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Maverick replied, “My mom and I just go wherever she takes us to have fun.”

River smiled and said, “Then Uncle will take you to Ocean World or the zoo. You’ll love it.”

A lot of the rides at the amusement park weren’t suitable for kids that young, so River had no plans to take his nieces and nephews there. Besides, the York family’s old estate already had a large playground. After the baby was born, all the equipment had been replaced with brand-new ones.

Grandma had said the old playground was originally meant for her sons. Now that they were grown, it was time to update everything for the next generation.

“Okay,” Maverick nodded.

The snacks River ordered arrived. He turned to Serenity and said, “Sister-in-law, have some snacks first. Afterward, I’ll take you to my place. I already asked the butler to prepare a bunch of your favorite dishes.”

Serenity replied, “We’re not really hungry. How about we stay here at the hotel instead? You have to work every day, and we’re here just to relax. We don’t want to take up your time. You can just have your butler show us around—we don’t need you to accompany us personally.”

River shook his head. “That won’t work. Sister-in-law, this is your first time here. If I let you stay at a hotel instead of my place, my brother would have my head. I’ve got people to take care of work for me. I want to spend a few days with you guys. I especially want to be with Belle. If I don’t, she might not even remember me as her uncle when she goes back.”

He lived in Eaglioncile and rarely went home—only returning to Wiltspoon when he had time. The kids at home didn’t have a strong impression of him as their uncle. That was understandable with so many nephews. But Belle was different—she was the long-awaited daughter in the York family, and River saw her as his own. He couldn’t let his little niece forget who he was.

“Sister-in-law, did you travel here with just the kids? No bodyguards or nannies with you?” River asked while handing a dessert to his niece.

Was it really safe for his big brother to let his wife travel with the kids alone?

Serenity said, “They’re on their way. Both nannies got airsick and were feeling really unwell after the flight. I had the bodyguards stay back to take care of them. Once they feel better, they’ll come join us. Your big brother would never let me travel alone with the kids without a nanny or a bodyguard.”

If it had just been her and Maverick, Zachary might have allowed it, since Serenity knew martial arts and could handle herself. Maverick, at just six years old, had already been training in martial arts since he was three or four. After a couple of years, he could even knock down his older cousin, Sonny.

Sonny had been practicing martial arts for a while too, but only performed well against regular kids. Whenever he went up against someone with actual training, he didn’t stand much of a chance.

When Serenity first enrolled Sonny in martial arts, the instructor had said he lacked natural talent and could only improve through sheer persistence. Over time, he’d be better than the average person and at least grow strong and healthy.

Zachary was always nervous about taking Bethany out. She was his precious daughter—more important to him than his own eyes. If it wasn’t for something urgent or a business trip, he would’ve dropped everything to go on vacation with his wife and kids.

To ease Zachary’s concerns, Serenity agreed to bring both a nanny and a bodyguard.

Having a nanny around made looking after the kids so much easier.

“How’s Grandma doing?” River asked with genuine concern.

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“I’ve been so busy lately I haven’t had time to go back and visit Grandma,” Serenity said. “She’s doing okay overall, but she’s getting older. Like most elderly folks, she has some health issues. The family doctor checks her regularly and gives her medicine to help her recover.”

She sighed lightly. “But these days, Grandma’s becoming more and more like a child. She refuses to take her medicine, so I have to coax her every day. When she found out I was coming to Eaglioncile, she wanted to come with me, but your big brother talked her out of it. She’s not as strong as she used to be.”

Serenity wished the old lady could live a long, healthy life—like Mr. Jimenez, who passed away just after turning 100. That was what you called a peaceful passing.

“Grandma’s worried about your love life,” Serenity added. “She says she doesn’t have the energy anymore to go around looking for wives for her grandsons. She picked out wives for your six older brothers, but she didn’t get to do it for you, or for the eighth and ninth. She said if you three don’t get married, she won’t be able to rest easy—even after she’s gone to see Grandpa.”

“She told me, and so did my second uncle and aunt, to talk to you directly. You’re 31 now. It’s time to think about your future. Isn’t there anyone suitable in Eaglioncile? Second Aunt said the girl doesn’t have to come from a big family. As long as she’s decent and kind, that’s enough.”

“We set up blind dates for you, but you always say you’re too busy to show up.”

As the eldest sister-in-law, Serenity cared deeply about her brothers-in-law and their futures.

Out of the nine York brothers, only three were still single. River was already 31, and even Zachary had gotten married at 30.

River smiled and said, “Sister-in-law, marriage is all about fate. Mine just hasn’t come yet. I’ll tell Grandma that when I meet the right girl, I’ll get married. She already has a great-grandson, and now a great-granddaughter too. She doesn’t have to worry anymore.”

Serenity ordered a coffee. After it arrived, she took a few sips before setting it down. “It’s not about great-grandkids anymore. Grandma just feels bad for you. She’s afraid that by the time you’re ready to settle down, she’ll be too old to help you find someone.”

“I don’t blame Grandma,” River said with a relaxed smile. “Tell her not to worry. If I’m still single at 35, you can help pick my wife. As long as she’s a good woman and you all approve, I’ll marry her.”

River truly believed his sisters-in-law had his best interest at heart. If they helped him find a wife, she’d definitely be someone with a good character.

He wasn’t concerned about falling in love right away. A respectful and steady marriage was still a good life.

Maybe they’d fall in love after getting married—just like Zachary and Serenity. They didn’t fall in love before marriage, but now, years later with two kids, they were still as in love as when it all began.

Plenty of women had tried to interfere in Zachary and Serenity’s marriage, but none succeeded. Zachary only had eyes for his wife.

River believed he’d be the same. Once the men of the York family got married, they were in it for life. No second thoughts. No regrets.