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“I’m not petty like you.”

Zachary replied hesitantly, “You’re mad.”

“Yes, I’m mad. I sent you so many text messages, yet you’re cruel enough not to reply to any one of them.”

While getting out of the car, Serenity pulled Zachary out together with her. She put the umbrella into his hand and said, “You should get back to work. I got to go.”

She was still hungry.

Serenity did not have the chance to drink the hot cocoa he made for her this morning and now her stomach was aching.

“I’ll watch you leave from here.”

Since Elisa and her mother came looking for Serenity, they must be there to talk about Mrs. Stone’s sister.

Zachary could not keep Serenity for long.

Serenity sat behind the wheel and waved at Zachary, saying, “Let me know beforehand if you’re coming over for lunch. Otherwise, you wouldn’t even have any leftovers.”

“Sure.”

Zachary would not head to the shop if Mrs. Stone and her daughter were there.

Serenity soon drove away.

Standing there, Zachary watched her car go out of sight before turning on his heel to walk back

Unbeknownst to him, Josh had been taking turns with Callum spying on the couple at the front of the office building with a pair of binoculars.

As for the senior executives who were called to the meeting, Josh discussed a bit of work related stuff and quickly adjourned the meeting.

“If only I had super hearing.”

Josh put down the binoculars. Since they could only see but not hear, they had no idea what the dummy said to his missus.

The young couple must be doing something X-rated in the car.

Who would have thought an uptight, no-nonsense man like Zachary was capable of such a thing?

All hail the power of love.

Hang on. It should be the power of jealousy.

Zachary only became reckless because of jealousy.

Callum said with a smile, “Zack’s coming back. I should go. Don’t forget to put the binoculars back into Zack’s drawer or bear the consequences should he find out.”

He made a quick escape.

Josh immediately hurried out of the meeting room with the binoculars and stuffed them back into Zachary’s drawer before going back.

He then walked out like nothing ever happened.

Mr. Chaplin played blind and saw nothing.

Josh ran into Zachary at the lift.

“Is the meeting over?” Zachary asked in a good mood.

“It just ended. Why? Did you have anything to add?”

“No.”

Zachary brushed past Josh before stopping. He turned his head and told Josh, “Ms. Sox has a high fever. She’s in the hospital.”

Josh asked calmly, “Really?”

Once Zachary was gone, Josh whipped out his phone and gave Jasmine a call.

He asked about her, making sure she was okay on the phone. Having found out Jasmine was put on IV drips in the hospital, Josh said, “I’ll head there right now to keep you company, Ms. Sox.”

“It’s fine, Mr. Bucham. My mom’s with me.” “I see. Do take care and stay hydrated.”

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For the sake of peace and quiet, Jasmine did not hesitate to lie on the floor at Mrs. Dawson’s birthday celebration. It meant that the pressure to get married was pretty bad for Jasmine.

Josh would not be able to wiggle his way out of the situation if Mrs. Sox caught him visiting Jasmine.

Although Jasmine was his type, nothing was carved in stone yet between them. They had not reached the stage of meeting the parents.

Josh only let the head of the Bucham household know about it while keeping it from the others. He was afraid the seniors of his family would turn up in a large group at Jasmine’s house and scare her off.

Jasmine thanked Josh’s show of concern.

The pair did not chat for long and ended the phone conversation.

Elisa and her mother waited at Serenity’s shop for Serenity’s return. Shawn left after Elisa and her mother came along.

Shawn’s mother warned him to keep a distance from Elisa. The Lowes did not want to cross the fiery princess of the Stones.

Mrs. Stone had made up her mind that Serenity and Liberty were her nieces. She looked around every corner of Serenity’s shop.

She saw plenty of other items.

Baffled, Mrs. Stoned asked her daughter, “Why does Serenity have a lot of skincare and cosmetic products in her shop?”

Mrs. Stone knew that Serenity also had an online business selling her own crafts. She had seen the maneki-neko Elisa brought home. It was well made.

Her daughter loved the maneki-neko a lot.

Elisa's face turned red.

She replied awkwardly, "I bought those stuff, Mom. I would turn to retail therapy whenever I feel down. It doesn't matter if the products have no use to me. I buy them all.

"It was only when I calmed down after the shopping that I realized you'd tear into me for getting stuff I didn't need. So, I gave them all to Serenity."

Mrs. Stone retorted, "So you dumped your stuff on Serenity like she's a recycling center?"

Elisa stuck out her tongue.

She went up and held her mother's arm while sweet –talking. "Now that I know Serenity might be my cousin, it's only proper for me as the older cousin to give her gifts. I'm not dumping my stuff on her."

"Right. It's all thanks to you that I might have possibly found your aunt. Only..."

Mrs. Stone ended mid-sentence.

She hoped and was also afraid the DNA test would show that she and Serenity were related by blood.

If they were related, it meant that her sister was dead for fifteen years.

Mrs. Stone would have to wait until her time on earth was over before reuniting with her sister once more in heaven.

"Mom."

Elisa knew her mother was sad.

Clinging onto her mother's arm, Elisa comforted her, "Although my aunt might no longer be with us, she left behind two daughters. You have been searching for your sister for decades. It's a blessing that you could find two nieces.

"Let's not forget Sonny as well. He's a cutie pie. I took an instant liking to him. I'm so envious Serenity has such a cute nephew. I can't believe he might be my nephew too. Haha! I'm going to buy Sonny lots and lots of toys."

Mrs. Stone's heart could melt just thinking about the adorable kid. "How is it going with Sonny? Did you ask Serenity? Tell Serenity to let us know if she needs our help.

"We'll help her regardless of whether she's my niece or not."

No matter what, Serenity was one of her darling daughter's handful of best friends.

Mrs. Stone's love for her daughter was extended to her friends too.

She had a good opinion of Serenity, to begin with.

"I haven't asked Serenity. How could I after the scare you gave me yesterday, Mom? I think it must be resolved. Serenity's husband is a nice guy. Her husband will always be there to sort things out whenever Serenity and her sister encounter difficulties.

"Serenity and her husband got married right away without knowing much about each other. Still, the husband is way better than the man her sister had married and known for twelve years. The scumbag Brown! I would beat the guy up if it were me."

Mrs. Stone asked with concern, "Serenity got married right away? Where is her husband from? What does he do?"

"I think he's working at York Corporation. Coincidentally, his last name is York, but Serenity said her husband is not related to the York family that we know."

There were plenty of people with the same last name, so Mrs. Stone did not think much about it. She merely hummed an acknowledgment.

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"Have you met Serenity's husband before?" Mrs. Stone asked her daughter.

If Serenity and her sister turned out to be her nieces, Mrs. Stone, as the aunt, should assess the men for her nieces.

"I've never met him before. He seems to be busy at work. You know only elites could join York Corporation, and work can get busy. I think her husband's working in higher management, so work must take up a lot of his time.

"Serenity's expression started to soften when she talked about him. I think they're developing feelings for each other."

Elisa did not pay an awful lot of attention to Serenity's marriage.

As she had loved before, Elisa could tell the subtle changes in Serenity toward her husband.

After much thought, Elisa added, "But they have not become a real couple. Their marriage is only in name at present."

"They entered the marriage without any feelings for one another. Everything should fall into place since they're keeping the marriage in name while nurturing their relationship. It's rare for a couple to be so grounded."

Mrs. Stone was already taking Serenity's side before it was confirmed that the latter was her niece.

She thought Serenity's sound judgment, independence, self-reliance, and strong will were so much like her.

Meanwhile, it sounded like a car had pulled up outside the shop.

"That must be Serenity."

Elisa walked out and saw Serenity.

Since it was still raining outside, Elisa stood at the entrance and watched with a smile as Serenity got down from the car and approached under an umbrella.

"I'm sorry to keep you waiting, Elisa."

Serenity was in a good mood after clearing the air with Zachary and stopping the petty guy from repeating history. She could not help but smile when she came back to Elisa's smiling face too.

She shook off the raindrops on the umbrella at the door and put the umbrella away before entering the shop with Elisa.

"The temperature really dropped today."

Elisa commented, "I don't feel cold though."

Her clothes might not look thick, but they were warm.

“Serenity, this is my mom.”

Elisa introduced her mother to Serenity.

Serenity and Mrs. Stone locked eyes.

Despite being hot with emotions, Mrs. Stone pulled herself together and let out a kind smile. “You must be Seren. Elisa often talked to me about you.”

“Hello, Mrs. Stone,” Serenity politely greeted Mrs. Stone.

She got her emotions in check even at the possibility that Mrs Stone might be her aunt, unlike Mrs. Stone who was emotional.

She did not want to make a judgment too soon before the DNA test was done.

“Please have a seat, Mrs. Stone. I’ll pour you a glass of water.”

Mrs. Stone immediately replied, “You don’t need to, Seren. Elisa and I have been in your shop for a while. I got a drink here.”

Mrs. Stone looked at the packed breakfast and insulated cup on the cash register with heartache written in her eyes.

“I guess you haven’t had your breakfast, Seren. Have something to eat and then we’ll talk after.”

“No matter what, you should have your meals on time. Don’t let yourself go hungry.”

Some people would be having their lunch by now.

Mrs. Stone felt bad that Serenity had not had her breakfast.

Elisa jumped in, “Serenity, just take my advice. I didn’t have my meals on time back then and it didn’t help with my health. It took a while for me to get better. Now, my mom will drag me out of bed for breakfast between seven to eight o’clock in the morning even if I were to sleep at three.”

Mrs. Stone glared at her. “You’re one to talk.”

Elisa stuck her tongue out cheekily. “I have no shame. Of course, I’ll talk.” Amused, Serenity laughed.

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“My breakfast’s probably not warm anymore. I’ll go heat it up in the kitchen. Elisa, you’re a regular here. Please keep Mrs. Stone entertained.”

Elisa replied with a smile, “Don’t worry. My mom and I won’t be strangers. Your shop is home to me.”

Serenity thought to herself, ‘My shop is not up to your standard with the wealth your family owns.

She took the breakfast packed by Zachary to the kitchen and heated it up before enjoying her meal in the kitchen.

Zachary made her hot cocoa. Thanks to the insulated cup, the drink was still warm.

Her arms and legs were feeling cold since the weather turned chilly, and her Aunt Flo came to visit as well. Cupping the insulated cup, Serenity felt the warmth in her belly after taking a sip of hot cocoa.

Ring, ring, ring...

Her phone rang.

While sipping on her hot cocoa, she pulled out her phone for a look. It was Zachary. She took the call.

“Are you at the shop?”

Zachary looked at the time before calling.

“Yes, I’m at the shop.”

“What are you eating?”

“The breakfast you lovingly packed me this morning. I’m now drinking the hot cocoa you made me. The cocoa tastes nice and light, and the hint of cinnamon really brings out the sweetness.”

Zachary told her off, “What time is it, and you’re only having your breakfast now?”

“I wouldn’t have to take my breakfast now if a certain petty fool didn’t just turn around and run away.”

Zachary commented, “That’s on me. I promise I won’t do that again.”

“Don’t give me any promises. That’s just how you are. You can’t change that.”

Serenity added with a giggle. “I don’t want the whole thing to blow up in your face again. You have a good-looking face. It wouldn’t be nice for it to be covered in smut after having things

blown up in your face.”

Zachary was speechless.

Other than Nana, Serenity was the only one who would embarrass him.

“Are you coming over for lunch? I might not have time to make lunch though. I probably might eat out.” She intended to treat Elisa and Mrs. Stone to lunch.

“Is Ms. Stone at your shop?”

“Yeah. I’m going to buy them lunch later. Elisa has been a huge help to me.”

Zachary grumbled in his mind. ‘I helped you a lot too, but you never treat me to a meal.’

Still, he said, “I’ll wire you some money. Take them to a hotel for lunch. I can’t get away from work this afternoon, so I’m not going over.”

Serenity responded with a grin, “I have money. Don’t wire me any. Don’t worry. I may be stingy, but I won’t take someone like Mrs. Stone to a food truck.”

She was not stingy anyway. Instead, Serenity was good with her money, spending on the necessities only.

Serenity and Zachary were living the good life now, but that was because they did not have a child together. Once a baby came along, it would take a huge hit on their money and that could burn a hole in their pockets.

“Achoo!”

Serenity sneezed.

Having caught that on the call, Zachary felt bad and blamed himself for it. “You must have caught a cold since you got out of the car without a coat. It was pouring and windy earlier.”

“I’m fine. I sneezed because you missed me.

“Don’t forget. I’m drinking the hot cocoa you made me.”

Zachary grinned. “Okay. I miss you. I really miss you. I guess you don’t miss me since I didn’t

sneeze.”

Serenity opened her mouth, not knowing what to say.

She started it by saying the sneeze meant that he missed her. Now, he was trying to get back at her by making her say that she missed him too.

Well, he got another thing coming if he expected her to say it out loud.

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“Is Shawn gone?”

Zachary had not forgotten about his love rival.

“I didn’t see him when I came back. Are you still jealous?”

Zachary fell silent for a while before replying, “Well, you said that’s how I am. I guess jealousy might become a habit of mine.”

Josh and Grandma May would be throwing shade at him if they were around.

Serenity chuckled. “I should make you eat your greens every day then.”

Since he enjoyed turning green with envy, she might as well serve up all the greens he could eat.

“I love to eat whatever you make me.”

“Zachary, you sure have honeyed lips. What’s up with all the sweet talk recently?”

Zachary twitched by the corner of his lips. Nana often complained about his lack of sweet nothings to Serenity. Now that he had given it a go, Serenity fussed about his honeyed lips. She probably did not like sweet talk.

“I don’t want to take up more of your time.”

“Okay.”

Serenity was the first to end the call.

Zachary moved the phone away from his ear and stared at the mobile screen for a bit while murmuring under his breath, “She didn’t even say she misses me.”

Putting down his phone, Zachary quickly got his act together and threw himself into his busy work

Serenity finished the hot cocoa and washed the insulation cup clean. She then took out some fruits from the fridge and gave them a good wash before placing them on a fruit platter. She carried the fruit platter out.

Mrs. Stone and her daughter were sitting at the cash register.

“Mrs. Stone.”

Serenity put the fruit platter in front of Mrs. Stone. “Have some, Mrs. Stone.”

““Thank you.”

Mrs. Stone expressed her gratitude. With Serenity sitting down, Mrs. Stone did not beat around the bush and went straight to the point. “Serenity, you must know why I’m here today. I was separated from my sister at eight years old. It has been fifty years, and in these fifty years, my sister has always been on my mind.

“I worried whether she was doing fine at the adoptive parents’ place. I worried she would forget about me. After she was adopted, I often asked the director about her, but it was a shame I didn’t hear anything back.

“Once I had grown up and had the means, I tried many ways to track down my sister. It wasn’t easy before, but with the boom of the internet, I thought it would make things easier. Still, my hopes were met with disappointment after disappointment.”

Elisa had relayed these details to Serenity before.

“After I saw your sister and Sonny, my intuition told me that you’re my sister’s daughters. Sonny looks very much like my sister when she was a child. I also saw your sister’s wedding photo at her place. She takes after my sister.

“I was thinking.. Could you come with me to do a DNA test?”

Seeing that Serenity did not say yes immediately, Mrs. Stone eagerly added, “I can accept whatever the result may be.”

Elisa chimed in, “Serenity, you could give us a few strands of your hair if you don’t have time to go with us. We can use your hair to do the DNA test without you being there.”

of course, it would be best if Serenity was willing to go with them and do a blood test at the testing center.

“Why don’t you go with my mom if you’re worried no one will watch your shop? I’ll stay and look after things here.”

Serenity waited until the mother and daughter were finished before responding, “Hang on, Mrs. Stone, Elisa. I’m going to give my sister a call for a talk. I’ve told Elisa the circumstances around my mom. I’m touched that you’ve never given up the search for your sister, but...”

Her mother had been dead for fifteen years. The outcome would be hard for Mrs. Stone to swallow

Mrs. Stone teared up. She had been feeling down the whole day yesterday. The mention that her sister had probably left the world for fifteen years made her choke up. She could not get a word out.

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With tears running down Mrs. Stone’s face, Serenity handed her a tissue and said apologetically, “I’m sorry, Mrs. Stone.”

“Serenity.”

Mrs. Stone held her hands, choking in sobs. “I’m sorry about your childhood. I didn’t find quick enough. Maybe your mom wouldn’t have died if I tracked you down sooner.”

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Had her sister been located sooner, Mrs. Stone would have brought her to live in the city. Then, her sister would never have lost her life, together with her husband, in a tragic car accident in the little town.

Although the DNA test had not been done, Serenity felt a lump in her throat and her eyes welling up after listening to what Mrs. Stone had to say.

It would be great if her mom was still alive.

“Stop crying, Mom. Dad told me to keep an eye on you and not to let you cry. You had been crying all day yesterday.”

Elisa took the tissue from Serenity and patted her mother’s tears dry while consoling her, “ Mom, you can take the DNA test with Serenity. If it comes back positive, at least you still have Serenity and Liberty.

Mrs. Stone wiped away her tears. “I can’t stop myself from getting emotional.”

Back then, Mrs. Stone and her sister lost both their parents at a young age too. Without the means to raise her sister, Mrs. Stone had to be apart from her sister.

The separation was for fifty long years. Now that Mrs. Stone finally got word about it, it turned out her sister was long gone.

Despite being known as the strong and tough superwoman, Mrs. Stone was beyond heartbroken.

She resented the unfairness of the world.

It took the two girls quite an effort to pacify Mrs. Stone before Serenity had the chance to call Liberty. After getting her sister’s opinion, Serenity agreed to do the DNA test with Mrs. Stone.

“I’ll watch the shop for you,” Elisa volunteered.

Serenity grabbed the car keys and walked around the cash register, uttering, “I’ll close the shop. Let me buy you lunch later.”

With her craftwork coming to mind, Serenity made her way back and grabbed a few crafts to give to Mrs. Stone. “Mrs. Stone, I made these myself. The little trinkets aren’t worth much, but they’re my handicrafts. These are for you.’

Mrs. Stones took the crafts and complimented her, “Your handicrafts are beautiful. I love

them.”

that’s not fair, Serenity. You only gave me a maneki-neko while my mom got a few. They’re prettier than my maneki-neko.”

Mrs. Stone nagged, “You can place an order on Serenity’s online shop if you want more.”

Serenity said with a smile, “Let me know what you want. I’ll make a few to your preference.”

Elisa’s maneki-neko was supposed to be for Zachary, but Serenity gave it to Elisa instead. Zachary threw a tantrum because of that too.

“I need to go back and think about it. I’ll let you know once I get an idea. I’ll order through your website and boost your sales.”

These little knick-knacks were not worth much money, but they were exquisite. Elisa was a big fan and had the money to buy them. She would order from Serenity so long as the latter could make it.

“Thank you in advance. I owe it to you for recommending my business all around.”

Serenity took the mother and daughter out before closing up the shop.

“Elisa, I’ll ride in Serenity’s car.”

Mrs. Stone wanted to know more about her sister, so she chose to ride with Serenity to the DNA testing center.

“Look at my mom, Serenity. She’s picking you over me before the test result is even out.”

Serenity burst into laughter. “Mrs. Stone will always love you the most.” Elisa was well-loved by the Stone family.

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While on the way to the DNA testing center, Serenity received a wired transfer from Zachary for fifty thousand dollars.

Afraid that she might not accept the money, Zachary included a text message to her.

“Seren, i’ll take it as you don’t see me as your husband if you don’t accept the money. The husband is supposed to make money for the wife to spend.”

Serenity read the text message and had a big smile on her face.

Zachary had learned to guilt her into accepting things.

She was not in a hurry to accept the transaction. Once at the DNA testing center, she waited until Mrs. Stone’s and her blood were drawn before accepting the fifty thousand dollars.

With the money her husband gave, Serenity generously took Mrs. Stone and her daughter to have lunch at a five–star hotel.

The five–star hotel Serenity was most familiar with in all of Wiltspoon was the Wiltspoon Hotel.

The Wiltspoon Hotel was a hotel under York Corporation’s flagship. The Yorks and the Stones were not on good terms. In fact, they were competitors. It only dawned on Serenity when they were already at the hotel.

Serenity apologetically said to Mrs. Stone. “How about another restaurant instead, Mrs. Stone?”

Getting the message, Mrs. Stone smiled and replied, “It’s fine. I used to come here a lot for client meetings when I was running the company.”

She then glanced at her daughter.

Elisa could take a hint. She understood the meaning behind the look from her mother.

With her face falling, Elisa remarked, “It’s not like I’ll run into him here, Mom. So what if he’s really here?”

Despite her heart breaking into pieces, Elisa forced herself to let go of her feelings the moment she saw the wedding ring on Zachary’s finger.

Alice said to stay away from unfaithful men because there were plenty of good men out there. It would not be hard for Elisa to find a husband who was as brilliant as Zachary and only had eyes for her.

Seeing that the mother and daughter did not mind. Serenity led them into the hotel.

Although the lobby manager recognized Serenity, he did not dare to address the missus out

loud. Instead, he led the trio to the lift in a friendly manner.

Once the trio took the lift to the higher floor, the lobby manager was returning to his post when he stopped in his tracks. He looked back at the lift and mumbled to himself, "Aren't the missus's two companions Mrs. and Miss Stone?"

The mother and daughter looked familiar to the lobby manager.

If he was right, were the missus with the Stone family?

Did Mr. Zachary know about this?

With this huge question mark in mind, the lobby manager murmured under his breath and walked on when he saw a few men striding in with their security detail. The few men strolling

ahead were Mr. Zachary, Mr. Callum, and Mr. Bucham.

The other men must be important clients.

The lobby manager took quick paces over.

Callum was reminded of the torn look on the lobby manager's face every time he saw him. It tickled Callum's funny bones for sure.

"Mr. Zen," Callum greeted the lobby manager amiably.

Mr. Zen replied, "How can I help you, Mr. Callum?"

"Ah, that reminds me."

Mr. Zen whispered to Callum, "Mr. Callum, the missus brought two people in a few minutes ago. She picked the supreme lounge for lunch. The two people she came in with appear to be Mrs. Stone and Miss Stone."

Stopping short, Callum asked in hushed tones, "Did you get a clear look? Was it really the missus?"

"Mr. Callum, I have keen eyes. I recognize the missus since Mr. Zachary had brought her here before."

It was the missus they were talking about. People in his line of work must take note of her appearance from the first encounter.

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“Alright. I got it. Carry on with your work.”

Catching up to the group, Callum approached his cousin and said, “Zack, Mr. Zen told me that he saw your wife with Mrs. Stone and Miss Stone a few minutes ago. They picked the supreme lounge for lunch.”

The lounge was the most exclusive private dining room at the Wiltspoon Hotel. Those with thin wallets would not pick the supreme lounge to dine in.

Nevertheless, Serenity had to pick the supreme lounge to wine and dine with Mrs. Stone.

“Got it.”

Zachary was not at all surprised by the news.

“We won’t run into each other,” Zachary commented in a husky voice.

He would normally take the clients to the presidential suite on the top floor which was on a different floor from the supreme lounge. Zachary had a private lift that was not available to hotel guests unless he brought them in himself.

There was no chance for the couple to meet unless it was at the lift.

Callum kept his mouth shut, seeing that his cousin was confident.

Zachary was the one playing the pauper anyway. It was his business if Serenity caught him and he blew his cover. The rest of the family members were just there to watch the whole thing blow up in Zachary’s face.

Although Zachary’s group did not come across Serenity’s party, Hank and Jessica were coming out of another lift when they saw a glimpse of Zachary going into the private lift.

Hank thought the silhouette looked familiar, but the lift closed before he had a closer look.

The security detail did not follow Zachary upstairs. Picking up on Hank’s prying eyes, they turned and glared at Hank.

With the angry looks scaring the hell out of Hank, he immediately pulled Jessica and took off.

“What were you looking at, Hank?”

“Are these men Mr. York’s security team?” Hank asked Jessica.

“How would I know if they’re Mr. York’s security team? I’ve never met Mr. York. How could I remember his security detail?”

Those who could recognize Mr. York’s security personnel must be people who mingled with him.

Jessica hoped she could be the lucky one. It was a shame that she was not.

Mr. York was a legend. Yet, Jessica never had the opportunity to meet him in person.

“The man going into that lift as we were coming out of the lift looks like Serenity’s husband, Zachary.”

While strolling along, Jessica glanced at Hank and remarked sarcastically, “Are you saying that Mr. York is your sister-in-law’s husband? Do you think she’s meant to live a rich life?”

Come to think of it, Hank believed Zachary could not possibly be the great Mr. York.

“I wonder what Mr. York’s name is. If I can find out his name...”

Jessica replied, “I remember we used to be able to search for Mr. York’s name online. He has an old name, but now we can’t look up his name anymore. I guess Mr. York doesn’t want anyone to know his name. I searched his name a few years back, but I can’t remember it now.”

Mr. York had appeared to keep his name anonymous.

Whoever looked up his name on the internet now would not be able to find anything. All searches would only lead to Mr. York.

This was the first thing Zachary did when he got married to Serenity. He did not want Serenity to stumble upon the fact that he was the heir of the York family.

“Serenity’s husband has the last name, York, and so does Mr. York. I have caught a glimpse of Mr. York twice, but I never got a good look at his face. Still, the figure looks awfully familiar.”

Jessica did not like what she was hearing. She mocked, "You said it yourself. All you saw was a figure. Did you get a good look? York might not be a common last name, but there isn't only one York family in the city. Serenity's husband just so happens to have the same last name. That's all."

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"Do you think we'd turn out fine if Serenity's husband was related to the wealthiest Yorks? Your sister-in-law would've trampled all over us with the help of Mr. York."

Thinking about the bad things he had done, Hank believed Jessica had a point. Hence, he quickly let go of the matter.

Mr. York was way up there while Serenity was not even worth the mention. She was not blessed in life to become Mr. York's wife.

The pair were lovey-dovey as they walked out of the hotel. Hank and Jessica came across Liberty at the hotel entrance.

Liberty was alone.

While Sonny was asleep, Liberty left Mrs. Lane at home to look after Sonny, so she could wait for Hank and Jessica here.

Liberty only lay in wait here for them because she deduced through the information and evidence provided by Zachary that Hank often brought Jessica to dine at the Wilt spoon Hotel.

Although she had a falling out with Hank, it still hurt Liberty badly. After tying the knot with Hank, Liberty gave him a son, ran the household, and often attended to the needs of his parents and sister's family. Yet, Hank would accuse her of financial dependence, spending money recklessly, and doing nothing at home.

Hank called her useless and a glutton because Liberty frequently asked Serenity for help even though she was only looking after a child.

Liberty would not be able to produce enough milk if she did not consume more food. Hank criticized her for trying to starve their son. Sonny was breastfed until a year old.

Hank was stingy toward his wife. On the rare occasion of a good mood, he would take her out to the food trucks. The place could fill her belly without costing a lot.

However, Hank would often bring Jessica to dine at the Wiltspoon Hotel, check on Jessica's well-being, send gifts, and treat her like a princess.

Seeing that it was Liberty, Jessica tauntingly clung onto Hank's arm.

Liberty did not miss her provoking gesture.

Hank stopped in his tracks before leading Jessica to draw close to Liberty. He asked coldly, What are you doing here? Where's Sonny? Didn't you say that Sonny couldn't leave your side since he's scared stiff?

"Your sister demanded fifty thousand dollars from my sister as compensation for Sonny's mental anguish. What? Are you passing the buck on Sonny now that you have the money?"

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"You're just using Sonny as an excuse to ask for more money, right?"

Solemnity was written all over Liberty's eyes.

Raising her hand, she gave Hank a slap on the cheek.

Smack!

A vivid handprint emerged on Hank's face.

"Are you even human, Hank?"

Liberty resentfully had her finger up at Hank's nose as she yelled, "You don't even feel sorry that your son was beaten up by your nephew. Never mind that you didn't stand up for Sonny, but you were throwing out cynical remarks when my sister sought justice for Sonny. You're less than scum!"

Jessica tried to push Liberty and lashed out, "Fat cow! Who are you to touch my man?"

Liberty retaliated by shoving Jessica out of the way and slapping her too. She smirked. "He's the husband of a fat cow like me so long as we aren't divorced. Who do you think you are?"

Jessica wanted to hit back.

"Jessica."

Hank pulled Jessica behind him to protect her before saying to Liberty, "Why were you waiting for us here?"

Liberty replied with an equally icy tone, "We need to talk. Come with me."

She then turned on her heel and went off.

Spotting her sister's car by chance, Liberty paused her footsteps but soon continued her journey to her bike.

Her sister had enough trouble in the last two days because of her. Liberty decided not to bother her sister today.

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Jessica gave Hank a tug and asked, "What does the fat cow want to talk to us about?"

"She didn't agree to my terms of the divorce. I guess it's probably to further talk about the divorce."

The divorce proceedings would take some time.

Liberty probably did not want to wait for another second after what happened to Sonny.

Hank took Jessica to his car. Once they got into the car, Hank leaned over and heartbrokenly caressed Jessica's face. "Does it hurt?"

"What about you?"

Hank felt his own cheek. "It hurts, but the thing with Sonny got her riled up. I can take a slap from her so she could let off steam."

Jessica touched where she was slapped and said, "Hank, since she's in a rush to finalize the divorce, the odds are in your favor to name your terms. It'd be best if she gets nothing.

"Let her go to court to file for divorce if she's not willing to accept your terms. We have the time and money to drag this out."

Hank answered, "Sure. Let's go see what she wants to talk about."

The pair believed they had the upper hand on Liberty as Liberty was in a hurry to divorce. They could make Liberty leave the marriage without a penny to her name.

With that in mind, Jessica stroked her cheek with her lips curling up smugly

Liberty picked a milkshake café to have the discussion with the scumbag and wh*re.

After taking a seat, Liberty asked for juice and watched aloofly as Hank entered the café arm in arm with Jessica

They were acting mushy to get to her head.

Liberty smirked. She should thank Jessica for showing her the nasty side of Hank. She was happy to give up this kind of man to Jessica.

As Hank and Jessica approached, they caught sight of a yellow envelope on the table.

With his eyes gleaming, Hank sat down and nonchalantly asked, "What is this?"

Liberty slid the yellow envelope across the table to Hank.

Hank thought it was the divorce papers signed by Liberty. However, he realized that was not the case as the envelope was heavy when he picked it up.

Curious, Jessica drew close to see what was inside the envelope.

"Hank, we can revisit our discussion regarding the divorce after you read the contents." Liberty picked her glass of juice up for a sip. "The one you're holding is a copy. The original file is with me. You can tear it up if you want. I can make more copies of it."

Color drained from his face as he read the stuff inside the envelope.

It was proof of his cheating and transfer of assets. There was a record of the gifts and money spent on Jessica. Liberty knew about everything.

"Hank, do you think you can dismiss me with thirty thousand dollars if I file a divorce along with the evidence?"

Liberty was pleased to watch Hank's expression turning black.

Picking his head up, Hank gave Liberty the evil eye.

Liberty showed no fear as she looked him back straight in the eye.

“Who gave this to you, Liberty?”

The content included receipts of his commissions and money saved in his father’s bank account. There was evidence that he saved all the money in an account under his father’s name.

Hank had only told Jessica about this. Apart from his father who knew a little about the secret stash, none of his family members was aware of the bank account. Although his father knew about the bank account, he had no clue as to how much was saved in there. How did Liberty collect the evidence?

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