only helped Mrs. Newman because she had no other choice.

However, no matter the reason behind her actions, it was a fact that she had committed a crime. What awaited her was punishment by the law.

Her wedding ceremony with Hank was canceled in the end.

The Browns forced Hank to divorce Jessica.

After finding out about it, Jessica laughed in self-deprecation. She had always thought she was a winner, but she did not know she was the biggest loser all along.

If she did not date Hank back then, she would have found a nice guy, married him, and lived a peaceful life.

Jessica wound herself up in that situation when she chose to be a homewrecker instead of someone's lawful wife.

Being in heaven or hell depended on one's way of thinking.

Jessica regretted her decision.

"Okay."

The bodyguard went out.

Mrs. Brown was about to enter after seeing the bodyguard exiting, but the guards blocked her.

"Mrs. Brown, our missus requests you to leave. Ms Hunt doesn't wish to see you. all."

"We just want to go in and have a look. We're not going to do anything. Why won't you let us in? Who's inside?" Mrs. Brown asked.

She could hear other people talking in the room.

The York family's bodyguard replied, "It's Mr. Lewis."

Upon hearing Duncan had come again, Mrs. Brown immediately decided to enter the room.

However, the York family's bodyguards stood in front of the door like a wall, keeping Mrs. Brown and her family outside the room. They could not even take a step inside.

"Mom, let's go."

Hank felt unpleasant when he heard Duncan was visiting Liberty again.

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Hank could not even enter the room even though he had come.

However, laughter could be heard coming from the room when Duncan was inside.

The stark contrast made Hank disappointed.

“Hank,” Mrs. Brown said in dissatisfaction.

“Mr. Lewis is in Liberty’s room, Hank!” Chelsea glared at her brother and reminded him.

“That’s their freedom. What does it have to do with us? Let’s go.”

After speaking, Hank left his parents and sister and walked away.

He did not even pass the flowers he bought to the bodyguard to be brought inside. Instead, he threw the bouquet away in a nearby trash can.

“Hank, Hank.”

Mrs. Brown went after him.

She glanced at the flowers when she passed by. Ah, the flowers were worth hundreds of dollars. It was wasted just like that by her wasteful son.

Mr. Brown sighed and left as well.

Only Chelsea remained at the ward’s door. She said to the York family’s bodyguards, “I won’t disturb Liberty as she has to entertain her guests. I’ll visit her after the guests leave. I’ll wait here.”

As she spoke, she found a seat nearby and sat down.

The bodyguards let her do as she wished so long as she did not barge into the room. They were too lazy to care about her.

She used to bully their missus’s sister so badly. Why was she pretending to be a kind person now?

Half an hour later, Duncan and Lily exited the room.

Chelsea, who had waited for half an hour, stood up. However, she sat down again when she saw Duncan was with Lily. She even lowered her head and looked at her phone, acting like she did not see Duncan.

Lily did not notice Chelsea’s actions. She asked Duncan, “Why didn’t you stay longer, Duncan?”

Duncan turned to look toward Lily. She smiled and said, “You don’t have to look at me like that, Duncan. I’m being honest. I don’t mean any sarcasm.”

“Ms. Harmon, let’s find a place to have coffee and talk.”

Lily agreed right away.

Ten minutes later, they entered a cafe.

Duncan ordered an Americano.

Lily ordered a latte. da latte.

“Ms. Harmon, I’m a straightforward person, and I don’t like to beat around the bush. I apologize if the words I’m about to say hurt your pride.”

Lily faced him calmly. She said with a smile, “You can say whatever you want, Duncan. I’m not a flower in a greenhouse that can’t stand the battering of the wind and rain.”

“You’re a nice lady, Ms. Harmon. My mom likes you a lot and is trying hard to bring us together. However, I don’t have romantic feelings for you. My mom must’ve told you about my thoughts too. I hope you don’t waste any more effort on me. Nothing will come out of it.”

Duncan had told his mother not to hold on to Lily anymore. He would never date her.

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Lily held her cup and took a sip of coffee elegantly. After that, she smiled at Duncan and said, “You’re such an honest person. Your words do hurt my pride.

“Can you tell me why you fell in love with Liberty? She’s divorced and has a three-year-old son. She isn’t even on equal social status as you. I just wish to know how I lost so I can overcome my shortcomings...”

“To be honest, I have no idea either. I didn’t even know I had romantic feelings for Liberty. I only realized I had unconsciously developed those feelings after the panic, fear, and heartache I felt after she got hurt.

“I don’t care that she’s divorced. I don’t mind that she has a son too. I like Sonny. As for social status... I don’t care about it. However, I won’t confess for now to not make her

feel pressured. I'm willing to wait for her for two to three years and confess to her after her career takes off."

Duncan thought he would have higher chances of succeeding if he confessed to Liberty after her business flourished.

It was because Liberty would have become a confident and strong woman by that time.

Lily gazed at Duncan with shock and regret.

She thought she could still try and strive for a chance. However, upon hearing Duncan's words, she thought of giving up trying. The thoughts he had were entirely out of consideration for Liberty. When a man considered so much for a woman, it could only mean that he had deeply fallen in love. with her.

Duncan was thirty-six. Many at his age already had a child or two, so he could be considered a "leftover man". Nevertheless, he was willing to wait for Liberty for a few years not to marry her but to confess to her.

It was uncertain whether Liberty would accept him if he confessed after she became successful. Even if he could win her over in the end, it would probably take some time, which could range from half a year to one year at least, or three to five years at most.

Duncan was willing to wait anyway.

"I'm sorry, Ms. Harmon."

Duncan said apologetically, "Your time was wasted because of my mother's fondness for you."

Lily drank her coffee again. After some time, she said, "You didn't waste my time, Duncan. I traveled to Wiltspoon on a business trip. I'm here to survey the market and work with mega- corporations in Willspoon.

"I came here for business, but I stayed in your house because of the friendship between Mrs. Lewis and my mom. I'm reuniting with Mrs. Lewis in my mom's stead. I lived in your house. because of our parents' relationship, not because of you. You didn't waste my time. I'll return after successfully negotiating a deal with the business tycoons of Wiltspoon.

"You don't have to feel sorry for me. You didn't do me any wrong."

After a moment of silence, Duncan said, "No wonder my mom likes you so much, Ms. Harmon. You're truly a considerate lady."

Lily smiled confidently and said, "I think I'm outstanding too. I admit that I wanted to develop our relationship to being a couple and even husband and wife. I admire you, but you already have someone you like. Let's just be business partners in the future.

"I've lost, and I accept it. You've spent a lot of time with Liberty since long ago. I was the one who came afterward. Timing was just not on my side. I think you would've fallen in love with me if I had come here before you met Liberty."

Lily accepted that she could not gain Duncan's fancy, but she also felt regretful.

There were few men whom she would admire and be willing to marry.

She was satisfied with Duncan, but sadly, her feelings were not reciprocated. They were not fated to be.

Both of them did not like to force things.

Duncan did not reply.

There were no ifs.

There was no "if only I had known earlier."

His feelings for Liberty were unexpected, even to himself.

It was surprising.

"I'll still live in your house, Duncan. I'll also pretend in front of Mrs. Lewis and make her think I'm still trying my best to woo you. I already told her not to meddle in our affairs."

If Lily backed out immediately, Mrs. Lewis would definitely do something.

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Duncan stared at Lily in silence. After some time, he said calmly, "This is your decision, Ms. Harmon. You can do as you wish, but I won't reciprocate or accept your feelings just because of this."

He knew that Lily's feelings for him had not extended to one of love. Therefore, she could remain alert and rational when facing his reply. She even accepted the fact that she lost to Liberty calmly

However, he still made things clear beforehand.

No matter what Lily did, Duncan would never accept her.

He did not have a big heart. It was only enough for one person.

The woman who entered his heart first would be kept there forever.

Duncan would feel happy if he could marry the person he loved. If he could not marry her, he would not forget her and store his feelings for her in the depths of his heart.

Lily smiled and said, "Don't worry, Duncan. I won't expect you to repay me or accept my feelings for this. We're all adults. We have to face the consequences of all the decisions we make.

"You can reject me if I invite you privately, but I hope you'll give me an opportunity for business collaborations. Although Harmon Corporation hasn't set its foundation in Wiltspoon, we're still a mega-corporation back in our place."

Duncan met her gaze. Her eyes were honest.

After a moment of silence, he said, "Regarding business collaborations, I won't refuse to work with Harmon Corporation if the discussion is smooth and it's a win-win situation."

Lily said with a smile, "I'm relieved to hear this."

After she finished her coffee, she said to Duncan, "I still have matters to attend to, so I'll be leaving first. See you tonight, Duncan."

They were going to the Buchams' house to attend Josh and Jasmine's engagement party that night.

Josh was the Bucham family's young master. He had a close relationship with Julian, who valued him a lot. He was also York Corporation's administrative executive. Mr. York and Mr. Lewis were his close buddies, so his engagement was naturally grand.

Josh doted on Jasmine a lot. Whether it was the engagement or the wedding that was coming afterward, he strived to make them the best. He wanted to leave Jasmine with good memories.

"See you tonight," Duncan replied to Lily with a warm, deep voice.

Lily took her car keys and stood up to leave.

She came with Duncan, but they did not share a car. Duncan did not like sitting in the same car as her

It was convenient

If she drove her own car, she could go wherever she wanted

“Serenity.”

Serenity had just walked out of the ward when she heard Chelsea calling her.

Chelsea had waited for so long. Serenity finally came out. Chelsea could not be bothered that Zachary was right beside Serenity. She picked up her bag and jogged toward Serenity and her husband right away.

Zachary’s handsome face darkened, and his gaze was icy. He stared at Chelsea coldly.

Chelsea flinched, but she braced herself and greeted him. “Hi, Mr. York.”

Zachary’s lips were pressed tight. He did not reply to her greeting and continued staring at her coldly. It made Chelsea feel pressured.

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How did Serenity conquer such a cold, arrogant man? Chelsea criticized inwardly

She would not be able to bear spending time with a man like that He was too cold!

She did not dare look at Zachary anymore Instead, she smiled and said to Serenity, “Serenity cant have a few words with you in private?”

Serenity asked Chelsea, “What is it that you can’t say right now?”

Chelsea took a quick glance at Zachary, then Serenity Indeed, Serenity was more pleasing to the eye

Chelsea used to treat Serenity meanly and instigate her brother to quarrel with Liberty It was an indirect way of forcing Serenity to move out. Firstly, it was because she wanted to make space for her children. She had planned to send her children to the middle school in the city.

Secondly, Chelsea was jealous of Serenity’s youth and beauty. Liberty was beautiful before she married too. However, she did not bother maintaining it and bloated up like a

ball. Her beauty before her marriage was gone Serenity was different. She adhered to exercising every day and had always maintained a model-like figure.

It was known that opposites attract while likes repel.

Chelsea grew to be jealous of Serenity.

However, her mindset changed as she only felt gratitude toward Serenity. She felt no jealousy when looking at Serenity's pretty features. Instead, she found it pleasing and thought Serenity was beautiful and kind. A girl like that deserved to be favored by the heavens, get married to an outstanding man like Zachary, and enjoy glory and wealth.

"Serenity, I think we should still talk in private."

Serenity glanced at her husband. She knew Chelsea was afraid of Zachary. She said to him, "Babe, wait for me in the car."

Zachary said firmly, "I'll wait for you here. You can just talk to each other there. I can see you, but I won't be able to hear your conversation."

He pointed to the end of the corridor and asked Serenity and Chelsea to talk over there. He would be able to see them from the ward's door, but he could not listen to the contents of their conversation.

Serenity did as he asked.

She walked toward the end of the corridor first. Chelsea had no choice but to follow

Serenity stopped when she reached the end. She turned to face Chelsea and asked coldly. "What do you want to talk to me about, Chelsea?"

"Is your sister feeling better, Chelsea? We're concerned about your sister's injury, so we visit her every day You guys might find it annoying, but we're really worried Oh, there's also Sonny Would you like us to take care of Sonny for the time being?"

"Well, you have to care for your sister. It'll be tiring if you have to take care of Sonny as well. There's also your store's business to manage. I'm not working now, and Lucas has started preschool. I'm free to help you. Sonny is my nephew too. I love him as much as you do "

Serenity refused. "We have a lot of people. We can take good care of a child, so you don't need to worry, Chelsea. My sister is doing fine and recovering well She can return home to recuperate. after a week. Thank you for your concern."

Chelsea had offered to take care of Sonny to start the conversation. She knew the Hunt sisters would never let the Brown family care for Sonny anymore.

It was all that evil woman, Jessica's fault. Sonny nearly got harmed while Liberty got hurt because of Jessica.

Chelsea's brother was useless too.

Sonny was still so young. Could he not have carried Sonny away?

He could not even protect Sonny, yet he still wanted to bring Sonny back to live with the Browns

What infuriated Chelsea the most was Hank busily running around for Jessica's matters after Jessica was taken away by the police. He even thought of begging the Hunt sisters countless times. He wanted Liberty to forgive Jessica.

That way, Jessica's sentence would be lenient.

Luckily, Chelsea's parents were on her side. They had been stopping Hank from begging Liberty directly and indirectly.

No matter how stupid Chelsea was, she knew that if Hank dared ask Liberty to forgive Jessica, it would be tough for the Browns to meet Sonny in the future.

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