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Zachary went back to their little home with Serenity in his arms.

As soon as the door was open, the pet dog rushed over.

“Get out of the way!”

Zachary gave a hushed roar, and the little thing lay on the ground obediently, not daring to come any closer.

It knew that its male owner did not like it very much.

Fortunately, he did not abuse it or deprive it of food and water.

Ring ring ring.

Zachary’s phone rang.

He was still carrying Serenity and could not spare a hand to answer the phone.

The phone stopped ringing.

It should be from Josh. Zachary instructed him to call every ten minutes so he would have an excuse to leave.

However, there was no need for that now.

Audrey and her daughter had already left Liberty’s house.

He carried Serenity back to her room, placed her on the bed, and covered her with the quilt before calling Josh.

“You don’t have to call anymore.”

“I don’t? I was thinking about whether to spam you.”

Zachary’s lips twitched.

“Have you eaten? Do you want to eat together?”

“No. Why aren’t you asking Ms. Sox instead?”

“Wouldn’t it be humiliating if she rejected me? We exchanged numbers after we met, but she didn’t take the initiative to contact me. I don’t know what she thinks of me.”

Zachary paused before saying, “I can understand now why my nana feels disappointed in me.”

Josh was stumped, but he managed to ask, “So... Should I ask her out for a meal now?”

“It’s up to you. Anyway, you have to be thick-skinned when chasing your wife.”

“Looks like you’re pretty thick-skinned now.”

Zachary touched his face. "I haven't measured, so I don't know how thick it is."

Tosh burst into laughter. "Serenity is definitely the woman I admire most in the world. There's no one like her!"

"Get lost!"

Zachary snapped at him and hung up the phone.

He sat down at the edge of Serenity's bed, quietly looking at her sleeping face. The lines on her face had loosened up. He leaned down, pressed a kiss on her cheek, and whispered softly in her ear, "I admire you too, Serenity. You took half my soul away so easily."

He gently touched her face again. The tenderness in his eyes was undisguised.

After lingering for a good long while, he finally left her room.

Serenity slept until the evening and only woke up from hunger.

When she opened her eyes to see the familiar environment, she knew that she had fallen asleep in the car and was carried back by Zachary.

Where was he?

The door was suddenly pushed open.

Zachary came in wearing a floral apron. It seemed like he had just been busy in the kitchen.

"You're awake?"

He walked over and asked in a warm voice. His eyes when he looked at her seemed to be able to steal her heart and soul.

How could she have thought that his eyes were sharp and cold in the past?

"What time is it now?"

"Six in the evening."

"I slept that long?" She rubbed her stomach. "No wonder I feel hungry."

Zachary gave her a comb for her to brush her hair and said, "You didn't eat at noon, so it's only natural you feel hungry."

She slept soundly, so he did not wake her up for lunch.

"Did my sister call?"

"No, but I called Mrs. Lane. Sonny doesn't have a fever anymore. He's just sleeping."

Serenity was relieved. His care and attention to Sonny warmed her heart.

She could not help but like him more with each passing day.

Even if her feelings started from gratitude, the affection she felt for him was real.

“Do you want to shower before eating?”

“I’ll shower later. I’m staying at my sister’s place tonight.”

Zachary was silent.

Serenity leaned closer to him. Her eyes twinkled as she teased him, “Why? Can’t bear for me to leave?»

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Zachary said stubbornly, “No!”

“Really?”

“Really!”

Serenity straightened her back and said with a regretful expression, “I was thinking that if you didn’t want me to leave, I could tell Mrs. Lane to stay at my sister’s house while I accompany you. Since you don’t need it, I’d better go keep my sister company.

“The weather is getting colder. It sure feels like winter is approaching. I always feel uncomfortable sleeping alone during this time.” Serenity sighed.

Zachary was speechless.

‘Is she implying that if I said I didn’t want her to leave, she would hug the pillow and quilt and hog my bed?

Serenity was still carrying a regretful look. She reached out and patted his face twice, before trailing her finger down to his neck, and finally rubbing his chest. When Zachary’s eyes deepened and he stared intently at her, she withdrew her wandering hand.

“I’m hungry. Let’s eat. I want to see if the dishes my husband cooked for me are any good.”

Serenity was done teasing him and left.

She walked past Zachary.

He turned around at once and wrapped his arms around her waist from behind.

“Do you think you can leave after teasing me?”

He teased with his husky voice with his hands around her waist like an iron grip. She could not break free from him even though she practiced kickboxing,

“Loosen up,” Serenity said as she could not pry his hands away.

Zachary planted a kiss on her cheek before he loosened his grip. She turned around while in his embrace and looked up. Her pretty face was flushed from the teasing, and her beautiful eyes twinkled like stars in the dark night.

In Zachary’s eyes, she looked incredibly seductive at that moment.

“Serenity.” “I like it when you call me Seren.”

“You often call me Mr. York,” Zachary said that with a bit of grievance.

She did not address him intimately.

“I’m already calling you Zachary. How about I call you Zacky instead?”

Zachary was silent briefly before saying, “You can just call me Zachary.”

Zacky. Geez, I have goosebumps just hearing that name.’

“Haha.”

Serenity already knew that he would not let her call him Zacky.

Zachary was a little aggravated. When she got carried away laughing, he sealed her lips with his.

After the kiss, he said in her ear hoarsely, “Stay home tonight.”

“Hm?”

“Didn’t you say it’s cold and you’re uncomfortable when sleeping alone? I’ll let you use my warmth.”

Zachary’s handsome face blushed inexplicably when those words left his lips.

Serenity was amazed.

The way he looked when he blushed was just too adorable!

“I haven’t figured out if what I feel for you is gratitude or affection.”

Zachary glared at her and gritted her teeth. “You’re really good at raining on other people’s parades!”

“Thanks for the compliment!”

As she said that, Serenity’s stomach was heard growling.

“I’m hungry, Zachary. Let’s eat.”

Zachary did not let her go.

“Be good, Zacky. Let’s go out and eat.”

Zachary raised his chin.

What an arrogant guy.

Helpless, Serenity tiptoed and kissed him on the lips. She then laughed and said, “I surrender. I admit defeat. Zachary York, you’re the best man in the world.”

“I’ll only be the best man in your heart.”

He softened and let her go.

After regaining freedom, she immediately took his warm and large hand and pulled him out.

She casually responded, "You're already the best man in my heart for now." No one knew if anyone would beat him in the future.

### **Chapter 483**

After flirting with each other before and over dinner, Zachary showered Serenity with meticulous care.

Serenity was a little overwhelmed by it.

At the same time though, she thought, 'Sure enough, a good husband has to be trained by oneself.

'I hope the husband that I've trained won't be snatched away by others.'

The couple went to Liberty's house together after dinner.

Sonny had woken up but refused to play by himself. He stuck to his mother like a piece of gum.

Serenity was the only other person he allowed to hold him. He even refused Mrs. Lane to carry him.

"Liberty, are you going to work tomorrow?" Serenity asked while she was hugging her nephew.

Liberty looked at Sonny and deliberated before saying, "Seren, I want to quit and start my own business."

She was feeling uneasy with the way Sonny was now. However, she had just started her job. It would be easy to lose her job if she took a leave of absence.

After a day of consideration, she decided to take her son with her to start her own business.

"Have you thought about which line of work?"

Liberty said tentatively, "I want to open a breakfast restaurant. What do you think? Apart from working a desk job, the only thing I'm confident in is my cooking skills, so I want to open a breakfast restaurant. I'll only be busy in the mornings and can rest in the afternoon to take care of Sonny."

"Having your business during breakfast hours requires you to get up early. It'll be exhausting. Can you manage by yourself?"

Serenity could come over to help at first, but she could not come by every day.

"I'll start small and only serve toasts and pancakes. When I earn money, I'll get a shop front and hire someone to help."

Zachary, who had been keeping silent, supported Liberty's idea to start a small business. He interjected, "Liberty, do you have your eye on a location yet? Where will your stall be? How much capital do you need?"

"It'll be best if I can rent a place in the market, but it'll be difficult. Otherwise, I'd like a place

that's near large company buildings. It's best if the company does not have a cafeteria, but those locations are already taken up."

Unless someone relocated.

Serenity said, "Don't worry about that now, Liberty. You have to research the market first. If there's really no stalls, we can get a store front instead. If you don't have enough capital, I'll lend it to you. Hire someone else to help you. You still need to take care of Sonny, so don't tire yourself out."

"Yeah. I'll take tomorrow off. Let's wait until Sonny gets better."

If the company was understanding about her taking time off despite just working for a few days, she would continue working for a while.

However, if the company could not be understanding, then she would have to resign.

"I want to talk to Hank again about the divorce. If I was given a choice, I'd rather talk it out with him as I don't want to live with him for a moment longer, and going through the divorce lawsuit

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"If the talk doesn't work out, then I'll still file for divorce."

Serenity exchanged looks with her husband and nodded. "You talk to Hank again. It's best if you two can come to an agreement regarding the divorce. It'll be quicker too. Don't show him the evidence of his extra income, but you can scare him a little.

"Also, you can go find Jessica and talk to her to let her pressure Hank. He might be willing to take a step back in order to keep his job and marry her as soon as possible."

Liberty thought about it and felt that her sister had a point.

"If you're not free, I'll ask Jessica out for you and talk to her."

"No need, I'll talk to her myself. I'll take the next two days off to care for Sonny at home. I'll ask Jessica out tomorrow at noon." Since Liberty did not need her help, Serenity did not insist.

## **Chapter 484**

"Seren, you should go to work tomorrow or open your shop. You don't have to come over. I can take care of Sonny."

Serenity was still worried. "Then I'll ask Mrs. Lane to stay here."

Mrs. Lane was hired with the priority to take care of Sonny during the day anyway, and cleaning up Zachary's and her home was secondary.

Liberty felt a little embarrassed.

Her brother-in-law hired Mrs. Lane because he did not want his wife to be tired, but Mrs. Lane was always helping her instead.

“We’re sisters, Liberty. We should support each other.”

Serenity did not want her sister to be burdened psychologically. “As long as Sonny and you are doing well, nothing else is more important.”

“You pay Mrs. Lane’s salary for now. I’ll pay you back when I’m back on my feet.” Liberty was grateful for her sister’s help, but she could not take it for granted.

Zachary said warmly, “Liberty, we’re family. Don’t be such a stranger. Serenity and I have a good income now with no children yet, so we don’t have many commitments in our lives. You don’t have to worry about Mrs. Lane’s salary. We won’t treat her poorly.”

Liberty was growing more pleased with her brother-in-law.

Her sister was a little luckier than she was,

Zachary was a responsible man.

At nine in the evening, the young couple left Bright Boulevard.

Grandma May was already sitting in the hall, watching TV. She was immediately overjoyed when she saw the couple walking in while holding hands.

Zachary felt a little unnatural, but Serenity had a calm face.

They were husband and wife. What was strange about holding hands?

“Where did you go, Nana? I didn’t see you in the afternoon.”

Serenity only let go of Zachary’s hand after walking up to the old lady, taking a seat beside her.

“I met up with my friends for a chat. Have you just returned from your sister’s place? Is Sonny better?”

Serenity nodded. “He’s much better. I told Mrs. Lane to stay there and help my sister take care of Sonny together.”

“That’s good. By the way, you mentioned that Mrs. Stone’s sister and Sonny look alike... Mrs. Stone went to your sister’s house and saw Sonny. Did she say anything about it?”

Grandma May was more interested in knowing if Serenity’s deceased mother was the long lost sister whom Audrey had been looking for for decades.

“Mrs. Stone didn’t say anything when she went to my sister’s place. She just turned really pale and scared Elisa, so the latter quickly took her home. I think... maybe my mom was the sister she has been looking for.”

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Audrey was pale because she had difficulty accepting the reality that her sister had been dead for fifteen years.

She spent decades looking for her only sister, but when she finally found a lead, she was told that her sister passed away fifteen years ago. No one would be able to accept that.

“The decision lies in Mrs. Stone’s hand now. My sister and I can’t do anything.” Serenity’s mood became depressed while discussing this.

Grandma May nodded. “Mrs. Stone should take some time to accept the fact that her sister might have passed away. She’ll definitely come to you two and offer to do a DNA test in a few days.”

She patted Serenity’s hind and said comfortingly, “Seren, no matter what the result is, we’ll accept it calmly. If your mother really is Mrs. Stone’s sister, although she can’t reconnect with her sister anymore, at least she still has relatives looking for her and thinking about her. She can then rest in peace.”

Serenity desperately blinked away the tears welling up in her eyes.

She thought, ‘If Mom and Mrs. Stone really were sisters, and if they met earlier, maybe Mom wouldn’t have died in that accident.’ It was the living who were left behind to lament.

## **Chapter 485**

After comforting Serenity, Grandma May yawned gracefully. She put down the TV remote control, got up, and said to the young couple, “I’ll head in to rest up. I’m old and can’t stay up late.”

She took a few steps and stopped before turning around to ask Serenity, “Seren, should I bring your pillow out?”

Serenity smiled and said, “No need. There are pillows in the guest room for me.”

Grandma May glanced at her grandson twice, but did not say anything. She proceeded into Serenity’s room.

By the time Serenity went in to take a shower, the old lady was already snoring loudly.

Serenity was speechless.

Ten minutes later.

She came out of the room in her pajamas. Just after closing the door, she saw her man in his robe, leaning against the door of his room with his arms across his chest.

“Not sleeping yet? You have to work tomorrow.”

Serenity casually said to him, pretending to not remember teasing him earlier. She walked past him toward the guest room.

However, when she pushed open the door to the guest room, she was dumbfounded.

The bedsheet was gone.

The quilt was gone.

The pillow was also gone.

She had clearly bought a set of bedding products. Where did they go?

Were they stolen?



That did not seem right, a thief would not just steal bedding.

She turned her head to look at the proud man who was still standing against the door. He must have taken advantage of the time she was in the shower to take away all the bedding in the guest room.

Zachary kept silent and simply looked at her.

Serenity turned around and walked back toward him. She paused in front of him and then walked into his room.

While entering, she said, "I remember a certain someone mentioned that he'd keep the door of the room open for me to search for the agreement."

Zachary waited for her to enter the room before following her. He closed the door behind him and said calmly, "Be my guest. If you can't find it, then don't bring up the agreement again in the future, because it doesn't exist."

Apart from the safe that had not been open yet, she had already scoured every inch of the room

Serenity pretended to casually rummage through the room before heading over to his safe and patted it. "Open it and let me see. You must have hidden it here."

Zachary walked over and unlocked it.

Serenity looked at him before opening the safe. There was only one thing inside—a small document. It was the marriage license of the two of them.

There was nothing else.

She removed the marriage license before inspecting the safe. There really was nothing left.

"There's not even a penny here. What did you buy a safe for?"

Zachary said as a matter of fact, "To keep our marriage license."

"If you'd like to put money inside, I'll go to the bank tomorrow after work to get some cash and bring it back to place it in the safe. You can use it whenever you want to."

"There's still money in the household expenses card you gave me."

Serenity flipped over the marriage license to look at their wedding photo, which appeared very unnatural

"Look at your face back then. You're like an iceberg. I was worried I'd freeze and turn into an ice sculpture after taking the wedding photos."

Zachary sat down beside her and took a look at the photo on the license. "You weren't particularly enthusiastic either. The photographer kept telling you to lean closer, but you were frozen stiff. You didn't budge an inch."

Serenity was speechless.

It was the pot calling the kettle black

“Seren, don’t mention the agreement again. It’s gone. Even if it wasn’t gone, I would have probably flushed it down the drain already.”

Serenity looked at him and dove into the deep abyss of pondering what he could mean

He was going back on his word, that was what he meant. He took advantage of that night when

She was a little drunk to destroy her copy of the agreement. He was afraid she would wake up and look for it, so he destroyed his own copy as well.

When she remembered to ask him, he shamelessly denied it and said that she had been worrying too much lately and was hallucinating.

He was clearly saving himself from shooting himself in the foot again. Serenity mulled over his words but did not poke at his lies.

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Serenity climbed into his bed and lay down comfortably, saying, “I’ve only slept in your bed once, but I feel like it’s particularly warm. Maybe it’s my imagination.”

She pulled the quilt up to cover herself and smiled. “Good night, Zachary.”

Zachary’s dark eyes flashed. He stared at her for a long time before suddenly lifting the quilt off her and was about to pin her down.

However, she sat up and removed herself from the bed at once. She put on her slippers and left.

“Serenity.”

Zachary reached out to pull her back.

“I, uh—I need to use the bathroom.”

Aunt Flo might have come to ruin the atmosphere.

The man did not understand. “There’s a bathroom in my room.”

“Your bathroom doesn’t have what I need. I’ll come back to sleep in your bed after I use the bathroom, but I won’t be able to sleep with you for a while.”

Serenity pinched his face regretfully. “Fatten up a little.”

No matter how slow Zachary was, he finally understood and slowly let go of his hand, letting her return to her room.

A while later, Serenity re-entered his room. Zachary had his back to her while hugging a pillow with both arms, seemingly sulking.

Serenity hesitated and thought, ‘Should I sleep in a different room?’

Maybe I should. I’ll go back and sleep with Nana for the night.’

She turned around to leave.

“You’re not even going to let me hold you?”

Huh?

Serenity stopped in her tracks and turned to look at the man who was sulking

“I’m afraid you’ll have a hard time if you hold me.”

“It’s better than sleeping alone.”

Since he was not afraid of being tormented, she did not hold back

Serenity then cheerfully returned to Zachary’s side, lifting the quilt while saying, “C’mon, don’t give me that look. You look like a moping kid now.”

“I’m a man.”

“Fine, a moping man.”

Zachary suddenly reached out and pinned her down. He leaned in and kissed her fiercely before he felt better.

Embracing his wife, he asked in a low and husky voice, “How many days?”

“Seven plus three.”

“That long?”

“I cherish my body. If you don’t want to wait, we’ll continue to sleep in separate rooms.”

It was not appropriate to do anything right after Aunt Flo left.

Her body was hers. She would not harm her body for the sake of his pleasure.

Zachary held her tightly. “Don’t make it sound like I’m a beast. Go to sleep. You have to work tomorrow.”

He pressed a gentle kiss on her forehead. “Good night.”

“Good night.”

Serenity adjusted her sleeping position and soon fell asleep peacefully.

Meanwhile, in the Stone family’s villa.

Audrey sat on the bed, holding an old yellow photo she had kept for decades. As she looked at her sister in the photo and thought that the latter might no longer be alive, her eyes started to redden again.

A large hand reached out and took the photo from her hands.

“You’ve been staring at it all day. You refuse to eat and drink, and not even speak. Are you trying to worry me to death?”

Darrell was feeling distressed as he handed a tissue to his wife. "It's yet to be determined, but you're already crying. Maybe it's not true this time either."

The DNA test was not carried out yet, so it was still up in the air if Hunt sisters were truly his sister-in-law's daughters.

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Audrey took the tissue handed to her by her husband and wiped her tears.

She then finally said, "Sonny does look somewhat similar to my sister. His mother, Liberty, would resemble my sister more if she was a little thinner.

"When Elisa first met Serenity, she said she had a feeling of wanting to be close to the latter. I had that feeling too when I met Liberty and her son.

"I think it's because of our blood relation.

"Darrell, maybe this time, I have really found my sister..."

Audrey's tears slipped down again when she thought about the fact that her sister was long gone.

"But she's no longer here. She died fifteen years ago. It's no wonder I couldn't find her despite searching for so long. How could I find her when she's no longer in this world?"

Darrell comforted her. "It's just a feeling. Sometimes, fate acts in mysterious ways. Don't cry yet and wait for the DNA test."

If his sister-in-law whom he had never met was dead, Darrell would feel shaken too.

When he first met his wife, she was still just an employee of Stone Group, but she had already started searching for her sister.

Decades passed but she never gave up. She also let her children take over and help her continue the search.

Countless years of perseverance and faith suddenly turned into nothingness. It was normal for his wife to find it difficult to accept.

"My intuition tells me that Liberty and Serenity are my sister's daughters. My sister isn't here anymore, and her daughters are still living such a hard life... Fortunately, they're strong like I was."

Back then, she was only eight years old and could not raise her sister.

The Hunt sisters had it slightly better. At least they got their parents' life insurance payouts. Although their horrid relatives took most of them, the town council fortunately got two hundred thousand for the sisters. Liberty was also fifteen years old that year and was able to somewhat take the burden of raising her sister.

Elisa said that Serenity treated her sister exceptionally well.

Audrey thought, "The two sisters rely on each other and after going through so many storms and seeing the fickleness of human nature, Liberty was both a sister and a mother to Serenity. Serenity would be an ingrate if she wasn't good to her sister."

"Let's do the DNA test first."

Audrey wiped her tears again and nodded, "I'll visit Serenity tomorrow and ask for a DNA test with her."

She did not choose to do it with Liberty because the latter had to take care of Sonny.

She was aware about the sisters' situation through her daughter. At present, Liberty was in a low period of her life, and she was depending on her younger sister, so Audrey would only ask Serenity to cooperate with her for a DNA test.

"Let Elisa go with you tomorrow. She has a good relationship with Serenity."

Darrell recalled how his daughter often met Serenity after getting acquainted with her, regardless of her status. He was also pleased with his daughter's change of nature, but he never thought that their blood relation played a role.

"All right."

"Keep this matter under wraps for now, lest other people tamper with the results."

Darrell reminded his wife.

Their family was the second most powerful family in Wiltspoon after the Yorks.

Many people faked their identities to try and establish connections with the Stone family because they knew that Audrey had always been looking for her sister.

The Hunt sisters had a simple background now, but they were surrounded by too many outrageous people. Who knew if they would do anything to tamper with the results or stop the sisters from acknowledging their relationship with Audrey?

Case in point, the Hunt family.

They not only took away the six hundred thousand payout, but also seized the properties and lands belonging to Serenity's family. Then, they drove the sisters away and forbade them from returning to their hometown to visit their parents' graves. Worse still, they even moved the graves without informing the sisters.

Now, the Hunt sisters did not know where their parents' graves were. They could not even pay their respects.

It was no wonder Serenity mercilessly refused when the family repeatedly went to beg for reconciliation.

The hate ran too deep

They had not experienced the suffering of the Hunt sisters, so they could use moral blackmail.

I know."

Audrey said, "I'm not worried about them tampering with the results. I'm just afraid that if we make a statement and the test turns out negative, others will use it as an excuse to attack Serenity."

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Darrell let out a hum and comforted his wife. "Don't think too much about it. We'll know whether it's true or false in a few days. Go to sleep first, or shall I go downstairs to make you some food? You can sleep after having a bite."

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"I have no appetite."

"You haven't eaten or drank anything all day. Do you know how worried I am about you? Your children are worried too. Even Anthony came back after hearing that you were feeling down."

They had three children. Their eldest was mature and steady, their second-born was never at home, and their youngest was the apple of their eye, who used to hover around Zachary all day in the past and only revert to her normal self a few days ago.

"Think of it as me going on a diet."

Audrey then lay down on the bed. "I'm going to sleep."

Darrell was helpless when it came to Audrey.

She did not want to eat, and he could not coax her into it.

Her temper had always been very stubborn, and their daughter took after her.

She loved Zachary for many years and refused to give up no matter how many people persuaded her to. She only turned around after hitting a dead end.

The night passed without a word.

The next day, it was drizzling again, turning the already cool morning into a chill.

Zachary woke up before Serenity.

The woman beside him got cold in the second half of the night and burrowed into his arms unawares. She actually treated him as a warmer.

He lowered his head and looked at the alluring woman who was still curled up against him. Zachary's eyes softened. Opening his eyes and seeing his favorite woman by his side turned out to be such a blissful feeling.

After staring at Serenity for a while, he gently pulled away and got out of bed for fear of waking her up.

He walked to the window, pulled open the curtains, and looked at the sky outside.

The sky was overcast because of the rain.

It was not suitable for him to go out for his morning run.

Alter standing there for a moment, he turned around and walked away.

Ten minutes later, he came out of the room and went straight into the kitchen before leaving it in less than a minute later.

He walked to the balcony to call Jim. When Jim answered, he ordered in a low voice, "Go over to the hotel and pack three servings of breakfast for me."

"Yes, sir," Jim answered respectfully and immediately set off once Zachary hung up the phone.

Fortunately, Zachary chose to stay at Brynfield, which was not far from the hotel and the office.

The round trip took half an hour, and Jim knocked on Zachary's door bringing with him the three breakfasts he had packed.

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While knocking, he suddenly had a thought. 'What if the person who came to open the door is Missus? How am I supposed to explain myself then?

'In her eyes, I'm just a professional chauffeur. I can't say that I'm also a part-time deliveryman now, can I?'

The door opened.

Jim sighed in relief when he saw Zachary.

There was no need for him to work part-time as a deliveryman now.

He handed the breakfasts to Zachary.

"Don't park the car downstairs anymore," Zachary reminded him in a low voice.

Jim was stunned and asked, "Does Missus suspect something?"

Zachary glanced at him, and he zipped it. He would do whatever Zachary told him to do with no questions asked.

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Zachary took the breakfast that Jim packed and placed them on the dining table. He had second thoughts and entered the kitchen again.

He was brewing hot cocoa for Serenity.

"I thought you made the breakfast yourself, but it turned out to be takeouts."

A teasing voice came through and Zachary did not even need to look back to know that it was his nana, neither did he say anything.

"What are you making? It smells sweet and chocolatey."

Grandma May walked into the kitchen, uncovered the saucepan, and took a look.

"I thought there was some progress."

The old woman muttered and glanced at her grandson in disdain before turning to leave.

Zachary's handsome face tensed. He could not help but defend himself, "I tried very hard."

There was originally a chance last night, but God played a trick on him.

"The heart. You have to go after the heart first. Didn't you see that all of Serenity's ten fingers are still empty?"

Zachary was speechless.

He tried very hard to go after her heart.

He bought two wedding bands long ago, and he even wore his ring several times. However, it was just to make Elisa give up on him.

Serenity's ring was still with him since he had not given it to her.

"I have a pair of diamond rings that your grandfather bought when he was alive. We were supposed to wear it as a couple, but your grandfather bought too many diamond rings. I can't wear all of them, so I left some of them in the jewelry vault.

"They'll just take up space if I leave them there, so I'll give them to you. Do as you please with them."

Grandma May's jewelry vault was full of treasures. The diamond ring that she always wore was her wedding ring. Although her husband gave her many more diamond rings, she still liked to wear the one she had when she got married.

"Thanks, Nana."

Zachary was well aware that the jewelry in his grandmother's vault were better than those in the jewelry stores, with many being antique treasures.

Every husband and wife from his parents' generation would receive a pair of diamond rings from Nana.

Now, it was the grandchildren's turn. He was the first to receive a diamond ring from his grandmother

He hoped that he could use the diamond ring presented to him by his grandmother to ensnare Serenity for the rest of her life.

"Learn how to say sweet words. Everyone likes hearing nice words. Don't keep wearing that tense face. It'll make Serenity think that she owes you a fortune."

Zachary was speechless.

"I'm already old, but I still have to worry about your marriage. You'll be letting me down if you don't make me a great-grandmother by next year.

"Even your grandfather had a headache when it came to your marriage when he was still alive."

Zachary was exasperated and thought, 'Am I that bad?'



"It's quite cold today."

Grandma May walked to the balcony and shivered from the cold wind. She hurriedly retreated inside. "It finally feels like winter in Wiltspoon."

Zachary did not speak.

When the hot cocoa was ready, he came out of the kitchen and went into his room.

Serenity had just woken up, but she was still lying in bed with a blank expression.

A large and slightly cold hand felt her face, pinching it softly, and in his low voice, Zachary said, "Why are you spacing out?"

Serenity grabbed his hand and pinched the back of it harshly.

"Serenity!"

He let out a low shout.

She pinched him with all her might.

"Does it hurt?"

"Do you think I'm an iron wall who can't feel pain?"

"No, I thought I was dreaming, so I pinched you. Now I believe that this is reality after hearing your cry of pain. I slept in your bed again last night."

Zachary was speechless.

'If she suspected that she was dreaming, why didn't she pinch herself instead?

She'll only know she's not dreaming if she herself feels the pain. Why did she pinch me then, and so hard at that?'

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The eldest son of the York family had never suffered from such a painful pinch in his life.

It hurt!

"Is Nana up?" Serenity asked as she turned over to get out of bed.

She wanted to slip back into her room before Grandma May woke up.

"She's up."

"So early?"

Serenity, who was ready to run, stopped in her tracks. "Nana will see me if I go out like this."

"We're husband and wife."

Zachary did not like her sneaking around.

Serenity grinned. "You're right, we're husband and wife. There's nothing to hide. Nana will only be happy if she sees us like this. She knows that we've been sleeping in separate rooms since we got married and has always urged me to do all sorts of things to you."

Zachary looked at her without a word.

He was also feeling utterly helpless with his nana.

Of course, he was mostly grateful now. If not for her nagging, he would not have married Serenity.

"I'm going back to my room to change. What do you want to eat today? I'll cook for you."

"I went and got takeout for breakfast, so there's no need to cook."

Serenity took a double take at him and left the room.

Zachary's expression darkened. What did those glances mean?

Was it strange that he got takeouts for her? Would this make the sun rise from the west?

"Morning, Nana."

Serenity went out and greeted the old lady as if nothing had happened.

"Morning, Serenity."

Grandma May looked at her lovingly. "You must be hungry. Zack got up early and braved the cold wind and rain to Wiltspoon Hotel and packed breakfast home. He said that you like the food there."

Serenity's heart warmed as she listened. She felt like she was being cherished.

I'm not picky. He could've just packed any breakfast from a nearby restaurant."

Grandma May laughed. "You'll get tired of eating those every day. It's good to try something different occasionally. It's cold today, so go change your clothes and put on a jacket."

Serenity hummed and pretended to be calm as she went back to her room. Once the door was closed, she could not help but laugh.

Ring ring ring...

The phone rang

Serenity took out her phone, thinking it was her sister calling, but it turned out to be her best friend, Jasmine.

"Jasmine, I'll be there soon."

Serenity thought Jasmine was urging her to go help out in the store because it was too busy.

"Seren, I haven't gone to the store today. I have a cold. I was dizzy when I woke up in the morning, so I took my temperature and found out that I'm running a high fever. I'll have to go to the hospital later. I'm just giving you a heads-up that you'll have to watch the store today."

“How did you catch a cold? Did you dress for fashion instead of warmth? It’s raining today and it feels like winter. Wear a few more layers. The store belongs to us, so it’s only natural for me to watch it. Please don’t stand on ceremony with me.

“Quickly get yourself to the hospital. Don’t drive and ask your brother to send you there.”

Jasmine hummed in response. “My mom will take me to the hospital, so I won’t bother my brother. I’ll go see the doctor first.”

“Okay, take care.”

“You too. Wear more layers.”

After exhorting each other, Jasmine hung up first.

She could not go to the store today, so Serenity could not dally as usual. She changed her clothes as fast as she could and washed up.

Then, she took the purse she always carried and went out.

“Nana and Zachary, I’ll go to the store first. I’ll bring breakfast there to eat.”

In one swift series of motions, she walked to the table, picked up her portion of breakfast, stuffed it into her bag, and left.

“Wait, Serenity.” Zachary called out to her.