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### Chapter 841 | [Serenity & Zachary]

Zachary's handsome face turned grim. "Serenity, I'm not lying at all. Some of my words are sincere. I love you, and this is definitely true."

"Yes. You love me. You love lying to me, right? Are you going to get out? If you're not, I'll crush your leg!"

After speaking frostily, Serenity forcefully shut the door.

Zachary dared not feign pity and obediently withdrew his leg. Then, he watched Serenity shut the door and lock it.

Only after some time did Zachary return to his room. After taking a bath, he moved a single-seater couch and placed it outside Serenity's room. Then, he brought over a blanket. He sat on the couch with the blanket wrapping him and slept at the door to block her way.

He was worried Serenity would sneak out of the room and climb the wall to leave the house after he fell asleep.

In fact, Serenity did have such an idea.

In the dead of night, she secretly walked to the door and opened the door gently. She pulled the door slightly open, only to see Zachary sleeping on the couch with a blanket on him. Shocked, she immediately shut the door.

"Liar! That big fat liar is actually blocking my way at the door."

Serenity kept cussing at Zachary internally. Since there was no hope of sneaking out, she had no choice but to continue sleeping.

After falling asleep, Serenity had a nightmare, probably because she was in a foul mood. She dreamed that she had a row with Zachary. When she woke up the next day, she was not sure whether she was awake or still in her dream.

Her face was wet. When she lifted her hand to touch her face, her palm was filled with tears.

In her dream, she had a row with Zachary and wept the whole night.

Lying on the bed, she looked at the ceiling blankly.

Zachary blocked her way at the door the entire night. After he woke up, he knocked on the door, yet Serenity ignored him. He stood at the door for a long time before shifting the couch back to the room.

Ring, ring, ring...

Zachary's phone rang.

Once he took a glimpse of the notification, he could not wait to pick up the call." Josh, have you thought of a solution for me? Hurry up and tell me what I should do to make Seren forgive me and stop giving me the silent treatment."

Josh replied, "Is it too late to end the call now?"

Zachary was lost for words.

"Zachary, how's your situation with your wife? I think Jasmine's idea is good. They've been friends for over ten years. They must've known each other well. Why don't you let her stay in her sister's house for a couple of days to cool down?"

"What you should do isn't imprison her. Instead, you should learn to respect, trust, and understand her. Please get rid of your damn domineering attitude, or there's no chance for you to make up with her."

He wanted Zachary to get rid of his domineering, stubborn attitude and learn how to truly love a woman, respect her, trust her, and understand her.

Otherwise, the relationship between the couple would worsen.

"Serenity is a very independent woman. She dislikes your behavior. It's impossible that she'll tolerate you like how others do. Zachary, Serenity isn't someone you should change. You should change yourself."

Zachary pulled a long face without uttering a word.

"Oh. I almost forgot to get down to business. I'm calling you to ask whether you're coming to the office today. It's already past eight. Give me a definite answer so I can answer Clive. He has been waiting for you in the VIP room.

"He said if you're coming to the office, he'll continue to wait for you. If you're not, he'll immediately go look for you at your house."

After hearing that, Zachary's face turned grave and icy.

He had neglected the fact that Clive was Serenity's cousin. "Let him know I'll be in the office in a while."

## **Chapter 842 | [Serenity & Zachary]**

It was impossible Zachary would allow Clive to come over.

Clive was unaware that Zachary had restricted Serenity's freedom. Serenity did not think about asking for Clive's help either. If Clive came over to look for Zachary, he was bound to learn it.

Zachary had no regard for other people.

However, he must not hold Clive and his mother with contempt.

Furthermore, Mrs. Stone was Serenity's aunt and elder.

She had the right to stand up for Serenity.

"Alright. I'll let Clive know."

With that, Josh promptly ended the call. If he had ended it any later, Zachary might ask him for a solution again.

Zachary rejected his suggestions, so what could he do?

Zachary soon left the villa. He told Brandt to remind Serenity to have her breakfast.

He had half the group of security guards to watch the villa in case Serenity escaped when he was away.

Forty minutes later at the CEO's office in York Corporation.

Zachary and Clive entered the office practically one after another.

Zachary walked directly to his desk and sat on the black chair. Clive, who was following behind, planted himself in the seat next to him abrasively.

Mr. Chaplin poured a glass of warm water for each of them. Then, he acted like an invisible person and left.

The two CEOs had nasty expressions on their faces. Even Josh did not dare involve himself in the situation, much less Mr. Chaplin.

"Zachary, did you listen to what I said? Elisa hasn't completely gotten over you, yet you were already frank with Serenity. Have you ever thought about Elisa's feelings? Elisa is coming back tomorrow. If she knows that her best friend is her love rival who snatches her beloved man, she'll get mad."

Clive was particularly angry.

He spoke quite brutally.

Ever since Zachary's identity was exposed, Serenity's reaction had not been reported. Clive thought of contacting Serenity, but she had turned off her phone. He was under the false impression that Serenity did so as she wanted to avoid being disturbed by the media.

He was also under the false impression that she was thrilled to find out that Zachary was 'the' Zachary York. After all, Zachary was wealthy and had high social standing.

Which woman would hate to marry the young and handsome Zachary? Being Zachary's wife meant that one could enjoy unlimited wealth.

Therefore, Clive dragged Serenity into the subject while criticizing Zachary. He felt that his cousin was only concerned about love and neglected Elisa's feelings. What was worse, she even added insult to injury.

Clive took pity on his sister the most.

Zachary stared at Clive and said gravely, "My marriage with Seren is our affair. It has nothing to do with your sister. I guess it's my choice to be frank whenever I want. Why do I need to care about your feelings?"

"If I care about Elisa's feelings, who's going to care about mine? I've never promised Elisa anything or accepted her love. I don't owe her, so why should I care about her feelings? If she can't get over me at all, does it mean that I can never be frank with Seren?"

"Clive, I know you're Seren's cousin, and both of you aren't close. It's understandable that you favor your sister. Having said that, don't hurt your cousin."

“She knows nothing. I didn’t let her know before I agreed to have the interview. She hasn’t the slightest idea what’s happening. What gives you the right to criticize her?” Clive’s lips parted. He was unable to refute Zachary’s claims.

### **Chapter 843 | [Serenity & Zachary]**

After a while, Clive asked, “How did Serenity react after she learned of your identity? Her phone has been off, so I can’t get through.”

Zachary said sarcastically, “You’re not close with your cousin because you haven’t spent much time bonding with her, huh? I could already get through Seren’s phone last night. You claimed that her phone had been off, but how many times have you tried to call her?”

“Why should I tell you her reaction? That’s our business. It has nothing to do with you.”

Even though Mrs. Stone was Serenity’s aunt, they had not spent much time bonding with each other. Their relationship was new.

To him, only his sister-in-law had the right to tell him off.

The Stones had no right to do so.

Clive was at a loss for words.

After being quiet for a while, Clive continued, “Zachary, sorry to bother you today. I might sound selfish for considering Elisa’s feelings and not Serenity’s.

“You know Serenity better than I do. You should know her temper. After she learned of your identity, it would be great if she had accepted it joyfully. If she was angry, don’t blame her. Give her some time to think about it.

“Indeed, I don’t know her very well. But I feel that a person who has lost her parents and can yet remain cheerful shows that she’s tough and sees things positively. I believe she can still calmly face the distrust between the two of you.”

When Clive spoke up for Serenity, Zachary remained silent instead.

Seeing that Zachary was silent, Clive stopped speaking. A deathly hush descended upon the office.

Sometime later, Zachary suddenly asked Clive in a deep voice, “When your wife gave up pursuing you back then, how did you make her change her mind and continue loving you?”

Clive blinked, wondering if Zachary was trying to learn from his experience.

“If you’re sincere to someone, they’ll do the same to you. I treated her the way she did to me back then. She actually loves me. Before I accepted her love, I pursued her and treated her well, so she soon forgave me.”

Zachary fell quiet once again.

Clive noticed that Zachary did not plan to say anything, so he rose to his feet and said, “Zachary, I won’t disturb you further. I’ll take my leave.”

Elisa would return tomorrow

Given that things had ended in this state, everyone had to face reality.

Zachary did not stand up to see him off.

After Clive left, Josh came in.

Zachary was not on guard at all in front of Josh. With an agonized expression, he asked Josh, "Should I let go of Seren?"

"I think a brief separation is worthwhile for the sake of a lifetime's worth of companionship."

"She wants a divorce."

"Based on Serenity's personality, it's normal that she brings up a divorce out of fury. When couples are in the midst of a bitter row, they'll initiate a divorce. She might have initiated it, but have you both gotten divorced? Both of you haven't even gone to the city hall. All she did was mention it.

"Look at the young couples these days. They simply stir about divorce during their conflict. Both of you are just having a conflict. She made some remarks out of anger, and you treated them seriously?"

Zachary scratched his head in distress and said, "I'm worried she'll never come back to me anymore."

#### **Chapter 844 | [Serenity & Zachary]**

"If this had happened two months ago, I believe she'd happily agree to get a divorce without any regrets. But now, I don't think she'll do so. After all, it's not easy to get over a relationship."

After pausing for a moment, Josh asked curiously, "Have you gotten her pregnant?"

Zachary replied, "Nope..."

Zachary and Serenity did not use protection. They tried their best to make a baby, but nothing happened.

Perhaps they were not fated to have a baby yet.

"Since you don't have a child to connect you and Serenity, you have only yourself to rely on. Zachary, you're no fool. Since the incident took place, you've done a series of things based on instinct. Ask yourself. If you were Serenity, how would you feel after being deceived, imprisoned, and hit?"

"Now, we're not talking about whether you lied to her. This isn't a big deal. The main issue is that the things you did after you made a mistake have upset Serenity.

"You fear she wants a divorce, but can you stop her by imprisoning her? This will only intensify your conflict with her.

"Let her go. Separate from her for a few days. Both of you should calm down. Pull yourself together and think about what you should do to regain Serenity's trust. It's because your web of lies has caused her to lose trust in you.

“Once she has calmed down, she’ll reflect on the good qualities of yours and her memories with you, including those times she faced any hardships, you would stay by her side and help her out. These are all the memories between the two of you.

“When she reflects on your good qualities, just work hard to regain her trust. That’s how you break the ice. If you keep imprisoning her, she’ll think about the bad qualities of yours and how you lied to her. She won’t remember all the good you’ve done for her.

“Don’t criticize her. Many people behave this way as well. When one criticizes another they’ll surely think about the bad qualities of the other party. That’s why she would criticize you non-stop. Who would someone think of the good qualities of the other party while criticizing? Temporary memory loss usually occurs in this case.”

Zachary kept quiet and appeared to be deep in thought.

“Zachary, give it some thought. In fact, if you’d apologized to Serenity for lying to her, she would’ve been fine after a few days. Both of you are now in a deadlock all because of the series of mistakes you made after your confession. You were adding insult to injury.

“Let’s cast aside Serenity’s opinion on it. If it were me, I would certainly be seething with anger if I was deceived, hit, and even imprisoned.

“Think of others.

“You came here in a rush. Have you eaten? I suppose you haven’t really eaten in the past two days. Do you want to eat out? I’ll treat you to a meal.”

Zachary shook his head and said, “I don’t have an appetite.”

“Did Serenity go on a hunger strike?”

“No. She’ll surely eat regardless of what happens.”

Josh grinned. “That’s great. It’s crucial to treat food as a high priority. Don’t starve yourself.”

“She thinks she has the strength to fight me only after filling her stomach.”

“Don’t use the word ‘fight’. It seems like both of you are enemies. You both are married couples. It’s merely a conflict. Which married couple has never had any conflict in their lives?

“Couples shouldn’t go to bed angry. It’ll all be over little by little.”

Zachary looked at his best friend and said, “Josh, you don’t even have an official girlfriend, yet *you* can be a relationship counselor and an expert in marriage.”

Josh laughed and said, “As an outsider, I can see things more clearly than those involved. In fact, outsiders are clear about the situation except for both of you who are trapped in it. Zachary, you need to change your attitude. Get rid of your domineering attitude.

**Chapter 845 | [Serenity & Zachary]**

“It’s not a big deal now even though Serenity brought up the divorce because she hasn’t taken action. All she did was draft a divorce agreement. As long as you haven’t received the agreement, there’s still a chance to turn back. It depends on how you handle it.

“Give it some thought. I’ll go out and get you some food. Look at yourself. After a night, you lost the vitality you used to have. You look spiritless, and I sympathize with you.

“Alas, why aren’t you in love with me instead? If you are, I guarantee that you won’t be facing these troubles.”

Zachary grabbed something from the desk and hurled it at Josh. He could not help but taunt, “I’m straight. Stop tricking me. If Ms. Sox finds out about it, you’ll have to forget about getting together with her.” After Josh saw him smile, he said, “Now that you can laugh, I’m relieved.” He left and bought his best friend some food.

It warmed Zachary’s heart.

He was extremely fortunate to have Josh as his buddy.

When Zachary was alone in the office, he rose to his feet and walked to the window. He gazed at the tall buildings in the distance.

They said one could see the bigger picture when they took a step back.

Was he driving her into a corner?

Could he see the bigger picture if he took two steps back?

As Zachary reflected on Josh’s and his sister-in-law’s advice, he was aware that his behavior was actually ruining his relationship with Serenity.

His sister-in-law, Jasmine, and Josh told him that Serenity was the sort who would accept reality. However, she needed to regain her composure at the moment.

According to his sister-in-law, Serenity resembled a heap of sand in his hand. The more he gripped it, the quicker the sand leaked through his fingers.

Those who advised him had been indirectly reminding him that he was overbearing.

Ring, ring, ring...

Zachary’s phone rang.

He looked at the incoming call and realized that it was Brandt calling him.

Worried that something might happen to Serenity, Zachary promptly answered the call.

“Mr. Zachary, the missus’s friend, Ms. Sox, is here...”

“What brings her there?”

“Ms. Sox sent a truck of chickens and ducks to the missus. The missus said that she has lost her freedom, so all she can do is rear some chickens in the villa to pass the time.”

Zachary was speechless.

“Besides chickens and ducks, there are also cats and dogs. The dogs are huskies... I reminded the missus that you dislike furry animals, but she seemed to turn a deaf ear to my words.”

Zachary fell quiet momentarily before he responded, “Tell the missus that I’m going back now. Ask Ms. Sox not to release the animals from the truck. Ask her to wait for my return first.”

“Okay.”

After ending the call, Zachary sighed and mumbled, “Seren, I’m willing to tolerate everything you’re doing, but I would like us to spend the rest of our lives together and not torture each other.”

After sticking his phone back into his pocket, he glanced at the sky and ground in the distance and made up his mind. He turned around and walked away from the window. He strode out of his office.

Mr. Chaplin was standing at the door of the office with a pile of documents in his arms.”

“Mr. York, you’d need to handle these documents on your own,” Mr. Chaplin said reluctantly.

#### **Chapter 846 | [Serenity & Zachary]**

Zachary glanced at the stack of documents held by Mr. Chaplin and said, “Send them to Callum and tell him to take care of it. If he doesn’t dare make a decision, then tell him to ask Nana.

“Also, tell him that I might only come back to the company occasionally these days. He’s also a man from the York family, so he should help share the burden of the family business.”

Mr. Chaplin nodded and agreed.

Was the boss going to put aside his work and devote himself to coaxing his wife?

Zachary took large strides to the elevator after instructing Mr. Chaplin.

A few minutes later, he left York Corporation in his car.

At the same time, Mr. Chaplin knocked on Callum’s office door and relayed what Zachary said to him.

Callum’s face fell when he looked at the pile of documents that Mr. Chaplin was holding. Then, he said, “Leave them here. I’ll tell you to get them when I’m done.”

“Thank you, Mr. Callum.

“By the way, Mr. Zachary said he might only occasionally come to the office these days. He also said that since you’re a man from the York family, you should also share the burden of the family business with him.”

Callum nodded in understanding. “I get it. You can go back to work.”

He had a feeling this would happen.

His eldest brother shifted the burden of the company to his shoulder in order to coax his sister-in-law.



Out of the nine brothers, Zachary and Callum were the core figures in the headquarters. Some of the other brothers were in charge of branch offices, some were in charge of hotel operations, and some did not work in the family businesses at all but started their own businesses instead.

If Zachary was not available, Callum had to take over.

It was his fault for being a bachelor.

He heard that his grandmother had been looking all over for a girlfriend for him recently...

Callum suddenly shivered. After seeing how his eldest brother fell in love and lost his cool, Callum decided it was better to stay single.

If he really wanted to get married one day, he would honestly tell his other half his true identity. He would not hide it as his eldest brother did.

In any case, Zachary had become an example for the York family. In the future, they had to be completely honest and sincere in their relationship. They would never dare deceive their partners.

When Josh came back after buying food for Zachary, he saw that the latter had already left. He looked at the food in his hand and muttered, "If I had known he couldn't wait, I would've sent these to Jasmine instead. They're all her favorites."

If Zachary were here, he would say, "You went to buy food for me, but you bought Jasmine's favorites? Josh, where's your sincerity?"

Zachary rushed back to the villa as fast as he could.

As soon as he entered, he saw the large truck parked in the yard. The truck was filled with cages containing chickens and ducks.

When Zachary walked over, he frowned at the stench and hurried past the truck.

Two women were engaged in a heart-to-heart talk in the living room.

However, Serenity stopped talking when she heard Zachary's footsteps. Jasmine saw him enter and got up to greet him politely. "Mr. York."

"Hello, Ms. Sox."

Zachary responded to Jasmine's greeting warmly and asked courteously, "Would you like anything to eat, Ms. Sox? I'll have someone prepare it for you."

"No, thank you. I just came to send some small animals to Seren. She said she's bored at home and wants to raise some chickens. They can be sold for money when they grow, and she would be able to eat the eggs when the hens lay eggs too since they're more nutritious."

Zachary looked at his beloved wife, but Serenity tensed her face and ignored him.

He stared at her for a long time before turning back to Jasmine. "Thank you, Ms. Sox. It's fine if Seren wants to rear chickens, but they can't be raised well here. Our family has several orchards. It'll be better to send those fowls to the orchards and rear them there."

He walked up to Serenity, and Jasmine sensibly switched places with him. Zachary sat down beside Serenity and tried to hold her hand, but she slapped it away.

### **Chapter 847 | [Serenity & Zachary]**

Zachary's eyes flashed with hurt, but he did not react as fiercely as he did yesterday.

He said gently, "Seren, do you really want to keep those little animals? If you do, I'll tell Brandt to lead the way. Ms. Sox and you can go see our family orchard. If you think it's suitable to rear chickens there, you can keep them there. You can take care of them yourself if you want or let the workers do it."

Serenity frowned. "I didn't see an orchard at your house when you brought me over during the holidays."

"The hills planted with fruit trees next to Wildridge Manor is the orchard. It's the York family's ancestral manor."

Serenity was not surprised that her in-laws had a manor.

They were rich.

They were involved in all sorts of industries as long as there was money to be earned.

"Are you willing to let me out of this villa?"

Serenity captured the key points of Zachary's remarks.

Zachary looked at her, and she met his gaze. When the couple looked at each other, Serenity finally saw the fatigue his face bore. When she was upset, he was not happy either.

"Seren, I've apologized countless times, but I still want to say that I'm sorry. I shouldn't have lied to you for so long. I caused you to lose your trust in me, so I won't beg you to forgive me immediately and pretend as if nothing happened.

"I just hope you can give me a chance to regain your trust. Don't simply mention divorce again, okay? It really hurts me."

Unless a couple really wanted to divorce, mentioning it in the heat of the moment during a quarrel was easy to break the other party's heart.

Serenity was silent for a moment before softening her tone. "My heart is in a mess right now, and I might regret things I do or say later... Zachary, I don't want to talk to you right now. I just hope you can let me leave this place and let me go back for a breather.

"I also need to think about how our marriage will go in the future. I need to face the reality of us both. You don't have to worry about me going far away after walking out the door. Where would I go? All my loved ones are here.

"Besides, I won't run away. Running doesn't solve the problem."

Zachary nodded with a heavy heart. "You can go back with Ms. Sox. L... I also need to be alone for a while."

Serenity looked at him for a moment before standing up. Her tone was much gentler than before. "Let's both calm down and cool off. I'll leave now," she said in a slight hurry as if afraid that Zachary would change his mind.

Zachary also stood up and looked at her deeply. "I'll see you off."

Serenity did not refuse.

Jasmine was quite surprised that Zachary came around.

Of course, this was good.

She was happy for her best friend.

Serenity walked in front with Zachary following behind, and Jasmine brought up the rear. She could tell that Zachary was extremely reluctant. It was truly a tough decision for him to let Serenity go.

However, he still managed to do it.

Zachary's points were in the negatives, but she added a few points to him because of that action.

Liberty happened to drive over with her son.

She saw the villa gate open with a truck parked inside. The truck seemed to be loaded with... chickens and ducks?

That was besides the point. What was important was that she saw her sister come out.

Zachary simply followed Serenity. The look of reluctance, pain, and conflict could all be seen in his eyes.

"Seren."

Liberty carried her son and got out of the car.

"Aunt Ser."

Sonny was too young to know what was going on between the adults. When he saw his aunt, he struggled to get to the ground and trotted over to Serenity.

"Hey, Sonny."

Serenity was elated to see her nephew too. It had obviously only been a day, but it felt like an eternity had passed.

During the time she lost her freedom, she especially missed her family and friends.

### **Chapter 848 | [Serenity & Zachary]**

Serenity felt like she could go crazy if she was kept under house arrest.

Fortunately, Zachary came around and was willing to return her freedom.

"Uncle Zack."

Sonny saw Zachary as Serenity picked him up, and he happily stretched his arms out to Zachary, wanting the latter to carry him.

Zachary satisfied the little one and carried him.

“Higher, Uncle Zack. Go higher!”

Zachary laughed and lifted Sonny up in the sky, generating streams of laughter from the little boy.

“That truck...”

Not waiting for Liberty to finish her question, Zachary said, “Seren said she wanted to eat chickens that she raised herself, so Ms. Sox helped to buy these chickens. I’m planning to ask Brandt to take Seren to my orchard to see if we can move and breed these chickens there.”

Liberty looked at her sister and asked suspiciously, “Why do you want to raise chickens all of a sudden?”

Seren paused and said, “Since we already bought them, we need a place to keep them.”

Liberty looked at Serenity and then at Zachary, and understood that this was her sister’s way of causing trouble... It seemed like she was missing context.

Zachary said he would ask the housekeeper to take Serenity to his family orchard. Did that mean Serenity was free?

“I won’t go there, Zachary. Just let Brandt lead the driver to your family’s orchard. Since my sister is here, I’ll just go back with her.”

Zachary said warmly, “As you wish.”

He had no problems with that.

Serenity took Sonny back from his arms and said to her sister and best friend, “Let’s go.”

“Oh, yeah.”

Jasmine and Liberty both looked back at Zachary as they walked.

Serenity carried Sonny to the car, pulled open the door and put him in, about to get in as well.

“Seren.”

Zachary suddenly called out to her.

The three women instantly tensed up, especially Serenity. Her first thought was that Zachary changed his mind, and she had to run away quickly. She acted on her thoughts and immediately pulled open the driver’s door, but unfortunately, Zachary grabbed her arm and pulled her away before she could get into the car.

“Zachary, are you going back on your word?” Serenity questioned him loudly.

Zachary was at a loss for words.

She had no trust in him at all.

What he did to her after she found out the truth also left a lasting fear in her. That was why she reacted this way.

That realization made a knife twist in Zachary's heart.

If he did not listen to Josh's advice and continued imprisoning Serenity, he would definitely lose her in the end...

"I'm not going back on my word, Seren."

Zachary's heart ached, but he did not show it on his face. His hand gripping her arm also loosened, and he backed up two steps to maintain a distance between them so as to reduce her tension and fear.

"I just wanted to remind you to let your sister drive since you're in a bad mood. It's safer if you sit in the back with Sonny."

Serenity looked at him suspiciously.

Zachary turned to his sister-in-law and said, "You drive, Liberty. Don't let Serenity drive for the time being."

He did not miss the damage at the front of Serenity's car and guessed it was caused by her reckless driving yesterday.

Fortunately, she was fine.

No big deal for a car to be damaged since he could always give her dozens of new cars, as long as she was willing to accept it.

### **Chapter 849 | [Serenity & Zachary]**

Everyone sighed in relief at Zachary's words.

They thought he was going back on his word.

Fortunately, he was not.

Liberty quickly said, "Don't worry, Zachary. I'll look after Seren these days. I won't let her drive fast or drink alcohol!"

Then, she added, "If she really wants to drink, I'll let her drink a few cans with me at home. I won't let her go to the bar again."

"I'll leave her in your care."

Zachary said to Serenity, "Seren, stay at your sister's place for a few days and tell me when you want to come home. I'll come pick you up. If you don't want to live with me, you can stay at the house in Brynfield while I move back here."

Serenity looked at him for a long time and said, "Take care."

She got into the car.

"Look after yourself, Zachary. I'll take care of Seren. I'll make sure she's hale and

hearty when you pick her up.”

Serenity was speechless.

Was her sister raising her like a pig?

After Liberty spoke to her brother-in-law, she got in the car. She fastened her seat belt, waved at Zachary, and drove away under his watchful eyes.

“Ms. Sox.”

Zachary stopped Jasmine when she was also ready to drive away.

“Do you need something, Mr. York?”

Jasmine’s tone was polite.

Zachary took out a set of keys from his trouser pocket and handed them to Jasmine, saying, “This is one of the Valentine’s Day gifts I prepared for Seren yesterday. It’s a new car. The front of her current car was damaged. Can you help me pass the keys of the new car to her?”

However, Jasmine did not accept the car keys. She said, “Mr. York, do you have no confidence in yourself, or do you not love Seren enough? Do you think that your goodbye today is forever? You have more opportunities to deliver the gift you prepared for Seren personally. Why do you need me to pass it to her?”

Zachary pursed his lips and retraced his hand. “Thank you, Ms. Sox. I’ll deliver it to her in the future myself. Ms. Sox, can you put in a few good words for me in front of Seren?”

“Mr. York, no matter what, I’m Seren’s best friend. I’m on her side. If you want me to put in a good word for you, it’ll depend on your performance.”

Zachary’s eyes were firm. “I’ll make Seren regain her trust in me.”

Jasmine smiled. “That’s the spirit. I’ll excuse myself now. Please take care of those poultry there.”

“Sure.”

Jasmine said goodbye to Zachary and drove away.

Zachary stood in front of the villa and watched the two cars leave his territory until they were out of sight.

Truth be told, he was terrified inside.

However, he still forced himself to let go briefly.

As Josh said, it was worthwhile to exchange a short separation for a lifetime of companionship.

“Mr. Zachary.”

Brandt came out and called out to Zachary.

Zachary looked away and glanced at the big truck parked in the yard, then said to Brandt, "Take the driver to the manor and let Sam handle him. Just tell Sam that Seren wants to rear the chickens."

Sam was the head butler of Wildridge Manor. He would arrange everything properly. "Yes, sir."

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Brandt responded respectfully, then said in concern, "It's cold and windy outside, sir. Let's go back inside. You haven't eaten anything since you got up today."

Zachary did not move and asked Brandt, "Will she come back if I faint from hunger?"

Brandt was speechless.

Zachary smiled wryly. "I was just asking. I won't neglect my own health. I still want to have a lot of children and grandchildren with Seren and live with her until our hair turns gray. I won't live to have gray hair if I starve myself."

Brandt quickly said, "The missus eats and drinks well. I think this mentality of hers is commendable."

He was terrified that Zachary would deliberately starve to the point of fainting. If the missus did not come back, then he would starve to death.

"She... She doesn't love me as much as I love her."

That was why she could be a little more ruthless.

"Jim," Zachary shouted in a low voice.

Jim hurriedly trotted over.

"Get the car. I want to go back to the manor for a few days."

"Yes, sir."

Jim hurriedly informed the driver.

A few minutes later, Zachary's luxury car drove out of the big villa and roared its way to Wildridge Manor.

In the lounge of the manor, Grandma May was receiving a cup of coffee that she had the maid make for her.

Tania said to her mother-in-law, "Mom, you're old and already not sleeping well.

Drinking coffee will only make it worse.

"Coffee doesn't affect my sleep. It's Zack and Seren that is affecting my sleep."

Grandma May took two sips of coffee. "I need to feel refreshed to think about how to help them out."

Tania said, "Are you still thinking of intervening at this point? Let them handle it themselves. Zack and Serenity only ended up like this because you intervened in the first place. I always felt that Serenity and Zack are from different worlds, but you insisted on bringing them together.

“You should’ve expected this day to come. Look, Zack will definitely come back to settle the score with you. He doesn’t even need to do anything. He just needs to show you that deadpan face of his every day in front of you and follow you everywhere. You won’t be able to get rid of him. It’s sure to drive you mad.”

Grandma May spewed out a mouthful of coffee.

She coughed several times, stopped Tania from patting her back, and drew a tissue to wipe herself. She asked her daughter-in-law, “Tania, do you think it’s too late for me to hide? I would’ve forgotten the method that brat uses to take revenge on me if you hadn’t reminded me.”

Back then, she nagged her grandson every day, telling him to repay her by marrying Serenity.

Now, Zachary would act as she did. He would pop up in front of her all day with a serious and gloomy face and look at her resentfully. Even without him saying anything, Grandma May would feel so guilty that she would want to find a hole in the ground to hide in.

Those who play with fire will eventually get burned—this saying was quite true.

Grandma May played a little too much.

“Will you be able to hide in peace? Zack is unfeeling in nature. He either doesn’t fall in love, or he falls hard. Now, the person suffering the most is Zack. Serenity’s feelings for him aren’t as deep as his are for her. Furthermore, she’s furious at Zack now. She must be taking it better than he is.

“Zack is still being stubborn. You mentioned he knocked Serenity out in order to keep her. Look at his reaction when he’s faced with an emotional crisis... This is because of you and Dad!”

Tania ended up complaining quite a lot about her in-laws.

Zachary was chosen as the heir of York Corporation when he was still nursing. He was personally raised by his grandparents.

Tania admitted that her in-laws raised her son exceptionally. If she had been allowed to discipline and teach him as a mother, she might not have achieved such an effect.

However, her in-laws did not teach her son how to love someone.

It was easy to lose when it came to relationships.