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It was also possible that Elisa Stone could not imagine how her aunt would look like as an adult.

Serenity thought to herself that once she returned from the Reptons', she would work on drawing the likeness of Elisa's aunt as an adult right away. Would it share a resemblance with her sister?

"Does that mean your mother is Ms. Stone's aunt?"

Zachary could only think of one word—melodrama!

This was too melodramatic!

To top it off, such a melodramatic thing was happening to his wife.

The worst part was, Elisa Stone had publicly confessed her love to him before and openly pursued him too. Serenity had even helped her pursue him before.

If it were not for him putting on his ring and showing it off, Elisa Stone would still be coming to his office to make a fuss every day and annoy him.

At first, he wanted to teach Elisa Stone a harsh lesson, but unexpectedly, she became good friends with Serenity, which stopped him from being able to do anything.

He had to give special treatment to people who were sincerely kind to Serenity.

The bunch of Hunt b\*stards had stopped making trouble for Serenity lately. He had a hand in it, but so did Elisa Stone.

The Hunts did not know that he was Serenity's pillar and thought it was Elisa Stone instead. They only stopped for now because they greatly feared Elisa's status.

"I don't know if she is either. My mom's already been dead for fifteen years. If she is..."

Serenity knew Mrs. Stone had insistently been looking for her sister for decades now. If she found out at the end of her search that her sister had passed away long ago, Mrs. Stone would suffer a great blow.

She felt sad for her own mother too.

"Maybe it's just a coincidence."

With her mood downcast, Serenity said, "Mrs. Stone has persisted in looking for her sister. My mom never brought up her family when she was alive, but if she was still alive, I think she would want to find her family.

"She did mention to us before that she wanted to find out if she was abandoned by her biological parents or if she had been kidnapped and sold by traffickers."

Zachary was silent.

If his deceased mother-in-law was Mrs. Stone's biological younger sister, that meant Serenity and Elisa Stone were cousins. Their relationship would only get closer. As Serenity's husband, he would have to follow her to meet her aunt in the future...

His identity would very soon be exposed.

"Zachary, don't you think this is all so very melodramatic? I think so too. I never thought plot devices like those in novels could happen in real life."

Serenity sighed and added, "My sister and I both don't know where my mom's real family stays, so we have no leads. We'll just have to see what Elisa's mother says. Elisa said her mother will be returning from their seaside villa at noon."

She did not hide her observation and told Elisa Stone.

To Elisa, this was a lead.

The Stones had spent so much manpower and resources over the decades to look for Mrs. Stone's sister. Now that a lead had appeared, no matter if it was true or false, Mrs. Stone would meet the two sisters.

"Technology is so advanced now. You just need to do a DNA test to see if you and your sister match Mrs. Stone to know if you're related."

Mrs. Stone had been looking for her sister all this while. There would always be people who wanted to forge a connection with the wealthy by posing as the missing person. However, considering the Stones' status, these imposters would not succeed just because they were brave enough to do so. The Stones would definitely investigate them from all angles.

Now, it was even easier. You only needed to do a single DNA test to find out if they were really related or not. It was simply impossible to impersonate a person.

Unless the DNA test results were tampered with. Even so, that was not very realistic, because the Stones would be watching closely.

The fact that Clive Stone could become his rival meant he was no schmuck either.

"That's true."

Serenity suddenly saw the light.

It was not like she wanted to pose as Elisa Stone's cousin. It was just that Elisa had asked her for help and she unexpectedly noticed that Elisa's aunt looked somewhat similar to Sonny.

It would be determined whether her mother was the sister Mrs. Stone had been looking for once Mrs. Stone returned and carried out a DNA test with both the Hunt sisters.

If she was, great. Otherwise, that would be fine too.

Serenity would just go with the flow.

Whatever the result was, she could accept it calmly.

Zachary did not say more.

Right now, his heart was in chaos, and also a little nervous.

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First things first, they had to deal with the problem at hand and that was seeking justice for Sonny.

The issue of his identity being exposed could probably be delayed a little more because he would be leaving for Annenburg soon to attend Ben Young–Johnson and Jane Murphy’s wedding.

Anyway, it could be delayed for a while.

He also had to confess the truth to Serenity before Mrs. Stone saw him.

He hoped Serenity’s reaction would not be too fierce.

In the beginning, when he did not feel anything for her at all and did not understand her either, he thought it was normal for him to hide his identity in order to test her character.

After all, with his status, who knew if the women who approached him did so for the money or for him as a person?

Now that he had learned about Serenity’s character, way of handling things, self–confidence, strength, and independence, they were very much to his liking, and he was unconsciously attracted to her.

On Elisa’s side, once she ended the call with Serenity, she immediately instructed her domestic helper, “Mrs. Franklin, please prepare some supplements suitable for children to consume. They’re to be a gift.”

Mrs. Franklin asked, “Miss, how old is the child?”

“A little over two years old.”

“Children that age don’t have to take supplements if they’re healthy.”

Mrs. Franklin advised her employer’s daughter.

Elisa had not been married before, so it was normal not to know things in this aspect. It was her duty to advise the young lady, lest the young lady were to give the wrong present and take anger out on her when she returned.

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“Not even a little?”

Now that she thought about it, Sonny was healthy and indeed did not need any supplements.

“Unless they’re iron, zinc, or calcium supplements, but we don’t have any at home.”

Among the three Stone siblings, Clive was married, but because he was pliant to his wife and the couple still wanted to enjoy their time as a couple, they had not had children yet. Meanwhile, Anthony and Elisa did not even warrant a mention here as they were both still

single. That was the reason there were no health products suitable for children at home.

“Forget it then. There’s no need to prepare children’s supplements then. Just help me prepare some nourishing food for me to send over to Liberty. I can’t show up empty-handed now, can I? When I go out in a bit, I’ll buy a few toys for Sonny at the toy shop outside too.”

If Liberty heard this, she would have thought, ‘I’m already as fat as a pig and being forced by Mr. Lewis to lose weight, and now Elisa wants to give me nourishing food?’

“Do you want it now?”

Elisa thought for a moment, then replied, “Just have it ready. After my mom gets back, I’ll bring it with me when I go out then.”

Sonny looked like her aunt. Elisa thought it would be better if she brought her mother to visit so she could see Sonny for herself.

No matter if they were related or not, it was still a thread of hope.

She would not misunderstand Serenity to have ulterior motives; they could not fake this anyway.

Her mother would still do a DNA test as a follow-up. With that, the truth of whether or not they were truly related would be laid bare.

Plus, with Serenity’s character, she would never do something like pose as her relative just to gain riches by connection.

“Alright.”

Mrs. Franklin obediently went to prepare the nourishing food for Elisa.

Elisa called her mother.

“Mom, where are you and Dad now?”

Mrs. Stone laughed on the other end of the call. “We’ll be home in half an hour. Why, do you miss me?”

Elisa pouted. “I miss you so much, Mom! I think of you every day. At any given moment, I’m thinking of you.”

Mrs Stone was amused by her daughter and joked, “I thought you only knew how to think of Zachary York.”

“Mom, don’t mention him to me ever again. He already has a partner.”

At the mention of Zachary, Elisa’s smile vanished.

That hit right where it hurt!

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Mrs. Stone was stunned to hear that. “Zachary has a partner?”

“He’s already married and he’s really good to his wife. He spoils her and is so protective of her that Clive can’t even find out who she is.”

Mrs. Stone was silent for a moment. “Since he already has a wife, you should give up then. He wasn’t yours in the first place. It’s always been one-sided on your part.”

Mrs. Stone was very appreciative of Zachary, but she knew Zachary did not like her daughter at all.

It was her daughter who just wanted to give it a try.

Once she hit an insurmountable wall, she would have to turn back.

“Mom, I have to tell you about something.”

Elisa did not want her mother to bring Zachary up again. Every mention of him was a stab to her heart.

It would be a lie to say it was not painful to suddenly find out the man she had loved for years was already married, and that she almost became the third party in a marriage, so she had no choice but to give up on her feelings abruptly.

Now she tried not to bring up Zachary as best as she could to avoid feeling the pain.

“What about? I’ll be reaching home very soon. Why don’t we wait until I’ve gotten home?”

“I think you’ll be very happy to hear this. It’s a new lead about my aunt.”

As expected, Mrs. Stone’s expression changed and she asked in surprise, “Elisa, there’s a new lead? Where’s your aunt now?”

“You know my friend Serenity, the one who trended on Twitter as the ‘unfilial granddaughter’ the last time? I sent the photo of you and Aunt as kids to her so she could help keep an eye out. Just now, when I called her, she said after she looked at it closely, she noticed her nephew Sonny, and my aunt have a few similarities in common.”

After hearing that, Mrs. Stone paled.

The whole Twitter trending issue spread pretty far at the time. Although she did not see the photo the Hunts had deleted, she had heard an overview of what happened from her daughter.

The Hunt sisters were orphans.

If Serenity’s nephew looked like her sister, that meant Serenity’s mother was her sister and that she had died fifteen years ago.

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Mrs. Stone did not want to believe it. It was hard to accept that the sister she had been looking for for decades had died a long time, fifteen years ago.

She gripped the phone tightly and only managed to suppress her roiling emotions after a long moment. She asked, "When you saw Serenity, did you notice if she looked like your aunt?"

"Nope, I think Serenity's mentioned before that she looks like her dad."

Mrs. Stone was at a loss for words.

"Her sister looks like her mom, but her sister's so fat, no matter how I try, there's no way for me to see the similarity between her and my aunt. Mom, I think this time we might really have found her. The first time I met Serenity, I felt an inexplicable sense of familiarity toward her.

"The first time I saw Sonny, I liked him a lot. With my personality, I rarely like people right away. I think it might be the blood relation."

Moreover, because she and Serenity were cousins, she felt a sense of familiarity toward Serenity.

"Where's Sonny?"

"Serenity said there's been an incident with Sonny. Luckily, it wasn't too severe. They've already left the hospital and returned home. Her sister is taking care of him at home. I just wanted to ask you when your estimated time of arrival was so I can bring you with me to Liberty's place to visit him.

"It doesn't matter if Sonny is my aunt's grandson. I just like him and after finding out something's happened to him, I want to see him."

This was the first kid she was fond of.

Elisa was filled with anger upon hearing he had been bullied into this state.

Once Serenity had some free time, she would ask more details of her and punish that family again, making sure they would get their fill of it.

She was not afraid of others calling her unreasonable and biased.

In Wiltspoon, who did not know Elisa Stone was an unreasonably savage person?

"What happened to Sonny?"

Elisa narrated Sonny's story to her mother.

Mrs. Stone felt distressed upon hearing it.

In her daughter's words, it did not matter whether Sonny was her sister's grandson or not. Purely hearing that a two-year-old child had been beaten so badly was enough to distress anybody.

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If Serenity and her sister really were her nieces...

At the thought of what her two nieces had been through, Mrs. Stone felt even more distressed.

"I'll be home very soon. Wait for me. I'll go with you to visit Sonny."

This was the strongest lead yet. She definitely had to see the child that looked like her sister with her own eyes.

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Meanwhile at The Reptons, Chelsea was still trying to stop her parents from moving out of her home.

“Dad, Mom, please don’t move out! I won’t try to ask Serenity to compensate anymore, okay?”

Last night, after her parents returned, they started packing up their things, but Chelsea had managed to get them to stay one more night after much begging, crying, and promising

She thought her parents would calm down after a night.

She did not expect them to once again say they were moving out.

The main issue was, her father was furious.

George also advised, “Father, Mother, Chelsea’s right. If you move out, there’ll be no one to take care of you? How could we rest assured then? If you stay here, as one big family, you can still enjoy the liveliness.

“Father, Matthew now understands what he has done wrong. Later, Chelsea and I will bring him to apologize to Sonny. I already disciplined him yesterday too.”

Mr. Brown sat on the sofa smoking his cigarette in silence.

Beside him sat his packed luggage bag.

Olivia looked at her husband and opened her mouth to speak, but hesitated and closed it once more.

Hank did not dare say a single word.

Yesterday, after reaching his sister’s home, his anger subsided a little after seeing his oldest nephew being disciplined pretty harshly by his brother – in-law.

“Dad.”

“Be quiet.”

Mr. Brown coldly snapped and raised his head to glare at his daughter. He felt even angrier seeing his son standing by the side silently. Matthew had indeed been taught a lesson by his son-in-law.

The swelling had long gone down after ice was applied to Matthew’s face. Although a little bit of bruising still remained, it was not noticeable if you did not look too closely.

The blemishes left behind from being beaten with the belt would also no longer be a problem once medicine was applied.

What about Sonny then?

He had drummed up the brazenness to call his daughter-in-law and asked about Sonny's condition. The swelling on Sonny's face had not fully gone away and the bruising was still very obvious. The worst part was, Sonny had been traumatized, cried all night last night, and had suffered a high fever.

Comparing the two, Mr. Brown was more concerned about his grandson who carried his last name.

George's mother ran in from outside and said, "George, Chelsea, those people from yesterday are here again."

Hearing that, Chelsea said angrily, "What are they here again for? Wasn't it enough that they smashed so many things in my house and caused my son to get a beating? What else do they want? Do they really want me to pay some kind of compensation?"

The police had previously told her that her son was the wrongdoer. If the injured party claimed compensation for emotional harm, she had to pay up.

At the thought of having to pay Serenity as compensation, Chelsea felt unbearably disgusted as if a fly had flown into her mouth.

Chelsea stormed out.

She exited just in time to see Serenity and her husband on either side of that venomous old York lady, supporting her as she walked in. Seven or eight tall men followed behind them, who must have been Serenity's in-laws.

The man who Serenity married had a prosperous family indeed.

Moreover, each of them were handsome. Chelsea's anger was reduced by six fractions because of their bearing and aura.

These people were ruthless. Yesterday, they had wrecked her home and caused her to lose tens of thousands of dollars.

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"What are you guys here for again?" Chelsea demanded to know.

She wanted to bar Serenity and the rest from entering her home, but she was too weak to stop them.

Her husband, on the other hand, sang a different tune as he politely invited Serenity and the Yorks into the house.

Matthew started glaring at them furiously the moment he saw Serenity and her party.

His father saw this and pinched him.

"You need to apologize honestly later."

George reminded his son in a lowered tone of voice, "These people are not to be trifled with."

They remained wholly unscathed even after smashing up the Reptons' home.

The cops at the police station yesterday were not on their side at all.

George was worried the Yorks had some hidden power and so decided to capitulate, reminding his son to apologize genuinely.

Actually, it was all George's overthinking. The police had watched the security camera recordings and felt Matthew had been overtly cruel, which was why they had decided to ignore the fact the Reptons' home was wrecked.

Their thinking was, 'You beat up their kid to the point he had to be hospitalized, and yet you could not allow them to take their anger out on you?'

People with no children may not have understood the parents' fury and pain, but those who had were furious when they saw that video.

Matthew pursed his lips and refused to speak.

He did not think he had done anything wrong. Lucas said Sonny hit him!

He was Lucas's older brother. If someone hit his younger sibling, he naturally had to stand up for him. Who asked Sonny to hit Lucas? He did not beat Sonny to death either, so why did it seem like, to the adults, he had committed a heinous crime?

Matthew's thoughts were in the same vein as his mother's.

"Serenity."

Mr. Brown asked Serenity with a benign countenance, "How's Sonny?"

Chelsea interjected, "Dad, look at Matthew. He's all recovered now, so Sonny must be all recovered too."

Serenity glared coldly at Chelsea.

Chelsea said nastily, "What are you glaring at me for? Serenity, you guys smashed up my home yesterday. The sum—"

Under her father's glare and her husband's tugging, Chelsea finally shut her mouth.

She sat down beside her husband indignantly.

Seeing her in-laws pour glasses of water for Serenity and her party while serving them fruits and snacks, Chelsea felt even more dissatisfied.

"The wound on Sonny's face hasn't healed yet. The place he was kicked in is still bruised black and blue, and he cried the whole night last night while having a high fever. This morning, he had another dose of ibuprofen, and the fever went down. He only fell asleep then, also because he was too tired from crying."

Distress appeared on Mr. Brown's face.

"Did Liberty not send Sonny to the hospital?"

Hank asked, his tone accusatory.

Serenity and the Yorks looked at him in unison.

Hank hesitated before adding, "Sonny has a fever. What's wrong with sending him to the hospital? Isn't that a choice a normal mother would make?"

"Hank Brown, you shut your mouth. Sonny is yours and Liberty's child. You stayed out all night last night, so what right do you have to criticize Liberty?"

Mr. Brown ran out of patience and could not help but yell at his son.

Once Hank was scolded until he no longer dared open his mouth, Serenity then said, "We sent him to the hospital in the middle of last night to see a doctor. The doctor prescribed some tranquilizers and asked us to buy a bottle of ibuprofen. He said we could only give Sonny the ibuprofen to reduce the fever once his temperature exceeded 38.5 degrees Celsius."

At first, the two sisters tried to cool Sonny down physically.

However, later on, his fever kept rising, so they had no choice but to feed Sonny the ibuprofen which managed to reduce his fever. Sonny was tired too from suffering through the night, and only managed to fall asleep then. "My poor Sonny."

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Olivia wailed and rubbed her eyes before she scolded Matthew. "Matthew, Sonny is your cousin. How could you beat him half to death?"

"Mom, Matthew knows he did wrong. He's just a child who doesn't know how to hold back."

Chelsea defended her son and said to Serenity, "Serenity, Matthew was wrong for beating Sonny, and his father had already taught him a lesson yesterday. He knows his mistake. Later, I'll take him to buy some fruit to visit Sonny and apologize to him.

"In any case, we're still relatives. We won't press charges regarding how you smashed my home up, so you shouldn't insist on my son taking responsibility either. It's normal for children to fight, but it won't be nice if adults like us interfere.

"Besides, Lucas said that it was Sonny who hit him first. Matthew was just protecting his own brother, just like how you're protecting your sister now.

Serenity sneered. "Chelsea, could your eyes be any more blind? Who was the one who made the first move? The surveillance camera in your house captured it clearly."

Chelsea choked.

Once again, she scolded her husband in her heart, 'That useless man! He didn't delete the video in advance I let it fall into the hands of the police.'

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With the surveillance footage as evidence, she could not be justified in trying to push the

blame.

“Tell me. What’s your purpose in coming today?”

Unable to put the blame on Sonny’s head, Chelsea changed the subject and asked why Serenity and her party was here.

She glanced over to the people from the York family. They did not have to do anything. Just sitting there like that was enough for them to appear intimidating.

Her in-laws were terrified and did not dare speak.

They were all useless!

Chelsea scolded her in-laws in her heart.

Seeing Grandma May, Chelsea could not help but say, “What are you looking at? Why do I see you everywhere?”

Grandma May raised her chin and did not answer.

“Are you mute?”

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Chelsea hated how shameless the old woman acted yesterday. It almost caused her to suffer a big loss as a result of Serenity’s counterattack.

Grandma May continued to raise her chin and said arrogantly, “I only talk to humans.”

“You old hag, how dare

Zachary and his brothers stood up.

Each one of them glared at Chelsea.

Frightened, Chelsea instinctively leaned over to her husband’s side. She was tongue-tied.

Zachary warned her coldly, “I dare you to cuss at my nana one more time!”

Nana was their beloved grandmother. Anyone who dared to disrespect her was the enemy of the entire York family.

Mr. Brown stood up all of a sudden and walked over to her daughter.

He slapped her.

There was a loud smack.

Chelsea looked at her father in astonishment.

“Dad.”

“Shut up if you don’t know how to talk. No one will think you’re mute if you just keep quiet!”

Mr. Brown was furious at his daughter.

Chelsea held her cheek that was hit by her father, feeling extremely aggrieved.

Mr. Brown said apologetically to Grandma May, "My daughter made a fool of herself. She speaks without thinking. You're a magnanimous person, so please don't lower yourself to argue with her."

George echoed the words of his father-in-law, then invited Zachary and the others to sit down.

"Serenity, I won't deny that my son is in the wrong. It was my incompetence in teaching him. I solemnly apologize to you. Later, my wife and I will take Matthew to visit Sonny and make him apologize to Sonny.

"If you need us to compensate for Sonny's medical expenses or mental damages, just tell us a number. We'll compensate you fully."

Chelsea was anxious and muttered in a low voice, "Our house was smashed, and we lost tens of thousands. How are we going to get even with them?"

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Gu Lingfei: Married at First Sight Novel Chapter 477 Chelsea was glared at by her father and did not dare speak, but she desperately shot a look at her brother

Hank received his sister's plea for help. He cleared his throat and said to Serenity, "Serenity. just let my sister take Matthew to apologize and leave it at that. I'm after all Sonny's father and one of his guardians, so I think I have the right to decide."

Serenity said sarcastically, "Oh, so you do remember that you're Sonny's father? If other children's fathers knew their son got bullied, they would drag a forty-meter-long broadsword to get even with the perpetrator with no second thoughts.

"You're his father, but you want to settle the matter instead. Are you closer to your nephew than your own son?"

Serenity then said to George, "Sonny was rescued in the hospital and had a full-body examination which cost several thousand. I've brought the bill from the hospital so you won't think I'm ripping you off.

"I came here today for two reasons. Firstly, I want you to bring your son to apologize and promise us that he won't approach Sonny again in the future. The second is the issue of compensation. Sonny was traumatized. There's no telling how much it will cost to heal his mental trauma.

"That's an unknown amount of money. Either way, you have to compensate for the medical expenses from yesterday, and if Sonny needs subsequent treatment, you'll be the ones footing the bill as well. We won't ask much for supplements or compensation for mental damages. Including yesterday's medical bill, please just compensate Sonny for fifty thousand for the time being."

Chelsea jumped at that. “Why don’t you just go rob a bank? Sonny is still so young. Why would he need supplements and compensation for mental damages? Matthew was beaten too. Why don’t you pay us for that?”

Serenity retorted, “Who was the one who beat your son?”

Chelsea was speechless

“Tell the person who beat your son to compensate you. In any case, we never touched your son.”

Chelsea was again at a loss for words

After a moment, she said resentfully, “You’re deliberately extorting us because my brother is about to divorce your sister. You want the money to give to your sister, right?”

“Sonny is a two-year-old child. Even if he was frightened, he’ll be fine if you just placate and soothe him. Why would he need follow-up treatments? It’s not like he was scared silly.”

Serenity did not want to talk to someone like Chelsea and said coldly, “Can someone else step in for negotiations?”

She did not treat Chelsea as a human being.

Chelsea was hopping mad.

Grandma May did not treat her as a human being, and Serenity had also scolded her for not being a human.

At that moment, officers from the police station came in.

It was Zachary who called them over to be witnesses.

After all, they reported to the police yesterday, but the matter had not been dealt with yet.

Under the officers’ mediation and witness, both sides signed an agreement. If Sonny required treatment later, all costs would be borne by the Repton family. The Reptons were also required to bring Matthew to apologize in-person to Sonny, and they had to be stricter in disciplining their child in the future.

The compensation that the Hunts demanded from the Reptons remained unchanged. Serenity asked for fifty thousand, so they had to pay fifty thousand. As for the Repton family’s losses, Mr. Brown was willing to compensate them on Serenity’s behalf.

Although George ached for the money he was about to lose, he got ready to transfer the fifty thousand to Serenity in order to settle the matter.

“Even if you’re going to transfer money, you shouldn’t be transferring it to Serenity since she’s not Sonny’s guardian. Sonny’s father is still here. Just transfer the money to Hank instead.”

Chelsea thought of transferring the money to her brother. That way, he could return the money to her after everyone left.

“Give it to Serenity.”

Mr. Brown snapped and asked his son-in-law to transfer the money to Serenity. He said, Serenity is Sonny’s aunt. Ever since Sonny was born, Serenity endured all sorts of hardships to raise him up. I believe she’s completely devoted to his well-being. She won’t take away this fifty thousand.”

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He glared at his daughter again. Chelsea was afraid her father would slap her again and did not dare to even squeak.

Under the police officers’ eyes, George got Serenity’s bank account and transferred fifty thousand with a note that it was to compensate Sonny.

Serenity accepted the money without hesitation.

Then, she transferred the fifty grand to her sister.

Mr. Brown deliberately stood beside Serenity and watched her movements.

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Seeing Serenity immediately transferring the money to his daughter-in-law, Mr. Brown breathed a small sigh of relief.

The money was given to his daughter-in-law and would be used for his grandson, not for an outsider.

If the money had gone to his son, it would have gone back to his daughter’s pocket.

When they left the Reptons’ residence, Rowan insisted on taking Zachary’s car.

In the car, he said to Serenity, “Serenity, why didn’t you call me when you all came over to fight yesterday? I was the only one excluded.”

Serenity turned her head and looked at her youngest brother-in-law, saying, “You’re still a minor. We have to protect minors.”

“Actually, both Matthew and I are minors. If we fight, it’ll just be two minors fighting.”

“We didn’t have to do anything. Let his own father teach him a lesson. Didn’t you hear what his amazing mother said? She wanted us to compensate her. She had no way to claim from us solely because he was beaten by his father instead of us.”

“Nana said I’d just be an accessory even if I went.”

He pouted. “Maybe I really am just an accessory.”

Zachary asked in a low voice, “What else do you want?”

Rowan immediately shut his mouth.

In reality, they came over today to support their sister-in-law.

The negotiations were fully managed by Serenity while Zachary did not interfere.

Since Serenity was Sonny's aunt, she was more qualified to seek justice for Sonny than any of them.

Serenity saw Rowan being frightened by her husband and spoke up for him. "Zachary, don't scare Rowan. He has good intentions."

"Yeah, Zachary only knows how to scare me. Serenity, you don't know this, but he's even stricter than my dad. Every time he sees me at home, he sends me a big box of workbooks and makes me solve problems endlessly. He just can't see me idling around."

Since the first time Rowan met Serenity, he firmly clung onto her and was convinced that his eldest brother would be wrapped around her fingers in the future.

It turned out that he had a good eye. He was spot on!

Now, Zachary was treating Serenity more favorably as time passed.

"I'm doing this for your own good. Study well so you can get into a good university.

"Your academic performance is the worst out of the nine of us," Zachary added coldly.

Rowan paused. "I'm only shy of skipping grades like all of you did. Besides that, I've always ranked among the top ten. There won't be a problem for me to get into a good university later on."

Among the nine brothers, eight of them were top students while he was the only underachiever.

However, an "underachiever" like him was actually a top student in the eyes of other students parents.

It was truly exasperating!

Rowan was reminded of ever since he started high school, all eight brothers of his would send him workbooks and mock exam papers to practice non-stop whenever they returned to the old residence. He wanted to run away from home then.

No, he just did not want all eight of his brothers to come back to the old residence.

The old residence did not welcome them!

Serenity was stunned. "Rowan, did all your brothers skip grades?"

"Yeah, all of them skipped a few grades. I'm the only one advancing one step at a time."

Serenity was speechless.

She wanted to have Zachary's babies. They were guaranteed to be top students too!

## **Chapter 479**

Serenity was shocked. She remembered how desperately she studied back in high school to be accepted into a reputable university.

However, Zachary and his brothers could easily get into a good university and even skipped a few grades.

“Serenity, don’t look like you’ve been hit to the point of doubting your existence. The person who’s been hit the hardest is me.”

Serenity thought about it and agreed. Rowan was the most pitiful one here. She laughed and said, “Don’t be discouraged, Rowan. I believe you can also get into a good university. You can do it!”

“I have to get into the same university that my brothers went to. If I fail, I’ll... retake the exam.”

He wanted to say that if he failed, he would slap himself twice. However, after thinking about it, it was better not to put his foot in his mouth, so he changed his mind.

Zachary turned to glance at his brother before returning to focusing on driving. “If you fail, don’t say that you’re my brother.”

Rowan was speechless.

“Zachary, don’t give Rowan too much pressure.

“The boy likes to play games and isn’t worried about his studies at all. He needs some pressure.”

Rowan paused before saying, “Not everyone is as disciplined as you, Zack.”

He was self-disciplined to the point that if it were not for Nana worrying, he probably would not get a wife for the rest of his life.

Zachary snorted coldly.

Rowan did not dare speak again.

Beep beep

Zachary’s phone received a new message.

He slowed down slightly and checked it.

It was from Mrs. Lane.

[Mr. Zachary, Mrs. Stone is coming over with Ms. Stone. Don’t come upstairs when you send the Missus back]

He deleted the message after reading it.

Elisa and her mother were moving quickly indeed.

He continued to drive as if nothing had happened.

A few moments later, he sent a message to Josh. “Call me once every ten minutes.”

Josh was puzzled upon receiving this message, but he caught on after thinking about it.

After the group exited the expressway, Callum stopped the car and said to Zachary and Serenity, "We'll split ways here."

"Sure."

"Thank you, Callum."

Serenity thanked him graciously.

Callum smiled and said, "We're family, Serenity. Don't mind the courtesy. Just tell us if you need to use us brothers in the future."

Serenity exceptionally liked this kind of family and their style.

All the brothers, nephews, and uncles had a good relationship. No matter who was in trouble, as long as someone called for help, the brothers would go to their rescue.

Grandma May said before that she would not introduce a bad man to Serenity.

The old woman got out of the car and exchanged places with Rowan.

Rowan reluctantly went into his second brother's car. He wanted to follow his grandmother to live in Zachary's small home. They must be very happy every day with Serenity around.

When would Zachary bring Serenity back to the old residence and reveal his identity?

He would love to live with his sister-in-law protecting him. Even if the sky fell, his sister-in-law would hold it up.

"Seren, you didn't sleep well last night. Why don't you go home first to rest?"

Grandma May felt heartbroken seeing the dark circles under Serenity's eyes. "Your sister and Sonny need to rest too. Cecilia is there to take care of them, so don't you worry."

Zachary received the information from Mrs. Lane and so did Grandma May.

Audrey was well aware of who Grandma May was.

Back then, Grandma May tried to poach Audrey from Stone Corporation. Later, when she learned that Audrey became lovers with the successor of the Stone family, she lamented for a long time that she acted wee bit too late.

Although she failed to pull Audrey over to become an elite of York Corporation, it did not stop the old woman from appreciating Audrey.

Since Audrey had gone to Bright Boulevard, Grandma May could not go since the former would recognize her.

It was all that brat, Zachary's fault that the whole family had to play along with his act.

## **Chapter 480**

Grandma May was actually in denial of her feelings of schadenfreude.

Serenity stayed up the whole last night and only drank a cup of coffee this morning, so she was feeling tired now.

“I’ll call my sister and ask her how Sonny is.”

After the call, she learned that Elisa and her mother had visited Sonny with gifts. However, Serenity knew the main purpose of their visit.

“Sis, did Mrs. Stone say anything?”

Serenity did not reveal the other matter to her sister.

“She didn’t say anything. She just felt heartbroken that Sonny had suffered. Elisa scolded the Reptons family for a good half an hour.”

Her sister’s friends and in-laws were more powerful than her own husband and in-laws, which made her even more sad.

How blind was she to have married a scumbag like Hank?

How dare a father like him compete with her for Sonny’s custody?

When the divorce lawsuit went to court, she would provide the photos of Sonny’s injuries from the physical abuse to the judge. She believed that the judge would give Sonny’s custody to her for the child’s sake.

“Mrs. Stone... seemed unwell. Her face was horribly pale. They didn’t stay long before Ms. Stone quickly took her mother away.”

The only thing that Liberty noticed was off about Audrey was that the latter’s face grew paler by the minute, which startled her.

Elisa was also shocked and quickly left with her mother.

After listening to Liberty, Serenity was silent for a moment before saying, “Liberty, our mom might be the sister who Mrs. Stone has been searching for for decades.”

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Cough cough

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The old lady in the back seat coughed violently when she heard what Serenity had just uttered.

Serenity turned her head and asked with concern, “What’s wrong, Nana? Is the AC too cold?”

“Yes, it’s too dry, so it’s easy to get a cough.”

Grandma May did not dare say that she was startled by the new information.

Zachary drove calmly and casually turned off the air-conditioner.

When he first learned that his mother-in-law whom he had never met could turn out to be

Audrey's sister, he was frightened too. Seeing his nana spooked now, he felt slightly better himself.

Liberty was silent.

"I'll talk to you about this when I get back. How's Sonny?"

"He woke up once, and I gave him some milk, but he only drank half of it. He fell back asleep as I held him."

"Did he get another fever?"

"Not now."

Serenity was relieved.

"Seren, you were up all night too. Sonny is fine now, so go back and get some sleep."

Liberty's heart not only ached for her son, but also her sister.

Her head was also hurting after staying up all night.

"Okay. Call Mrs. Lane if you need any help. I'll go over in the evening."

The sisters were not in a hurry to verify whether their mother was Audrey's sister. That decision was in Audrey's hands.

Serenity, who was reassured, fell asleep before they reached Brynfield.

As Zachary parked the car when they arrived, Grandma May said, "You carry Serenity upstairs. I'll go for a stroll."

She wanted to let her grandson and Serenity be alone.

Zachary hummed in response and carried Serenity who was still sleeping out of the car.

His grandmother was someone who could not stay still in one place. Since she had legs, she could go wherever she wanted.

"Hurry up, Zack."

She called out to her grandson meaningfully.

Zachary's face tensed, but he remained silent and carried Serenity inside

As he went in, the old woman muttered, "I'd like to see how you clean up your mess. Hah, even you won't be able to solve this easily. It's your fault for acting proud and lying to your wife!"

Zachary was speechless.

'Is she really my grandmother?'