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Zachary stopped talking.

This was a responsibility Serenity had to take up since she married him.

Serenity looked at her husband and saw him fall silent, then said, “Then I have to take advantage of these days while Zachary is at home on holiday to properly get a feel for it. I can ask you guys questions if I don’t understand anything.”

She was aware that she had responsibilities as the missus of the York family.

It just did not occur to her that she would have to manage the family industries.

Furthermore, she did not expect she would have to manage the huge Wildridge Manor in the future. Serenity thought of the first time she met Jane and saw how the latter managed FC Manor.

It seemed that she, like Jane, had to take over the management of some of her in-laws’ assets. Jane seemed to have already taken over, but Serenity had not started yet.

Jane had a strong background. Although she grew up in the Murphy family, which was not considered affluent, they were still rather well-off. The whole family pampered Jane and raised her to be confident and open.

Later, Jane found her biological parents. Her biological father was the head of the Lafayette family in Meadspring. Putting aside Lafayette’s family fortune, Jane would still inherit tens of billions of dollars just from the private properties belonging to her biological father.

She was a bonafide multi-billionaire.

If a person had money and status, they would have confidence.

That was something Serenity lacked.

However, at the thought of Zachary and his family’s trust in her, she became confident again. Even if she did something wrong when she took over, her in-laws would not blame her. As long as she could learn from her mistakes and correct them, it would mean progress.

“Zack handles the external matters while you handle the internal ones. You’re in charge of some small industries, such as the rental of shops and buildings and the operation of some chain stores. It’s not much. Seren, I believe you’ll quickly get the hang of it.”

Grandma May smiled and comforted Serenity so the younger woman did not feel too much pressure.

The real business matters were left to Zachary to manage.

However, Serenity also had to know the various trades that the York family was involved in. As husband and wife, she had to know a little about Zachary’s affairs. She would be accompanying him to various dinners in the future, so she could not be completely ignorant.

Serenity smiled. The pressure in her heart alleviated slightly.

After they entered the house and chatted, Grandma May told Tania what she had just said.

Tania said with a smile, “I wanted Seren to learn how to take over a long time ago, but Zack lives outside with her and rarely comes back. I can’t go to their home because I’m afraid Zack will chase me out.”

She was well aware of her son’s domineering attitude—he liked to monopolize Serenity.

If she dashed over to teach her daughter-in-law about taking over the family management, her son might blame her for stealing his wife’s attention and kick her, his very own mother, out of the house.

Zachary was someone capable of doing such a thing.

“When Seren can completely take over, I’ll be able to travel around the world with Liam.”

“Mom, you need to teach me slowly,” Serenity said modestly.

She had not completely integrated herself into high society yet.

Tania smiled. “Don’t worry, if you don’t understand, just ask me or your nana. Come upstairs with me first. I’ll show you the books of accounts.”

Serenity looked at Zachary.

Zachary shrugged and said, “This is something I can’t help you with, honey. You have to do whatever Mom tells you to do.”

Serenity looked at her sister, who said with a smile, "Don't look at me either. This is your family business. and your responsibility. I can't help you."

Liberty was very happy. She was happy for her sister.

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The wedding was not held yet, but the York family had already started to make arrangements to get her sister involved in their family business. It was a sign of recognition and trust in her sister.

Liberty was relieved.

Her sister was much luckier than she was.

In the beginning, Serenity got married to Zachary in order to make her feel at ease. The couple had no feelings back then, but now, they were loving each other deeply and living a blissful life.

Most importantly, the York family was the richest family in Wiltspoon, but they never looked down on Serenity's background.

This was exceptionally rare.

Liberty was genuinely happy for her sister.

Serenity took her mother-in-law's arm and said like a spoiled child, "Mom, we just got back. Can you let me have some fun?"

Tania poked Serenity's forehead dotingly and said, "Haven't you had enough fun? The vegetable farm you invested in is also managed for you. As an investor, all you have to do is check in once in a while. Other than looking after your store, you're not that busy."

She looked at her son and joked, "If I had to say what you're busy with, I'd say you're busy being in love with Zack."

Serenity blushed deeply at her mother-in-law's teasing.

"Come on, let's go upstairs."

Tania did not care about her daughter-in-law acting spoiled and dragged Serenity to the second floor which had two study rooms.

The large study was commonly used by Zachary and his father, while the small one was exclusive to Tania. Only Tania and Grandma May had the key to the small study.

However, since Tania married into the family, Grandma May handed over all the managing of the house to her oldest daughter-in-law.

She rarely set foot into the small study again.

If others wanted to enter the small study, they had to get Tania or Grandma May's consent.

Her second and third daughters-in-law knew about the family estate, but they did not have to worry about managing it. They were only in charge of their private businesses. As for their in-laws' huge family business, they would only help out when needed.

Unless Tania asked for help, they would not casually intervene for fear that she would get suspicious and think that they wanted to fight for power.

In any case, they had enough on their plate with their family's private businesses. Their sons were also capable, so they did not have to worry much. Oh, they only needed to worry about their sons' marriages. However, with Grandma May around, they could still relax for a few years.

If Grandma May could not persuade her grandchildren to marry, it would be even harder for them, mothers.

The person the nine young masters of the York family respected the most was Grandma May. They would accept whatever their nana did for them.

Therefore, Grandma May's second and third daughters-in-law hoped that she would live a long life and help them push their sons to get married. They just had to wait to become mothers-in-law themselves.

Tania took Serenity up into the small study and opened the door with the key she carried with her.

"Your nana doesn't use this key anymore, so I'll give you her key later. It'll be easy for you to come in and look at the books whenever you want."

Serenity nodded.

After the mother-in-law and daughter-in-law entered the small study, Tania instructed Serenity to close the door.

Serenity did as she was told.

After closing the door, she turned around and surveyed the small study.

Although it was called a small study, it was not small at all.

In addition to a desk, there was a sofa set and several bookshelves stuffed with books of accounts.

Serenity first thought that the books on the bookshelves were paperbacks, but upon closer look, she saw that they were ledgers. Some ledgers looked quite antique. They should be what the ancestors of the York family had left behind.

“This shelf of books was left behind by the York ancestors. You can flip through it and learn about how the family rose to fortune.”

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“The old ledgers have been copied to new books so it’s easier for reference.”

Tania explained and pointed to the computer on the desk while saying to Serenity, “There are too many ledgers to look through, so there’s also a copy on the computer. It’s much easier and faster to look it up on the computer.”

Serenity looked at the large bookshelves, trying to suppress her shock, and asked her mother-in-law, “Mom, are these all our family’s properties?”

“Yep.”

Serenity took a pause before she said, “Nana just mentioned the rental of some shops and houses, some chain stores, and small industries that needed my management.”

At the sight of so many books, Serenity felt that she would not be able to get to the bottom of the York family’s industries in just a few days of holidays.

God, there were so many books!

She did not study accounting, so she was just a novice.

“Your nana is right. It’s just some small enterprises. You just need to know where it is and who’s in charge of that business. Someone will make a report on whether it turns a profit or a loss every month, but you still have to know the details lest you be deceived.

“A little greed is harmless. You cannot expect everyone to be squeaky clean. As long as they don’t overdo it, we’ll just turn a blind eye. In general, they won’t dare mess around. Their careers will be over if they’re punished.”

The York family was a huge name. The people managing the York family businesses did not dare mess around for fear of ruining their careers. Moreover, the York family had always treated its management with kindness. They would not be mistreated as long as they did their jobs well.

Tania was worried that Serenity would be too uptight and serious, so she made a few remarks.

Serenity nodded. “I’ll ask you for advice if I don’t understand anything.

“Do I have to finish reading all these ledgers?”

“Take a look at the first three pages of each ledger for the time being. The first page lists the location of each business, which you have to memorize. The second and third pages are mostly the personnel. Their details and photos are included so you can easily identify them.”

Serenity was speechless in her heart but did not let it show on her face.

The Yorks had a fortune worth hundreds of billions and had many businesses.

As the future lady of the Yorks, she could not be intimidated by the number of properties her in-laws had.

Tania was also paying attention to Serenity’s reaction.

She was quite satisfied to see that there was only shock in Serenity’s eyes but not on her face.

At least she would not look ignorant.

Mrs. Stone must have trained her a lot.

Mrs. Stone used to be a successful career woman. Tania did not question the woman’s ability in personally training Serenity.

Tania handed Grandma May’s key to Serenity and said, “You don’t have to worry. Take your time. I took several years myself to fully grasp the hang of it.”

She was from a wealthy family, but it took her several years to get fully up to speed. Serenity would most likely take longer.

Serenity suddenly relaxed.

The pressure she felt lifted significantly.

She was terrified that she was expected to get the hang of it in a few days.

Fortunately, she had a few years.

Tania hoped that Serenity would first bear a child for the York family, but she promised Zachary that she would never pressure Serenity into having one. She simply buried the idea in her heart and never voiced it.

Serenity must be feeling pressure when there were yet to have signs after so long. Just one word from her mother-in-law would be enough to add pressure on her.

Therefore, Tania held back her true thoughts.

She simply said, "You haven't had your wedding with Zack yet. After the wedding, you two still have to go on your honeymoon, but once that's over, you'll have to learn how to manage the household. You can still live the life you want during this period. I won't bother you."

Serenity laughed. "Now that I know all this, I wouldn't dare to enjoy my life frivolously."

It was not easy being the lady of the house!

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"If don't understand anything in the future, you can ask us or Zack. Zack handles matters outside the family, but he still knows about the affairs within the family."

Serenity nodded.

She was relieved that she could rely on Zachary.

"Will you be going downstairs now or staying here to read the ledgers?" Tania asked.

Serenity thought about it and said, "My sister and Mr. Lewis are here. Since there are guests, we should go downstairs first. There are too many books for me to finish reading in a short period of time. I'll come in and read them when I'm free tonight."

Tania hummed,

The mother-in-law and daughter-in-law left the small study together, and Tania locked the door of the study again.

She added, "The study is an important place, and others are generally forbidden from entering, so we're responsible for cleaning up the study. I'll clean it up when you're not here, but if you move back to the manor with Zack in the future, I'll leave it to you to care for it."

"Okay."

It was no wonder Zachary did not want to move back into the manor with her so soon.

The manor being far away and it being inconvenient for him to commute to work was secondary.

The main reason was that he did not want her to shoulder the burden of being the lady of the house so soon. He wanted her to have fun and more time for her happiness.

Serenity was deeply touched by Zachary's good intentions.

This man was really considerate of her and loved her immensely.

When Tania and Serenity entered the small study, Callum's mother, Zachary's second aunt, woke up.

She did not remember Brenda or Amy, but Mason said, "They're Ms. Camryn's eldest and second aunts."

"Camryn's aunts? Invite them in."

Rosella sat down gracefully in front of the sofa and told Mason to inform the security post at the gate to let in the two ladies who had been waiting for a long time.

Rosella did not have a deep impression of Camryn's three aunts. The Newman family was just a well-off family, but their gap with the Yorks was too large.

Newman Enterprise had its wealth today because Mr. Newman killed his younger brother, took over the company, and managed it diligently.

Even so, the gap between a family with assets of a billion and hundreds of billions was still too great.

Brenda's and Amy's in-laws could be said to be rich, and they would also attend parties with other ladies, but they were not on the same level as the ladies of the York family. Thus, Rosella had no impression of Brenda and Amy.

They would not be able to enter Wildridge Manor were it not for them being Camryn's aunts.

Mason responded respectfully.

"The company is on holiday these days. Callum's not back?" Rosella asked.

"No, but Mr. Zachary and his wife are. Mr. Lewis came along too."

Rosella hummed and said, "Since Zack and Serenity are back, the others will follow suit. We'll have lunch at Tania's place."

Mason responded respectfully again.

He took out his phone and made a call to the security guard on duty at the main entrance of the manor.

He informed the guard to let Brenda and Amy into the manor.

There would be someone to escort the two women over to meet Rosella.

While waiting for them to arrive, Rosella went to dine first.

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