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Dizzy from the shaking, Jasmine pried Elisa's fingers from her shoulders and said, "Elisa, Mr. Bucham and I only went on one blind date, and that was it. He won't tell me if I ask him."

"I can't believe you went on a date with Josh Bucham!"

Elisa exclaimed in amazement. "Josh is the most eligible bachelor in Wiltspoon, and I'm talking about among the elites."

Elisa had no doubt about the authenticity of Jasmine's date with Josh because Jasmine was the daughter of a local wealthy man. Jasmine's aunt was also the missus of the Lowe family. Jasmine often attended higher society events with her aunt.

However, Mrs. Lowe stopped bringing Jasmine around to parties after Jasmine's lying stunt at Mrs. Dawson's birthday celebration.

"Serenity's husband set up the date."

Serenity smiled and admitted openly. "My husband does seem to be in Mr. Bucham's good books. Seeing that Mr. Bucham was always busy at work and single, he boldly set him up with Jasmine. He thought Jasmine would make a good couple with Mr. Bucham."

"Serenity, your husband is amazing to be chummy with Josh. No wonder he's in his element at York Corporation. Josh is Mr. York's most trusted man and holds a position higher than the other York family members.

"It's not just the employees who want to be friend him, people like us also want to get in with him too. It's a shame he and Mr. York are best friends. Mr. York doesn't like me, so even Mr. Bucham would stay away at the sight of me before I could get a chance to be chummy."

Jasmine and Serenity were lost for words.

Mr. Bucham sounded plain wicked.

Even an heiress like Elisa wanted to buddy up with him.

While Mr. Bucham could open doors to opportunities, Mr. York was... the golden ticket.

Serenity believed anybody who could get into Mr. York's circle would have Wiltspoon at the palm of their hands.

"Jasmine, what do you think about Mr. Bucham?"

Elisa wanted to get information on Zachary's wife through Josh as she needed full closure.

Jasmine spread her palms. "Nothing much. We get along, but I don't get that love at first sight. I should invest in the relationship if I want to get into it, but I feel he's out of my league after learning who he is. I should keep my distance."

Josh would be speechless if he heard this. it meant

Elisa told her, "Why don't you try and go out with him if you two get along? I've heard a lot about him from my shoppingmode brother. He's a man you can count on. Since Josh was willing to go on a blind date with you, that he wanted to try and get serious with you.

"Don't talk about him being out of your league. Your family owns a lot of properties. Heck, your family owns half the street of commercial stores up north. Your aunt is Mrs. Lowe. How are you not good enough for Josh? Josh isn't in line to take over the Bucham family. He's simply the head of the Bucham family's nephew.

"Jasmine, I'd been obsessed with Mr. York for many years. Although there's no hope of us getting together, I need to know who I lost to. Go on and date Mr. Bucham. Help me get information from him. I can give you money. You can just see it as a paid assignment."

Jasmine was at a loss for words.

Serenity stared blankly at Elisa.

Why did she get a feeling that Elisa was trying to get the latest gossip about Mr. York?

"I'll give dating a go if Mr. Bucham invites me out."

Jasmine had a good impression of Josh.

"Let me tell you, Jasmine. You must hang onto Josh. He's a nice guy. You can get firsthand gossip at your fingertips when you two get together."

Jasmine was rendered speechless.

Serenity burst into laughter.

Realizing what she had said, Elisa covered her mouth to chuckle too.

Josh, who was slaving away for Zachary at the office, felt a burn in his ears. Using his phone camera in selfie mode, he checked his ears and found them red.

"Who's dissing me behind my back?" Josh mumbled.

He must be getting railed pretty badly as his ears turned scarlet.

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Putting down his pen, Josh got up and drew near the window to look down. He looked at the paparazzi standing firmly outside the company entrance and murmured, "They sure have the patience to stay from last night until now. Seriously, Zachary. All it takes is for Zachary to show off his relationship and boom, the community's rocked to the core."

Well, it only shook the community. All was calm with the missus.

Zachary shielded the missus well.

Everybody in the office had seen Serenity, but no one had the guts to blab it out.

The York family kept mum, refusing to let a word out despite the reporters' incessant inquiries.

"Do you know who Mr. York's wife is?" was the first thing that popped out of everyone in the upper crust's mouth today.

Business clients would join in on the gossip after closing deals, snooping on the identity of Mr. York's bride.

Josh was annoyed.

Since he was best buddies with Zachary, many tried to pry information from him.

Josh knew the most but could say nothing about it.

After dropping the bombshell, Zachary nonchalantly occupied himself with work as it was business as usual for him.

Escorted by his team of security, Zachary went to have a meal at Wiltspoon Hotel after work. As always, he called Mr. Zen to deliver a few of Serenity's favorites to her.

Zachary also asked Mr. Zen to buy a bouquet of flowers at the florist to be delivered together with the food.

The only thing that caught Zachary by surprise was running into Clive at the hotel entrance.

The Stones have their own hotels. Plus, Clive and Zachary were business competitors. Hence why Clive would never really show his face at Wiltspoon Hotel.

Yet today Clive was here with clients. His clients must have asked for the business meeting to be held at Wiltspoon Hotel.

With two major CEOs crossing paths at the hotel, both stopped in their tracks.

Behind Zachary was his security detail while Clive had a few of his important executives and secretaries. at his tail.

Both carried an imposing presence.

The people following behind these CEOs stopped walking when the big shots came face—to—face.

Clive's eyes immediately ran along Zachary's left hand. There was a ring on his ring finger. However, it was not the gold ring that Zachary posted on Facebook.

Catching on to Clive's gaze, Zachary openly raised his left hand and put his hand out so Clive could get a closer look.

"I heard you posted on social media, flaunting your relationship, Mr. York," Clive said.

"You're guite well informed, Mr. Stone."

"It's hard not to when it's highly publicized. Did you change into another ring, Mr. York?"

Lowering his gaze, Zachary stared at his wedding ring and graciously told Clive, "My wife felt the gold ring wasn't very pretty, so I replaced it with the Eternal diamond ring."

Clive grinned. "Your wife has good tastes."

The Eternal diamond ring on Zachary's finger cost a bomb.

It appeared Mr. York's wife appreciated fine rocks. She must be from a well–off family, but the question was which family.

Clive was dying with curiosity.

He grumbled about his rival in his mind.

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"I wonder who the lucky lady is."

Although Clive knew his question would come to naught, he still had to ask.

His sister wanted to know who defeated her.

Zachary's eyes were fixated on Clive for a while before he answered, "Mr. Stone, I'd ask for privacy, so I'm not going to answer that question."

Clive had foreseen getting nothing from Zachary.

Accepting the result, Clive graciously smiled. "You have your wife well protected, Mr. York."

"I promised to love, protect, and cherish her forever when I married her."

Clive replied with a little surprise, "You're an affectionate man, Mr. York."

His sister and Zachary were not meant to be.

Clive had talked his sister into letting Zachary go, but his sister refused to listen. Now, she was devastated.

He sighed in his mind. Clive would support his sister to be with Zachary and ease the tension between the rivaling York Corporation and Stone Group if Zachary had fallen in love with Elisa.

This was because Zachary only had eyes for one woman in his life.

It was forever once Zachary fell in love.

In the event of a betrayal, Zachary would never be able to get over the relationship.

"Mr. Stone, you're a devoted man too, and your wife can't be happier with you. You're well known for being uxorious in our circle."

The mention of his wife brought softness along Clive's facial lines. Grinning from ear to ear, he said, "Just like you said, I promised to love, protect, and cherish her forever when I married her."

"Your relationship with your wife is enviable. I should learn from you about ways to dote on my wife at another time."

Everybody around was speechless.

It was hard for them to imagine the two people, who were not on good terms, sitting together and discussing at length about spoiling their wives.

Clive remarked with a smile, "You're already in the uxorious husband club, Mr. York."

Otherwise, Zachary would not stop to talk to him.

After a brief silence, Zachary merrily beckoned to Clive and said, "Since you're here, I'd like to treat you to dinner. Would you do me the honor?"

Clive looked at his clients.

His clients answered right away, "It's our honor to dine together, Mr. York."

It was no big deal. They could dine without talking about business.

"Well, I can't say no to your welcoming invitation."

Clive agreed to have dinner with Zachary.

He thought to himself, 'People do change after experiencing love."

To think Clive would see the day of Zachary buying him dinner.

Clive wanted to pinch himself to see if he was dreaming.

Zachary was so easy to talk to today.

Both parties gathered for dinner.

The community's jaws would drop if word got out about this.

Mr. York's interest in acquiring ways to spoil his wife crazy only made people more intrigued about his wife.

His label as an uxorious husband swiftly made rounds in the community.

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After listening to a day of gossip about Mr. York's marriage and wife—doting tendencies, Serenity applied a facial mask in front of the dressing table at night and said to Zachary, "All I hear is stories about your boss today."

With his game face on, Zachary asked, "Oh. What about?"

"You don't know?"

Serenity turned over to look at him. "Your boss made a public announcement that he's married, but no one knows who his wife is. Elisa said that caused quite a stir among the higher society.

"Zachary, you work at York Corporation. Do you have any firsthand news about the identity of your boss's wife?

"I heard the press waited in front of your office building for a long time but had to leave with nothing."

Pulling a chair over, Zachary sat next to his wife and watched as Serenity put on the facial mask. He grabbed the mask packing for a look at the brand. It was a good and expensive brand.

"Elisa gave it to me. I hardly apply facial masks, but I thought I should try it out tonight."

Zachary furrowed his brows and said, "Don't use the skincare products Ms. Stone gives you. Let me know the brand you often use. I'll get the products for you."

"Elisa gave me a lot. It'll be a waste not to use them. Elisa's a girl. Are you jealous of women too?"

Zachary extended his arm to prod her face. "I'll be jealous of anyone who takes away your attention and when you don't put me first."

"Hehe. Who was it that said he doesn't know what jealousy is?"

Zachary was rendered speechless.

"Come on, Zachary. Tell me who your boss married."

Zachary replied amusedly, "I thought you weren't interested in my boss's affairs."

"I can't say that I'm not interested, I just didn't make attempts to pry. Your boss and I are from two different worlds. You barely see your boss even though you work at York Corporation, much less me. I probably will never meet him.

"That's why I can't be bothered to ask about his gossip. It's quite the commotion this time, so I thought I should ask.

"Most importantly, Elisa wants to know who his wife is."

Zachary inquired warily, "Why does Ms. Stone want to know? Is she planning mischief against my boss's wife?"

Serenity glared at him. "Don't say that about Elisa. She's not ill in nature. She's a nice girl, but things are not meant to be between her and your CEO.

"Elisa mentioned that she would move on and stop harassing Mr. York if he's married or has a steady girlfriend. True enough, she stuck to her words. God knows how many times Elisa cried after finding out your CEO is married.

"She'd rather dwell in her agony than be all over Mr. York. That act alone puts her above thousands." Serenity sighed. "I even gave Elisa ideas to chase after Mr. York. She wanted me to be the bride's maid

should she marry Mr. York. Who knew... What's up with Mr. York anyway? He could've announced his marriage sooner so Elisa didn't have to wait until now to get over him.

"I nearly helped Elisa to ruin someone's marriage."

Zachary twitched by the corners of his lips. It had not been long since he and Serenity got married.

Sure, he was single back then.

"Elisa wants to find out who Mr. York's wife is, not because she wants to do something, but she wants. closure in knowing who she lost to."

After a long silence, Zachary remarked, "I told you before. Only Mr. Bucham has an idea about the CEO's private affairs. However, it's true that the CEO adores his wife."

"How much does he adore his wife? I keep hearing that, but it would be great to get some examples of his uxorious ways."

Zachary opened his mouth, but no words escaped his lips.

Serenity muttered to herself, "But he shields his wife and keeps her away from the public eye. It's apparent that he's good to his wife. I didn't know Mr. York has a lot of influence. I only got to know the magnitude of it after listening to the gossip about him all day.

"It's good that he wants his wife to remain anonymous in case people would stalk her. His admirers might go to the extreme and harm his wife."

Zachary gave a heavy nod. "Yeah. The CEO refuses to show the world who his wife is as a protective measure."

While Serenity was not looking, Zachary discreetly lifted his arm to wipe away the cold sweat on his forehead.

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"Seren, are Mrs. Stone's and your DNA test results nearly out?"

Zachary decisively changed the subject to end the gossip about himself

He was only flaunting his relationship to announce his marriage on Facebook. It never crossed his mind that it would bring about a stir that occupied his wife's day with gossip.

"Elisa said they'll collect the results tomorrow."

"Oh." Zachary quickly added, "You'll meet them again if the results show you're related to Mrs. Stone I might not be able to go with you to the Stones' house I'm going away on business tomorrow"

Serenity picked her head up to meet his eyes. "I thought you didn't have to do business trips"

Zachary stared at her in silence

He knew it; she looked forward to him leaving soon

Zachary was scared that she would forget who he was when he returned from his trip.

"Have you booked the flight yet? What time is the flight? I'W drive you to the airport

"I'll get up early tomorrow to pack for you"

Serenity believed she was rather considerate to pack his things and see him off at the airport for his business trip.

"I'm taking the 10:35 AM flight. No need to drive me to the airport. I need to head to the office to pick up some paperwork before leaving with a colleague. The company arranged for an airport transfer"

"Oh." That would save her the trouble

"Send me a text message when you get the DNA test results. I'll be busy during the trip, so I'll only have time late at night to read the messages. I won't miss your messages.

"Okay. I'll text you when I get the results"

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Zachary specifically mentioned his busy work schedule during the trip in case Serenity would call him while Elisa was around during the day.

"That reminds me, should we give Jasmine and Mr. Bucham a nudge? Jasmine said Mr. Bucham was out of her league when she found out about his position in the company."

Zachary replied, "That's between them. Let them decide how they want to progress with this relationship. We can only set up the initial date and not anything else."

Serenity smiled. "You got a point. We'll see where the relationship takes them, but I think they look good together. I'm rooting for things to work between them."

Jasmine was not that into Josh.

Josh was probably swamped with work to make the first move.

He did give Jasmine a call and urged her to drink more water when she was sick.

"I have another candidate to introduce to Ms. Sox if there's no chemistry between her and Mr. Bucham."

Serenity asked with concern, "Is the person better than Mr. Bucham?"

"You can say that, but Mr. Bucham fares better at a fistfight than him. The person isn't great at self-

defense, so he goes around with a team of security. He's an important client of my company. The only thing is that his home is a little far and not in Wiltspoon."

The person Zachary had in mind was Remy.

He was the younger brother of Ben Young-Johnson, CEO of FC & Co., in Annenburg.

Remy was in charge of the Wiltspoon branch of FC & Co. As Zachary had engaged in business with Remy many times and got to know him, he believed Remy was a dependable man.

"Jasmine won't consider him if he's not from Wiltspoon. The important client must be a rich boy since you said he travels with a security team. Jasmine doesn't want to marry into a wealthy and influential family."

Zachary smiled. "He's rich for sure. We can forget about it if Ms. Sox won't consider the rich and powerful. As a matter of fact, others see Ms. Sox as an heiress since her family owns a lot of assets. The Soxes have wealth that many will never see despite working their whole lives."

The locals who struck it rich from the property boom did not see themselves as wealthy. They would continue living like ordinary people, riding their bicycles or e-bikes to work and taking on menial jobs like cleaning and patrolling premises.

They did not like to dress up and often went out in their loafers.

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Unexpectedly, the Soxes had many buildings up for lease and they received a boatload of rental fees

That was how the Sox family turned wealthy

"Let Jasmine and Mr Bucham develop on their own I think a spark will ignite between them when they're

familiar with each other."

Ever since Serenity heard some stuff about Josh from Jasmine, she felt that Jasmine and Josh were two peas in a pod. They both liked lively places, and Josh was able to experience tons of drama firsthand

"I asked Mr. Bucham He is quite impressed by Ms Sox, so give him a little time and he'll make more initiative. It's almost New Year, and everyone in our company will be busier than usual, let alone people in positions like Mr Bucham. He'll have time to deal with his private and emotional affairs during the holidays."

During Zachary's business trip, Josh and Callum would have to run the company, so they would undoubtedly be busy.

Serenity hummed She also did not want Jasmine to marry far away if Jasmine and Josh got together, it was good for Zachary too since the latter would be able ride on Josh's coattails He would get a

promotion and salary increase, bringing greater wealth to their small family

Uh, that would make it seem as if she was selling her friend out for money

The husband and wife chatted about matchmaking, and when it was time for Serenity to remove her mask, she got up and went to the bathroom.

After a while, she came out of the bathroom and climbed straight into bed before kicking off her slippers. She lay on the bed and patted Zachary's spot beside her while she said. Zachary, come here and let me steal your body warmth. I'll have good dreams when I'm warm

Zachary was exasperated "You're using me as a hot compress

"A hot compress needs to be charged, but you don't, so you're much better than a hot compress You're much more effortless"

Zachary was rendered speechless.

He came over and laid down beside her He turned sideways to face her and reached out to tap her head "Is sapping warmth from me the only way you can think of using me?"

"What else can I think about in this state?"

Serenity automatically burrowed into his arms. "If I say I want to turn on the heating, you'd say you can't stand it because it's too dry. It's too cold these days, so I can only hold onto you for warmth."

Even if the doors and windows were closed, she still felt cold.

The main reason was that the room had too much space

"I saw the weather forecast on my phone. The cold air will continue to move south, and New Year's will be cold and rainy. You should wear more clothes when I'm not at home. Don't catch a cold."

"I know. I'm not a three-year-old child. I can take care of myself."

Zachary embraced her and habitually picked up her hand with the diamond ring on it. He was relieved to see that it was still intact.

He did not forget to admonish her, "You can't remove the ring while I'm not at home."

"I know. I wear it every day. When I meet Shawn, I'll make a big show of my finger, okay?"

How jealousy-inducing!

It was guaranteed to make Shawn jealous for the rest of his life.

"Remember to think of me every day."

Serenity buried her head in his chest, mumbling something that Zachary could not hear clearly.

"Serenity."

"I'm sleeping."

"How are you talking if you're sleeping?"

"I'm sleep-talking."

Zachary could not help but smile. He lowered his head and emphasized softly in her ear, "Be sure to think

of me. Don't forget who I am when I return from my business trip."

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"My memory isn't that poor. It's not like we just only got our marriage license."

Serenity yawned and added, "Go to sleep, Zachary. You have to travel tomorrow. Rest well so you'll feel energized."

She then leaned over and kissed him gently on the lips.

"Good night, Honey."

Zachary's gaze became intense all of a sudden. He wrapped his arms around her waist, not letting her leave after that peck on the lips she gave him.

His dark eyes burned and locked on her pretty face.

She was usually barefaced without makeup, but she took great care of her skin, so her face was still looking radiant and smooth, making it pleasant to the touch.

She was a natural beauty through and through.

Zacahry was already attracted to her the first time they met.

However, he had come across plenty of beauties before, so he did not feel anything for Serenity at first sight.

"Seren, what did you just call me?"

She did not react the first time he called her Honey.

It was a little depressing when he thought about it later.

He thought it was because his tone was not mushy enough and his feelings for her were not deep enough when he called her Honey. He stopped calling her with that pet name after two times.

When she called him Honey, her voice seemed to carry an electric current which shot straight into his

heart.

"Zachary."

"No, you called me Honey."

"So? You're my husband."

Zachary pressed her head and simply used his burning lips to express his feelings.

As the passionate kiss ended and lingered on, Serenity pushed away his wandering hands and lay back on the bed. She turned over to her side and said, "Let's sleep. It's late."

Zachary's voice was hoarse. "You go ahead. I... I'll go take a shower."

He immediately lifted the quilt to get out of bed and hurriedly slipped into the bathroom.

It was better not to carry on with such a steamy kiss when the relationship was just heating up. Zachary almost lost control. It just so happened that now was also not the time.

Moreover, taking a cold shower in cold weather was refreshing in its own right!

Hearing the sound of splashing water in the bathroom, Serenity adjusted her sleeping position and lay flat while muttering to herself, "It's your fault for getting greedy."

She knew that now was not the right time yet, so she only kissed him lightly every time. She did not dare go beyond that.

A certain wife who forced her husband to take a cold shower hid under the covers and fought to keep her eyelids open. In the end, she fell asleep before her man came out of the bathroom.

The night passed without a word.

As dawn came, she was woken up by the sound of a ringing phone.

Serenity was too lazy to get up and kicked the man beside him instead. "Zachary, help me see who's calling. Who's disturbing my beauty sleep so early in the morning?"

Zachary was woken up by the ringing too and reached out to grab his cell phone. When he saw the screen was dark, he reached for Serenity's phone and looked at the screen. "It's from your sister's mother—in-law."

The words "sister's mother-in-law" caught her attention.

Serenity took her phone from his hand. "I forgot to block their numbers."

Her sister already blocked everyone from the Brown family.

"It's already seven."

Serenity sat up on the bed and answered the phone as she said to Zachary, "I'll pack up your luggage for you later. You go ahead and make breakfast."

"Do you need something?" Serenity directed the question to Olivia on the phone.

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"Serenity, where's your sister? Tell her to answer her phone!"

Olivia was blunt and it was clear that she was livid.

"Why are you looking for my sister? The last I checked, my sister has nothing to do with your family anymore. What do you want?" Serenity spoke casually.

She guessed Olivia called because the latter found out that the renovations to the house were smashed and wanted to settle the score with Liberty in a fit of anger.

Their reaction was actually rather slow.

It was no wonder Olivia did not know about it until now.

On the day Liberty and Hank divorced, the old couple took a taxi home after the formalities were done

They wanted to move into Hank's house the next day.

Chelsea's children had to go back to school to get their report cards, so they waited an extra day

Today, the elementary school was officially out.

Olivia and her husband brought Chelsea's family, driving two cars carrying large bags into the city, intending to stay there for the New Year's

As for why they left so early in the morning, it was also part of Olivia's plan

She wanted to come early and make Jessica cook breakfast for the family so she could assert her authority over Jessica.

Unexpectedly, when they carried their luggage upstairs and opened the door, they were so shocked that their bags fell to the ground. They first thought they entered the wrong home but after repeated confirmations, they were sure that they had entered the right house.

Chelsea immediately called her brother.

Hank had been so overwhelmed with the sudden cancellation of his business partnerships for the past few days that he simply forgot to tell his family about the wrecked house.

He was still in a daze when he received his sister's call.

When he found out that his parents and sister had all come to the city, he finally remembered this incident and explained it to his family. Olivia immediately called Liberty, but the latter blocked them, so they could not get in touch with her. Thus, she called Serenity instead.

"Your sister isn't with you?"

Olivia added, "What's the meaning of this? She smashed up my son's house! Don't you know that this is illegal? We'll call the police!"

Serenity said coldly. "That was how the house looked when your son bought it. My sister forked out more than four hundred thousand for the renovations, but you were unwilling to refund the fees and told her to pry the floor tiles away if she had the ability to do so. What? Now that she has taken back the renovation fee in her own way, you can't stand it?"

Olivia paused before reasoning, "She had lived here for several years, but we didn't charge her rent. How could she break the renovations into pieces?"

"My sister washed and cooked for your son for several years. She worked like a nanny, but did you pay her

a salary? Even if you were to charge my sister for rent and deduct the amount from her salary as a nanny, you still have to reimburse her with a sum of money.

"Rent isn't as high as a nanny's salary."

Olivia retorted angrily, "They were a couple. There was no need to talk about money between husband and wife."

"Yes, they were a couple back then. There was no need to collect rent between husband and wife either."

Olivia was livid by Serenity's refutation. Her face turned red and her heart clenched, but she could not counter anymore.

Chelsea reached out and took the phone from her mother's hand and ordered, "Serenity, call your sister immediately and tell her to come here and talk to us. It's her fault we have no place to stay. She has to make it up to us. Find us a house or book us a hotel room if she can't find one. Either way, your sister took away more than one million from my brother."

If she had known that her brother had so much money, she would have used her parents to get more money.

Her brother was unbelievable. He saved so much money without saying anything, and now half of it went to that fat cow, Liberty.

It was more than a million!

Chelsea's heart ached at the thought.

She could have spent the money in a different way but now, it was all gone.

Since opportunity had presented itself to them now, she wanted Liberty to use the money out and book a hotel room for them.

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Serenity laughed and said, "Chelsea, you should go to the bathroom and wash your face at the sink. Oh, wait, there's no faucet anymore. My sister paid for all the water pipes, so we sawed them all off I guess you'll just have to take a piss and see your reflection in it. Look at how big your face is.

"My sister and your brother are divorced They have nothing to do with each other whatsoever How do you get off telling my sister to find a house for you to stay? Was it my sister's fault that you don't have a house to live in now? You were the ones who brought this upon yourselves.

"If you guys had gone along and compensated my sister for her loss, you would have a place to stay now Alas, it's really cold today. I wonder if you'll be able to sleep in a house full of holes.

"But you have thick skin and flesh. If all of you huddle together, you'll be able to withstand the bitter cold wind.

"If there's nothing else, I'm hanging up now. It's very warm under the covers, so I'm going to catch up on my sleep. Bye."

Serenity hung up the phone.

Then, she blocked Olivia's number, just in case they refused to give up and kept calling to harass her.

After being hung up by Serenity, Chelsea was so angry that she cursed, "That woman really pisses me off! Her tongue is so sharp. How can her man stand her?! Mom, what do we do now?" Chelsea asked her mother.

"We're already here and brought our family with us. We told the people back home that we're spending the New Year's in the city. We can't go back now, right?"

"Mommy, hug."

Lucas woke up while in his father's arms and reached out to his mother for her to carry him.

Chelsea hugged her son in annoyance.

She said to her father, "Dad, I told you not to agree to Liberty's request at the onset and not to transfer the money to her. Look! Now, we can't even find anyone to contact her. She won't care about us since she already got the money."

"It'll be hard to see Sonny again in the future. You've all been cheated by her."

Chelsea had been having trouble with everything lately, so her temper was not at its best.

There was nothing to do at work, so the management granted her an early annual leave, but everyone else was still going to work.

Chelsea felt like her workplace was trying to force her out.

"Call Hank again."

Mr Brown added, "Liberty held evidence against Hank. If we don't agree with her, Hank will lose his job. He's earning so much now. The loss will be even greater if he loses his job.

"It's very normal for Liberty to block us. With what you and your mother just said to Serenity, of course Liberty would block us. Otherwise, would she continue to allow you to harass her? When you guys calm down and stop pestering her, she'll definitely contact Hank and let him see the child.

Besides, even if we don't know where Liberty lies, serenity won't move her store. We can still contact Liberty if we go find Serenity at her store. Call Hank and ask him to find a place for us to stay. In the meantime, tell him to come over first. He then sighed heavenly and said what a mess.

A good family was torn apart. My private funds too. Olivia sat on a suitcase and said in distress according to Chelsea suggestion, I went to that woman's grandfather and paid him to convince Serenity to persuade Liberty not to divorce Hank.

However, he took the money but failed to fulfill my request. They still ended up divorced.

My son lost more than a million for nothing, and the house renovations were smashed. So now our losses are even greater than expected.

I advised them against divorcing as the cost is just too huge. Olivia cried as she spoke. It was all money. Everyone in the family except for Lucas looked at Olivia.

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Mr. Brown stared at his wife with a dark expression and asked, "Whose grandfather did you go to?"

"Who else? It was Liberty's grandfather Her grandmother was in the hospital, so I went there to see them and presented my request. Old Mr. Hunt said he wanted one hundred thousand, but I refused. After some bargaining, I gave him sixty thousand.

"He repeatedly assured me that he would persuade Serenity not to divorce, but Serenity didn't do so with Liberty. They just took the money and did nothing."

As soon as Olivia was done explaining, Mr. Brown flung his hand and slapped her on her arm.

"Are you stupid? How could you trust those people in Liberty's family? Besides, it's not like you're not aware of the conflict between Liberty and her family. You should've gone to anyone except for them. You're usually smart, but how could you be so foolish this time?

"Sixty thousand. You actually spent sixty thousand!"

Mr. Brown was so angry at his wife that he was about to faint.

Olivia said aggrievedly, "I just thought that since it's not easy to talk to Serenity, we could let her family do it for us. Even if they quarrel, it'll be a family issue. That's why I went to them. Old Mr. Hunt said that the hospital just happened to urge them to pay his wife's medical bills which cost fourty thousand. If I give them sixty thousand, they can use the remaining twenty thousand as the cost of persuading Serenity."

Old Mrs. Hunt's medical expenses were paid using her own money initially. She later let the children of the family each pay a little, but they had run out of money. Now that they had to fork out another forty thousand and Olivia coincidentally presented herself at their doorstep, Old Mr. Hunt quickly seized the opportunity.

"You're such a fool. Giving money to that family is the same as flushing it down the drain. There's no way of getting your money back."

Chelsea chimed in, "Mom, I told you to find someone to help, not to throw away money."

However she quietly thought, "I didn't know Mom kept so much money to herself.

"It seems Hank has been giving our parents a lot of money.

"The amount of money they spend on my family is probably only a fraction of what Hank gives them."

"I'm going to Old Mr. Hunt to ask for my money back. They didn't get the job done, so I won't stop until I get my money back."

Olivia said resentfully, "When we settle down after this house fiasco, Chelsea and George, you two come with me to find Old Mr. Hunt to collect my sixty thousand."

"Of course we have to get it back."

Chelsea agreed that they needed to get the money back.

If Old Mr Hunt took the money and did as requested, they would leave the sixty thousand with him. At least they would have saved more than a million from Hank as well as the renovation of the house.

However, since old Mr. Hunt did not get the job done, he had to return the money. Call Hank and tell him to come over immediately. Mr. Brown was so angry at the series of unfortunate Events that he almost got a heart attack.

He never thought that his son's divorce would cost so much. If he had known there was no way to turn back time, they reaped what they sowed. No matter how angry they were, they could only swallow this bitter pill themselves. Don't be angry, dad. You'll harm your body. I'll call Hank now and tell him to come over.

Also, if that Yates girl is with Hank, tell her to come over as well. Olivia came to town early in the morning just so she could assert dominance over Jessica.

So she naturally had to call Jessica over, too. Jessica held a great responsibility for her son's family becoming fragmented, chelsea hummed and said, I'll tell Hank to bring the Yates girl over.

If it weren't for her, liberty wouldn't have divorced Hank so quickly. With a sister inlaw like Chelsea, jessica's new life was just getting started.