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She also dreamed that he said a lot of things to her, but she did not hear them.

In the dream, she told him to speak louder because she could not hear him, but his mouth simply continued to open and close. She was unable to hear a single word and had been incredibly anxious.

Mrs. Lane turned to look at Serenity, then turned back to her work.

"I sent your sister and Sonny home yesterday evening and stayed overnight at their place. I really have no clue if Mr. York came back or not."

Serenity smacked her own head. "Right, you didn't come home. Ugh, my head hurts. Mrs. Lane, can you please make me a bowl of hangover soup? No, I'm going to take a painkiller. My head is killing me."

Serenity turned and slipped out of the kitchen.

Acting completely naturally, she wandered into the guest room and found the medicine box to grab a bottle of painkillers.

"Headache?"

Her sister's voice resounded.

Serenity was startled that she almost dropped the bottle.

"I have a headache from not sleeping well. I'll be fine after taking a painkiller."

Since she was seen by Liberty, she stopped trying to take the medicine secretly.

"How many times have I told you not to drink? You're not a good drinker and get drunk after just a few glasses, but you never listen to what I say. Do you think you can go drinking without consequences because Zachary isn't at home to keep an eye on you?"

Liberty was distressed and angry. She pulled her sister's ear and nagged, "When Zachary comes back, I'm telling him to take you along on his business trips in the future, lest you take advantage of his absence to go drinking again."

"Sis, his business trips are for work. What am I going to do if I follow him?

"I just had a couple of drinks. I didn't drink that much."

"What a load of bull. Do you think I don't know you? You can't drink, yet you love to drink. If there's no one watching you, you'll definitely drink five, six, or even eight glasses."

Liberty turned around and walked toward the kitchen while scolding her sister, "Ask Mrs. Lane to make you a bowl of hangover soup to drink."

"I know you love me the most, Liberty. You're the best sister in the whole wide world."

"Yeah, yeah."

Liberty glared at Serenity.

While Serenity was eating. Liberty went to the balcony and saw there were clothes hung outside. She brought Zachary's clothes in while saying to her sister, "Zachary has been away for a few days, but you didn't help him put away his clothes. Why are they still damp?

"You have good lighting here, and the balcony is facing east. The clothes will dry easily when the sun rises, but why are they still damp after being hung for a few days?"

It had not rained the past two days either.

Although it was cold, there were occasional sunny hours during the day.

The house Liberty rented did not have as much sunlight as Serenity's, but the mother and son's clothes. were able to dry after hanging them out in the sun all day.

Serenity said instinctively, "Zachary rarely dries his clothes on the main balcony. He has a small one in hist room, so he always dries his clothes over there."

Liberty hung the clothes again and said, "If he doesn't dry his clothes here, then whose clothes are these? Yours? This long pair of trousers should be Zachary's. It's clear they're men's pants."

Serenity was at a loss.

She carried the bowl and walked out to see.

She froze.

It really was Zachary's pants. His shirt as well as his briefs were there too.

"That's weird. I remember he rarely hangs his clothes outside. Besides, I helped him pack his luggage. before he went on his business trip. I made sure he didn't have any clothes left out in the sun."

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Liberty gave her sister a look. "Are you saying his clothes ran outside by themselves? They're still damp.. They must've been washed last night or this morning."

Serenity muttered, "Did he really come back last night?"

"What was that?"

"Nothing. Look, don't you think the flowers I have are pretty? You enjoy the little balcony garden while I finish eating."

When Serenity returned to the dining room with the bowl and sat down, she hurriedly took out her cell phone and sent a message to Jasmine.

[Jasmine, when did I get drunk last night? Did your brother and you take me home after I got drunk?

[Why did I have a dream last night about Zachary coming home? It's not like I miss him.

[He has clothes drying on my balcony, and his clothes are still damp... Could it be that I wasn't dreaming? Was he actually back?

[Text me instead of calling since my sister is here. I don't want her to worry that I'm fighting with Zachary.]

After Liberty divorced, what she feared most was that her sister would be affected and unhappy in her marriage as well.

Thus, Liberty was concerned about the relationship between her sister and brother-in-law.

Jasmine replied quickly.

[You drank a lot before you got drunk. It was my first time seeing you break your record. Your husband did come back. I helped you out of the bar after you got drunk last night.

[Then, I met Mr. York in front of the bar. He grabbed you before I could react.

[He was also the one who took you home. You weren't dreaming. You really did feel his presence. He came back. I thought you wouldn't remember what happened with how drunk. you were.]

Serenity was speechless.

She thought for a moment and asked her friend.

[Zachary really came home? I don't remember what happened. I thought I was dreaming. He said a lot of things to me too. He nagged like an old man.]

Jasmine was too lazy to type and sent a voice message instead.

"Did you just wake up? Is Mr. York around? Oh, right, I asked Josh last night and he said that Mr. York had to rush back to the city today to continue his business trip. Josh mentioned that those matters had to bet taken care of by Mr. York so he had to handle them before he could return.

"Seren, he was so worried when he found out you went to the bar to get drunk that he dropped everything. and came rushing back. It's clear that he still cares about you."

Serenity turned down the volume a little before listening to the voice message from her best friend.

It turned out that Zachary came back indeed.

However, he left before she woke up.

He was so busy, yet he hurried back because she went to the bar to get wasted.

Serenity did not know whether to be touched or continue being willful.

How did Zachary know that she went drinking at the bar?

Although they met Josh at the bar and it was possible that he told Zachary, Zachary was far away. He could not have arrived right as she left the bar.

He must have made his way back earlier because he received the news in advance.

"Didn't you follow when Zachary brought me home?" Serenity asked.

Jasmine responded, "Mr. York went to pick you up himself and called a car. That substitute driver from your neighborhood, Jim, drove."

Serenity recalled when she was showering. The clothes she was wearing this morning were not the same set she wore yesterday, which meant her clothes were changed after she got home.

Mrs. Lane was not around while Grandma May went back to her house, and Jasmine did not follow her back. In other words, it was Zachary who helped her change.

She was completely out cold last night... Did Zachary do anything when he stripped her?

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Ring ring ring...

Serenity's cell phone rang. It was a call from Elisa. She stopped talking to Jasmine and quickly answered the call.

"Serenity, where do you live?"

"Brynfield."

"Okay, I'm going over now. I'm in front of your store, but you're not open today."

Serenity said, "Sure, I'll send you the location. My sister and I are ready to leave."

Elisa hummed.

After Serenity sent the location, Elisa opened the navigation app on her phone and headed for Brynfield. She had always been a fast driver. When she was about to merge into traffic on the expressway at an intersection, she almost crashed into a Maybach. Both the Maybach and her car were urgently halted. Elisa wound down her window and the other driver did the same.

She instructed the driver of the other car to back up a little to make way for her to pull up before they discussed the incident.

The driver did not immediately do as Elisa gestured. Instead, he turned his head to look at the person sitting in the back seat.

"What's wrong?" Remy asked in a low voice.

"The car in front wants us to back up."

Remy slightly tugged the car curtain aside to take a look. He then closed the curtain and said to the driver, "That's the young lady of the Stone family. She's a rude and unreasonable woman. Back up a little and let her go."

Remy managed the FC & Co. subsidiary in Wiltspoon and often dealt with the bigwigs of Wiltspoon's business community. However, he did not have any business dealings with Stone Group.

FC & Co. shared no dealings with Stone Group because of their existing partnerships with York. Corporation. Moreover, Stone Group and York Corporation are business rivals.

Nevertheless, Remy still recognized the important figures from Stone Group..

The current head of the Stone family was Clive Stone, who spoiled his wife like a maniac. It was fine not to know who Clive was, but one had to know who his wife, Alice, was, so as not to accidentally offend the woman and incur Clive's wrath.

Audrey's appearance should also be kept in mind. Although she had never been the head of Stone Group, she climbed all the way up from a small clerk in the company to her current position. Even her husband's capabilities were inferior to hers.

During the reign of the last CEO of Stone Group, many affairs were solved thanks to Audrey.

All the more reason Audrey could not be offended.

Finally, there was Elisa Stone. This darling daughter who was doted on by everyone around her had a bad temper. If someone annoyed her, she would rip into that person regardless of their status.

Remy was cold and shrewd when it came to business, but warm and gentle in everyday life. He had a

good temperament. Since he knew that Elisa had an explosive temper, he did not want to bicker with her over something trivial.

What was the harm in compromising a little?

Elisa was a girl, so Remy thought, "Ladies first."

"Yes, sir."

The driver started to reverse the car and the security entourage behind them followed suit.

When Elisa saw the other party giving way to her, she thanked Remy's driver before quickly driving away.

She blended into the traffic flow but met a red light and had to stop about two hundred meters away.

Remy's car pulled up on the other lane right beside Elisa's car at the traffic light.

Elisa glanced over twice but could only see the driver since there were curtains on the backseat window. The curtains were closed, so she could not see who the passenger was.

At the intersection earlier, it was apparent that the driver was the one who refused to give way when she was merging into his lane as he wanted to go straight. It was the passenger behind who was willing to make way for her.

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When the light turned green, Remy's car went ahead of Elisa's.

Elisa saw Remy's car plate number and wondered, 'Whose car is that? Those black cars behind belong to a security detail, right?

"Who else in Wiltspoon besides Zachary likes to go around the city with an entourage?"

Elisa had no clue.

Her eldest brother did not like to bring bodyguards and would only occasionally bring two, unlike Zachary whose bodyguards were divided into two teams of eight each. Every time he showed up, it was always. with the fanfare of an emperor's arrival.

Serenity had no idea that Elisa met Remy on the road. After she sent Elisa her address, she sent a text message to Jasmine to inform that she was going to her aunt's house.

She then pondered for a while before sending a message to Zachary.

He was most likely still on the plane and did not reply to her message.

Serenity's heart sank at once.

She muttered, "Fine, don't reply. It's not like I care or anything."

She placed the phone into her coat pocket, got up, and carried the dishes into the kitchen to clean up.

"Liberty, have you applied the cream for the wound on your face?"

"I have, but I don't know if it'll leave a scar."

"The wound isn't deep, so there won't be a scar."

Liberty carried Sonny over and watched her sister wash the dishes from the kitchen door. "Seren, do your think I'm too soft?"

"You forgave them once for Sonny's sake. Besides, now that they know we have an aunt, they won't dare. do anything to you in the future. It's just... I think your ex-mother-in-law regrets it now."

"She regretted it long ago, but it's not because she lost her daughter-in-law. She regretted that her son. had to give me money. Well, now that I'm divorced, I don't care what happens to them."

As they spoke, Liberty received a phone call from a number that seemed somewhat familiar.

She could not remember who the number belonged to but she had answered a call from this number before.

"It's me, Liberty."

Jessica's childish voice resounded as soon as Liberty answered the phone.

"Is there anything you need, Ms. Yates?"

Liberty blocked every one of the Brown family's numbers, but she did not block Jessica's.

"No, but can I add you on social media?"

Jessica always spoke in a childish tone, making Liberty frown. "Ms. Yates, can you speak in a normal voice?"

Liberty was not Hank, so she did not like to hear Jessica's coquettish voice..

Jessica fell silent, then proceeded to speak normally. I want to add you as a friend. Can you accept?"

"Ms. Yates, are you still dreaming, or do you have a few loose screws in your head? You want to add me. as a friend? What do we have to talk about?"

Jessica said, "I'm not afraid of you calling me arrogant I just want to know if you can live a good life after divorcing Hank. Oh, right, you got more than a million dollars from him. It'll last a long time if you and your son are frugal."

Liberty was not angered by Jessica's arrogance and said calmly. "We still live in the same city, so you'll be able to find out about me as long as you try. You can wait and see how my son and I live a prosperous life.

"I would also like to remind you not to be too arrogant, Ms. Yates, or you'll end up miserable."

Jessica giggled "What should I do? I was born this arrogant. Did you know? I've known about you since! joined Waltham Electronics. They all sang praises about how capable and beautiful you used to be, and that you and Hank were a perfect match.

"I got jealous of you, so I wanted to take everything that belonged to you."

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"By the way, just for your information, Hank and I will be registering our marriage on the coming Valentine's Day."

Liberty was still remarkably calm. "Congratulations, Ms Yates"

Congratulations on jumping into the pit of mud that was the Brown family.

"It's the weekend today and I just woke up to a handmade breakfast by Hank. I heard you were married for more than three years, but you were always the one cooking for Hank. You had probably never tasted his cooking before."

Liberty had had enough of Jessica's provocation so she cut the call off.

"Liberty, was that the Yates woman?"

"Yeah. She's insane. I divorced Hank and let them be together, but she still called to brazenly ask me if she could add me as a friend on social media. She must've wanted to flaunt her daily dose of lovey-doveyness with Hank to piss me off.

"What's there to be upset about anyway? We're already divorced, so what is Hank to me now? He's just an ex-husband."

As for Hank prepping breakfast for Jessica, that just tickled Liberty's funny bones. It was a fact that Hank did not cook, so there was no way he could make her breakfast. He must have gone outside and ordered takeout.

"She also mentioned they were going to register their marriage on Valentine's Day. I can't wait for them to get their license soon and be tied together. That way, she'll finally be able to experience what the Brown family is like."

Serenity scolded, "She's utterly shameless."

"How would she have seduced Hank if she wasn't? However, I'm still grateful to her. If not for her. persuasion, Hank wouldn't have given up Sonny's custody so easily."

Liberty hugged Sonny again.

Her son was her life.

She could let go of Hank, but she could not let go of her son.

Fortunately, it was all over now.

"Liberty, let's go to the supermarket to buy some stuff first."

After all, they could not go empty handed to their aunt's house.

Liberty hummed in agreement.

The sisters took Sonny to the supermarket and came out with plenty of bags, large and small ones, stuffing the trunk of the car and the backseat to the brim.

Just as they were about to get into the car, they received a message from Elisa saying she was already at the entrance of Brynfield.

Serenity took her sister back to the entrance of the neighborhood and met up with Elisa. They did not reenter the neighborhood but instead followed Elisa straight to the Stone residence.

On the way, Liberty said to her sister, "Seren, if Aunt Audrey wants to help us, we have to refuse firmly.

We're still young and have all limbs intact, so we can support ourselves. We can't rely on Aunt Audrey just because she's super rich."

"Don't worry, Liberty. I've thought about that a long time ago. No matter how Aunt Audrey wants to compensate us, I'll be sure to refuse "

Audrey had searched for her sister for decades and finally found her two nieces, so helping them would definitely be on her mind.

The sisters thought of that too

It took forty minutes to get to the Stone family villa.

Audrey was waiting at the entrance with her family

A smile immediately spread across her face when she saw the two cars from afar.

When the cars approached and stopped, Audrey took the lead and walked toward Serenity's car.

Elisa opened the car door and jumped off, smiling at the Hunt sisters. "My mom has all she wants now that she has her nieces. She doesn't want her daughter anymore."

"This is your home. Do you need me to come out and welcome you when you come back to your own home?"

Audrey reached out to hug Sonny, but Sonny still did not want her to carry him, so she could only pat his head

"Aunt Audrey," Serenity called out to Audrey, who answered with a smile.

Darrell walked over with his two sons as well as his daughter—in—law.

"Uncle Darrell."

Serenity and Liberty greeted Darrell.

Darrell nodded with a smile and said, "Your aunt has been waiting here since morning. She wanted to go over and pick you two up herself."

Serenity was a little embarrassed. They were late because she got drunk last night.

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Liberty was the one who drove them here.

She told her son to greet them.

Sonny did not want Audrey to hold him, but he was willing to greet them. He addressed them the way his mother taught him.

"This child is so cute."

Alice smiled. "Can I hold him?"

Audrey said, "Sonny doesn't even want me to hold him. Will he let you hold him instead?"

Alice reached out tentatively. Unexpectedly, when Sonny saw her, he suddenly reached out as well for Alice to hold him.

Audrey was speechless. "Sonny is picky with people."

"He's usually not picky. He was just scared because of the last time. He'll want you to hold him the next time we meet, Aunt Audrey."

Even Liberty was surprised that Sonny was willing to go to Alice.

"Liberty and Serenity, this is Clive, my eldest son. He's your cousin."

Audrey introduced her sons to her nieces.

The sisters greeted Clive.

Clive smiled back and said nothing..

Audrey then pointed to her second son and said, "This is my younger son, Anthony. He's two years older than Liberty and three years older than Serenity."

Liberty and Serenity greeted him as well.

"Ant Swer."

Sonny wanted to return to his aunt's embrace after letting Alice hold him for a while and Serenity quickly reached out to hug her nephew.

Clive's eagle eyes noticed the diamond ring on Serenity's left ring finger. As he looked at it, he found that it was rather familiar.

It seemed that not long ago, he saw the same type of diamond ring on a certain someone's hand.

Clive was secretly ogling at the diamond ring on Serenity's finger for a long time.

"Let's go in. It's cold outside, and the wind is strong today."

Darrell called everyone into the villa. At the same time, he said to his daughter, "Move the car in, Elisa."

Elisa complied and moved her car to park at the open parking lot. Liberty followed her and drove.

Serenity's car into the villa as well.

Chatters and touches of laughter were heard as they made their way into the gorgeous villa.

The maids brought in the gifts that the Hunt sisters bought.

When Audrey saw that her nieces came bearing abundant gifts, she said, "I'm not a stranger anymore. There's no need to buy so many things when you visit. I don't lack anything."

"They weren't much, Aunt Audrey."

Serenity walked alongside Audrey with Sonny in her arms. Elisa parked the car and waited for Liberty. before catching up to the rest in front of them.

When they entered the luxurious main building, everyone took their seats on the sofa.

"Alice."

Clive tugged his wife's sleeve and when Alice looked at him, he whispered, "I have something to say to you. Let's go upstairs."

Alice whispered back, "Can it wait till later? Your cousins had just arrived."

"Mom, Dad, and Elisa are with them."

Clive managed to recall whose hand wore the same familiar diamond ring. He wanted his wife to find a chance to ask Serenity about it later.

Alice looked at her husband's serious expression. When she saw that her in–laws' attention was not on them, she quietly followed him upstairs.

Back in the couple's room, Clive closed the door and even locked it so that no one could enter.

Alice asked curiously, "What's wrong, Clive? You look so serious."

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"Alice, I saw the wedding ring that Serenity was wearing."

Alice looked at him and said in amusement, "Do you think we don't have eyes and you're the only one who saw it? So what if you saw it? What's wrong with Serenity's wedding ring?"

Clive was silent, pondering how to phrase himself.

"We're husband and wife. What is it that you can't tell me? Didn't you call me upstairs because you wanted to say something to me? What's wrong?"

"Alice, do you remember me telling you about Zachary showing off his wedding ring on his social media?"

Alice nodded. "Of course, I remember. That day, you even told me to go talk to Elisa early in the morning. You were the good cop while I was the bad cop. I wanted to cry myself when I saw how much pain Elisa was in.

"You also said that Zachary actually invited you to a meal when you met him by chance at Wiltspoon Hotel. You kept talking about it all night, saying that you would've never dreamed of having Zachary invite you to a meal in your lifetime.

"You even suspected that Zachary had feelings for you. You're married, and so is he. You don't have to worry about him liking men. Even if he does, he won't like you. You're just overthinking."

Clive was the CEO of Stone Group. He was immensely powerful in his own right.

Although Alice complained that her husband had many baseless suspicions, she very much adored him. from the bottom of her heart.

Clive flicked his wife's forehead. "You got me wrong. After I met Zachary at Wiltspoon Hotel that day, I found that he had changed his wedding ring. He explained that his wife didn't like gold rings, so he changed them into diamond rings.

"We ate at the same table, so I saw him flaunting his wedding ring for hours. I've imprinted on my mind. how his ring looks, so when I saw the wedding ring that Serenity was wearing, I felt it was familiar. It matched Zachary's ring."

Alice looked at her husband in shock. After a moment, she reached out to touch Clive's forehead and then her own. She muttered, "You don't have a fever. Are you okay? How could Zachary's wedding ring match Serenity's?

"If their rings are a pair, doesn't that mean that Zachary's mysterious wife is Serenity? Do you think that's possible?"

Alice was in disbelief.

Who was Zachary York? He was the heir of the York family. It stood to reason that Serenity and he would never cross paths in their lives.

Clive said, "It's not impossible. I heard Elisa mention that Serenity's husband had the same last name York. Although there are many people with the same last name in this world, the York surname is quite uncommon. In Wiltspoon, everyone who carries the last name York is either from Zachary's family or related to them.

"Serenity's husband is also working at York Corporation. Don't you think it's too much of a coincidence?"

"Are there no other people with the surname York working at York Corporation who aren't Zachary or his brothers?"

Clive choked for a moment, then said, "That's not true either. Many members of the extended family also work at York Corporation. Some are closer by blood, but most of them are at least thrice removed."

"Maybe her husband's ancestor was from the same family as Zachary's ancestor. They just share the same last name, but are not related."

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Clive had this in mind, so he did not think about Zachary when his sister mentioned that Serenity's husband had the last name York.

Although the York family had a deep heritage that spanned several generations, they originated from the countryside. It was said from where their ancestors lived, everyone had the last name York.

Clive did not know whether Zachary's ancestors brought along the townspeople when they made a fortune in the city.

However, he was cognizant that there were indeed many employees with the surname York in the headquarters of York Corporation and its branch companies. However, most of them had nothing to do with Zachary and simply shared the same last name.

"That's why I called you up. I want you to find an opportunity to secretly ask Serenity what her husband's name is. Don't let Mom or Elisa find out. You know Elisa hasn't completely let go of her feelings for Zachary.

"Mom just found Serenity and Liberty, so don't let her know for the time being. I don't know how she'll react if Serenity's husband really turns out to be Zachary. She's bent on helping her two nieces now, but she loves Elisa more.

"Even our affection is biased toward Elisa. After all, Elisa is my sister, but Serenity is just my cousin who we just reconnected with. We don't even have a sibling bond yet."

Clive said in a low voice, "Elisa told me that Serenity always addresses her husband as Mr. York around her. She had never mentioned her husband's name before. Coincidentally, Elisa also addressed Zachary as Mr. York in front of other girls. She doesn't use his first name either.

"I think that's probably how it is. They both don't know that the man they're talking about is actually the same person."

Alice paused before saying, "Clive, I feel like you've already decided that Serenity's husband is Zachary.

"Serenity's best friend is Mrs. Lowe's niece, and the Lowe family's heir often goes to Serenity's shop. How could it be that Serenity doesn't even mention her husband's name in front of Mr. Lowe and the others?"

Clive added, "You don't understand the York family's way of education, so it's normal for you to think so.

"The York family's children are well protected before they step into society, so outsiders don't know what they look like or what their names are. They attend schools like ordinary people, so no one knows that they're actually from the York family.

"The first time Zachary attended a business reception was when his grandmother brought him to one ten years ago. It was his official debut. If Old Mrs. York participates in a business reception, the other guests must be rich and influential. She only introduced Zachary to those bigwigs.

"After that, Zachary slowly took over York Corporation, and everyone called him Mr. York. Among those in the younger generation, only those who were close to the York family know his name.

"He also protects his privacy exceptionally well. If Elisa weren't from the Stone family, she wouldn't even be able to find out Zachary's name, let alone pursue him.

"Mr. Lowe might not know that Serenity's Zachary is Zachary York, or he just thought that it was someone with the same name. After all, no one would expect Serenity's husband to be the great Zachary York. With his temperament, do you think he's someone who would get married all of a sudden?"

Alice shook her head. "I don't believe that he is Serenity's husband, but you said that you saw Serenity's ring matching Zachary's."

Even though it was her husband raising those doubts, she still could not believe it.

Clive said, "I hope I'm just overthinking. If Serenity's husband indeed turns out to be Zachary... Alice, if Serenity's husband is really Zachary, we have to keep it a secret. It's not to help Zachary, but it's for Elisa."

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"Elisa finally put down her infatuation for Zachary. We'll tell her when she has completely let go and is able to openly face Zachary with the fact that he's married."

Clive sighed. "If she finds out that Serenity's husband is the man she loves but can't get, I can't imagine the consequences. Serenity isn't close to us, but Elisa and her get along well.

"I have to think about Elisa."

"But Serenity is your cousin now, and her husband is your brother—in—law. If it's really Zachary, he has to accompany Serenity to visit us eventually. He can't keep hiding and refusing to see Mom, right?"

It was fine if Serenity's husband did not meet them but Audrey was their elder. He had to meet her.

"I'll ask Zachary tonight if his marriage with Serenity is hidden. Serenity probably doesn't know his identity. She most likely wouldn't dare marry him if she did."

Alice reminded him, "Serenity said her husband is out on a business trip and won't be back for some time.

"Why don't you call Zachary now and ask him where he is? If he's in Wiltspoon, then you're overthinking it. If he's on a business trip, then he may really be Serenity's husband.

"Speaking of which, how did Serenity get married all of a sudden in the first place? Elisa didn't ask either."

Clive thought about it and said, "I have a hunch that Serenity's husband is Zachary York. That day when I met him coincidentally, he had the sudden magnanimity to invite me to a meal. I think it might not just be because he was in a good mood. He... might have been trying to please me because he already knew that Serenity is my cousin."

Alice hesitated but concurred, "That's possible."

She added, "I'll go downstairs now and find a chance to ask Serenity secretly."

"Be careful and don't let Mom or Elisa know. Even if we get confirmation, we still have to hide it, lest Elisa finds out and falls out with Serenity."

Alice nodded solemnly. She would bring this secret to the grave.

She was reluctant to believe that Serenity's husband was Zachary York, the heir of the York family.

How could Zachary York get married all of a sudden?

He had incredibly high standards and usually did not allow young women to approach him unless they were relatives. He had always kept women at bay, at least three meters away from him.

Making such a man get married suddenly was harder than trying to ascend to heaven.

Even if he wanted to marry, why would he marry Serenity?

"Let's go downstairs."

Clive embraced his wife and went out.

The couple went downstairs as if nothing was wrong.

Audrey was talking to the Hunt sisters about hosting a banquet tomorrow night.

"Everyone in Wiltspoon knows that I had been looking for my sister. Although my sister passed away, it's a comfort to me that I found you two. I'm going to hold a banquet to introduce you to everyone and announce to the public that you're my nieces. In the future, anyone who tries to bully you means they're going against the Stone family."

Audrey still remembered how Liberty was bullied by her former in-laws.

Liberty handled it herself, so Audrey did not intervene. However, she still mentioned it to Clive when she got home, asking him to retaliate against the Brown family in other ways without harming them physically or breaking the law. He just needed to make Hank lose his job.

Hank's sister was another atrocious specimen.

Audrey was only relieved when Clive said that he would seek justice for his cousin.

"Seren and Liberty, since you're already here, spend a few days here with me. After lunch, Elisa and I will take you two out to pick your evening dresses for the banquet tomorrow night."

Upon seeing the couple who had just reached downstairs, Audrey said, "Clive and Alice, both of you are responsible for sending out the guest invitations. Invite all the people we know to the party."

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Alice blurted, "We're also acquainted with the York family. Should we invite them too?"

After asking, she snapped back to her senses and hurriedly slapped her hand over her mouth, quickly glancing at her sister—in—law. "Sorry, I was talking nonsense."

She even stole a glance at Serenity to see if the latter had any reaction to the mention of the York family.

Alice thought in her heart, 'Are Serenity's in–laws really the York family?'

Audrey was not upset at her daughter—in—law and said, "They won't send someone even if we invite them. Let's not make a fool of ourselves."

The elders of the York family did not fancy her daughter.

Elisa had liked Zachary for many years and openly pursued him, but the elders of the York family never expressed any thoughts, indicating that the York family did not want to ease relations with the Stone family and become in–laws.

Audrey felt that finding her nieces was a grand and happy event. She did not want the attitude of the York family to spoil her good mood.

Elisa's heart ached, but she did not show it on her face. She smiled and said, "Don't worry about me, Alice. It was Mom who was vague with her words. She said to invite everyone we know, which includes the York family."

"I won't invite them, Elisa."

Audrey patted the back of her daughter's hand. Although she admired the young men of the Yorks, the two families had been at odds for a long time. Even if her daughter did not love Zachary, the two families would not send invitations to each other.

She supposed the stiff relationship between the two families would not be eased in her lifetime.

There was no trace of reconciliation between Clive and Zachary, so maybe it would have to wait till the next generation.

"Lunch is ready, Ma'am," a maid walked up behind Audrey and spoke respectfully.

Audrey immediately said to Serenity and Liberty, "Let's eat first. After lunch, we can relax for a while, then I'll take you out shopping. We'll shop till we drop!"

"Aunt Audrey, we don't need to buy anything."

Liberty tried to decline politely.

Audrey deliberately pulled an unhappy face. "Liberty, do you not want to go on a shopping spree with me?" Serenity laughed. "That's not what my sister meant, Aunt Audrey. We don't need to buy anything for the banquet. We have clothes to wear."

"What you have is yours, but I want to buy more for you. There's Sonny as well. I want to dress him up as a handsome little gentleman."

Elisa laughed. "Our Sonny is already a handsome little gentleman.

"I've liked Sonny since the first time I saw him. Back then, I envied Seren for having such a cute nephew. I never thought that he would be my nephew too."

Elisa smiled smugly.

She also had a nephew now.

Everyone was amused by her.

Serenity held Sonny's hand and followed Audrey into the dining hall.

Beep beep-

Her phone received a new message.

She took out her phone and opened WhatsApp. Elisa, who was right beside her, inadvertently glanced over and saw that the person who sent the message was "Mr. York, Sudden Husband".

Elisa teased, "Seren, does your husband send you messages every day on his business trip?"