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Chapter 1481

Ring, ring, ring...

Duncan's phone rang.

It was Zachary who called.

Duncan immediately answered it.

"Josh is inviting us to dinner tonight."

Duncan beat Zachary to it as he assumed Zachary was going to ask if he was free.

The three of them were the closest of friends. Since Josh was no longer a bachelor and invited

them to dinner, Duncan would go even if he was busy.

"I know, he sent me a message long ago."

Zachary held his phone in one hand and a cup of coffee in the other. He called Duncan while he was drinking coffee.

"My wife saw through you."

"Saw through me?"

Duncan did not get it at first.

He soon understood and responded, "She saw through me? That's good. I was wondering how I can say it."

Initially, Duncan wanted to act on his feelings after realizing them.

It was Zachary who persuaded him to hold back.

Zachary told Duncan that it was inappropriate to tell Liberty about his feelings at the moment because she was injured and still weak. He asked Duncan to wait first.

Considering his mom's dislike for Liberty and that Liberty had experienced a failed marriage, Duncan was willing to wait for a few years.

He could silently protect Liberty by her side. Once she achieved success and was recognized, he would confess to her.

Duncan thought the two of them would have a much better chance of getting together then.

Besides, time would reveal a person's heart.

Liberty could definitely feel Duncan silently protecting her and staying by her side.

Companionship was the deepest confession.

Duncan did not expect Serenity to see through him.

He looked at his mom and guessed that she must have gone to see Liberty again. While she might

not have made things difficult for Liberty, she would say things with sarcasm.

Liberty would always tell her sister everything. Duncan guessed that was how Serenity saw through him.

"Okay, I got it."

Since Liberty knew what he was thinking, he no longer needed to hold back.

Zachary wanted to say something but stopped. He finally sighed and said, "If it doesn't work out, don't dwell on it."

He was sandwiched at the moment.

On one hand, it was his close buddy—he hoped his buddy could be happy.

On the other was his sister-in-law. He loved Serenity, and his love for her extended to her sister.

Similarly, he also hoped that his sister-in-law could fall in love for the second time and that it

would be better than her first.

Zachary did not want Liberty and Duncan to become strangers because of feelings.

Duncan did not say anything.

Zachary also did not say more either. He took the initiative to end the call.

Afterward, he silently finished his cup of coffee.

Cupid must be working overtime lately, constantly matching the people around him.

There was Callum, Kevin, and Duncan.

Their love lives were kicked off almost simultaneously.

Only Remy and Elisa were still shy and hiding their feelings.

Even so, Zachary and Serenity could take their time and watch the show. Back then, the others watched the show between them for a long time.

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Zachary went back to work.

His wife would pick him up from the office in the afternoon, and they would go and celebrate Josh and Jasmine's marriage together.

Zachary could dive right back into his work, but Duncan could not focus on his.

Duncan's mom asked him right after Zachary ended the call, "Duncan, what did Zachary tell you?"

"Mom, do I need to tell you the content of my calls? You didn't even take me seriously when I was a child. Now that I'm in my thirties, you're here to control me. Don't you think it's too late?" Mrs. Lewis choked.

"Mom, you've finished what you wanted to say. I have to get back to work."

Duncan wanted his mom to leave.

Mrs. Lewis said after a moment of silence, "Since Josh is treating you to dinner tonight, take Lily with you and let her slowly integrate into your circle of friends."

"No!"

Duncan directly refused.

Mrs. Lewis asked, "Do you hate Lily that much? What about her that is inferior to Liberty? She's better than Liberty-be it her background, appearance, or age. She's also much more capable than Liberty."

"Ms. Harmon isn't better than Liberty; she was just better at her reincarnation this life. If Liberty had the same starting point as Ms. Harmon, she might've taken control of a big group on her own long ago.

"Mom, don't ask me why. I don't know the answer either, but I just like Liberty. There's no need to ask why and when. I just have to move and look forward."

Mrs. Lewis was furious.

"Mom, are you going back by yourself, or should I arrange for my secretary to drive you?"

Mrs. Lewis stood up and said with a tense face, "I'll go back by myself."

"Have a safe trip."

Duncan smiled with his eyes squinted despite having pissed off his mom.

Mrs. Lewis called Lily after she left Lewis & Co. She said, "Lily, Josh got his marriage license today and invited Duncan and the others to dinner tonight. You should accompany him.

"That's Duncan's circle of friends. You should first blend in with his friends, and then you'll slowly be able to find your way into his heart."

When Lily received Mrs. Lewis's call, she was in a good mood as she happened to have sealed a deal with a veteran CEO.

"Okay, Mrs. Lewis, I'll go find Duncan at his office later."

Mrs. Lewis was very pleased with Lily's positivity. She asked, "Have you settled the collaboration you've been working on for a few days?"

Lily smiled and answered, "Yes. I informed my secretary to book a flight and send me the contract. After signing the contract with Mr. Ziegel, I don't need to worry about any changes."

Mrs. Lewis was also happy for her.

She felt that Lily's achievements would belong to their family in the future. The greater Lily was, the more she would be able to help Duncan. The husband and wife together could make Lewis & Co. better.

“Lily, congrats.”

Lily thanked Mrs. Lewis with a smile.

The two of them chatted for a while before Mrs. Lewis hung up the phone.

Her mood was seriously affected after her son pissed her off, but her future daughter-in-law made up for it.

What Mrs. Lewis did not know was after she ended the call, Lily called Duncan and told him everything.

Lily said, “Mrs. Lewis isn’t going to give up. Duncan, I won’t go to the dinner with you, but in case she checks and causes unnecessary trouble, send me a picture of the dinner later.

“I’ll upload it to my social media. Mrs. Lewis will think we’re dining together when she sees it.”

Duncan responded in a deep voice, “Mr. Harmon, if you do that, it’ll only make my mom even more determined to set us up. You mean well, but I don’t think that’s necessary. I’m also not afraid of my mom talking to me about it.

“Apart from my granny, who had some say, even my parents can’t interfere in my marriage.”

Duncan’s granny had passed away many years ago.

Duncan respected his granny very much, but she could not come back from the dead to stop her youngest grandson from pursuing Liberty.

Nonetheless, Old Mrs. Lewis and Old Mrs. York were good friends.

The two besties had similar temperaments. Old Mrs. York was unconventional when it came to choosing partners for her grandsons.

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If Old Mrs. Lewis were alive, she would not stop Duncan from pursuing Liberty.

In Duncan's words, his granny only wanted him to be happy. If he truly loved Liberty, his granny would definitely support him to pursue Liberty.

"Ms. Harmon, you don't have fantasies about me still, do you?"

Lily responded, There's no such thing. I now know what kind of person you are, Duncan. Since you don't love me, why should I harbor fantasies about you? You're not the only outstanding man in this world.

"Why should I cling to you when you don't belong to me? Wouldn't it be good for me to find someone else? I can also find more than one man.

"Alright, then I'll stop acting too. I'll have dinner with Mrs. Lewis later and make things clear, then I'll move out of your house and live in Wiltspoon Hotel. We might not end up as a couple, but we can still be friends."

Lily was well-intentioned.

Even so, Duncan was also reasonable.

It would be better for Lily to make things clear to Mrs. Lewis and move out of their house so Mrs. Lewis would stop having ideas about her.

It was not that Lily did not like Duncan, but it was the other way around.

There were many outstanding young men in Wiltspoon. For all Lily knew, she could meet her true love. If she could not meet one in Wiltspoon, she could go home and pick one slowly.

If she could not find a good man, she could still live a comfortable life on her own.

"Duncan, you should go back to work. I'm going to drive."

Lily took the initiative to hang up the phone.

Serenity did not know these things.

In the afternoon, she informed several of her part-timers who were helping her knit crafts to come over to get the materials.

School was out close to the evening and they walked out in groups. Seeing how they were full of vigor, envied their youthfulness.

After being busy for some time, Serenity started to shift the shelves at the front of the store inside.

Mr. Charles was carrying his big bowl again, scooping up mouthfuls of food as he walked and wandered over to Serenity's store.

"Serenity, you're closing the store so early today?"

Serenity hummed and explained, "Jasmine is treating us to dinner."

"Oh, right. Jasmine and Mr. Bucham are engaged. We haven't gotten the chance to congratulate her."

"Jasmine will come tomorrow. It won't be too late for you to congratulate her then, Mr. Charles."

Serenity watched Mr. Charles eat and asked, "Did Mrs. Charles let you have vegetables only?"

"Meat has been expensive lately. Since we bought less meat, I'll let the elderly and children have them while I have the greens. In fact, vegetables are also expensive now. We almost can't afford to eat them anymore. If we lived on a farm and grew vegetables, we'd be self-sufficient and can save some money.

"Everything in the city costs money. As much as we try to live frugally, there's always a sum of money spent for our monthly expenditure."

After complaining about the recent meat prices, Mr. Charles asked with concern, "Is your sister feeling better?"

Sonny's abduction caused too much of a stir in Wiltspoon. People like Mr. Charles were bound to know.

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"Thanks for your concern, Mr. Charles. My sister is doing much better now and is recovering quite well," Serenity replied.

"That's good, that's good."

Mr. Charles ate some of the vegetables in his bowl again.

"Serenity, I'll tell you something. Can you give me some advice and tell me if it's reliable or not? I told Mrs. Charles, and she scolded me."

Serenity chuckled and said, "Mr. Charles, go ahead. What is it? I'll listen to it and give you some advice."

"You know I can tell fortunes, right? But I didn't learn it from a teacher and somehow learned from others to get into it. I also read some books and figured it out myself."

Mr. Charles stopped eating and said softly, "But I think I can now set up a fortune-telling stall by the road or in the park. I'll just do it during my free time so I can get some extra money for my family, though I still have to tend to our grocery store."

"It's just that as our children and elders grow older, middle-aged people like us are under more pressure. It's exhausting for our family to rely solely on our grocery store's income, so I want to earn some extra money. However, Mrs. Charles scolded me terribly."

"She asked me to tell her what the seven winning numbers of the lottery will be tonight. Oh, no, tomorrow. Today is Wednesday, and the draws are only done on Thursdays. She wants to put all her money into buying the special draw. The special draw's odds are higher than the regular one. It's a 1:100 ratio."

Mr. Charles complained, "If I know what numbers will be drawn for the lottery, I would've been richer than the richest man long ago. Would I need to set up a stall by the road? She scolded me for being lazy and trying to sneak out to play."

Serenity responded with a smile, "Mr. Charles, remember to call me and let me know if you know the winning numbers for tomorrow. I'll also spend all my fortune on the special draw."

"Serenity, don't tease me. I just think that I can now set up a stall with my skill level. Any money earned counts."

"Mr. Charles, if you want to earn extra money, you don't have to set up a fortune-telling stall in the park. Many would think that those who set up stalls in the park are swindlers; those who are truly skilled won't need to do so as customers will go to them."

Mr. Charles said after a moment of silence, "I don't have other skills. I was only interested in this and studied it for many years before feeling that I finally grasped a part of it."

He was quite accurate with Serenity's fortune.

Mr. Charles had long told his wife that Serenity would have a rich and honorable life. Ordinary rich families would not be her match.

Now that Serenity had married into the Yorks, the richest family, Mr. Charles thought that he was right.

That was why he had the idea of setting up a stall at the park to earn some money.

“There are many professions in the world, and every profession produces an expert. If I support what you want to do, I’d feel like I’m promoting superstition. That said, I still think that you should go for it and give it a go if it’s what you want. Whether you succeed or fail, you won’t regret it as long as you’ve tried.”

“Mr. Charles, you still need to go back and have a proper chat with Mrs. Charles. Since you’ll do it during your free time and won’t affect your grocery store’s business, she’ll understand and agree to it. After all, you’re doing it for your family.”

Serenity did not stop moving things while she talked to Mr. Charles. Once she was done moving them, she returned to the counter to take her bag and picked up her phone to put it into her pocket. She said to Mr. Charles, “Mr. Charles, a married couple can only live happily by communicating.”

Mr. Charles smiled and replied to her after some thought, “Serenity, you’re over a decade younger than me, but you’re more perceptive. You really woke me up from my dream. You’re getting off work now, aren’t you? In that case, I won’t bother you any longer. I’ll go back and discuss it with Mrs. Charles.”

With that, Mr. Charles left happily.

He returned to his family’s grocery store.

Serenity watched Mr. Charles leave and only retracted her gaze after some time. She pulled down the shutter and locked it.

Mr. Charles’s life was a reflection of thousands of ordinary people.

A middle-aged person had the old and the young to look after. They would not dare fall sick or be lazy, and they would work hard to earn money to support their family.

How stressful.

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Serenity visited her sister in the hospital first.

When she arrived at the hospital, Liberty and Sonny had finished their dinner.

“Aunt Ser.”

Sonny was delighted to see Serenity. He ran to her asking her to carry him.

Serenity picked him up and saw her sister getting ready to wash the insulated lunch boxes. She quickly said, "Liberty, I'll wash them."

"You don't need to. I'm also bored now, so I'm just looking for things to do." Otherwise, Liberty would have let Mrs. Lane wash the lunch boxes long ago.

"You closed the bookstore pretty early today."

Serenity stood at the bathroom door with her nephew in her arms. While watching her sister wash the lunch boxes with hot water, she responded, "Jasmine is treating us to dinner. Sonny, you're full from dinner already. I was going to take you to dinner."

Liberty chuckled and said, "I'm being raised like a pig now. I eat, sleep, and repeat every day. Moreover, the food brought by Sam every day is delicious. If I keep going at this on a daily basis, I'll grow to a hundred sixty pounds again when I get discharged."

She was someone who gained weight easily.

As long as she ate a little more, her waist would become thicker.

"There's no such thing. I see that you've lost a lot of weight."

Liberty had almost died but survived, after all.

"Take Sonny with you later. He's bored from spending all day here with me. He always wants to watch cartoons on my phone, but I don't let him because it's bad for his eyes."

Liberty washed the lunch boxes and continued, "Seren, before you come over tomorrow, go to my place and bring Sonny's set of Lego blocks so he can play with them when he comes after class. It's better than watching cartoons on the phone.

"Bring the reading and writing set as well. I'm super bored now, so it's the perfect time for me to teach him to read and write. He's going to kindergarten in September and will learn something then. Preschool is the same as hiring someone else to take care of him."

Kindergarten tuition was not cheap nowadays. A semester could easily cost several thousand dollars or even ten thousand dollars for better ones.

If a child started now, they would need to attend three years of kindergarten to go to elementary school.

Raising a child was the most expensive thing to do, or children would not be known as "money-eaters".

"Okay."

Seeing that her sister was fine, Serenity quickly left the hospital with Sonny and went to York Corporation.

It was after work time by the time they arrived.

“Mrs. York.

“Mrs. York.”

When Serenity entered, employers who saw her along the way greeted her with smiles.

Sonny, who was being held by her, stood out the most.

The little one was handsome and cute. When some senior managers stopped to talk to Serenity, he greeted them sweetly and was praised for that.

Zachary knew Serenity had arrived the moment her car entered the building.

He had long finished his work at hand and only waited for Serenity in his office because she said that she would come to pick him up.

Zachary immediately took the elevator and went downstairs when he knew Serenity had arrived.

“Uncle Zak.”

Sonny was sharp-eyed and saw Zachary. He broke free from Serenity and dashed toward Zachary like a happy little bird.

When Sonny’s adorable voice was heard, many people stopped and turned to look at their cold- faced CEO.

They saw their CEO taking a few quick steps forward. He squatted and opened his arms for Sonny to run into his embrace.

Sonny buried his head into Zachary’s arms. Following that, Zachary carried him up and spun him in circles that he laughed out loud.

Zachary laughed as well.

Everyone else was speechless.

Was this their cold-faced CEO?

He had such a gentle side.

It seemed that their stone-cold CEO liked children.

Given how well their CEO treated his wife and nephew, for all they knew, he might become a stay-at-home dad after Mrs. York gave birth to a child. He might even come to work with the baby.

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Everyone imagined Zachary coming to work with a baby in his arms. They could not help but shiver and did not dare imagine it!

The senior managers who were talking to Serenity said with a smile, "Mrs. York, Mr. York is here. We'll be leaving first."

They did not want to be third wheels.

Serenity grinned and nodded. After the senior managers left, she walked over to the man and the kid with a smile.

"Zachary, you have to hold him tight."

Some people did not hold their children tight when lifting or spinning them, causing them to fall on the ground. The consequences would be serious.

Zachary stopped lifting and spinning Sonny in the air.

He lowered Sonny and carried him instead as he responded with a smile, "Don't worry, I'll hold him tight. I won't let him fall no matter what.

"Sonny, am I good?"

Sonny answered, "Uncle Zak, you're good-very good."

The little guy thought, 'As long as you stop calling me a third wheel, you'll be even better.'

Sonny finished talking and wrapped his arms around Zachary and kissed him on the face. Afterward, he acted shy and buried his head on Zachary's shoulder.

Zachary smiled from ear to ear after he was kissed by the little guy.

He said to Serenity, "No wonder Duncan is extra fond of Sonny. This little one is truly likable and lovable."

Serenity chuckled and said, "Don't you know who raised him? I raised him, so of course, he's adorable."

Zachary looked at his wife.

"Why are you looking at me like that? What I said is true-I brought Sonny up."

"You're right, you're right. I just wanted to see how thick-faced my wife has become since being together with me."

"You admit that you're thick-faced."

Serenity took one of Zachary's arms. The two of them walked outside together.

Zachary laughed and said, "I am-I'm very shameless in front of you. Nana likes to criticize me the most. Sometimes, she calls me out so much that I wonder if I'm truly her grandson."

Serenity wanted to laugh when she recalled how Grandma May attacked Zachary verbally in the past. Nonetheless, Serenity held back so that she could maintain her good image as the CEO's wife.

"Nana only criticizes her grandsons. She likes to make fun of her closest ones but is gentle and polite to outsiders. Everyone says she's kind and generous."

Zachary had no comments.

Serenity was right.

No wonder Grandma May liked Serenity so much. It was because Serenity matched her taste.

"Was everything okay this afternoon?" Zachary asked Serenity.

"You know best if everything was okay." Zachary's men were always secretly protecting her. He could learn about her every move at any time if he wanted to.

Serenity added, "What can happen to me now? They've been caught and are waiting to be sentenced."

Even so, she also learned a lesson from this.

Mischievous people were difficult to deal with.

Serenity would try not to offend petty people in the future.

This time, Serenity offended Mrs. Newman and her daughter to save Camryn. The mother and daughter were brutal. Now, 90% of Mrs. Newman's dark forces were cut off, and the rest of them were being pursued by the police. This case had somewhat ended.

"Oh, there are a few things still on my mind. It's about Elisa and Remy. I wonder when the two of them will remove the veil."

Zachary leaned into her ear and whispered, "That's their business. You should put your mind on our wedding."

"Isn't it still early?"

They still had several months to prepare for it.

Serenity was not in a hurry at all.

She felt that there was still plenty of time.

Zachary said he had asked an internationally famous bridal designer to tailor a wedding dress for her. That designer had not come yet.

Serenity did not care about these things because Zachary would arrange them nicely.

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