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Chapter 731 | [Serenity & Zachary]

After all, Duncan started noticing Liberty only because of Zachary.

Zachary and Serenity suddenly got married, and Liberty became Zachary's sister-in-law. For his friend's sake, Duncan undercharged Liberty for the repair fee when she scratched his car.

He knew that his friends had misunderstood him for having a crush on Liberty.

However, he could not be bothered to offer an explanation. The more he tried to do so, the more suspicious he would appear; he would come off as defensive.

When the men joined, Zachary ordered two bottles of wine. Duncan did not drink because he had to drive later while Josh and Zachary drank a little without getting themselves drunk.

After their meal, everyone was ready to leave when Josh suddenly said, "Zachary, Duncan, how am I supposed to go home? I can't drive 'cause I drank."

Duncan knew in an instant that Josh was doing this on purpose because the latter wanted Jasmine to bring him home.

"I'm busy, so I'll leave first," Duncan quickly said and slipped away.

Zachary chimed in, "I also drank and can't send you back, Mr. Bucham. Ms. Sox, can I trouble you to send Mr. Bucham home?"

Serenity was just about to say that she would call a substitute driver for Josh, but she quickly swallowed her words.

She was their matchmaker, so she had to create opportunities for Josh.

In the end, Jasmine sent Josh home.

When Serenity and Zachary returned to their home in Brynfield, they found that Mrs. Lane was not around. Serenity was just about to call her when Zachary said, "I gave Mrs. Lane the night off so we can have a good time alone."

As he spoke, he walked behind Serenity and wrapped his arms around her waist. He took her into his embrace, lowered his head to bury into her neck, and whispered,

Seren, call me Babe.

"I like it when you call me that."

Serenity's neck felt sore, and she wanted to push him away, but he refused to let go. She could only say, "Stop that, I'm ticklish."

Zachary deliberately kissed her cheeks, earlobes, and neck. His feather-light kisses were intoxicating Serenity.

She could not stand being teased by him like this. It was unbearable.

Turning around in his arms, Serenity wrapped her arms around his neck and took the lead instead.

He could tease her, but so could she.

Zachary was much more sensitive than she was. Just a little teasing from her and he could no longer stand it.

Sure enough, in less than two minutes, he picked her up bridal style and spun around to go into his room.

“Zachary...”

“Call me Babe.”

“Babe, we haven’t showered yet...”

“We’ll shower together.”

Serenity blushed but did not object.

Zachary carried his beautiful wife into the bathroom.

After what seemed like an eternity, he came out with Serenity in his arms.

He looked refreshed, while she was sleepy.

When he laid her on the bed, she mumbled something under her breath. Zachary leaned in to listen to what she said, but he could not hear her.

Serenity was out like a log within two minutes.

The next day, she was awakened by the doorbell.

She reached out to feel that the man was still beside her and kicked him without opening her eyes.

“Zachary, go see who’s at the door.”

She was still tired.

Zachary was not someone who could be teased. If he went crazy from the teasing, she would be the one to suffer.

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“It might be my mom.”

Zachary got up and said, “I called her after you fell asleep last night and asked her to come over to accompany you to buy an evening dress for the company’s annual dinner.”~

Upon hearing that, Serenity’s eyes snapped open. She sat up on the bed and said, “You go back to sleep. I’ll go get the door.”

As she spoke, she quickly had a change of clothes and combed her hair.

Zachary watched her as she moved swiftly and said, “When *you go* out, go *to* the kitchen first and put on an apron.”

“Why?”

“Just do as I say.”

Zachary grinned. “Go on and get the door. Don’t keep your mother-in-law waiting.”

Serenity turned to leave. After leaving the room, she followed Zachary’s instructions and went to the kitchen to get an apron. After putting it on, she jogged over to the door while calling out, “Coming.”

The person standing in front of the door was indeed her mother-in-law, Tania.

“Morning, Mom.”

Serenity smiled sweetly and greeted her mother-in-law.

Tania was carrying two bags in both hands. Serenity saw this and quickly reached out to help her mother-in-law carry the items. “What are these? They’re quite heavy.”

Serenity came to answer the door in an apron, so it was obvious that she was preparing breakfast. The smile on her face was very sweet, and she even took over the bags from Tania. Tania’s expression softened by a fraction. She walked into the house and said, “I brought you two something to eat. One of the bags is seafood. Zack mentioned you like seafood. I came over early, so I bought you a bag of fresh seafood.

“This basket is full of eggs. Your nana insisted that I bring it here, saying that they’re authentic farm eggs and are better than those you usually buy.”

These eggs were actually bought too, but they were purchased from the workers of the York family’s orchard. With the consent of the head of the York family, those workers caught a lot of chickens to raise in the orchard.

So, technically, it was accurate to say that these eggs were farm eggs.

Grandma May did this to cover up for her eldest grandson so that Serenity would be convinced that he was an ordinary person.

Tania handed the basket of eggs to Serenity. “The dozen on top is extra large with double yolks.”

Serenity accepted the basket of eggs along with the large bag of seafood and

brought them to the kitchen. “Do you have a lot of chickens at home? Tell Nana not to send them to us in the future. It’s the same if we buy them from the store.

“Leave the eggs laid by the family chickens to Nana since they’re healthier for her.”

Tania said, “She insisted that I bring these eggs for you and Zack, so just accept her kind gesture. If you want to thank her, then fulfill her wish earlier.”

Serenity smiled and did not reply.

Grandma May’s wish was to have a great-granddaughter soon.

Serenity and Zachary had become a new couple, so they did not deliberately use any protection. They adopted a natural attitude when it came to having children.

A child would come to them if it was meant to be.

Otherwise, they could still live in their little lovebirds' nest for a few more years.

Therefore, Serenity did not make any promises to fulfill Grandma May's wish.

"Where's Zack?" Tania asked casually when she did not see her son after sitting down on the sofa.

"He isn't up yet."

Serenity put the eggs and seafood away, and swiftly went on to prepare breakfast.

"Have you eaten?"

"Not yet. Zack told me to come over early to go with you to pick out your evening dress. I didn't have time for breakfast."

Her husband's face had been incredibly sour when he found out that their son asked her to come over first thing in the morning to bring their daughter-in-law out to pick an evening dress. He said, "It's our son's business that he wanted to conceal his identity to examine his wife's character. Why does he have to bother my wife as well?"

Tania did not know whether to laugh or cry.

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"What time is it already? And he's still not up?"

"Zachary is always busy and has to work overtime for social engagements. Let him sleep a little longer."

Tania said, "It's typical for him to work until midnight before coming home, and he still gets up early the next day for his morning run. He's only lazy now because you're here. Serenity, you shouldn't spoil him. Whether it's men or women, you'll be the one suffering if you spoil them rotten."

"Mom, are you badmouthing me behind my back?"

Zachary came out of the room dressed in a suit. He exuded a certain glow and looked dashing.

However, he did not put on his suit jacket and his tie was not worn.

He carried those in his hands.

Tania got up and walked over. "You came out just as I called you lazy. It's fortunate I wasn't scolding you.

"The weather has warmed up a bit these two days, but it's still cold in the morning. Hurry up and put your jacket on so you don't catch another cold, lest you tire out Serenity again."

Tania was just about to take his jacket to help him put it on. It was a habit of hers when taking care of her husband.

Zachary quickly put on the jacket by himself.

He wanted Serenity to do it for him.

He put on his tie as well.

Serenity's voice was heard from the kitchen. "Mom, if he catches a cold again, let him get injections every day."

Zachary's handsome face fell.

Tania laughed. "Zack's worst fear is the needles."

"You don't know this, but when your daughter-in-law was taking care of me, she heard me casually saying that taking medicine has a lot of side effects, so she had the doctor switch my medicine to jabs instead. She forced me to get an injection every day. I almost wanted to puke."

Tania's eyes twinkled, but her attitude remained unchanged as she said, "Serenity is just looking out for you and wants you to get better soon. Besides, you were the one who complained about the side effects of medicine, only then she asked for injections instead. There's nothing wrong with that.

"You have to take care of yourself and don't make me worry about you. Also, Serenity doesn't have to look after the store now, but you can't let her do everything. Help her with the chores when you have time.

"Look, she got up early in the morning to work in the kitchen, but you slept in until now."

Tania nagged Zachary.

In the kitchen, Serenity suddenly understood why Zachary asked her to wear an apron before opening the door for her mother-in-law. It was so Tania could see how diligent she was.

That man was still helping her out.

Serenity's affection for Zachary deepened further.

Zachary helped ease the relationship between them so they would feel a little closer.

There was a saying that mothers-in-law and daughters-in-law were natural enemies, but they both loved the same man. As long as that man mediated the conflict between these two women, they could get along nicely.

Tania was not too happy with Serenity, but Zachary knew how to ease their relationship. He deliberately let his mother see how Serenity took care of him, spoiled him, and how hard she worked.

Women who married into the York family were spoiled endlessly by their husbands and could not stand seeing men barking orders while sitting on their thumbs. A man could not just leave everything to his wife and nitpick about what she did.

Thus, Zachary told Serenity to open the door for his mother while wearing an apron so his mother would think that Serenity got up early to make breakfast while he continued to sleep.

That way, his mother would feel sorry for Serenity and scold him instead.

As a son, he did not care even if he was scolded by his mother.

“Mom, isn’t it natural for Serenity to get up early to make breakfast and clean up the house? That’s what all women do.”

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Zachary’s words instantly ignited his mother’s anger.

“Who said that a wife has to get up early to make breakfast for you? Who said that a wife has to clean up the house? It’s not natural at all. She doesn’t owe you anything and doesn’t need to serve you like a king. Zack, you said you learned from your father, but you couldn’t be more wrong about that.

“You better correct yourself right now. Where did you learn those ideas from? All women who married into our family are spoiled by their husbands. You’re the only one who treats Serenity like a servant, and you dare say it’s only natural? Thank goodness I was the one coming over today. If your nana heard what you just said, she’ll knock you over with her cane and beat you half to death.

“Serenity, Serenity!”

After Tania scolded her son, she called out to Serenity, who was busy in the kitchen.

Serenity quickly came out of the kitchen. “What’s wrong?”

“Come here.”

When Serenity approached Tania, the latter pulled off Serenity’s apron and said to her son,

“Take off your suit jacket and tie. Put them on later.”

Zachary did as he was told.

Then, his beloved mother put the apron on him and pushed him toward the kitchen, saying, “Go make breakfast and let Serenity rest. Change your habit of being treated like a king at home.”

Serenity quickly said, “Mom, it’s fine. I’ll do it.”

“Serenity, don’t spoil him. I gave birth to him, so I know his temperament. He’s chauvinistic and thinks everyone revolves around him. You must have suffered a lot staying with him for the past few months.”

Serenity thought in her heart, ‘A mother truly knows best.’

In the past, Zachary indeed used to think that everyone revolved around him. He thought he was the center of the universe and was especially petty. He had a short temper too..

After the couple fought twice, he was recently in the midst of change. No one knew if he could change completely, and maybe one day, he would lose his temper and fight with her again.

“Mom, which one of us did you actually give birth to?” Zachary grumbled while tying the apron.

With a disgruntled expression, he entered the kitchen, but he peeked out to wink at Serenity when he caught her eye.

Tania acted indifferent to her son’s complaints.

She pulled Serenity to sit on the sofa and lectured her, "Serenity, you need to share some of the chores with Zack in the future. Don't spoil him."

"I'm really not, Mom... Nana taught me this before."

The elders of the York family were so kind.

Grandma May taught her how to train Zachary to be a good husband and not to spoil him, but Serenity did not think much about it. After all, she saved Grandma May and was familiar with her. Grandma May was also someone who stood with reason rather than family.

Now that her mother-in-law said the same thing, it proved that Zachary's family was a good family.

She lucked out by marrying Zachary.

"Your nana taught you, but you have to learn and use it well too. Otherwise, it would all be pointless. You'll be the one suffering if you spoil Zack rotten."

Serenity laughed. "Mom, outsiders might think I'm your biological daughter while Zachary is your son-in-law."

Tania was speechless.

It seemed she really was acting the opposite way when she should be favoring her son instead...

"A good daughter-in-law is likened to an actual daughter," Tania said as if to convince herself.

Maybe it was because she had been spoiled by her husband all her life that she took her daughter-in-law's side when she heard what her son had to say earlier. She felt like she was tricked by her son.

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Tania, who felt cheated by her son, deliberately treated Serenity well during breakfast. Her son got jealous and said bitterly, "Mom, was I adopted?"

She gave him a sidelong glance and said, "This is how I treat my daughter and my son."

It was the brat's fault for tricking her.

Zachary was speechless.

After the meal, Serenity sent Zachary off downstairs.

"I actually have an evening dress, so there's *no* need to buy a new one."

Serenity said to her husband, "Evening dresses are a little expensive, and I only wear one once a year. If I buy another, it's just going to stay untouched at home. It'll be a waste if I gain weight and can't wear it anymore. I think having one dress is enough, so there's no need to buy a new one. We still need a lot of money to buy Christmas gifts.

"You didn't tell me about this earlier, and now you had Mom come over."

Zachary listened to his wife's complaints. Before getting in the car, he gently brushed Serenity's pretty nose and said, "Seren, I told you before that we'll live within our means. I would never do this if I was financially strained. I'm doing this to show you that we're still pretty well off.

"Don't worry, I still have enough money to add two evening dresses to my wife's closet. We'll just buy a few things for Christmas and some gifts for the elders. We'll receive a lot of gifts in return, especially you. It's your first Christmas at my place, so they'll shower you with lots of gifts."

He deliberately added, "You have to share half of your presents with me. It's because of me that you became a wife of the York family."

Serenity could not help but laugh. "Sure, I'll split my presents with you."

"I already transferred the money for the evening dresses to my mom in advance. Her social circle is not limited to just the noble ladies, and she understands the trends, so she can help choose a dress that suits you. She can also tell if the material is good or bad, so don't worry about being scammed."

Zachary was afraid Serenity would not spend his money, so he transferred the money to his mother in advance.

His mother did not want his money, but Zachary said that his wife's expenses were his responsibility, and there was no reason for his mother to help him bear those expenses.

Tania stopped arguing with her son and simply accepted the amount he transferred to her.

"Okay, Zachary."

"Call me Babe."

Zachary looked at her tenderly and whispered, "Say it in a gentle and mushy voice so that I feel warm and tingly all over."

Serenity slapped his arm and said, "Like the way you say it? I don't feel warm all over. I get goosebumps instead."

"Come on, Seren. If you're not used to being mushy, then just say it gently. I feel good after hearing it. I'll have more energy at work, and I'll be able to finish work early to come back and accompany you."

Serenity was helpless against his stubbornness and called him Babe.

"Even a mosquito is louder than you."

Serenity was speechless. "Go to work already. I'll buy a megaphone when I go shopping with Mom later and use it to call you Babe every day so the entire neighborhood can hear me, okay?"

"Really?"

"Absolutely."

Under Serenity's repeated urging, Zachary reluctantly drove away in his car.

After driving out of Brynfield, he met up with his bodyguards, got into his exclusive car, and went to York Corporation with their escort.

When Zachary left for work, Serenity went shopping for an evening dress accompanied by her mother-in-law.

Chapter 736 | [Serenity & Zachary]

Tania had the intention to make her daughter-in-law the most dazzling woman in the room at the company's annual dinner. The evening gown she selected for Serenity was the most beautiful one. Thanks to Serenity's mien, she was able to flaunt the selling points of the dress.

Tania stared at Serenity, who looked like a different person when she changed into the evening dress. She commented, "Serenity, you bear a pretty decent aura. You'll definitely become a celebrity if you're willing to learn etiquette."

"Mom, my goal is to earn more money to buy a house. I'm not interested in becoming a celebrity. Celebrities have strong family backgrounds whereas I'm just a small bookseller who relies on collaboration with a school to earn a living. How would I dare dream of something that impossible?"

"Zack already has two houses..."

Honestly, Tania wanted to say but kept it to herself, 'My son doesn't have much of anything but money and houses.'

"I want to buy a house in a school district in advance."

Tania looked at Serenity and smiled. "That's good. Buy a house in a school catchment area in advance and renovate it. When you and Zachary have children in the future, it'll be convenient to send them to school."

Serenity's words let Tania know that Zachary and Serenity were a real couple, not just one on paper.

Tania appeared to be smiling but she was sighing internally.

It seemed that Serenity was going to be her daughter-in-law for real and this fact is indisputable.

In the future, she would give more guidance to her daughter-in-law.

It would not be easy to be the eldest daughter-in-law in the family.

Not only that, but Serenity was also the wife of the man who was in charge of the next generation of the York family.

The York family had nine sons in Zachary's generation, and there was no way all nine of them would marry a woman without an elite family background as Zachary did. In the future, it would depend on Serenity whether she could get along with her sisters-in-law with family statuses countless times better than hers and not be suppressed by them.

Tania believed in her mother-in-law's foresight and felt that Serenity could bear the burden of being the wife of the next man in charge of the York family. However, she was still of the opinion that Serenity had a lot to learn.

Since her son had not yet confessed everything to Serenity, Tania was not in a position to train Serenity to become the wife of the head of the family without having a strong family background herself.

It was like Audrey.

Audrey was Serenity's aunt and would not sit idly by when Serenity's identity as the York family's eldest daughter-in-law was exposed in the future. Compared to Tania who was Serenity's mother-in-law, Audrey would definitely be more anxious and want to make Serenity stronger. That eased Tania's worry a little.

"We'll take this one. I guarantee Zack will be floored when he sees you in it."

Tania decided to get Serenity the dress that she was wearing now.

There were several other gowns that she thought were good after Serenity tried them on earlier, so she bought those as well.

After buying the dresses, Tania took Serenity to buy high heels.

Serenity had to drive often and did not wear high heels, but now that she was attending the company's annual dinner, she had to wear a pair of heels.

The mother-in-law and daughter-in-law shopped for most of the day and bought a lot of things.

Serenity bought several new clothes for Zachary with her own money. When he forced her to act domineering, she said she would buy him a few more sets of clothes so he could only wear the clothes she bought for him in the future.

She had yet to do as she said after he returned from his business trip.

Since she was on a shopping spree today, she could finally keep her word.

Tania saw Serenity buy a couple of sets of suits worth twenty thousand each for Zachary. They were very expensive clothes for ordinary people.

Serenity really was treating Zachary well!

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Serenity and Tania got into the car with bags large and small before Serenity drove her mother-in-law home.

Unbeknownst to Serenity, a luxury car came to a stop. The person in the car wound down the window to look at Serenity's car in the distance now, and asked her daughter-in-law who was beside her, "Alice, was one of those two women Seren?"

Alice nodded affirmatively.

"It's Seren."

"Was that woman with her the wife of the current head of the Yorks, Zachary's mother?"

Audrey's eyes were very sharp.

The York and Stone families did not see eye-to-eye. Audrey and Tania would oppose each other when they met, so Audrey could recognize Tania like the back of her hand.

Just now, she saw her niece with Tania in the same car from a distance and urgently asked her daughter-in-law to stop so she could see clearly. It really was Tania!

Why was her niece with Tania?

“Mom, that person just looks like Mrs. York. She’s not her. I didn’t get a good look at her face since it’s a bit far away.”

Alice did not dare speak in absolute terms.

“It’s her. I’m sure it’s her. We’ve been at each other’s neck for so many years that I would recognize her even if she was cremated into ashes. Seren and Tania were together, and they seem to have a very cordial relationship. Seren’s husband’s, last name is also York...”

Audrey instantly thought of her nephew-in-law whom she had overlooked.

Come to think of it, she never seemed to have asked for his name.

“Alice, do you think Serenity’s husband is Zachary? Or his younger brother? No, Zachary’s brothers don’t work at York Corporation, but Serenity’s husband does. It must be Zachary then.”

Alice’s heart seized, but she tried to calm down, afraid that her mother-in-law would find out that her husband and herself discovered long ago that Zachary was

Serenity’s husband.

Audrey did not notice Alice’s reaction and continued to analyze, “If Zachary is Serenity’s husband, many things would make sense now. It’s no wonder her husband went on a business trip as soon as the DNA results came out.

“He had a guilty conscience and used a business trip as an excuse to avoid us.”

At that time, Audrey had been preoccupied with her niece because she had just found them, so she did not ask much about her nephew-in-law. She did not make a big deal out of it.

After the deduction, Audrey immediately took out her cell phone and called Serenity.

Serenity was driving, but when she saw that it was a call from her aunt, she answered it anyway.

“Aunt Audrey.”

“Seren, where are you now? I want to go shopping but there’s no one to accompany me. Can you come with me?”

Alice, on the other hand, hurriedly sent a message to her husband while her mother-in-law was on the phone.

[Clive, Mom knows that Serenity’s husband is Zachary.]

Clive quickly replied upon seeing the message: [How did she find out?]

He had not told his parents yet.

[We saw Serenity and Mrs. York shopping outside together. The mother-in-law and daughter-in-law looked on good terms and bought a lot of things.]

Clive was speechless.

The best-laid plans of mice and men often go awry.

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Tania rarely went out shopping. If she needed something, she would tell the brand to make a delivery straight to her home. However, the one time she came out today, she was seen by Audrey.

Zachary could fool Serenity, but he could not fool Audrey.

Serenity was still in the dark about these things and laughed when she heard

Audrey's words. "Could you give me a moment? I'm with my mother-in-law now. I'm sending her home first."

Audrey said, "You can ask your mother-in-law to join us since we haven't met yet. Let's get acquainted and have a meal together."

"I'll ask what she thinks."

Serenity also felt that it was time to let her aunt and mother-in-law meet. The elder in her family who treated Serenity and her sister the best was their aunt.

Tania kept an ear out for Serenity and her aunt's conversation. Before Serenity could ask, she said, "Seren, it's been a while since I shopped and we had a long day shopping today. My feet are sore from walking. I don't want to stroll anymore. Send my apologies to your aunt. We'll get together for a meal some other day when we're free."

Since Tania did not want to walk around anymore, Serenity apologized and said, "Aunt Audrey, my mother-in-law said she's tired out from shopping, so she'll pass on the invite and we shall have a meal together another time. Are Elisa and Alice not around to accompany you?"

Even if they were not around, Darrell was retired and at home. He could also accompany her.

"That's fine, we can meet another day. You send your mother-in-law home first. Ask your husband if he's free in the evening, and call your sister to bring Sonny over to my place for dinner today. I haven't met your husband either. By the way, what's his name?"

"Zachary York. He most likely won't be available. I asked him before, and he said he'll be on holiday soon. He'll only be free to visit you after New Year."

Audrey hummed again and reminded Serenity to drive carefully before hanging up the phone.

"Zachary York. Zachary York!"

Audrey gritted her teeth. Alice looked at her mother-in-law's dark expression and asked carefully, "Mom, maybe they just share the same name?"

“Serenity might think that they just share the same name, but do you believe that as well? How can it be so coincidental? The eldest young master of the wealthy York’s name is Zachary York. Young people don’t know his name, but I’m old enough to know.

“Elisa never got the chance to see Serenity’s husband. I think it’s because he’s deliberately avoiding her.”

Audrey felt both admiration and resentment for Zachary. Her baby daughter was the best in her eyes and was more than worthy of Zachary. However, Zachary did not even spare Elisa a glance, causing her to be trapped in love for many years.

Zachary turned his nose up at her daughter but married her niece instead. Audrey did not know how to describe her current feelings.

Leaving aside her daughter’s infatuation with Zachary, she was worried about her niece marrying him. She was afraid that Serenity could not integrate herself into Zachary’s circle.

No matter how good, low-key, and easy-going the York family was, it could not change the fact that they were the richest family in Wiltspoon. The education they had received, the society they were involved in, and the friends they had made were all things Serenity had never encountered.

Serenity’s and Zachary’s backgrounds were completely mismatched. Although their relationship had been improving and love might help them temporarily ignore a lot of practical issues, would Zachary still be able to live an ordinary life as a couple with Serenity once that passion burns out in the future?

That said, Serenity most likely did not know that Zachary was the head of the York family. Otherwise, she would *not* have taught Elisa how to pursue him.

Alice did not dare say anything. Her mother-in-law was incredibly furious at the moment.

“Go to the company, Alice.”

Audrey was livid when she found out that her nephew-in-law was Zachary, but she did not impulsively tell her daughter.

She decided to go to the office to discuss it with her eldest son.

“Now? I’m not sure if Clive is free.”

Alice spoke as she put the car in motion.

Audrey said with a sullen face, “Even if he’s not free, he’ll make time to see me if I go over.”

Alice knew better than to say more and drove the car in silence.

Chapter 739 | [Serenity & Zachary]

Audrey was silent throughout the journey to the company. No one knew what she was thinking.

Alice was a little worried that her mother-in-law would do something to Serenity because of Elisa.

After all, as a niece, Serenity’s relationship with Audrey did not run that deep. Audrey would naturally favor Elisa, her own daughter.

When they arrived at Stone Group, Audrey walked straight into the office building while Alice deliberately trailed behind. She called Clive.

“Clive, Mom is here. She’ll be in your office soon.”

After a moment of silence, Clive said, “All right. Don’t worry. Mom is angry, but she won’t do anything.”

She might even think that Zachary was blind.

Elisa was worthy of Zachary in every way, but of all the people Zachary fell in love with, he had to fall for Serenity.

To aggravate the situation, Serenity had become their cousin now.

If only they were not related by blood...

Clive was also stumped about what to do. Most likely, they would not let Serenity off easy. They would always feel that it was Serenity’s existence that caused Elisa’s pursuit to fail.

“I won’t go upstairs. Mom looks really upset. I’ll wait for her in the VIP lounge on the first floor while you talk to her.”

“Got it.”

Alice hung up the phone and went to wait in the VIP lounge.

She had no idea how their conversation went but Audrey only came back down in the evening.

“Mom.”

Alice quickly walked out of the VIP lounge.

Audrey still looked upset, but her anger was not as obvious anymore. Alice was slightly relieved to see that.

“Alice, give me the car keys. I’ll go home by myself. You wait here a while longer and go back with Clive.”

“Oh, okay.”

Alice handed the car keys to her mother-in-law.

Audrey took the car keys and walked away with a tense face.

Serenity was in the dark about all these.

After she returned to Brynfield with Tania, her father-in-law called and urged his wife. to go home.

Serenity wanted Tania to stay for dinner, but the latter politely refused.

“Your father-in-law won’t eat if I don’t go back to accompany him. I’ll head home now. Ask Zack if he’s coming back for dinner. If he’s not, you can eat whatever you want. There’s no need to save money for him.

“As wives, we need to learn how to spend money. Only then will our husbands have the motivation to earn money.”

Serenity laughed.

That depended on the husband whether he was willing to provide for his wife to spend.

If the man was someone who wanted to go Dutch in everything, it would be better to live by herself instead.

Tania left.

Serenity sent a message to ask Zachary. When she got a reply saying that he would not be back for dinner, she went to her sister's place instead.

Liberty was making chili sauce. As soon as Serenity came through the door, she could smell the sharp aroma of spices and sneezed several times.

"Liberty, why does it smell so spicy?"

Liberty wore gloves, a mask, and a pair of goggles.

"There are plenty of people in Wiltspoon, and their tastes vary. Many like spicy food."

Liberty's hands kept moving as she spoke.

"If the chili sauce is made well, maybe there'll be more returning customers."

Wiltspoonians did not really fancy spicy food, but of course, there was still a handful of them who enjoyed it. The general Wiltspoonians had a lighter palate and they liked making soups.

"Are the pickled beans ready?"

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"Not yet. The beans will have to be sun-dried before being pickled."

Serenity stayed away from the kitchen because it was too spicy. She glanced around the house once but did not see Sonny or Mrs. Lane, and asked, "Did Mrs. Lane take Sonny out?"

"Yeah, Sonny doesn't like the spiciness and told Mrs. Lane to take him out for a walk. They'll be back later for dinner. Seren, why did you come at this time? Don't you need to cook for Zachary? You also mentioned that you were out to get an evening dress. Have you bought one?"

Serenity walked into her sister's small kitchen and helped to wash the vegetables while replying, "I bought a few dresses. My mother-in-law helped me choose. She has really good taste. The gowns she selected were all really beautiful."

However, they cost a bomb.

She secretly asked the clerk and found out that if she were to buy the dresses her mother-in-law had chosen, she would only be able to buy two or three pieces at most.

Although it was Zachary's money, Serenity still felt bad about it.

That guy was really a big spender.

Those who earned more would spend more as well.

Fortunately, he had a lot of savings and bought a house in Brynfield.

Liberty hummed.

Ring ring ring...

The doorbell rang.

“Go see who’s at the door, Seren. My hands are dirty.”

Liberty shouted for her sister to get the door.

Serenity came out of the kitchen and went over to open the door.

“It should be Mrs. Lane and Sonny. Mrs. Lane- What are you doing here?”

The person standing at the door was not Mrs. Lane and Sonny, but Olivia.

“Serenity, is your sister home? I-I’m here to chat with your sister. Where’s Sonny? I want to see him too.”

Olivia was a little afraid of Serenity now.

“You want to chat with my sister at this time of day? You mean you want to bump a meal off her. What now, does your new daughter-in-law not cook for you? Does she not make you a seafood feast?”

Serenity could not help but speak sarcastically when it came to Olivia.

In the past, when Olivia brought her daughter and her family over, it was Serenity and Liberty who cooked for them. The family loved seafood, so every time they came over, they wanted Liberty to buy and prepare a seafood feast for them.

When they finished eating, they even took the leftovers home.

After they left, Hank would always blame Liberty for spending so much money. He implied that Liberty should use her own money to pay for the food used to feed her in- laws.

Olivia looked embarrassed.

Since it was too expensive to live in a hotel, Hank rented a four-room house that had two living rooms for the whole family to stay in.

Every day, Olivia and Chelsea thought of ways to get Jessica to cook.

Jessica was Hank’s secretary and was as busy as he was. How would she have the time to serve his mother and sister?

Sometimes, Olivia did not eat out of anger and left home as well.

Of course, Olivia did not actually run away from home. It was just her protesting her son marrying Jessica.

At that moment, Olivia had not eaten yet. She missed the Hunt sisters' cooking.

"Serenity, can you let me in?"

"My sister is busy and has no time to chat with you. Sonny isn't home either, so you won't be able to see him. Please leave. If you want to see Sonny next time, please propose a place in advance and we'll take him there instead for you to see him."

Olivia did not budge.

She was vexed and just wanted to find someone to talk to.

However, she was only familiar with the residents in Bright Boulevard. Now that the house renovations were smashed and there were no plans to renovate the house again, they could not live there anymore.

Besides, even if she stayed there, the acquaintances she was *to* meet would talk about her family's affairs. Even someone as thick-skinned as Olivia was afraid of being judged by the whole neighborhood.

"Don't close the door, Serenity. I won't go in. I'm just here to chat with your sister. I'm facing a lot of troubles now. I'll go crazy if I don't find someone to talk to."

Olivia descended from her pedestal and displayed a milder attitude.