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Chapter 1061 | [Serenity & Zachary]

“In the end, Cupid had to come down to Earth to clean up his apprentice’s mess and bring together the man and woman who were fated to be a couple. The show felt so magical when I first watched it. I was young and didn’t understand love, but the idea of bringing two people together by shooting them with arrows seemed really interesting.”

Zachary asked, “Was there a TV show like that? I don’t remember seeing it. I rarely have time to watch TV

He was the successor of the company and had to learn more than his peers since his childhood. He received all kinds of training and education, so of course he did not have time to watch TV.

“When my parents were still alive, I often watched TV shows with them. TVs back then were still in black and white.

“After my parents passed away, my sister and I were on our own. We had to focus on studying and didn’t have time to watch TV for several years. We only watched a few shows occasionally after we started working and had time.”

Zachary held her hand tightly. “In the future, I’ll accompany you to watch any TV series you want.” Serenity leaned her head on his shoulder but quickly straightened up again. There were many people around, so it was not an appropriate time to be lovey-dovey

As they strolled and chatted, the journey felt shorter, and they soon arrived at the barbecue site in the villa

Sam finished arranging everything, so there were no more preparations needed to be done after they arrived at the site.

The men wanted to show off, so they manned the grill while the women ate

When the other young masters of the York family saw Zachary’s table full of couples, they silently moved to another grill some distance away. They did not want to be too close to the couples since it was easy for them to feel envious

Kevin placed a plate of grilled lamb skewers on the table and said to Callum, “Are you envious?”

“Save the chit-chat. If you are, then do as Nana says. Our family also has hotels in Jensburg. Go on a business trip and see your future wife.”

Kevin snatched the chicken wing from Callum’s hand and said, “If you want to eat, you can grill it yourself”

He did not want Hayden!

She was a tomboy!

She looked even more handsome as a man than he did!

More importantly, he inquired about Hayden privately and found out that her reputation in Jensburg was just as grand as Zachary's.

Hayden was definitely a tough bone to crack

Kevin felt that his bones would break first

Callum wanted to eat the other grilled food, but Kevin took the plate away and did not let him eat

"I said one sentence, but you're not letting me eat anymore.

"Don't be so petty, Kevin. You won't suffer by listening to Nana. In fact, you'll suffer more if you don't listen to her."

Kevin snapped, "You're not listening to her either."

Callum was speechless and thought, 'Well, better you than me.'

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Serenity watched her brothers-in-law bickering and felt envious. The brothers and uncles of the York family were harmonious, unlike the Hunt family where everyone was trying to plot against another.

"Elisa, what did you say you wanted to invest in?"

Serenity remembered about the investment and asked Elisa about it while eating the barbecue seafood platter her man specially prepared for her.

Jasmine also pricked her ears to listen.

She also felt some pressure now because of Josh. When she saw how her best friend was trying so hard to improve herself in order to shorten the gap between Zachary and her, Jasmine did not want to stand idly by anymore.

"All the industries are saturated now, so it's hard for us to compete with others. When I accompanied you back to your hometown yesterday, I saw the fields in your village were basically deserted."

Serenity nodded. "Many of them are abandoned. The young people leave the village to work, so only the elderly and children are left at home. However, they can't do any work, so the fields end up that way"

Her family's fields which she had seen from afar were also left aside.

Well, her relatives in the village were considered rich, so they could live a better life than everyone else without needing to farm.

"I was thinking, how about we arrange for a person to rent all the barren fields there, and then plant grass and vegetables? Of course, we don't have to manage it ourselves. We'll hire someone to take care of it instead. I'm afraid your relatives will sabotage the fields if we show up

"If we succeed in planting them, we won't have to worry about the market. Villa areas and urban greening need grass, which is what we'll be planting specifically. We can also plant vegetables and fruits.

“Stone Group and York Corporation have many hotels under their banner, and they need a large number of fruits and vegetables every day. Of course, our goal is to sell to other hotels. We’re not trying to earn money from our own families.

“School cafeterias, large factory canteens, and the likes also need a large number of fruits and vegetables every day. Although the competition in this field is also very fierce, I think we’ll have a slight advantage over others.

I saw a lot of deserted fields along the road you took to your hometown. I believe the villagers will be more than happy to rent the fields to us. Earning some income from the rent is better than leaving them untouched.”

Serenity laughed. “I’m from the countryside, but I never thought of using the fields in the village to make money. You’re good at thinking outside the box, Elisa. There are too few people still farming in the village, mainly because the fields are scattered, and each family only has one or two acres of land. They only harvest just enough to feed their own families, so they can’t earn much money”

Serenity thought Elisa would open a store selling luxury goods, start a beauty salon, or something along those lines. She did not expect Elisa to aim at the barren fields in the countryside.

Elisa continued, I’ve made some calculations and think that this investment is profitable. We won’t go that far We’ll just plant grass, fruits, and vegetables on the fields we contract in Wiltspoon’s countryside. so we’ll save a little on transportation costs. We won’t profit much if we ship between borders due to the larger costs

I don’t think it’s necessary to worry about marketing as long as our quality is good. If you think the prospects are good, we can start working. I’ll draft a plan and calculate the cost of the various aspects we need to invest in. I’ll ask Clive’s secretary to handle the issue of renting the fields since no one in your hometown knows him.”

Serenity said, “Go to the village chief. He will consult the opinions of the villagers and then sign the contract.”

Elisa nodded.

Liberty interjected, “My breakfast diner also needs fruits and vegetables every day. If you guys succeed, I’ll sign a long-term partnership with you.”

She had just started her own business, but she was ambitious and hoped to eventually open a large restaurant. When her business grew, her supply of ingredients would increase as well.

Elisa smiled. “Thank you for your support, Liberty, but I prefer to earn other people’s money. Earning money from one’s own family is only something a person would do when they’re at the end of their rope.”

If a person did business with their own family, they would be called heartless if the prices were high. If the prices were low, they would end up losing money instead. Either way, it was a lose-lose situation.

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Liberty thought about it and said, "You're right. Elisa, your way of thinking is much better than ours. You should learn more from Elisa, Seren."

The Hunt sisters were motivated and ambitious, but they might not be as good as Elisa when it came to investing and making money. After all, Elisa came from a family who ran their own business, so she at least had some experience.

Elisa blushed and laughed, I only thought of renting the fields to plant fruits and vegetables after I saw so many fields deserted on the way back to your hometown.

I talked to Clive, and he said that it's feasible. He said that no matter what project we invest in, project that makes us money is a good project. He suggested we give it a try."

Elisa added confidently. "Let's just give it a go. It'll be good if we can profit, but if we fail, it'll be a learning experience. In any case, I'm not short of money.

"Seren, mention it to Zachary later at night. If he thinks it's worth a try, then we'll go for it. He's very discerning when it comes to investing in projects."

Ever since Zachary took over York Corporation, every project he invested in was a hit and turned into a profit

Elisa often heard Clive talk about Zachary's achievements at home. Clive only stopped mentioning Zachary after she fell in love with him.

"Sure

Serenity agreed easily.

In fact, the men had sharp ears. They heard the women discussing investing in fields in the village and planting grass as well as fruits and vegetables. Although they did not speak, all of them felt that Elisa had good insight.

In Elisa's words, all industries were saturated now, so it was difficult for newcomers to make a living.

The competition in the field they were investing in was also fierce, but Elisa and Serenity had an advantage with their status. They would have an easier time than others if they went around to discuss business partnerships with their peers.

If that did not work, they could supply their families' hotels.

That was why the men felt that Elisa's idea was worth a try.

Zachary did not plan to help. Serenity was an independent woman, so she would not want him to help unless she asked for it. She would not feel a sense of accomplishment if he did.

Since she wanted to work by herself, he would support her. It would be good if she could earn money. If she failed, she could just stay at home as the missus of the York family and spend his money.

Remy recalled that the branch company he managed had a cafeteria. Although it was just a branch company, there were still thousands of employees working there, so the cafeteria needed a large number of fruits and vegetables every day.

He wondered if Elisa would notice his company and come to talk to him about a business partnership. Of course, he did not personally manage the cafeteria. However, if Elisa came to him, he would spare some time to manage the cafeteria himself.

The ladies chatted about investment while eating the barbecue, and soon, everyone was stuffed.

Elisa hugged Sonny and rubbed his round tummy, laughing, "We got so carried away talking that we didn't pay attention to this little guy. Look, his tummy is so round now. Let's take a break and go on a stroll to help with digestion."

Serenity reached out and touched her nephew's stomach. She asked with a smile, "Do you feel uncomfortable, Sonny?"

Sonny shook his head. "Nope. I stopped eating when I got full. I gave the food I couldn't finish to Dunc."

Everyone looked at Duncan.

Duncan said matter-of-factly, "I didn't want to waste food we spent so much effort to grill."

In fact, the food that Sonny gave him was food that he had not touched yet. The little boy was very smart. He was afraid that Duncan would be disgusted, so he did not give Duncan the food that he ate halfway.

Duncan felt that Sonny had a bright future ahead of him.

He was just three years old, but he was so clever and sensible. Furthermore, he was adorable. How he wished that Sonny was his son.

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"I gave Dunc all the food I haven't touched," the little boy explained.

Thus, the others did not find it strange.

"Let's take a break. We'll have some free time to ourselves."

Zachary spoke to the group.

He wanted to bring his beloved wife on a stroll around their home alone.

The group smiled in understanding.

After a short rest, Zachary took Serenity away from the barbecue site.

"Til take you to the garden to see the flowers. The flowers are in bloom now"

Serenity did not refuse. She was not familiar with the place and did not know where the scenery was good, so she followed wherever he brought her to.

The spring breeze caressed her face, and Serenity could not help but close her eyes and enjoy the wind.

"The air here is better than in the city."

Zachary smiled “Of course it is. It’s very quiet here too. It’s too bad Liberty’s store is opening tomorrow, or we could stay here for a few more days so you can get more familiar with your new home.”

“I’ll be living in my home for the rest of my life. There’s more than enough time for me to familiarize myself with this place, so there’s no rush. The most important thing now is to help my sister stabilize her business first.”

Zachary was very happy with what she said.

Yes, this was her home. It was their home. They would live here for the rest of their lives.

“But the manor is huge. I would get lost if I had to wander by myself without you leading me.”

“It’s easy to get lost in an unfamiliar environment. The layout of the manor is built somewhat like a maze. If a newcomer doesn’t have someone to lead them, they might wander around lost for three days.

Serenity was stunned. “Seriously? Thank goodness you’re around to lead me. I’d be embarrassed if I got lost here for three days.”

Zachary laughed. “How would I let you walk alone? Of course I’ll show you around and let you familiarize yourself with the place. It’s the first time I’ve taken a woman on a stroll around my family’s villa.”

“What an honor.”

“No, it’s my honor to serve you.”

The couple looked at each other and grinned.

Zachary could not help but stop and wrap his arms around his beloved wife. He said huskily, “Honey, let me charge you a service fee, okay? I got excited when I saw how spirited you looked when you were talking to Elisa about investment.”

Serenity first looked around to make sure no one was around, then she boldly kissed him.

After the lingering kiss, Zachary laced his hands with hers again and walked forward with their fingers interlocked.

He was in a good mood, so the scenery on the sides of the path looked particularly beautiful.

After walking for ten minutes, they entered the garden. Serenity felt like she fell into a sea of flowers.

She took her time in the garden and took many pictures.

Finally, she entered the greenhouse. As the gardener introduced the plants, Serenity suddenly realized that not only were the many flowers she kept on her balcony the same variety as the ones in the greenhouse, even the flower pots were identical.

The gardener who was in charge of managing the flora in the manor bought the flower pots wholesale, resulting in many of them sharing the same design.

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“What’s wrong?”

Zachary saw Serenity staring at the flower pots and said warmly, “If you like them, let’s take a few pots back and keep them on the balcony.”

“Zachary.”

Serenity turned to him and asked, “Back then, I asked you to buy flowers from the florist. Did you buy them at the flower shop or have they been sent over from here?”

There was no need to hide the truth anymore, so Zachary admitted honestly, “I called Sam and asked him to arrange for someone to send some potted flowers over. I know you like large flowers with complicated petals, so I specifically asked them to pick those flowers and send them over.”

“No wonder I always felt that the flowers you bought were more beautiful than the ones I bought. It’s because they’re a variety carefully cultivated by your gardener.”

The flowers here were much better than the ones found in flower shops.

“Are you angry, honey?”

“What’s there to be angry about? The time to be angry has already passed.”

Zachary stood in front of the gardener and wrapped an arm around Serenity’s shoulder, turning her to walk out of the greenhouse. He deliberately lowered his voice, probably because he did not want the gardener to hear his words.

“I was terrified back then, I was so afraid that I’d lose you.”

Serenity pinched his face and let him go.

“The house appliances I told you to buy were probably also sent by Sam, weren’t they?”

“Yes, Sam sent the appliances over when you weren’t at home.”

Serenity laughed wryly. “It must have been really hard on you when you were lying to me.”

“I promise I won’t lie to you again in the future. I really had a tough time. I had to rack my brains to keep covering my tracks, but the lies only snowballed.”

“I thought you lied so much that it became your nature.”

Zachary let out a low chuckle. In the end, his lies really became natural

Wildridge Manor was enormous. Due to time constraints, the eldest missus of the York family, could not finish strolling around the manor on her first visit.

Liberty’s breakfast diner would be opening tomorrow, so the lady herself declined the York family’s offer for her to stay Liberty once again got into Duncan’s car and left the manor to return to the city.

Serenity and Zachary stayed at the manor for the night.

Like Liberty, Elisa and the others left after having dinner.

Duncan chauffeured Liberty and her son back to the city and straight to Liberty's rented place.

Sonny spent the afternoon playing at the children's playground in the manor, so he was tired. He fell asleep nestled in his mother's arms as soon as they got into the car.

"Do you want me to walk you upstairs? Duncan turned his head around to ask.

When he saw that Sonny was asleep, he hurriedly got out of the car to help open Liberty's door. He was just about to take Sonny from her arms.

"No, it's quite late. You should go back and rest early, Mr. Lewis."

Liberty did not give her son to Duncan to carry.

She got out of the car with Sonny in her arms and politely declined Duncan's offer to take her upstairs.

Duncan did not force it and said, "All right. You rest early too."

After thanking him, Liberty carried her son, walked into the building, and went upstairs under Duncan's watchful eyes.

Duncan stood there for a while before getting into his car and driving away.

He wanted to go back to his villa, but when he was halfway there, he received a call from his mother asking him to come home.

"Mom, it'll be inconvenient for me to go to work every day if I go home."

He knew what his mother was planning.

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His mother wanted him to come home so he and Lily had a chance to cultivate a relationship.

Duncan did not have a bad impression of Lily, but he did not like her either.

"What's inconvenient about that? You drive to work anyway, and no one will say anything even if you're late since you're the boss. There's a guest at home now, so you have to stay home for a few days."

"Mom, I'm tired after being out and about today. I'm driving now so it's not convenient for me to talk to you. I'll hang up now."

Duncan did not directly reject his mother's request and found an excuse to hang up the phone.

After the call ended, Mrs. Lewis said helplessly to her husband, "I'm afraid your youngest son will be single for the rest of his life. Lily is a great girl who doesn't mind his scarred face, but he's not even willing to spend some time with her."

Mr. Lewis said faintly. "You're too hasty and obvious in your motive. You've arranged several blind dates for Duncan, and he has developed an aversion to blind dates. He doesn't like to be controlled by us.

"Just leave him be. If he's destined to remain single, it's useless even if you arrange hundreds of blind dates for him. If he's destined to meet someone, then he'll meet that person and fall in love without your meddling."

“Whatever will be, will be ”

Mrs. Lewis twisted her husband’s arm in anger and scolded him, “It’s because of a father like you that your son is still a bachelor at the age of thirty-six!”

Mr. Lewis did not get angry at being scolded “The younger generation will do all right on their own. What’s the point of agonizing over them? I’m not worried about them. They all have their own destiny. Let nature take its course.”

After saying that, he pulled up the quilt to cover his head lest his wife pinched him again.

The night passed without a word.

The next day was the opening day of All You Can Eat.

Serenity and Mrs. Lane arrived at the store early in the morning, where Liberty had already started working

“Liberty, is the ribbon for the ribbon-cutting ceremony ready?”

Having a ribbon-cutting ceremony was an important ritual before opening a new store.

Yes, Serenity admitted that they were slightly superstitious. There was also a ribbon-cutting ceremony when she first opened the bookstore with Jasmine.

“Everything is ready.”

Liberty had gotten up at three in the morning to work.

She was in good spirits now.

People would be in high spirits being involved in happy events.

This was her first time opening a store.

Serenity helped her sister set up the ribbon for the opening ceremony later.

Zachary, who accompanied her, could not help because he had no experience in such a thing.

He could only sit aside and help his sister-in-law take care of Sonny.

Sonny was still asleep, but Liberty did not dare leave him alone in the rented apartment. She carried her son on her back and came over at three o’clock.

When the ribbon-cutting ceremony was done, they popped the confetti.

“I can’t believe I’m late.”

Duncan sent several flower stands over. When he saw the confetti on the ground, he helped Liberty arrange the flower stands and said with a smile, I set an alarm, but I was still late.”

“Liberty came over in the wee hours to start preparing, but you only arrived after dawn. Of course you’re too late.”

Zachary as a matter of factly handed over the still-asleep Sonny to Duncan. He had been holding Sonny for more than an hour, so it was time to let Duncan hold him.

Duncan carried Sonny. "He didn't wake up when they popped the confetti?"

"He's sleeping deeply after exhausting himself from too much fun yesterday."

Liberty welcomed Duncan into the store and wanted to carry her son, but Duncan said, "Don't you need to cook breakfast for me? I'm your first customer, right? Let me hold Sonny. I want to carry him. The only time I can carry him is when he's asleep."

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Liberty laughed. "Since you're my first customer, your meal will be on the house. What would you like to eat, Mr. Lewis?"

Duncan said, "No, I'll pay. It's your opening day, so you have to earn money. You need to collect money no matter who comes to eat."

Zachary echoed, "Paying for breakfast is pocket change for Duncan. Don't even think of giving him a discount and only charge him the price as per your menu."

"In that case, thank you for your support."

In his heart, Zachary thought, 'What's there to thank? In the future, Duncan might sink his teeth into you and never let you go.'

Soon after Duncan entered, there was a stream of customers coming into the store for breakfast.

Liberty started getting busy.

A new store opening was most likely to attract people to come in and try their food.

Liberty's store had been remodeling for a period of time. The people working in nearby buildings passing by every day were already long aware of All You Can Eat.

They felt that the name of the store was simple and sounded down-to-earth.

When they saw that it was open for business, they came in to try the new owner's skills.

At the age of fifteen, Liberty started raising her younger sister. Her cooking skills were honed for decades.

Those who came in to eat felt that the food of this diner was remarkably satisfying.

After the morning rush hour, Liberty finally had time to catch her breath.

Although it was tiring, she was absolutely happy.

Of course, if her ex-husband did not come in with his mother, Liberty's smile would have remained until nighttime.

Hank came with a flower stand. When he saw that the only people in the store were Zachary, Serenity, and the middle-aged woman who often helped Liberty, he frowned. He proceeded to comment something unpleasant, "Why are there no customers?"

Olivia looked at the flower stands at the entrance. They were from Zachary and Serenity, Jasmine, Elisa and her family, as well as from Duncan.

Her expression soured when she saw Duncan's flower stands.

He sent over several stands, but her son only brought one. Olivia immediately compared her son to Duncan.

When she looked up and saw that her son had entered the store, she quickly followed.

She came in just in time to hear her son's unpleasant words and slapped his arm. "Hank, shut your mouth if you don't know what to say."

Then, she raised a bag containing a bottle of champagne she brought and handed it to Liberty with a smile. "Congratulations on your opening day, Liberty. I hope business is booming for you."

Liberty took the congratulatory card from the bag, thanked her, and returned the bag with the champagne to Olivia.

"Liberty, this is a little token from me. Just accept it."

"I've accepted your thoughts."

Liberty insisted on not accepting Olivia's champagne.

Olivia had no choice but to take back the bag. Then, she greeted Serenity and Zachary with a smile.

"Serenity, I haven't seen you for a while but you're getting prettier by the day. Your temperament has also improved. I knew you were a blessed person."

Serenity gave a dry laugh. She did not want to be bothered with Olivia.

In the past, Olivia and Chelsea often muttered about her behind her back.

"Mr. York."

Olivia acted obsequiously toward Zachary, wanting to please him.

Zachary's expression was deadpan as he remained silent. Olivia was so embarrassed that she did not dare say anything else.

Serenity's husband was taciturn yet terrifying!

Hank finally realized what he said was displeasing. He handed the flower stand to Liberty and said, "I ordered these for you a few days in advance to congratulate you on the opening of your new store."

Liberty glanced at the long rows of flower stands at the entrance of the store and said faintly, "Thank you, Mr. Brown, but it seems there's no room for your flower stand at the entrance of the store."

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“Why are there so many flower stands? Who sent them?”

Hank was a little jealous.

Liberty was just a woman he threw away, and she opened a small breakfast diner with the money she took from him. However, there were long rows of flower stands on the opening day.

“There’s no space for my flowers? Then I’ll get a re—”

Hank was just about to say that he would get a refund from the flower shop, but Olivia immediately interrupted him. She took the flower stand from his hand and glared at him fiercely, then said to Liberty with a smile, “There’ll be space if you squeeze it in.”

She took the flower stand outside and placed it at the spot of the stand that Duncan sent. If not for the fact that Serenity and Zachary, two people who she could not afford to mess with, were present, she would have smashed the flower stands sent by Duncan and thrown them away.

Liberty did not want to have a fight with Hank and Olivia on the first day of business, so she turned a blind eye as long as they did not go too far.

“Liberty, I’m here to join in on the fun!”

Elisa’s voice had always arrived before she did.

A missy like her never got up early in the morning so it was already considered early for her to come over now.

“What are you two doing here?”

Her beautiful brows knitted when she saw Hank and Olivia when she entered. Without waiting for an answer, she warned them, “Why are you two here? You’re not welcome here. Get out right now or I’ll call someone to drag you out!”

“M-Ms. Stone, we’re here to support Liberty’s store opening, not to cause trouble for her. We wouldn’t dare mess with her.”

Hank was quite afraid of Elisa.

White-collar workers like them heard about Ms. Stone’s unpleasant temper.

“You’re not here to cause trouble? Then have you finished eating? If you have, then pay the bill and leave!”

Although Elisa was a little capricious, she understood that it was not appropriate to pick a fight during the opening day of a store. Nevertheless, she was already being very polite to Hank and Olivia.

“We’re done, we’re done. We were just about to settle the bill and leave.”

Hank pressed his mother down and did not allow her to speak. He took out his wallet, drew out a hundred-dollar bill, and handed it to Liberty. “Keep the change.”

Liberty was just about to say something when Elisa swiftly snatched the hundred-dollar bill. Hank slipped away quickly and ran out with his mother.

“At least they have the common sense to leave faster, otherwise I’d have kicked them out.”

Elisa looked at the shoes she was wearing and added as an afterthought, “I’m not wearing high heels since I drove here today. Otherwise, I guarantee they’ll be in pain for three days if I kick them.”

She handed the cash to Liberty and said, “You don’t have to be nice to people like them. If they come to you for breakfast, then charge them money. Them coming here will affect your mood too, so it’s not worth it unless you charge them more.”

Serenity laughed. “They didn’t eat anything.”

Elisa paused. “They didn’t? Then think of this hundred bucks as pocket money for Sonny to buy snacks.”

She shoved the money into Liberty’s hand.

Then, she picked a seat as if nothing happened and grinned. “I’d like...” She glanced at the wall and picked one out at random. “Eggs benedict please.”

She did not know what to eat either.

She was just ordering something for Liberty’s business.

Elisa came late, so she had the same assumption as Hank and thought the store was not doing well.

“Sure, just a moment. I can cook for you immediately since you came at this time. There were too many customers during the morning rush hour, and there were many orders for both dine-in and takeout. I was so busy I couldn’t catch my breath.”

Elisa blinked. It seemed that she was mistaken.

Well, with the Hunt sisters’ cooking skills, there was no way a restaurant they ran would have bad business.

“Hank, Hank—”

Jessica suddenly rushed in like a madwoman.

The next moment, bodyguards from the York family as well as those hired by Duncan to patrol the streets swooped in.

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Serenity knew the Brown family too well. She was worried that the Browns and Hunts would come over and cause havoc during the opening of her sister’s new store.

The last thing anyone wanted on their store’s opening day was trouble.

Serenity asked her husband for help, requesting him to arrange for people to keep watch nearby so they could help deal with any problems as soon as possible.

Serenity, who was independent and reluctant to rely on her husband, took the initiative to ask Zachary for help. Zachary was overjoyed and felt that his wife finally thought of him as family.

He immediately agreed.

In fact, he would have arranged for people to keep watch even without her request. Like Serenity, he was also wary of the Brown and Hunt families causing trouble.

When Jessica saw all the bodyguards from the Yorks and Duncan, her madness stopped at once. Then, she looked into the store and saw that there were only Serenity, Zachary, and Elisa.

Elisa had ignored her the first time she greeted her. Jessica would never forget that arrogant and condescending expression. She had a lingering fear of Elisa.

"Is Hank here?" Jessica stammered as she asked Liberty.

"You can see for yourself, Ms. Yates."

Liberty was making eggs benedict for her cousin. She only spared Jessica a glance before going back to going about her own business.

Jessica did not dare be arrogant and asked softly, "Hank and his mother went out early in the morning. His mom told me they were coming over to congratulate you on opening your store. Where would they be if not here?"

Liberty said indifferently, "He's your man. If you don't know where he is, how would I know?"

Jessica choked.

She looked at the surrounding bodyguards, those on guard and patrol, and smiled sheepishly. "I just came here to look for Hank, not to cause trouble. Since my husband isn't here, I'll leave now."

Then, she quickly turned around and ran away.

She swiftly returned to her car and drove off.

In her heart, she was thankful that her brother was not willing to cause trouble at Liberty's shop because he disdained the money that Jessica gave him. Otherwise, who knew what the consequences would be?

Jessica was grateful, and then she was jealous.

Sure enough, people who had huge backers behind them were different.

Liberty just opened a breakfast diner, but so many people sent her flower stands. The people who sent them must have done so because of Mr. York and Mrs. Stone. Furthermore, there were so many people keeping watch over the store and protecting her!

"She ran away quickly."

Serenity snorted coldly.

Elisa said, "What a wimp. I would've spared her a glance if she showed the balls she had when stealing Liberty's husband."

The two women quietly glanced at Zachary.

With that mountain standing in the way, no one would dare stir up trouble.

With a look from Zachary, the bodyguards went out.

The security guards Duncan hired to patrol the streets also did not say anything and silently went out.

After they left, Serenity said to her man, "I'm surprised there are guards patrolling the street."

"Half of the stores on this street are owned by Mr. Lewis. He's worried tenants like us will face trouble, so he hired guards to patrol the streets and ensure our safety."

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Liberty explained why there were security guards patrolling the street as she served the eggs benedict to Elisa.

Serenity did not notice that the security guards were only patrolling half of the street including Liberty's store. As for the other half of the street, the guards simply looked from afar and did not patrol there.

However, the overall security of the street was still heightened with the presence of the guards.

Serenity's beautiful eyes twinkled. She felt that Duncan's action was because of her sister, but when she saw that Liberty did not seem to be interested at all, there was nothing else she could say. Who knew if Duncan did it for her sister or really for the safety of all his tenants?

The store rented by her sister indeed belonged to Duncan.

Duncan would pass by here every day to and from work. Since he was friends with Zachary, it was normal for him to look out for Liberty.

Duncan did not explicitly say that he was interested in Liberty, so Serenity could only watch silently from the sidelines. She could not do anything.

Elisa tentatively tasted the eggs benedict and found that it was quite good. She finished the whole plate.

It was the opening day of Liberty's store. After breakfast hours were over, she prepared to close up and invited her family and friends to Wiltspoon Hotel for a meal. Liberty had more than a million dollars from Hank, so she was not stingy and agreed easily.

Liberty did not have friends after her marriage, so her guest list included the Stones, Soxes, and Yorks, as well as Josh and Duncan.

The whole Stone family came, while Jasmine and Drake represented the Sox family. Their parents could not attend because of other matters, but they asked Jasmine to pass on a bottle of wine to Liberty.

The members of the York family usually ate at their own hotel. Apart from Rowan, who was still in school, everyone who was in Wiltspoon attended. As for the older generation, only Grandma May, Liam, and Tania came.

Grandma May's second and third sons could not make it, but they asked Tania to send Liberty congratulatory gifts on their behalf. They showed a lot of respect to Liberty, who was Serenity's sister.

Serenity was incredibly grateful.

Later, in private, her sister nagged her again and told her to live well and be good to Zachary.

Zachary had the backing of her sister. Whenever he had a conflict with Serenity, he would go back to her family to tell on her to her sister. Serenity did not know whether to laugh or cry at this.

The meal Liberty treated everyone to was lively and full of laughter. Meanwhile, Jessica called Hank after leaving All You Can Eat and questioned where he went. He said he went out looking for work.

Jessica only half-believed him, but after Hank coaxed her, she was in a much better mood and decided to go to the market to buy some groceries home to cook for her husband.

When she came out of the mart, she was stopped by two tall men wearing black masks and black sunglasses.

Jessica saw them come out from a black sedan.

“What do you want?” she asked cautiously while quietly taking a few steps back.

“Are you Ms. Jessica Yates?”

“Who are you?”

They knew her name, but she did not know who they were. Jessica was wary.

“Our lady wants to see you. Please come with us, Ms. Yates. Don’t worry, we won’t make things difficult for you.”

Jessica frowned. “Who’s your lady? I don’t know her. I have to go home and make dinner for my husband since he’s coming back from work soon. I don’t have time for you.”

Then, she tried to walk around them.

“You and your husband both lost your jobs. What work are you talking about? Ms. Yates, are you willing to watch your husband get closer to his ex-wife each day until they remarry?”

Jessica froze. “Who the hell are you guys?”

How did they know so much about her personal life?