

No Remarriage: You Don't Deserve Me (Lenora and Zachary) Stay Away

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Zachary leaned back in his chair, furrowed his brow, shut down the computer, and stood up. "Let's go."

Back at home, the housekeeper had already prepared dinner.

After a simple meal. Zachary returned to the study to work overtime.

Lenora sat in the living room, watching TV for a while. She poured herself a glass of warm water and casually took out the medicine from the cabinet, swallowing it with the warm water.

"You're taking medicine? What's wrong? Not feeling well?" Zachary's voice suddenly came. from behind.

Lenora's heart skipped a beat. She turned to look at him and calmly replied, "My stomach hasn't been great lately."

Zachary walked over and poured himself a glass of water. "Did you go to the hospital?"

He remembered Lenora's excuse at the dinner table earlier in the day but didn't suspect anything.

"I did."

"That's good. Take care of yourself in the future.

Listening to his caring words, Lenora nodded faintly, but her heart was filled with a sense of bitterness.

Early morning, Lenora was awakened by the persistent ringtone of her phone.

She groggily opened her eyes, reached for the phone on the bedside table, glanced at the screen, and answered the call. "Hello."

The anxious voice of her assistant came through the speaker, "Ms. Wilkin, something bad has happened. You need to check what's trending." "What's wrong?"

While asking that, Lenora quickly unlocked her tablet, and news notifications from various platforms flooded in.

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"Mr. Fuller and Ms. Carston have been caught on camera," Milly explained.

As Milly spoke, Lenora clicked into the news and scrolled through the content.

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There was a moment of silence from Lenora before Milly cautiously inquired, "Ms. Wilkin, how should we handle this?"

"Contact Susanna's team. Don't respond immediately. I'll head to the office."

On the trending page, there was only a photo of the two of them entering and leaving a restaurant, accompanied by speculative captions from social media accounts.

They could easily release a joint photo of the two teams in the restaurant, stirring up some positive publicity for their collaboration.

"All right."

Milly was about to hang up, but Lenora stopped her. "Wait, listen to me. You have the joint photo from yesterday, right? Pick one where Mr. Fuller and Ms. Carston don't appear too close and have it ready" "Of course, of course, I got it."

Lenora ended the call and quickly got up to freshen up.

As soon as she entered the office, Milly approached. "Ms. Wilkin."

"Did Susanna's team contact us? What did they say?" Lenora asked while walking into the elevator.

Milly hesitated before saying, "Mr. Fuller has handed this matter over to the PR department."

Lenora pressed her lips tightly, not saying a word.

When the elevator reached the corresponding floor, Lenora stepped out and bumped into Lola.

As soon as Lola saw Lenora, a triumphant smile appeared on her face. With a sly tone, she said, "Well, if it isn't Ms. Wilkin. Saw Ms. Carston and Mr. Fuller together at the Fuller Estate yesterday, didn't we? Some people are trying so hard to win Mr. Fuller's favor, but he's not interested. He even said he's not familiar with some folks. If I were them, I'd be too embarrassed to stay at Fuller Group. It's really disgraceful."

Milly's face turned red with anger, but Lenora acted as if nothing happened, ignoring Lola and walking past her.

Upon hearing this, Lola called out to Lenora again. "Lenora, don't you want to know how Mr.

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Fuller intends for me to handle the trending situation?"

Lenora halted in her tracks.

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Lola smirked triumphantly, slowly approaching Lenora. "Let me be honest with you. Mr. Fuller asked me to let the social media accounts leak that he and Ms. Carston were once lovers. Do you understand what that means?" Lenora felt a chill run down her spine, her face turned pale. She absentmindedly returned to her office.

She picked up her phone and reopened the trending page. The comments below had taken a different direction now.

When a female celebrity becomes associated with a wealthy tycoon, internet users often let their imaginations roam freely, connecting the matter to notions of sugar daddy relationships and financial assistance.

This was particularly unfavorable for Susanna, who had just returned to the country for her

career.

Nevertheless, Lenora and Zachary's historical romantic involvement was now unfolding on social media accounts. Users unearthed posts and photos from their university days, showcasing them as the campus's standout couple. The images depicted them strolling together, strikingly well-suited.

As they reunited, there was a deliberate effort to rekindle their former connection.

Additionally, there had been previous speculations about Yara, the representative for Fuller, being replaced by Susanna.

Internet users had caught wind of something noteworthy.

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In his role as the CEO of Fuller Group, Zachary frequently graced financial news, highlighting his attractive features, towering stature, and affluent upbringing. Coupled with his impeccable record free from scandals, he garnered a sizable fan base, affectionately labeling him as the quintessential male lead in a novel.

Susanna, with her appealing looks and successful career, had also achieved notable accomplishments abroad. The two seemed to be a perfect match, both in terms of appearance and social standing-a power couple.

With the guidance of ghostwriters, fans flooded in with blessings, giving rise to a considerable number of shippers and igniting discussions on pairings. A shipping fan club account quickly emerged, boldly named "Zackanna".

In a short span, the fan club's following skyrocketed to tens of thousands.

Writers dedicated special stories of their romantic journey, and artists created adorable cartoon avatars of the couple, quickly becoming fan favorites. Enthusiasts even merged scenes from Susanna's past TV dramas with Zachary's financial news clips, diving deep into the "shipping" culture.

Lenora clicked into the fan club account and noticed a fan had changed their name to: "Did Zachary and Susanna get married today?"

Shippers would find romantic hints they want in various situations.

They speculated that since Susanna went abroad, Zachary had remained single and free of any romantic rumors, perhaps patiently waiting for Susanna's return.

It was a perfect storyline to indulge in.

But these words, in Lenora's eyes, felt like sharp blades, ruthlessly piercing into her heart, leaving it bleeding.

The fingers holding her phone trembled, and her throat felt sour.

She was Zachary's wife.

And yet, Zachary had done this. The consequences of his actions left her in a tough spot.

Lenora took a deep breath, turned off her phone, and headed to the CEO's office.

Standing at the door, she paused for a moment before finally knocking.

"Come in," Zachary's voice came from inside.

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tered, stood before his desk, and said seriously, "Mr. Fuller, I believe the handling of the trending situation by the PR department is inappropriate."

Zachary looked up, his eyes coldly fixed on Lenora. "Inappropriate? How so? What's inappropriate?"

"After this incident, MQ will inevitably be associated with Susanna. This goes against MQ's brand development, and it deviates from our direction and plans."

Publicly, this was indeed the case. The online narrative now portrayed Susanna as the face of MQ, the owner endorsing her own products. In the future, whenever MQ was mentioned, people would inevitably think of Susanna.

Privately, Lenora was unwilling to see her hard work linked with Susanna. She couldn't bear the thought of reluctantly cooperating with Susanna despite her own feelings.

"Is this your sincere opinion, or is MQ just a facade? Did your own plans fail, accept it?" Zachary questioned, making Lenora pause, looking at him with confusion. "Why would you say that?"

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"Wasn't it you who orchestrated the exposure on trending? Getting involved with the financial backers, you must know how much it would impact Susanna's career."

Zachary's accusation left Lenora's mind in a fog. She incredulously asked, "Are you implying that I did the trending incident? Is that how you see me?"

"Isn't it? If you were dissatisfied with the conditions in the agreement, you could have discussed it with me directly. Why resort to such underhanded tactics against Susanna? She's innocent."

Susanna, despite playing a role in their relationship's complications, remained blameless. Lenora revealing the involvement of a third party was viewed as a questionable move, especially given that she wasn't the one who orchestrated the incident in the first place. He was biased right from the start.

Even if she wasn't to blame, he wouldn't support her.

It felt as if a heavy blow landed on the center of Lenora's chest, a sudden and oppressive pain.

She held her breath, her lips trembling, unable to find words.

She never anticipated being perceived in this way by Zachary.

After three years of marriage, he had misunderstood her like this. 2/3

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"What's the matter? Can't find the words? Are you planning to reveal our marriage next, tarnishing Susanna's reputation by naming her a mistress, ensuring she never recovers?" Zachary challenged.

Lenora, her heart torn, trembling as she breathed, stared directly at Zachary and suddenly sneered, "Isn't she, though?"

Zachary fell silent.

"When we got married, what did you promise Grandpa and Grandma? What did you do?" Lenora's eyes reddened.

"If you had told me then that you couldn't forget Susanna, I would never have married you! "I'm a person too! Why should I let you degrade me like this? Now, is it not enough for me to make way for you two? Zachary! Be reasonable. If I wanted to target her, I have a thousand ways to crush her!"

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Silence. Quietness.

After a moment, Zachary spoke in a deep, subdued tone. "I was too hasty; I'm sorry..."

Sorry? Hah

In their three years of marriage, all he had left her with was one word-sorry.

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"It's my fault, and I'll make it up to you in any way you want. But this has nothing to do with Susanna. She doesn't know about our marriage. There's no need to target her," he added. Lenora forced a bitter smile.

This was Zachary, her husband.

Apologizing to her on one hand, and on the other, threatening her on behalf of Susanna.

Exhausted beyond measure, Lenora had no wish," she uttered.

She walked briskly out of the CEO's office.

energy left to engage with Zachary. "Do as you

Her silhouette was slender, frail, and filled with melancholy.

Zachary watched Lenora's retreating figure, narrowing his eyes slightly as his gaze darkened.

Suddenly, his phone rang.

Zachary glanced at the screen and answered the call.

"Zack, have you seen what's trending? I'm sorry, but if I had been more cautious, we wouldn't have been caught," Susanna's voice came through the phone.

No response. Susanna prompted, "Zack?"

Zachary snapped back to reality. "It's fine. I've handled it, and it won't affect you."

"Really? Thank you so much, Zack. You're so good to me."

After ending the call, Yelena couldn't help but exclaim, "You played that move brilliantly. The only fear is if Lenora finds out about it and decides to drag you to hell with her. If news of their marriage comes out, what will you do?" Susanna looked at the darkened phone screen, her confidence unwavering. "She won't."

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A woman's intuition was incredibly sharp.

Three years ago, she had faintly sensed Lenora's affection for Zachary.

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Lenora hid it well, but Susanna discovered it nonetheless. To safeguard Zachary's reputation, Lenora wouldn't dare to act recklessly.

However, recently, whenever she was with Zachary, Susanna felt that he had changed. He often seemed distracted in her presence. It was crucial to expedite their divorce to prevent troubles from arising.

Back in the office, Lenora retrieved the divorce agreement from the folder and placed it in front of herself. She stared at it for a while, eventually signing her name meticulously, one stroke at a time.

She had no place in Zachary's heart, so why would she insist on staying by his side?

She might as well end the three-year marriage now.

From that point on, they were no longer husband and wife.

She called Milly over. "Take this document to Mr. Fuller's office."

Outside the CEO's office, Milly ran into Miles. She said, "Miles, this is a document from Ms. Wilkin to Mr. Fuller. Could you please deliver it"

Miles took it and went in to report his work. After finishing, he handed over the folder. "Mr. Fuller, this is a document from Ms. Wilkin for you."

Zachary paused, taking it from him, and casually asked, "What document is this?"

Miles wasn't sure. "Ms. Wilkin didn't say. She just mentioned that you'll understand once you see it."

Zachary waved his hand, and Miles left the office.

Opening the folder, two big words caught his eye: Divorce Agreement

Zachary's breath caught, and he swiftly flipped to the last page,

There, at the space for both parties' signatures, was Lenora's full name, impeccably written.

Zachary couldn't help but acknowledge what the company employees had said-Lenora's signature was indeed exceptionally elegant. Even on a divorce agreement.

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Staring at that name for a while, Zachary finally closed the folder. Still seated, he leaned back in his chair and rubbed his temples.

In no time, Lenora received a call from the Fuller residence.

"Nora, it's me."

"Grandma, what's the matter?" Lenora tried her best to sound normal.

"It's been a while, and I miss you. Remember to come home for lunch today. I'll make your favorite pork chop."

"Okay, Grandma, I got it." Lenora understood that the two elders must have heard about the news and wanted them to come over and clarify

"Don't forget to bring Zack. Don't let him use work as an excuse. If he dares not to come, I'll personally give his leg a good whack."

"Absolutely. Don't worry, Grandma."

Allison had to have called Zachary too. When it was time to finish work, Zachary's message came through: Are you done? Come to the garage once you're free. Lenora replied: Right away.

Lenora arrived at the garage, located Zachary's vehicle, and slid into the back seat after opening the rear door.

The driver started the car.

Halfway, Zachary glanced at Lenora and calmly said, "This time, Grandma calling us back is probably about the news. If nothing unexpected happens, I'll take the opportunity to bring up the topic of divorce with them." A pang struck Lenora's heart, and she nodded gently, silently watching the fleeting street scenes outside the car window.

He seemed so eager. He had to have been waiting for this day for a long time.

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At the Fuller residence, the housekeeper welcomed them in. "Old Mrs. Fuller is busy in the kitchen; please have a seat," she said.

After that, the housekeeper went to fetch tea and bring a fruit platter for them.

Allison came from an ordinary family. Even though she had enjoyed a life of comfort for more than half of her life, she, like other ordinary elderly people, enjoyed being with children and cooking. She would even knit scarves for the younger ones once in a while. Despite the undercurrents among the younger members of the Fuller family, there was great respect for Allison.

As Lenora changed her shoes, she asked the housekeeper, "Where's Grandpa?"

The housekeeper pointed upstairs, "He's resting, Old Mr. Fuller's spirits haven't been great lately."

Upon hearing this, Lenora and Zachary both showed expressions of concern.

The Fuller family's business had been passed down to Gerald by the generation before him, but it truly thrived under Gerald's leadership. In his youth, he had suffered injuries at work, and as he aged, his health had been consistently poor. Moreover, he had undergone a liver transplant and had been on immunosuppressive medications.

"What did Dr. Landon say?" Zachary asked.

The doctor Zachary spoke of was the director of Mercy Hospital, who also served as Gerald's personal physician.

"He can only do his best," came the response.

Zachary nodded solemnly.

Lenora went to the kitchen to assist Allison.

"Nora, go outside and take a break. No need to help me; I can manage on my own," Allison insisted, shooing Lenora away. Lenora protested, "Grandma, I'm just sitting outside with nothing to do. I might as well help

you.

Allison disapproved, giving her a stern look. "How can you say you have nothing to do? Sit outside and talk to Zack."

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nora silent, Allison added, "Did you have a disagreement with Zack? I've seen the news too. Don't worry; I'll definitely give him a piece of my mind for you."

"Grandma, you don't need to worry about me. Zack and I will handle things between us."

"Don't think I'm oblivious, dear. Zack takes advantage of your good nature to push you around. I know exactly what that rascal is up to. You'll always be the daughter-in-law of our Fuller family, and that cheeky fellow can think about divorce only after getting through me." Allison had a clear stance in her mind.

Lenora didn't say anything more and didn't defend Zachary

If he wanted a divorce, he could explain it here to Grandpa and Grandma. Let him come and explain it himself.

Lenora wouldn't willingly help him conceal anything, nor would she sabotage things to provoke Allison into taking her side.

At dinner time, the housekeeper assisted Gerald downstairs, and Zachary went over to lend a

hand.

Lenora helped Allison place the dishes on the table.

Zachary commented, "Grandma, your cooking is as good as ever.

Allison glanced at Lenora, admonishing, "Why don't you praise your wife? She made all these dishes. I can see you're increasingly overlooking her." Zachary hesitated. "Nora's cooking is also good."

"Perfunctory," Allison quipped.

Zachary sighed.

He knew that with the trending incident, Allison was particularly displeased with him today.

As they sat around the dinner table, Gerald cleared his throat and spoke at a steady pace. "Zack, I heard that the Carston girl has come back here?"

Zachary nodded seriously. "She returned not long ago."

"I saw the news this morning. There was a history between you two, but it's over now. You're married to Nora. In the future, don't get too close to the Carston girl. What would Nora think? I heard the company has some collaboration with her, but let Nora handle the interaction; you stay out of it."

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Zachary put down his fork, his expression serious as he looked at Gerald. "Grandpa, I'm planning..."

""Hack! Hack!"

Gerald started coughing, interrupting Zachary. "Back then, it was Nora's father who saved my life. I promised him that I would treat Nora as my own granddaughter. That's why I chose to marry her to you. Before the wedding. I asked if you were willing, and

you agreed to it. I know you're a responsible man, Zack. Don't be a man of empty promises. Don't make me lose respect for you, and don't make me regret bringing you back."

Zachary fell silent.

Grandpa's words carried considerable weight, and Zachary couldn't argue. His silence served. as a subtle resistance, a quiet persistence.

The atmosphere grew heavy.

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Lenora quickly tried to smooth things over, picking up some food with the serving fork for Gerald. "Grandpa, try these baked eggplants. I made it myself. You used to love it."

Allison chimed in. "Look, Nora even remembers what you like. I'm even getting a bit jealous."

"Nora is indeed a filial one." Gerald picked up his fork, nodding with a cheerful smile. "Unlike some heartless ones, who only seem to upset me. It's as if they won't stop until they've angered me to death." Zachary was speechless,

"Grandpa, please don't say that. I'm sure you'll live a long and healthy life," said Lenora.

Lenora's parents divorced when she was very young, and her custody was given to her father. To be precise, it was her mother who didn't want her. In all the years that followed, her mother never once came to see her. Her father was busy with work, so initially, she lived in the countryside with her grandparents. However, a few years later, after the passing of her grandparents one after the other, her father brought her to live with him. The year she turned sixteen, her father also passed away, leaving her utterly alone.

That was, until her grandparents took her in, providing her warmth and giving her another place to call home.

She didn't want to endure the pain of losing loved ones again.

As such, no one wished for her grandfather's good health and long life more than she did.

Throughout the meal, aside from Zachary, the other three were exceptionally harmonious.

Lenora was thinking of ways to entertain Gerald and Allison. They were chatting and smiling, looking like a real family.

The housekeeper nearby also said, "Ever since Ms. Wilkin arrived, Old Mr. Fuller's spirits have been much higher than before."

After dinner, Lenora played chess with Gerald for a while.

Lenora's chess skills, thanks to Gerald's guidance, improved at a rapid pace. Even Gerald himself dared not take it lightly and played chess with her seriously.

Gerald wanted to take back his move, causing Lenora to protest loudly. "Grandpa, no fair!

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You're cheating!"

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However, upon closer inspection, her eyes were full of amusement, and she was clearly indulging Gerald.

"No, I'm not. I merely haven't placed my piece yet." Gerald confidently picked up the white piece from the chessboard and placed it in a new spot.

"You're sure you want to place the piece here, Grandpa?" questioned Lenora.

Gerald glanced at Lenora, hesitated for a moment, then nodded. "Yes."

Lenora immediately placed her black piece on the board. "Hahaha! Grandpa, you've lost!"

Gerald's eyes widened in surprise as he realized he had fallen for Lenora's cunning trick. He immediately took back the white piece he had just placed and even tossed Lenora's black piece back into the box. "No, no, this doesn't count. I made a mistake, I made a mistake."

On the side. Zachary watched the energetic Lenora, then glanced at the playful Gerald, grinning faintly.

In front of his friends, Gerald always maintained a stern demeanor. Only in front of Lenora would he behave like a child, willful and stubborn.

Suddenly, Lenora pointed at Zachary and said, "Grandpa, he's laughing at you."

Gerald glanced over, and the smile on Zachary's face froze instantly.

"You cheeky rascal. How dare you laugh at me. Hurry up and pour some water for me and Nora. All you know is to stand there like a fool." Zachary was speechless.

Zachary went to pour water for them, and behind him echoed a bold and pleasant laughter.

Zachary's face darkened.

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Lenora and Zachary left the Fuller residence in the afternoon.

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While in the car, Lenora said, "You should be able to tell from Grandpa's attitude that he's strongly against our divorce. What do you plan to do next?"

Zachary looked out the window and sighed. "We can get the divorce certificate first, keep it from him, and tell him slowly in the future."

Indeed, he still made the same choice, showing no intention of changing at all.

Even if Gerald spoke harshly to him, even if he had to deceive and defy Gerald, he'd still do

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Lenora's breath was heavy. Each inhalation felt like a knife cut to her.

She lowered her gaze, silently nodding her head. In a muted voice, she asked, "All right, when are we going to get the divorce certificate?"

Zachary flipped through his schedule on his phone. "I'm quite busy these days. Let's wait until next Monday."

"All right."

Seeing Lenora's straightforward response, Zachary pursed his lips and glanced at her a few times.

To speak impartially, Lenora was very beautiful.

She had a pair of peach blossom eyes, bright and expressive. At times gentle, at times sharp, their gentleness held a kind of magic that immersed people in it. Meanwhile, their sharpness possessed the cutting edge of a blade, impossible to ignore.

She had a classic oval face with smooth and elegant lines. Her nose was small yet firm, and her lips were small but plump. When she smiled, two tiny dimples would appear, adding a touch of cuteness to her countenance.

Her figure was warm, cool, flexible, and beautiful. She had a strong sense of self-discipline, setting aside a few days each week to practice yoga after work.

Zachary understood that better than anyone else

Their three years of married life often left Zachary unable to resist her allure.

With his eyes closed, Zachary could savor the taste of that exquisite torment, as if teetering

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Beyond those external conditions, her abilities were also noteworthy. During her university years, she excelled academically, earning both a national scholarship and a chancellor's scholarship. She even participated in a national Uprian competition, securing an opportunity for a government-sponsored study abroad program. In her work, she managed everything meticulously, propelling the development of MQ beyond his expectations.

There was no way a woman like her wouldn't have any men who were fond of her.

After the divorce, who knew who she would be with?

Out of the blue. Zachary asked, "Do you have someone you like?"

Lenora's heart skipped a beat as she glanced at Zachary. "Yes."

She had been in love with the man before her for ten years.

Back then, she had recently lost her father and had just arrived at the Fuller residence, feeling nervous and apprehensive.

Reflecting on that moment, Lenora still found the scene vivid in her mind.

She was filled with self-doubt, and she was sensitive and timid.

Living dependent on others, she held a deeply pessimistic view of life. However, at that moment, a figure suddenly burst into her life. On the calm, dark soil of her soul, he cast a warm and dazzling ray of sunshine. From then on, her feelings for him took root and grew deep. She was constantly striving, following in his footsteps, hoping to get closer and closer to him, dreaming of the day she could stand by his side.

However, his heart was committed elsewhere, never pausing for her. Even if she managed to have him, in the end, she was bound to lose him. Perhaps it was fate, and that she was destined to be alone.

When Zachary heard that, an inexplicable irritation welled up in his heart. She's so eager to get a divorce, so this means she must want to be with the one she loves, right? "He must like you too, right?"

For some reason, Zachary really wanted to hear that answer.

Lenora gently shook her head. "No, he doesn't like me. He has someone he likes, someone he's liked for many years."

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Zachary felt even more uncomfortable inside. "If he doesn't like you, why do you still like him?"

With a self-deprecating smile, Lenora asked, "Why so many questions?"

Zachary paused slightly, a hint of melanco

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The commercial shoot officially began. Lenora arrived early at the photography studio, instructing her crew to set up the scene.

Before long, the photographer and the makeup artist arrived one after the other. Both of them were long-time partners of Lenora. Having worked together for many years, they could understand what kind of effect Lenora wanted with just a single sentence. The venue was almost ready. Lenora glanced at her watch. It was nearly nine in the morning, half an hour past the agreed time, yet Susanna and her team were nowhere to be seen.

Milly had already reminded Susanna once.

The photographer, Fiona Rogue, fiddled with her camera and exclaimed, "Susanna sure has a big ego."

The makeup artist, Sophia Tortell, laughed mockingly and said, "What can we do? She just returned from abroad and wants to act like a diva. What can we do about it? Can we fire her? Not even Lenora has that power, right?" Everyone knew that the spokesperson was personally appointed by Zachary.

At other times, as the director of MQ, Lenora naturally had the right to replace people. However, she couldn't replace Susanna.

Even if Susanna acted high and mighty, everyone still had to put up with it.

Lenora pulled out her phone, scrolled to Yelena's number, and dialed it directly.

The call connected, and the sound of the telephone ring echoed through the receiver.

Then, there was a beep.

The call was disconnected.

Sophia was taken aback, anger rising within her. They are simply too outrageous. They don't even take you seriously anymore just because they have Mr. Fuller's support."

After they waited for a few minutes, there still was no explanatory message or anything received via WhatsApp.

Lenora made another call.

After the call was made, the call was disconnected again on the other end.

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After several more attempts, the call still didn't go through.

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Lenora put away her phone and said to Fiona and Sophia, "I guess they'll be here by noon at the latest. You guys should go back first. I'll let you know when you're needed." Having worked for so many years, Lenora had dealt with numerous c

figured out what Yelena was planning on the day they discussed cooperation.

She had already

Sophia sneered, "After so many years of working, this is the first time I've encountered such a big shot. Just because they've spent a few years abroad and gained a golden veneer, they think they're something special. But up until now, they haven't won a single

top-tier award, domestically or internationally, nor have they had a box office hit. I really don't know where they get the nerve to act so high and mighty?"

"Don't be upset. I'll treat you all to a meal another day. Sorry for the trouble," Lenora said.

"Then we'll head back first."

Fiona and Sophia bade farewell to Lenora, then left the photography studio first.

Lenora didn't leave. Instead, she had Milly bring her laptop and set up an office in the lounge.

After a while, a wave of clamor drifted in from outside, pulling Lenora's thoughts away from her work. She glanced at her watch. It was already half past eleven.

Her guess was indeed correct.

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At that moment, Milly knocked on the door. "Ms. Wilkin, Ms. Carston and her på arrived."

"All right, I understand." Lenora shut down her laptop, stretched lazily, and unhurriedly packed it into her bag.

She then picked up her bag and walked out of the lounge.

Upon seeing Lenora, Yelena smiled. She stepped forward and said, "Ms. Wilkin, I'm really Sorry. The

company suddenly held an early meeting this morning, which delayed things. At that time, my phone was with my assistant. The brat hung up the phone and didn't even think to notify me to reply with messages. I'll definitely teach him a lesson when I get back. I hope you won't mind."

Despite her words, her face showed not the slightest hint of apology.

"I'm sorry for making you wait so long, Nora. There really was an unexpected incident today," Susanna said.

Lenora chuckled lightly and said, "No worries. I was just about to head back."

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Yelena said with a smile, "Ms. Wilkin, you can go back with peace of mind. There's no need to keep an eye on things here all the time. There are other staff members present."

Lenora smiled. "What I mean is, we're not photographing anything today."

The smile on Yelena's face froze, her expression turning cold. "Ms. Wilkin, what is the meaning of this?"

"I meant what I said."

"You're messing with us, aren't you? If you weren't going to shoot, why didn't you let us know in advance? You made us take a trip for nothing"

The situation was urgent, and neither the makeup artist nor the photographer was present. I was planning to call you this morning to inform you of this, but to my surprise, I couldn't get through after several attempts. There was no way you would ignore my calls, so I thought it must be the doing of your assistant. Therefore, I believe your assistant is irresponsible. Even if he were to receive the information, he might not relay it to you. That's why I've been waiting here for you, to ensure you won't be left in the lurch when you arrive." When Yelena and Susanna heard that, a slight crack appeared in their expressions.

"Now that I've informed you both about the matter, I have other matters to attend to, so I'll be leaving first. For tomorrow's shoot, I hope neither of you will be late." With a warm and cool smile, Lenora finished speaking, picked up her notebook, and strode away. Yelena and Susanna stood still, watching the retreating figure of Lenora, their faces darkening with anger.

"I've got to hand it to her! I didn't expect her to be this cunning," spat Yelena.

Susanna chuckled. "I told you that such tactics won't work on her. Think about it. Could the woman who managed to win over Zack after I left be a simple character?" "What should we do now?"

Yelena knew that she had already used up her excuse for being late earlier. If it happened again tomorrow, it would be inexcusable.

Susanna swayed her phone lightly. "I'll call Zack"

Lenora was a strong-willed individual, not someone who could be easily swayed by others. The only person capable of hurting her was Zachary.

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When the meeting had concluded, Zachary leaned back in his chair, massaging his brow.

Just then, his cell phone rang

Zachary picked up his phone, glanced at the screen, and answered, "Hello"

"Zack, are you at the office? I'm coming to find you now," said Susanna.

Zachary glanced at the calendar on the table. "You finished shooting so quickly today?"

Susanna spoke hesitantly. "There's no shooting today."

"No shooting? Why?" Zachary asked.

When he had stepped out to use the restroom earlier, he noticed that Lenora's office door was locked clearly indicating that she was out on fieldwork.

Every time an advertisement was shot, Lenora would always be on set, keeping a close watch.

By that logic, how could she have gone to the photo studio today and not taken any pictures?

"When we arrived at the studio, Nora suddenly told us that there was an emergency and we wouldn't be shooting. After saying that, she left. We had no idea what had happened," stated Susanna

Zachary answered. "There must be some sort of emergency, then. Since there's no shooting, come find me at the office"

Over those three years, Zachary had been observing Lenora's work attitude.

Unless there were truly exceptional circumstances, she wouldn't simply call off a shoot

Listening in Zachary's one he clearly didn't blame Lenora Susanna, on the other end of the phone, sneered but spoke gently "I guessed there must be some special circumstances. By the way Zack, there's something I'd like to ask of you." "Who the hell asked Zack

and that makeup artist

You then shoot. I want something to do with my own hair. I've been abroad for several years and after returning but I've had sunburn which has affected my skin. From

and my situation, and the fact that they might be able to help me find a way to deal with my skin, and the fact that I've been abroad for several years and after returning but I've had sunburn which has affected my skin. From

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Zachary thought the matter she spoke of was something serious. "You're reporting to me even for such a trivial matter?"

Susanna retorted, "How can this be a trivial matter? No matter how small the issue at work, proper communication is necessary. It's about mutual respect and sincerity in cooperation. Zack, I care a lot about this endorsement, so of course I have to take everything seriously. If I don't report in advance, someone may accuse me of being a diva."

"You're right."

It was clear who was superior when Susanna had to explain even the smallest matters to Zachary, while Lenora failed to notify him properly about the cancellation of the shoot.

Zachary always had trust in Lenora's work. In the past, he rarely interfered with the development of MQ, giving Lenora ample autonomy,

As such, he didn't rush to inquire about the matter earlier that day.

On the second day of shooting, Susanna and her team indeed arrived on time.

The scene set up yesterday hadn't been taken down.

Once Susanna finished her makeup, got her styling done, and changed into her outfit, she was ready to start shooting.

However, another incident occurred.

"Ms. Wilkin, please hurry to the makeup artist," Milly informed Lenora as she jogged over.

"What happened?" Lenora looked

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"Ms. Carston brought her own makeup artist. It seems there was a disagreement with Ms. Tortell over makeup and styling issues."

Lenora put down the magazine in her hand and headed straight for the dressing room.

Upon seeing Lenora, Sophia walked out, her face filled with irritation, "Nora, your timing is perfect. Ms. Carston brought her own makeup artist and created some sort of messy makeup look. Go and see for yourself!"

Lenora walked in, and Yelena greeted her with a smile. "Ms. Wilkin, let me introduce you. This is Ms. Mila, Susanna's makeup artist. You must have heard of Ms. Mila. She is the official makeup artist for the Miss World competition." Sophia rolled her eyes in exasperation.

"Hello," Mila greeted Lenora in Clusian.

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"Ms. Mila, hello." Lenora nodded to Mila, then turned to Yelena. "Ms. Wate, I can understand that Ms. Carston prefers to use a makeup artist she's familiar with, but why isn't the makeup and styling done as requested?" "Ms. Wilkin, please don't be upset.

Ms. Mila said that the style and makeup you proposed simply don't suit Susanna. Are you suggesting that Ms. Mila's design isn't a good match for your outfits?"

Before Lenora could speak, Sophia couldn't help but stand up, angrily saying, "Ms. Wate, this isn't a matter of sincerity or suitability at all! Ms. Mila's makeup and styling are a complete mismatch with the theme of today's shoot. How can it serve its advertising purpose?" Yelena chuckled lightly. "Ms. Tortell, isn't it true that the success of an advertising endorsement now depends on the size of the fan base? Susanna's influence is clear for all to see. As long as it looks good, the fans will buy it. What does it have to do with the style?" Sophia was about to say more, but Lenora stopped her and said to Yelena, "Ms. Wate, I hope you understand that what's important here is the cooperation between both parties! According to the contract, Ms. Carston should cooperate with us during the ad shoot. If you want to change her makeup and styling on your own, you should discuss it with us first."

At that moment, Susanna suddenly stood up and said, "Nora, I'm really sorry. I forgot to inform you. However, I mentioned this matter to Zack yesterday, and he has already agreed."

Lenora was taken aback.

She opened her mouth, feeling as if she had swallowed a mouthful of sand. She struggled to utter a word, her throat dry and raspy.

Suddenly, she was at a loss for words.

At that moment, her argument seemed silly.

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I see. Zachary has already agreed. Suddenly, Lenora found it all very amusing. Because of Susanna, Zachary repeatedly interfered with MQ's affairs. Because of Susanna, Zachary keeps messing up my arrangements time and time again, leaving me to clean up the mess. The previous marketing plan, which had been prepared and ready to be implemented, had turned into scrap paper due to a change in spokesperson. He couldn't see how much effort I had wasted just to maintain the current situation. All he

cared about was winning over Susanna. As for whether things will become troublesome, that's my mess to clean up, isn't it? How could he possibly care?

Upon hearing that, Sophia found the situation even more absurd. "Mr. Fuller agreed? Why would he bother with such trivial matters?"

Susanna laughed. "Ah, so you also know this is a small matter, Ms. Tortell. This is why Zack said I could decide for myself."

"Ms. Carston, anyone would know that the 'small matter' I'm referring to is only in relation to Mr. Fuller. Makeup and styling are important during shooting. I hope you understand that I'm only questioning why Mr. Fuller would involve himself in this matter."

Yelena said. "Are you implying that Susanna is lying? Ms. Wilkin, if you don't believe us, feel free to call Mr. Fuller to confirm. This matter is within the authority granted to us by Mr. Fuller, and we are determined to keep things as they are. You can handle the rest. If you can't resolve it, feel free to terminate the contract. Susanna won't be affected by losing this one. endorsement."

Susanna stood by the side, not uttering a single word.

Sophia was enraged by Yelena.

Stepping out of the makeup room, Sophia slapped her own palm. "I've been in this business for so many years, worked with so many stars, but this is the first time I've met such a shameless person. If they don't need this endorsement, why snatch it from Yara? Playing the wh*re while acting the saint. It's disgusting!"

Sophia was also a renowned makeup artist within the industry, having collaborated with many film and television stars.

Last year, a web drama made the male lead famous, and the popularity of the female lead also greatly increased. However, she was often criticized for her ordinary looks and dull facial features. After receiving guidance from Sophia on makeup and photography, she took a set of portraits that immediately made her a sensation.

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Sophia looked at Lenora and asked, "Nora, what's your plan?"

You all head to the lounge and wait for a bit. I need to make a phone call, then we can

iscuss further when I return," answered Lenora.

"All right, then."

Lenora walked toward the empty space of the photo studio, pulling out her phone to dial Zachary's number.

In no time, the phone was answered.

A calm male voice came through the other end of the phone. "Hello."

"It's me, Lenora

"Is there something wrong?"

"Mr. F

Fuller, have you allowed Ms. Carston to bring her own makeup artist and stylist?"

On the other end of the phone, Zachary paused for a moment, then asked, "Hmm, what's up?"

"The shooting plan for today was confirmed with the makeup artist, photographer, and props department. However, her makeup and styling are completely inconsistent with today's shooting plan. She is adamant about not changing it and even threatens to terminate the collaboration. I'm afraid this may affect the final outcome of the advertisement. After Lenora finished speaking, Zachary fell silent.

Lenora hoped that Zachary could take back the freedom he had given to Susanna in terms of makeup.

Before Susanna returned, Lenora always thought that Zachary was a meticulous and rational man in his work.

Just like when she made mistakes at work and in the company, Zachary never offered any cover-up or pity.

When she first joined the company, she, too, had been singled out by Zachary during a meeting. He accused and criticized her in front of all the employees, embarrassing her and leaving her unable to defend herself.

However, after Susanna returned, it seemed as if everything had changed. Zachary, who she thought was impartial in his official duties, was actually capable of favoritism. It was just that the person he favored wasn't her, but Susanna.

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Lenora was disappointed when she heard Zachary asking, "Is there some kind of misunderstanding?"

Not hearing Lenora's voice, Zachary spoke again. "Susanna is not that kind of person. What benefit will the end of the collaboration bring to Susanna?"

Lenora sighed. "There's no misunderstanding. I've spoken with them, but they are adamant about not changing."

Zachary responded with a question of his own. "I haven't asked you yet. Why wasn't the shoot scheduled for yesterday carried out, and why wasn't Susanna informed?"

Lenora was momentarily breathless.

Zachary simply didn't believe her.

"Hmm?" Zachary took Lenora's silence as guilt. "Lenora, I'm very disappointed in you. Yesterday, Susanna didn't say a single bad word about you but instead defended you. What about you?"

Zachary's words echoed in Lenora's ears.

Lenora felt a chill run through her entire body.

Her fingers trembled uncontrollably as she held her phone, instinctively holding her breath, her mind a complete blank.

A bitter taste spread in Lenora's mouth. Her lips stammered, unable to form words.

She was like a deserter, too afraid to listen to Zachary's upcoming words. In a panic, she hastily pressed the end call button. Bam!

Her fingers trembled, unable to hold the phone steady. In a moment of carelessness, her phone slipped and fell to the ground. 14:28 Tue, Oct 29 BBB.

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Lenora stared at the phone on the ground, standing still for a while before slowly bending down to pick it up. Lenora, stop humiliating yourself. From the very beginning. Zachary's heart is biased. He'll always side with Susanna. As for yesterday's events, as long as Zachary wanted to know the truth, he would understand it with a simple investigation. However, he chose to believe in Susanna's words instead. Is this what "men find their first love most unforgettable" means?

Seeing Lenora standing still and daydreaming, Milly carefully approached to remind the former. "Ms. Wilkin, Ms. Wilkin and Ms. Tortell are still waiting for you in the lounge."

"All right, I understand." Lenora quickly composed herself and strode toward the lounge.

"How did it go? What did Mr. Fuller say?" Sophia immediately asked when she saw Lenora

come in.

Fiona eagerly awaited with bated breath.

Lenora shook her head.

Fiona sighed.

Sophia exclaimed, "I really didn't expect this! I thought Mr. Fuller was a just and logical person, but it turns out he's a foolish person. What's next, then?"

"I'll go

and talk to them to see if we can make some minor adjustments and borrow some props. Fifi, I'll need you to keep a close eye on things during post-production. I've got a bit of an idea now. I'll send you a sample image tonight," Lenora said. "All right."

Lenora returned to the makeup room, re-engaging in communication with Susanna's team, and making minor adjustments based on the existing makeup and styling.

Lenora was already feeling a bit impatient inside. However, as the person in charge of MQ, they were all in the same boat. She had to take responsibility for her own work.

If the endorsement didn't perform well, Lenora, as the person in charge of MQ, would definitely be affected.

The impact would be even greater for Susanna.

The last time Susanna and Zachary were photographed together, confirming Susanna as the spokesperson for MQ, the scene at the square seemed harmonious. However, in reality, it was a scene of intense conflict.

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As a popular rising star, Yara had a considerable number of fans. After her endorsement deal was snatched away, Yara's team accepted Lenora's compensation. However, behind the scenes, they were also guiding the fans. The fans were voicing their grievances for Yara, even going as far as to vent their frustrations under Susanna's Twitter post.

If that endorsement didn't go as planned, Susanna would undoubtedly face a fair share of ridicule and mockery.

Moreover, that was her first endorsement since returning to her home country. Thus, the endorsement was important to Susanna.

Susanna had no choice but to accept Lenora's suggestion.

Finally, the issue with the makeup was resolved.

The official shooting had finally begun.

After a busy day, the shooting was finally completed.

Lenora looked up toward the window, noticing that the sky had already darkened.

She stretched lazily, took her car keys, and headed to the parking lot.

Upon reaching the open-air parking lot, she suddenly heard someone calling her name.

"Lenora."

With a pleasant surprise, Lenora turned around and smiled. "Jonas, the superstar! Long time no see. What brings you here? Any announcements?"

Jonas walked up with a smile. "I thought I was mistaken, but it really is you. I happen to have a magazine cover to shoot these next couple of days. Why are you getting off work so late?" "I've been a bit busy with work lately."

"You're shooting an advertisement for MQ, right? I saw it on the news."

"Yes. What about you? After finishing the magazine cover shoot, do you have any other work lined up?"

"It's over. I've been working too hard recently, and I'm just about to take a break these few days. I happen to be free today, so let me treat you to a meal. It's been a while since we last

met.

After some thought, Lenora said, "I'm afraid I won't have time tonight, I still have some work to discuss with Fiona."

"Are you in a hurry? If not, let's invite Fiona to join us."

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Jonas had collaborated with Fiona before. They were well-acquainted.

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"All right. then. I wouldn't want to be impolite. By the way, how are your parents' health these days?"

Leaning forward, Jonas gently plucked the dry leaves from Lenora's hair, his eyes filled with warmth. "My parents have always been in good health. They haven't seen you for a while and they miss you. Why don't you come over to our house sometime?" "Sure. Once I get through this busy period, I'll definitely visit them," Lenora said with a smile.

While waiting for Fiona, Lenora casually chatted with Jonas, asking him if he had any upcoming shows to broadcast.

Her connection with Jonas could be traced back to their elementary school days. At that time, her parents had recently divorced, and she was living in the countryside with her grandparents.

Jonas was the neighbor of her grandparents. Back then, she and Jonas would often climb trees and play by the river together.

Recalling the youthful recklessness she once shared with Jonas, Lenora felt as if it was just yesterday.

Later on, Jonas' parents made some money from their business and the whole family moved

away.

For many years to come, Lenora never saw Jonas again until Jonas made a name for himself in the entertainment industry. Last year, they collaborated on a different brand, marking their official reunion. Upon learning that Lenora's grandparents and father had passed away, Jonas felt a deep sense of regret. He even visited their graves to pay his respects.

Lenora had once visited Jonas' parents at their home. The old neighbors reunited after many years, getting along harmoniously. During the New Year, Lenora even went to Jonas' house to share a meal. However, Jonas had always been busy with work and the last time the two met was about half a year ago.

Concurrently, there was a black Cayenne across the street.

The man inside casually caught sight of two people in the open-air parking lot, narrowing his eyes to get a better look. That must be the person Lenora likes. Even from a great distance, he could see the smile brimming on her face.